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[15] Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, [16] from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love. Ephesians 4

I'm thankful for our church retreat which reminded us to use the gifts that God has given each one to build up the church and fulfill God's purpose. The main speaker, a Korean pastor, who was a missionary in China for over twenty years also encouraged us with his life testimony.

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Patricia shared that her sister still refused to forgive her and her son didn't want to visit her because of something she said. We prayed for reconciliation between her and her family members.

Roni is Jewish and was dancing in her wheelchair. There were many around her whom we believed to be Jewish too. She believes in God but not in Jesus. However, she appreciates our visit and accepted our prayers and gospel tract.

Edward has passed away and **Haque** thinks that he's in heaven because he was a good man. We shared it's because of Edward's faith in Jesus that he's in heaven. Haque thinks that people should have eternal life because of good works and not due to their trust in Jesus. We prayed for his impending surgery.

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Mr Lin loves listening to Chinese hymns and I introduced him to other hymns. He said that he wants to believe in Jesus, but the Bible doesn't seem penetrate his heart and mind. We read Genesis 1 with him, and he said that he understood. We encourage him to continue reading and to write down any questions he has so we can discuss it next time. We prayed for God to open his heart and mind to Him.

Kookie is doing well. I read a Gospel tract with her, talked about Jesus being our only way of salvation and prayed for her.

Zhang Xiuju is in her 90's. We asked if she knows Jesus and she said that she had attended a Roman Catholic (RC) college in Shanghai. However, she's not sure if she can go to heaven or how to get there. We shared the gospel with her and asked if she'd like to receive Jesus into her life. Each time, she just said that she had attended a RC college and knows about Jesus. We explained that she needs to place her trust in Jesus, but she repeated the same answer to us. When we visited her again, she was reading a Christian booklet. I gave her another Christian booklet and newspaper to read. We tried sharing with her, but she was very quiet and didn't respond much. We prayed for her.

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Stephanie came from Taiwan. She went back for a month recently to spend time with her mom. She laments that her mom is lonely and wished that she could spend more time with her. We encouraged her that this life is not the end. If she and her mom both trust in Jesus, they would be together in eternity. She thinks that it's too simplistic that we can be saved by faith alone. We explained that real faith leads to good works and it's not easy unless God initiates the process.

Sunil, an Indian man, is a new store owner. He agrees that our soul is eternal but believes in reincarnation and that our action determines our fate. I shared that there're many things we can't control such as where we're born or to whom we're born. It's all decided by God, and our trust or lack of in Him would determine where we would go in eternity. He accepted our tract.

Jennifer is Chinese but has lived in many countries throughout her life. She used to go to church but hasn't gone since the pandemic. We encouraged her that our meeting maybe God telling her to go back to church. She agreed and said that she'll start attending the church near where she lives.

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I shared the gospel with an Indian couple who've been to church when their friends invited them. They said that they would read the tract we gave them. A young Muslim man, **Ahmad**, was raising funds to help children who have been abused. He shared that the most important aspect of religion is showing kindness. I shared that the right beliefs lead us to the right actions. At first, he refused our tract, but he later accepted one and said that he would read it.

Some prayer items:

1. Thank God that more brothers and sisters are reaching out to the lost. May God build up and use our church abundantly.

2. Thank God for the ESL students' openness to the Bible. May the Holy Spirit continue to draw them and open their understanding.

3. Thank God for the open doors in the nursing homes. May God continue to open more doors for the Gospel.

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[15]惟用爱心说诚实话，凡事长进，连於元首基督，[16]全身都靠他联络得合式，百节各按各职，照着各体的功用彼此相助，便叫身体渐渐增长，在爱中建立自己。以弗所書4

我很感恩参加了教会的退修会，这次聚会提醒我们要运用神赐予每个人的恩赐，去建立教会并成就神的旨意。主题讲员是一位曾在中国宣教二十多年的韩国牧师，他以自己的生命见证激励了我们。

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Patricia 告诉我们，由于她曾说过的一些话，她的姐妹至今仍不愿原谅她，儿子也不愿来探望她。我们为她与家人之间的和解向神祷告。

Roni 是一位犹太裔女士，当时正坐在轮椅上跳舞；她周围还有许多人，我们推测他们也都是犹太人。她相信有神，但不信耶稣。不过，她很感激我们的探访，并接受了我们的祷告和福音单张。

Edward 已经去世了；**Haque** 认为他之所以在天堂，是因为他生前是个好人。我们向 Haque 说明，Edward 之所以能进入天堂，是因为他对耶稣的信心。Haque 则认为，人获得永生应归功于善行，而非对耶稣的信靠。我们为他即将进行的手术作了祷告。

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林先生很喜欢听中文赞美诗，我也向他介绍了一些其他的赞美诗。他说自己想信耶稣，但似乎觉得圣经的话语未能触动他的内心。我们与他一同阅读了创世记第一章，他表示自己明白了。我们鼓励他继续阅读，并记下任何疑问，以便下次讨论。我们为他祷告，求神开启他的心窍，让他能归向神。

Kookie 的情况很好。我与她一起阅读了一份福音单张，谈论了耶稣是我们唯一的救赎之路，并为她祷告。

张秀菊老人家已年逾九旬。我们问她是否认识耶稣，她说自己曾在上海的一所天主教学院就读。不过，她不确定自己能否上天堂，也不清楚该如何去那里。我们向她传讲了福音，并问她是否愿意接受耶稣进入生命。但每次问起，她总是重复说自己曾读过天主教学院。我们向她解释需要信靠耶稣，但她给出的回答始终如一。当我们再次探访时，发现她正在阅读一本基督教小册子。于是，我又给了她一份基督教小册子和一份报纸供她阅读。我们试着与她分享，但她很安静，回应不多。我们为她作了祷告。

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Stephanie 来自台湾。她最近回了一趟台湾，陪伴母亲。她感叹母亲感到孤独，希望能多花些时间陪伴她。我们鼓励她说，今生并非终局；如果她和母亲都信靠耶稣，将来就能在永恒中重聚。她觉得“单凭信心就能得救”这种说法过于简单。我们向她解释道，真正的信心会带来善行；若非神主动开启这一过程，这一切并非易事。

Sunil 是一位印度裔店主。他认同灵魂是永恒的，但相信轮回，并认为人的行为决定了命运。我向他指出，许多事情是我们无法掌控的，比如出生地或出身背景。这一切都由神主宰，而我们是否信靠神，将决定我们在永恒中的归宿。他接受了我们给的福音单张。

Jennifer 是华人，但一生中曾在许多国家生活过。她过去曾去教会，但疫情以来便不再去了。我们鼓励她说，这次相遇或许是神在提醒她重返教会。她表示赞同，并说会开始去住所附近的教会参加聚会。

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我向一对印度夫妇传了福音，他们曾应朋友之邀去过教会。他们表示会阅读我们给他们的福音单张。还有一位名叫 **Ahmad** 的穆斯林青年，他当时正在为帮助受虐儿童筹款。他谈到，人活着最重要的是要善良。我分享说，正确的信仰会引导我们做出正确的行为。起初他拒绝了我们的单张，但后来还是收下并表示会阅读。

祷告事项：

1. 感谢神，有更多的弟兄姊妹愿意接触那些尚未信主的人。愿神建立并大大使用我们的教会。

2. 感谢神，让 ESL 课程的学生对圣经持开放态度。愿圣灵继续吸引他们，并开启他们的悟性。

3. 感谢神，让我们有机会进入疗养院传福音。愿神继续为福音开启更多的门。