



High Adventure in Tibet

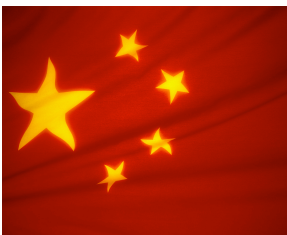
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Jesus tells us in the 28th Chapter of Matthew “Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.” This is widely known as the Great Commission. When we obey this command of snatching souls from the hell’s fire and winning them for Jesus Christ we begin one of life’s Greatest Adventure. All of Satan’s forces will launch out against you and attempt to thwart your mission of winning the lost. But that is where God steps in and shows Himself mighty. The kingdom of darkness is no match for the power of God.

While living in Tibet, God demonstrated this principle of moving back the forces of hell so that we might proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. Tibet is known as the “Forbidden Land” and is one of the most difficult places to share Christianity in the world. No one from outside Tibet had ever been allowed inside the country until the mid 19th century. This ancient country is well over 12,000 ft above sea level with harsh mountainous living conditions year around. The Tibetan people are immersed in a very demonic form of Buddhism that has blinded them to the truth of God’s love for many centuries. To top it off the country is now in the hands of the Communist Chinese which forbid all religious activity with harsh punishment for any violators. Well Jesus said go to the nations! So we went to Tibet.

One day we were on the plains in a Tibetan village distributing bright yellow Gospel booklets and playing audio cassette tapes in the Tibetan language. Many listened for hours as we shared. An old man began to weep as he heard for the first time in his life of a God that loved him enough to die on a cross for his sins and promise eternal life. Most of the people of Tibet and China have never heard of the name Jesus before. What an awesome experience to see God’s light shine on in the darkness.



Suddenly out in the distance we spotted a large Convoy of Chinese Soldiers heading toward the village. If they caught us giving out Christian literature we would go to jail. Chinese jails are terrible places! It seemed almost certain we would be caught as there was no where to run and hide. And besides, everyone in town was reading those bright yellow Christian tracts for all to see. I prayed the only prayer I know to pray in an emergency situation like that; JESUS!!!!HELP!!!! Immediately as the lead military jeep drove towards us, an ox cart with no driver crossed the road directly in front of the oncoming Chinese military trucks causing them to drive recklessly off the road! What a sight to see! The trucks drove into buildings, road side stands and hay bales. There were chickens scattering, fruit rolling on the road, roofs collapsing and dust as thick as a cloud

from the out of control vehicles. Everyone of the 20 plus truck and battalions of soldiers drove past not even seeing us because of the confusion. My question is where did this driverless ox cart come from? Or was it driverless? Praise God who protects us from all harm and perils. When we share God's message of love and salvation to a lost and dying world He will move heaven and earth to see it done!

My next experience gives an even more stunning revelation of God's protection and all knowing power. We had decided to completely cover a large Tibetan City and Temple with Tibetan Bibles and Christian literature. The Holy Spirit warned us to be ready to make a run for it because of the Chinese authorities. We first went into this huge ancient dark temple where we found rows of Buddhist Lama Monks and High



Priests worshipping in a very elaborate service. Loud cymbals crashed as chanting and incense filled the air. I interrupted the service and offered the head Lama Monk a Bible. After some very tense moments and a stare down contest, the old fellow allowed me to distribute the Bibles to all the monks. They were all so grateful and scurried away to their rooms to read their new Bibles. We continued to distribute Bibles throughout the elaborate monastery complex. Everywhere Monks and Lamas were receiving for the first time a book that would forever change their lives; God's Holy Word.

Finally we passed Christian literature to most all the primitive mud and stone homes in the town. Flying overhead above many of the homes was the Red Chinese flag reminding us that we were on borrowed time and trouble could come at any moment.

Suddenly the Holy Spirit spoke to me very clearly to get out of town immediately. At that instant a massive sand storm blew in out of nowhere and covered the entire city and temple area. I could not see anything and wanted to get inside for cover since the public transportation bus was not due to arrive for several hours. Again the Holy Spirit urged me on to where the bus would be and there it was!



We stepped into the empty bus as the driver gave me a big smile, nodded and closed the door and instantly drove off. I felt like I knew this driver as I did some of the Monks I saw. A very strange feeling came over me like I had just been delivered out the jaws of a lion. Where did that bus come from? Who was that driver? Weeks later I found out that the town where we had been was crawling with Chinese police and soldiers looking to arrest us only moments after we departed. God had once again saved us from arrest and imprisonment by sending a giant sand storm to hide us and a mystery Chinese bus to get us out of town 5 hours early. Thank You Jesus for using us to spread your Message of Salvation and protecting us from the snares of the enemy.

Since I gave my life to Jesus Christ, He has led me on many great adventures, but the greatest adventure of all is to know Him and make Him known to others. He invites you to do the same. His saving power and grace is available to all any time and any place; even where you are! He has never let me down. He is never early or late but always on

time! Let's all join up for the Great Commission to win others for Christ. The Great Commission can truly be the Greatest Adventure of our lives!

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