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這福音本是神的大能，要救一切相信的  
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「And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.」 (Ezekiel 36:26-27)

「Loving to cook」 to 「Loving the Lord」

Who loves cooking? That would be our student Victor. Victor not only loves cooking but also has exquisite craftsmanship and excellent taste. Since he was young, he lived in Hawaii because of his parents' ability to run restaurants, picking up stuff from them and naturally becoming a great help. But the good times soon came to an end. At the age of 16, after being exposed to marijuana, Victor started using ecstasy, heroin, amphetamine, etc. He fell deeper and deeper into drug addiction, and Victor's parents sent him to a drug rehab in California. After four months in the rehab, he returned to Hawaii and started using drugs again. He even became homeless, out on the streets with no hope.

Some of Victor's mother's friends introduced her to USA Operation Dawn, so she contacted Minister Peter Hwang, but unfortunately the program was already full. But Operation Dawn in Canada still had space, so Victor went there, but due to the fact that he wasn't really ready to receive help he ended up violating the Center's regulations many times, so the Canadian co-workers transferred Victor to Taiwan Operation Dawn, where he stayed for 8 months. Finally he was able to return to the USA to enter USA Operation Dawn.

When Victor came to the United States in mid-August of last year, he quickly adapted to daily life here, however he knew almost nothing about the Bible and Christian beliefs (due to language barrier in Taiwan). Coming back to USA Operation Dawn where all the instruction was in English helped him make considerable progress in hearing and understanding the truth. Three months later, on Thanksgiving Day last year, Victor was baptized into the name of the Lord at CCIC-South Valley. Thanks be to the Lord!

One of the things I have seen in Victor's growth in the past 10 months is that he now is able to bring personal emotions (i.e., anger) to the Father in prayer. Victor himself has shared with us many times that he has emotional management problems. Sometimes it shows up while playing basketball with other students. Because of the physicality of the sport, his emotions would be stirred out of control causing him to kick the ball far away on certain occasions. Sometimes in altercations with other brothers his emotions would be stirred up considerably. However, recently in the past three months we have seen some changes. One time, for example, when getting into a conflict with one of the brothers, he decided to go back to his room to calm down and pray (he has written prayer guides on his wall). Later when talking with the staff about it, Victor

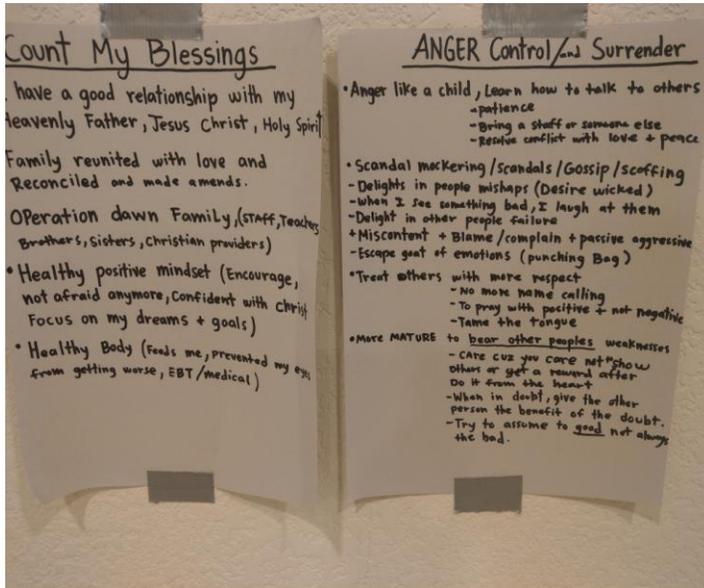
was calm and wrote down the places where he needed to work on, and acknowledged where he had been wrong.

On 6/13, Victor will complete his time here, and for someone who loves to cook he is hoping he can find work at a restaurant, but due to COVID-19 his plans are very uncertain during this time, but Victor is learning to wait patiently in the Lord, and is willing to stay longer at Operation Dawn to work on himself, while also trusting that God will provide a work opportunity for him. He has gone from loving to cook to loving the Lord!

### **Prayer items :**

1. Since the outbreak began the US has placed nationwide shelter in place, life has changed drastically. Churches need to meet online, schools have closed, cases of infection and death have been increasing, many people are unemployed, the economy is declining and people in some areas are protesting. Pray that God would give wisdom to the government leaders on how to deal with the epidemic. We hope that the epidemic will soon be brought under control.
2. On 6/3, student Henry will be leaving USA Operation Dawn to prepare to return to school to complete his Bachelor's in Software Engineering. Please pray for his new life outside of Operation Dawn.
3. After 6/13, student Victor will continue to stay at USA Operation Dawn, and is willing to wait for the Heavenly Father to give him a new job opportunity. Please pray for this.
4. The government of California is in the second stage of reopening, and will soon open the third stage which includes church gatherings in the near future. We are also evaluating how and when it will be safe to open Operation Dawn to new students and volunteer teachers.
5. Thank you brother Huang and Brother Gao for teaching us about bee-keeping and allowing us to start producing honey on our farm. At the same time, they've also brought many fig tree, loquat tree, and wolfberry seedlings for us to plan (lower left), please remember them in your prayers.





Victor's prayer guide

*Yours in the Lord.  
USA Operation Dawn Staff*

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