

The Ever-expanding Sex Industry

By: Debbie Wong, Outreach worker

Astonishing number of brothel visitors

Some of the sex workers grumbled to me about the lack of clients. Despite their complaints, quite a number of new brothels have been opened up in the district. Unlike the old ones, they are nicely decorated and pricier.

New brothels are sometimes even without any windows. Having only one exhaust fan, the bathroom is with poor ventilation. However, they are much more costly than the sub-divided units.

Making several thousand dollars from 8 to 10 clients a day is what most of the sex workers would describe as a "peak season"; whereas having only 1 to 2 customers a day is regarded as a slack one. There are about 300 sex workers in Sham Shui Po. Imagine if each sex worker is given at least one client a day, it will not be difficult to realize the astonishing number of brothel visitors in Hong Kong with simple calculation.

Clients from all walks of life

Contrary to the lewd images as portrayed on screen, some frequent brothel goers are actually with gentle appearance and decent outfit. People who visit brothels come from different backgrounds; as what the sex workers we encountered have recalled, their clients sometimes include teachers, officials from disciplinary service as well as students. And the number of singles is similar with that of the married men.

In view of this, we cannot help but wonder whether the market for sex industry will be saturated in one day. Let us ask our father Lord to help those men to walk in the light and not to gratify their lust.



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Offer Myself to the Lord



By: K,
Outreach volunteer

A stream of passion

Having visited Pakistani families regularly, I find myself having no skills at all besides a stream of passion. Tutoring children for their homework? My knowledge is limited. Chatting with their parents? Language is my barrier. I start doubting if I could really benefit others when all I have is a stream of passion?

When I am struggling whether I am suitable for serving Pakistanis families in long term, the Holy Spirit reminds me, "The stream of passion that you have comes from God. If God did not give you this passion, how would you be willing to visit these families?" Reminded by the Holy Spirit, I resume visiting the Pakistani families with faith, hoping to know what I could do for God and what I could learn from the visit.

God uses whoever offers himself

Although having visited *Kylie's family for a period of time, I haven't had many chances to chat with her, as she needs to take rest after work most of the time. Therefore, with faith, I have been waiting for God to prepare an opportunity for me to talk to her. Eventually we came into a fruitful conversation in one of the visits. Having finished their homework, Kylie's children became our translators. Kylie was very willing to share her work and religion with me.

Through this experience, I understand that "the Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." (1 Samuel 16:7). I realise again God looks at our heart, rather than how talented or gifted we are. Once you offer yourself to the Lord, He will use you.

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Santa Claus as the Gospel preacher

We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ. (Col 1:28)

This was my first trip to Japan — a place whose language was Greek to me — a humbling experience that told me I had literally nothing to boast about except total dependence on God!

Our main task is to put on different costumes to present passers-by with gospel

packs, I was dressed as Santa Claus for the first time in my life. The local missionaries told us the usual response of Japanese was indifference. However, they seemed glad to greet Santa with warm smiles, as if it had been a long while since anyone had shown them any kindness. Some were deeply touched after reading the Gospel message. We also tried to know more about them through dinners and English classes.

Prayer that Japanese people could know God

Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd. (Matthew 9:36)

We prayed at different places, amidst colourful adverts on the streets, enjoying the brisk rhythmic beat of music and appealing aroma of good food. In the temples and residences of their various deities, we saw many people numbly worshipping "they-don't-know what", with a sense of lost desolation and despair

hidden behind the facade of fervent idolatry.

In answering my query on their persistent resistance to the gospel for hundreds of years, a missionary said the Japanese had always prided themselves of their virtues, they had yet to experience the greatness of the Christian God, which is something that only prayer and God Himself could do.

Leung Wai is a member of H.K.S.K.H. St. Barnabas' Church, sharing his experience of the short term mission to Japan last December.



Witnessing God's Might

I seldom see people respect and fear the Lord in Hong Kong. However, when I was in Ecuador, South America, I saw God's Spirit and His light shining over the land, and the locals fear God and respect Christians. There was one time when we were on our way to attend a prayer meeting in a group of seven, while our car was passing the gate and approaching the house, three men armed with guns dashed in. They intended to rob all our valuables and the car. While being pushed vigorously by one of the men, the house owner calmly said, "In the name of Jesus Christ, I command you to calm down!" Instantly with his hands shaking, the man ordered the other men to put down everything and leave immediately. After calming down, we praised the name of our Lord who let people on the earth fear Him. We also thanked God that the robbers left and we were all unharmed.

For the two medical short-term mission trips, we prepared not only medicine but also spiritual equipment, including

evangelism teams, children ministry teams and prayer teams. We hoped that those who were physically sick and wounded in heart would be healed and the captive be released. A lady with a depressed look on her face came for medical consultation. She claimed that she always felt unwell and heartache but she was not diagnosed of any sickness or disease. Thus, we invited her to be prayed for in our prayer room. Consequently, God healed her and forgave her sins. She claimed that she was no longer sick and she gave thanks to the Lord. She carried a Bible and went home looking joyful. Later she even asked her husband to come and visit us.

Molding my life

During my one-year stay in Ecuador, I saw the miraculous works of God, His might and His provision for me. God molds my life and gives me faith to look upon and rely on Him. Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see (Hebrews 11:1). I am a person of little faith, I have doubts and I evaluate situations.

God builds my faith and my reliance on Him through my experience this year. If it is for God's promise and calling, He will make a way when there seems to be no way. It cannot be comprehended by our logical thinking. Abraham left his home with faith when things were not certain, all because he trusted in God's promise.

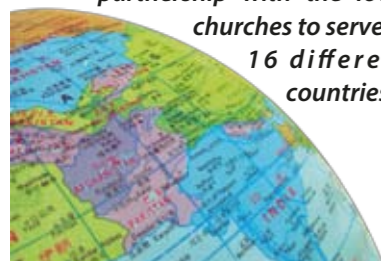
Lastly, I am sure that God calls me on taking this path of missions as I have seen God's works in Ecuador. I learned to tidy up my inner life and experienced the life of a missionary. I know that the world is a huge harvest field but with few workers. I will not forget this experience and I will equip myself for going on missions again in the future.

Cecilia, a member of C & MA Kwai Fong Chapel & Study Centre, joined OM's "Ecuador Missions Discipleship Training" for 10 months from 2012 to 2013.

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 35 mission workers sent out by OMHK in partnership with the local churches to serve in 16 different countries.



Central and West Asia

Siu-chu

Please lift up your prayers for my prayer walk in the city Bashagong, and pray for the local people whom I have been serving would have steadfast faith and passion for growth in the Lord.

Asia - Japan

Sing

Thank the Lord for opening the door of Gospel in Japan. Despite my above-average Japanese oral ability, I had chances to share my testimony in English. Please pray that my life would testify the Lord and I could make friends with both Japanese and Chinese, who could then have chances to hear the Gospel through me.



Europe - Poland

Donna & Arek Delik

Before the end of 2014, we have to pay off the balance on the new church building, which is around HK\$520,000. Please pray for our financial needs.

Arek has just started running a bible study group of 8 regular participants. May the Lord transform these participants to be Disciples. May the Lord bless our new co-worker Amber that she would develop friendship with the youths and be witness of God among them.



North Africa & Middle East

Chung's Family

Mr. Chung's mother passed away in February. We give thanks to the Lord that she was able to repent to the Lord at the last stage of her life and got baptised. May the Lord comfort our family.

We will be in Hong Kong for furlough this summer. Please remember our preparation for it.

OM Ship - Logos Hope

Shing-hei Yu

Singapore is a prosperous country, so we emphasised mobilisation here. We held a poverty-stimulation activity twice, aiming to have people experience poverty and oppression. No matter how hard they work, they never have enough bread for the day. We hope that the activity would encourage brothers and sisters in Singapore to be willing to give and share.