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Prayer Letter  
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Dear brothers and sisters,

***“They will still yield fruit in old age; They shall be full of sap and very green, To declare that the Lord is upright; He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.” Psalms 92:14-15***

Thank the LORD for looking after His righteous people! Last Sunday, our church celebrated the 95th birthday of the oldest sister in the church. In the last few years, she has had numerous falls, including a broken bone during the pandemic, which required surgery and no one was allowed to visit her, and a fall at the end of last year, which broke six ribs. In spite of this, God still preserved her, and she still doesn't need crutches, and she can still walk as long as she has someone to help her. Because of the pandemic, she has lost communication with people, so her communication is a bit confused. Despite this, her son still drives his mom to Sunday services every week, even though he doesn't understand Chinese. She herself is happy to come and greet others with a smile, and even the children go to say hello to her.

In January, we visited a good friend of this old sister, whom they met when they came to Germany in the early years. She is also close to 80 years old, but she is in good health. Although her hands are trembling, she can still cook for her family and even go grocery shopping by bus. During the pandemic, we bought her an iPad and taught her how to use zoom, so that she could also attend our Cantonese Bible study. Later, she moved in with her son and helped out at his restaurant. After she fainted, she didn't dare to help out anymore. Last year, her house was finally rebuilt after several years, which started just before the pandemic. She finally had her own house and her life was stabilized, so I invited her to come to the Bible reading. After teaching her how to go on zoom, she forgot how to go on zoom for the first few days, and she just pressed the buttons randomly (I recently went to check her iPad, and she even pressed the Hebrew text out!). Eventually she was able to get on, or her family helped her. After a week, she is now very good at coming up and reading with us. Thank God, when we first invited her, she said she wanted to go for a walk in the morning, go grocery shopping, etc. Now she comes every day to listen to God's word.

My last prayer letter mentioned a stateless woman who left the world in early February, just a few days before my last visit. When I visited her again three weeks later, I was informed that she was no longer with us. I thank God for His mercy that she was able to live her last few months without having to live in exile, and that she was taken care of by good medical staff. The hospice staff told me that she passed away peacefully, and they found the only card in her hospital room, which was one of the scripture cards I gave her. The scripture was 1 John 1:5: ***“God is light, and in Him there is no darkness.”*** May she receive this true light!

A sister from the Giessen Fellowship had to be hospitalized for two weeks before her caesarean section because her placenta was not in the right place and the doctors were afraid that she might bleed heavily at any time. Thanks to God's protection, her daughter was finally born and both mother and daughter were safe.

During the hospitalization period, her roommate, a Muslim, was also reading the Koran and praying, but she was so frantic that the doctors and nurses came to calm her down. Our sister also prayed for her so that she could have a good night's sleep. In contrast, our sister had more peace of mind, relied on God, and was able to pray for her roommate. We joked that the two weeks she was in the hospital were her retreat.

Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:

1. Thank God for keeping our 95-year-old sister so that she is willing to come to church to worship God, and that her life has become an example to others!
2. Thank God for leading our 80-year-old sister to go online and read the Bible with us! Pray for her health. A few weeks ago she caught a cold and had a bad cough. She is coughing occasionally!
3. Thank the Lord for His mercy on that stateless woman and for giving her a place to stay in her last days on earth!
4. Thank you for keeping the pregnant sister until she gave birth to her daughter! Thank the Lord for the wonderful witness she gave before the pagan!
5. This Thursday through next Monday will be the annual Easter Camp. This is the lowest turnout ever, probably due to the fact that many people went home for the Easter vacation, and also due to the rising prices of goods. Pray that the Lord will keep the camp and make it spiritually fruitful for all the brothers and sisters attending!

Pray that you too will have a meaningful Easter!

Serving Him,  
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