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Living with Love

As a blessed church, we must live out love within our community. Love is at the core of Christ's teaching, and as his followers, we are called to cultivate supportive, uplifting, and loving relationships with one another. In this article, we invite everyone to reflect on how we can live out love within the church community. Let us be willing to take the time to listen, understand, and respond to the needs and struggles of our fellow members.

We can also serve one another genuinely and provide moral support and prayer for those in need.

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We can start by setting aside dedicated time for worship and studying God's Word together.

Additionally, we can create a loving, supportive, and caring atmosphere within our households.

Let us pray for one another, extend forgiveness, and maintain healthy relationships within our church.



By Arwin Vacalares

Arwin is the person in charge of the Filipino Ministry

Home Care Mission

AG Emmanuel Private Home Care is one of the caregiver services here in Malaysia, specializing in providing care for elderly patients with ADLs, Stroke, Cancer, Dementia, Colostomy, Trichotomy, and Parkinson's Disease. The care is administered by certified caregivers who have the knowledge to perform NGT and PEG feeding, among other services. In addition to their professional duties, they also provide physical and emotional support to patients and their families. Notably, many of the caregivers in this nursing home are Filipinos.

A member of our ministry who is a caregiver mentioned that a nursing home was seeking people from Churches to provide visitation and prayers for their patients. We feel blessed to have been approached about this opportunity. We immediately visited the nursing home in Puchong to see what we could do. They gave us a warm welcome to their place and we immediately got to know the caretakers, Annie and Grace. And we also had the chance to meet the patients currently staying in the nursing home. Some of them are bedridden,

while others are receiving care due to their old age. One thing crossed my mind: What prayers could we offer for these elderly patients in this place?"

As we learned more, I felt saddened by their circumstances. Each has their own story, others accept Jesus Christ and others do not, but they all share the commonality of not having their loved ones around and accepting that their life may be nearing its end.

Recognizing that our time can be daunting, especially for the elderly. They often feel neglected, seeking a source of joy, and their hope decreases as the days pass. And I found in Isaiah 46:4.

"Even to your old age, I am He, And even to gray hairs I will carry you! I have made, and I will bear; Even I will carry, and will deliver you."



What exquisite words we can share with elderly individuals! This revelation has shown me that sharing the Gospel with the elderly is crucial, offering them the opportunity to accept Jesus Christ and find eternal life in Him even at this moment. It's never too late to help deepen their faith and spiritual growth, reminding them that God's love for us is boundless and that He offers a source of joy and hope (Romans 15:13) that surpasses all circumstances. This realization has moved me to understand that sharing the Gospel with the elderly fulfills the Great Commission given by Jesus to us' ...to go and make disciples of all nations' (Matthew 28:19-20). It is a fundamental aspect of Christian obedience to share the good news of salvation with people of all ages, including the elderly.

Post Script Events

Our Bible Study Group began facilitating sessions this year to review the fundamentals and deepen our spiritual growth from basic teachings. We are currently studying "Basic Steps to Christian Maturity" by Bill Bright.

During the height of the pandemic, it was a struggle to start the Life Group, especially for Overseas Filipino Workers here in Malaysia. However, as 2024 arrived, the opportunity arose for us to visit some houses to cultivate relationships, build trust, and share burdens with one another. We assured our fellow countrymen that we are their family here in Christ, even though we are far away from our loved ones.



By Kimberly Gabo

Kimberly is a member of Filipino Ministry



Filipino Ministry Testimonial

I grew up in a Christian family, so I know that there is God, but I don't have a personal relationship with Him. When I came here to Malaysia for work, I started seeking God's word out of solitude by attending the FBC-Filipino ministry where I felt like I had a family away from home, one of the verses that stuck with me is in Jeremiah 29:13 "If you look for me wholeheartedly you will find me." that's when I decided to draw near to the Lord Jesus Christ, knowing that I'm a sinner and fall short of His glory. however, I felt God's embrace of forgiveness and acceptance through the Holy Spirit, which sanctified me.

When I was young, I was taught to do good works to be saved, but as I go deeper into studying His words, I was enlightened that doing good work is not the key to heaven but by His grace. Ephesians 2:8-9 "God saved you by His grace when you believed, and you can't take credit for this, it is a gift from God." salvation is not a reward of the good things that we have done, so no one can boast about it.

Right now, I continue my journey with the Lord to fulfill His purpose for my life and to share the Gospel to my friends, colleagues, and relatives until I heard from the Lord "Well done my faithful Servant"

To God be all the Glory!



By Sister Maristel Soncuan

"When God opened my heart that day to accept Him as my personal Lord and Saviour, I knew my name was written in the Book of Life"

I was born and grew up as a Roman Catholic believer. I used to believe that going to church and doing good work were the ways to be saved. When I got married to my husband, an active deacon in the Fundamental Baptist Church. In the beginning, I was not comfortable going to their church because the doctrine that they were teaching was different from what I used to believe, but for the sake of harmony in our home, I submitted myself as a wife. After 3 years, God finally opened my heart to accept Him as my personal Lord and Saviour, and on that day, I knew my name was written in the Book of Life. Christian life is hard, but I trust God's process and His purpose in my life.

My husband and I decided that I would work here in Malaysia to replace my sister to her employer due to necessity. my sister brought me to FBC-Filipino Ministry church, where the teaching is based on the Bible. I felt the warm welcome of the brethren.

However, I'm struggling to attend Sunday worship due to the distance, so I tried to attend a nearby church, but the teaching is different, and no fellowship after service. Since then, I decided to go back to FBC-Filipino Ministry and continue worshipping God with gladness together with my brothers and sister my newfound family here in Malaysia.

To God be all the Glory!



By Sister Renelyn Fernandez



Growth of the Church

Heavenly Father,

We come before You with humble hearts, seeking your blessing for the growth of our church. We believe that You are the source of all growth, both in our personal lives and in the body of believers, we acknowledge that without Your presence and power, our efforts are in vain Father, we ask for Your wisdom and discernment as we make decisions that impact the growth of our church. Help us to be sensitive to Your leading and to follow Your will faithfully. Give our leaders insight and vision, so that they may effectively shepherd and guide Your flock Lord, we pray for unity and love to abound within our church family. Help us to set aside differences and personal agendas, and instead, focus on our common purpose of glorifying You.

Grants us hearts of compassion and kindness towards one another, that we may be a shining example of Your love to the world.

Father, we lift up our evangelistic efforts to You. Equip and empower us to boldly share the good news of Jesus Christ with those around us. Open doors of opportunity for us to reach the lost and bring them into Your kingdom. Give us a burden for the lost, that we may fervently pray for their salvation and be intentional in our outreach. Lord, we ask for Your provision and blessing in every area of our church's growth. Provide the resources, both financial and human, that we need to carry out Your work effectively. Bless our ministries, small group, and outreach program, that they may bear fruit and bring glory to Your name. Finally, Lord, we commit the growth of our church into Your hands, we surrender our plan, desires, and ambitions to You, knowing that You alone can bring true growth and transformation. May Your kingdom come and Your Will be done in our midst. We pray all these things in the mighty name of Jesus Christ our Lord AMEN.

