



Prayer letter of the
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“Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.” James 1:2-4 (NIV)

Dear Fellow Pilgrims,

The last few months, I (Lanette) have sometimes thought that God would call me out of an area of service. To be honest, things had gotten pretty tough and I didn't feel able to move forward, even when trying to rely on the Lord. Thus, I thought it could be time to pass on the baton for I certainly would not want to stand in God's way. So, I prayed specifically for God to re-confirm His call, He did so and then there I was at the same place - still serving in the same way. However, looking forward to the length of service still to be completed, I again would think, "How can this work out? I am without ideas, without energy, without a way forward..."

Praise God not only for His clear re-re-confirmations, but also for His encouragement. I have been blessed to not only have eight days of vacation (much needed) but also ran across a magazine article that argues that trusting Jesus with our trials (James 1:2-4) requires **perseverance** - and that we do this **one day at a time**. The article states, "You don't have to stare down the barrel of a trial and muster up enough perseverance for the entire thing... your only responsibility is for today. Act with integrity... today. Make choices that honor Him... today." This realisation has caused me to be able to focus and have much more joy in the journey. May we all be matured day by day as we seek to fulfill God's will in our lives. And let's remember to live and serve faithfully **one day at a time!**

Lydia has had an eventful month - rather more eventful than we had hoped. She spent her mountain week mostly studying for her upcoming exams (tomorrow and Tuesday), but unfortunately was run over by a biker while hiking last week in the mountains. We all are thankful beyond words to God for His protection upon her and the biker, both of whom walked away from the accident with cuts and bruises and it seems, no lasting damage. We continue to pray for the biker, that he will heal and also learn to be more careful. Lydia has also started Confirmation Class this month and wants to be baptised.

Christoph has managed his closing for February amidst a week of vacation and is preparing for a training this coming Saturday concerning finances and missions. May God strengthen him to have all of his homework finished and be ready to fully participate. He also needs wisdom to prepare regulatory documents and training materials for new workers.

Lanette had felt rather in a slump as mentioned above. Now, with the re-opening after Covid's second wave, IPC's Children's Ministry will be able to be in-person again as of the end of March. There is plenty to take into consideration and work on for the future, ministry by ministry. May God lead in all areas and give unity to all teams as we work on things with the new regulations.

Big hugs, Lanette, Christoph and Lydia

Thanksgiving

- God's protection over Lydia and the biker
- Refreshing vacation

Pray with us

- Complete healing for Lydia
- Wisdom for Christoph with regulatory documents and new worker trainings.
- Continued perseverance and joy in all our callings.

March Dates

- 8&9: Lydia's exams
- 9: Council Meeting (Lam)
- 12: OMF Team Mtg. (both)
- 13: Finance training (Chr)
- 18: OMF Prayer Afternoon
- 21: Christoph's birthday!
- 25: OMF meetings (Lam)
- 26: Team Mtgs. (both)
- 28: IPC Sunday School in-person

Stay in touch

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