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*My* ***F****aithful prayer partner/s in the* ***F****aith and in the defence of the Gospel* (Phil. 1:5, 7)

The Passing year of 2022 has been eventful with missing opportunities and persons (!) as well as fond memories of family relationships strengthened in the bond of love, care and concern for one another.

**Mission and Ministry Curtailed.**

The second half of last year found my wife and me more restricted in our movements that affected us to the extent that we had to curtail our physical mission for the Lord. We were not able to move physically as much as we could and would with my wife having pain in her knees and back which affected her in her walk; and I had to cope with the increased palpitations of my heart over the slightest exertion. Also, the dizziness that accompanied my postural hypotension were of no help. Thus, with these physical restraints and others not mentioned, both of us found our movements very restricted in our service for the Lord. Another cause for concern is my loss of concentration to drive long distances and at night, though I just renewed my driving license that will last me till I am 89 years old! Consequently, my ministry to the saints across the channel is affected and I was not able to visit Bukit Mertajam Gospel Centre and Butterwirth Gospel Hall. I thank God for the saints there who under these circumstances still have personal and corporate fellowship with me. The Lord bless their gatherings together.

**Missing Men and Women at Rest**
In the past six months, our list of missing persons kept on lengthening. The longer we live, the longer the list of missing friends as they are called up to meet their Lord. It was indeed a wonder that during this short time, we lost a few of our dear friends.

In particular, were two friends of ours, Mr. & Mrs. Ang Chui Pek, who were married on the same day as we were and by the same minister, Mr. Sidney Adams, on 14th December, 1963. They were married at 10.00a.m. in Taiping Gospel Hall with Mr. Adams rushing over to Burmah Road Gospel Hall in Penang soon after to marry my wife and me at 3.00p.m. And we had our honeymoon at the Government Rest House in Cameron Highlands next to one another without planning to! Mr. Ang left for his heavenly home on Christmas Day last year to meet his Lord and his wife who had left for home a short time earlier. He was just past 90.

While there were those who were called home to rest with the Lord, there are those who have been faithfully serving Him and Whom He wants to rest too. They are His faithful servants on earth. They have served the Lord fervently for many years and they deserve the rest while waiting for Him to come.

Mr. Peter Ferry, my fellow-worker in the early days was hospitalised for a heart surgery last year. Today he rests at home in Phuket, Thailand to recover from his ailment. He was always regarded by us as one strong lion in his vigourous days of service for the Lord, but today the Lord says Well Done to him even as He recovers, having gone past the age of Caleb.

Likewise. we remember Mr. Daniel Jevaraj now in his ninety-third year longing to be with his wife, Ruth who had gone to meet her Master also when in her nineties. He is indeed a good example of a faithful servant of the Lord for his over eighty years in service for Him.

We also remember Dr. Colleen Redit with her worldwide Christian ministries in the Christian Mission Charitable Trust (CMCT). She has gone though many physical challenges recently, but is still as strong as ever spiritually in her eighties. Her vision for the Lord has never dimmed and she still aspires to do great things for the Lord and for the people she loves.

It is with people like the above-mentioned who have set up the standards that we thank God for them and for the blessings they bring to so many through their ministry. May the Lord continue to sustain them and bring up others to follow them in their footsteps.

Age is catching up fast with both my wife and I. We just celebrated our 59th wedding anniversary with our eldest son’s, Christopher’s, family in the States and looking for our diamond this year if the Lord wills. In our mid-eighties now, and as much as we would like to follow the footsteps of Caleb in claiming a mountain to conquer at this age, we must confess that we fall much short of his ambitions and aspirations and have to humbly bow to our conditions to accept what the Lord challenges us with in His own gracious ways.

With our aging years and growing family, we feel the need more than ever to come together to bond with one another. This was one project envisioned by our eldest son, Christopher, two years ago but it was disrupted by the onslaught of Covid\_19 epidemic.

However, this was revived with the lifting of the epidemic restrictions in the US at the end of last year. Christopher, prompted by his wife, Deborah, quickly took advantage of this and sponsored us and our daughter, Dorothy and her daughter, Hannah to visit them in Florida in the States. They were with us to assist us in our flight travels. The others could not make it because of domestic responsibilities.

**Miracles in Clearwater, Florida:**

In a way this was a miraculous trip for us.

Miracle One:

First, I (a heart patient) was cleared by my cardiologist to take the 22-hour flight to Florida and return. In fact, he insisted that my wife and I should make the trip, as at our age we need to do so before we miss the opportunity. And no company would even insure me, except the Lord Who promised that indeed He would ensure me of a safe trip. It was indeed by God’s Grace that throughout the long trip to and from we did not encounter any problem.

Miracle Two:

**Yet**, just /three days before our trip, Tornado Ian visited Florida and was forecast by the weathermen that the storm was headed for my son’s home in Clearwater. But just a day before, it swerved inland to go clear of his home. It was completely left untouched!

Miracle Three:

Just the day after our flight home, there was a severe technical electrical outage that forced many flights in the States to cancel. We flew home safely just the day before this happened!

Miracle Four:

I met up with a long-lost sister in the Lord who was my Specialist Teachers’ Christian Fellowship secretary, Kua Chin Ai. We lost touch with one another for over half a century. Somehow, she found me through a friend via WhatsApp. And she and her pastor husband, Daniel, drove all the way from New York to Clearwater to meet up with me and my family.

The Lord was good and gracious to all of us. Throughout the trip we were privileged to be treated very well giving us great opportunities to bond closely with Christopher and his family and his other daughter’s family. There’s much more to relate with regard to the trip but time forbids me to narrate all.

However, let me just relate only a few. Among them we thank God for their love and care to see to their parents’ and grandparents’ needs. Yes, it was just wonderful to relate so well with our granddaughter and her sister’s family too. The Love for each other was real though we hardly saw one another for years.

We were well cared for physically and I for one regained some of the weight I lost. Ice-cream, butter, pastry and good variant cuisines were the causes.

We also had opportunities to experience new adventures that we missed in our young days as my retired daughter, Dorothy and her daughter, Hannah, my wife and I had opportunities to paddle (*kayak*) our son’s canoes and even pilot his boat for short distances under guidance.

Another highlight of our trip was to go for a cruise to the Dominican Republic Islands. We also visited the Kennedy Space Centre and even to witness the launching of a space rocket.

My wife also had her loss of hearing treated by an audiologist. She can now hear better.

In anticipation of coming birthdays (four of us in January and February) and the Chinese New Year we even celebrated them in advance with the tossing of the *yee sang* too. The American Ungs were thrilled to observe these events.

The others in the Family in Malaysia are not left out. They are Robert, Alvin, Huey Fern, Andrew, Daniel and Alicia.

They were not with us in the US trip but they are with us now for the Chinese New Year clan gathering. With this we thank the Lord that our bonding with all family members is complete. Tomorrow we shall celebrate our Chinese New Year Eve Family Reunion and we shall take the opportunity to unite all members of the family clan (in Bethel and US) virtually to celebrate as we have our fun together over Zoom.

The Lord indeed has been very good to our families to bless us in such wonderful ways; and in this we also include all of you who have been in fellowship with me and my family all these years.

Sunday is Chinese New Year Day in Malaysia. My assembly has invited me to speak on the Chinses Lunar Year of **The Rabbit** and what the Bible teaches about it. For those interested, it will be streamed life via You Tube at 10.00a.m. on Sunday, 22nd January. For those interested to catch me life, you can send me your request via WhatsApp and I will form a once-for-all WhatsApp Chat for you to receive the URL which will be available only at the real time when I speak at **10.00am on Sunday, 22nd January, 2023**. Please WhatsApp me at

6-0164961938 if interested.

You can also download the study after Tuesday by visiting my website at [www.berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com).

In the meanwhile, together with this Berita, I am attaching the Lord’s Day Rumination on “The Rabbit” for your meditation and reflection for the week. It is based on my study for Sunday.

My wife and I this opportunity to wish the Chinese brethren from among us

**A BLESSED AND BOUNTIFUL CHINESE NEW YEAR**

And to all of you

**A PROSPEROUS (Josh. 1:8; Psa. 1:3) AND PRODUCTIVE**

**NEW YEAR FOR THE LORD.**

In His Love and Grace,

And On behalf of my wife and family,

KC Ung