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Hallelujah~

Beloved fellow believers, as we enter June, half of the year has already passed. It has also been a year since we moved the church. Looking back, everything was by grace, and it would have been impossible without the prayers and united hearts of many people. Once again, I sincerely thank all those who have stayed with us thus far and promise to continue striving and advancing for the sake of the Gospel. Even now, with the prayers of our fellow workers, the Kingdom of God continues to expand

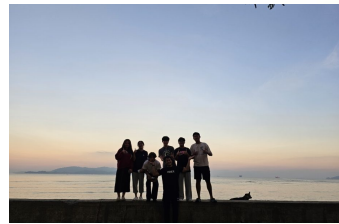
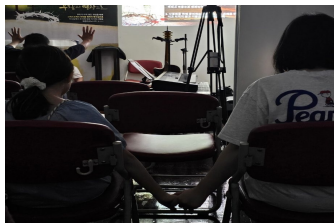
1. New year Family Worship

Just like last Chuseok, this New Year, the church members, who are like relatives and family to one another, were spend the holiday together at the church. On this day, the elders of the church was prepare "angpao" (New Year's money) to distribute to the next generation of children. Although it's a small amount of money, it's a blessed time where the joy of giving and receiving is shared among everyone. We also shared holiday foods, play Yutnori, and distribute prizes, enjoying a delightful time together.



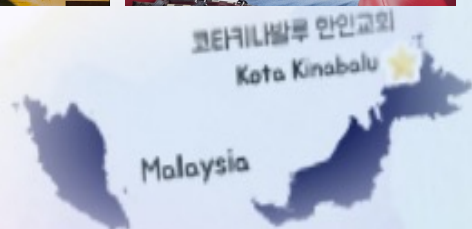
2. Special Early Morning Prayer Meetings During Passion Week

Continuing from last year, we held the Special Early Morning Prayer Meetings during Passion Week again this year. Unlike last time when three pastors led the sessions together, it was challenging to lead the entire week alone, but there was abundant grace. It was a precious time, especially with local church members bringing their children to attend the services together. On the last day, the children of the next generation joined us, making the moment even more grace-filled and radiant.



3. 2024 Bible Conference

Although our church is small and our financial situation is not yet sufficient, we firmly believe that the gospel is what we should focus on and follow. Therefore, we have decided not to spare any expense in learning the Word and hearing the gospel. In line with this, we hold a Bible conference once a year. Starting last year with Pastor Lee Young-joo from Dream Church in the UK, this year we invited Pastor Hong Young-jin from Jesus Tree Church in Korea. Many congregation members were blessed by the event, and it was a precious time to understand what it means to live by the gospel and to reaffirm the cross that we must hold onto.





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4. Baptism Ceremony in the First Half of 2024 (Easter)

This year, we held the baptism ceremony for the first half of the year on Easter Sunday. A total of 7 people participated, with 7 receiving baptism. It was a truly blessed time, especially as one member was inspired by their child's baptism to undergo catechism and receive baptism themselves. Additionally, to celebrate Easter Sunday, the Men's Fellowship sang their first special song. We also prepared plenty of boiled eggs and makbanseok eggs to share with the local community members.



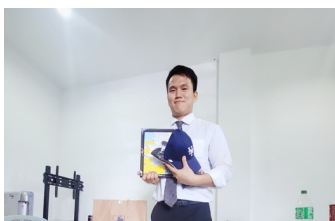
5. Spring Event for the Next Generation

In our small expatriate community, there are not many children, and even fewer attend church. These days, with so many things they want to do and places they want to visit, church attendance is quite low. Nevertheless, we organized a spring event for the next generation of children who do come. We held a worship service together, engaged in recreational activities, and even made delicious pork cutlets to eat. It was a joyous and happy time spent with the children.



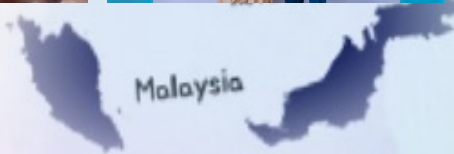
6. Resignation of Pastor Lee Haram

Pastor Lee Haram joined us as the youth pastor in late February 2023. After serving for 1 year and 2 months, he decided to resign to confirm his clear calling and transition to a career outside of ministry by seeking employment in a company. Given his young age, we believed it was important for him to thoroughly examine his path before the Lord and move forward. Many congregation members, including myself, supported, encouraged, and prayed for him. Although his departure leaves a significant void due to the many roles he fulfilled at the church, we trust that God will fill that gap, and we send him off with joy.



7. Family Month Theme Sundays

Every May, we celebrate Family Month at our church, starting with Children's Sunday, followed by Parents' Sunday, and finally Teachers' Sunday. During these services, we take time to bless and pray for the respective honorees. On Parents' Sunday, we had a particularly meaningful time by cutting a cake and offering a blessing prayer for our seniors aged 60 and above. Additionally, in these times when it is difficult for families to gather together, we take family photos each year to reaffirm our unity in the Lord.





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7. The story of Lee Sumin, Lee Minhye, and Halin's missionary family

1) Story about the (Church) Ministry

As the new year of 2024 began, the most significant prayer and consideration was what theme to hold onto throughout the year. In the midst of this, the conviction given was that there is nothing more important than knowing the Lord who came to this earth in the Word. It was impressed upon us that it's not just about knowing the importance of the Word, but also about being planted in the gospel through the Word, and becoming those who enjoy the gospel, uniting in the gospel. With this conviction, we decided on the motto for the year: "A Church United in the Gospel on the Foundation of the Word." We earnestly hope and pray that this year will be one where the church knows its clear direction and goal and advances steadfastly towards it..

2) The story about our health

I have often heard the advice from senior pastors that health is indeed a ministry. Since arriving here, the first thing I did was to focus more on losing weight and taking care of my health. It's easy to get physically exhausted in this hot summer country, so I always try to be vigilant and take care of my health. The Achilles tendon injury I suffered last year still has some muscle stiffness, so I am continuing my recovery by combining physical therapy and exercise. My wife has had a difficult time after a miscarriage, but she is now recovering well by grace. Above all, treatment is not always easy due to the poor hospital facilities, but we are getting by day by day with grace. Please keep us in your prayers for our health.

3) Story about our car

In my last prayer letter, I requested prayers for a vehicle and once again, I've looked around all the dealerships here with the help of a church deacon to purchase a car. During this search, one dealer offered an unbelievable deal of a 7-year loan to a foreigner with only a 20% down payment instead of the usual 30%. It was a miraculous situation that seemed impossible. Of course, there's still a significant financial commitment with the monthly payments for the vehicle, but since something impossible has happened, I am just thankful. I am deeply grateful to the Lord for providing us with this valuable means of transportation that will serve as our precious feet in our ministry, and to everyone who prayed and supported us in this matter. Please pray that I may not only receive grace but also be a pastor who can pass it on.

<Prayer Requests>

1. To rely solely on the Lord, looking beyond people and circumstances, focusing only on God's work and guidance.
2. As much as we have run the first half of the year by grace, may we continue our ministry in the second half without growing weary, quietly following the Lord.
3. To learn English and Malay well so that we can expand the boundaries of this year's ministry and serve the congregants who are settling in well.
4. That the church's needs for various supplies (including equipment and chair replacements) may be met in God's timing and way.
5. For the family (Sumin, Minhye, Harin) to all be healthy and able to wisely manage the ministries and life entrusted to them.
6. For Harin, as she is preparing to go to elementary school, that she may be well-connected and enrolled in a suitable place.

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