

November 2019

Dear Praying Brothers and Sisters,

No words could truly describe how it feels to be in Hong Kong right now. Our hearts ache and we feel the sadness that shrouds the whole city. So we give all our anguish to our Yahweh Roi, the Lord who is our Shepherd. *“We all, like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.”* Thanking God for Isaiah 53:6, 7, what a timely reminder that we all have lost our way and there is no other way except to the One who is “the Way, the Truth and the Life.” Jesus, at the mention of His Name, every fear is dispelled.

PRAYERS ANSWERED

This past summer as we traveled around to visit our supporting churches, we shared how we desired for God to give us connections for work opportunities for our precious ladies in the Refuge. God had been working even before we left HK to connect with a Christian partner who has a family business in Makassar, Indonesia. We are thankful that God provided Susi and her son, Alexi a caring employer, good church fellowship and a wonderful flat for them to live in. God also provided a godly lady who can take of Alexi while Susi works as a translator for our friend’s company. Susi didn’t know why God sent her to Taiwan to work and experienced an abusive work experience, we know that God did not waste that experience and is now using it for His Glory and for her good. Susi’s language acquisition in Mandarin (learned this in Taiwan), Cantonese which she learned in HK and learned English while staying with us for 1 year, has made her equipped to

do the work she is doing now. God is so awesome and so good!

REJOICE with us – Susi has been going through a discipleship class in the church in Makassar and will be baptized this coming November 17th, Sunday!!! Please pray with us that the enemy will not hinder this awesome occasion.

Susi said, “God really exists and helped me to this day and washed away my sins in the past. My baptism, I feel like a newborn baby!” Don’t you just love “new babes” in Christ?



MARVELOUS ADDITION TO THE FAMILY

Praise be to God for giving us the blessing of baptizing 3 precious souls. We are so grateful to two mature sisters from Harmony who were mentored by Chris to teach the membership

class in our absence this past summer. We **REJOICE** with **Mickey, Joan, and Marian!**

PLEASE PRAY for these ladies as they continue to share with their family the gospel of Jesus Christ. It was so thrilling to hear from **Joan** before her baptism say, “My husband gave me the blessing to be baptized!” We have two ladies in our fellowship who are still not baptized because they are waiting for the blessing of their unsaved husbands.



Please pray for **Mickey’s husband, Joe**. He has been driving them to Harmony and sits at the back and eats his breakfast during the worship. I love how comfortable he feels in the house of God and he is coming just as he is! We have only one room for everything so we have kids coloring and playing with toys and the prepared food for lunch and worship all in

one room!

ANOTHER TEST OF FAITH

“The Hebrew word “raah” means “to see”. In this case, it is translated as “provide”. Since God sees the future as well as the past and the present, He is able to anticipate and provide for what is needed. Interestingly the English word “provision” is made up of two Latin words that mean “to see beforehand”. When we pray to Yahweh Yireh, we are praying to the God who sees the situation beforehand and is able to provide for our needs.” Praying the Names of God by Ann Spangler

Our Harmony family is once again tested to walk by faith. We have lost some faithful sisters in our church because of job loss and some employers had not allowed the ladies to come to Wan Chai on Sunday. Hence, we have suffered in our giving and are facing decisions that will affect our place of worship and the Lost and Found Refuge. We have asked our church family to once again bow down and seek the Lord together for God’s wisdom. We have shared before that we would need to move in November, but the Lord has not yet shown us the place and not given us peace when we need to move or change some things around. So we wait once again. Resting in His promises....

“And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever.” Amen. Philippians 4:19, 20

Our resources for both the church space and Refuge seem to be dangerously low, but God has reminded us of the story of the widow and Elisha. We are praying for those jars of oil to be filled if it is God’s will to fill it, if not, we wait for His leading. However He answers, we say, “Blessed be the Name of the Lord”!

THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH

When we feel discouraged, what does God do? Last Sunday, He opens the hearts of two ladies, **Cathy and Cocaine** (yes, this is her real name) to trust in His salvation and **Marifel** to be assured of her salvation. HALLELUJAH! This

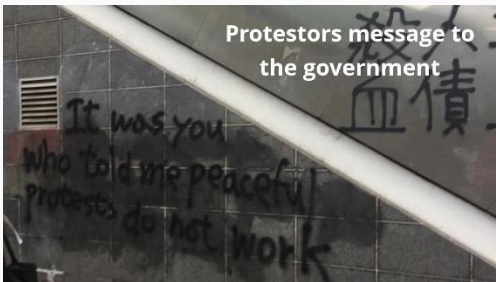


picture shows how the body of Christ comes together to multiply. One invites and the others pray and shared the gospel. We did it as a team!

After many years of praying, God has answered all our prayers for Phoebe's brother to trust in Him. Phoebe had the privilege of leading Charles to trust in Jesus.



CONTINUED PROTESTS IN HK



“We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.” Hebrews 6:19

The political situation in Hong Kong is continuing to deteriorate. For many weeks the protests and subsequent police crackdowns have mainly been confined to the weekends, however this week every day has been more and more like a war zone. Today, all schools have been cancelled. They should have been cancelled all week, but the government fears that even more students will join the protests if they don't have classes to attend. Most protestors arrested have been young people, with many arrested under 16 yrs of age. The protests have affected our church and shelter. Last week, the mom's staying in the shelter had to move the babies into the bathroom as teargas was filtering through the fifth floor window and they were crying as their eyes stung! The government has been evacuating mainland Chinese students who were studying in Hong Kong. While it is seen as a move to protect them as tensions continue to grow between Hong Kong mainland China, many wonder if it is a precursor to a mainland invasion. Actually, while it hasn't

been proven definitively, there is a lot of evidence to show that many of the riot police the government is using against protestors (even peaceful ones) are actually mainland Chinese military. Last week our son Josiah was meeting some friends when a large group of riot police began clearing the peaceful pedestrians from the street. He could overhear the riot police speaking to one another in Mandarin rather than Cantonese as local police would use. Needless to say, our beloved city of Hong Kong is in a state of crisis that I don't see getting better anytime soon. Both sides are very committed to their ideals, and it could get much worse before things improve. Please continue to pray for Hong Kong! And pray that all followers of Jesus would seize every opportunity to share that Jesus is the Hope they are looking for.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT - E-MAIL ADDRESS CHANGE

After nearly 23 years with the same email address, we are announcing that Chris will NO LONGER USE THE ADDRESS hartwick@netvigator.com. During the summer, this address was hacked (probably while using public wifi). Someone using this address sent many emails in Chris' name, mostly asking for money to be given by bitcoin. It took nearly a month before we realized the full extent of the breach. While we have taken steps to clean the address, we no longer feel confident that it is not compromised. From this point forward, **IF YOU RECEIVE A MESSAGE FROM HARTWICK@NETVIGATOR.COM, PLEASE DO NOT OPEN, IT IS NOT FROM US.** Since we don't know the intentions of this person, we don't want to risk exposing our friends to any kind of virus or other problems. From now on, if you want to contact us, please use these email addresses:

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Thank you, and please make the changes today. Also, if you received an appeal for a loan in the last two months, please accept our deepest apologies.

“Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.” Psalm 46:2-3

For Him in HK,
Chris and Maylin



If you would like to support Harmony Baptist Church or Lost and Found Refuge, please click on this link. When you arrive at the ABWE website, type "Harmony Baptist Church" or "Lost and Found" in the search box. We welcome both one-time gifts and monthly support commitments.

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