You can learn another language! (Matt 24:14; 9:38; *okm* 07/5; *g*07 3 p10-12)

* attitude / effort+perseverance / some ways easier & more fun / fine results / need your help
* master some basics - how to build sentences
* gather a beginner's vocabulary & key phrases - use word lists
- can speak like a child - express simple thoughts ['pictures'] joined by link words
- be adaptable - open mind to different form of expression - say it their way
- practise - a little and often - immersion - eat, drink, sleep it [6 days start?]
- a rut or a step up? - set manageable portions to apply immediately

1 (Word list, key phrases up - to 10 words at a time)

I	wǒ	we	wǒmen
you	nǐ	YOU	nǐmen
he, she, it	tā	they	tāmen
speak	shuō	Hi! Hello! Howdy!	Nǐ hǎo!

2 (Simple thoughts)

I	speak	wǒ	shuō
you		nǐ	
he, she, it		tā	
we		wǒmen	
YOU		nǐmen	
they		tāmen	

3 (Ask questions)

Mandarin	pǔtōnghuà	is it so?	ma?

4 (How to build sentences)

You	***nǐ***
You ***speak***	nǐ ***shuō***
You speak ***Mandarin***	nǐ shuō ***pǔtōnghuà***
You speak Mandarin, ***is it so?*** [=do you?]	nǐ shuō pǔtōnghuà ***ma?***

5 (Be ready for answers)

correct!	duì!	I do speak it	shuō
no, not	bù [or bú]	I do not speak it	bù shuō

6 (Suitable for immediate use in field or meetings)

xīwàng	would like to	míngbai	understand
bāngzhù	help	Shèngjīng	the Bible [Holy Scriptures]

7 (Adapt your use of different words)

You understand	***Nǐ míngbai***
You understand, ***do you?*** [= is it so?]	Nǐ míngbai ***ma?***
You understand ***the Bible***, do you?	Nǐ míngbai ***Shèngjīng*** ma?

8 (Build up sentences gradually)

We	***Wǒmen***
We ***would like***	Wǒmen ***xīwàng***
We would like ***to help***	Wǒmen xīwàng ***bāngzhù***
We would like to help ***you***	Wǒmen xīwàng bāngzhù ***nǐ***
We would like to help you ***to understand***	Wǒmen xīwàng bāngzhù nǐ ***míngbai***
We would like to help you to understand ***the Bible***	Wǒmen xīwàng bāngzhù nǐ míngbai ***Shèngjīng***

9 (Use link words to join two simple thoughts)

If … [= in the case that …]	rúguǒ …	then … [=in that case …]	nàmuǒ …
come	lái	go	qù
study	xuéxí	meeting	jùhuì

	You would like		***Nǐ xīwàng***
	You would like ***to study***		Nǐ xīwàng ***xuéxí***
	You would like to study ***the Bible***		Nǐ xīwàng xuéxí ***Shèngjīng***
If	you would like to study the Bible	***Rúguǒ***	nǐ xīwàng xuéxí Shèngjing

	I would like		***Wǒ xīwàng***
	I would like ***to come***		Wǒ xīwàng ***lái***
	I would like to come ***to help***		Wǒ xīwàng lái ***bāngzhù***
	I would like to come to help ***you***		Wǒ xīwàng lái bāngzhù ***nǐ***
then	I would like to come to help you	***nàmuǒ***	wǒ xīwàng lái bāngzhù nǐ

10 (Try to find a simpler expression)

For example, re-express "If you would like to go to the meeting I'd be happy to come and pick you up."

You	would like	I	come	help	you	go	meeting	, mm?
Nǐ	xīwàng	wǒ	lái	bāngzhù	nǐ	qù	jùhuì	, ma?

11 (Learn some phrases for your purpose)

Please	[you]	accept	this		invitation
Qǐng	[nǐ]	jiēshòu	zhèfèn [*or* zhège]		qǐngtiě
Please	write	you r [='s]	name	and	mobile number
Qǐng	xiě	nǐ de	míngzi	hé	shǒujī hàomǎ
Very	happy	to get to know [=meet]		you	
Hěn	gāoxìng	rènshi		nǐ	

Thank you, thank you!
Xièxie, xièxie!

12 (Use experienced help, if available)

Your elders know how to advise you.