

## **Mar 2024 Newsletter**

*22 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. 23 I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings. 1 Corinthians 9*

These words of apostle Paul are a great inspiration to us. We try to imitate him as He imitates Christ, so that we may lead people to God using all different ways. As long as we do it with integrity and don't compromise on the Gospel message, I think it's good to keep trying new things – be it holding up signs for Jesus, setting up prayer tables in front of the church or making Easter eggs. May God honor and bless these efforts.

### **Egyptian ladies**

**Nashwa** came to the meeting and explained that she has been having many health issues recently such as a toothache, neck pain and eye inflammation. She apologized for being late and canceling our meetings. **Noha** also has backache. I prayed for their healing.

### **Church ESL**

We've been getting a stream of new students through word of mouth. An Iranian couple, S and G, came because their son received a flyer from me outside an Indian store.

During Easter, I shared about Christ's death and resurrection through a children's video. A few students seemed sad when I shared about Jesus' crucifixion. May God touch their hearts.

### **Outreach**

#### **Broadway Mall**

A young man **Nathaniel** was getting people to do some surveys. He came from a Catholic background and used to go to church. We helped him do his survey and he said he would visit our church in return. Unfortunately, he didn't show up.

**Paul** is a Roman Catholic, but he reads the Bible and knows the scripture well. His friend, however, doesn't read the Bible and thinks that salvation is through good works. We shared the gospel with him.

**Lina**, an Indian Christian, saw that we were sharing the Gospel and prayed for us. It was such an encouragement to us!

#### **Church neighborhood**

We set up a table outside the church and put up a sign that anyone who needs prayers can come to us. A man passed by and said that his 6-year-old son asked him about life after death and he couldn't answer. He thinks that no one knows the answer. We shared that Jesus who died and was resurrected knows. Jesus promised that if we follow Him, we will have eternity with him.

An Indian lady, **Hayma**, works at a salon. She has only been here 1.5 years. She studied at a Christian school and had some knowledge about Christianity. We shared the Gospel with her. Before we left, she asked for prayers for her business and Xing prayed for her. We visited her again another time. She was busy attending to a customer, so we left her an Easter egg and a Gospel tract. She was touched.

Outside the Sikh temple, we met a few men and shared the Gospel with one man who stayed to listen. He believes that we are saved by good works. We explained that none of us can reach God's standard and shared the Gospel with him.

A Hispanic man, **Augustas** was working. We shared the gospel with him, and he confirmed his faith in Christ. He hasn't been able to attend church because of work and we encouraged him to find a church. We prayed for him and his family.



### **Indian stores near the church**

A group of students from Stony Brook stopped on their way to have lunch. They received Gospel tracts. I tried to give a tract to two Muslim men, but they refused. They said that they have their own religion. I complimented them for their devotion and observance of the Ramadan. One of the men said that he's volunteering a month to the service of the mosque and surely that's enough for him to go to heaven. I shared that I volunteer too but what I do can never be enough for a 100% holy God.

### **Tri-County Bazaar**

I asked a Jewish lady if she celebrates Easter and she said that she celebrates the Passover. I shared that they are related, and Jesus is the Passover lamb who can save us.

**Kusam** is a new immigrant from India. Her husband had an accident and is disabled. She wants to learn English but doesn't have transportation to the church.

### **Queens Library**

There are so many people in this area and it's a fertile soil for all kinds of false religion such as Fa Lun Gong, Buddhism and Mormonism. In general, the people are hard-hearted, and we had many rejections. Some people mocked us when we said, "Jesus loves you".

A Chinese lady, **Mei**, said that her late mom was a Christian and had asked her to go to church. She gave me her number and said that she would like to attend my church. We met up with her another day and shared the gospel with her. As we were sharing, two men looked at us. They were Mei's contractors. The boss, Frank, is a Christian and had tried sharing with Mei before. Praise the Lord that Mei prayed to receive Christ into her life. Shimu continues to invite Mei to church.

An 83-year-old Nepali man, **Jimmy**, said that he's too old to believe in Jesus. We shared that everyone needs Jesus regardless of age; this life is not the end and death is the beginning to a better life in Jesus. He said that no one knows about the future since no one has come back from death. I shared that Jesus died and rose again. He asked why is there so much suffering in the world if there's a God. I said that it's because of our sins and Satan is temporarily still in charge. He was upset and left.

I taught Brenda, our African American sister to say "Jesus loves you" in Chinese. Many people waved and gave her the thumbs up, and we both felt very encouraged.

**Zilong Chen** came from China not too long ago. He was baptized in a Catholic church. He just got laid off from his job when we met him. He said that Christianity and Buddhism are not very different, and we clarified that Buddhism is work based, but Christianity is based on the salvation of Jesus Christ. We encouraged him to continue in his walk with the Lord and prayed for him that God will provide the best for him.

An elderly lady, **Qian mama**, was very friendly. She has no religious beliefs and I shared about Jesus with her. I encouraged her to check out the church especially since Good Friday and Easter are coming.

**Luo Dan** came from China 2-3 years ago. She said that she's a Christian but hasn't been to church since she came to the US. She spends all her time working to make money. We encouraged her to seek God's Kingdom first and He will provide all her needs.



### **Some prayer items:**

1. Our churches can be beacons of light in our neighborhoods and people would come in to seek the Truth.
2. As many goes out to share the Gospel and pray in the streets of Flushing that revival would come to the area.
3. We would stand firm amidst the darkness and continue to shine His light.

Thank you for your prayers! Please let me know how I can pray for you and your ministry. If you do not want to receive future communications from me, please let me know and I will take you off my mailing list.