

Books I am reading- **Glory Days: Living Your Promised Land Life now** Max Lucado looks at the life of Joshua and the challenges Israel faced, showing how God spoke in the midst of their wilderness experience.

Darkness Is My Only Companion: A Christian Response to Mental Illness Kathryn Greene-McCreight confronts questions such as: Where is God in the suffering of a mentally ill person? What happens to the soul when the mind is ill? How are Christians to respond in the face of mental illness?

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Dear Friends,

I am thankful for not getting sick while serving at Thailand and in Hong Kong during the beginning of summer. I enjoyed the time at Chicago accompany my parents to doctors' appointments and seeing relatives as well as sharing at different fellowship. Thanks to the live-in helper's diligent cooking and caring, my parents have gained some weight yet their mental ability continues to decline. For self-care, I walk 20 minutes to the library at least once a week for craft classes. The process is relaxing and the product satisfying. The Pacific Ocean at Vancouver calls out to me; I am looking forward to seeing my friends there before heading back to Hong Kong in mid-August.

During my special home assignment in North America, I continue to hold meetings via Skype as necessary, keeping on track with the progress of CCMI's missions education's pilot lesson, it will be ready for the board's review in October. **I am thankful to squeeze in some time for reading and writing.**

I was encouraged to hear good reviews from different parts of the world on the newly published book, "On This Road, Will You Walk with Me – A Journey to Missionary Care." This book provides an overview to missionary life stages and caring for them; some asked if we can make this book into simplify Chinese and provide a guideline or teacher's manual for Sunday school class. **Please pray to see if we can regroup the editorial team to discuss these possibilities before the end of the year.** After all, we want to equip more people to partner with missionaries in order to fulfill Jesus' Great Commission.

As I talk with different people about missions and sharing the Gospel, there seems to be a common difficulty with asking relevant questions appropriately. I understand Chinese people usually learn by listening and memorizing; therefore the Chinese are used to talking rather than asking, yet Jesus taught His disciples by asking questions. One click at Google, I found someone has gathered 135 questions* that Jesus had asked. As a counselor, I've been trained to ask questions that help my client to think deeper and search within oneself to seek the truth and the root cause of the problem.

A question asked in a proper setting and timing can generate deep sharing, caring, and healing. What do you think of how Jesus asked Peter, "Do you love me?" **Pray that I can gather and suggest some questions for people to ask missionaries** besides, "when did you get back and when are you leaving again?" Next time, try this one on: what is it like to live in (name of the mission field) or learning a new language?

God is our creator; let's be like HIM, be creative!

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* <https://mondaymorningreview.wordpress.com/2010/05/14/137questionsjesusasked/>

