Prayer News Bulletin

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Will April showers bring May flowers?

This old English proverb came to mind today. I'm hoping its true here, because recently I have had to cancel almost all my tennis games. But Hong Kong is always green and colourful, so no complaints really. I'm thankful for good water supply which we often take for granted.

We have just enjoyed a three-day holiday weekend (Labour Day, 1st May), and there were lots of mainland visitors in town. I had a young German visitor – Johannes - a Serve Asia worker who I met during my travels. He has already spent seven months serving as a home-school helper and doing language study. As we went around visiting some HK "must-see" sites we were both eavesdropping on Chinese tourists, who had no idea we understood Mandarin ☺

May Travels

Something I really value prayer for is my upcoming visit to north China, 6th – 20th May. I've enrolled in a language school and will study there for 3 hours every morning (this is actually an M business being run by our colleague). I decided to do this for 2 reasons:

1. My Mandarin is in serious need of being refreshed!
2. Experiencing life as a language student there will help me advise new workers on their way in – most who study at this school do so for two years.

On 15th May I will be guest speaker at a local English club – this is an outreach project, and for many of the unbelievers who come, it's their first contact with the message of life.

We have 25 UCM workers there at present, and I will be able to have quality time with some of them. I also need to meet with Jon, the sector leader designate, who will take over the role this on 15th August. In my various roles, I need to be in touch with him often.

Redeemer to City event

For four days at the end of May, I am assisting at an event run by Tim Keller's organization. Watch this short video to learn more. It is designed for leaders of urban churches who want to see growth and multiplication happen - this is the first time Hong Kong has hosted it. Our current UCM sector leader will be doing the Bible readings, so please pray for him and the other speakers; the listeners too. Pray also for protection, and for ongoing, abundant fruit from this time together.

Finally …

Some people ask me – in the light of my different roles – "how do you divi up your time? How do you fit it all into one week?" I thought about this and it works out about 40% mobilization, 40% member care and 20% "other". I have attached a picture to this email that explains this further.

These words of Paul ring down the centuries and make a good conclusion to my letter:
"As I pray to our God and Father about you, I think of your faithful work, your loving deeds, and the enduring hope you have because of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thess 1:3). I'm thankful!

Your sister in Christ, ***Glenys***

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