

“My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit’s power, so that your faith might not rest on men’s wisdom, but on God’s power”

– I Corinthians 2:4,5

During one of my Quiet Times, I Corinthians 2:4,5 caught my attention. Sometimes sharing Christ can become a self-effort driven activity if I am not depending on the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. I can boast of my own ability to help people make a decision to move into God’s Kingdom instead of giving God all the credit. That verse is a timely reminder that it is neither my persuasive and wise words nor my ministry competence that draws people to Christ but it is God Himself, the demonstration of His power working in the non-believer’s life. I was thinking God is omnipotent and He definitely can save many at one time if that is His will and for His own glory. With my little faith, I prayed and asked God boldly for three conversions in a week and He did it! I had the joy of leading two Chinese gals to faith one day, and on the same night I was informed that one of our disciples led an international student to Christ in Singapore Management University! We rejoiced over the wonderful news but for me it was a precious lesson learned – If I pray knowing whom I believe in then I will receive whatever I asked for! It is all about the awesome God who will answer us beyond what we can ever think or imagine. He seeks to bless and give because He wants to.

We laboured hard these last four months in pioneering the International Student Ministry and we are seeing fruits in our midst now. The ministry at Nanyang Polytechnic is blooming! The following-up of the matriculation contacts at National University of Singapore and Singapore Management University was energy draining and to some degree difficult. In our observations we realized that the poly students are generally more relational and willing to befriend the locals while the university students are more cautious and less willing to meet when asked for an appointment. Despite some challenges, we saw 10 international students come to faith from three different campuses. Through the new believers we were introduced to their friends who are Christians for less than 3 months old or seekers with a strong desire to know God. We have now a total of 59 international students from eight countries involved in three campuses; 26 Christians and 33 pre-believers in our ‘Christianity Explained’ course. We want to give all praise and glory to God, thanking God for the honor to partner with Him in this exciting venture!

I am enjoying my ministry very much and often I feel that I am on a mission trip every week when I meet students of different nationalities. Missions is really right at our door step! I personally had the privilege of leading



6 Chinese girls to Christ. I am able to connect and relate to the Chinese pretty well but when it comes to sharing Christ with the South East Asia students I lack confidence. I realized that there is so much to learn in sharing Christ ‘cross-culturally’. I need to understand the background of these students and how they are influenced by their upbringing, cultural and educational systems. If I don’t understand their worldviews it would be difficult to engage in a meaningful spiritual conversation with them at the heart level.

Journeying with the pre-believers can be a bitter-sweet experience. I always see an instant change in the countenance of a new convert ... from anxiety, struggle, skepticism or fear to relief, peace and joy. And when I get a chance to talk with these new believers weeks later I will be able to hear heartwarming testimonies of lives that are changed inwardly. On the other hand, we also meet people who remained firm in their unwavering stand that Jesus is not the only way to God, they have to earn salvation to gain entrance to heaven and there is no need for a God to lead their lives. It is sad to see that some are so close to accepting Christ yet they are so far because they choose to continue to live a life of passive indifference towards God. We can only pray that as they continue in their journey of searching, they will encounter God personally and place their faith in Him one day. As for the Christians, we pray that their changed lives will make a positive impact in our culture and society.

Lastly thank you for praying for our ‘Stress and Time Management’ seminar held on 5 September. The 35 students who attended have benefitted from Professor Gilbert Tan’s talk; helping them to identify stress symptoms and offering wholesome perspective of well-being.

Thank you for your partnership,

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