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Dear prayer partners,

There have been a lot going on in recent few months. Barnabas has gone through a rough time. The Anti-Extradiction Bill movement has kept going on for some time in Hong Kong. The chaos in society is escalating, with a number of people sacrificing their lives, more and more conflicts between the Police and the protesters and more and more violent events. We were sleepless for many nights, praying that God may have mercy on Hong Kong and to end the chaos. Moreover, we lost some money as we fell for an online scam. Barnabas were under so much pressure and felt so tired that I lost motivation to prepare sermons. Barnabas was preparing a sermon about Exodus 5:14-23, which mentioned that the obstacles hindering Moses from serving the Lord included the supervisors, the Government (the Pharaoh) and co-workers (the Israelis elders). The online scam was cited as an example hindering Barnabas from serving the Lord in the sermon, and it was also the "most costly" illustration in Barnabas' 30 years of preaching. In 5:22-23 of Exodus, even Moses, the great man of faith, complained to God:

Moses returned to the LORD and said, "O Lord, why have you brought trouble upon this people? Is this why you sent me? Ever since I went to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has brought trouble upon this people; and you have not rescued your people at all..."

We followed closely the words of the Lord but still, we had to face hardships in life. We also complained to God: you have not rescued us at all! However, we were consoled by God with His words stated in Exodus 6:1-13, as was Moses. Not only did God want to rescue his subject from the torture by Egyptians, but He also wanted to lead them out of hardship (to leave Egypt); not only did God want to lead his subject out of Egypt, but He also wanted to honour his promise to grant the good land of Canaan to them. It is not that God did not want to rescue his subject at all. On the contrary, He wanted to rescue them completely so that they no longer bore any burden, to be subject to slavery in Egypt, or any other countries. Not only did He want to rescue his subject, but He also wanted them to know Him. Not only did He want to

lead them out of Egypt, but He also wanted to lead them into the promise land. The Lord's words are most valuable. I wish that you and I may get consoled with the Lord's words.

The Gospel Camp

Thanks be to God! With assistance from Rev. Kwan and Sister Leung, the Gospel Camp was smoothly held with 25 participants despite loading shedding influence. Although there were least members of the short-term mission team in the past years, we had the highest number of participants who joined the zip-line activity. Most of them are middle-aged people, with one of them aged over 80. Half of them decided to join the activity on-site. They slid from the mountain top to the valley, showing their "true colours" and illustrating the theme of the camp! We hope that the seeds we planted during the Gospel Camp would eventually blossom at the right time of God.



(Group Bible Discussion)



(In front of suspension bridge)



(Pass the Word in dialect)



(Big meal in Camp Restaurant)



(Behind the suspension bridge)



(Ready for Zip line)

16/6 Table-tennis Play Day, Youth's Day cum Father's Day Sunday Service

Co-incidentally, Youth's Day, Father's Day were on the school holiday. As such, a Table-tennis Play Day cum a grilled goat dinner was held, attracting 44 people of all ages to participate. On the same night, 38 joined the Father's Day Sunday Service. This illustrated best the benefit of a premise which provided a place for Chinese people to gather here! Thanks be to God, Barnabas and Peggy unexpectedly won 1st and 2nd price in each group of the table-tennis competition. We planned to organize the Play Day

again next year, and to add table-tennis activities after every Sunday Service, during the practice of the youth band. We hope this may help us to expand our work of preaching the Gospel. Please pray that God may provide manpower for this.

The process of renovation

The renovation work of the kitchen and the lighting system did not complete after a whole month as every contractor took up multiple jobs at the same time. This is the usual practice of the renovation industry in South Africa. Initially, the whole renovation work was taken up by brother Wayne, but later the part on the kitchen was outsourced to Andile due to different skills required. The part about granite in the kitchen renovation work was then outsourced to Robert. Hence, the co-ordination was very difficult. Barnabas was grateful that the contractors are all brothers in the Lord. It glorifies the Lord that they co-operated and complemented with one another. Although the work has been delayed, the contractors are willing to discuss with us to make better work, to change or repair the details. However, Barnabas and Peggy became very tired as we had to clean up the kitchen frequently. A bunch of things have to be placed in guest rooms and dining room. It was also inconvenient to use the kitchen. Please pray that God may help accelerate the renovation process.



(Men Group B Final)



(Youth Band singing)



(New member Jason)



(Message: Let your Father Happy)



(Price Giving)



(The End)



(Robert(circled) and his staff releasing granite)

Peggy's sharing

"O LORD, my strength, and my fortress,
and my refuge in the day of affliction..."
(Jeremiah 16:19a)

My strength has been decreasing in these two years. In the 13 years of living in South Africa, I used to stay vigilant to any sounds at night and go to check out what happened. This may be the basic instinct of a mother. At about 3 am on a Saturday night last year, my neighbour's house caught fire and a fire truck was summoned for rescue. However, Barnabas and I were still sleeping and could not hear anything. The neighbour came to our home the next day to ask if we were not at home the night before, and why we did not run outside of our house. I was then deeply troubled.

In the morning of one day in late June this year, we discovered that the battery of the gate of the church had been stolen. Later one neighbour told us that their dog was barking all the night as some thieves broke into some houses. However, Barnabas and I were in deep sleep and could not hear anything. At this moment, I was instantly frozen! We were just like the five virgins who had lost their vigilance. It is a pity that my health is deteriorating! We drifted into deep sleep at night! Thanks be to God! The deacons of the church understood our



(Wayne and his staff fixing new ceiling)



(Oh! Stove too tall)



(Andile lower it down with his wife)



(Stove lowered down)



(Brighter lighting now)

problems and allowed us to raise a dog so that we would not feel so regretful. We adopted a female dog from the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. She was not close to humans as she used to be a stray dog. Even the domestic helper of the church could not get along with her. Please pray that God may help her to adjust to our home well. We named her "Shalom", meaning "may peace be with you"! We deeply believe that our help and protection originate from the omnipotent Lord and hope that Shalom works with us and complements our weakness.

Prayer requests

1. Please pray for the situation in Hong Kong. May God help stop unrest and violence, minimize injuries and deaths, and grant peace to us!
2. Thanks be to God! The elections of the Parliament and the President were held peacefully. The new President Cyril Ramaphosa was elected and the country underwent smooth transition. However, South Africa still has to face many challenges, including the record high unemployment rate of 29% in 11 years!
3. Thanks be to God! The 10th anniversary booklet has been published and a copy will be delivered to every church soon. We are grateful to Winnie, the officer of the Mission for her efforts.

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4. Thanks be to God! Despite manpower shortage, the Gospel Camp was held smoothly. May God bless the seeds we had planted and make them blossom at the right time.
5. Thanks be to God! 44 people attended the Table-tennis Play Day, 38 people attended the Father's Day Sunday Service held at night on the same day. God blessed the time we spent together and His love had impressed the new friends. We planned to organize the event next year and follow up through table-tennis activities. May God prepare manpower for the arrangement.
6. Thanks be to God! Jason, the student of the guitar class successfully joined the accompaniment on Father's Day Sunday Service and performed well!
7. Thanks be to God! A short-term mission team from Malaysia will come during 12-14/9 and they will organize a Mid-Autumn Festival event on 13/9 (Friday). May God bless the preparation work.
8. Thanks be to God, who prepared Wayne, Andile and Robert to help us with the renovation work of the kitchen and the lighting system. May God help them to quickly and properly complete the work.



Thank you for your prayer!

Peggy & Barnabas