



# RMI News

## January 2025

*Dear brothers and sisters,*

Every time I sit down to write a newsletter, I can't help but feel joyful as I share with you the work of Restaurant Mission.

Looking back at 2024, the ministry has continued to develop, and the number of attendees has continued to increase. Brothers and sisters have transformed from lukewarm believers to zealous workers for the Lord. This is exactly the outcome we hoped and prayed for! All glory and praise be to our Lord Jesus Christ who loves us.

In 2024, the two groups within RMI—the "Sisters' Group" and "Men's Group"—have laid a solid foundation. In the first phase, we built strong teams through fellowship among brothers and sisters, and now we have entered the second phase—reaching out to and inviting newcomers to join.

The Mandarin ministry of RMI has also begun to grow through the hard work of the brothers and sisters serving in it. Two Bible study groups, held in restaurants, have grown, with the larger group now meeting at RMI headquarters on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 PM. We pray that the Lord will establish a Mandarin worship service within this year.

After the COVID-19 pandemic, RMI has held baptisms every year. In 2022, five were baptized; in 2023, six; and in 2024, four. The recent baptized four brothers and sisters are the fruits of the Mandarin ministry. On Christmas Day last year, we held a baptism service, followed by a Christmas dinner shared by Cantonese and Mandarin-speaking brothers and sisters.

At our final gathering in 2024, we held a "Year-End Thanksgiving gathering." It was heartwarming to see many brothers and sisters eagerly coming forward to share how the Lord had shown His grace in their lives. Their testimonies were not just about peace and good health, but about the life-changing experiences of Jesus leading them from death to life. Some experienced God's peace and healing from serious illness. Some, after years of marital strife, learned to accept and appreciate each other. Some who were almost homeless are now finding stability. Every testimony was heartfelt and moving, leaving listeners deeply touched. Each one is a living testimony of God's work in people's lives.

Since the love of Christ has inspired many brothers and sisters, this year we are taking advantage of the momentum. Starting in January, during

the Tuesday evening Bible study at 7:30 PM, we launched evangelism training to refresh and equip everyone. This will help us complete the "Great Commission" entrusted to us by the Lord.

I have previously mentioned that fellowship members refer to RMI as their "home". Here, they receive not only good food and much laughter but also trust, care, support, and encouragement. The concept of this "home" is deeply embedded in the hearts of the brothers and sisters. As a result, everyone is doing their best to contribute to building this home. We hope that the warmth of this "home" will attract friends from the restaurant industry who don't yet know the Lord to come and meet Jesus, because this warmth in the Lord is exactly what the world is lacking.

The extension of this home is your support, encouragement, and fervent prayers. This ministry cannot succeed without you. Let us work together to build God's kingdom. This is my heartfelt desire!

Servant in Christ

**David Ko**



► Happy faces of the Sisters' group



◀ One Mandarin Bible study group moved to RMI headquarters.



► Recent Worship Service at RMI.

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Opening hours: Monday to Friday (exclude public holidays)  
10:30am - 4:00pm (12 to 1pm Lunch break)

Worship Service: Tuesday 5:30pm - 6:45pm  
(Dinner and Bible study groups after Service)

Website: [www.restaurantmission.org.au](http://www.restaurantmission.org.au)

### PRAYER POINT

1. Pray for the continued prosperity of the Mandarin ministry, asking the Lord to protect and grant health to the co-workers so they can move forward courageously in building this ministry.
2. Pray that this year, Mandarin Worship in RMI can begin. Ask the Lord to inspire more brothers and sisters to get involved.
3. Pray for our brothers and sisters as they grow older, asking the Lord to protect their health and grant them the strength and heart to glorify God and serve others. Pray especially for those who have retired, that they would not forget the mission entrusted by the Lord and continue to witness for Him in new roles.
4. Pray for the evangelistic work in the restaurant industry in Perth and Brisbane, asking the Lord to raise up more local brothers and sisters to get involved and participate.

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