



Trip to China

Steve Irvin spoke September 8 about a trip he made to China this summer. He went with Christ Community Church in Omaha as part of a mission trip on June 16-24.

China officially has 1.4 billion people, but it is probably close to 1.8 billion because families can only report one child. In China, 10,000 to 30,000 people become Christian every day. The Government

says there are 70 million Christians, but there are probably 100 million.

In Christianity in China there is a leadership gap. Training leadership was the purpose of their trip. They took along biblical commentaries. Their church is sending teams every other month.

China has a land size about the same size as the United States. Beijing is about the same latitude as Iowa. 21 million people live in the city. They are building so fast that they don't do it correct. Gasoline costs the equivalent of about \$7 a gallon.

For the mission, they taught pastors in a youth school building. Pastors came from all over China. People meet in house churches that hold 50 to 300 people. A Pastor oversees 15-20 house churches. Most Pastors are not paid.

Steve Irvin and the others taught 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. They were supposed to have 60 pastors, but had 112. The church paid for the transportation for the pastors. Steve and the others taught from the book of Romans. They taught through an interpreter. The Chinese Christians think they will be the people to take the Gospel to Jerusalem, so they are really focused on learning it fully.

During time off Steve was able to visit the Great Wall of China on Saturday. They also visited a Christian orphanage that takes children with problems. The Government will be tearing down the orphanage to build high rise housing.

Meeting Minutes

No meeting minutes for September 1, 2012

Chuck Nielsen opened the meeting on September 8. Gary Funkhouser, Richard Vorthmann, and Keith Denton provided jokes. Dale Willenborg offered the opening prayer.

Arlyn Norris celebrated his 63rd birthday with a contribution to the Youth Fund. Richard Vorthmann contributed for bragging rights because the girls volleyball team beat Abraham Lincoln.

Can kennel sorting will be Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. The flags are up and will be taken down on Sept 15, after Homecoming.

Dictionaries will be given to the 3rd grade students Monday at 3:00 p.m.

There will be a Zone meeting Thursday, September 20 at 6:00 p.m. at East Side Park in Treynor. Bring a covered dish.

Dee Gutttau won the 50/50. Kevin Elwood won the attendance drawing, but did not collect. There were 14 members at the meeting.

Calendar

Sept 27 – Optimist Zone Meeting, 6:30 p.m., East Park in Treynor (Underwood, Griswold, Treynor)

Birthdays

- Sep 9 - Arlyn Norris
- Sep 10 - Milli Harvey
- Sep 19 - Bob Hibbard
- Sep 19 - Dee Gutttau
- Sep 30 – Tim Greiner

Anniversaries

Sep 26 – Bill & Ann Vorthmann

Speakers

- Sept. 15 - Tim Navara (New HS Principal)
- Sept. 22 - Bob Mantell (State Tournament Baseball Season)
- Sept. 29 - JoEllen Travis (State Championship Softball Season)

Programs

- Sept – Steve Irvin
- Oct – Chuck Nielsen
- Nov – Gary Gutttau
- Dec – Bill Vorthmann

Prayers

- September 1 — Dennis White
- September 8 — Dale Willenborg
- September 15 — Gary Funkhouser
- September 22 — Kirk Vorthmann
- September 29 — Gary Gutttau
- October 6 — Steve Irvin
- October 20 — Chuck Nielsen
- October 27 — Ken Graham