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It all started out of curiosity about what they were saying inside. A young pastor was preaching to a group of a mostly elderly crowd of about 30. Outside, the sign said Cantonese service. As a regular attendee of the English service, I wondered what had they been preaching to these old folks for the past few months. The audience from the English service is a mix

old and the Cantonese service has mostly senior citizens except a few younger ones. They sing Cantonese songs resembling the Canton pop in the 80's to 90's.

I told my wife, we should pay a visit to this service one Sunday just to see what their preaching is about, thinking we could always go back to the English service for

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Parable of the Unrighteous Manager
Luke 18:1-13

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Peter Ng's sarcastic jokes or Arnold Lim's touching sermons if the Cantonese did not fit us. My wife agreed and the next Sunday we went to the Cantonese service for the first time.

When I attended a Cantonese service in New York and mostly worshipers from Hong Kong, I only managed to understand half of what they say although I am Cantonese. I felt like a Banana Chinese. When they asked me to pray, I needed to pray In English as you know Malaysian Cantonese Is Rojak, not pure Cantonese.

When my wife and I entered the door of Cantonese service, it felt like retirement home talk. We were seated by very friendly ushers and given a first-time visiting card to fill out. The seating arrangement is casual like a coffee house! I had been in this church for 30 years, yet I had to fill up a visitor's card. So we sat and listened to sister Alice's preaching. She started explaining Chinese history and tradition which was new to me!

I practiced these things but don't know the reason or history behind them. She explained that a lot of Idol practices have their origin. After sister Alice finished explaining, Pastor Ling began preaching and quoting verses from the bible for us to understand better. So how does the bible connect to the Chinese rich history of thousands of years?



Bit by bit and week by week he unveiled them. I thought: "No wonder the older generation Is so keen to listen!" Not bad for a first-time experience, even though my Chinese is bad. I can always refer to my English Bible and the English words in their presentation slides which they prepared because they know half of their audience are banana Chinese. After the service was over, people fellowshiped together over a light light. Small groups are always easy to talk to and fellowship with.

Well, that's my first experience and I am eager to come back for the second time. Week after week and month after month, we have about 40 regulars now. Sometimes we have 50-60 people. We celebrate all the Chinese celebrations to prove that Jesus and Chinese celebration are not incompatible. Who said Christianity is a Caucasian religion? Christ is for all!



I feel that this Cantonese service is a very good platform for those mostly elderly not Mandarin proficient or English proficient, brought up speaking Cantonese, who love to know about Chinese culture and history, and who believe in practical life lessons in Chinese day-to-day living and interactive sermons (where the pastor will ask a question and the worshipper will answer). You can also give your testimonial and your experience. This is not possible for a big service like our current English service.

By God's grace, I can see the worshipers coming back and the increasing numbers of people as the work of our Lord! We also hope these services can bring more outsiders to come because I believe

we are the only Cantonese service in the Subang or Petaling Jaya area! Once the word spreads out, we believe this service will grow by God's blessing.

So, folks out there, spread the word around. Glory to be our Lord Jesus Christ.



by Francis Lau@Lan Kah Whye
Francis attends Cantonese Service



PrayerSpotlight

Prayer for Alpha

1. Pray that we will be sensitive to God's promptings to invite and accompany family and friends to Alpha 26
2. Pray for the attending guests to have their hearts prepared by God's Spirit to be seeking and open to the Gospel
3. Pray that God will provide people as facilitators, helpers, AV team, classrooms and enable the set up of team 3
4. Pray for a good turnout on July 11 and they will persevere in attending Alpha every week.
5. Pray for the Alpha team of facilitators and helpers to serve with love, care and humility. May they be guided in action and wisdom by the Holy Spirit.
6. Pray to the Lord for His mighty provision and protection on the Alpha class as they meet regularly on Thursdays starting 11 July