

*"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."*

“我是葡萄树，你们是枝子。常在我里面的，我也常在他里面，他就会多结果子，因为你们离开了我什么都不能做。”

John 15:5

约翰福音 15:5

Hi all,

A new friend pointed us back to these words of Jesus recently, as we spoke together and considered the ways that God might be leading our family in the coming few years.

This has been very helpful for us, and so I wanted to take a moment at the beginning of this letter to share it with you.

How about you? Are you and your family facing your own long list of opportunities, questions, and — perhaps — anxious thoughts about the future?

Remember that Jesus is also there with you, just as He is with us, quietly reminding us —

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We also want to say a sincere and grateful thank you to all of you who have been keeping us in your prayers and have continued to faithfully support the work that the Lord is doing in Asia through our family and through Concordia Welfare & Education Foundation ([www.cwef.org.hk](http://www.cwef.org.hk)).

And a very special thank you goes out to the friends, family, and supporters who have hosted our family the past few weeks during our time here in the USA. We have been so grateful to be able to sit with you around tables and campfires and phone calls, sharing with each other about what God has been doing in our lives these past few years. The time with each of you is never enough, but after such a long time apart, it has been wonderful to have the chance to see you in person once again. We are grateful.



Reconnecting with family & friends this summer in the USA

We will remain here in the States until mid-August, so if we haven't had the chance to catch up with you in person or on a phone call, we may still have time! We would love to reconnect with you if it's possible.

Here are a few upcoming weekend events for you to consider if you are available in Mid-Missouri or Austin, TX:

Saturday, July 29, 5-7pm

- McAlister's Deli, 2323 Missouri Blvd., Jefferson City, MO
- Come join us for a casual meal and take some time to reconnect with our family.
- **Josh's parents, Pastor Alvin & Sylvia Lange, will also be there with us!**

Sunday, July 30

- Faith Lutheran Church — 2027 Industrial Drive, Jefferson City, MO — <https://www.faithinjeffcity.org/>
- We will give a ministry update and answer questions during the Bible Class time at 9:30am.

Sunday, August 6

- Saint Paul Lutheran Church — 3501 Red River Street, Austin TX — <https://www.stpaulaustin.org/>
- We will give a ministry update and answer questions during the Bible Class time at 9:30am.

**You can join His mission in Asia with us! We would love to partner with you.**

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We would also like to thank you for your patience in receiving this long-overdue update from us. Starting from after the Lunar New Year holiday in the country where we live and work, the schedule has been very full. After a tumultuous year of 2022, the country has now begun to rapidly open back up during the first half of 2023. Many of our friends and colleagues are once again in 'go-go-go mode' — trying to play catch-up from these last three years of COVID-related restrictions and limitations.

Here are just a few brief highlights from our life and work during this busy spring re-opening season:



### Spring Outing with our local congregation

Worship, games, food, fellowship, and post-COVID encouragement with 50+ brothers and sisters from our local community in early March!

### First trip to HK since 2019

Long-awaited return to Hong Kong in late March for a CWEF board meeting and for times of reunion and reconnection with colleagues and friends after nearly 3.5 years of being unable to see each other in person due to COVID travel restrictions.

### Easter service

Josh was asked to give the message at our congregation's Easter Sunday celebration, with 1 Corinthians 15 as the text. We were blessed to have over 150 people join us, including members of our community and many guests. Please pray that the Spirit continues to work through His Word!



### Faith Trek adventure and service trip

- In early June, Josh helped lead a team of high school students and teachers on a trip consisting of several days of hiking and camping in God's beautiful creation in the mountains in the southwest region of the country, followed by several days of volunteer service — working with kids who are supported by a local non-profit partner of CWEF. Along the way, we led the students through devotions and times of reflection to encourage deeper thought and discussion about life and faith.

### Thank you again and God bless you!

*In His Love – Josh & Coco, John & Sophie*

**Would you join us** by committing to support the work God is doing here in Asia through your regular prayers and gifts? We currently have 35 monthly and annual partners; we are aiming for 50. [Click here](#) – or see the bottom of this page for more information – to join us as we join JC in his mission.

### PRAYER POINTS

1. For the students and young adults we are connecting with recently through CWEF's work and also at our local congregation – that they would be able to clearly hear the Gospel, and that the Spirit would be working in their lives.
2. For faith and courage for all our MCN and CWEF team members as we go about the work God has called us to.
3. For the gift of faith for our friends' parents, especially for L\* and G\*, our brothers in JC.
4. Please join us in praying for Coco's parents and family members – for the gift of faith and for good health.
5. Finally, for Coco and Josh – ask for His Spirit to give us deeper faith, hope, and love for each other and for our kids.

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