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My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

During the season of Thanksgiving, I am thinking of you and America. It is understandable that here in the UK, not much is mentioned about this unique American holiday. But my heart is warm with memories of our celebrations at home and with a new song of thanksgiving to the One who has called me to serve Him.

A month ago, when I was ministering at one of our fellowships in Nottingham I attended the worship service at their local English church on Sunday. The pastor started the sermon with this quotation: **“Jesus calls us down from the balcony where we are applauding him to the dusty road where we must follow him.”** My mind conjured up a picture of Jesus walking village after village. It dawned on me that Jesus could be called an “itinerary missionary” if he had a job title today. I feel so humbled that in a small way I am sharing that part of His experiences.

In the last couple of months, I have traveled to Aberdeen and Dundee in Scotland; Derby, Colchester, Hull, Redding and Nottingham in England. During these trips, I have taught and preached in fellowships and churches, visited our field missionaries, been to the places where I did not know where to stay, or whom to stay with; but the Lord provided everything in time. I came to realize that each journey is carried by the prayer and support from those of you who are far away, and at the same time depended on the generosity and hospitality of God’s people who are near. I feel honored to follow in His steps in this way and gain a deeper understanding of my Lord’s love towards the lost.

In all of these, I have also experienced anew that His strength is made perfect in my weakness. Traveling has always been a challenge for me. By nature, I am not a very mobile person and not accustomed to the constant traveling. Packing, unpacking, almost every other week, walking with luggage for long distance, going down and up those steep and winding stairs of London’s underground; riding the coach bus and staying alert all the way, afraid of missing my stop; getting on a train or small plane, and paying for even a cup of cold water; having sleepless nights once in four different places within a week. When it is time for me to preach, I feel weak, fatigue and disorientated. But often the Lord’s peace rules over my heart and gives me the strength to complete my tasks.

How Much do you know about mission?

1. Which famous missionary to China is associated with Hull?
2. Which part of the United Kingdom, well-known missionary to China, Eric Liddell, came from?
3. What happened at Brighton Beach in regard to the development of CIM?
4. David Adeney, CIM (now OMF)'s missionary who had great influence in campus ministry among Chinese, was born in which town in England?
5. Which missionary said the following: "If Jesus Christ is God and died for me, then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for Him."?

Write to me if you know the answers.



Mission without prayer is like a carpenter without his tools and a musician without his instruments.

In the new ministry context, God's words also have taken on fresh meaning for me and spoke deeply to my heart. Every time I go and visit around UK, it is encouraging and amazing to see the small groups of believers gathered together to worship the Lord in what seems like out of nowhere, remote places. Yet the challenge to evangelize Chinese in Europe is daunting. Most churches are small, weak, and often lack of unity among congregations. Our vision of reaching Europe seems so far from reality. The little effort we make seems so insignificant. Then I came to read Paul's words in II Corinthians a few days ago: **since through God's mercy, we have this ministry, we do not lose heart.** Tears filled my eyes. All are in His grand plan. Brothers and sisters, let us encourage each other with these words, that no matter what we are going through, how tough our situation is, we say with Paul: we do not lose heart.

For the coming months, I will not go out as much as I did in the recent past (at least, this is my plan, but on the mission field, one never knows when you will be called to go out and what you will do). I will work on some personnel related administrative work. We have also been preparing and are getting ready for two year end camps between Christmas and New Year. More than 200 people have signed up for the two conferences. Our facility can only take about 150 people and we have to turn away many people. Among these people, one third of them are new Christians and one third of them are not believers. A short term mission team of 40 people from US will be here to help us. The camps will be on Dec. 24-27 and Dec. 28 – Jan. 1. Please pray with us that the Lord will use these opportunities to bring people to Himself.

Your prayer is the vital part of this ministry. May the Lord use our partnership to bring glory to Him.

Thanksgiving:

1. God's peace and protection in traveling.
2. God's presence and strength in preaching.
3. Getting to know my co-workers better and was able to visit some on the mission field and had good fellowship with them.
4. Have been able to drive and getting better with driving on the left side.
5. New opportunities to learn more about mission and to experience His leading.

Prayer Request:

1. Closer walk with the Lord
2. Better health (I have too many colds).
3. Adjustment between administrative work and outreaching, preaching ministry.
4. Preaching for an evangelistic meeting on Dec. 11 and preaching at Sunday service on 13th at Hull Chinese Church
5. Pray for those who came to know Him through the evangelistic meeting.
6. Preaching for Sunday mission service at Redding on Dec. 20.
7. May the Lord call more workers to the mission field of Europe.

