



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.