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Prayer Letter  
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Dear brothers and sisters,

***"That they may know that You alone, whose name is the Lord, Are the Most High over all the earth."***

***Psalms 83:18***

I am sorry that I did not have a chance to meet the brothers and sisters in the South Bay area during my furlough this summer. This was mainly due to the fact that I was unable to drive that far and some meetings were held on zoom. However, I am thankful that I was able to meet brothers and sisters physically and meet some new brothers and sisters and pastors, and share with each other God's marvelous works. Thank you for your hospitality, and especially thank to the brothers and sisters who came to drive me to the meetings!

I had planned to go to a 100-year-old sister's celebration, but when I arrived in Canada, I was tested with Covid-19 and had to be quarantined. After that, I was thankful that I still had the chance to visit the elderly sister (a Canadian). When I gave her a red pocket, she knew it was a "goodwill" money by saying it in Chinese. She was touched to see that so many students from other countries whom she and her husband had hosted in the past had come back to celebrate her 100th birthday with her after several decades, which was a great surprise to her!

A sister who was planning to get married in September had her mom suddenly return to Heavenly Father's arms in May. In order to support the sister, I changed my plane ticket to go back earlier in order to attend her wedding the next day. We are thankful that her father, siblings, and many good friends flew in to attend and help, making her wedding very touching for her husband's unbelieving parents and others!

The sister who took my place in leading the Bible reading for the elderly was very happy to have me back, so she could take off the heavy responsibility and hand the group back to me. So, she did not have to notify the amnesiac sister to come online every day. When I first came back, the network was very bad and was often disconnected for a month. Later, I asked a brother to take a look at it. But, although he didn't come to take a look at it, the network was back to normal again. Later, an old brother was also unable to go online to participate in the Bible reading. Another old brother who went back to China also could not go on zoom for some reason, although he wanted to read the Bible with us.

All of the matriculants from last year's orientation have left Giessen to go to college in other cities. The only working woman left, after a year of intermittent evangelism classes, finally accepted Christ's salvation two weeks before she left Giessen. We were happy to give this gospel fruit to the Hamburg church. We started all over again, reaching out to three male and three female students (all roommates of the newly converted sister) at our two orientations this year. Since we have no students in our student fellowship, we may not be able to attract them. Not even one showed up last week.

Recently, some of the families in the Giessen Fellowship have been experiencing some difficulties. A sister hit a rock while riding her bike and was sent to the hospital for examination and was thankful that there were no broken bones. But she had a concussion and needed to lie down and rest. Since the couple opens a fast-food restaurant, the brother has to take care of the work in the restaurant as well as his wife and daughter. Another single mother has a son and a daughter. The sister is weak and often sick. Her son, who just started college, can't handle the stress and needs to be hospitalized for psychotherapy. Two families have become grandparents and sometimes need to go to their children's homes to care for their grandchildren. One of the two families is about to go back to China for more than three months. The sister in charge of the Fellowship has just been pregnant for a few months and is quite tired. As a result, the fellowship is lacking a few co-workers from the original team.

But we thank the Lord for bringing a family to Giessen with three children. When the oldest daughter saw us lead the seeker prayed the decision prayer, her mom said she could do it too. So, two weeks ago, we talked to her about the gospel and brought her to faith in Christ. (Unfortunately, last week they were on their way out of the house to come to the fellowship when their car was hit by someone and damaged.)

As this couple became involved in the fellowship, at the same time another family who just moved to Giessen, the sister also started bringing her three younger children to the fellowship. Another single sister started bringing her little one to the meetings. A sister who just got married last year gave birth to a baby two months ago. Suddenly, there are many more children in the fellowship and the children's ministry is short of staff.

#### Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:

1. I am thankful for the sharing in the churches, the meeting up with brothers and sisters, and the acquaintance of new members during my furlough!
2. I am grateful for seeing the 100-year-old sister after I got the Covid-19 and for going back to Germany to attend the sister's wedding!
3. I am thankful for the old sister who kept the bible reading on zoom going during the time of my furlough and vacation! Pray that the Lord will keep our brothers and sisters' network up and running and that they will be able to continue to participate in the Bible reading!
4. Thanks to the Lord for touching the woman working in Giessen to accept the Lord's salvation before she changed her place of work! Thank the Lord for the 12-year-old girl who accepted Christ as her Saviour because of her understanding of salvation! Pray that the Lord will keep their faith and continue to grow in God's family!
5. Pray that our sister, who is dizzy due to a concussion, will recover soon, and that her husband will have the strength to run the restaurant and take care of his family!
6. Pray that the Lord would strengthen the single mom's body so that she would have the energy to take care of her emotionally ill son. Pray for the Lord's healing for the son so that he will have the motivation and courage to continue his studies!
7. Pray for the Lord's protection over a pregnant sister that her pregnancy will go smoothly and that her body and baby will be healthy.
8. Thank the Lord for keeping the family of five who were hit by a car safe and sound! Pray for the Lord's mercy that their car will be repaired soon!
9. Thank the Lord for the families He has brought to the Giessen Fellowship! Pray for more co-workers to serve in the fellowship, student and children's ministries! Pray that new students will be moved to continue to come to the meetings and know the true God!
10. Pray for the Lord's mercy and healing as more brothers and sisters are suffering from colds recently!

Thank the Lord for allowing us, including you, to have some safe corners to continue serving the Lord in this war-torn world!

Thank you for your support and prayers!

Serving Him,  
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