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By Rev Dr Tie King Tai, Principal

Do Two More Things

Money plays such an important role in life. Our attitude and response to money affect our whole life and even eternity. It affects whether we receive eternal life or destruction. It dictates whether we receive heavenly rewards or lose eternal rewards.

Our Lord Jesus talked about money more than about heaven and hell. He emphasized that money affects both non-Christians and Christians.

Concerning the non-Christians, the Lord stressed that money could hinder people from believing in Him: "Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'Truly I tell you, it is hard for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished and asked, 'Who then can be saved?'" (Matthew 19:23-25)

Concerning the Christians, Lord Jesus taught that money allows you to invest in eternity: "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:19-21)

Money also plays an important role in theological education, MTS is no exception. The MTS community learns to seek first the kingdom and righteousness of God. And God has given us all these things that we need. (Matthew 6:31-34)

Thank the Lord that in the past, MTS had not been lacking owing to the givings from churches and members. We even had surplus. However, for the past two or three years, because of the construction cost (over 7 million Ringgits) of the new male students' and lecturers'

hostels, giving towards the general fund has been affected. Moreover, due to the gradual decrease of permanent fund from the United Methodist Church of America, MTS has used up all the Fixed Deposits accumulated over the years of abundance. Currently, MTS has a deficit in excess of 700,000 ringgits for the new hostels.

We sincerely hope that all churches as well as brothers and sisters would seriously consider doing two more things in giving to MTS: 1. to give towards MTS hostels, if you have not done so, and to give again if you have; 2. to decide to give regularly or annually towards the general fund, if you and your church have not done so.

Your giving will be an investment in eternity to train our future pastors, missionaries, music directors and church leaders, and in turn to build up our churches. May our Lord bless you more abundantly on earth and prepare treasures for you in heaven because you give! ☺

MTS Night for Sibu East District

This year, MTS Night Sibu was held on 16 March at Masland Methodist Church. The whole MTS community participated on that special night, including the STMS students. Rev. Francis Wong King Sing was the speaker for the night. Mdm. Yan Foong Peng translated for him into Iban language. The theme for the night was "Spirit-Empowered Dedication". Rev. Francis Wong shared with the audience on how he dedicated himself to God, and encouraged the audience to response to God's calling. Besides that, many songs were presented throughout the night by the Theological students and STMS students.



Pray for the dedicators

From left: Mdm. Yan Foong Peng (Translator), Rev. Francis Wong King Sing (Speaker)



Choir presentation by all male Theological Students



he alumni prayed for the on campus students

Alumni Homecoming Day

18 April 2012 was the homecoming day for the MTS alumni. They visited the new library & new hostels, and had a dialogue session with the current on campus students. After the meeting session, the alumni continued with a volleyball match with the students. Thereafter, they treated the MTS community to a dinner at the MTS dining hall. MTS would like to thank the alumni for their loving care.

Volleyball Match



Sibu Dedication Camp

17 March 2012

Venue: MTS Chapel

Speakers: Rev. Kong Chong Ling, Rev. Sii Hee Tiong and Music Director – Mdm. Karen Lee Shin Yi (from left to right)





The 20th Batch of STMS Chinese, the 7th Batch of STMS Iban & the 3rd Batch of STMS Music Graduation Service

Date: 30 March 2012

Venue: Wei Kuok Hall, Sibü

Speaker: Rev. Ting Diu Kiong

Translator: Rev. Thomas Lau Sie Ngiu

Korea Trip

By the grace of God and the loving care of Bupyeong Methodist Church members, MTS community had the opportunity to visit their church in Korea from 26 April till 3 May. There were 40 of us, comprising of the 2nd year & 3rd year students, lecturers' wives, staff and some pastors. During our stay in Korea, we visited 10 churches (including Bupyeong Methodist Church), 2 universities, Korean Missions History Museum, Osanri Prayer Mountain etc. We were touched by and also encouraged through the sharings given by the Senior Pastor, his wife, and two elders. Their warm hospitality and moving testimonies reminded us to trust God and to love others, as commanded by Jesus. We would like to express our deepest gratitude to them for their loving care and heartfelt hospitality.



Rev. Hong Eun-Pa, the Senior Pastor of Bupyeong MC, shared about the current situation of Korean churches

Reflection:

by Kathy Shia Shin Shin
(2nd year student)

It's such a blessing to join the prayer experience trip to Korea this April. As a student, it is almost financially impossible for me to go to Korea and enjoy such superb food and accommodation as provided by Bupyeong Methodist Church. We understand it's all out of love. They love Jesus so much, thus they provide such excellent hospitality. What impressed me most is the faith of the church members, especially the leaders and sisters. They trust God and believe God always listen to prayers. They love praying and serving others. That's what I think I must learn from them, to believe unwaveringly that God always listen to prayers, to wait for God's timing and to serve others wholeheartedly. As they do so, God bless the church beyond what they expect. Hallelujah! Let us learn from them.

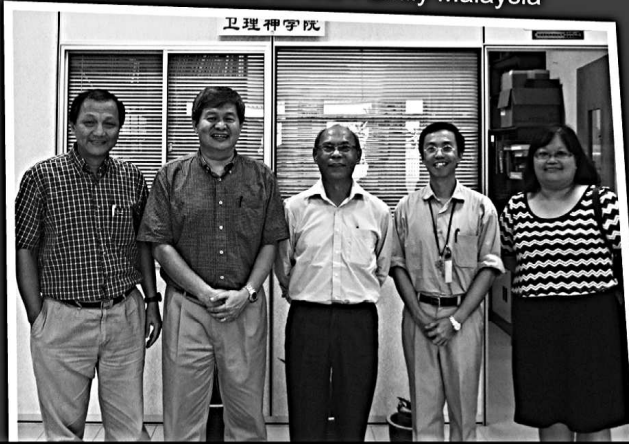


Group Photo (taken at the sanctuary of Bupyeong Methodist Church)

VISITORS

26/04/2012:

Mr. Lee Wee Min (second from left), the executive director of Focus on the Family Malaysia



10/05/2012:

Some members of Trinity Annual Conference



23/03/2012:

Committee Members of the Youth Fellowship of Trinity Methodist Church, Kuching, under the leadership of Rev. Wong Hie Ing.



12/03/2012: Members of Junior Methodist Youth Fellowship of Chin Fu Methodist Church, Kuching, under the leadership of Rev. Ha Siew Hie.



21-23/03/2012: Rev. Daniel Han of Bupy-eong Methodist Church, Korea (third from left)