Mar 2025 Newsletter

[8] *"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Matthew 5*

As we go out each time, we meet all kinds of people. The majority do not care much about knowing God and some are even downright opposed. But whenever we meet those who are genuinely interested, we feel encouraged. Our most blessed interaction this month was with a group of young people with disabilities. They wanted our tracts and were so warm and friendly. I'm praying that each of them will get to know Christ and be received into His Kingdom.

Ministry Sharing in the Cantonese Fellowship

I'm thankful for being invited to the fellowship to share about my ministry. They have been very supportive in prayers, in finances and in reaching out together. I also shared with them a simple method of sharing the Gospel called "The 3 circles" and gave them stickers for their mobile phones made by a youth from church.

Church ESL class

During the month of Ramadan, **Hamdashah**'s family stopped attending the class. But **Masuda** contacted me about his dad needing to find a job. One day, Cheryl and I took Hamdashah on a job-hunting trip around Hicksville. All the places said that they don't have vacancies, but some asked him to leave his contact information in case something comes up. I also gave out some tracts to the workers at the supermarkets and restaurants whom we visited. May God open the way for Hamdashah.

Sunharbor Manor Nursing Home

Mr. Cain was in a very bad mood because he has a bad sore on his foot. I tried to share about Jesus our eternal hope, but he asked me not to talk about religion with him. I said that I'm just sharing about having a loving relationship with our creator, but he didn't want to listen and asked me to leave.

Annie Taylor is much better and was in the common room. I offered her a NIV Bible and she accepted. I asked if she wanted me to read the Bible for her and she asked me to read the book of Jude. We agreed that we would read a chapter each time.

Mr. Haque was in good spirits. We sang "Count your blessings" and each of us shared what we're thankful for. I shared that even suffering and challenges in life are meant for our good because they bring us to the feet of God. In Him, we can find comfort and peace no matter what we're going through. We shared that God has sent us to share this message and it's not a coincidence. He tried to change the subject and didn't seem interested. May God continue to work in his heart.

Outreach

A. Broadway mall

We gave out some flyers and most people accepted them, but two people were upset with us for approaching them about religion. A young Muslim couple from Pakistan said that fasting is not hard for them and it's good for the body. They took our tract.

Rachel said that she's a spiritual person, but she doesn't subscribe to any religion. She thinks that religion is manmade and even Jesus argued with the religious leaders during his time. I shared that Jesus didn't come to do away with the laws, but He fulfilled them. I shared that the Bible is God's

Word, and we need to understand God and the world He created through it. After some discussion, I left her with a Gospel tract.

K, a seventh Day Adventist, thinks that salvation comes through obeying God's laws. I shared that we can never obey it perfectly. I shared the Gospel with her and gave her a tract.

The last people we met were a group of young people with disabilities led by their supervisor **Gus**. They were very friendly and warm, and we felt encouraged talking to them. It was the best interaction we had. Gus was interested to come to our church and said that he can help with our English class if we need a Spanish speaker.

B. Tri County Bazaar

We gave tracts to several people, most of whom are Hispanic and speak little English. There's a lady Kathy whom we've met before who shared about the loss of her son. When we shared that we remembered her son, she was touched. She encouraged us to continue the work we're doing.

The last person we met, an 80-year-old Chinese man, was very hostile. His wife joined in and shared that they used to attend a Roman Catholic church. They said that the church should do more to solve problems in the world, like hunger in Africa and not just share the gospel. They were upset with the church for supporting the Trump administration which is anti-abortion. They said that women have a right over their own bodies. I shared that babies have a right to live too. The man asked me pointedly whether someone like him would go to heaven or hell. I shared that I'm not in the position to judge, but the Bible clearly says that the only way to heaven is through Jesus Christ.

C. Source Mall

A vendor, **Kasan**, was selling some skincare products and promoting a book on spirituality that he wrote. I asked about his beliefs, and he said that he has studied all the different religions. He shared that the different religions have many things in common. I shared that there're major differences too, especially regarding how they view Jesus. Kasan said that he prefers not to get into the differences and his focus is on love. I gave him a gospel tract.

Mr. Zhang claims to be a Christian but hasn't been attending church regularly. When we invited him to our church, he said that he had been there before the pandemic. I'm thankful that he came to our Sun service after that.

D. Deer Park Outlet Mall

I went by myself today because no one was available to go with me. The first person I gave a tract to is a Christian. He encouraged me to continue sharing the gospel and said that God would go before me. Everyone I gave a tract to received it gladly. One sales lady said that it was what she needed that day.

Some prayer items:

1. As Ramadan draws to a close, let's pray for Muslim friends all over the world to have special meaningful encounters with Jesus and His followers.
2. Please pray for us to encounter more people who are open to the Gospel whenever we go out.

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.