



REACHING 1 OUT OF 5
A BOLD VISION FOR
CHINA

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An Amazing Fact: Did you know that the Chinese invented paper, the compass, ice cream, and gunpowder? And that even though China has roughly the same land mass as the United States, it has four times our population? That means about one in five people on earth is Chinese!



Dear Friend,

Lanying* often prayed to her long-deceased ancestors, desperately searching for comfort. Of course, her dead relatives could never bring her relief. But you gave her hope! Your ministry through Amazing Facts impacted this hurting young woman in China and led her family to the peace and healing found only in God's Word.

During my first visit to the colossal land of China, I saw teeming masses of people—most of whom know nothing about Jesus—rushing through their busy, chaotic days toward a hopeless future.

It breaks my heart knowing that even as mighty skyscrapers spring up in Beijing, Shanghai, and Hong Kong almost daily, few there know the mighty lifesaving power of Jesus Christ like you and I do.

The gospel is desperately needed in the land of the Red Dragon! Only three percent of her 1.4 billion citizens claim the name of Christ—so there are still multiple millions of lost souls who don't know that Jesus gave His life for them.

While freedom of religion is in China's constitution, worship is still monitored by a government that actively encourages atheism. Paradoxically, many Chinese still practice ancestor worship, Buddhism, Confucianism, Chinese astrology, and Feng shui. Longing for meaning, peace, and security, even many secular people still seek after fortune tellers.

If only they could see that the Bible has true answers for them! But how can we introduce people to Jesus in a land that has stifled Christian outreach for decades and where religious television and radio programs are forbidden?

Well, let me share how you helped reach Lanying and her husband ...

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Confused and Discouraged

As a young adult, Lanying had heard about the God of heaven and was even invited to a church. After she got married, she and her husband attended several Sunday-keeping churches looking for truth.

But they soon became confused because each church taught something different. These churches claimed to be “Bible-believing,” but they never seemed to follow the Word. Lanying wanted solid answers, yet she was quickly becoming discouraged that she would ever find it.

This same tragedy happens every day in China for people who need to know the truth of the soon Second Coming, and it doesn't help that there are so many obstacles that prevent open evangelism. That's why I'm so thankful that God miraculously opened a door in 2014 for Amazing Facts to publicly share God's last-day message in China—and that He used you to help us reach Lanying before it was too late for her!

Explosion of Evangelism

When the disciple Thomas asked, “*How can we know the way?*” Jesus said, “*I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me*” (John 14:6). Jesus is the only answer in a world disintegrating all around us.

One of the most effective ways to reach God's children with this vital message is through Internet evangelism. And today, more than 52 percent of Chinese people can access the web, which is why Amazing Facts used your gifts to create the Chinese-language websites Anxiri.com and Qimiaozenxiang.com, which contain a multitude of free Amazing Facts books, study guides, and videos full of Bible truth.

Your sacrifice for the gospel has translated a whole online library of lifesaving resources into Mandarin. This year alone, truth-revealing videos about prophecy, Sabbath, and healthy Christian living have been viewed more than three million times—all because of you!

And God is even using the explosion of social media in China to attract thousands with Bible questions to Amazing Facts, where a dedicated team gives real Bible answers and lasting hope to thousands of people searching for truth online. These resources are then copied and shared endlessly from family to family and friend to friend.

This brings me back to Lanying!



“I Want to Hear the Truth”

By now, she and her husband were only sporadically attending church, and she felt restless in her heart. That’s why, one more time, she earnestly prayed, “God, I really do want to hear *Your* truth.” That’s right when the Lord led her to Qimiaozenxiang.com!

Lanying tells me, “The first video I watched was *Final Events of Bible Prophecy*.” She was so impressed with it, she watched it again and again. “Each time I watched, I compared it with the Bible. It was completely faithful!”

She was even more excited to discover the Sabbath truth. Yet when Lanying tried to share the true day of worship with her friends, they called her a heretic and kicked her out of the study group. Once again, she felt alone, confused, desperate—not knowing where to turn. “I felt as if I had been abandoned in the wilderness. I wanted to find a church that followed the Word of God and practiced baptism by immersion.”

But you opened doors to her when Lanying and her husband finally contacted Amazing Facts through our Chinese-language website. We found them a church home where they could worship in spirit and truth. Today, they are baptized members of God’s remnant church. Praise the Lord!

And it happened only because you chose to invest in reaching these dear people for Christ. Lanying even adds, “I thank God for the Chinese Amazing Facts website that led me to precious truth!” Friend, that means she thanks you!

Never Giving Up

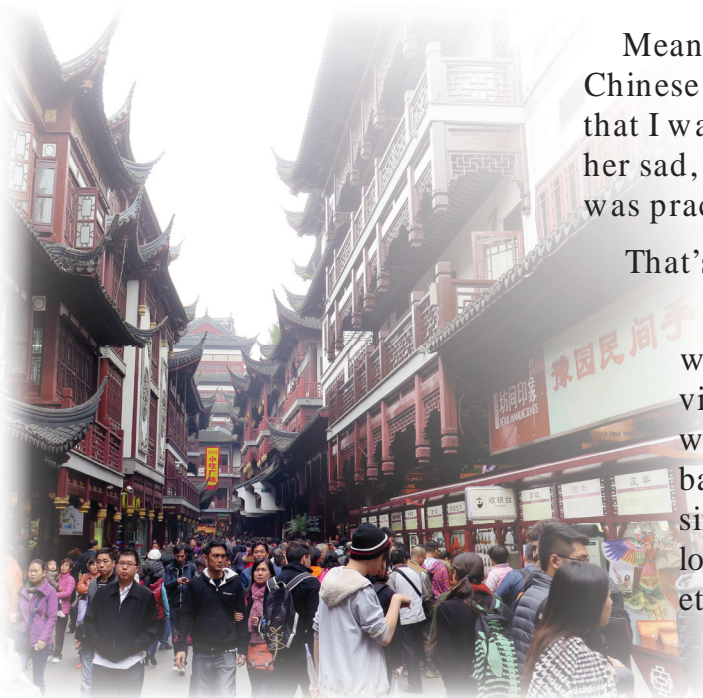
I praise God and thank you for helping the Amazing Facts team reach Lanying in the nick of time. But she isn’t the only one.

Mr. Liu* was an atheist and thought religion was only for “women, old people, and the weak.” But wanting peace in his life, he gave up television and movies and practiced Tai Chi.

Meanwhile, his wife had discovered our Chinese website. He writes, “My wife suggested that I watch Amazing Facts. I didn’t want to make her sad, so I would listen to the sermons while I was practicing Tai Chi.”

That’s all God needed to change a heart forever!

Soon Mr. Liu was studying daily with us. He says, “I watch Amazing Facts videos every day, and I have that peace I was longing for. I realize now that all the bad things in our society are because of sin. Only our Savior can give us peace. We look forward to the Second Coming and the eternal peace He will bring to our world.”



Friend, you are making a tremendous difference in China. As a co-worker with Amazing Facts, you are bringing a massive harvest for God's kingdom. If space permitted, I could tell you so many more stories like Lanying's and Mr. Liu's—and how your precious gifts made soul-winning Internet evangelism possible in China. That's why I pray today that you won't give up, because we have more people to reach in China and the rest of the world. Otherwise, where will they turn to for lasting hope?

In this season of giving, will you set aside a little more to help lead others in China and elsewhere to discover truth in Christ Jesus? This month, we have set a faith-filled goal of \$485,000 to greatly expand our Internet work to reach many more millions in China and beyond.

Indeed, you may want to pray about increasing your regular gift, because I have been invited to return to China in 2018 to conduct a new public evangelistic program. Please pray God will remove any obstacles and that many will be saved. The giant need to reach those who do not know Christ is pressing! So when you give a gift you can know you will guide more people like Lanying and Mr. Liu to God's Word.

As my thanks to you for your gift this month, I want to send you a vital message for our congregations today. It's called "The Challenge of Self Denial," and you will want to hear what God can do through His people if we truly embrace His Word and take it to heart. Be sure to share it after you've listened to it!

And remember, if you have any prayer requests, jot them down on the back of the enclosed reply card. Each week, my staff and I lift up your petitions to the Lord. We believe in the power of prayer!

Serving a God of giant opportunities,



Doug Batchelor

Pastor Doug Batchelor
President, Amazing Facts

P.S. Millions like Lanying in China are searching for truth in a land filled with spiritual confusion. But we won't be able to shed the light of Jesus Christ in the most populous country on earth—or anywhere else—without you! Let's not leave one person wandering in spiritual darkness, but point them to Christ, their only hope. Thank you for your gift today!

*Names have been changed to protect individuals in China.

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