

Suspending studies for a year ...

The Logos Hope

by Samuel

On 15th February 2015 I arrived in South Africa to participate in OM's Missions Discipleship Training program. The teaching I received was structured in a way which helped me gradually discover more about myself, the world and God. Through the initial 6-week 'Inside Out' program, I journeyed back to examine my childhood, discovering more about the heart of God. The program's Bible teaching sessions also helped me to gain understanding which opened my eyes to new truths about Him.

After the Inside Out program, we then put this knowledge into practice through four outreaches in South Africa: Capetown, Lesotho, Mamelodi and Laudium. Each outreach focused its ministry on a particular people group. Through this opportunity I learned more about different people groups and how to be culturally sensitive when sharing the gospel with them. This training has enabled me to grow both spiritually and emotionally. Looking back, I realise that one of the keys to that growth was living with 30 people from around 10 different nationalities, which was both challenging and life-changing. I am so grateful to God for this wonderful experience!



I heard a small voice....

After my time in South Africa I had planned on continuing my university studies in England. But one morning I heard a small voice calling me to serve on board OM's ship, the Logos Hope. I prayed that God would confirm His will for me in the coming two months, struggling between my desires, my parents' desires and God's will.

A few weeks later I heard God say 'I can use you mightily either in university or on the Logos Hope.' God was giving me the freedom to make my own decision! After making a list of the 'pros' and 'cons' of serving on the ship as well as writing down my passions & talents, I decided to join the Logos Hope. Before going to university I knew I wanted to grow further in my relationship with God, to better understand myself, to see more of the world and to have more cross-cultural experiences. My desire was, and still is, to become more God-centred through being a part of this unique 'training ground' on board the Logos Hope.

I look forward this year to hearing from God about what areas of study would be best for me after my time on board the Logos Hope and I know for sure that I can trust Him to help me make the right decision.

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A Great Blessing out of a Tiny Sharing

by Andy Law



I was taking a rest in a room on Logos Hope, which was, in 2015, at anchor in the port of Keelung in northern Taiwan. A voice over the intercom roused me, informing me of the arrival of a visitor. Not expecting anyone, I took it with a pinch of salt and went out to find out who this visitor was.

He turned out to also be a Hong-Konger who was in northern Taiwan for sightseeing. The day before he had met one of our crew members who was soon to depart the ship after completing his two-year term of service. The crew member had encouraged him to talk with me. I thought to myself, 'I am free at the moment ... let me show him around the ship.' After the tour we chatted in the ship's restaurant, sharing many life stories and on-board news and experiences. I realized that he, though also a Christian, was weak and at a low point in his spiritual life. I encouraged him to seek his relationship with God afresh after his return to Hong Kong.

Shortly after, the Logos Hope left Keelung and my new friend and I were able to keep in touch via Facebook. A few months later I learned he had applied to serve as a volunteer on the ship during her stay in Hong Kong! I looked forward to meeting him again but was disappointed when our paths didn't cross as we were working in different departments. But at last a wonderful opportunity presented itself and we sat down and talked together just a day before the ship's departure. This time he shared with me that he was deeply committed to church life and was already a member of a discipleship group!

I am profoundly grateful to God, who sometimes makes use of our 'tiny' sharing to greatly bless and edify others!



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Staying Tuned on Human Trafficking Issues

by Gamby (Ethnic Minority Ministry Outreach worker)

Praise the Lord for His abundant grace and your prayers! On 7th August 2015, on board the Logos Hope, we were able to host screenings of 'The Pink Room'. Approximately 200 people attended as well as three popular Christian newspapers (Christian Weekly, Christian Times, and Kingdom Revival Times). We used this opportunity to raise awareness of the serious issue of global human trafficking, the focus of the 'Companion Ministry'.

In May 2015 a group of us went to Cambodia to visit numerous organizations which help both to prevent and actively oppose human trafficking in Cambodia. It was there that we purchased the DVD 'The Pink Room', produced by Agape International Ministries (AIM) which tells the story of peddling child prostitution in Cambodia as well as the prevention, rescue, and rehabilitation mission of AIM.

Pray the light of truth will shine

Human trafficking offences have become the third largest illegal trade directly after arms and drug smuggling. This offense is tenacious and constant, whether the country in which it takes place is rich or poor. The situation is grim and deserves much more attention and awareness. Even in Hong Kong, human trafficking activities occur which largely involve the exploitation of foreign labor, marriage scams and the problems of sexual slaves among ethnic minorities.

Because the need is great, the Companion Ministry will continue to learn about the local prostitution and pornographic cultures, at the same time making an effort to raise public concern about the issues of human trafficking. Our hope is that you will continue to walk alongside us. Pray that the light of truth will shine forth through our prayers, our actions and our stewardship so that the darkness will be cast out and the captives set free.



A joyful visit, bringing unity

By Siu Yan



During the last session of our Friday visitation we arranged for a group of new volunteers to visit a relatively new family. As time went by, though they didn't visit often, or for long, they were able to establish a strong friendship. The outcome gives me much gratitude to God!

This family has seven members, all living in an old Chinese flat measuring approximately 200 sq ft, in the Shum Shui Po area. As you can imagine, the living space is extremely cramped. After they returned from their first visit, I asked the volunteers whether they felt that their group of four was too big to visit this large family.

Their reply was very encouraging! They told me it was not too cramped and since there were four of them they were able to give attention to each of the family members (six of whom were home at the time, making a total of 10 people in the tiny flat)! The family warmly welcomed them to fill their flat to capacity. I am so grateful to God for this joyful visit, which was a blessing to all involved.

The birthday party

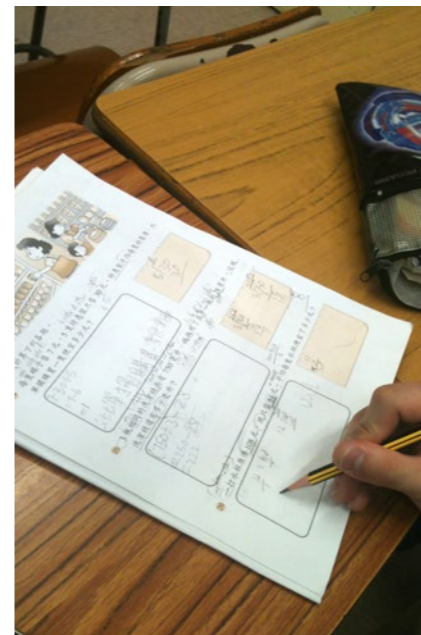
When visiting this family, usually the first task for us, the volunteers, is to open the folding table. Then the children take out their homework and tuition begins. Last time we visited, the children attended to their homework while their mother cooked delicious samosa in the kitchen to serve to

us. The hungry children beat us to the food, but during the conversation we came to a better understanding of how the family was doing. When we returned to the centre for debriefing, we all prayed for the mother as she was not feeling well at the time. Praise to the Lord, she is doing much better now.

Unknown to me, one of the volunteers had promised this family that he would visit again to celebrate one of the brothers' birthday. That day came and though I had already arranged alternative plans for this volunteer, I quickly and happily rearranged them to allow him to attend the birthday party. How grateful we are to be able to respond to all kinds of opportunities for further engagements with people like this family. God has clearly asked us to minister His grace to them.

Although the volunteers are people of different age groups and backgrounds, who also attend different churches, they all share the same passion to serve within minority communities, reaching out to people with God's love.

Would **you** like to be one of us too?



Logos Hope crew members meet ethnic minority students

by Tai Bo

During the past 12 months a local primary school has engaged with Logos Hope in a special way. Teachers and students enthusiastically support the ship's mission – to bring **knowledge, help and hope** to all nations and ethnic groups.

It was through a partner organisation that we came across this international school, which is situated in the New Territories. Over 90% of students are non-Chinese. Although resources are limited, the school strives to provide the best learning environment and has an emphasis on encouraging students to read. OM Hong Kong sent a number of Logos Hope purchase vouchers to the school, resulting in the teachers acquiring several dictionaries and books from the ship. These will be great resources in the school's library, greatly assisting students in gaining knowledge.

In October last year five Logos Hope crew members assisted in the school's renovation and repairs project as well as supervising reading practice. They were also able to participate in the school's picnic and sports day, having a wonderful time with the teachers and students over the academic term. During the summer, a group of primary students role-played as

reporters and interviewed several crew members. This helped the students gain an understanding of the countries they were from and what it was like living and working on board the ship. The students also enjoyed getting to know them even better through playing games together.

"Po-chi-po-chi-po-chi-po-po-po" – exclaimed a crew member from Columbia who "beatboxed"*. The students suddenly became lively, shouting out the name of a student who is popular in that school for his talent for beatboxing. Encouraged by the chants of the students, he walked onto the stage and had a beatboxing contest with the crew member! The crew member appreciated the interaction and praised the student for his excellent performance!

It excites us to report that the students who boarded the Logos Hope on 6th August and participated in their special program! While on board they gained a sound grasp of the diversity of cultures and countries around the world and the people who live within them. The key message they took away was: **all people are valuable in God's eyes.**

*a voicing skill that simulates drums and rhythms.

