



South Africa  
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Prayer Letter  
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Dear Prayer Partners,

Recently, we were introduced to Sister Zhang by one of our sisters in South Africa. She was in a bad relationship and suffered from domestic violence. As she was growing up, she was not loved and was being neglected. She tried desperately to seek love and other people's attention. As a result, she was being lured into an abusive and undignified living situation. We thank the Lord that she is now determined to leave this way of life and ask God for help. This is what she shared, "I know I am very weak. If I do not hold on to the Lord, I will never be able to hang on. God saves me; He will save me as soon as I turn back and follow Him with all my heart, all my mind and all my strength." We started a new Bible study group with her. Through specific characters of the Bible, we are helping her to re-establish her purpose of life and value system as well as her self-confidence and faith in God. We praise the Lord as we have already started to see changes in her. She told us, "The Lord is going to cleanse me, heal me and return me to the way He first created me! He will give me back those days that were destroyed by locusts! I have learned to put my eyes on Jesus, not on other people nor myself."

Today we received a copy of Brother Ou's testimony from a brother in Johannesburg. Brother Ou had stayed in Cape Town for about two years before moving to Johannesburg. We met him through his wife who was attending our Cape Town church. Brother Ou was not a believer at the time and had frequent conflicts with our sister due to her faith. We had counseled her a number of times, and she maintained a strong faith in the Lord. We had a good relationship with Brother Ou, and we were able to hold a few Bible study meetings at their home. As our sister was being transferred back to Johannesburg, we were not able to continue with our well-established rapport and our support in their marriage.

However, the Lord has His way and timing. A few months ago while he was visiting China, he was diagnosed with liver cancer and urgently needed a transplant. With unbelievable speed, a match was located, and he had a successful operation. He has become a total changed person! God also saved his marriage! We were in awe of God's wonderful deeds! He showered Brother Ou with amazing grace and mercy.

This is a reminder to us that God "is always at work to this very day." (John 5:17) No matter how one resists God, He is able to turn him around and save him; so we must not give up on anybody. Moreover, our sister's sacrifices for her faith were not in vain; they are being remembered by God. When she persisted in honoring God in her life, her husband was being won over.

Please pray for the following:

1. May the Lord help us to effectively lead our new Bible study group.
2. May the Lord continue to lead Sister Zhang out of her difficulties.
3. May the Lord continue to help Brother Ou in his recovery.
4. May the Lord continue to bless our on-line Bible study meetings and worship services.

In His service,  
Ko-Ta & Christina