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Focus on

Missions



Leaders' Training at Banlung, Ratanakiri

17th - 28th April 2019

On 17th April to 28th April 2019, the church sent a team of 5 to Banlung, Ratanakiri, Cambodia. The team was led by Rev Daniel Khoo who has just returned from working with the hearing-impaired brethren in Taiwan. The other team members were Brother Tan Tiong Chin (teaching), Brother Benjamin Heng (teaching cum treasurer), Brother Joel Seah (teaching) and Sister Audrey Lui (logistics). There were 8 reasons for sending this team:

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1. To re-enforce the lessons Rev Quek and Rev Daniel taught the Le village church leaders in Nov 2018.
 2. To start a Good Friday Service on 19th April and conduct Holy Communion during the service.
 3. To help Le Village church understand the significance of Good Friday and Easter.
 4. To teach additional topics on spiritual leadership such as "The Christian and his money" and biblical pastoral counseling on marriage.
5. To give brother Tan Tiong Chin, our missions intern, an opportunity to be exposed to the work at Le Village and exercise his gift of teaching.
 6. To expose brother Benjamin Heng to missions work in general and to fellowship with Rev Khoo as a means to help him ascertain his calling.
 7. To encourage and fellowship with sister Pui Meng, our missionary and to assist her in the visitation ministry.
 8. To visit the current village chief and further our acquaintances.

The team, with sister Pui Meng, designed this follow-up trip to re-enforce the earlier lessons. To ensure the leaders avail themselves to the training, there would be no parallel VBS/Youth program. The follow-up leader's training was a 5-day program from 22nd April to 26th April.



Children singing at the Good Friday Service.



Ps Daniel preaching at the Good Friday Service

On this trip, the team helped Le Village Church start their Good Friday Service and continued with the Easter Service. On this first Good Friday Service and their 3rd Easter Service, Rev Khoo gave the Good Friday sermon entitled "It is Finished" and Bro Joel preached at the Easter service with the message "Christ's Resurrection - Is it True?" In both sermons, there was a strong emphasis that Christ died, was buried and rose from the dead according to the Scriptures (1 Cor 15:3-4). Interestingly, the children's song item was followed with a recital of 1 Cor 15:3-4. The team was very happy and enjoyed their presentation in English and Khmer. May the LORD impress these precious truths in these little priceless souls.

The team and Pui Meng were pleasantly surprised and rejoiced in GOD at the testimony of Cidaa, the Christian patriarch of Le Village Church. He gave his testimony after the Easter service that he will one day be in heaven with Christ too. He also shared his hope that Le Village Church will continue in the faith and maintain the good fraternal relationship with our church. He requested for a replacement from our church if Pui Meng were to leave! What a wonderful testimony of Pui Meng, her work and our church, to the glory of GOD.

The weather was hot, between 37°C to 42°C. The team had suntans even though they spent very little time under the sun. There were also occasions of power failure for a few minutes and Pui Meng mentioned she has experienced days with no electricity! The team hydrated themselves by drinking coconut water as often as they could. They thanked GOD that their time here was very rewarding spiritually, and it was a great blessing for them to serve in the mission field.

The team also thanked GOD for a receptive and participative audience at the leader's training. We had a very lively Q&A where there were questions like:

- We do not have the means to give rice etc, how do we attract people to come to church?
- Can I like a non-Christian and pray that GOD will convert her?
- How to help members whose husbands are non-Christians and are bad?
- Can we dance and drink during New Year celebrations?
- Can we dance during church service?
- I am upset because the church leader did not ask me to preach.
- The culture is that the wife is very strong, what can I do?



The patriarch, the first Christian in Le Village.



Receptive and participative students.

These were just some questions and the team with united hearts and understanding, answered them with reference to the Bible, and explained the meaning and context to them. Their unity was most obvious in their teachings.

The team also had fellowship with Reli Tsukru. Reli is a missionary from Nagaland, the smallest Indian state on the northeast corner of India, near to Myanmar. Reli's wife, Ruth, serves together with him in Banlung. They have a son Gabriel.



Reli was seconded from his church in Nagaland to teach at Komponsom Bible School (KBS). He taught for 7 years, surpassing the initial 5 year- commitment. After this tenure, he ventured north to Banlung to fulfil his church's vision of opening a Bible School and to do discipleship. It was down to Reli's hospitality that the team did not have to spend on hotel accommodation for the students and saved on renting a conference room to conduct the training.

The other missionary we had fellowship with, was Ravi who was one of the brightest graduates of KBS. Ravi is from Banlung and his wife, Chendar, is a Khmer from Komponsom. Ravi has been here since 2012 and Chendar came a year later, after her graduation and their wedding. They have had a very difficult time growing the ministry. The adults are new converts and there are now 5 families. There were just 2 families when they first started. The youths on the other hand are more zealous and very promising. We were very saddened to hear that Ravi and Chendar had lost their 8

days old son. We encouraged them to look to the LORD. The team could tell that Ravi and Chendar were much happier at the end of the fellowship and we were invited to a wonderful time of harvesting avocados, mangoes, papaya and soursops. These were consumed during the leader's training lunch and tea-breaks.

The team visited the current commune chief on Easter Sunday. We had a cordial chat and Rev Khoo shared the Gospel with him. The chief took the opportunity to share his plans for a water tank and filtering system. Sister Pui Meng was very wise to hint in Mandarin not to ask about cost.



Sister Pui Meng continues to do a great work for the LORD at Le Village. She is well respected by the church and villagers. We saw much spiritual vibrancy in Le Village Church because of her work with the youths and children. Her work is a great blessing to our church because our members can come here to serve alongside her.

The toilets the church helped build.



The team ended their time in Banlung on 27th April and took the 7-hour drive back to Siem Reap. On the 28th April they departed for Singapore. The team praised and thank the LORD for helping them accomplish this mission trip. It was a great opportunity to serve the Lord in the mission field.



Medical Missions Trip Hilltop Antipolo Manila, The Philippines, 10th -17th April 2019

by Pastor Frank Low



We thank God for opening the door for us to partner with our brethren of Life BP Church to have a Medical Missions Trip to CBSIS (Center for Biblical Studies Institute and Seminary).

Our team comprised of 8 from Calvary BPC and 2 from Life BPC – Pastor Frank, Elder (Dr) Sherman Ong (Lifer), Dr David Cheong (Lifer), Dr Samuel Lua, Dr Sarah Low, Dr Caslin Ong, Sister Toh Hai Moy, Sister Rosie Solomon, Henry and Lena Piong.

The Theme of this year’s medical missions trip, taken from the Main Theme of The Pastors and Alumni Conference (8th to 12th April) was “Wellness”. It focused on spiritual and wholistic wellness and that was where medical missions came in.

The Objective was to proclaim the Gospel through clinics and medical screening. We worked together with the local doctors arranged by Rev Lubaton (President of the Institute and Seminary) and Rev Dr Bill Ebert (Senior Pastor of both the Hilltop Church and CBSIS).

There were four days of medical clinic/screening (11, 12; 15, 16 April). The first two days were for the pastors who attended the Conference with their families and the seminary students. The public came in on the last two days.





Medical Missions Trip to Hilltop



Together there was a total of 622 served - 212 pastors, their families and seminary students plus 410 neighbours from around Hilltop. 237 were given the Gospel at 14 stations manned by pastors and bible students as counsellors. 54 of these were already believers. 57 did not accept. But thank God that 126 accepted the Lord Jesus as their Saviour. Many of these who prayed to accept Christ have requested for home visitation and bible study.

We pray for the follow-up ministry by the local churches to those who believed. We also pray that they worship God, obey His Word, fellowship around God's Word, grow spiritually and be good and faithful witnesses for the Lord.

We pray specifically for the Lord's leading in how we can continue to partner with Pastor Bill, Pastor Lubaton and his alumni fellowship of pastors in serving the Lord in various parts of the Philippines.

We praise God for His blessings in giving us the joy and privilege to serve Him with our brethren at Hilltop. TO GOD BE THE GLORY.

Mission Trip to Le Village, Ratanakiri

10th – 17th May 2019

Who would have thought that three days of mission trip would leave many of us emotional? The team that travelled to Le Village was made up of Dn Mark Heah, Dn Woon Sin Wei, Sonny Loe, Victor Lee, Rae-ann Lim, Deborah Tan, Shawn Lim and Josiah Tan. Our team of 8 was in Cambodia from 10th to 17th May 2019. 12th to 14th May was spent at Le Village ministering to the children and the youths.

Upon reflection, Dn. Woon Sin Wei remarked, “Mission trips bring out the human side of us. We are propelled out of our dulled spiritual senses to realise our desperate need for God. Once again, we are acquainted with God’s love, in us and through us. There’s a spiritual outpouring of what God has instilled in us. It is His gift. We can only trust Him in His perfect will to distil our life, to make pure for His use. Our spirit is softened and made pliable, and God has a free course in our lives.”

At Le Village, we felt the joy of the children who were satisfied with the little things of life. Josiah observed, “They didn’t have much, but they had the joy of the Lord, and that was enough for them. We witnessed how God had provided all that they had needed. Indeed, great is God’s faithfulness. The village’s passion for Christ, exhibited by their behaviour and lively singing, moved us and stole a piece of our hearts. Their love for God and their love for us really ministered to us. We taught the song “Walking with Jesus” to the children, and we could hear them singing the song so passionately and loudly everywhere they went.”

These children were happy to see us, to play with us, sing with us, and learn from us. In return, we learnt from them. We learnt that Singapore’s busy materialistic narrative of happiness is a lie. Happiness does not come from having more or knowing more. True happiness comes from the Lord. True happiness comes from walking with Jesus.



Mission team with the translators

Top (from left): Sonny Loe, Josiah Tan, Samnang, Victor Lee, Seng Hong, Ratha, Bun Theoun, Pui Meng;
Bottom (from left) : Bunnarit, Rae-Ann Lim, Mark Heah, Deborah Tan, Shawn Lim, Woon Sin Wei

On 12th May 2019, we taught the story of Paul to the children and shared the biography of Darlene Rose with the teens for Sunday School. Following which, Dn Mark Heah preached to the congregation on John 11:35. Despite the stuffy and warm room packed with children and adults, everyone remained

Mission Trip to Le Village, Ratanakiri

focused on learning. After the service, the team also visited a church member who was blessed with a baby boy just 4 days earlier.

From 13th to 14th May, we conducted a two-day VBS for around 50 children and 25 youths concurrently. The stories told to the children were about Elijah and Samuel. For the youth program, we covered topics such as Paul's conversion and life, Godly relationships, Daniel's resolve, and Worship.

We were very encouraged by the enthusiasm and receptiveness of the youths and the children during the two days of VBS. The children, after being taught songs and proper hygiene practices, readily applied them either by singing the songs wherever they went, or by immediately practicing them when they were washing their hands at the water point in the village. The youths were passionate and eager to learn from God's word. Many of them asked practical and thought-provoking questions.



Group Photo of Children on Day 1.



Children (and uncles) paying close attention to Sister Deborah Tan as she tells the story of Samuel.



Children showing their craft for day 2. Many of the children asked for an additional colouring sheet for themselves.



Teaching the children how to wash their hands. We also taught them how to brush their teeth.



Brother Josiah Tan telling the story of Daniel to the youths.

As we left the village, we were showered with gifts – handmade cards from the children and freshly plucked mangoes from their farms. We were left with a deep impression of God’s work in Le Village. We felt God’s love radiating strongly at this village. In addition, we saw the need for more people to go regularly to teach the children, youths, and most importantly the leaders of Le Village.

Indeed, there is much work to be done not just in Le Village, but in Cambodia, Southeast Asia, and the uttermost parts of the world. Let us continue to keep the work there in prayer, that:

- God would continue to build up the church at Le Village and their leaders (led by Somnang).
- God would give the leaders the confidence in the power of the gospel so as to not give in to the pressures of secular church growth methods in the churches.
- God would ignite a deep passion for God’s word, God’s people, and the lost in the heart of the youths, who will be the next generation of leaders.
- God would continue to sustain Sister Pui Meng as she serves and seeks God’s will.

Finally, though prayer is of utmost importance, it is not enough. Who will go? Who will leave the green fields of Singapore to the hard places where the gospel has not been preached? How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace!

Before leaving the province of Ratanakiri, we asked Sister Pui Meng what words of encouragement she has for the people back in Singapore. She left us with her life verse. “For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.” (2 Corinthians 5:14 – 15)

We should not live for ourselves but for Christ who died for us, and reigns victorious.

Missions Schedule – July to December 2019



Every 1st Sun - Pastor to minister of Batam churches

Jul 7 - Rev Quek ministering to Batam churches

Aug 4 - Rev Seet ministering to Batam churches

Mission trip by Ladies SS to Batam

Aug 8 to 12 - Proposed Medical Missions to Batak Land

Sep 1 - Rev Lee ministering to Batam churches

Oct 6 - Rev Seet ministering to Batam churches

Nov 3 - Rev Quek ministering to Batam churches

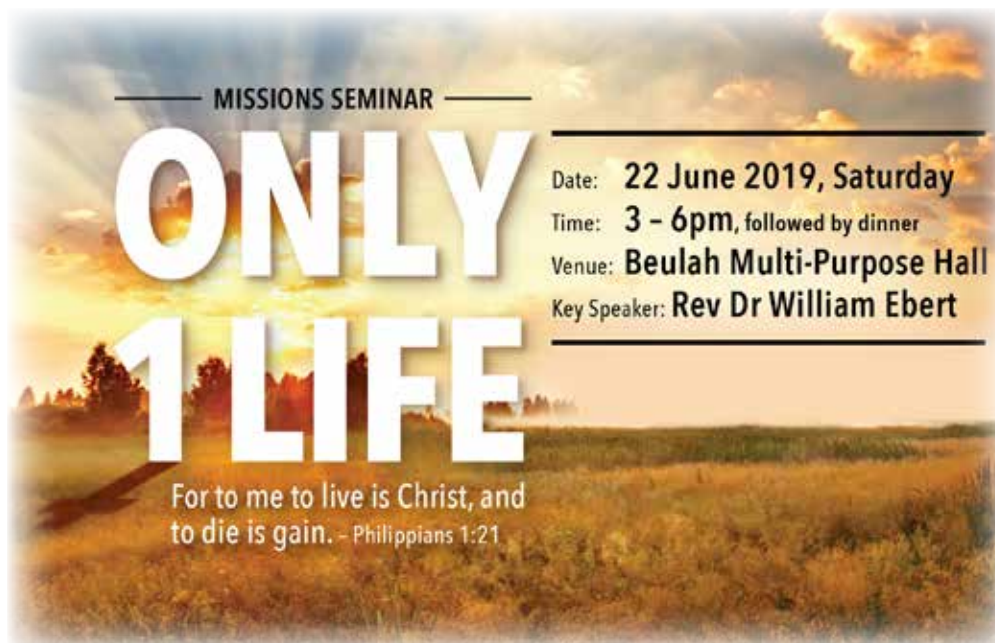
Nov (TBA) - Mission trip to Ratanakiri

Dec 1 - Rev Seet ministering to Batam churches

Dec 1 - Proposed Medical Mission

Missions Seminar

by Dn Mark Heah



The objective of the “**Only One Life**” Missions Seminar was to challenge Lifers to consider serving God in the mission field. In line with the vision and mission of Life B-P Church, our Pastor Charles Seet reminded us of the 3Ss – Salvation, Sanctification and Service. About 180 attendees had the opportunity to hear of the pioneering missionary work of the Ebert family, update on the ministry work in Cambodia and the personal reflections of Lifers who had participated in mission trips. Also, we were reminded one is never too old to serve God.

The key-note speaker was Rev Dr William Ebert, Dean of Academic Affairs at the Center for Biblical Studies (CBS), Manila, Philippines. Other speakers included Rev Charles Seet, Rev Moses Hahn, Rev David Koo, sister Lilian Lee, sister Sarah Tan and brother Samuel Quek. The seminar was followed by a dinner fellowship.

Some of the presentations are highlighted as follows.



“Salvation, Sanctification and Service” by Rev Charles Seet

To understand our service to God in missions correctly, we must see how it is related to salvation and sanctification. This relationship is shown in Ephesians 2:8-10.

Salvation is ours by God’s grace, and not by our works (v.8). There is therefore no hope of salvation at all for people of every nation no matter how good their works may be. They urgently need the grace of God to save them from sin. One way for us to respond to God’s grace is to offer our lives for Missions to bring the Gospel of Christ to them.

Sanctification is the result of God’s work in our lives. We are His workmanship (v.10). God displays His marvelous wisdom and ability in rescuing and transforming lives that have been broken by sin. This work of God encourages us to serve in Missions.

Service is the good works that God has ordained for us to do (v.10). God has prepared different sets of good works for each of us to do in order to accomplish His plan of restoring a broken world. We need to follow His leading and do all that He directs us to do.

“Only one life ‘twill soon be past, only what’s done for Christ will last.” (C.T. Studd)



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- C.T. Studd



“Cambodia Ministry” by Rev David Koo

God called me as Cambodian missionary sent by Life BP Church on 23rd Dec 1997.

I found the way to preach the gospel to Cambodians through the Christian education.

I opened a computer school and also established a Christian Kindergarten, a primary and secondary, a high school and university.

The purpose of Establishment of Life University is to nurture talented Christian students to influence politics, economy, society and culture in Cambodia and to evangelize to Cambodians.

Truly I thank God for strengthening my family and me to serve Him in the mission field of Cambodia. Twenty-two years have gone by so quickly.

By the grace and mercy of God, He has sustained and protected us throughout our stay here.

Praise God that more and more Cambodians are coming to know Christ and are willing to be baptized through the mighty Gospel.

The Cambodian mission continues to exist by the grace of God!

I'm sure that sooner or later, Cambodia will be fully exposed to the message of salvation in Jesus Christ through the Christian School Education ministry.



Rev David Koo and family serving in Kompongsoem Cambodia

“Cambodia Ministry” by Rev Moses Hahn

It is our pleasure that our family came to Cambodia in 1997 and have been serving the Cambodian people for 22 years. We opened Kompongsoem Bible School (KBS) in 1998, and this KBS became the backbone of various ministries, from which local church plantings, Ottavao Christian school in Pailin in 2002, Kompongsoem Christian School (KCS) in 2007, prison ministry and publishing ministry sprang out.

It is not easy to train local people in the Word of God. The consciousness of guilt is low and language barrier is another challenge. Nevertheless, we trusted God and continued with the teaching ministry. Several hundreds of students have come to KBS and almost 200 youths graduated from their Diploma of Theology, with scores of graduates serving in the mission field with us.



Bible School at KompongSom

KBS built 7 churches near Sihanoukville even though there was no resident pastor. KBS also sent bible students and graduates to Pailin in 2000, KohKong in 2002, StungTreng in 2003, as well as other provinces like Ratanakiri and Kratie. Many of them suffered in remote areas where there was no water supply, electricity, or any market nearby.

Some endured, while some left the ministry: KBS will send a minister to replace anyone who leaves. Local churches would not have been able to continue without having a replacement minister. The ministers were (and are) bearing the Ark of Covenant with us. We

appreciate it regardless of whether they served for a short or long time as it was not easy to pastor a church at such a young age (fresh graduates) without any deacons or elders. We are now seeing some churches forming the structure of a biblical church while other churches continue to struggle.

We pray for missionaries, foreign churches and also healthy and inter-dependent churches. We also pray that the Christian Community will continue to live together and work hard for the ministry.

Nowadays, the Christian School plays an important role in evangelizing the country but a big challenge is the lack of Christian teachers. The success of Christian Schools depends on the teachers' dedication to the Lord's mission. Otherwise, there will only be nominal Christian Schools or profitable education centres. It can be slow to train Christian teachers but I believe there is no other way but to raise them in the Word of God through a long term approach. They can then make their own disciples in the schools, emphasizing morals and spiritual truths rather than just knowledge or a tertiary degree.

KCS (KompongSom Christian School - 170 students) has 10 teachers and 5 assistant teachers. Among the 15 teachers, 11 are from KBS. There are also five teachers at Bohui Christian School (150 students) in Pailin, which is now run by a Hong Kong church—the teachers are all from KBS. We also pray that we can open a secondary and a high school, and establish a Teachers' College at KBS.

We were also very much surprised when God showed us the many souls in the prisons who can be saved. God opened the doors one by one, from PhnomPenh prison, Kompot, KompongCham (CC3), and even to Kohkong recently. Interior Ministry had suggested that we do prison ministry in all the provinces (over 20 provinces in Cambodia) but currently, we are only ministering in four prisons and we already found it to be exhausting!

It all starts with building our own classroom/worship hall within the prison itself. It can be used for a teaching classroom (English, Khmer, computer etc), worship service on Monday, and also for medical missions. We send teachers to minister in the prisons every Monday to Friday. Whenever a medical team visit, we will also bring them to the prisons ministry. They can then conduct medical and dental services, and give sufficient medicine to the patients (for up to 3 to 6 months).

We also provide bibles, songbooks, notebooks and pens to the students. Over 1,000 students are studying with us, and more than 1,200 inmates have been baptized over the past 18 years of



Rev Hahn baptizing prisoners at KompongChom Prison.

the prisons ministry. They are thirsty for God's Word. Some are memorizing many portions of the Bible. From last year, we also conducted the Lord's Supper, the washing feet, and two or three days' camp at KompongCham CC3. The inmates, mission team and KBS students were all very much motivated through these missions.

Through all these ministries, we understand more about the furtherance of the Kingdom of God. I believe doing missions is a triple partnership between the local church, the missionary, and the foreign supporting church. Appreciation and thanksgiving goes out to all supporting churches and individuals, local co-workers, pastors, and to dedicated missionaries in the mission field.

“Are we too old to serve God?” by Sister Lilian Lee

By the grace of God, I completed my studies in Emmanuel Reformed Bible College last year. As part of the requirement, a thesis entitled: “Senior Missionaries and Their Contributions To Missions” was submitted.

Aside from personal interests, there are very compelling demographics everywhere – internationally as well as in Singapore and even in our own church – that made me do this study. The UN statistics show that an aging population is plaguing nearly every country and no less in Singapore where last year, we find for the first time the number of those 65 and above are equal to those younger than 15. In Life B-P Church, 15% of our church members are 70 and above while 33.3% are 60 and above.

There are many senior missionaries in our midst; 70 short-term missionaries and 24 full-time missionaries participated in a survey for my study. Through the information they provided of themselves, they are found to be resilient and have much experience to offer to missions. If they faced any shortcomings, their attitude was one of willingness to adjust themselves in order to overcome these shortcomings. They would not give up easily. The two full-time missionaries, Sis Pui Meng and Rev Daniel Khoo from our church are both senior missionaries (50 years and above) and they exemplify these traits.

The study also shows that the church has to take steps to support these missionaries especially in practical ways. One area is in finance: it is presumptuous to conclude that all retirees are well-funded. A short mission trip can minimally cost \$300 and if one is to go more than once a year, these costs can be heavy.

John Piper wrote in his book “Rethinking Retirement” to encourage seniors not to live indulgently but instead even to the end, we press on in missions, preferring always the glory of God. He wrote: “Getting old to the glory of God means getting old in a way that makes God look glorious.” May the Lord find us faithful.

“Reflection on my Ratanakiri mission trip” by Brother Samuel Quek

Heading to Ratanakiri, I did not know what to expect; I simply expected it to be a normal trip overseas, similar to those that I attended before. However, those 4 days spent at Ratanakiri completely changed my mindset. I witnessed God’s love and joy showcased so clearly in the children and how they are able to enjoy His bountiful blessings despite having so little compared to us. I also witnessed His love through his servant, Aunty Pui Meng, as she so faithfully ministered to the villagers and the church there, blessing all who were around her, and demonstrating faith beyond comprehension. I experienced one of the sweetest times of fellowship I ever had.



Samuel and Jude with children at Le Village



Sister Pui Meng leading the children at Le Village, Ratanakiri, Cambodia.

“Wherever He Leads I’ll Go” by Sister Sarah Tan

Huge reservations about undeveloped countries, discomfort, dirt, mosquitos, etc. should not stop us from doing missions. This is because as children of God, we should be willing to go wherever He calls, with the complete trust that He will be carrying us everywhere. Going to China was one of the most difficult times I had encountered. But He protected and delivered me. He showed me how He has parts of His church all over the world, and He really does watch over them and feed them. He also showed me so much I can learn from the Chinese, in their warmness, hospitality, how they live their lives joyfully because they have God as their almighty Father. They were the ones that taught me, much more than I even planned to teach them.



Youth gathering with sister Sarah Tan



Sister Sarah with the children

“Only One Life” by Rev Dr William Ebert

One verse that will get us rightly into our topic is Philippians 1:21 “For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.” The apostle Paul looks at his life as one that was fully given to God. If he continued to live for God, that was a very good thing; but if he were to die and be with God, how much better. Paul had his perspective of life in order — one life to live and it should be lived for God.

See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; (Ephesians 5:15-20)



In Ephesians 5:15-20, Paul gives four areas of our life that should be looked at from a Christian perspective. There is the importance of choosing our path in life, or making sure that we are truly walking a Christlike life. We need to be wise in our choices. It is true that the Christian life is one of wise choices, doing those things that are pleasing to God. We should not be living for ourselves but living for Christ.

The second area that we need to be reminded of is our time. Time is one of the few things that we can never get back. Paul is emphasizing that we live in evil days, and we need to redeem the time for good. Our use of time must be such that Christ is seen in all we do and say. We need to understand the importance of proclaiming the Gospel. There are many who do not know who Christ is and what he has done for us. Time is important and we must use it wisely to see men and women come to Christ.

Thirdly, we need to be aware of “what the will of the Lord is.” This is speaking again of our life style, how we live. We as believers should understand from the Word of God how we are to live Christ-like lives. This again brings out the truth of a life that is well pleasing to God. It is again emphasizing making right choices. The truth is, that most of the time we know what is right and wrong in the eyes of God. We just need to be willing to choose the right. These right choices are made when we realize the evilness of sin and the holiness of God.

Then the fourth thing that we see from this passage is that we need to be filled with the Holy Spirit. It is interesting to note the comparison of being drunk with wine to the filling of the Spirit. When one is inebriated, one often does things one would never do if one was in control of one’s faculties. The wine is actually controlling him. We as God’s children should allow the Holy Spirit to be able to control us. He gives us the strength to be able to walk that godly life. It is a life we could never live on our own. But we still need to choose to allow the Holy Spirit to empower us so that we can be victorious in our Christian walk. This victory comes by developing a closer personal relationship with God.

As we look back over our passage, we see one main truth emphasized and that is the importance of wisdom, of understanding, of not being unwise. The Christian life, that one life we have, is to be lived in wisdom. We as believers must constantly be mindful of the Word of God, of the leading of the Holy Spirit and have a true desire to walk Christ-like.