

January 8, 2020

Dear Rev. Lim, Chair of Committee of TCCCNA, and Members,

Peng-an. Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. What a privilege and blessing to have the freedom to greet others with this blessing. Too, may the Lord bless you, keep you and use you as you wait with expectation and look with great excitement to all He has planned for you and yours throughout 2020! Even though we don't know what the future holds, we do KNOW WHO holds the future!

How blessed I was to receive Christmas greetings from you and also the love gift, which isn't necessary, but greatly appreciated. The special blessing is to know that you care, remember and pray for us. However, the privilege was ours----serving the Lord in Taiwan! Even after living in Taiwan for 42 years and now being retired in the States for seven and a half, I still marvel and thank the Lord for calling me, a country girl from northern Michigan, to serve him in Taiwan and to have the opportunity to meet so many wonderful, wonderful people.

Just these days I again received greetings, pictures and videos from friends, who were actually former students in either my YWCA Bible study or a Tuesday evening English class. Each group meets for a meal in July, the month of my birthday, and in December to share stories and pictures of the years they were class members. Because of that connection, some have become very close friends. It is so wonderful to have this special relationship with them even when I am so far away. Please continue to pray for them as several do not personally know the Lord as their Saviour. Using various means of communication, I also keep in touch with a number of colleagues and former students/friends from Yu-Shan Theological College and Seminary and those still in or released from prison.

My family is doing well. The seven children, four boys and three girls, all have fulfilling jobs and are involved in their respective churches. Four of my nine grandchildren, who range in ages from 10 to 26, are attending college. Sadly, no one lives near me here in Zeeland, which is near Holland, MI.

Now that I am retired, many ask how I fill my time. Thankfully, I am having no problem, and the Lord has blessed me with strength and energy. Leading Bible studies, playing for services in retirement centers or nursing homes, leading a monthly hymn sing in an assisted living home, visiting shut-ins, going shopping for or driving elderly friends to appointments and meetings, volunteering weekly at a nursing home, going out for coffee

with those who want to share, and writing many cards are just a few of the joys that fill my time. I feel so very blessed. I thank our heavenly Father for these opportunities to share his love.

The owners of a local Chinese restaurant who are from Taiwan taught me how to make nyan gau using the powdered glutinous rice. We know it is not the real thing, but it is enjoyed by us all. Some years ago, I purchased a soy bean milk maker at a thrift store for \$2.00. That treat is expected whenever one of the children comes home. It is just like what we had at home except I don't serve it in a plastic bag with a straw! Even my son-in-law who thinks some foods are too Chinese loves this.

Again, thank you so very much for the kind words, for the news of those who have been called Home and for the love gift, reaching out to us in such a meaningful way. May our faithful, loving Lord bless you, your families and your areas of ministry as well. He is good and so faithful!

As Taiwan will be having the Presidential elections, we pray for peace and the Lord's will to be done.

May you have a wonderful Chinese New Year! I always do a little decorating for this holiday, too. It is such fun to introduce friends to another of Taiwan's special holidays.

Because He lives and loves,

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