

## **Facts about China**

- One third of all people in the world not reached by Christianity live in China.
- In 1949, there were only about 3 million Catholics in China and today there are 10,000,000.
- There is at least an equal number of worshippers in the Catholic Underground as in the Open church.
- Only five religions are approved in China: Buddhism, Daoism, Islam, and Christianity (Protestant and Catholic}.
- The churches must operate under the religious policies devised by the Communist Party.
- In the ancient tradition the only orthodox and legal ideology was Confucianism.
- Buddhism, Taoism and Islam were legal but unorthodox.
- Christianity was grouped with cults and other scret societies as illegal and heretical.
- Today the only orthodox and legal ideologies are Marxism and Leninism
- Government recognized religious groups are legal but unorthodox.
- Religious groups not registered or recognized by the government are heretical and illegal. This includes all underground Catholics, all house churches, and all other religious sects.
- Religious activities must be carried out in places designated by the government.
- By registering with the government, a religious group within the five approved religions can have public worship.