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Soul-Winning Mentality

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It is the declared will of God that He “will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth” (1 Tim 2:4) and so He is “not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance” (2 Pet 3:9). Hence, in John 3:16 we read that: “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” So, Jesus “came to seek and to save that which was lost.” (Luke 19:10) and He gave the Great Commission to all His disciples in Mark 16:15-16: “Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.” Salvation from the consequences of sin (i.e. death Rom 6:23) and the promise of eternal life in heaven as our eternal abode (Rom 6:23; 1 Pet 1:3, 4; Col 1:5) is what God offers through His Son Jesus Christ.

So, the early Christians “went every where preaching the word” (Acts 8:4). For Paul, preaching the gospel was central to his ministry: “For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!” (1 Cor 9:16). It was not something that was optional; it was a “necessity”.

As members of God’s family we need to be united as One in serving the Lord and the work of soul-winning is our fundamental task. We need to be more focused in the New Year to help more people come to obey the gospel so that they can be saved from the consequences of sin.

Paul’s commitment to winning souls is best described in 1 Cor 9:19-24: “For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings. Do you not know that in a race all the runners

Sermons in January:

- ALL THINGS ARE BECOME NEW - ONG ENG BOON
- NEW HEART & NEW SPIRIT - KOAY CHUAN LEK
- NEW DOCTRINE? - RICK KIRK
- NEW COVENANT - RICHARD LIM
- NEW EVERY MORNING - LIM CHONG TECK

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Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it.

(1 Cor 9:24)

run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it.

As Paul said it, we must run with a "soul winning mentality" – "so run that you may obtain it – win the prize – that I might win more of them - by all means save some". Make it our aim to win souls. Run our lives in such a way that we may succeed in winning souls.

Through the years, there have been many fruitful efforts for winning souls to Christ. Some of them are as follow:-

Sunday School Programme: Many young people have been taught the Scriptures by the faithful Sunday School teachers in Klang (about 20 of them) who have laboured quietly and tirelessly through the many years. Under able supervisors Sis Connie Kirk and Lily Tan, this has been a wonderful means of helping young people come to know God and to love and obey Him. Through the efforts to reach out to young children, whole families have also been brought to Christ. In 2011, Sis Khoo Yen Nee (walking in the footsteps of her father, Khoo Kay Yeow of YDP fame and mother, Sis Lydia Teh, award winning writer in Malaysia) has agreed to be the Sunday School supervisor, under the leadership of Bro Ronnie Lee. We can endeavor to make this programme an even more successful one in 2011.

Youth Development Programme (YDP): Bro Khoo Kay Yeow has spearheaded this effort with the help of various brethren such as Bro Richard Lee and YDP graduates such as Jonathan Yang of LAP. This effort is targeted at those between the ages of 13-24. The annual YDP camp brings together youths from all over Malaysia and S'pore for a time of fellowship, fun, food and feasting on God's Word. Friendships and stronger spiritual characters have also been forged. We are thankful for this annual effort in reaching out to youths. Three youths were baptized in Ipoh and one in Klang following the conclusion of this year's YDP. It has certainly done much good for the youths.

Bible Correspondences Courses (BCC): Through the years, the BCC has provided opportunities for many to study the Bible at their own pace and in the comfort of their homes. I had also studied the Bible via the

BCC before I obeyed the Lord in 1971. It is my belief that this is still a good medium to reach those who are seeking to know the truth.

Home Fellowship Groups: One of the most fruitful Home Fellowship Groups was the one held in Bro Charlie Chan's house some years back (it continues meeting today). Many visitors including Yeoh Cheng Teik, Eng Lim Leng, and their wives were taught the Scriptures in the home of Bro Charlie Chan. Brethren invited them to the home fellowship meetings where individual studies were conducted for the visitors.

Personal Bible Studies: In order to be able to help truth-seekers come to obey the gospel, we need brethren who have prepared themselves to engage in one to one personal studies with truth-seekers. One of the greatest needs in the Kingdom today is for brethren to prepare themselves to help bible students learn the truth so as to be saved. We need brethren who are prepared and ready to study the Bible with those who are seeking to know and obey the truth (2 Tim 2:15, 24-26; 1 Pet 3:15). We need brethren who like Philip "opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus" (Acts 8:35), or be like Peter in Acts 10:34-35: who "opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him" or be like Paul in Acts 28:23-24: "When they had appointed a day for him, they came to him at his lodging in greater numbers. From morning till evening he expounded to them, testifying to the kingdom of God and trying to convince them about Jesus both from the Law of Moses and from the Prophets. And some were convinced by what he said, but others disbelieved."

We are not all expert soul-winners but we have to start somewhere – why not start preparing to be a soul-winner in 2011?

Start by getting to know the bible yourself (2 Tim 2:15; 3:15-17) (through enrolling in the COPE programme or attend the classes being conducted by Bro Charlie DiPalma in Subang and in Section 17 PJ or the classes conducted by Bro Roger Campbell in Kota Kemuning) because we cannot

Specially for Ladies

Where There Is No Vision, The People Perish (Prov. 29:18)



By Sis. Theresa Ee (wife of Bro Eddy Ee, Minister to Jurong congregation)
(Editor's note: we are thankful to Sis Theresa Ee for contributing this well-written article)

In John 4:31-34, His disciples urged Him saying, 'Rabbi, eat'. But he said to them, 'I have food to eat of which you do not know'. Therefore, the disciples said to one another, 'Has anyone brought Him anything to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.' Jesus continued His conversation with His disciple from Jn. 4:34-35 'Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! (harvest is cutting and gathering the crops where farmers are extremely busy) And he who reaps (benefit as a result of what you have done) receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together'. The context of this statement concerns the spiritual conver-

sation between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well

The disciples asked Jesus why He always speaks to the crowd in parables. In response to their question which Jesus touched on the parable of the sower, He explained to them in Matt 13:13-14... those who see and (and yet) they do not see' and those who 'see and (yet) not perceive'

In the days of Jesus, He used parables to enable the crowd to understand His message, but now we use analogy to enable us to understand what it means to have a Vision.

Scenario 1

Someone asked the late Helen Keller this question 'What would be worse than being born blind?' To this profound question, she answered 'Having sight without a vision'

Her history shows she was born with full sight and hearing but at 19

months old she was struck with an illness which robbed her of both vision and hearing. She became a very difficult child to be cared for and at 6 years old her family engaged a good teacher to teach finger spelling and eventually Braille. Her teacher was Anne Sullivan. With persistence and hard work she became the first deaf-blind person to enrol for higher learning and later she graduated with a bachelor's degree in art, thus making her the first deaf-blind person to earn a degree.

In short, she is noted for overcoming deafness and blindness to become an inspiration to disabled people. She was also an advocator for the disabled all over the world. She was also an author for several books. With the help of her teacher Anne Sullivan they went around raising funds helping people who were both blind and deaf.

The People Perish

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The brief story above shows Helen Keller had a vision that made a great difference in this world

Scenario 2

Awareness and Vision of MN Lee Kuan Yew of the Garden City in 1960s

The Ice-berg is melting; there is global warming and therefore we have to do something to save the earth

MN Lee wanted Singapore to become a garden city in the 1960s. He was interested to materialise his vision. He was personally involved in the project of transforming Singapore from just concrete and steel to concrete, steel, trees, shrubs, flowers and parks. He did not let the climate to get in the way. Fertilisers would replenish the soil and thus began the task of making compost from rubbish dumps, adding calcium and lime where the ground was too acidic. He surveyed the world for ideas, taking advantage of his travels abroad to look out for them.

What is this goal of vision to MN Lee?

The 'end in mind' of

this greenery is not about smelling roses. MN Lee's quote is about keeping Singapore ahead of the competition. A well kept garden is a daily effort and would demonstrate to outsiders the people's ability to organise and to be systematic. The grass has got to be mown every other day, the trees have to be tended, the flowers in the gardens have to be looked after so they know this place gives attention to detail.

His determination has brought success to the project and now Singapore is considered one of the greenest cities of the world

Scenario 3

Real life Experience on greenery with the Alexandra Hospital

The whole of Singapore is aware the Alexandra Hospital has a very beautiful garden. It started with someone who told the CEO 'Can I do something to make the scenery better?' Her vision 'a sweet smelling fragrance as you walk past by and birds chirping.' This lady had limited knowledge on gar-

dening but she had this zeal and with the full support of the CEO, she has transformed the 'eerie looking and goose-pimples feeling especially in the night' landscape into a beautiful garden with nice-scented smell as you passed by certain flowers, chirping of birds in the morning as you walk through the garden, and melodious waltz music to welcome you as you stepped onto the cemented stair-case from the alighted bus-stop. This garden is a show-case to a lot of people and photographers who has an interest in butterflies, flowers and plants. It has won many prizes for its landscape

The result of this was from a vision with commitment. It took about more than 6 years to show results: 'A Hospital within a Garden and a garden in the hospital'.

Note: The second part of the article will be published in the next issue. Keep a look out for it.

BAPTISM

We rejoice with the family of bro Ong Eng Boon on the baptism of Ee Gene, who was baptised on the evening of December 30, 2010. Ee Gene was born on 20 July 1997, and is currently a student in Hin Hua Independent School, Klang.

Our Visitors and Visiting Brethren



VISITORS

December 24, 2010

- Ong Jae Wen (Guest of Tan Ern Shern)
- Emily Yap
- Esther Yap

December 26, 2010

- Chan Siew Meng (Richard Lim)
- Ong Jae Wen (Ern Shern)
- Angie Ng (Tim Ing)
- Michael Ng
- Dr & Mrs Lee Poh Keong (Chuan Lek)

VISITING BRETHREN

December 24, 2010

- Tee Ai Vee (Ipoh)
- Lee Chin Suet
- Sean Lim (Jurong)
- Oh Boon Chin (Kota Kemuning)

December 26, 2010

- Tee Ai Vee (Ipoh)
- Oh Boon Chin (Kota Kemuning)
- Sean Lim (Jurong)
- Quay Wei Li (Terengganu)
- Quay Wei Kwang (Kuching)
- Benjamin, Karen & Esther Lee (Lavender)
- Tan Cheer Cheers (Indonesia)
- Joshua (Iraq)



Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. (2 Tim 2:15)

Services This Week (January 2, 2011)

Adult Bible Class

Lesson: Our Public Assemblies
Teacher: Leow Yew Chong

Youth Bible Class

Lesson: In Doctrine Shewing Uncorruptness, Gravity, Sincerity
Teacher: Khoo Tze Wei

Worship

Lesson: All Things Are Become New
Preacher: Ong Eng Boon

Helpers

Communion: Heng Hui Theng & Claire Lee
Floral Display: Linda Leong

Statistics for week December 24 - 26, 2009

Friday Bible Class Attendance	-	58
Sunday Bible Class	-	61
Sunday English Worship	-	93
Children in attendance	-	25
Mandarin Worship	-	21
TOTAL SUNDAY ATTENDANCE	-	139

Services Next Week (January 9, 2011)

Adult Bible Class

Lesson: Principles of Prayer
Teacher: Ng Yewo Kong

Youth Bible Class

Lesson: Sound Speech, That Cannot Be Condemned
Teacher: Sean Lim

Worship

Lesson: New Heart & New Spirit
Preacher: Koay Chuan Lek

Helpers

Communion: Lucy Lee & Lee Su Yin
Floral Display: Josephine Mariam



Speak where the Bible speaks. Be silent where the Bible is silent.

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The Klang Church of Christ seeks to glorify its Founder and Head, Jesus Christ (Matt 16:18; Col 1:18), by proclaiming salvation on the same terms stated by Jesus in Mark 16:16: "He who believes and is baptized will be saved".

Having been born again (John 3:3-5) through baptism in water (Titus 3:5; Eph 5:26; 1 Pet 3:21; Rom 6:3-5), we acknowledge the Lordship of Jesus, that "Christ lives in me and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God" (Gal 2:20). Thus, like the apostle Paul we can say, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Phil 4:13).

We appeal to all believers to be united in love as desired by the Lord (John 17:20-23; 13:34,35) and that all may "speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among us, but that we be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment." (1 Cor 1:10).

Denominationalism does not feature in God's plan. We urge all to leave denominationalism and to be united in One Body (Eph 2:15-17) on the basis of what the Bible says (and to leave aside the teachings and traditions that are man-made as these are the cause of division among believers). "The churches of Christ greet you". (Rom 16:16)

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<http://youths-kcoc.blogspot.com>

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teach what we do not know. Then seek to know those who desire to study the Bible and make the time to teach them the truth. When we are prepared vessels for God's use (2 Tim 2:21) then God will use us to reach out to those seeking the truth as was the case with Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch (Acts 8:26-40).

Resolve in 2011 to commit yourself to a specific area of work that you believe you will be effective in helping others to come to know and obey Jesus Christ. It could be as one who encourages young children in your neighbourhood or your friends' children to enroll in the Sunday school, one who enrolls others in the BCC programme, invite friends to church services and activities, or being a friend to church visitors by sitting with them and helping them turn the Scriptures.

Please resolve in 2011 to attend each and every services of the church on Friday evenings and Sundays. Please know that your personal attendance is of great encouragement to all the brethren. Your absence is sorely missed—especially by brethren who make every effort to attend and those who are visiting. Please make the effort. The bridge over the Klang river is no longer jammed and you can cross over without too much difficulties. We hope to see a significant increase in our Friday Bible Classes attendance in 2011 and we are counting on each of you to make that special effort to attend and study the Scriptures together.

Resolve to make 2011 a great year of Sowing and Harvesting of Souls!
