

"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned..."

...For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:2, 6

“走在黑暗中的人必看见大光，活在死荫之地的人必被光照亮。

... 因为必有一个婴儿为我们诞生，有一个儿子要赐给我们，祂肩头必担负王权。祂被称为奇妙的策士、大能的上帝、永存的父、和平的君。

以赛亚书 9:2, 6

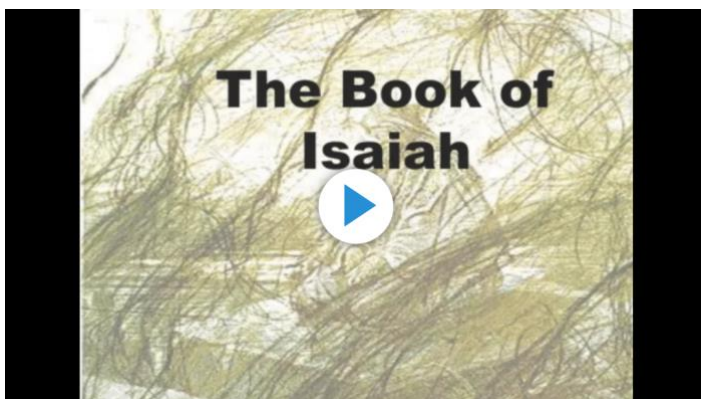
Hi all,

At our local congregation, we are currently walking together through the book of Isaiah. A few weeks ago, Josh had the privilege of sharing [a message](#) from Isaiah 8-10 at our congregation's annual Christmas service and luncheon, with around 150 of our members and many visiting friends in attendance.

Isaiah's message about "a great light" shining into the lives of folks like us who are "living in a land of deep darkness" is so relevant and needed in our world today. We need it here, you need it there, and everyone needs it everywhere.

As we near the end of another year, we want to thank you once again for the opportunity to do this work together with you. It is our great joy to partner with you in sharing the Light, Love, Joy, and Peace of JC here on this side of the world.

Thank You, God Bless You, and Merry Christmas!



[click the image above to listen to Josh's Christmas message]

One week prior to our congregation's big Christmas event mentioned above, our family was also able to participate in another large Christmas event hosted by our kids' school. The Christmas Bazaar is a large annual tradition that made its 'big comeback' at the school campus once again this year, after several quiet years during the last 3 years of COVID restrictions here in our city.



Scenes from the Christmas Bazaar

This year's Christmas Bazaar was a big deal for us because our very own amazing **Coco volunteered to be the lead organizer for the event, which is no small feat.** She spent several busy months helping to lead a large team of parent volunteers who supported dozens of vendors, who served **hundreds of visitors, who had multiple opportunities to hear the real story of Christmas on that day,** while also enjoying a fun day of shopping, food, and games with their families.

We were thrilled that a couple of the volunteers who served with Coco at the Christmas Bazaar also accepted our invitation to join us for our congregation's special Christmas service (mentioned above). **Please keep our friends L* and M* in your prayers, along with all the others here in our community who heard the real Christmas story this year, but who don't yet know the One who came to Earth to be with them.** Ask Him to work in their hearts during this time, and that we might have more opportunities for friendship and conversation with them soon.

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A few weeks prior to these big Christmas events, Josh had the joy of reconnecting – in person for the first time since 2019! – with the [CWEF](#) team in Cambodia, together with our friend and colleague Aimee Cima of [LCMS International](#). The main purpose of the trip was to travel to Ratanakiri province in the country's remote northeast to help facilitate community health training activities in partnership with two local pastors, who are both graduates of the [LISA \(Luther Institute – Southeast Asia\)](#) training program. It was a very encouraging and fruitful trip; you can learn more about it from Josh's time of sharing during the recent CWEF Community Gathering ([event recording can be seen by clicking here](#) and using password [4\\$c7&rue](#)).



In these last few days of 2023, we are also closing out CWEF's year-end fundraising campaign called [Let It Shine](#). This is a very important and busy time for us, as around 30% of the organization's annual budget is typically donated during the last few weeks of the year.

If you are considering a year-end gift to support our family's work here in Asia, would you consider making a special [donation to the "Let It Shine" campaign via our U.S. based nonprofit, CWEF-USA?](#) To do so, go to [cwe.org.hk/donate](#) and click on the button that says: "Give in U.S. Dollars".

We are still aiming to raise an additional \$20,000 to meet CWEF's total funding goal for this year, which will help our teams in China and Cambodia be well-equipped for their work in 2024 and beyond. We will continue to sharpen our focus on the core part of CWEF's mission, which is:

- To help young people from disadvantaged communities in Asia to further their education through scholarships and training.
- To equip them to become servant leaders who will go on to strengthen their own communities, now and in the future.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with you in this work – HIS work, to restore the whole world to himself in JC.

Thank you again and God bless you!

In His Love – Josh & Coco, John & Sophie

PRAYER POINTS

1. For L* and M* and all the others who heard the real story of Christmas this year, but who don't yet know the One who came to be Immanuel – God With Us.
2. For all of our MCN and CWEF team members, for protection and courage as we do the work HE has called us to.
3. For our local congregation here, that we would grow together as we deepen our trust in HIM.
4. For Coco's family members – that they would receive the gift of faith, and for renewed health for Coco's mom.
5. Finally, for Coco and Josh – ask HIM to give us growing faith, hope, and love for each other and for our kids.



A recent CWEF community health training session in Cambodia

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