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Dear Dr. Carter and Church:

An old fable relates the story "*a devil of plague*" that appeared on the Ruhe River with the intent to kill all the villagers, but an old Taoist taught a young boy how to defeat him. The young boy ran to the village and convinced the people to climb up a high mountain. When the villagers were safe he used strong wine made from Chrysanthemum flowers and tricked the devil into drinking it. The devil drank the wine, died and the villagers were saved.

On October 7th Hong Kong celebrated the Cheung Yung Festival. Though most people know this is only a fable, it is a family day when people go "*up*" the mountain sides to clean graves, burn incense and present offerings to their dead ancestors. Because it is a very dry time of year, it isn't unusual for many fires to be ignited on the hill sides, making it very dangerous.

Like the youth in the story it is up to us to warn people of the destruction to come; *not a hill fire, but eternal hell fire*. We cannot defeat the devil, but we know the One who already has. We know the One who saves from the wrath to come.

During October we had 42 first time visitors in our services. There were 35 who responded to the Gospel and turned to the Savior. There were 12 baptized and 3 who transferred their membership. It is so exciting to see our New Convert's Class on Sunday mornings. There are 36 attending faithfully. So far this year, we have baptised 98.

Like the youth in the story you are concerned by those who would be destroyed by the devil were they not given a chance to be warned. Thank you for your love for souls. Because of your faithfulness to us we can continue to warn those who are headed for destruction, but are unaware. Thank you for your faithfulness and love for us.

Love in Christ,

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