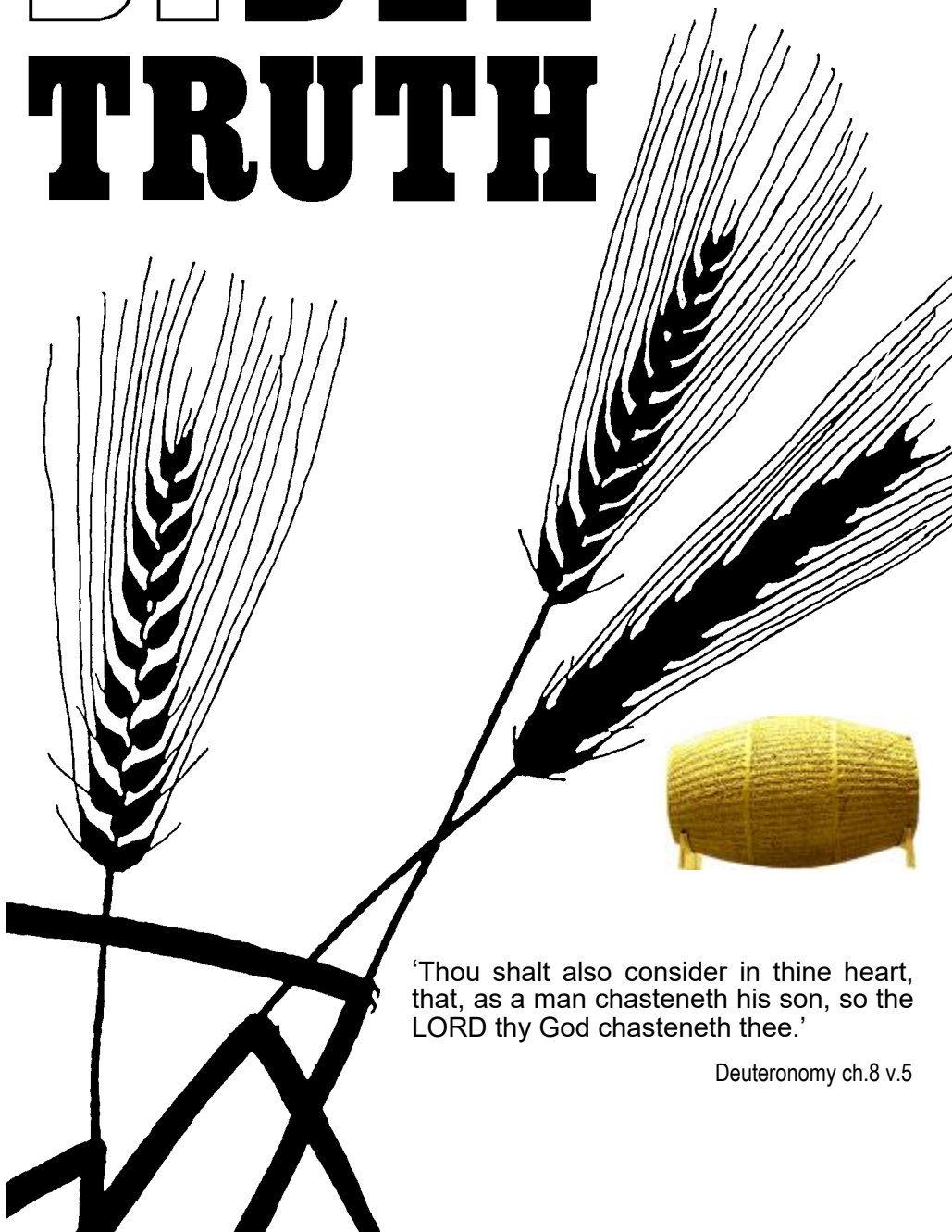


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'Thou shalt also consider in thine heart,
that, as a man chasteneth his son, so the
LORD thy God chasteneth thee.'

Deuteronomy ch.8 v.5

Who founded Wuhan's Hospital?

During the outbreak of Covid-19 virus in Wuhan, China, the hospital where whistle blower Dr Li Wenliang worked was often the focus of media attention. But, how many journalists made mention of how the hospital came into being? It seems that only one noticed the statue in front of the hospital.

The Chinese State media now boast that medical teams from the country's best hospitals came to Wuhan to bring about the speedy turnaround in defeating the virus. The Chinese point to the fact that cases outside China far exceed those that raged inside it and they now stand ready to send out their doctors to save the rest of the world.

This is ironic because this sort of expertise in China was not always the case. The solitary sculpture standing in front of the hospital depicts Eustachius Zanolli, the founder of the predecessor of what is now known as Wuhan Central Hospital.

Zanolli, a Christian, built the first hospital in Wuhan in 1880 and invited the Italian Canossian Daughters of Charity to come and run it. For decades, it was operated by the Roman Catholic Church. When the Communist government took it over in 1955, it became known as the Wuhan Second Hospital.

Eventually in 1999, the Second Hospital split off to form the Wuhan Central Hospital. It was there that Dr Li Wenliang discovered patients with severe pneumonia and became one of the first to alert the world regarding the outbreak of Covid-19.

And so Wuhan's heroic health care staff were working in hospitals founded by Western missionaries.

