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*[1] Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord,
and Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him. [2] And the Lord said to Satan, "The Lord rebuke you, O Satan! The Lord who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is not this a brand plucked from the fire?" Zechariah 3*

Thank God for protecting our church in the fire that happened this month: https://www.cbsnews.com/newyork/news/hicksville-fire-east-marie-street-businesses/ It reminds me of the above verses in Zechariah where Joshua the high priest was wearing filthy garments because he was plucked from the fire. I used to understand this as referring to people who trusted in the Lord during their final moments of life and were barely saved from God's consuming fire of judgement. In reality each believer is like a brand plucked from the fire because we were so close to the fire without even realizing it, but Jesus plucked us out of the fire and covered us with clean robes. May we also have the urgency and obedience to lead others away from the fire towards Jesus.

## Church ESL class

Our church ESL class started this month. Thank God for providing all the teachers and bringing new students to us. I'm particularly thankful for an older lady we met at the park, **Mrs Yi**, who referred three other friends to our class. She and her friends need extra help in the class, and after praying God provided a wonderful sister to help us.

## Online ESL class

Enoch invited his cousin, **Noah**, to attend the ESL class. Noah has attended church a few times in China when he was little but hasn't gone since then. Enoch has been sharing about Jesus with him and Noah expressed that he wanted to be a Christian. After the lesson, I shared the gospel with him and prayed with him to receive Christ into his life. I could sense his sincerity and desire to be a child of God. He continues to attend the class, and we've started reading Bible stories in simple English and have had some good discussions.

## Fall festival

We had a fall festival in church with a gospel illusionist, and many people came. Some brothers and sisters invited their neighbors, coworkers and friends. There were people in the community who came after receiving flyers from our outreach at supermarkets.

## Sunharbor Manor Nursing Home

Upon arriving, we were told by a few nurses that **Mr Lai** whom we're visiting, is doing his rehabilitation exercises. We went to the room to check it out and met a new Chinese lady **Mrs Wang**. She's a Buddhist and thinks that she'll be able to go to heaven because she has done many good deeds. I shared that we try our best to do good, but we've also committed sins as well. I asked if she had lied or been angry at someone before. Mrs Wang said that she has never lied, and she only got angry at unrighteous deeds done to somebody. She says that she prays to the God of the heavens and has been blessed with much prosperity in her life. I shared that no matter how much we've done, these deeds can't earn us our salvation. I shared the gospel with her, but she thinks that all religions are the same. I shared that faith in the right God is important and gave the example of Muslims who adhered to the Quran and killed thinking that it'd get them to heaven. In the end I gave her some literature, and she welcomed us to visit her next time.

**Mrs Lai** didn't sleep well last night and woke up around noon. We chatted with her briefly and Betty prayed for her to have better rest at night.

## Outreach

### Church neighborhood

Due to the fire in a restaurant next to us, a few stores were badly damaged and boarded up. Thankfully, our church was almost unharmed as we were separated by a firewall between the restaurant and us. Two days later, we went to talk to a few neighbors around us. The owner of the Greek store further down the street, Bakaliko, talked to us for a while. She shared about how they came to own the store since 1991 and have been there since. I shared that we really don't know what each day brings, and anything can happen. She agreed and received our tract. Two other young Muslim girls who work in a jewelry and a clothing store didn't know about the fire. I shared that we're from the church nearby and invited them to visit.

### Cantiague Park

We invited people to our fall festival and ESL class, and several people expressed interest including **Joe Ye, Mrs Ye, Barbara and Rich**.

**Alex** is a young man who used to attend a Roman Catholic church when he was young. He was very friendly, but his life seemed to be without direction. He hasn't been going to church but said that he's a spiritual person and believes in Jesus. I shared that it's not easy to continue our spiritual walk alone and we need to be with other believers. I encouraged him to attend a church. He said that he would consider it and appreciated us sharing with him.

### Broadway Mall

**Chacko** is an Indian Christian man. He shared that most of his family is Christian and all of them gather online for Bible study led by his son every week. Two ladies who work at the nail spa, Santoshi and Lisa, were interested in joining our ESL class. I was pleasantly surprised when **Santoshi**, a Nepali, showed up to my class without registering beforehand. Praying that she'll continue to come and even bring her coworkers with her.

## Some prayer items:

1. Thank God for the start of the church ESL class and for providing a teacher's assistant quickly. Pray that the teachers would have wisdom to teach and share God's words and for the students to have soft hearts towards Jesus.

2. Thank God for protecting the church from the fire. May God help the stores around us to be restored and give us opportunities to connect with them.

3. May God show us more places to do outreach, especially during the colder months and may those outreaches be fruitful.

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.