

The Unsaid Words Behind the Postcard

Desiring Moments of Solitude



The artist's story

Ke Li is the artist who created this painting using acrylic and brushes.

Ke Li is an evangelist in China, he is very committed to serving the ethnic minorities and teaching the Bible. He studied art before he responded to his calling, and thereafter he travelled extensively in China, using photography to document local customs and colours. Now he uses painting as a means to partner with CCL, allowing the life and ministry of field evangelists to be seen, and to promote missionary education, so that Hong Kong Christians can know more about God's work in China.

Regardless of age and location, evangelists in China shoulder a very heavy ministry burden!

Churches in China face a common situation, "Herds are numerous but shepherds are few." It is estimated that each pastor shepherds an average of 500 to 1,000 believers. There are more than 60 churches within a coastal county in Eastern China, but there are only 6 full-time ministers. What about in the remote Southwestern region? Without counting the gathering places, there are nearly 250 churches in one county, yet there are less than 50 evangelists. These are just a few examples to illustrate the common situations in China. **Evangelists are serving almost around the clock day after day, without any leave or vacation.**

“In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.” (Isaiah 30:15 ESV)

In the painting, the man is playing the guitar leisurely; this is what many pastors in China look forward to: a moment of solitude and rejuvenation!

Solitude and rejuvenation--

Daily quiet time with God can recharge the tired soul, just like the man in the painting, he is praising and worshipping God.

Exchanges and visits can also refresh the exhausted pastor. If the pastor can put aside his ministry momentarily and concentrate on learning and having fellowships with pastors from different places, his vision and dedication to serving will be renewed.

Examining the painting more closely, there are faces above the guitar player. These faces represent the numerous souls in the harvest field. If the pastor is fueled, he will be more effective in sensing and meeting the needs of these individuals.

The physical and spiritual well-being of a pastor is very important to the physical and spiritual well-being of the body of Christ!

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Resources Sharing

## **Continuous Support is the Key**

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Member of Book gifting team

For leaders in the church and in the workplace, the topics covered in the annual Leadership Forum are just a starting point to broaden horizons and inspire new ideas. But in nurturing leaders, we want to find out: How can we be their companion so that they are continually recharged and not feeling burnt out? How can we tailor our support according to their situation and make it sustainable? These are our emphases.

Instructors of the Marketplace ministry team make good use of the internet to **post resources weekly** (including videos on leadership or “Marketplace Proverbs” articles) focusing on how to live out the core values of the Bible at the workplace. A young

entrepreneur in China who searched for "leadership" on WeChat and read one of our mentors' "Marketplace Proverbs". He was so impressed that he started participating in our various training programs.

In addition, the team hosts a **monthly online Leadership charging station** to connect with senior business leaders. The occasions not only provide them with state-of-the-art leadership training but also allow them to share their experiences. As mentioned previously, several Leadership Forum participants have already signed up for the charging station this year.

The team provides **extended learning from time to time**. Last year, after the topic of "financial management" was introduced to the forum participants, many eagerly responded that they look forward to more in-depth learning in the future. The team immediately collaborated with our partner, Crown Financial Ministries Hong Kong, to organize a course on "Wise Management of Your Money", so that participants could gain a deeper understanding of the Biblical view of money and strive to become faithful stewards of the God-given earthly assets. This year we hear the call to build a team and are looking for resources, we are praying for the Lord's guidance and direction!

Another indispensable aspect is that the team **provides personal counseling** to individual leaders based on their needs, such as marital relationships, parenting, time management, financial management, mental health, etc. This is done through one-on-one companionship, the mentors are committed to nurturing these leaders by sharing their own life experiences, sincerely hoping that the mentees will one day become mentors of others.

**Nurturing a leader can never be achieved by a single or firework-style contact. The key to the successful nurturing of a leader is the continuous provision of resources and comprehensive support. This will prove to be of great value in the long run.**

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Snapshot of Leadership Development Ministry— Leadership in Marketplace



The instructors were invited by a church in China to conduct a workshop on "Creative Thinking" for the working young adults' fellowship to gear participants towards becoming more innovative.



Through group discussions and games, the instructors' team animatedly demonstrates how biblical values can be lived out in the workplace.



We thank the Lord that the team not only serves believers but also has the opportunity to provide training to non-Christian executives of commercial corporations on enhancing leadership.



Be a partner

Leadership Development Ministry: Your Kind Support is Needed

We pray that this year we can support 100 Shepherd Leaders by providing them with comprehensive leadership training.

Key programs include:

a. Church Leadership

- ~ Conduct 300 Bible teaching training sessions on using “*Living Word*” materials as Bible teaching tools
- ~ Produce 20 “*Living Word*” videos with simplified Chinese subtitles
- ~ Organize 20 exchange sessions on selected topics related to church leadership (e.g., team building, spiritual formation, etc.)

b. Marketplace Leadership

- ~ Host 10 sessions of Leadership charging station
- ~ Post 90 videos and resources related to leadership

c. Family Leadership

- ~ Conduct 30 seminars on marital relationships or parenting

Annual budget: USD 205,200

Your generous support of USD 2,052 will make possible comprehensive leadership training for one Shepherd Leader.

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