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## GCCI 2003 INTERNATIONAL BOARD MEETING

The annual general meeting of GCCI International Board was held at the US Home Office on July 2, 2003. In spite of their busy schedule, all members, except two, were able to come from Canada, Hong Kong, Japan and various parts of the USA to this significant meeting.



As the board chairman, Rev. Philip Teng was not able to come, the vice-chairman, Rev. John Kao chaired the meeting. He shared with the group a short message under the topic of "Great Vessel Completes Late", using four Bible characters, to encourage all board and staff members faithfully utilize God-given opportunities and talents for the Kingdom regardless of their age. Then, followed by a time of prayer.

Rev. Thomas Wang introduced the new Board member, Mrs. Gloria Ting to the Board. All board members welcomed Mrs. Ting whole-heartedly. Mrs. Ting has been

appointed since April 1, 2003 through postal ballots. The President also reported to the Board that two new members, Miss Gloria Lui and Rev. Kin-Ming Ma, were also added to the Hong Kong Board this year.

It was an enjoyable and productive meeting. They praised the Lord for using GCCI to mobilize the overseas Chinese churches to venture into global missions, especially the Muslim World. The Board also thanked the staff for their dedication and fine work in pioneer missions and mission publications. One member told the Board that GCCI's Great Commission Bi-monthly magazine (GCB) has been listed as one of the compulsory readings in several Chinese seminaries. It was unanimously agreed that GCCI should continue to impact the Chinese Christians (both inside and outside of China) for global missions through GCB and the translation of good mission publications. They also urged GCCI to launch mission education courses for the Chinese Church.



GCCI International Board Members

(From left: Rev. Edwin Su, Rev. Enoch Wen, Elder Chia-Shan Yang, Rev. John Kao, Mrs. Gloria Ting, Rev. Thomas Wang, Rev. John Sun, and Rev. Sek-Wai Lo. Rev. Philip Teng and Rev. Sam Chan are not in the picture)

The Board also made valuable suggestions to GCCI's ministries in the coming years. They reaffirmed GCCI's ministry philosophy of "Rooted in Spirituality, Committed to Mission", and its unique role. It was agreed that GCCI should focus on the following ministries:

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# **GCCI 2004 MINISTRY PLAN**



The following 2004 Ministry Plan has been approved by the International Board at its 2003 Annual General Meeting on July 2, 2003.

## **I. Global Missions**

GCCI's global mission will focus on Mainland Chinese and the Muslim world in the next few years.

### **1. China Ministry**

A. Provide materials and training to churches in China in order to mobilize churches and Christians for global missions.

a. Publish Operation World and Perspectives on World Christian Movement in simplified Chinese characters;

b. Assist churches in China to develop indigenous mission courses to inspire them for global missions and ultimately achieve the goal of "Gospel to China, Gospel in China, and Gospel out of China".

c. Assist churches in China to train mission teachers.

B. Continue the University Library Book Project.

C. Continue the House Churches Book Project.

### **2. Persian Gulf Ministry**

After three years' cultivation, GCCI has established churches and fellowships in three of the seven countries in the Persian Gulf, it is our hope that churches and fellowship groups could be planted in each of the other four countries. Our policy is to the Chinese first, then to the expatriates and finally the local people.

The first Chinese missionary couple to the Persian Gulf will report to duty in August 2003. Pray that God will raise up two to three more couples for this region.

A. The third Persian Gulf Chinese Mission Conference will be held in February 2004.

B. Start ministries in Bahrain and Qatar.

C. Organize scouting trip to Iraq and Egypt.

## **II. Mission Publications**

We will continue to use literature ministry to impact the Chinese Church for global missions.

### **1. Periodicals**

A. Continue to print the Great Commission Bi-monthly magazine (in traditional Chinese characters) in Hong Kong and USA. The current circulation is 21,000, sent to over 20 countries.

B. Print and distribute GCB in simplified Chinese characters.

C. Publish 2002 to 2003 GCB Bound Issues

### **2. Books**

A. Publish Reader and Study Guide on "Perspectives on World Christian Movement" in Chinese.

B. Develop Mission Course for Sunday school based on "Perspectives on World Christian Movement".

C. Publish Selection of articles on the same topic from GCB.

## **III. Mission Education and Training**

1. Organize the 7th Overseas Chinese School of Servanthood (OCSS) for potential church leaders on December 26 -31, 2004.

2. Start the preparation work of Chinese Mission Mobilization '05, (OCSS and CMM will be held alternatively every year at the same time, i.e. December 26 -31.)

3. Conduct Chinese Perspectives course in the East and West Coast.

## **IV. Mass Media Ministry**

Produce video and audio tapes on GCCI ministries.



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### International Board Meeting

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1. GCCI should concentrate on ministries of central importance;
2. GCCI ministry should fully utilize our expertise, experience and training to mobilize the Chinese Church (both inside and outside of China) to focus on global missions;
3. Emphasize ministries that most other organizations are not doing;
4. De-emphasize or eliminate programs that many other groups are already doing;
5. Maximize ministry effectiveness in spite of limited resources.

As Rev. John Sun has served on the International Board for four consecutive terms, the Board, based on the Constitution, agreed that Rev. Sun to take leave for one year following the board meeting. The Board also accepted the President's recommendation to appoint Mr. Thomas Howard as independent financial auditor for the year 2003. And an Internal Audit Committee was appointed according to the requirement of Evangelical Council of Financial Accountability (ECFA) with Rev. Edwin Su, Rev. Enoch Wan and Dr. Chi-Yu King as members.

Lastly, the Board re-elected Board officers. The officers for 2003-2004 are as follows:

Chairman:	Rev. Philip Teng
Vice-chairman:	Rev. John Kao
Secretary:	Rev. Enoch Wan
Treasurer:	Mrs. Gloria Ting

We appreciate your prayers for the Board and staff members. May God use each one of them to expand his Kingdom.

#### GCCI 2004 Expenditure Budget

Global Missions	US\$ 95,000	11%
Mission Education in China	225,000	25%
Mission Training and Conference	82,000	9%
Mission Publications	268,000	30%
Mass Media Ministry	61,000	7%
Administration	92,000	10%
Retreat Center and Rent	77,000	9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>US\$ 900,000</b>	<b>100%</b>



### Chinese Mission Mobilization '03

To be Held on Dec 26-31, 2003  
At San Francisco Bay Area

In view of the fact that there is no joint Chinese mission conference in the western part of the United States, a number of churches, seminaries and organizations have been urging GCCI to consider organizing a joint Mission Conference in the west coast. After much prayer and discussion with GO International (Rev. Cyrus Lam), Chinese Evangelistic Mission (Rev. Calvin Chu), and Partner International (Rev. Paul Chang), we have decided to hold a Chinese Mission Mobilization every other year beginning from 2003.

### Theme: Into All Nations

Date: December 26 -31, 2003

Venue: Sheraton Gateway Hotel  
600 Airport Blvd., Burlingame, CA

Language: Mandarin and Cantonese

Plenary Speakers: Rev. Paul Shen, Rev. John L. Tsang, Rev. Mark Kor Cheng, Rev. Thomas Wang, Rev. Luis Bush, Rev. Paul Chang, Rev. Cyrus Lam, Dr. Chris Hsiung, Rev. Calvin Chu, Rev. Luke Zhang

Please invite your Chinese friends to come. You can go to our Chinese website to download the registration form and detailed information.







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# Forget Not China 2004 Calendar

GCCI has been in cooperation with Mr. John Swem in printing and distributing the Chinese edition of "Forget Not China" prayer calendar since 2002.

The 2004 calendar will be the 7th edition of the "Forget Not China" prayer calendar. Its goal is to mobilize prayer for each of the 660 cities of China in a strategic, comprehensive,

Ji Zhiwen (faithful servant), Ding Limei (morning star of China's revival), Liang Fa (first Protestant pastor), and Wang Zhiming (minority martyr).

It is the author's prayer that a "Pray for China Movement" will be raised up by God, so that there will be 1,000,000 Christians outside China to partner in prayer with the Christians in China to pray regularly for China by the year 2007.

If you would like to be a prayer warrior for China, please order your 2004 calendar (in English) after October 2003 from China Insight Inc., P.O. Box 19164, Greensboro, NC 27419, USA. Website: [www.Prayforchina.com](http://www.Prayforchina.com)



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and specific manner. The monthly profiles of the 2004 calendar are featured on 12 Prominent Chinese Christians. They are: Wang Ming-Dao (courageous pastor), John Sung (passionate evangelist), Sun Yatsen (first President), Xu Guangqi (government official), Zhang Boling (university president), Zhang Xueliang (soldier for Christ), Che Jinguang (first Protest martyr), Xi Shengmo (holistic pioneer),



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