



Brian & Rachel Johnston & Family

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Dear Pastors, Supporting Churches, and Praying Friends and Family,

January 9th and 10th, we held a Christian Life Conference to encourage, strengthen, and build up the people of our church spiritually. Different people have told me it was the best conference they have ever attended! My prayer and desire is that the preaching and teaching we heard has a lasting impact on our lives.

I'm thankful for little spiritual victories in the lives of our people—for example, when new Christians start coming to church three or four Sunday mornings in a row without missing; or when a husband comes to church with his daughter even though his wife was sick—these things may seem little; but they indicate some progress and spiritual growth in the lives of our people, and that excites me!

We are continuing to hold our Chinese Bible Study on Friday nights. In fact, this week we are having a Chinese New Year's Party with a lot of traditional foods for the Chinese Spring Festival, and a strong gospel message will be shared. Please pray that our Chinese ministry would grow, reach many people with the gospel, and that these people would grow to become solid and faithful church members with a desire to reach their own people.

Since our conference in early January, I've been really focusing on the theme for our church this year, "Forward by Faith." I'm preaching every Sunday morning on the topic of faith and asking God to strengthen our faith, increase our faith, and cause us to go forward by faith! II Corinthians 5:7 says, "For we walk by faith, not by sight."

We thank the Lord for a few new visitors and people saved each of the last three weeks. There are several people that need to be baptized—that need to take that important step of obedience and growth—please pray that they would do so soon. Also pray that some other families who attend our services would become more faithful, commit themselves to church membership, and get involved in the work of the ministry.

The winter months are cold, very cold, and freezing cold; I sure would love for spring to come quickly! Thank you, thank you, thank you for your prayers, your much-needed financial support, and your investment in our ministry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Johnston".

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