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Dear Friends and Fellow Servants,

Well, Coquitlam is not for the faint of heart. With nearly 2000 invitations out for a free meal, we had three people show up to our Christmas Fellowship from the flyers. [The picture is of 2/3 of the crowd.] We had visitors, but they were friends and coworkers of members.] The good news is that 7 visitors indicated that they intend to attend on a Sunday. We also got the seed of the Gospel planted in several and watered in others. Two Koreans and two Persians came with our Mexican member, from her English class. We had 19 visitors. Since then, we have had 9 different visitors come to Sunday morning services. Some have visited several times.



Just before Christmas, I received a call from the specialist that my cancer removal had been moved up to a couple days after the New Year. I really struggled with being anxious. I had to continually go through the process of casting my care on the Lord. I was very encouraged by all who prayed with me and for me. The experience was pretty hard to handle. I was awake for all of it. In the process, a second cancerous spot was found on my nose. After the cancer had been removed, when the specialist began the actual plastic surgery, I realized how traumatic this next part would be. I gripped the table and prayed, "Lord, help me." The Persian specialist was very confident in his expertise. He said, "We don't need the Lord. We've got this!" I didn't have a chance to respond as he began to cut, sear, and sew. Please, pray for Dr. Nasseri's salvation. I sent him a letter to thank him for his great work, but I added an addendum bringing up his statement. In a second page, I wrote on considering the Creator and the wisdom of the wisemen in searching for Jesus.



[My nose is healing nicely. Dr. Nasseri could tailor suits.]

In the last letter, I mentioned that the Tan family was getting ready to welcome a baby into their lives. Ethan Tan was born in January. The family has asked us to have a baby dedication with a 100 day celebration following the service. They want to use this opportunity to invite a lot of friends, family, and coworkers to church. Some are believers, but many are lost. Please, pray for our delivery of the gospel message.

Serving the Lord,

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