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Cui Jingwen ( ) was born on the 17th day of the fourth lunar month in 1908 in Anyang County, Henan Province. When he was six years old, his father passed away, and the family survived by making a living as peddlers. After the outbreak of the Marco Polo Bridge Incident in 1937, he fled the war brought by the Japanese invasion––first taking refuge in Taiyuan, Shanxi Province, and then eventually making his way to Xi'an, Shaanxi Province. There, he was left destitute, wandering the streets with nowhere to settle. Through the introduction of believers from our church, he was given temporary shelter at the Dongda Street Church, where he first encountered the true light of the gospel. This was the Lord's gracious will.

After being baptized, he conducted himself according to the teachings of the Bible. He faithfully observed the Sabbath, gave his tithes regularly, and willingly helped others. Before long, he was elected as a deacon of the Dongda Street Church. In this role, he grew even more faithful, dedicating himself wholeheartedly to support the church's work and earning the respect and praise of both church staff and fellow believers. In 1950, he was ordained as an elder, a position he had held for over forty years. Throughout these decades, he remained steadfast and unwavering, upholding the truth, safeguarding the church's reputation and its property, assisting pastors, and advancing the work of evangelism.

God also bestowed special blessings upon his family. Through honest business, they made and sold skincare product, sustaining a comfortable livelihood. The Lord also worked through him to provide frequent assistance to brothers and sisters in need within the church. What is especially admirable is that he never publicized his good deeds. During this interview, he repeatedly requested that these acts not be mentioned. In ths, he truly lived out the teaching, "Do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing." He gave in secret, with the Heavenly Father who sees in secret rewarding him openly.

Now Elder Cui's entire family continued to enjoy the Lord's blessings. He and his wife are both nearly ninety years old (at the time of this interview) yet remained in good health. They walk with vigor, attending worship

together every Sabbat at the Nanxin Street Church. Their four sons and two daughters are all settled with families and careers, while their six grandsons and two granddaughters are growing and pursuing their studies. The whole family lives together in harmony—how good and pleasant it is! May glory be to our Father in heaven, and peace to those who find favor in Him.

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