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Dear Pastor,

"As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious." 1 Pet. 2:2-3

The Lord is allowing us to see incremental growth, not only in attendance, but also in individual spiritual development. Though the winter weather was a little more severe than normal, several have become faithful to at least one service per week. Since our last letter, we have had our best attendance for a single preaching service and our highest number for the two services on a Sunday.

On the last Sunday of January we had a total of 37 different people (including our family) attend at least one of the two services. None were first-time visitors and there was a good spirit shown as I continued a series on the Baptist Distinctives.

Our Resurrection Sunday Service was our highest attended single preaching service with 35 present. There were a couple of visitors and several others who had stated that they would come but did not. We only had the morning service that day, but followed with a meal immediately afterwards. I had to make two trips with the minibus

(our 15-passenger van). Due to two stops where they weren't quite ready, I did not arrive until 15 minutes after the normal starting time. I had planned to preach a shorter message so, in the end, everyone seemed fine with the late start. Most helped with clean up afterwards and the Lord gave us a blessed day.

The Lord has allowed us to have some first-time visitors in our regular services as well. One answer to prayer that we have seen is an increase in the number of children attending. We have a Sunday School class during the preaching time for children about 12 years old and under. Including our three youngest, we have nearly 20 different children attend over the past couple of months. Our high attendance for one service is 12 for that age group. We have had to make adjustments in the room we are using for the class. It is one of those "good" problems that we don't mind dealing with!

Though it has been hit and miss this winter, I have still continued to go to the town center market. There are a few "regulars" who stop for a tea or coffee. Some of these attend the services, some do not. Recently, a young man has stopped by to chat several times.

He has said that he would like to attend a service but has not made it yet. Please pray that he will be receptive as we witness to him.

With the colder winter weather, we had put off doing leaflets. In recent weeks, the work has begun again. A young man who has been attending faithfully is now helping. He has also been helping us set up the chairs and tables for the service each week.

We are looking forward to having two young ladies with us for two weeks in May. They are coming on a Missions/Senior trip. Also, a man is going to be with us for a week in the first part of June. He is making a survey trip for the purpose of seeking the Lord's leading in doing church-planting work in a county to the north of us. Please pray for these in their travels and the Lord's working in their lives, especially while they are here.

On-going Prayer Needs

- Revival in the US and the UK
- British men, women, and children to come to Christ
- Our family to be in the center of God's will
- Church growth

The man... looking at him with a smile that only half concealed his contempt, inquired, "Now Mr. Morrison do you really expect that you will make an impression on the idolatry of the Chinese Empire?" "No sir," said Morrison, "but I expect that God will." -Robert Morrison