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Dear mission partners,

This summer, I had opportunities to visit and fellowship with many mission partners in Europe, Asia, and North America. Looking back to a decade of life and ministry in the mission field, my wife Ling and I can clearly see how we are blessed with a group of amazing supporters who have been praying for us, providing for us, and actively participating in our mission ministries among the Chinese Diaspora in Europe. I must say that without their support, it would not have been possible for us to stay focused and give ourselves fully to the work of the Lord.

Sometimes, we forget that perhaps the most important supporters are members of our own families.

During the last week of August, we went to California to visit our parents and siblings. We only got to spend a few days with either side of our families, but each gathering was filled with thanksgiving and sharing of fond memories in the past. Ling's parents will turn 80 years old in the upcoming months, by God's grace they are still as strong as those 20 years younger, and they are heavily involved in the ministry work of planting a new church. It has been a tremendous encouragement to see them serving the Lord with the energy and strength of Caleb after he entered the Promised Land (Joshua 14:11).

My elderly mother is now 91 years old, she does not move around too much these days, but she still has a keen interest in what we do and where we go to preach the gospel. She may not be able to hear and remember all the details of our ministry, but I know she is praying for me every day. When I went for a slow walk with her, I held her hand and felt an overwhelming sense of God's blessing passing down from generation to generation in my family. I am especially thankful for having a wonderful sister and brother who have been caring for our aging parents while I am far away in the mission field. Their sacrifice enables me to be free from my share of responsibility to provide care for my parents' daily needs. Their support to us cannot be underestimated. I pray that God will remember what they have done, that each of their families will experience God's providence in their lives.

Back in the mission field of Europe, I am also thankful to have a great team that works together to advance God's kingdom. The 5<sup>th</sup> of August was a happy day when I conducted the wedding ceremony for our missionaries Min Yin and Victor Li. We witnessed God's providence in bring them together and I am confident that God will lead them forward and make them a blessing to many more Chinese students. On 12<sup>th</sup> August, I was privileged to attend the ordination of our missionary Lawrence Sin by his sending church and home church, Hong Kong Alliance Mission. This is a big encouragement and validation for Lawrence's ministry in COCM. It will empower him to be more effective in his work with the Chinese Diaspora in Europe.

I am grateful to the Lord for sending us faithful support from home and providing us a strong team to labour together in the mission field. I pray for God's blessing to fall upon all our supporters from around the world and for His hand to strengthen our team.

Serving together in Christ,



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