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“*ChinaSource has become the ‘go to’ source of accurate information, balanced advice, and excellent contacts for all those interested in serving the Chinese people. The leaders and staff have gained both depth and currency as they have kept up with a fast-changing China since their inception twenty years ago.*”

— Dr. Carol Lee Hamrin
*Senior Associate, Global China Center
(formerly with the U.S. Dept. of State and George Mason University)*

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THE CONTEXT

While it doesn't tell the whole story, the transformation of Shanghai's Pudong financial district is emblematic of the rapid change that has swept across China during the past three decades.

An ambitious idea in the minds of officials in the 1990s, Pudong exploded over the next 15 years to challenge Hong Kong as a leading Asian financial center. Today the stunning skyline defines the Shanghai of today, while nearby, on what was once farmland, a new Disney theme park takes shape.

China today is not the same place it was thirty years ago when Deng Xiaoping's Reform and Opening policy was just beginning to take effect. Always the winner in any contest of superlatives, China continues to lead the world in economic growth (although this is now slowing as China shifts from an export-led to a consumer-led economy). China boasts the world's largest number of Internet users, the largest military, the most abundant foreign exchange reserves, and, most recently, the world's largest middle class.

Massive urbanization has permanently redrawn the social and physical landscape, not only of China's burgeoning cities but also in the countryside, traditionally home to the majority of China's

population. Advances in education, agriculture, medicine, and technology, coupled with unprecedented personal opportunity, have lifted hundreds of millions out of poverty.

China is also home to what is arguably the world's fastest growing Christian movement. Following the dark days of persecution under Mao Zedong, the church in the current reform era has grown exponentially, beginning in the countryside and now spreading to China's urban centers. With this growth has come a maturing in leadership and vision, as an increasingly well-re-

sourced church looks beyond its own limitations to explore its God-given role in Chinese society and beyond.

It is a new day, both for those who have faithfully stood by the church as it has grown and developed, as well as for those who desire to partner with China's church today. Opportunities that would have been unthinkable even ten years ago now invite the church's involvement. At the same time, China's ongoing social and political development brings new threats to a church that is still, in many ways, fragile and at risk.

“ There are many China ministry organizations, each one having its own grand aspirations and goals, but there are not many who stay behind the scenes to willingly serve the rest. ***Rarer still are those who are able to provide mid- to long-term strategic consulting grounded in the realities of China. ChinaSource provides this kind of indispensable service.*** ”

— Paul Liu
President, Pacific Solutions, Beijing

THE QUESTION

In this context of change, it is imperative that those seeking to serve the church in China address the question, “What is effective ministry?”

How best to serve a church that is rapidly growing, yet still fragile, in a society where the gospel is both welcomed and yet feared?

Answering this question gets to the heart of true partnership, the unity that Christ intends for all his followers, which is itself a testimony to who he is. As this unity is lived out among believers inside and outside China, a watching world will know the reality of Christ’s love.

Listening, building relationships, sharing, deepening understanding — all are essential to answering the question of how we can work together to advance the kingdom of God in China and beyond.

At ChinaSource we seek to work with the body of Christ to answer this question in a way that is relevant and practical across the spectrum of various approaches to serving in China.



THE RESPONSE

Regardless of the specific approach, several common themes emerge that are fundamental to effective service in China today:

SUSTAINABILITY is essential to ensure that ministry is able to continue without long-term outside support. As the church matures and as China develops economically, believers in China are stepping up to assume roles and responsibilities that, in the past, might have been fulfilled by others. We have the opportunity to encourage them in this important transition.

Effective ministry is **PEOPLE-FOCUSED**. Programs and materials have their place, but unless the emphasis is on developing people, these tools will all too quickly fall by the wayside.

STAYING CURRENT — Strategies that were fruitful in the past may no longer be relevant in China today. Rapid change, such as the explosion of the Internet, the development of China's consumer class, the emergence of new kinds of urban churches, and the rise of China's first "one-child" generation, brings new realities that must be considered when deciding how to engage in China.

INDIGENOUS — The Chinese church of the past century saw foreign workers and organizations completely removed from the scene, highlighting the importance of local leadership, institutions,

and ministry methods. Encouraging the development of indigenous resources must be at the heart of any outside involvement in China.

COLLABORATIVE — Only as the various parts of the body of Christ work together will the Lord's plan for China be fully realized. We need to understand our specific roles and proactively seek to strengthen one another in fulfillment of Christ's prayer for all believers, "that they would be one."

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Experienced grantmakers and ministry leaders came together for several days to pray and share so that by each contributing from their own wealth of experience and connections, all might become better informed, encouraged, and further equipped for their respective good work in China. Personally, I look back on the time with gratitude, humbled to receive the wonderful taste of our partnership with the Spirit and each other in the Lord. ”

— Karen Liu,
Managing Director of Social Venture Group

OUR WORK

ChinaSource encourages unity within the body of Christ by serving as a trusted source of knowledge leading to effective ministry.

Connecting people and ideas

We endeavor to keep current so those serving in China can stay abreast of developments and position themselves for greater effectiveness. Regular podcasts, *ChinaSource Conversations*, featuring recognized leaders in various fields explore specific concerns or developments facing ministry in China. Seeking to listen intentionally to what God is saying through the church in China, *Chinese Church Voices* highlights the perspective of Chinese Christians. Through our web-based publications, including *ChinaSource Quarterly*, we not only inform; we

also provide a connecting point for leaders inside and outside China to share knowledge and learn from one another.

ChinaSource conferences and consultations take this personal interaction a step further as we bring a wide spectrum of leaders, Chinese and non-Chinese, together to work on the issues facing ministry in China. Last year's Walking with Leaders consultation birthed a network of mentoring and coaching leaders that continues to equip the church through training opportunities, retreats, and peer mentoring.

Training and Consulting

For those who are new to China, we provide comprehensive orientation through the ChinaSource Institute, delivered to organizations, churches and businesses in both online and on-site formats. Customized briefings and training programs meet specific needs of those seeking to go deeper. For both new entrants and seasoned organizations alike, consulting services help to sharpen strategies while highlighting opportunities for collaboration with others.

Initiatives

ChinaSource research provides the basis for long-term partnerships around emerging opportunities. Involving multiple entities inside and outside China, these initiatives seek breakthroughs that will strengthen the church's impact in key areas. Currently the Faith and Generosity in China Initiative, a collaborative effort of several organizations together with Chinese Christian leaders, is equipping believers in biblical stewardship through a combination of printed materials, online resources, and training.

OUR PUBLICATIONS

- ChinaSource Quarterly
- From the West Courtyard - Blog
- Chinese Church Voices
- The Lantern - Ministry Newsletter
- ChinaSource Conversations
- ZG Briefs



THE FRUIT

During the past year

1 The Partnering in Education consultation brought together 45 educators from China and North America to explore collaboration around emerging opportunities for Christian education in China. The consultation has resulted in ongoing mentoring between schools in China and the United States.

2 The Fellowship for China Giving convened two dozen foundation and agency leaders for in-depth dialogue on effective grantmaking and ministry to support the long-term development of the Chinese church.

3 Following on last year's Walking with Leaders consultation, five trainings for Christian leadership coaches were offered in Hong Kong and Mainland China.

4 A series of spiritual formation retreats was launched specifically for Chinese believers who are serving among those on the margins of society. We see these retreats giving a platform for the voice of God in the marginalized to speak back into the urban church of China.



5 ChinaSource spearheaded the formation of a research consortium to conduct a long-term study on Chinese church developments and partnership in ministry.

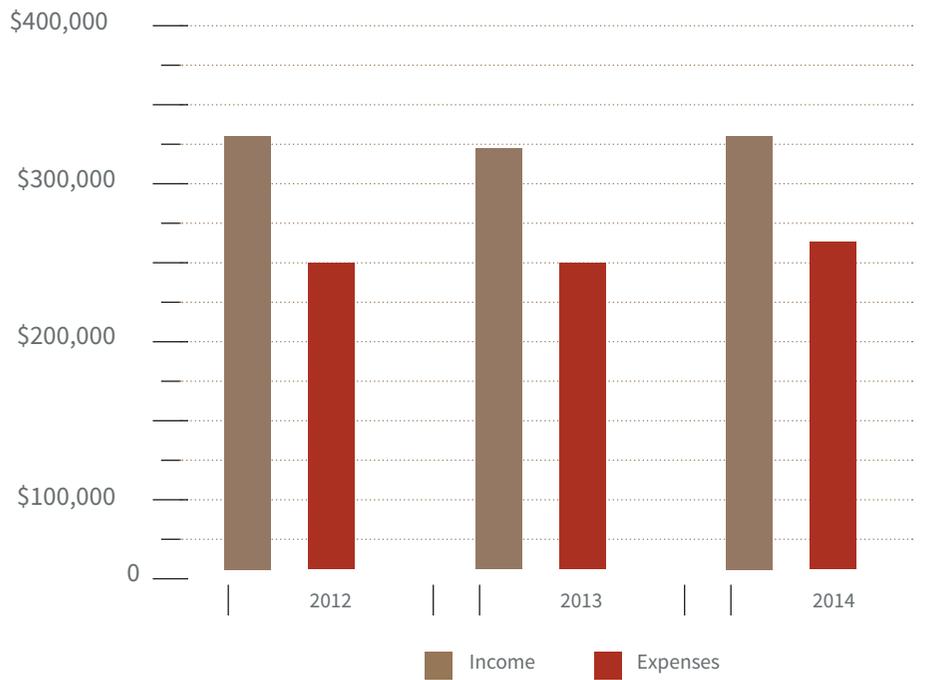
6 A new ChinaSource web site brought together our various publications under one virtual “roof” resulting in increased web traffic of almost 20% over the past six months (compared to the same period last year).

7 Two key generosity resources, *The Sower*, and *Journey of the Faithful Steward Training Manual*, have been translated into Chinese. *The Good and Faithful Steward* blog site, launched inside China on three digital platforms (blog, Weibo, and WeChat). Since starting four and a half months ago, over 134,000 people have read the content (averaging over 32,000 people per month).

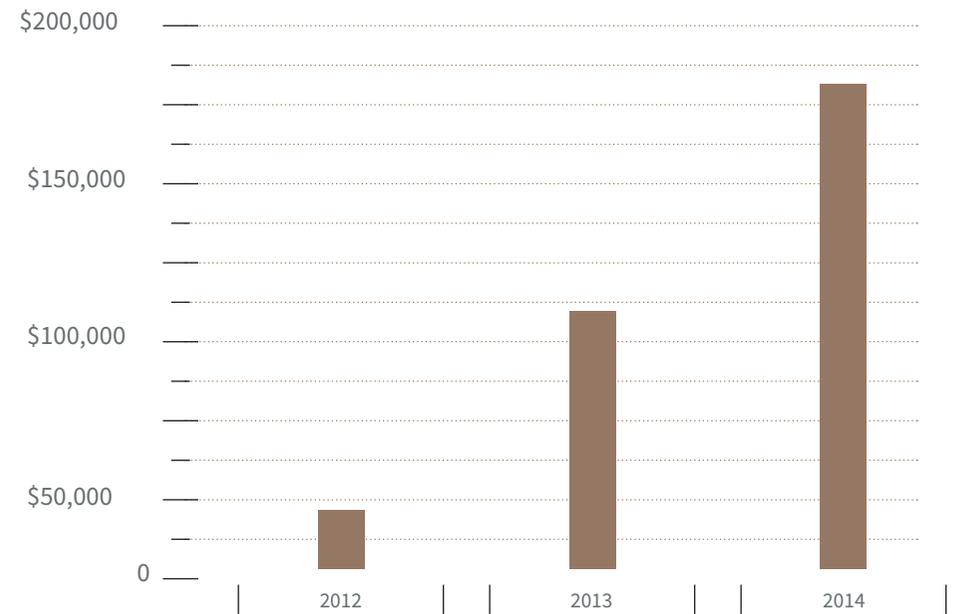
8 ChinaSource public speaking and media opportunities included *Christianity Today*, *World Magazine*, The Gospel Coalition, Gordon College, and University of Northwestern.

THE FINANCIALS

Income & Expenses 2012-2014



Total Unrestricted Net Assets



All amounts shown on both charts are in US\$.

Consolidated Statements of Financial Position

	December 31, 2014 (audited)
ASSETS	
Total Current Assets	175,547
Equipment and Capital Software	50,430
Total Assets	\$225,977
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
Total Liabilities	8,906
Total unrestricted net assets	168,400
Temporarily restricted	48,671
Total Net Assets	217,071
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$225,977

Consolidated Statement of Activity

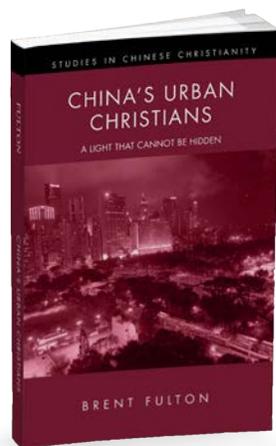
	Year Ended December 31, 2014 (audited)
SUPPORT AND REVENUE	
Contributions	325,813
Program income	14,048
Total Support and Revenue	\$339,861
EXPENSES	
Total Expenses	-
Change in Net Assets	282,663
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	57,198
Net Assets, End of Year	159,873
	\$217,071

Source: *Institute of China Studies dba ChinaSource*
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THE PIPELINE

As we launch into year two of our current three-year strategic plan, we look forward to:

- ▶ The release of *China's Urban Christians: A Light that Cannot be Hidden*, by ChinaSource President Brent Fulton
- ▶ Under the direction of Senior Vice President Joann Pittman, the ChinaSource Institute will launch four online training modules.
- ▶ Three conferences in Asia and North American will highlight findings of our ongoing research on Chinese church developments and partnership in ministry.
- ▶ Phase II of the Faith and Generosity in China Initiative will focus on training a core group of Chinese leaders to equip others in principles of biblical stewardship.



“The daily reality for Chinese Christians has completely changed and yet many in the West are still viewing the situation through an outdated lens. No one knows this better than Brent Fulton, who has spent a lifetime engaged with the subject. Fulton presents the rapidly changing church as it actually is. **China's Urban Christians is compulsory reading for anyone trying to understand this extraordinary moment in the history of the global church.**”

— Rob Gifford
correspondent for The Economist, author of China Road

SUPPORT

How to get involved

Contributing to Publications

For those with experience in China or expertise in a China-related ministry field we're looking for writers for blogs, articles, or speakers/interviewees for our podcasts.

Translation

Specifically for our *Chinese Church Voices* publication that takes articles/testimonies straight from local believers in China, we're looking for translators from Chinese to English.

ChinaSource Institute

ChinaSource Institute is our training and consulting arm that aims to help ministries work *in* and *with* China in even more effective ways. We offer online training, on-site training, and consultations.

Training topics include a wide variety of cross-cultural and orientation topics, focusing on the China context and catering to those involved in Christian ministry.

We look forward to partnering with churches, organizations, and individuals.

Prayer

Pray with us. Subscribe to *The Lantern* at chinasource.org and receive updates and prayer requests.

How to give

Donations

Donations can be made online at our website:
<http://www.chinasource.org/about/get-involved/donate>

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