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Pastor's Sharing -- Expanding the Tabernacle, Reviving by the Fire of the Holy Spirit Rev. Almon Li

The church theme of this year is "Expanding the Tabernacle, Reviving by the Fire of the Holy Spirit". I would like to share with you the part of "Expanding the Tabernacle" first.

The phrase of "expanding the tabernacle" comes from Isaiah 54:2 of the Bible, "Enlarge the place of your tent, and let the curtains of your habitations be stretched out..." The focus of the sentence is to expand the Kingdom of God. If we want to expand the Kingdom of God, the church must be built well. To establish a church, two elements must be considered i.e. the physical building of the church, and the brothers and sisters whom the church is made up of.

Looking back, I am grateful to God for His blessings on the development of our church. He added the number of those who were being saved to the church. In 2010, our church purchased the current site in Pennant Hills. In June 2018, our church paid off the bank's loan and is now in a position to carry out a renovation project for the church building which will commence in February this year.



The primary purpose of the church development is to expand the Kingdom of God. The expansion of the church building can be treated as a proof to the expansion of the Kingdom of God. When the number of people in church continues to increase, the demand for the space of the church building will increase too. Therefore, the expansion of the church building is a non-stop project. In this regard, brothers and sisters, please keep praying for the expansion of the church building and keep offering to the Building Fund.

In establishing a church, the most important thing is certainly not the building. It is the "people in the church" that that makes people come to and stay at the church, definitely not the beautiful and pleasing church building.

The major reason for the rapid growth of the early church was that the believers had good spiritual life

and good witness of life. In the book of The Didache (The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles), we can see that the Apostles' teachings for the catechumens are mainly focused on the daily disciplines. The course for the catechumens is divided into four stages:

The first stage: break bad habits:

Brothers and sisters, how long have you believed in Jesus? Have you already broken the bad habits?

The second stage: learn to fully obey Christ's teachings in the activities of social life

Today, we certainly have to socialize with non-believers. We have to hang out with them to build relationships in order to preach the gospel to them and bring them to God. However, we have to be cautious about whether the social activities that we participate are in the way worthy of the Saints, such as playing mahjong, dancing, drinking binge.

The third stage: practice looking out for others, alertness and prayer

If we yearn for growth in our life, we must learn how to pray and practice it because prayer is an important way for us to establish an intimate relationship with God.

The fourth stage: practice standing firm and resisting temptation

A good witness in daily life is important as it will attract others to know Jesus. The most beautiful life witness is that the believers in the church love one another. This is the most powerful witness and the greatest attraction to the unbelievers. "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (John 13:35).

Brothers and sisters, in the new year, let us commit ourselves to expand the Kingdom of God according to God's will; let us do our best to practice to grow in life and learn to love one another; let our church become a fellowship of love, so that unbelievers can be attracted and come to us to know the love of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen!

English Translation: Eve Kwan

Sharing on Ministry – Evangelism Department

In the 5th term of HCAC Deacon Board, Deacon Carter Li has taken up the Evangelism Department for the first time. Apart from the existing ministries (including the Nursing Home Visitation, Share Light, Dubbo Short Term Mission, Prison Visitation Ministry), the Evangelism Department has started a new ministry i.e. Beautiful Footsteps.

As each of the ministries under the Evangelism Department has its own functions, a sharing meeting was held by the Evangelism Department on 18 November 2018 so that the congregations might pray for or join the ministries if they knew more about the ministries. The sharing meeting, moderated by Deacon Carter, was well attended by over 40 brothers and sisters of both the Cantonese and Mandarin Congregations. After Rev. Li's short opening speech, the responsible persons of the following ministries took turn to introduce or share on their respective ministries.



Nursing Home Visitation Ministry

- Wednesday Team (Rev Li):** This team visits a nursing home at Pennant Hills on every 4th Wednesday of a month. Team members include: Rev. Almon Li, Marianna Li, Anita Chan, Cal Chan, Cecilia Young, Mike Ng and Tommy Mak. In each visit, they will sing hymns, chat with the residents and share the good news.
- Saturday Team (Yan Young):** This team visits the Thornleigh Ashley Lodge on every 2nd and 4th Saturdays of a month. The team members include Yan Young (Co-ordinator), Cecilia Young, Duong Lee, Amy Yau, Carol Li, Hang Lau, Edith Yip, Elaine Li and Juanita Yeung. They hope that, through the visits, the seniors, who live in the nursing home in loneliness, may feel God's caring love and hear the gospel.

Share Light Ministry (Tommy Mak)

The Ministry mainly shares the gospel with the Chinese community through various activities and courses. The current committee members include: Jeanie Wong (Acting Chairperson), Tommy Mak, Miranda Mak, Leona Leung, Mike Ng, Rosa To (Treasurer).

Dubbo Short-term Mission (Connie Or)

The Dubbo STM Team has been in collaboration with the Chinese Christian Mission Australia since it was formed in 2015. Currently there are 4 core members: Connie Or, Anita Chan, Jeanie Wong and Leona Leung. Over the past one to two years, the Dubbo Short-term Mission has been served by both the HCAC and BHCAC teams on roster. The catchment area has also been expanded from Dubbo to cover a few towns nearby, namely, Narromine, Wellington, Mudgee and Kandos. In the meantime, the CCMA is exploring with the Dubbo Baptist Church for a collaboration under which the Chinese

believers in Dubbo may join the church in order to have a stable church life. *[Editor's note: The ministry will be suspended after their last visit to Dubbo scheduled for February 2019 because core members are no longer available for the ministry due to other commitments or personal reason.]*

Prison Visitation Ministry (Leona Leung)

The ministry was set up in HCAC in January 2018. At the beginning, Leona Leung and Mike Ng were the core members; recently Calvin Hsu and Yan Zhang have joined in. The main task of this ministry is to visit the Chinese inmates and share the gospel with them. At present, 4 inmates in 3 three different prisons (Cessnock, Long Bay and Silverwater) are being followed up (while the other inmate at Parklea Prison has already been deported to Hong Kong). Two inmates decided to believe in the Lord in September and October 2018 respectively. They are the first fruits of this evangelistic ministry and are being nurtured with the "Basic Christian Living".

"Beautiful Footsteps" (Susanna Lee, Cecy Chan)

The "Beautiful Footsteps", the youngest ministry of the Evangelism Department, was set up in July 2018 with the following purposes:

- To spread gospel to non-believers;
- To participate in our church's evangelistic activities;
- To support other evangelistic groups of our church; and
- To encourage brothers and sisters to evangelise.

The core members of the ministry include: Susanna Lee (Convenor), Carter Li, Elaine Li, Agnes Lung, and Cecy Chan, all of them have received a certain kind of evangelism training, such as EEIII, Roman Road. The name of the ministry is originated from the Romans 10:15, which says, "And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'" In the last year end, the Beautiful Footsteps participated in the evangelism training (7 December) and the outdoor evangelistic activity (in Eastwood on 15 December) organized by the Evangelism Department; and arranged the counsellors for the Christmas Eve Evangelistic Meeting (24 December).

C&MA is a denomination which emphasises on evangelism, mission and church planting. HCAC has strived to shepherd its congregations and nurture their spiritual lives; it also actively organises evangelistic ministries and encourages the congregations to spread the gospel in order to respond to Jesus Christ's command – to love God and others (Matt 22:37-38), to evangelise and make disciples (Matt 28:19-20). May God use all the ministries under the Evangelism Department and encourage more and more brothers and sisters to evangelise and expand His kingdom.

HCAC 18th Anniversary Celebration

This year HCAC celebrated its 18th Anniversary in a simple manner – to have the 18th Anniversary Sunday Service on 7 October. This was the first time that all three congregations had a Sunday Service and the Holy Communion together. Due to time constraint, there was no interpretation service during the service; all lyrics and sermons were published in both Chinese and English in the Bulletin.



Three congregations took charge of the program jointly. The service started with a worship and sermon each by the English and Mandarin Congregations respectively, followed by the choir's presentation, the Holy Communion, and the worship and sermon by the Cantonese Congregation. Immediately after the Sunday Service, there was a cake cutting ceremony officiated by Rev. Li, together with the church leadership.

Mandarin Pastor, Don Huang, thanked God for His guidance as the church was growing in rains and storms and we experienced His grace through serving Him. English Pastor, Fredrick Song, reminded us that the age of 18 signified that a person became an adult. Our church should remember the past – by the Spirit; look into the future – also by the Spirit. “Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit.” (Zech 4:6b) Rev. Li counted the blessings for our church (such as independence, church expansion). However, he said that we should be thankful to God even when we failed, because He said, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” (2 Cor 12:9) Our boast is God's grace, not our church's success.

2019 Combined Services

There have been combined services between the Cantonese and English Congregation perhaps because majority of the English members are our second generation. On the other hand, it had been rare that the Mandarin and Cantonese Congregations had combined services before because the former was a semi-independent church plant.

The Mandarin Congregation returned to HCAC in June 2017. Since 2018, the cooperation between the Mandarin Congregation and the other two congregations has been increasing, for example:

- The children ministry of the Mandarin Congregation integrated into the Kids Church
- The Mandarin members joined the HCAC AGM
- The Mandarin and English Congregations had the first combined service in November 2018

In 2019, the combined services have been strengthened and there would be one combined service between two congregations in almost every month (3 congregations for the 19th Anniversary) as follows:

Date	Festival	Congregations
6 January	New Year	[Cancelled due to venue constraint]
10 February	Lunar New Year Day 6	Cantonese/Mandarin
19 April	Good Friday Service	Cantonese/English
21 April	Easter Sunday	Cantonese/Mandarin
12 May	Mother's Day	Cantonese/English
2 June	Annual General Meeting	Cantonese/English [Mandarin will join AGM after Sunday Service]
7 July		English/Mandarin
1 September	Father's Day	Cantonese/English
[to be advised]	Mission Sunday	Cantonese/English
6 October	19 th Anniversary	3 Congregations
22 December	Christmas Sunday	Cantonese/Mandarin
25 December	Christmas Service	Cantonese/English

I started studying Masters of Divinity at Morling College full time in the second half 2018 to pursue the calling of serving God with my life. Studying theology was something I always had in mind, because I believe it is beneficial to be equipped for God's work. However, I have never thought of studying theology full time, nor have I ever thought of entering full-time ministry.



The thought process and the emotions involved remain vividly in my memory. I remember how God prompted my heart through various conversations I had with him and others; I remember how I made a silly pact with God, which was rendered irrelevant; I remember the endless cycles of worrying and praying; I remember the horror of public speaking and the fear of even thinking about it; yet, I cannot forget the grace God has shown to me and the promise that his love never fails – it is constant, eternal and ever so real.

To keep the sharing short, the following are just two memorable conversations I had in 2017. Twice I was asked a question three times, and twice my life was changed because of the words uttered from my own mouth.

“Why are you not serving me?”

In February of 2017, Pastor Fred asked if I would take up more responsibilities at church. I turned down the offer wisely to focus on cell ministry alone. On the way back home, however, God approached me while I was driving. He asked, “Why are you not *serv*ing me?” “I am serving,” I said initially as I was puzzled by the question. “Yes I have turned down to more serving roles at church, but that is so I can focus on cell group. That is serving! More importantly, it is a wise decision.”

Then God asked a second time, “Why are you *not* serving me?” This time, I thought that maybe it is not about serving in the practical sense, maybe it is about my heart of serving. And I confessed, “God I am not serving you wholeheartedly, I admit to that; but who can really serve you with all their heart? No one can truly love you with all their heart. Right?”

I was pleased with my answer, thinking it was rather honest yet intelligent.

But the question came a third time, “Why are *you* not serving me?” This time the emphasis was on me, and somehow I thought the question had to do with full time ministry. I quickly brushed off the thought and replied, “Sure I *will* serve you full time when I am 50 or 60. I am *willing* to offer my life then.” The conversation came to a halt, and I felt peaceful on the way home.

This peaceful feeling did not last for long as I have gradually felt something was wrong with my spiritual life – my prayer was lacking, devotions felt lifeless, bible reading felt boring and sermons did not have the same impact as before. Something was definitely wrong. Then I was reminded of the conversation I had with God. I was reminded of every single responses I gave, and I came to

a realisation that I actually was not serving God at all. I was serving myself instead; I was ‘lording’ over my life instead of treating God as my Lord. Am I going to use my prime years for myself but only giving God my spare years? Am I only going to listen to God after I retire from my own pursuits? At that moment, I could not but confess of my selfishness and ask God for forgiveness. Immediately after, I got a clear word from God to “Go”. The command was clear, but there was no instruction manual. Go? Go where? Go when?

“What’s your dream?”

In October, I had another interesting conversation with a strange figure. As I was driving down Pennant Hills Road one late Saturday afternoon, my eyes caught a Lebanese-looking man by the side street who seemed to be intoxicated. The Holy Spirit prompted me to “go” and check up on him. He was tipsy and reek of alcohol, but after chatting with him I discovered the reason behind his current state. His dream was to become an actor, but he was getting married in a month’s time. According to his culture, a married man should settle with a job that offers stable income to support the family. He was devastated that he could not fight against his family’s culture even though he was living in Sydney. After sharing half of his life’s story, he turned towards me and asked, “What’s your dream?”

Since it was a conversation with a drunk man, I replied casually without second thoughts, “I love to play soccer. I’ve always dreamt of becoming a soccer player, but it didn’t happen, maybe because I had to wear glasses...” However, he said, “No, that’s not your dream. What’s your dream?” I replied seriously this time, “I’ve never had a dream. I was brought up in an Asian setting like you. I was taught not to dream, but simply pursue what’s practical. You’d understand.” Unsympathetically, he said, “No, you must have a dream. What’s your dream?”

I began to doubt whether he was still drunk as he looked sternly into my eyes. I hesitated and prayed for help because I did not want to lie. I really did not have anything in mind to be considered as a dream. As I was still praying and thinking, however, these words were suddenly blurted out from my mouth, “I want to win souls for God.” (I did not know what that meant, but immediately I thought that has got to be a lie – I have never thought of it before, and no sensible person would ever consider that as a dream...) But the man replied, “Good, that’s very good.”

I was shocked because he does not believe in God. And when I attempted to share with him about Jesus, it was as if a switch was flicked, and he returned to his drunken mode by hugging and kissing me. Nonetheless, the man’s last reply left me an after-thought – was it a coincidence that he affirmed positively to my ‘dream’? Is that really my dream?

Although I have never had the thought of entering full time ministry, although the idea only developed in 2017 and although I was thrown into months of worrying and doubting till the beginning of 2018, God opened the door to Bible college and led me to pursue it.

Encountering God's Love - The Calling of Salvation

On the night of 11 August 2001, I was deeply impacted by a relationship issue from my marriage of 17 years. As a result, a friend of mine invited me to participate in a three-day camp for men organised by a Christian institution. Before the camp, I had never truly read the Bible, but beyond my comprehension, the values of my life were revolutionised merely by the 3 verses studied at the camp.

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil.” (Proverbs 3:5-7 NIV).

I accepted Jesus as my Saviour and became a Christian. Three months later, I started to attend HCAC till now. When I first came to HCAC, I was a proud man and this personality made it difficult for me to fit in and adapt to the culture. Of course, I could still get along with others by being friendly. God then had a spiritual conversation with me and asked me to know more about Him. I began to read the Bible, listen carefully to preachers, learn to obey and submit, and pledge to renew. In early 2003, I enrolled in the Chinese Theology Course at Morning College. The college also did a survey to find out the gifts of their students and my result was that I had a gift in pastoring. At that time, I decided to drop out before finishing up my studies, because I was afraid I would end up being a pastor.

Experiencing God's Love - The Calling of Doing Ministry

After being baptised on 11 May 2002, I served as the leader and deputy of cell groups, children's Sunday school teacher, worship team member and leader, Advisory Committee member and Evening Service Committee member. I also worked on other ministries in the church, such as the annual Christmas Eve evangelistic event and church camp etc. The purpose was always to be recognised for doing a great job and have good outcomes, but I ignored the importance of establishing a relationship with God. During this period, through Rev. Li's support, discipleship, C&MA CTP Course and Cert IV Theology course, I knew more about the basics of theology. I know that God would be pleased to see a humble, obedient and fruit-bearing Christian to serve Him. And through ministry, I was able to experience God's presence and understand God's will; and live a life filled with the Holy Spirit, a life that constantly renews and grows, and in holiness we walk with God.

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.” (Romans 12:1 NIV)

This verse makes me realise that only after experiencing the richness of God's salvation that we may have the correct motive to serve God; and the true purpose of offering is to let God fully implement this salvation on us,

so that we can learn to be more like Jesus Christ, to be able to give all glory to God. Perhaps I used to work zealously, it does seem like I am serving God, but, in



fact, it might only be an unconscious means for me to enjoy that sense of satisfaction, or to enjoy praises from other people. By now, I understand that serving God weigh on enthusiasm or diligence, but rather how much am I willing to dedicate myself as a living sacrifice for God. After experiencing God, I realised my "all" belongs to God. Therefore, the only reasonable response to God's grace is to serve God with "all" we have.

Living Out God's Love - The Calling for Evangelism

When studying for the Cert IV Theology course, Rev. Li was my mentor. He also gave me a questionnaire to explore my gifts, and the result was being a pastor. From 2003 to 2008, after 5 years, two different gifts questionnaires, using different surveying methods and in different years, gave the same result. I was a little surprised. I said in my heart, "God! No! No! I do not want to be a pastor." On 23 November 2008, it was my first sermon. The topic was "How to face the dilemma in life" (Songs of Songs 1:1-5). I remember saying this is the first time I preach, it may as well be the last time I preach because this sermon was an exam with several brothers and sisters secretly scoring my sermon on the spot. I must also pass other subjects and practical. Thanks for the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the supervision of Rev Li, I finally completed the 3-Year Cert IV course. In 2010, the Advisory Committee unanimously accepted me a Voluntary Pastor. Then in the Anniversary Service in October, Dianna William, Director of Alliance College of Australia, laid hands on me and prayed to make me a pastor and the congregation stood by to show their support. At that time, I asked God, "Do I deserve this? Is this your will?" But God did not answer me.

In early April 2011, I participated in a camp organised by ACACC. The speaker was Rev. Young Man Chan. The theme was "Renewed in Power, Living God's Love". The 3 messages were: (1) Encountering God's Love; (2) Experiencing God's Love; (3) Living Out God's Love. After his last day's message, Rev. Chan made an appeal: "Who is willing to commit as a pastor?" It was like Jesus Christ talking to me, "You have encountered my love and experienced my love, are you willing to live out this love?" At that time, my heart trembled, the question I had in my mind was now answered. Maybe God was using this calling to challenge my will. The Holy Spirit constantly touched me, so I plucked up the courage in front of nearly 200 brothers and sisters as witnesses, to respond to God's calling and learn to be a good and faithful servant.

English Translation: Iris Chau

During the whole process of the last deacon election, I really saw the guidance of God, the trust of the pastors and the support of our congregations. I had served as a deacon in my mother church in Hong Kong for many years but never worked as a treasurer. Neither have I served as a deacon again over the past 20 years.

After accepting the nomination as Treasurer, I have received certain feedback and opinions from some members. With reference to what I saw and learnt, especially the beliefs and biblical perspectives in church finance, I have set the following three objectives of the church treasury:

I Relying on God's provision with faith; Supporting church ministries

"The Lord will provide." (Genesis 22:14) For ordinary non-profit organisations, the guiding principle in finance is "to spend within resources available"; however, for God's church, it should be "to spend based on needs", because we trust in God who is almighty and owning everything. He would provide what we need. According to Tsang Chi Ying, a famous Christian financial commentator, a church should use its resources to develop or support ministries. Instead of waiting until the resources needed to set up or support ministries are ready, the church should look unto our heavenly Father for His provision.

For many years, our church has invested limited resources in supporting ministries and employing additional pastors due to repayment of bank loan. Now that the loan has been paid off, it is about time for the church to review and utilise its resources available more effectively. We should consider to employ additional pastors to cope with operational needs.

II Healthy and accountable church finance; Legal and constitutional compliance

In our Christian faith, we should firmly believe that God will provide what the church needs. We should act as a good steward of God, to utilise the wisdom that God gives us to manage the church finance properly. A Hong Kong Christian businessman has said that there are three principles that church finance should strictly follow: (a) openness; (b) integrity; and (c) accountability.

Furthermore, church finance should comply with not only local laws but also rules and regulations of the Church as well as the National Office, e.g. audited financial reports to the AGM. In addition, financial procedural guidelines should also be set up and reviewed on regular basis.

III Streamlining administrative procedures; widening congregational participation

The Mandarin Congregation has become one congregation of the HCAC since June 2017. Its accounting system and bank account were integrated into HCAC's system in July 2018. The accounting procedures have also been streamlined so as to save administrative workload. The greatest power that God has entrusted to human being is to "rule over" the earth (referring to Genesis 1:27-28), which should include money. In church finance, an open and transparent system should be managed by Christian leaders. The purpose of setting up the Finance Committee is to encourage more Christian leaders to participate in managing the church's finance.

The Treasury completed a cashflow forecast for both the General Fund and Building Fund as well as a review on the approved budgets for 2018-19. The purposes were (a) to better utilise the available resources and (b) to be a basis for next year's budget. Thank God for His abundant provision because, after paying off the bank loan in June 2018, the Church still has adequate cash in bank (mainly from the Mandarin Congregation's reserve) to cope with the 0.1-Mn "Air-conditioning and Ceiling Project". We need not borrow money from the bank! "Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God." (Psalm 20:7)

Furthermore, the following proposals were raised by the Pastoral Team in May 2018: (a) 1 part-time Children Worker; (b) support to 1 Student Pastor; (c) 1 part-time Worship Pastor. At that time, (a) was rejected and (b) and (c) were deferred to April 2019 simply due to lack of "budget". After the mid-year budget review in October 2018, the Treasury suggested (i) to advance the appointments of (b) and (c) from April to January 2019; (ii) to include (a) in 2019-20 budget. Certainly, the need of a part-time Mandarin Pastor will also be taken into account.

As the Church Treasurer, I pray that our church finance can uphold the following principles: "spending if genuinely needed; God's ministry first; God pleasing; legal compliant" We have to look upon to God for His provision and utilise the resources given by Him in such a way that is God pleasing. "Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit." (Zechariah 4:6b)

Rev. Thomas Auyeung's Testimony of Prayer

[In the past few months, our church has been praying for Rev Thomas Auyeung (Senior Pastor of the Perth Alliance Church) for his cancer treatment. God listens to the prayers of us and many other brothers and sisters, and his condition has improved. Here below is his latest "Healing Express" (dated 14-1-19), which is reproduced to witness the grace of God and the effectiveness of prayer.]

Healing Express

As I have shared with you that in my November CT & PET scans that there is significant improvement for my health from the chemotherapy & immunotherapy treatments. The main doctor said casually 80% of my cancerous cells have been cleared. He immediately recommended another treatment till April 2019. But he has been too busy explaining in details what the report is about.

In order to understand what exactly has happened inside of me, I have made an appointment with Dr. Mollison, an experienced herpetologist & gastroenterologist to understand the medical report clearly. As he started reading the report he started shaking his head... as he read another page, he continued to shake his head... but as he kept on reading & continue reading, I have noticed that as he was reading it, he kept smiling and saying "amazing". I began to stick up 4 fingers to signal to my wife that Dr. Mollison said the word "amazing" for 4 times already. After he finished reading the whole report, he paused a while & exclaimed, "Thomas, this is amazing, I may say that you are actually healed! God must be in your side!"

With joy & humility, I replied, "I am just on His side!". Then I continued to ask him what actually has

happened. He explained in detail that medical side of things. He added, "... with your complete response to the chemotherapy & immunotherapy, your cancerous cells have been cleared & tumours gone. At the same time, there must be something supernatural happened to you." I replied, "Yes, my parishioners love me dearly and have faithfully prayed for me." Dr. Mollison affirmed saying, "... yes, researches have shown that patients living in a positive environment will respond positively to treatments!"

He also reminded me to listen to the main doctor and continue the existing treatment as a mopping up for my inner sick ward. My wife, Joy, and myself continued to asked a lot other questions that we have prepared. He answered each one intelligibly. We are satisfied. As he was accompanying us off to the door, he said this, "You made my day, Thomas!" I answered gratefully the same.

Yes, our hearts are full of joy! My beloved wife is the cautious one, reminding me that I should not be overjoyed, not jumping into ministry & work too fast, but take time to detox & recuperate. I agreed but said, "Let's party tonight and buy a roast duck. When I got home I was tired after seeing 3 doctors that day & have taken a nap. When I was awoken at 8pm for dinner, an elaborate steaming dinner is ready ...& with a roast duck as a treat! We gratefully dine together with our 2 sons & shared the news...the miracle!

Unworthy but grateful,
Ps. Thomas Auyeung

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