

Greetings everyone again. Its nearly Christmas 2018. Our dear friends Brian and Christina, continue their ministry in Taiwan. They have been in and around mainland China for decades and, with a team of translators, helped produced hundreds of thousands of Christian materials for the Chinese for all this time. They also seem to be gifted by God in sharing the Gospel personally with the Chinese. I hope you will honour them by reading these interesting recent testimonies and pray and help them at this time, as some of God's veterans in the Chinese lands! Thank you. Jerry



Hello, how are you? We pray for you all often. We pray this newsletter will be an inspiration to you, and that it encourages you to keep loving everyone you come in contact with, no matter if they seem receptive or not
Brian and Christina

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St.'s farewell visit to Brian and Christina.



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Ministering To St.

We've got to know St. (above photo) since he was 13 years old. He loves to practice English with us, and hopes he'll be another Jeremy Lin (famous Taiwanese basketball player) when he grows up. He seems to be happy and outgoing. We also know his mum and grandmother, who are devoted Christians. Last year, we suddenly received a phone call from St. around 9 pm, saying that he might have sustained a bone fracture in his lower spine a week ago, and that he really needed someone to accompany him to the hospital for an X ray. However, his mum was on a business trip, his aged grandmother was not up to taking him. So Brian accompanied him. It turned out he did have a light bone fracture in one of his vertebrae. The doctor recommended complete rest for a month.

During this time, he poured out his heart to Brian, that his parents have been divorced for a couple of years, he's still dealing with different emotions. His grand uncle, whom he's closed to, had just passed away. All these circumstances caused him to feel quite lost and generally upset.



Brian accompanying St for a medical check-up.



St. at his junior high school graduation ceremony.

Brian had a chance to minister to him and prayed with him for the Lord's help in his life. He really appreciated it.

His grandmother was quite in need herself, though she's a zealous witness for the Lord, and has firm faith in Him. There were a few times when there were problems at home, concerning her son, where he became very emotional with her. It really frightened her, she didn't know what to do. One day she showed up at our door, sharing her troubles with us, asking for our prayers. We prayed together with her and committed their situation to the Lord.

St. cherishes Brian's friendship quite a lot, to the point he's invited him to attend his junior high school graduation ceremony. His mum has attended also. Afterwards they had lunch with his grand aunt. As soon as he saw the photo of his deceased grand uncle, St. was in a pool of tears. Brian had a chance to comfort this Christian family. St. is sixteen years old now, and has just gone to US to study senior high school. It's been his dream since he's thirteen. But just before he left, he came by to say farewell, and shared that he's dreading to go, having trepidation about the future. We prayed with him for different aspects of this move. He's really relieved that he could commit the whole situation in God's hand with us. Brian's still in touch with him, ministering to him often.

OTHER TESTIMONIES



FOLLOWING UP ON MR. S
Remember Mr. S, about whom we've shared in our last newsletter that he was an intelligence agent for Taiwan? (<https://www.missionarychristian.org/newsletters/330-amazing-personal-testimonies-from-the-island-of-taiwan.html>)

After getting saved, at times Mr. S would doubt. He felt since he's killed people in a war, he's just too bad for Jesus. How could the Lord forgive him? Is there really a God in the world that's full of so much love?

Christina has been explaining to him from Scripture of God's eternal and unconditional love to him. At times he just didn't want to accept this great love.

Real love never fails and from time to time the Lord would ask me to call him, showing concern for him, with no ulterior motive. Chinese Moon Festival has fallen on 25th of September this year and Christina took him some fruit as a gift. While they're talking, he was really touched that we cared about him so much, that he exclaimed only Jesus is this great, and has so much love to motivate us to love him!

Though his eyesight is getting blurry, when Christina gave him a large print booklet with some scriptures on it, although he may not be able to read it properly, he cherished it very much, and said he'd read it with a magnifying glass. God bless him!

We've also learned a very important lesson, that though someone looks happy and outgoing outwardly, sometimes these folks may have the biggest need, that we need to tune into people around us, and lend a helping hand whenever the need arises

COMFORTING L.



We've known L. for over 20 years. Her husband and her were owners of a small hairbrush manufacturing factory. She really appreciates our work, and likes our children very much.

Two years ago, her husband passed away in his sleep because of a sudden stroke. From then on, she's been managing the factory on her own. She really misses him, and often wonders why the Lord took him so suddenly. We've been visiting her more often and have been trying to comfort and cheer her up. Her husband and she have prayed and received Jesus with us over 20 years ago, so we've researched and found materials about Heaven, and shared it with her. The thought that she'll be able to reunite with her husband in Heaven is a real comfort to her.

Now that her husband is not around, she needs to handle every detail of the administration and customer-support of the factory on her own. This caused her to develop headaches, neck aches due to the stress. We've been encouraging her, sharing tips with her on how to delegate responsibilities, streamlining work etc., to ensure she'll survive the tremendous stress she's facing. She's really thankful for it.

At the beginning of August, Christina had a bad fall, twisted her left ankle and sustained bone fractures on her right ankle.

Thank God when the accident happened, though it's quite traumatic and painful, Brian was with her, they were 30 meters away from a hospital also, so she's able to get the medical attention she needed right away. It's just so happened the head of the orthopaedic department was on duty. He's performed an operation to set her ankle right away and did a very good job. It's healing beautifully.

But while she was at the hospital and after she's discharged, she wouldn't be able to walk for 1-2 months, and needed someone to take her to bathroom, plus a multitude of daily care matters. In the end, though it's costly, Brian and Christina had to get a helper to help her at the hospital, then another one at home. Both of these ladies H. & T. are Vietnamese. After some witnessing, they've both received the Lord with Christina, and both asked to stay in touch with her.

We've found some Vietnamese Christian materials online to feed them. H. has been interested in Christianity all along, and has been checking online about the Lord before we knew her. She's super happy that we can share more about the Lord with her. We're amazed at how receptive the Vietnamese are, and are learning some simple Vietnamese from H.



TWO PRECIOUS SOULS



H. (left) and T. (right) have prayed and received Jesus with Christina. These precious women are our sisters forever!



Christina and H.

Thank you very, very much for all your help and prayers, it's been a great help and encouragement to us, especially during this time. As you may have known, though there's health care in Taiwan to cover part of our medical expenses, other expenses related to this accident, which are the greater percentage, are not. There's no pension system in Taiwan either. So you can imagine how much we need your help, and what your gift mean to us. We greatly appreciate it! Thank you



A Chinese man playing his recorder by a lake in our neighborhood.



Love Brian and Christina



A Chinese opera male dancer performing at a free concert that Brian and Christina have attended.

God bless you, until next month, Love Jerry
A huge thank you.

God sees, and he will more than repay!

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