



*Dear friends,*

### *Connections*

In the last month we've had some wonderful opportunities to connect with locals.

Rebecca attended a local women's Bible Study, where a group of around 15 women met to discuss a passage from John. Rebecca was able to introduce herself to the group, and meet several mums of similar age. The only thing was, the whole meeting was in Chinese! So, it felt way beyond her ability, and there were so many things she wanted to say but couldn't. And not to mention, Bible vocabulary... but we're so thankful for this opportunity.

Jonathan also had a chance to meet one on one with a young uni student. This young man (who belongs to the 'Hat' people group) lives about an hour away, so it has been hard to connect. However, the opportunity came, and Jonathan was able to have a bubble tea and chat for nearly two hours - a miracle!

Both of these opportunities were through connections from other friends. We are so grateful and we were very encouraged by these meetings, because we realised that our language is actually improving... but at the same time, to be able to talk deeper, to express what we want to say, how we want to say it... was frustratingly hard!

For example, Rebecca was asked to share her thoughts on doubt...and realised she didn't know the word for 'doubt', 'lean on', or 'faithfulness'! She needed a friend to help translate and felt a little frustrated that she couldn't communicate/share smoothly.

And Jonathan got stuck when he realised that the student's future job prospects looked rather bleak (a big problem here) - how exactly do you say, "what's the economic situation like recently?" or "what are your hopes for the future?" So instead of saying something that could be interpreted as "do you have enough money", he just nodded and looked concerned as possible.

Thanks for your continued prayer for us as we continue to grasp language for the sake of the Good News – we pray that these early feeble attempts will also bear fruit in time. Pray for more opportunities like these!

One other thing to lift up is for our *housing situation*.

Last week, our landlord suddenly informed us he needed to sell the place, and so now we most likely need to look for yet another place to move to. We hope to move only within the same 小区 (residential complex), but it's another headache and brings about some feeling of unsettledness. And pray that even through this we would continue to learn, to share, to have patience.

This coming month, our kids finish school for the year. We're so thankful they are really enjoying school now, and making friends there slowly. Please continue to pray for some local friends for us as a family.

As always we are thankful that you are journeying with us and for the part you play in His great work!

In His love and joy,

*Jonathan, Rebecca  
Timothy, Olivia & Benjamin*



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## POINTS FOR PRAYER

### PRAISE

- We **thank God** for yet more opportunities to meet new people here. We are thankful that Rebecca could attend a local women's Bible study, and thankful that Jonathan could meet up with a young student.
- **Thank God** for good health for the family!
- **Thank God** for opportunities to get involved with our Sunday fellowship and to get to know the people there more.
- We're so **thankful** that Tim and Olivia have just about completed Grade 2 and Pre-primary well, receiving good grades and that they really enjoyed the last term.

### PRAY

1. For our **language studies**, as the semester winds down we're increasingly tired from the daily hours of homework and plodding on even if we don't feel like we're progressing.
2. For **Jonathan** for further connection with the young student; for opportunities to encourage him further.
3. For **Rebecca** as she considers on whether to join the Bible study regularly, and for further opportunities to connect with local mums.
4. Please pray for **our housing situation**; that we would be able to have a stable apartment to live in, that we would trust in His provision.