



South Africa
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Prayer Letter
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Dear Prayer Partners,

Praise the Lord! Two sisters were baptized in April. Sister Huang was born in the Fujian Province of China. She rejected idol worship since she was a little girl. When she was in China, a Christian lady paid for all her expenses so she could go overseas. Until now, it is still a mystery to her! She used to be a bad-tempered person, very self-centered but seriously lack of self-confident and was very unhappy. Then she met an older Christian lady who showed kindness towards her and told her about God and the Christian faith. She was deeply moved, started to comprehend the truth and gradually changed her ways. After she accepted Christ as her personal Savior, she became a lot calmer, no longer as quick-tempered, more self-confident and not afraid to attempt new things. She also learnt to put her trust in the Lord, to put herself in other people's shoes and to care about other people. She now views life with hope! This really encourages us to continue to do good to others, share the truth and sow the seed of the gospel whenever the opportunity arises.

We knew Sister Sun for more than 15 years but did not have many chances to talk to her. There were only once or twice that we were able to share the gospel with her. Before she accepted Christ, she had no purpose in life. She is a single mom with two children. Even though she has a successful business and is able to support her children abundantly, she used to feel empty and insecure. As a result, she followed the way of the world. She knew she was far away from God but was afraid to approach Him. God never forgets her! A sister in Christ had a burden to help her. She remains a trusted friend to her over the years and invites her to Bible studies. Sister Sun longed to leave her way of life and experience the love of Christ. God is faithful! She experienced His love when she came to Him truthfully and opened her heart to Him. Now she is full of joy and thanksgiving. She is determined to glorify Him by living a godly life! Sister Sun's testimony truly reminds us that there are many in the world that wish to be free from the bondage of sin and are looking for the purpose of life. May we be sensitive to other people's needs and show them God's love.

A few weeks ago, we traveled through Bloemfontein and visited some brothers and sisters that we had not seen for years. Some had already moved away, and we met others at their Bible study. Each person had been through different hardship of lives, yet God was with them through it all. "But the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear Him, on those whose hope is in His unfailing love." (Ps. 33:18) The church's current congregation is mainly from Fuqing. We thank God that some of them have been actively serving in the church; a few of them are also involved in outreach missions in nearby cities as well as leading Bible studies and preaching. May the Lord continue to bless their service for the gospel.

We also paid a special visit to Sister Annali. Her husband, Jan, was of one of the elders at the Bloemfontein Dutch Reformed Church. They were instrumental in establishing the Chinese church some 30 years ago. They love the Chinese, and many came to know Christ because of them. Sister Annali just experienced a relapse of her stomach cancer. The doctor had stopped all treatment, and she just moved back to her own home. When we saw her, she was calm and in good spirit. She was keen to know how we were doing and wanted to hear all the updates of our ministries. Elder Jan even joked that Sister Annali already got her visa and was waiting to board her flight for the Kingdom of God. They were full of the eternal peace in Christ! We said our last goodbye after we prayed for her and her family. There was no sadness, because we knew we would see each other again in heaven someday!

Prayer Requests:

1. May the Lord watch over Sister Annali on her last days and comfort Elder Jan and the family.
2. We praise the Lord for Sister Huang and Sister Sun. Please pray for their continued growth in faith.
3. Please continue to pray for the complete recovery of Brother Yang's hand.
4. Please continue to pray for Brother Zhang's daughter (she was diagnosed with anxiety disorder). She is getting better now. May the Lord carry her through the rest of the treatment.
5. Please continue to pray for our safety as we travel to different cities and towns.

In His service,
Ko-Ta & Christina