



郭瑞芝宣教士代禱信 Prayer letter from the desk of Grace

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Wish you all peace! May all friends and relatives be blessed in the new year and be healthy all year round. The new year will bring you hope and liveliness. May God's grace be with you all the time, and you are always under God's protection in good and bad times.

Nursery and Kindergarten

We have submitted all the required documents for registration of the nursery. When asked, the official in charge told us that the registration will soon be completed pending the issuance of approval documents.



For the past few months I repeatedly urged our Authorized Person Mr. Lau to expedite the process. He told me however that the drawings and related documents had to be signed off by the electrical, water services and structural engineers involved, and he had been waiting for their signatures for months. After that I had to ask the three landlords of our lot of land to sign them. Two of them live in Bangkok and it took time for the documents to go back and forth. After the documents were duly signed, I still had to submit them to the government for approval. Let's pray that God will lead us through the process.



In November, the collapsed wall was reinstated on the land adjacent to ours. We found that they are still using that wall as the retaining wall as they did last time. Only that a few iron bars were added this time to strengthen the wall. On 29 November, the village chief and the deputy chiefs came here to raise funds for the sports event for the community. I seized the chance to invite them to inspect the reinstated wall as well as the section of wall which Job had noticed that it was on the blink of

collapse. When we arrived, we found that the wall had already collapsed and construction workers were busily repairing it.

The village chief reiterated that the district chief had sent a letter to the landlord asking him to discuss with us the construction plan of the partition wall. However, the landlord had not turned up over the past six months. We see that workers are working there day after day on their site but we have no idea what they were after.

For the nursery, we are grateful to God that we now have 20 students, with 11 boys and 9 girls. They are healthy, lively and loved by their parents. They are new to the nursery and understandably they need time to adapt to our rules and styles of their teachers. Six boys wailed to the top of their voices on the first few school days in November but under the care and guidance of teachers, they were getting more and more involved in the school life and occasionally reluctant to leave after school hours!

Among our old students, Polly is so lovable! One day, a co-worker and I had haircut at the barber shop near her home. The hairstylist told us that a relative teased Jesus in front of Polly. She got so angry that she did not want to go to the relative's home since then.

We welcomed a new member, Olivia, who graduated from Chiang Rai Rajabhat University in 2017, to join our team.

Ministries in Chiangrai

It has been a real challenge to hold Sunday Service every week since 15 January 2017. Looking back at 2017, apart from our colleagues, three adults and two children, viz, Jonah and Noah, were attending our Sunday services regularly. In addition, three recently converted believers have also attended the Service for over 20 times. The physically handicapped man, whom



we mentioned before, have also attended the Service a few times. We pray that he would accept Jesus soon and share the peace of life and hope for eternity. In conclusion, God let us see His grace giving hands. Every Sunday we are not sure about who would attend the Service, but God always lead different persons to come join us. This provides the necessary encouragement to rejuvenate our colleagues to keep up their good works. In 2017, the average attendance of our Sunday Service is 28. May God continue to give us strength and grace, ignite the fire in our hearts so that we continue to lead lost sheep back to God's arms.



The number of students of the Chinese and English tuition classes cum fellowship reached 45 in the third and fourth quarters of 2017. Thanks be to God!

In the fourth quarter, a guitar class and a piano class were held on Sunday afternoons. It is hoped that through learning musical instruments, students will come to know more about God, join the church and serve the Lord some days. We are glad that Debbie, Ann,

Jessica, Elsa, Anna, Olivia, Sophia and her brother, and myself are among the teaching team. Job is responsible for the student fellowship.

On 23 December, teachers and students of the tuition classes went caroling at students' homes. The parents were very pleased to see their children recite Bible verse and sing Christmas carols in Thai, Chinese and English. One of the parents even wept at the scene. Thanks be to God!

About me

I came back to Hong Kong from 25 September to 6 October on vacation. The greatest gifts I received were a wheelchair and over 100 mooncakes. I shared the mooncakes with friends and villagers in Chiang-rai and each one only got a tiny piece because there were so many of them. I hope that brothers and sisters will come to visit us during the Mid-Autumn Festival next year and bring more mooncakes to share with more people.



The LORD bless thee, and keep thee:
The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee:

The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.
Numbers 6:24-26

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1. Thanks be to God! And I am also thankful to the Hong Kong Evangelical Zion Church who responded to my request. They will come here for a short-term mission trip during Lunar new year. The period of the trip is from 16-21 February 2018. Pray that the mission team will be of good use in God's hands.

2. We are in need of volunteers working as short-term or long-term Chinese or English teachers for the nursery and tuition classes. Pray that God will motivate and lead brothers and sisters in this regard.

3. The landlord of the land next to ours continued to use our partition wall as retaining wall though he reinstated the collapsed wall on his side. The village chief and deputy chiefs came to visit the site. Please pray for God's protection.

4. Pray for God's provision for the construction fund of the three-storey premises of kindergarten, which amounts to HK\$4 million. Engineer Mr. Lau has to compile all required documents for submission to the government. Pray that God may oversee the process and grant early completion of the application! Pray that God may motivate the churches and brothers and sisters to actively participate in the fund-raising walk to be held on 3 March 2018. We hope that brothers and sisters would spare no efforts to raise funds for the construction.

秦北步行籌款2018
香港萬國宣道浸信差會主辦

目的：為秦北建校事工籌款

日期：2018年3月3日(星期六)
時間：下午2:30 - 5:00
地點：迪欣湖

集合地點：港鐵迪士尼站開外空地
集合時間：下午2:30

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截止報名日期：2018年2月16日

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5. The government official said there was no problem with the registration of the nursery. We are looking forward to the approval documents!





1. Thank God that the short-term mission from the Prosperous Garden Baptist Church visited us on 22 August 2017 and

brought children of the nursery to visit the space museum. The children watched the large-screen TV in darkness for the first time and so some of them were scared. But the team members held the children in their arms to pacify them. Afterwards, the children shared happily with their parents what they had experienced afterwards.



2. The 6-member short-term mission team from the Abundant Grace Baptist Church went on a mission trip from 8 – 11 September. My heartfelt thanks go to the team for coming to live and work with us, for their support, contribution of money and labour.

3. During 20 -23 October, Rev. Joshua and his wife visited me and delivered a sermon during Sunday Service. I am thankful for their care.
4. From 30 – 31 December, Dr.



Samuel and Ivy also paid us a visit. They delivered a sermon and also offered free acupuncture treatment service. Thank God that those receiving the treatment said that they felt better afterwards. Hope that God's name be spread far and wide!

5. During 10- 13 November, a 12- person short-term mission team from the Evangel Baptist Church (Jordan) came. They are the first team who have joined every tuition class on a Saturday. The teachers and students were very excited. Though the team members were assisted by the co-workers, it was not easy for them to overcome the language barriers. In addition, several accounting experts from the team helped us set up an accounting system to prepare for a more efficient registration of the nursery students.

6. During 20 – 22 November, Elsie came to visit me. She prepared some handicrafts for the nursery students.



The students were so happy to take part in the activities and the teachers also liked them very much.



7. On 25 November, Kam led his Japanese friends: the Kou's, to visit me. Elder Kou encouraged students to learn about God as early as possible and let God guide their life. Kam taught us to sing "Silent Night" in Japanese. Under their instructions, we were quick to learn the song. However, we were also quick to forget!



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