

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Praise the Lord, we have been in Aruba for nearly a month now. We are still in a period of transition – adapting to the local language of Papiamentu, the local culture, the tropical rainstorms and lifestyle. But glory be to God, with the help from the loving brothers and sisters of Aruba Alliance Church, the adjustment has been smooth.

As we were driving up to the Aruba Alliance Church for the first time, the empty parking lot and overgrown weed around the property gave us a feeling of desolation. Imagine how God feels as He walks through the under-maintained property. We pray to our Lord for His grace to revive His church and His people from the inside-out.



*Weeding Operation with a team of five on Nov 27, 2022.*

Because of the locally perceived lack of opportunity combined with the effects of Covid-19, some of our church members had lost their livelihood on the island, while others had scattered abroad to cities in Canada and in the Netherlands in searching of new prospects. Currently, there are approximately ten active church members including Cora and I attending Sunday service. The average age of the church members is in the 60s. One of our goals is to seek out those young couples who had attended and accepted Christ in this church in their childhood to return. If our Lord permits, they will be the future of Aruba Alliance Church.

Through our observations and conversations with church members, we estimated that 99% of the 7,000 ethnic Chinese people on the island do not know Christ. We pray earnestly that the Holy Spirit would open up their hearts as we reach out to them in their workplaces of restaurants and supermarkets. We pray for guidance of the Holy Spirit to lead the people of Aruba to the Truth.

**Current Ministries:**

- We visited a sister whose husband passed away two months ago. Her son accepted Christ years ago at Aruba Alliance Church and is now working in the Netherlands. We prayed with her, comforted and invited her to join the church's Sunday service. Praise the Lord; so far, she has joined our service three times! We pray for her to continue to attend service and for our Father to gradually open up her heart to His Word. We also invited her to join our bi-weekly fellowship session on Saturdays. We pray that she will be able to join us.
- We are guiding a couple. They are believers, but have left the church for over ten years due to relationship dynamics with other members. We pray for our Father to revive their faith in Him, and not in people. We also pray for the Holy Spirit to soften their hearts and to forgive those who might have hurt them in the past.
- We are also coaching another sister, who has gradually faded away from our church over the past three years as some of her closest friends have left and she feels neglected without them. She will be moving abroad to the Netherlands early 2023. We are encouraging her to build up her confidence in God and praying for a suitable church for her in the Netherlands.

We experience God's amazing guidance daily; we look forward to the opportunity to share at your church. Your prayers are our firm support. Please keep us in your prayers for Him to increase us with more love, wisdom and faith for the people of Aruba. We also pray for Him to unite our small team at Aruba Alliance to plan and execute His ministries in 2023.

**Upcoming Ministries:**

- The retired Missionary, Helen Li, and Cora will conduct courses titled "Empowered to Influence" and "Personal Evangelism" in January to March 2023.
- We will be reaching out to the Chinese people in the neighbouring Bonaire and Curacao Islands from January to March 2023. If God permits, we would like to start a small group on the islands.

**Prayer Requests:**

- We have moved to the North from the South of the island two weeks after our arrival. Please pray for us to be well settled in the new environment and for our safe travels in and out of the neighbourhood.

- We are currently sharing a vehicle with another pastoral staff. Please pray for patience and wisdom in arranging our daily schedules and tasks.
- Pray for a trustful and unified team amongst our co-worker and core members of the church.
- Joe has sprained his waist while carrying baggage in and out of the airports. We are thankful of His mercy that the pain is subsiding after physiotherapy sessions.
- Cora is suffering from serious back pain that spreads to her right arm and finger tips due to stress and poor postures while using the computer. We pray for His healing through suitable treatments and medication.

*All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations will bow down before Him, for dominion belongs to the Lord and He rules over the nations. (Psalms 22:27-28)*

If you would like to support Aruba Ministries financially, go to the [cmaacan.ca](http://cmaacan.ca) website and look for Caribbean Sun Region under International Workers, then look for “Joe & Cora”. Choose “Ministry Partnership Fund”, then enter the amount you would like to support and your personal information.

Or, if you are willing to support our living expenses during the service period, you can go to the category of “Self-funded or Partially-funded IWs” on the website of 華聯會 [www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/45122](http://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/45122), indicate “For Joe & Cora” in the private message box.

For inquiries, you may contact us via email at [cjyu18@gmail.com](mailto:cjyu18@gmail.com).

May the Lord remember your support and prayers for overseas missions, and bless you abundantly.

His Servants,

*Joe & Cora*

親愛的弟兄姊妹，

感謝讚美主，我們已經在阿魯巴島將近一個月了。我們仍然處於過渡期，在適應新語言——帕皮阿門托語、島上新文化、本土居住環境、昂貴的菜蔬價格和這裡的人和事。

因為這個月一直下雨，當我們看見阿魯巴宣道會的停車場和周圍雜草叢生，荒涼的感覺令我們聯想起當我們的主看見這樣境況的心情。我們祈求主不要放棄祂的教會，而是用祂的恩典來復興她。

由於 Covid 大流行和其他各種原因，過往教會的成員大多都分散到加拿大或荷蘭的其他城市或迷失在生活中。現時教會大約有十名成員（包括我們夫婦在內）參加實體主日崇拜；平均年齡為 60 歲。我們需要尋找那些童年在這個教會接受過基督救恩的年輕夫婦歸回基督信仰，重投教會生活。如果主允許，他們將是這間教會的未來棟樑。

島上有 99% 的華人未認識基督救恩，求聖靈與我們同去接觸在餐館和超市的華人；憐憫和引帶人尋求真理。

### 進行中的事工

我們拜訪了一位女仕，她的丈夫在兩個月前去世了。她的兒子多年前在這個教堂接受了救恩，現在在荷蘭工作，在當地教會服侍。我們和她一起祈禱，安慰並邀請她參加教堂的主日禮拜。感謝主，她已經兩次參加我們的主日崇拜。祈求主安慰她的哀傷，透過主的話語讓她遇見主基督。我們也邀請她參加隔週六舉行的團契，祈求主挑旺她尋求真理的心。

我們正在關注一對夫婦，他們曾經信主，但因人際關係問題離開教會十多年了。祈求主恢復他們對祂的信心，而不是專注人的軟弱；學習原諒和愛那些以前可能傷害過他們的人。

我們也在輔導一位女性青年朋友，因為她的伙伴都遠赴外地讀書，她感到返教會很無聊，她過去三年都沒有來教會了。由於她將於 2023 年 1 月到荷蘭工作和進修，我們鼓勵她在上帝面前建立自己的價值，並在荷蘭教會中重建信仰和新的聯繫。

我們每天都經歷主奇妙安排，不能一一在此詳述，希望有機會能到貴教會分享。

祈求神增加我們更多的愛心、智慧和信心去接觸阿魯巴島的居民，並與同工和核心成員建立信任和團結的團隊；同心合意計劃 2023 年的教會及外展事工。

### 將要發展的事工

退休宣教士 Hellen Li 和 Cora 將在 2023 年 1 月至 3 月分別會教授 “Empowered to Influence” 和 “個人佈道” 課程。

我們將於 2023 年 1 月至 3 月期間探訪 Bonaire 博內爾島和 Curacao 庫拉索島的華人。祈禱在那裡開展福音性小組。

### 個人需要

抵達阿魯巴島兩週後，我們從島的南部搬到了北部，祈求在新環境中安頓下來，並求主供應一輛能持續使用的車輛，在日常生活和社區外展活動中代步。

Joe 因搬運行李進出機場多次而扭傷腰部。感謝上帝的憐憫，經過物理治療後疼痛得到緩解。Cora 因壓力和錯誤姿勢操作電腦工作，引發嚴重背痛，痛楚蔓延到右臂和指尖。求主醫治，並透過適當的治療和藥物早日痊癒。

地的四極都要想念耶和華，並且歸順他，列國的萬族都要在你面前敬拜。

因為國度屬於耶和華，他是管理列國的。

詩篇 22:27-28

如果你願意在財務上支持阿魯巴事工，可登上 [cmacan.ca](http://cmacan.ca) 网站，在 International Workers 內找 Caribbean Sun 區域，再找 Joe & Cora，選上 Ministry Partnership Fund，然後打上你支持的金額和個人資料。

或者，如果你願意支持我們在服侍期間的生活費，可在華聯會网站 [www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/45122](http://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/45122) 內找 “Self-funded or Partially-funded IWs”，在 private message 注明 “For Joe & Cora”。

如有查詢請電郵 [cjyu18@gmail.com](mailto:cjyu18@gmail.com) 與我們聯絡。

願主記念你在海外宣教的支持和禱告，恩上加恩祝福你們。

主僕

*Joe & Cora*