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"Present every man perfect in Christ Jesus" (Colossians 1:28)

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Sunday School: 9.45 am

Sunday English / Chinese Worship Service: 10.45 am Sunday Chinese Worship Service: 7 pm

Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 8.00 pm

An Eventful Time Of Training And Nurture In The Lord

Introduction

The needs of the mission field often require a physical presence to supervise the mission work personally, to equip the saints and to support the work of the gospel. For these reasons, 4 of us (sisters Angie Sin, Han Kin Kheng, Lily Foo and Pastor Jack Sin) made our way to Country X from 10 to 17 March 2017 by the will of God.

We spent 4 days at Province Y where our mission station is located. We met up with Pr B who had arranged for us to minister there. It was after having gone through the customs checkpoint safely whereby an incident took place. We prayed and trusted the Lord for deliverance.

This mission station was started about 2 years ago. We conducted the first ever ukulele session with the children gathered on Saturday. Moreover, sisters Angie Sin, Han Kin Kheng and Lily Foo taught them the ukulele, songs and craft. There was also sharing of the Word and the gospel was taken from the book of Esther and an interesting video clip was presented by sister Angie Sin.

The children were interested and they picked up their musical skills pretty fast. They were able to play 'I have decided to follow Jesus' and 'God is so Good' after 2 hours of teaching them. All in, there were 9 children and 8 young adults (including us) and a police officer who has been coming regularly to the church.

Pr B, together with his dear wife Teng Teng (who is currently working), started this Saturday programme. Now, it is slowly bearing fruit with the assistance of a co-helper. They are interested in the study of the Word of God and we shared on the book of 2nd and 3rd John for 2 consecutive nights. Then, on the following Monday night, the subject was on Biblical Courtship and Covenant Marriage. It was attended by 13 people with many questions asked. After the session, one couple requested for a private counselling session with us. So, we spent the next 1 hour addressing some practical concerns about conflict resolution.

For the Sunday morning service chaired by Pr B, Sisters Lily Foo sang a hymn and Han Kin Kheng gave a testimony before the message was shared. The Lord's Supper was observed with the members. The afternoon was fruitfully spent with a home visit to a member's family. His father was suffering from terminal cancer. We preached from John 14:1-6 to encourage and comfort him as well as to witness to those who are unsaved in the family. This was followed by a fruitful session 2 of learning the ukulele led by our ladies and a revision on the shorter catechism by Pr B. (Note : The member's father went home to be with the Lord a few days ago.)

There may be a need to look for a more suitable or convenient place by July this year. Do pray for God's guidance and wisdom for the preacher as he seeks the Lord's will in this important matter.

The second half of the mission trip was spent in City Y. It took us 4 hours to arrive by the HSR (High Speed Rail). We met a couple who are attending a church there. They organised a home Bible Study on the theme of Marriage and the Family. That night, about 30 young professionals came by. It was a lively discussion after sisters Lily Foo sang and Han Kin Kheng shared her late sister's salvation testimony. We shared the Word with questions asked ranging from how to choose a life partner to how to end a relationship amicably if needful and conflict resolution. The young Christian graduates have a big challenge to address in this exacting working society which is facing the changing moral standards of the times besides managing the pressure from parents to settle down soon in marriage. Our Maranatha Resource Ministry materials and books on this topic were freely given out to and well received by them.

The next day, we met up with a local elder of a reformed church who is seeking for a full time preacher. We pray that we could assist him in this matter as the Lord leads.

The final night of our mission trip was spent meeting up with 4 leaders of a local church who had many questions on theology and church governance to ask. They have been leading the local church for the past 7 years. It has grown and they are seeking to follow the reformed tradition and Presbyterianism in their church polity.

The team had a good time when visiting other places as well besides the sharing of the Word every morning in our group devotion. There was always a time to pray and bond together with Pr B who came along with us. He later shared with us that it was a time of fruitful learning for him as well as he visits other churches with us. He has benefitted from picking up new ideas to apply in his own church.

Conclusion

The road ahead for this mission station requires much fervent prayer, hard and heart work, perseverance and patience in building up the ministry there by the preacher and his co-labourers. As the mother church, we need to support them in the right direction as they witness to the many lost souls and shepherd the flock in this great nation as we wait for the Lord's soon return.

Jack and Angie Sin

Why Missions?

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For me, I am responding to God's calling since 2014. It is to enter into the Mission Field organised by MBPC, Maranatha Bible Presbyterian Church.

Hence, immediately after serving 34 long years of dedicated service as an education officer under the watchful eye of my Lord and God, I retired.

From then on, I always remind myself of my promise to God:
I RETIRE TO RE-FIRE MY LIFE FOR GOD.

Therefore, I armed myself with the following mission aims as I embarked on the 8-day trip to Country X once again.

Acts 5:20 reads – Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life.

2 Chronicles 19:9 reads – And he charged them, saying, Thus shall ye do in the fear of the LORD, faithfully, and with a perfect heart.

Our body ages by the second. Yes, I had health concerns looming over my head as 10th March drew closer to kick start the mission trip. However, I submitted myself whole-heartedly in prayer to God. I walk by faith and trust in God to lead and direct my footsteps, drawing wisdom and strength from Him. God is faithful. He protected me from all aches and pain acting up during the trip.

All Praise and Glory to God for a fruitful and meaningful experience as a team member. I could see the higher hand of God directing the work done thus far under the supervision of Pr B. It had been a long, lonely and hard journey to undertake, but, his tenacity in his labour of love for God is bearing more fruits now. Just like a young sapling, it needs to be supported by like-minded brethren in terms of words of encouragement, being prayer warriors for specific needs, financial support through our love gifts or a simple text message of 'HELLO'.

Allow God to speak to your heart as you seek to love, obey and honour Him with your time, talent and treasure.

Matthew 6:33 reads – But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

To God be the Glory.

Han Kin Kheng

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Greetings from Country X

Thank you for all your love for us and the church and body of Christ.

You always carry the fragrance of Christ and lead by example in what it means to sacrifice for Him, seek Him and His Kingdom first; what it is to love your brothers!

We always enjoy your encouragement and warm fellowship!

May there be great years yet to come! May God shine His face upon you and be gracious to you and your family!

The Brethren from City Y

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The Chinese brethren going home happily after a blessed evening service.

Evangelism at the workers' dorm and pray for good soil to receive the tracts.





Do come and join the weekly church prayer meeting on Wednesday night at 8pm.

The Simei NBC at the home of brother Eddy Tay and sister Alice studying the book of Job.



Theme for the Quarter :

Evidence of Regenerate Life in Christ

English Worship Service

Dn Chen Ching Hong

speaks on

What if I die without Christ

(Scripture Text : John 5:38-43; Responsive Reading : 1 Corinthians 15:50-57)

Gospel Sunday

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