



## A ray of hope under the red lights

By: Asta

It is not hard to notice that some buildings in Hong Kong have red lights hung outside the windows. I remember when I was young, my parents used to tell me that those were dangerous places where sex industries operated. Apart from that, I truly had no clue about the lives of prostitutes. I only got to visit them for the first time when I came into contact with the Companion Ministry.

### Tears of the prostitutes

I really felt uneasy when I first visited those places, as on the door of every room were erotic photos and lewd descriptions. Most of the prostitutes have come from Mainland China and are between the ages of 30 and 50. Many were forced to enter the business due to broken marriages with local men and an enormous economic burden.

I have seen some of the business' "newcomers" cry because they could not adapt to this kind of life. Even some of the more experienced ladies were suffering from insomnia because of immense pressure. My heart is pierced every time I see them respond to their misfortunes in life with a forced smile, yet there really is little I can do.

### Your company is her ray of hope

Even so, I still see a ray of hope. And that is us walking with them through the highs and lows in life. Prostitutes are in fact very lonely. Not only do they have to hide their job from their children, they also have no one to whom they can pour out their heart. Our ministry therefore serves as an answer to their needs. We listen to them and offer them a helping hand.

I thank God for bringing me to the prostitutes, and for letting me know more about a marginalized group in our society. Their broken lives have made me see how much people need the gospel! Without the love and hope from God, prostitutes can only live in darkness. It is my hope that through the Companion Ministry we can be ambassadors of Christ, bring faith, hope and love to them and change their lives.

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## Being Ali's Companion

By: Raza

It all started with Chinese

Ali is a candidate of this year's HKDSE. (Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education) His dream is to become a policeman.

When I first knew him, he was very worried that his DSE results would not be good enough for him to apply for the Police. He also had little confidence in his Chinese proficiency and felt that he could never pass the Police's examination. In view of that, I started practicing Chinese with him one-on-one twice a week.

### Exchanges after class

We would take a lot of time to share after each practice. I am very thankful that we were able to get to know each other better in this period. We would share our future plans and discuss various social issues. He would also tell me his worries about DSE, interesting stories at school and even the wrong things that he had done. I was very happy to see him strive to learn Chinese in order to make his dream come true and that his effort was paying off. We also practiced interview skills together to prepare him for summer job interviews and applying for the Police. Later, he also shared with me his joy after passing his HKDSE and successfully finding a job.

Even though I have not been able to share the good news with him yet, I am very thankful for the opportunity to accompany him through various decisive moments and events, and become his supporter and friend. I thank God for teaching me how to first love Muslims and become their companion, as well as for allowing me to partake in their lives as I continue to serve and showing care to them.

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## Weeks

### A Wonderful Plan

By: **Fiona Cheung**

"God has a wonderful plan for every person's life!" This was what I used to tell others when I learnt how to share the gospel. It was the line that I would never skip while evangelising, yet I had never spent much time to understand what it really meant.

Yet God used this line to make me rethink what His plan for my life was while I

was in university. During my sophomore year, after a series of tests, I was diagnosed with epilepsy. Since then, I have to take medications to control the illness and learn to live with it every day.

This illness is with me, but so is my God. At first I knew very little about the illness and had a lot of incomprehension, rejection and doubts towards it. But as time went on God sent many angels to encourage me and teach me how to live with it in peace. In the past few years, God had allowed me to take it with me to participate in three mission trips. Moreover, during the recent 20-day Transform 2013 mission trip, He has also used different life stories to remind me once again to be faithful and obedient.

The following is a devotional passage that I love: "He has not created me for naught. If I am in sickness, my



sickness may serve Him, in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him. If I am in sorrow, my sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about. God has a plan for my life."

Perhaps I am still filled with weakness and questions today, but I do firmly believe that God still has a wonderful plan for my life. And He will surely provide abundantly and lead when I am willing to take a step forward into the world.

God also has a wonderful plan for your life! Do you believe it?

*Fiona, a member of KTC of CC & MA Sheung Shui Church, joined Transform 2013 in July.*

## Months

### I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear

By: **Liona Fok**



also learn to offer their lives completely to God through prayers and the guidance of spiritual mentors. It was like allowing God to open up and examine wounds that have healed on the surface, letting Him gently pick out the small bits of sand and dirt, and finally healing the pain and closing the wound with love. In the sharing session a month later, I was amazed by how God solved the nagging problems that had been bothering us for years. Having tasted the grace, love and power of God, each of us became more able to present our requests to Him, understand His will and maintain a closer relationship with Him.

God brought us people from very different backgrounds and cultures during our four outreaches. He also broadened our spiritual vision and used us to bring the good news into the dark. In a rural area in Lesotho, I met, for the first time, a person filled by an evil spirit. We prayed for this lady and sang hymns to God. After half an hour, the evil spirit left her. "Thank you Jesus!" She smiled as she regained consciousness. This event made me realize the reality of the spiritual warfare. In the inner city area of Pretoria, God led us to serve among prisoners, homeless people, prostitutes, pimps and street kids. As we saw these broken lives enslaved by sin, the Holy Spirit taught us to be filled with the love and compassion of the Lord Jesus. Many brothers and sisters started to use their own stories to testify what God did in their lives,

and helped these people understand the love and forgiveness upon the Cross, as well as the hope of being born again and eternal life. The Spirit was indeed touching people's hearts and I saw many lives changed and transformed.

**Blessed through serving, others blessed through me**

Half a year ago, I thought it was me giving up my job to serve God, yet the Lord showed me that it was His intention to bless me so that others could be blessed (Genesis 12:2). I also thought that it was me entering the crowd to testify for Him, but it was actually the Lord letting me experience His joy of finding the lost sheep and pasturing the flock. "I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you" (Job 42:5). Thank you, Lord.

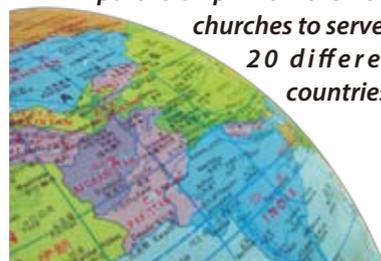
*Liona, a member of C&MA North Point Church, joined OM's "South Africa Missions Discipleship Training" from February to July this year.*



## Years

*"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28:19)*

*At present, there are 43 mission workers sent out by OMHK in partnership with the local churches to serve in 20 different countries.*



### South Asia

**Rita Chiu**

Please pray for my adjustment on the mission field, as well as a suitable accommodation. Please also pray that our team can co-operate well with each other in order to testify the name of God.



### Europe - U.K

**Ethel Shek**

Pray for my family in Hong Kong that they can get used to the time when I am not around. May the peace and help of heavenly Father be with them, and may the non-believers of my family experience the faithfulness of God.

Please pray for my adjustment on the mission field, having a good time and co-operating well with the many co-workers of different cultures, so as to glorify God.



### North Africa & Middle East

**Feather**

It is so hot here. Thank God that I am able to tolerate these hot days. In the mornings, I usually have a walk in order to absorb Vitamin D from the sunshine, and to make friends with my neighbours.

Please pray for the health of my elder sister. She still has Cancer cells in her body. May Lord cure her completely.

### Central and West Asia

**Yan-yuet**

Pray that I would not only understand God's will, but also plan the future with wisdom and get involved in suitable ministry.

### Africa - MDS South Africa

**Enoch So**

May Lord multiply my love and patience as I try to get along with the kids in the mission field. May Lord also grant me with language ability so that I am able to tackle my teaching every day. Please also pray for my serving direction next year.

