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Dear Praying Friends,

Thank you for faithfully praying for us. God has been clearly working and Satan has been definitely opposing these past couple months. We scheduled the BJMBC drama team to present an evangelistic drama at a late Sunday afternoon service in January. After inviting guests, we found out that the local community scheduled that same day for their Catholic *fiesta*, which involves closing the roads to get in and out of our neighborhood. Before and after the Catholic procession, the community parties, so the narrow walkway that leads to our church had a beer drinking party in the middle of it and also a large 4- foot speaker blasting rock music. We were not sure how the evangelistic drama would be heard. In addition, I think that was the only day in January that it rained all day. One member had invited many of his neighbors and four families had promised to come. But because of the rain and other reasons, none of those families came. We prayed and asked the Lord to work a miracle. With Satan so obviously fighting us, what we were doing must be of great value. Wonderfully, the Lord brought twenty-three visitors, more than we have ever had! Three people prayed to trust in Christ as Savior.

For some months, Mila and I have prayed for our church worker who has had many discouraging things happen recently. This past February while on visitation, a group of elderly people opened their hearts to him. He shared the gospel, and they asked for a weekly Bible study. This was part of God reviving his heart. Please definitely pray for our church as we will soon leave for furlough. Our church worker is also leaving for a year of ministry training, so many are needed to step out and serve. Overall, the church has grown spiritually and numerically these last 2 years. But there are still two or three issues that are hindering God's working and blessing. We need a miracle—the miracle of surrendered hearts! Also, several young people show great promise, but the world is constantly after them.

Our main ministry, BJMBC, is very busy. I am glad that my nine-hour teaching load has almost ended. But God is very gracious, and it is so exciting to see students learn and grow to serve God with their lives. By the end of March, 27 students should graduate and begin their fulltime service for the Lord. Some will pastor, some will church-plant, some will become full-time staff at their churches, and some will pursue another degree. Please really pray for God to call more laborers and send them to study at BJMBC. We are losing so many students through graduation and other circumstances. One of our 4 student fellowships (societies) is losing half its members.

Again, if we can be a help to your church during our upcoming furlough, please email us. We plan to be in the U.S. from mid-August 2015 until the end of May 2016.

Sincerely,

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