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Dear prayer partners,

Time flies. I am excited to tell you that I am here in Hong Kong!

Before I was back to Hong Kong, our relationship with the neighbor became tense due to the damages caused by the floods in April. I found that I still judged other people by their looks, having different attitude toward the black people, Indians, and the white people. This reminds me of James 2: 8-13

If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, “Love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing right. But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. For he who said, “You shall not commit adultery,” also said, “You shall not murder.” If you do not



commit adultery but do commit murder, you have become a lawbreaker. Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

It seems that James scolded me: it is against God's law to judge people by their looks. Hence, I have gained the understanding as follows:

1. We decide who should be loved: this refers to the fact that we define who are our neighbors and who are not. The neighbor cannot be regarded as people whom I like or who win my favor. James reminds me that I should not show favourism.
2. We decide which law to obey: this means that we decide which law to follow and not to follow. All of the Ten Commandments were stipulated by God, which can be concluded as one rule: love God and love other people.

Violation of any of the Commandments is against God's law. James reminds me not to decide which law to obey by myself.

3. We decide who to be sympathized: this means that we decide who deserves our sympathy who does not. If this is the case, I must not deserve God sympathy when I face judgement by God! James stringently warns me not to do this.

The lesson is especially precious under the pandemic. May God change me so that I no longer judge people by their looks. If you happen to judge people by their looks, may God also change you. May God help us to love the neighbor as ourselves, and become a blessing to our neighbor, to live as a testimony to God's glory and attract more people to God!

The recent situation in South Africa

Please continue to pray for South Africa. There are many factors of instability in South Africa. Amongst them, the load shedding has the most profound effect! The South African electricity company has commenced power restriction again, and it is likely there will be more power suspension. Recently, power suspension has reached level 5 and 6, meaning



Eskom will implement stage-4 load shedding from 10am on Saturday as the latest power supply crisis intensifies.

power suspension lasts 6-8 hours per day! The explanation was as always: it was due to the breakdown of power generator and incomplete maintenance of power generator. But in fact, there may be labor disputes over wage increase.

Affected by the flooding in April, the home of Deaconess Jane is located at the mostly affected area, Tongaat, where there is still without water.



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The water situation in the region is serious with residents of **Tongaat being without water for more than four months.** The



More and more workers went on strikes as they failed to secure a pay raise when they face severe inflation. However, the strikes may bring adverse effects. Some public transport companies thought that strikes would not end, thus they just laid off the staff who participated in strikes.



According to the latest statistics, there are 146,000 children having become orphans due to the

pandemic in South Africa. South Africa has become the most severe country having the most children having lost their parents and guardians due to the pandemic.

The card issuing system of the Transport Department has been digitized, raising greatly the efficiency. However, there are still 1 million drivers whose licenses had expired and not yet renewed. The above is only the tip of an iceberg of the factors of instability.

Fortunately, the long-time visa approval, which had been suspended for eight months, have been resumed. This brought relief to many people. Peggy's extension of visa is expected to be renewed soon.

The recent situation of PCCC



Thanks be to God! He moved the Mission to appropriate funds and also moved brothers and sisters to make offerings. Hence, 70% of the target of HKD 150,000 has been met so that the repair work would not be delayed due to insufficient funds. (If you wish to make offering please send to the Mission, and specify the purpose: SA Repair Project or SA RP)

Thanks be to God! He sent two engineers, Connie of upstairs and Wayne of downstairs, who worked together to resolve the problem of underground water.



Thanks be to God! Before we went back to Hong Kong for furlough, the enclosing wall at the backyard, the separation wall of upstairs,

the gate at the front yard, the wall on the other side, rainwater canal, the platform at the front yard, the pedestrian, the drainage works of the carpark and the asphalt road have been completed. This elevates the safety standard of the church, thus we feel secure before coming back to Hong Kong.

Video of the repair works:

<https://youtu.be/mudw0MpgKgY?list=PL6i0Fk9NxVQfWRa88OxXIXDQtbzDkPUSp>

Thanks be to God! While the repair work was underway, we had to keep the gate open. God has safeguarded us and the neighboring three families.

Before going back to Hong Kong for furlough, we expect that there will not be enough people to serve the church. Hence, from July onwards, the communion Sunday Service would be held at night, while other Sunday Services would be held at daytime. For difficult days, the Sunday Services would be recorded and broadcast.

(July 3th Evening Service)



(July 24th Morning Service)

Since the outbreak of the pandemic, gatherings of brothers and sisters gradually resumed. We shared a good time having a meal at a restaurant.



(July 10th Lunch after Morning Service)

(July 24th Dinner at Brother Tommy's restaurant)



Thanks be to God! On 7 Aug before we went back to Hong Kong, there were 15 people attending the communion Evening Service and we prayed together for Peggy's visa and her success in passing the customs. Thanks be to God! He has listened to the prayer and Peggy successfully passed the customs on 9 Aug.



On the night of 4 Sept, a communion Sunday Service was held. Missionary Eugene Chuang from SIM Taiwan came to deliver a sermon and conduct the ceremony. A total of 12 people attended the Service, which surprised Missionary Chuang. He promised to support us three times before going back to Taiwan in early November. While he was busy with his ministry among black people and preparing for the furlough, he still supported Chinese churches. May God reward him for this.

Deacon David is responsible for recording, editing and uploading the Sunday Services, whether it was held at night or daytime. Though he faced many problems, he still kept up his work. Chairman Kenny's wife has cancer and has underwent God's special treatment. She is in the process of recovery. Though Kenny

has to take care of his wife, he still takes up Service Leader and managing the church property. The region where Treasurer Jane lives has no water supply since the flooding and has caused great inconvenience. However, she still led the Service and prepared for the communion.

Thanks be to God! Kenny, Jane and David have shared the work of operating the church. Hence, Barnabas feels relieved. While Pastor Chuang supported us in the altar work, we are also grateful to Pastor Sun for authorizing us to play the videos of his teachings on the Book of Revelation. May God reward him and grant him strength in his work of education and ministry in Tainan. Barnabas only have to record a sermon once every other week, hoping to keep contact with the congregation. Brothers and sisters can participate in real Sunday Services or watch the recorded ones according to their schedules. The persons who served can handle the arrangements. Everyone is satisfied with the arrangements.

I expect that after we finish our furlough and return to South Africa, Sunday Services at night time can be resumed gradually. The morning Sunday Services are expected to be the highlight of the church's development. We can provide opportunities of leisure for Chinese families and the joy from God through the guitar class, Youth Band, Bible classes and table tennis competition after lunch. It is also expected that God may call upon more short-term mission teams to support us to organize gospel camps to harvest and Bible study camps to nurture disciples. May God add more people to the church.

Short-term mission trip of South Africa

(Apr. 1st –Apr. 16th 2023)

Thanks be to God! Despite repeated delays due to the pandemic, the Chinese Morrison Church remained passionate of promoting short-term mission trip to South Africa. 10 people are expected to join the trip. May God help us to relax the anti-pandemic measures to the minimum and prepare participants' hearts for the trip.

Thanks be to God! The venue for the Gospel Camp titled "Know You, Me and Him" (Apr. 7th-Apr. 10th 2023) and other activities have been arranged. May God continue to bless all of the preparations, and make use of the mission team to be the blessings and encouragement for the Chinese in South Africa.



The Furlough

(Mid-Aug - End Nov 2022)

Thanks be to God! We expected the period of quarantine to last about half a month. However, just before going back to Hong

Kong, the Hong Kong's anti-pandemic measures had been changed to 3+4, shortening the period of quarantine. Moreover, all Covid-19 tests we had taken were negative. Thus, we could bring forward the furlough to 21 Aug, and were invited to share in a small group at the Glorious Word Baptist Church and had lunch with brothers and sisters. On 28 Aug, Barnabas was also invited to share at the Po Lam Baptist Church. On 4 Sept, Barnabas went to deliver a sermon at the Engraving Grace Baptist Church and prayed with the congregation and then had lunch. Barnabas originally planned to deliver a sermon at the Heng On Baptist Church on 11 Sept. However, Peggy was diagnosed Covid-19 positive on 6 Sept.. She had mild syndromes and recovered very quickly. But Barnabas as a close contact of the patient had to stay at home to quarantine. Hence, Barnabas could not go to the church in person, and had to record the sermon instead.

Thanks be to God! Barnabas was at the hotel on the first Sunday Service during the furlough, enjoying the Service of the sending church Tin Yue Baptist Church, which was broadcast live. After that the 15 Sundays had not been wasted. In addition, a sermon was delivered during a Service held on Saturday and recorded sermons played by two churches. Hence, we could share with a total of 18 churches, who knew how to pray for the ministry in South Africa.

Moreover, Hong Kong ABWE Mission will hold a prayer and sharing meeting at 7:30pm at the Mission office on 8 Nov. Barnabas hopes that brothers and sisters who care about our ministry can attend the meeting.

Peggy's sharing

It has been more than half a year since I last dyed my hair. I hope to how my true face this time in Hong Kong. After half a year of labor and pressure, I have more grey hair than expected. Looking at myself at the mirror, I cannot help asking, "I have grown old. Could I still eat?"(Chinese Idiom)

As a lady with grey hair and holding a walking stick, I received help from others when waiting for the connecting flight in Dubai. When I underwent Covid-19 test at the Hong Kong airport, I also received help from others. During a month's stay in Hong Kong, I experienced mostly being given a seat. I am very grateful!

Having joined the Sunday Services of a few churches and had gatherings with church staff, I found that brothers and sisters have grown older! We do not know the younger pastors. Many churches are hiring pastors. Some senior pastors who had retired have to work again due to a lack of manpower. There are not enough young successors for many missionary fields. It seems that golden aged missionary is the only feasible way!

About 30 or 40 years ago, a song named "youngsters", my favorite song, was frequently sung at the summer camps. I like the chorus:

"An incident that makes you excited, which is believing in Christ. He died on the cross for people's sin. Give your life to the Lord, for he will guide you all the way and make your young life meaningful."

From the conversations with few young believers, I understand that they love to join real gatherings and are willing to take time. However, they encounter many difficulties on the road of pursuit and they also have problems of themselves.

Recently, children of several alumni have enrolled in Seminaries or have become pastors. It is truly grateful and touching.

Missionaries of several regions of South Africa Chinese missionary fields have been back to their homeland. We gradually grow old. We grow more grey hair, and our organs no longer function well. I suggest believer at golden age pray as follows:

"May the great Pastor who oversee everything raise more and more young people to commit themselves to God, to believe in God and to serve God!"

Thanksgiving and prayer requests:

1. Thanks be to God! The repair work of the church has completed in time before we went back to Hong Kong. We and the congregation need not worry about that.
2. Thanks be to God! During period when the gate was destroyed, we and the three neighboring families were kept safe.
3. Thanks be to God! When we are in Hong Kong, Deacons are united to manage the church and operation is kept normal. Please also pray for Jenny for her full recovery from cancer.
4. Thank God for preparing a venue for the Gospel Camp to be held next year. May God continue to bless the arrangements of the short-term mission trip to South Africa.
5. Thanks be to God! We have more time spent with our youngest daughter before she goes to Canada to find a job in late September. We also have more opportunities to have meals with second daughter and play with our grandson and feel very warm. We expect to visit the eldest daughter and granddaughter after the furlough in late November.
6. Please keep praying for South Africa where there are many factors of instability. May God grant peace to South Africa!
7. Please continue to pray for our remaining furlough. May God use our sermons and sharing.

Thank you for praying!



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