Dear Mr Lim

Please excuse my extreme slowness in replying to your letter of 5th December last year and enclosing a Christmas cheque. I have just discovered the letter and fear it is unanswered.

Since last year I have had to spend more time looking after my wife who is increasingly disabled. Although she is only 68 years old she is unable to walk a few steps without falling over, and suffers from a rare condition called PSP (Progressive Supranuclear Palsy) for which there is no cure. Our lives have changed a lot since we retired just over two years ago, though she remains strong in spirit, and she accompanies me when visit local churches preaching - about once a month.

I am still active in Church work, serving the United Reformed Church as Chair of its Assembly Nominations Committee, and have recently become a member of the support/management group of Chen Yu-fen, a minister of the PCT who has just arrived in the UK as a joint mission partner between the PCT and United Reformed Church, serving the Chinese-speaking congregation in Lumen United Reformed Church in central London.

We still keep in touch with developments in Taiwan through Facebook - and often wonder what it would have been like to have the internet and social media when we were mission partners in Taiwan in the early 1980s. At that time we had to depend on letters and cassette tapes to keep in touch with family - and the turn around for information was between one and two weeks. International calls by telephone seemed to be a luxury at the time, only to be used on special occasions - and not particularly easy with the time delay on conversations.

Things have changed so much and we can hear news of Taiwan in seconds.

Please send our thanks to members of the TCCCNA for their generosity, coupled with the assurance of our prayers for Taiwan

- and my repeated apology for the long delay in sending an acknowledgement of your letter and gift.

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Ray and Mandy Adams