

# Perseverance and Patience

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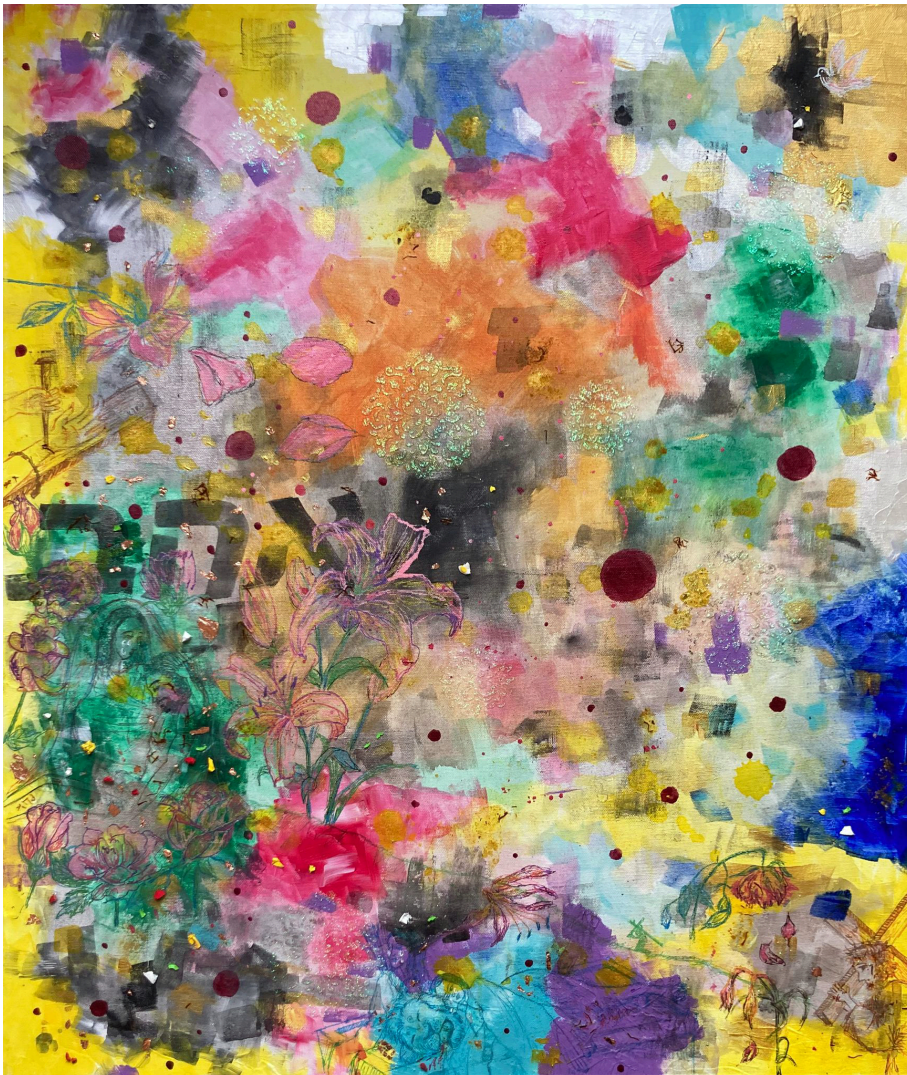
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Dear families,

Dreama exhibited her latest painting at an exhibition curated by an Iranian curator. Her painting was based on John 15:13 "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." (NIV) She had some good spiritual conversations on the opening night. Pray her painting and conversations would be seeds in the people's hearts. In fact the other day Dreama received a message from an Ethiopian Muslim woman who visited a group exhibition Dreama had taken part in, back in September 2024. The lady had been very touched by Dreama's Psalm 63 series. This week she contacted Dreama and had questions about art and being an artist. Now they are planning to catch up to have a talk! It is great to see even after a year-and-a-half, this woman wants to connect with Dreama.



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Recently we have had guests (Fellow workers) visit us. One lady is serving in Cairo, Egypt and the other Lady is serving in Saudi Arabia. We know one another through the DBS (Discovery Bible Study) training we have been doing online over the past few years. It was encouraging to have them visit us on different occasions and finally meet them in person. The worker from Cairo was able to take part and see us do DBS with the local musician 'David'. She was greatly encouraged to be a part of it. Please continue to pray for us as 'David' is up to the stories from the Gospel. Pray he would see Jesus for who He truly is, not just a prophet to be respected. Pray for us as it has been up and down with many of the skaters recently. They can be very temperamental, and sometimes we feel frustrated and upset with them. But the Holy Spirit has been reminding us that like a ship, it is good to "Stay the course" even when it feels rough going. We realise the skaters need people to believe in them and see consistent love that doesn't give up on them. We are learning to love them, but also not relentlessly pursue them so that we burn out. The other week we bumped into one local skater and he said he had missed us and asked us, why hadn't we invited him to our house or been in contact? It was good to see they notice when we have been absent for a time.

We have been blessed to find a teacher for continuing to learn the local language. He is a believer too. We know him through work we previously did down in the earthquake area. He lives in our city and after reconnecting we asked him to be our language teacher. He has started teaching us as a family, but we needed to separate Psalm's lesson from us as her level is way beyond us lol! Language learning is always something we need to improve in. The great thing is after the lessons we spend time playing instruments and worshipping together.



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Psalm was excited the other week after a dog followed us home and was determined to stay on our doorstep. We tried to connect it with its owner. We took it to a vet and they scanned her chip and contacted the owner. The dog was female and called Hugo. A young lady answered and said the dog knows how to return home by herself. So we took Hugo back to where we found her, but she followed Psalm and Dreama home again. They set up a bed for Hugo on the doorstep in case she wanted to return home at anytime. In the morning Hugo was still there. We took her up the road to another vet and they called again. This time another family member came and picked up Hugo. He was an elderly man and he thanked us because he was very worried after she hadn't returned home that night. Psalm enjoyed her little adventure having a pet dog for the night! (Photo on the left side: Psalm with the dog Hugo)



Psalm continues to do well in her Bouldering. The other week she went out to a Mexican restaurant with her teammates. She has also started trying her hand at lead climbing (Climbing with a rope but up to higher heights) She seemed to cope well with the heights and the coaches hope to train her to be able to compete in that event too. Please continue to pray for her to obtain her sporting license. It has to be renewed every year, and the one we applied for last year didn't come through. Without it she will not be allowed to compete in any competitions. Pray for opportunities to share the good news with the Bouldering community too. So far we have had several opportunities to pray for climbers who have injured themselves climbing. One young man came back and reported to us that his injured arm had healed very quickly and he wanted to thank us for praying for him.

We continue to meet with the skaters. And much like bouldering, we have had opportunities to pray for skaters who injure themselves. Please pray that they would see significant miracles and be curious to know who is the ONE who is healing them.

Top: Psalm tried lead climbing.

Bottom left: Psalm with her bouldering teammates.

Bottom right: Marc and Psalm sunset skating.



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## **The Spirit is mightier than A.I**

A testimony: Recently, Psalm placed her laptop down on a table next to two large oval magnets someone had given to her. She got a fright when she saw them snap on to the side of her computer by the USB port. When she pulled them off her computer crashed and wouldn't restart. Now she was unable to do her online schooling!

We tried some trouble shooting ourselves but nothing worked. Then we took it to a computer repair shop and they quoted us around 1000NZ dollars to try and fix it! And this was even without a guarantee the computer would last once repaired. Since it was already 5 years old we decided not to go with that option. Finally as a last resort we decided to pray and ask the Holy Spirit for a word of wisdom (1 Corinthians 12:8) Something we should have done from the beginning. We felt the Holy Spirit say, "run the magnets back over the computer in the opposite direction." We thought doing that might actually further damage the computer and we hesitated for a while. Eventually, we realised we had nothing to lose since the computer seemed quite dead. Oddly enough, when we went to do it we couldn't find the original two big magnets so Psalm found two smaller ones to try it with. We prayed first and then she ran the magnets over the computer from the usb port to the other side of the laptop. We held our breath and then she pushed the power button. Instantly, her computer lit up and started working! We were in shock. The word of wisdom was spot on!

Marc's curiosity was piqued, so he typed in the scenario to ChatGPT and the Gemini AI assistant, typing, "my daughter's laptop crashed because two magnets stuck to the side, should I try run the magnets back over the computer in the opposite direction to make it work?" Chat GPT and Gemini emphatically responded- "whatever you do, DO NOT run the magnets over the laptop. It is likely to cause further irreversible damage to it."

Even if there is a logical explanation as to why running the magnets over the laptop worked, it was still the Holy Spirit who encouraged us to take the risk and do it through giving us a word of wisdom (It also appeared quite foolish- "God has chosen the foolish things of the world..." 1 Cor 1:27) In an age where we are relying more and more on AI and losing touch with the source of all wisdom—the Holy Spirit of God, it is encouraging to see He still desires us to seek and ask Him, even if the answer to our questions might seem strange. AI can be a super helpful tool, but lets not allow it to replace our relationship with talking to the omniscient Creator of everything that exists.

Please pray for the following:

- For the Local skaters, musicians and artists to have an open heart, a hungry heart and a willingness to share the things revealed to them by the Holy Spirit.
- Strength for us to persevere, have patience and to work according to the leading of the Holy Spirit.
- For us to be able to express ourselves better in the local language.
- For creative artistic ways to express the heart of the Father to the communities around us.
- For greater breakthroughs in seeing miraculous healings and answers to pray as we serve the locals.
- For Psalm to obtain her sporting license for climbing so she can compete in local competitions.

Thank you all,  
M, D & P