

A Chinese Missionary Newsletter



Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

We wish you a happy and blessed New Year! May your life be filled with God's grace!

December was a very busy season for evangelism. We are thankful for the arrival of the Home Church Short Term Mission team, which gave us the opportunity to go into three public schools to perform a skit of the Nativity story and share the message of God's love with students and teachers, as well as to participate in various evangelistic activities in the community. About 2,000 people heard the message of the Good News through these activities, most of whom were children in elementary schools. When we went to a public school with 1600 students, the children were all dressed in red and green. The facilitating teacher asked the children if they knew what Christmas was about. One child answered that it was the celebration of the birth of Jesus, and the teacher told the children that everyone wore red and green to show respect for Jesus. We were so impressed by their teaching, because public schools in this country are all of Buddhist background and teach the children to recite the Buddhist scriptures every day. It was God's grace that we had the opportunity to share the Nativity story in the form of a skit in this Christmas season. At the two

schools in another province, the children kept asking us if we would come again and were very reluctant to see us leave.



While the Gospel was being preached, spiritual warfare was also becoming intense. The local co-worker who helped us with translation and coordination began to face great spiritual attacks in early December. Her brother passed away suddenly in early December, and then she had a very sore throat throughout the month. On the last day of our planned programs, she almost lost her voice but managed to complete the translation with her last strength.

The fiercest battle took place on the second day after the Home Church Mission team's arrival. we took the team to a nearby Buddhist temple, intending them to have a cultural tour. Shortly after we left of the temple, while H was driving and making a U-turn, a speeding pick-up truck hit our car. the scene was horrible. I (P) was in another car but witnessed the whole accident. It was as like a scene from a movie. The front of the car was crashed. The ground was covered with leaking oil all the way down. One of the sisters in the car was covering her eyes with hands and her face was covered with blood. H was unconscious in the driver's seat because the airbag had popped up and hit his head. We had to call an ambulance to take the wounded people to hospital. This was our first ride in an ambulance in this country!

At the hospital, H and the wounded sister received a thorough check. Amazingly, both of them were fine. The corner of the sister's eye needed stitches, but there was no injury to the eye. As with H, he was literally unscathed except for several bruises. When we reflected on it later, we realized it was really the Lord's marvelous protection. God used signs and wonders to preserve our lives, “We live, move, and remain in Him”. Although Satan attacked, our Lord Jesus had overcome death. What was especially touching was that the day before the car accident, we had already invited children from the community to come to the church to participate in Christmas activities on the next day, but two people had now had to stay at hospital. The Home Church team decided to go to the church on their own, and together with the local workers they completed the whole gospel program without any problems. All other gospel activities that had been arranged were also completed as planned, and H recovered well and was able to preach on the next Sunday. I was reminded of what Paul says in Philippians, “I will know that you stand firm in one spirit, contending as one man for the faith of the gospel without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you.” (Philippians 1:27-28)

We also want to thank you who have been praying for us as soon as the accident happened. Many brothers and sisters from the local church were also praying for us and offered help in various ways. Your prayers are precious!

Please continue to pray for the following things –

1. Pray for the Home Church team and our local workers. After this spiritual battle, may God strengthen them and heal them completely.
2. Our community English and Chinese class will start again on 18 January. Pray for all our teachers and students. Pray that both the children and their parents will find the love from Jesus.
3. Pray for the legal procedures we need to go through after the car accident.

Thank you for staying with us and upholding us with your precious prayers!

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