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MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

So very quickly another Christmas is coming upon us. We are reminded once again of the great **MISSIONARY** sacrifice of God in sending His One and Only Begotten Son into a hostile culture.

In China, most of the population are one-child families because of the Chinese government's strict population control policies. Even outside of China, where there is freedom to choose, many families today are very small. It was perhaps easier in the past to send our children into the mission field because we had more children then.

Will you send your one and only child into the mission field - into a strange and sometimes even hostile

culture? Will you purposefully raise your children to fulfill God's mission?

We teach parents in church to love their children. However, we must be careful that our love for the children that God has given us does not stand in the way of our love for God. All kinds of love must be understood with respect to God's love. "We love because He first loved us." (1Jn 4:19) As we celebrating Christmas and showering our love upon our children, let us be careful to love them **as** God first loved us.

Many of the Chinese students at BCM and APTS plan to go into missionary work either in the remote rural areas of China or in foreign countries like the "-stan" countries of Central

Asia. Many Christian parents in China are following the missionary example of our Heavenly Father in sending their one and only child into the mission field. **The Christmas story is a missionary story.**



Some of the pioneering members at our new church: Baguio International Chinese Church (BICC). Most of them are mainland Chinese from single-child families.



Mainland Chinese students at our home in Baguio. Most of this group are non-Christians.



Tham Wan and Moon Tee sharing the pulpit at BICC's 1st Anniversary. TW preached in English while MT translated into Mandarin.

BICC IS ONE YEAR OLD

Our little international church in Baguio is now one year old! We celebrated the first anniversary on the 26th of October. Usually, we will have about 20 people attending church but that Sunday, we had 60 people attending! There were at least 15 non-Christians that day. Most of the non-Christians were from China but there were also 2 or 3 non-Christian Filipinos

attending.

Some of the members presented a Chinese song-and-dance item. Tham Wan shared the 4 Spiritual Laws. The Gospel message was clearly presented. At the end of the service, there was a good buffet brunch. The members worked hard to put this together. We hope to have more evangelistic meetings like these.

PRESIDENT'S MARATHON

The current APTS President, Dr. Cagle is running again! I am amazed by this man's zeal for the work he is doing here at APTS. It is going to be a hard act to follow when I take over in April 2009. Dr. Cagle raised close to US\$30,000 for APTS scholarships last year through his marathon run in California.

His marathon this year will be on Dec. 14 in Honolulu and the beneficiary will be the new President's Endowment Fund. If you are interested

in supporting his run, please email us for more information.



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