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From the Antioch of Asia

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Greetings! We thank God for this prayer letter which serves as our monthly medium of communication to share with you God's goodness and faithfulness in our life and ministry. This home assignment has been very fruitful especially in terms of understanding valuable spiritual lessons both during our quiet time reflections as well as through useful spiritual literatures. One of those significant lessons is that when we allow ourselves to race ahead of God, we soon find ourselves running alone busy with activities. But when we are sensitive to His leading and obediently following Him, His grace provides both the desire and the capacity to do that which He has called us to do. The verse Psalm 32:8: ***"I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you must go: I will guide you with mine eye"***, has really been very comforting. Thanks for all your prayerful support. Our Visa Application for Malawi has been successfully submitted and we are now waiting for the Temporary Employment Pass to be issued. **Kindly praise God for these:**

1. Presentation on Mission in Africa

Praise God for the opportunity to speak about our work in Zambia and challenges in Africa at one of the cell groups of Canning Garden Methodist Church, Ipoh on 18 March. To many who have only read and heard about Africa it was an eye opener. Cell group members were encouraged to know that African brothers and sisters are prepared to be sent out as missionaries to serve in other parts of the world. The question and answer time was very fruitful too.

2. Preaching on Seeking God

The special lent season meetings at the Tamil Methodist Church in Ipoh on 19 & 20 March were truly a great blessing. Though the meetings were held during the week days, the attendance was pretty good. Watson spoke on ***"Seeking God"*** and focused on ***"Seeking the "Character of God"*** and ***"Seeking to obey the Commission of God"***. Congregation members were encouraged to grow in the character of the Kingdom and to fulfill the great Commission of the Kingdom which is evangelism and mission.



3. Challenging Church to be Mission focused

Thank God for the privilege of serving at Canning Garden Methodist Church on 21 & 22 March. The Sermon was on the topic ***"Church with the Father's Heart"***. Listing down the character of a Church with the Father's heart, Watson challenged the congregation to seek the lost, outside the Church. This is what the Pastor and leaders have written to us, ***"A timely message by which we, as a church, have been encouraged and challenged"***. God also opened the door for Watson to speak at Living Faith Methodist Church on 22

March. Focusing on the topic ***"Obeying the Heavenly Call"***, Watson challenged the congregation members to bring the Gospel light into the lives of those living in darkness. Praise be to Him. Pray that the seeds sown in Ipoh would yield fruit in the days to come.

4. Encouraging church to be Missional

It was Watson's privilege to speak on ***"Missional Church"*** at Bethesda Chapel on 29 March for the key leaders of the church. Being an introductory talk on the topic, Watson focused on ***"Current state of the Church, "Definitions of a Missional Church and "What is not a Missional church"***. The interactions at the end of the presentation was very meaningful and very productive. Part 2 of the presentation will be held on 12 April.

Please pray for:

1. Watson's preaching at Jireh BP (2/4), Singapore Life Church(5/4), Discipleship studies in JB(6 to 8/4), facilitating on "Missional Church at Bethesda Chapel (12/4) and Mission service at Short Street Tamil Methodist Church(19/4).
2. Viji's weekly Bible studies and other counseling ministries.
3. God's special grace to be upon Sangeetha as she continues with her job in NUS.
4. Santhosh's Passing out Parade on 11 April and his University applications.

If you are interested in receiving further details on our ministry and supporting us, feel free to contact us at Watson.rajaratnam@sim.org / vijayawatson@motimail.com and +65-87264219/ +65-86985574. Your contributions could be sent to SIM EAST ASIA Ltd, 116 Lavender Street, Pek Chuan Building, Singapore 338730, specifying **"Watson's support or Watson's ministry or Watson personal"**.

Yours in His Mission

Watson, Viji, Santhosh and Sangeetha

