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A Grown Up Child

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The Story of Meg

*Meg's nightmare began when she 'promoted' a client that she met at work to be her boyfriend last year.



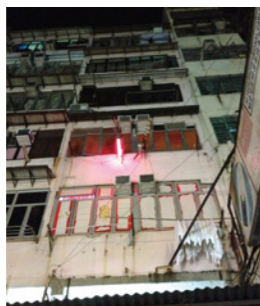
This man was a gambling addict who was in so much debt that his wife left him. Meg had compassion on him, not only did she help him repay his debts; she also helped this man take care of his two children. This had cost Meg the money that she worked so hard to earn and forced her to remain in the business. The man had also threatened her to be 'obedient' or he would tell her family that she was a prostitute. This had really worn her down.

Meg had told us firmly that she hoped to put an end to this nightmare. Immediately we started looking for possible solutions. We talked about how to end the relationship, prayed for her, and so on, hoping to help her leave the man. Yet when we went to visit Meg again, she said, "He is in a really poor condition and if I don't help him, no one else will. Plus I am really worried that he will tell my family about my job; let's just leave it as it is now."

Not to be a child, but be a companion

Ageing is not magic; we cannot simply assume that a person would grow in discernment as he/she ages. And once that person is able to discern, he/she often hesitates to make a decision. A relationship like that of Meg and her boyfriend is not something new among prostitutes, and there are many who, like Meg, choose to remain silent. However, is it only the case among prostitutes? Do we ordinary people know our roles and responsibilities well enough to bear the consequences of our decisions?

May we all learn not to become a grown up child and, at the same time, encourage others to grow. Our ministry seeks to help prostitutes spot the blind spots in their lives, and to walk and grow with them in Christ's love through giving guidance, encouragement and support.



*Name changed



Waiting: Tutoring loyally

We have known Oli and his family for over two years now. After overcoming the initial barriers, we have been slowly building up a mutual trust and acceptance. Although Oli and his family have since moved to another place, we are still able to keep in touch with them. Currently we are trying to adapt to the changes brought by this move, as well as waiting for a breakthrough in sharing our faith. During our recent visits, all I could do was to help with their homework. Not being able to share my faith, I was left rather discouraged. Yet, God never fails to deliver surprises. I was able to experience His faithfulness more profoundly and learn that everything must take place according to His schedule.

Breakthrough: I am not afraid of ghosts!

During a recent visit, Oli told us that he enjoys watching horror movies. He said that even though he is so afraid of ghosts that he would hide himself in his mother's bed after watching a horror movie, he would still watch these movies. I therefore seized this opportunity to tell him that I am not afraid of ghosts and began a conversation on faith with him. He thought the reason why Christians always wear a cross was that we have to prove our identity as Christians with it. I then explained to him that we Christians have the Holy Spirit dwelling in us, which is the reason why we are not afraid of ghosts, and that we do not need to wear a cross to prove that we are Christians.



Through this visit, God has really changed my perspective of service. He has also encouraged me to observe submissively and loyally as He opens the doors to the hearts of these Pakistani families, as well as to sow seeds of the good news upon hearing His command.

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Weeks Unity is no longer a dream

By Lawrence Wong



"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." (Ephesians 4:2-3)

During my 9-day mission trip in France, I learnt that unity among members of Christ was not just a dream.

Putting differences aside for breakfast

There are 150 Christian denominations in the whole of France, yet it was not until 4 or 5 years ago that Christians in the country started promoting the idea of uniting the churches. While staying in the south with my team, I attended an inter-denominational Easter breakfast meeting. The 7 local churches were of different denominations and, due to their differences, each carried out ministries on their own. They rarely met with one another, not to mention working together. Therefore, this breakfast meeting was really a breakthrough.

My team was made up of 9 people from

different countries, cultures and denominations. With such great differences among us, how could we manage to distribute literature, pay visits and rehearse a drama for a Good Friday service, while keeping the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace as the Bible said? The key, I believe, lies in whether we were able to lay ourselves down.

Seeking our common ground to glorify Christ

The experience of preparing for the Good Friday service drama was unforgettable. The nine of us spoke different mother tongues, came from different cultures and denominations and had different hobbies. Yet we were able to work together and completed the drama within three days. The drama was about a group of people from different countries who had come together to discuss how to celebrate Easter. However, because everyone had a different way to celebrate and was stubborn about it, the group ended up quarrelling. At last, thanks to the song "A Purple Robe", everyone realized that, instead of the format, the most important thing about celebrating Easter was remembering that Christ died for us. Just as

the message of the drama suggested, if we intend to lift ourselves up, the focus will be on our differences from one another. Yet when we lay ourselves down, we will be able to focus on what we believe in common, lifting up and glorifying the name of Christ.

Unity is the best sign for people to recognize the children of God, among both different churches and different church members. May this unity become more than something that we talk about! May it be more than just a dream!

Lawrence, a member of Anointed Grace Lutheran Church (ELCHK), joined a mission trip to France from late of March to early April.



Months

When I first arrived in the UK I thought that there would not be a lot of problems apart from language. What I did not know was that I was about to experience stress from working and living with people from different cultures.

Labour with one another

During the three weeks in the UK, we were put into various teams to serve different churches. Each one in my team was uniquely gifted that we were able to co-labour in service. For example, I could help with schedule planning and communications. On our team we also had an American who could make great films, an excellent guitarist from Brazil and a children's ministry expert from Switzerland. However, our cultural differences often brought us challenges and conflicts. For example the Westerners would prefer pizzas, bread and sandwiches when it comes to food, and they normally would need more time and space to rest. Also, my co-leader was not someone with great



Unexpected Challenge

By Mabel Chan

were team members who never talked during our meetings. All these have put me under a lot of stress during the first month and I had no idea how we could work well together. Even though we had a team meeting every week, we were still very far from solving this issue.

Love one another

After having discussions with the mentors and other leaders, I found out that other teams were also having similar problems. So we all shared our experiences and thoughts, and they encouraged me to talk with one teammate at a time without evading or ignoring the problems. In the end I was compelled by the Spirit to have a chat with several team members individually. I was thankful that we were all willing to look at the problems seriously. After discussing for a few times, the tension and stress that we first had started to ease and a deeper relationship was built.

memory and there through this God had made me understand that mission was a lot more than just learning how to evangelise and develop ministries, to cooperate and love one another among ourselves was also a big task! No wonder the new command that Jesus Christ gave us was to love one another (John 13:34).

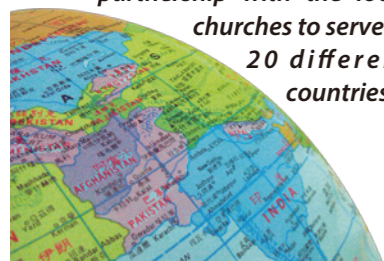


Mabel, a member of Christian Faith Hope Love Church (Shek Kip Mei), completed a mission training at OM Lifehope in late July.

Years

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28:19)

At present, there are 43 mission workers sent out by OMHK in partnership with the local churches to serve in 20 different countries.



Southeast Asia



Amelia Ng

Please pray for wisdom, patience and love for me to teach the boys as the exam season approaches.

Europe - U.K

Kinya & Manna (Study)

The first semester is coming to an end and we will have exams soon. Please pray that we can put what we have learnt into practice and live them out. Please also pray for good time management for us to finish our assignments.



North Africa & Middle East

Dovami

My home is quite far away from the school, so very often I have to take a long-distance ride and stay in different accommodation. Please pray for adaptation. I plan to look for a new home in the coming semester. May Lord provide me with a suitable accommodation and a flat-mate. For new believers and faith seekers, please pray for their spiritual growth in spite of their busy life. Pray that I could co-labour with new co-workers joyfully as we are one.

Central and West Asia

Sindy Wong



Please pray that God would give me wisdom and patience to teach the kids and that He would lead this community out of the darkness Himself. Please also pray for unity in the team and energy for the kids to work. Please pray for my family as well, that God would give them peace and that they would become believers soon.

Ship - Logos Hope

Andy Law

Please pray for my time on board as I learn about different cultures. The ship is now in the Middle East and our first stop was Muscat, Oman. The ship is staying in the Arabian Peninsula for more than two months, and I am very eager to know more about the Arab culture and meet some locals. Hopefully there will be opportunities for me to know and learn more about them.

