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Dear Friends

"I am a *companion* (Hbr: "*haver*") of all who fear You, and of those who keep Your precepts" (Psalm 119:63).

Thank you so much for praying for us! As lockdown eased, we welcomed missionaries to our home for debriefing. We have longed for the moment of hosting God's people again.

In the twilight of missionary service, Jane, Canadian, wanted to examine and evaluate events and circumstances concerning her life. Seung-Jin and Yunju, South Korean, ambushed by life, needed an



opportunity to open up in safety to find peace and hope. We accompanied them through their stories, and in the incredible presence of God, we mutually sensed directions that eventually destroyed darkness. God, the Holy Spirit, filled us with all the uplifting feelings and emotions of *companionship*. It was so good to be together!

We can report that God's salvation powerfully healed, restored and set them free. Joining in their journey, helping to carry their load, we guided them back in every point to Jesus. When

the reverential fear of the Lord is truly present among God's people, it is impossible to remain acquaintances or indifferent. Psalm 119:63 describes this unique fellowship. It was like a warm and engaging breeze gently blowing through the house.

The word "*haver*" used in Psalm 119:63 means *a friend, partner, associate, someone joined together or knit together with another person*. It comes from the verb meaning "*to join together, fellowship, associate with*". The plural "*haverim*" speaks of friends *closely bonded in reverence for God, studying together the Word*. Essentially that is what we do in debriefing. Some describe this as sharing fellowship and study with deeper life and meaning. Everyone participates as we discuss the context of passages related to the problem or need. Principles of God emerge as we connect one glorious precept with another, interpreting it into understandable perspectives. Inspired by the energy of asking questions and grappling with truth, corporate practices are pinpointed and declared one to the other.

This sort of camaraderie was the hallmark of the early Church. It was akin to comrades in arms; they realised that victory meant having the same mind – that of Christ Jesus. He was their first love; as of

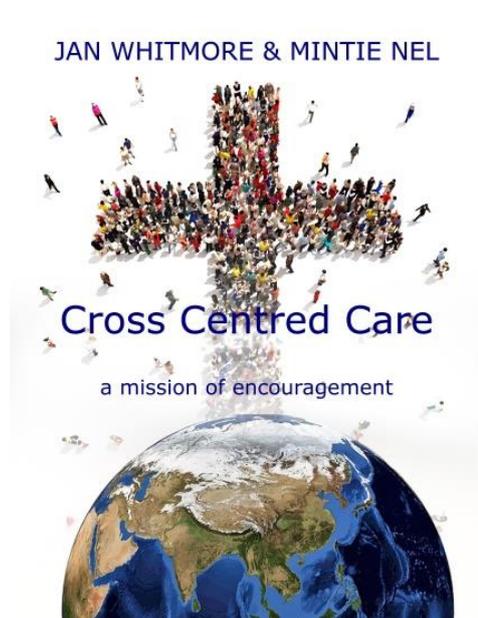
right, He took the highest place of honour in their hearts and corporate life. He was the pinnacle of all they lived for, and this was their bond.

“So the church throughout the whole of Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and were edified [growing in wisdom, virtue, and piety] and walking in the respect and reverential fear of the Lord and the consolation and exhortation of the Holy Spirit, continued to increase and was multiplied” (Acts 9:31 AMP).

In recent debriefings, our hearts were knit together in a depth of fellowship one can hardly find words to explain, and after such experiences, we never want to miss out on any of the beautiful things God has in store.

It has also been wonderful to welcome back a small fellowship group on a Friday morning. The group is cautious of Coronavirus, so we have decided to start small, just seven who are doubly vaccinated. We will see how the pandemic evolves in the autumn months as to how we progress. In between, we have also offered prayer ministry to individuals struggling with aspects of life and belief.

We are thrilled to announce that the manuscript for our new book, *Cross Centred Care*, is complete, and we are in the final stages of getting ready to publish. It is our story, revealing the unique partnership and adventure of faith. It also helps and instructs churches and mission agencies in the pastoral care of missionaries. We hope it is a book that offers something for any serious about discipleship and wants to learn some of the beautiful ways of God. It should be available on Amazon in November. We will let you know.



Thank you for the financial gifts received, which we can pass on to missionaries in need. We have helped two singles in Jerusalem facing stressful situations. We have continued to support Maritha Esterhuizen financially, as she walks the faith road with cancer, our lovely PA (well, ex PA, but we don't believe that).

Mintie's cataract surgery went well in July at Benenden Hospital, and her care was exceptional. She now has perfect long sight and only requires glasses for reading.



We give thanks for the life of June Mosedale

Many will remember Rev Albert Mosedale, our MET Chairman, now with the Lord. On 18 August 2021, his beloved wife June also passed from this earth to God's presence. We attended the funeral and thanksgiving on Wednesday, 29 September 2021. Initially, Albert and June met Mintie working in the Garden Tomb in

Jerusalem; they became close friends when we moved to Worthing. June faithfully prayed for us every day. We will surely notice a difference.

Accompany us in prayer.

- Pray for missionaries that God chooses to find their way to our home. The three who came last month arrived by the recommendation of workers we had formally served.
- Pray for creative ways to express companionship to those we support in Israel. Ask the Lord for the opportunity and the finances for us to go. We are willing!
- Pray for opportunities to disciple believers locally – to tell of what we know of Jesus and the ways of God. We are so encouraged when He arranges meetings at “just the right time” or in “just the right place”. We love the move of God.

Let's

“Therefore, since these [great] promises are ours, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from everything that contaminates and defiles body and spirit, and bring [our] consecration to completeness in the [reverential] fear of God” (2 Corinthians 7:1 AMP).

Let's consecrate our lives afresh to God, reverencing Him as our first love. Let's humble ourselves and get rid of all sin and pride that He can revive us in the preciousness, magnificence of His power. Let's pursue a fear of God that purifies all relationships.

He is worthy to receive all our praise, honour, adoration and obedience!

With our love

Jan & Mintie

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