Lei's April 2026 Newsletter

[1] Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! Psalm 133

On a beautiful spring day, we went with the "Gentleness" small group to the Bayard Cutting Aboretum. It was wonderful to see our sisters enthusiastically sharing our faith with others! While waiting for the restroom, a sister talked to a mom with kids and gave them gospel tracts. As we were posing for a group photo, two young ladies kindly came over and took some pictures for us. We talked to them and gave them tracts. Of course, there were rejections as well, as one lady told us that she doesn't believe in creation but that the world came from the Big Bang.

Several sisters from church are also leading the children to make crafts that we can give out during the outreaches. This month, they made beautiful bookmarks. Praise God!

A Holly Paterson Nursing home

Mr Lin shared with me more about himself. After being hospitalized for a stroke, he was sent to the nursing home and has been there for more than 20 years. He's able to walk on some days, but on other days his left foot cramps up and he's not able to walk. I gave him a devotional booklet about the resurrection, and he said that the resurrection sounds like a fairytale. I shared that Jesus really was resurrected and there were eyewitnesses; that those who trust in Him would be resurrected too. He said that Jesus may be resurrected because he's powerful but wondered how ordinary people can be resurrected. I shared that it's all by God's power; if He's able to create and sustain the world then He's able to do anything. I asked him to read the story of Lazarus being raised to life in John 11.

We sat **Jiang Hong** down and fed her a mandarin orange. She smiled radiantly like a little child, and it was a real treat! May God's love be poured into her heart and awaken her spirit.

Sunharbor Manor Nursing Home

Terry is a Roman Catholic who considered becoming a priest and had even gone to seminary. We talked about the differences between his beliefs and ours. He thinks that praying through Mary makes his prayers more effective. We shared that Jesus is our mediator and no other is needed. He accepted this but said that praying to Mary was a habit since he was little and he can't break from it. When asked if he had the assurance of salvation, he wasn't sure. We shared that it's by grace and not merit. Then we held hands and prayed together. We appreciated each other's sharing very much.

Broadway Mall & Tricounty Bazaar

Mrs Mu came from China to take care of her granddaughters. She would like to visit a church as she hasn't been to one. We gave her information about our church.

Mr Zhang is new to the US. He's interested in our church programs like the ESL class. He thinks that it's a good way to get to know people and assimilate into the community.

Monica is a Hispanic Catholic lady. She attends church sometimes, while her children don't go. I encouraged her to go and to pray to Jesus.

John was buying some religious books – one about mother Mary and another written by Joyce Meyer. I asked him if he has a faith and he claims to be Christian. He wants to share God's truth with others, but he has a speech impediment.

Cantiague Park & Syosset Park

Thank God for bringing many brothers and sisters to the Easter outreach. We gave out many eggs with Bible verses, tracts and invited some to church.

A young Christian girl, **Alison**, said that we met a few weeks ago in the mall. She is with her cousin **Marion**, who's not a Christian. I shared the gospel with them and encouraged Marion to go to church with her cousin.

Preet, a young Indian lady, believes in Sikhism and goes to the temple. She thinks that all can go to heaven. I shared the gospel with her.

Muhan came from India. She was at the park with her mom and son. When we asked if she has any faith, we were surprised that her mom is a Christian and she has been to church a few times in India. Her mom doesn't speak English so we invited her to our ESL class.

Some prayer items:

1. Thank God for more brothers and sisters joining the outreaches. May God use our church to reach the community.

2. Thank God for the moms and children contributing crafts for our outreaches. May God give them inspiration to create and for us to use this material well.

3. Thank God that a few of our ESL students are joining our worship and fellowship. May God continue to draw them to himself.

Thank you for your prayers! Please let me know how I can pray for you and your ministry. If you do not want to receive future communications from me, please let me know and I will take you off my mailing list.

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[1]看哪，弟兄和睦同居是何等地善，何等地美！詩篇133

在一个美好的春日里，我们随“温柔”小组一同前往了 Bayard Cutting Arboretum。看到姐妹们满怀热情地与他人分享福音，真是令人倍感欣喜！在排队等候使用洗手间时，一位姐妹主动与一位带着孩子的母亲交谈，并赠送了福音单张。当我们正准备拍合影时，两位年轻女士友善地走上前来，热心地帮我们拍了几张照片。我们借机与她们交谈，并送给了她们福音单张。当然，我们也遇到了一些拒绝的情况；有一位女士告诉我们，她不相信“创造论”，而是认为世界起源于“大爆炸”。

教会里还有几位姐妹定期带领孩子们制作手工艺品，以便我们在外出传福音时分发。本月，她们制作了一批精美的书签。赞美神！

A Holly Paterson 疗养院

林先生向我分享了更多关于他自己的故事。因中风住院后，他被送进了养老院，至今已在那里居住了二十多年。有些日子他尚能下地行走，但另一些日子里，他的左脚会发生痉挛，导致无法走路。我送给他一本关于“复活”主题的灵修小册子，他听后说，复活这事听起来就像是个童话故事。我向他解释道：耶稣确实死而复活了，而且当时还有亲眼目睹的见证人；凡是信靠祂的人，将来也将复活。他听后表示：耶稣或许因为拥有大能而能够复活，但他很好奇，像我们这样的普通人又怎能复活呢？我告诉他：这一切全凭上帝的大能；既然祂有能力创造并维系整个世界，那么对祂而言，就没有什么是不可能成就的。随后，我请他阅读《约翰福音》第十一章中关于拉撒路死而复活的故事。

我们扶**姜红**坐了下来，并喂她吃了一颗橘子。她脸上绽放出灿烂的笑容，宛如一个天真烂漫的小孩——那画面真是令人倍感欣慰！愿上帝的爱倾注于她的心中，唤醒她的灵魂。

Sunharbor Manor 疗养院

Terry 是一位罗马天主教徒，他曾考虑过成为神父，甚至还进入过神学院就读。我们探讨了他与我们在信仰上的差异。他认为，通过马利亚进行祷告，能使他的祷告更加有效。我们向他分享道：耶稣才是我们唯一的代求者，我们无需借助其他中保。他接受了这一观点，但也坦言，向马利亚祷告是他从小养成的习惯，如今已难以割舍。当我们问及他是否拥有得救的确据时，他显得有些迟疑，无法给出肯定的回答。于是，我们向他阐明：救恩乃是出于恩典，而非基于功德。随后，我们手拉着手，一同进行了祷告。我们都非常珍视彼此之间的这次分享。

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穆太太专程从中国来到这里照看她的孙女们。由于她从未去过教堂，因此很希望能去参观一下。我们向她提供了关于我们教会的相关信息。

张先生刚来到美国不久。他对我们教会的各项活动——例如英语班——很感兴趣。他认为，参加这些活动是结识他人并融入当地社区的绝佳途径。

Monica 是一位来自拉美裔背景的天主教徒。她偶尔会去教堂做礼拜，但她的孩子们却不怎么去。我鼓励她坚持去教堂，并向耶稣祷告。

John 当时正在选购一些宗教书籍——其中一本是关于圣母玛利亚的，另一本则出自 Joyce Meyer 之手。我问他是否有信仰，他表示自己是一名基督徒。他希望能将上帝的真理分享给他人，但他患有言语障碍。

Cantiague Park & Syosset Park

感谢神带领许多弟兄姐妹参与这次复活节外展活动。我们分发了许多有圣经经文的彩蛋和福音单张，并邀请了一些人去教会。

一位名叫 **Alison** 的年轻基督徒姐妹认出了我们，她说几周前我们曾在商场见过面。当时她正和表妹 **Marion** 在一起，而 Marion 并非基督徒。我向她们分享了福音，并鼓励 Marion 跟着表姐一起去教会。

Preet 是一位年轻的印度女士，她信奉锡克教，并常去庙宇敬拜。她认为所有人最终都能进入天堂。我向她分享了福音。

Muhan 来自印度。当时她正带着母亲和儿子在公园里游玩。当我们询问她是否有信仰时，意外地得知她的母亲竟然是一位基督徒，而她自己在印度时也曾去过几次教会。由于她的母亲不会说英语，我们便邀请她参加我们的英语班。

祷告事项：

1. 感谢神，有更多的弟兄姐妹参与传福音的事工。愿神使用我们的教会将福音传至社区中。

2. 感谢神，有许多妈妈和孩子们为我们的外展事工奉献了亲手制作的手工艺品。愿神赐给他们创作的灵感，也赐给我们智慧能善用这些材料。

3. 感谢神，我们的一些英语班学生开始来到我们的主日崇拜与团契聚会中。愿神继续吸引他们归向祂。

感谢您的祷告！请告诉我如何为您和您的事工祷告。如果您不想再收到我的邮件，请告知，我会将您从邮件列表中移除。