

Pray 4 Hohhot 31 Day Prayer Guide

Day 1

New City

“Then it came about on the seventh day that they rose early at the dawning of the day and marched around the city in the same manner seven times; only on that day they marched around the city seven times. And it came about at the seventh time, when the priests blew the trumpets, Joshua said to the people, ‘Shout! For the Lord has given you the city. And the city shall be under the ban, it and all that is in it belongs to the Lord...’”

Joshua. 6:15-17 NAS



God gave a very unusual battle plan for the destruction of Jericho: don't use weapons, armor, or strategy, just walk around the city. Hence, for six days they walked in obedience, trusting God at His Word. Those six days must have been an intense time of spiritual struggle and faith building for Joshua and his men. Instructions such as those make little sense to people programmed for action. However, on the seventh day God made the city fall by supernatural means, using highly unusual battle tactics.

The New City was built during the Qing Dynasty and is one of four distinct districts in Hohhot. There are numerous walls in this city; some are made by hand, while others are built of greed, materialism and other controlling desires.

- **Pray that believers would not chip away at these walls by using human wisdom and understanding, but would rely on the supernatural power of God to see them crumble.**
- **Pray that the walls around individuals' hearts will also fall by His power and authority. Ask that when people come to the New City, they will find that it belongs to the Lord.**

Day 2

Old City

“And Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, ‘Men of Athens, I observe that you are very religious in all respects. For while I was passing through and examining the objects of your worship, I also found an altar with this inscription, ‘TO AN UNKNOWN GOD.’ What therefore you worship in ignorance, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands...’”

Acts 17:22-24 NAS

Athenians were highly religious people, seeking to appease the spirits in every way possible as a part of their polytheistic practices. They even set up an altar to worship someone or something they could not specifically identify. They knew there was a God they were neglecting, but did not know His name was Jesus Christ!



In Hohhot's Old City it is common to come upon ancient places of worship. The oldest and biggest Tibetan Buddhist temple, Da Zhao, is home to numerous Lamas and active worship even today. Two other temples, Xiletu Zhao (the small temple) and Wu Ta Si (Five Tower Pagoda), also possess great spiritual significance. For many, they believe there to be a

dragon spirit beneath the city and different temples are located over different parts of the dragon spirit. Other deities were also worshipped throughout Hohhot's history, including the god of war and the god of wealth.

- **Pray that those people who seek to fill their spiritual void through the worship of a greater power would find their true rest in Jesus Christ.**
- **Pray that they would realize that the One True God does not dwell in temples made with hands, but in the hearts of believers.**
- **Please ask that the believers in the Old City would overcome the powers of darkness through God's strength and be a light to their neighbors.**

Day 3

Hui City

“And when He approached, He saw the city and wept over it, saying, ‘If you had known in this day, even you, the things which make for peace! But now they have been hidden from your eyes.’”

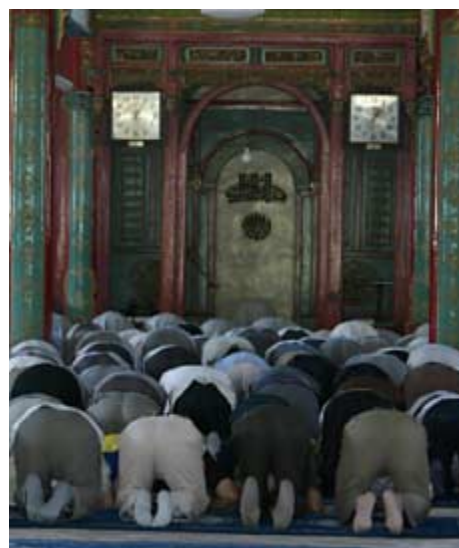
Luke 19:41-42 NAS

Jesus was heartbroken for the city of Jerusalem, for he looked out upon her people with great compassion. He realized the yearnings of their hearts and the desperation they had to achieve a peace that could only be found in deep relationship with the Lord. But without Christ, true peace is not possible amongst a people whose hearts are hardened to Him. In Hohhot, the Hui people look for peace through Islam and acts of good works.

The Hui district comprises the western part of the city, and although Hui people are spread throughout the area, the largest Hui concentration is in this Muslim sector. The majority of Hui schools and mosques are also in this district. This nationality descends from Arab merchants traveling the Silk Road who intermarried with local Chinese women. Today, many businesses and factories are owned by the Hui.

Jesus is heartbroken for the people of the Hui City because they are seeking peace through Islamic rituals and rules.

- **Pray that the Hui would see the futility in their works and would find grace and salvation in Jesus Christ alone.**
- **Please also ask for Hui believers to come forward in boldness in their community and for there to be great opportunities to see a church planting movement occur amongst Muslim business persons.**



Day 4

Universities

“I said to myself, ‘Behold, I have magnified and increased wisdom more than all who were over Jerusalem before me; and my mind has observed a wealth of wisdom and knowledge.’ And I set my mind to know wisdom and to know madness and folly; I realized that this also is striving after wind.”

Ecclesiastes 1:16-17 NAS

King Solomon thought that he could gain meaning in his life by becoming wise, gaining wealth, enjoying pleasures, working hard, and advancing his status. He had become a man who had everything a person could ever want. King Solomon did not gain the peace

he was looking for through earthly pleasures, but instead learned that all the world's trappings are meaningless. Wisdom, wealth, pleasure, toil and even advancement in life is meaningless without a relationship with the living God.

Many of Inner Mongolia's largest and most prestigious universities are located in the fourth and newest district of Hohhot. These universities are filled with students who work hard to reach their dreams of gaining wealth, success and status. Just like King Solomon, they feel that these materialistic things will bring meaning to their lives. Even some believing university students sometimes put their studies before God because they desire to find successful jobs. God desires all these students to realize that everything is meaningless in comparison to knowing Him intimately.

- **Pray that university students will desire God more than success and wealth.**
- **Pray also that believing university students will want to grow in their relationship with God, share with their friends, and see His kingdom come in this land more than personal success.**
- **Please pray that many university students will accept the gift of salvation during this teachable time of their lives. Ask that they would be trained up as the future leaders of the Chinese church.**

Day 5

Government

“Let every person be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God. Therefore he who resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves. For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same.”

Romans 13:1-3 NAS



God is sovereign. He is sovereign even when we do not see the way His hand moves throughout the course of history. However, we do know that in His sovereignty He establishes governments and gives them authority over the people. Therefore, it is the responsibility of believers to humble themselves and be subject to those in leadership while continuing to pray fervently for them. We can see from the Bible that God raised Joseph in Egypt so that the Israelites could be saved in the drought. God also raised Ezra, Daniel and Esther in alien countries to protect the Israelites. It is apparent from church history that patience, submission and perseverance before those in authority has changed the course of history, and in doing so has ultimately honored the Name of God.

- **Please pray that Christians will be seen with favor by those in authority and that they would be a tremendous blessing to those in leadership.**
- **Please also pray for a tremendous outpouring of God's wisdom, mercy, and grace upon those in government.**
- **Pray that government officials will accept the gift of salvation.**

Day 6

Church Unity

“I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, entreat you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing forbearance to one another in love, being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.”

Ephesians 4:1-6 NAS

After Christ ascended into Heaven, He no longer ministered to the people in the same way as when He was physically present on earth. He sent His Spirit to indwell within the lives of believers so that they might be able to minister as He had when He was with them. Because as followers of Jesus we are to be made complete in Him, we are also to be complete and undivided in the greater Body of Christ, for we shall be known as Christians because of our love for one another. Christ’s physical body when He was on earth was only one body: complete and undivided. Yet the church today is often splintered and discordant because of pride and a desire to be “right” in often-petty issues. This divisiveness then works contrary to fulfilling the Great Commission and the works of Christ. Imagine if you were trying to read this page and your brain and eyes were in disagreement with one another as well as with your hands. It would be virtually impossible to accomplish the task of reading, for each part of the body would be insisting on following its own course.



- **Please pray that the believers in Hohhot would be united as one body, humbling themselves before both God and one another.**
- **Pray that they would also have a spirit of gentleness and patience with each other to work diligently in attaining unity within the church.**

Day 7

Church Leadership Training

“And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves, and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into him, who is the head, even Christ...”

Ephesians 4:11-15 NAS

God has been faithful to call out specific people to be in positions of leadership in the church. Their purpose is to give themselves wholly to Christ, who is head over the church, and to humbly equip other believers. A leader must be grounded in the Word of God so that he or she will be able to speak the truth in love. When storms threaten to blow the winds of false teaching and the waves of hardship or persecution into the church, the leader must direct people to Christ.

- Today, please pray for the equipping of church leaders in Hohhot, that they will be grounded in sound doctrine and an intimate love relationship with God.
- Pray that leaders will continue to build up the body of Christ, serving others humbly and speaking the truth in love. May God continue raising up more leaders who will be passionate about the work of Christ.

Day 8

Evangelism

“And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.’”

Matthew 28:18-20 NAS

Jesus did not leave believers to do the work of evangelizing the nations by themselves. He did not say, “Well, I really don’t know what will happen to you, but make as many disciples as you can anyway, and I’m sure you’ll be fine.” No! He said that He had ALL AUTHORITY both here on earth and in heaven. That means nothing happens that He does not know about. Jesus said that He is with believers always. There is no place, time or season when He is not with His church or with those who are ministering His word. With that assurance, Christians can approach the work of making disciples with the confidence that they are not alone.



- Intercede for the believers in Hohhot, that they will have confidence and boldness to proclaim the truth of Christ.
- Pray that they will be strengthened by the presence of Jesus and become more intimate with Him as they share His love.
- Pray that they will also be faithful to train new believers in the Word of God.

Day 9

Cults

“But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons, by means of the hypocrisy of liars seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron, men who forbid marriage and advocate abstaining from foods, which God has created to be gratefully shared in by those who believe and know the truth.”

1 Timothy 4:1-3 NAS

The work of the enemy is to keep those who believe in God in continual bondage, away from the freedom that comes from God’s unmerited grace. Cults, even though they may claim to trust in God or Christ Jesus, still try to obtain salvation through means other than the cross. Cults are a problem in Hohhot because many believers are new in their faith, are not yet grounded in the Word of God, and so are easily swayed by false teachings. Active cults in the area include the Mormons, Ba’hai, Saver – a Korean cult that teaches that Christians don’t

need to confess sin – and Eastern Lightning – a cult that claims that a Chinese woman is the second Christ and has come back with the power to bear sins.

- **Pray that Christians would have adequate training in doctrine and that the Holy Spirit would purify any false teachings in the church.**
- **Please also ask that cult leaders would come to a saving knowledge of Jesus and that Christianity would be clearly distinguishable to the people in the community from other groups who make false claims and spread wrong teachings.**

Day 10

Religions: Buddhism, Daoism and Islam

“And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved.”

Acts 4:12 NAS

Christianity is unique among religions, for salvation is given to all who believe in Jesus Christ as the Son of God. In all other major religions where salvation is the goal, it is obtained through good works and self-determination. How amazing is the grace that grants salvation as a free gift! Some common religions of Hohhot are Buddhism, Daoism and Islam. Thousands of people are trying to obtain salvation in other ways besides knowing Jesus as personal Lord and Savior. Religious ritual is still practiced in the many temples across the city, as people daily spend hours trying to appease demons or seek forgiveness from a god who cannot hear their cries.



- **Pray that people will find emptiness as they try to earn salvation or obtain it in any other way besides Jesus.**
- **Pray that people will recognize the emptiness that results from trying to earn their own salvation through good works and other means .**

Day 11

Religions: Atheism



“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without

excuse. For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God, or give thanks; but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.”

Romans 1:18-23 NAS

God formed the world so that when people look at it, they can see the evidence of Him all around. Humanity, observing how everything works together in perfect order, should be able to logically identify that there is a Mind behind creation and a method to the madness. However, men have suppressed the truth that they know in their hearts and have instead chosen to deny God, elevating science in His place. They have come to worship the created rather than the Creator and profess themselves to be wise. Many say that Christians are fools for disputing what the world interprets to be scientific logic. Yet without the understanding that God can provide, it is truly foolishness to worship something that is less than the One who has control over all creation and even science itself. Atheism, perhaps the most common belief in China, has thousands of people in Hohhot believing a lie.

- **Pray that people will be humbled and seek Someone greater than themselves.**
- **Pray that God's creation would draw people to Himself, that people would no longer suppress the truth, but instead declare the glory of God.**

Day 12

Business

“And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to a riverside, where we were supposing that there would be a place of prayer; and we sat down and began speaking to the women who had assembled. And a certain woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple fabrics, a worshiper of God, was listening, and the Lord opened her heart to respond to the things spoken by Paul. And when she and her household had been baptized, she urged us, saying, ‘If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house and stay.’ And she prevailed upon us.”

Acts 16:13-15 NAS



The first new believer in Europe was a businesswoman, chosen by God who opened her heart to the gospel. Lydia immediately made an impact with her family and those close to her as well as serving the Lord by hosting Paul and his friends. One can only imagine the future influence she had upon the customers and other businesspeople she met.

Businesspeople in Hohhot range from wealthy entrepreneurs in influential companies to fruit sellers and street vendors from the countryside. The contrast between these two social classes is becoming even more pronounced as new hotels, shopping centers and restaurants bring in large amounts of income. The small shops and street vendors, however, just become poorer. Although agriculture and animal husbandry have traditionally been the economic base in Inner Mongolia, the recent change in the economy is evident as service-based industries are taking over. There is also a change in women's roles in the work place, for they are now obtaining positions of higher status with greater responsibility and pressures upon them.

- **Intercede for believing businesspeople, that they would make an impact in the community, just as Lydia did in Thyatira.**
- **Pray for businesswomen and their families as traditional roles are changing.**
- **Pray that greed and materialism would not take root in the lives of working people.**

Day 13

Education

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations.’ Then I said, ‘Alas, Lord God! Behold, I do not know how to speak, because I am a youth.’ But the Lord said to me, ‘Do not say, ‘I am a youth,’ because everywhere I send you, you shall go, and all that I command you, you shall speak.”

Jeremiah 1:5-7 NAS

Although Jeremiah was just a youth, God used him in mighty ways and taught him everything he needed to know. There are numerous primary and secondary schools in the city, as well as a significant number of universities. Because of the high level of competition in schools, students spend a great amount of time studying for standardized tests, such as the college entrance exam. Students’ self-worth is often judged by performance on these exams rather than on whom they are in the image of Christ Jesus.

- **Pray that believing students would find their value in Christ and share that with their classmates.**
- **Please also remember Christian teachers, that they may be placed in universities and schools in the city to be a light to their students.**
- **Pray that students who study abroad will hear the gospel and return speaking the Truth to those around them.**



Day 14

Christian Authors and Literature

“We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ.”

2 Corinthians 10:5 NAS



There are many things in the world that have been raised up against the knowledge of God, and there are those who are proclaiming ideas contrary to the Truth of Christ. Although there are numerous authors and scholars in English-speaking countries who fill bookstores with Christian literature, that is not the case in China. Some books are translated into Chinese, however, there are very few Chinese authors who have made a stand for Christ and provide believers with Christian writings from a Chinese perspective. Knowing Christ not only transforms the lives and thought patterns of those who believe, but it should also be a catalyst for change within the culture itself. It is important to hear from Chinese authors about the transformation that they have experienced themselves as a result of their Christian walk.

For their testimonies will ultimately impact Chinese society as a whole.

- **Pray that God will call out and equip authors from Hohhot to step out in faith to start producing literature for local believers.**
- **Pray that non-believers would be affected by Christian writings and be called to salvation as a result.**
- **Petition that the influence of current literature raised up against the knowledge of God would be destroyed.**

Day 15

Christian Counseling

“You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing loving kindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.”

Exodus 20:5-6 NAS



From the time God gave the Israelites the Ten Commandments, He promised to bless those who honor Him, and to punish those who do not. If a person worships idols, not only will that person be punished, but his descendents after him. Students of psychology will find the principle of “generational sin” manifested in families with generations of drug addictions or unsuccessful marriages. Long before anyone ever studied psychology, God revealed to His people these patterns within human behavior. The study of man is directly related to the Bible, yet psychological studies in China today are only based upon experimentation in the lab.

Psychologists, who lack an established school of thought to study, do not even have an answer for their own lives, and certainly not one for the people of Hohhot who suffer from eating disorders and are addicted to alcohol, smoking, gambling and sexual immorality.

Though these problems are numerous, there are no Biblically based counselors or church leaders who are trained in applying Biblical Truth to people’s emotional and psychological lives.

- **Pray that more psychologists will come to the saving knowledge of Jesus and that church leaders will be trained in Biblical counseling principles.**
- **Pray that God will set people free from their addictions according to His Word.**
- **Pray that these people would learn how to express suppressed emotions so that healing may come into their lives.**

Day 16

Sports Community



“The fear of the Lord is to hate evil; pride and arrogance and the evil way...”
Proverbs 8:13 NAS

Unfortunately, pride and arrogance are quite common amongst the sports community. To many athletes, sports is their life, and there is no time for anything else. Many athletes feel as if their abilities were obtained by their own doing and feel that God has no place in their lives. Yet sports are an amazing tool to share the Gospel. Sports are able to cross cultural barriers and can be used to reach a wide range of people. From spectators, to beginners, to professionals, the opportunities are numerous for sports in Hohhot.

- **Pray for contacts and opportunities amongst the sports community in Hohhot. Pray that people would be called to come to Hohhot and take advantage of those opportunities.**

- Pray that the athletes of Hohhot would recognize that their abilities are only a gift from God and that they should give Him the glory. Pray that their pride would not be an obstacle in accepting the greatest gift He can give.
- Praise Father that His light shines through darkness and pray that multitudes in the sports community come to know Christ.

Day 17

Music and the Arts

“Sing for joy in the Lord, O you righteous ones; praise is becoming to the upright. Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre; sing praises to Him with a harp of ten strings. Sing to Him a new song; play skillfully with a shout of joy.”

Psalm 33:1-3 NAS

Praise comes from an overflow of appreciation and love for the Lord. Followers of God give thanks and sing praises because they have tasted the goodness of the Lord. People who do not experience God in a real way have no reason to praise and if they try to sing to Him, it is not from the heart, but only from the head and lips. Those who daily experience the abundance of grace, mercy and love at the throne of God have reason to sing a new song!

There are many musicians in Hohhot making music with no purpose, because they do not know the love of God. There is an arts and music school in the city where students come to study traditional and modern instrumentation. Mongolians are famous for having strong voices, are skilled at playing traditional instruments, and are known for their dancing. There is even a local Mongolian choir who recently competed internationally.

Local Artists attempt to capture the beauty of God's creation on canvas, put the story of a culture or people group on display, and use their skill to pour out their hearts. They want to allow people to see the world through their eyes. Most of these people miss God trying to make them see the world through His eyes. Creation is always declaring the beauty of the Lord, but most people choose not to see and believe.

- Pray that musicians in the city would come to know the love and grace of God and would sing and play with a heart overflowing with thankfulness.
- Pray that quality Christian music would be produced by Hohhot musicians in traditional Chinese and Mongolian styles, and that the music would bless and instruct many people in the Truth.
- Ask that God will call talented artists to express the gospel through art.



Day 18

Media

“I have proclaimed glad tidings of righteousness in the great congregation; behold, I will not restrain my lips, O Lord, Thou knowest. I have not hidden Thy righteousness within my heart; I have spoken of Thy faithfulness and Thy salvation; I have not concealed Thy lovingkindness and Thy truth from the great congregation.”

Psalm 40:9-10 NAS

The media is the biggest assembly by which people can speak. Unfortunately, righteousness is not often proclaimed on television, radio or in the newspapers. Western media is beginning to influence Chinese programming in a very negative way, for many morally corrupt movies are available to the public on video compact disc and on television.

Through these mediums, the people of Hohhot are exposed to immorality and extravagant lifestyles that are unobtainable for the average person.



Radio is a form of media in which the gospel has been shared. Christian radio programs from other areas have been broadcasted in this city and some people have made decisions because of it. Hopefully, the radio will be allowed to continue to share the good news.

- **Pray that the media would be used to show programs that proclaim the goodness of God, and that Christians in the media would not seal their lips, but would have opportunities to spread the Gospel quickly.**
- **Pray for more believers to be called to positions of leadership in the media.**

Day 19

Technology

“Some boast in chariots, and some in horses; but we will boast in the name of the Lord, our God.”
Psalm 20:7 NAS

When going to battle, armies would assess their power by counting the number of chariots, horses and men at their disposal. The side with more resources would most likely win. But for the armies that fought for the Lord, there was no need to count chariots, because if God was on their side, they had infinite strength, even with only a few men. In today’s society, people measure their power and worth by the amount of money and technology they have acquired. The newest gadgets or computers can be used to outdo the opponent in business or personal competitions.

Hohhot is on the threshold of technology, as homes and businesses are switching from coal to gas and new communication systems are being introduced. It is common to see people using cell phones and pagers, and most students are studying computers in school. Although it is not common for families to have computers, they do usually have televisions and phones, and an increasing number of appliances such as microwaves.



- **Pray that the greed and materialism that comes from acquiring new technology would be replaced with a trust in God.**
- **Also ask that leaders would responsibly use available technology to improve the conditions in the city, and pray that believers would have wisdom in using new technology to further the gospel.**

Day 20

Health

“And a leper came to Him, beseeching Him and falling on his knees before Him, and saying to Him, ‘If You are willing, You can make me clean.’ And moved with compassion, He stretched out His hand, and touched him, and said to him, ‘I am willing; be cleansed.’”
Mark 1:40-41 NAS

Imagine going your whole life without any human contact. No one to give you a hug or pat your back when you achieve something, not even to shake your hand. Imagine people

going out of their way to avoid you...and then a man named Jesus had so much compassion on you that He touched your diseased skin. Jesus had compassion on the most undesirable in society, and reached out to touch the untouchable and bring healing.

For the many diseased and hurting in Hohhot, health care is subsidized by the government. However, outside of the city in the villages and the grasslands, adequate care is not available. City doctors have to make special trips to the countryside to provide health care. Traditional Chinese and Mongolian medicine is still standard in the city, but big-city technology is not as common.

- **Ask that people will see God as the Great Physician and will go to Him for comfort.**
- **Pray for the believing doctors in the city to have compassion as Jesus did, and to share of His love with their patients.**
- **Pray for new technology in the field of medicine to come to Hohhot.**



Day 21

Family



“Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He himself being the Savior of the body. But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her...Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. And, fathers, do not provoke your children to anger; but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.”

Ephesians 5:22-25, 6:1,4 NAS

The family represents God’s relationship to humankind. For example, we can understand the relationship between Christ and the church better when we have a model of a husband and wife.

God gave people children so they can begin to understand the depth of love God the Father has for His children. However, because of sin, those earthly relationships are damaged, and can only be healed by the Spirit of God.

The Chinese family is now going through a time of transition when older family members still have control, yet young people are yearning for independence. Children often rebel against their families and struggle with identity problems. Parents are busy trying to better themselves, and often put work, study and travel above their spouse and children. Because both parents usually have full time jobs, children are raised primarily by their grandparents. Parents customarily do not show much physical affection to their children, so many young people strive to gain acceptance through achievement in school. There are also marriage difficulties because couples tend to drift apart after they are married and have affairs. Many single Chinese don’t even have the desire to marry.

- **Pray for the restoration of families in the city, that the healing power of God will bind up the wounds.**
- **Ask that believing families will be an example to non-believers of the love of Christ and for children to feel acceptance in the family of God.**

Day 22

Prostitution

“And behold, there was a woman in the city who was a sinner; and when she learned that [Jesus] was reclining at the table in the Pharisee’s house, she brought an alabaster vial of perfume, and standing behind Him at His feet, weeping, she began to wet His feet with her tears, and kept wiping them with the hair of her head, and kissing His feet, and anointing them with the perfume.”

Luke 7:37-38 NAS

Imagine the scene of Jesus relaxing at an important church leader’s home, when all of a sudden a prostitute walks in the door and begins to weep at His feet. That made quite a stir with the “respectable” people of the home, who commented that if Jesus knew who she was, He would not allow that. But Jesus knew exactly who she was and still welcomed her because of her repentance. Who is holier? One who sins and weeps at the feet of Jesus, or one who considers himself too holy to humble himself?

Jesus loves to see sinners repent, and as the number of prostitutes in Hohhot increases, so does God’s desire for them to come to know Him.

- **Pray that Christians in the city will have compassion on the prostitutes and show them the way to Jesus without condemning them.**
- **May they be brought to a point of repentance at the feet of Jesus, and have a way out of their current lifestyle.**



Day 23

Unemployment

“If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace, be warmed and be filled,’ and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that?”

James 2:15-16 NAS

There is a growing problem with unemployment in China. For example, according to a survey made by graduate students at Beijing Normal University, the population of one major city in northeastern China is 6.7 million people, yet they have more than 1 million people laid off. Most of these unemployed workers are members of “the lost generation,” who lived through the Cultural Revolution. They feel forgotten as society’s attention has turned toward pursuing a more comfortable lifestyle. Though they agreed that the transition period from state-planned economy to market economy is necessary, they still feel as if they have fallen through the cracks. Most people are starting to peddle goods, but some are at home with no hope for work. Because of the entrance of China into the WTO, unemployment rates are going to continue to rise.



- **Pray that Jehovah-Jireh, Provider God, will meet the people where they are in their lives. The Lord is our hope and He is close to the broken-hearted.**
- **Ask that Christians will share with their neighbors in need and that new laws will provide adequately for job training and financial assistance to laid-off workers.**

Day 24

Gambling

“But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith, and pierced themselves with many a pang.”

1 Timothy 6:9-10 NAS



When a person goes to work everyday to support his or her family, spends money on necessities and lives a simple life, money is merely a tool for survival. But when a person becomes obsessed with money and seeks it foolishly, money becomes a root for other evil. So when gambling takes hold of a person, not only does he or she risk losing money, but other sins result from it as well. Gambling is a serious problem in Hohhot, taking the form of games such as Ma Jiang. Especially during the Chinese New Year Festival when people have a vacation from work and it is too cold to go outside, families will gather daily to play cards or Ma Jiang and gamble. Often people

will gamble away money they need to buy necessities, causing numerous problems for the family.

- **Pray that people addicted to gambling will be set free by the Holy Spirit and that the Chinese tradition of playing Ma Jiang would no longer be associated with gambling.**
- **Pray for the healing of families where gambling is a problem.**

Day 25

Nationalities

“After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands; and they cry out with a loud voice; saying, ‘Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.’”

Revelation 7:9-10 NAS

Before the throne of God there is no division, as nation stands with nation and all languages join into a beautiful chorus to praise their common Father. God will gather His people from every nationality across the world. The term “nationality” means a people group who can be identified by language, culture, blood lineage and other factors. There are 56 officially recognized ethnic people groups in China, 55 of them classified as minorities with the Han nationality being the majority. The major nationalities represented in Hohhot are Han, Mongolian, Hui, Daur, Ewenki, Oroqen, Manchu and Korean peoples.

Because of events that happened during the Cultural Revolution, there is hatred between the Han and the minorities of the city. This hatred runs deep among all generations, and even now discourages believers of one nationality from sharing with the lost of other nationalities. Healing between these people needs to occur before the Gospel can truly spread throughout this city.

- **Pray that people from every nationality will be brought into the family of Christ and that there would be unity among believers.**

- Pray that they will stand side by side right now as they praise and fellowship, even as they will be in the end.
- Ask also that the believers will reach out to other people groups to show them love and share the Truth of Christ.

Day 26

Han

“And Jesus was going about all the cities and the villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness. And seeing the multitudes, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and downcast like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.’”

Matthew 9:35-38 NAS

Even when He was tired and weary, Jesus felt compassion for the multitude. Often the masses get ignored and individuals are lost in the crowd, but Jesus has a deep love for every individual. China’s population, over 1.3 billion, is definitely a multitude, and because the Han nationality makes up 93 percent of the population, an individual could easily be lost in the masses. When Jesus looks at the multitude, however, He feels compassion toward every person. Although Inner Mongolia traditionally had a majority population of Mongolians, now the Han make up almost 80 percent of the population of the province.

- Pray that every Han person will hear the gospel and will have an opportunity to respond.
- May Han believers reach out to the minorities of the city and may more workers to be sent into the harvest field.

Day 27

Mongolians

“What man among you, if he has a hundred sheep and has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open pasture, and go after the one which is lost, until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!’ I tell you that in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents, than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.”

Luke 15:4-7 NAS

It is amazing how God speaks to all cultures through the Bible. To someone who has never tended sheep, this passage may not mean much, but to a people who are traditionally shepherds, the image of a good shepherd seeking his lost sheep is worth a thousand words. The Mongolian people, descendants of shepherds from the grasslands, comprise over 10 percent of Hohhot’s population. Even those who live in the city today are very proud of their heritage and can identify with their kinsmen who still live in the grasslands and raise livestock. The religion of Mongolians is mainly Tibetan Buddhism, but Genghis Khan, the great Mongolian warrior of the 12th century, is also deified.



- Pray that Mongolians will come to identify Jesus Christ as the Great Shepherd.
- Pray for the completion of the translation of the Bible into the Inner Mongolian script, and that Mongolian believers and other nationalities will develop a heart and strategy for reaching Mongolians.

Day 28

Hui

“And Abraham said to his young men, ‘Stay here with the donkey, and I and the lad will yonder; and we will worship and return to you.’ And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son, and he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. And Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, ‘My father!’ And he said, ‘Here I am, my son.’ And he said, ‘Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?’ And Abraham said, ‘God will provide for Himself the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.’ So the two of them walked on together.”

Genesis 22:5-8 NAS

When God told Abraham to sacrifice the son God had given him, the faith of Abraham was able to rest in the goodness of God to either protect his son or raise him from the dead. And God did indeed provide a substitute lamb that died in the place of his son. The Hui people, because they are Muslims, celebrate what they believe to be the sacrifice of Ishmael, not Isaac. Every year, they line a street with cows and sheep, which they sacrifice to obtain favor from God. Blood flows through the streets near the mosques as the animals are killed in an effort to purify the people through the sacrifices. However, God has already proved faithful to provide a sacrificial lamb, Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.



- Pray that the Hui people would recognize that their sacrifices are unnecessary and futile because of the sacrifice of Jesus.
- Ask that the bonds of Islam would be broken down in the city. Pray that a group of Hui will see the Truth and form a strong church that will worship Jesus and be a light to the Hui community.

Day 29

Daur, Ewenki, Oroqen and Manchu

“And opening his mouth, Peter said: ‘I most certainly understand now that God is not one to show partiality, but in every nation the man who fears Him and does what is right, is welcome to Him.’”

Acts 10:34-35 NAS

In this passage, God called a Gentile to know the full story of Christ, and also called Peter to come to the realization that God accepts people from every nation. The word nation refers to people groups like the Daur, Ewenki, Oroqen and Manchu nationalities represented in Hohhot. Although the majority of these people live outside of Hohhot, many come to the city to find work. Most of them, however, are still involved in agriculture. The Daur were traditionally farmers, whereas the Ewenkis were known for hunting, fishing and reindeer herding. The ancestors of the Oroqen usually hunted and fished for their livelihood. The

Manchu nationality, known now for agriculture and scientific discoveries, suffered greatly during the Japanese occupation of China during World War II.

- **Petition for healing of the wounds of the Manchus, that they would find freedom in Christ.**
- **Pray that people from all of these people groups would come to know Jesus as Savior in supernatural ways, though dreams or visions like the man in Acts 10.**
- **Pray that people from these nationalities would come to Hohhot for work and encounter the Gospel there.**

Day 30

Korean

“God be gracious to us and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us— that Thy way may be known on the earth, Thy salvation among all nations.”

Psalm 67:1-2 NAS

God desires for His name to be proclaimed among all nations, from the largest to the smallest. Even nationalities that are not greatly represented in an area are known by God, and He calls people to Himself from each group. Hohhot has about 2000 residents from the Korean nationality, although there are approximately 20,000 in Inner Mongolia. Many Koreans are involved in a variety of businesses and trade throughout the city.

- **Please pray for the Korean people to have open hearts to the Gospel and for strong national leaders to be raised up to lead the church.**
- **Ask that young Korean Chinese people will be especially receptive to God’s Word, that they may one day be part of a mighty outreach to other minorities and Han Chinese in the region.**

Day 31

The Lost

“How then shall they call upon Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring glad tidings of good things!’”

Romans 10:14-15 NAS



There are whole nationalities that have never heard the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ. And yet there are thousands of believers who have never shared their faith with anyone, while their neighbors and friends are perishing without the Truth. God desires to send out more workers to see the task of spreading the gospel completed.

- **Pray that more laborers will respond to the call of God to be sent to these unreached groups. Intercede for believers in the city to also see the importance of preaching and teaching to those around them.**
- **Pray that people in these groups will believe the gospel when they hear it.**