

“可以再多告诉我一些关于圣经的故事吗？”一位今年十月才刚到马尔堡，来德交换一年的大四女生，参加完第一次福音性查经就提出要求：

“圣经里的信息太吸引我了，可以跟你们约时间再多听些吗？”神的话如此吸引人心，点燃生命里的渴慕，真是令人兴奋！与仍在马尔堡短宣的姐妹商量后，我们立刻安排，在之后的几个周六为她讲解圣经，盼望福音成为她饥渴心灵的满足。但随着对她更多的了解，我们发现，福音要深入她的心灵，需要跨越的障碍远比我们想像的多：第一次接触信仰，有限的生活阅历让她面对选择的迷惘：异国生活、学习压力、自我定位、前途追求、时间分配……为何要把信仰排在首位？神与生活如何连接起来？反思中，我们深感需要神的智慧和耐心，懂得按需喂养，爱心陪伴，等待神的工作。盼望她不单单是被圣经里的道理吸引，更是生命被这位活着的神触摸更新。

带着同样问题的年轻学子越来越多。这也引发我思考：如何把神活泼的话语带给这个时代的留学生们？如果留学生们需要的不只是吃饭或好玩的活动，而是面对生活中许多现实的问题，想要在信仰中找寻答案，我们如何能够在有限的时间里与他们一起学习，一起面对问题，一起来找寻答案？毕竟神的国度不是远在天外，而是与人的生命现实息息相关。

陪伴当然是有效的途径，但如何在人手短缺，学生需要大，这样现实的处境中作出有效合理的安排？实在是宣教士的挑战，需要仰望神的供应。

留学生事工的特点是流动性大，每个新的学年都会带来很大的变更。人员的不同也带来安排上的变动。铁打的营盘流水的兵，兵不断的更替，营盘如何坚固？



1. 短宣队的配搭

感谢神够用的恩典，带领海外华人教会差派短宣队支持参与到德国的留学生事工中。今年10月多伦多士嘉堡浸信会国语堂的短宣队再次来马尔堡，协助参与迎新月的各样事工活动。他们的参与是营盘坚稳的一部分。

迎新月后，神也感动其中一位姐妹继续6周的短宣跟进。今年10月底因着信徒的增长，我们从每月两次的崇拜，改为每周的主日崇拜。如何吸引新生也愿意周日来到教会呢？短宣的姐妹提出，她可以教主日学，可以透过【路得记】来思想人生智慧的抉择。

令人欣慰的是，新生们反应很好，他们积极参与。也许是被圣经吸引，也许是喜欢团契的气氛，新生们更快就融入团契，与其他肢体、学生成为好友。

2. 群体效应

群体效应对学生尤其重要。除了一起学习圣经知识，更是彼此分享生活中的软弱、生命中的挑战、爱情的选择等等，在相互的陪伴中探讨发掘圣经的导引，互相勉励成为敬畏神的人。

刚刚结束的圣诞特别聚会，几位新生积极投入，参与话剧表演及献诗。即便其中几位同学会很快结束交换课程于明年7月回国。但相信透过一年

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的团契生活，神的爱将植根于他们的心田，带给他们深深的影响，也必成为他们一生的祝福！



“看，主已在心门外敲门！”“但要收的庄稼多，做工的人少。所以，你们当求庄稼的打发工人出去收他的庄稼。”

代祷事项:

- 同工团队的建立:** 感谢神兴起三位姐妹成为第一届同工；求神赐下智慧、恩赐和合一的心，在事奉上成为众人的榜样！
- 短宣配搭:** 求主预备有负担的海外华人教会，牧者，宣教士，参与到德国马尔堡的福音禾场中！
- 新生跟进:** 感谢神保守迎新活动顺利进行，借着迎新我们得以接触不少的新生，求神帮助每一位新同学，能够有好的留德时间，结交益友，认识真神！
- 青年跨年营:** 12月30-1月1日是北德的青年跨年营，感谢神带领88位青年人参加，马尔堡有17位信徒慕道友参加，求圣灵在慕道友和信徒心中工作，使用营会的信息，使参与的青年成为“新造的人”，迈入新一年！
- 春节活动:** 感谢神带领香港尖沙咀潮人生命堂差派短宣队来支持我们在2月9日的春节特别活动和2月15-17的福音性滑雪营。求主帮助我们有智慧的筹划安排，也使用这特别的日子和活动，吸引同学们来认识福音！

感谢神带领我们一同经历丰富的2018，也愿厚赐恩典的主赐福新的一年，使我们经历他丰盛的爱！

圣诞喜乐，新年蒙福！
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“Can you please tell me more about the Bible?” A young female student who’s in a one-year international exchange program in Marburg starting just last October came to me after the first bible study for seekers. “The message in it is so attractive to me. Would it be possible to have some time with you at week-end to learn more about God?” She requested. I was quite excited hearing this; God’s word is so attractive and inspiring desire in those young hearts. After a quick chat with the sister who’s on a short-term mission trip from Canada, we made arrangement with the young girl to read bible together every week-end, in the hope that the Gospel would satisfy her thirsty heart. We realized after a couple weeks however, for her to open her heart to Jesus genuinely, there are many more obstacles than we thought: Being someone who has limited life experience and in contact of gospel the first time, she’s confused over too many options: adapting to a new culture, dealing with stress on student life, finding her own role at her life stage, looking for future directions, managing her time for the best result... Why should pursuing Christian faith be her top priority? How should God fit in her life reality? In viewing of her struggle, we deeply felt that we need God’s wisdom and patience. How to nurture according to her needs, walk with her in love and be patient with the Lord’s work in her? We want to see that her heart was touched and renewed by the living God instead of only attracted by some moral teaching in the Bible.

And this made me think when meeting more and more young students like her: how can we deliver God’s living word to this generation of international students? If what they are looking for is not only food and engaging activities, but also solutions through Christian faith in facing daily life problems. How can we, in a limited time frame, walk with them through life realities and find the answer together? After all, God’s kingdom is not high above in heaven, but closely related to the reality of human life.

Walking with them is no doubt an effective way. But with such great needs and limited man power resources, how to plan tactically has become a challenge of missionaries that rely on the Lord’s supply.

The most protruding characteristic of student ministry is its fluidity. Significant changes happen very school year. The changes of attendants often require changes of our planning. With floating soldiers, how can we fix our barrack?



1. Short-term mission team

Thanks to God’s sufficient grace, oversea Chinese churches have participated in German Chinese Student ministry. A short-term mission team from Toronto Scarborough Chinese Baptist Church came again last October, assisting the ministry activities in the new-student-welcoming month. Their participation has helped fixing part of the barrack.

A sister of the team stayed for another 6 weeks after the welcoming month. Since number of believers has increased, we now have worship every week instead of bi-weekly. How can we attract new students to our Sunday services? The sister on short-term mission volunteered for Sunday school teaching. “The Book of Ruth” was taught to inspire thinking of life’s wisdom on choices.

We have good response from new students thankfully. Either attracted by God’s word or by the warmth in our fellowship, they found sense of belonging quickly and made friends with other believers and students.



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2. Peer effects

Peer effects are especially important among students. Besides studying bible together, they can share with each other a lot of things in life such as their weaknesses, challenges and choice of love etc. Accompanying and encouraging each other when they are exploring life directions in the Bible and become godly persons.

In the Christmas event just passed, several new students had participated actively in skits and hymn singing. Although some of them will finish their exchange program shortly and will return to China in coming July, we believe God's love has already planted in their heart, will impact them deeply and become lifetime blessings.



“Look, the Lord is knocking the door! ” “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest field.”

Prayer items:

1. **Co-workers' team:** 3 sisters were built up by the Lord to serve as 1st team of co-workers. Please pray that God will give them wisdom, spiritual gift and unity so they can serve the Lord as examples of others.
2. **Short term mission team:** Please pray that the Lord will prepare oversea Chinese churches, pastors and missionaries to serve in the harvest field of Marburg.
3. **Follow-up of new students:** Thanks to the Lord! Our new-student-welcoming events went

smoothly and we have approached many new students. Please pray that with the help from the Lord, all the new students will have a blessed time in Germany, walk with wise companions and get to know God.

4. **The Cross-year Youth Camp:** North Germany will has its cross-year Youth Camp during Dec 30 – Jan 1. Thanks to the Lord, we have 88 youth registered. Among them 17 are from Marburg. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will use message of the camp and work in the heart of seekers and believers, make them new persons in the New Year to come.
5. **Chinese Festival Activities :** Thanks to the Lord, A short-term mission team sent by Hong Kong Tsimshatsui Swatow Christian Church will come and support us during Feb 15 -17 in our special event, Gospel Skiing Camp. Please pray that the Lord will help us to plan with wisdom and He will use the camp to attract students to know the gospel.

By God's grace we have experienced an abundant year of 2018. May rich blessings from the Lord who gives generously be with us in the new year ahead so we will experience His amazing love more richly.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
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