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Prayer Letter  
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Dear brothers and sisters,

***“O God, You have taught me from my youth, And I still declare Your wondrous deeds.” Psalm 71:17***

I am thankful that I recently participated a sending ceremony of a pair of Chinese missionaries in a German church. Thanks to God's grace, some young Chinese brothers and sisters responded to God's call to serve Him in recent years. Several of them have already been equipped in German seminaries. The brother mentioned above, who immigrated to Germany from China with his family when he was a teenager. He was moved to serve God full time before he finished his doctorate degree and enrolled in the theological seminary in Giessen. During his Bachelor program in the seminary, he completed his professional doctoral dissertation, and then completed his Master's program. After graduation, he married a Taiwanese sister and joined the Overseas Missionaries Fellowship(OMF) in Germany. While studying at the seminary, he served in this German church. The church made an exception and accepted them as their local missionaries. They also go to Taiwan to serve every year, and the brother also teaches in a seminary. Because they speak German very well, they serve as bridges between churches with German and Chinese cultures.

Thank God that in Giessen, not a big city, there is a seminary that studies the Bible and a relatively large German church. Their resources bring blessings to our brothers and sisters in the Giessen Fellowship. Last year, another young Chinese brother attended the seminary in Giessen. He also came to participate in fellowship activities and did some ministry. Most of the brothers and sisters in our Giessen Fellowship attend the Sunday services of this German church. The church also runs a school, so some brothers and sisters in the fellowship have children who study in that Christian school and therefore participate in the church's youth fellowship. Several young people in the fellowship were also baptized in this church. Many years ago, a German theological student saw the prayer request of the Giessen Fellowship who asked for a Sunday school teacher. He came to help this group of children teaching them Sunday school. After he graduated, he joined the service of a Chinese church and became a good co-worker of our second generation.

After the above group of children grew up, there was only one young boy left. His parents brought him to fellowship, but because he had no companions, he no longer wanted to come to church. The parents persisted for a while, and God moved two families to come to the fellowship. Each family had three children, and the children in the fellowship suddenly became active. Two more babies have been added to the fellowship in the past two years, and two sisters are currently pregnant. Thank God for the increase in the number of children in the fellowship, but we lack co-workers to lead them. Pray that God will help us!

Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:

1. Thank God for inspiring young brothers and sisters to receive theological equipment and serve God! Pray that the Lord will use this pair of missionaries to build a good bridge between the Chinese and German churches so as to cooperate with each other to fulfill the Great Commission!

2. Pray to the Lord to use Giessen Theological Seminary to cultivate God's servants! Pray to the Lord to help the Chinese brother who is still studying in the seminary, because German is still his foreign language! Yesterday I heard from him that there is an Ethiopian girl who came to Germany as a refugee when she was ten years old. Now she is studying theology at the age of 23. Thank God for leading different ethnic groups to receive equipment in this seminary!
3. Thank God for the German church in Giessen for helping the youth in the fellowship grow in the Lord! May the Lord bless this church that is passionate about evangelism!
4. Thank God for bringing more children to the fellowship! Pray to the Lord to send workers to shepherd these lambs!
5. Since there are no new student left from last year, the student group is suspended. The fellowship will hold two orientation activities in November. May the Lord move new students to attend and stay to learn about our faith!
6. Thanks to God's protection, the sister whose house was damaged by fire can finally return to her original residence, and the heating has been repaired! We are grateful that her 90-year-old husband still drives her to attend fellowship activities every week! May the Lord keep them healthy!

Thank God for your constant companionship and support, and may the Lord bless you and your family as well!

Happy Thanksgiving in advance!

Serving Him,  
Karen Tang