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[5] If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. [6] But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. James 1

The highlight of this month is the annual Vacation Bible School (VBS) held in the church. Thank God for bringing over 40 children and more than 20 youth helpers this year. About half of them are not regular attendees in our church. I taught in the Bible center to five groups of children almost daily. Thank God that all heard about Jesus and His gospel and most prayed to have Jesus in their lives. I also taught them about missions for two afternoons. During the first session, we walked around the neighborhood briefly to get an idea about the different people groups practicing different religions around us. During the second session, I shared about Islam and the children were engaged and asked many questions. Throughout the week during dropoff, pickup and during the closing party, we also had the chance to talk to the parents and grandparents.

I appreciate the help of the youths during the week, but sometimes they need to be redirected to channel their energy into useful areas. As I teach them during Sunday school this month, may God give me wisdom, patience and love to make the Bible come alive for us so that we can better live it out.

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Yang mama was encouraged when we sang a hymn with her, so we left a copy of the lyrics for her. She needs prayers for her deteriorating eyesight, hearing and arm surgery. **Qi mama** was watching Goodnews TV that a Christian friend put on for her and we gave her a Christian newspaper. **Liang mama** was knitting and she shared that she has been sleeping better. We encouraged her to pray to Jesus for all her needs.

Mr Lin said that he listens to the audio Bible because it's easier on his eyes. We continued our discussion on the book of Genesis by sharing about Eve eating the forbidden fruit. We explained that's how sin came into the world. We asked if he thinks he's a sinner and he said that he didn't used to think so, but now he has accepted that everyone, including himself, are sinners. He knows that the only way out is to trust in Jesus. He shared that he's on the way, but he still worries about what his family thinks if he were to convert. He admits that he's not at the point of receiving Jesus fully yet. He likes listening to hymns and would share with others. We encouraged him that God is already using him to encourage others and God will remember him for his good work.

Church neighborhood

We went to some houses in the neighborhood. There were a few Nepali men who are interested to learn English. A Hispanic lady told us that her neighbor has four kids and told us to invite them for the

VBS. Since no one answered the door, we left flyers in the mailbox. Another Indian family told us that they're Christians and the grandkids just attended a VBS at their own church with the same theme.

We visited a nail salon, and the Chinese lady told us we could leave a VBS flyer with her. They work seven days a week and cannot come to church. At an Indian store, an Indian man was waiting for his food. He was friendly and interested in the Chinese culture. He accepted a gospel tract from us.

Syosset Park and Library

Despite it being a very hot day, there were many families playing different sports in the park. We gave out some VBS flyers and gospel tracts. An elderly couple, the **Shans,** were walking. The husband is 90 and the wife 85 years old. They used to attend a church in Chinatown but stopped going because his wife has difficulty walking. We invited them to our church. Through Mr. Shan, we got to know another man, **Peter Wan**, whose wife used to attend church until two years ago. We gave him our flyer and encouraged him and his wife to come to our church. We shared the importance of faith in Jesus in our lives.

At the Syosset library, we saw several families with young children and invited them to our VBS and Chinese school.

Source mall

We tried giving out the Chinese school flyers, but few were interested. Two ladies were sitting on the bench, **G** who became blind after having a tumor, and her aide. They are both Christians and we prayed for them. Our young brother Ryan helped a man, **Roger**, selling baked goods to set up his tables. He was friendly and attends a Baptist church. A lady from Guyana was helping her daughter sell kid's ware. They were very friendly. The mom said that she has been to church as a kid, and she even remembered singing "Jesus loves me". We shared the importance of trusting and following Jesus and gave them gospel tracts.

Some prayer items:

1. Thank God for the VBS and for bringing the children and youth helpers. May God continue to remind them of what they learnt during the week and help them in their walk with Jesus.

2. Please pray for wisdom on how to teach the youths, not just to impart knowledge but in a way that God's words can transform our lives.

3. Please pray for the preparation for the Chinese school and ESL classes that we'll have enough teachers and helpers and a good number of students who are open to the Gospel.

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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[5]你们中间若有缺少智慧的，应当求那厚赐与众人、也不斥责人的神，主就必赐给他。[6]只要凭着信心求，一点不疑惑；因为那疑惑的人，就像海中的波浪，被风吹动翻腾。雅各書1

本月最让人兴奋的是教会举办的年度"暑期圣经营"（VBS）。感谢神，今年有 40 多名儿童和 20 多位青少年志愿者参与其中，其中约半数并非本教会的常客。我几乎每天都在圣经学习环节教导五组孩子。感谢神，孩子们都听到了关于耶稣和福音的信息，且大多数人都作了祷告，愿意让耶稣进入他们的生命。此外，我还利用两个下午的时间向他们讲解了宣教事工。在第一次活动中，我们简短地在社区周边走访，了解周围不同族群所信奉的宗教. 第二次活动时，我分享了关于伊斯兰教的内容，孩子们听得津津有味，并提出了许多问题。在这一周里，无论是接送孩子还是参加结业聚会时，我们也有机会与家长及祖父母们交流。

我很感激青少年志愿者们这一周的协助，不过有时也需要引导他们，将精力投入到更有益的事情上。本月我在主日学教导他们时，愿神赐予我智慧、耐心与爱心，让圣经真理在我们心中变得真实，让我们更好地活出来。

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我们与**杨妈妈**一起唱赞美诗，这让她倍感鼓舞，于是我们留下了一份歌词给她。她视力和听力都在衰退，且需要接受手臂手术，因此需要大家的代祷。**祁妈妈**当时正在收看一位基督徒朋友为她调好的"好消息电视台"（Goodnews TV）节目，我们便送了一份基督教报纸给她。**梁妈妈**正在做针线活，她告诉我们最近睡眠状况有所改善；我们鼓励她将一切所需都向耶稣祷告祈求。

林先生说他喜欢听有声圣经，因为这样对眼睛的负担较小。我们继续探讨《创世记》，分享了夏娃吃禁果的故事，并解释了罪是如何进入世界的。当我们问他是否认为自己是个罪人时，他说过去并不这么认为，但现在已接受了这个事实：包括他在内的所有人都是罪人。他明白，唯一的出路就是信靠耶稣。他表示自己正走在这条路上，但仍担心若自己改信基督教，家人会怎么看。他坦言，自己尚未完全准备好接受耶稣。他喜欢听赞美诗，也乐于与他人分享。我们鼓励他说，神已经在通过他去鼓励别人，神也会记念他的善行。

教会附近的社区

我们走访了社区里的一些住户。有几位尼泊尔籍男士表示有兴趣学习英语。一位拉美裔女士告诉我们，她的邻居家有四个孩子，并建议我们邀请他们参加 VBS。由于当时无人应门，我们便将传单留在了信箱里。另一户印度家庭告诉我们，他们是基督徒，家里的孙辈刚在自己的教会参加过主题相同的 VBS。

我们还造访了一家美甲店，店里的一位中国女士表示可以收下我们的 VBS 传单。她们每周工作七天，因此无法来教会。在一家印度商店里，一位正在等餐的印度男士表现得很友善，并对中国文化颇感兴趣；他接受了我们递给他的福音单张。

Syosset 公园和图书馆

尽管天气炎热，公园里仍有许多家庭在进行各种体育活动。我们分发了一些 VBS 的传单和福音单张。当时，一对名为 **Shan** 的老年夫妇正在散步；丈夫 90 岁，妻子 85 岁。他们过去曾在唐人街的一所教会聚会，但后来因妻子行动不便而停止了参加。我们邀请他们来我们的教会。通过 Shan 先生，我们结识了另一位男士 **Peter Wan**；他的妻子直到两年前都还在参加教会活动。我们递给他传单，并鼓励他和妻子来我们的教会，同时也分享了信靠耶稣对我们的重要性。

在 Syosset 图书馆，我们遇到了一些带着年幼子女的家庭，并邀请他们参加我们的 VBS 和中文学校。

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我们尝试分发中文学校的传单，但感兴趣的人寥寥无几。长椅上坐着两位女士：一位是因患肿瘤而失明的 G 女士，另一位是她的陪护人员。她们都是基督徒，我们便为她们作了祷告。我们年轻的弟兄 Ryan 协助一位名叫 **Roger** 的男士摆放桌子，准备售卖烘焙食品；Roger 为人友善，也是一位浸信会信徒。还有一位来自圭亚那的女士正协助女儿售卖儿童用品，她们也非常亲切。这位母亲提到自己小时候去过教会，甚至还记得唱过《耶稣爱我》这首歌。我们向她们分享了信靠并跟随耶稣的重要性，并送给她们福音单张。

祷告事项：

1. 感谢神赐予我们暑期圣经营，并让孩子们和青少年同工参与其中。愿神不断提醒他们这一周所学的真理，并帮助他们在跟随耶稣的道路上不断成长。

2. 请为教导青少年的方式祈求智慧，愿我们不仅是传授知识，更能让神的话语改变我们的生命。

3. 请为中文学校和 ESL 课程的筹备工作代祷，求神预备足够的老师与同工，并吸引更多愿意敞开心扉接受福音的学生。