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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Over the past two months, we undertook two long-distance trips, both of which left us feeling wistful.

First, in early September, Arthur traveled to Kyrgyzstan and Nepal to provide pastoral care to staff on behalf of China Oasis Missions, visiting the colleagues and their families on the frontline. During the trip, he also had the opportunity to meet fellow workers from other like-minded organizations and offer mutual encouragement, before finally stopping over in Hong Kong on his way back to EU.

Following a series of catastrophic landslides in Nepal—three incidents within a single month, with the disaster on 26 August being the most severe—we visited the affected areas under the guidance of our colleague and participated in relief efforts. Official estimates place the death toll at 1,400, with another 5,000 people presumed dead or missing. We visited one of the displacement camps and, with the camp administration's permission, spoke with a family of four that had been affected by the disaster and were rescued by helicopter. From what they told us, the camp housed over 170 displaced persons, and they are the only Christian family in the entire camp. One of their daughters, Maya, aged around 10, spoke English, allowing for direct communication; we relied on our colleague to translate for the other family members. Our team has visited the disaster zone multiple times. Notably, one colleague has been conducting art therapy sessions in the camps, thereby paving the way for future evangelistic work.

Seeing the disaster zone firsthand evoked a sense of sorrow and helplessness. In addition, it stirred up many memories of our involvement in the relief efforts following the magnitude 8.0 Wenchuan earthquake in China eighteen years ago. Colleagues informed us that the affected areas in Nepal were primarily inhabited by Tibetan communities—which explained why the five-colored prayer flags of Tibetan Buddhism were still fluttering in the wind. The words of the prophet Amos come to mind: "But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!" (Amos 5:24) When we comment that the Tibetan people's faith cannot help them escape their plight, how then do we, who believe in the true God, understand the situation? This is the God who created the heavens and the Earth, who governs the workings of the universe, and who promised never again to destroy the Earth with a flood (Genesis 9:11). Natural and man made disasters—including natural calamities triggered by human actions—occur ceaselessly. Just how far and for how long can we extend a helping hand? In the aftermath of the Wenchuan earthquake, we partnered with a local church there and worked on relief efforts for two years—an experience of pain that can never be erased. We pray that our Heavenly Father grants us the courage and wisdom to respond appropriately to the needs that arise one after another.

We also traveled to Germany in October to visit our grandson and his family, staying with them for two weeks. Seeing how much our grandson has grown—he was like a completely different child compared to just eight months ago—reminded me of how quickly children develop. This experience stirred up memories of our own daughter growing up; beyond marveling at our Heavenly Father's grace, words simply fail to express our feelings. Unexpectedly, there was no

fuss or crying from the child when we said our goodbyes. Instead, Arthur was the one who had to hurry away to keep his own tears of parting from spilling over.

Please keep the following in your prayers:
1. We have repeatedly appealed to various churches for support regarding disaster relief efforts; we hope that fellow believers will look beyond their immediate surroundings to the wider world and offer blessings to those affected by the disaster.
2. In addition to accepting special donations to fund relief work, we are calling upon believers with training or experience in art therapy to join our staff in this ministry.
3. Our staff report that the Nepali local government provided each family with US$1,000 and then disbanded the camps, leaving the affected people to face the future on their own. Many are now living in makeshift tent settlements. Please remember the aforementioned Maya and her family in your prayers.

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Blessings,

Arthur & Xanthe
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