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Dear Pastors, Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

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Happy New Year! The past several months have been very busy. We came to Canada at the end of September for a few weeks, looking for housing and setting up our IDs. We then headed back to the States for a meeting and our home church mission conference. We finally got settled into our new home at the beginning of November. We discovered quickly, through some connections here in town, that there is a group of Mandarin-speaking Christians who came from Mainland China. When they heard of our arrival, they quickly invited me to their fellowship meeting and asked me to preach.

In the first week of December, we started our first Sunday afternoon service at our house. As far as we know, this is the only Mandarin preaching service they have in both this town and the neighboring towns. At the first meeting, there were 18 of us in attendance. We were only expecting 40-50 people to come to our Christmas and New Year gathering service. In the end, however, we had 88 people sign in at the meeting. The venue we rented became a bit small for that many people. I call this a good problem! A good number of the people had traveled about an hour to come. In their own hometowns, there are no Chinese-speaking churches.

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Right now, we are in the middle of working with one of the local English-speaking churches to see if they would be able to rent us their chapel for our regular services. Please pray for this!

Also, through my contacts, we will be able to reach out to some Chinese students here. Things have been moving faster than I anticipated. Right now, I also work at a group home that houses those who have psychiatric problems here in town. I am trying to balance work and ministry. Seeing so many needs, I don't want to miss the opportunity for ministering to these people.

Thank you for your faithful support and prayers!

God Bless!

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