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# Blessings and lessons learned in Sri Lanka

On Thursday 7 April, Pastor Feran and Pastor Stephen took five of us to visit the 'Friends' orphanage, which is run by World Vision.

We spent an hour interacting with the 33 children, aged between 7 and 18. The children were happy to receive us. We sang songs and played games together. Edward shared a Bible story and Pastor Stephen translated.

After distributing the toys and games, we hugged the children and said goodbyes to them. We hope we did manage to brighten up the children's day.

After a week of teaching, sharing

and two separate graduations held in Chilaw and Colombo respectively, we concluded the mission trip and were ready to go home.

On the morning of 10 April, Sunday, we had a good buffet breakfast at Jetwing Blue Hotel followed by a group debrief. Trippers shared how they were very much blessed and encouraged through the experience and have personally learnt much from the teaching sessions.

As what Dieu had shared at the very start, often the trippers are the ones who are blessed more than the people we tried to

bleed. The team learnt that we do not need to over prepare as God will give us ideas and examples to effectively bring across messages, such as the examples of Eric Liddell and David Livingstone.

We were amazed too how the various skills each one possesses could come in handy at the most needed time.

The team was very encouraged by the faith and sacrifices of our brothers and sisters in Sri Lanka, and glad to be able to extend warmth and love to the trainees through interaction with them during breaks and conversations.



At the graduation ceremony

Su Tay, our newbie, sharing on "running the race with patience"



The graduating class



James sharing on how to delegate as a leader



Khee Fong making a point at CPI training





Dieu sharing at Chilaw



CPI trainees rededicating their lives to the Lord



Pastor and his wife – our hosts in Chilaw



CPI training at Chilaw

Feet washing – loving one another



Hwee Phen with Pastor Shawn interpreting





# Experiencing God's love and joy for Nepal



By Esther Lai

Eight team members went to Nepal for a mission trip in March 7 to 13 this year. We were involved in the CPI training and also the children's ministry at two orphanages. Nepal was a place that I had wanted to go for missions several years ago but had no opportunity.

This desire was planted in my heart when my church had her mission week and Nepal was one of the places that were featured in an exhibition. There was a board displaying pictures of previous mission trips and one particular photo of a Nepalese woman on her knees deep in worship and prayer moved me and left an impression that I could not forget for some time. A friend of mine knew that I was moved by that picture and he managed to secure the photograph for me when the exhibition was over. I kept it for some time and as a reminder to go when the opportunity arises. The opportunity came when Charles Yun texted one Sunday and I did not hesitate to say a 'yes'.

My task during the trip was to teach a small segment on 'Christian Leadership' in the CPI training modules. I always wondered about my own adequacy to teach the topics in the CPI manual. It was therefore, a little perplexing for me but nevertheless, I prepared



Our lady warriors taking a rest on arrival at Kathmandu

the lessons diligently.

As I was preparing for the trip, Jenny Susanto in a Whatsapp chat shared a segment of verses from 1 Samuel 15:22-23, which summarized so well the important lessons that I have learnt from this mission trip: But Samuel replied:

"Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the LORD?  
To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams.

<sup>23</sup> For rebellion is like the sin of divination, and arrogance like the evil of idolatry.

Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, he has rejected you as king."

Being involved in the work of the nations is really an act of obedience rather than one of

sacrifice. There is no sacrifice from us that will ever be adequate for God. Anything less than obedience will be like arrogance. It is like rejecting the word of God and He will reject us as He has done for Saul. Those verses shifted something in me and I started seeking the Lord in earnest and in silence to hear what He wants to say through to me to the Timothy's (CPI trainees). God speaks so we have to train our ears and heart to listen. Those were important revelation and what happened in the days after was a constant seeking the Lord in the preparation and delivery of those lessons that I felt so inadequate to teach. He inspired thoughts I never had, gave clarity when there was none, increased my understanding so that it became meaningful and moved my heart so that I could resonant with the messages. I



Ministering at the Women's fellowship



Making new friends at the Women's fellowship



With the orphans



Esther sharing in CPI class



Morning devotion

noticed that my confidence grew in the days leading up to the trip. This is our God who supplies every one of our needs and along with it, the needs of the Timothys. I also had many wonderful opportunities to learn from my brothers and sisters-in-Christ about how to teach the CPI during the trip.

During the trip, several of us were taken ill, but nothing could stop us from fulfilling the purposes of the trip. God had so emboldened our hearts, fortified our minds and strengthened our spirits that no prince of darkness can prevail. I recalled one particular experience I had: On the first day of the CPI training sessions, I was walking up to the front of the class to teach my first lesson, I felt a rising fever coming on as I was walking and it got higher when I started teaching. It was a strange

experience. The fever lasted through the whole trip including a week after coming back to Singapore. Yet, in all the time I had the fever, I did not feel ill at all. I worked, ate, rested, ministered without feeling the battering effects of a fever. This is the power of Christ which Paul prayed for and mentioned in Ephesians 1: 18-23:

<sup>18</sup> I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, <sup>19</sup> and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength <sup>20</sup> he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every

name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup> And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

My friends in the team felt that same fullness of Him 'who fills everything in every way' making the work a joy in every sense of the word. All glory to Him who loves us and gave Himself for us! It was a joy ministering to the Timothys and the children. We were there to give but we received much more than we gave. This is not unusual. It has happened to Paul in his many missional trips where he received power, encouragement, care, great joy in many of his partnerships. His partnerships were never one way streets.





# God's Glorious Kingdom shines in the Philippines

Seven of us flew to Davao/Panabo, Philippines. We were there from 3 to 9 May 2016.

This trip has been on our ICMS calendar since last year, and little did we know that the national elections would be held on 9 May, and we found ourselves in the fervor and excitement of the election hustings. We were privileged to

be part of this history-making event in the Philippines when a new president and government were elected to office.

It was no coincidence that we proposed to our Filipino brethren to bring forward the lesson on "God's Glorious Kingdom". This is divine appointment indeed!

The Church Planting Institute (CPI) training began on 3 May. The Spirit of the Lord moved

powerfully in our midst.

Many cried and knelt before the Lord in repentance. One young man wept bitterly – he told us later that it was as if God did a cleaning out of his heart.

The team moved in to pray and minister to them. What a glorious day! It is not so much on information but transformation the Lord desires.



Sally sharing on 'Prayer' in Cateel ▼

▲ CPI training at Panabo



◀ Helen Dieu sharing on 'Fellowship'





At the graduation ceremony ▶



Some of the first batch of CPI graduates in Panabo



Theresa Ng giving out certificates and pinning a memento on a CPI graduate ▶



Our church planter's family –Consor, Brenda and daughter Angel



Praying for the church in Cateel



The floor of the church building – need funds to cement it



Inside the church building our church planter built

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# Thanksgiving and celebrations



Thanksgiving and church anniversary celebration – children performing a song item



This is how we travel in Cateel



Food galore



Church on a hill cannot be hidden



A roasted pig for the anniversary celebration



Drawing water from a well



Celebrating fruitfulness and abundance of the Lord

## ICM Singapore Calendar of Events 2016

Note: Please check regularly for updates and changes.

Jun 9-15 | HCM City Vietnam | Pastors' conference  
Jun 25 | Singapore | BOD/luncheon

Jul 11-16 | Myanmar | CPI training

Aug 11-16 | Siem Reap Cambodia | CPI training

Sep 1-3 | Singapore | IDMC  
Sep 17 | Singapore | AGM  
Sep TBA | Myanmar | CPI 2  
Sep 19-28 | Nepal | CPI training, Advanced Timothy

Oct 3-7 | Davao/Panabo | CPI training/graduation  
Mid-October | Thailand | Annual Fire Conference  
Oct 15 | Singapore | BOD/luncheon

Nov 4 | Singapore | ICMS 26th Anniversary Dinner  
Nov 14-19 | Sri Lanka | CPI training/graduation  
Nov TBA | Myanmar | CPI 3

Dec 1-8 | Cambodia/Thailand | Annual Christmas Outreach

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