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For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6

We Rejoice at the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Merry Christmas

Dear Friends,

It brought great joy to our hearts when one day in church we looked over and saw that one of our visiting scholar friends was there sitting with one of our church board members. This was her first time to attend a church service. She told us later that she was applying for a one year extension to her visa and gave three reasons. She said the third and most important was “so I can have more time to study and learn more about the Bible”.



This year we included Chinese Christian Fellowship Church in our Christmas Dinner to make it the best ever with 100 Chinese and 30 American servers and table host. The message of “Christ in Christmas” was all given in Chinese. The best thing happened at the end of the talk. Our Chinese guest were given a “Response Survey” card. On it there were 5 questions for them to respond to. The 2 most important questions were: *I would like to know more about Jesus (19 responded)* and *I would like to visit an American Christian Church on Christmas. (13 responded)*

Other Blessed Events

Lilly, a Chinese visiting scholar, lived with us for one year and has been back in China for a year and a half now. Since returning to China she is now married and they are expecting a baby in February. Lynn has been having weekly Bible study with her since her return to China. Last week he asked her 5 important questions; - - He then asked her if she would like to pray and receive Jesus as her savior. She said yes PTL !!!!!

We have been having a Potluck dinner each week in our home. Everyone looks forward to this time of sharing.

Following dinner we have Bible study for one hour. This has developed into a very cohesive and solid group. Two people have accepted Jesus and a third is coming closer each week. Very exciting to see these people grow in their knowledge of the Bible and Christianity. They look forward to coming every week.

They say “It’s like family to us”



Fall Happenings

Last fall our church kicked off a 5 week long series of mid-week adult classes. The focus of one of the classes was “Parenting with Love and Logic”. Signs and Hand-Out cards had been posted around the church announcing the various classes. One Chinese scholar attending our English class for the first time picked up one of the Hand-Out cards and asked, “*Is it ok for me to attend this Parenting class?*”. I assured her it would be fine. The night of the first class I discovered that she came to the class AND she brought 4 others with her. God is a great multiplier!

For the last three years our Chinese friends have participated in a “Tailgate” held in our church parking lot on a Saturday when Michigan plays out of town. We eat lots of Hot Dogs and other goodies and then we watch the game on a giant outdoor screen. This year the weather was GREAT for this event! Over all a larger number of people attended than did last year. However, we only had 3 Chinese friends show up compared to 20 last year. One of them is our next door neighbor whom we invited. We had an opportunity to introduce her to the leader of the Friday morning “Moms” group that Mary participates in. Now she is attending every week and has met other Christian moms.

Kevin, was here for one year and is pursuing his PHD degree. While he was here he became interested in the Bible and Christianity. He attended the Alpha class faithfully for 12 weeks. It was during this time that he met Lola, one of the Alpha facilitators. Lola encouraged Kevin to read the Bible every day, which he did. Shortly before the time for him to return to China he prayed and confessed his faith in Jesus and wanted to be baptized. So just one day before he departed for China we held a special baptism at our church.

Ministry Partnership Note

You are a vital part of our daily lives in reaching out to the Chinese scholars and families God is sending to our campus. We thank you so much for partnering with us no matter if it is an occasional prayer or an occasional or regular monthly financial gift to support our ministry. All are necessary and appreciated in helping us bring Jesus into the lives of these beautiful Chinese scholar’s and their families “*Coming to America forever changed*”

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Have a blessed New Year!