

The Walk with Christ in China



Atheism was the official religion of China when Tulsa pastor John Long was growing up in the Fujian Province of the world's most populous nation.

Centuries of Buddhism had been crushed under the Communist regime of Mao Tse-Tung.



Long, a young intellectual, and all his friends, believed the world was created in a cosmic "accident," and life developed through Darwinian evolution.

Life was an

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Communism was the answer...



- If anyone was viewed as a savior, it was Mao himself, Long said.
- Communism was the answer, and anyone who disagreed was persecuted.
- Long was born in 1966, the year Mao's decade-long cultural revolution began.
- He was 10 years old when Mao died, and China began to shift politically and economically to a more open society.

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***Bible was
just
another
literature ...***



- His first exposure to the Bible was in college, while attending English classes taught by an American couple (1986-87).
- "But it **didn't speak to my heart**, it was just another piece of English literature," Long said.

The Bible began to talk to me



During 1989-93, working with a group of Western scientists building a nuclear power plant, Long began to attend a Bible study taught by the foreigners. The study drew one or two dozen people and rotated between the homes of the British, American and French families living in an ex-patriate compound.

"During this time, the Bible began to speak to me, and I began to experience God in a personal way," Long said.



Journey to the America...

In 1993 he applied for and received a full scholarship to attend the master of business administration program at Oral Roberts University.



May was not yet a believer



- Three months later his wife, May, joined him in Tulsa.
- Eager to gain exposure to American culture, they began to attend First Baptist Church in downtown Tulsa, where he was baptized (*Aug 7, 1994*).



- May Long was not yet a believer, Long said, but attended church and Sunday School with him, asked a lot of questions, and took a long time investigating the claims of Christ.

Ready to be used by God...



- In May 1996, Long graduated from the MBA program, and began to work for local companies.
- May made the decision to accept Christ and was baptized on Thanksgiving Sunday, 1996.

Isaiah 60:1 Arise, shine...



Bi-vocational ministry



- For the next several years, they served the church in many capacities.
- In 2000, Long became a deacon, and a year later began to preach.
 - BGCO Falls Creek
 - First Baptist Church Sulphur
 - Bartlesville Chinese Baptist Church
 - Tulsa International Baptist Church
 - Agape Chinese Baptist Church
 - Stillwater Chinese Baptist Church
 - OKC Chinese Baptist Church
 - Southern OK Chinese Baptist Church
 - Northwest Baptist Church ISTC



***First Baptist
Church
Broken Arrow***



***Wherever He leads,
I'll go.***

- ***Your input***
- ***Your support***
- ***Your prayers***
- ***Your involvement***



***Thank
you!***