



Hi Church,

As Missions Team Leader, I am looking for opportunities for our Church to grow in faith and be more equipped for missions work. Missions work being that of fulfilling what we know as the Great Commission.

Matthew 28: 16-20

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

As a church we all have a part in the God's Kingdom work. I believe we should consider any opportunities we have to grow in Christ, learn more about God's word, and be encouraged by fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. I know all our schedules can be busy with personal, family, professional and other obligations. I too often struggle with how best to use my "time off". However, in my experience the best use of my time off is when I've done things that draw me closer to God. I believe below are two opportunities just for that.

Event: Eastern Chinese Bible Conference

Time: Labor Day Weekend, 8/30 – 9/2/13

What and Where: A retreat of sorts held in Fishkills, NY for those in college and career professionals. There are a variety of workshops provided for you to learn with fellow believers about life and how God created us to live.

For more info: <http://www.ecbcusa.org/college--career.html>

Event: Chinese Mission Convention 2013

Time: Post Christmas but before New Year's, 12/26 – 12/30/13

What and Where: A large conference being held in Baltimore, MD. This is a conference designed for all willing to go. There are programs for adults and children. If you have a family with kids this is a great opportunity, as it has programs provided by ministry professionals for children of all ages. A time where your whole family can be enriched and learn about how we are called to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. I have heard some of these speakers speak, and they are great and live not only for God, but to encourage God's people.

For more info: <http://cmc2013.org/>

The question now is are you willing/able to seize the opportunities and are you willing to be challenged? This is exactly what the above presents, opportunities and a challenge to learn more about God's purpose for your life. Using the talents God has blessed you with for the Kingdom. Please pray over these opportunities. Let me know if you are interested in attending the event(s) or have any questions.

For the glory of God,
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