Dec 2025 Newsletter

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. Isaiah 40:8

This has been an emotional month as we saw my mom-in-law get better and was almost discharged from the hospital, then suddenly deteriorate and passed away. For the most part, she was in a coma and passed away peacefully to be with the Lord. We're thankful for our church pastors, brothers and sisters who walked alongside us, prayed for us and helped us through this time. It reminds us of the transient nature of our lives on earth, and I pray that it may spur us to number our days wisely to be used of God.

Church ESL class

We shared the meaning of Christmas with the students. We read a children's book "Born on Christmas Morn": https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wgA-pXlt03E and talked about why we have Christmas trees: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S6J0FJY0PQg It was a little difficult for the students, but I think they got the message after some explanations. We also sang "Joy to the World" and had lunch together. A group of five students came because they practice Taichi together. One of them, **Ling**, has family members who are Christians and attend church occasionally. We invited them to our Christmas evening service and pray that some may attend.

Sunharbor Manor Nursing Home

A group of about twenty residents were having a sing along session in the common room. Judy asked the worker in charge if we could lead the residents in Christmas carols. She agreed and we decided to take the chance that God gave us, despite being unrehearsed. It turned out well and we were able to share God's words through the songs.

We also had conversations and prayed for **Mrs Lai, Haque, Edward, Annie, Corologos, Martin and Jeanette**. We haven't seen Martin in a long time. It turned out that he fell and had difficulty walking so he couldn't visit his wife as often. He appreciated our Christmas card and said that he would buy us bagels next time we visit. It was a heart-warming visit.

Broadway Mall

We chatted with **Lata**, an Indian lady, and **Tara**, a Nepali lady, from the Eyebrow Station. We talked about different kinds of Indian breads and gave them “Our Daily Bread”. I shared that other than physical bread, we need bread for our souls and Lata agreed. I also shared about my mom-in-law’s sickness with them. Lata has lived with her mom-in-law for twenty-two years. She said that in the Indian culture, parents always live with their grown-up children. I shared that honoring our parents is very important and the Bible promises that those who honor their parents will live long lives. Lata was happy to hear this.

Andrea, an African American lady, shared that her son is autistic and blind. She has found it difficult to be accepted when they go to churches and they’re still looking for a church. I shared that we have blind and autistic youths among us and we welcome them.

Naima is a young Muslim lady. I asked her where she would go after this life according to her religious belief. She said that she’s not sure and hasn’t given it much thought. I gave her a Gospel tract and wished her well.

Tricounty Bazaar

We gave out some flyers and Christmas devotionals. Most people accepted them. A Jewish lady in a wheelchair refused to accept anything. She said that she believes in one God and that Jesus is not God.

A Filipino lady, **Rose**, came all the way from Brooklyn and she said that the thrift store on Long Island is much better than the ones elsewhere. She said that she wished she could visit our church, but she lives too far away. **Eva** is a Chinese vendor whom we met last time. She is very friendly and hopefully our purchase from her will help to build up a good relationship.

Some prayer items:

1. Thank God for bringing new students to the ESL classes and for the Christmas celebration. May the gospel seeds planted continue to grow in their hearts.

2. Thank God for the openness and welcome we receive at the Sunharbor Manor nursing home. May the residents see the love from Jesus through us.

3. Thank God for a heart-warming memorial service for my mom-in-law. The love from brothers and sisters has lifted our spirits and strengthened us.

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.