Principle 41
Completing the Great Commission

“You may go Westward from Gansu, preaching the Gospel all the way back to Jerusalem, causing the light of the Gospel to complete the circle around this dark world.’ I said, ‘O Lord who are we that we can carry such a great responsibility?’ The Lord answered, ‘I want to manifest My power through those who of themselves have no power.’”

And such was the call given to a dear underground Church worker in China in the 1920s. This vision to see the Gospel go across to the “ends of the earth” has been kept alive by the Lord in the underground house Churches for many years and now it has begun to be fulfilled with hundreds of workers going out. What the Lord showed many of the house Church leaders was that the Gospel went out west, north, south and east from Jerusalem. This progression occurred so that all of Europe, Southern Africa and eventually the Americas were saturated with the Gospel. Now that the Gospel has reached over to China it will continue to go West until it finishes its course around the globe back in Jerusalem.
The burden these dear brethren have is for over 100,000 missionaries to be sent out from the underground house Churches. This is not even the direct number they are aiming for because their goal is the total evangelization of many closed countries\textsuperscript{924} between China and Jerusalem until the Lord Jesus Christ comes back. So the burden they have is to not stop this mission until the second coming of the Lord!

“Many of our missionaries will be captured, tortured, and martyred for the sake of the Gospel, but that will not stop us. The Chinese Church is willing to pay the price.”\textsuperscript{925} These precious believers believe the Bible truth that our Lord taught us: “Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.”\textsuperscript{926} They believe that imprisonment and death will not mean failure but success as the Gospel will go forward inch by inch through the testimony of Jesus Christ in these precious end times martyrs.

They are not building church buildings as they do this work or large ministry headquarters but are accomplishing this work in an underground fashion just as the Lord is working through them in China. This allows house Churches to spread rapidly, to be
flexible and thus give all resources to the spreading of the Gospel.

“The Chinese Church is not strong in human terms. We don’t have a lot of money or any grandiose plans. But we are an army of little ants, worms, and termites who know how to work underground, because that is how we have learned to work in China for decades. The Word of God tells us how we should fight the spiritual fight and offers great encouragement to little creatures like us.” Do not be afraid, you worm Jacob, little Israel, do not fear, for I Myself will help you, declares the Lord, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel. See, I will make you into a threshing sledge, new and sharp, with many teeth. You will thresh the mountains and crush them, and reduce the hills to chaff. You will winnow them, the wind will pick them up, and a gale will low them away. But you will rejoice in the Lord and glory in the Holy One of Israel.

“We believe the best way for the Chinese Church to remain strong is to keep it motivated to reach out to the Nations of the world. When believers focus on serving the Lord and reaching the lost, God blesses them and the Church remains sharp. When we become self-centered and critical of each other, satan has deceived us and the Church becomes a blunt, useless instrument. The reason house Church Christians are arrested and imprisoned in China is because they cannot keep quiet. They cannot
possibly keep their mouths shut because Jesus has revealed Himself to them and they have been radically changed from the inside out.

Western Christians often ask us why there is persecution in China and other countries and not in the West. There are several possible responses to this question, but we would like to start by asking one question in return: ‘Do you boldly preach the truth of God’s Word to sinners inside and outside your churches? If you do, you will soon find out that there is persecution wherever you are. The Muslim and Buddhist Nations can torture us, imprison us, and starve us, but they can do no more than we have already experienced in China for many decades. Thousands of young men and women will go as missionaries who are not afraid to die for Jesus. They are not afraid to bleed, for they know their bodies are merely temporary tents to be used in the Lord’s service and that one day they will be in paradise where there is no pain and no tears. They are not only ready to die for the gospel, they are expecting it.

The Back to Jerusalem army will be a humble one that advances on its knees, every day and every minute acknowledging that without God’s help and the power of the Holy Spirit, there can be no successful outcome for the kingdom of God. God is the One who will direct the course of this battle. ‘Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain.’
We refuse to be drawn into the spirit of denominationalism in any way. We are going to preach the Gospel and see sinners come to the feet of Jesus and experience the new life that He won for them on the cross. We don’t want any part in promoting any denomination. We only want to promote Jesus and ask the Holy Spirit to confirm whether Jesus is alive or not. Nowhere in God’s Word does it say that if we lift up our church or methods or doctrine, the Holy Spirit will bless us and bring revival. But Jesus clearly told us who we should lift up: But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself.\textsuperscript{930} We are also not interested in erecting any church buildings. We don’t believe the world needs another single church building. They need Jesus, and they need to worship and grow in God’s grace with other believers within their own homes, according to the pattern of the first Church\textsuperscript{931} in the New Testament.”\textsuperscript{932}

May this powerful example rouse the Church in America and other Nations to be burdened for the lost and unreached peoples of the world. May we realize that all Christians are Missionaries! And may we walk in the power of the Spirit as sent-out ones.\textsuperscript{933} Let us join in prayer and support for this last days missions work of the Lord. May God protect this work from men, methods and humanistic methodology and allow it to be a pure work of the Holy Spirit to reach those trapped in the spiritual
darkness of Mohammedanism, Hinduism and Buddhism.