



親愛的代禱夥伴：

收信平安！上個月代禱信寄出後，陸續收到較往常更多的弟兄姊妹及牧師的回應與關心。我們衷心地為您們感謝神，感謝您們每一位的支持、鼓勵與代禱。真的，每一次您的回應，就更讓我們體會到我們並不孤單，**因有您們與我們一起同工，感謝讚美主！**有一位在香港的宣教士牧師每回收到我們的代禱信時，總會將收信的時間換算成美國時間，若發現我們太晚仍在工作打信，就不忘提醒我們要早點休息。而在上個月的回應中，有一位曾是我們過去多年定期聚會的禱告夥伴，表示願意對我們在華差的服事增加財力上的支持。我們實在為許多忠心的代禱勇士和您們的奉獻感恩。

不久前，華差負責新疆地區的宣教工場主任，越過新疆的屏障一天山，拜訪了另一個國度—吉爾吉斯斯坦。工場主任談起在當地遇到的一位華人宣教士，他叫韓偉炫，英文名字是Willis，是屬於1.5代的小留學生。可能我們當中大部分的人都不知道他是誰？他在獻身為全職的宣教士之前，曾在加州巴沙提娜（Pasadena, California）推進器實驗室（JPL）工作，參與數年前曾轟動一時的火星漫遊計畫中那台登陸車的製造，也帶領過數百萬美元的研究計畫。但之後深入思索生活與信仰的價值與關係，他們夫婦共同尋求神的帶領（他的太太正是華人教會界所熟知的蘇文峰牧師的女兒）。也如同神賜給我們新生命的禮物，印證我們要走上全職事奉的道路一般，神也讓他們多年的祈求蒙應允，終而帶著孩子全家喜樂地來到天山山腳下服事那裡的人們。他教導吉爾吉斯人如何推肥，好長出更大更肥的蔬菜，也安排過台灣的農耕隊教導當地人如何把牛奶的產量從一天五加崙增加到廿五加崙。這樣的“工作”，對一位太空研究員來說，實在並非甚麼偉大的研究成果，也毫無專業發展的空間。但他順服了上帝的帶領，為著愛那些人的緣故，把自己的專業和未來埋在天山腳下，卻感動了更多人的生命為主而活。「**一粒麥子不落在地裡死了，仍舊是一粒，若是死了，就結出許多子粒來。**」（約十二：廿四）韓偉炫當初也曾經想過到中國的大城市去，藉著教英文來傳福音，然而也正因他不以自己健康的難處為念，他先天性的哮喘，反而在天山腳下那種更惡劣的環境下不藥而癒了。

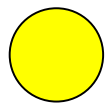
從今年五月初陪岳母參加教會慕道/初信造就班，至今已經有將近五個月的時間了（岳母雖已返台，目前我仍持續參加）其實，打從二〇〇一年到機構工作之後，我與非信徒幾乎毫無交往的機會，我的同事、朋友中全是基督徒。偶有些新朋友參加教會或小組，卻也因在生活上甚少交集，傳福音的果效不大。這五年多，只有以文藉著全職媽媽的機會，在少有的一兩位華人鄰居中，帶領他們信主。然而，這幾個月在慕道班中，每一次慕道或初信朋友所提的問題，對我來說都相當有價值，從他們的問題中，更提醒我要更真切的認識神。當中，有一對夫婦因年齡、家庭孩子的狀況和住處都與我們很相近，加之五個月來同班的情誼和熟絡感，神也給了我們夫婦有特別的負擔來幫助他們追求認識神。最近我們打算以一對一的查經方式來帶領他們，然而不管我們多有系統的把屬神的知識教導介紹給他們，若不是聖靈開啓屬靈的眼睛，讓他們看見這位奇妙的神，從風聞到眼見，否則無法得到真正生命上改變的。**因此，請為我們和這個慕道的家庭向主代求，讓我們一同依靠保惠師的帶領來認識祂且更認識祂！**

最後，敬祝 秋節快樂！佳節蒙福！

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Dear Prayer Partners:

Thank you for your faithful prayers and concerns. Thank also for those who read our prayer letters and even took time to respond. We received more responses last time, which encouraged us a lot. **We know we are not alone here but having you serving together with us. PTL!** A missionary in Hong Kong always check the Pacific Time for the time when our letters arrive in his e-mail inbox. If the time is past midnight, he'll always send us a note to remind us not working too hard or too late. Among the last month's responses, a friend from our old prayer group even showed her commitment to support us financially. We really thank God for each one of you.

Not long ago, MICI's Xinjiang Regional Field Manager visited Kyrgyzstan, a country over the border of the Tian Shan (天山 "celestial mountains") in Xinjiang. The manager met a missionary from the US named Willis, who is a 1.5th generation Chinese American. Before being a missionary, he worked as a researcher in NASA's JPL located in Pasadena, California. He used to lead multi-million dollar projects and involved in the making of the probe to the Mar. However, after more praying for God's Will, Willis and his wife (the daughter of a well-known Chinese pastor, Rev. SU Wen-Feng) answered God's calling. Just as God gave us Carolyn as a confirmation to serve Him full time, the couple had their long-awaited prayer answered which confirmed God's leading too. Joyfully, they then moved to Kyrgyzstan to serve as a missionary family with their new baby. Willis trained the Kyrgyz to make composite fertilizer to help increase the produce and also arranged the Taiwan Agriculture Team to teach the local farmers to increase their milk production from 5 gallons per day to 25 gallons per day. Compared with space research, these technologies seemed not so complex and the results weren't too appealing either. But, due to his submission to the Lord and the love for the people, Willis willingly went to Kyrgyzstan and committed his life there. For he buried his promising future and his profession at the foot of the Tian Shan, more may come to know Jesus and commit their lives to Him **"...unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds."** (John 12:24) His story will surely encourage more to commit their lives to the Lord.

I have been joining in a seekers' class during Sunday School hours on Sundays for 5 months. (I first joined in for the sake of my mother-in-law) I appreciated this opportunity to know some unbelievers since I almost lost any chances to meet them. All of my coworkers and friends are Christians since I came to serve God full time in California. So, I valued each question from those seekers, which reminded me to know God more. Among those seekers, there are a couple about our age, also with two girls, living quite close to us. Tiffany and I both have the burden to help them to know God and plan to meet regularly for Bible study. **Please pray for this seeker family (and our family too) to be humble and teachable by the Holy Spirit, our Counselor, to know our God more and more.**

Lastly, **please keep praying for my study in theology.** Thank you.

Happy Chinese Fall Festival!

In His Service,
Eddie Hou (for Tiffany too)

