



### Dear Family and Friends,

Autumn is a season of harvest. After experiencing the sowing season of spring, and the plowing season of the summer months, we walked through the golden autumn of October. Looking back from where we have come, we are together counting all God's abundant blessings!

**1. GIU Retreat:** On Sept 15-17th in beautiful Houston, we had a wonderful retreat with 23 ministers and co-workers. We got to know each other, worshipped together, had devotional times together, and shared what God had spoken to each other. We heard introductions and sharing from each GIU ministry team. We also had a special meal together with 17 local Chinese church pastors in Houston. Although it was quite crowded in the restaurant, we had great fellowship with each other over the delicious meal. Special thanks to the owner of the restaurant for providing us the treat of a free meal! What a blessing! The most memorable moment was the time we shared the Lord's Supper together at the end of our retreat. After the Lord's Supper, we formed two lines, and let each person/couple walk through between the two lines. As one walked through, people in each line prayed over him/her. Everyone received blessings from each other with tears, and exchanged hugs for goodbyes until the next meeting, wishing for a longer retreat next time!

**2. Thank God for more field visits done by the member care team.** Brother Yong Zhang and his wife went to serve among South Asia's workers; Paul and Naomi visited new workers who are receiving new workers training, and they are currently visiting workers who are serving in the Middle East. Dr and Mrs. Qiu have moved to a Southeast Asian country to serve workers there! A great member care team!!! Despite the pandemic, they still traveled a long way to bring blessings to those field workers.

**3. Literature mobilization:** In order to mobilize supporters better and to let them know more about the needs of the frontline workers, we have established a literature/media ministry team. They are all very talented and dedicated. In order to complete some videos on time, they have often sacrificed their sleep and mealtimes! Currently they are all working very hard to prepare for our GIU Thanksgiving Zoom meeting on Nov 5th.

**4. Relief work in flooded Pakistan:** This summer, a very rare catastrophic flood hit Pakistan. More than a thousand people lost their lives, and one third of the country was buried under water. Ten million people have been displaced. Together with our supporters, we have been helping the relief work that our frontline workers are participating in. The first phase was to help 1000 affected families. Our field workers provided 6 months' worth of life support for each family. During this period, there were some who received Christ and are willing to be baptized. The second phase is to provide training for affected people, so that they can learn job skills which will enable them to find jobs in the future. During this period, our workers will provide discipleship training for new believers as well.

**Prayer Request:** Please pray for our Thanksgiving zoom meeting on Nov 5th, and please join us! We are hoping that many more brothers and sisters will join us to serve cross-cultural Chinese missionaries together with us!

**GIU Staff team**