

"Thus saith the Lord."

JOYFUL OBEDIENCE

('Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus)-ENGLISH



The Lord is my strength and my shield;
my heart trusts in him, and he helps me.
My heart leaps for joy,
and with my song I praise him.
(Psalm 28:7)

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Although we can't trust the world, our circumstances, or ourselves, it is a truly joyful journey to believe in, follow, and trust in Jesus.

During the lengthy period that could not be shared in writing, God has guided us through a long and deep path. And he has held our hands and led us attentively along the way. There were times when we were afraid, discouraged, and wanted to give up, but we have walked that journey, relying solely on the hand that held us and kept us on this unknown and invisible path.

And finally, at the end of this long journey, God tells us to run forward with strength. And now we can speak with confidence,

“The greatest joy of our lives is placing our trust in the Lord.
And following the ways that he shows and guides us is the safest course.”

MINISTRY

ignite youth

It has been our tremendous joy and privilege to train the next generation of young people who remember their creator in their youth and

dedicate their lives to Him.

We are now preparing to restart a ministry of training MK teenagers with these young people who have committed themselves. Together with them, we will train MK teenagers in Bogor, Indonesia from June 18 to 21, 2024. Please join us in prayers for both young adults and MK teenagers.



build up ministry

By the unchanging grace of the Lord, the Build-up ministry was also carried out in July and November 2023. We were encouraged by the children who had been with us for some years and had grown in their faith in the Lord. Our teachings may have little impact on them, but we believe in God, who clothes, raises, and teaches these children. Please continue to pray for them so that they can grow up to be true believers and leaders in the Muslim context of Indonesia.



The children of Kemulian AG church who are growing in the Lord

new horizon church

We cannot express how wonderful it is for our family to be a part of New Horizon Church. We praise God for the opportunities that Aster teaches children in Sunday school. It brings her great joy to see them grow in God.



David's Lecture on Ezra & Nehemiah

David was able to give a month-long lecture on the books of Ezra and Nehemiah at NHC last July. It was an excellent opportunity to discuss and teach with church members about how to study and understand the books of Ezra and Nehemiah.

Some believers said their perspective on the Bible changed over this time, while others expressed gratitude for the opportunity to learn how to apply the Word to their own lives and circumstances.

It was a moment when we were reminded of the incredible joy that comes from knowing, comprehending, and applying God's Word to our lives and the teaching of it. Our desire is to live a life filled with continuous joy in knowing God.



mission trip to PALANGCARAYA



NHY MISSION TRIP IN DECEMBER

Last September and December, we went on two mission trips to Palangkaraya, Kalimantan, Indonesia, with NHC members. We were able to visit the IGC mission center construction site as well as other IGC local churches to worship together. The youth mission team, in particular, visited the IGC Jesus Disciples Church in the forest and was able to do children's ministry as well as local school ministry there.

Every participant, from young to old, understood and experienced the importance of carrying on cross-cultural missions for God's kingdom. This was an opportunity for personal growth and an encounter with the Holy Spirit.

We praise God for allowing us to run toward where his heart is, and we are pleased that God poured out his missionary heart on NHC through this mission trip.



NHC MISSION TEAM IN SEPTEMBER

FAMILY

Due to visa issues, Ethan and Jaden had to change school early this year. Leaving their close friends was met with a great deal of regret and sadness. Jaden still doesn't seem to be having much fun at his new school; he takes a long time to get used to a new environment. We will admit, though, that everything falls into God's excellent plan and purpose. We are praying that one day Ethan and Jaden will realize that life's blessings of God surpass life's challenges.



With friends from former school



The December mission trip with NHC youth and David was an unforgettable experience for the children. We believe they learned about God's heart by seeing and experiencing personally what the land David always spoke about was like. And it was at this point that they recognized their relationship with God was not via their parents, but rather between God and themselves. As parents, we don't know what God has in store for Ethan and Jaden, but we trust that God will guide them in the right direction at the appropriate time.

We emphasize every day that living as worshipers is our identity, and we are grateful that God has given them the opportunity to participate as a worship team not just in the youth group but also in Sunday worship services, despite their lack of musical ability.

We pray that they would understand what it means to worship God, not merely how to play a musical instrument. So, we pray that they will live their lives as true worshippers of God every day.

Above all, we are grateful for the opportunity for Ethan and Jaden to be part of a good community (NHY) to grow and walk together in the Lord. God has brought them good brothers and sisters of faith as well as friends, and through their lives, they have been challenged and learned how to live as God's children with courage. Furthermore, it is our greatest thanks and grace that they have been able to grasp the importance of faith in establishing their lives and entrusting everything to God.



Ethan hurt his right knee while we were in Korea for youth training in January and had to be taken to the hospital. Seeing him go to church and ask for help made Ethan and Jaden realize that they were not alone and that they had a family in Christ, even when their parents were not present. We thank God for enabling us to be a part of NHC and experience what a truly Christian community is all about.

Last December was an unforgettable time for our entire family. There was a retirement ceremony for Aster's parents, who had been pastors all their lives. Aster's parents completed their ministries at Grace Church, where they had been serving for over 27 years. We respected them as pastors who never stopped striving to serve God to the best of their capacities.



When we watched them shed tears as they were reminded of their dedication to the Lord, we prayed fervently that our lives would end in such a gracious manner when God told us to lay them down as well. We pray for the rest of their lives. And we also pray that the next pastor of the church will continue God's ministry.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please pray for us to become a family that happily follows God's call.
- Please pray for David. He will go to Jakarta, Indonesia on February 17th to study language. Please pray for his spiritual and physical health and wisdom so that he doesn't have any difficulty learning the language. Please pray that his tuition and living expenses will be met.
- Please pray for our family to have a united heart.
- Please pray for weekly Zoom training. Pray for the next generation of leaders to emerge from among them.
- Please pray for Aster's LTVP. She is waiting to hear the outcome of the appeal to ICA after the second rejection of the application. We trust that God will make a way.
- Please pray for Aster and her ministry team as they will visit Kemulian AG church in Jakarta, Indonesia from March 1 to 3. Pray for the special anointing of the Holy Spirit upon them and the children of the church.
- Please pray that Ethan's injured right kneecap will heal quickly and without complications, allowing him to commute to school by subway and bus and that his growth and health will be unaffected in the future.
- Please pray for MK teenagers training in Bogor, Indonesia from June 18 to 21.