



Dear Family and Friends,

As February 2023 draws to a close, we feel that in this turbulent and crisis-riddled age, God has afforded us many open doors and opportunities to evangelize. The GIU team has always adhered to the purpose of serving missionaries around the world with enthusiasm, keeping in mind our mission and original intent, which is to provide training, support, and care for cross-cultural Chinese missionaries.

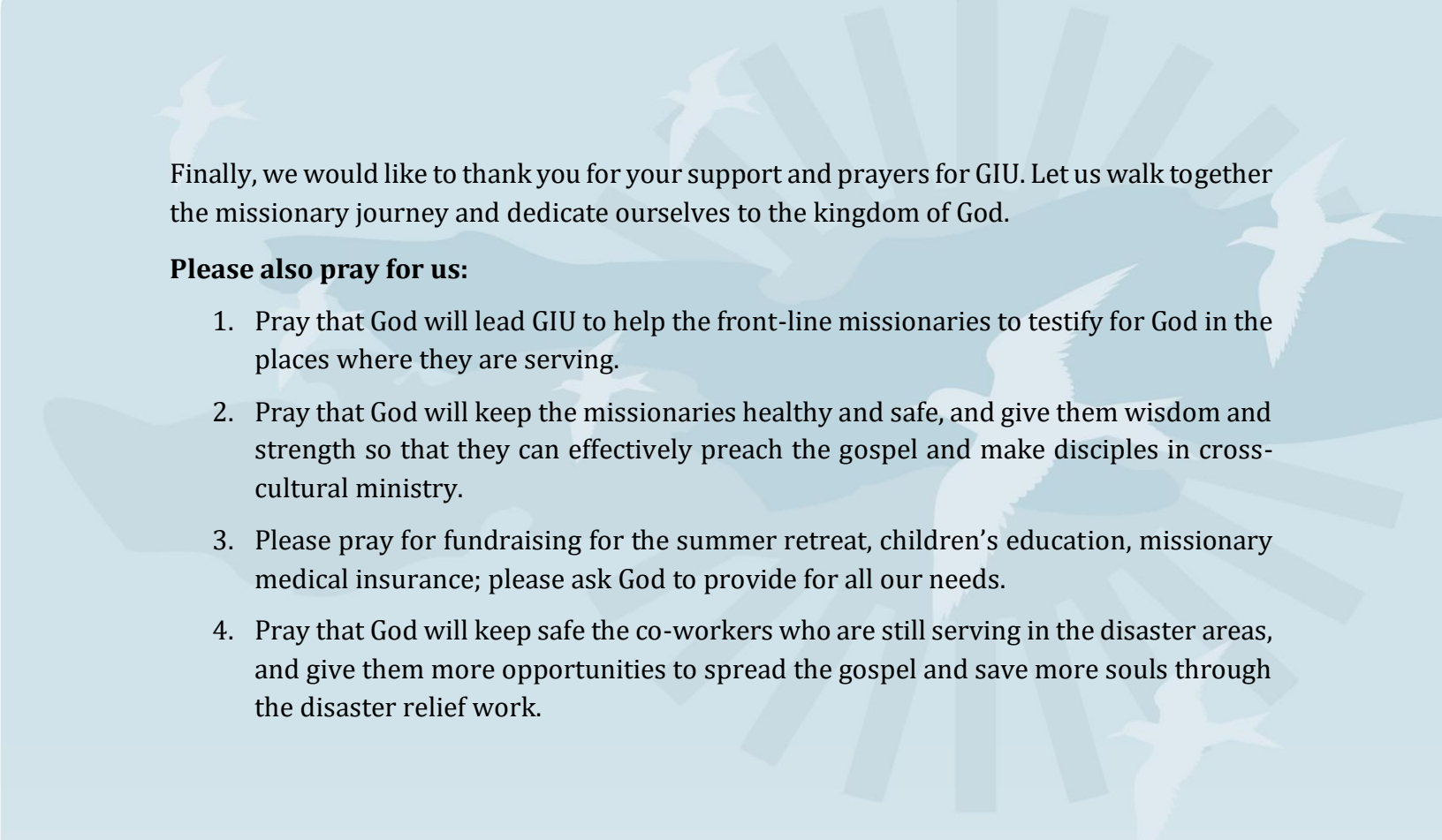
January 13th witnessed the first board meeting of this year, during which the ministry plan and budget for the new year were discussed and approved. We are full of new expectations as to the new things God is going to accomplish through GIU in this new year.

The health of the missionaries and the education of their children have always been a focal point of our ministry. We hope that the children of missionaries will receive a good education so that, when they grow up, they will continue their parents' mission of preaching the gospel. We also desire that each missionary will be healthy in body to serve the Lord and will not have to worry about medical expenses in a foreign country. This year, we will continue to provide the missionaries with children's education grants and medical insurance.

After three years of a pandemic, plus wars, frequent natural and man-made disasters, most people feel physically and mentally exhausted. Missionaries in cross-cultural fields need a "spiritual gas station" so that their bodies, minds, and spirits can be renewed, and their mental faculties recharged; they also need to re-connect with each other. As a result, this year we will host an all-member retreat for them. At present, various preparations are already in full swing, and the directors are also actively raising funds for the retreat. We expect God to use this retreat to great effect.

On February 6, a magnitude 7.8 earthquake struck the border between Turkey and Syria, causing heavy casualties. Our local missionaries rushed to the disaster area as soon as possible and cooperated with the local church to provide assistance to the victims. Some of these missionaries have children who are only a few months old, yet they still went to the front line to help the victims. The GIU team also contacted churches and institutions in the United States to mobilize disaster relief resources to the disaster areas and help the victims rebuild their homes. We hope that the gospel will truly enter the disaster-stricken people and become a blessing to the local people.

We also continue to provide year-round online training and resources for the missionaries. Online courses cover cross-cultural ministry, language learning, leadership, and biblical teaching. Through these courses we hope to help missionaries adapt better to their field and culture. We also partner with local churches and organizations to support the ministry of the missionaries.



Finally, we would like to thank you for your support and prayers for GIU. Let us walk together the missionary journey and dedicate ourselves to the kingdom of God.

Please also pray for us:

1. Pray that God will lead GIU to help the front-line missionaries to testify for God in the places where they are serving.
2. Pray that God will keep the missionaries healthy and safe, and give them wisdom and strength so that they can effectively preach the gospel and make disciples in cross-cultural ministry.
3. Please pray for fundraising for the summer retreat, children's education, missionary medical insurance; please ask God to provide for all our needs.
4. Pray that God will keep safe the co-workers who are still serving in the disaster areas, and give them more opportunities to spread the gospel and save more souls through the disaster relief work.

The GIU Team

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