

## Church Starts Int. to host missionaries from China

Church Starts International (based in Henrietta) has invited an international family to visit Henrietta during the Christmas/New Year's holidays. Linda and her husband, Michael, live in Budapest, Hungary, and are Chinese citizens. This will be their first trip to the USA. I have known them through Skype since the Summer of 2016. My first contact with them was through my daughter and son-in-law, Dr. Jerry and Sue Ann Raines, who were serving as interim pastor of the International Baptist Church in Budapest, the Spring of 2016.

Linda and her husband have joyfully become a part of the CSI family. As CSI Translators together they translate the CSI materials into Chinese, Hungarian and Korean, format them with InDesign, put them into PDF, and send them to CSI ready for publication. These language translations allow the CSI materials to be available to more than 2 billion additional people.

Linda is a homemaker and Michael is a computer programmer. They have two sons: a 3 year-old and a 9 year-old. We are very excited about this beautiful young family being a part of CSI and the Outreach Leadership Teams and coming to visit us and learn more about CSI.

We will be showing them some of Texas – Henrietta and Wichita Falls, as well as Decatur, and some of the Dallas/Fort Worth area. One highlight will be on Sunday, December 30, when I will have the privilege to baptize their 9 year-old son, Timothy, at First Baptist Church, Henrietta, during regular 10:45 morning services. Everyone is encouraged and welcome to attend.

Isn't it most wonderful to be living in this day and age when you can go across this world in a flash with the love of our dear Heavenly Father, the sacrificial message of our dear Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit as our teacher, guide and comforter for the rest of our lives. – Brother Bill Davis

A word from Linda:

Dear Bill Davis,

Thanks so much for your e-mail. Yes, Sister Sue Ann has told me earlier about translation of the Church

Starts International materials. I'm so honored to be asked about this.

I am from Fujian province of China. My husband and I met and married in Beijing, capital of China. Now we have two sons. My two sons and I immigrated to Budapest, Hungary in 2015, while my husband continued working in China. Michael came to live with us in 2017.

I'm so proud of being a child of God and trusting his timing and His power and His grace to work things out in the best way for His glory and for our good.

Love in Jesus, Linda

A word from Michael:

Greetings Bro Bill:

This is what I want to say from my heart, Thank GOD for sending you to my life! GOD planned everything.

And thank you for teaching me so much!

My testimony - GOD has His plan with everyone.

So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'. For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. Matthew 6:31-34 [NIV]

My name is Michael. I am from China where majority of people have no faith. All of my relatives are atheist. There was no church in my hometown when I was young. We were taught that there was no God in this world.



Michael (above right) and Linda (left) with one of their children.

So it was least even no chance for me to know Christian in my hometown in Inner Mongolia. After finishing my Bachelor degree in my hometown, I moved to Beijing capital of China where I met my wife Linda and we married in 2006. Linda knows an old couple. Both of whom are Christian and they share many positive things with us that opens God's door to us. Their faith in Our Father is so strong and powerful that influences and guides their lives and we are shocked by their spirits. With curiosity and desired heart, I began to go to church on Sunday. The deeper I learned from Bible the more I wanted to be a Christian. At that time I thought I was not ready to be baptized, because I thought I was not good enough to get God's salvation. In 2015, my family immigrated to Hungary, we went to International Baptist Church of Budapest (IBCB) where I felt that this was the church we were searching for. Because I was working in China at that time, I kept traveling between Hungary and China.

Linda knew Pastor Bill Davis by his daughter who visited IBCB in 2016, and Pastor Bill is living in America, they used Skype for communication. On October 2016, I was in Budapest, and that was the first time I talked with Bill by Skype. He answered my many questions about faith, He told me that Jesus had paid for you by His blood, salvation is a free gift which was given by GOD, and you deserved salvation. When I told him I was not good enough to get God's salvation, he asked me, "Now where do you think Jesus is". I answered, "In my heart". He asked, "Do you wish to be baptized?". I said, "Yes". Regarding my flight back to China tomorrow, I was thinking my baptism should be next time. However Bill told me that I could be baptized next day. I was shocked and thinking it was impossible to prepare everything within 24 hours. Bill told me as long as my heart was ready, the other was not a problem at all. What is amazing, on next day early in the morning a sister Jacky from International Baptist Church told us everything was ready for my baptism. On Oct 5, 2016, I was baptized in a sister's house surrounded by pastor, witnesses and families. It was a perfect baptism for me, I was saved and born again! Thank GOD!

Bill has been guiding me by many great Bible truths, one of them is: GOD has his plan with everyone, and always gives us the best! I thank GOD for giving us so much and thank GOD for sending such great people to us who help us to know Jesus and grow in Jesus. GOD has planned everything for us, what we should do is just believe in Him and pray.

Thank you again! GOD bless you! In Jesus' love, Bro Michael.

*Dear Friends –*

*It is miraculous the way God can make contacts as well as technology work for His good. At age 91, it is possible that Bro. Bill is the oldest person to ever witness on Skype, especially to a Chinese citizen living in Hungary, a previously communist country. God continues to work in mysterious ways! – Jerry Raines*

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