

Dear Prayer Partners,

Here are a few highlights of ministry that I would treasure your prayers on:

Dr. Patrick Fung in Ottawa 2017:

- Through the love and support of the churches in Ottawa, his itinerary and schedule are pretty much set now.

Dr. Jamie Taylor in Toronto 2018:

- His itinerary and schedule are also coming together very nicely - thanks to the leadership of the Toronto Chinese Evangelical Ministerial Fellowship, especially the task force formed among the Mandarin-speaking pastors for this series of event.
- This will go into the promotion phase very soon. Two pre-workshops have been planned for Chinese church leaders, with myself as the key presenter on 5 generations of Taylor and their legacy.

Perspectives:

- The semi-intensive course at Hallelujah Chinese Evangelical Free Church has drawn to a successful close on August 26, and a new one will be starting at Commonwealth Avenue Baptist Church (a Filipino church) on September 11.
- Planning has started for two more classes next year: an intensive one at Knox Presbyterian Church, and a regular one at North York Chinese Baptist Church.

Kairos:

- After much prayer and deliberation, I have decided to disassociate myself from the Kairos movement and its leadership. It has not been an easy decision but I do believe it is the right one to make at this time.

Partnership with like-minded agencies:

- Praise the Lord - through a few preliminary conversations, Connections East Asia will be exploring partnership in diaspora ministries with other like-minded agencies.
- Enoch Society - this is a Toronto effort to take care of the elderly with a long term vision to some day be a part of Christian Elderly Care in East Asia. We are currently making connections and exploring ways to do this with OMF and MSI.

- By the grace of the Lord, I have been in contact with a group of prayer warriors in Gospel outreach to the Tibetans, and plan to be involved in an upcoming training towards that end.

Pastoral and Other Ministries:

- By the grace of the Lord, my preaching schedule for 2018 is fast filling up. I do still have a few spots left. If you know of any need for pulpit or teaching supply, please do not hesitate to let me know.
- Continuing to lead a venture into a new vision and a new direction at the small church I am still serving as a pastor in.
- The Talking Book Library has moved to a new temporary location, and will be looking for a more permanent place to call home. May the Lord provide!
- Tyndale's Alumni Association (Chinese Chapter) is also in the process of regrouping and refocusing.
- Had the privilege to journey with a few pastor friends who are in the middle of some not-so-easy transitions.
- Also privileged to offer a small amount of care and support for a family making end-of-life preparations for a loved one.

Budgeting:

- We in OMF have just gone through a few rounds of discussion on our budget for next year. Like all other teams, Connections East Asia will see a drastic reduction in the already limited amount of the budget for 2018. This will inevitably impact the development of this new initiative. Please be in prayer with and for us as we look to Jehovah Jireh to provide for what we need to do His work. "Not by might, nor by power, but by His Spirit" (Zachariah 4:6)
- A part of this is my own support level - please be remembering this in your prayer as well.

Personal & Family:

- Ruth is now in Ireland - please continue to pray for what she needs to complete what we can expect to be a very demanding program
- Dawn is looking for a new job - please cover her efforts in prayer

Thank you for praying - He takes delight in hearing His children's plea, and will honour those prayers for His own glory and praise!

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