

~ SPIRITUAL CAUTION ~

In light of some troublesome feedback received from the church in Hezuo in 2004, and concerns for Americans traveling internationally, it seems important to remind you, our GANSU, INC volunteers, of some important issues regarding our Christian testimony while in China, and our email communications to others outside of China.

Our public profile where we serve should be positive, but not evangelistic. We should present ourselves as ambassadors, but not public evangelists. We have observed over the years that the most effective Christian testimony is done on a private one-on-one basis. This means that we should minimize our public testimony around the trailer and in the hospital. Our affiliation with the local church congregation should not be trumpeted. We should simply have our driver drop us off and pick us up without much fanfare nor lingering in the vicinity of the church. Individual and team praise and worship activities should be confined to private gatherings in hotel rooms, or in the confined supply/break room assigned to us at the hospital.

Our email communications to and from China should be discrete, with spiritual references to the Bible, the Lord, prayer, and other Christians, written in some form of code, so as to not be too obvious to non-Christians who might be reading the text. We need to be especially sensitive to protecting the Christian identity of our Chinese colleagues, patients, hospital employees, and church members so that we do not inadvertently subject them to harm.

Please be mindful of these issues while serving with GANSU, INC so that we will be a blessing to our Chinese friends and not jeopardize their (or our) safety, nor our mission. Due to the potential serious consequences associated with this matter, it is requested that you acknowledge having received and read this document by signing it and returning a signed copy to the GANSU, INC office. By signing this statement, it will be assumed you intend to adhere to the direction offered herein.

Volunteer Signature