Christ the Lord our Righteousness

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Warmest greetings in the Precious Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Spring Festival CNY (Chinese New Year) has come and gone. We have waited therefore to be free to give you as our dear friends who support us in the Lord's work, something of a reply to the oft asked question, how do we see future days of service here in China? Thankfully we have been given blessed good health and strength, so health is not a current determining factor.

The thought therefore of leaving China as we enter our 60th year here is a somewhat enormous issue for us to face. Any such movement and change of course in action undertaken demands of us a very clear understanding of GOD's will. An important consideration in this is that of knowing as to what this society here deserves of us. To be of use and profit in any field of service to GOD and others is the only real reason to actually continue in that place. The Lord's permission to any change of course necessitates His direct signal and power to move. Knowing His will as to what, when and how in this is a matter of great importance for us. The Holy Spirit sets the direction and seal for the way to go.

To "self-audit" we believe is essential in this. As believers we walk and live by faith in all things, conscious that we must needs consistently cultivate our own wee garden also and not look too much over the fence into other gardens to consider what other gardeners may be doing!! Doing silly, foolish things can lead us into doing downright stupid things of non-faith. The blessed lifting of virus controls gave us here an open opportunity to fulfill a promise to visit brethren and friends in Korea. We found many hungering and thirsting for the Light, life and liberty that is ours in the Risen Lord Jesus Christ. It was an exceptionally blessed and fruitful week there.

We now covet therefore your prayers to know, His good, acceptable and perfect will at this time. (You will understand that we have invitations to visit precious ones who have so faithfully supported for many years the Christian Book Room literature ministry in China and ourselves.)

Therefore, in His great mercy, light, life and love, we remain yours in Christ,

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