

Linda's Letter

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Dear Family and Friends, After 6 months of Home Assignment in Brisbane, visiting 3 partner churches – Living Church, Ann St Presbyterian and Manly-Lota Presbyterian – spending time with family and friends, attending OMF events, a Missions conference, the QLD AFES student Training Event and holidays, I've been reflecting on lots of things. I will head to the Northern Rivers of NSW in Feb (God willing) – Can't wait to see you all – Casino, Lismore and Ballina :) Linda.



Beach holiday!!



Our 40th's Girls Weekend



Food!

'Linda in Donggang' – Secret FB page If you like update to date prayer requests, language blunders, encouraging moments, photos - please PM me to join this page and I'll add you.

Reflection #1 Spending time with God's people helps refresh the soul. It's been delightful to share in conversations with many of you, being part of your church meetings, listening to sermons, being part of Bible studies, singing with you and sharing in meals and coffees – even on Zoom :) Friends, IF you are in places where you can met physically with God's people – get back to it!!

Reflection #2 The relationship between Paul and the Philippian church – they knew and loved each other. As I visit churches, there are so many people I don't know. Praise God for opportunities to get to meet many of you these past few months, some of whom are reading my prayer letter for the first time. Thanks for signing up to Partner with me. May the Lord help us to Partner in prayer for each other.



Manly-Lota Pressies

KEEP PRAYING FOR: Groups in Donggang – Friday night group, Tuesday Coffee Club Ladies, my local church, NEW English/Chinese Bible story group at Sun Sun's shop and my Team. CHRISTINE DILLON – my dear coworker is wrapping up her time in Taiwan. She needs to come home to Sydney to be with aging parents. PLEASE PRAY FOR final opportunities to share the Gospel with friends in Donggang.

Reflection #3 Life in Australia looks really appealing – spending time with family and friends, church, work and ministry. Thank you to those of you who have shared the realities and hardships of your day-to-day lives. It really helps me keep a grasp on reality. The grass next door isn't always greener. It's just different grass! 'Focus on what God has given you to do... There is a delicious freedom in knowing what God has and has not given you to do and sticking to it' (G.Millar '2 Corinthians for You' pg 152). Heavenly Father, may we know this 'delicious freedom' and serve you wholeheartedly.

Reflection #4 On a week I was feeling particularly weak, not sure if I could do all that I had planned, I was encourage by these words – 'Our weakness is actually part of God's strategy to display his glory to a watching world...He deliberately decided to set things up in such a way that he works in our weakness. It's supposed to be like this. And once we realise this, it enables us to keep going without being flattened'. G.Millar.

Heavenly Father, we trust you.

Please help us to trust you, weaknesses and all!



FB Status: "We need teammates"

Kat & Puteo are OMF-ers living in Meishan, a country town in central Taiwan.

Kat's FB status today

'Many young families here and so much opportunity for ministry (family, women's, men's). We meet people left and right! I get so excited until I remember that we can't stretch ourselves any further (with 2 kids under 2 and involvement in other ministries). sigh.' PRAY.

<https://vimeo.com/418074669>

Reflection #5 Paul was concerned the Corinthian Believers were at risk of being seduced by the evil one from a 'sincere and pure devotion to Christ' (2 Cor 11:3). How is the evil one seeking to seduce you/me from a 'sincere and pure devotion to Christ'? How would our lives look different if our devotion to Christ was 'sincere and pure'? Heavenly Father, please keep refining our minds and hearts that we may be sincerely, purely devoted to Christ Jesus.

PRAY FOR BAPTISMS... My Team Leader Aaron writes 'Last year we were pondering how to encourage some of our members of different groups to consider getting baptised. Our colleague Christine suggested we offer baptism and see how they respond. So this coming Easter we're going to offer baptism especially to a handful of people who call themselves Christians but are yet to be baptised. In Taiwan, as in many places, baptism is considered a strong statement of your faith. PLEASE PRAY for the handful of people in the groups we meet with will be willing to be baptised.'

