

Chinese Ministry Updates

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New name: ReFrame Ministries

We have a new name! As you may know, Back to God Ministries International, the media agency of the Christian Reformed Church, has recently changed its name to ReFrame Ministries. As the Chinese language ministry of this agency, our English name has changed as well.

Government, science, and other hot topic issues

The conflicts that have challenged the U.S. church in the first part of this year are not unique to a single nation. We have been one of the few Chinese ministries to intentionally speak into areas of conflict, because of our belief that it is possible to be Christian even while having difficult conversations. So we ran a series of articles on government and Christian nationalism on our popular WeChat channel in the wake of the recent U.S. inauguration, which garnered plenty of conversation on social media. We are actively working now on a Chinese translation of the book *Origins: Christian Perspectives on Creation, Evolution, and Intelligent Design* to be published by the summer. We also continue to envision how we can help bring the Colossian Way, a curriculum and approach to conflict developed by the Colossian Forum, to the Chinese speaking church. Like all of our churches, they, too, need help having these difficult conversations in a season so ripe with conflict.

New Songs of Wanderers: A growing book series

Since 2018, we have been publishing print books of Chinese testimonies that chip away at the mentality that Christianity is a Western religion. Most recently, we have a group of alumni from the renowned Peking University in Beijing collecting their stories of faith into a three-volume set. Volume 2 came out last month. *Are you reaching out to Chinese students in your area? These books make a great gift! Check out reframeministries.org/new-songs-of-wanderers for more information.*

New media ministry in 2021

Last year's pandemic forced the global church to take seriously the need for new media ministry. I was personally pushed to my limit with speaking and teaching opportunities on webinars and other online events, as one of the few Chinese leaders who has worked in this field prior to COVID-19. Yet 2021 is a new year, with an entirely new landscape for new media ministry work in a world that now *has* glimpsed how technology can enhance the life of the church. Looking forward, I realize that the ethics of technology is an aspect of new media ministry that I have missed, and one that desperately needs more intentional work. I look forward to working more specifically in this area over the coming year.

In a year that has been overwhelming and challenging for all, I am grateful for the continued, faithful support of partners in ministry like you. Thank you for your faithfulness and for your prayers. Together, may we glimpse a little more of God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven in the year ahead.

Your coworker in Christ,



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