

imothy served on OM's ship, *Logos Hope*, with great passion and was ready to commit himself to share the gospel in different parts of the world.

"Before boarding the ship, I joined the Missions Discipleship Training(MDT) in South Africa, where God ignited my passion for missions. I believed I'm ready to spread the gospel to all nations. But serving as a crew member in the deck department didn't give me chances to talk to people. The experience was very different from those I had in South Africa. Though I am fully aware of the importance of being a crew member as there must be someone doing the routines to keep the ship moving, I didn't feel alright," Timothy said.

Not feeling content with his work, Timothy wished to rest in his room. But things didn't go well. He said: "I shared a room with other three brothers. One of them worked in the engine room and usually got sweaty and smelly after exhausting himself at work all day long. The problem was, he never took a shower before going to bed, and I had to endure the smell every night. Worse still, we were supposed to take turns cleaning the room, but none of them were willing to do so. No one wanted to roll up their sleeves even when I reminded them of the roster."

A few months passed, and the situation remained unresolved. Timothy got so frustrated that his passion started to dwindle. He prayed for the Lord to refine his brothers, but God showed him

different insights instead.

In his prayer, Timothy asked how he could become a loyal servant to God. The Lord made him aware that he should love his brothers. What Timothy needed to do was fulfil whatever task the Lord assigned him and not underestimate it. He responded: "I may be the only one doing the cleaning, but I will do it wholeheartedly. If picking up the broomstick is to glorify you, Lord, I am honoured to do so."

Timothy deeply perceived God's teaching during his first year on Logos Hope—humbling himself and loving his brothers from his heart.



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Many people from South Asia live in one of the poorest communities in Hong Kong—Sham Shui Po. OM in Hong Kong has the vision to share the love of Christ with them and become their neighbours. In the past ten years, we have mobilised local churches and believers to build a community of Jesus followers. How did God lead us to break through the ethnical and cultural differences to live among the ethnic minorities?

# Friendships based on trust

Carmen was one of the team members when OM first explored opportunities to start an ethnic minority ministry. She recalled how they approached people from Pakistan: "At that time, some co-workers and I gave lanterns to Pakistani families during the Mid-Autumn Festival. We asked if they needed private tutoring, and they welcomed our offer. We got in touch with more than ten Pakistani families and gradually came to know them more."

In 2010, OM in Hong Kong opened a centre for ethnic minorities in Sham Shui Po, located next to the MTR station. Pakistanis found it convenient to bring their children there to join the private tutoring.

Carmen said: "Our brothers and sisters tutored students wholeheartedly, so the Pakistani families considered us trustworthy and recommended our class."

As we got to know more and more families, the private tutoring and home visits became regular programmes. Later, more full-time workers joined OM, and different projects were developed. For example, we worked with local churches to hold Cantonese classes for women and started a ministry for girls

## Journey with them

The relationship between OM workers and Pakistani families grew from trust, and because of that mutual trust,

our relationships became strong. Through home visits, tutoring, assisting with language translation and outings, we spent moments of joy, hardship, success and failure together. We hope that as we journey with people, they can meet Christ personally.

Pakistanis in Hong Kong are mainly from an Islamic background. It is difficult for them to accept Christianity, but they do not completely reject the gospel. When there is a chance, OM workers share their testimonies and use different ways to share the love of Christ with them.

As we journeyed with and prayed for Pakistani families over the past decade, we saw God at work. A few women were willing to have Bible studies with us. Some families invited us to pray for them. Young people were curious about our beliefs. All these breakthroughs are the work and grace of God. We are only servants who co-work with Him. When seeds fall on good soil, it is

the Holy Spirit who makes them grow, bloom and bear fruit.

The ministry will enter a new phase this year and be handed over to local churches and our partnering organisations. To continue to share God's love with ethnic minorities, we need to help more brothers and sisters see the needs of our neighbours and watchfully pray for them



# A journey of a decade

In 2009, OM in Hong Kong relocated its office to Sham Shui Po to explore ways to serve the ethnic minorities. Knowing that many South Asians living in this district grow up in Hong Kong but are not accepted by most people, we walk with them and show them God's love.

### 2010

Prayer walk in Sham Shui Po.

Ethnic Minority Centre opens in Sham Shui Po.

Serving ethnic minority students at a primary school in Kwai Chung.



## 2011

Tuition classes and home visits are the starting points in building friendships.

## 2012

A short-term outreach was organised with participants from different parts of the world serving South Asians in Sham Shui Po.



## 2013

South Asian Day was organised to mobilise churches to care for the South Asian communities in Hong Kong.



## 2014

Pat Heung Ministry serves primary students from Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Africa.



### 2016

In partnership with a church, we organised Cantonese classes to help Pakistani women handle daily conversations.



## 2018



A church in Sham Shui Po joins us in tutoring children.

## 2021

Volunteers and partners share their experiences and God's work among the ethnic minorities in a thanksgiving and prayer meeting.

