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From the Antioch of Asia

Dear Brothers and Sisters in His Service,
Blessed New Year! Even as we were reflecting on His goodness and faithfulness throughout the year 2014 and preparing to celebrate Christmas, we were taken unawares by the sudden demise of our sister-in-law on 17 December. As we were beginning to reconcile with the situation, we heard on 29 December that one of our dear *Zambian* pastor friends who had been a blessing to us, went to be with the Lord. These unexpected losses have really saddened and shaken us. But we have also taken them as timely reminders that our citizenship is in heaven and we need to be ever ready for His call to return home or for His Second Coming. As the Harvest is plenty, we have been also alerted to be involved in His Mission with a sense of urgency. Our confidence to serve Him faithfully and finish well has been strengthened too as apostle Paul says, ***“The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it”*** (1 Thessalonians 5:24). We are looking forward to your prayers and continuous support in 2015 that we may continue to serve Him as your representatives on the mission field. Kindly rejoice with us for the following:

1. Serving the nation

Being a Singaporean male, Santhosh was called to serve his country through National Service on 9 December. True, it was painful to see Santhosh leaving the comfort zone of his home and family to spend the next two years with other enlistees in the army camp. But we are glad that this experience would equip him to become independent and strong enough to look after his own self, family and others. By the grace of God Santhosh has begun well this challenging journey and we are confident that this experience would bring him home as a strong man after two years. We were also delighted to see Sangeetha officially starting her work as a Research



Associate at the National University of Singapore on 23 December.

2. Serving foreign Indian friends

Praise be to Him for the privilege of sharing the Gospel during the special Christmas celebration organized for Indian Workers by Mar Thoma Church on 14 December. Quite a number of the participants responded to the Word and asked Jesus to come into their hearts. The participation and support provided by the church leaders and congregation members was very encouraging. The visitation to Kian Teck Workers’ hostel on 20 December was also a great blessing. 80 over workers gathered to hear Christmas carols and the Christmas message. Glory to God!



3. Serving the churches

It was Watson’s privilege to share the message on the topic, ***“What child is this?”*** during the Christmas

Evangelistic service organized at Bukit Arang Bethesda Church on 24 December. The church had taken special efforts to invite many non-Christians for the event. God honored their efforts by bringing around 150 new comers for the service. The songs and skit were creatively planned to fit the Christmas message. Watson shared the Christmas Message at Bethesda Chapel on 25 December. Focusing on Isaiah 9:1-6 and Luke 5:1-11, he introduced Christ as a Mighty Counselor who guides us throughout our lives. Kindly pray that the seeds sown would yield fruits in God’s time.



Please pray for

1. Watson’s preaching at Christ church (4/1, 11/1 & 18/1), Ang Mo Kio Methodist MAF (17/1) and at Jireh Presbyterian Church (25/1)
2. Viji’s weekly Bible Studies for new believers and seekers in Choa Chu Kang and Bukit Batok.
3. Watson and Viji as they prayerfully finalize their next field of service in Africa.
4. Sangeetha to be salt and light at her work place
5. Santhosh to be spiritually, physically and emotionally strong as he continues with his Basic Military Training.

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@hotmail.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

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