

## Mingle with the Community

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The weekly ministry schedules of church leaders are often tightly packed, they do not have enough time to take care of their own families, let alone effectively mobilize members of their service teams to go into the community to nurture other people's families. Church leaders need team support, they also need quiet time before the Lord. Zhou<sup>1</sup> is an evangelist of a church in the Central southern region, she made use of the National Day holidays to reflect upon the ways in which our Heavenly Father has guided and nourished her church in the past nine months.

### Gospel music touches hearts in the community

Since the beginning of the pandemic, Zhou has been thinking about how she can reach out to more people and let them know about the Gospel and the church. Excitedly, she shared, *"We are thankful to our Heavenly Father for the opportunities to serve! To facilitate the church to mingle with the community and keep up with changes in the society, our choir has been sharing the Gospel through singing hymns at homes of families who have just moved in and at birthday celebrations, weddings, and funerals. By doing so, not only are we meeting the needs of the residents, but also we are witnessing our wonderful Lord."*

Zhou also thanked the choir members for their dedication to preparing for the community service by diligently practicing hymns, rehearsing dances, learning the electronic piano, singing with the accompaniment of the erhu, and so on. She continued, *"In the past six*

months, in addition to Saturday and Sunday practices, we held a class in July for half a month with lessons from 1pm to 4 pm each day to learn to play the Chinese gongs and drums. May the commitment of our members be pleasing to God!" During Christmas, Zhou was trying hard to identify more opportunities to serve the community so that more people would come to know the true meaning of the birth of Jesus Christ!



The choir members are rehearsing dances in preparation for community service.

## Prayers open many doors

While full-fledged outreach is still impossible during in second half of the year, small scale visits never stop. Through these visits, a deep conviction emerged in Zhou and the believers whom she visited. They apprehended that "*Faith and real-life experiences are inseparable, God loves and looks after everyone who trusts Him until the end!*"



**God is the light when we are in despair!** Brother Zheng is in his 40's, his parents are in their 70's and he has two teenage sons. He is terminally ill; the doctor said he had only about three months left to live. He was very scared and felt helpless. Yet the dead end of man is the new beginning of God. He brought his parents and children to the church, brothers and sisters in the church prayed together

During visits, Evangelist Zhou and the believers whom she contacted become deeply convicted that faith can indeed be experienced in real life.

for this family. Now his parents are able to accept the terminal nature of his illness which is a great relief to Zheng. Thank God for His providence, Zheng's condition is now temporarily stable, he has already outlived the doctor's estimated time span by half a month. Though the family continues to be stricken by worries, they also have hope and are surrendering their burdens to God every day!

**God hears those who pray to Him with perseverance!** Sister Zhu is 70 years old, she has been a believer for more than 10 years. She has a non-believer husband who has been persistently opposing her faith. In 2017, Zhu's husband had an ischemic stroke, since then he became paralyzed and bed-ridden. Day after day, Zhu prays to God. Finally, her husband accepted Christ. He became so different from before, he invited brothers and sisters to pray for his condition. Gradually, he is able to walk around by himself in the village with the help of crutches. Thank God for His mercy and healing!

We are thankful for evangelist Zhou and her church members, they have experienced the Lord's favour and are willing to share His love with the people in their community. May God

be pleased with what they are offering to Him, and may He strengthen the work of their hands to revive the church and bless the community!

Evangelist Zhou faithfully walks with the Lord and leads the church choir to mingle with the community, they experience God's power during the process. Are you willing to be their companion and walk with them down this path?

Please convey your blessing to those who are serving wholeheartedly on the frontline by your gifts! We sincerely invite your prayers and donation support for the "Living Subsidy for Evangelists", thank you!

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<sup>1</sup> Evangelist Zhou has been receiving the "Living Subsidy for Evangelists" since September 2017.

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