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Greeting from the Unique City of San Ming, China,

CHINA QUAKES 12,000+ Persons dead

An Earthquake measuring 7.9 shakes China, and is felt in some surrounding countries like Vietnam and Thailand. Currently 12,000 people are dead and this number is continuing to rise. The quake was followed by about 30 different aftershocks.

This quake happened at 2:28 pm Monday afternoon, because of the timing of the quake many children were in school. One school collapsed on over 900 students. Two chemical plants collapsed killing over 600 people and burying another 2,300. A train hauling diesel and gasoline fuel derailed and caught fire.

A collapsed school Dujiangyan city.

Rescue efforts are hampered because of the remoteness of the area, and the large amount of landslides caused by the quake. Rescue workers are only able to reach within 6 miles of the hardest hit area.

Pictures from the Associated Press

For my devotions tonight I was thinking about the earthquakes and the recent disaster in Burma. I am reminded of the verse:

Luk 21:11 And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven.

God is coming back soon. The Bible says these things are the beginning of Christ return. Are you ready?

C U Later,

Stephen Burkholder

PS: Since my arrival in China we had one of the biggest snow disasters in Chinese history.

We had the biggest earthquake in over 30 years.

Myanmar had a big disaster. Each one of these areas has a link #1 each one of these area are in some way closed to the gospel of Jesus Christ and have persecuted many persons.

Keep Praying for China.

China for Christ, Christ for China!

Praise God He is coming back soon!!!