



Lewis and Felain Lam
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Maturity is brought about by time, teaching, and testing, with a sense of full development to a condition full of excellence. Lewis and Felain Lam, experienced global field staff with Canadian Baptist Ministries in Germany, have a goal of maturity for those they disciple. They cite Colossians 1:28 as a key verse in their vision: “He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ” (NIV).

In May, the Lams released their nine years of ministry in Kassel to CBM field staff Yuanchuan Ye and Ming Gao. They viewed this “letting go”

as a spiritual lesson of faith. The Lams continued their ministry in the neighbouring city of Göttingen and then travelled to Canada on home assignment. Lewis and Felain will return to Germany in mid-November with renewed strength and zeal to teach and train students.

For the past two and a half months, Pastor and Mrs. Lee from Hong Kong have supported those Chinese students who have taken leadership roles in the Göttingen fellowship. The rhythm of programmed outreach revolves around the school calendar for the Chinese students living abroad. Over their last 10 years of service in Germany, Lewis and Felain have developed an outreach plan. The CBM team, which consists of the Lams, Yuanchuan and Ming, and Xiaodan Fröhlich, partners with Forum für Mission unter Chinesen in Deutschland (Forum for Mission to Chinese in Germany). With the goal of evangelism, October is one the busiest seasons of establishing relationships through the orientation seminars and well-attended tours of local sites. As they seek to be eloquent witnesses of the gospel, these activities open conversations for the CBM staff and Christian students.



When the students, some of whom are in Germany with spouses and children, establish themselves in their studies at the university, they have opportunities for themselves and their youth to be involved in the monthly follow-up activities for new faith-seekers. An Alpha course is established from October to February. The year is set out around these activities: a Christmas gospel event, the Chinese New Year worship and dumpling feast in January, the lantern festival in February, an Easter discipleship camp, a May “Pentecost Living” camp, and a joint retreat for Göttingen, Kassel, and Marburg fellowship groups. Last June, a worship gathering was organized to celebrate a baptism service.

The school break in the summer is a vacant period as the Chinese churches struggle with low attendance. As the second half of the year arrives, there is a shortage of people to serve in Christian activities due to students leaving after graduation or moving to other cities for internships. Pray for those who leave, that they will be salt and light in the workplace, whether in another city or as they return to their homeland. Then, preparation begins for the next school year. Mature Christian students who remain in Germany will gather in August for a coworker training camp. Pray now for students who become new committee members to learn quickly and to integrate well within the group.

The Lams ask for prayer for their son Caleb, who is now in his third year in university in Canada. It is a challenge to be separated from family, both for the Lams and students in Germany who find themselves far from home.



A June 2023 worship gathering, celebrating the baptism of new Christians.

Sources: *CBM Prayerline* (April 4, 2023); *Lam CBM ministry updates* (cbmin.org); and the *Dictionary of Canadian English*.