

Dear Brothers and Sisters.

BACK IN MARCH this year, our pastoral team at RMI drew up a ministry blueprint. In May, we shared it with the congregation and, together, committed ourselves to follow this path in fulfilling the mission entrusted to us by the Lord. Just as our hearts were burning with zeal and we were filled with hope, the very next day the enemy struck. A co-worker who had walked alongside us for over thirty years suffered a severe stroke. Soon after, two in the pastoral team each lost their fathers, and another one, feeling exhausted, so we offered him Sabbatical leave. Along with these came many other smaller disturbances, wave after wave, all seemingly aimed at stopping us from carrying out the plans God had placed before us.

In June, we responded with our first breakthrough: the launch of our Mandarin worship service. What began in our office soon found a larger home, thanks to the support of Central Baptist Church, where we were able to gather in one of their spacious halls. Attendance has steadily grown since.

According to the blueprint, training must lead to action. After more than two months of preparation, our "Gospel Ambassadors" made a bold move on July 29 during Gospel Tuesday, leading three restaurant workers to Christ—two of whom had been long-term contacts. Trained disciplers then stepped in to follow them up with care and support.

In August, we pressed forward again with the Sydney Short-term Mission. Seventeen brothers and sisters reached out across a 100-kilometer radius of Sydney, visiting 88 restaurants, cafés, and takeaway shops. We handed out over 300 gospel packs and met 110 new friends from the restaurant industry. While the main goal was to break new ground by introducing RMI to others in the field, our team members couldn't resist sharing the gospel directly. Each one had personally experienced the goodness of the gospel

and simply could not keep silent: "If they keep quiet, the stones will cry out." (Luke 19:40)

This month, we take another step of faith with the "A Date with Spring" outing on September 15. This trip is designed as a bridge toward our Gospel Sunday on September 30. We are not aiming for numbers; if four or five new friends can be reached in a focused way, our hearts will be full.

In August, we also welcomed Brother King Li (李竟裕) as RMI's full-time gospel officer. Brother Li brings valuable experience from serving in both churches and Christian organizations. The harvest is plentiful, and we pray he will quickly settle into this ministry and join us in reaping the Lord's abundant harvest.

The stronger the attacks, the more determined our hearts have become. We grit our teeth; even if our legs are weak, we will lean on one another and keep moving forward together. The blueprint we have drawn must be lived out. It is because the enemy fears, and because we are walking in the right direction, that opposition arises.

Yet every step we take is with trembling, for we know our strength and energy are limited. Still, these attacks do not drive us back. Instead, they draw us nearer to the One who loves us—the Almighty, limitless Lord. Holding His hand, as long as we have breath, we will go forward with courage. May He lead us through the valley of the shadow of death. We also need everyone to earnestly pray for this ministry, support and participate in it. Let us work together to win this unreached groups.

Serving together in Christ

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PRAYER POINT

- Pray that the Lord will block the attacks of the evil one so that we can carry out the Lord's work according to His plan.
- Pray that the Lord will empower our co-workers to expand the vast field of the Mandarin ministry and send more of His workers to participate in this work.
- Pray that the Lord will give all pastors and committee members a unified purpose and direction, complementing each other's shortcomings in building RMIministry.
- 4. Pray for the spiritual growth of the brothers and sisters in the fellowship. Pray that the Lord's Spirit will inspire each of us to read the Bible and pray daily, and to be courageous witnesses to our family, friends, and colleagues.

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