

情愛的弟兄姐妹；

時間過了很快。我已經在加拿大一個月。當然想念秀滿和愛又力亮。我不知道他們什麼時候要飛到加拿大。我自己預備八月二十八日飛到台灣。在這裡，我有平安，快樂，痛苦。平安，快樂因為上帝的祝福（不是壓力），給我機會幫助照顧我的母親。痛苦因為我的母親的紀念系統漸衰的，小朋友沒有機會享受他們祖母的愛與被他的信心影響。

有一個天主教會的弟兄，他的太太最近從癌症去死，說：“在我的生命

我自己經歷極大愛，極大喜樂，極大悲哀，極大痛苦”。他說的是對的：如果我們愛，我們要遇見喜樂，悲哀，痛苦。耶穌經歷，因為他的極大的愛...耶穌快到耶路撒冷，看見城，就為他哀哭。他因那擺在前面的喜樂，忍受了十字架的苦難。（路 19：41，希伯來書 12：2）

六月的加拿大物理開會在 Sudbury 是非常好。除非了解加拿大的物理研究教育情況，訪問 SnoLab 研究室(地下 2 公里)，也認識一些新的研究員，可能以後互相研究。

路加寫兩次在第五章：“撇下所有的跟從了耶穌。”(5:11 和 5:28)。耶穌召我的時候，我也應該這樣的響應他。盼望上帝幫我每天有這個反應。耶穌的要求是“順服”，可是心是重要。如果沒有愛，我們可以順服，可是如果我們愛，我們不能不順服。“愛-->信靠-->順服-->愛-->信靠-->順服...”信心是動詞不是名詞。我們的力量是從神的愛工作在我們的里面來了。

關於我的母親。2014 年 6 月 13 日星期五，（我的爸爸 2012 年 6 月 13 日被主帶走，滿 12 年；我的媽媽 12 月 13 日第一次進醫院，滿六個月）母親從 Oakville 醫院被還到 St. Joseph's Villa (in Dundas, Ontario)。她被關在一個“secure, lock-down”地方。感謝上帝，一個星期以前他們覺得她可以搬到平常的房間可是他們說可能需要等 3 個月。這個星期四，他們讓她上升。感謝上帝。

每天 19:00 到 21:00，我去訪問她，跟他一起走路或者游泳。他星期三，星期五參加在老人家里的教會活動。星期五晚上我帶她回她的家，星期六，星期天，我們都去教會--我的媽媽快樂在教會。星期天晚上我帶她回老人家。

我的媽媽的腦子不清楚。例如星期二，我的媽媽是非常慌張：難過她不能參加教會的活動，不知道她在那里要吃飯。這六個月的事情都忘記。星期三，腦子比較清楚，談話她想回家，雇一個人陪伴她在家里。他的盼望是上帝要醫治他的腦子。她常常說：“我忘記了。”“這六個月都忘記了。”“我的腦子有問題。”“我為什麼要回醫院，他們不能幫助我，我想住在我的家。”

關於愛恩，我非常滿意。愛恩預備搬到加拿大一邊學習高中，一邊照顧她的祖母。（去老人家跟祖母走路，游泳，談話，幫他去教會，可能在周末回她的家。）我也高興和謝謝我的朋友和弟兄 John Livingstone。他歡迎愛恩住跟他的家一起。

上帝的祝福真多。在台灣，國科會補助我繼續作我的研究。這也是上帝的恩典。

最后，原上帝的平安充滿了你們的心和腦在基督耶穌里，象他的平安充滿了我的心。



小明上

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July 21, 2014

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I have been in Canada for ~1 month. While I had hoped my family would be here by now, I am not sure when they will join me. I miss them very much. Lord willing, I plan to return to Taiwan August 28.

I am reflecting on both the peace and joy I have being here as well as the sorrow in seeing my mother's memory failing and my family not sharing in the blessing. It is not a burden but a blessing to be here; learning to live one day at a time in thankfulness to God. As a Catholic brother (Jim Ready) whose wife recently died of cancer shared: "I have known Great Love, Great Joy, Great Sorrow and Great Pain in my life". It is true: Love gives great joy, great sorrow and great pain. Just look at the perfect love of Jesus, crying for Jerusalem (Lk19#41) and then, "for the joy set before him, enduring the cross" (Hb12#2)

The Physics conference at Sudbury in June was excellent: besides learning about what is happening in physics in Canada, touring the SnoLab (2km underground), I met some good contacts with new research ideas and possible collaborations.

Luke writes, "and they left all and followed Jesus" (Luke 5:11) Later in the same chapter he writes: "and they left all and followed Jesus" (Luke 5:28) This response is expected when I hear the call of Jesus. Lord help me to leave and cleave, daily. Obedience is required but motivation is key. While one can obey without love, I don't think it is possible to love and not obey. As I obey, I learn to trust and love, resulting in further obedience. As Pastor Cooper (Hamilton) preached, faith is relationship: dynamic not static. The strength to do this comes from the love of God working in us.

About my mother: On June 13 (12 years to the day after the death of my dear father) my mother was transferred from Oakville Hospital to St. Joseph's Villa (in Dundas, ON) and placed in a "secure, lock-down" wing for dementia. Last week, her status was reviewed and her thinking clear enough to allow her to move to a standard LTC bed. She moved last Thursday. Thank God. Unfortunately, unless God performs a miracle, it is very unlikely she will be ever able to live alone again (although she might be able to live with a full-time caregiver).

I have been taking her out for walks each day and on the weekends we have been taking her back to our house -- we enjoy our time together, attending church on both Saturday and Sunday (2 services). Each time she remarks on how wonderful the preaching is. For example, on Tuesday, my mother was quite confused -- upset that she was not going to be able to be as involved in church and not sure where she would eat her supper and not remembering anything and wondering why she can't remember, and not sure if she wants to move. Wednesday she was excellent and talking about going home with full-time care. With dementia (not Alzheimer), she seems reasonable sometimes and then other times very very confused. She often comments: "I forget." "I can't remember anything about the last 6 months." "My mind is not working correctly." "I want to go home."

I am very proud of my daughter Aien, who is planning on coming to Canada in August to study high school and to help care for her Grandmother (going to St Joseph's, or where-ever my mother is, to walk with her in the nearby forest, swim, play piano, talking, and maybe accompanying her to church or even back to her house in Oakville on the weekend.) I am thankful to Christian brother and friend John Livingstone who has said she can live with his family.

God's blessings continue. I received funding from Taiwan Science Council for research next year. I believe the grant was the highest for those getting new project this year in the college. This is God's blessing as, with my mother's health issues, I did not have time to do a thorough and in-depth proposal.

Finally, may the peace of God fill your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, as his peace has recently filled my heart... Jonathon

