

# The Han of China

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“Diverse” is one of many adjectives that could be used to describe the church in China. The Body of Christ in China is indeed multi-faceted, a microcosm of the diverse population of China itself.

The Han Chinese represent the largest ethnic people group on earth, and speak the world’s most widely spoken language, Mandarin. Though influenced by Buddhism, Daoism and Confucianism, they are considered nonreligious since the advent of Communism in 1949.

A wide range of estimates exist for the number of Christians in China. We believe there are between 40 and 50 million Mandarin speaking believers in China today.

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## One Pastor for Every 10,000 Believers

Ten years ago there were less than 10 local groups of believers in the Sichuan Province. 15 years later there are over 300 groups. Despite the restrictions for gathering together, local groups of believers continue to multiply!

While this is great news, it has produced new challenges. The church in China is being described as two miles wide and two inches deep.

The vast majority of pastors are first-generation pastors with no previous experience, no mentor, no predecessor and no one close enough to share their struggles with. Many have faced ‘burn out’ and others are struggling at a deep level.

With an estimated 1 pastor for every 10,000 believers, the challenges pastors are facing are real!

Leadership development and support is vital for the continued growth and maturity of the church. To assist leaders, workers are creating a safe place to share life, ministry, struggles and health needs.

As leaders share their successes and failures, they are building each other up through studying the Word and praying together on a regular basis. They are developing a vision for the church, but are looking for help facilitating ministry strategies that will allow them to move forward.

## Training Pastors

Pastors are stepping into leadership roles without training or adequate means to meet their daily needs. They are desperately seeking opportunities to get further training and find opportunities to better provide for their families.

Join us as we provide pastoral, theological and missiological training to church leaders in China!

# Training and Releasing Leaders in China

## Discipling Youth and Young Adults

A group of young adults were sent from another province to our city to do campus ministry. Only one of them had graduated from college and several were not even high school graduates. They arrived in the city with many needs and no one to help them.

They were hungry for training and after showing them how to use an inductive bible study method, we studied the book of John using the tools they learned. We spent two days a week with them —answering many questions and offering additional training they needed to effectively engage in campus ministry.

We grew to love them as we dealt with the traditions and cultures that bound them. Today, they are growing in grace and truth and are better equipped for ministry.



## Gospel Transformation

Chen was 14 years old when he was first introduced to the gospel. For the next 20 years of his life, he claimed to be religious, but was not truly a believer in Christ. Like many Chinese men, Chen’s identity was found in his job and in his status. He spent his spare time on self-fulfillment instead of his family. By God’s marvelous grace, workers arrived in his town and showed love to him and his family.

With mentors who loved, invested and disciplined them on a weekly basis, trust was built and lives were transformed. Now Chen loves his Lord and his family.

The change in his life has been evident to his wife, parents, children, coworkers and his friends. He is bold to proclaim what Christ has done for him and is desirous of helping others who share a similar story. They are even willing to cross cultural boundaries and reach unreached minorities in their city!

## Ministry Overview

People	Han Chinese
Language	Mandarin
Location	Western China
Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Leadership development</li><li>• Pastoral, theological and missiology training</li><li>• Mentorship/facilitation of Han workers seeking to do cross-cultural ministry within China and beyond</li><li>• Youth ministry</li><li>• Evangelism and discipleship</li><li>• Professional skills to obtain a visa</li></ul>

***“The Chinese church needs help in implementing their vision to reach the unreached minorities all around them.***

***With such potential and desire to grow and see the Gospel advance, will you come and labor in love to see the Chinese church mature?”*** ***-China Worker***

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