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### NOT BUSINESS AS USUAL.

- Tightening visa restrictions for foreign workers
- New foreign NGO law severely limits activities of overseas organizations in China
- Heightened surveillance of all foreigners
- · Clampdown on Christian book publishing
- Ongoing cross-removal campaign in Zhejiang province, with serious consequences for those who resist
- Highly publicized show trials of Christian lawyers who sought to aid fellow believers and other disadvantaged groups in society
- New draft regulations would limit Christian activity on the internet, forbid believers going abroad for conferences or to study, and target unregistered Christian gatherings
- · Pastor of China's largest officially sanctioned church removed from pulpit
- Increased pressure on Christian university professors
- Unofficial "house churches" in several parts of China forced to close

Events over the past year suggest Christians serving in China are facing the most challenging environment in decades.

These developments are not entirely unexpected, given the overall tightening that has characterized China since 2012. Nevertheless, they do suggest that those serving in China need to seriously rethink their approach.

Amidst this era of uncertainty and new restrictions, ChinaSource is uniquely positioned to serve the ministry community. Having cultivated relationships with those serving in China for the past 20 years, ChinaSource is a trusted convener and source of China knowledge for hundreds of organizations and churches, and thousands of individual China workers. Our core team has nearly 150 years of collective China experience. We also draw from many others within our network for valuable insights derived from their own rich backgrounds in China service.

Over the past two decades ChinaSource has witnessed numerous policy shifts, as well as remarkable new opportunities, as China has continued along its path toward reform. This experience has honed ChinaSource's ability to identify significant trends affecting ministry in China. Putting today's developments into this larger context, ChinaSource is able to pinpoint both the potential pitfalls as well as new openings for ministry posed by the current situation.

Through your support you have made it possible for us to steadfastly serve with consistency and purpose. Your ongoing partnership at this juncture will enable us to seize the critical moment before us, as we are called upon by those whom we serve to bring clarity in the midst of uncertainty. Thank you for standing with us.

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

How to serve in a way that encourages the growth and impact of the church, on the one hand, while being wise to the changing political environment on the other, is the challenge facing the global church as it engages with China.

ChinaSource is responding with a multi-faceted approach that encourages much-needed dialog between Chinese believers and those serving with them concerning how best to work together in this challenging environment.

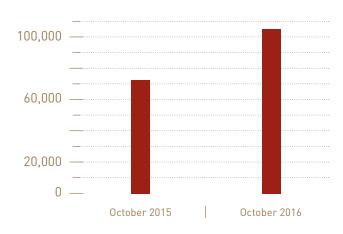
### 1 RICH CONTENT

ChinaSource is providing current, relevant, and focused content through publications and resources. Over the past year, we have experienced significant growth in readership and presence on our website/social media platforms.

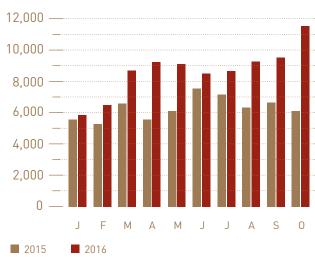
Overall readership to date (as of Oct 31, 2016) is 46% higher than it was this time last year (Oct 31, 2015).

Overall average web traffic per month in 2016 has grown 36% compared to the same period in 2015 (Jan - Oct).

#### OVERALL READERSHIP



#### OVERALL AVERAGE WEB TRAFFIC



Our social media following has increased 17% (Facebook and Twitter) compared to the same time in 2015 (Oct 31).



### EXPANDING REACH BEYOND SELF-PRODUCED PUBLICATIONS

The content and expertise ChinaSource is extending beyond our own publications. As we are seen as thought leaders in this space, we are often contacted by mainstream media to comment and quote on developments in China.











# 3 CHINASOURCE INSTITUTE

A training and consulting resource aimed to provide easily accessible, high quality, professional services that are relevant and useful in equipping those who are serving China today.

The first online course, "Serving Well in China," has garnered excellent and encouraging reviews:

I have worked in China for years, but find the content in this course relevant and concisely stated. Good job offering something that can meet a wide range of needs and levels of understanding. We will be recommending it to all future friends coming to work with us in China.

SARAH HOWARD

Outstanding course being presented by two people getting to know the culture very well through years of experience. Wish I had access to such an aid before arriving in China myself!

JOHAN BESTER

An excellent course. I went through it after I got home from my service in China, and wish I had the chance to learn much of this beforehand. Very well put together, good information, presented in an easy to follow way with stories. I would 100% recommend this course for anyone who will be spending some time serving in China.

ROBERT MOLLOY

Serving Well In China was clear and practical. I thoroughly enjoyed listening to the lectures. The lecturers' illustrations that connected their content to the listener's experience was helpful to me and relieved some of the stress I had built up from cultural conflict in my area.

BRITTANY ESTELLE

# RESPONDING TO FOREIGN NGO LAW

For many years, foreign NGOs, both secular and religious, have operated in a relatively large "gray space." This was owing to the absence of any legal framework governing how they could function in China. That gray space will begin to shrink on January 1, 2017 when the Foreign NGO Management law goes into effect. Although the text of the law is public, implementation and enforcement details have not been released. As a result, much uncertainty remains. What is certain, however, is that ministries working in China are facing a new day. To help ministries understand the changing environment ChinaSource will be working hard to monitor the effects of this new law. In addition, we plan to offer services such as briefings and consultations that will help ministries position themselves for the future.

I don't know how an organization like ours could do what we do without ChinaSource.

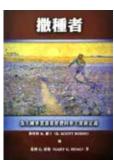
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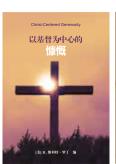
### 5 EQUIPPING BELIEVERS IN CHINA:

FAITH AND GENEROSITY
IN CHINA INITIATIVE

This initiative is a collaborative effort of several organizations together with Chinese Christian leaders aimed at equipping local believers in biblical stewardship through a combination of resources including local language books and social media content.









## ONGOING DIALOG:

CHINA GOSPEL RESEARCH ALLIANCE

In 2015, China Gospel Research Alliance (CGRA) was formed as a partnership of several organizations in Hong Kong—ChinaSource, OMF, Open Doors, Frontier Ventures. CGRA aims to conduct research in order to help provide a balanced and updated picture of churches in China. Resulting conferences have taken place this year in Colorado, US, and Shatin, Hong Kong.



Your ministry is making a huge difference... I look forward to continuing to grow through all that ChinaSource does.

REGIONAL DIRECTOR, DENOMINATIONAL MISSION BOARD

### FINANCIALS

	2015	2016 (Budget)
Income	10	
General, Staff	\$355,039	\$400,425
Support, and Released		
Project Funds		
Sales and Events	\$12,000	\$42,500
Project Funds	\$59,241	\$35,200
for Future Years		
(Restricted)		
Expenses	\$359,901	\$427,000
Change in Net Assets	\$66,379	
Total Net Assets	\$283,450	

<sup>\*</sup>All figures in US\$



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