

敬愛的鄭清妍長老親屬與朋友大家平安:

生離死別都是真困難的! 我是楊宜宜牧師，台灣宣教基金會會長，我用說未出不甘的心來懷念送別我的至好同工鄭清妍長老，台灣宣教基金會副會長，我都稱她為清妍姊。雖然我 1970 年在 Union 教會就識她，我較知的是她歸年趟天的禮拜日都在教幼兒主日學。1977 年也教到我的女兒 Gloria. 她教的孩子歌親像: 「我的手要作工我的手要作工我的手要作工不要打人。我的嘴要唱歌…不要罵人。我的腳要行路, 不要踢人。」我在旁也順遂做她的學生，到今還記得。她也教孩子手藝。實在真感心。1978 年阮搬較近長島，一直到台灣宣教基金會成立的 2007 年才又做伙。

清妍姊通說是過去十一年上帝賞賜我和台灣宣教基金會最好的禮物。我至今都相信上帝通過她的外甥女廖萃美姐將她帶來兜創設本會作董事與財務長出錢出力，又與全家都認真投入這個傳福音救同胞靈魂的聖工。這兩年她有較衰弱，但阮看她十一年前的相片，還又膨皮膨皮真好看，不只按呢精神是一流好。有時我會問說: 「是不是要與妳去銀行啊?」她都說: 「不免!」自己駛一台大台 van. 也因為她這呢獨立性，我不曾為著財務煩惱。印刷廠的老闆說: 「喔! 妳這個財物頭腦精酷酷，一錢一厘都未給人偏 phiN 去!」有同工讚美她充滿熱情，活力不輸少年人。我想我很難找到親像清妍姐這呢好的同工啊! 咱中間若有人曾捐款給本會，都是清妍姐經手，開信箱，記錄，存口座，處理付款，複複雜雜的事與報稅。但是她都歡歡喜喜腳步輕鬆充滿喜樂，我看她那十年活到真有價值。阮兩人「並肩作戰」，十年的宣教情，像金彼硬像花彼美，我給稱為「黃金十年」。她也是一個祈禱的姊妹，阮祈禱會十一年她不曾缺席，直到她沒法度自己喘氣要靠氧氣筒。她一直事奉到倒下去為止。聖經

(啟示錄 2:10)說:「你著盡忠到死，我就欲用活命的冕旒賞賜你。」過去對要退下的同工，通常本會會送一個匾來感謝尹。但是清妍姐阮未及送她她就離開，我相信上帝要送她一面更大更榮光的匾，又使她戴一頂最美的冕旒冠冕。

清妍姐早年讀淡江女中，她受到真多歐美宣教師的栽培，所以真愛宣教師，也盡心投入本會的宣教事工。早日她自宣教師學到一條英文詩歌「Shall We Gather at the River」。2007年我為著宣教基金會寫一首詩，第二年感動一個加州的許丕龍兄為這首詩配「Shall We Gather at the River」的歌曲編作咱的會歌「僕人團隊之歌」寄給我。我接到的時清妍姐剛好來，她就開始唱「Shall We Gather at the River」的英文歌詞 the beautiful the beautiful river 用背的。我金金看她，感覺有夠奇妙!那會彼剛好? 再一次我深深感覺她是上帝差來的! 今我要請咱台灣宣教基金會在座同工做伙來唱會歌與清妍姐真愛的英文歌詞，來給她送別。

清妍姐: 妳一生愛人愛台灣愛上帝，多多同工包括不能親自來的，都交代我要替尹表達說尹都祝傷心祝不甘。我要給妳說: 眾同工都祝愛妳，上帝更加愛惜妳，願妳安息!

### **Eulogy for Sister Ching-yen**

6/1/2019 3:30pm Funeral Service by Rev. Eileen YiYi Chang

Dear relatives and friends of elder Ching-yen Cheng:  
Saying farewell is always hard! I'm Rev. Eileen Chang, President of Taiwan Mission Foundation(TMF). From deep down in my heart, I'd like to say a few words to remember elder Ching-yen, my very best coworker, also Vice President of TMF. I've always called her sister Ching-yen. I've known her since 1970 at Taiwan Union Christian Church. All I knew about her was

she taught Sunday school all year round and for many years. My daughter Gloria was also her student. I still remember the song she taught "My hands are for working not for hitting others, my mouth is for singing, not for cursing, my feet are for walking not for kicking others." She always taught arts & crafts. A wonderful teacher! In 1978 we moved closer to Long Island. We came together again until 2007 when Taiwan Mission Foundation was founded.

Sister Ching-yen was the best gift God gave to me and Taiwan Mission Foundation in the last 11 years. As of today, I still firmly believe that God brought her to TMF through her niece sister Tsui-Mei Liao, to help in founding TMF and serving as a board member and treasurer. She donated generously and worked diligently. All of her family were committed to the cause of bringing the gospel to our Taiwanese compatriots. She seemed to be weaker the last two years, her face however was round and beautiful on the photos 11 years ago, her spirit was also high. Sometimes I would ask her, "Do I need to go to bank with you?" "No need" she would say, and drove a big van running around. Because of her independent character, I never needed to worry about TMF's financial matters. The boss of the printing company told me that she was so sharp that no one could ever cheat her. Our coworkers praised her for her passion, her energy was not less than that of youths. I believe it's quite difficult for me to find another coworker like her. If anyone donated to TMF, she was the one to open the PO Box, get the check, keep the record and make the deposit and payments. Praise God, she did all this with a joyful heart. I deeply feel that her last 10 years were quite valuable. We worked hard together beautifully for Taiwan mission and I called it "The Golden 10 Years". Sister Ching-yen is also a prayer warrior. She never missed one prayer meeting until she had difficulty breathing. The Bible (Revelation 2:10) stated, "Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life." Whenever a TMF coworker left, we would give him or her a plaque to show our appreciation. Before we could give sister

Ching-yen a plaque, she already left us. I believe God will bestow her a bigger and more glorious plaque, and give her the most beautiful crown of life.”

Ching-yen studied at Tam Kang (淡江) Christian girls high school and was cultivated by many western missionaries. She loved missionaries all her life with gratitude and was fully devoted to TMF’s mission ministry. She learned an English hymn “Shall We Gather at the River” from her missionary teacher. In 2007, I wrote a poem for TMF, and it touched a brother Hsu in Los Angeles who turned the poem into TMF’s song with the melody of “Shall We Gather at the River”. When sister Ching-yen learned about it, she started singing, “the beautiful the beautiful river”. I stared at her amazingly thinking, “What a coincidence!?” Again, this made me firmly believe that she was sent to TMF by God. Now I would like to invite TMF coworkers altogether to say farewell to sister Ching-yen by singing TMF’s song as well as the English lyrics she loved.

Sister Ching-yen: You loved people, loved Taiwan and loved God all your life. Some coworkers unable to come asked me to express for them that they were very sad and reluctant to leave you. Now I will let you know that: “All our coworkers love you very much, God loves you even more. May you rest in peace!”