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FBC Home Visitation Ministry

FBC Home Visitation Ministry has existed for 19 years and is still toiling. Praise the Lord for His faithfulness!



Lamentations 3:23

“They are new every morning;
great is Your faithfulness.”

**NEXT
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September 1, 2024
**Spiritual Gifts
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1 Corinthians 13
Preacher
John Lee

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A short background to this ministry:

I joined First Baptist Church PJ in 2001 as the Church Administrator and later as a Ministry Worker for Pastor Care attached to Subang Center. The church facilities were limited and first-time visitors were not able to fellowship with the church members.

During the week, I would contact the individual personally thanking them for visiting and worshipping with us at First Baptist Church and the conversation will develop in getting to know the individual and whether the visitor is open to us visiting.

It was at a Wednesday night Prayer Meeting in 2005 at Subang Center (as it was known at that time), when Janie Noah, Alice Yap, Doreen Soo, and I sought the Lord for guidance before we began this ministry.

The Home Visit was set on every Wednesday, we will meet at Subang Center as a team before leaving for our visit. It was just a time of fellowship, sharing a short devotion and prayer. Sister Alice Yap decided to improve her strumming of the guitar and from that time onwards we had a time of worship with our visitee.

The blessing of the Lord continues....

From four members, the Lord has blessed the ministry and the team grew over a period of time. The initial purpose is to visit home-bound FBC members to encourage and remind them they are part of First Baptist Church even if they are home-bound. Then as the Lord directs us, we extend this fellowship to Nursing/Care Home FBC members and as well to non-Christian homes. The first-time visitors to First Baptist Church were not forgotten and as long we are welcomed, we visit them. The Visitation ministry is not only socializing with the people we visit, it has an eternal purpose. Time was well spent, not wasted, it is a privilege and not a bore-some duty.



Below are some of the testimonies of the FBC Home Visitation members :

1. "The FBC Visitation Team was initiated by Pastor Moby and his wife Janie in the year 2005. I was an adult student pursuing my psychology study program back then. Due to my eagerness to understand human behavior and interaction in a social context, I joined Pastor Moby and his wife alongside another sister in Christ. We started our visits to the homes of elderly church members and our main activities were focused on sharing the Word of God and prayers. I found that most of our visitees were spiritually enhanced by our visits. As years went by, the requests to be visited were overwhelming and so was the growth in our visitation team members. We have also extended our programs by including worship sessions and singing encouraging hymns to our visitees.

To this day, the FBC Visitation Team continues to conduct these programs not only to our visitees' homes but also to extend our services for the Lord in the nursing homes. I am thankful to the Lord for granting the FBC under the leadership of Pastor Moby and his wife Janie, nineteen successful years of service and reaching out to church members who are mostly homebound.

It has been almost 20 years since I joined the team and Praise the Lord as I am still zestful in serving Him as a guitarist and song leader. I would like

to encourage my newly recruited brothers and sisters to serve the Lord with gladness and be truthful for you will indeed find the JOY OF THE LORD (Nehemiah 8:10) in you, which is your strength in serving Him always.

Yours truly in Christ,
Sister Alice

2. Lessons learned from serving in the Visitation Ministry

Both Pastor Moby and Aunty Janie were inspirational servants providing us with guidance, leadership, and mentorship. The mentorship of Pastor Moby and Aunty Janie has inspired me to be more sacrificial in caring for the people being visited. The resilience of many people who we visited encouraged me to fight the good fight and never forget God's presence and blessings. The teamwork provided mutual support and encouragement to persist. Fellowship among God's servants is very crucial for effective ministry work. God's divine blessings to the prayers of the many of the people who visited testify of His goodness. Taught me to rely upon God's sovereign hand and to trust in His provisions rather than my own efforts. I have learned that it is His Kingdom work and I am privileged to have the opportunity to participate. I learned about being more patient and listening first. Serving in this Visitation ministry has inspired me to strengthen my faith and to trust in the Sovereign God who loves us.

Bro SM Lai

3. "I joined the team because you extended the invitation. I prayed for a ministry to serve and before I knew it, you asked me to join. That was more than 15 years ago. Of course!

It's a very meaningful ministry otherwise I don't suppose I would stay on for so many years. Your guidance and leadership play a very important part! I mature spiritually too working and serving with you. It's a serious ministry, no doubt about that.

But I am overwhelmed with gladness when I see the gladness and joy of our visitees when we visit them. I feel very blessed to be given the opportunity to join the Visitation Team. I count it as a privilege. I praise and thank God for the opportunity to serve alongside you."

Sister Doris Tan



4 "Joining the Visitation Team was my prayer and heart's desire when I knew I was going to retire end of 2014. I want to serve God; to share God's love with the lonely, sick, and the less fortunate and to bring them joy and hope. Every visit has been fruitful for me. Especially to the senior care homes in the past couple of months. You can see the joy in their faces; our presence, smile, tender touch, and prayer made their day. I have also been encouraged in return by some of our visitees, while I was ministering to them. What a joy and privilege to serve together with my brothers and sisters in the Visitation Team. I am thankful to be part of this family."

Sister Yap Soh Khen

5. "Visiting the aged and lonely, seeing their happy smiling faces gives me tremendous joy. We won't be able to change their situation, but at least provide them with a moment of songs and praise to our Lord God, a moment of praying for them, some of them are not Christians but they can see our love for them. Giving them a moment of recognition and conversation brings out some joy in them."

Bro. Frank Leong



“ Shalom to everyone, Janet and I have had such beautiful memories from our visits over the past few months. We didn’t know till later today that it was our final visitation. We are so grateful for Pastor Moby’s leadership and outstanding collaboration with each of you throughout the visitations. We will continue to pray for every one of you, asking the Lord to give you the strength and grace you need to reach out to so many people. Please take good care.”

Pastor Peter and Janet Raj on their last visitation outing with us on 26 June 2024

Testimony of one of the families that we visited:

The visit brings much joy to our family. It started off with visiting my grandpa who newly accepted Christ. As my grandpa could not attend the full Sunday service due to his health condition, the Visitation team is like bringing the church to him at home. We experienced worship, prayer, bible sharing, holy communion and also fellowship during every visit. Their love has somehow attracted my grandma to Christianity. I am so grateful that even though my grandpa has passed on, they still continue to extend their

visitation to visit my grandma. Their visit didn’t just stop after my late grandpa left. Because of their continuation to share Christ’s love with my grandma, she eventually accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior too. Grandma would always be very excited and looking forward to knowing the church would be visiting her. She looked forward to the worship and even tried to sing and clap along. My family was so encouraged to see the joy in Grandma’s life. We were all very grateful for the Visitation team’s dedication and love shown to my late grandpa and late grandma during their time here on earth. Now that both of them are in heaven, we, the family are comforted knowing that we will meet them again one day in heaven.

Sis. Emilyn Wong



An elderly lady Mrs. Lim, we have been visiting her and her spouse since in the 90’s, were baptized at their residence. The visits were continued and their growth in the Lord was evident. Her spouse passed on a few years later, and the sad part is we have lost contact with her and now she is in a Nursing Home. And this is the testimony of the Home Manager of Mrs. Lim:

“We can see so much difference in Mrs. Lim now, which she is no longer in a depressed mode and this likely leads to a better appetite for her. She is lively now, eats all her meals and overall well-being has been a big leap. Thank you so much to the Visitation Team.”

**Mr. Adam, Manager
Golden Roots Home for the Elderly**

We give thanks to our Lord for His continued guidance as the team continues to serve Him. In Romans 12:6

In His grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well

Blessings,

*We, your under rower in Christ
Visitation Team Co-ordinating Group
Cindy Chin, Alice Yap, Ivy Chong
Yap Soh Khen, Janie, and Moby Noah*



By Pastor Moby Noah

Pastor Moby serves in the Visitation Ministry

 **PrayerSpotlight**

25 August 2024

Today's Prayers

Dear Heavenly Father, may You enrich our lives in Christ Jesus with the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. The world cannot rob us of the joy, peace, and love we have in Christ Jesus when we anchor our faith in Him for He intercedes for us in our weaknesses. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

Pray that the Ministry of Higher Education would be receptive to the public's opinions and feedback, and that they would possess great wisdom and insight as they work to sustain a higher education ecosystem of quality in tertiary education. Pray that there would be more involvement of churches and Christians in tertiary education. Pray that God would raise more outstanding educators who are faith based and that they would live out the course of truth in the education industry.

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