



Germany
Karen Tang's prayer letter
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Dear brothers and sisters,

Many people got serious flu this year! I thought I would escape from catching the flu since the temperature had climbed up a bit. Unfortunately, there were two wearing mask sitting right after me during last Sunday service. In addition, one elder brother who just got this serious flu came to my house for a meeting. Inescapably I got the flu myself last Tuesday.

Although I got sick, I was full of joy because we finally started a Cantonese speaking bible study group last Monday. There are two Hong Kong mothers living in my neighborhood. One of them came to our church because of her marriage problem. Later she became a believer and I taught a baptismal course in Cantonese with her alone. She was later being baptized. Because of her shifting work hours, she hasn't been regularly attending Sunday Service. At the same time, she developed a new hobby, hiking. She organized a hiking activity once a month with the local Chinese. She has been doing this for two years already. I tried to tell her not to organize activity on Sunday but she didn't listen then. But somehow, God has touched her at the beginning of this year. After talking to some of us, she decided to change her activity from Sunday to Saturday so that she can attend Sunday Service when she is not at work. Even more grateful, she finally agreed to organize a Cantonese speaking bible study group each month. Since she came to Germany at a very young age, she has been living here for 20-30 years. Like many who came at those early days, she worked in restaurants. So, she knew more Cantonese speaking people. Through her connection, there were 12 in our first meeting; 4 retirees, some even drove from near-by city. Some of them were surprised to see each other again in my place after several decades. We have a younger brother whose father is also a cook. He is studying in university and is willing to support us.

After several seminars, the student group in Giessen started bible study every week since February. Every time there were several students. There were more male students at our very first meeting. But since our bible study, there were more female students who came. There is one family where the husband is a visiting scholar and the wife is a PhD student. They have a small daughter. So far, these students are either from the language school or studying PhD. More interestingly, there are two teenagers who feel boring in the adult group and found themselves too old for Sunday School. So, they also like to join our student group.

Thanksgiving and prayer items:

- 1. Thank God for touching the Cantonese speaking sister so that she would treasure the time of worshiping God on Sunday and saw the need to evangelize to the Cantonese speaking Chinese here. So, she was willing to change her activity from Sunday to Saturday and organize the Cantonese speaking bible study group. Pray that these people would come to know our God! Thank God also for touching the sister to read more the bible for she fears that she would be asked by these people.**
- 2. Thank God for bringing those students to the Giessen student bible study group! Pray for the two students who need to pass their language exam, in order to enter university. Thank God for the support of the German church to give us an extra room for bible study purpose. However, every time they have activity, we have to seek for another place. Pray that God will help us for a better arrangement each time!**
- 3. Thank God for keeping the elderlies and middle aged brothers and sisters in good shape! Ever since the student ministry started, they have to bring one or two dishes of extra portion of food to church each week to share with the students!**
- 4. Pray that God will keep those (including me and small children) who got sick so that they may get recovery soon!**

May God's peace and joy be with you!

Thank you for your prayer support and remembering us!

Serving Him,
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