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Caleb underwent a small surgery successfully in early January to remove the plate & 6 small nails in his jawbone. Thankfully, he is young and has recovered well. Thank you for your thoughtful prayers.

Caleb in his skis in February ☺

How many decades can you count in a lifetime? God searches for the ones who are lost!

As we have shared many times, the turnover of Chinese students in Germany is high. They mostly stay in a city for 1 to 3 years. We also serve families who come to church gatherings infrequently. All of them need God's love & renewal. In the past 6 months, God let us witness His calling & patience for these people.

A couple who has been living in Kassel for over 10 years, attended Bible study groups when they were students. They disappeared for several years, so only a few “seniors” in the fellowship knew them. In the past few years, they have gradually become regular attendees at gatherings. When men did not anticipate, God already touched their hearts. Respectively, in the October evangelical program, & in the November baptism; they seemed to be moved by the message. **We approached them & asked, “Do you want to believe in Christ?” They answered, “Yes.” It was as simple as that.** The couple came to Christ at different gatherings. We guided them in prayers to confirm commitment to Christ. It was only then that we found out the wife has cancer. They haven't shared their struggles with anyone, but God saw them. **“We thought it'd be good enough to be observers, until I found out about my illness. Your peace & joy is what we hope for. I never told anyone about my illness, but when you asked me if I wanted to believe in Christ, I knew that the Lord has come to find me.”** From the times they were students, to having their own business, and then becoming parents; God's caring never left them. He was waiting for a response; for He wanted to bring hope & true light to help them face the fear of death!

Another pair of middle age couples who are owners of a Chinese restaurant, have been living in Germany for several decades. Due to the conflicting business hours, they couldn't attend the weekend church gatherings. Their lives were busy, lonely, bored, & tiresome. The wife was bothered by years of depression & illness. She tried to seek help from other religions & psychics; yet she was still worried & emotionally strained like a big rock was placed on her. Out of coincidence, she began listening to the Gospel radio & sermons. At one instance, she was touched by the Spirit & tears came down her cheeks. The several years of listening to Gospel radio was worthwhile. Her reverence & love for God was accepted, and she was willing to remove all idols in her house & at the restaurant. We visited her & led her to a prayer to commit to Christ. We can only provide a certain level of ministry & resources to the workers in the restaurant industry. However, the Spirit guided God's people to Him, as the Lord is faithful & everlasting. He blessed this sister in Christ with peace & joy beyond anything she experienced before.

Life changing experiences are the strongest testimony to God's truthfulness & power! When the husband witnessed the change in his wife, it directly impacted his beliefs. When we visited in the past, he used to find excuses to leave. When we visit now, he would be more than happy to cook for us. Praise the Lord for within the next 6 months, under the encouragement of a short term mission team, he committed to Christ. **“I noticed the change in her personality, and the peace in her after she believed in Christ...I've never heard her speak so gently to her father over the phone!...I went to a Christian school before, so I am familiar with Jesus' story. It is said that He's the Lord of life, and I truly understand it now.”** Those with the Lord in their lives are genuinely influential. She led her husband & her father in mainland China to Christ. Even her friends who are atheists said, **“She is truly a faithful Christian!”** The resources in Germany are limited, but God's work is beyond environmental constraints. Gently, our Heavenly Father led this family to Him. He wants to bring true light to the the troubled spirits & those with a heavy burden; so they can have peace in Him!

Another sister in Christ who committed to the Lord in mainland China, grew up in a family who has a long history of worshipping idols (had some supernatural experience with evil spirits). She believed in Christ in 2008, but started avoiding church in 2010. Leaving China did not bring her any happy experience. She became distress under the highly stressful work environment. She felt helpless & began to harm herself. Later, she learned to practice Buddhist meditation & intended to be a good healthy exercise. Gradually, not only did she avoid church, she also rejected God's words & the love from church members. Several years later, she was troubled with critical illness. She became acquainted with some psychics, & was taught some spiritual practices to access supernatural power to heal herself. In the beginning, it seemed to be working; but very soon, she lost control of her body. Her illness worsened. She was harassed by evil spirits & had depression. At last, she remembered the story of Jesus casting out evil spirits. She called on Jesus' name, and returned to church for help.

After a thorough conversation, we gained an understanding of her family background. We confirmed her understanding of the Bible teachings, & led her to a prayer of repentance. We also invited a group of brothers & sisters to fast & pray. (Prior to the invitation, we delivered workshops & Biblical teachings to help them understand the spiritual battle with evil spirits. Many people from mainland China have little knowledge of spiritual battles.) Praise the Lord, this sister was cleansed after a prayer in November 2017. She committed to Christ, & announced God as the Lord of her life. "The time I spent away from God was the most messed up & confused days. I constantly felt unsafe, & tried to comfort my body & mind with my own ways & ways of other gods. I just ended up in deeper trouble... Now, I finally understood. No matter what happens in the future, I will not leave God. He is the Lord of my life. I belong to Him. Praise the Lord for His great love, for His continued guidance & patience for my return to Him." In the past 6 months, we witnessed her changes. **She no longer lives in the dark. Her life is lively, brightened & filled with love.** She works hard to build an intimate relationship with Jesus, & desires God's words. Moreover, God has her served people around her: the students with depression, the Germans who seek supernatural experience, and the believers who are struggling in sinful behaviours. She is like the prodigal son who left the Lord, was lost & wandered in a wild land. However, God's love never gave up on her. He brought her back, & brought light once again into the darkest power, & released those who are chained, giving them true freedom!

Ministry Updates

Alpha Courses in Kassel occurred every Wednesday from January to April. Each week, we would focus discussion on a specific topic. This forum allowed those who showed interest in Christianity to share thoroughly their thoughts & questions. At the same time, it also encouraged Christians to share the Gospel, and prepare them to go out & evangelize.

We are still hosting Göttingen's Bible Study Group every Friday in our apartment. Since last September, we invited students to our home for dinner & Bible



study. Our home has become their "home". This change drastically decreased

the cases of depression in students during the winter months. Discipleship training & Evangelism Bible Group lasted for half a year. We will regroup in March & began studying specific books in the Bible.

Chinese New Year Dumplings Feast went smoothly in Gottingen and Kassel. This is a regular and typical outreach every year, and we still have many new comers and those interested in Christianity joined us. May the Lord have mercy, for we were short staffed, and the follow up work after the events was still very challenging to manage.



Chinese New Year Dumplings Feast in Göttingen (approx. 80 people)



Dumplings Feast & Worship in Kassel (approx. 100 people)

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Germany Chinese Christian Easter Camp was held between March 29th to April 2nd. The speakers were Rev. Fu Li Lau & Rev. Nap Tak Shum. Attendance exceeded 300 people. Youth also had an attendance of 90 people. The testimony of the speakers, and their powerful messages have led the congregation to commit, repent, & pray for each other. May the Spirit continue to work in each person's heart, & revive the Chinese Christians in Germany!



Prayer Requests

Living Camp: The 3 fellowships in Göttingen, Kassel, & Marburg will come together for a camp in Penetcost from May 19th - 21st. May the Lord:

- Grant the believers with the desire to grow in Christ;
- Lead 3 fellowships to prepare the camp with wisdom;
- Prepare 3 speakers' messages (adults, youth & children);
- Coordinate the partnership with STM teams.

Baptism in June: May God encourage believers to testify openly.

Returning to Toronto for Vacation in July: May the Lord guide the coworkers & fellowships in Göttingen & Kassel that they learn to pray earnestly to uphold the fellowship. May God grant us an opportunity to rest & revive.

The Challenges & Opportunities of Evangelical Ministry: The change in China's policy directly impacted on the willingness of seekers going to church activities, & the believers' decision to return to mainland China. May the Lord bless people with an accepting heart to the Gospel, and a passion to commit as followers of Christ.

Praise the Lord! After 4 winters in Germany, we have finally received approval for a car in March. It's now fully engaged in operation.

The least among the least,
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