

SPARK (Summer Project about Acclamation, Respect & Koinonia)

Through this Summer Project from 18-28 July, 2012, around 20 young Christians from Hong Kong, Korea, Taiwan gathered to praise and worship God (Acclamation) together. They learnt to Respect people of different faiths, to serve one another and to work as a team (Koinonia). They reached out to the least reached group in Hong Kong (the Muslims from Pakistan and Indonesia) and got to understand more about their lives in Hong Kong. Two participants gave their sharing as below.

The Pursuing Heart

By Norton Wong

From this experience, I saw how the Muslims follow their god. During the month of Ramadan, they wholeheartedly read the Koran and get close to their god through prayers. When I visited a mosque, I saw them coming faith fully to pray. I thought about how they have no hope of salvation. At the same time, I felt deeply about how important Christ's sacrifice for me was and how precious the hope of salvation is to people. Yet, it is a very difficult job to convert them to Christianity to experience such precious hope. I was very upset about this.

Working together with God was the most precious thing for me. We prayed much more than before for this mission and acted a lot more based on the callings. During our first visit, we surprisingly could talk about religion from the perspective of the Chinese culture and I shared my testimony. I saw how God transformed people's hearts. This touched my soul and I have experienced the joy of working with God. Afterwards, I realised that once I am willing to let go, God's work can be revealed even more. May God make me a passage to pass on His love to others!

I wish "SPARK" is just a beginning - from a little spark to a fierce fire that burns wildly for God. Will this fire still be burning brightly for God after 10 years? I believe, with my faith in God, the indwelling of the Spirit, unity with other parts of the church body, and the knowledge of God's word, these will all keep the fire going in my heart for God.



Norton was a participant of SPARK during this summer to reach out to the local Pakistanis in the community.

Amazed at the Service of One Another

By Karen Lau



I could still remember that visit to the Muslim woman who knew not a word of English and Cantonese, we had to rely on her daughter's interpretation. During the course of the conversation, she actually asked how we became Christians.

She shed tears as we shared our testimonies. It was not our stories that touched her, but the Holy Spirit working in her. As we prayed and cried together, I was sure the Holy Spirit was with her, fully understanding the in-utter-able depths of sadness despite our language barrier. After that, she invited us to dine at her place for the Ramadan breaking of fast meal. This mutual serving one another was really a moving experience that is treasured.

It is the grace of God that blessed both the Muslims and us. The scene of sharing the gospel with Indonesian domestic helpers in Mei Foo was quite unforgettable, when we stepped out of our comfort zone to sing hymns in the streets, acted in mimes and shared our testimonies. We had not even dreamt that they would take the initiative to share our stories, whereby we experienced His faithfulness that sharing the Gospel is not just a matter of our words, but His power, the Holy Spirit and faith.

Through interacting with the Pakistanis, we found them to be most friendly, pious and respectful. It is not only we were serving them, but also they were serving us, and through it we experienced the validity of God's love and faithfulness.

Karen was a participant of SPARK during this summer to reach out to the local Pakistanis in the community.

B.O.N.D. (Blessing Our Neighborhood through Doulos)

Date and Time: Every Friday at 7:30 p.m.
Venue: 11th Floor, Tai Lee Mansion, 165-167 Pei Ho Street, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon

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Weeks

Who can Stop Them?

Ten days in Pakistan. I originally began this journey with a sense of skepticism about what God could possibly do in just 10 days. But God is always full of surprise, and it really does take only 10 days for you to fall in love with a country and its people!

Our team consisted of 5 OMHK staff and 7 volunteers. For the staff, this was a special kind of trip in the sense that our primary goal wasn't to run special programs; rather, we wanted to meet our OM Pakistan colleagues and see how we can develop a partnership with them. As we had been serving Pakistanis in Hong Kong for the past year, we wanted to further immerse ourselves in their culture and learn how they do outreach. As gracious and hospitable hosts, the OM Pakistan staff allowed us to visit their ministry sites and even participate in some way.

Our trip was jam-packed and

eventful; we covered more than 1000km to visit brick kiln communities, flood victims, youth conventions, and local churches. However, the most life-changing aspect for me was not in what we did or saw, but in simply fellowshipping with our Pakistani colleagues. Their passion for Jesus, their authenticity toward others, and their boldness in sharing the gospel is unlike anything I've ever seen before! These are brothers and sisters who, much like the apostle Paul, risk everything they have in order to spread the gospel. Some of them have been threatened by Muslim leaders, the police, and even the Taliban, yet they are unstoppable.

One scene which particularly sticks out in my mind is when our team was at a train station, accompanied by 2 Pakistani brothers. One of them naturally began strumming his guitar, and when he had drawn a crowd, he switched to playing

By Kay*

worship songs. Even though a security guard immediately stopped him, some curious onlookers personally invited him to their train cabins to play more songs, which opened up the opportunity to share the gospel.

For the OM Pakistani staff, sharing the gospel is as natural as breathing. Please pray for God to protect the OM Pakistan staff and to use them mightily. Let us also examine our own lives and see how we can become more like our Pakistani brothers and sisters and live unashamedly for Jesus!

Kay, a member of our Mercy and Community Development team, visited OM Pakistan this August for a short-term mission trip.

*Name has been changed



Months

Before my departure for South Africa, I thought, "Oh God, I want to attempt great things for You!" Yet, I realise that it is He who shows how great His love is to me. It was not out of great faith or bravery, but the love of God which encouraged me to take the journey.

Looking back on those days, I found that God not only provided all I needed during the first two months in South Africa, but He also moulded me every moment. Who would have thought that an English "illiterate" like me could teach in a secondary school for ethnic minorities? In fact, God has equipped me for three years so that my Bible lessons in South Africa were not a waste of time. My teaching skills were also of much help in the children ministry there. What is more, God even let me help bake cakes in a café of Africa, which had been a long-forgotten dream since my childhood.



Setting World Records...

It was the first time in my life when I gave an English sermon (which was later translated into Zulu language) in a village. It was also bold of me to begin the sermon with a game called "Setting World Records".

During the game, the children learnt some nouns and adjectives to describe "the best" things in the world. From there, I could share a message to them: People only want the best houses and cars in their lives, just as children always pursue setting "world records" in the game. However, only God knows what is "best" for us.

"For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." (Isaiah 55:9)

A Small Girl in a Big World

By Gigi Cheng

God is longing to give you a more abundant life. Are you willing to receive it? Make a step forward and I promise you will never regret your decision, since what you will receive will be more abundant than all you ask or think. It may not be now, but I really hope you can "actively wait" for the calling from above—focusing on the work which God gives you the strength to do now, understanding the Bible and missionary ministries, praying without ceasing, developing an intimate & personal relationship with God and always listening to the voice of the Spirit. When the calling finally comes, I hope you will obey His will. The Lord will provide everything you need! He has prepared everything for you!

Gigi is a member of the Pui Ching Road Baptist Church in Hong Kong. She participated in OM's "South Africa Mission Discipleship Training" from January to July in 2012.

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 37 mission workers sent out by OMHK in partnership with the local churches to serve in 18 different countries.



Asia - Macau



Joe & Jeanie Yu

Between May and August, we hosted six short-term mission teams, 93 people in total. We walked them around Macau. We enjoyed the ministry because we could assist in nurturing God's future servants. We became rich when we gave our love to others and shared the sweet fruits with Him, whether tangible or intangible. A one-year course in missions jointly organized with Macau Bible institute started in October. May God build up the lives of the five participants to be fishers of men and shepherds embracing the Great Commission!

Central and West Asia

Eagle

As I am going to take my sabbatical next year, please pray for smooth handover of the field ministry and God's clear guidance on my future ministry.

Europe - U.K. Lifehope

Ps. Titus Koon & his Family

Praise God for attracting the attention of local churches to Chinese mission fields by means of the short-term mission trips. The believers with us were also encouraged. Please pray for Titus' direction for the coming year, Wing-suet's adaptation to her secondary studies and Tsuen-him's selection of subjects in Secondary 6 next year.



North Africa & Middle East

Lok Lok Tsz

Please pray for our workers as half of the team have left due to political issues. Pray for God's mercy and for the improvement of local political situation. Thank God for my return to HK in November, the wonderful time with my family and church, and the quiet time with God. Pray for God's strength for my ministries in the field.

OM Ships - Logos Hope

Mei-yan Wong



Please pray that the ship repair work can be completed as scheduled for the launch of the ministry in Cambodia. Please pray for my passion for the ship ministry during the remaining month and God's clear guidance on my next step. Pray for God's healing of my mother's leg pain. Also pray for my quiet time with God so that I can be still in God's presence and build a close relationship with Him.