

FAIRFIELD COMPASS

Lighthouses in Chinatown on Dec 24, 2015

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History

We had our first service on 15 June 1986 at 1 Tanjong Pagar Road. In the first few years after moving in, we organized Christmas in Chinatown (CIC) in front of Chinatown Complex. On one of the nights we invited them to celebrate Christmas with us in the Church. From 1999 to 2006 we organised Blessing Projects, CIC in one of the three open fields, bringing gifts to the homes, invited them to our Church for breakfast, lunch and services. We also had CCIS floats.

At the peak we had 150 tables of guests enjoying meals in Church, followed by services. Yet it yielded little tangible result and consuming much time and resources. Yong-en Care Centre started in 1996 and have been reaching out to the residents in Chinatown for almost 20 years.

Lighthouse in Chinatown

The next phase of our mission to Chinatown is intentionally to get into homes. About 90 church members hosted Christmas parties and shared the Christmas story to over 100 pre-believers in

16 homes in five blocks of four-room flats in Chinatown and two blocks outside Chinatown, over the Christmas season. Total number of participants was 219 and we saw one salvation.

Moving On

We will be visiting these homes with photos of the Christmas Lighthouse gatherings as follow-up; and continue to visit them during Chinese New Year. We hope that more would come forward to participate in the Chinatown Blessing Day held on 31 January. Let us arise and put our discipleship in action.



Chan Siew Leong, Ministry Staff.

Christmas Lighthouse 2015

On 17 December 2015, I received a message on my phone inviting someone to co-host an Indian family for the Christmas party on 23 December 2015. Not knowing the details and without a second thought, I replied "I am available."

What followed was a humbling experience for me. I found myself asking God, "How do I organize a party for eight adults and 17 kids in a one room flat? I am not good with children, who can help me?" Although I felt totally inadequate and I had only a week to plan everything, I was assured that I could count on God. Indeed He never fails. Within three days, everything was in place. God sent professionals! A kindergarten principal and two teachers volunteered to join the team. Presents for the kids came from the supply of our church Power Kids Christmas gathering.

After a hearty dinner of pizzas and masala chicken with deliciously cooked long grain rice, the evening started with an icebreaker which both the adults and children enjoyed thoroughly. Their hearts were prepared to listen to the Christmas story and the

Gospel after we sang "Hark the Herald Angels Sing." A beautiful testimony concluded the message we were there to share. For many of the guests who came from different faiths, that would have been a divine appointment. God in His love had reached out to them. There was a definite sense that the Gospel seed had been planted.

My team and I left the home joyfully after distributing the Christmas presents. My prayer that night was that God would give us a real heart for the people He came to love and died for. Over 100 pre-believers heard the Good News through this year's Christmas Lighthouse effort. We came together, united as a body of Christ to advance His Kingdom here on earth and to tear down strongholds and set captives free in Jesus' Name. To God be the Glory for the great things He has done!

Mrs Linda Lim heads the Ushering Team.

Church Theme for 2016: DISCIPLESHIP IN ACTION

"And this is love, that we walk according to his commandments; this is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, so that you should walk in it." — (2 John 1:6, ESV)



A Word from the Pastors' Office

Discipleship in Action!

Bernard was having coffee with one of his friends. Bernard's friend does not know Jesus and asked how it is like to be a Christian. Bernard was excited to hear this question; as his Small Group Leader had always said: "Take hold of this opportunity for your friend might not ask a second time!"

So Bernard eagerly told his friend that being Christian is about going to church every Sunday, reading the Bible every day, attending at least two Bible Study courses in a year and be in fellowship with other Christians in a Small Group. Bernard then concluded that being a Christian is "the best thing that has happened in my life!"

The friend listened attentively and after a few seconds of silence, he said: *"Yes Bernard, I must admit that you seemed different from the time when I first knew you. You used to frequent pubs and got yourself drunk. Nonetheless, if this is Christianity then I would rather not get myself involved. I am afraid it would be quite a waste of time."*

Shocked, Bernard asked why. His friend explained: *"Bernard, you only seemed different on the surface. You have been a Christian for ten over years and I have not observed that much had changed except for the fact that you got yourself involved in more church activities then bouts of drinking yourself silly. While that is a big step forward, I have also observed that you still like to gossip about others. When you do this, I am not sure if you also gossip to others about me. This Jesus that you are telling me about does not seemed to teach you about basic manners either. The other day at the wedding ceremony, I observed that you were playing candy crush on your phone while your pastor was conducting the ceremony. After the ceremony, I saw you cutting in line for coffee even when there were elderly people waiting in the queue. So I thought if Christianity did so little for you, it would be a waste of time."*

We might not have friends like Bernard's who did him the favour by being honest about what he has observed. Nonetheless, many of us would not be unfamiliar with hearing about how people have (with good evidence) found some Christians to be "hypocritical"; telling others about how the Gospel can change lives and yet leading double lives of our own.

So... what went wrong? How is it possible that a Christian who spent so much time knowing the Word of God experience so little change? Could it be that we are simply not applying God's truth to life? While we believe rightly that this is the main reason, perhaps we can also take a step back and ask ourselves these two questions:

1. Even as one who claimed to be a believer of the Gospel, do we really desire to have a changed life as compared to what we are having now?
2. Do we really understand the difference between a person who walks in God's commandments (2 John 1:6) and another who is living according to the flesh?

To help us understand these questions, the pastors in Fairfield Methodist Church have planned a sermon series on "Discipleship in Action". This is a follow up from the 2015 sermon series which explored the fundamentals of Disciple Making.

The "Discipleship in Action" series will explore social and life issues (such as life, death, family, work, truth and sin) through God's Word; drawing principles from distinctions made between biblical perspectives and worldviews. For example on the issue of "sin", one distinction that can be made between how the world and God's Word view sin would be the former's emphasis that sin is merely an outcome of a person's behavior rather than the latter's exhortation that sin is the fruit of a spiritual condition that causes death. As we discuss such distinctions, biblical principles will also be drawn for application to our daily living. Do pray with us as we come together as a Body of Christ to listen to God's Word as we seek to follow Christ and make disciples.

Discipleship in Action Sermon Series (2016)

Date	Sermon	Scripture
14 Feb	"Prosperity"	Joshua 1:8-9; Psalm 1:1-3
21 Feb	"Grace"	Titus 2:11-14; Jude 1:4; 2 Corinthians 6:1
28 Feb	"Love"	1 John 4:7-9; 1 John 5:1-3
6 Mar	"Sin"	James 4:17; Romans 6:23; 1 John 3:4; 1 John 3:6-10
13 Mar	"Forgiveness"	Ephesians 4:31-32; Luke 7:44-50
24 Mar	"Family"	John 1:12-13; Matthew 12:46-50; Colossians 3:17-21
25 Mar	"Death"	John 11:25-26; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
27 Mar	"Life"	John 10:10; John 14:6; Genesis 2:7; Galatians 2:20
3 Apr	"Hope"	Romans 5:1-15; Psalm 71:1-5
10 Apr	"Truth"	John 14:6; John 8:32; John 16:13; John 17:17
17 Apr	"Sabbath"	Exodus 20:8; Mark 2:23-28
24 Apr	"Work"	Psalm 127:1-2; Colossians 2:23-25; 1 Corinthians 10:31
1 May	"Faith"	Romans 10:17; Hebrews 11:1-6
15 May	"Speech"	James 3:1-10; Proverbs 10:31-32
22 May	"Purity"	2 Timothy 2:21; 1 Peter 1:13-16; Psalm 51:10; Psalm 119:9
29 May	"Service"	1 Peter 4:8-11; Matthew 20:26-28

牧师的话

行动中的门徒！

在喝咖啡时，一位未认识耶稣的朋友问了贝尔纳如何成为一名基督徒。听了这个提问，贝尔纳感到很兴奋，因为他想起家庭小组的组长说：“要把握这次机会，因为你的朋友不一定会再提起相同的问题！”

于是贝尔纳急切地告诉他的朋友，一名基督徒是每个星期日都到教堂、每天读圣经、在一年内参加至少两次的研经课程以及和其他基督徒在家庭小组中一起团契。作为总结，贝尔纳说他成为基督徒是“这一生最美的事！”

这位朋友听了贝尔纳的话后，沉默了数秒，然后接着说：“是的，贝尔纳，我必须承认你与我初次认识你时的确有所不同。你以前常光顾酒吧并喝得酩酊大醉。虽然如此，如果基督教是这么一回事儿的话，我宁可不要让自己介入，恐怕这是非常浪费时间。”

贝尔纳听了朋友的话感到震惊，并问他为什么。贝尔纳的朋友解释道：“贝尔纳，你不过是在表面上有所不同。你成为基督徒已超过十年了，而我察觉你除了参与更多教会活动以外，其他都没多大的改变。虽然这是个很大的进步，但是，我仍然看到你在背后说别人是非。当你如此时，我不知你是否也在他人面前说我是非。你口中的耶稣并没有教导你基本的礼貌。前些日子，在一场婚礼仪式上，当你的牧师证道时，我看到你正在玩手机游戏。婚礼仪式后，我还看到你在排队取咖啡时插队，当时队中有好几名老人家呢。因此我想，若基督教给你带来的仅此而已，我认为参加基督教不过是浪费时间罢了。”

虽然，我们或许没有象贝尔纳朋友那么坦诚的好友，但是，我们却能常听到有人在真实情况下，发现基督徒非常虚伪；在传扬福音能如何改变生命的同时，却同时过着“双重生命”。

到底是哪里出了问题？为什么一个基督徒花了长时间研读圣经，但是生命却没有改变呢？是否我们并没有把神的真理活出来？我们也许能思考以下两个问题：

1. 我们自称是信徒，但我们是否有想要改变生命的意念，还是安于现状呢？
2. 我们是否真正理解一个行于神诫命的人与活在肉体情欲的人之间的不同呢？

为了帮助我们理解这些问题，牧师安排了一系列的“行动中的门徒”布道。这将延续2015年培训门徒讲道系列中的基础。“行动中的门徒”布道系列将通过神的话语探讨社会和生活问题（如生命，死亡，家庭，工作，真理和罪恶）；以圣经原则和世界观间的角度为借鉴。例如在“罪”的课题上，，世界观认为‘罪’只不过是一个人的行为的后果，但圣经中‘罪’是因灵魂状态而导致的死亡。在我们讨论中，我们将以圣经的原则来绘制并应用在日常生活。当我们一同聆听神的话并学习基督培训门徒时，请予我们一起祷告。

“行动中的门徒”布道系列 (2016)

日期	讲道主题	经文
2月14日	“繁荣”	约书亚记1: 8-9; 诗篇1: 1-3
2月21日	“恩典”	提多书2: 11-14; 犹大书1: 4; 哥林多后书6: 1
2月28日	“爱”	约翰一书4: 7-9; 约翰一书5: 1-3
3月6日	“罪”	雅各书4:17; 罗马书6: 23; 约翰一书3: 4; 约翰一书3: 6-10
3月13日	“原谅”	以弗所书4: 31-32; 路加福音7: 44-50
3月24日	“家庭”	约翰福音1: 12-13; 马太福音12: 46-50; 歌罗西书3: 17-21
3月25日	“死亡”	约翰福音11: 25-26; 帖撒罗尼迦前书4: 13-18
3月27日	“生命”	约翰福音10:10; 约翰福音14: 6; 创世记2: 7; 加拉太书2:20
4月3日	“盼望”	罗马书5: 1-15; 诗篇71: 1-5
4月10日	“真理”	约翰福音14: 6; 约翰福音8:32; 约翰福音16:13; 约17:17
4月17日	“安息日”	出埃及记20: 8; 马可福音2: 23-28
4月24日	“工作”	诗篇127: 1-2; 歌罗西书2: 23-25; 哥林多前书10:31
5月1日	“信心”	罗马书10:17; 希伯来书11: 1-6
5月15日	“言语”	雅各书3: 1-10; 箴言10: 31-32
5月22日	“纯洁”	提摩太后书2:21; 彼得前书1: 13-16; 诗篇51:10; 诗篇119: 9
5月29日	“服侍”	彼得前书4: 8-11; 马太福音20: 26-28

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Q & A with Rev Daniel Cornilius Tan Boon Liat

The former pastor of Kampong Kapur Methodist Church joined Fairfield Methodist Church on 1 January 2016.



Please tell us more about you and your family

My name is Daniel Cornilius Tan. My name is usually spelt wrongly. So, it would be helpful to note that my middle name 'Cornilius' is spelt with an 'i' and not an 'e' as in the Bible. In official reference, I prefer to be known as Rev Daniel C Tan. I am very comfortable for people to call me just by name (Daniel). Some members call me Pastor D... especially the younger ones.

My wife is Denisa S Chin. We do not have any children — tried, but COE was not approved. But we are blessed with nieces and wonderfully lovely grand-nieces. One will be turning two and the other will be four soon. Our grand-nephew is on the way.

My wife is working as the Admin, HR and Operations Manager in an SME.

How many years have you been in the ministry?

I graduated from Trinity Theological College and was admitted to the pastoral ministry on 1st Aug 2003. So, I am a pastor for slightly more than 13 years.

Any leisure pursuits?

I prefer to spend time in quiet solitude. So, pursuits like reading, reflection, taking a quiet stroll in gardens or along the beach, are what I would really love to do. However, spending time with family at home brings me great joy too. I love to sit down for coffee or tea with my wife and just chit-chat with her.

Occasionally, I love to have friends come over to my home for dinner or tea. Or I'd meet up with friends over coffee. I have a bunch of friends whom I love to have a meal with or just spend time outing like tourists in Singapore.

What are your favourite foods and food haunts?

I love what everyone loves — mum's cooking. Yes, my mum's cooking is always the best. However, mum is older and getting more frail now. So, she has stopped cooking. My wife's cooking is also the best. Besides that, my wife and I love Japanese cuisine. Personally, I love most types of food. I can be easily satisfied — a simple freshly cook bowl of rice with sesame oil, pepper and dark soy sauce can be very satisfying. A raw egg in it will be a bonus.

Favourite food haunts? Well, I love the usual that many people love too — Maxwell Road Hawker Centre, Bersih Food Court, Serangoon Garden Market, etc. No big surprise.

How do you see yourself as a pastor? What is your pastoral style?

Being an introvert, I like to take time to get to know people especially in a setting that is not too large. Although that is generally true about my inclination towards introversion, I also like to work with people in a team. This is because I always believe that nobody has the monopoly of all wisdom and understanding. It always gives me great joy to see people working in harmony and unity for the common good and goal — that the name of God may be glorified. Perhaps that is why I am a Methodist: Whenever there is work to be done and decisions to be made, I

tend towards forming teams and committees to work through the issues.

I also like to engage people on a personal level and get to know them deeper. So, people will find that I like to have coffee or tea with them and chat. This kind of engagement with people energizes me. Oftentimes, people will also find that I like to engage them in a way that will help them to find a meaningful place of ministry and service in the church or the marketplace. God's calling for His people is not always to full-time Christian ministry in the church as a pastor or similar positions. God can, and will, call people to serve Him in positions in the secular field, in the marketplace where they can make a deep impact in the lives of people that God will bring along their way. And so, it is always my desire to work with people to fulfil their calling by employing their God-given gifts in effective ways for His glory and to edify others.

What is the one essential thing we need to know about you?

Well, it is important that you all know that I am a professional extrovert. By nature, I am an introverted person. I prefer to spend time in quiet reflection. But being a pastor, I have grown to expect that there will be times I have to come out of my shell. That is why I say that I am a professional extrovert. At times, I can come across as being aloof because it is not my nature to strike a conversation with people out of the blue. I do not find it easy to remember everyone's names quickly. I find it easier to get to know people better if our engagement with each other is on a more personal level or if I work with these people in a team setting. When people get to know me better, they will know that I can be warm and very friendly.

What are your plans/hopes as you start work in Fairfield?

Currently, I do not have plans for my ministry in Fairfield Methodist Church. I would prefer to spend some time to observe how the church functions and understand the culture of the church before taking any steps to plan. To have plans before knowing the church is premature. Like most pastors, my hope is to help the congregation here in Fairfield Methodist Church to walk with Christ in a way that others will see that Christ is love and it is by living that love that we can truly call ourselves true disciples and not casual followers.

How can worshippers pray for you?

The worshippers can pray that I will remain true to my calling as a pastor. They can also pray that God will protect my wife and I in a way that we will continue to grow stronger in our marriage and in our partnership in ministry for our Lord.

What do you like to be remembered for?

I would like to be remembered as a pastor who is fair and firm in all I do. I will not be able to satisfy everyone nor agree with everyone no matter how hard I try, but at the end, I hope the congregation can see that what I do is genuinely for the love of God and His people.

FFMC Connect

FFMC Connect is a town hall meeting used as a platform of communication between the leaders and congregation of FFMC. FFMC Connect was started in 2014 when we no longer had the Church Conference in FFMC. Recently, FFMC Connect sessions were conducted immediately after both English worship services and kept to within 30 minutes for the convenience of the congregation and to attract a wider audience. During these sessions, the leaders of the church presented on key initiatives such as our discipleship process, updates on major issues like our church building lease ending in 2027, and highlighted on significant ministries' events.

FFMC Connect is also an opportunity for the congregation to ask questions and provide feedback to the leaders of the church. We plan to have three sessions of FFMC Connect per year. We want to develop the FFMC Connect to be an effective forum for sharing of concerns, plans and vision so that communication is good and the leaders are accountable. For those who prefer to communicate with the leaders through email, please send your questions, feedback and suggestions to: ffmcdisciples@gmail.com

Tan Chee Boon, Lay Leader.



Lectionary Readings

The Lectionary is a schedule of readings from Holy Scripture for use in the daily devotions of Christians or the weekly services of the church. Fairfield Methodist Church uses a lectionary called the "Revised Common Lectionary" that is shared by many denominations in many countries. The weekly readings therefore unite us with many other Christian brothers and sisters all over the world.

This lectionary follows a three-year cycle. Every cycle starts from Advent. The readings follow the outline of the Christian year and help us to stay on track with the story of Christ's life, death, and resurrection. In the Revised Common Lectionary, 4 thematically-linked readings (from the Old Testament, the New Testament, the Psalms and the Gospels) are laid out for our instruction every week. We have been using only the Old Testament and the New Testament readings so far in Fairfield.

Hearing the Word of God read helps us in our journey of discipleship. The lectionary provides a systematic approach to the use of Scripture in worship. It reminds us that we are to be acquainted with "the whole counsel of God" (Acts 20:27) by introducing us to portions of Scripture that we may not be familiar with. The lectionary therefore helps us avoid sticking to favourite bits of the Bible and neglecting the rest.

The idea of the public reading of God's Word is found both in Judaism and is hinted at in the New Testament. Jesus was asked to read (Luke 4:16-20) in the synagogue at Nazareth. In his letters to the early church, Paul clearly expects his readers (even non-Jews) to be familiar with details of the Old Testament writings (e.g. Romans 4:1-23, Galatians 3:6-10, 1 Corinthians 6:16, 2 Corinthians 3:7-18). Paul expected his letters to be circulated and publicly read out in churches (Colossians 4:16).

The Old Testament mentions the public reading of scripture to the



assembled people of God (Nehemiah 8:1-8). This passage tells us that the people stood when the Book of the Law of God was opened. It also mentions how scripture was read clearly and explained in a way that helped the hearers understand it. This is why we stand in reverence when the lectionary is read during our services. This is also why the readers study the passages to be read and give some background so the whole congregation can get the context of the passage.

We believe in lectionary readings because we believe that the Bible as the authoritative Word of God. The Bible is relevant to our daily lives, and the Bible is powerful to speak to us and change us when we humbly receive and apply it in our situation. Lectionary readings are an important part of our order of worship and represent an opportunity for some of us to minister to the church at large by being lectionary readers.

Dr Ho King Hee, Associate Lay Leader.

Small Groups Leaders (SGL) Connect

– 31 October 2015, Fairfield Methodist Church

A total of 40 participants, consisting of SG leaders, Co-leaders as well as potential leaders attended the SGL Connect. The objective of the gathering was to create a nurturing environment for participants to learn and connect with each other.

The afternoon began with beautiful worship led by Edwina Lim. On behalf of the Disciple Making Team (DMT), Dr Daniel Poon shared the training curriculum for SGLs. Participants then had group discussions to provide feedback on the training curriculum.

Pastor Jason facilitated a discussion session on "Welcoming new visitors into the SG". He provided a practical synopsis on the topic to guide the group discussions. Interesting viewpoints and insights, coming from different experiences and perspectives, were shared by various people. The participants had a fruitful time and were alerted to problems that different SGs were facing.

Another step had been taken, though even a small one towards encouraging each other in this journey of being a Disciple Making church. As we continue in this effort, may we find much joy in this journey through the SGL Connect.



My Experience With Small Groups

It is my deep joy and honour to be asked to share my experience with small groups in Fairfield. Before I do so, I would like to tell you a little about myself. I have always been quite capable and self-sufficient, and the company I enjoy best is, if I am completely honest, my own. As an illustration of my preference for solitude, a recent holiday I had involved driving around Los Angeles for 2 weeks, including spending 4 days at Disneyland – I did this all on my own and thought it the most glorious time ever.

On the other hand, being a Christian in church means that I am drawn into a larger community, but I could never quite get the idea of fellowship – the thought was simply alien to my natural inclinations. I figured if I were attending Sunday services regularly, I would not have "neglected to meet together", as Hebrews 10:25 exhorts. I was also active in the worship ministry, so surely I was participating in the body life of the church.

However, as I became more serious about my walk with God, I had a deep sense of disquiet that *something* was missing. I came to realise that the Christian life is not just obeying a list of do's and don'ts, going to church or serving in a ministry. I wanted to know this God I professed to love. I wanted to know what a "love that is patient and kind" (1 Corinthians 13:4) looks like in action. How patient should love be? Is there a seeming unkindness that might actually prove to be kind after all? 1 Corinthians 13 are pretty verses that used to decorate my bookmarks and greeting cards. But suddenly they took on an urgency – I wanted to know how to live them out in my life.

For all my abilities and intelligence, I was actually ignorant in so very many things of the Bible. As Paul wrote in Ephesians 4:14, I was a child who was "tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes". And perhaps the most profound and shocking revelation was that the "human cunning", and "deceit" Paul described were quite often not perpetrated by others, but instead the delusions of my sinful self, because we are so good at hearing only the things we want to hear from Scripture, and pretending it is His voice. Proverbs 18:1 puts it this way: "Whoever isolates himself seeks his own desire; he breaks out against all sound judgment."

So I made the radical decision to join a small group. For a good many weeks, I felt intimidated and uncomfortable, because there is nothing more frightening or vulnerable than having my life examined in the light of Scripture. Listening to more mature Christians discuss the Word, explaining how Biblical truths are applied, and sharing their own victories and failures over sin – these revealed the depth of my own fallenness, yet showed me the way to victory in Christ.

The small group also modelled to me what it means to show hospitality, to encourage one another and to carry each other's burdens. From not *getting* the idea of fellowship, Friday evenings became as non-negotiable as Sunday mornings. The place the small group has in my life hit home when some years ago, a pastor at the pulpit asked during a sermon who was involved in small groups, and my hand shot up immediately. I had gone from being non-committal about Christian fellowship, to being the first to put my hand up in answer – spiritual transformation is real and visible.

Paul in 1 Corinthians 13:13 tells us "the greatest of these is love". For much of my life, I confused Biblical love with warm, fuzzy emotions of good-will and benevolence. I thought in order to love, I had to like. How then am I to obey the commandment to love the stranger or worse, my enemy, if I did not like them? But then I learned that love does not necessarily include liking, although it helps. Jesus taught "whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them". A corollary to this would surely be "whatever I wish for myself, I wish also for others". My deepest wish for myself is to know Christ and be like Him – that has become my wish for others too. And in this quest, I have also come to realize that we need one another as we "work out our own salvation with fear and trembling" (Philippians 2:12).

Week after week as my group digs deep into Scripture and we grapple together with difficult and discomforting truths, we "consider how to stir up one another to love and good works," (Hebrews 10:24) and we sharpen one another "as iron sharpens iron" (Proverbs 27:17). This is the love we share – that we do all in our power for one another so that we may each know Christ and be like Him, so that we might all grow to know what it means for each of us, personally, at our own level, in our own way, to love with patience and kindness, without envy or boastfulness.

It is my prayer that through your small groups, you too would experience the kind of love that challenges, unsettles, but ultimately transforms us to His image.

Christina Lim worships at 8.30am service.

My Cell Family

Turn the pages of the newspapers and you will read of crises happening in different parts of the world almost every other day – from natural disasters to terrorist attacks. While we feel sad for those affected, these events do not crush our spirit. However, it is different story when your family has to go through a crisis and come face to face with many unknowns and uncertainties.

I have three children. They grew up strong and healthy, with little health issues, except for the occasional flu and cough bugs that hit them once in a while. Crisis Day struck on 23 January 2014. Ryan, my younger son, then 9 years old, called me from school at about 10am, crying to tell me that he was feeling unwell and had back pain and wobbly feet.

Ryan was then rushed to KK hospital A&E and the MRI scan showed that he had rather extensive inflammation in his spinal cord. He was diagnosed with Transverse Myelitis, a neurological disorder that could lead to the total paralysis of the lower half of his body and affecting his bowel and bladder movements.

For the next 7 days, Ryan depended on the wheelchair for movement around the hospital. With medication to reduce the inflammation, intravenous immunoglobulin to aid recovery and intensive physiotherapy to help him walk again, Ryan started to gain some control over his toes and then his legs. He learnt to walk all over again, like a baby – from balancing to controlling his legs. Over time, he regained the use of his bowel and bladder. After staying in KK hospital for 5 weeks, Ryan was finally discharged with many different follow-ups with the various specialists for the next months.

During this trying time, many people prayed for us. Friends in church and family and friends from other churches covered us with prayers too. Our cell constantly prayed and encouraged us. We are thankful for every one of these prayers. The children in our cell also encouraged Ryan by sending videos and pictures of their well-wishes, prayers and quotes of encouragement. It was God's grace, mercy and faithfulness, as well as the tremendous prayer support we received that allowed my family to soar through this time of adversity with wings like an eagle.

To me, my cell group is not just a small group, it is my cell family. In this family, we learn to show care and concern for each other. We learn to bear each other's burden. More importantly, we grow together in faith as we strive to become more Christ-like.

Pia Lam worships at 10.30am service and serves in the Choir.



Fairfield Preaching Point Children Ministry

FFPP has an active Children Ministry involving the teaching of the Word and activities that help children grow in the Lord.

An exciting event for the children was the treat they had earlier in 2015. This idea was mooted while we were thinking about our outreach and also to reach within our own. This change of routine gave children and teachers an opportunity to interact with one another in a different setting. It also gave the children a good opportunity to invite their friends for the event and for the evangelistic Easter service.

The Children Treat program was put together by Li Hwa, one of our Sunday school teachers. The program began with a warm welcome to all children, followed by a session of praise and worship then a short lesson about how Jesus loves children. After the lesson, Li Hwa together with Li Yen, Josephine Chau and Bee Kin brought all 11 children to a fast food restaurant for the treat. Natalene and Shang Ji who assist in the Children Ministry were also there to lend a hand.

This event gave the ministry an opportunity to teach the children in a practical way how they can welcome their friends to Sunday school and the church, also how they can be a witness for Jesus and how our love for others is a testimony for God.

Although many children invited their friends, only one non-member child was able to attend. We took the opportunity to explain to all that it is the work of the Holy Spirit to enable people to come while we obediently do God's command when the opportunity arises.

This year the Children Ministry also performed on Easter Sunday. This was a skit put together by the children with help from Sunday

school teacher Qin Ying. The idea was to have the children work on something they would enjoy doing together. So when Qin taught the Parable of the Talent to the children, they agreed to use it to develop a script for the skit. Every child contributed to the script. Despite some challenges, the children with their teacher were able to put together a performance during our Children Ministry celebration event. The teachers were so impressed with the children's commitment and presentation that it was suggested that the children should perform for the congregation during the Easter Service. After some hesitation (the children were nervous about performing in front of the congregation) and lots of encouragement, the kids eventually understood that their presentation was in reality an act of worship to God and they need not be too worried about how they performed.

Qin may not have any experience in performing arts but she gave her best. Natalene, who had some drama experience, helped with the script and rehearsals. The effort put in by the children, Qing and Natalene was rewarded with loud appreciative applause from the congregation.

The skit opened with the scene of children playing on Good Friday and one child asking what Good Friday meant. The Christian child then explained to his friends what Good Friday meant, and recounted a song he learnt in Sunday school - "Jesus is the good Shepherd" - and how Jesus helped him in his studies. In the end he invited his friends to say the sinner's prayer to make Jesus Christ their Lord and Savior.

Our prayer at the Children Ministry is for every person, to whom the Lord has given ability and who is willing to serve, to come forward to build the body of Christ with children.



Teacher Li Yen and Lael Dennette See

Our CM child Jane Kee & her friend

Patrick Yeo worships at Fairfield Preaching Point.

YOUTH CAMP



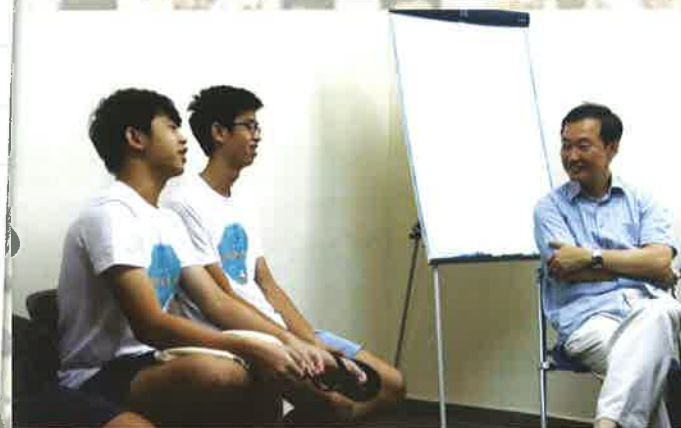
My experience in the camp committee of Camp Panacea (Youth Camp 2016) was a great and enjoyable experience! When I attended the first ever camp committee meeting, I was incredibly nervous and felt extremely awkward because everyone seemed so familiar with one another and I was just that member there who was not really close to anyone. I thought that I would not be able to get along with the camp committee but surprisingly, I actually did get to know them. The members of the camp committee were very nice, kind and helpful, and they made me feel less awkward. They also guided me along for the various tasks that we had. Over the course of the whole period of time we took to plan and prepare for camp, I got more and more comfortable with them and started opening up more, showing them my personality.

When the camp started, every night we would have a committee meeting to discuss how we can improve the day's activities. We would also have a run through of what will happen the next day. Usually, these meetings were held around 11pm and after a day of running around, being required to attend such meetings was just 'ugh' – very exhausting. I'm not the type of person who sleeps very late and having to stay up to at least 12am was tough for me. During the camp committee meeting on the second day, I actually accidentally fell asleep while we were still in the middle of a meeting!

Despite all of this, I felt that being in the camp committee really opened my eyes to the difficulties that might arise during the camp. There were many times when the events did not go according to plan and we had to come up with something on the spot. I did not realize just how much the camp committee had to contribute to make sure that the camp runs as smoothly as possible and to make it an enjoyable camp for the campers! I learnt a lot from the camp committee and it made me realize just how tiring and difficult it was planning and preparing the camp. Realising this made me appreciate all that the camp committee had done for the previous camps to make them as fun and enjoyable as it can be for the campers.

All in all, I enjoyed being part of the camp committee because it was a very fun and new experience for me and I'm really thankful for the rest of the camp committee members for taking care of me and guiding me along. I hope that I will have a chance to join the 2016 youth camp committee and contribute much more than.

Dawn Wang worships at 10.30am service.



Before youth camp, I was struggling with not knowing how to live my life outside of church in a God-pleasing manner and I was uncertain if God was actually in my life. Thus, I came to youth camp 2016 looking for answers.

During the youth camp, Pastor Jeremy talked about Certainty in Christ. In the first theme talk, he talked about who Jesus is. Jesus came down to Earth as a human which means he also was faced with temptations like us and thus He truly knows how hard it is to resist temptations. His name is also the name that we can trust fully. In the second theme talk, he talked about the reason Jesus came. He came to save us but Christians also do need to acknowledge that they are sinners and need God in their life as stated in Romans 3:23, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God". In the last theme talk, Pastor Jeremy talked about how to follow Jesus. We can worship Jesus by living a life that reflects the word of God, imitating Jesus by having the same hunger to do God's will, and nailing ourselves to the cross of Christ by surrendering ourselves to God. Additionally, I learnt that no matter how big your sin is, God is always there to forgive and love you.

Youth camp also had several workshops and I chose the 'God, I Can't Feel You' workshop. I learnt that God is actually always with us but we cannot feel him because we might have too little faith. Without faith, one cannot trust God to lead the way thus it is difficult to feel Him. Another reason is that the life we live may not reflect God's words, so we cannot feel Him.

Youth camp was also a great time of bonding with many different groups of people. There were campers from Preaching Point and the boys from the Boys Brigade in Gan Eng Seng School. It was a good time of fellowship and the games were pretty fun. Overall, it was a really enjoyable camp and I grew closer to God.

Dillon Lee worships at 10.30am service.

On the first day of camp we had a devotion titled "Are you certain?" From there, I learned of why Luke decided to write a book about Jesus. He wanted to share an account of things that happened, just as it was handed down by those who from the first were eyewitnesses. Jesus is amazing, cares for us, glances all our sin and yet forgives us whenever we do wrong and deserve punishment.

When I read the Luke chapters 1, 4 and 9, it was quite amazing to see that Jesus can do quite a lot of things. The book of Luke changed my character, my relationship to God and everything. I felt God touch my heart even though I was non-Christian trying to know more about God and Jesus. I became more positive and more cheerful because of the book of Luke.

During the camp, God provided games, food, drinks and worship. I would like give thanks to God for such wonderful activities, food, drinks and making new friends in youth camp. Even though the camp was a combined camp, I liked it a lot. Because of youth camp, I have learned how to control my emotion, have a relationship with God and have faith in God.

On 27th December, we played a game that required us to conduct research in the night. It was scary but quite fun. On the third day, we had fun playing wet games. Even though they were dirty, I still liked the wet games and found them really fun and enjoyable. Thank God for giving us such nice weather during the day and night! I also met lots of new friends especially in our Outtadoras group. Although I was shy during the first day of camp, in the end our group talked a lot and got to know each other. The food was delicious and I would like to thank God for the food, dessert and supper.

Michelle Tan worships at Fairfield Preaching Point.

圣诞节庆祝会

2015年12月25日圣诞节庆祝会，我们特邀新传媒艺人林益民弟兄见证分享，参加人共628人，91位新人，当天有41位接受耶稣为救主。



Christmas Evangelistic Meeting

Christmas Evangelistic Meeting was held on December 25, and we had TV celebrity, Mr Moses Lim who shared his testimony. Total number of worshippers was 628; 91 were newcomers and 41 accepted Jesus as their personal Lord and Saviour.



华语堂一洗礼

12月6日华语堂9位弟兄姐妹洗礼，归入圣父圣子圣灵的名下。

Mandarin Service – Baptism

Nine brothers and sisters were baptised on 6 December.



中国事工圣诞节布道会

12月20日中国事工圣诞节布道会234人参加，新人17人，救恩16人。

Chinese Nationals' Christmas Evangelistic Meeting

Chinese Nationals' Christmas Evangelistic Meeting had 234 participants; 17 newcomers and 16 accepted Jesus Christ.

Lydia Sha, ministry staff, Mandarin Service.

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Reap the Harvest from the Elderly Outreach Ministry



Cool 60s and River of Love is the elderly outreach ministry which Fairfield Methodist Church and Yong-en Care Centre (YCC) partner together to reach out to the local elderly around Chinatown.

Cool 60s enrich the physical, mental, social and psychological areas of their lives. We welcome both believers and non-believers to come to enjoy different programmes which are run on every Wednesday afternoon at YCC.

However, on every 5th Wednesday afternoon, programmes are run at Fairfield Methodist Church; hence more elderly realize they can come to worship at our church on Sunday. On this particular Wednesday, gospel message or testimonies would be shared, thus non-believers have the opportunity to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ.

River Of Love is another outreach ministry mainly to reach the elderly who are living at Block 5 and 333 in Chinatown. On every Thursday, a group of volunteers either distribute lunch boxes to a group of

poor and needy elderly who are standing outside of the coffee shop at Block 5; or they deliver lunch boxes to the sick and weak at home. Volunteers also invite the elderly to join the fellowship at Fairfield right after their lunch. Worshipping, praying and gospel messages have been shared in almost every week.

After five years of labouring at Cool 60s and two years in River of Love, we saw souls have been saved! In 2014, 16 elderly have baptized and joined our Cantonese service. In December 2015, 10 elderly have accepted Christ and been baptized either at Fairfield Cantonese Service or at their homes.

We are thankful for the hard work and long term partnership from the volunteers and YCC through these years. Please pray that God will raise more people to touch lives and impact the community of Chinatown with God's love, hope and faith.

Chris Sham, ministry staff, Cantonese Service.



Food and Fun Fair 2015

Women Society of Christian Service (WSCS) ladies came out in full force to organise a Food and Fun Fair on 28 June 2015. The objective was to raise funds for the Church Building Fund. The target was \$20,000 and through God's grace, we hit it.

Early on that Sunday morning, some ladies with their spouses and children, streamed into Encounter Lounge to lay out their fares for breakfast sale. Lunch fare was brought in later in the morning. One was spoilt for choice - it was hard to decide whether to head for the tempting local fare or the Italian, Mexican and Chinese food.

Other items on sale include fresh fruits such as mangoes and grapes as well as yummy home-baked cakes, cookies, chocolates, sambals and kayas.

Hand-sewn items by talented individuals from Creatif Hands, such as fabric covers for teapots, tissue pack, picture frames, toilet roll hangers, and Bible carry-holders, were also on sale.

The Food and Fun Fair served as a great platform for other purposes - it was an excellent opportunity for WSCS to involve two single mothers at Yong-en Care Centre. They helped at the dessert stall. Their willingness to serve alongside with WSCS is a measure of the friendship developed thus far.



The Youth Ministry team, headed by Dominique Chan, were an enthusiastic crowd as they manned the hot drinks stall, games stall and photo stall. It was so good to see strong participation from the youths. Members from the Mandarin Service team brought in two giant mascots to capture happy smiles among church members.

Mrs Yap Soon Eng, President of WSCS.

Mission trip to Oikos Helping Hand (OHH) Manila

A team of 14 - six from Fairfield Methodist Church - went for a mission trip to OHH Manila, Philippines, organised by TRAC-WSCS. Our team conducted Bible study for 80 leaders (ladies, youths, discipleship group), gave Tagalog Bibles to those who did not have any, distributed grocery packs, taught entrepreneurial skills to the ladies such as manicure, pedicure and balloon sculpting, gave Biblical marriage talks to 50 married couples and held a one-day youth seminar on "Identity in Christ" for 240 young people.

For the children's team, we taught "Jesus - Our Good Shepherd" (John 10:11), we ran evangelistic programs with puppet-song items and art and craft, for three specific groups of children - 50 children with cancer, 35 kindergarten children and on the last day, conducted Sunday school where almost everyone raised their hands to accept Jesus as I shared the gospel message to 27 children from the community!



Doreen Chan and Isobel Lim:

"It was truly a privilege for us to be given this opportunity - our first mission trip! There were a lot we had to learn and prepare. We thank God for the many ladies who helped and guided us. There was great teamwork among us; we could experience God's presence as we went about blessing the people with not just the gifts we packed, but also His Word shared.

We observed that despite the hardships faced, the people were joyful and content. We are humbled by what we saw - despite many challenges, they remained resilient and joyful. It is amazing to see how the Light shines in the lives of the people (Matt 5:14) and bring out the radiant smiles on their faces, for though they live in adversity, their hope is in our eternal Christ!"



Fung Fong and Christopher Cheah:

"It was a joy for Chris and I to minister to married couples on ways to strengthen their marriages as well as to engage the youth in conversations about sexuality issues. Although they come from a background of poverty and scarcity, the core issues in managing relationships that the couples and the youth struggle with are very similar to what we find in more sophisticated circles of society."

Jasmine Chin:

"What impacted me were the home visits to the slum area where we witnessed how the poorest of the poor live. There was this lady who recognised the staff of OHH and stopped us along the way to request for prayer for her little girl who always fall sick - thank God that they do acknowledge there's a true living God where they can call in time of need!

May I encourage all who have not been for mission trips to witness the work of God and how life can be touched and changed in these locations?

Jeanette Tan, Vice President of WSCS.



My Mission Internship Training and Exposure (MITE) trip with MMS (Methodist Missions Society) - part 1

• CHIANGMAI

(18 July -15 August 2015)

What motivated me to sign up for MITE was my volunteer work with MMS this year. While helping out in their mission training courses, I came across the MITE brochure and wanted to find out for myself the longer term involvement in the mission field. I've been to Holiday With A Difference (HWAD) with Fairfield to China, Yunnan for the past few years, but it was for short 1-week stint. I wanted to try out a longer one.

What I experienced was God's material blessing of accommodation which was beyond my expectation. The 2-storey house became my accommodation for 1 month. Such provision of comfort and neatness for this period of time. Thank you God!

In my first week, I joined a Singapore Team from GMC (Grace Methodist Church) who supported this missionary I was assigned to. I joined them in their short term visit and work there - from teaching songs in English at Vineyard Methodist School, to free and easy times with the missionary as part of their missionary care. The church and school are located in the same compound. Shine Forth Methodist Church was a church planting effort that has birthed in this place.

After the team left for Singapore, I continued to assist in teaching English at San Khayom School and help teach Chinese at Maitreejit Christian School as I shadowed the missionary's daily work. Saturday Paddy Plant Club was an outreach program that helped to instill discipline in the children. English tuition was value-added to attract them to this program which I was part of. Children from this outreach were brought to church to perform on Mother's Day and their families were also invited to watch them perform, thus reaching out to the adults too. I also had the opportunity to visit MMS Term Fun (which means "add dreams") Home run by a Singapore woman missionary married to a Shan husband. The home supported Shan tribal boys in their living and studies as they stay under one roof where Christian values are taught.

Overall some of my learning experiences in this trip included this feeling of "catching no ball" as the people around me spoke Thai and I had to depend on the missionary to interpret. The need to learn the local language to communicate and to reach out is so essential for mission work.

I also experienced God's abundant grace and provision for His people who serve Him - for example with regards to material needs, provision of health etc. The nature of mission work overseas or locally, lies in the environment and resources that differ between countries. We are so blessed in Singapore and we ought to be a blessing to others. I learnt that I can do what I do daily, wherever I am, with a mission-minded intention.



Kung Beng Keng, attending and serving in the Mandarin Service.

Baptisms

BAPTISMS

INFANT/CHILD BAPTISM – English Service

12 July 2015

1. Ms Hannah Ng Qi Xin d/o Mr & Mrs Ng Loong Kin Alvin

22 November 2015

1. Ms Johanna Chiam Yue Qi d/o Mr & Mrs Daniel Chiam Jen Yi

YOUTH/ADULT BAPTISM – English Service

10 July 2015

1. Mr Anthony Neo See Eng
2. Mdm Jennifer Nan Mee Wah

12 July 2015

1. Mdm Daphne Chong Pei Yi
2. Ms Maria Elisabeth
3. Ms Tan Pei Ling Jolene Marissa

Cantonese Service

3 November 2015

1. Mr Song Keng Cheong

20 December 2015

1. Mdm Chang Yin Tee
2. Mdm Lily Ng Siew Ying
3. Mdm Quah Kwee Hong Lynda
4. Mdm Wong Sa Moi
5. Mr Chan Ah Choy
6. Mr Lai Kim Hoong

22 December 2015

1. Mr Chin Kok Meng
2. Mr Hee Mok Yong
3. Mr Koh Poi Siong

Mandarin Service

24 November 2015

1. Ms Wang Ji

6 December 2015

1. Mdm Chen Liu Qin
2. Mdm Leong Poh Kim
3. Mdm Teo Mui Hua
4. Mr Chen Chen
5. Mr Pua Bak Soon
6. Mr Zhu Yi Xing
7. Ms Meng Xiang Nan
8. Ms Su Li Mei
9. Ms Yang Fan



New Members

RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP By Profession of Faith

English Service

29 November 2015

1. Ms Dominique Chan Yi-Min
2. Ms Grace Kwan Yee Kay
3. Ms Shermaine Soh Xinyi
4. Mr Toran Labhaya Seth

25 December 2015

1. Ms Chua Xian Qi Rinnah
2. Ms Danielle Ho En Huei
3. Ms Lim Jin En Ariella
4. Ms Jolie Pang Hui Li
5. Mr Aaron Heng Jinheng



Weddings

(Solemnisation By
Rev Lilian Ang)



Mr Edmund Chiam Seng Tat
& Ms Lin Huishan Hannah
1 August 2015

Mr Joshua Loke Yong Ern
& Ms Lee Shu Qin Amelia
5 December 2015



OUR CONGRATULATIONS to:

Mr & Mrs Daniel Tan Eng Kiat (Tang Ling Liang Amelia Rhea) on the arrival of their baby boy,
Mstr Ephraim Tan on 13 June 2015.



Mr & Mrs Mark Zhou You Chuan (Tey Su Fung Jaime) on the arrival of their baby girl,
Ms Marissa Chew on 22 November 2015.

Members Who Left

TRANSFERRED TO OTHER METHODIST CHURCHES

English Service

22 July 2015

1. Mrs Elaine Low-Yong Sook Koon Faith Methodist Church

17 August 2015

1. Mdm Ho Guay Pheng Belinda Christ Methodist Church

Cantonese Service

6 November 2015

1. Mdm Wong Song Hoh Toa Payoh Chinese Methodist Church

TRANSFERRED TO OTHER DENOMINATIONS

English Service

19 June 2015

1. Mr Tan Swee Yong Rufus The Crossing Church Singapore

24 June 2015

1. Mr Tan Eng Heong Jeffrey Church of Our Saviour
2. Mrs Tan-Ong Bee Leng Linda Church of Our Saviour

26 June 2015

1. Ms Tham Chui Meng Rachel St John's – St Margaret's Church

3 July 2015

1. Mr Tang Weng Fai Bukit Panjang Gospel Chapel
2. Mrs (Dr) Tang-Lieu Ping Phun Bukit Panjang Gospel Chapel

2 September 2015

1. Mr Trevor Tan Tuang Tong Gospel Light Christian Church
2. Mrs Tan-Soh San San Gospel Light Christian Church

11 December 2015

1. Mr Khoo Teng Thai Royston Covenant Evangelical Free Church

DEATH

English Service

26 June 2015

1. Mr Thomas Teo Kah Hoe

28 July 2015

1. Mr Ooi Guan Chye

Mandarin Service

16 December 2015

1. Mr Teo Swee Kim

WITHDRAWAL

English Service

23 June 2015

1. Mr Tham Wai Keong Shawn
2. Mrs Tham-Sim Chor Leng

24 June 2015

1. Mr Tay Kim Siong Desmond
2. Mrs Tay-Leow Jin Ai Elizabeth

14 July 2015

1. Mrs Leong-Gwee Bee Siew Mica

5 August 2015

1. Mr Cho Siew Whay Jason
2. Mrs Cho-Cheng Pui Ling Rena

20 August 2015

1. Mr Yeo Siew Thong Andrew
2. Mrs Rosalind Yeo-Yeow Kia Li

Coming Up Next:

FORTHCOMING EVENTS (JANUARY – JULY 2016)

31 January 2016

- Fairfield Methodist Church 68th Anniversary
- Chinatown Blessing Day

1 February 2016

- First Local Conference

28 February 2016

- FPMC Connect

27 March 2016

- Baptism

17 April 2016

- Confirmation and Reception Into Membership

5 June 2016

- Fairfield Preaching Point 13th Anniversary

9 – 12 June 2016

- Church Camp

26 June 2016

- Baptism

17 July 2016

- Stewardship Sunday
- FPMC Connect

24 July 2016

- Pledge Sunday

Why the need to grow the Church Building Fund?



Fairfield Methodist Church building lease will be ending in 2027 and we would possibly need to renew the lease. This would involve a sizable amount of money.

As of 1 January 2016, the Church Building Fund account has about \$534,845.

How can we grow the Fund?

- * Support the sale of Sunday Breakfast @ the Encounter Lounge;
- * Spearhead or support any fund-raising projects, eg. sale of calendars, greeting cards, porcelain vases, journals, etc.
- * Make a monthly donation to Church Building Fund;
- * Make a one-off donation to Church Building Fund.

All cheques should be made out to FPMC Building Fund. Let us as one body be united to grow our Church Building Fund.

Do you have a story to tell?

We welcome contributions to Compass. To avoid duplications, please let us know before writing your article or story. Articles should be kept within 1000 words. Submission should include the writer's profile, photo and any accompanying photographs in high resolution format. These can be sent to Mr Yu Heng Kong at hengkong@fairfieldmc.org

My Mission Internship Training and Exposure (MITE) trip with MMS (Methodist Missions Society) – part 2

• NEPAL

(4 September – 2 October 2015)

Though I've been a Christian for some years, I did not have any experience of going on a mission trip. I'd always hear others telling me the amazing things that God has done for them on their mission trips. Out of curiosity and encouragement from Rev Leslie Lim, I signed up for Missions Internship Training & Exposure (MITE) with Methodist Mission Society.

With MMS' arrangement, I flew to Nepal for my MITE stint. During the one month stint, I was mentored and guided by Gopal Sebastien. To be honest, I had no idea of what was to come. All I knew was that I was going to a place that wasn't my home. There would be no turning back. I did prepare myself for the worst case scenario – earthquake/strikes/political unrest. But my siblings-in-Christ had got me spiritually covered so I knew I would be able to do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Philippians 4:13).

I remembered vividly the first thing the missionary said to me when I was in Nepal: "You are here to rest." That raised my eye-brows! I thought to myself, "Have I not rested enough? I am all ready to serve!" Indeed it was a time of resting. It wasn't about the physical rest but learning to rest in the Lord and witness His work among the people in Nepal.

In my time there, God showed me what it was like to be a missionary in Nepal. Coincidentally, there was a T-Net Pastor Training during my first week there and I had a glimpse of what it was to run a planted-church (like Preaching Point). In my second week, I followed the missionary throughout Kathmandu with a mountain-bike to different houses and villages to do Bible study as the missionary's effort of discipling. It was fun exploring Kathmandu that way! More importantly, I learnt about the people and the reason to disciple them - so that the ministry continues even when the missionary leaves.



But that was not the only experience. I also met members from Telok Ayer Chinese Methodist Church whom I was attached to do a Medical Camp together. Not only did I learn about being compassionate to the

people there, I got to see the difference

between a church-organised mission trip and my MITE program.

As I reflected upon these experiences during my personal retreat in the last week, I realised that God has already gone ahead and prepared the way for me; all of us are sinners saved by His grace. This mission trip reminded me about the love of God and how His love compel us to serve one other (1 John 4:19).

My passion for God's mission grows after this MITE trip. I have benefited greatly from the program. I pray that more young people will be bold enough to discover mission work and learn to hear the heartbeat of our Father.

Soli deo gloria!

Javan Ng Li Hui, attending and serving at Fairfield Preaching Point.



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