

傳回耶路撒冷運動先鋒 趙麥加弟兄安息主懷

我們所敬愛的中國宣教先鋒趙麥加(Mecca Chao)弟兄，於3月7日（週三）上午9時30分被主接去，安返天家。

趙麥加弟兄及同工戴彥中，於1946年蒙遍傳福音團差遣，出發宣教，經過甘肅而達青海。其後，有福音團6位團員加入同工。趙麥加弟兄於1948年抵達新疆，並於莎車(Shache)建立了福音基地。莎車位於塔克拉瑪干沙漠邊緣，接近塔吉克斯坦、阿富汗及巴基斯坦。

趙麥加弟兄是第一位華人宣教士進入南疆，並且在當地事奉了59年而從未離開。像使徒保羅一樣，趙弟兄可以說：「因此我沒有違背那從天上來的異象」，「那美好的仗我已經打過了，當跑的路我已經跑盡了，所信的道我已經守住了。」

趙弟兄出生於1919年，抗戰時期在西北聖經學院受造就，該院副院長馬可牧師創立了遍傳福音團(BTJB)，趙弟兄受感加入被差往新疆。趙師母何恩證姊妹亦就讀於西北聖經學院，稍後加入遍傳福音團。兩人於1953年結婚，同心致力於新疆的福音工作。近年來，趙弟兄及師母仍留居新疆，在喀什(Kashgar)。何師母目前90高齡，仍在忠心事主。

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2003年，有同工前往新疆探望數位遍傳福音團及西北靈工團的元老。當時趙麥加弟兄已經臥床不起，不能言語，但仍能聽。當他聽到今天海內外許多教會繼續努力，要將福音傳回耶路撒冷時，老人家眼中流下淚來。

惟願今日華人教會齊心協力，為福音傳回耶路撒冷代禱，為趙師母何恩證姊妹代禱，並請為第三屆「傳回耶路撒冷運動研討會」(2008年3月，亞洲)代禱。求主引領！



趙麥加弟兄及師母何恩證姊妹 2003年攝於新疆喀什

Mecca Chao Promoted To Glory

Zhao Maijia (趙麥加, Mecca Chao), a member of the Back to Jerusalem Band (遍傳福音團—BTJB) was called home to glory, 9:30 a.m., Wednesday morning, 7th March, 2007.

In 1946 Brother Zhao and his fellow worker, Timothy Dai, were sent out by the BTJB. Sharing the gospel as they went, the two traveled through Kansu to Qinghai. Later, six other Band members joined them. Mecca Zhao pressed on into Xinjiang in 1948, where he established a base in Shache, on the western rim of the Taklamakan Desert near the border of Tajikistan, Afghanistan and Pakistan. He was the first Chinese missionary to enter Southern Xinjiang and never left his field of service for 59 years. With the Apostle Paul Mecca Zhao could declare, "I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision." "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race. I have kept the faith."

Born in 1919, Mecca Zhao studied at the North West Bible Institute (NWBI) during the War of Resistance against the Japanese. Pastor Mark Ma, Vice Principal of the Institute, was founder of the BTJB. In 1953 Mecca married Grace He (何恩證), who taught at NWBI before joining the BTJB. During his last years Brother and Sister Zhao lived in Kashi (Kashgar) where Grace, now 90, still continues a faithful witness.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. Psalm 116:15