May 2025 Newsletter

[3] You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.
[4] Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock. Isaiah 26

Many things in the world can distract us, make us lose our focus on our Lord and let anxiety and doubts creep in. May we stay vigilant in prayers, so that we can stay on task to do the good work that He has prepared for us to do.

ESL class

It's coming to the end of the semester. We've built good friendships with the regular students and several said that they would like to come back next year. One of the students, **Bao**, started bringing her children to our Sunday service. However, her daughter said that church is boring which may make it hard for her to continue coming. Please pray that God can change her daughter's heart.

Ma Yong, a former Muslim student, wished me "Happy Mother's Day" and I encouraged him and his wife to consider starting a family when they've settled down. M shared that they have difficulty conceiving and asked us to pray for them.

Sunharbor Manor Nursing Home

Mouris is an Iranian man. He's been here for a month and wished that he could go home soon. I shared the story of Daniel and his friends in Babylon and how God walked with Daniel's friends in the fire. Similarly, when we trust in God, He walks with us as we go through the fire. Mouris said that religion is for the naïve. But he accepted my gospel tract and flowers to give to his wife.

Annie Taylor, an African-American Jehovah Witness, shared that the left side of her body is numb and her left arm and leg felt very heavy. I asked if I could pray for her. She said that I've a different religion from her, but she relented and let me pray. She accepted my Mother's Day tract and gave me a Watchtower magazine to read. I agreed that I'll read, and we'll discuss it next time.

Corologos is a Greek man who used to teach Psychology at the University of Vermont. I shared that his name "logos" means the Word of God which is Jesus. He claims to be an atheist and asked how I can prove the existence of God. I asked how he can prove the non-existence of God. He shared that even if God is real, how can we know which religion is real since there're so many. I shared that most religions are work based, but our work can never be perfect. In Christianity, however, we are faith based and trust that only God can save us through His son Jesus Christ. He said that he prefers to trust in himself than in Jesus. I gave him a book "Solving the God puzzle' since he likes to read and he immediately got to it.

Outreach

A. Broadway mall

Macy is a young Chinese girl selling knitted toys. When I shared that we're from a church and gave her a gospel tract, she said that she used to go with her friends when she was in middle school. Her family members are Buddhists, and they were not happy with her going to church so eventually she stopped. I shared the gospel with her, and she said that it all sounds very familiar. Recently, people have been inviting her, and she feels that God is calling her back. We gave her information about our church, and she said that she'll try to come sometime. She lives in Flushing but doesn't mind coming to a church on Long Island.

Rashab is an Indian college student selling bracelets. He said that his wares are imported from the Philippines by his dad. His family is Hindu, and he goes with them to the temple because of family relations. I shared the gospel with him and he listened politely.

Jason Guo, a Chinese man, said that his mom is a Christian and he recently started bringing his children to church. However, he doesn't believe in God or the devil but only in himself. When he tried to listen to the sermon in church, he couldn't understand anything. We encouraged him not to give up, that if he truly seeks God, he'll receive understanding. We offered to pray for him, and he accepted gladly. He said that he has met Mormons and Jehovah witnesses, and they love to go out on the streets to share their beliefs. He asked if we were like them. We shared that we believe in Jesus and He is our savior who saved us from our sins; our basis is the Bible only. We gave him some information about our church, and he said that he'll like to visit sometime.

B. Tri County Bazaar

Ming Mei, a Japanese lady, believes in Shintoism, but her son is a Christian. We asked if she believes in the immortality of her soul, but she didn't seem to understand. She took our tract to read.

We haven't been to the jewelry section for a while. Most of the vendors were Persian and either Jewish or Muslim. When we first shared with them, several of them talked to us. But over time, when they found out I wasn't interested in purchasing their wares, most didn't want to talk. Because Xing and Athena wanted to go, I decided to accompany them but keep a distance because some of the vendors may recognize me.

True to my expectation, **Roya**, a vendor, did recognize me and greeted me. She's Persian and a free thinker. She said that the most important thing is to be a good person. I shared that we try our best, but we often fall short in our thoughts and words. One day, we'll stand in front of God, and everything will be exposed, and we'll be judged. She agreed that that's a scary thought. I shared that only Jesus could save us and cover us from God's judgement.

Amir is Persian and a free thinker. His parents are Jewish and Muslim respectively. Xing shared the gospel with him, and he asked for prayers for his business. I also shared the story about Daniel and his friends being taken to Babylon; they defied the king's order to worship idols and were thrown into the lion's den and into the furnace respectively. He seemed interested and I gave him a tract "Who's the fourth man in the fire?".

Mrs Tian, a Chinese lady in her 70s, has been reading and searching about the meaning of life. I asked her what she has concluded after many years of searching. She said that it's about being kind to the people around us, working hard to improve ourselves and if we're strong enough then we don't need God. We shared that it's good to be kind, but we can never meet God's perfect standards. We are also very small compared to God and many circumstances are not within our control. We had a friendly discussion, and she accepted a booklet "The ultimate purpose, value, and meaning of life" written by Pastor Tan.

Eli, is a Jewish man, who visits the synagogue frequently. We asked if he's sure about his eternity and he believes so. We shared about Jesus' identity as the Messiah and His imminent coming. Eli agreed with what we shared and thanked us for sharing with him.

C. Maharaja Farmers Market

A Hindu man, **Raj**, says that he's open to all religions and they're all good. I asked if he could go to heaven after this life and he said that it all depends on our karma; we may have to go through many lives to achieve it. I shared that in Christianity the only way is through Jesus. He said that he loves Jesus and He's a good man. I shared that He's not just a good man, but He's God and only He can save us. Raj wasn't convinced but was amicable throughout our conversation.

A Muslim man, **Fahim**, said that we've met before and he was happy to see me. I asked if he was going to the mosque later and he said that it depends on whether he could finish his work. We wish him a blessed day.

Some prayer items:

1. The ESL students will take the truths we've shared to heart and be drawn to Jesus.
2. Bao and her children can continue to come to church, and God will touch their hearts.
3. God will grant our prayers for Ma Yong and his wife to have children, and they'll experience the power and love of Jesus.

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.