## **SALVATION THEATRE**

## August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Salvation Theatre ~ presented the movie "<u>Hudson Taylor</u>", by A Ken Anderson Films Presentation. Hudson was the founder of China Inland Mission (CIM, which is now OMF International). This young British man whom God called to China in the 1800's, had a passion for souls and did whatever he could to reach the Chinese people. He went against Western tradition when he chose to adopt the native Chinese clothes and grow his hair out to wear a pigtail with a shaven forehead. Through this simple act, the hearts of the people were open to him. Using his medical training, he was instrumental in opening clinics in the interior of China, where over the years; he became very fluent in Mandarin, Chaozhou and the Wu dialects of Shanghai and Ningbo.

Over his 51 years of ministry, CIM was apparently responsible for over 800 missionaries and 125 schools, which were directly responsible for 18,000 conversions to Christianity. What stands out to me about Hudson is that his face was set like a flint regarding the call on his life. Many situations and people tried to deter him, but he was steadfast and unmovable.

A quote in a letter he wrote to his sister Amelia in 1860 he says; "If I had a thousand pounds China should have it – if I had a thousand lives, China should have them. No! Not China, but Christ. Can we do too much for Him? Can we do enough for such a precious Saviour?" A good note to end on, Can we do too much for Him (Christ)? I think not.

James 5:20 says; "Let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins." Amen.

