

*The new creation has
come: The old has
gone, the new is here!*
II Corinthians 5:17



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Dear friends,

Like many of you, we also have been asking the Lord, why is it that the whole world has been under the shadow of Covid 19, for over 500 days now? We probably have to wear masks for a few more months or even a couple of years. Churches are still 'half open' (for the sake of social distancing). We miss our good old times of freedom to travel, to dine out, or to shake friend's hands or hug them.

Finally, God gently reminds us of Isaiah 65: 17,18. He is the creator, and He wants us to join Him in looking inward and upward at the **new** things He is creating. Inwardly, our values have been shifted from this life to life eternal in Christ. And we are more eager to see our friends get to know Jesus while on earth. Upwardly, we begin to sense the urgency of the Lord's returning. For example, in China, churches are not allowed to re-open, believers learn to worship online, and many are trained to lead small group bible studies.

Furthermore, God wants us to **be glad and rejoice**. In order to rejoice, we need to count our blessings daily. For us, we give thanks that here in Hong Kong we can still take walks at open spaces; prayer meetings via zoom show a remarkable increase in attendance. Missionaries who are forced to remain in Hong Kong for extended time found great opportunities to witness to their target people groups such as the Indonesians, the Thais or the Japanese.

Perfect timing

A month ago, Helen's high school friend rushed back from Singapore because her mother was dying. She had to stay in a hotel to quarantine for 21 days. She was able to invite her mother to accept Christ. Her mother lived a few more days and went to glory in peace. Another friend had similar experience of having to quarantine 21 days, still in good time to help his mother accept Christ before she passed away. 50 years ago, Helen's father accepted Christ days before he passed away, and Titus' grandfather whom he never met, also accepted Christ last minutely on earth. I often tell friends: when your unsaved relatives face death, do not wait for a pastor to arrive, you tell him that Jesus can save him.

Teaching **Missionary Care (Member Care)** has been one of our focus in ministry. Recently Titus was asked to video tape his talks (photo: in action). Please join us in **praying for missionary families** that God has put them on your heart. Here are a few points :

1. Protection 2. God's provision, 3. Harmony with locals, 4. Spiritual and physical strength, 5. God's special care for singles, 6. Pray for couples to grow in their marriage, 7. Pray for children of missionaries – pray like how you pray for your own children/ grandchildren.

With love from Hong Kong ----Titus and Helen

