

The Word Testified by Miracles

By Dr. David Hock Tey

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Mary & David Tey

Recommendations:

The title of this book begins with ‘The Word.’ David Tey is including in this both a reference to Jesus Christ, the Word of God, and to the Bible, the Word written. These stories of blessing and both spiritual and physical miracles may captivate some people. The deeper message is that God has been active in David’s life many, many times. It is faith and trust in God through Jesus Christ which releases the power of God to work in our lives and in our world. We grow in faith.

David Tey is a wonderful man of God. He and Mary walk with

God daily and trust Him for all the details of life. I first met David at the seminary where I was the Provost. For two years David and four other students were a team I met with weekly and helped to have a good ministry while in the United States. With David and his good friend Victor Koh I never had to say, “find something good to do.” They initiated ministry all the time: evangelism, discipling men, speaking to public groups and preaching in churches. They always did excellent work and clearly walked with God and rejoiced in the work He did in and through them. I remember one time when David walked into a room with 20 or so people talking. The whole room became quiet and no one knew why. The presence of the Lord Jesus was manifested in David’s daily walk. I had the privilege to be the speaker at David and Victor’s ordination.

We watched each other serve God and kept up by mail, and later by email. For about 12 years I had the opportunity to be David’s ‘boss’ in the world’s terms. What a joy and blessing to interact with him and see what God would do next! David is a ‘man after God’s heart.’ Follow him as he follows Christ.

Please read this book with the eyes of faith. The same Lord, the same Spirit, will work in you also. Look ahead, not back. We cannot change the past but we can have great impact on the future. As we make disciples and they make disciples the work of God grows for generations yet to come.

Rev. Steve Clinton, Ph.D.

Recommendation for David Hock Tey

David and I have been on staff with Campus Crusade for Christ about 46 years. He started the ministry in Malaysia while I was starting it in Indonesia. I remember well his passion for evangelism and preaching as he would share the gospel wherever he could. Years later he attended the Campus Crusade Seminary in California where I was the professor of missions. David was one of my students and I saw his enthusiasm in studying and preaching God’s Word. He was a great example to other students at that time. Having been a missionary overseas and teaching missions, I wholeheartedly

encourage every Christian to read this book and learn how he freed demonized people in the Name of Jesus and led them to Christ.

Dr. Roy Rosedale

Professor of Missions

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Rev. David Hock Tey, servant of the Lord and soldier of the Kingdom, has proclaimed the way of the Lord throughout his life. Through wonders, miracles, and exorcism he proved that evil could never overcome good. For decades he traveled to many places and through many dangers, but God turned all dangers to peace and demonstrated His matchless power and grace.

He was afflicted with a weird disease when he was young, and no medicine was of any avail. In total helplessness he called out to the Lord, and the Lord heard him. He not only healed him, but also gave him a helpmate (a lifetime nurse). Everyone who reads the story of how God turned disasters to blessing has to praise God for His mighty power and grace.

**Rev. Dr. Frederick (Philip) Chen
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Church, International (USA)**

“Jesus saw Nathaniel coming to Him, and said of him, ‘Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile.’” (John 1:47)

I have known Rev. David Hock Tey for 40 years. From the time I first heard him preach to the time I joined Campus Crusades and served with him, and then, with his recommendation, I succeeded him as the leader of Campus Crusades International in Malaysia, my constant impression throughout these 40 years is that Rev. David Hock Tey is indeed “a true Israelite in whom there is no guile”.

Reading his testimony is like seeing him in person: true, straightforward, total dedication, faithful service, a true man indeed.

God has manifested His divers grace and power in his life. He fell into a well and was rescued when he was a kid; he was struck with a liver disease and was healed when he was a junior in college; he was called by God to serve Him and encountered many dangers, but God kept him from them all. He underwent three heart surgeries and God brought him back from the brink of death. All these show

God's wonderful grace on Rev. Tey, and manifested His mercy and glory.

In 2013, I heard that Rev. Tey was struck with a sudden heart attack in China. I was greatly troubled since I did not have enough information. Several months later, I got a call from him. The loudness of his voice assured me that he was OK. He told me that he would not be able to make long distance journey for the time being, but he could use it to write more books. Ha! This is the Rev. Tey I know!

So, it is my pleasure to recommend this book. When you read this book you will know the person who writes it: a man who is totally dedicated to the Lord and His Kingdom.

**Rev. Lim Geot Seng
Second National Director of Malaysia Campus
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Rev. David Hock Tey is my spiritual predecessor whom I greatly respect. 24 years ago, when I first served the Lord full-time, I was honored to be a colleague of Rev. Tey at Campus Crusade for Christ, Taiwan, for a short time. It was not a long time, but enough for me to observe how he dealt with people and life. I greatly admired his tenacity toward his vision and his great passion in preaching the Word.

God has greatly blessed Rev. Tey during the 50 years he faithfully served Him. When I shared with the Teys I had chance to hear Mrs. Tey retell stories of Rev. Tey's early life, and the many experiences of joy and hardness in their long service life to the Lord. All these made me marvel at God's work in the life of the Teys.

When I received Rev. Tey's book from the email I immediately started to read. In the book Rev. Tey shared all the wonders and miracles the Lord performed in his life, from the first year of primary school to the end of his 50 years of service. One has to thank God after reading all these wonderful stories.

I sincerely recommend Rev. Tey's book, *The Word Testified by Miracles*. After reading it, you will see how the Lord guides, delivers, heals, has mercy, uses, and broadens a person's life. You will greatly thank and praise God for His doing, and your trust in the Lord will increase.

**Rev. Stephen Wang
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**Rev. David Hock Tey founded Campus Crusade for Christ,
Malaysia, in 1968.**

In 1971 he invited me to be a member of the Advisory Council, and constantly challenged me to join the Crusades as a co-worker. As a result, my wife and I joined the Crusades in December 1973 as full-time co-workers, in charge of discipleship ministry in the whole of Malaysia. I often traveled with Rev. Tey and interpreted his message into English. So I had many chances to hear him sharing his spiritual life experiences and received a lot of encouragement.

As you read about the events in the book you can be sure that all the people mentioned in the book are indeed your brothers and sisters who will spend eternity with you in the Kingdom of God. I strongly urge all missionaries, pastors, elders and deacons to read the part about exorcism in the book. Rev. Tey offered valuable information and practical procedures in exorcism, including principles and procedures of a successful exorcism and prevention for failure. You seldom receive instructions about these in regular seminaries. In developing countries in Asia, Africa, and the Middle East attacks by evil spirit are often heard. This book offered precious advices for victory in spiritual warfare.

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Preface

During the 50 years of my service to the Lord I have visited 30 countries and about 400 cities, and experienced countless manifestations of the grace of God, testifying to the truthfulness of His Word. Now, I want to commit some of these experiences to writing, in order to testify to God's great love and mercy and His wonderful guidance. The contents are not arranged chronologically; each event is an independent testimony.

Concerning miracles and wonders each school of scholars have their different opinions. I am not going to argue for or against any school of opinion here, but instead honestly record what actually took place.

A miracle is a wonder done by God. The Bible recorded that God did a lot of wonders (miracles) by His power. “And a great multitude was following Him, because they were seeing the signs which He was performing on those who were sick.” (John 6:2) One of the purposes of signs is to make people believe in the Lord.”

“And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them, and confirmed the word by the signs that followed.” (Mark 16:20)

Paul and Barnabas did a lot of circuit evangelism, and the Lord confirmed His word with wonders and signs. “They spent a long time there speaking boldly with reliance upon the Lord, who was bearing witness to the word of His grace, granting that signs and wonders be done by their hands.” (Acts 14:3)

The purpose of this book is to glorify God, and testify to the grace of the Lord. I hope it will encourage believers everywhere, increase their faith in the Lord, so that they will love Him more and faithfully serve Him.

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Chapter 1: Mother's Love Is Mountain High

I was born in 1939, during the Second World War. It was a global war fought from 1939 to 1945 and involved all the major powers of the world. It was the greatest war in human history, and more than 100,000,000 military personnel fought in it. Many major countries declared a state of war. This war broke all the records of civilian casualties, brought about by the notorious Nanking Massacre, Massacre of the Jews, biological warfare engaged by the Japanese on the Chinese people, and the first use of atomic bombs by the Americans on the Japanese. In total some 50,000,000 to 70,000,000 people died during this war, making it the war that caused most lives to perish in human history.

The Second World War ended on May 8, 1945 for the European theater with the surrender of Germany. In the Asian theater, the U. S. defeated the Japanese navy in 1944 and 1945. On August 15, 1945 the Japanese declared unconditional surrender to the Allies, after the U. S. dropped two atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, causing a great number of civilian casualties. This ended the Second World War in the Asian theater. On October 24, 1945 The United Nations was founded, with the hope of promoting international cooperation and avoiding military conflict.

The Japanese occupation of Malaysia refers to the period from the time the Japanese troops landed on Malaysia on December 8, 1941 at daybreak to August 15, 1945 when Japan declared unconditional surrender. During this period, the British Malay Islands including Malaya, Singapore, North Borneo, Sarawak and Brunei were successively occupied by the Japanese.

Malaya was a British colony at that time. When the Japanese decided to attack, they attacked Malaya first because of its important strategic position. In the morning of December 8, 1941 the Japanese forcibly landed at Kota Bahru, Kelantan in North Malaya, and secured control of air and sea. The Japanese army, with support of

their navy force, occupied Kuantan on December 31 and seized Kuala Lumpur, the capital of Malaya, on January 11, 1942.

The Japanese soldiers treated the local residents very cruelly after they landed. They robbed, beat, and killed without mercy – especially the Chinese. Because some of the Chinese joined the anti-Japanese force, they thought all the Chinese were anti-Japanese. So, when they saw Chinese they arrested them without distinction, and transported them in trucks to the hillside for execution. When I was a child my parents and I lived in the suburb of Muar. As soon as we heard that the Japanese were coming, everyone dashed out and fled for their lives. Those who lived in the city fled to the woods, and many women dressed like men to avoid rape and death.

I was about three years old when the Japanese invaded Malaya. All the neighbors ran to the woods, and my family ran for their lives. To avoid discovery by the Japanese, we kept as quiet as we could. One person in the group of the refugees said to my mother: “This child of yours is so young and thin, and unable to control himself. If he is bitten by a mosquito or bug he will certainly cry aloud and put us all in danger. The Japanese will shoot us with machine guns, and all of us will perish. So you’d better throw him away, lest all of us die with him.” This way of reasoning is sheer selfishness: sacrifice others to protect one self. Without a word my mother took me up and ran to the woods, tears in her eyes. My “mother’s love is like a mountain” which will never be shaken.

God knows all the days we are going to spend on earth. The Psalmist said: “Thou didst form my inward parts; Thou didst weave me in my mother’s womb” (Psalm 139:13). God said to Jeremiah: “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations” (Jer. 1:5). God is omniscient and omnipresent. He has arranged all the days men are to spend on earth. “The mind of man plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps” (Prov. 16”9).

When the Japanese invaded Malaya the whole world seemed aflame, and all humanity seemed to be in hell. I was only three, but I vaguely remember not only the woe of war but also the terrible famine that came with it. The war destroyed the crop and cut off import of rice from Thailand. Most of the people in Malaya were in a state of near starvation. I remember when we gathered at the dining table there was no dish on the table – not even rice or porridge. All we had was a pot of rotten red potato soup. Due to the lack of water all the sweet potatoes were bitten by bugs, but we could only cut them up and use them to make soup. All six of my brothers felt it was hard to swallow. “How can we eat this?” they protested. My grandmother said, “This is the only thing we have. If you don’t eat, you can only wait for death.” I saw tears come to my mother’s eyes. She was a quiet and modest woman and immigrated with my father to Malaya

from southern Fu-jian in China. Other than my two elder brothers, all my younger brothers and I were born in Malaya.

My mother was a woman of few words but much love. When I was in sixth grade in primary school, we had a lot of homework, and sometimes I had to work until midnight. My mother often kept me company and prepared some milo and biscuits. I said, "Mom, you are tired. Everyone has gone to bed. You should go to bed now." She smiled and said, "I'm not tired. I'm not tired. I want to keep you company." Soon after that she dozed off by the desk. Her love made her forget her own wellbeing.

After I graduated from high school I decided to go to Taiwan for college. My father accompanied me to Malacca Airport to catch a plane for Taipei. When I said goodbye to each of my family members, I discovered that my mother was not there. My third brother said, "She is in the room." I entered the room and found my mother in tears. In order not to make me sad she decided to stay in the room and weep. My tears burst out like a broken river and both of us were drown in our tears. I said, "Mom, I'm going to Taiwan to study in a college." Putting her hand on my shoulder, she said, "Go your way. Take good care of yourself. I am not going to the airport to see you off." Her sobbing became noticeably louder. Through the window she watched me leaving my sweet home step by step. "Mother's Love is Like a Mountain," it stands unshakable.

When we arrived at Malacca Airport my father said, "Study hard, and take good care of your body." Standing by the rail of the airport my father watched me board the plane. With heavy paces I walked to the plane step by step. Three times I turned my head and waved to my father, and he waved to me and wiped years from his eyes. As I walked onto the staircase I turned back and waved vigorously at him, and he gestured to me to board the plane. Swallowing down my tears I came to understand the true meaning of "Mother's Love is Like a Mountain" and "Father's Love is Like a Rock." They are indeed unshakable.

Chapter 2: From Death to Life

Seniors in my family have told me a somewhat vague story that happened in my childhood. We were living in the suburb, and there was a well near our house. All the adults were busy working, leaving the children to play by themselves. One day, my third brother took me to play outside the house. Inadvertently I fell down the well. Being a child himself my third brother was terribly afraid and ran home without saying a word. My father looked for me everywhere, but could not find me. Noticing the strange expression on my brother's face they dashed to the well and, sure enough, I was

floating in the well, with my face and limbs upward toward the sky. My father pulled me up immediately. I had stopped breathing but was still warm somehow. The whole family was in panic. My father put his hands on my belly and kept pressing it up and down to revive me. In a most critical moment an aunt of mine came to visit us by bus. Seeing the scene she cried out, “Hurry! Get a cooking pot and press it on the belly of the child with its bottom. Roll it up and down with force, and keep doing it.” To everyone’s surprise, this crude method proved to be the most effective CPR. Pressing it down caused the water to spew up, and lifting it up caused the air to go in. Repeating these actions helped to revive the respiration function and I was pulled back “from death to life.”

The Bible says, “There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every event under heaven --- A time to give birth, and a time to die; A time to plant, and a time to uproot what is planted; A time to kill, and a time to heal; A time to tear down, and a time to build up; A time to weep, and a time to laugh; A time to mourn, and a time to dance. He has made everything appropriate in its time. He has also set eternity in their heart, yet so that man will not find out the work which God has done from the beginning even to the end” (Eccl. 3:1-4, 11).

Everything has its time, and only God knows. Man can never alter the length of his life. Everything is in God’s hand, and everything has its appointed time. In the created world there are two greatly important events that have to do with the rule of time, and they are life and death. Man’s years and days on earth are limited, as the Prophet Moses said. “As for the days of our life, they contain seventy years, or if due to strength, eighty years, yet their pride is but labor and sorrow; for soon it is gone and we fly away” (Ps. 90:10). Here we see life is so short, and it is filled with labor and sorrow. Soon it is gone, and we fly away. The end is death, and life seems so empty. But, if we go a step further in our search for the true meaning of life, we will see that life does have its meaning and purpose according to God’s plan. Man’s life is given by God: He makes him live, and He makes him die (Gen. 2:7; I Sam. 2:6). Life is a blessing from God (Deut. 30:19). The New Testament talks about eternal life; sinners receive eternal life because of their faith in Jesus (John 3:16). This life will continue into eternity (John 6:40). God is the source of life (John 5:26). Jesus not only gives man life, but also abundant life (John 6:33, 51; 10:10). He also gives man resurrected life (John 11:25), and put eternity in his heart. But man will not find out the work which God has done from the beginning to the end.

Life and death are two opposing ideas. Death has multiple meanings: 1. It is the end of physical life, and this refers to the death of the body (Gen. 5:5-31). 2. It is the end of spiritual life, totally cut off from God. Adam’s body did not die immediately after he sinned,

but his spirit did (Gen. 5:5; 2:17; 3:19). 3. It means to be thrown into the Lake of Fire (Rev. 20:15; 21:8), and this is the second death.

Death is the result of man's sin (Rom. 5:12-14). "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 6:23). "And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment" (Heb. 9:27).

Nevertheless, Christ died for the sin of the world, so that all those who believe in Him will be justified. The resurrection of Christ conquered death (I Cor. 15:55-57), and those who believe in Him have died with Him, and they will live with Him. "But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep. For since by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all shall be made alive" (I Cor. 15:20-22) (ref. Rom. 6:8-11; I Cor. 15:45-49).

God foreknew the danger of my falling into the well, for He pre-arranges all life and death. It was the first time my aunt visited my father's house. People would say it was a coincidence, but from the point of view of God's sovereignty, everything has its appointed time. There is a time to live and a time to die. "Thine eyes have seen my unformed substance; and in Thy book they were all written, the days that were ordained for me, when as yet there was not one of them" (Ps. 139:16). Our limited knowledge cannot foretell the future, but God Who is above time and space has abundant grace and love following us. My "Life from Death" illustrated God's delivery. The Psalmist said, "God is to us a God of deliverances; and to God the Lord belong escapes from death" (Ps. 68:20). "Thou hast delivered my soul from death" (Ps. 56:13). And I will walk in the light of God to serve Him all the days of my life.

Since God delivered me "from death to life", I will proclaim His salvation all the days of my life, so that people will believe in Jesus and escape death. God through the Prophet Hosea said, "I will ransom them from the power of Sheol; I will redeem them from death. O Death, where are your thorns? O Sheol, where is your sting? Compassion will be hidden from my sight" (Hos 13:14). This promise will be fulfilled when Christ comes again.

Chapter 3: A Wonderful Healing

When I was a sophomore in college I attended a student winter camp, and there God called me to be a missionary. Since I was studying for a career of business administration I refused to surrender. During my student years I regularly worshipped at the Nanking East Road Chapel, where Elder Wu Yung was the pastor. He was struck with colon cancer and the doctor operated on him. After they opened him up they discovered that the cancer had

already spread too widely, and it was impossible to cut off all the cancerous tissues. So they sewed it up right away. The doctor thought his days on earth were numbered, so he said to Elder Wu's family and the church, "Let him eat whatever he likes to eat. But have all the elders and deacons and members of the church earnestly pray for him. Whatever is impossible for men is possible for God." Mrs. Wu received a special promise from God: "A bruised reed He will not break, and a dimly burning wick He will not extinguish" (Isa. 42:3). With God's special mercy Elder Wu was completely healed. Isn't this an obvious miracle? He served God full-time many decades of years after that, and planted many churches. Even his biography, "*The Undistinguishable Lamp*", won the first prize of biographical literature.

I thought Elder Wu's serving the Lord full-time had some historical background. I was only a college student studying business administration, not theology. If I choose to become a preacher, am I not entering the profession? So, I said to God quietly in my heart: "I'll become a preacher only under one condition, and that is I get sick, and the doctor declared no hope for me, and You heal me Yourself."

I thought I would never get sick. I was an athlete in my high school days. My body was very healthy. I represented our school in the contest of "Three Irons" (discus, shot put, javelin), and I was also a pole vaulter. I took part in the school-wide and state-wide high school athletic contest and won second place. Though I could not compare with the best, there were a lot who were under me. But as we cannot foretell the weather, so we cannot foretell what will happen to us the next moment. "The mind of man plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps" (Prov. 16:9). In the summer of my junior year in college I was doing market research in Paolyta Company, planning to do business and make big money. Suddenly I was struck with a serious liver disease and rushed to the Taiwan University Hospital. The doctor said, "Don't be afraid. I guarantee you will be healed in 50 days."

A few days later, the doctor did a liver-piercing biopsy on me. I did not have any medical knowledge, and the doctor lied to me: "We have to draw a little blood from your liver, and we have to insert the needle near the rib on the right side of the body." Actually they wanted to do a biopsy of my liver. Being young and innocent I promptly agreed to their request. Unexpectedly, the doctor brought an intern as his assistant, and being a new hand they spent a long time on the procedure. I felt incredible pain afterward and cried aloud, and the nurse injected anesthetic again, but to no avail. The pain persisted for about four hours. Medical science then was not as advanced as it is now, and I heard people even die for the simple procedure of liver piercing biopsy. That had a lot to do with medical

skills and equipment. Yet Dr. Paul Han, the late president of Yang Ming Medical College, repeatedly advocated that a good doctor has to possess not only medical skills, but also medical virtue. So, a plaque with the words “Kind Heart with Kind Skill” was often seen on the wall of a clinic.

The doctor at the Taiwan University Hospital ordered me to take Japanese and American medicine, Gronsun and Gioctan, and some digestive pills. After 50 days I was still sick, and the doctor said, “I guarantee you will recover in 90 days.”

Taiwan University Hospital is an academic hospital, and Prof. Reilou Sung, a pathologist, brought chief doctors and interns to my ward every week to do my diagnosis. He would ask me to bend my feet upward and take a deep breath. Then he would put his hand below my right rib and softly push my belly upward. After the doctors were gone, I tried to do the same. Behold, I could even feel my own liver! It was soft and bulging, meaning it was under inflammation. Medical science 50 years ago was still unable to tell what kind of liver disease it was.

90 days were gone, and I was not any better. In the process the doctor changed his prescription several times, but none of them was effective. The last one was called American Elixir (Prenysolone). The doses were increased gradually, and then they were decreased gradually. After a while the doctor stopped all prescriptions. Actually, this medicine was not specifically for liver disease, it was used for many kinds of illnesses. It increased your appetite and made you gain weight. This was a great side-effect.

Finally the doctor confessed, “We cannot think of a better solution but stopping all prescriptions and injection for you. Who knows, maybe you will recover by yourself.” What they meant was: “You are surely to die; but if you don’t die, you will recover.” I wept after the doctor left. I confessed all my sins and prayed. I was the president of the Christian Fellowship of Chunghsing University at that time. So, Christian students in all other colleges and universities engaged in chain-prayer on the phone for me. They said to one another, “David Hock Tey is dying. Pray for him quickly. Ask the Lord to heal him.” Elder Wu Yung’s church prayed for me by name at their 6 AM daily prayer meeting. I myself also prayed and thoroughly confessed my sins.

When I read the Bible God gave me three verses which loomed large in my mind. “It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. ... I shall not die, but live, and tell of the works of the Lord” (Ps. 118:8-9, 17). When I received these promises from God I surrendered to God’s call and dedicated myself to be a missionary. A

wonder happened. When the doctor declared no hope and medicines failed God showed His mercy. The end of man is the beginning of God. What is impossible for man is always possible for God. God healed me miraculously. The doctor tested my blood every week, and the results became better and better. The doctor was very much surprised. "Have you taken any medicine from the outside?" he asked me. "I have not taken anything except what you gave me," I said. "You are really a strange patient. Others get well by taking medicine, but you get worse. But when we stopped all medicines and injections, you get better." The Psalmist said, "He sent His word and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions" (Ps. 107:20). To thank God for His abundant grace I vowed to serve Him faithfully all the days of my life.

I lived in the overseas students' dorm of Chunghsing University. Before I got sick, I went up to the rooftop to pray every day before I slept. Besides other things I also prayed for my marriage: "Oh God, please prepare a helpmate for me. I remembered what Bishop Kou Shihyuan said in a conference: "If he or she is your destined spouse he or she cannot run away; if he or she is not your destined spouse you cannot get him or her no matter how you chase. So don't waste your emotion in blind courting." So I never engaged in casual chasing of girls, but committed my marriage to God by faith. When I was most seriously sick I thought by myself: "Will any girl fall in love with a seriously ill patient who is about to die?" So I stopped praying for my marriage. I could only say, "Oh God, You know whether I will get married or not. I commit this totally into your hand, and I won't pray for this anymore."

But the end of man's maneuvering is the beginning of God's doing. One day, Mrs. Wu Yung came to the hospital to pray for me. A good looking nurse was standing quietly by her side. Mrs. Wu asked her, "Are you a Christian?" She said, "Yes, I am." When I first saw her in Ward West 5 I had a feeling: "She must be a Christian", and now my intuition proved right. Thereafter I started to have fellowship with her. She was in her last year of study in the Nursing School of Taiwan University and was doing her internship at the hospital. I was assigned to her as a case study. She had to take notes and write detailed report of her study, and she could not graduate before she completed her internship. Since we had the same faith, sometimes I would ask her to buy some reference books on religion at the Gospel Bookstore of the Second Assembly House on Jen Ai Road. Gradually we built up our friendship.

Time flies fast. Soon she graduated, and we could only continue our fellowship by mail. Later, I was discharged from the hospital, and she got a job at the Veterans General Hospital in Taipei. We had ample opportunities to meet each other and build up our relationship. Since I missed too much study while I stayed in the hospital I stopped

schooling for a year. I needed somebody to take care of me, and God prepared a life-time personal nurse for me. Our wedding was held at the Nan King East Road Chapel, officiated by Elder Wang Changgan, and the wedding feast was organized by Elder Su Yihsung. About 200 relatives and friends came to attend our wedding. Now both of us have grey hair on our heads. We have fought the spiritual wars together hand-in-hand, and we value all the great moments in our memory.

I started working part-time with Campus Crusade when I was a senior student in Chungshing University and became a full-time staff after graduation, in charge of college student ministry in Taichung area. In 1967 I came to the United States to attend the First International Conference of the Campus Crusades International and their training program. I returned to Malaysia in 1968, and founded Campus Crusade Malaysia and served as its first president. This is my 50th year in Campus Crusade. All this started with a clear call from God and His “wonderful healing”.

On September 8, 2010, at 6 AM, while I was still lying in the bed, I suddenly heard strong buzzing in the ears. I thought: I may not be able to hear my own voice when I preach, and this may seriously affect the quality and effect of my ministry. For the gospel’s sake I prayed by faith and asked the Lord to heal me. While I was halfway in my prayer the buzzing of my ears suddenly stopped, and I was completely healed. I believe in God’s healing. I thank and praise Him for it. Hallelujah, praise the Lord. “O Lord my God, I cried to Thee for help, and Thou didst heal me” (Ps. 30:2).

Chapter 4: Exorcism in Kelang

According to Jesus’ teaching, believers have the power to drive out demons in His name. I myself have more than ten experiences of exorcism. In Malaysia there was a town near Kelang named Pandamaran, and there was a small church in that town. I preached in that church in an evangelistic rally. The church did not have a lot of members, but Pastor Lo had a great burden to revive it. The Evil One tried all kinds of devices to thwart the growth of the church and hinder the work of the Holy Spirit. On a certain Sunday, when Pastor Lo was about to finish his sermon, a tall, 19-year-old young man roared out in the church with the sound of an animal. He seemed to have lost his mind and talked unintelligently, a sure sign of demon possession. Some members of the church took him outside and prayed for him, and sent him home. But his symptoms repeatedly reoccurred at home, and the whole family was struck with sorrow and fear.

Pastor Lo asked an old pastor to pray for him. But the demon was very tricky. They tried to exorcise him in the name of the Lord Jesus, but he refused to come out. Pastor Lo was very nervous, knowing this is not an ordinary demon. The Lord said in the Gospel of Mathew: “But this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.” (Matt. 17:21) So they asked those who were willing to participate to pray and fast for a day. That afternoon I received a phone call from Pastor Lo about the fast-and-pray exorcism event that evening, and he asked me to join them. I quickly accepted his invitation. I already ate lunch that day, so I could not fast for the whole day, but I could join them in fast and prayer at dinner time. Before I left home I told my wife, “I’m going to fast and pray this evening with the brothers and sisters of the church in order to cast out the demon. Can you join us in fasting and prayer this evening at home at dinner time?”

As I arrived there I shared first with the fasting brothers and sisters about Bible verses on why we should cast out demons. We must first understand the meaning and method of exorcism. First, it is by faith. Secondly, we must confess our sins and have a healthy relationship with God. Thirdly, we must do it in the name of our Lord Jesus. Fourthly, we must read the Scriptures and sing hymns together in the praise of God. In the spiritual realm we belong to God, and we should not let the Evil One have any power or control over us. Jesus has power and authority over the Evil One, and while He was on earth he often cast the Evil One out of human bodies. For our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit; it is holy and consecrated for the Holy Spirit to dwell in. We must live a victorious life by the power of Jesus, and the Evil One should not be allowed to occupy our spirit and will, so that we may serve God and revive the church.

When we encourage one another by the words of the Bible the brothers and sisters will hear and see the promises of God. When we fervently pray together God will hear us, for He said, “Ask, and it shall be given to you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you” (Matt. 7:7). They must understand that the blood of Jesus has power to forgive sin, and that Jesus has given us the power of prayer so that what we bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and what we loosen on earth will be loosened in heaven. The Holy Spirit will promptly help us because of Jesus’ name.

Before we started, everyone prayed and confessed his or her sin before the Lord. We believed that the blood of Jesus has cleansed us of all sins and iniquity, and that we were justified and sanctified by faith in Jesus Christ. We anxiously prayed for the Holy Spirit to fill us and increase our faith. For this was a spiritual warfare, and we could only win this war through the power of the Holy Spirit.

After the prayer the pastor and I declared that all those who

were afraid, or who had not dealt with all their sins, or who were not sure they were born again, or who had to take care of little children, or who were pregnant, or who had animal with them, or children, or who fear and tremble, should not go with us. They should go home and pray for those who participated in exorcism. Consequently 12 remained and were determined not to rest until the demon was cast out.

Pastor Lo and I arrived at the brother's home first. He came out and shook hands with us, looking rather normal. But before we talked for three minutes his countenance suddenly changed, and began roar like an animal. When all the other brothers and sisters arrived we began singing the refrains of two hymns. One is "Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!" and the other is "The Cross is My Glory".

As we sang we witnessed the power of God's word which the demons could not bear. The young man stood up and ran back to his bedroom. He hit the glass door of the cabinet with his fist and the glass was shattered all over the floor. His hand was cut and bled, but he did not feel any pain. He lost control of his mind and was in a semi-conscious state.

We began reading God's word while ten others were asked to continue singing and praying in the lounge. Pastor Lo and I entered the young man's bedroom to pray for him. He squatted on the floor, with his eyes turning white and foaming at the mouth. He looked both terrible and sad. We prayed for him in the name of the Lord Jesus. But at the most critical moment the boyfriend of the young man's sister came to visit. He claimed to be a member of "Christ's Church". He refused to join us in prayer; and, on the contrary, ridiculed us by saying: "By what qualification do you cast out demons? The Bible says only the Apostles have the qualification, authority, and power to cast out demons. But you are not apostles." In the name of Jesus we asked him to leave. He has no power or authority to hinder the work of God. And he left. After the opposing power and person left our work became much smoother and more effective.

When we began to pray the demon refused to come out. So we bound him in the name of the Lord Jesus. The young man began rolling on the floor, as if he were bound with some unseen rope. It was wonderful! The name of Jesus has authority in the spiritual realm. For he says in the Gospel of Luke: "Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon serpents (the devil) and scorpions (evil spirits), and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall injure you." (Luke 10:19)

Though we cannot substantially hold the power Jesus gave us in our hands he told us that whatever we ask in his name He will hear

us (of course, it must be in accordance with His will). “In the Name of the Lord Jesus” is the authority Jesus gave us, and it can conquer evil spirits. The Gospel of Luke told us that the disciples went out two by two to preach the gospel, and when they cast out demons in the name of the Lord Jesus the demons obeyed them. So, “in the name of the Lord Jesus” we have authority over the demons.

The young man intermittently raised his hands in a gesture of threat, and hit the wall with his fist. We commanded him not to do these in the name of the Lord Jesus, and like a balloon discharged of its air he suddenly lost all his strength. His hands dropped down lifelessly. The name of the Lord Jesus is the greatest name, most honored, holy, and precious name on earth, and even the demons are submissive to it. We ordered the demon to come out of the young man, but he refused and continued to struggle. We asked the demon what his name is and the young man kept his silence. Suddenly, I had a feeling in my mind. A dumb demon cannot speak! So, in the name of the Lord Jesus I asked the demon inside, “Are you a dumb demon?” The young man nodded his head. Though he could not speak he could write. The young man prostrated on the floor, with his eyes turning white and foaming at the mouth, he wrote with the foam from his mouth: “The lord said: I will not come out.”

We should never be fooled by the Evil One. The “lord” that he wrote on the floor is not the Lord Jesus. It is the demon in the young man’s body, lording over him. According to the Book of Romans, “If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved; for with the heart man believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.” (Rom. 10:9, 10) So, I preached the gospel to the young man, asking him to say: “Lord Jesus, save me.” He tried to utter those words with all his strength, but without success. It really bewildered us.

The young man was not dumb, but no matter how much he struggled he could not utter a word. Again, we prayed for him by faith: “Lord Jesus, we ask in your name. Please give this young man ability to speak, so that he can call on your name.” Suddenly the young man opened his mouth and cried out: “Lord Jesus!” Before he finished these words the dumb demon left the young man and he immediately returned to his normal state. “What are you doing in my room?” he asked. When he heard the singing of hymns in the lounge he began to sing with them. Now he looked like a different person.

From this we know how painful and bound a demon possessed person is. He is in bondage, with no ability to speak, think, praise God, sing, or communicate with others. He loses all freedom to act as a person. If a man wants true freedom today he must let his spirit be

set free and received freedom from Jesus. For the Bible says, “Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.” (II Cor. 3:17b) When we have liberty in Christ we are free to worship and praise God, and we are free not to sin or follow the devil. This is not the freedom referred to by people of the world, but freedom of the spirit, which comes from a spirit set free, a True Freedom from God.

When the young man sang hymns with us we prayed for him. We forbade the Evil One to return to him in the name of the Lord Jesus, and ordered him not to have any connection with the young man later on. We prayed for the young man to turn to Christ, and to glorify His name by the renewing of his life. The Lord Jesus Christ conquered, and the Evil One never returned to torture him again. The Lord Jesus Christ is the Lord of victory, the Lord of resurrection, and the Lord of power.

There are four major principles in exorcism:

1. You must be a born-again Christian (Mark 3:14-15; Acts 13:15).

The Lord Jesus chose 12 apostles and sent them out to preach the gospel. He gave them power to cast out demons. Only born-again Christians have spiritual life and power, and the presence of the Holy Spirit, to cast out demons.

2. You must believe that the blood of Jesus has cleansed all your sins (Rev. 12:11; John 1:9).

Before a Christian casts out demons he must confess all his sins, and believe that all his sins have been cleansed and forgiven by Jesus blood. Otherwise, he would have no power to cast out demons, and could even be accused by demons.

3. You must pray in faith, or even fast and pray (Mark 9:17-29).

When Jesus cast out demons he cast them out 100 percent. But sometimes his disciples failed to cast them out. Jesus said, “You must fast and pray to cast out this type of demons.”

4. You must cast out demons by faith, and in the name of Jesus (Heb. 11:6; Luke 10:19; Mark 3:15).

“And these signs will accompany those who have believed: in My name they will cast out demons” (Mark 16:17).

The name of Jesus carries dignity, authority, and power. The demons must surrender to the name of Jesus (Mark 3:10-12). If we believe by faith the presence of God, the filling of the Holy Spirit, and the forgiveness of sins, the Lord must hear our prayer. So, if we order the demons to go out in the name of the Lord they must obey us.

Chapter 5: Exorcism in Ipoh

One year, I was invited to preach for three days in a joint evangelistic rally in Ipoh sponsored by the Ipoh Christian Ministerial Association. Rev. Jacob Lin, senior pastor at the Methodist Church, served as chairman. Elder Ho Chichang of the Gospel Church and co-workers from the other churches served as members of the preparatory committee. The rallies were held at the Martial Stadium of Ipoh, and a thousand seats were fully packed each night.

My topic for the first evening was: “Fortune Telling, [Fengshui](#), and Eternal Life”. These topics were most fashionable and popular among the folk people. Not only Christians and seekers were attracted to the rallies, but also a number of fortune tellers came to the meetings out of curiosity. They wanted to know the contents of my sermons, in order to gain some new knowledge in the field of their profession. The rallies were very successful, and many attendees filled out their decision slips.

After the meeting an amateur fortune-teller came forward and asked for my help. He looked like a successful professional. With tears running down his face he asked for my help: “Dr. Tey, please help me.”

I said, “How can I help you?”

He said, “I was a miner, and my business was fairly good. Out of curiosity I went to Singapore to learn fortune-telling. They told me to worship the evil spirits for special help. Thereafter the evil spirit dwelt in my body. It often tricked me and made me very miserable.”

I said, “How did it trick you?”

He said, “It often made me do some embarrassing things which I was not willing to do. For instance, when I was drinking tea in a coffee shop, it would suddenly tell me to go and massage a total stranger to heal him. How embarrassing it is to massage a total stranger in the eyes of the public!”

I asked, “Was that person really sick?”

He said, “Yes. That person was really sick. This happened every time.”

I said, “Couldn’t you just disobey its order?”

He said, “No. He would trick me, and give me a lot of trouble

and pain. I was a businessman; why must I massage a total stranger? What is worse, sometimes it was not only a stranger, but a stranger in the opposite sex. It is just unthinkable.”

“Did you get some reward for your massage and healing?” I asked.

“No. The demon made me do it.” He said.

I asked, “Did anybody refuse your massage?”

He said, “No. Those people were really sick.”

After a brief pause he said, “Sometimes these demons would tell me to buy some idols to worship at home. Those idols, even a small image of the Goddess of Mercy, were unreasonably expensive. I didn’t want to buy them. But the demons forced me to buy them. Otherwise, they would make me very miserable.”

He continued, “I asked some exorcists and monks to cast them out, but they could not. I went to Chilo Temple in Pinang and asked the monks there to cast out the demon and they failed too. I made a special trip to Bangkok in Thailand and asked the monks there to help me, but they also failed. Dr. Tey, please help me.” As a Chinese proverb says, “It’s easy to invite the devil in, but hard to drive him out.”

One of the coworkers of the Preparatory Committee came and told me that we had to vacate the meeting hall. According to the renting contract we must clear out the hall by 10 PM.

I said to the business man, “I cannot save you, but Jesus can. If you agree we can go to the assembly hall of the Gospel Church and there we shall pray for you and cast out the demon in you.” He smiled and nodded his head, and a few of us started immediately for the church.

When we arrived at the church I asked them to remove all the charms and idol images from his body, in his briefcase and car, and pile them up on the ground of the church yard. At this time his wife also arrived at the church. I asked her also to remove all charms from her body, bag and car and pile them up also in the yard. I then told them to burn them up with fire, and they gladly obeyed.

Then we sang hymns about the cross and victory in Christ. He said, “I have no strength! I have no strength!” His whole body collapsed on the floor.

We started to burn those charms and idol images. He started to

struggle on the floor, appearing very painful. In the process of the burning, there was no wind, but one piece of the burning charm floated up in the air by itself, and floated away. We raised our voice in prayer, chiding the demon in the man. The man looked like a strong man, but he just lay on the floor lifelessly. In the name of Jesus I ordered the demon not to oppress the man. Some people helped him to stand up, and I asked him to say, "Lord Jesus, save me."

He struggled but could not utter a word. In the name of Jesus I ordered the demon to go out. All of a sudden, the man came to himself completely, and spoke intelligently.

He appeared like a different person. He said, "I am well now. What I spoke before was by the order of the demon. Now come, let me treat you with some night snacks. At the snack shop he said, "I was in the mining business. While I tried to learn fortune-telling I invoked the demon into my body. Then I became so absent minded that some share-holders asked me to sell my share and give up the business."

I asked him to come to the church early the next Sunday, and bring all the charms and idols in his house. "You must cut the grass and also remove the roots; otherwise, it will come back when the spring wind blows on it." And I intended to pray for him again, and teach him how to cut off the root. We must not leave any ground to the devil. He agreed.

On Sunday morning I fasted and prayed, preparing myself for a spiritual battle. Unexpectedly some of his pagan friends took him away, so he did not show up at the church. What a pity!

Here is another case which I believe will be helpful to the readers. Rev. Kurt E. Koch recorded a story in his book *Demon Possession and Psychosis*, which can serve as a warning to Christians. This happened at the Bible School of Febias in Manila. Dr. Hufstetler was the president of the school at that time. A student named Pat Tolosa was possessed by 50 demons because he did not totally dedicate his life. They spent 19 and a half hours to cast out all the demons. During the process a teacher commanded those voices: "In the name of the Lord Jesus I command you to tell us your name." "Rakrek," the voice replied. "Where did you come from?" the teacher continued. "From the northeast part of China," the demon replied. "In the name of the Lord Jesus I command you to tell us, why did you come to our school?" "Your school is a good place where we can bring in the thoughts of new and liberal theology. You cannot stop us. They are our good friends." I thought: what a wonderful thing it would be if all the liberal theologians were there and heard these words!

When I heard the voice say that it came from the northeast part of China I immediately recited the only Bible verse I knew in Russian. Then a strange thing happened. The voice began talking in fluent Russian. Actually, Pat Tolosa did not know any foreign language except English and his native Philippines language. (Adapted from *Demon possession and Psychosis*)

From this we see that the devil is determined to confuse the Word of God. We must firmly believe that “All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for teaching in righteousness; that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work” (II Tim. 3:16, 17).

Chapter 6: Exorcism in Saba

One year, I was invited to speak in a revival and evangelistic rally in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah for three evenings. Rev. Yang Pingzhung was the bishop of the Episcopal Church, and his brother, Yang Zhenhua, was the chief officer of the church. He assigned me three interesting topics for the three nights’ sermon: 1. On Demons and Evil Spirits; 2. Fortune-telling, [Fengshui](#), and Eternal Life; 3. Filial Piety and Ancestor Worship. They rented a public meeting hall for these rallies, and the place was packed every night. The Holy Spirit greatly moved and a lot of people were saved.

Rev. Yang discussed a case of demon possession with me. A relative of a member of the church was possessed by a demon, and they hoped we could pray for her. The woman had been possessed by the demon for a considerable length of time. Her family went to a lot of places for help, but did not have any success. They went to the Buddhist temple, and got no help; they asked the Taoist priest to cast out the demon, the demon refused to come out; they even asked a Malayan witch doctor to cast out the demon, and the demon did not come out. It took her to the graveyard, and disturbed her sleep at night. Her daily life was far from normal, and her health became worse and worse. The whole family suffered with her. As a last resort they came to the church for help.

I told Pastor Yang that the rented meeting hall is not suitable for holding an exorcising prayer meeting because there were too many people around and we had to vacate it by a certain time. We would be freer to operate if we use our own chapel at the church. So he arranged to pray for her at the church the next day at 10 AM.

The next morning a man brought his wife (the demon possessed) to the chapel of the Episcopal Church. Pastor Yang and I went to the chapel to talk with them. I found the woman was in a rather sullen

mood. She bowed her head and half closed her eyes, and dared not look at us. I asked her, “What is your name?”

Suddenly she waved her hands vigorously and uttered a series of strange noise in her mouth. I knew that this kind of abnormal reaction was usually a sign of demon possession. I asked Pastor Yang to invite another preacher of their church to join us in prayer. We started with singing of hymns. When the name of Jesus was praised the devil would retreat in shame. The name of Jesus has power and authority. Even the devil will obey His command. She was originally sitting on one of the pews in the chapel. When she heard the singing of the hymns she immediately fell on the floor. Her husband began to be a little nervous. I said to him: “Do not fear, but believe. Everything is possible for those who believe.” “And He summoned the twelve and began to send them out in pairs, and he was giving them authority over the unclean spirits” (Mark 6:7).

We continued our hymn singing, and raised our voices in prayer. The demon struggled and made her whole body tremble. I said loudly: “In the name of Jesus I command you to depart from this woman’s body.” She struggled with pain. She came to herself immediately after the demon went out, and her speech also returned to normalcy. I asked her, “Do you know what you did?” She answered, “No, I don’t.”

I asked her to repent and accept Jesus as Lord, and I asked her husband to pray and accept the Lord also. Both of them closed their eyes and followed me sentence by sentence in prayer: “Lord Jesus, I thank you and accept you as my Savior and Lord. Please forgive me my sins of ignorance and idol worship, and of superstition. I dedicate myself to you. Please help me to cut off all ties with the devil. In the name of Jesus I order all spirits to depart from me and never to return. Please fill me with the Holy Spirit and enable me to live a victorious life. By faith I pray in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.”

After that I told them:

1. Tear down all charms and images of idols in their house and burn them up. If necessary ask pastor of the church to do this for them.
2. Do not go to any place to worship the idols.
3. Do not enquire with any spiritual medium.
4. Do not contact any Malayan witch doctor.
5. Read the Bible and pray every day.
6. Attend Sunday worship at the church without ceasing.
7. Consult pastor of the church about problems in the spiritual realm.

Thank the Lord, Pastor Yang later told me that she and her

family did everything I told them and their spiritual life progressed normally. She was completely cured.

On one of my evangelistic tours in Sabah Pastor Yang informed me of two special cases of demon possession. One happened at the Episcopal Church in Kota Kinabalu. A woman who had been a spiritual medium in a Buddhist temple came to hear me preach. The contents of the sermon that evening coincided with her painful experience. Illuminated by the Holy Spirit she was greatly moved and accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior with tears. With counsel from the church she quit her job as a spiritual medium at the temple and followed the Lord Jesus. She was set totally free from bondage of the Evil One. She was baptized and became a new creature in Jesus Christ. Now she is full of joy and hope for eternal life. She became a different person!

Pastor Yang mentioned another case. One year, I was speaking in a joint evangelistic rally in Tawau, in Eastern Malaya. The churches there had organized a string prayer net. For one and a half hours when I preach people took turns to pray continuously in the prayer room. The Holy Spirit greatly moved, and a spiritual revival followed. One of the women had been a spiritual medium in a temple. As she heard the word of God she felt like a hammer was striking at her heart. She repented her sins of being used by the devil, and she woke up and accepted the Lord as her personal Savior. She is now completely cut off from the devil with no reservations.

Hallelujah! All glory to God. Pastor Yang has had experiences of exorcism later in his ministry. God exercises His authority by the power of the Holy Spirit, and His Word is testified by signs and miracles.

Chapter 7: Exorcism in Singapore

Several months before I started out on my four months long Asian evangelistic tour on July 4, 1991 I wrote to the sponsoring churches in Taiwan, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Sarawak, and Singapore and offered them 20 topics to choose from for these rallies. Consequently, except for Hong Kong, all of them chose the following three topics: 1. On Demons and Evil Spirits; 2. Filial Piety and Ancestor Worship; 3. Fortune-telling, [Fengshui](#), and Way to Eternal Life. Indeed, idol worship and witchcraft are rather prevalent in Asia. Even high class intellectuals indulge in fortune-telling and [fengshui](#) practice. So these topics are very popular in Asia. After messages like these are preached spiritual warfare is usually stirred up, which shows the fierceness of the power of the evil spirits that rule in the air.

In Taiwan almost every house has an idol in it. When I was there, there were at least 60,000 taxicabs in Taipei, and you scarcely saw one without some kind of charms hanging by the windshield. Temples were being built everywhere and people became more and more superstitious. In Singapore and Malaysia all kinds of sorcery, witchcraft, spiritual mediums and divination prevailed, and more and more people were bound by these evil forces and lost their freedom. They need to be delivered.

On one of his evangelistic tours Paul was anxious for the people who worshipped idols. “While Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was being provoked within him as he was beholding the city full of idols.” (Acts 17:16)

“The sorrows of those who have bartered for another god will be multiplied” (Ps. 16:4).

The commission to preach the gospel becomes more and more urgent in the current generation. On this last trip I saw quite a few cases of demon possessions and attacks from evil spirits. In all the cases of demon possession that I experienced this one is the most special, and I want to share it with the readers to increase our faith.

On October 11-13 I was speaking for three consecutive nights for the Joint Revival and Evangelistic Rallies in Singapore. It was held at the Life Church, and the whole place, both downstairs and upstairs and the auxiliary chapel, were fully packed. More than 1,000 attended the service. On the second evening a young couple in their twenties came to me. The husband said, “My wife seems to be possessed by some demon. Can you pray for her?”

I said, “I can’t do it now. I’ll begin to preach in a few minutes. I’ll pray for her after I speak.”

After I spoke I took them to a quiet prayer room. Rev. & Mrs. Huang Pengyuan (chairman of the meeting), Rev. & Mrs. Cheng Tsekai (secretary), my wife, and a couple of believers followed us into the room. About ten students of the Prayer and Devotion Academy prayed in another room to support us.

I asked the lady, “Is there anything we can do for you?” As soon as I finished speaking she began crying aloud, and yelled with a high pitched voice: “No! No!” When I heard her screaming like this I knew immediately that there was a demon inside her. Mark described when a demon possessed man saw Jesus he cried out: “What do I have to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore You by God, do not torment me!” (Mark 5:7)

We began singing the hymns repeatedly: “Glory, glory,

hallelujah! Christ has overcome ...” After we sang it a couple of times the demon started to attack her. It dashed her to the ground (Mark 9:18), and threw her into a convulsion (Mark 9:20). Her whole body shook violently as if she had been electrocuted. Rev. & Mrs. Cheng (they had experiences in exorcism) and I squatted on the floor, trying to hold her hands still. During the whole process Mrs. Cheng sat on the floor to keep her company, and collected the vomit from her mouth with a plastic bag. (The Lord knows every trivial need that we have. This plastic bag was retained inadvertently by my wife from the prayer meeting before the evangelistic meeting, just to meet this need!

We continued to sing hymns: “In the Cross, in the Cross, be my glory ever. All my sins were washed away by the Blood of Jesus....” After repeating it several times we began to pray in unison, declaring the effect of the blood, the power, authority, and victory of Christ, and rebuking the evil spirit (Matt. 17:18). Pastor Cheng chided: “Your fallen angel has been cast down.”

The Bible says: “And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, ‘Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, who accuses them before our God day and night. And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even to death.’” (Rev. 12:10-11)

Prayer of great spiritual battle must be preceded by prayer of confession, asking God for cleansing. The demon continued to torment her, causing convulsion of her facial muscles. She appeared very evil and ugly. (The so-called “face making” probably comes from this.) She gnashed her teeth (Mark 9:18) and foamed at the mouth and shivered all over her body (Mark 9:18, 20). She seemed to have unusual strength (Mark 5:24). Several of us tried to hold her down on the floor but she still could push her body up several times. This continued for about half an hour. Rev. Cheng prayed for her first, and then he turned her to me: “Rev. Tey, it is your turn to pray for her.” He and other people also supported me in prayer.

I prayed that the blood of Jesus would forgive her sins and cleanse her thought and the stains of conscience. Then I declared: “XXX (I got her name from her husband in the beginning), by faith in the Lord Jesus and His blood you have nullified all the contracts you made with all the mysterious religions and the devil.” Then I prayed to cast out the demon in her.

“In Jesus’ name I ask you, is there the spirit of fear in you?” I asked.

“Yes,” she replied.

“In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out from her” (Acts 16:18).

She abruptly sat up from the floor, shrieking and convulsing all over, as if she was electrocuted. She shivered all over, and foamed at the mouth, and then lay down on the floor. (Mark 9:26) Every time demons come out of people, it torments them and makes them foam at the mouth.

In the name of Jesus I ask you, is there the spirit of deceit in you?”

“Yes,” she answered softly. After the same torments the demon came out.

Jesus said, “You are of your father the devil. for he is a liar, and the father of lies.” (John 8:44) Be careful, my friends. Lying will leave a breach point for the devil.

“In the name of Jesus I ask you, is there the spirit of fornication in you?”

She answered, “Yes.” I rebuked the demon, and after tormenting her for a while it came out from her.

“In the name of Jesus I ask you, is there any other spirit in you?”

“Yes.”

“What is his name?” (Mark 5:9)

She said, “King of Heaven.”

“In the name of Jesus Christ I command you, evil spirit and fake ‘king of heaven’, come out of the woman!” She struggled violently and shook all over, as if she were electrocuted. Finally she sat up and vomited. The demon went out, and she just lay on the floor.

I asked her repeatedly whether there is any remaining demon inside her, and what are their names. She answered me one by one: Earth God, Kuan Kung, Chang Fei, Sun Wukung, Kuanyin, Matsu, etc. All these are traditional figures worshiped by the Chinese, and the demons dwelt inside her using their names. The demons said their names one by one, and everyone went out after a fierce battle, causing great pains on the woman. The number of fallen angels (unclean spirits) is immense. (Mark 5:9; Luke 8:2)

“In the name of Jesus I ask you, is there any spirit in you that fakes Confucius?”

“No.” Demons must answer questions asked in Jesus’ name.

“In the name of Jesus I ask you, is there any more demons inside you?”

“Yes.”

What are their names?”

She began talking in some strange local dialect, too fast for ordinary people to comprehend.

“In the name of Jesus I order you to speak clearly.”

“Tibet,” the demon answered softly, somewhat unwillingly.

“In the name of Jesus I command you, do not pretend to be a Tibetan demon. Come out of the woman.” After some painful struggle the demon went out.

In addition there were demons of Japan, India, and Thailand, and she could mimic their dialect. I ordered them to speak clearly and cast them out one by one.

There were also Maoshan (a witchcraft prevalent in Singapore and Malaysia), Dapokung (worshipped by Chinese in Malaysia) and Allah (god of the Muslims). The demon who pretended to be Allah was the fiercest one to cast out. It tortured her with high-pitched screams and yells, making her shake all over. I rebuked it loudly (Mark 9:25) and ordered it out.

“Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.” (James 4:7)

“In the name of Jesus I ask you, is there any more demon in you?”

“Yes.”

What is his name?”

“Hallelujah,” she said.

Some of the brothers and sisters present said with one accord, “Good! Good! She is praising God with hallelujah.” Everybody was so tired, and they were happy that our demon casting can now be

concluded. But I knew that the demon was now pretending to be an angel of light (II Cor. 11:14), for I had had similar experience before.

“In the name of Jesus I command you, a demon faking hallelujah, come out of this woman.” She convulsed greatly on the floor, and the demon went out.

It turned out that this lady worshipped every idol she came across, including all the idols mentioned above. Maybe there was a religion named “hallelujah”. The Apostle Paul said, “You who are full of all deceit and fraud, you son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease to make crooked the straight ways of the Lord?” (Acts 13:10)

The demon had dwelt in her for a long time (Mark 9:21), and it wanted to continue its residence in her by all kinds of excuses and pretensions.

Before we completed our exorcism she suddenly said to me, “I am angry at you!” I rebuked her, “In the name of Jesus Christ I order you not to be angry at me.” (Mark 1:25) She moved her body backward a little bit, appearing to be in great fear. (My wife later told me that she was a little worried and wondered why I mistreated her like that.)

Finally she closed her eyes and breathed heavily. It seemed that she had spent all her strength and was completely exhausted. She became very weak and was about to fall asleep. My wife pulled on my clothes signaling me to stop. Later she told me that she was afraid the woman might die (Mark 9:26). I had experienced cases like this before. A demon sometimes pretends to fall asleep because it does not want to come out.

“In the name of Jesus Christ I command you not to sleep.”

Her strength seemed to have come back suddenly, and she became even stronger than ordinary men. (Mark 5:2-4)

“In the name of Jesus I ask you, are there any more demons in you?”

“Yes.”

So I continued my exorcism, leaving no place for the devil. All together I cast out 21 demons from her (Luke 8:2), all of which she worshipped before.

“In the name of Jesus I ask you, is there any more demons in you?”

The demon kept quiet and made no answer.

I said, “In the name of Jesus, and by the Sword of the Holy Spirit, I slay all the evil spirits in you.” (Eph. 6:16) In all my experiences of exorcism this was the first time I exercised this authority in prayer, and it was under the move of the Holy Spirit.

She screamed again and shivered all over. In the name of Jesus, I commanded all the demons to come out. All of a sudden she sat up and foamed at the mouth. It seemed that every time a demon went out the possessed would foam at the mouth. What she threw up was not food, but some saliva. Mrs. Cheng and my wife had been clearing her vomit all the time.

Finally, “In the name of Jesus I ask you, is there any more demons in you?”

She began to calm down, and answered me peacefully for the first time, “No.”

“May I lead you in prayer?”

“O. K.” she said softly, no more shivering of the body.

As she sat up I led her to pray sentence by sentence, and she followed me clearly.

“Lord Jesus, save me. I believe in you. I accept you as my personal Savior. Wash me with your precious blood and forgive me my sins. I love you. Please fill me by your Holy Spirit. Increase my faith and help me to live a victorious life over the devil and his evil spirits. In the name of the Lord Jesus I pray. Amen.”

She prayed sincerely, and tears gushing out from her eyes like a stream of purging water. My wife handed some tissues to Mrs. Cheng who helped wiping away tears from her eyes.

After the prayer she stood up by herself. Appearing as if nothing had happened, she said to me, “Thank you, Pastor Tey. I’ll never dare worship those things anymore.”

“Do you know we cast out demons for you?”

“I only felt painful now and then,” she said. When we were casting out the demons she was under their control and was somewhat out of herself.

Now her face radiated with peace and joy, and she smiles with great joy. She looked like a totally different person. It was just like

the refrain of a hymn says: “Roll away! Roll away! Roll away! All the burden of my sin rolled away.”

My wife was amazed by the scene. If she had not seen it with her own eyes she would never believe that this beautiful lady was the demon-possessed woman a few minutes ago.

After the third day of evangelistic rally was concluded my wife saw the woman again. She stepped forward and asked her, “Why did you say you were angry at Rev. Tey when you lay on the floor yesterday?”

She answered, “Oh, no. I didn’t say it. It (the demon inside her) said it. What Rev. Tey did was for my good, how can I be angry at him?”

I charged her to burn up all the idols in her house, and never worship those false gods anymore.

Conclusions

This lady worshipped too many idols, and the evil spirits dwelt in her for a long time in the name of these idols (Mark 9:21).

As the Apostle Paul said, “They exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures. They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen” (Rom. 1:23, 25).

The Bible says, “Do not turn to mediums or spiritists; do not seek them out to be defiled by them. I am the Lord your God” (Lev. 19:31).

“Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap” (Gal. 6:7).

Idol worship is a serious sin, and the end of it is very sad.

“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places” (Eph. 6:12).

“Put on the full armor of God , that you may be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil” (Eph. 6:11).

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us

our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (I John 1:9).

Jesus said, “I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall injure you” (Luke 10:19).

“And He appointed twelve, that they might be with Him, and that He might send them out to preach, and to have authority to cast out the demons” (Mark 3:14, 15).

Jesus said to Peter, “I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you shall bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you shall loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven” (Matt. 16:19).

What is more important, Jesus said again, “Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are recorded in heaven.” (Luke 10:20) Amen!

Chapter 8: Exorcism in Taiwan

By God’s grace I served as acting president of Campus Crusade in Taiwan for three years after I graduated with a Doctor of Ministry degree. I had several experiences of exorcism during those years in Taiwan. The most memorable one happened on September 24, 1990, Wednesday, in New Peitou, where I temporarily had my residence. A young man named Lin just graduated from college, and was working in the government of Taitung. One day, he heard a voice saying, “If you let me live in your heart I will make you rich and honored.” He had no knowledge of things in the spiritual realm, and allowed the evil spirit to live in him. He began acting abnormally, and was unable to work anymore. So, his father took him home. His father was a Buddhist who often sat in meditation, even to the extent that his soul would float out of his body. He tried to cast the demon out of his son by way of sitting in meditation. But the demon refused to come out. Then he tried to cast him out by reciting Kuanyin curse on him, but it was to no avail. Finally, he went to a Taoist exorcist, who also failed to cast him out. It was December 28 by lunar calendar, and two days later would be the Chinese New Year. His father concluded that he was a case of psychosis, and was preparing to send him to an asylum so that the family might have a peaceful New Year. His aunt, sister Lin, was working full-time with Campus Crusade Malaysia. She thought he was demon-possessed, rather than in psychosis, so she called me and asked me to pray and cast out the demon for him.

I said, “Ok.”

She said, “May we go to your home?”

I said straightforwardly, “No. I’ll let you know after I make arrangements for borrowing a church chapel.”

So I called Rev. Lee Chizang of Dao Sheng Presbyterian Church Peitou Branch about borrowing their chapel for an exorcist and prayer meeting and asked him to join us, which he gladly consented to.

When the father brought his demon-possessed son to the church I first witnessed to his father. I told him that if he wanted to eradicate this problem from the root the whole family must cooperate, and work with one accord to clear away all the evil elements, leaving no step for the devil. I shared with him my book *On Witchcraft, Sorcery, Spiritual Medium and the Holy Spirit*. I said, “Mr. Lin, as we read please think of its meaning.” In the process of my introduction I asked him, “Are you willing to believe in the Lord and win over the evil spirits?” He made no answer, and just kept quiet. As we were about to finish reading the demon-possessed young man suddenly burst out, jumping up and down like a monkey. Rev. Lee and I had to deal with it right away. I said, “In the name of Jesus I command you not to jump up and down.” He stopped immediately, and breathed heavily, shivering all over in great pains.

We, Rev. Lee, the young man’s aunt (a coworker of Campus Crusades), and I, started singing: “Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!”. The young man seemed to be in more pains. Demons are afraid when they hear the name of Jesus in hymns. He struggled more vigorously. Then we raised our voice in prayer. The demon said cunningly, “I am so tired. Let me sleep.”

I said immediately, “In the name of Jesus I command you not to sleep.” He opened his eyes, and dare not sleep any more. We continued in our prayer and singing. Finally, I issued the order, “In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to depart from him.” The demon immediately went out, and the young man came back to his senses. He spoke clearly, with smiles on his face. His father was greatly amazed by the scene.

He said, “Son, how do you feel?”

The son said, “I feel very well.”

The father said, “Are you clear in your mind? Is there anything in it?”

The son answered, “No, nothing. I feel very clear, very

comfortable.”

The father was so moved that tears came down from his eyes. He said, “I’ll pray for you.”

I said to the father, “Mr. Lin, you haven’t accepted Jesus as Lord yet, how can you pray for your son? Will you accept Jesus as Lord now and pray after me?”

He immediately consented, and prayed after me sentence by sentence to accept Jesus as his Lord and Savior. Then, holding his son in his arms he prayed with tears in his eyes. In the Chinese society it is rare for a father and son to hold each other in their arms. After they prayed, I asked the young man to pray after me sentence by sentence to accept Jesus as Lord. I told them not to leave any chances to the devil. I encouraged them to walk after holiness and righteousness with a pure heart. To truly win over the evil spirits their whole household must believe and accept Jesus as Lord. As we concluded the session I turned the follow-up work to his aunt. After thanking me again and again they went home with joyful hearts.

About three hours later my telephone rang again. His aunt said, “Rev. Tey, his father has a ring on his finger on which were sculptured some Sanskrit (an Indian language). When it touched his son the demon came back again.”

I said, “The whole family must repent and confess their sins, and believe in the Lord. Take off all the rings with Sanskrit sculptured on them, and burn up all the charms and idols in the family. Ask some Campus Crusade coworkers to help you if necessary. Make arrangement for Brother to temporarily stay in a church and get regular counsel. Ask some mature Christians to stay with him for a while and help him to develop a habit of daily prayer and Bible reading. Above all, he must learn to resist the evil one and attend regular worship service at the church. Bring him home only when he has learned to live a spiritual life independently. He must have a network of spiritual support.”

She said, “There is an open space near the dormitory of single coworkers of Campus Crusade where we can burn the idols.”

I called the co-workers at the men’s dormitory right away and asked them to prepare some kerosene and firewood for idol burning. Due to their youth and inexperience the co-workers got very nervous. They prayed very hard. Mr. Lin, the father, was very cooperative. He collected all the rings with Sanskrit and put all the idols in a big hemp bag, and carried them to the co-workers’ dormitory. He witnessed that sometimes when he sat in meditation the demons peeked at him through the windows.

They gathered at the open field and prayed with one accord, and sang hymns of victory. They burned all the idols and threw away the golden rings which had been crushed. Gold and silver on earth do not count much when compared with the value of human souls.

Thanks to the Lord, Brother Lin was accepted by a church to stay in their coworkers' dormitory, where the co-workers accompanied him in prayer and Bible reading. Occasionally the demons tried to bother him, but they were chased away by the co-workers with prayer.

Brother Lin returned home after he was able to resist the evil spirits by himself. Later he was baptized in the church and completely rid himself of the power of the Evil One. The pastor took him to many places to bear witness to the power of God. Hallelujah! May all power, and victory, and authority, and glory, and praise be to God forever and ever! Amen.

Mr. Lin thought his son was suffering from psychosis, but this was an inaccurate diagnosis. How can we tell a case of demon possession from psychosis? The following is a simple way:

Before you exercise exorcism you'd better be sure whether it is psychosis or demon possession. Westerners often take demon possession as psychosis, and Orientals often take psychosis as demon possession. Perhaps the Orientals (especially Chinese), due to their cultural upbringing and emphasis on "face", often consider psychosis as something to be ashamed of. Actually this is wrong. Heart disease, high blood pressure, and gall-stone are all physiological disorders, and so is psychosis. It is nothing to be ashamed of. Nobody likes to be sick, but if you are sick you should find an appropriate doctor to cure it.

Psychosis and demon possession look alike in outward appearance, but they are different in essence. Psychosis may be caused by physiological, psychological, or neurological disorders, but demon possession is a problem in the spiritual realm. An unbelieving psychiatrist sometimes may take demon possession as psychosis, but an experienced believer can tell the difference.

If someone is "demon possessed", when believers pray in one accord by faith the demon will burst out and cause the possessed to issue strange sounds, foam at the mouth, or fall and roll on the floor. Then the believers may ask in the name of Jesus for the name of the demon, and the purpose his possession, and the demon will answer. If it is a case of psychosis, usually there is no response to these spiritual actions. The patient will remain as dull as ever.

A demon-possessed doesn't like to hear the singing of hymns,

prayer, and the reading of the Bible, but these induce no special reactions from a patient of psychosis.

A demon-possessed will return to normalcy immediately after the demon is cast out, but a sufferer from psychosis will remain the same after prayer. Unless a miracle happens he still has to take his regular prescription.

A demon-possessed may exhibit super-human strength, like breaking handcuffs and chains, but a psycho will not.

A demon-possessed knows who Jesus is, but a patient from psychosis does not, unless he is already a Christian.

A demon-possessed can speak unlearned languages while a patient of psychosis cannot.

A demon-possessed can change the tune of his voice, like a man speaking in a woman's voice or vice versa, but a person with psychosis cannot.

A demon-possessed likes to go to graveyards, but a person with psychosis does not.

After you determine the nature of the case you should take appropriate action. If it is a case of demon possession, take procedures to cast out the demon. If it is a case of psychosis, go and consult a doctor and take the right prescriptions.

(Please refer to *Demon Possession and Psychosis* by Kurt E. Koch, translated by David C. K. Wu and published by Seeds Publisher.)

Following is the content of my booklet "*Witchcraft, Sorcery, Spiritual Medium, and Holy Spirit*", which I believe will be of reference value to the readers.

The present time is a time of great spiritual confusion, and we must have a discerning spirit in order to offer the right counsel and rescue people from this spiritual crisis. The Bible mentions four kinds of spirit in the world. 1. The Spirit of God. Paul said, "Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God" (I Cor. 2:11b). The Spirit of God is the Holy Spirit (I Cor. 2:10; Acts 5:3-9). 2. The Spirit of Man. Paul said, "For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man, which is in him?" (I Cor. 2:11a; Prov. 20:27; Gen. 2:7) When God created man He put a spirit in his body, and the man became a living soul. 3. The Spirit of the Devil, the Evil Spirit (Eph. 2:2; II Cor. 11:3; I Tim. 4:1). 4. The

angels are the Created Spirits (Heb. 1:14; Psm. 148:2, 103:20). The Bible also tell us how to distinguish them. “By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God; and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; and this is the spirit of the antichrist” (I John 4:2, 3). By this we may distinguish the Spirit of Truth (Holy Spirit) from the Spirit of Error (Evil Spirit). All witchcraft, Sorcery, and spiritual medium are related to the evil Spirit. Only those who confess that Jesus is come in the flesh are from the Holy Spirit.

1. What are witchcraft, sorcery, and spiritual medium?

Witchcraft, sorcery, and spiritual medium are all related to evil spirits, and they all belong to the realm of the power of darkness.

Dr. Lukas Tjandra said, “Witchcraft still prevails in the world today. It has different names in different places. The Chinese usually call it witchcraft, sorcery, yaoshu, or Maoshanshu. In English it will be Magic or witchcraft. The Vietnamese and Thais call it ‘Jiangtou’, so do Chinese in Singapore and Malaysia. Natives in Africa call it Juju, and people in Central and South America and West Indo islands call it Voodoo. In Indonesia it is called Ilmu Sihir or Guna-Guna. The names are different, but the object is same.(1)

Both Black Magic and White Magic operate by the force of evil spirits. Black magic is used to harm people for personal profit in finance, or for the purpose of revenge, or the grabbing of power, or victory in emotional pursuit. White magic is used to heal sickness, calm a fear, protect and prevent disasters, search for a water source, petition for rain, or to seek profit for oneself or others. A black magician can use his power to make people sick or lose their minds, while a white magician can heal people and make them well. This is called “fighting evil with evil” or “using demon to subdue demon”. Actually both are works of witchcraft. There are all kinds of witchcraft in the world, which we cannot illustrate one by one.

In ancient Egypt, witches can do all kinds of wonders. They can turn a stick into a snake, and water into blood. But they were defeated by God’s prophet Moses with the power of God (Exd. 7-9). In ancient Babylon there were also magicians, but their power and wisdom were limited, and they were defeated by Daniel (Dan. 1:20; 2:2, 27; 4:7, 9; 5:11).

Spiritualism is indeed very popular among the civilians. Spiritualism is defined as theory of ghost spirit, or ghost worship, or spiritual medium. Dr. Tjandra said, “Necromancy is also called séance, spiritualism, kuoyin, kuanwangshu, lotung, demonism, diabolism, etc. The Bible just calls them mediums, persons who can call spirits of the deceased back to earth to converse with the living.

In English it is called necromancy. Another term “séance” means fellowship with the demons.

Necromancy is usually related to fortune-telling, and usually prevails in regions with backward cultures. But in recent years it also thrives in countries with advanced science and culture. This is one of the signs of the end time, which we should take notice. Paul said, “The Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of the demons, by means of the hypocrisy of liars seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron” (I Tim. 4:1, 2).(2)

It is impossible to have communication with the deceased through necromancy. Usually it is a demon who pretends to be the spirit of the deceased. Or it may be that the medium collects information about the deceased and cheats the living.

Spiritual mediums and demon possession are not the same. Spiritual mediums are persons who actively consult the spirits; while in demon possession people are passively possessed or occupied by demons. Both are works of the evil spirits.

The Bible sternly warns us, “There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, one who uses divination, one who practices witchcraft, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, or one who casts a spell, or a medium, or one who calls up the dead. For whoever does these things is detestable to the Lord; and because of these detestable things the Lord thy God will drive them out before you. You shall be blameless before the Lord your God. For those nations, which you shall dispossess, listen to those who practice witchcraft and to diviners, but as for you, the Lord your God has not allowed you to do so” (Deut. 18:10-14).

Never seek help from witchery out of curiosity or for temporary relief from physical illness lest you lose (or sell out) your soul.

2. The source of power of witchcraft, sorcery, and spiritual medium

The power of witchcraft, sorcery, and spiritual mediums all comes from the evil spirits. A sorcerer usually obtains his power in three ways: heredity, transference and spell operation. By heredity we mean that a sorcerer may get his power from his ancestor who is a sorcerer himself, who passes on his power to the next or even to the third or fourth generation downward. God warned us when He gave the Ten Commandments: “You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of

those who hate me.” (Exd. 20:5) By transference we mean that a witch or sorcerer may transfer his power to the third party through some kind of method or ceremony. By spell operation we mean that a sorcerer may get his power directly from the evil spirits through a process of witch dancing, spell chanting, and charm burning. One may invite disaster upon himself if he tries to experiment with the methods taught in witchery books. Never try to mimic a witch out of curiosity. Other workers of wonders also get their power from the evil spirit. For instance, a witch in the Philippines named Datu can make his hands hot, even to the extent that they may cook an egg. Later he believed in the Lord, and confessed that he got his power from the evil spirits. The Jewish exorcists in Ephesus (Acts 19:13) also got their power from the evil spirits.

When Jesus came to the world in the flesh, the Son of God became son of man. He has authority and power to do miracles, heal the sick, and cast out demons. Some Pharisees who opposed Jesus even thought he cast out demons by the power of Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons. In fact, Jesus cast out demons by the Spirit of God. “Then there was brought to Him a demon possessed man who was blind and dumb, and He healed him, so that the dumb man spoke and saw. And all the multitudes were amazed, and began to say, ‘This man cannot be the Son of David, can he?’ But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, ‘This man cast out demons only by Beelzebub the ruler of demons.’ And knowing their thoughts He said to them, ‘Any kingdom divided against itself is laid waste; and any city or house divided against itself shall not stand. And if Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself; how then shall his kingdom stand? And if I by Beelzebub cast out demons, by whom do your sons cast them out? Consequently they shall be your judges. But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you” (Matt. 12:22-28). The Lord Jesus also gives the Holy Spirit to the disciples, so that they may conquer sorcerers. When Philip went to Samaria to preach the gospel there was a sorcerer named Simon who practiced magic in the city, and astonishing the people of Samaria, claiming to be someone great. When he saw Philip cast out demons by the Spirit of God he repented and believed in Jesus (Acts 8:4-13).

When Paul and Barnabas were preaching the gospel at Paphos a certain magician named Elymas rose up against them. He probably used sorcery to hinder their work. Being filled by the Holy Spirit Paul was given the gift of distinguishing the spirits. Staring at the magician, Paul said, “You who are full of all deceit and fraud, you son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease to make crooked the straight ways of the Lord? And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you will be blind and not see the sun for a time.” And immediately a mist and a darkness fell upon him, and he went about seeking those who would lead him by the

hand (Acts 13:10, 11). God's Way is over the evil way, Christ over the devil, the Holy Spirit over the evil spirit: this is an absolute rule of the universe.

All the power of witchcraft and sorcery comes from the evil spirits. The Bible says, "The one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders" (II Thes. 2:9). Satan is the devil, the one who rules over the world of darkness, who will deceive people with all kinds of false wonders. "And he performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down out of heaven to the earth in the presence of men. And he deceives those who dwell on the earth because of the signs which it was given him to perform in the presence of the beast" (Rev. 13:13, 14). It is no wonder that witchcraft and sorcery can heal sickness and cast out demons, because it does this by the power of the evil spirits.

The ancient Jews believed in the only true God. The Bible warned them severely, "As for the person who turns to mediums and spiritists, to play in the harlot after them, I will also set my face against that person and will cut him off from among his people" (Lev. 20:6).

We should connect ourselves to the way of light and receive power from the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8), and refuse to have anything to do with witchcraft, sorcery, and spiritual mediums.

3. The Harms of witchcraft, sorcery, and Spiritual Medium

The harms from the Evil One are manifold. It may harm our reason, emotion, personality, body, health, family, descendants, spirit and soul. It will use every imaginable means to achieve its end, which is the destruction of mankind. The following is a brief analysis of these respects.

(1) The Control of Reason

When I was preaching in Temerloh, West Malaysia, I visited a woman who had been a spiritual medium. She played ball with demons in her childhood. Her father saw her play ball, but could not see her playmates. Later she was married, and became more superstitious. She spent more than 3,000 Malayan dollars to buy idols and put them in the living room to worship. Sometimes the demons would call her at midnight and invite her to walk with them or to gamble. Sometimes when she won she would put the money in the closet, but when she looked at it the next morning it had turned to be yellow paper for burning to the dead. When she was with the demons her mind and spirit seemed to be in a state of semi-consciousness, and the demons she saw appeared to be in human

figures. A demon may pretend to be a person, even an angel of light (II Cor. 11:14). This woman later became a Christian and was baptized. She got rid of all the idols in her house, and the demons departed from her and never came back to trouble her anymore.

I also know a Pastor Chen who had been a diviner before he was saved. He told me that when a demon entered his body he became semi-conscious in his reason and mind, and his body was totally under the control of the demon. His body was extremely tired after the demon went out, and his mind was also exhausted. When people are possessed by demons they lose freedom and autonomy, and become a puppet in the hands of the demon.

The Bible mentions a demon-possessed man in Gerasenes. He had lost all the normal function of his reason. He had his dwelling among the tombs and in the mountains. He yelled and screamed, and gashed himself with stones (Mark 5:5). What a danger this is! But when he met the Lord Jesus he was healed. The Bible says, "If therefore the Son shall make you free, you shall be free indeed" (John 8:36).

(2) The Confusion of Mind

Sorcery may also confuse a person's mind. "Dish Fairy", for instance, will be interpreted by Psychologists as "a function of sub-consciousness". Intellectual scientists will term it as magic or superstition. Some may consider spiritual medium as a "reflection of the senses", and "super-psychologists" may create a new term for it. All these cause confusion in our mind.

Both "Table Tapping" and "Dish Fairy" are produced by evil spirits. In West Malaysia there was a man who was a deacon in a church, and he also taught in a local primary school. Every time when I preached in the church he interpreted my message into Cantonese. One day, he was late for the class, and some students were playing "dish fairy". "What are you playing?" the teacher asked. And the answer the "dish fairy" gave was; "demon!" The students were so scared that their faces turned pale.

In Taiwan a Christian college student saw his classmates playing "dish fairy". He suspected that there must be something evil in it. So he went to his room and got his Bible to boost his morale. He asked the dish fairy, "In the name of the Lord Jesus I ask you, where did you come from?" The dish fairy said he came from Burma. Again, he said, "In the name of the Lord Jesus I ask you, what do you want to do?" "To cheat", he answered. Again he asked, "In the name of the Lord Jesus I ask you, are you god or a demon?" He answered, "Demon." Finally, the Christian student said, "In the name of the

Lord Jesus I command you to depart from here and never return.” Instantly the dish rolled to the end of the table and fell to the ground, broken to pieces. So good overcame evil. The name of Jesus has power and authority (Luke10:19) to deliver people from the bondage and confusion of the devil.

The Bible says, “Beware, lest your hearts be deceived and you turn away and serve other gods and worship them.” The devil will deceive all nations with sorcery. (Rev. 18:23) “And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world.” (Rev. 12:9)

Christians should have correct mind and belief, and should not be deceived by sorcery. They should meditate on God’s statutes and word. (Ps. 119:99-148)

(3) The Suppression of Emotion

The emotions of participants in divination, spiritual mediums, or sorcery are often suppressed and interrupted. In 1988 I was preaching in Sabah, East Malaysia. A sorceress came to listen for three consecutive nights. On the third night she came to the front and repented with tears in her eyes, and accepted Jesus as Lord. She confessed to be a diviner, and that the sermon I preached about demon and evil spirits just met her need, and that she was a victim of witchcraft just like the one I described in my sermon. She suffered from fear, agitation, worry, bad temper, pain, uneasiness, emptiness, and thoughts of suicide. She felt no joy, and no meaning of life. After the demon departed her clarity of mind returned, feeling as if she just had a bad dream. Thank the Lord! As she listened and believed the Word the Lord forgave her sins and set her free from her bondage.

In 1988 I was invited to preach in a joint evangelistic crusade in Sinshan. A young man decided to believe in Jesus. He took out all the charms and asked me to burn them up. There were seven of them: some were red, some were yellow, some were green; some were sealed, some were drawn in blood; some were triangle in shape, some were rectangular; some were cloth, some were paper. I asked the pastors present to pray for him together, and sing hymns of praise to the Lord, and we burned up all the charms. The young man said, “This is the happiest day for me in all the 20 years. All my burdens are laid down. I tried to protect myself with these charms, but they put burdens and fears on me instead. I had no joy, nor peace of mind. Now I have the Lord, and I don’t have fear anymore.” The young man’s emotion was under great suppression when he worshipped the idols. The Prophet Isaiah said, “Stand fast now in your spells and in your many sorceries with which you have labored from your youth; Behold, they have become like stubble, fire burns them;

they cannot deliver themselves from the power of the flame” (Isa. 47:12, 14).

The Bible says, “My help comes from the Lord, Who made heaven and earth” (Psm. 121:2).

Paul says, “What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us?” (Rom. 8:31)

Peter says, “Though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory” (I Pet. 1:8).

By faith, and with God’s help, emotion can be stabilized, and we can rejoice by the Lord. The Bible says, “You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about doing good, and healing all who were oppressed by the devil; for God was with Him” (Acts 10:38).

(4) Disturbance in the Family

In 1989 I went to preach in Vancouver. An immigrant couple from East Malaysia decided to believe in the Lord, and they wanted me to counsel them. His mother was a diviner in a Buddhist temple in East Malaysia, and she wanted her son to be a diviner also. The whole family was disturbed, and there was no peace. Later the young couple immigrated to Canada, and got themselves rid of the environment of sorcery. They started a small business, and began to live in peace. But unexpectedly the mother came to Vancouver to visit them, and the atmosphere of the family changed abruptly. There seemed to be an air of gloominess prevailing in the family, and everyone felt an unspeakable pressure in the heart. She was opposed to her son in having Bible study class at their home, and very easily quarreled and lost her temper. It proves that believers and unbelievers cannot yoke together. The Bible says, “Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness? Or what harmony has Christ with Belial, or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever?” (II Cor. 6:14, 15)

All witchcrafts and sorceries are against Christ. They cannot live together in peace. There is no peace even in the family of a sorcerer himself.

Pastor Paul Chen in West Malaysia said that he had some connection with evil spirits before he was converted. The whole family suffered fear and confusion. Sometimes the evil spirits would fall on him without invitation, and made him jump up and down. He

lost his freedom and was extremely miserable. After he believed in the Lord he ordered the evil spirits to depart from him in the name of the Lord, and peace returned to the family. When you have the Lord you have peace. Apostle Paul says, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you shall be saved, you and your household” (Acts 16:31).

Christ is the Prince of Peace (Isa. 9:6), and the devil is the father of liars (John 8:44).

Christ is full of love, forgiveness, and comfort. The devil is full of hate, conviction, and evil. Which one would you have as the Lord of your household?

(5) Delay and Hindrance in Healing

Sometimes people go to the temples to seek healing for the sick. They would be given a few sacks of incense ash, which they would take home and mix with water and ask the sick to drink. Strangely, after they drank it their fever left, and headache was cured. Actually though, the incense ash has been pre-mixed with pain reliever or Aspirin. If people with serious illness like cancer seek help from witchcraft and sorcery instead of doctors they are unknowingly delaying the healing process and making it even worse.

Dr. William Noland said, “.... They are doing a very dangerous thing. The witchdoctors who attempt to cure those serious organic diseases must be responsible for many cases of misery and misfortunes because they keep the patients from receiving an effective and life-saving cure.” (<*From Illusion to Reality*> by Andre Kole and Al Jannse, p. 38)

Witchcraft or sorcery sometimes can heal people, even in the name of religion. But we must be careful. Healing through witchcraft or sorcery usually will end up in some kind of psychosis. Though the body is healed the spirit is suppressed and the personality is twisted and the person may become addicted to drinking or drugs. For the healing of the body you pay with your soul. What a losing business!

Jesus said, “It is not those who are well who need a physician, but those who are sick. I have not come to call righteous men but sinners to repentance” (Luke 5:31, 32).

Physicians are also a gift from God to men, and so is medicine. It is very dangerous if for the sake of witchcraft you delay the normal healing process.

If a healing is achieved by the power of the Holy Spirit there

won't be any after effect. The Lord Jesus is a Great Physician. He not only can heal sickness and cast out demons, but also revive a person from death. God's healing is miraculous and supernatural. He created life, and He can also fix it (Isa. 53:5). His healing is based on His mercy and love, and totally different from Satan's conditional healing.

For instance, when Elder Wu Yung was afflicted with cancer the doctors had no way to heal him. But God healed him. Then he served the Lord and bore witness to Him, and the Lord took him home when he was over 80 years old.

(6) Damage to the Body

Witchcraft not only damages one's spirit, but also one's body. In the Old Testament, King Saul of Israel issued a rule: "And Saul had removed from the land those who were mediums and spiritists" (I Sam. 28:3). Later, when hotly pursued in war he went and consulted a medium (I Sam. 28:8). He knowingly violated God's law and his own rule. As a result he was greatly struck in the spirit: he fell full length on the ground and was greatly afraid, and there was no strength in him, for he had eaten no food all day and all night (I Sam. 28:20). He and his sons were all killed in the war (I Sam. 31:2-5). This is a great warning for us. "So Saul died for his trespass which he committed against the Lord, because of the word of the Lord which he did not keep; and also because he asked counsel of a medium, making inquiry of it, and did not inquire of the Lord. Therefore He killed him, and turned the kingdom to David the son of Jesse" (I Chron. 10:13, 14).

The body of a sorcerer is often oppressed or tortured by the evil spirits, and is made miserable as a slave of the devil.

If you allow the evil spirits to dwell in your body you will be extremely miserable, and in great danger. A demon possessed man was healed by Jesus, but he failed to live a life of faith and victory afterward. Later that demon "goes and takes along seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there; and the last state of that man becomes worse than the first" (Matt. 12:45).

Paul said, "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? You have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body" (I Cor. 6:19, 20).

(7) Influence on Morality

If a man practices sorcery in order to gain profit and power his morality will be adversely influenced. The Church of Satan is known for its evil and debauchery. Mrs. Wu Hao, president of the American Association of Spiritual Mediums, declared, “The high mission of spiritual medium is to liberate the human nature from the bondage of marriage and to achieve the liberation of sex.” This is why both male and female members of the church offer sacrifice to the devil naked, and they were mixed with drug users and sex. In the Old Testament the religious rituals of the Canaanites usually end up in orgies and lewdness. So God warned the Israelites: “As for the person who turns to mediums and to spiritists, to play the harlot after them, I will also set my face against that person and will cut him off from among his people (Lev. 20:6).(3)

In Sibul, East Malaysia, a young man fell in love with a beautiful girl, but was unable to win her favor. So he resorted to planting “spell” on her to make her respond to his courtship. But it did not achieve his goal. On the contrary it caused the girl to have pimples all over her face. The girl was so ashamed to show her face to people that she committed suicide. Is there any moral value in “spell” planting?

Again, is there any faithfulness and morality in the practice of mixing aspirin with incense ash to fake healing? What value does this kind of religion possess?

The Bible says, “Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap” (Gal. 6:7). “All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness” (II Tim. 3:16).

(8) Damage in Spirituality

If a Christian mingles with sorcery or spiritual mediums his spirituality (relationship with God) will surely be damaged. Dr. Kole presents two witnesses: “In Bietigheim there was a Christian who was known for possessing some secret ability to detect water source. Many people gave him money to find water source for them. One day I had a chance to talk with him. He told me that when he tried to find water with his secret power there were always a few days when he could not pray normally. Nor could he read the Bible during that period of time. Every time he read the Bible black spots appeared in front of his eyes. He could not concentrate when he listened to the sermon, and his thoughts always wandered away.” (4)

“Irland Mac and his wife served as missionaries in Inland Sudan in Africa for a period of time. He visited many mission centers and found that many of them suffered from the scarcity of drinking water. Mrs. Mac discovered that she possessed the power of a medium to

locate water source. So, many missionaries came to ask for her help. Gradually she also discovered that her nerve system was under more and more pressure. This bothered her so much that she returned to her home country to seek medical help six months ahead of her regular furlough. She became so weak that she had to stay in bed. No doctor could tell the source of her trouble. One day a friend of her husband brought her a book I wrote, *Between Christ and Satan*. The first chapter was about magic wand, which she felt very helpful. Immediately she came to understand the core of her trouble. She took up her magic wand and walked to the garden, seeking the source of water as she usually did. When she walked to a certain spot the wand was attracted by a strong force that it bent downwardly. She stopped there and prayed, "Lord, if this force is not from you please take it away." Then she tried again with that wand, and nothing happened this time. The secret power is gone, because the Lord answered her prayer. She broke that wand up and asked the Lord to forgive her, and save her from the result of her sin. God saved her, and her magic power was gone. To sum up, as a Christian we may utilize and spiritual gift that God has given us, and we may use any knowledge or technique that science offers, but we should never use any magic power of a spiritual medium, because the source of this power is Satan itself. No matter whether it is our ancestors or we ourselves that practice spiritual medium it is a sin before the Lord." (5)

The Bible says, "Do not turn to mediums or spiritists; do not seek them out to be defiled by them. I am the Lord your God" (Lev. 19:31).

(9) Oppression on Descendants

The descendants of witches, sorcerers, and spiritual mediums will be oppressed down to the third and fourth generations. The Bible says, "You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate me" (Exd. 20:5).

Sometimes a spiritual medium may pass on his secret power to the next generation, and influence his spirit and mind. The family of a spiritual medium will be bothered by the evil spirits even to the third and fourth generations. Due to family background and personal contacts the environment of a medium will influence the next generation. We should teach our next generation with the word of truth so that they will have a correct faith and clean conscience (Eph. 6:4).

(10) Eternal Suffering of the Soul

When a black magician or witch heals a person he often asks the patient to commit his soul totally to the devil. Only then could he exercise his magic power. What a dangerous and terrible price this is! For the healing of the body one loses the freedom of his soul and eternal life.

Witchcraft, sorcery, and spiritual medium cannot make people saved, but perish. What darkness has to do with light? The Bible tells us, “Sorcerers.... their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death” (Rev. 21:8). “Outside are the dogs and the sorcerers” (Rev. 22:15). All the souls of the sorcerers will end up in the lake of fire. Only those who are born again by the power of the Holy Spirit will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus says, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God” (John 3:5).

The father of Nicky Cruz, the hero in “*Escape*”, served as president of the Association of Witchcraft. Later he believed in the Lord and cut off all connections with witchcraft. As he was dying he said, “I got it. I got it.” Because of his faith in Jesus Christ he has got eternal salvation, the presence of God, peace of mind, and privilege to enter the kingdom of heaven.

4.The Way of Deliverance

The Lord Jesus has risen from the dead, and has made his enemy a stool for his feet. He has released the captives and made them free. The Lord Jesus is a light in the realm of spiritual darkness, the Almighty Savior, and He has the way of deliverance.

(1) Confess your sins and repent, truly believing in The Lord Jesus as your Savior and Lord

The Bible says, “Since then the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil; and might deliver those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives” (Heb. 2:14, 15).

“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Rom. 6:23).

“He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him” (II Cor. 5:21).

Jesus Christ died to atone for our sin, and to defeat the devil who has the power of death. He rose from the dead to make us conquerors in Him. Paul said, “O death, where is your victory? O

death, where is your sting...but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” (I Cor. 15:55. 57).

Truly repent and confess your sins. God is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (I John 1:9). “He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will find compassion” (Prov. 28:13). In Taiwan a man was harassed by a one-eyed demon. He was so afraid that his family sent him to the hospital. The doctors did not know how to cure him. Finally an elder of the church told him about Jesus, that his blood has the power to forgive sins, and told him to pray for victory. He repented and believed in the Lord, and the demon never came again to bother him. The next day he was discharged from the hospital and started working again.

Pastor Paul Chen of West Malaysia witnessed that he had been a diviner in a Buddhist temple. After he repented and believed in the Lord, a shadow dashed to him as he was preparing to go to bed. He prayed immediately, and ordered the demon to depart from him in the name of the Lord Jesus, and the shadow disappeared. When he decided to dedicate himself to preach the gospel two shadows tried to fall on him. He ordered the demons to leave in the name of the Lord Jesus, and the shadows immediately disappeared. The only and most basic condition for victory over the devil is to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus as your personal Savior.

(2)Cut off All Contacts with Evil Spirits

If for the purpose of practicing witchcraft, sorcery, or Spiritual medium you have altars, idols, incense burners, charms, yinyang, spell tubes, or images of Buddha, you should burn them up, whether they are at the front or back door, porch, bedroom, stove, bed, table, chair, farm, cattle or chicken farm. You should burn all these up and make sure your house is absolutely clean. Don't leave any ground for the devil. Do not attend any gathering for spiritual medium or seek counsel at the temple for the purpose of fortune telling, divination, or [fengshui](#). I once got rid of all the idols in the home of a salesman of Chinese medicine in Kuala Lumpur. We first sang hymns to praise God. Then we read the Bible which tells us why we should get rid of idols (II Kings 23:4), and why we should burn them up. Finally, we burned them up as we prayed for victory.

In Ipoh a sister who believed in “Tiangong” repented and believed in the Lord. She decided to get rid of her incense burner, so a local pastor and I helped her to clean up all things that had to do with evil spirits. Do not give the devil any opportunity(Eph. 4:27). “Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you” (James 4:7). Do not have any communication with demons, or make

any compromise with them. For we belong to God, and the Lord our God is a jealous God(Exodus 20:5). “I do not want you to become sharers in demons. You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons. Or do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? We are not stronger than He, are we?” (I Cor. 10:20-22)

(3)Declare Your Freedom and Authority in the Lord by Faith

“The one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of God appeared for this purpose, that He might destroy the works of the devil” (I John 3:8).

“You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world” (I John 4:4).

“And they overcome him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony” (Rev. 12:11).

The Lord Jesus died on the cross for the sin of the world rose and from the dead; by this He destroyed all works of the devil. Now, by the blood of the Lamb, and by the Word of Life and the Holy Spirit, we are made more than conquerors. Unfortunately many believers do not know how to declare the Lord’s authority and their own right and are still in bondage. The Lord’s name is our authority (Luke 10:19; John 14:14, 15:16). We believers are the children of God (John 1:12), and we have a supernatural life, position, and identity. The truth of the Lord has set us free, and where the Spirit is where is freedom.

In Africa there was a young man who could kill a lion with a spear. Later he repented and believed in the Lord and was very zealous in preaching the Word. One day, when he was preaching the gospel a witch stood up and challenge him: “Young man, I do not permit you to preach the gospel here. I will recite spells and invoke curse upon you.” The young man said, “By the blood of the Lord Jesus my sins have been forgiven. Now, in the name of the Lord Jesus I order you not to curse anybody.” The young man continued to give his testimony. After the meeting was finished the witch said, “Please come again tomorrow evening and continue to preach. I’ll invite 40 more people to listen to you.” The young man consented. Many missionaries were scared, fearing that they would attack the young man by force. Thank the Lord, the 40 people indeed showed up at the meeting. The young man preached the gospel as usual. When he finished the witch stood up and said, “Ladies and gentlemen, you are all my students. I teach you to practice witchcraft, and he teaches you to believe in Jesus. What he said is true indeed. Last night I said I’m going to curse him, and he said his sins had

been forgiven by Jesus blood, and he forbade me to curse him by the name of Jesus. And immediately my tongue became numb, and I seemed to see a strong light suddenly flashing in the sky. My whole body was paralyzed, and I could not utter any word of curse. His God has more power than my witchcraft. He is the true God. I decided to believe in his God last night. You have to make a decision today whether to believe in Jesus as Lord and Savior. You are no longer my students, for I cannot teach you witchcraft anymore.” The Holy Spirit greatly moved, and the name of the Lord Jesus has great authority and power. Some of the witch’s students repented and believed in the Lord. They were set free in the power of Jesus’ name.

(4)Build a Net of Spiritual Support

If you are close to the Bible, the devil will be far from you; if you are far from the Bible, the devil will be close to you. The truth revealed by God is our base and authority to resist the devil. Three times the Lord Jesus quoted words from Deuteronomy in the Old Testament to resist the devil (Matt. 4:1-11). The Bible is able to build a base for our faith, and supply us with spiritual bread of life. So we must read the Bible every day without ceasing, and, if we can, we had better find a few other Christians and study the Bible together, and build a net of spiritual support for one another.

In addition to reading the Bible we should pray every day. The more we pray the more power we have. Before the Lord Jesus started his public ministry he fasted and prayed, and He often lead the disciples to pray. Daniel in the Old Testament is a spiritual giant, and he had three prayer partners that made up a net of spiritual support. We should do likewise. When Billy Graham was holding a joint evangelistic crusade in Anaheim, California, many of the local churches formed a prayer net to support him with prayer. Before the crusade believers of Satan’s Church boasted that they would pray to Satan to spoil the crusade and even to harm the body of God’s servant, Billy Graham. What a wicked plot this was! But thanks to the Lord, God listened to the prayers of the churches, and the crusade turned out to be a big success, Spiritual warfare must have prayerful support, and even Paul asked the churches to pray for him. When Peter was in jail the church in Jerusalem prayed for him persistently. In 1974 when “Evangelism Explosion” was held in South Korea more than 200,000 Christians prayed overnight each night to support the event in a prayer chain. To overcome the force of evil we must build a prayer net for spiritual support.

The church is the house of God, temple of the eternal God. Worship, prayer, and fellowship in the church are important parts of spiritual life. A spiritual household is one of the important support nets for spiritual battle. When Paul and Barnabas were on their

missionary journey, the church at Antioch became their net of spiritual support. When Paul was in jail, the church at Philippi was his net of spiritual support. One cannot be alone, for in loneliness it is easy to get cold and discouraged. When he encounters frustration he will be easily disheartened. With the church's love, consolation, and prayer support he will get more power in his battle, especially battle with the evil spirits. The pastor of a church with spiritual insight can help members of the church to distinguish true and false spirit.

In Kuala Lumpur a sister asked me a question: "A sister in our church often had angels talking to her at midnight, telling her when Jesus is coming again. Is this true or false?" I said, "Judging from Biblical principles this must be a pretension of the evil spirit." She said, "Why are you so positive?" I said, "Sure. If you don't believe me you may ask the pastor of her church to help you distinguish." Two weeks later she told me, "Pastor Tey, you are right. Two days after that sister arrived at the church the pastor discovered the impersonation of the evil spirit. They have cast out the demon in the name of the Lord Jesus." Here you see how important the support of the church is.

Likewise it is important to come around a family altar. Develop a habit of praying and reading the Bible together with all the family members, and share together. Do not give any opportunity to the devil. Family is the most basic net of spiritual support.

In conclusion, do not give any ground to the evil spirit in our heart and life. The Bible says, "When you enter the land which the Lord your God gives you, you shall not learn to imitate the detestable things of those nations. There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, one who uses divination, one who practices witchcraft, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, or one who casts a spell, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. For whoever does these things is detestable to the Lord; and because of these detestable things the Lord your God will drive them out before you. You shall be blameless before the Lord your God. For those nations, which you shall dispossess, listen to those who practice witchcraft and to diviners, but as for you, the Lord your God has not allowed you to do so" (Deut. 18:9-14).

"And when they say to you, 'Consult the mediums and the spiritists who whisper and mutter.' Should not a people consult their God? Should then consult the dead on behalf of the living? To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because they have no dawn" (Isa. 8:19-20).

"Declare and set forth your case; indeed, let them consult

together. Who has announced this from of old? Who has long since declared it? Is it not I, the Lord? And there is no other God beside me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none except me. Turn to Me, and be saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other” (Isa. 45:21, 22).

At the same time, we must actively pursue after holiness, righteousness, godliness, love, goodness, so that we may stand on a higher ground.

The Bible says, “Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord” (Heb. 12:14).

“You man of God, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance and gentleness” (I Tim. 6:11).

“See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always seek after that which is good for one another and for all men. Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit; do not despise prophetic utterances. But examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good; abstain from every form of evil” (I Thess. 5:15-22).

Note (1): “*Against Superstition, Witchcraft, and Demon Possession*” by Dr. Lukas Tjandra, ECF Sheng Tao Press, Hong Kong, 1975, p. 44

Note (2): Same as note (1), pp. 99-100

Note (3): Same as note (1), pp. 112-113

Note (4): “*Demon Possession and Psychosis*” by Kurt E. Koch, Translated by David C. K. Wu, Seed Press, Hong Kong, 1978, pp. 67-68

Note (5): Same as note (4), pp. 73-74

Chapter 9: Exorcism in Hong Kong

On October 18-22, 1989, I conducted a “Way to Heaven Evangelistic Crusade” at Hung Hom Coliseum in Hong Kong. The stadium has a capacity of over 10,000, and we had eight rallies there in five days. Every rally was fully packed. Six of the rallies were for adults, and two were for children. 1488 adults decided to believe in the Lord, and more than 100 decided to dedicate themselves to serve the Lord full-time. Of the two rallies for children, thousands believed in the Lord, a very high percentage of conversion.

The success of this crusade is attributed to the following factors:

1. about ten thousand people per rally joined in the fast-and-pray groups, and they prayed overnight for the whole crusade. About 30 people prayed unceasingly for two and a half hours for each meeting.
2. About 500 churches joined in the work of distributing tickets for the rallies.
3. The contents of the messages are based on Chinese culture, folklore, and beliefs, which meet the actual need of the people.
4. Professional children's programs that attracted young people.
5. Perfect facilities and sound system provided by Hung Hom Coliseum.
6. Close organization and shared responsibilities of the staff.
7. High standard printed materials and advertisements that seep into all walks of society.
8. The emptiness of people's heart in Hong Kong and worries for the future provided a perfect workshop for the Holy Spirit to lead people out of darkness into the kingdom of light.

It is entirely by God's grace that I, a small vessel in His hand, had the opportunity to share in this mission of the age. On the third evening of the crusade, Pastor Chenping Liu, chairman of the crusade, staff of the preparatory committee, and I were praying in the speaker's room after the meeting. As we finished a sister took another woman to the speaker's room. She said, "This lady is possessed by a demon. Please pray for her."

I took up a Bible and walked to her. The possessed woman stepped back and bowed her head, appearing very much afraid. I asked her, "What is this?" She did not answer, and dare not look at the Bible. I asked the pastors present to sing the hymn "Glory, Glory, Hallelujah", and she appeared very restless. I said, "Do not be afraid. The Lord Jesus has overcome."

Then, in the name of the Lord Jesus I commanded the demon to depart from her, and the demon left her immediately. It turned out that she was very superstitious and worshipped many idols.

The pastors arranged for a coworker to help her burn up all the idols and do the follow-up work. Why must we get rid of the idols? The Bible says, "And there you will serve gods, the work of man's hands, wood and stone, which neither see nor hear nor eat nor smell" (Deut. 4:28). These are all created things which have neither life nor breath..

Prophet Isaiah says, "..... and have cast their gods into the fire, for they were not gods but the works of men's hands, wood and stone. So they have destroyed them" (Isa. 37:19).

Sometimes the evil spirits hide themselves behind the idols to enjoy men's worship. So we must be alert and leave no ground to the devil. The devil is not the true God (Deut. 32:17), and we should

worship only the true God. “Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his redeemer, the Lord of hosts: ‘I am the first and I am the last, and there is no God besides Me’ (Isa. 44:6).

“And this is eternal life, that they may know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent”(John 17:3). Jesus is the only mediator between God and man, and there is no salvation but by Him.

Chapter 10: Filling of the Holy Spirit

The filling of the Holy Spirit is not a game on paper or a theory that we acknowledge. We must have a personal experience of it before we are able to serve with efficiency. After I was miraculously healed by God and had a clear call from Him, God graciously gave me an opportunity to experience the filling of the Holy Spirit. A local church in Taipei was having a joint revival conference, and the topic of the sermon was “Being Filled by the Holy Spirit”. Elder Wu Yung was the speaker. I was recuperating and did not attend the conference. After the conference I attended a prayer meeting of the Mandarin Chapel on Nanking East Road where a certain Brother Hsue was giving a short speech entitled, “How to Be Filled by the Holy Spirit?” There were three steps. 1. You must repent and confess your sins and believe in Jesus as your Lord. 2. You must dedicate yourself to the Lord and live for Him. 3. You must pray by faith, that God will fill you with His spirit according to His will.

Then we all knelt down to pray. My heart yearned the Lord. According to the message I repented of all my sins and asked the Lord to cleanse me with His blood. By the illumination of the Holy Spirit I felt the darkness of sin, and how I was bound by it. I cried aloud, regardless of the problem of “face”, nor was I afraid of being ridiculed: “Look, a college student cries in prayer like a woman!” The Bible says, “And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin, and righteousness, and judgment” (John 16:8). Obviously, man is convicted under the illumination of the Holy Spirit. After praying for a considerable length of time God let me hear a small voice: “Because of your belief in Jesus Christ all your sins are forgiven.” The burden and bondage of sin immediately fell off from me, just like a hymn says: “Rolled away, rolled away, rolled away; every burden of my heart rolled away. All my sin had to go ‘neath the crimson flow.” My sorrow was gone, and I was set free. Darkness became light. I was still kneeling and praying there, but my spirit seemed to be lifted up high above my body. I was praying with my eyes closed, but I felt a big light shining in front of me. When Paul heard a secret language he said, “..... Whether in the body I do not know, or out of the body I do not know, God knows.....”

(II Cor. 12:2). That was my feeling at the time.

At that time I was not praying for the forgiveness of sin anymore, I was only praising God without ceasing. I realized that praising is the highest level of prayer. Revelation says, “Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might, be to our God forever and ever. Amen” (Rev. 7:12). In eternity all the angels and saints will praise God all the time.

The Holy Spirit poured on me and I was filled with infinite joy from heaven. Pen and ink cannot describe this joy of the spirit. Even if you gathered all the scribes on earth and used up all the ocean water as ink you would not be able to describe the joy of filling with the Holy Spirit.

The prayer meeting at the church should have been finished by 9:00 PM as usual, but nobody asked to stop that night, and we kept praying until 10:30 PM. As I walked back to my dorm after the meeting, I saw brilliant lights in the direction of Sungshan Airport, and God’s Word emerged in my heart: “More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish in order that I may gain Christ” (Phil. 3:8). The love of Christ is the supreme treasure for us, and so is His grace, and care, and eternal life, and kingdom, and glory. My will to serve Him full-time was further strengthened.

As I walked on the street I felt as if I were floating in the air. My heart was filled with joy, and I felt I had become a new man as Paul said: “I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me” (Gal. 2:20).

When I returned to my dorm room I started to pray. I heard two women yell at each other on the street. My spiritual sensitivity was heightened, and I prayed for them immediately, asking the Lord to forgive them their ignorance. Though I was not related to them in any way I felt the urge to pray for them anyway.

The next morning when I did my devotion I read, “Now I mean this, that each one of you are saying, ‘I am of Paul,’ and ‘I am of Apollos,’ and ‘I am of Cephas,’ and ‘I am of Christ.’ Has Christ been divided? Paul was not crucified for you, was he? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?” (I Cor. 1:12, 13) When I read these words tears flew down from my eyes. I imagined how Christ would feel in heaven when He saw the division of the church on earth. I came to understand what it meant by “having the mind of Christ in you”.

Before this when I read the Bible and came across some verses that I did not understand I would mark it in red. After I was filled by the Holy Spirit my comprehension of the Bible was greatly heightened, and I could even connect the New and Old Testaments together. Jesus said, “But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come” (John 16:13). The more I understand the Bible the more I love to read it.

Each morning I read the Bible first, before I go to classes, even on the days when we had examinations. Some overseas students ridiculed me saying, “Reading the Bible! Can it help you pass the exam?” Some even said, “He is Little Jesus.” Actually though, I was very serious with my studies, and I never spent any time on extra-curricular activities other than church meetings. I studied hard all the time, so I was well prepared and never panic when it comes to examination. I never needed to take any make-up examinations, like other overseas Chinese students. Every time when I took an examination I prayed, “Lord, please give me wisdom and a calm spirit, so that I may give correct answers.” This is the gift of a genuine faith.

Due to my illness I stayed in the hospital for a considerable length of time, so I had to quit school for one year. After I was filled with the Holy Spirit I went with several other college students who were Christians to the nearby country to witness to the villagers every Sunday afternoon. May-yuan Third Village is one spot that we frequently visited. I was usually the speaker, and Su Yihsung, Lo Gancheng, and Ouyang Ji were my best partners. By the Lord’s mercy, every time we had some people decide to believe in the Lord. Later Elder Wu Yung organized a countryside evangelistic team which was more organized. The work of the Holy Spirit is beyond our comprehension, and being filled with the Holy Spirit established the foundation of my later ministry.

How can we be filled with the Holy Spirit? The following are some Biblical principles:

(1) The Command of God

“And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit” (Eph. 5:18).

“Be filled with the Spirit” is in imperative mood according to Greek grammar. It is also in the continuous tense, meaning being filled with the Holy Spirit is something constant, not a one-time event.

It is something that is repeated all the time. It means full of the Spirit or living in the Spirit.

(2) The Will of God

If being filled with the Holy Spirit is God's command, it must also be God's will. If it is God's will, then we should pray for it without fear, believing that He will hear us. "And this is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him" (I John 5:14, 15).

(3) The Promise of God

Peter said, "Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and your children, and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God shall call to Himself" (Acts 2:38, 39).

When Peter and the other disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:4), he quoted the prophecy of Prophet Joel (Joel 2:28-32), concerning the promise of filling with the Holy Spirit. Again he emphasized that the promise of filling with the Holy Spirit was given to all believers, All truly repented believers will receive this promise regardless of race and nationality.

The above three principles are entirely from God, but man must prepare himself to meet God's principles in order to have an actual experience.

(4) Yearning to be Filled

Yearning is a state of the mind. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied" (Matt. 5:6).

"If any man is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive" (John 7:37, 39).

On Pentecost the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:4), and the promise of the Lord Jesus was fulfilled.

(5) Thorough Confession of Sins

God has forgiven a Christian's past, present, and future sins. "But if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us" (I John 1:7-10). The forgiveness of sin is by man's faith and through the blood of Jesus, not by the merit of confession only, because man has no way to confess ALL his sins. The forgiveness of sin is totally by God's grace, not man's merit. Confession of sin is an outward act of faith. Through the cleansing of the blood of Jesus we are sanctified for the Lord's use. The Spirit of God is Holy, and He wants to fill a holy vessel. If we want the Holy Spirit to fill us we must first confess our sins and ask for the Lord's cleansing.

(6) Dedication and Obedience

Present your members as instruments of righteousness (Rom. 6:13), and your body as a living sacrifice (Rom. 12:1, 2). Present the sovereignty of your life to the Lord, and you'll be able not only to live a victorious life, but also to be used by Him.

Present the sovereignty of your life to the Lord and let the Holy Spirit to rule over you, and obey His guidance. Follow God's will in everything. This is a basic principle of being filled with the Holy Spirit, because the Holy Spirit fills only those who are obedient to Him.

(7) By Faith

"In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation – having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise" (Eph. 1:13).

"This is the only thing I want to find out from you: did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by hearing with faith? In order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith" (Gal. 3:2, 14).

Being filled with the Holy Spirit must be achieved by faith, not by feeling, knowledge, gift, tongues, or experience, etc. A believer who has the knowledge of being filled with the Holy Spirit is not necessarily filled by the Spirit. Receiving the Holy Spirit must be by faith, and so is the indwelling of the Spirit, the baptism of the Spirit, and the filling of the Spirit. The baptism and indwelling of the Holy Spirit are entirely by God's sovereignty and initiative; man will automatically receive them when he truly believes in the Lord and is

regenerated. The filling of the Spirit is also by God's sovereignty, initiative, and grace, but man must meet the principle of being filled with the Holy Spirit, as revealed by God in His Word.

Being filled with the Holy Spirit must return to the Biblical principles, without any condition of spiritual gifts. Man-made conditions cannot limit the intent, sovereignty, and work of the Holy Spirit. Man cannot use the Holy Spirit; he can only be used by the Holy Spirit. If a man humbles himself and honors the Lord he must receive the blessing of the Spirit.

If you want to be filled with the Holy Spirit, please find a quiet place and pray according to the above seven principles, and you will be filled with the Spirit.

Chapter 11: Dangers on All Sides

The 20th century is a high-tech generation, but men are still unable to prevent any natural disasters. The following is my own personal experience when I attended the "New Life 2000 Evangelistic Crusades" in Manila in 1990. I wrote them down to remind myself and others of the dangers around. Man's environment is changing all the time, and nobody can foretell the future. The ancient saying is true: "Nobody can foretell the weather, or what will befall a man at any moment."

Let's start from the "New Life 2000 Evangelistic Crusade.

All the heart-shaking and soul-stirring experiences during those thirty days in Manila are as vivid as if they happened yesterday. I especially thank God for His keeping in the spiritual battles we experienced during the month-long crusade in Manila. Dr. Bailey Marks, vice-president of Campus Crusades for Christ, International, said during morning prayer meeting on July 17: "We are faced with spiritual battles which have never been seen before." At the end of each missionary journey my wife would say habitually, with great sense of thanksgiving: "Thank God we have come back alive again." Then we offer ourselves to God once more. Indeed we have to commit every journey to God by faith.

Paul had numerous experiences of danger in his life. He said, "... Three times I was shipwrecked, a night and a day I have spent in the deep. I have been on frequent journeys, in dangers from rivers, dangers from robbers, dangers from my countrymen..." (II Cor. 11:25, 26). As preachers in the 20th century we seldom have chances traveling on the rivers, or suffering physical abuse as Paul did. "Five times I received from the Jews thirty-nine lashes. Three times I was

beaten with rods, once I was stoned. ...I have been in labor and hardship, through many sleepless nights, in hunger and thirst” (II Cor. 11:24-27). Even in this high-tech generation of the 20th century we cannot avoid dangers when we travel. This makes us sympathize with Paul all the more, and strengthens our faith and dependence on God.

(1) Danger of Explosion

Before we flew to Manila from Hong Kong on July 14, 1990 we got news that five building and hotels had been blown up by bombs some days ago. As we arrived in Manila we were told that Campus Crusade had arranged for us to stay in a medium-priced economic hotel in a renowned red-light area. The environment was putrid and dirty, and the air was murky. Several armed guards guarded the gate 24 hours a day. The Bible has a stern warning against prostitution: “For on account of a harlot one is reduced to a loaf of bread, and an adulteress hunts for the precious life” (Prov. 6:26). “Do not let your heart turn aside to her ways, do not stray into her paths” (Prov. 7:25). Our mission was to preach the gospel to all the people of Manila – those from all walks of life.

In fact, armed guards were stationed all over Manila, including some private homes. More than a hundred delegates from Eastern Asia were arranged to stay in this area. Thank God, experiencing an environment like this makes one more alert in the spirit.

After we checked into our room my wife made a thorough search of the room, opening every closet and drawer with extreme care to examine the contents. After she ascertained that there were no explosives she breathed a deep sigh of relief.

Then my son came to Manila with the American delegation. His original plan was to stay for six weeks for a short mission, but due to considerable threat they received (Anti-American mood was rather high in the Philippines in those days) they retreated to Hong Kong after a week’s stay. Thank God, they gave a good testimony in Hong Kong and Macau. Another team of more than 200 American delegates retreated to Singapore. The rest of the delegates went to Thailand, Indonesia, and Eastern Europe. Thank God, though we often heard news of explosions of cars, hotels and stores, we are all safe in the Lord’s arms, for “He guards the paths of justice, and preserves the ways of His godly ones” (Prov. 2:8).

We depended on the armed guards to protect us, but we depended on the Lord even more. “For the Lord will be your confidence, and He will keep your foot from being caught” (Prov. 3:26).

“Thou dost hide them in the secret place of Thy presence from the conspiracies of man; Thou dost keep them secretly in a shelter from the striving of tongues” (Psm. 31:20).

(2) Danger of Blackout

During the crusade the districts of Manila take turns to have blackouts. We have to carry a flashlight when we go out in the evening, or put one on the night table when we sleep. It often happens that everything falls into darkness without warning, but the spiritual darkness there is much deeper. The Philippines is a Catholic country, and statues of Maria and other idols were seen everywhere. Sometimes they even put it together with statues of Kuankung of China, and people worship and burn incense for them.

Second Kings tells us: “So while these nations feared the Lord, they also served their idols; their children likewise and their grandchildren, as their fathers did, so they do to this day” (II Kings 17:41).

The Bible warns us in the Ten Commandments: “You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth” (Exod. 20:4). There are many Catholics in the Philippines, but they are not strictly Bible-centered, and their faith is rather impure.

Again and again the Bible emphasizes that only the LORD is God, and the people are not to worship any false God. “You shall not make for yourselves idols, nor shall you set up for yourselves an image or a sacred pillar, nor shall you place a figured stone in your land to bow down to it; for I am the Lord your God” (Lev. 26:1).

God repeatedly forbids man to worship false God. “Lest you act corruptly and make a graven image for yourselves in the form of any figure, the likeness of any male or female,,,,,, So watch yourselves, lest you forget the covenant of the Lord your God, which He made with you, and make for yourselves a graven image in the form of anything against which the Lord your God has commanded you” (Deut. 4:16, 23).

During a blackout, darkness is everywhere, so you have to guard yourself against robbers and pickpockets. The elevator is out of service, and you have to climb twelve stories to get to your room with a flickering candle in your hand. Everyone has to have a flashlight in order to get around. It reminds me of God’s Word, “Thy word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path” (Psm. 119:105). Jesus is the true light, and He will lead us on the way to eternity. “In Him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the

darkness; and the darkness did not comprehend it. There was the true light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man” (John 1:4, 5, 9).

The energy that lightens up the electric bulb comes from the source of electricity. During a blackout the electric bulb loses the energy that lightens it up. In the same way the Holy Spirit is the source of energy for spiritual life. If a man is not filled with the Holy Spirit he has no way to shine for the Lord.

(3) Danger of the Road

When you walk in Manila, if you are not careful, you will either bump into other people or fall into a pit. Most of the streets in Manila are bumpy and full of potholes, and your shoes will be full of dirt after you walk for a while. You must be careful when you hire a taxi, for you seldom come across a taxi-driver who is honest. They have many peculiar ways to cheat you. In our walk of life we also have to be careful to walk on the road of righteousness. “He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake” (Ps. 23:3).

(4) Danger of Robbers

Pickpockets in Manila are very skillful. It is very dangerous to go out alone in the evening, even for men. There are many beggars on the street, and they chased us persistently. Some beggars just sleep on the streets. I heard that a Korean merchant was stabbed and robbed over US \$3,000.

A staff member from Hong Kong hired a taxi to go to a church to preach. The taxi driver took him to a remote alley where two others were in ambush. As soon as the car stopped they grabbed his briefcase and suits. Fortunately he was not hurt physically. He reported to the police, and had to apply for new IDs and credit cards.

In addition to the dangers of robbers and pickpockets there is also the danger of kidnappers. Many Chinese merchants in the Philippines have had the experience of being kidnapped. A friend of mine who is a Christian businessman was kidnapped, and they demanded a ransom of a million dollars U. S. His family is a renowned clan in the Philippines, and he is well-known in the business world. Above all he has connections to high officials in the government. So they went to a leader in the military for help. They bargained with the kidnappers on the one hand, and mobilized the rescue unit of the army for operation on the other. After several days’ maneuvering they set a time and place for the exchange of captive and ransom. The captive was blindfolded and tied; he could hear and speak, but cannot see anything. He was guarded 24 hours a day,

and had no freedom of movement. The church prayed for him persistently. Fortunately the army detected the place where he was kept, and the rescue unit successfully pulled him out. After he was rescued and his life was out of danger he said it was entirely of God's keeping and deliverance. "For Thou hast delivered my soul from death, indeed my feet from stumbling, so that I may walk before God in the light of the living" (Ps. 56:13).

Indeed, "God is to us a God of deliverance; and to God the Lord belong escapes from death" (Ps. 68:20).

This brother was kept by the Lord, and is serving Him faithfully in a Philippines church up to this day.

(5) Danger of Amebic Dysentery

The crusade handbook warned us that untreated water has to be boiled for at least 20 minutes before it can be consumed, and untreated water cannot be used in teeth brushing. This made everybody panic as if sitting on "a blanket of needles". Shortly after my son arrived in Manila he was struck with a serious diarrhea, and we were scared to death. Thank God he recovered after taking some medicine.

Amebic Dysentery, also called Intestinal Amebiasis, is an infectious disease of the digestive system caused by the invasion of proto-amoeba into the bowel wall, and its major symptom is diarrhea. It often occurs near the appendix area, easy to return or become chronic. The proto-amoeba may also seep through the bowel wall and flow with the blood into the lymph glands or directly to the liver, lung, or brain and becomes extra-bowel amoeba, especially in the liver.

Amebic Dysentery spreads mainly through human excrement, and it often happens in tropical rural areas where the hygienic condition is poor during summer and fall among adults. Even patients are not immune and easily re-affected. Intestinal hemorrhage or piercing may occur in more serious cases.

Some patients of Amebic Dysentery may have no symptom at all. It usually started slow, with no fever, with symptom of diarrhea and stinky stool, and pain in the lower right abdomen. Weaker and mal-nourished patients may have acute symptoms like quick start, high fever, severe stomachache and watery stool.

Some Western missionaries were infected and then healed after a long time. Missionaries in the Philippines today are still faced with dangers from all sides, both from natural and man-made disasters.

They have to pray and ask the Lord to keep them. “He pardons all your iniquities, and heals all your diseases” (Ps. 103:3). Prophet Isaiah said, “He Himself took our infirmities, and carried away our diseases” (Matt. 8:17). Only when you have good health can you move forward in your service.

Note: This article was adopted from my book *Missionary Adventures in the 20th Century*.

Chapter 12: Dangers in the Air

(1) Danger en route to Washington D. C.

The chance of having an accident during a flight is low but not impossible. During my 50 years in evangelism I have had ample chances to travel in an airplane, and sometimes dangers do occur.

In 1983, I was traveling with Dr. & Mrs. Bill Bright and their son from New York to Washington D. C. by airplane. Because of a storm the plane was delayed for an hour for take-off. After a few minutes the plane began to shake violently. Through the windows we could see the thunders and flashes outside, and loose objects shot up and bumped into one another inside the plane’s compartments. Almost all the passengers screamed as if the end of the world had arrived. Dr. and Mrs. Bill Bright said good-bye to each other, and looked at their frightened son with love and compassion. I thought I was going to see the Lord in a moment, and felt terribly sorry for not being able to say good-bye to my wife. I prayed with Dr. & Mrs. Bright and committed our lives to God. I usually speak loud and my prayer was heard by almost all the passengers. After we prayed peace and serenity returned to our hearts. Other passengers also calmed down. Here we can see the effect of prayer; it teaches you to commit yourself to God, especially during time of danger.

Later, when the plane went through the cloud the radar was damaged, and we had to grope our way through in darkness. It was also raining hard in Washington D. C., which made landing a dangerous business. Finally we landed at another airport in Norfolk at midnight. The airlines sent passengers to spend the night in a local hotel. Mrs. Bright was scheduled to speak in a special gathering in the White House the next morning, so the airlines arranged a car to take them to the White House overnight. I admired their spirit of dedication to the Lord. We had a good friendship with the Brights, and have many chances to dine and fellowship with them at their house. When our eldest son Moses got married Dr. Bright came to speak at the wedding. Now Dr. Bright is with the Lord, but the heritage he left will endure forever.

The next morning I had breakfast together with the pilot. He said, “Last night was the most dangerous night in my 14 years’ career as a pilot. The plane might have blown up at any time. I was so scared that I sweated all over.” Then he continued, “If I have another experience like that I will resign and fly no more.” May the Lord keep him from another similar experience.

Thank God, all the remaining days and years are given by Him, and should be lived for Him.

(2) Danger en route to Manila

In February 1990, my wife and I flew from Taipei to Manila via China Airlines to prepare for the “New Life 2000 Manila” Chinese evangelistic crusades. The estimated flight time was one hour and 55 minutes. Soon after we took off the flight attendants began to distribute lunch. A few minutes later, as we were enjoying our lunch, we heard the captain’s announcement through the public announcement system: “Due to mechanical disorder we have to return to Taipei.” This was our first experience of this. It is very dangerous if a mechanical disorder happens to a plane during a flight. In a helpless situation like this the only thing we can do is to pray, renew our dedication, and commit our lives to God. Thus, after prayer I continued my lunch, but my wife was too scared to eat anything. She asked me, “Why are you still eating?” I said casually, “Even if we are going to see the Lord, I have to finish my lunch.” When we are faced with uncontrollable situation like this the only thing we can do is to commit it to the Lord by faith. The proverb says, “Life and death are predestinated; one’s fortune is determined by heaven.” Life and death are in the hand of God. Thank God, we returned to Taipei alive. After the plane landed I looked out through the window, and saw thousands of wires tangled together in the opened wings. The engineers started the repair work immediately. The airlines arranged for us to fly to Manila on a Philippines Airlines plane the same day, and we arrived in time to prepare for the crusade.

(3) Danger in the Flight to Sabah

On August 12, 1990 I flew from Manila to Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, in Eastern Malaysia to speak in an evangelistic rally. In the beginning of our journey the sky was perfectly clear, but as we approached Kota Kinabalu the sky was full of black cloud and white billows rolled in the ocean below. It rained cats and dogs in Kota Kinabalu. When we looked out of the window we saw only mist and cloud, not a piece of land in view. The plane could only circle around in the sky, in and out of the cloud. Many Crusade co-workers were aboard the plane, including a few presidents of branch crusade from

Africa and important co-workers in Malaysia. We prayed together for a safe landing. The flight attendant said, “If it doesn’t let up we may have to land at the airport in Brunei.” Of course, we may still have danger if the plane is out of fuel. After the plane circled for an hour or so we made an emergency landing. As a result the Yang brothers, Bishop Pingzhong Yang and Pastor Dzenhua Yang, had to wait for more than an hour at the airport to meet us.

(4) Trouble during Easter

In order to prepare for the “New Life Mobilization Crusade” I had to contact churches in many places. For this reason, and also for the sake of saving money, we bought two Standby Air-travel tickets from Delta Airlines. For \$399 we could board a Delta Airlines plane at any time in any city in the U. S. within 30 days. There was no limit in the number of flights, as long as it stayed within the U. S. and was within 30 days. We traveled to New York, Boston, Buffalo, Tulsa and Atlanta on these tickets to promote the crusade ministry. The tickets were cheap indeed, but you had to spend more time in transits and risk the danger of the plane being filled up.

On November 9, 1990 we traveled from Buffalo, New York to Tulsa, Oklahoma. Dr. Paul Liu took us to the airport on 5:00 AM. We flew to Atlanta first, and from there we were to take another plane to Tulsa at 4:45 PM. As the plane was delayed for an hour, more and more passengers gathered. The girl at the counter said to us, “It looks like we won’t have any standby seats for you.” I immediately called Pastor Ho Weichong to inform him of the situation, lest he waits for us in vain, but nobody answered the call. I prayed quietly, “Lord, may your will be done.” Thank God, our patient waiting was rewarded; we got the last two seats and safely boarded the plane. Only people who experienced this can describe the joy we felt at the time. Up to the present time we have visited all the major cities of the U. S. on this kind of tickets. Though we encountered some minor troubles and spent more time than usual, we never encountered any real danger or missed any flight. We have had to pray by faith, and David said: “I will lift up my eyes to the mountains; from whence shall my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth” (Ps. 121:1, 2).

“The Lord will guard your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forever” (Ps. 121:8).

(5) Danger in the Flight to the Outlying Islands of Indonesia

Since I spoke in a youth revival meeting of the Wesleyan Church in Brastagi, Indonesia in the 70’s of the 20th century I often took part

in circuit preaching tours in many places in Indonesia. The most dangerous journey was one when we flew to one of the outlying islands of Indonesia. It was arranged by the Union of Christian Churches of Indonesia where Elder Yang Ching was the president. Mr. and Mrs. Kuo Min accompanied us all the time, since Mr. Kuo was my Indonesian interpreter. It was October 21, 1996 when we were flying from Jakarta to Kendari. I was to preach on “The Difference between Filial Piety and Ancestor Worship” on the 22nd, and on “Fortune Telling, Fengshui, and Eternal Life” on the 23rd. We got very good response, and many believed in the Lord. We flew to Xijiang on the 24th, and I preached on “Fengshui and Fuchi” in the evening. I spoke on “Demons, Evil Spirits, and Goblins” on the 25th, and “Man, Devil, and God” on the 26th. The Holy Spirit moved and many believed in the Lord. On the 27th I spoke on “God’s Judgment” at the Holy Word Church, and “Death and Resurrection” at Chinese Christian Church. Then we flew to Palu on the 28th, and spoke on “Science and Belief” in the evening. I spoke on “Ideological Challenge of our Time” on the 29th, and on “Challenge from the Spiritual World” on the 30th. We got very warm response from the audience.

On October 31 we flew from Palu to Manado. There was only one flight each day, and it was in the same plane. The journey on this route was very adventurous. Originally the airlines had three planes on this route, but two of them blew up, and only one propeller plane was left. And even this was an old plane, at 38 years old. The plane door had to be pulled close by hand and then tied with a rope. The restroom door could not be closed tight, and the passenger inside had to pull it by hand. All the facilities on board were very old. The plane was almost packed on the day we flew, with more than 40 people on board. The weather was very bad on that day. Soon after we took off we encountered a storm. Everything was grey as we looked out of the window. We could see neither the land nor the ocean. The plane wobbled along as the wind blew on it. Due to the wind and rain the runway disappeared from our sight and it was impossible to land. After circling in the air for about an hour the captain decided to give up landing at Manado and flew to a small island named Ternate. When the passengers heard this announcement they began to worry. If the fuel was used up the plane would drop into the ocean, and there was no way of rescue in mid-air. The only thing we could do was to pray. So my wife and I, together with Mr. & Mrs. Kuo Min, began to pray, committing everything to God the Father. Indonesia is a country with many islands and beautiful scenery, but nothing was visible during the storm. After a considerable length of time the plane finally left the storm. When the flight attendant announced that we still had enough fuel to fly to Ternate the burden of the passengers was finally laid down. Jesus said, “Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart; and you shall find rest for your souls” (Matt.

11:29).

The next morning the same plane took us to Manado. For three days I spoke on “Being Filled with the Holy Spirit and Ministry”, “How to Walk by the Holy Spirit”, and “Guidance of the Holy Spirit”. The Holy Spirit illuminated the hearts of many who repented and accepted the filling of the Holy Spirit. On November 4, I revisited Ternate. I spoke on “Fortune Telling, Fengshui, and Way to Eternal Life” in the evangelistic meeting, and “Ministry Secrets of Spiritual Leaders and Strategies in Evangelism” in the revival meeting. In both meetings we had good responses. The last stop was the outlying island of Ambon, where we scheduled two evenings of evangelistic rallies. They did good preparation work, and we had a good harvest. The local believers even treated us with fresh seafood, just out of the fishing net. We spent 18 days in evangelistic and revival activities on the outlying islands of Indonesia, and reaped abundant harvest. All this is by God’s grace. We, as weak vessels of God, can only offer ourselves to live for Him.

Finally, we took a plane from Ambon to Jakarta to continue our ministry. In early times traveling by plane in Indonesia was very dangerous. Two missionaries lost their life due to plane wreck, and one of these was the sister of Dr. Ho Sichuan. After we finished our journey my wife asked Brother Kuo: “You seemed to be rather calm when the plane was circling in the sky. Why?”

Brother Kuo smiled and said, “I knew flying to the outlying islands was very dangerous, and I knew we would have to take that old plane. So I bought a large amount travel insurance before we started. If we had a plane accident my wife and I would start our travel to the Kingdom of Heaven, but my son would receive a considerable fortune on earth.” It sounds humorous, but it is also a commitment by faith. We as believers of God can enjoy a pleasant trip on earth, and then go home to heaven with a Kingdom passport. Brother Kuo told me that this 38-year-old plane was finally sent to the museum for exhibition.

Thank the Lord, though we encountered danger in this trip to the outlying islands God has kept us safe in Him. “The Lord will guard your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forever” (Ps. 121:8).

Chapter 13: Dangers in Land Slide

Since we came to America in 1981, the first time my wife returned home was in 1987, when she took my son Samuel to Taiwan to visit her relatives and tour the cross island highway as a high

school graduation present. The first stop on their tour was at Tairuko Gorge which is the most beautiful spot on the tour. My son walked to Changchun Temple for sightseeing. About half hour after he left the temple the most serious landslide in 30 some years since the completion of the highway occurred, and the two buildings of the Temple were buried in dirt. Some people were buried alive. If my son left the temple any later, the consequence would have been terrible. Due to the degree of the landslide the temple has still not been completely rebuilt even to this day.

Jesus said, “And which of you by being anxious can add a single cubit to his life’s span?” (Matt. 6:27)

“But if God so arrays the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, will He not much more do so for you, O men of little faith?” (Matt. 6:30)

“Are not two sparrows sold for a cent? And yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Therefore do not fear; you are of more value than many sparrows” (Matt. 10:29-31).

With the Lord, nothing happens by chance. We thank God for keeping our son safe during the landslide.

Chapter 14: The Dangers of Typhoon

On July 17, 1990, at 4:00 PM, a huge tornado struck Manila and destroyed 99 houses.

The summer months of July and August are the rain and typhoon season for the Philippines, and many lives are lost during this time. When we were holding evangelistic meetings in Manila it rained almost everyday. Water from the rain and backflow of the rivers gathered on the city streets, and household garbage and kitchen waste from the restaurants flowed and floated everywhere, giving out unbearable stink. But the dirt of the human heart today is even more stinking than this. Jesus said, “But the things that proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and those defile the man. For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, and slanders” (Matt. 15:18, 19).

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me” (Ps. 51:10).

O God, please create clean hearts for people of the world that they may turn from the power of darkness to the Kingdom of Light.

On August 30, 1990 I heard on the radio that North Taiwan was struck by a strong Typhoon, and as a result all the primary and high schools in Taipei were closed. I figured that if I didn't go to Kangshan today, I would not be able to arrive there in time for the evangelistic meeting at the Presbyterian Church tomorrow. I had just returned from Singapore to Taipei on the 29th, and was still in traveling fatigue, but for the sake of the gospel I hastened to Taipei Railroad Station in the rain and arrived in Kangshan the same day. I heard the radio announced in the evening that the elevating water had seriously damaged the bridge on which the railroad passes. I figured out that the bridge was damaged soon after my train passed it. I thank God for keeping me out of the danger of that typhoon.

Psalm 121:7 says, "The Lord will protect you from all evil; He will keep your soul."

Chapter 15: The Dangers of Earthquake

The third day after we arrived in Manila, on July 16, 1990, at 4:26 PM, when two co-workers were with us in a taxi, going to a preparatory meeting for a crusade, we passed through a narrow street. Suddenly, thousands of people dashed into the street. My wife screamed, "Earthquake! Get out of here!" As she tried to open the door we looked out of the window. On both sides of the street stood rows of old two-storied wooden buildings with nets of electric wires on the top. The street was crowded with over-panic people and the taxicab could hardly move. Some of them were crying, and some were holding each other in their arms. The electric poles were wobbling violently as if they were ready to break (we knew later that some of them did break), and the electric wires swung like crazy over our heads. Seeing that we had no way of escape my wife grasped our only hope of delivery. "Lord Jesus, save us!" she cried. She often boasted that she was not afraid of death. After this incident she said defensively, "I am not afraid of death. But I am afraid of earthquake."

According to official report, this earthquake lasted 45 seconds, and the epicenter was at Cavanatuan, a town 100 miles northwest of Manila. Baguio, a tourist hot spot 130 miles from Manila, suffered the most severe damage. The magnitude of the earthquake was 7.8 degree on Richter's scale, and 65% of the city was damaged. The beautiful summer resort was turned into a ghost town. The degree of the quake in Manila was 7 on the Richter scale. Schools were closed, and so were many office buildings. This was the third strongest earthquake in the history of the Philippines.

Our hotel was a 12-storied building, and we stayed on the 8th floor. We thank God for not being in the hotel when the earthquake hit. According to the description of the co-workers who stayed at the hotel, the situation of the hotel was much more terrible. The TV set on the 11th floor fell to the floor and broke to pieces, the elevator went out of order, the wall cracked in many places, and the ceiling of the hall on the 7th floor fell to the floor.

In Baguio three large hotels and scores of other big buildings collapsed, including the luxurious 10-storied Hyatt Hotel and Nevada Hotel. A six-storied Christian College building was also destroyed, with 136 people dead and quite a few trapped until they were later rescued. The highway from Baguio to Manila was severely damaged and had to be closed, as well as the airport. The United States sent a rescue team and equipments 17 hours later, but since large cargo planes could not land at Baguio, the rescue work proceeded slowly and with great difficulties.

It was difficult to estimate the exact number of the wounded and dead. Due to transportation problems rescue work in the remote areas could not be carried out. For the lack of water and electricity, and because of the rain and highway damage, thousands of people were compelled to walk from Baguio for 36 kilometers to catch a bus to Manila.

Digging work was very difficult at the fallen Hyatt Hotel. The wife of the manager, a good friend of ours who had attended Campus Crusade training sessions, died in the earthquake. Two people were stranded in the elevator for 11 days and barely survived. Krutz, one of the survivors of the demolished Christian College, said, "When the earthquake hit we were actually studying the "earthquake". I and other 12 students were stranded in the crack of the fourth floor. Electric power was out, and it rained" 18 hours later she was rescued, and six students died. The stranded students screamed, cried and wailed, and many died. Surviving parents dug with their hands in the rubbles for their children. Another boy said, "I prayed very hard. I knew only God could help me."

One week after the earthquake people were still in fear, and rumor went that a bigger one was yet to come. We had aftershocks almost every day of the week. Aftershocks in Baguio reached 6.3 on the Richter scale, killing some more people. Thousands of people dared not return home and stayed in camps. 316 aftershocks were detected during 48 hours after the main quake, 24 of which were serious. Many of our co-workers slept with their clothes on, in case they needed to escape at any moment. I said to my wife, "You should be ready to meet God at any time." She dressed herself neatly 24 hours a day, even in her sleep, in case she needed to dash downstairs. Two days after the quake she said that life here was too hard to live,

and suggested that we flee to Taiwan. But Taiwan was not necessarily safe because our apartment was on the fifth floor, and building safety was not better there than the Philippines. A couple from Singapore, an earthquake-free country, said, “Last year we went to San Francisco and encountered an earthquake there; this is our first visit in Manila, and again earthquake overtook us.”

Psalm 139:7-10 says: “Where can I go from Thy Spirit? Or where can I flee from Thy presence? If I ascend to heaven, Thou art there; if I make my bed in Sheol, behold, Thou art there. If I take the wings of the dawn, if I dwell in the remotest part of the sea, even there Thy hand will lead me, and Thy right hand will lay hold of me.”

Proverbs 16:9 says, “The mind of man plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps.”

Committing your way to the Almighty God is the most secure thing to do. In life and in death the Lord is with us.

When Jesus discussed the end of the world with the disciples he said, “For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes. But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pangs” (Matt. 24:7, 8).

Please look at the record of big earthquakes in this century. Isn't this a warning for the world? It tells the world that the day of Jesus' second coming is nearing.

Big Earthquakes in the 20th Century

<u>Year</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Magnitude (Richter)</u>	<u>No. of People Died</u>
1906	4	18-19	San Francisco, US	8.3	452
1906	8	16	Chile	8.6	20,000
1906	8	16	Italy	7.5	?
1908	12	28	Italy	7.5	83,000
1915	1	13	Italy	7.5	29,980
1920	12	16	China	8.6	100,000
1923	9	1	Tokyo, Japan	8.3	100,000
1927	5	22	China	8.3	200,000
1932	12	26	China	7.6	70,000
1933	3	2	Japan	8.9	2,990
1934	1	15	India	8.4	10,700
1935	5	31	India	7.5	30,000
1939	1	24	Chile	8.3	28,000
1939	12	26	Turkey	7.9	30,000

1946	12	21	Japan	8.4	2,000
1948	6	28	Japan	7.3	
5,131					
1948	10	5	U. S. S. R	?	110,000
1950	8	15	India	8.7	1,530
1953	3	18	Turkey	7.2	1,200
1956	6	11-17	Afghanistan	7.7	2,000
1957	7	2	Iran	7.4	2,500
1957	12	13	Iran	7.1	2,000
1960	2	29	Morocco	5.8	12,000
1960	5	20-30	Chile	8.3	5,000
1962	9	1	Iran	7.1	12,230
1968	8	31	Iran	7.4	12,000
1970	3	28	Turkey	7.4	1,086
1970	5	31	Peru	7.7	66,794
1976	2	4	Guatemala	7.5	22,778
1976	7	28	Tangshan, China	7.8	(Official) 242,000
				8.2	(Unofficial) 800,000
1976	8	17	Philippines	7.8	8,000
1977	3	4	Romania	7.5	1,541
1978	9	16	Iran	7.7	25,000
1979	12	12	Colombia/Ecuador	7.9	800
1980	10	30	Algeria	7.3	4,500
1980	11	23	Italy	7.2	4,800
1983	10	30	Turkey	7.1	1,300
1985	9	19	Mexico	8.1	9,500
1988	12	7	U. S. S. R.	6.9	25,000
1990	6	21	Iran	7.7	40,000

	Total	Official Statistics:
1,325,812		
		Unofficial Statistics:
1,885,812		

James 4:13-15: “Come now, you who say, ‘Today or tomorrow, we shall go to such and such a city, and spend a year there and engage in business and make a profit.’ Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away. Instead, you ought to say, ‘If the Lord wills, we shall live and also do this or that.’”

Matthew 24:42: “Therefore be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming.”

Matthew 24:44: “For this reason you be ready too; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think He will.”

For years, when my wife and I are about to take a long journey,

we habitually make arrangements in case of our deaths. For our life is a vapor. When shall we meet the Lord? We don't know the date and time. My friends, are you prepared? Are you ready to meet the Lord?

Note: This article is adapted from my book *Missionary adventures in the 20th Century*.

Chapter 16: Dangers Turned to Peace

1. During the “New Life 2000” Evangelistic crusades in Manila, there were more than 4,500 overseas delegates attending the rallies, which continued for several months. Most of the programs were finished by the end of August. More than two million people attended the rallies, and 260,000 believed in the Lord. 96 churches actively participated in the movement, and some churches grew from 70 to 250 in 3 months.

The Crusades estimated that there would be 8,000 people attending the rallies from abroad, but due to disruptions in political situation many American teams cancelled their attendance. The number of attendees from Asia remained the same. 3,000 came from Korea and had a good influence on Manila.

2. Crusade had T-shirts for sale during the rallies. The words “I Survived New Life 2000 Manila” were printed on them. It was an expression of thanksgiving to God for being kept alive in the face of a great disaster.

3. Crusade had a seminary and an office in Baguio. A few months before the rallies started the seminary moved to Manila, and the staffs at the office also came to Manila to attend the rallies. As a result, no one on Crusade's staff was injured during the earthquake. Only two staff members from Malaysia were stranded in Baguio; they were later taken out by a helicopter.

Indeed, “God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose” (Rom. 8:28).

4. Due to the earthquake, the power went out and darkness was everywhere. Most people got out of their houses. Some co-workers from Korea played the Jesus Film with their own generator for two hours, which attracted more than 1,000 people, and more than 300 of them believed in Jesus. Thank God.

5. Co-workers from Korea donated US\$20,000 to the victims of

the earthquake, and started a movement of blood donation among the co-workers. Campus Crusade for Christ in America donated US\$100,000 to the relief funds. Thank God, it is more blessed to give than to receive.

6.July 20-22, 1990, I preached for three nights at the largest Chinese church in Manila on the topic “Folklore and Belief”. Because of the earthquake people’s hearts were empty, and the auditorium was packed every night despite the pouring rain on the last two nights. On the first night about 500 people watched close-circuit TV downstairs. Pastor Hua Derong, chairman of the Chinese Evangelistic Crusades, said, “The total number of attendees for the three nights was over 5,800.” Mr. Huang Junpei, director of the counselors group, said, “279 people decided to believe in the Lord.” More than 80% of the attendees are believers, and this is special trait of evangelistic meetings in the Philippines.

Far-Eastern Broadcasting Company put my messages for the three nights on the air, for 15 minutes at noon each day, until the end of the message. Thank God for this special broadcasting of the gospel.

It is impossible to put all the adventures of our missionary career in print. In spite of all the dangers and hardships our dedication to the cause of the gospel never wavered. On January 1, 1987 I attended a missionary rally sponsored by the Ambassadors for Christ USA on the topic “Armies for the Kingdom of God”. My heart was greatly moved during the meeting, and I renewed my commitment to the mission with tears in my eyes. I had been in the U. S. for seven years by then, and now God gave me opportunities to return to the mission field in Asia. The following is a short verse that I composed at the time to express my heart’s feelings:

**Lord, I still want to go!
Lord, despite disdain from the world, I still want to go!
Lord, despite misunderstanding from Peers, I still want to go!
Lord, despite being forgotten by others, I still want to go!
Lord, despite limited dedication, I still want to go!
Lord, despite separation from dearest ones, I still want to go!
Lord, despite mourning and tears, I still want to go!
Lord, despite unknown future, I still want to go!
Lord, despite rough and bumpy road, I still want to go!
Lord, despite weakness in body and heart, I still want to go!
Lord, despite fear and apprehension, I still want to go!
Lord, you are my rock, I’ll go forward by your word!
Lord, you are my help, I’ll go forward by your strength!
Lord, you are my life, I’ll go forward by your cause!
Lord, you are with me, I’ll go forward by faith!
Lord, I will be mindful of your business, I still want to go!
Lord, I will have your heart as my heart, I still want to go!**

Lord, I still want to go, to accomplish your will.

Note 1: The description of the Philippines in this article was what I saw in July and August of 1990. With the passing of time the present Philippines may be more prosperous and advanced.

Note 2: This article is adapted from my book *Missionary Adventures in the 20th Century*.

Chapter 17: Volcanic Eruption

There are 52 volcanoes in the Philippines, and 11 of these are live ones. Mayon is the largest live volcano in the country. It is located 330 kilometers southeast of Manila, the capital, at an elevation of 2,421 meters, and occupies an area of 250 square kilometers. It spews out white smoke during the day, and the smoke turns to dark red at night, looking like a gigantic triangular candlestick. It has erupted 50 times during the last 400 years, of which 48 are recorded. The one that caused the most serious damage was in 1814, which cost 1,200 lives. In recent years it has become quite active, and it has almost erupted several times. Visitors to Manila have a high chance of seeing it erupt.

One year I went to Manila to attend an international conference on the gospel, and experienced for the first time the eruption of a volcano on the last day of the conference. The whole sky turned grey, and when the wind blew in my direction a layer of dust quickly gathered on my glasses, and my vision became blurred. Tiny dusts also gathered in my hair, and my whole body felt uncomfortable. I felt like sick, but I was not sick; and my whole person felt uneasy. Only those who experienced it in person can tell how it feels.

I was scheduled to fly back to Taipei on the following day. I called China Airlines to ask if the plane would take off on time. The answer was: "The airport will be closed tomorrow due to the eruption of the volcano." So I had to wait for one more day. This was important, because I had to be in Taichung the day after next to speak at an evangelistic meeting at the Fengchia University. So I made a long distance call to my wife in Taipei, and told her that my plane would be delayed for one day. I asked her to forward the message to Campus Crusade office in Taichung and ask them to prepare a substitute for me. Also, it seemed to be very difficult for me to get to Taichung in time after I arrived at the Chiang Kai-shek airport in Taoyuan.

I had my luggage ready to take off anytime. Due to the density of the volcanic ash no plane could take off the next day. I could only

pray and commit the whole thing to God. Sure enough, we were able to take off the next day, and I finally arrived in Taiwan. As soon as I claimed my luggage two of the co-workers from Campus Crusade office grabbed my luggage and dashed outward. “Pastor Tey, our car is waiting outside. Hurry, we have to hasten to the meeting hall in Taichung right now. Every minute counts. Hope we don’t hit the traffic jam.”

I said, “Didn’t you prepare a standby speaker?”

“No. It is rather difficult to find a standby speaker to speak on your topic. And all our advertisements and tracts had you as the speaker. So we never thought of finding a standby speaker.”

“What if I can’t arrive in time?”

The co-worker said with confidence, “In the beginning we just prayed by faith. Now we know God has answered our prayer because you are in the car with us. We are sure we will arrive there in time.”

Thank the Lord, when we arrived at the meeting hall I looked at my watch and we were one minute ahead of time. Despite all the scares and worries on the road we arrived safely and in time. When we try to save souls the devil always tries to hinder us. But Paul said, “I can do all things through Him who strengthens me” (Phil. 4:13). Jesus said, “With men it is impossible, but not with God; for all things are possible with God” (Mark 10:27).

Under the movement of the Holy Spirit many college students decided to follow Christ during this crusade. Hearts of the intellectuals are still empty and void. During the question and answer period I shared the secret of victory in cases of demon possession and spiritual battles. Eruptions of volcanoes belong to the physical realm; “Spiritual Explosion” is the work of God. We Christians should mind the business of our Father in heaven.

Chapter 18: Scare of Fire

(This article was written by my wife Mary, telling of her personal experience.)

January 27, 1998 was New Year’s Eve by the Chinese calendar. My husband and I flew from Jakarta to Taipei by China Airlines. (The same flight on February 16 crashed on landing near the Chiang Kai-shek International Airport killing 202 persons on board, including the president of Central Bank of China, Mr. Hsu Yuantung.)

We stayed at the Fortuna Hotel which was owned by my friend Hsu Heng. We had just finished three weeks' evangelistic tour in Southeast Asia, and were planning to stay here for just one day in transit before heading to Mainland China for another month of ministry. We never expected to experience the scare of fire in just one day's stay. I composed this article to express our thanks to God.

We were scheduled to leave the hotel for the airport at 5:40 AM on January 29 (the second day of the New Year by Chinese calendar). In order to prepare for a month's stay in China, I spent a lot of time packing and arranging during the night and only napped for a little while in the bed. Seeing my husband sleeping so soundly I felt it was somewhat unfair and complained: "You, lucky you. How I admire you!" Then I pitied myself and thought, "I'd rather stay home instead of running all over the world."

At 5:20 AM my husband went from the 10th floor where we stayed to the reception desk in the hall on the ground floor to check out. Then I heard the telephone ring, "Darling, I smell a strong burning in the air. Grab your hand-carried luggage and hurry down immediately." We were the only guests who had finished packing at that hour. Intuition told me that, during a fire, we should not use the elevator. So, hanging one bag on each of my shoulders and pulling a suitcase with my hand, I dashed out of the door. The fire-escape staircase was just two steps on the left. As I was about to run downstairs I sensed that I had no strength to carry all the luggage. So I put the largest one by the staircase door and ran down the stairs. After two or three flights the fire alarm sounded. After a few more flights down, I came to a T section where the stairs parted into two. I chose one of them which took me to the basement, but the door was locked. So I had to go back and run upstairs again. The fire alarm became louder, and I became panicked. Most of the guests were still sleeping, and I was the only person in the staircase. I still remember the feelings of loneliness, panic, scare, and wandering of that day, as if yesterday. I thought I should return to the hall and try the other staircase. But the door was locked. I knocked at the door with all my strength, hoping some guest would hear it and open the door for me. No response. I climbed up another flight and knocked violently. "Open the door!" I had probably returned to the 10th floor. It turned out that for security's sake all the escape staircase doors can be opened only from the inside to prevent unlawful entry. Later I learned that the fire started in the kitchen on the second floor on the other side. So the staircases on the other side were filled with smoke. I had no other way but run downstairs again, still by myself. I did little exercise at the time, so I was badly out of breath. Suddenly, a family of 4 or 5 dashed out and ran with me. When we came to the T section we chose another side and ran down. We came across several doors and knocked at each, but they were all locked.

Finally, one door was opened, and we came to the open air. The sky was still dark, and we felt chilly as the wind blew on us. A security officer came and told us not to move and wait for guidance. Only then I remembered that I had forgotten my glasses, so my vision was blurry and did not know where we were exactly. As I stood there waiting for the security officer to guide us, I totally forgot about my husband. Later I confessed my sin of selfishness to the Lord. Seeing the fire engines approach rapidly I remembered my husband and decided to look for him. As I walked more than ten fire engines passed by me, and black smoke flew out of the windows on the second floor. I went to the hotel lobby and saw from afar my husband standing at the elevator door and shouting to the firemen, “My wife is in room 1021 on the 10th floor. Please go and rescue her right away!”

I shouted at the lobby door, “David, I am here!” All the guests had been evacuated, and most of them came down via the elevator.

I was overcome by my husband’s love and care for me, and did not know how to react for a long while.

All the guests were taken to the hotel across the street and enjoyed hot drinks in the coffee shop. Those who were choked by the smoke were taken to the hospital. I heard that one old person died of a heart attack when choked by the smoke.

We thought we wouldn’t be able to go to Mainland China that day. We implored the firemen to fetch our luggage down. Then we hired a taxi and hurried to the airport. We were the last two passengers to board the plane. Dr. Chen Ling, who joined us in China ministry for the first time and traveled with us from the U. S. to China, was exceedingly glad when he saw us board the plane. “I would be in great trouble if you couldn’t catch the plane,” he said. “I don’t have anybody’s phone number, and I don’t know which hotel to stay in.” Thereafter he joined us in China to do ministry a few more times.

We arrived in Fuzhou in time for the evangelistic rally at Puchien Church in the evening. After a few days my legs were so sore that I could hardly walk. On May 7 briefly stopped in Taipei en route to Tokyo. Again we stayed in Fortuna Hotel and were filled with thanksgiving.

During the month in China we thanked God every day. We thanked Him for giving us the opportunity to serve Him, which we felt quite unworthy. He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world. (Eph. 1:4) And we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel (I Thess. 2:4), not as a result of works (Eph. 2:9), but according to the riches of His grace (Eph. 1:7).

Through this fire, I learned to thank God on a deeper level. In Christ we are able to escape the eternal punishment of the Lake of Fire. Those who are without Christ will suffer eternally in the Lake of Fire. “And if anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire” (Rev. 20:15).

“But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death” (Rev. 21:8).

Chapter 19: Exercise of Faith

(This article was written by my wife, Mary, regarding her personal experience.)

“The refining pot is for silver and the furnace for gold, but the Lord tests hearts” (Proverb 17:3).

In August 1997, I felt a small hard lump in the lower right part of my neck. I told my husband about it, because he often called himself an “unlicensed doctor”. He felt it with his hand, and said, “It moves. Don’t worry.” I think even the most advanced tumor specialists would dare not make such a hypothesis.

On September 16 I had a severe toothache and went to see a dentist. I told the dentist about the small lump in my neck. “You should see a specialist today and ask him to make a careful diagnosis of it,” he said, “I would not treat it lightly.” I said I had to go to Asia and China for two months the day after tomorrow, and there were too many things to take care of. The dentist said, “But your body is more important. It is up to you.” After he finished a temporary filling of my tooth we hastened to Asia.

We made another trip by the end of December last year, and returned in March this year, after finishing my tooth work in Taiwan. We flew to Tokyo in May to attend a meeting. In early June a Canadian pastor called and told my husband that he found a lump in the neck near the end of last year, and after lab test it was found to be cancer in the nose and throat area. My husband began to be nervous, and urged me to see a doctor. For some reason I had been unwilling to see a doctor during the last few years. I just committed this thing to God every day. After a month’s struggling I decided to drive for three hours to see Dr. Chang, a physician who loved the Lord. My husband was against the idea in the beginning, because he thought it was too far, and would be very inconvenient for follow-ups. But I

insisted on it, and he finally agreed. Later we saw God's guidance in it.

On June 29 (Monday) my husband drove me to the doctor. When we arrived at the clinic Dr. Chang said, "You have come at the right time. I was busy like crazy every day. Since April last year till now this is the first time I take a whole week's vacation, and today is the first day. If you come at the ordinary time I would have no time to entertain you." He was a cancer specialist, and several hundred people were taking chemotherapy under his care at the time. As he felt my neck with his fingers he said, "Oh, three or four lumps. It doesn't look like a good thing. I feel patients every day." This is what I have expected. He drew blood for me and my husband, and together with a surgeon of the clinic they did a biopsy for me right away. The procedure took about half an hour, and a lump about one centimeter in diameter was removed. Dr. Chien said, "You came at the right time. I just returned from Taiwan." After the operation we went back to Dr. Chang's home to rest. I said rather passively to Mrs. Chang (she is a dentist), "If it is time to go, I'll go. No need to cling to the world." Dr. Chang said, "No need to sound so pitiful." But I remember hearing him say to people, "To depart from the world and be with Christ is far better." He said he signed "death certificates" every week and saw all kinds of struggles for life. I think his insight into life was much deeper than ours.

On our way home my husband said, "We are right to make this trip. Though we spent 6 hours on the road, we saved time in the end. If we saw an unfamiliar doctor we might end up spending more time on repeated trips. It is worth coming even if we need follow-up visits."

It took two days to know the result of the biopsy, and what two long days they were. We had a family conference. I told my son Moses that we might not be able to go on the September trip to China, and we wanted him to go for us. People may rest, but God's work cannot. I was very pessimistic about my future, and my husband shared my views. He said to me, "You have to be patient and prepare for war." We did nothing during the two days but thanked God for giving me this time to re-examine myself – as David said, "Examine me, O Lord, and try me; test my mind and my heart." According to medical knowledge, cancer of the lymph grows very fast, perhaps only a few months. What must I do in this short period of time? In the Leadership Training Seminar held in Singapore in January one of the discussion topic was: "If you know you have only six months left in your life, what will you do?" The attendees responded warmly and many joined the discussion.

Under the illumination of the Holy Spirit I saw my shortcomings in certain areas and prayed to God, "O Lord, give me another chance." I had experienced this trial of life before, and time after

time my heart was illuminated and renewed. But this time, I thought I was going to face the Lord for real.

In case the result of the biopsy shows that the tumor was malignant, what is the first thing I must do? In addition to revising our itinerary to make room for chemotherapy I should also dispose my personal belongings and give them away. I would also remodel my house so that it can be used for the Lord more effectively. I am still very much concerned about my house. I have lived in it for 18 years. In the eyes of the rich it may not count much, but to me it is a life investment, like the two pennies of the widow. Again and again I charged my husband to use it effectively for the ministry after I am gone.

Then I'll live for eternity every day, connecting everything I do with eternity. I'll live as usual, doing what I ought to do: cooking, doing laundry, housekeeping, and some literary work. I think the most valuable thing is to live for God and for eternity. Living for God does not necessarily mean great and unusual achievements, but doing what God wants us to do. If God has destined us to be small screws, we should not endeavor to be big pillars. Both are important in God's eyes.

I remember when my two sons were small I was severely sick. I was very sad and pessimistic about the future, and lost all hopes of life. Since I was going to die shortly why should I do anything? Day after day I just waited for death to come, and the family was in a total mess. The Proverbs said it right, "The spirit of a man can endure his sickness, but a broken spirit who can bear?"

Even when my body strength was gone, my voice became weak, and I was bed-ridden I can still draw near to God with my heart. "My soul clings to Thee" (Ps. 63:8). "Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name" (Ps. 103:1).

I read a true story, and saw the picture of the hero of the story. A Japanese youth was paralyzed from his childhood. He could only move his eyes. His mother took care of him year after year, educated him, and helped him finish his book. She would show him a big piece of paper with many words on it, and pointed at the words one by one. When she pointed at the word he wanted he would blink his eyes. With this kind of will power and hard work he finished the writing of his book. Here we see that "from the heart flows the spring of life" (Prov. 4:23).

Some people whine and sigh all day long: "Oh, I am useless now. I cannot serve anymore." This attitude is wrong. You can serve God just by meditating on His Word, praying to Him, and praising His name. Actually God does not need us doing anything for Him. He

said, "Heaven is my throne, and earth is the footstool of my feet; what kind of house will you build for me? Says the Lord. Or what place is there for my repose? Was it not my hand which made all these things?" (Acts 7:49, 50) "He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8) "Listen, O heavens, and hear, O earth; for the Lord speaks, 'Sons I have reared and brought up, but they have revolted against me. An ox knows its owner, and a donkey its master's manger, but Israel does not know, my people do not understand' (Isa. 1:2, 3). "Give me your heart, my son, and let your eyes delight in my ways" (Prov. 23:26). Our heart is the place where the devil challenges us, and how anxiously our God is waiting for us to turn our hearts to Him!

Time in waiting appears especially long, and my husband was more concerned about the result than me. On Tuesday afternoon he called the doctor and asked, "Dr Chang, do you have the result now?" "I told you we won't know the result until tomorrow afternoon." Actually Dr. Chang was as concerned as we were. I remember I fainted at his home two years ago, and he discovered the insufficient secretion of thyroid that had bothered me for many years. He and his wife urged me to take some medicine, and I argued with them saying, "I want to use natural therapy." They were really concerned about me. Sometimes they called my husband, and I dare not talk with them, lest they ask me, "Have you taken the medicine?" On September 20, last year, we passed by Taiwan en route to China, and I almost died on the bus. My sister and her husband took me to the emergency room and I took my first pill that evening. Dr. Chen Chienhsin prepared enough medicine for me to take to China, and from that day on I have been taking this medicine every day, and my condition is much improved today.

On Wednesday at 12:40 PM Dr Chang called us on his cell phone. My husband took the call, and he immediately handed me the receiver. "Mrs. Tey, the result of the lab test shows that there is no cancer cell at all, and you have to continue to suffer on earth for many more years." All kinds of feelings hit me at the moment. My husband and my eldest son held me closely in their arms. My husband said, "It looks like the world still has great attraction to you, and you are not willing to go home yet."

I remember in the chemotherapy room of Dr. Chang's clinic there was a picture on the wall with a proverb on it, "Live one day at a time; every day can be a masterpiece".

Life is valuable, and God moulds His children into vessels of honor, useful to the Master (II Tim. 2:21). Jesus Himself became flesh and blood, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, and might deliver those who through fear of

death were subject to slavery all their lives (Heb. 2:14, 15). “Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His godly ones” (Ps. 116:15). We are God’s field, God’s building (I Cor. 3:9). Job said, “When He has tried me, I shall come forth as gold” (Job 23:10).

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Chapter 20: Fog As Heavy As a Mountain

Mainland China is often foggy and dusty, and the fog covers large areas and affects many people. You have to experience it to know its effect. On October 8, 2008 we arrived at the International Airport of Shenyang, Liaoning. The sky was perfectly clear. The two Christian organizations arranged a van to take us to Liaozhong county. The training center of Liaoning province had just moved there. When we started everything was clear on the way, and we proceeded rather smoothly. All of a sudden heavy fog rose on every side, and after a moment the whole earth was covered in it. The car moved as slowly as a snail. Even when we turned on the high light we still could see nothing but a gigantic white veil. The fog was as dense as the mountain. I have never seen a fog as heavy as that in my life. Because of the fog we could not see the road signs; we had to stop the car and point our flashlight at the sign to read it. Originally two of our co-workers took turns to drive, but one of them said, “I have never seen a fog as heavy as this in my life. I dare not drive anymore.”

The other co-worker took up the responsibility by himself reluctantly. With fear and trembling he drove gingerly and groped forward as if in darkness. Even experienced truck drivers had to drive very slowly and cautiously, as if on ice. Due to the length of the journey some co-workers had fallen asleep, but I kept praying quietly. I recited the Psalms in my heart: “The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters. He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me. Thou dost prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; Thou hast anointed my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and loving-kindness will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever” (Psalm 23:1-6).

After a while we stopped the car on the roadside. We waited for the dense fog to disperse while we all joined in prayer. There were other cars stopped on the roadside too. After half an hour the fog still remained. So we drove to another road where there was a slope.

The car suddenly stopped. Brother Lo, the driver, asked another co-worker to get off the car and check the safety of the road. The co-worker said, “The car can only lean toward the left, not the right. The shoulder of the road is very narrow.”

Pastor Yen Chuanyu said ordinarily the journey to the church in Liaozhong would only take one and a half hours, but we did not reach the church until 5:30 AM. Everybody was tired out, but we all were thankful for the peace of journey.

After we arrived at our destination the co-worker who checked the road said, “When I went off the car and checked the road, I found our car was only 6 inches from the brink of the road. If we fell down into the valley we all would perish. I was so scared that I sweated all over. I dare not tell you lest I scare you.”

It was indeed God’s safe-keeping. “In the day of trouble He will conceal me in His tabernacle” (Ps. 27:5).

So we must cry to God for help. “The righteous cry and the Lord hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles” (Ps. 34:17).

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble” (Ps. 46:1).

God is our greatest help. Though in this journey we encountered “fog as heavy as a mountain”, and the road was perilous and hard, God guided us with His cord of love and helped us finish our journey. May all glory go to God, and peace to men who belong to Him.

Chapter 21: A Nation-wide Ban on Flight

The 9/11 terrorist attack on America, or simply 9/11, happened on September 11, 2001. It was a series of suicidal terrorist attacks that happened in homeland USA. That morning 19 terrorists belonging to Al Qaeda organization hijacked four airliners. They ordered two of them to crash into the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York, killing all the people on board, as well as many of the people in those buildings. The two towers collapsed in two hours, damaging many adjacent buildings. The third plane crashed into the Pentagon in Arlington County, Virginia. This site was very close to Washington D. C. The hijackers intended to fly the fourth plane to Washington D. C. Some of the passengers and flight attendants attempted to regain control of the plane and struggled with the terrorists. In the process the fourth plane crashed in the field of Shanksville, Somercest County, Pennsylvania. Nobody survived in the four planes.

A total of 2,749 persons perished in this terrorist attack, including the hijackers. The total number of persons killed in 9/11 is 2,749, which is 346 more than persons killed in the Pearl Harbor Attack – 2,403. Most of the people killed or wounded were private citizens belonging to 87 different countries. According to the coroner’s office, at least one person died of respiratory system failure, which was caused by the heavy dust produced by the collapse of the towers. To respond to this attack the U. S. launched a “war on terror” and invaded Afghanistan to destroy the Taliban regime which sheltered the Al Qaeda organization. The U. S. Congress passed a “Patriot Act”, and many other countries also passed similar acts to boost anti-terrorist muscle. Some stock-exchanges in the U. S. were closed during the week after the attack, and lost heavily when they were re-opened, especially stocks that were related to aviation and insurance. Office buildings worth billions of US dollars were destroyed, and that brought serious damage to the economy of Lower Manhattan (Adopted from Wikipedia).

The U. S. government issued a “Nation-wide Ban on Flights” which broke the record of U. S. aviation history. Ordinarily, some local airports might close due to snow storms, tornadoes, fires, and bomb scares, but now a nation-wide ban on flights had been issued in order to prevent continued attacks by the terrorists. This was an unusual measure to deal with an unusual emergency.

Originally, my wife and I had planned to go to the International Airport of Los Angeles in the evening of September 12 and catch the 1:00 AM China Airlines plane to Taipei, where some activities had been arranged. Now it vanished like a vapor. The Bible says it right, “The mind of man plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps” (Prov. 16:9). As the end of the world draws near, everything happens as the Bible says. How soberly should we behave ourselves, and shed some light and love for this world which is filled with hatred and tribulation?

All things work together, and without God’s permission not one sparrow will fall on the ground.

When the “nation-wide ban on flights” was issued on September 11 my wife said to me, “I’m not going to fly for sure.”

I told her, “Pack our suitcases as usual. By faith we will fly. It’s only a matter of time.”

I called the travel service, and Mrs. Chiu, the person in charge, said, “The flight was postponed to 1:00 AM on September 18. My wife was exceedingly happy because she had five extra days to prepare.

On September 17 at 5:00 PM Pastor Grace Hsu, my sister-in-law, called from Taipei. “Typhoon Nally circled over Taipei and Taichung for 35 hours, and brought the largest flood in 75 years to Taiwan, and it is still here.”

Now my wife seemed to be justified, and said, “I am not going to fly today. I am tired of these worries and scares. If you want to fly, go yourself.”

I immediately called Prof. Huang Wuhsiung in Taipei to inquire about the present situation, and my brother-in-law Hsu Chingliu, Fortuna Hotel, and China Airlines US office, and they all said that the water was gradually receding, and China Airlines’ flight had resumed. Only then my wife agreed reluctantly to go with me. My wife and I have different mental attitudes. My first priority is “to go” while hers is “not to go”. Of course, both of us give God the preeminence in decision making.

China Airlines upgraded us to commercial class, and the flight was very restful and comfortable. When we arrived in Taipei on September 19 the weather there was very clear. No trail of storm was present, and the air was super fresh. The taxi driver said, “When I came out at 5:30 AM Taipei was still raining. But there was no rain at the airport.” As we drove to Taipei the wind was calm and the rain had stopped, and the trees on the road were especially green. We thank the Lord for this peaceful welcome.

The flood brought heavy damages to Taiwan. Many buildings were destroyed, and garbage littered all over the streets. More than 20,000 buildings’ basements were soaked in water, so were the railway stations. All railroads and transit systems stopped operation, and transportation entered a dark age.

It is easy to dodge a spear thrust in the light, but hard to escape from an arrow shot in darkness. Ten days had passed since the 9/11 terrorist attack, and the U. S. was ready to declare war. The media reported on the preparation of war every day. Finally, on October 7, 2001, the allied forces led by the U. S. launched war on the Al Qaeda and Taliban regime in Afghanistan, to for the 9/11attack on America. This is the beginning of a long-lasting anti-terrorist warfare. The U. S. is very large, and it is very difficult to effectively prevent terrorist attacks from happening. Human beings are destroying themselves. And the second coming of Jesus is near. Let us do more work for the Lord while it is day.

On September 22 we started from Taipei via Hong Kong, Beijing, and arrived in Harbin of Heilongjiang. We spent a whole day in the journey. Fortunately there is no “nation-wide ban on flights” in

China. Our ministry at the Heilongjiang Bible School, Harbin Training Center, Hallelujah Church and the Chitaiho Church was very successful. God's grace was great and many were converted. All glory to God.

The U. S. issued "nation-wide ban on flights", but the business of the Heavenly Kingdom is never banned. We should achieve great things for the Lord, and attempt to save billions of souls.

Chapter 22: Keeping an Appointment

Once I was invited to preach in an evangelistic rally in Liancheng Garden, and I had to hurry from Singapore to Kuala Lumpur on the same day. But the plane was delayed due to mechanical problem. So I called long distance to my wife, gave her the phone numbers of three pastors, and asked her to invite any one of them to be my substitute at the rally. When I arrived home my wife said to me, "None of the three pastors can be your substitute. You have to do it yourself." I looked at the watch, it was already 7:35 PM, and the meeting ought to start at 7:30 PM. Throwing down my luggage, I took up my Bible and car key and start immediately for the church. I just knew the general direction, but not the exact address of the church. It would take at least half an hour to get to the church, if everything is smooth. I could only pray by faith: "Lord, I am awfully late. Please help me to find the church, preach the gospel, and save souls. Lord, please remove Satan's hindrance, and help me to overcome by faith. In your name I pray, Amen." After 20 minutes or so I saw a gas station, and a car was filling up. I stopped and asked the driver, "How can I get to Liancheng Garden Church? I am going to preach there."

He said, "Follow me." I had to follow him by faith, without considering whether he is a good man or bad man. I just believe in God's guidance by faith. Soon we reached the church, and he drove away immediately without giving me a chance to thank you.

The pastor was walking up and down nervously in front of the church, waiting and watching for the speaker. It was a great relief when he saw me. "Pastor Tey, you finally come. We have been singing and waiting for you. Please go up and speak right away." The Holy Spirit moved, and more than ten believed in the Lord.

More than 20 years later I went to preach in Penang again. The senior pastor of the church said to me, "Pastor Tey, do you remember me? Once you went to Liancheng Garden Church to preach, and you were late. I decided to believe in the Lord that evening. Now I have served the Lord for many years. Thank you for coming to our

church.” This is a fruit from faithful prayer, and from God’s cultivation. It was entirely by God’s grace that I was able to keep that appointment. “And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them, and confirmed the word by the signs that followed” (Mark 16:20).

Chapter 23: A Sudden Heart Attack

I started to visit China in 1993, and up to now I have visited 24 provinces, 4 metropolitans, more than 200 cities, and more than 400 churches. On April 5, 2013, I was to speak in Shaanxi Province during a cross raising ceremony for a new church building. Over 1000 people packed the sanctuary to standing room only. The sanctuary was closed with limited airflow and it was very hot. Five minutes before the sermon, I had a blood clot in the blood vessel supplying blood to the heart, causing a serious heart attack. My breathing was short dramatically, with cold perspiration breaking out all over my body. I felt weak in the limbs, my heartbeat slowed down, and my whole body collapsed.

I asked the senior pastor, Rev. Chia Enhui, to have my son Moses replace me as the speaker, and send me immediately to the local emergency room. We often hear that the first hour is the 'golden hour' for heart attack rescue. By the time we got to the hospital, I almost lost all consciousness. According to the hospital’s regulation, we must pay a deposit before receiving any treatment. We had just arrived in China the evening before and had not had a chance to exchange our currency. Moses rushed in after preaching and borrowed some 6,000 dollars RMB from Christian friends to start the treatment. In all, over 2 hours had passed before we received the injection to try to break up the blood clot. The brothers and sisters prayed earnestly and God showed mercy on us.

Weinan is a county city, and the hospital was poorly equipped. They could not provide any other treatment except intravenous injection of blood dissolvent. In addition to preaching, my son Moses

tried to contact all possible channels for help. Three days later, the International Headquarters of Campus Crusades for Christ got in touch with the SOS International Medical Group, which sent a doctor from Beijing to the hospital in Weinan to examine me. After the examination, he decided to air ambulance me to Taiwan University Hospital in Taipei for further treatment. On April 11 at about 1:00 AM, accompanied by a doctor and a nurse, I was sent by an ambulance directly to Xian Airport, where a plane took me immediately to Sungshan International Airport in Taipei. (All expenses were paid by the insurance co.) After landing they took me immediately to the operation room of Taiwan University Hospital. At 9:30 AM Dr. Kao Xianli, a famous heart surgeon in Taiwan, did an angiogram on me. He sucked out the blood clot that blocked the blood flow, and found that all the blood vessels were healthy and no stent or bypass was needed. By 11:30 AM I was recovering in the ICU. On April 12 I was moved to the ordinary ward, and on April 17 I was discharged and went home to recuperate. Medical equipments and skills of the Taiwan University Hospital have indeed reached world-class.

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to dieand a time to heal....” (Eccl. 3:1-3).

It is entirely by God’s grace that I was treated in time. All the physicians agreed that if my blockage had been on the left side rather than the right, I would most likely have died; and if I had not been sent to Taiwan in a timely manner, I could also have suffered adverse results. God's timing is incredible. Right after Dr Kao did my procedure, he flew to Xian for a meeting. Without the timely operation of SOS medical group the result would also be unimaginable. Along the way, God provided incredible help from some very dear friends in Asia and USA. Our gratitude to them is far beyond what we could express by words.

According to the physician, if I carefully rehabilitate over three months along with the medication, I should be able to resume normal preaching and writing activities. Thus, for the first time in my life, we cancelled our speaking engagements in Singapore and Malaysia from May to July. We apologize for any inconvenience caused by this cancellation. I expect to resume normal ministry in August. “Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me” (Ps. 23:4).

“To Thee I shall offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and call upon the name of the Lord” (Ps. 116:17).

I want to “present my body as a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is my spiritual service of worship” (Rom. 12:1). This is the wish of my heart.

“As you cannot forecast the change of weather, so you cannot foretell what will happen to you the next morning or evening.” I returned to the U. S. on May 31. Elder Fan arranged for me to fly commercial class and, except during meal times, I lay and slept all my way to America. I enjoyed the best rest of my life. But after I returned to the U. S. I was twice struck with a serious heart attack.

On Father’s Day, June 16, 2013, I had a second serious heart attack, and was rushed immediately to Loma Linda University Medical Center. Dr. Hilliard performed a cardiac catheterization on me, and within an hour he discovered that the coronary artery in the right ventricle was totally blocked. He put five stents to open up the passage. The second day afternoon, while I was still in the hospital, I had another serious heart attack, and this is completely out of our expectation. The doctor performed another cardiac catheterization and found that all the five stents were blocked. The doctor did his best to remove the blockage in the stents and put another stent there. The operation lasted for three hours, and my family was anxiously praying for me in the waiting room. My right atrium was functioning with only 10% efficiency, and my heart almost stopped beating. The doctor gave me three electrical shocks, and I experienced the feeling of death. (I’ll describe this in more details in another chapter.) The doctor put a big balloon in the aorta in a procedure called Intra-aortic balloon pumping (IABP). It was connected to a machine outside the body which pumped in the

rhythm of the heart beat. The balloon in the aorta helped the heart to beat at the speed of the normal heartbeat. This made the blood to circulate. This balloon remained in my body for 48 hours to keep the heart beat, and this was an extremely dangerous period for me. I stayed in the ICU which was equipped with many kinds of instruments and machines. A special nurse stayed by my side every second of the 48 hours, until the balloon was removed from my body. Then it was relatively safe for me.

After the second operation I had to use a urinary catheter to urinate, and there was blood in my urine. After three catheterizations my groin (the inner side of my right leg) seeped out blood, and there was a big area of contusion from my upper right leg to my buttocks. My wife told me later that she couldn't bear looking at it. Due to repeated injection and blood drawing both my hands was full of needle holes. Later they put a 7 inch long plastic injection receptacle on my left arm to facilitate blood drawing and infusion.

I stayed in the ICU for 9 days and return home on June 25 to recuperate. According to the doctor's order I took 8 kinds of prescriptions three times a day.

I thank God for His special keeping and grace, and brothers and sisters both in the U. S. and overseas for their concern and urgent prayers. I specially thank some brothers and sisters who came to the hospital to visit and pray for me. This shows their true love in the Lord.

Since I am unable to make long distance travel I have to cancel all the speaking engagements for this year. I am sorry if this causes any inconvenience to those who invited me. I have asked my son Moses to carry on my ministry in China. During my recuperation I will be engaged in writing books. In the eight months after the illness I have completed five books. Please pray for me and ask the Lord to give me wisdom. Thank you very much.

Chapter 24: Two Mysterious Experiences

1. The Experience of Death

When I had my third heart attack in the ICU of Loma Linda Medical Center on June 17, 2013, my body felt extremely weak, and I thought I was going to die. Dr. Hilliard hurried to the ward immediately. He thought I had another infarction in the right coronary artery, and sent me immediately to the operation room. There he did another cardiac catheterization on me. In the process of the operation I was still conscious. After some time I clearly felt that

there was some milky stuff in my brain: It seems like brain, but not brain; it seems like fluid, but not fluid. Some fan-shaped spirals spun out of my brain. Out of my sub-consciousness a small voice said: “You died!” It was just like what the psalmist says, “I am poured out like water, my heart is like wax; it is melted within me” (Ps. 22:14). All of a sudden I lost all consciousness. What is it that goes out of my body? It is a real mystery.

Time passed like a lightning, and I did not know how much time had passed after all. All of a sudden, I experienced two explosions, like the explosion of an atomic bomb, in my brain. I could not describe the kind of pain I experienced. It is just unbearable. I suddenly cried with a loud voice: “Oh, help! The pain is killing me.” The nurse was so nervous that she ran to my side immediately. “I am sorry,” she apologized, “I am sorry”. The kind of excruciating pain was just for a moment, and it was gone in the blinking of an eye. I finally awoke and regained my consciousness. It is just like a resurrection for me! I deeply felt that the difference between life and death is just a thin line. It is like a revolving door: in on this side, out the other. Actually, our lives all lie in the hand of God. Jesus said: “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me though he were dead, yet shall he live” (John 11:25).

Two days later I asked the doctor why my brain felt the pain like being exploded by an atomic bomb, and he said: “Because your heart almost stopped beating. It’s very dangerous. You received three electric shocks. Maybe it is the shocks that made you so painful.”

Human life is like a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away. The Bible says: “There is a time to give birth, and a time to die....., and a time to heal” (Eccl. 3:2-3). There is a time for everything. I believe: “God is to us a God of deliverances; and to God the Lord belongs escape from death.” God is the Lord of our life.

The Bible says: “You ought to say, ‘If the Lord wills, we shall live and also do this or that” (James 4:15). My will is: “And even when I am old and gray, O God, do not forsake me, until I declare Thy strength to this generation, Thy power to all who are to come” (Psalm 71:18). Should we not devote our lives to achieve great things for the Kingdom of Heaven?

2. The Experience of a Trance

After my third operation the nurses pushed me to the ICU. Due to the shocks and turns in the process, and the pressure produced by the ascending and descending speed of the elevator, I vomited as soon

as we reached the ICU. Vomiting immediately following an operation is extremely dangerous and harmful. The nurse was very nervous, and did her best to take care of me, As I lay in my bed I felt extremely weak, and my wounds were oozing out blood. I seemed to be in a semi-conscious state. Suddenly, my body and bed floated up. It was so wonderful. My body and the whole bed were white, and in the blinking of an eye, I floated out of the ICU, still in my bed. The sky was so clear outside, and I could see a thousand miles of the spotless blue sky. On both sides of me were mile-high cliffs, and I was floating motionless between them. Then suddenly, my whole body fell swiftly down the valley in an angle. It was like a tunnel, but the top was open, and I could still see the blue sky. As I was reaching the bottom of the valley I began floating up again. I was lifted toward the sky, with high cliffs all around me. As I was approaching the top I saw a cave, and I was thrust into it with my bed. It was something like the ancient Jewish tomb. My feet were toward the end of the cave, and my head was toward the outside, at the entrance of the cave. I could freely turn my head to see the mountains and the sky. The thought came to my heart: Shall I be buried here forever?

After a moment, I floated out of the cave and quickly returned to the ICU. As I woke up I found I was still in the hospital bed. I am still alive in this world. Whether this experience was in the body or out of the body I don't know; only the Lord knows. Was this a trance as Peter experienced? "Just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without work is dead" (James 2:26). "The prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him" (James 5:15). Things about the spiritual realm are really mysterious and wonderful.

Chapter 25: Wonderful Guidance

September 1-30, 1999 we were ministering in Hebei, Tianjin, Fujian, Shanxi, and Inner Mongolia. The Holy Spirit worked with us, and both the preachers and believers were renewed in Spirit. Due to the fatigue of the journey and air pollution my wife Mary did not feel well. She got sick and coughed badly. We intended to return to Taipei to take care of it, but God had "special guidance" that let us escape the 921 earthquake in Taiwan.

The 921 earthquake is also called the Great Chi-Chi Earthquake. It happened on September 21, 1999 at 1:47:15.9 AM (local time) in the mountain area in central Taiwan. The whole island of Taiwan felt the strong shocks and shivered violently. It continued for 102 seconds, and caused the severest damage after WWII.

This earthquake caused 2,415 deaths, 29 missing, and 11,305 wounded. 51,711 houses were totally destroyed, and 53,768 houses were partially destroyed. It not only caused heavy casualty of persons, but also destructions of roads, bridges, other transportation facilities, dams and dikes, electric and industrial facilities, hospitals and schools. It caused large scale landslides, especially in central Taiwan. The western route of Taiwan Railroad was totally closed down, so were most bus transportation.

The epicenter was at north latitude 23.85 ° and east longitude 120.82 °, near the town of Chi-chi in Nantou County. It was 7.3 on Richter scale, and depth at epicenter was 8.0 kilometers. The American Geological Society measured it at 7.6-7.7. It caused a 85 kilometers cliff in the earth surface. (Adopted from Wikipedia)

(The following is written by my wife Mary.)

David, Moses, James Tai, and Frederick Chen all went to Jinjing, to minister at the Fujian Ministerial Retreat. I got the flu again, with coughing, headache, bone ache, running nose, and depression. I found a hard lump in my upper jaw. I discussed this with my husband. For physical health and therapy I intended to go back to Taiwan, and then to America, to which he agreed. So we decided not to go to Shanxi and Inner Mongolia, and asked Moses and Rev. Tai to finish the rest of the journey.

In the retreat we met Dr. Lin Zechen who was the director of internal medicine in the Second Hospital of Fuzhou. He promised to invite a specialist to see me when we get to Fuzhou on Friday.

Meanwhile I underwent a severe trial in my heart. I wondered if the hard lump is a malignant tumor. I became worried and panic, thinking I was going to leave the world pretty soon. But I was not at all prepared for it. The Holy Spirit illuminated my heart, and I determined to seek the Lord's will every day in the rest of my life. I must prepare to meet the Lord every day. I worried about my husband, wondering how he was going to live. I asked the Lord to renew my heart, and the Holy Spirit to illuminate me. I have too much dross in my heart to get rid of. Save me, O Lord.

On September 16, 1999, at 6:00 PM, accompanied by Rev. Lin Zhihua, vice president of Fujian Christian Association, we started out from Shi-shi and drove directly to Fuzhou. After checking in at the Yongdixin Hotel I was so tired that I was unable to attend the dinner party. Dr. Lin Zechen, director of internal medicine, brought Dr. Chang, a bone specialist, to the hotel to see me. He felt my upper jaw and said sternly, "Very hard." I thought the situation would not be optimistic. If God should give me another chance, it would be a miracle and grace out of my expectation.

I asked the Lord to help me to meditate on things above, and labor for the things that abide forever. I want to long for a more beautiful home in heaven, where my dear Lord had prepared a eternal residence for me. I thanked the Lord for giving me thousands of chances, but I was proud and obstinate. Lord, as You have forgiven me, so let me also forgive others. Help me to be prepared to meet you every day. Now my heart is in panic because I am not prepared. I asked the Lord to forgive me my sins of the tongue, and help me not to love the world but to overcome it, so that I may not grieve the Holy Spirit.

In the morning of September 17 Ronglian, daughter of Dr. Zheng Yuguei, chief of the hospital, took me to the Second Hospital in Fuzhou. My husband kept my company. Thank the Lord, Dr. Lin Zechen, director of internal medicine, was waiting at the door of the hospital. He had arranged everything for me. Dr. Lin, specialist in CT scan, made 15 scan pictures and X-ray of the lung. They also tested my blood, and the result of all the tests was known immediately. The series of tests and exams were finished in a matter of hours. Without the help of all the doctors in the Lord we might have to stand in line for every procedure and spend a few days waiting for the results. I had multiple feelings in my heart. On the one hand I thanked God for His grace, and felt deeply unworthy on the other. I confessed and repented my weakness and failure in helping and serving others. I asked the Lord to give me another chance. I wanted to follow Jesus' example in self denial and love for others. Man has to experience birth, old age, sickness, and death. If the Lord gives me another chance I will use every drop of my life to serve others and win souls for the Lord.

The result of the CT scan is out, and Dr. Lin said, "Probably it is not malignant. Actually, I am almost positive it is not malignant." I cannot describe my gratitude to God. God has given me another chance to repent and renew myself.

After hearing this my husband immediately changed his mind, and decided to continue the preaching ministry, and finish the unfinished itinerary. I also decided not to go back to Taiwan, and go to Shanxi and Inner Mongolia with him. Originally I had planned to go back to Taiwan on September 20, but since God led the doctors in Fuzhou to solve my medical problem I canceled my trip to Taiwan. Because of this I escaped the great 7+ earthquake in Taiwan on September 21. If I went to Taiwan on the 20th and witnessed the great earthquake I would be scared to death even I escaped injury. "While they are saying, 'Peace and safety!' then destruction will come upon them suddenly like birth pangs upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape" (I Thess. 5:3). So we must be obedient to God's will, and the Holy Spirit's guidance. "Lead me in Thy truth

and teach me, for Thou art the God of my salvation; for Thee I wait all the day” (Ps. 25:5).

September 26 (Sunday), my husband preached in a church in Hohhot on “Jesus’ Ascension”, and more than 2,000 attended the service. The service proceeded very orderly, and the believers were very honest and sincere. My heart was filled with awe. Seeing this revival at this “historical moment” I had to believe that believers in China are “blooming up everywhere”. “I have heard of Thee by the hearing of the ear; but now my eye sees Thee” (Job 42:5).

All of a sudden my physical condition turned for the better. I seldom coughed, and my nose stopped running. It’s really a miracle. I could not thank the Lord enough. “There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every event under heaven – A time to give birth, and a time to die; A time to plant, and a time to uproot what is planted; A time to kill, and a time to heal; A time to tear down, and a time to build up” (Ecc. 3:1-3).

All the days of our life are in God’s hand. He will direct our path if we believe everything, pray for everything, commit everything to Him, hope for everything, and give thanks in everything. God’s wonderful guidance will bring peace and rest to our heart.

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