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This is what Mark Tolson did. You can see the paragraph at the bottom of where he commented on the outcomes of the investigation, maybe that will be of help

Begin forwarded message:

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PRAYER LETTER

NOVEMBER 2021

Travis

Thank you for praying for our family and ministry!

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Stories of God at Work | *Updates from China*

I am thankful for our fellow Chinese Pastors and their families that God has allowed us to work with in China. I asked them to each give an update about their ministries that I could share with you all. Here are the updates from them that I translated and edited for clarity:

Pastor Charles: Greeting all the Saints in Christ. How are you? Serving in Grace Baptist Church over the past four years, we have experienced the power of God. Despite persecution and the recent pandemic, the Lord has rescued us. He has allowed us to continue gathering every week to worship God with nearly ten families. God has also blessed our children's club. Every week we have about five non-believing families participate. The children study lessons about the Bible with their teachers, and in another room, the parents are taught the Gospel. In the past year, our church has seen six or seven people believe in Jesus. We are thankful for the grace of God! At present, our church is still not recognized by the government, so I hope that you will pray for us to boldly preach the Word of God amid persecution and the pandemic and ask God to give us more souls to be saved. Finally, I thank my Lord again, my pastor Mark, for training me to serve the church faithfully. Thank you also for your support. In all circumstances, may you still have peace and joy from our Father and Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. Amen!

Pastor Mark: Dear Brothers and Sisters, Peace! I am your Brother in Christ, Pastor Mark. Thank you for your continued prayer and support! May the Father, who is rich in grace, abundantly give you peace, joy, and grace. Our Heavenly Father is faithful and gracious. In the previous stage of ministry, the Brothers and Sisters in the church were weak, discouraged, and apprehensive. Everyone's attendance in Sunday's service was not consistent. On the one hand, it was because of the pandemic and government suppression; on the other hand, it was because of their little faith in the Lord. But this did not change God's unfathomable love. He worked in everyone's life and encouraged the hearts of His children. Now everyone gathers faithfully, about ten people each service. Hallelujah! What has also encouraged us is that September began a new semester at the nearby universities, and our Heavenly Father led three new people to us. What's even more surprising is that there are two new "seekers" who know that our faith is being suppressed in China, but they still insist on meeting with us to get to know the Creator who created them and deeply loves them. Hallelujah! Recently, the intensity of government suppression has increased. We plan to rent a place to open a business, which will cover and facilitate a new location for our church gatherings. We are still in the process of praying and seeking. Please also pray for us. Pray that we all will continue to experience God's miraculous love and power!

Pastor Lebron: Joy Baptist Church—recently, there has been a new Covid-19 outbreak in our city. I hope God can let us continue our church services and

keep us away from police harassment. At present, two young people who are faithfully studying our discipleship material, “Firm Foundations,” for two hours each week with me, and I hope they can be pastors. Love Baptist Church—our new church plant has already had seven meetings. I hope we can invite more people and launch the ministry and regular worship services. I hope God will provide the things we will need for services (podium, computer, projector, tables, chairs, speakers, and equipment). Pastor Lebron’s Family—My wife is four months pregnant; ask God to take care of our family. My father had a stroke and is in the hospital; ask God to heal him to recover without disability.

Furlough | *Preaching And Teaching Online*

Even though we are Stateside, I have been able to stay involved with the ministries in China and Taiwan. We support them financially with ministry funds, but I also continue teaching, preaching, and training online. I am already missing the field and looking forward to our return, Lord willing, next year. Thank you once again for your understanding, love, and prayers.



The Kids Enjoying Furlough

Thank you!

We labor abundantly by the grace of God and for the glory of God—the One who loves us more than we ever dreamed, even though we are more sinful than we ever imagined. Furthermore, we don't travel on this amazing journey without

the help of God's people. Thank you for giving, praying, following, serving, and being a part of our "In His Joyful Service" team. We are especially fond of you! Let us continue pressing forward toward the mark and keep fighting the good fight. May we strive every day to know Jesus, be happy in Him, and make Him known!

In His Joyful Service,

Mark Tolson
1/6/15

Mark



Me and My Buddy

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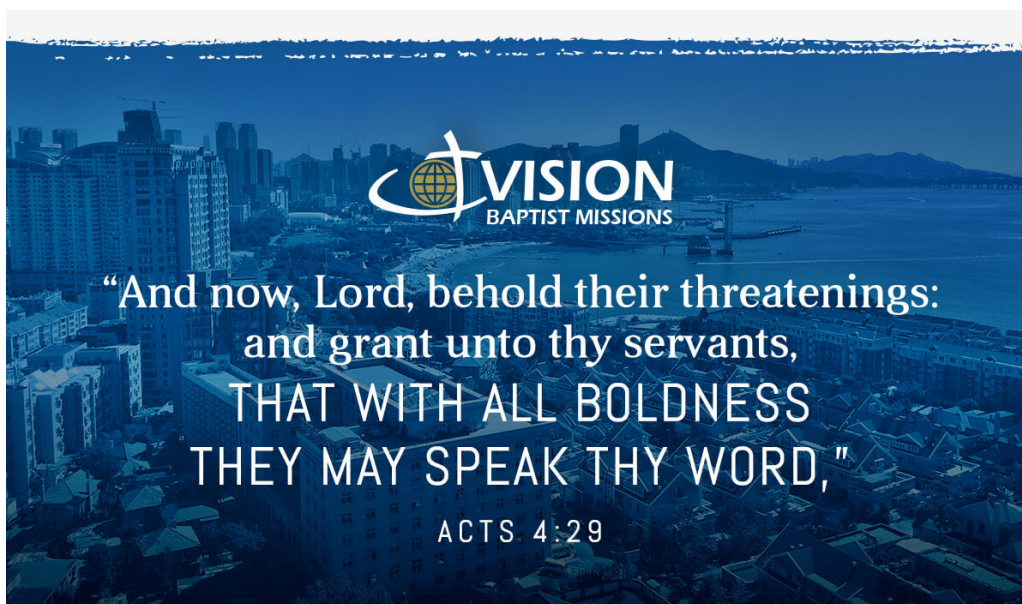
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Innocent—Not Guilty!

Last month, I asked you to pray for Bro. Austin Gardner as he was going through some hard trials in this season of life. As some of you may know, he, the founder of our mission board, was accused of sexual abuse. Our mission board thought an independent investigation was necessary to establish the facts and bring the truth to light. Now, this investigation is completed, and the entire investigative report is available on their website. After reading the report, it is clear to me that the investigation did not substantiate the allegations of sexual abuse from decades ago. The allegations were not substantiated in large part, and the accuser's credibility was challenged. I believe in the presumption of innocence, meaning that the accused are innocent until proven guilty. He is innocent—not guilty! Thank you for your prayers and that the truth has come forward. Please continue praying for my friend and brother in Christ, and his family, as they continue healing from this attack launched in the public sphere. As followers of Jesus, we know that people will speak slander against us to hurt our reputations, but we also know that all things work together for good to them that love God.



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