



## Holding fast the Faithful Word



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Since our last letter, our family has had our fair portion of trouble. In twenty-two years of mission work, we have never had trouble such as this. It began with our son John having a manic episode; by now, we have learned many things about dealing with this illness. Early medical intervention and hospital confinement helped greatly. It was not the worst episode we had lived through; so we are thankful for that.

In the end, we were so very thankful for our church family, as they gathered together to discuss what was pulling us apart, to exchange perspectives, to forgive one another, to show charity, and to pray for one another. Truly, believers have the capacity to show genuine charity and to forgive “even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you”. We thank the Lord for giving wisdom to our church members to be able to recognize a snare of the Devil (“we are not ignorant of his devices”), and to handle the matter wisely. The Lord be praised!

We are reminded that we are not alone in our troubles. The apostle Paul wrote: “For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life:” (2 Cor. 1:8). Also, our troubles come with a double benefit: (1) “Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God” (2 Cor. 1:4), and (2) “For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory” (2 Cor. 4:17).

By God's grace and your prayers and support, we press on. We love you all!

Sincerely,  
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