

Thursday, December 20, 2012

Dear Brothers, Sisters and Friends,

In the aftermath of the Newtown massacre, as family members and friends of the slain and wounded suffer unspeakable agony, people around the world are asking, "Where was God?" "Why God lets this happen?" "Is God suffering too?"

Questions like these are raised in the Bible itself, including cynical observations about the state of the world (see Ecclesiastes 7:15) and even harsh accusations against God uttered in the midst of extreme suffering (see Job 9:22-23).

In fact, the Lord Jesus himself was "a man of suffering, and familiar with pain" (Isai ah 53:3). From the time of his boyhood in Bethlehem, where he barely escaped a massacre, to his death on the cross, he was the target of violence and hatred. But he moved with love among the people of Israel, healing miraculously with a touch or a word.

Over the door of a great hospital in New York City is an inscription: "Of The Most High Cometh Healing." Whatever haunts your heart and threatens to leave your life a ruin, look to Jesus for healing. Remember, "He took up our pain and bore our suffering" (Isai ah 53:4).

You' re cordially welcomed to join us for the following activities at CCCFW.

Friday (12/21): The Bible study is skipped this Friday.

Sunday (12/23): The worship starts at 10:45 am. Brother Marc will give us a sermon based on the scriptures of Colossians 1:13-2:15. Sister Wei will lead the singspiration. Sisters Shu-hui and Min Tian will serve as the usher and brother Dong will be the sermon interpreter. After the sermon, we' ll have a prayer meeting. Children can attend the age appropriate programs at the First Assembly of God.

Monday (12/24): we will have a Christmas Eve worship starting from 5:30pm at Elder Chung-Wen and Gloria's home with songs, sharing and messages.

We look forward to seeing you this weekend.

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