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Dearest All of You!

Please forgive me for sending this on to all of you, but I reckon it helps me avoid a lot of repetition. May your Christmas be happy and bright and may the New Year bring health and prosperity (as the Chinese say!)

Lots of love, Lally

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Ämne:Christmas greetings

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Greetings and best wishes to all of you!

This year I'm sending some of Margie's photos to you - from China. She was the photographer while I only gassed, so I am happy to have them. A few photos were sent to me from China.

We had a great trip (of course!) and met so many nice people.

I also met a nice guy the other day, so I'm going to send you a couple of pictures from that event as well - if the computer will take that many in one time.

Well, Annli had arranged this meeting with Mo Yan. The kids and I met at a restaurant for lunch across the street from the Central station. Where they have jiaozi. Pretty good - but a little too big. We ordered 15 each, and that was really five to many!

Ralph had to go back to work, but Annli and I headed for Grand Hotel. We took a taxi although it isn't that far, since the snow made the roads terribly slippery. We had to wait some time, since the whole Nobel gang was engaged with some other activities, but when they came back we were shown into a small place, where it was really cold.

He was a nice fellow and seemed very humble and was interested in our speaking the same dialect. I had brought him some things, like Oscar's movie, some scanned pictures of Jianzhou - Gaomi - Zhucheng, some photos from the uncovering of Wang's statue, the book in Chinese about the Mission's first 50 years in China and a book by Lindberg about his "Field experiences". I thought he needed to know what had happened in the area before he was born, but also what is going on in the local churches today. He did know that Gaomi got a grand new church recently. I also gave him a picture book on Jiaozhou and one book written about Ruihua Zhong Hue by Yin Yong. So we talked about that. He had the idea that the missionaries in Gaomi were from Norway and only the ones in Jiaozhou were Swedes. I tried to talk him out of that. I mentioned the people that had worked in Gaomi, telling about Thoogs etc.

He told me that he was a goat's herd when he was young. He had taken

their goats to the border between Gaomi, Jiaochow and Pingdu, where the goat's herds from the three areas all met together. After a while time was up, so we took some pictures and then he brought out a red poster with the big characters for Gaomi and Mo Yan. On this he wanted our signatures! So we all wrote our names in Swedish and in Chinese. The people present were Mo Yan, his daughter and a photographer from Gaomi (who kept filming us the whole time!), his host from the Office for Foreign Affairs (a lady who spoke excellent Chinese) and Annli and me. Annli and I stayed behind for a while and suddenly his daughter came back. She offered us tickets for the Dramatic Theatre, where Mo Yan could be interviewed in the evening. Sadly Annli had to go home, since the kids had a Lucia program in the Cathedral that evening. So I hastily contacted Mariann Hagbarth (Martin Jansson's daughter) and we went there together. The show was quite exiting. Hanna Sahlberg, who has been a reporter for Sveriges Radio in China for several years, did most of the interviewing. The lady that has translated some of Mo Yan's books was also on the panel, as well as a Chinese lady who served as an interpreter. Between the interview questions some of the foremost actors at the Theatre read short stories from Mo Yan's books. This gave Mo Yan a chance to comment some of his stories. Hanna asked him about a Swedish figure he has written about in one of his books. Mo Yan smiled and said that in China he had been criticized for this. People had asked him if this Swede was meant to help him gain the Nobel prize! But then he spoke about the missionaries that had worked in Gaomi, exactly the things we had talked about before. He even told about the Thoogs. Then he added that people should not think that the missionaries didn't have difficulties to cope with. They even kept goats (!) in order to get milk! And some grew their own vegetables
Well, that was our meeting with the Nobel laureate of 2012.
All the best to all of you!
Love, Lally



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