



Peace to You, Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

May the grace and peace of God be with you always.

FOLLOWING THE school holidays and Lunar New Year this year, the restaurant industry has slowed down from its previous busyness, and signs of declining business are emerging. Some restaurants have even announced plans to sell their businesses after Easter. Many workers are now seeking employment. Attendance at RMI gatherings has decreased from about 60 people to around 50. In conversations with restaurant workers, we have sensed their helplessness and frustration, further impressing upon us the urgency of sharing the Gospel.

Starting this year, in addition to our regular outreach to restaurant workers, we are shifting greater focus toward nurturing the spiritual growth of our members. Besides the weekly Bible studies held every Tuesday at 3:30 PM and 7:30 PM, we will host a "Vision Sharing" session in early May to help our members understand more clearly the need for evangelism and to stir their hearts to participate. Basic training sessions will be offered, followed by a few short-term mission trips within the state. Subsequently, we will commence "Follow-up" training, equipping members with the foundational skills necessary to become "Spiritual Nurturers."

In months that have five Tuesdays, the fifth Tuesday will be set aside for an evangelistic worship service. We encourage all members to invite non-believing colleagues, friends, and family members to attend.

Mandarin Ministry Update

The Mandarin ministry continues to develop steadily. Every Tuesday at 8:30 AM, there is a Bible study group meeting at a restaurant, and another Bible study class at 7:30 PM at the RMI office. Attendance at these gatherings remains steady and continues to grow.

After much prayer regarding the establishment of a Mandarin worship service, we are thankful for the Lord's guidance. It has been decided that, starting from June, a formal Mandarin worship service will commence. All serving roles have been arranged, and members are committed and willing to serve joyfully. Consequently, to accommodate the broader ministry needs, the following adjustments to the schedule will be made:

- The Tuesday morning 8:30 AM Bible study group at the restaurant will remain unchanged;
- The evening Bible study class will be rescheduled to 5:30 PM;
- From 6:30 to 7:30 PM, there will be a joint dinner with the Cantonese congregation;
- At 7:30 PM, the Mandarin worship service will begin.

We prayerfully entrust all plans into God's hands, trusting that He will accomplish what pleases Him.

Facing Challenges with Faith Over the past two months, several coworkers have experienced the passing of family members. We are thankful that these loved ones had all come to faith in Christ. Our coworkers have faced their grief with courage and continue to serve faithfully, exemplifying the hope found in Christ. May the Lord comfort them and bless their faith.

Like many families today, RMI also bears various pressures and financial burdens. Yet, we do not lose heart. With the leadership of the Lord Jesus and your prayers and support, we firmly believe that He who began a good work among us will bring it to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Amen.

May the grace of the Lord always be with you!

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10:30am - 4:00pm (12 to 1pm Lunch break)

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

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PRAYER POINT

1. Pray for the direction and ministry blueprint set for RMI. May the Lord unite the brothers and sisters in heart and spirit to move forward toward the goal..
2. Thank the Lord for the steady development of the Mandarin ministry. Pray that the Lord will strengthen the coworkers involved and lead more Mandarin-speaking people in this industry to turn to Him.
3. Pray for the ministries established among the restaurant industry workers in Melbourne, Perth, and Brisbane. May the Lord raise up more brothers and sisters to cultivate and build these ministries together.
4. Pray for brothers and sisters running food and beverage businesses: ask God to grant wisdom from above, so that in the midst of difficult business environments, they may, by God's grace, overcome challenges and become His testimony.

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