

The HORTONS

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MAHLON AND AUDREY HORTON
WHAT IS THE VALUE OF MISSIONS?

Dear Supporters—We thank God for all of you at this Thanksgiving Time.

What is the value of missions? Audrey would like to share that it was a missionary doctor from Australia, who kept asking Audrey, whenever he met her in the prison camp in China, how it was with her soul. Then it was a missionary teacher in China from Nova Scotia who led her to the Lord—one soul saved.

What is the lasting effect of missions? A soul saved for eternity who in turn wants to serve the Lord in his or her earthly pilgrimage. Every heart with Christ is a missionary, every heart without Christ is a mission field. Mahlon's mother encouraged him to go forward at church to be saved. She, being faithful, saw all 7 of her children saved and serving the Lord in four different countries—starting 11 new churches among them, schools, colleges (PCC) and medical work.

In October we attended the annual alumni association meeting in Toronto of the China Inland Mission School, formerly located in Chefoo (now Yantai) where Audrey and her siblings had been boarding school students, and later prisoners of war. The Master of Ceremonies had had the privilege of speaking on behalf of the Chefoo School Association at the opening ceremony in China of the new Chefoo School exhibit at the Yantai Municipal Museum on March 28, 2018. **Why is that important?** That mission school, started by J. Hudson Taylor, had had a prominent place in Yantai's history for 64 years. Therefore the Communist Government has allowed them to have a permanent place in their Museum where they are displaying their past (and now present) Christian influence through all the artifacts

When Audrey gives her testimony she opens with the importance of graves. The father-in-law of Hudson Taylor said, **"By our graves let China be won for Christ"**. Those who are familiar with the past desecration of graves in China will be amazed how God is using that very phrase in connection with the Taylor's graves, which still contained the bodies of the Taylors, (the only 2 intact out of 100 graves there) but, the gravestones were missing. Miraculously, all their gravestone's broken pieces were found in different places. Now the 3,000 seat Xuan-De-Church, (which means "proclaiming His marvelous deeds") in Zhenjiang is housing the Taylors' bodies in a basement crypt while transforming their church's Bell Tower into the Hudson Taylor Memorial Tower with the challenging reminder of "The Unfinished Task" Hudson Taylor once said "Can we do too much for Him? Can we do enough for such a precious Saviour?" Worldwide there are thousands of missionaries' graves who by their graves have left a witness for Christ.

Here in Oshawa we have bikers, truckers and others who have recently accepted the Lord as a result of missions for which your prayers are coveted.

Please Pray for healing for our many seriously ill family members!

Call or write us if you wish for us to come and share missions with you.

Committed to His Service,



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THE HORTONS ARE COMMITTED TO
SERVING THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Dr. and Mrs. Horton have faithfully served as international church planters for over 50 years. Now they are raising awareness for the need of church planters in the Far North.

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