

**"IT IS NEVER TOO LATE
TO RECEIVE CHRIST EVEN
AT 88 YEARS OLD"**

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"May our Heavenly Father, who is full of mercy, continue to take good care of her. May He strengthen her faith and trust in Him so that she knows this truth deep in her heart. May the Lord grant her an unwavering faith to testify of God's love before all family members. May thanksgiving words be written on to the first page of her new life in Christ. Indeed she was lost but now is found, together with the heavenly angels, let us sing and praise the Lord."

The above short message was sent to me by our council member, Bro Geoffrey Tay. It was a prayer he offered to the Lord for my mother.

Since the day I received Christ as my Savior in 1981, I took every opportunity to share the gospel with my mum. In those days, she attended a few church camps

with me. In the recent years prior to her baptism, many brethren visited her, either at home or in the hospital. They would take the opportunity to share the gospel with her. Other times, they showed their care and concern through chatting with her.

My mum would always respond in a friendly manner. However, if anyone asked her to receive Jesus Christ as her Saviour, she would politely reject. The reason being, she doubted the existence of Jesus, heaven and hell. Since she cannot see Jesus, she was skeptical. And whenever any brethren wanted to pray for her, she would say, "You can pray if you want" she would continue with what she was doing e.g. eating, watching television, or simply looking around with her eyes wide opened. There were times when I tried to read the Bible and pray for her when she is on the bed, she would turn her back to me.

As she ages, her body weakens. She had several

falls but suffered no major injuries. More than ten years ago, she started on her first kidney dialysis treatment. Since then, she has been in and out of hospital frequently. Last year, due to her wound festering in both legs, she had to undergo three amputations on her lower limbs in a short span of 6 months. I thank God that because of such a situation, I encouraged my mum to face the challenges calmly. I often reminded her to count God's blessings upon her. During that period, we were very cheerful. We were able to live our daily life with joy.

Many brethren once commented, "Your mum is really a hard nut to crack" many have shown her their love and care, patiently sharing the gospel with her, yet she still refused to believe. But unknown to all of us, the Holy Spirit has already started His work in her heart.

On 21 Dec 2017, when my mum was about to undergo her second operation

the next day, Elder Soon Huat and Sister Chew Gim went to visit her at the hospital. After they shared the gospel, Elder Soon Huat asked my mum if she wanted to believe in Jesus. Surprisingly, she gladly accepted the invitation. She prayed the sinner's prayer with Elder Soon Huat and received Jesus Christ into her heart.

Soon after, she announced to her children and grandchildren, one by one, that she has already proclaimed "Amen" (that's the way she proclaims, "I am now a believer!"). Since then, whenever we pray, she would put her hands together. On one occasion, she even interspersed unexpectedly a few sentences of prayer by herself. After her baptism, whenever she suffers unbearable pain, she would cry out "Jesus, bring me to heaven". We began to observe many changes in her life. We are assured that her proclamation of Jesus as her personal Lord and Saviour is for real. Praise the Lord!