



South Africa
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Prayer Letter
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Dear Prayer Partners,

Thank God for His mercy. We visited Mr. and Mrs. Liang, the couple who were robbed, a few weeks ago and found that their lives are back to normal. They are feeling more relaxed and not so worried and afraid. God obviously has been working in their hearts. They initiated many topics regarding Christianity, its origin, history and development over the centuries. We had a very good exchange and parted after lunch. Please continue to pray for their salvation. Due to the general economic downturn, deflation of the South African currency, the government's plan to grab land without compensation and the possible resulting unrest, they are not sure if they want to continue doing business in South Africa. This is actually the current attitude of the Chinese business community. Please pray for South Africa's ruling party and its leaders that they will uphold justice for the good of the country.

We were in Taiwan visiting families during the first half of the month. We also met with some brothers and sisters who returned to Taiwan from South Africa. They have a common experience of readjustment difficulty, especially in finding a home church. One couple took three years to finally settle down in a church. Most of them accepted Christ in South Africa and got used to the church life in South Africa. They face a different "culture" in Taiwan and find it hard to have a sense of belonging. This creates a danger of not attending church and wandering on their own. One sister is in this situation, and she is also facing a family crisis. We were able to encourage her, gave her our advice and prayed with her. She then realized that she is not alone; God had sent different people to come to her aid at many critical times. By looking at the sparkles in her eyes, we were grateful for the enduring love of our Lord! One older sister shared with us the marriage problem of one of her sons. We comforted her and prayed with her, and she was consoled. We thank God for giving us the opportunities to help them during their transition period. We trust that our Lord will continue to protect and guide them.

People face different life issues at different points of their lives, Christians are no exceptions. One older couple in our church has been struggling lately. They worked hard in their business all their lives and brought up their two children. Now they are retired and facing an empty nest. They started to drift apart. The husband even stopped coming to church and refused to be visited. We continue to stay by the side of the wife and pray with her. Thank God! Their relationship has been improving, and they now plan on visiting their children's families together. Another young couple recently was in a fight for some small matters, but it soon escalated to an uncontrollable level. The husband was locked out of their home. Another family experienced great conflicts between the parents and their grown son who is still living at home. We did everything we could to visit and counsel to no avail. All left to be done is to continue praying for them! May the Lord change their hearts to examine themselves, to submit to God and make amends. Please pray for us that we have wisdom from above to serve people during the different phases of their lives.

It is time again for our furlough. Here is our schedule: US:2018/11/29 – 2019/1/23;
Taiwan:2019/1/24 – 2019/2/7; Hong Kong:2019/2/8 – 2019/2/18. Hope to see you again to personally extend our gratitude for your support, and at the same time, share with you our ministry and experience of God's wonderful work for the past three years.

Prayer Requests:

1. Thank God for the abundant rain in Cape Town. We are now out of our water crisis.
2. Please continue to pray for the salvation of Mr. and Mrs. Liang. May the Lord continue to guide them in their search for truth and grant us opportunities to lead them to Christ.
3. Please pray for those who are experiencing marriage and family problems in our church.
4. Please pray for those who had returned to Taiwan from South Africa that they can readjust to their new living environment and continue to grow in the Lord.
5. Please continue to pray for our safety as we travel to different cities and towns.

In His service,
Ko-Ta & Christina