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数會消息 Church News

正月一日-今年主題為『精益求精,合神心意』 正月廿九日-舉行會友大會,愛筵同慶.並為下列

嬰孩奉獻於主前: Justeen Freya M. Avellana, 孫忠山,王惠霊, Hans Gabriel G. Saw, 趙忠義

二月五日-神學主日特請邵晨光博士證道

- 二月十二日-舉行建基中學主日,歡迎教職員、學 生及家長參加崇拜
- 三月十二至十九日-慶祝教會九十週年.十二日舉 行大家庭同樂會;十六至十七日由曾永光牧 師主持兩晚培靈會;十八日早上為史記展覽, 晚上為音樂讚美會;十九日早上舉行感恩禮 拜,下午佈道大會,晚上感恩餐會.週年主題 為『信實長,務恩揚』
- 四月十三日-舉行聖週特會,同守聖餐,紀念主恩
- 四月十六日-第八十屆聖洗兄姊為:蔡友賢,田雲 雲,吳恩愛,胡慧詩,李秋玲,葉彬珠
- 四月三十日-華福主日由張國強牧師分享神的話語
- 五月八至十三日-教會共有十位青年人完成跨文 化短宣訓練
- 五月十四日-母親節主日由英文查經班贈送禮物 予母親們
- 五月廿八日-萬那威福音中心六位兄姊受洗歸入 教會:楊培城,李彼得, Maria Tolosa, 林麗莉, 黃培蓮,葉琼瑩
- 六月十八日- 父親節主日由職業團契贈送禮品以 表敬意
- 六月廿五日-舉行嬰孩奉獻禮:傅仁傑, Jayden Christoffer K. Chan, 田永和, 陳美蓮, 陳美芬
- 七月八日-宣道組與些義工在Hilongos, Leyte舉行 醫療佈道
- 七月十六日-葉恩賜弟兄與蕭安安姊妹結婚典禮. 恭喜!
- 八月五日-"耶穌愛你"運動在建基中學舉行義診 宣道
- 八月二十日-舉行青年主日,由王志強牧師講道
- 八月廿七日-舉行聖經/基甸主日,由楊忠民牧師 證道
- 九月十四至十七日-第四十一屆宣道週主題為傾 聽呼聲,由張國強牧師與Roy Verzosa博士為 培靈佈道及宣教士訓練班講員
- 九月廿四日-主日學主日,由主日學部報告及獻唱

JAN 1-2006 Church Theme is "Pursuing Excellence After God's Heart"

JAN 29-Congregational Sunday with love feast. The following children were dedicated: Justeen Freya M. Avellana, Tom Kenley Ledesma, Caitlin Deene Ong, Hans Gabriel G. Saw, Jonathan Ryan S. Tio

FEB 5-BSOP Sunday with Dr. Joseph Shao as special speaker

FEB 12-PCGS Sunday with its faculties, staff, students and parents worshipping together

MAR 12-19-90TH anniversary celebration as follows: Family Fun Sunday on the 12th; Revival Meeting with Rev. Michael Tsang on the 16th & 17th; Heritage Exhibit and Musical Cantata on the 18th; Thanksgiving Service on the 19th followed by Evangelistic Meeting in the afternoon and the Thanksgiving Dinner. Theme for the 90th anniversary is "Proclaim God's Enduring Faithfulness"

APR 13-Holy Thursday Communion Service commemorating God's love and grace

APR 16-80th baptismal service for the following: Jimmy Avellana, Christine Chua, Jan Erika Go, Faith Alexis Oh, Lorraine Elizabeth Ong, Philma Yap

APR 30-CCOWE Sunday with Rev. Jeremiah Cheung sharing the word of God

MAY 8-13 - cross cultural mission exposure training of ten young people

MAY 14-celebrating Mother's Day with loving gifts to all the mothers from English Bible Study Group

MAY 28-six brethren from MGC baptized into God's family: Erwin Colina, Peter Po III, Maria Tolosa, Lynnette Uy, Christine Uy, Iris Yap

JUN 18-celebrating Father's Day with special token to all the fathers from the Young Professionals Fellowship

JUN 25-child dedication service for the following: Lyle Kristoff Su Castro, Jayden Christoffer K. Chan, Cian Dimitri Chua, Marina Penn L. See Diet, Michelle Paige L. See Diet

JUL 8 - medical mission to Hilongos, Leyte by the Mission Committee members and some volunteers

JUL 16-wedding celebration of Brother Peterson Yap and Sister Anne Daphne Siao. Congratulations!

AUG 5-medical mission at PCGS thru the "Jesus Loves You" Movement

AUG 20-Youth Sunday with Rev. Albert Ong sharing God's word

AUG 27 - Bible/Gideon Sunday with Rev. Robert Yu as the speaker

SEP 14-17-41st Mission Emphasis Week with Rev. Jeremiah Cheung expounding on the theme, "Heed the Call" in the revival and evangelistic meetings while Rev. Roy Verzosa conducted the missionary training

SEP 24-Sunday School Sunday with report and song rendition by the Sunday School Department



Pursuíng Excellence After God's Heart Hebrews 13:20-21

Rev. Albert Ong

A story is told by Dr. Charles R. Swindoll, "I have played enough sports, been in touch with enough coaches, watched enough games and read closely enough to know that there's one strategy that's deadly. And it's so subtle. You think you can win by doing it, but you lose. It's called "sitting on the lead." If you're an athlete or a sportsman, you know what I'm talking about.

When I was in high school, our basketball team went to state finals in Texas. In one state final game we were ahead halftime 26 to 18. The coach said, "Now we got 'em. We got 'em. Just take it easy." You know what? We lost, 41 to 40. Why? Because we tried to sit on our lead. We thought we had them, so we played with a maintenance mentality.

A growing church never gets so far ahead that it can afford to "sit on the lead." **Complacency is a major peril to evangelism**."

As we move on to a new year, we need to continue on pursuing higher goals and excellence in our Christian life if we want to be used by God. To be used by God, we must first determine what concerns Him and what is in His heart. Aside from saving souls for Him, one concern He has is our relationships - our relationships with God Himself, our family, relatives and friends. God wants us to look good not only on the outside but also in the inside, which only He can see. God wants to make us good, first in the inside because if one's inner life is well, then it will bear fruit on the outside in due time. God equips His people in the secret places of our inner lives where He has authority to do what is pleasing in His sight. When this process reaches a certain level, He then starts to show it out of our daily life.

In the book of Hebrews, the word "equip" (in Greek is *katartidzo*) is used to describe this process. This word has different meanings depending on the vocation of the people concerned. To the doctors in N.T. times, it means "to set a broken bone." God wants to set the broken bones in our lives so that we might walk straight and run the race of life. To the fishermen, it means "to mend a



broken net." The Lord wants to repair the breaks in the netsthe system of our life or church that we might catch men like fish (Mt. 4:19). The sailors understand it as - "to fit a ship for a voyage." God wants to outfit or furnish us with all the equipment needed to face the storms in life. To soldiers, it means "to equip an army for battle." God wants to make sure that we will be victorious in every battle we encounter in life.

Equipping is a must if we want to pursue excellence after God's heart. How does God equip us? I Corinthians 3:11 says, "For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ." First, be sure that you have accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Savior and Lord by grace through faith (Ephesians 2:8-9). After this, the Lord will equip us with His word (II Timothy 3:16-17). God's Word is always accurate and is the final authority for life and doctrine. The Bible must be an important part of our daily life. It is only through reading and studying God's word that we will truly understand His will for our lives. We cannot trust situations and events alone without confirming it with what God says in His Word. God also uses prayers to equip His saints. A Christian communicates with his Father through prayers. We fight life's battles on bended knees. Intercession for other believers is also a very important ministry of the church. Paul often mentioned this in his letters asking believers to pray for him, and he also prays for the believers (1 Thessalonians 3:10). God uses the church or other believers to equip us to maturity (Ephesians 4:11-13). This is why we go to Sunday school, Bible Studies and fellowships not only to learn but also to make use of the knowledge. Finally, God uses sufferings and circumstances to perfect His children (I Peter 5:10). Job proved to be a faithful child of God through sufferings (Job 13:15). We are talking of sufferings not due to misdeeds or results of sins, but those that God purposely allowed to prune so that we will bear fruit for His glory. We might complain at first but as we begin to analyze the situation and through the prompting of His Holy Spirit, we will start to see the reason why. God is never wrong in what He does. Let us admit it, sometimes we cannot understand at first, but sooner or later God will make it plain to us. Unless you heartily believe Romans 8:28, you will never withstand or understand why you are in that situation now. God's peace and comfort come to us only when we totally surrender and trust Him.

We can never pursue excellence without equipping and making sure our pursuit of excellence is according to His heart. To God be the glory!

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The Most Important Ministry

Rev. Un Hock Wee

In our church, we have many different ministries. We have the children ministry, youth and adult ministry, music ministry, Bible study ministry, brothers' and sisters' ministry and a lot more. Which ministry is of utmost importance? You might say, "Aren't all ministries the same? After all, they all bring people to know the Lord. Are not counseling, bringing people to church, ushering in the church or leading worship service all important tasks?" Of course, they are all important. However, I believe that the most important ministry in the church is our PRAYER MEETING. We need more people who are willing to earnestly pray in order to bring great revival. We need PRAYER WARRIORS who put God's works as top priority.

1. PRAYER MINISTRY IS THE MOST IMPORTANT MINISTRY OF ALL

Prayer is perhaps one of the most effective means to change our own lives as well as the lives of others. Sadly, we often put prayer as the last resort. We hear people say that a person can only be changed by God through prayer, and ironically, we put prayer as the last resort. We have to change our minds and believe in our hearts that prayer is the best solution and the most effective way to bring good result. Prayer is above all ministries.

2. PRAYER MINISTRY IS AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE

Who can pray? Who has direct access to God? Everybody who has personal and intimate relationship with God. They can be pastors or lay people, leaders or plain believers, young or adult,



men or women. They can all come to God in prayer. The more intimate our fellowship with God, the more God will answer our prayer.

"Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years." (James 4:16b-18) The wonderful power of prayer is available to all who seek God.

3. PRAYER MINISTRY IS THE EASIEST MINISTRY OF ALL

Easy because we can pray anywhere and everywhere. Everybody can come to God anytime, and God will answer our prayers because our God is an omnipresent God. God hears the prayer of his saints and believers.

We don't need special gifts so that our prayers will be answered. We don't need special talents so that our prayers will be effective. God's power or strength is available to us all in prayer. One can be poor in music, but he can pray. One can be weak in counseling, but his prayer can be effective. In fact, nothing can really stop a person from praying.

God is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week and 365 days a year. God doesn't go on holiday nor does He need to rest. The line will never be busy or unavailable.

"Come near to God and he will come near to you." (James 4:8)

4. PRAYER MINISTRY IS THE HARDEST OF THEM ALL

Hard because it can be boring and dry. But the moment we understand the value of prayer, then can we enjoy prayer. The moment we reach out to God and experience closeness with God in prayer, we will desire to keep on praying. At first it's hard, but as we value our relationship with God more and more, we will want to continue our relationship with Him for a very long time. The Holy Spirit will teach us and help us to pray as written in Romans 8:26-27.

Let us therefore be more diligent and serious in spending time with God in prayer and see what miracles praying can do. In due time, God will surely bring great changes and revivals. We should value prayer as it affords us to be close to God.



日期: 2006年9月18日-21日 地點: MARCO POLO 大酒店

菲律賓華福婦女團契主辦的菲華第三屆基 督徒婦女宣教大會(此後稱大會)於2006年9月 18日至21日假宿務市的Marco Polo 大酒店如期舉 行盛會. 全國有168人參加,本教會宿務基督教會 共有28人參加.

五星Marco Polo大酒店的大禮堂,餐廳, 臥室等設備都供赴會者各種方便.大酒店夜景特 別美麗,夜間往窗外俯看全宿務市,猶如聚在一 塊黑絨布上的一些閃耀著的珠寶!

大會三位講員都非常好. 第一位是李林靜 芝師母. 1962年畢業於國立台灣大學歷史系. 1963年初蒙召全職事奉. 她與夫婿李秀全牧師一 同在台灣「校園福音團契」事奉14年. 在美國牧 會18年. 他們先後在新加坡的「門徒訓練中心」 及美國惠敦大學研究所,接受裝備. 在海外宣教 十幾年. 2006 年她與李牧師投入世界華福運動, 促進華人教會,天下一心,普世宣教,等候主臨.

本屆大會主題:「起來!與我同去」. 李林 靜芝師母擔任大會主題講師, 共有三次講座.

第一講題目:「起來,與我同去奉獻生命」 (斯4:4-17).她論及<u>以斯帖</u>六點: 1. 背景與身 世, 2. 外貌與內涵, 3. 挑戰的臨到, 4. 人生的抉 擇, 5. 把生命獻上, 6. 奇妙的結局. <u>末底改向以</u> <u>斯帖</u>說的話,聽者印象尤深:「誰知你得了王后 的位分,不是為了(挽救)現今的機會嗎?」(斯 4:14). 結語:今天,我們有甚麼「現今的機 會」?

第二講題目:「起來,與我同去奉獻香 膏」(可14:3-9). 她論及<u>馬利亞</u>的奉獻五點:1. 獻上最好,2. 完全奉獻,3. 忍受攻擊,4. 盡她所 能5. 抓住機會. 結語:今天,我們如何奉獻?

第三講題目;「起來,與我同去奉獻兒女」 (撒上1:7-20, 27, 28). 她論及<u>哈拿</u>四點: 1. 她 的困境, 2. 她的禱告, 3. 禱告的果效, 4. 奉獻 <u>撒母耳</u>的結果. 結語: 今天,我們心中的「最愛」 是甚麼?

李林靜芝師母最後一天發出呼召,結果有 很多人響應. 願榮耀歸主.

大會第二位講員是馮志梅教授. 她是中國 學園傳道會資深輔導,現任清大,交大,政大等 多所大學通識課程客座講師. 她擔任大會的專題 講座講師.

第一講題目:「家庭中的親子關係」,有四點:1. 接納, 2. 愛, 3. 教導, 4. 管教. 第二講題目:「家庭中的健康界線」,有兩 點:1. 分辨正確目標與美好希望之間的不同, 2. 區別「為別人負責」(越界)與「向別人負責」 (健康界線)之不同.

第三講題目:「家庭中的溝通」,有三點: 1. 聽-認真的聽, 2. 說-在愛裡表達, 3. 饒恕. 大會第三位講員乃世界華福總會婦女協調 主任龍蕭念全師母. 她是本屆大會顧問與開會式 講師. 她的題目:「讓愛的輕風吹進我的園內」, 分四段: 1. 在基督裡豐榮的生命, 2. 看守自己 的葡萄園, 3. 北風啊! 興起! 南風啊! 吹來! 4. 佳美的果子.

最後在此與讀者分享一些姊妹的見證:

- 1. 大會會員聚會精神其佳. 上帝關察咱的腳步, 為我排除攔阻,使我能參加大會,感謝主.
- 我為主作工其實不是我作了甚麼,乃是上帝藉 著我做出來.組長對我們勉勵要按照時間讀 經,要按照次序讀.因為每一日,上帝會向我 們說話.
- 我要大大感恩,這是我第一次參加大會,覺得 辛苦.可是上帝使我享受豐富恩典,我應該像 馬利亞傾聽主的話.
- 這是我首次參加大會,我很高興學習到很多有 關家庭的事情.我丈夫說一句,我說十句,所 以丈夫與我不會親密.我也像一些女人容易懷 疑丈夫.丈夫願意把大事化小事,女人卻相反. 我學到要說:「我明瞭你的感受」.要向丈夫 討赦免.我領受了這麼多,應該抓住機會為人 禱告,向人傳福音.
- 我家裡五個男孩子衣物亂丟,家裡顯得凌亂, 我很不開心.常常責怪他們,因客人進來看見 覺得不好意思.這次來大會學習到這是小事. 講員說男孩要求染髮也是小事.但我沒有告訴 孩子們.
- 「我了解你的感受」:我想在適時對家人,丈夫,兒女這樣表達.再者,我要學習向人道歉. 美化自己,沒空洗髮時可用粉刷一刷頭髮…… 我學到好多啊.
- 7. 我受了提醒:有否每日靈修?要按照次序讀經. 我祈禱後上帝若說「不」,是因為上帝很愛我 們(猶如小孩要刀,父母必不給他,免他遭損.)
- 8. 感謝主! 宿務市三間華人教會的姊妹們在大會前的職員會和大會進行中執行事務均有同心合作的表現. 我自己帶著一點咳嗽赴會, 同房間姊妹慷慨供藥物, 並在安靜時間盡量安靜休息. 第四天回家前, 身體康復, 心靈蒙恩. 願榮耀歸主!





菲律賓華福婦女團契2006年九月十八 至廿一日在宿務市Marco Polo Plaza旅社舉辦 菲華第三屆基督徒婦女宣教大會.此次的大 會給予我們有不同的收獲和屬靈的造就.神 透過大會精心設計的各項節目,對我們從事 福音宣教事工之婦女都有許多的幫助、提醒 和鼓勵.下面有幾位姊妹分享的見證,期望和 大家共勉:

感謝主用聖經婦女們的愛主精神,再次 提醒我們作祂的使女們看到家庭的重要,盡 所能的去抓住機會關注.外在美重要,但內在 的美更重要,我們都要學習.

- 恩雨

感謝主的恩典與帶領,給我有這麼美好 的機會參加這次「菲華第三屆基督徒婦女宣 教大會」.這是我第一次參加這種聚會,雖然 辛苦一點兒,可是我心中充滿了喜樂、好開 心,一點也不覺得疲倦.感謝主!

上帝讓我享受到祂豐富的恩典,我能為 主做甚麼呢?我要向馬利亞學習懂得抓住機 會,跪在主耶穌基督腳前耹聽主的話語,更加 親近主,更多經歷主的恩典.她是位值得我學 習、效法的榜樣.真是無限感謝恩主.

- 黃美蓮

感谢主的恩典,使小妹這次能夠安心參

加於 9/18 至 9/21在 MARCO POLO PLAZA HOTEL的菲華第三屆基督徒婦女宣教大會. 因為在我們家庭服務六年的女佣在大會前一 個星期從氓市回來.上帝的時間是最好的.如 哈巴谷書二章三節:「雖然遲延,還要等候. 因為必然臨到,不再遲延.」

這次大會的活動秩序非常豐富,顧及全 人靈魂體的需要.我要分享關於我們靈修時 所得到一點心得.帶領人問我們每早晨有靈 修嗎?沒有靈修不是犯罪.讀經好像在吃自助 餐,是按照您的胃口.若要尋求神的旨意,不可 隨便翻開聖經,要按照次序.讀經的目的是要 跟上帝更親近.讀經的章節有時很單調,例如 從裡面得到以下幾點:

- I. 我們的生平是有記錄的.
- II. 我們的記錄必須有價值.
- III. 人的壽命多久也終於會死. 聖經 記載最長壽是瑪土撒拉,他活到 九百六十九歲.

我們應該讀經、默想、與背念.我們的 頭腦好像電腦,在必需的時候會淨出所記經 文.例如彼得前書五章七節:「你們要將一切 的憂慮卸給神,因為他顧念你們.」

基督徒一天要禱告幾次? 聖經沒有說 要幾次,但是告訴我們要不停的禱告.馬太福 音七章七節:「你們祈求,就給你們.尋找,就 尋見,...」我們的禱告好像一張支票,可以隨 時領取;或是一張期票;或是被退票.我們的祈 禱好似這三樣的答案;就是神會即時垂聽,或 是等候,或是不可.神的答案若是不可,也是為 我們好.因為神的意念高過我們的意念,祂的 道路非同我們的道路.

- 楊江雅娟

Being a part of the Mission Congress makes me realize that PEOPLE ARE NOT A SOURCE OF STRESS BUT RATHER A "SOURCE OF JOY"!!

- Lucie Limchao 林曾愉思

Gospel Light

ILY Medícal Míssíon Update

James K. Young

It was in the month of June when the JLY Team decided to embark on its 8th Medical Mission, which was also the first to be held outside of Cebu. Our target location was Hilongos, a third class municipality in the province of Leyte. This place was chosen in support of our missionary Ptr. Jonathan Nablea, who was based there.

Preparations were made in earnest until the night of July 7, when more than 20 JLY members and volunteers boarded a small ferry towards the island of Leyte. It was very early in the morning (about 3 am) when the boat docked at the pier. The cold morning breeze whipped along our faces as we rode a jeepney and a multicab to the house of our gracious host, where we waited for dawn to arise. A sumptuous breakfast fortified us for the long day ahead, and pretty soon we found ourselves inside the gym unpacking cartons upon cartons of medicines and medical supplies.

At exactly 8 o'clock in the morning, people began streaming in through the long lines that were formed outside the gym. They underwent one-on-one counseling, where the Gospel of Jesus Christ was presented to them in a clear and concise manner. Most of the counselors came from different parts of Leyte, and so they were particularly good in communicating with the patients. Many came to know Christ and received the spiritual healing that they needed the most.

The JLY team toiled long and hard through the searing heat of the day; the doctors were in full force,

| | Patients Treated | Accepted Jesus Christ | Willing to Attend Bible Study |
|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Hilongos (07/08/06) | 623 | 363 | 285 |
| PCGS (08/05/06) | 744 | 396 | 273 |

and even the vice-mayor, who was a physician, also volunteered for the event. Dental and Optical Consultations were also given. A wonderful story is about one of our regular volunteers, Dr. Michelle Villanueva, who was diagnosed early in the year with cancer. We urged her to stay home in Cebu, but she insisted that she would like to volunteer again with us in Hilongos. This selfless love reflects that of our Lord Jesus Christ and gave us all the inspiration to work even harder for His glory.

At about half past the hour of three in the afternoon, the JLY team members piled into two vans and sped towards the city of Ormoc, which was almost two hours away. We arrived in Ormoc with time to spare and had an early dinner at a fast-food place. Then, we proceeded to catch the Supercat ride back home to Cebu.

This experience opened our eyes to the vast need everywhere. It also reminds us that God's command is for us to "GO, and make disciples of all the nation" (Mt.28:19). Whether near or far, we thank the Lord for His blessings upon our church that enables us to share the love of Jesus Christ to a world in need.



Sunday School Sunday Report

Judge Jocelyn Uy-Po

The Sunday school has been in existence at the same time our Church was founded. Mr. Valentin Uy, Mr. Nemesio Garcia and Ms. Pilar Siao are a few of our oldest Sunday school students. It stopped for a while during World War II. However, after the war, it immediately resumed as brothers and sisters in Christ gathered again in one of the houses in Echavez, Cebu City. Our beloved Miss Pilar Siao was one of the teachers then. The pastor at that time was Rev. Liang Sei Ko.

We thank the Lord that even up to this day, the ministry is still here. Although often overlooked, the impact of this ministry is undeniable.

Many of our Sunday school students are now pastors and missionaries. Some are members of our church council; others are holding the positions of church elders, church deacons, committee workers and most of all Sunday school teachers. Some are members of our PCGS board of trustees while others are school teachers. It is our hope that this ministry will continue to grow even stronger.

To date, the Sunday school department is composed of about 260-270 students. Classes are as follows: one Pre-Nursery, one Nursery, two Kindergarten (one and two), six primary, four secondary, three tertiary, two adult (English and Chinese) and one yaya classes.

Sunday school has about 30 regular and substitute teachers. There are about seven male teachers including that of the Adult Bible Study.

For this year, the Sunday school has the following strategic plans to improve itself:

1) The repainting of the college and high school classrooms



- 2) The institution of B2B or the Back to Basic program, which shall include such topics as Salvation, Creation and the Second Coming
- The institution of C2C or the Christ to Chinese program. (The emphasis on the Chinese language and cultures is incorporated in the teaching methods and lessons.)
- 4) The organization of care groups like Phone Pals, Prayer Warriors, Hospital Brigade, Home Care, and the Rainbow Connection, which shall be in charge of birthdays
- 5) The introduction of the Greetings-with-a-smile program
- 6) The distribution of the Know Us, Call Us card (Any member can call us for any concern or in case of emergencies)

Our offerings almost doubled after June this year. This is because we are starting to collect love offerings from the Adult Bible classes. All offerings are handed over to the Church every first month of the year during its Spring Thanksgiving Offering.

Here are some ways that you can show your concern and support for Sunday school:

- 1) Send your own children to attend Sunday school.
- 2) If you know of couples who have small children, you can invite the children to join our Sunday school, too. With these children, we hope to bring the whole family to the Lord.
- 3) You yourself can attend the Adult Bible Class.
- 4) Be a Sunday school teacher or volunteer. Whatever talent you have, God will put it to good use when you are willing and available. We are in need of Sunday school teachers, and if you have plans to join, do inform us. In the meantime those



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Responding to the Call

JLY Children Ministry



In the past two years, Cebu Gospel Church has made several new efforts geared towards fulfilling the Mission to which we're called. What's

even more heartwarming is seeing our youths worked alongside the adults, eagerly shouldering their share of the challenge. Last April, 2006, a new window of opportunity opened for CGC to help our coworkers in the field. Cebu City Alliance Church was holding another of its DVBS from April 25 to 27. Expecting massive

attendance, the church needed all the assistance it can muster. CGC gave financial aid, while eight of our CYFers rose to the call for volunteers in the three-day event.

The youths' scope of work was not limited to taking care of the kids. According to one volunteer, "Some of us (volunteers) were tasked not only to assist but also to teach in one of the sessions (in order) to train us and equip us in our mission someday." And when asked about the most difficult part of their task, they recalled normal babysitting problems "Most of the kids ranged from 3 to 6 (years of age), so it was so hard for us to console them when they cry or to catch up with them when they run around." Apparently, the experience did not only provide an opportunity to assist, a training ground for mission, and a "test" for patience and endurance; but it also proved to be an eye-opener, "God has been so good to us that we see how fortunate we are in life." The kids who joined came from the indigent families of Lorega and Kamagayan. With hopes of having them guided to the right direction, the parents willingly brought their children to the yet underconstruction church.

What distinguished this experience from all others? According to our young volunteers, "It was really a different experience to serve outside our church, especially in a Filipino church. We get to know a lot of different believers who have one heart



and one mind to serve the Lord. Although culture divides us, God still reigns and unifies us all into one mission at heart." The volunteers greeted the task with the thought that it was a wonderful opportunity for them to be a blessing to others. But at the end of the third day, they came to a realization that the tables were turned They were

the ones blessed from the experience.





有句話說:「沒有人為自己出生感到喜樂;也沒有人為自己的死而哀哭.」初生的嬰兒, 從來沒有歡笑,死人也不曾為自己的辭世淌下 淚.惟有他至親人為他的出生雀躍;為他的袂別 哀傷.不論死亡,是猝然而至的災難,或是由於 細水長流的事故.

二00二年九月十一日,美國發生飛機撞燬 兩座世貿大廈的事件,震撼全世界.頃刻間,兩 座大廈成一片熾熱的火海.殘酷活活燒死幾千無 辜的人民.

詹姆斯是一名國家的消防員. 在九一一事

件中為撲滅那場熊熊大火,不幸 勇敢獻身.留下嬌妻,八歲女兒 <u>愛麗絲</u>和六歲兒子<u>比尔</u>.失去了 丈夫的<u>詹姆斯</u>太太,依然在每月 的第二禮拜日,帶她的女兒及男 孩去社區教會做義工,這是她信 仰基督,信仰上帝的見證.

在崇拜會完後,小<u>比尔</u>仍 留在教堂玩,而詹姆斯太太和她

的女兒<u>愛麗絲</u>則在教堂後的一大塊空地上清理 著.這塊空地是教會打算在平安夜做集體活動的 場所,和<u>詹姆斯</u>太太母女一同幹活的還有一大群 會友信徒.<u>愛麗絲</u>也學著母親的樣子,用力地拔 除地上許多枯萎的小灌木.

忽然間,<u>詹姆斯</u>太太看到教堂窗口冒出了 一股濃煙,瞬間,她的心懸了起來,緊跟著有人 大喊著:「教會著火!快救火!」.頓時,人群亂 了起來,有人忙撥打報警電話,有人忙著準備水 桶救火,而<u>詹姆斯</u>太太則如同箭一般地奔向了教 堂.要知道,她的小兒子<u>比尔</u>正在教堂裡,他是 現時惟一的希望,她絕不能再失去<u>比尔</u>了,絕不 能!

火乘著風勢,越燒越大.在<u>詹姆斯</u>太太剛 跨進教堂的時候,教堂裡早已是火光一片了.透 過教堂的玻璃窗, <u>詹姆斯</u>太太看見教堂濃煙裡有 個穿著紅吊褂的小男孩在拼命地摸索著、掙扎 著, 那是一陣撕心裂肺的呼叫聲, 每一聲都直刺 向<u>詹姆斯</u>太太的心臟.

雨分鐘後,<u>詹姆斯</u>太太冲出了教堂.儘管 濃煙已經完全使她睜不開雙眼,但在她的懷裡, 仍緊緊地抱著她的兒子<u>比尔</u>.

十分鐘後,<u>詹姆斯</u>太太的眼睛已經纏上了 紗布,醫生給她做了全面檢查,在確定<u>詹姆斯</u>太 太身體確實安然無恙才放心離開病室.而此時推 開病室門的是教會的牧師,他和藹告訴<u>詹姆斯</u>太

太:「上帝保佑你!你是一個好 人!你和你救的那個穿紅吊褂的 黑人小孩都平安無事,上帝保佑 你! 阿門!」

經醫生的救治, <u>詹姆斯</u>太太 慢慢地甦醒過來.開口的第一句 話是:「<u>比尔</u>兒,你在那裡?」 接著是一個巧小的身體投入她的 懷裡,雙手搿著她的脖子說:「

媽,我在這裡.

她感謝神,兒子在絕處逢生被救了.熱淚 溼透了蒙眼的紗布,鳴咽地問牧師,究竟發生甚 麼事?「<u>詹姆斯</u>太太」牧師說:「教堂發生火災 時,你的<u>比尔</u>正和黑人小孩玩換衣遊戲呢!而妳 的孩子早已經被那黑人小男孩的父親救走了!」 聽到這裡,<u>詹姆斯</u>太太頓時鬆了口氣,她感覺自 己才是這場火災的真正勝利者.因為在這場大火 中,終於徹底打敗驅散了九一一熊熊大火在她心 裡產生的懼火心理.而打敗這畏懼的心理,正是 恆久不朽且勇往直前的母愛,這才是真實而自然 的勇氣.

她也領悟一節聖經的教訓,太19:19要我 們愛人如己,即「幼我幼,以及他人之幼;老我 老,以及他人之老.」



YOUTH ON MISSION: Evangelical Explosion Training



The summer of 2006 was an extreme experience for the youth. The CBCP pastors and their youth came to CGC to train and equip us in evangelizing. It was a turning point for us because we have never b e en exposed to

evangelizing. Those with a burden and willingness to share the gospel volunteered and joined this training with the CBCP youth. Evangelizing was made easier for us now than it was before because of the EVANGECUBE we are using.

After the CBCP left, the CGC youth longed to continue God's mission. We met up and planned to continue our training for six months. Our goal was to be independent and to evangelize even if we are alone. With God on our side, we started the training on July 8, 2006 every Saturday at 4pm to 6pm with Pastor Earl as our mentor.

Some of the youth couldn't make it due to some circumstances and it left us to about six members only. But by God's grace and timing, we started to increase in number each week. There are about 18 members now. And it is a joy to see the youth starting to do God's mission at an early age for evangelizing is not only the work of the missionaries and pastors but of all the children of God. We decided to have a target of 450 people to be saved. And we are nearly reaching our goal within just three months.

The following are some of our testimonies. To God be the glory and honor!

I joined the EE team because I wanted to learn more & be trained in sharing the gospel to different kinds of people. I have learned a lot, especially remembering to smile when approaching someone. I learned important verses and many strategies in sharing the gospel. The greatest challenge for me is to do as God commanded in Luke 10:27, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and love your neighbor as yourself." This verse alone will make us realize that we have a mission to do in this world. It is not for us to just sit back and relax. There are still a lot of people who haven't heard the good news, and a lot of them are still confused because "the god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God." (2 Cor. 4:4)

-Krystle Ong-

I am so thankful & privileged that God has used us to be His servants. I have come to realize that life is not about gaining wealth, prestige nor fame, but it is about fulfilling God's mission in our lives. And the mission, which all of us are commissioned to do, is to go & make disciples of all nations. The Bible says that heaven rejoices with just one soul saved. How much more if more than 1 have come to know our Lord Jesus Christ! Yes, there are challenges and problems encountered along the way, but we need not fear because God promised us that He will be with us always. Do you wish to hear God say, "Well done, good and faithful servant"?

-Ann Louraine Chua-

I joined EE because I have a goal, which is sharing God's words to the unbelievers. One of my dreams in life is just simple - to have medical missions, but I'm still doing it step by step, and step one is joining the EE. Of course, to have a successful mission, we need God's word first, and then followed by our good deeds. The most important thing that I've learned in EE is not to give up easily, but to "Fight, fight, fight!" although people at times reject us in sharing of His words. I gained self-confidence in dealing with different people around us, and now I'm used to their difficult feedbacks. One thing we need to do is to understand and accept different opinions of the people. We should not argue with them. I also learned to be mature in different circumstances like time management between school and church. As you can see, nursing needs a lot of overtime, but still I do believe that God will never leave me nor forsake me. And I always put in mind this statement "Kill the fear! Aja! Aja! God will do the rest." I feel complete when the people accept the Lord as their personal Lord and Savior and don't reject His words. For me, I'm successful because I've got the chance to share and bring a soul to Christ.

-Janelle April Ang-

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Standing at the gates of Heaven, I see the wonders that the place has to offer right in front of me. And standing just beside the gate was the Lord God Himself in all His glory... He then looks at me and asks, "What have you done to deserve a place inside?" I replied, "I have accepted Jesus Christ to be my Lord and Savior." He smiles and says, "Welcome! I have prepared a place especially for you inside." A big smile comes across my face and I proceed to





enter through the large gates. Just as I am about to enter, He asks another question, "Oh by the way, have you brought anyone along with you?" The smile on my face sags as I don't know what to answer. And so I keep quiet...I am now looking down at the golden floors when God breaks the silence, "Well, it's too late for regrets now that you're here, you may go in now..." I don't see His face when He said those words, but I am pretty sure His tone had become less joyful compared to when He spoke the previous statements....

This thought haunted me for all the years I spent as a Christian without even trying to reach out to a single person. What if, indeed, my time comes and God asks me that question, "Did you bring anyone along with you?"

I didn't have the guts to answer that question till I joined the EE training, which first started last summer of 2006 with the delegates from CBCP. With the help of the constant training and God's guidance, strength and wisdom, I have now become much bolder with my faith and now I see and feel the joy of knowing that another soul is welcomed into the family of our Lord. So when the time comes that I am indeed asked the question, "Did you bring anyone along with you?" I now know what to answer. Praise the Lord!

-Aaron Job Ong-

I was hesitant at first to join the Evangelism Explosion because I was thinking that I wouldn't be able to handle it with all my homework and I wouldn't have enough time. After two weeks of thinking and my friends telling me about it, I decided that I would give it a try. It was a challenging

experience for me since I am not an outgoing person. I learned to be approachable to people and be confident in myself as I share the word of God. The feeling after sharing His word is overwhelming. Knowing that you are able to tell about the gift of God and most probably be able to help save another person is so great that I can't put it into words. This experience has taught me to always take Christ seriously and to become a better Christian and example to others.

-Nicole Uytengsu-

Joining EE has been a great experience so far. We received training on how to evangelize as well as how to do a spiritual check. We had first-hand experience in sharing the Gospel to different kinds of people in different places. Not only are we sharing God's word, we are also growing in our relationship with God.

-Stacy Chan -

I decided to join the EE because, I guess, I'm 4th year right now and getting close to graduating. So I



thought it would be for the experience and the preparation for curious future acquaintances in college. But when I went through the whole activity, I had discovered that it's actually in the heart to reach out to other souls, lost and confused. At first it was scary and I felt tensed, but as the saying goes, "No guts, No glory." At times, you may get rejected and that's expected. But it's so wonderful when we get to share with someone thirsting and curious of Christ and he accepts the Lord. I have also seen their longing for answers about where they will be going after they die. The EE has changed my point of view on how to evangelize, which will surely become a lifestyle.

-Lawrence Loel Ong-

Joining EE training has created a great mark in my life. Among all the ministries and service I can think of, sharing the Gospel is the most fulfilling one because it is the greatest commission God has for us. I learned that this should be a lifestyle, and we don't have to go far to look for people to share with but our peers and relatives might be in need of the gospel. I learned to be sensitive to the needs of others and to stay tune with their life because sharing the Gospel is not just a matter of blurting the right words out

> but to fulfill the needs of the lost. We have to gain their trust so it would be easier for them to believe in the gospel that we are sharing. But honestly, it is harder for me to share to those people close to me than sharing to a stranger. And I was really scared to share in a huge crowd, which we called mass evangelism. But through prayers, God gave me boldness and confidence to share to them. I really find joy when I

can bring a lost soul to the Lord, and I know that the heavens are also rejoicing with me.

-Adeline Lea Ong-

I joined EE because I really had fun evangelizing last summer with the CBCP team. At first, all I was thinking of was the fun but then I realized that there's more than that in the EE - it's the joy of bringing souls to Christ. From the EE, there are a lot of wonderful things to be learned through the lessons and experiences. The willingness to evangelize, to be equipped by God's word and to have the guts to share to different people is most important for me. Being in the EE group is such a nice opportunity. It inspires us, the youth, to let God use us as instruments to bring glory to His name. PRAISE THE LORD!!!

-March Henna Ang-

At first, I really have no plan to join this Evangelical Explosion training. I just decided to join with no purpose. The first session was really interesting and IContinued on page 22





Helen Tian

While I was having lunch, the phone rang. I rushed to answer it and it was a long distance call from my sister Mary who is residing in Manila. She told me that January 2, 2006 was fast approaching and it would be Mom's third death anniversary. She told me that we should celebrate in honor of her and I agreed immediately. My sister graciously offered to shoulder all the expenses and I thank God for having such a marvelous sister. I also informed

my brother Robert about it. To prepare for the occasion, I made a guest list composed of my mom's close friends as well as the friends of other members of our family.

Everyday, I prayed to God that January 2, 2006 would be a brilliant warm day with clear skies otherwise, people, especially the elderly ones, would be hesitant to attend. I

also prayed that my sister Mary and my niece Anne Marie would arrive on time for the occasion. I honestly believed that I couldn't ask for more. The Lord said, "Delight yourself in me and I will give you the desires of your heart." (Psalm 37:4)

The day finally came and the weather was just perfect. My sister and my niece arrived on time. Almost all of the invited guests attended the celebration. The whole function room of Lumpia House was fully occupied. Indeed, it showed how much love and respect they had for my mom. For this, I am very grateful. The party was very successful and it would be long remembered by many especially me. I am certain that my Mom must be very happy and very proud of her four children namely: Robert, Mary, Rosie and yours truly. Mom left us to be with the Lord, she lived for ninety-one wonderful years here on earth. God is really



good. He answered my prayers. Thank you, Lord!

My sister, Mary, and my favorite niece, Anne Marie, went back to Manila the same day at 5:30 pm. My other sister, Rosie, could not make it due to her illness.

Two weeks after the party, I dreamt of my beloved Mom. She was very happy, smiling to

me and looking very pretty. Mom was wearing her choir gown. I wanted to speak to her but suddenly she was gone. I woke up crying and broken hearted. I miss my mom so much and yet at the same time I remember God promised, "he who believes in me will live even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die." (John 11:25)

I know my Mom is safe at home in heaven with our Heavenly Father. Amen.





TEXT: Eccl. 9:10; 1 Thess. 4:1-10

From these verses, it should be clear that God wants His people to abound and to excel in both their inward character and in their behavior. As such, the pursuit of excellence is both a goal and a mark of spiritual maturity. However, for this to be true, the pursuit of excellence must be motivated by right priorities and values.

What do we really mean by the PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE?

I. <u>PURSUING EXCELLENCE IS A STATE OF AND</u> <u>NOT A QUEST FOR EXCELLENCE</u>

The American Heritage Dictionary defines excellence as "the state, quality, or condition of excelling" and the word excel is defined as "to do or be better than; surpass; to show superiority, surpass others." The above terms and their explanations think in terms of competition, of outstripping others. However, real excellence is not competing with others, but rather, it is competing with YOURSELF!

Brian Harbour in *Rising Above the Crowd* says: "SUCCESS means being the BEST. EXCELLENCE means being your BEST. Success, to many, means being BETTER than everyone else. Excellence means being BETTER tomorrow than you were yesterday. Success means exceeding the achievements of other people. Excellence isn't determined by COMPARING our score or performance to someone else's. The pursuit of excellence comes from DOING our best with what we have for God's glory with a view to grow and to improve, and not with a view on the *score* or *who is watching*.

II. <u>PURSUING EXCELLENCE SHOULD NEVER</u> <u>BE LIMITED BY THE NATURE OF THE TASK</u>

In 1 Corinthians 10:31, Paul exhorts us to do whatever we need to do, whether viewed as important or very menial and insignificant by society, whether as president of a large company or one who cleans the office at night, all is to be done to the glory of God. Regardless of what we do, it deserves our best for in the long run, it reflects on the honor and glory of our God and will ultimately be rewarded by Him (1 Cor. 15:58)

Someone said that the society which scorns excellence in plumbing because plumbing is a

humble activity and tolerates shoddiness in philosophy because it is an exalted activity will have neither good plumbing nor good philosophy. Neither its pipes nor its theories will hold water.

1 Corinthians 15:58, "So then, dear brothers and sisters, be firm. Do not be moved! Always be outstanding (abounding, doing over and above, excelling) in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

III.<u>PURSUING EXCELLENCE IS A MATTER OF</u> <u>CHOOSING THE BEST</u>

The pursuit of excellence is never simply a matter of choosing between what is *good* or *bad* because the Bible tells us, "to approve the things that are excellent" (NASB) or choose what is best. The term "approve" or "choose" means "to put to the test, examine," and then as a result of the examination or testing, "to approve, make the right choice." Through the values and priorities that come from the knowledge of God's Word, we are to examine and test, and then choose accordingly.*Continued on page 22*

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Heed The Call!

Alfie P. Bugtai

"Heed the Call" was the theme of our mission emphasis week this year. The call has been proclaimed a long time ago. The same call is reverberating today. The question is: Do we hear the call? Or, are we hearing the call?

There is an urgent need to heed the call. In heeding the call, one must pursue God's heartbeat. In pursuing the heartbeat of God, one must walk with God. Anyone who would like to hear His heartbeat must be with Him. How do the CGC missions heed the urgent need of the call? How do we respond to the heartbeat of God? The chairperson of the mission committee once told me, "Let's go one step deeper."

When considering the needs of mission, CGC mission did something noble. It did not count how many times medical missions were carried out in different places. It did not count the number of people who heard the message of salvation. It did not count the money and effort spent by the JLY team, doctors and counselors. It may not be everything but at least we do not fail to do something. That action is dignified! Any action that serves human needs must be noble. The CGC mission had just heeded the call. But there are still great things to be done out there.

Considering the CGC missionaries laboring in the field, God did amazing things through them. They were heeding the call! Walking on water, the missionaries risk it all, making things happen. They have lived their lives above the odds; nothing worthwhile comes easily for them. The missionaries laboring in the field were unique in their strengths and weaknesses. They were unique in their own place and strategy and unique to their own circumstances.

Consequently, the ministry grows. God is expanding His Kingdom, and the progress is perceived clearly. There are people added to the church and have followed Jesus in water baptism. A new church building was built through His grace. The passion for Christ is seen evidently in the lives of believers in the way their compassion to the lost is expressed. They go out and share the gospel boldly. The missionaries are no longer a lone ranger in the field for some of the converts themselves are handling Bible studies and cell groups.

For this coming year, lots of things are expected to happen and many unexpected things will come, too. We can be certain that God will continue to work with and through His people. As we obediently heed the call, He will continue to amaze us with His power, mercy and grace. We should understand that the ministry does not grow by the strength of one person or by the ability of the

missionaries but by the faithfulness of God working through each one of us as we consistently heed the call.







基督徒要過著信靠主的生活,至少應學習和實 行下列的四個條件:

效法主耶稣基督的品德(腓2:1-5)

有一位富商是基督徒,也是位慷慨的奉獻者, 在他附近有一間基督教學院,校風好程度高,但經費短 缺.有一天,這富商到校院觀察,他先到院長室要找院 長交談,發覺院長不在,就問一位在漆厝的工友,"院長 幾時回來?"那工友答道,"他在午餐後會在院長室辦 公."午餐後,這位富商再到院長室,看到那工友坐在院 長位上辦公.原來這位工友就是院長,因為學院經費缺 少,院長自己在漆厝.而且這人態度謙卑友善,富商心 中深受感動.三天後院長接到一封信,內夾一張五萬元 美金支票的捐助.

腓2:1,「所以在基督裡若有甚麼勸勉,愛心有 甚麼安慰,聖靈有甚麼交通,心中有甚麼慈悲憐恤.」

在基督裡的人就是得到救恩的人,也就是與救

主耶穌基督有密切關係的人;從這關係 流露出救恩的善果.好像勸勉,從主的 愛得到安慰,這安慰是因主耶穌為我們 的罪能得到赦免而死,使我們能得永生 之福.聖靈的交通是從聖靈的內住在每 個信徒心中而產生的.基督徒中間的互 相關懷互相同情的表現,是由慈悲憐恤 的心所發出的.

腓2:2,「你們就要意念相同,愛 心相同,有一樣的心思,有一樣的意念, 使我的喜樂可以滿足.」

意念相同, 愛心相同, 有一樣的 心思, 有一樣的意念都是基督徒中間應 該存在之合而為一的心. 不是說每個人

的心思意念完全相同; 而是互相合作配搭事奉. 同心 合意在使徒行傳用過十二次, 可見初期的教會大多數 有合一的表現, 實在值得今日的教會學習.

腓2:3,「凡事不可結黨.不可貪圖虛浮的榮耀; 只要存心謙卑,各人看別人比自己強.」

結黨和貪圖虛浮的榮耀都是教會合一和睦最 致命的敵人(參腓1:17;加5:20).結黨是情慾的事,但心 存謙卑是基督徒合一必需的條件;而正確的態度應是 看別人比自己好.並不是說他人比自己更了不起,更有 能幹,更有才華;但基督徒的謙卑和愛心,卻是使我們 注意到他人的長處,欣賞他人的優點.

謙卑的反面是驕傲自高自大自以為義好像撒 但.賽14:13-15說:「你心裡曾說我要昇到天上,我要高 舉我的寶座在上帝眾星以上,我要坐在聚會的山上,在 北方的極處,我要昇到高雲之上,我要與至上者同等. 然而你必墜落陰間,到坑中極深之處.」前面經文看到 撒但自高自大,要昇到高天與上帝同等.反之,我們的 救主耶穌基督不以自己與上帝同等為強奪,反倒虛已 取了奴僕的形像降世做人,自己卑微存心順服,以至於

.,也就是與救 著了,我只有

死在十字架上.為我們這些罪人來死,赦罪贖罪賜我們 永生之福(腓2:6-8).

腓2:4,「各人不要單顧自己的事.也要顧別人 的事.」

自己的事當然要顧,但不要時時為自己著想, 要顧及他人的利益.對欠缺有需要的弟兄要幫補,有冷 心倒退、灰心失志的要安慰勸勉.

腓2:5,「你們當以基督的心為心」

以上的品德如慈悲憐憫、謙卑關心他人都是 基督的心意.我們作基督徒應學習基督的品德,以祂的 態度為我們的態度.祂的態度是怎樣呢?主耶穌的態 度是自我受苦犧牲,心裡柔和謙卑,且在我們做罪人的 時就為我們死,表現了祂神聖的愛(太11:29)

二. 向著標竿直跑(腓3:13-14)

腓3:13-14,「弟兄們,我不是以為自己已經得 著了,我只有一件事,就是忘記背後,努力面前的,向著

> 標竿直跑,要得上帝在基督耶穌裡從上 面召我來得的獎賞.」

在第一世紀,一位猶太人如果 要作拉比(Rabbi)的門徒,他就要離開家 庭和工作來跟隨那教法師.他們要在一 起生活,好像師父教導徒弟一樣.他們 不但一起生活,而且一同作工,討論和 默念經文,及應用在日常生活上.主耶 穌的門徒也是這樣和祂一起生活,跟隨 祂出入,聽主的教導,看祂所行的神蹟 奇事.學習主耶穌的教訓,步祂的後塵.

使徒保羅的心志也是這樣.他 要忘記過去的失敗.因為他在未得救前 是迫逼教會的,他說在罪人中他是個罪

魁.基督徒亦應忘記過去的失敗,不要看過去的成就免 得驕傲.只有一件事,就是努力前面.甚麼事呢?愛主愛 人,忠心事主,向著標竿直跑.我們的標竿就是主耶穌 基督.

三. <u>不要憂慮(腓4:6-7)</u>

腓4:6-7,「應當一無掛慮,只要凡事藉著禱告, 祈求和感謝,將你們所要的告訴上帝;上帝所賜出人 意外的平安,必在基督耶穌裡保守你們的心懷意念.」

掛慮是以自己為中心,對福音的傳播是有大妨 礙的.禱告和掛慮是相反的力量.基督徒遭遇任何困難 憂慮,應當祈求仰望主.不過不要只單為自己,也應顧 及弟兄們的重擔,為他們代求.

上帝所賜出人意外的平安,不只是心理的狀態 而已,而是內心的平靜安穩,這平安是罪惡得赦的心態 之一.我們也應注意到平安和掛慮是相反的,是背道而 馳.上帝所賜出人意外的平安是因信徒將所有的重擔 卸交上帝,藉著禱告祈求和感動交給上帝時所產生的. 上帝完全的愛和看顧是超過所能想像的.

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張國強牧師

五餅二魚是一個非常偉大的神蹟,這個神 蹟解決了人類一個最基本的需要,那就是食的需 要.耶穌用五餅二魚讓五千個男人吃飽,再加上 女人與小孩子,有二萬不是沒有可能的.這個神 蹟以後,還留下十二個籃子的零碎,意思是留下 的比原來的還多.

聖經記載天將晚的時候,門徒進前來對耶 穌說,請叫眾人散開,自己去買吃的.耶穌對他 們說,不用他們去,你們給他們吃吧!因耶穌看 見他們的需要,但門徒卻想將責任推掉.

這根本不是我們的責任

不要說這不是我們的責任,這個世界 根本沒有一件事是獨立的,這個世界每一件 事是互相影響的.牧師講道不好,你有沒有 為牧師講道禱告?你有沒有用微笑來支持牧 師講道?我們要作一個口甜,面甜,心甜的同 工.多一點笑容,少一點面色;多一點鼓勵, 少一點批評;多一點支持,少一點反對.你怎 樣對人,人也怎樣對你.我們作一個有愛的 人,當你有愛的時候,你就不會說:『這不是 我的責任.』

一個礦工挖掘礦時,發生意外當場被 炸死,他的家人只得到一筆微薄的撫恤金, 他的妻子在承受喪夫之痛的同時, 還要面臨 經濟的壓力, 她不知道要如何謀生. 正當憂 愁之際, 工頭來看她, 並建議她到礦場販賣 早點以維持生計. 於是她做了一些餛飩, 清 早就到礦場去賣. 開張的第一天, 來了十二 位的客人. 後來生意好時, 大約二、三十人, 但最奇怪的是無論天氣怎樣, 雨天或寒冬最 少都有十二人來吃麵.在另一次的意外裡, 工頭也被炸成重傷. 在彌留之際對妻子說: 『我死了以後,你一定要接替我,每天去吃 一碗餛飩. 這是我們同組十二個兄弟的約定, 因為我們的朋友死了,他留下孤苦妻兒,除 了我們, 還有誰能幫助那對可憐的母子呢?』 從此以後, 餛飩攤多了一位女性, 唯一不變



唯的十人是的嗎不任是你嗎~不仍二.他責?是,愛有?變是個這們任這責這,愛

二. 我們有的不多,我們是有心無力

神所要的只是五餅二魚.不是你能作 甚麼,是神能藉著你作甚麼.五餅二魚怎可 能使二萬人吃飽呢?但是當我們盡力的時候, 我們就會看見神將不夠的都補上去了,因為 神能滿足這個世代所有的需要.

二十世紀初, 一間浸信會教會門口有 一個衣裳破舊的小女孩在啼哭,牧師看見了, 就上前問她,『你怎麼了?』小女孩哭著 說:『有太多小朋友,教室裡沒有位置了!』 牧師牽起女孩小小的手, 走進教室找了個位 置, 讓小女孩坐下來上主日學, 這位小女孩 因為牧師的愛很感動. 但兩年後, 在貧民窟 的小女孩因為生病而死亡了! 女孩的父親知 道小女孩生前常常到這個教會上主日學,於 是請了牧師來幫小女孩舉行追思禮拜. 後來 發現這小女孩有一個破舊的錢包,裡面有一 張字條,寫著幾個字:『這是獻給神,要把教 會建得大一點, 讓更多的小朋友能上主日 學.』錢包裡頭總共有五毫七分. 牧師忍不住 大哭….. 這件事被寫下來, 傳了出去….有 一位地主看到了, 決定將一塊地以『五毫七 分』賣給這個教會. 如今這塊地成為一座 3,300人的教會,有主日學大樓;小女孩到她 死前才存了五毫七分,她實在沒法估量五毫 七分到底是『多麼的少』,但它卻成就『何 等大的事』.

我們有的不多,但只要我們願意拿出 來獻主,神會成就偉大的事.我們的恩賜,我 們的才幹,我們有的金錢都好像五餅二魚一 樣,真是算不得甚麼.但是,只要願意拿出來, 就會看見不可思議的事發生在我們中間了.

三. 給他們吃了,我們就沒有

只要我們願意給,我們就豐富了.一 個願意給的人,一定是一個蒙神祝福的人; 當你給人的時候,自然會有人給你的,我們 沒有就是因為我們沒有給.很多時候我們不 願意給,是因為我們不知道,我們現在所有 一切都是白白得來的.不要忘記我們是空手 來到這個世界的,神將得貨財的力量賜給我 們.所以當學習慷慨地給有需要的人.

有一個窮苦學生,為了付學費,挨家 挨戶地推銷貨品.到了晚上,發現自己的肚 子很餓,而口袋裡只剩下一個小錢.當一位 女孩子打開門時,他沒敢討飯,只要求一杯 水喝.女孩看出他飢餓的樣子,給他端出一 大杯鮮奶來.他將它喝下,說:『應付多少 錢?』她答覆:『你不欠我一分錢.母親告訴

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我們,不要為善事要求回報.』很多年後,那個女孩病情危急.當地醫生都已束手無策, 個女孩病將她送進大都市,請了當時最有絕 家人終於將她送進大都市,請了當時最有名 的醫生來醫治,那個醫生看見那個病人的 當些的眼中充滿了奇特的眼神,他盡了 他的眼中充滿了奇特的眼神,他盡了 大的那女孩子那裡,她不敢打開帳單,因 她想起來了,眼中淚水 請 全部的醫藥費!』她想起來了,眼中淚水 請 著:『主阿!感謝您,感謝您的慈愛,藉 出 人的心和手,不斷地在傳播著.』你給人, 就 有人給你.

當那個小孩子將五餅二魚給主以後, 耶穌先為餅與魚祝福了. 願謝主, 我們的主 是一位祝福的主, 只要我們願意將我們所有 的都奉獻給祂, 祂就會為我們所獻的來祝福.

四. <u>他們當中有的也不拿出來</u> 當門徒來找食物的時候, 個個都說沒 有, 因為個個都不願意拿出來, 個個都在等

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who wish to be Sunday school teachers are urged to read and reread the Bible and start praying for this calling.

Sunday school had long been associated only with the Children's Ministry. We are changing that notion. It may have originated as a Children's Ministry; however, our church's Sunday school programs have already evolved from an all children's Sunday school to include teenage, adolescence and adult programs.

Now, nobody is too young or too old for Sunday school. We have the youngest regular member: Lyle Kristoff Castro, son of Lorenzo and Rose Castro who is about eight months old; Jonathan Ryan Tiu who is about one year old and Ella Grace Uy Ho who is the great granddaughter of Elder Velentin Uy. There are four generations attending Sunday school. Ella's mommy Erlyn, beautiful grand mommy Evelyn and energetic great grandparents, Elder Valentin and his wife, are all attending the Adult Bible Study. There are many others, I can't name all of them. Elder Valentin Uy is our oldest Sunday schooler. He is now 80 plus years old strong but is still faithfully attending our Adult Bible Class up to this time. He is truly somebody to emulate. We also hope that more members will join our Adult Bible Class or Adult Sunday Schools.

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候別人拿出來.後來個個都後悔,為甚麼不 早一點拿出來呢?只有一個不後悔的,就是 那個小孩子.有時候我們不夠單純,常常在 看別人;他有他不出,為甚麼我要出.其實我 們當作的,是單單純純將自己有的拿出來, 這將會成為我們的家庭,眾人的教會,聖神 的國度之祝福.



Our goal for this year is for the Sunday school to produce witnessing, self-learning, self-growing, and self-maturing Christians, who are living lives for the glory of God

For the first time in many years, the church council is treating the Sunday school teachers as well as their families to a simple lunch to manifest the council's support and concern for this ministry, especially its teachers. I hope this will be the beginning of a very harmonious working relationship.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the council for gifting us with our first Sunday school uniform which we hope to use during our outreach and visitation programs.

For those Sunday school teachers who have faithfully come every Sunday, and some even serving for more than 40 years, God knows who you are. For those of you who took the time to study in Bible Schools and are pursuing more for the Lord, keep on. May we continue to serve untiringly with all our strength, heart, mind and soul, for what we do we do for the Lord. Remember, we are not only making policies, we are also teaching children to know God and live in His will.

For those who think they can help in any way, with open arms, I welcome you to Sunday school.



See You In Heaven

Philip Chong Lin Uy

Let me tell you a parable. This is not found in the Bible. This is the parable about a young girl and her daddy.

One day, a Sunday school teacher went to the airport to pick up a friend. While-waiting at the airport, he saw a young girl sitting there very excited as if waiting for somebody else. The Sunday school teacher approached her and asked whom she was waiting for. She told him that she was waiting for her, daddy. Then, the Sunday school teacher took this opportunity to tell her about the Gospel.

"Honey," asked the teacher, "have you heard of the Gospel?"

"What do you mean, Gospel?" she did not know the word. "The Gospel means the good news."

The girl thought for a while and answered, "Yes, I have good news"

"What is it?" the teacher asked.

"The good news is my daddy is coming to pick me up and bring me home."

"Why is that good news?" the teacher asked. The girl then told her story:

"I have not seen my daddy

since birth. We were separated because of the war (WWI). However, I know my daddy through his many letters. I know he loves me; He teaches me many things through his letters. He even gives me this teddy bear I'm holding. He always comforts me through his words when I'm sad. He teaches me how to become a good girl. And he promises that he will come again to pick me up and bring me to our home over there."

"He said that we have a big mansion over there. We have a big ranch and garden. In the garden are many kinds of fruits and vegetables. They are so big and so delicious. In the ranch are many kinds of animals like a zoo. But they are not caged because they don't harm anybody. Daddy said I could ride on the lion, and he could bring me around the range. I can't wait to ride on that lion. Daddy said I could talk to the birds and animals. The crickets and the bees make wonderful music."

"Daddy said I have many brothers and sisters living there. My eldest brother is now 930 years old. He is very tall and strong like a giant. But he is very handsome and kind. They take care of the garden and the animals."

> "Our mansion is made of crystals like glass with many colors. They sparkle and shine like gold. It is very well lighted like the rainbow during the night. It shines like the sun. We can play in the garden during the night."

> "Daddy also promised me that the first thing he will do when we get home is to invite all our relatives and friends to a sumptuous dinner. I will be able to meet all my brothers and sisters. They are waiting to welcome me home. I hope that some day you will be able to meet my daddy in our mansion over there. My daddy will be very happy to welcome you."

"Oh! I can't wait any longer to meet my daddy!"

This parable may seem familiar to you. We, Christians, are like the little girl. Her daddy is our God the Father, our Creator. We have been separated from our Heavenly Father due to the war between God and Satan. We are all under Satan's territory. But our Father keeps in touch with us through His letters that were carried to us by His messengers. His letters are His words, the Bible. He teaches us how to live through this evil world and how to become good



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Christians. He has shown us miracles and blessings like the teddy bear. He promised us that some day he would come back again for us. And He will bring us into his Kingdom, the paradise. There, we will meet Adam and Eve and the other saints at the great welcome banquet. And we will live forever with Him in that beautiful Garden.

Oftentimes, when we preach the Gospel, we forget to preach about the second coming of Jesus Christ. Our salvation is not complete until we enter into the Kingdom of God. Our present hope is to look forward to His coming again for us for we are just pilgrims in this corrupted world, and our real home is in the paradise, which God has created for us.

We should have faith like this girl. We should believe that very soon our heavenly Father will come back just for us.

My father passed away when I was a youth. My brother passed away 2 years ago. Last year, my father-in-law also died. Amid all these sad events, I have learned to thank the Lord. I learned some important facts of life from these incidents. It is my privilege to share with you what the Lord had taught me:

Lesson No. 1: Our Life Is Uncertain.

Everybody has two important dates: birthday and death day. No one knows when they will be. Under normal circumstances, no one knows what day he will be born and what day he will die. Some die young and some die old. We cannot be sure when these appointed times will be and because we do not know, we ask ourselves, "What are the most important things we must do before we move on to the next world?"

Lesson No. 2: We Should Take Care of Our Bodies.

In order to serve God better, we must have healthy bodies. In order to serve God longer, we need to take care of our bodies so that we can live a little longer, Lord willing. As we grow older, our bodies inevitably become weaker and we begin to count the

number of our days. The time we serve our Lord is now limited, then it becomes more important that we must take care of our bodies so that we can serve the Lord better and longer.

Lesson No. 3: What Can We Bring to Heaven?

When we leave this world and enter into God's kingdom, we have to leave everything behind. All our earthly wealth, treasures, glory, honor, education, etc., cannot enter into the Kingdom of God. They will all become corrupt and perish in this present world. However, people in their glorified bodies may enter into the Kingdom of God.

On Judgment Day, when we enter into the Kingdom of God, we will see a multitude of people from all nations, races and ages. Many of them we do not know. The first thing we will probably do is to look for members of our own family. These are the

people dearest to our hearts. We may also look for our dear friends. If we do not find them, we may ask Jesus where they are. Jesus might answer, "Did you invite them to accept my saving grace?" If our answer is no, then we know that they went the other way. We may want to cry but this is already too late. But we thank the Lord because in the Kingdom of God, He shall wipe away all tears.

The Lord does not desire that any should perish. He wishes that our whole family would be together in His Kingdom. That is why the Bible says if any one accepts the Lord, he and his family will be saved. What better way to enjoy heaven than to be with our whole family!

Therefore, we must exert effort to bring our family and friends to accept the Lord for people is what we can bring to heaven with us. The more people we bring to the Lord, the more friends we will have in Heaven. I wish that this testimony of mine would encourage us to spread the gospel with urgency, knowing that the time of His second coming is drawing nearer everyday.

Praise the Lord! Hallelujah!





「神用地上的塵土造人,將生氣吹在他鼻 孔裡,他就成了有靈的活人...」(創二:7).

因此,人的生命是有感覺的,尤其是重生得 救的人,更加是有感覺的.雖然這感覺很難捉摸, 而且我們也沒有可能將生命拿出來看.但聖經 說:「人有了神的兒子就有生命.」(約壹五:12).

因此,我們若能常愛主、追求主、渴望主, 聖靈的生命律就在我們心靈裡面.我們在日常的 行動,需要反省再反省,使我們的身心能夠潔淨. 因而信徒在 神的光照中,更加認識自己,更加曉 得要住在基督裡.

倘若我們偶然間,行為不檢點,被過犯所勝, 在裡面的心靈,就會感觸忐忑不平安.正如聖經 說:「叫聖靈擔憂」(弗四:30).感謝讚美 神,因祂 的恩典,我們在屬靈的生活中,有感覺和悟性的生 命.

且看大衛感悟的詩:「我向禰犯罪,惟獨得 罪了禰,在禰眼前行了這惡.以致禰責備我的時候, 顯為公義,判斷我的時候,顯為公正.」(詩五十 一:4).大衛為罪憂傷痛悔極點,說出他一生從未說 過比這更偉大的話.分明是他從罪惡中得勝;比往 昔擊殺<u>哥利亞</u>或和其他民族爭戰,顯得更偉大.大 衛認罪的表率,是我們該要效法的.大衛一向是站 在神這一邊,是合 神心意的人.按靈意說,那惡者 是恨惡大衛的,想要把他拉下來、毀滅他.但 神 始終滿有恩慈與憐愛,當他能為罪感悟憂傷痛悔 的時候,神仍舊是幫助他、拯救他使他能夠勝過 邪魔的世界,在罪中釋放出來.

因而,我們身為 神的兒女,是得救的人,是 用重價被買來的人,究竟要住在何處?若果要住在 世界裡,這世界是一個高度組織網.全世界是在今 世的神、人類的仇敵之統治下.它能以財富、名 譽、地位、權勢的方式表現;或以忿怒、兇暴、 逼迫、貧窮的方式表現;或以美麗、誘惑、吸 引、誹謗之方式表現.可是甚麼時候你想擺脫它 的控制,這世界就立刻恨惡你.

我們喜愛主、追求主、渴望主雖一時犯 罪,神必伸手管教.聖經說:「凡被 神引導的,都 是 神的兒子.」既是兒子,我們就要受管教. 神要 訓練我們,要建立我們,使我們完全,祂要把我們 模成基督的形像.

戰國時代,有位學者-孟子(名軻),當他看到 七國爭霸,人們的倫理道德,漸漸散失.心中難免 掀起憂國的思想.但他有位美艷且賢慧的夫人.每 當他見到夫人時就嘆息,令他夫人感到莫明的驚 奇!便問他何故在嘆息? 孟子回答說:「魚我所欲 者,熊掌亦我所欲者.」意思說美妻是我所愛的,聖 賢也是我所要爭取的.他夫人深明大義,了解他意 旨,便收拾她日用的衣物,把家務託付家裡的僕婢, 並再三叮嚀僕役,要好好服侍她的夫婿,便回娘家 去了.於是孟子才能專心發奮攻讀孔子儒家的學 說,而成為儒學思想尊師,被人稱為「亞聖」.

聖經說:「一個人不能事奉兩個主,不是惡這個愛那個,就是重這個輕那個.你們不能又事奉神,又事奉瑪門.」(太六:24).

在這世界裡,一切人都在尋求自己的利益, 他們所追求的是財富、名譽與權勢.惟有 神賜我 們救恩,使我們得益,使萬事都成為我們的好處. 因為世上萬物表面上好像可以使人得平安幸福, 但是離開了神,仍是虛空,實際上不能帶給人們絲 毫幸福.所以我們應該祈求 神引導我們,救護我 們的靈魂脫離這敗壞生命的許多危險;且藉著祂 的恩典,領導我們走上平安的路,直達永遠光明的 美地.

故此,在我們日常生活裡,當履行如下的志 操:

- 一. 當以敬畏 神為立身之基本, 以愛鄰舍 為處世的準則.
- 二.對待人絕對要有誠信,管束自己要十分 嚴格.
- 三.貧困的時候,無須諂妄人家;富貴的時, 切不可矜誇驕傲.
- 四. 謹防心中潛藏嫉妒的意向, 若遇人得到 好處, 要與人同歡樂.
- 五.對人有虧負,要認罪道歉.人家有辜負 我們,當寬容赦免.
- 六.我們為別人作些善事,當看為我們的本 分.別人待我們的好事,當認為恩德.
- 七. 敬重自己的尊長; 也要敬重别人的尊長.
- 八. 愛護自己的兒女; 也要愛護別人的兒女.
- 九. 見別人有長處,應當奉為楷模;見到別 人有短處,應該引為儆誠。
- 十.不可遮掩自己的過失;也不要誇耀自己的優點.
- 十一.要事事為別人設想;更要處處求榮耀 主名.

因此,我們應該訣別一切不義的思維,專心 致志于尋求造物主的喜悅,還要向祂忠誠.這樣, 我們才能得到真實的福氣.





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really liked it because it's also a way to strengthen my relationship with the Lord. I wanted to win and save souls for the Lord. My intention was also to share God's Word to the people close to me but who are not yet saved. When I started to share to other people, I was really afraid and not confident. But with the Holy Spirit guiding and strengthening me, I noticed that my confidence boost up. Instead of being a shy person, I became more confident with myself. Though I'm not really sure that the people whom I've shared to have changed, but for sure my life changed a lot. Last September 23, 2006 was my first time to have the guts to share to a bunch of people. There was a time that I, together with Michelle, shared to five guys. When I shared, I was quite confident that their lives would really change that very day. Though one or two of them didn't care for what I said, I still continued, and when I saw and noticed that they began to be restless, I asked them whether they are sure that they're going to heaven when they die. They were quite stunned and then our conversation became more serious. After I evangelized to them, I really felt great. After our EE, I went to Ayala alone to have a walk for a while. Then I saw the guys I've shared to. They approached me, talked to me and even asked me more questions about their salvation. I was sharing more as if I know everything. I can sense that the Lord was with me during that time. We became closer, and our conversation went very long. I also invited them to go to CYF. I hope and pray that they could be different persons from that day on, and I just want to give all the glory and praise to God for helping me in this.

-Eugene Dy-

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The pursuit of excellence from a biblical point of view is always connected with the issue of God's Values and Priorities. This involved the elimination of some things even though they may be good and legitimate. The principle is: Are they the best and will they get in the way or hinder the main objectives of a Christian's life based on biblical principles and values? If so, they need to be eliminated. We see this truth in Paul's statement in 1 Corinthians 10:23, "All things are lawful, but nor all things are profitable. All things are lawful, but not all things edify" (see also 1 Cor. 6:12) Just because they are legitimate does not mean they should be chosen or pursued.

IV. <u>PURSUING EXCELLENCE IS A MATTER OF A</u> <u>WHOLE-HEARTED ENDEAVOR</u>

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崗警惕守望.上帝在基督耶穌裡保守屬祂的兒女的心懷意 念,是從外面直到裡面的深處.

有一個人造了安全床.保證供颱風,旋風,強賊,搶劫,鄉架和恐怖份子等危險的保護.發明者的網址 (Website)稱這種床是"你最安全的休息地方".當動作感應 器(Motion Sensor)發現威脅時,那床(Quantum Sleeper)就會 自動捲起來包住那睡者.在那子彈不能穿入的被蓋,一個警 鐘會叫醒那被保護的睡者.它又能發射淚彈去攻擊侵犯者. 更進一步,那睡者可以在裡面的DVD看電影.雖是這樣,我 們仍懷疑這種武裝所保證的安全,是否能使那睡者沒有驚 惶或掛慮.

詩人大衛在詩4:8結論說:「我必安然躺下睡覺,因 為獨有禰耶和華使我安然居住.」沒有疑問的,這才是我們 最安全的休息地方.

四. <u>靠主凡事都能作(腓4:13)</u>



Joining EE was never part of my plan. Committing wasn't a big deal, since I was vacant on that schedule. Basing on my experiences on the field plus learning the lessons being taught, I felt that joining EE with this team of great people and serving a great God up there have been a blessing in my life.

-Michelle Uy-

I didn't have the interest to join the training until I remembered the verse in Matthew 28:19. Deep inside, I wanted to share to this particular friend of mine about Christ to be his Savior. But it was so hard because I don't have the courage. When I joined the training, I learned that one must have the guts to face people and approach them with a smile. The most important lesson was having adequate knowledge of the Bible or scripture, prayer then just witness and let the Holy Spirit do His work. The first time I shared was on July 16, 2006 when we went to Cebu Coliseum for the e-cube training. After we had our dinner at E-mall, we went out by pairs and shared to those who were waiting. I was nervous and scared because it was my first time to share about salvation to others. When I started sharing, I felt that my being nervous and scared started to wear off. It was an unforgettable experience for me. The next day, I was inspired to share to this friend I mentioned about, and praise God that he accepted Christ to be his Lord and Savior. EE training is not just a matter of lectures and knowledge but an application to everything that I have.

-Christine Chua-

Matthew 23:37-38, "Jesus said to him, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. 'This is the first and greatest commandment."

As the heart is the central place and of utmost importance in all we do, which naturally includes the pursuit of excellence, it would be well to think about some issues concerning the heart as it applies to doing our best for the glory of the Lord. In Proverbs 4:23, Solomon wrote, "More than any act of guarding, guard your heart, for from it are the sources of life" (NET). The heart needs special care because this is the place where we deposit the knowledge of God or biblical wisdom; it is the place of our values (Matt. 6:21) and priorities and where vital choices are made. Thus, it becomes the wellspring, the source of whatever affects life and character (see Mt 12:35; 15:19).

腓4:13,「我靠著那給我力量的,凡事都能作.」

使徒保羅無論在任何的境況,他靠著那給他力量的 耶穌基督,凡事都能作.保羅事奉能力的源頭是奧永活之基 督密切關係所產生的.因此在林後12:9-10使徒保羅說:「所 以我喜歡誇自己的軟弱,好叫基督的能力覆庇我.我為基督 的緣故,就以軟弱、凌辱、急難、逼迫、困苦為可喜樂的. 因為我甚麼時候軟弱,甚麼時候就剛強了.」在這段經文以 前,他述說他身上的刺,他三次向主求這刺離開他.主對保 羅說:「我的恩典夠你用,因為我的能力是在人的軟弱上顯 得完全.」

親愛的兄弟,我們是不是謙卑承認自己的軟弱?是 不是靠主的能力來做事呢?或是靠自己的能力呢?

因此,基督徒要過一個信靠主的生活,應學習和實行:一.效法主耶穌基督的品德;二.以主耶穌為我們生活的標竿,向著這標竿直跑;三.不必憂慮,將重擔卸交上帝,仰望依靠主;四.做事不要單靠自己的能力,更應靠主加給我們的能力來辦事.

