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Dear mission partners,

On 23rd of August, our council member and Treasurer Derek Hall was called home to be with the Lord when he suffered fatal injury in an auto accident that evening. Derek had been one of the longest serving COCM council members since the 1970s. He worked diligently to take care of our finances. Even after he moved to Canada ten years ago, he continued to work remotely as well as to travel back to the UK several times a year to spend days at the COCM mission centre to get various financial tasks done. He was just in the mission centre the day before the auto accident getting information ready for the International Consultation.

Derek loved the world of COCM. He always said with absolute certainty to many of his friends that COCM had given him far more than he ever put into it - he was thrilled to be able to serve God with his gifts and skills and felt privileged to be part of the COCM family. Derek had also been a wonderful friend to many of us in the Mission Centre. We were deeply impressed by his humility in serving the Lord, his gentle demeanor in interacting with people, and we shall always remember his quiet English wit that brought us so much joy during the precious hours of fellowship around the COCM dining table together. No words can adequately express our sorrow at the sudden passing of Derek. He will be greatly missed by his family, fellow workers and friends.

As we mourned the loss of our friend, we were reminded of the glorious hope we have in Christ, that one day we shall meet again in our eternal home. We found strength in God's promise and carried on with fruitful meetings of the COCM International Consultation from August 25-27. Representatives from 5 COCM overseas boards, members of the COCM council and leadership team all came to gather together in the COCM mission centre. We looked back to our ministries over the period of time since we renewed our vision, mission, and developed our strategic priorities in 2009. We gave thanks for the work God had done through us in evangelizing, equipping, and encouraging the three priority target groups – mainland Chinese students, new immigrants, and local language speaking ethnic Chinese during the past two years. We praised God for the clear vision guiding our way, for the ministry of the COCM Gospel Team still developing and going strong, and for the opportunity of shaping a new generation of youth leaders through the PHAT ministry. As we advanced in evangelizing, we faced the challenges of helping churches and fellowship groups to better equip new believers and lay leaders. We have developed new programs for our training ministry to conduct Bible based training weeks throughout the year. It has been tested with initial success and we pray that God will give us confidence and wisdom to further develop our training ministry.

Looking ahead, one of the biggest challenges we face is to encourage and mobilize more workers to labor with us in the vast mission field of Europe. The level of human resources available to us will be the determining factor in what we will be able to accomplish in the coming years. Our overseas boards and council members continue to make their commitment to COCM, endeavoring to recruit more workers to join our team. The recruitment will not only come through the overseas boards but will also come locally through our various associate co-workers in Europe.

Please join me to pray for COCM, especially for the COCM council and our leadership team. With Derek's passing, it is important that we will not be afraid of the difficult challenges ahead, but give thanks for his life and be inspired by his example. Let us boldly go forward and continue to carry out the work of the unfinished task God has entrusted to us – reaching the Chinese to reach Europe!

Serving together in Christ,

Rev. Henry Lu
General Director

二零一一年九月

親愛的宣教夥伴們，

8月23日晚，忠心服事於COCM的董事會成員之一，差會司庫何得力（Derek Hall）弟兄突遭車禍，已返天家。何得力弟兄在1970年代成為COCM董事會成員，在過去的四十年中一直辛勤管理COCM的各項財政事務。即使在他移民到加拿大後，他仍繼續遠程掌管差會財政並一年幾次返回英國與我們同工。就在發生車禍的前一天，他還在中心為之後即將召開的國際董事會議預備各項財物數據。

何得力弟兄對COCM有著深厚的感情，他總是對他的朋友說，COCM所給予他的遠遠超過他所獻上的，他也每每驚歎神竟願意使用他的恩賜來服事，使他成為COCM大家庭的一員。何得力弟兄同時也是我們大家的好朋友，他總是帶著謙卑的態度來服事主，也用溫和的態度與人交往，我們都不會忘記他那英國人特有的幽默感，在同工們一起享用午餐的時候給我們帶來很多歡樂。對於何弟兄的離去，我們的悲痛之情筆墨難以形容。作為他的家人，他的同工，他的朋友，他會一直留在我們的心中。

與此同時，我們也深知道，在耶穌基督裡我們充滿盼望，那就是有一天我們要在天家再相聚。我們在神的應許中重新得力，繼續行走我們前面的道路。上個星期，我們如期舉行了兩年一度的COCM國際董事會議。來自COCM五個國際委員會的董事、COCM董事會成員以及COCM的領導團隊齊聚一堂，共同回顧在過去兩年中我們事工的發展。我們感謝神在2009年帶領我們確定了新的異象並制定了宣教策略，我們在之後的兩年中將佈道、栽培和推動差傳的重點放在三個優先佈道群體上，那就是中國大陸留學生、英國和歐洲大陸的華人新移民以及講本土語言的華裔人士。感謝神賜給我們清晰的異象，帶領我們COCM佈道隊建立並逐漸發展起來，也看到藉著“齊來頌讚祂”營會我們有機會栽培訓練華裔第二代青年中的領袖。在我們推進佈道的過程中，我們面對的挑戰就是如何幫助教會和團契來更好地栽培訓練新信徒以及平信徒領袖。我們更新制定了我們新的栽培訓練模式，剛剛實施就取得了不錯的成果，我們禱告神能繼續加給我們信心和智慧來推進我們的栽培事工。

除了回顧過去，我們的另一項重要議題就是展望未來並制定未來發展的策略和計劃。我們當前最大的挑戰就是，面對廣大的歐洲宣教工場，我們的工人嚴重短缺。人力資源極其關鍵，並將決定在未來幾年中我們事工發展的進度。COCM國際委員會的成員和COCM董事會成員將繼續在召募宣教士的工作上竭盡全力，與此同時，我們不僅希望吸收來自世界各地的主的工人，我們也希望看到藉著我們在歐洲各地的特約同工，有更多來自歐洲的弟兄姊妹也願意投入這個本土工場。

請大家繼續跟我一起來為COCM禱告，尤其是為我們的領導團隊禱告，求神在何得力弟兄過世這段艱難的時期，拿走我們膽怯害怕的心，賜給我們勇氣不畏前路的挑戰，懷著感恩的心，一同來見證神藉著我們差會所要成就的奇妙工作。讓我們繼續帶著神的力量和一切恩賜大膽向前，忠心於神所托付給我們的未完成的使命——神恩澤僑胞，福音遍全歐！

在主裡與你們同工的，

呂子峰牧師
總幹事

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