

Christmas 2019



Dear Lim Sek-iong, Peng-an,

Today I received your letter and enclosed check from the retired missionary committee of TCCCNA, and am, once again, humbled by your generous gift of love and gratitude for service in Taiwan under the Taiwan Presbyterian church. I am not worthy of such appreciation, for I learned so much from the Church and people of Taiwan and in no way could match that love in Christ. Thank you all so very much for this gift.

My husband (Si Ka-ni Bok-su) Carl has been gone now for 7 years and I have rebuilt my life trying to find the ways to use the gifts God has given me. This is mainly within the church (Third Reformed Church) in Holland, and also somewhat in the community. My passion is for prayer groups and for discipleship training. I also work on the Welcome ministry and the ministry to single women. I still mentor in the Kids Hope program for school children at risk, working with the same girl for the 5th year.

Our eldest child, David, who was a 5 month old baby when we arrived at Taiwan, is a psychologist living in Detroit, married to a Jewish woman, and had 2 grown children. Cynthia, who was born at MacKay hospital, is a PhD psychologist married to a Latino Catholic, a psychologist in charge of veterans health in western Michigan. They have two grown children also. Our youngest, Catherine, who was born on our first furlough, is a Hospice social worker and has 2 grown children as well. She has recently exited a toxic marriage.

I, too, am distressed by the rampant evil in our own country and around the world. The rise in world power of dictators who threaten the world's hunger for peace is frightening. We so desperately need the Prince of Peace to return! I will commit to pray for Taiwan as well as for America.

A verse of Scripture that speaks to me is Psalm 89:14. "Righteousness and justice are the foundations of your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you." May that give us hope as we enter a new year of troubled times.

Sincerely,

Lucille Schroeder