



2022年寒假仍然在疫情未鬆綁的情況下來到，在縣城讀書的初高中學生們也紛紛回到家鄉，與家人們相聚準備迎接一年一度的春節的到來。為了能讓植苗事工在疫情的影響下仍然能夠幫助學生的教育補助，並讓資助人能了解兒童的成長狀況，仍然採取遠距的方式，由各地的同工或大學生幫忙處理植苗兒童相關的拍照、填寫2022年的成長報告表等行政事務。目前整個工作已經大部分完成，正在進行後續整理中。

大學生第二學期的補助申請也即將開始，在過去三年中先後也有許多位學生從大專院校中畢業，開始進入職場，有從事農產品管理，小學老師，旅遊業導遊，醫療人員，公務員等。甚至有幾位已結婚且有小嬰兒了。很欣慰看到他們從小學就有植苗持續的關懷，再加上自己不懈的努力，終於能夠達到自立！

由於目前的病毒傳播的更快，南北幾個植苗

地區附近也都出現感染確診的病例，因此管制地區就更大更廣。一位同工就因春節間曾去過隔壁的縣城，返回家鄉時即便被匡列而需在縣城賓館隔離14天，而且要經常做PCR檢測，另一位同工的丈夫從外省返家，也必須在家隔離14天，至大年初一才能出門，本地同工們外出也都受限制。

經歷過去二年多的疫情影響，大家都期盼因著疫苗注射的普及，能夠早日鬆綁國境的管制，如此才能更有效發現並關懷需要幫助的家庭，也才能夠提供更具體的報導給大家，如此傳遞關懷的精神也才能繼續保持下去，求 神保守大家身體健康，也能繼續為所有的植苗兒童們代禱，讓兒童們在身心靈各方面也都能逐漸長大！





The 2022 Winter Break has arrived even though the Covid epidemic has not let up. Middle school and high school student are coming home as in past years to prepare for the celebration of the Chinese New Year or the Spring festival, one of the most important holidays of the year. We not only want to make sure that the education and financial assistance for the children would not be interrupted because of the many challenges Covid brings. We certainly wish to report to the children's sponsors of the progress of the children have made. Therefore, we asked the local co-workers and college students to conduct the annual updates including taking photos, preparing the report of the progress of the children for 2022 and other related administrative task. They have completed the initial report and are in the process of preparing for the final report.

The application for financial aid for the second semester will begin soon. In the last three years, we have several students who have graduated from college or professional school and have entered the job market. We have some who are in the area of agricultural management, elementary school teacher, tour guides,



medical personnel and some who worked in the government. We even have a few that got married and have children. We are thankful and delighted that these students who have been supported and sustained by the Seedling Ministry from the time they were in elementary school have worked hard are now able to achieve their independence.

Currently we are facing an increased spread of Covid in our area. Cases were found in the north and south of our area. Therefore, the area affected by restrictions and control has been broadened. One of our co-workers was placed on a 14 days quarantine because of his visit recently to a neighboring city. He was also subjected to regular PCR testing. Another co-worker's husband had to self-isolate at home since he just came home from another city. Because of these restrictions, our co-workers have been limited in their travel and visit.

We are hopeful that with the vaccine being widely used, restrictions would soon be lifted and that we can resume our regular caring ministry to identify new needed families and continue to care for those we have worked with. We are looking forward to the day we can report to you with more particularity in keeping with our spirit of love and caring as we resume the work of the Seedling Ministry.

May God protect you and keep you in good health. Please continue to pray for the children of the Seedling Ministry. Pray that they continue to grow physically and spiritually.

