

CHINA

FPC was first led to focus on China because of the vast amount of atheists/unreached people, preexisting connections within the country and here in the US, and because our congregation's gifts strengths align with the needs of the country. While Christianity is gradually growing in China, the country still has the largest population of non-Christians (and non-religious persons) in the world, with over 1.1 billion people (i.e., 90% of the population) claiming to be atheist or not religious. In addition to the radically atheistic materialism that dominates the population's mindset, the socialist government continually increases regulations, restrictions, and persecutions of Christians.



MISSIONS PARTNERS

TIM & SARAH LEARY and their four children (Zeke, Sam, Nate and Grace) work through InterVarsity's International Student Ministry with professors, graduate and undergraduate international students in the Boston area. They facilitate various discipleship, hospitality, and benevolence oriented weekly meetings and events.

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most persecuted country in the world

90%

of the population identifies as aor nonreligious

1.9%

of the population is Protestant

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

- Teach English in China for a summer with ELIC.
- Organize a short-term team to serve with one of our FPC partner families.
- Year-long teachers are needed for teaching English and building relationships with students.
- Inquire about week-long (or longer) professional training opportunities in university settings.
- Connect with our international student ministry in Boston with Tim and Sarah Leary and get to know international students.
- Get involved with hosting Chinese students in your home or workplace for 2-3 weeks in the summer as part of a Chinese student exchange.

FPC has felt the call and been given the ability to work in an area that has both a desperate need for the gospel and a difficult environment to spread it in. FPC has connections within China through our long-term missionaries and with domestic Chinese international students in the Boston area through Tim and Sarah Leary. It is through these long-term connections that we channel individuals from our own congregation and community into short-term, midterm, and long-term opportunities. We hope to aid the development of the congregations in China to the point of self-sustainment, develop our Chinese-international student exchange program here in the Boston area with beginning hosting students in the summer of 2018, and increase involvement with teaching and business connections in China.