



ICE BREAKER QUESTIONS

- What was the best job you've ever had? What made it the best?
- Where is the furthest you've ever traveled?
- What is something new you would like to learn how to do?



QUOTE

“It doesn’t matter, really, how great the pressure is,” he used to say; “it only matters where the pressure lies.

See that it never comes between you and the Lord - then, the greater the pressure, the more it presses you to His breast.” (pg 82)



QUOTE

“It seems to me that where many of us err is in leaving our drinking in the past, while our thirst continues present. What we need is to be drinking yes, thankful for each occasion which drives us to drink ever more deeply of the living water.” (pg 99)



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Any overall impressions from the book?
- What impacted you the most as you read the book – both encouragement and challenge?
- Do you have any personal examples of a ‘testing of your faith’ either due to deliberate choices you made or because of life circumstances? How did that experience shape you?
- John 7.37-39 had a profound effect on Taylor. As you think about that verse: where do you tend to thirst (he mentions mind-thirsts, heart-thirsts, soul-thirsts, or body-thirsts)? Practically, what does it look like for you to ‘drink?’ Do you have an example of a time when ‘streams of living of water’ were flowing from you to others in service/ministry?



RESPONSE

Pray together (no one has to pray out loud)
If you do pray out loud – keep it short

Faith – always expressed; sometimes–

- **More outward expression** –
 - Is the Lord asking you to take an outward step of obedience in this season? Is there a ‘yes, but’ involved on your end?
- **More inward expression** –
 - Is the Lord asking you to wait on Him to do something He has said He would do?
- **Intercession** – praying for mercy for the places God has planted you



TOM & LEIGH ANN

Tom will lead a team to the Middle East to pray for the Muslim world and all that is happening now in that region. He will then travel on to a large Southeast Asia country where Hudson Taylor served. We have been working there for over 12 years.

- Pray for the unreached minority people group that we have been ministering to for several years. Several have come to faith and we are looking for creative ways to disciple them.
- Please pray for the house church we have been serving alongside. The government has shut down their public gatherings, and they are now forced to meet secretly in homes. Pray for wisdom, courage, and clear direction as they seek to continue growing and advancing God's Kingdom under these new restrictions.
- Persecution has been increasing in this country in the last few years. Many are going to prison for their faith. Pray for boldness, courage and encouragement as they follow Jesus in these increasingly difficult circumstances.

TYLER & CLAUDIA

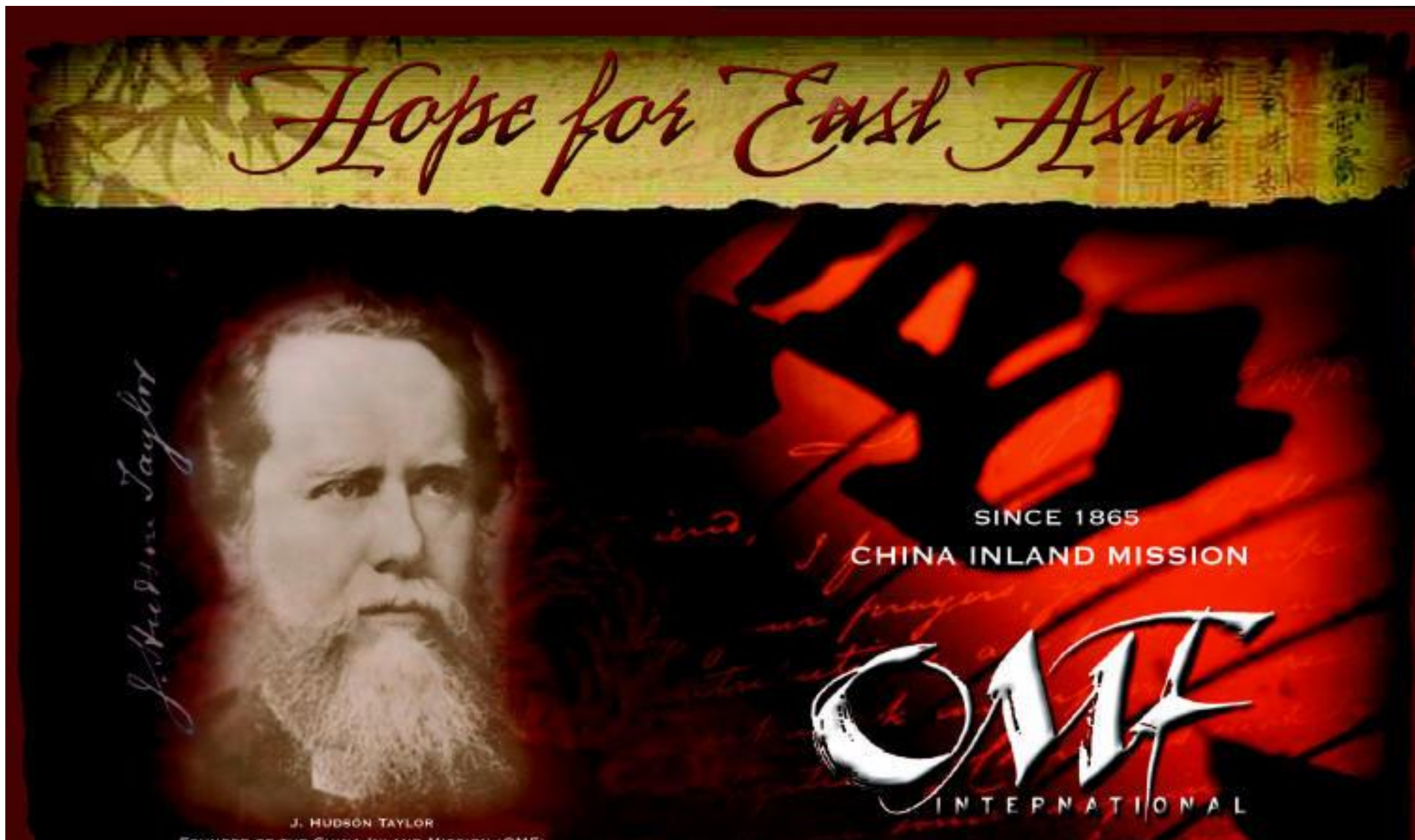


- Some believing friends of ours are in the process of planting a local-only church. They are currently struggling to find a safe place to meet, as congregating as a body is illegal. Please pray that a location with a believing landlord will be made known to them by August, as they hope to officially begin services at that time.
- Pray for us as we are at the beginning of language acquisition. The language spoken here is very difficult for English speakers to learn! Our prayer is that we will be able to communicate effectively with our neighbors. We have already had many encounters where locals have been taken aback by our effort to learn their language, and we pray this would be a picture of God to them!
- Pray that the Lord would be our guide and comforter. Pray for wisdom about which relationships to invest in as we grow roots and build community in our city. Pray also that He would comfort us in our longing to know and be known by people here, and that He would comfort us as we miss friends, family, and church from the States.



Some call this the “Chinese Century” because of China’s rising role on the world stage. It had more people than any other country (until 2023 when it was surpassed by India), and has massive influence on world economics and politics. China invests billions of dollars in Africa, Asia, and Latin America to develop trade, but also to gain influence. But it also remains politically oppressive and corrupt. It has a poor human rights record, and imposes harsh laws and punishments. The cult of personality surrounding President Xi, the increasingly bellicose tone of China’s foreign policy, and the accelerating oppression of minorities and dissidents should compel us to prayer! Pray for God to do a mighty work in and through the Chinese government.





Our story began with one man praying for 24 workers to go to China. Today, our team of over 2,500 from over 40 countries serve East Asian people around the world.

SUMMER BOOK LIST

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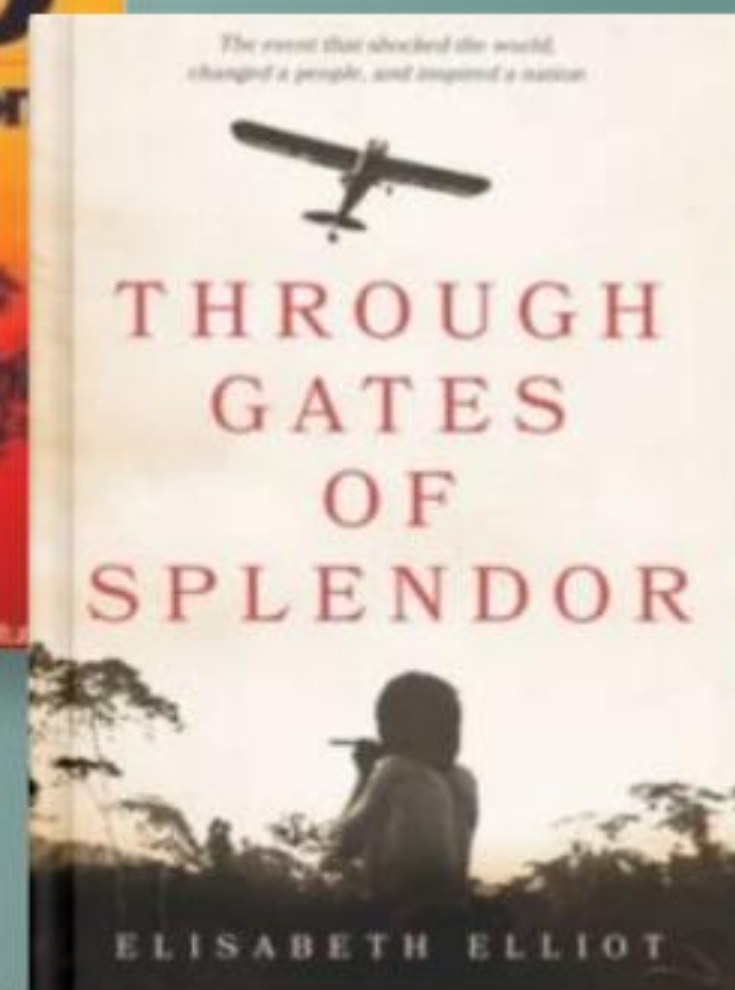
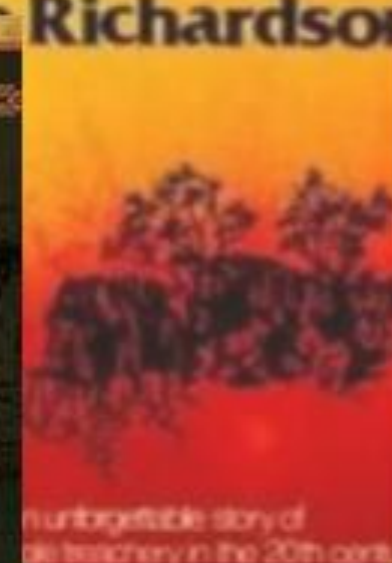
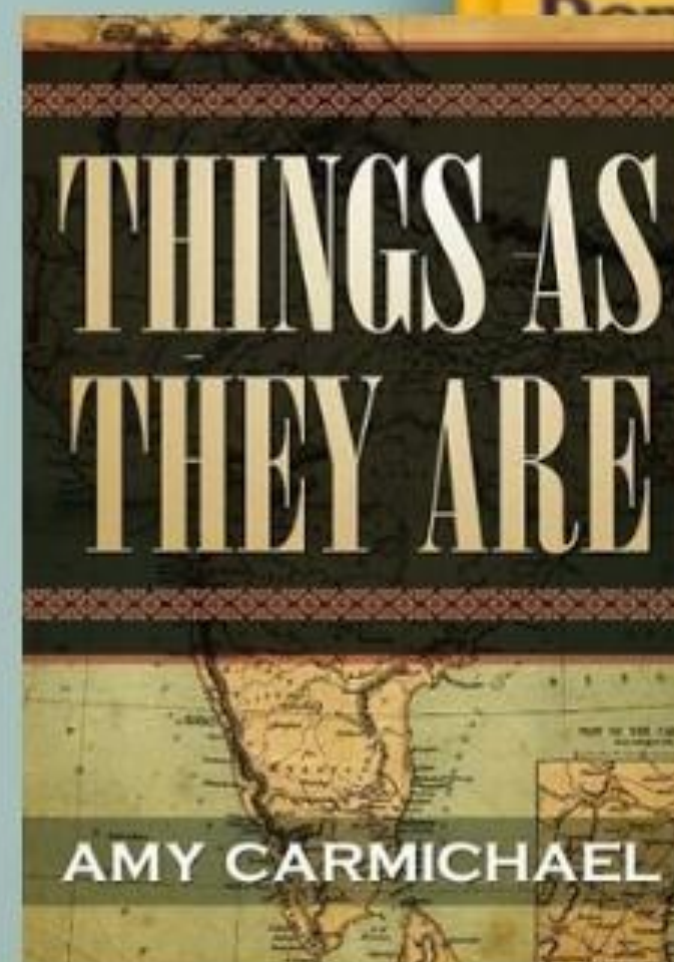
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