Sep 2025 Newsletter

[12] Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. 1 Tim 4

I'm very thankful that a few young families and some youths from our church have been going out for outreach with me. The youths have also taken the initiative to make cards and crafts for the residents in the nursing home. It's such a blessing when the church family, including our children, work together for the sake of the gospel!

Summer ESL class

During one of the lessons, only **B** and I were present. She told me a lot about her background and her difficult childhood. Fortunately, she was in a Christian school, and she used to pray about her difficulties. Recently, her son who's in kindergarten was bullied by a classmate. She was surprised that the bully, a young boy, could behave so badly towards another. I shared with her that all people are sinners and rebel against God; the only way out is through Jesus Christ. She said that she's confused between Buddhism and Christianity because both seem to be good. I shared that the difference is that Buddhism believes in salvation through good works, while Christianity believes that salvation is only through Jesus Christ.

Sunharbor Manor Nursing Home

Merry and I went with six teenagers today. Two of the teenage girls got together with other youths and children to make cards with scripture for the residents in the home. Another made some colorful bracelets, Merry brought flowers and I brought snacks. **Mrs Lai** was feeling dizzy and had no appetite. We prayed for her and brought her outside for some fresh air and sunshine. She got much better, and she was grateful for spending time with her. We encouraged her to pray to the Lord herself and with her husband.

We talked to **Edward**, prayed for him and helped organize his things. His health is deteriorating, and we encouraged him to keep trusting in Jesus. We accompanied **Haque** outside for fresh air and talked with him. **Jim Corologos,** an atheist**,** accepted a card, flowers, prayers and a copy of "Our Daily Bread". We also gave a card and a bracelet to the lady at the front desk, and she appreciated it. We had a wonderful visit.

Outreach

Cantiague Park/ Syosset Park

Mr Zhou said that he's been to our church before. He now attends the Harvest Church. He shared that he used to be a Buddhist but is now a Christian. Surprisingly, he said that Buddhism is similar to Christianity, and both are equally good. He said that the Buddhist scriptures are very practical and tells one what is right or wrong. We shared that the Bible gives us good guidance and instructions for our lives.

I met **Lina**, a former ESL student, and her mom-in-law. Her mom-in-law is visiting from China and would go back soon. I invited Lina to join our ESL class again.

Mrs Yi, a Chinese lady, signed up for our ESL class.

Maharaja Farmer's Market/John's Farms

Naz is a young Muslim lady from Bangladesh. She shared that she has studied all the major religions and proceeded to spell out the major differences for us. She thinks that the differences between the religions are minor and mainly has to do with how they view Jesus. She said that the Bible was written by many writers, while the Quran was directly revealed from God. I shared that the biblical writers were inspired by God, and all their writings made a cohesive whole. I asked if she has heard about the different variants of the Quran that Dr Jay Smith showed to people in Speakers' Corner in London. She said that she hasn't, but she'll investigate it. She also said that her cousin is a Muslim apologist in London. We had an friendly conversation and agreed that such discussions can help us to discover the truth.

Kim, a Korean Christian man, who goes to a nearby church was interested in our ESL class. He talked to us about the religious persecution in China. He said that it's good we're teaching English to reach the lost.

Broadway Mall

We spoke with a young Spanish girl who is a cleaner in the mall. We asked if she needed prayers and tearing up she said that her dad had been detained by ICE. We prayed for her.

Feri is from Iran. She frequently attends a Catholic Church. She believes that her good works can earn her a place in heaven. I shared that our good works fall short of God's standard, but it's only through Jesus that we can have eternal life in Him. She shared that her nephew, **Milad**, has an incurable disease in Iran and we prayed for him.

Some prayer items:

1. Thank God that the youths and children are taking the initiative to show their love to the lost by making cards and visiting the nursing home. May God use them and may their service leave a lasting impact on their lives.

2. Thank God that about twenty people have signed up for our ESL class. May God continue to draw the right people to us.

3. May God show us more places to do outreach, especially during the colder months and may those outreaches be fruitful.

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.