



Dear brothers and sisters,

“By awesome deeds You answer us in righteousness, O God of our salvation, You who are the trust of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest sea.” 【Ps 65:5】

I thought the new year would have a good start, but unfortunately, whether it was the car attacks on Christmas in Germany and the New Year in the United States, or the fires in California, the families of the victims and the people affected by these disasters could not find peace. Pray that the Lord will have mercy and comfort them!

Due to the limited energy of the members of the Giessen Fellowship, we celebrated Christmas on a small scale. But there were still two non-believing families who usually do not come to the fellowship came to celebrate with us. Their excuse for not coming to fellowship is that they live a bit far away, but they are still willing to participate in the festival activities of the Fellowship.

At the beginning of November last year, I received a sister at my apartment because in the fall, she graduated from her vocational school and started looking for a job. Because she lives in a relatively remote area, it is more convenient for her to live in my place. Since she has submitted a lot of resumes, she had many opportunities for interviews. Due to her efforts, God gave her a Christmas and New Year's gift, which was to get a job contract before the end of the year, so that she could let go of a heavy burden. She was grateful that if she hadn't stayed at my place, it would have been very difficult for her to go to the interviews, because in small places, sometimes some trains would stop running, delaying her appointments. Thank the Lord that because she lived in my place, she also helped two elderly people with their problems. After coming into contact with these old people, she realized the stamina that I need to deal with them all the time, because they all have their own personalities and are not so receptive to people's advice.

On Christmas Eve, I invited some brothers and sisters and non-believer to my place. Two hours before the meal began, the son of the oldest sister in the church (95 years old) called me and said that his mother wanted to come and that she had forgotten to climb the stairs to my apartment. When she came, we all helped her up two flights of stairs and took her home. Since Covid, she has lost her ability to speak because she has not been able to talk to people. Even I can't understand what she is saying now. In addition, she often falls, and she needs to be supported when she walks. That day, because everyone talked to her, and she liked to eat, she was so happy that she didn't want to leave until it was nearly midnight. The next day her son told me that he noticed that his mother was able to speak a whole sentence last night, and he was very happy. Unfortunately, she got a bacterial infection last week and was hospitalized for a week and she was very weak.

Since I needed to receive a single mother and her five-year-old son on New Year's Eve, I asked the sister mentioned above to go home in order to make room for the mother and son for a few days of vacation. Because they live in a small city in the south, she takes her son to the big city to play. She also woke her son up on New Year's Eve to see the fireworks burning near my place. Since she moved out of the village where she had lived, her son went to a new kindergarten and found that he was a little more well-behaved and

sometimes obedient. It's a pity that the mother doesn't believe in the Lord, and she still lacks some wisdom in educating her son.

Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:

1. I am grateful that I can receive the sister such that she found a job eventually! Pray that her body will pass the medical examination smoothly because she has some long-term illnesses and is overweight and needs to lose weight! Pray that she will be able to pass the probationary period, find a place to live in the local city, and move smoothly!
2. Thank God for using the sister to help an elderly brother make an appointment to go to the consulate to apply for a new passport! Since he doesn't speak English, I accompanied him to the consulate in Berlin. Thanks to the Lord's guidance, although the train was delayed (it took four and a half hours by the fast speed train) and the road we took after getting off the subway was blocked, so we had to take a detour, but we still made it to the appointment in time and completed the procedure smoothly!
3. Thank the Lord for healing the old sister who had enteritis. She returned home on Monday night! She was very weak from a week in the hospital. May the Lord help her children to know how to take care of her so that she can regain her strength!
4. Thank God for being able to accompany this single mother since I knew her and give her the opportunity to visit a big city with her son whenever she wants! May the Lord have mercy on her, let her see God's care and guidance, and one day accept the Lord's salvation!
5. Last Saturday, the parents of a couple came to visit from China and mentioned that after returning home they no longer had the atmosphere like here to pursue their faith, although they had already made the decision to accept Jesus' salvation when they came to Germany many years ago. Pray that the Lord will strengthen their faith this time, lay a solid foundation so that they will continue to follow the Lord no matter where they are!

Pray that our Lord will hear our prayers!

Happy Chinese New Year! May God bless the New Year!

Serving Him,
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