

Spotlight on CBM

Lewis and Felain Lam

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Lewis and Felain Lam's motto of ministry is "from evangelical ministry to follow-up mentorship, from new believers to disciples." As planters of the seed of God's Word they desire that it "take root below and bear fruit above" (Isaiah 37:31b).

Though Lewis and Felain Lam began their lives in Buddhist families in Hong Kong, they attended Christian public schools. Later, when their studies brought them

to Canada, they made personal decisions for Christ through the influence of relatives and new friends. During university, they both committed to full-time ministry. Following vocational studies and work placements, they entered pastoral ministries in Canada. In 2014 the Lams followed the Lord's call to overseas outreach to students in Germany under Canadian Baptist Ministries.



The changes in China's political conditions and the tightening of policies have a direct impact on ministry. An increasing number of Chinese choose to study abroad, and the majority of those who choose Europe arrive in Germany. The population of Chinese students is primarily concentrated in university cities. Lewis and Felain are ministering in two cities where they conduct weekly Bible study groups and worship.

Due to the high turnover rate of students and the short period of time to reach out to them, it is not easy for students to commit and serve in the church. Even though there is limited access to spiritual resources, the Chinese families and students show interest in searching the Christian faith. For example, annual seasonal outreach programs attract a large number of seekers. The field staff also join with Forum for Mission to Chinese in Germany to conduct a discipleship camp at Easter and a camp for church co-workers and leaders during the summer in order to build up the spiritual life of Chinese Christians in the whole of Germany.

Luke 14:23 (NKJV) says, "Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways ... that my house may be filled.'" Lewis and Felain make every effort to follow this guidance, as from the Lord. They testify, "It is a privilege to witness God's hand of grace to uphold His sheep and walk through various difficulties step by step. Every single story of spiritual growth is a miracle and a testimony to the world!" They ask for prayer for their weekly travel for frontline ministry which can be a physically and emotionally draining schedule. Each location of a congregation has its own stage of spiritual development with different spiritual needs. The desire embedded in the hearts of the Lams is to organize various retreats and intensive training sessions for new believers. On a personal note, in the next two years their family's task is preparation for their son, Caleb, who will "leave home" for further study abroad.



L-R: Felain, Caleb, and Lewis Lam

For Prayer:

◆ Pray that the coronavirus epidemic could be controlled and for prevention of the epidemic around the world. The first case of COVID-19 was confirmed in Germany on January 27, 2020. There is high mobility of Chinese students and families around mid-January due to the Chinese New Year and in April as a new university semester begins. May God take charge of the situation and grant the Lams a true peace in the Lord.

◆ Pray for the Lams' co-workers in the churches. "We are blessed with four incoming co-workers and team leaders to serve the ... ministries. May the Spirit of unity teach them to complement each other and serve in harmony. Ask God to prepare the team to adapt to upcoming changes when some serving members depart after graduation."

◆ Pray for charting the course for 2020. The mission field is large yet resources are constrained. This means the Lams must maintain focus while skilfully channelling limited resources for optimal results. Ask the Lord to provide strength and energy, and to help the Lams maintain their personal wellbeing while they carry out evangelism, discipleship, and shepherding, as well as ministry to students, families, and children.

◆ Pray for the upcoming camp in May. Pray, too, that the Lord will motivate believers in three mission locations to shoulder the challenges in those areas, "taking these opportunities to learn to serve while preparing a wonderful spiritual feast for the congregations."

by Ruth Anna Dana

Sources: www.cbmin.org, Lams 2019 CBM newsletters, and personal emails.

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