
M&M: Answered prayer, God's way...

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Good morning, prayer partners!

It's a beautiful Sunday sunrise here. His Word reminds me once again of His fresh mercy yet steadfast faithfulness -- in the midst of His active answering prayer and training us up in Him...

WE SEE GOD ANSWERING PRAYER IN HIS USUAL LOVING WAYS:**1. "I'M SAYING NO because I love you..."**

Matt's trip to the international conference will not materialize. Not mainly because of paperwork... his birth certificate did come through, his passport could be picked up any day, and the principal of the school was ready to make the appointment for visa interview. (though it would be iffy for a Muslim background kid to get a visa in the current world situation.) BUT the main reason for canceling is Matt himself... going through some major teenage behavior issues that are not resolving. God through this has allowed my dear pastor here and I to work together for Him in a sweet way. But pray for Matt... he is fighting against God speaking out in love to him. And God is calling him to come to Him in brokenness and trust.

2. "I'M SAYING YES YES YES.... wanting to bless you above and beyond ..."

We had a wonderful visit with three Chinese brethren last week. A very fun time of trying to communicate with a translator app on our cell phones, but awesome deep fellowship despite the human barriers. They challenged us by their persistent heart for discipleship, encouraged us by hearing examples of the house church model used in closed places, and we celebrated together the baptism of Teacher Judy (Lyn) and Rob (Ruben) in a public pool ... as it was totally empty due to the fast month. Awesome time bringing us to tears of joy! Pray as we continue to grow deep as disciples together.

3. "I'M SAYING WAIT and see my mighty power able to work where your resources, strength, and brains don't reach..."

The wonderful and skilled director of the rehab center has just about thrown up his hands about working with Meo, as have Lyn and I about speaking into Norie's life... for any hope humanly speaking for a successful recovery and reuniting of this family. So despite Meo's dangerous jealousy imaginations about any man concerning his wife, Ruben has felt the call to go up and pay a visit to him with his deaf son, Raop. They arrived by ship this morning, and will be there for 3 days. Pray for God's mighty work in this visit, that He would call Meo to Himself through Ruben's powerful testimony and his courageous love for him as a future brother.

4. "I'M THE GOD WHO HEALS... but in My way and time ..."

Our dear Sister Cel, who came to us in January for a some needed GYN surgery... who two weeks later also had an emergency appendectomy, has had her sponsor buy a ticket home to Manila the next 28th. BUT 3 days ago she began to show signs of a possible blood clot in her leg, suspicion increased by a positive blood test. This condition could lead to a clot to the lung, a dangerous event called a pulmonary embolism. As she cries out, "WHY AGAIN LORD?" she's now awaiting confirmation by ultrasound evaluation, but it's hard to schedule. Pray for wisdom, particularly about safety of activity and timing of travel! Also pray as she's being challenged by the Lord by many confirming voices to consider leaving her job and joining the preschool ministry. But many complicated factors to consider...

5. "I'M SAYING COME TO ME AND REST..."

God gave me and Jeje, Pammy, and Cel a few days at the shore... to just rest, swim, grill fish, sing worship songs, and individually look at His Word. Ahhhhh... so good to lay all at His feet.

Thanks for joining us as we rest and trust in our God who hears and answers prayer!

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