

Letters sharing good news and worries

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Once in a while, the ministry team receives letters from evangelists in China. Not only would they share how they were equipped to serve, but they also frequently share the difficulties they encounter and their personal weaknesses while carrying out their ministry. The team has been partnering with them for many years and they consider us family. We hope that through the letters we can understand their current situation, watch over them and support them with prayers. Through sharing the following letters from Evangelist Lin and Evangelist Zhou¹ in the South-Central region, we as members of one big family in God's kingdom hope to channel all of our prayer support to these evangelists to fuel their shepherding ministry!

Looking back on the ministry in the past six months, God has shown us a way out when we were in trouble, and we never failed to pray with one heart. However, there are still many challenges, big and small, ahead of us, so Lord, please have mercy on us!

In compliance with the pandemic prevention and control efforts, church services were suspended from time to time. Even when we were able to hold meetings, some brothers and sisters were unable to attend, so we never withheld our visitation initiatives. Whenever believers call and say they want to meet and talk with us, no matter how close or how far away they are, we try our best to be available and address their imminent needs.



Evangelists lead believers to study the Bible in small groups

The extensive visitation coverage has made our daily schedule very busy; moreover, since the beginning of this year, the choir leader has been bedridden due to sickness, so besides preaching

on Sundays, visitations, training co-workers, we had to assume the role of substitute choir leader as well. Members of the choir are not well educated, some have never been to school and do not know music theory, so they can only sing along. As we do not want to cool off their enthusiasm to take part in ministry, we try to be innovative in the singing and accompaniment arrangement.

In addition, the people attending our church now are mainly believers 60 to 80 years old. There is an elderly sister in her 70s who has been suffering from diabetes for many years and has had a kidney failure for 10 years. Evangelist Zhou lived nearby, and went to see her almost every day, especially in the last two months. In the end, she was having hope as she left for the heavenly home, and her children were very grateful.



Evangelists pray for cancer patient

Also, in 2019, the government came to the church to check for potential safety hazards. As there were cracks on the kitchen wall, it had to be demolished. The lavatory was next to the kitchen, it had to be torn down as well. Therefore, in the second half of 2019, the church remodeled the kitchen and the lavatory. With an aging congregation, the number of church members is declining. Coupled with the impact of the pandemic, it would take two years to pay back the remodeling costs, the financial situation of the church is dire.

We experience joy and gratitude in our ministry though we also experience doubts, anxiety, stress and fatigue. We thank God for being with us and guiding us. May God give us the wisdom to deal with problems in the church and the spiritual discernment to shepherd the believers. Please pray for us that

1. there can be timely repayment of the church's debt,
2. believers will exalt the truth, confess their sins and repent, never forsake their original love, not be afraid to suffer, be faithful to the end, pray vigilantly, commit themselves to the service of the church, and believers' lives would change and the church would be revived,
3. Evangelist Zhou and I will have the heart of a shepherd, lovingly care for souls, honour the Lord, and obey God.

May God remember all the help and love given to us by numerous pastors and brothers and sisters! May God give you and your families peace and good health, and may the church flourish!

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<sup>1</sup> Evangelists Lin and Zhou have been receiving the "Living Subsidy for Evangelists" since June 2019 and September 2017, respectively.

**Please Support the 2022 “Living Subsidy for Evangelists”**

Funds required: USD 128,205

Evangelists Lin and Zhou devote wholeheartedly to pastoring the church of the Lord. Would you be willing to back up these evangelists so that they can serve in the frontiers with undivided attention?

Project details: support the basic living needs and ministry expenses of a total of 30 evangelists in Southwest, Northwest, South-Central and Eastern China.

We sincerely invite your prayers and donation support, thank you!



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