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Dear Prayer Partners,

We are very grateful to many brothers and sisters in Christ who cared for and remembered us in prayers. I am convinced that our prayers in one heart is the main factor for the rise or fall of the seminary. Just as Moses and Joshua in leading the Israelites to fight against Amalekites, it was Joshua who led the Israelites to fight bravely on the front line, but the key to true victory is Moses, who raised his hands in prayer on the mountain. In Exodus 17:11, it says: “Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed, and whenever he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed.” (ESV) So once again, I truly believe that your intercession is the secret to the rise of Evangel Seminary.

Unexpectedly, just entering 2021, the Evangelical Free Church of China (EFCC) and Evangel Seminary were affected by negative reports made by the media. After this report was published, the EFCC responded immediately on the same day, and our webpage also uploaded the relevant response (see <https://www.efcc.org.hk/GeneralInfo/view/7413#.YBGW3egzYdX>). We are grateful to the Lord that, after the news was published, we received a lot of concerns and prayers from alumni and supporters in Hong Kong and overseas, for which we are deeply encouraged. At last week’s EFCC staff meeting, we also delivered a special report to our colleagues so that they could have a whole picture of the story. In addition, the seminary alumni association also launched an online prayer meeting for the seminary last Sunday night, and more than 100 people have signed up to participate. There were even alumni from Toronto and Vancouver who got up in the middle of the night to pray for the seminary in the midst of these challenges. We really experience how God turns curses into blessings.

Here, I would like to supplement that when the Seminary purchased the new Mei Foo campus at the end of June 2018, we immediately proceeded to sell the old campus at 15 Cumberland Road, Kowloon Tong. But in the past three years, one after another, we faced the outbreak of the trade war between China and the United States, the social events triggered by the anti-extradition amendment bill, and the COVID-19 pandemic, all causing the unsuccessful sale of the property. But thanks to the grace of the Lord, many brothers and sisters and churches responded to our vision of purchase of the new campus and supported us with interest-free loans and donations, so that the seminary remains financially sound and will repay the loans to our supporters according to the original plan.

Please continue to pray for the seminary:

- (1) Pray that the Lord will enable the whole seminary to face the current challenges with one heart;
- (2) Pray that the Lord will allow the selling of the campus in Kowloon Tong at a reasonable



price according to His time and plan, so that everyone can see His wonderful deeds;

(3) Praise the Lord for the Dedication Camp held last month. Despite the current negative atmosphere, there were still more than 30 participants joining the camp to seek God's will, and more than 20 full-time students and teachers faithfully serving in it. Thanks to the grace of the Lord, in the camp, there were more than 20 participants who were determined to respond to God's calling and devoted the rest of their lives to preaching. Please pray for their decision and preparation to embark on the path of serving God in full time ministry.

The Lunar New Year is coming soon. I would like to send my special greetings to everyone of you, that we may enjoy the time the Lord has given us to gather with our loved ones, and also to have sweet fellowship with God alone to experience the joy in Him. Bless you all!

Together we fight in Christ,

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