

# A Visit to A Sister And Her Husband in Hospital

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## Review of the Visit

Sister P is a member of our small group. She fell while picking up her grandson after school and fractured her pelvic bone and femur. After the accident, our group prayed for her surgery and recovery, and we also prayed for future visitations. After she was discharged from the hospital, I organized our group to visit her—both to practice the biblical command to love one another and also to take the opportunity to share the gospel with her husband, Uncle C.

Sister P came to faith because of a major crisis her second daughter experienced—she was deceived in a financial scam involving more than 30 million yuan. This disaster shattered the family: her husband wanted a divorce; her 17-year-old child dropped out of school to work; and her daughter repeatedly attempted suicide. Eventually, Sister P's youngest son, C.G., shared the gospel with his second sister and encouraged her to go to church. The church brothers and sisters accompanied her with love and helped her walk out of her suicidal state. Even though God did not remove the debt, she was able to face life again, work while repaying debt, file lawsuits, and pursue justice. Through all this she experienced God's grace. As a result, Sister P was baptized last November.

Our small group understood her family's situation, and during the visit the sisters felt moved to give her financial support as an expression of our love and care.

Before this accident, during Bible studies, Sister P often complained about her husband—how unhelpful he was, how he didn't do housework, and how he nagged constantly. But after her injury, since their son and daughter-in-law had to work, her husband became the primary caregiver. He cooked meals, took care of her daily needs, and picked up their grandson from school.

During our visit, Sister P voluntarily praised her husband in front of us, acknowledging how hard he had worked to take care of her and the family. When we entered the home, Uncle C happened to be doing laundry for the whole family. The four of us took turns affirming him and thanking him for his sacrifices. He was visibly happy.

I said, "Uncle C, God sees all that you are doing for your family. Would you be willing to join the baptism class in June and be baptized in August?"

He replied, "I don't want to be baptized."

I asked, "Why not?"

He said, "My wife got baptized, and within half a year she broke her leg. Why didn't God protect her?"

At that moment I silently asked God for wisdom and the Spirit's leading. I responded, "We may not understand now why God allowed this to happen, but I believe God has a plan—to help us experience Him more deeply, and perhaps so that one day we can comfort others who go through similar trials. All things work together for the good of those who love God."

The other sisters also shared with him their testimonies and the blessings they experienced after believing in Christ.

Uncle C said, "I do believe. I go to church with my wife. But I don't want to be baptized right now."

I said, "That's okay. We will pray for you. You can wait for God's timing. Just keep coming to church every Sunday."

We continued chatting casually. Sister P shared how she experienced God's grace during her hospitalization—how her son had purchased health insurance just three days before her accident. Had she fallen earlier, nothing would have been covered. She stayed in the hospital for more than 20 days and underwent major surgery, yet 70% of the expenses were reimbursed; she only paid a little over 5,000 yuan out of pocket. Through a connection from a church brother, the orthopedic department head personally cared for her. Through this trial, her relationship with her husband and daughter-in-law was restored, and she saw how much they truly cared for her. She experienced God's love and the love of the church.

At the end of the visit, the four of us prayed in turn for Sister P, for Uncle C, and for their family—asking the Lord to continue healing her and to call Uncle C to Himself.

## **Strategy and Reflections**

### **1. Prayer**

Before the visit, we prayed for the timing and the right people to go. During the visit, especially when responding to gospel-related questions, we relied on the Holy Spirit’s leading. Everything—from the visit itself to inviting someone to baptism—was sustained by prayer. Through prayer, we experienced God’s presence and help.

### **2. Incarnational Love**

Sister P’s injury became an opportunity for ministry. We need to love others as Jesus did—by entering into their needs. Before visiting, we sought to understand their situation and relational tensions. During the visit, we affirmed her husband publicly, helping her see his strengths. We guided them to recall God’s grace in their family and to see that no matter their trials, God’s care has always been present.

### **3. Ongoing Follow-up**

In this family, everyone—wife, son, daughter, daughter-in-law, and grandson—are Christians except Uncle C. His son has already shared the gospel with him. Our hope was to use this visit to invite him again to baptism class. Although he declined, we will continue following up.

## **Conclusion**

Visitation is a form of pre-evangelism. Every act of love we extend through a visit moves a seeker one step closer to the salvation found in the gospel. It is like a hungry person needing ten buns to be satisfied: every visit, every follow-up, every expression of God’s love feeds them a little more. When the tenth “bun” comes, their heart becomes ready for baptism and for Christ.

May the Lord call many more of His people to Himself.