

In loving memory of  
Maud Wilkinson



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Chinese Christian Church



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## 1. 成為我異象 (Be Thou My Vision)

Tr. Mary E. Byrne & Eleanor H. Hull Public Domain MP51

求我心中王，成為我異象，  
我別無愛慕，惟主我景仰，  
主日夜居首，我心嚮往，  
睡著或睡醒，慈容是我光  
Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou  
art;  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my  
light.

成為我智慧，成為我箴言，  
我願常跟隨，主在我身邊，  
你是我聖父，慈愛無比，  
你常居我心，你我不相離。  
Be thou my wisdom, Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee, Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

我不求虛名，也不求富有  
主是我基業，從今到永久  
惟主在我心，永遠居首  
天上大君王，他是我萬有  
Riches I need not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou  
art.

天上大君王，光明的太陽  
容我享天樂，我已打勝仗  
我心之主宰，凡事引導  
萬有的主宰，成為我異象  
High King of heaven, after victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joy, O bright  
heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

## 2. 祢信實何廣大 (Great Is Thy Faithfulness)

Thomas O. Chisholm (1866-1960), William M. Runyan  
(1870-1957);

祢信實何廣大，聖天父真神，  
祢永遠不離棄愛祢的人，  
祢永世不改變，滿有憐憫恩，  
昔在今在永在，我主我神。  
Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my  
Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with  
Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions,  
they fail not;  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

祢信實何廣大!  
祢信實何廣大!  
清晨復清晨，主愛日更新；  
我一切所需用，祢都已預備，  
祢信實何廣大，顯在我身。  
Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies  
I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath  
provided,  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord,  
unto me!

春夏秋冬循環，栽種又收成，  
日月星辰，時刻循環運行，  
天地宇宙萬物，皆同作見證，  
述說我主信實，慈愛永恒。  
Summer and winter, and springtime and  
harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses  
above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and  
love.  
祢信實何廣大! ...  
Great is Thy faithfulness! ...

祢赦免我罪愆，賜我永平安，  
祢常與我偕行，安慰扶援，  
日日加力，更賜我光明美盼，  
祢沛賜我恩惠，豐厚無限。  
Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to  
guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for  
tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand  
beside!  
祢信實何廣大! ...  
Great is Thy faithfulness! ...

### 3. 奇異恩典 (Amazing Grace)

John Newton (1725-1807) Public Domain

奇異恩典，何等甘甜，  
我罪已得赦免  
前我失喪，今被尋回  
瞎眼今得看見  
Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me;  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

如此恩典，使我敬畏  
使我心得安慰  
初信之時，即蒙恩惠  
真是何等寶貴  
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear,  
The hour I first believed!

許多危險，試煉，網羅  
我已安然經過  
靠主恩典，安全不怕  
更引導我歸家  
Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

將來禧年，聖徒歡聚  
恩光愛誼千年  
喜樂頌贊，在父座前  
深望那日快現  
When we've been there a thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we first begun.

**Maud has indeed touched many people's lives. Here are just some of the tributes received from around the world.**

Maud Wilkinson went to be with Jesus on 12th October 2010. We give glory to God for her 34 years service with OMF in Malaysia mainly in outreach to the 'New Villages' and Scripture Union Malaysia, her ongoing ministry after retirement right until her last day, her ever-open door, her faithfulness in prayer and her example in evangelism and discipleship, seeing a small Chinese student outreach grow into the founding of Belfast Chinese Christian Church. While we know God already answered many of Maud's prayers during her lifetime, there will be answers ahead that we will surely see.

As Maud prepared to leave for East Asia, a short testimony was published in the 1953 Millions.

'He died for all that they ... should not henceforth live unto themselves but unto Him'

Chiefly through the influence of a Christian home I was brought to Christ at the age of twelve. As I grew up, it seemed ... a choice had to be made whether my life were to be lived for self or wholly for Christ. The realisation was borne in upon me that I was not my own, for I had been bought with a price, and constrained by His love, I surrendered my life to Him. Through missionary biographies and missionary conferences and prayer meetings, there came a deepening sense of responsibility..., and ... it became clear that God wanted me not only to pray but to go. When I was willing to say, 'Yes, Lord,' His own precious promise was given to me: 'I will go before thee and make the crooked places straight.'

...During these past two years of waiting, I have come to know God in a deeper way, and have proved Him as the all-sufficient One in every circumstance. ... I rejoice in the privilege of serving such a Master. 'Worthy is the Lamb.'

Laura-Jane Meas, OMF

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*Maud has always been a source of strength and inspiration to the many that have come in contact with her during her sojourn here on earth.*

*I recall meeting Maud for the first time in April 1987 at the Methodist Chaplaincy on Elmwood Avenue. Here was a Western lady who not only spoke Cantonese, but was also able to write and read Chinese! During her 23 years at the Belfast Chinese Christian Fellowship/Church, Maud was always a steady rock and a person whom people can trust and turn to for help. Her regular prayer meeting every Monday night at her home is the real reason for the growth of the BCCC during these years. We are going to miss you Maud.*

*Maud once told some of us with genuine honesty that we should sing Hallelujah on the day she dies! We didn't do that on 12<sup>th</sup> October for we lost someone so precious to us that night. But on this day as we come together to remember Maud, let us raise a little smile, for though we miss her now, we are going to visit her someday in her big mansion in Heaven!*

*Wai Kuen Mo*

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Belfast,

How can we forget Maud!!! I still remember the day she picked us Canadians up from the airport.

She was almost twice my age, (and likely thrice for the kids who came with me,) but she drove twice my speed in Canada. I thought everybody drove that way in Belfast to stay away from the bombs. Those were the good old days!

We will miss her dearly and look forward to seeing her again. Not sure if she will drive us around the Golden City?

With love and fond memories,  
On behalf of all the Canadians,  
Pastor Edwin Kong (PK)

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*I am deeply saddened to hear of Maud's departure for she has been a dear sister, friend and mentor since the days of my medical school and internship in Belfast, 1990-1996.*

*I can be comforted that she has returned to be with the Lord though. I can certainly give thanks for Maud's life — exemplary, selfless, imitating Christ, bringing lives to the Lord! We can give thanks for her love to many Chinese in Malaysia during her years of Mission, and the continuous desire to help in the Chinese church in Belfast after her retirement.*

*I thank God that I had the golden opportunity to see her in early July 2010 for I knew that I may not have another chance to meet this dear sister. Please see the attached photos.*

*I will miss Maud lots till we meet again one day in Heaven!*

*In Christ with love,  
Yeu Theng*

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So sorry to hear about Maud's passing. She is truly at home and at peace!

I remember Maud's kindness and care as she strived to emulate what Jesus does every single day. She didn't just stop and think what Jesus would do, but she just did it. I recall the many dinners and lunches she provided for us foreign students. "Stretch or starve," she would say. Suffice to say, I never starved in her house. God bless her soul. May she rest in peace everlasting.

Boon

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*Sad yet happy news to know we'll see her again one day. She'll be missed.*

*Richard Lam  
Hong Kong*

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Thank you for the news of Maud passing into glory. I do really have a mixture of both sadness and thanksgiving. Thinking about her brings such fond memories of her gentle care and also deep sharing. She cared so much for the Chinese and I want to thank God for her. Her energy and commitment to God and his people is admirable. She will be sadly missed.

I am sorry that I am unable to attend her funeral service because of very packed engagements. My thoughts are with her two sisters, with you and all in Belfast CC Church.

Love to you all,  
Esther

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*Indeed, Maud is special and has been a blessing, encouragement and inspiration to us too.*

*She was a truly faithful servant. She gave her life to us. I am sure when she sees her life flash back she will undoubtedly rejoice with the many spiritual children, grand and great grand children in God's family. She would now gladly rest in the Lord and say, "Lord, they are now in your loving hand."*

*We may not have known her long but with the brief moment that we had with her we were greatly blessed.*

Love,  
Swee Tshung and Tau Fan

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Maud lived a life that glorified God in many ways. Praise God for Maud. I look forward to meeting her in heaven.

Eng Sing  
Kuala Lumpur.

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*Maud will be remembered forever for her sacrificial love. She served us all in wisdom and in love, in Malaysia and Belfast. She is now with the Lord and also surrounded by people whom she has served on earth. I know that my Mum would rejoice with meeting up with Maud in Heaven now. Mum departed nearly ten years ago and it was Maud who led Mum to Christ in Maud's Sloan Court apartment. Maud has touched so many lives. It is unbelievable what Maud has achieved here on earth. Praise the Lord for Maud, our dear, dear friend.*

*Steph and Daniel  
Melbourne*

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It really saddened us when we got the news. We have fond memories of Maud. She was one of the first Belfast people who greeted us and helped us, despite her old age. But we are comforted to know that she's with the Lord and she'll be greatly rewarded for the great work she did on earth. Please convey our condolences to her sisters.

Blessings,  
Samuel and Joyce Goh  
Singapore

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*Maud's life was one that reflected God's grace, hospitality, meekness and humour for His people! There is much for which to be thankful. I have also shared this with others in Vancouver who have been blessed by Maud over the years. We will give thanks for the life and hope that she shared with us.*

*Blessings,  
Mona  
Canada*

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*Maud has been such a blessing. We really thank God for her. She sacrificed her whole life to service for God and for the Chinese too. What a marvelous way to live. We are really saddened by this piece of news as it comes in an unexpected way. However I think this is what she wanted: no prolonged suffering, as Maud could never really enjoy being waited upon. She waited on us and she planned so much for us. However if we fussed over her, she would not really be very happy. I think God has granted her the desire of her heart in the way to depart. She's now with Christ and we rejoice together with her, although she will be greatly missed. She is such a dear, dear friend. We are in a state of disbelief but know that God's timing is the best and God's rewards for her are great and abundant.*

*Our condolences to dear Connie and Sheela.*

*Regards,  
Stephanie & Daniel Ling  
Australia*

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I am sad but thankful for her life that many were saved through the work that she has done. I've never been good at words, however, my thoughts and prayers are with her. She definitely had run a good race!

Aaron  
England

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*The tears of today are the rains of tomorrow.  
Although in Maud's case, there are only tears of joy in her gentle and open embrace of her faith and exemplary and wonderful way she lived her life. She was loving and loved by all who were fortunate enough to be embraced by her and her presence.  
Please send my love and care to Connie and Sheela.*

*Jane Ong  
Malaysia*

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Finally the day has arrived when the Lord has called our dearest sister-in-Christ, Maud, to be with Him for eternity. For some of us who have been blessed by Maud's life ministry, I am sure this is sad news to receive. Many moments of the past spent with Maud flash in my mind. The time spent with her at the JCCF meeting, Sloan Court and Randlestown all bear witness to her dedication and generosity in taking care of overseas student like us. I am sure Eng Sing and Vincent would echo my statement.

I still vividly remembered during one of the JCCF committee meetings at Jordanstown campus before Maud led us in devotions, she reprimanded those who hadn't brought a Bible. "How can you go to school without bringing your text book?" (rellay kena from her koa koa!) Maud was like a teacher steering and imparting God's way into our lives during those few transit years in Belfast. The thought of not being able to see her again is definitely hurting and sad but knowing that she is with our Lord is comforting. I am sure the first thing our Lord will say to Maud when they see each other face to face will be "WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT." Surely her reward in heaven will be uncountable through her life as a missionary and an advisor to CCFs upon her retirement back in Belfast.

Please extend our deepest condolences to Maud's sisters. Pray for a blessed memorial service and funeral where people will continue to be touched and challenged by her life testimony.  
Yes surely I miss her!!!

Soo Beng  
Malaysia

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*We are sorry to hear of passing of our dear sister Maud, soldier of the Lord, faithful servant, whom we wanted to see so much this year and just could not. We are thankful to the Lord for knowing her and the years of correspondence how she had been such an encouragement to my family. We praise God that she is in a better place and we all shall meet at the eternal shores.*

*Please convey our love and deepest sympathy to the Wilkinson family.*

*God bless,  
Moby, Janie, Harris & Peck Sun  
First Baptist Church, Malaysia*

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My words for Maud are, "I love you Maud. You gave so sacrificially and you really put so much effort to make us (students) feel so much at home in Belfast. I can never forget how you, at 70 that time driving me all the way to the airport (and at high speed too!). You are in His arms now."

Regards  
Alison Chiu

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*We will pray and thank God for Maud and the work that she did. I have attached some photos of Maud taken in 2005.  
Praise God for Maud.*

*Jack and Kit*

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Indeed thank God for His faithfulness. How God has used Maud for all these years of labour for Him among the students and Chinese people.

I am touched and encouraged by her unwavering labour always seeking to help and serve others.

Thank God I was able to get a chance to see her for the last time in June. May she motivate us to serve beyond self.

"Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain." 1 Cor 15:58

In Christ,  
Kimseng  
Singapore

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*I attended Maud's Bible study when I studied at Queen's Belfast in 2007-2008. Maud was very kind to us international students. She is like a member of my family. I will always miss her — a lovely and great lady!*

*Maud is on my mind forever.  
Thank God for giving Maud to be with us; we are richly blessed via her.*

*Irene Shih in Taiwan*

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Thanks for informing me of this and sad about it at the same time.  
Will pray for her as she has completed her walk with the Lord in this world and back to the eternal kingdom of God.

Tommy  
Malaysia

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*We knew Maud and her housemate, another OMF missionary named Betty Milton, when we lived in Melaka in the 1960s. It was unusual to have two British ladies, well-educated and who could speak fluently the Chinese dialects living in rural Malaysia, working mostly among the women folk and young people. They were an example and encouragement to us. We will always remember their impact on the local people, especially on youths like Peck Yuen. We thank God for their willingness, sacrifice and obedience to live in Malaysia. Their investment into Malaysian lives will continue to bear fruit long after they are gone.*

*God bless,  
Dr. Kwong Tek and Goldie Chong*

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Maud was one special lady. I think she had a photo of nearly everyone she'd ever met on her wall so she could pray for them. She was such an influence in my life and I'm sure in all of yours. I remember the first time I ever went on a mission trip she gave me some money and I didn't write to tell her I'd received it, she so graciously told me that when someone gives you a gift you need to thank them and acknowledge it. I'm so grateful for her love and honesty. I remember growing up and thinking I wanted to love the way Maud did and serve people like she did. She literally gave her life to serve Chinese people compelled by Jesus' love. I imagine that when she went into heaven crowds of Chinese people welcomed her in.

Hopefully see some of you at the thanksgiving service.

Much love Mary/Oy-Chee Tsang

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*Dear brothers and sisters in Christ  
Here is a simple poem in memory of Maud:*

*I wonder if she knows  
She is very often on my mind  
I wonder if she knows  
She has touched my life many a time  
I wonder if she knows  
She has blessed many  
I wonder if she knows*

*I often tell her  
I will meet you again  
I often tell her  
I will write to you soon  
I often tell her  
I will pray for you often  
I often tell her*

*This time  
I will tell her  
we will meet again  
we will surely meet  
not in Belfast but in heaven  
Along with the everlasting throne*

*Gloria Kong Sing Huey  
Queen's University Belfast ( 1997-2001)*