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The angel said to the women, *“Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; **he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.***

Matthew 28:5-6

As Easter approaches we celebrate the empty tomb, that Jesus has risen just as he said and we have accepted the invitation to “come and see!”

We are thankful for the faith demonstrated by our Asian brothers and sisters in Christ, including our friends who are Pastors or are in leadership. We stand with them and pray Psalm 5:11-12 over them: “But let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you. Surely, Lord, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield.”

Our hearts are heavy as we think of the billions of people living in Asia who don't know Jesus. We are thankful for 2 Peter 3:9, “The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.”

Because God has been so patient we sense urgency in sharing the Good News of Jesus and are thankful for the launch of the “What is Easter?” book to be printed in parallel Mandarin Chinese and English. There are several crucial facets to pray for related to this project:

- Anoint Jay Fordice as the conduit through whom Elohim, God the Creator, will bring forth His words; also for the interactions with the Palaus regarding content.
- Working out details with ZDL, a publisher in China.
- When completed, unprecedented ease of manuscript approval by the Chinese government.
- An extraordinarily seamless process from creation through distribution in 2018.

It is fitting that Matthew 28 begins with the Resurrection and concludes with these words: *“Then Jesus came to them and said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.’”* Matthew 28:18-20

He is Risen Indeed!

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