



Germany
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Prayer Letter
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Dear brothers and sisters,

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.” Romans 8:28

At first, I thought that 3 months of furlough were a lot of time. But in fact, time was never enough. So, I apologise to those whom I have not contacted for meeting up with you. Besides sharing my ministry with some churches and meeting with brothers and sisters, God had some special arrangements that I never thought of. Everything is out of His grace and mercy. Thank God for His provision!

1. Thank God for some deacons of a church where I have previously served to let me share my ministry in some of their fellowships! I also thank God for the English pastor who let me share my ministry with his congregation during their in-between fellowships period. To my surprise, he told me that he knew Rev. Glaw (the founder FMCD) many years ago. He also knew one of our current missionaries, an elder from his previous church.
2. After listening to our CEM General Director’s arrangement, I had an opportunity to help with the pulpit service for a church as well as their worship service for the elderlies in a senior apartment. These elderlies are both old and physically weak and don’t have a chance to go to a local church building to worship. Among them are non-believers. Whatever their motive is (because of loneliness, of free food), they are willing to sit down and listen.
3. One thing I fear when I am away from home is having sickness. Unavoidably, I had a toothache and needed to see a dentist. The first dentist told me that there were too many teeth that needed to get fixed, not only that the cost would be very expensive but he didn’t have enough time to do it. He told me to do it in Germany. But God sent me “an angel”. A Christian sister told me that her relative was a dentist. She would ask him if he was willing to help. He replied the next day and told her that since I worked for the Lord, he would work for me without charge. Although I needed to fly to Vancouver, God provided an accommodation for me as well. After two visits to the dentist, God through this brother not only fixed my teeth, he also beautified them. Everyone who saw my teeth would praise his technique and his love!
4. After seeing a photo of a retired missionary couple from Germany with a sister, I asked her to find their contact. It was not easy to see them who lived in South California. They came to North California for some visits. It was nice to meet them again. Later, the missionary gave me a contact no. of a Hong Kong sister who is now living in a town near Frankfurt. After I returned, I contacted her and wanted to invite her to our Cantonese bible study group. To my amazement, I happen to know her landlady who already invited her to come. Her landlady herself had never attended because her child was still young before.

5. After furlough, I flew to Canada for family reunion. I was glad to see that my sisters had prepared a surprise for my eldest brother-in-law's 80th birthday!

Autumn has started in Germany when I returned. Although I had begun to adjust to the cold weather in Canada, I still caught a cold soon. So, I missed this year's South German Gospel Camp which was being held last week. Instead, I went to Giessen for their series of welcome new students' activities. I was told that there was no new student at the first activity. But last week 3 new students came, one of whom had come to our BBQ activity in May.

This year, Frankfurt Chinese Church will have a similar Christmas activity like last year. Every fellowship will perform something. Some fellowships have started preparing. Because of such activity, some non-believers are more involved. They will go to church even though they might not go at other times.

Thanksgiving and prayer items:

1. Thank God for His provision so that I had a fruitful furlough and joyous serving!
2. Pray that God will bring new comers to our welcome new students' activities and they will stay for the bible study afterwards!
3. Giessen Fellowship will hold a Christmas activity on the 8th December. Pray that our Lord will prepare our speaker's message to our seekers. Pray that God will lead our brothers and sisters for the preparation and the practice of our children every week! Pray that God will touch new comers to listen the good news!
4. Pray that God will bring our fellowships of Frankfurt Chinese Church together as they prepare for the Christmas activity! Pray that our seekers will have opportunities to hear the gospel!
5. Frankfurt Chinese Church will have a baptismal service on 11th Nov. Pray that God will keep the faith of the brothers and sisters who are going to be baptised! Pray that their testimonies will touch those who have not yet known our Lord!
6. Glad to see that two couples will get married near the end of the year! One couple who just graduated recently, will be married on 17th Nov. It is a double blessing to them. Another couple will get married the Sat. before Christmas. Pray that God will bless their marriage! Both venues are very far and glad that there are some brothers and sisters to keep me company!

Thank you once again for your warm receptions, love offerings and prayers!

Pray that you would count God's blessings especially during this Thanksgiving period!

Happy Thanksgiving!

God bless!

Serving Him,
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