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Feature

The Image of a Servant

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A. We are all God's servants

Because the salvation and choosing of the Lord, we have been set from sin and became slaves of righteousness (Rom 6:6, 18). For we who are called in the Lord are slaves of Christ and were bought with the hefty price of His life (1 Cor 7:22-23).

B. The glory of servants

“And now the Lord says,
Who formed Me from the womb *to be* His Servant,
To bring Jacob back to Him,
So that Israel is gathered to Him
(For I shall be glorious in the eyes of the Lord,
And My God shall be My strength)” (Isa 49:5).

The glory of God's servants comes from God; it is given by God.

1. We are God's witnesses

God said to the people, “You *are* My witnesses ... My servant whom I have chosen”

(Isa 43:8-10). Upon receiving honor and glory as God's servants, we are able to know the one true God in Heaven, the creator of universe and were chosen by Him and given the chance to serve Him as a royal priesthood and to proclaim the praises of God (1 Pet 2:9).

2. We are God's inheritance

God is our Father. From of old, God was called "Our redeemer". We are His servants – the tribes of His inheritance (Isa 63:15-17). Paul also said that we are predestined in Christ to be the inheritance of His glory, waiting for the time of redemption, to the praise of His glory (Eph 1:11,14).

3. We are God's glory

God said to His people, "You are My servant, O Israel, in whom I will be glorified" (Isa 49:3). Our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is from God, dwelling in our heart. We are not of our own, but of Christ, Who has bought us with a hefty price. Therefore, we must glorify God with our body (1 Cor 6:19-20). All labor in this world will end up in vain, but the rewards for God's servants are with God (Isa 49:4).

C. The Image of servants

1. Humble and submissive

Christ came into this world and took the form of a bondservant. He became the best example for all servants. He departed from the glorious Heavenly throne, emptied himself, took up the lowliest posture, and appeared to the people with the most humble demeanor. He did not come to be served, but to serve (Mt 20:27). He was gentle and lowly in heart (Mt 11:29-30) and travelled through cities and towns in a humble manner, had mercy upon the afflicted; he humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross (Phil 2:8) for fulfilling the will of the Heavenly Father.

2. Willing and glad

Elder Peter encouraged the fellow servants of God to shepherd the flock according to God's will, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain, but eagerly (1 Pet 5:2); they should be rich in good works, and willing to give and share (1 Tim 6:18), as well as hospitable out of a willing heart (1 Tim 3:2; Titus 1:8). Paul also willingly and

gladly spent his strength and money for the souls of the believers in the church of Corinth (2 Cor 12:15). Making offerings should also be done gladly in order to please God (2 Cor 9:5-7).

3. Faithful and diligent

It is required in stewards (servants) that one be faithful (1 Cor 4:2). The Lord Jesus was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also was faithful in all God's house (Heb 3:2-5). These serve as examples of faithfulness to us. He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much. We must be faithful in our service (Acts 16:15; Eph 6:21) and in teaching the truth; we hold firmly the mysteries of the faith with a pure conscience, rightly dividing the word of truth (2 Tim 2:2, 15; 1 Tim 3:9). In tribulations of faith we must be even more faithful to the point of death, for we shall receive the crown of life in the end (Rev 2:10).

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Church News

News Report on the Current Situation in India

Evangelical and pastoral

Statistics

1. Number of Churches - 12 Churches; 2 Prayer House; 5 Places of Worship
2. Number of Believers - 1333
3. Number of Ministers - 13 Deacons & Deaconesses; 5 Preachers
4. Number of REU students - about 476 (with 46 Teachers)

Evangelical work is satisfactory but mainly carried out by ministers and church leaders. Have to put greater emphasis on personal evangelism by members in general. There were 86 baptized for the year (June 2014/15). We have a growth rate of about 6.9%. This figure is largely due to rebaptism for those who return to the fold from previous TJM in Munnar (21 people).

India Mission Committee (IMC) continues sending senior ministers for residential pastoral stay for a month; three times a year. To assist and work with the local ministers and churches and to

correct and handle existing problems in India Coordination Board (ICB), ministers problems and church problems.

Situation in Bangalore, Karnataka State: ICB ministers are helping pastoral and evangelical work there (maintaining).

Situation in TJM / True Jesus Church in Vandiperiyar & Munnar / Zone Three: We are focusing on the REU activities and the Youths development in Zone Three. At present the local leaders and the Preachers are keeping contact with the churches in Anbanadu, and Tirupur who has expressed their intention to return to the TJC fold.

Administrative and Development of the Coordination Board in India

Annual Delegates Conference (ADC) was held in July and a new ICB EXCO was elected:

India Coordination Board remains weak and is not able to gather the strong support from the local churches. A lot have to do with leaders who are not able to command the respect of the local churches.

The financial situation in India is weak. What had been decided in ADC and what had been proposed by IMC for ICB to promote and gather and manage funds were weakly implemented.

This year, India Coordination Board is responsible for 95% of the Training Center maintenance cost, 50% of STTC Training expanses & 40% of the preachers' and full time workers living allowance.

Pioneering Work

Evangelizing to Chinese Community in Chennai

No new developments. We are presently only at the stage of keeping contact with some other friends that we have been acquainted with.

West Bengal

In Kolkata, evangelism is carried out with a Bengali family and we are continuing contact with the Chinese community at the China-Town. We are extensively utilizing the assistance of volunteer workers for the work in these pioneering areas.

We are continuing with our work among the individual pastors in the Darjeeling District. Some are receptive. Presently our work is focus in the towns of Bagdogra and Mirik.

Imphal, Manipur

Contact with Ps. Alexander started 5 years ago. However, recently he's torn in between: (1) TJC/truth/rebaptism vs loss of sponsor, recognition, relationship and contacts. Being ostracized now by many fellow Christians. (2) Trust in God for providence vs loans from others, worries on livelihood, school and etc. (3) God's will and plan/method in work vs his own will, zeal, plan in work.

Ultimately, his decision changed (he says, "after considering about my future [I need my lively hood my family, sons], as a human being, we need survival. I need to provide to my family as we are living in this world. Actually, I **did not know** the rules and administration system **not doctrine** of TJC. I thought same as other but very far).

Sri Lanka

ICB was requested to assist in the work. Missionary visit was carried out by ICB personnel from 27th Jan to 3rd Feb (till date, this is the third visit to Sri Lanka). Evangelical work carried out in Madempe, Jaffna and Colombo.



Visiting the members in Chengalpet who received the help from Dorcas Love Mission

TJC Current Work in Malaysia

Adhering to the established vision, i.e. *To establish a Glorious Church that rises and shines, drawing people from afar to worship and seek the Lord, to gain the truth, attain the pathway of salvation and receive eternal life.* Every department continued to carry out various divine work in order to achieve the objectives required under the vision.

An overview of various divine works:

Financial Department

Thank God for the surplus we had with our financial situation though the fund which cannot be considered plentiful. Our target for Preacher Reserve Fund is RM2,000,000 and we achieved RM1,200,000 so far. We shall continue with effort to hit the goal. Broadly speaking income received this year corresponds to the budget made during the end of last financial year. Due to escalating cost of living it is GA's hope to increase the salary and benefits for the workers. GA shall review this matter.

General Affair Department

The objective of General Affair Department is to unite the strength and strategies, in supporting the needs for divine works while governing over the resources and properties of the House of God. We thank for God's guidance. We have been granted with Certificate of Fitness for Occupation for Olive Garden Training Centre's multi story dormitories. We will start the next project in building another six hostel room meant for the elderly member when they participate in various church events. The budget for this project is RM800,000 and we continue to seek God's guidance. Vehicles used for full time workers are being replaced with newer ones.

Evangelical Department

Continue to guide and observe local churches evangelical plan and direction, cultivating evangelical awareness. Most of the churches carry out their evangelical meeting twice a year as per GA requirement. Concerning the work at native tribes pioneering area, we have around 70 members in Pengkalan Hulu. We expect to hold dedication service next year in the newly bought double story building. The pioneering work at the fourth area Pos Legat has just begun. There is a specific team to oversee the work in propagating the gospel to the Burmese workers here in Malaysia.

Training Department

1. YOUTH THEOLOGICAL TRAINING COURSE 2014

Total 127 students attended (regular and Malay speaking class). 10 students received the Holy Spirit.

2. THEOLOGICAL TRAINING COURSE – ADULT CLASS 2014

Participants were about 94. The lecturers were Pr. Ho Xu Li and Pr. Daniel Chin. Subjects covered were “Apologetic & Evangelism,” and “Acts of the Apostles.”

3. YTTC GRADUATES VOLUNTEER PROGRAM 2015

Program will be held from 25th January to 8th February. Total of 10 volunteered (3 sisters and 7 brothers). Preacher in-charge was Pr. Habakkuk Hee, Pr. Hosea Hoo and Pr. Nahum Lim.

4. NATIONAL MINISTERS’ SPIRITUAL NURTURE 2015

Due to the unavailability of foreign minister, the proposed Ministers’ Spiritual Nurture will be held next year.

Pastoral Affairs

This year, our focus is to encourage all churches to develop:

1. A structured visiting system
2. A adoption plan for lost sheep, weaker brethren and truthseekers
3. Adult fellowship activity

The first 2 are to make sure we can truly care for the spiritual life and welfare of our lost sheep and truth-seekers alike in a more systematic and consistent manner, as our efforts in the past had been scattered and impromptu. We hope we can have more devotion for this important commission of the Lord Jesus, so that all of our sheep are well taken care of, and none of them is lost to the evil one.

The last item is to promote the spirit of one family and togetherness, as church worship alone is insufficient to build such rapport and bonds among members, a crucial element of genuine spiritual fellowship.

Youth Affairs

The organization system has been improved. This year, our focus is on cultivating more spiritual leaders and cultivation in the truth. Hence, from this year onward, there will be training on Hermeneutics and Apologetics for our youth leaders, as well as spiritual nurture sessions, in our effort to develop more workers for the succession of the God’s ministry.

Education Affair

Education Affairs have been focusing on improving the quality of RE Lessons through more creative and intelligent methods that optimize the learning of a child. However, over the last few years, we felt that this was insufficient in ensuring a child firmly growing up in truth & holiness. Hence we trained dedicated RE counselors for providing a mentor figure & a pastoral guide to the children, so they would proactively play a role outside the classroom.

We also tasked the RE teachers to look beyond the RE text, in providing more avenues & opportunity for a child to be exposed in divine works while being carefully mentored. (E.g. Providing the junior youths a platform to learn a foreign language, and accompanying the senior youths when they coordinate church events/programs, etc.)

We are also looking into the children's schoolwork, as we realized the academic challenge would cause the children having a harder time to absorb theology as they grow older. We also hope that this improvement will eventually help them have a better career. May God guide the RE teachers and counselors, so they may possess wisdom and love to continually educate the sheep.



 *Intercession*

1. Please pray for IA work assignment as below:

Date	Location	Program	Personnel
1/11-1/17	Australia	Pastoral visit to Melbourne & Brisbane	Peter Shee
1/18-2/18	New Zealand	Pastoral Training & lead services	Shih Fu Aun
1/7-1/28	Philippines	PMCC Pastoral Visiting (Luzon)	Zacchaeus Yong
1/11-2/11	US	e-Learning Project	HH Ko
1/9-1/31	Argentina	Short-Term Theological Class(1/9-22)	Raymond Chou/CM Chu
		Spiritual Convocation & Evangelical Services	
1/20-2/2	Ecuador	Pastoral Work	CH Chou
1/7-1/31	Dominican Rep	Pastoral Visitation	Francisco Macias
1/3-1/8	UK	Africa Missionary Volunteers Training(London Church)	IA/UKGA Workers
		AMC Meeting(London Church)	Africa ministry Workers
1/9-1/10	France	Pastoral visitation	D. Liang
1/2-1/3	Germany	European Pioneering Areas Volunteers Training	BQ Wang/CJ Hsieh/HH Ko
1/11-1/19	Spain	Visitation (Barcelona & Madrid & Albacete)	FF Chong
1/1-1/3	Greece	Spiritual Convocation (Athens)	FF Chong
1/1-1/10	Russia	Pastoral Visitation & Spiritual Convocation	S. Hwang
1/11-25	South Africa	Pastoral ministry/Training Johannesburg Spiritual Convocation& Pastoral Visit PE	M. Chang/D. Liang/L. Chan
1/6-2/29		Cape Town Church Spiritual Convocation	
1/28-2/28	West Africa	Workers Training(Ghana)	Timothy Yeung

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