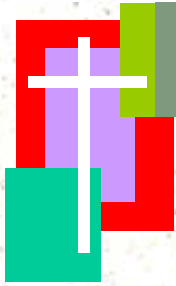


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You did not visit Me

By Steven Chan



In Job 2:11-13, the Bible records for us an interesting account of how Job's three friends supported him through his adversity:

"Now when Job's three friends heard of all this adversity that had come upon him, each one came from his own place-- Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite. For they had made an appointment together to come and mourn with him, and to comfort him. And when they raised their eyes from afar, and did not recognize him, they

lifted their voices and wept; and each one tore his robe and sprinkled dust on his head toward heaven. So they sat down with him on the ground seven days and seven nights, and no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that his grief was very great."

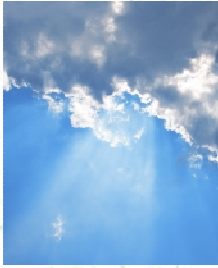
When adversity comes to our friends and loved ones, do we make the effort to visit them and be there with them for a period of time even though we do not know what to say or do for them? "Just being there" with Job was what the three friends did for "seven days and seven nights" – and all through that period of time, they spoke not a word to him for they saw that his grief was great. It is not what we say or do that really matters – it is just being there with them during their time of grief. We need to visit our friends and brethren during their time of adversity.

As Eccl 3:7 counsels, there is "a time to keep silence, and a time to speak." Sometimes it may be better not to speak because nothing that we can say at that point in time can help the person in adversity. But that does not mean that we should not even visit him during that time.

Sermons in July:

- SPECIAL MESSAGE OF ENCOURAGEMENT - CHANG LONG JONG
- PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER - RICK KIRK
- MEN WHO STOPPED THE MOUTHS OF LIONS, AND QUENCHED THE VIOLENCE OF FIRE - RICHARD LIM
- NOAH'S SALVATION AND OURS - STEVEN CHAN

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“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”
(Matt 5:16)

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In Matt 25:43, on the day of Judgement, our Lord said to those on the left of Him: “I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.” He referred to two categories of people that they had failed to visit: those who are sick and those who are in prison. These were people who are left alone – as if in solitary confinement – and are in need of company. Instead, people have forgotten them and left them aside. Who are these who have been sick and in prison? Matt 25:45: “Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these My brethren (v 40), you did not do it to Me” So, when brethren are sick or in prison, we should not neglect visiting them.

The need to visit those who are lonely or left alone extends beyond just the sick and those of our brethren in prison. In James 1:27, the Bible says: “Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.” In this instance, it covers the orphans and widows in their time of trouble. The modifier is “in their time of trouble”. Perhaps we can extend our visits to all brethren and loved ones “in their time of trouble” – and just be there with them. Of course, it would not be sufficient to just visit them in their time of trouble and do

nothing to help them when it is in our powers to help them. This is clearly taught in 1 John 3:17-18: “But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.” The modifier is the clause “whoever has the world's goods”. God does not expect us to give what we do not have. But whatever we have, we need to use them to glorify Him (1 Pet 4:10) – even if it is just a “cup of water”: Matt 25:42: “I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink”.

Visitation is not restricted only to the time when brethren are in trouble. In Acts 15:36, the Bible records for us what the apostle Paul and Barnabas did: “Then after some days Paul said to Barnabas, “Let us now go back and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they are doing.” Going to visit brethren to “see how they are doing” ought to be applicable not only to mission trips (although it may be useful to remember that mission trips ought to have this as one of their objectives) but also to our need to visit one another, to “see how each one of us are doing” – in every sense of the word – but especially spiritually. Our concern for the well-being of our brethren ought not to be confined only to those who are overseas or in mission fields. It ought to include those nearby to us.

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The principle articulated in 1 John 4:20-21 would be applicable to us in this regards: “If someone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?” Perhaps, we can adapt that principle and asked thus: “for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love the brethren whom he has not seen?” There are some who desire to do much overseas or in foreign mission fields but they are loathe to do anything in their own home congregation. Brethren, this ought not to be the case. A similar principle is applicable to our provision for the needs of others – if we neglect providing for our own: 1 Tim 5:8: “But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.” 1 Tim 5:16: “If any believing man or woman has widows, let them relieve them, and do not let the church be burdened, that it may relieve those who are really widows.”

Brethren, the Bible teaches that we need to visit one another – to see how we are doing – and especially to visit those who in trouble or are sick. In that way, we would obey the Lord's command as stated in Matt 5:16: “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”

Our Visitors and Visiting Brethren



VISITORS

18 June 2010

- Ong Jae Wen (Friend of Tan Ern Shern)

20 June 2010

- Ong Jae Wen (Friend of Tan Ern Shern)
- Chan Siew Meng (Richard Lim)
- Kim (Alix Tay)
- Jason Lim (Yeow Kong)
- Michael Ng

VISITING BRETHREN

18 June 2010

- Eliza Li (LAP)
- Isaac Chua (LAP)

20 June 2010

- Quay Wei Kwang (Kuching)
- Quay Wei Li (Kuala Terengganu)



Services This Week (June 27, 2010)

Bible Class

Lesson: Parables of Jesus - The Merciful Servant
Teacher: Richard Lim

Youth Bible Class

Lesson: Foundation Principles of our Faith
Teacher: Steven Chan

Worship

Lesson: Two Is Better Than One
Preacher: Richard Lee

Floral Display Jenny Lum

Helpers

Communion: Tan Ai Ai & Mary Stanley

Statistics for week June 18 - 20, 2010

Friday Bible Class Attendance	-	56
Sunday Bible Class	-	55
Sunday School		
Teachers	- 10	
Students	- 23	88
Sunday English Worship	- 90	
Children in attendance	- 31	
Mandarin Worship	- 20	
TOTAL SUNDAY ATTENDANCE	-	141

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 Next Week (July 4, 2010)

Bible Class

Lesson: Parables of Jesus - The Laborers in the Vineyard
Teacher: Ronnie Lee

Youth Bible Class

Lesson: Building Blocks of Faith
Teacher: Steven Chan

Worship

Lesson: Special Message of Encouragement
Preacher: Chang Long Jong

Floral Display Jenny Tee

Helpers

Communion: Erica Stanley & Sushee

Church Program in July

02	Offering Praise of Our Lips/Prayers	Richard Lim/John Quek
03	Home Fellowship at Bukit Kuda	Koay Chuan Lek
04	Building Renovation Fund	
05	Monthly Review Meeting	Steven Chan
06	Home Fellowship Meeting at Kota Kemuning	Ong Eng Boon
17	Home Fellowship at Klang Jaya	Khoo Kay Yeow
20	Home Fellowship Meeting at Kota Kemuning	Ong Eng Boon

Sunday Sermons in July

04	Special Message of Encouragement	Chang Long Jong
11	Pray for One Another	Rick Kirk
18	Men who stopped the mouths of Lions, and Quenched the Violence of Fire	Richard Lim
25	Noah's Salvation and Ours	Steven Chan

Sunday Bible Class in July

04	The Laborers in the Vineyard	Ronnie Lee
11	The Two Sons	Rick Kirk
18	The Wicked Vinedressers	Adrian Koay
25	The Wedding Feast	Leow Yew Chong

Youth Bible Class in July

04	Building Blocks of Our Faith	Steven Chan
11	Building Blocks of Our Faith	Steven Chan
18	Building Blocks of Our Faith	Steven Chan
25	Building Blocks of Our Faith	Steven Chan

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Liliane Leong, sister of **Sis Linda Leong**, as she recuperates from an operation.
- **Sis Sherlyn Ho** whose biopsy test could not be effectively carried out. So her doctor will need to monitor her health condition closely.
- Sharmini Nair, niece of **Sis Joyce Gomez**, to recover completely.
- Sis Christina's mother - that she may enjoy good health and respond to the gospel.
- **Bro Ong Eng Boon's** sister-in-law, Kuek Chiew Peng, as she recovers from a major operation recently.

PRAISE OF OUR LIPS



Friday, July 2, 2010

Refreshment:

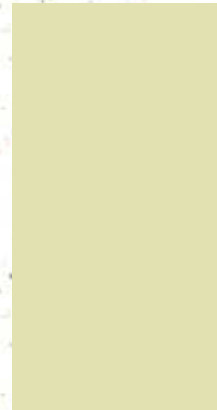
Lily Tan
Jenny Tee
Jo Woo
Julie Ong
Saroja

Clean Up:

Allen Tan
Tee Wan Cheong
Tee Chee Khiang
Bobby Ong
Panir
Lee Tiong Soon
Lee Tiong Lay



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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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Visit the Youth Blogsite at
<http://youths-kcoc.blogspot.com>

Visit the Sunday School Blogsite at
www.ahadschool.blogspot.com



Monthly Review Meeting
July 5, 2010, 8.00 pm
Annex Room A



AWAY

- Bro Koay Chuan Lek is preaching in Subang Jaya this morning.
- Bro Richard Lim and Bro Leow Yew Chong in Kuantan.
- Bro Ng Yeow Kong in Malacca.
- Bro Ong Eng Boon in Kota Kemuning
Please pray for their safe travel.

CHINESE ASIAN BIBLE LECTURESHIP (CABL)

Several reports from brethren participating in the recent event hosted by the Chinese speaking brethren in Jurong that it was a tremendous success in terms of participation (about 160), fellowship with brethren from different countries in the region and edifying lessons. Let's pray that much good will continue to be done through the annual lectureship.

BIRTHDAYS IN JULY

- 02 Isaac Samnas
- 08 Suzie Rathgeber
- 11 Chong Isu Hua
- 12 Jo Woo & Joanna Quek
- 13 Justin Chan
- 21 Erica Siva
- 25 Richard Lim & Sushee
- 29 Khoo Saw Choo
- 31 Annie Lim

