

November 2020

Dear Prayer Partners,

Thank God for his care and provision. With the gradual control of the third wave of the COVID-19 epidemic, the full-time pastoral and other master and certificate courses of Evangel Seminary resumed face-to-face teaching by the end of September.¹ Both the teachers and students can now communicate with and care for each other in person, and this is really commendable. Winter is approaching in Hong Kong, and I hope that the epidemic will not get out of control by then. Noting that as Europe and the United States entered the winter season, the outbreak in these areas is very severe. In addition, in the past six months, given that different areas are implementing different levels of lockdowns, curfews and preventive measures, the global economy has experienced an unexpected downward trend. The situation is really worrying. At this moment, massive layoffs by large enterprises have begun in Hong Kong, and many of our citizens are facing unemployment and salary cuts. At the same time, Hong Kong is also facing another wave of immigration, which may be even greater than that prior to 1997. With the political and social turmoil last year, the epidemic this year, and the severe damage to the local economy, etc., a depressive atmosphere enveloped the city, which gives rise to the need of pastoral care. Rebuilding a church of unity and embodying a testimony of loving each other and praying together are the missions of pastors of this age. Being the chairman of the Executive Committee of the Evangelical Free Church of China, I am trying to mobilize the entire denomination to proactively care for the scarred city, especially our young people here. Please remember this in your prayers.

As for myself, I would count God's blessings on two things. The first is the condition of my grandson Mooki. A few months ago, Mooki contracted lymphoma. This sudden news was really like a bolt from the blue. From at first the doctor considered that he had only half chance of survival, to the spread of cancer all over his body, then organ failure... coupled with a series of operations and chemotherapy, his ups and downs condition was like travelling in a roller coaster. While we were facing "with man it is impossible", the intercession from believers all over the world allowed me and my family to experience the power of prayer. Now, Mooki has completed the chemotherapy process and we learned that the cancer in his body has completely disappeared. This is truly the abundant grace from God to our family! Here, I sincerely give thanks to brothers and sisters for your prayers and support. Secondly, there was a sudden bleeding in my eyes, with its position being very close to the yellow spot. According to the doctor, the bleeding position was only one millimeter away from causing the chance of blindness. The treatment has now been completed, and all that I could say is, "God's grace is sufficient."

¹ Nevertheless, due to the fourth wave of the COVID-19 epidemic in late November, we had to cease face-to-face teaching again and conduct our lessons online as from December 2, 2020 until the semester break.



Regarding the needs of the seminary, what we would praise God and thank people for is that we have just issued an appeal to all the brothers and sisters calling for interest-free loans, and shortly after that, we have received kind responses and contributions from our alumni and brothers and sisters. Here, I wish to say thank you, and may God's grace and blessings be richly bestowed upon you all. Please continue to pray for us in the selling of our old school campus. Finally, 2020 is coming close to an end, if any of you are committed to serving full-time, we encourage you to consider participating in our Dedication Camp from December 31, 2020 to January 2, 2021 to seek God's will together with us.

I believe that everyone agrees that 2020 is a year full of challenges. It is also a year that God has made a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. Perhaps we still need to face a more challenging year of 2021 ahead, but we are convinced that the grace of God is for a lifetime.

As Christmas is approaching and the new year is coming, may I take this opportunity to wish you all,

Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year!
May God's grace and blessings overflow one after another!

Together we serve in Christ,

KWOK Man-chee
November 2020, Hong Kong