

ANSWERED PRAYER AND A CALL TO CONTINUE LIFTING UP

UPDATE

Back in March 2015 we introduced you to this woman, whom we met through one of our redeemed girls going home to her village and sharing the Gospel there. Last year, this woman, along with scores more in her village heard a testimony of forgiveness and love and grace, and received audio Bibles. Many surrendered their lives to Christ, including this woman and her husband. We asked you to pray for this village and you can now see the answers to some of those prayers.

March 2015 Story and Pictures:



Healing Hope staff building relationships in a village where they regularly sell children into sex and labor slavery.

Many of the women Gotta Go meets inside Chinese brothels in the cities come from a handful of the same regions, most being impoverished villages in Southeastern provinces. Gotta Go heavily invests in getting the Gospel to these villages so these who have never heard the name Jesus before may have an opportunity to know Jesus as Savior. When these unreached become Christians, this also helps prevent generations-old horrors like selling children into slavery. Please pray for their salvation.



One of the women receives an audio Bible as they talk in her sleeping area.

They continue talking as some work outside with food preparation and clothes washing.



April 2016 Update:



Their family are all believers now, except for two uncles. However, they continue to live in extreme poverty, as most in the village are elderly. Her health continues to deteriorate, and then in April of 2016 they received word that her husband has end-stage cancer. Their daughter is in university and all their money goes to her education.

Since the Gospel came to this village last year many have slowly begun to help each other and show the love and grace to others they received from Jesus. Grace House visits as often as possible, with cooking oil, fruit and medicine

Grace House also contributes towards their mounting medical cost needs.

But we praise God for the slow village transformation, "We have no capacity of money or clothes, but Grace House has shown us what we are supposed to do for each other. So they come visit me and then the next day my neighbors come visit me. And on a good day, I visit them. I am so grateful for the help with the medical bills, but I'm more grateful—I think we all are—that we know how to live for Jesus now, together and with Him. Yes, we have much pain and our lives are pitiful. But most of us now know for sure where we are going soon and we have peace. Please pray for my husband—he's in a great deal of pain. Thank you all very much. God bless you."

SECOND DECADE CALLING – HELPING THE REDEEMED OPEN GRACE HOUSES



My name is Ms. Wang. I am 53 and have a 4-year old grandbaby. I am still married but rarely see my husband. He is not a Christian yet, but I won't leave him and will always pray that he will believe.

I owned and ran a brothel for ten years. Today I am happy. It has been 3 years since I invited God to be the main boss in my life and manage my life. I know He is real and takes good care for me.

In my earlier years I almost died twice: Once was because my husband cheated on me so I drank pesticide. Another time was by accident when I took pill medicine and it was not real and had poison in it. It was only because my husband had exceptional relationships with the hospital management that the doctor was able to rescue me. It is God's plan I am still here.

Today, my heart is happy and joyful. I pray asking God to lead me through life being more and more knowledgeable of Him, and an obedient child. Thank you to Jesus.

And now I am starting to talk with Grace House about opening a small Grace House in my hometown, which is about 5 hours from Grace House. There is nothing like that there and they have a lot of women who have never had a voice and never heard the name Jesus. I know how to run something, a business. So maybe I could run a Grace House. Please ask God for wisdom. And for my husband's salvation please.

The first ten or so years of Gotta Go's work, God has used GG to help get the Gospel to those without a voice, bringing them to Grace House and using Grace House to centralize services to get the Gospel out there...into the darkest places where Dear Ones cannot escape. Now GG feels part of the call from God in the 2nd decade of this work is to help the redeemed begin their own Grace House ministries. Please join us in praying for Ms. Wang and hopefully many, many more like her.

The Lamp

A few from the Gotta Go Community ruminates on this verse and share with us:

"...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus..." Romans 3:23-24 (ESV)



Little Lee, Little Ha, and Little Yun stand outside a pharmacy after going with Grace House staff to buy gynecological anti-inflammatory drugs after a doctor's visit at a nearby hospital.

Upon returning to their brothel after their owner allowed the hospital visit with Grace House staff, these Dear Ones discuss these Bible verses with two of our Grace House Outreach Team.

VOLUNTEER OUTREACH TEAM MEMBER, SERVING FOR 4 YEARS, RESCUED FROM A BROTHEL 6 YEARS AGO: Hopefully the medicine will help you all to start feeling better. So, good to be back in air-conditioning. Thank you for sitting down with us to talk about the verses we've been looking at lately. And thank you for letting us share your thoughts with the people who paid for your medicine. They will be happy to get to know you a bit and see your picture.

SMALL LEE, DIVORCED WITH A 16-YEAR OLD AND HELPS SUPPORT HER PARENTS BACK IN A VILLAGE WHO RAISE HER SON: I have raised my son alone and I don't need help from anyone, or grace. You cannot imagine the life pressure I have on my shoulders. And I'm handling it.

SMALL HA, 14 YEARS OLD, SOLD INTO SEX SLAVERY AT 12 BY HER GRANDMOTHER TO HELP PAY FOR HER BROTHER'S EDUCATION: Oh, please! You can't even leave the building if you want to unless you have permission! You couldn't even get these pills or see a doc. You have nothing together or handled, well. And you took their gift today just fine, didn't you?! You don't have to call it grace, but seeing the doc and getting the pills were free, weren't they?!

LITTLE YUN, STILL MARRIED TO HER SECOND HUSBAND WHO SOLD HER INTO SLAVERY AND PUT THEIR SON WHO WAS 4 AT THE TIME INTO AN ORPHANAGE AND GAVE HER SON FROM THE FIRST MARRIAGE BACK TO HIS FATHER WHO DID NOT WANT HIM. HER FUNDS HELP SUPPORT 10 PEOPLE IN HER HUSBANDS' FAMILY BACK IN THE VILLAGE. SHE IS 27 YEARS OLD: Grace...

SMALL LEE: Yeah, so?!

SMALL HA: We learned the whole point is that it's not earned. It's free. When's the last time anyone gave us anything?

SMALL YUN: Anyone cared...

SMALL LEE: This is very dangerous. You cannot rely on people...

GRACE HOUSE STAFF OUTREACH TEAM MEMBER: That's why it's nice to rely on God, on Jesus. You know I was once where you are. I was once trapped like you are, in every way possible. How is it possible that I'm sitting here and will walk out of here today? Grace... I was saved with a free gift.

VOLUNTEER TEAM MEMBER: You know if you're allowed to come with us one day you don't have to believe in Jesus—that's between you and God. You are always welcome at Grace House. But if you don't put your faith in Jesus, you'll just be free physically—walking out of this building. And then what?

LITTLE YUN: Grace...

SMALL LEE: Grace...

LITTLE YUN: I just don't understand how people who don't know us, they just know Jesus—who isn't even real, would pay for our doc visit and pills. This is more respect and acceptance that I've ever seen come my way, ever—in the last few months of you guys coming around so often. And you bought more drugs for the others too.

VOLUNTEER TEAM MEMBER: Let's all read the verses together one more time before we go today, "...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus..." Romans 3:23-24 (ESV)

LITTLE YUN: You know, no one wants me...no one...

VOLUNTEER TEAM MEMBER: I understand. I truly do. Your new life is right here, right here with Jesus. He loves you, right here and right now. Sick, lonely, in pain, not sure if He even is real. But at least now you know someone does want you, right? We want you and Jesus already has you...he created you and loves you.

FAVORITE

A SELECTION OF MEANINGFUL ITEMS BY THOSE GOD HAS BROUGHT TO GOTTA GO.



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This tea is from an Australian family who gave it to me for Christmas. They used to live here but moved away. The little boy sent the gift and he had to save up his pocket money and taste a lot of different kinds of tea before he decided I might like this one. I was very moved and miss them very much.

These earrings [small packet to the right of the notebook] were the first Mother's Day gift I received from my daughter. It means so much I can't talk about it any more than just mentioning it.

I've been writing in this notebook for 4-5 years about how the Bible has touched me. Sometimes when I'm weak or sad I'll read over the sentences and it always touches me again. There is a strange power that fills me. And this book helps me remember where to find in the Bible the places that I want to look back to and review and memorize and remember and learn more about.

This jar has honey in it. Honey is real, natural food. It's attractive to me not only because it tastes sweet, but because it has many benefits for your health. In China these days it's hard to buy something in a bottle so natural that you know isn't fake. God created so many things like the aloe and honey and tea that are his creation for us and are good because He is good. I like honey a lot!

In her own words:

I am on Grace House staff. I prefer for a picture of my face to not be very clear. Please know I still love all of you, but I just don't feel comfortable with a large picture of my face included.

But I would still like to show you some special things in my life:

There is a small photo on the table from December 20, 2007, at Grace House. This is the first Christmas party ever at Grace House and I was one of the girls invited to come from a brothel. That was the day I accepted Jesus as my Savior, as well as many friends.

I picked up this aloe vera plant outside when it was snowing and very icy. It was thrown out, to be discarded. So I pick it up when its leaves and the liquid inside were frozen. In fact, I did not expect its vitality to return. I only picked it up because I was a Christian for a few days and when I saw the plant I felt like that is how I used to be, just a few days before. I wanted to at least try and save it since I had just been saved myself. Now years later I try and save people with the Gospel. But this plant reminds me that even at just a few days into my relationships with Jesus, He was already working in me and giving the capacity to care and love and try and reach out and save and not just think about myself.

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Thank You

Letter from Ede

In April, many of the women at Grace House joined the staff to visit a school serving the blind. The girl in the purple jacket has lived at Grace House off and on for two years. In April she went back to live at this school for a while again, to gain more skills to become more independent.

This school is on the same grounds as a mental hospital and both are in the middle of nowhere, in the countryside. This hospital sometimes helps us regulate the mental illness-medications some at Grace House are taking.

When we go and visit, we bring songs, plays, games, balloons and stories from the Bible.

Thank you for helping pay for the transportation to get to this school and hospital, as well as the hospital bills and fees at this school for the blind men and women God has brought to us—from inside brothels and off the streets. They are safe now, and many are becoming growing Christians, like the girl in the purple jacket.

And when those living at Grace House help with these visits, they learn to serve and think of others, and give love and grace and patience. Things they are all learning that God gives to them every minute of every day. This helps many of the Dear Ones grow closer to God. Thank you for joining with us to get the Gospel to these once forgotten and voiceless. Now they know they are loved and treasured.

Blessings,

Ede Clarke

p.s. Thank you so much for your prayers and financial support that help make this work possible. Every day I thank God for all of you who remember us here. We greatly appreciate and need your partnership.



HOW FAR DOES YOUR MONEY GO... WITH GOTTA GO?



This is Peng Shuyuan (getting a hug from one of our Grace House staff) and she is more than 70 years old. She actually doesn't know her exact age. She has been paralyzed for 19 years. All of her family is gone except for one son and his family. Ms. Peng and her son and their family are all Christians now. "Thanks be to God that today I know Jesus through my sisters who spread the Gospel of grace to me. They make me realize and accept Jesus as my Savior. And thanks to the grace of the Gospel that has been given to me. I love the Bible player I was given, so I can know God more and more."

We met Ms. Peng in a small town that one of our redeemed ex-sex slaves brought us to, to help her share the Gospel with her family. Ms. Peng's family is part of the same farming community and their families all know each other. Praise God they all know Jesus now.

USD \$18.75

One Audio Bible that also provides large-print viewing.

USD \$19

One day of salary for a Grace House staff member who regularly visits and disciples men and women and boys and girls, like Ms. Peng.

USD \$86

Gifts for the small farming community when GG visits--bringing cooking oil, fruit, blankets and medicine.

Attend a Gotta Go Event

Email Gotta Go's Event Coordinator, Patti Grosso @ patti@gottago.cc to get information about attending, volunteering, or hosting an event in your area.

- July 10, 2016 - GG Presentation, Lafayette Community Church
- January 23, 2017 - 10th Annual North Bend Banquet
- February 2017 - Living Room Meeting, Dallas, TX
- February/March 2017
- 6th Annual Eugene, OR Banquet
- 8th Annual Salem, OR Banquet
- 2nd Annual San Francisco, CA Banquet
- 2nd Annual Missoula, MT Banquet

