

DEAR FRIENDS,

### This is my Father's world

Forgive me for this late 1st update this year but really, it's been a most exhilarating journey this 2<sup>1/2</sup> months. Late last year, the Lord led 48 young people to be interviewed for Project Serve - a short-term full-time program designed for Christian youths to be equipped and engaged in the work of youth evangelism. Of these 48 people, 7 of them came to join PArts.

I remember my apprehension in meeting the individuals for their interview. With no idea what sort of person to expect, I thought about the Project Serve program and wondered if we as staff would be responsible to walk them through this 10 week journey. I thank God for graciously providing manpower aid in the form of staff and key volunteers who stepped in to help supervise and befriend these project servants. They extended care and encouragement to the project servants in their increasing fatigue and busyness in the work. I'm also thankful that the Lord works mightily regardless of my inexperience and inadequacies, to allow the 7 project servants to be part of kingdom work through street contact work, school programs, a Garage event as well as a mission trip to Malacca.

It has been very encouraging to see how each project servant has been growing in their understanding of their faith in Christ, their appreciation for the Gospel, as well as their passion for ministry to the lost. Some picked up new skills related to the performing arts while others learnt to put aside their love of performing when necessary, to make use of other resources and gifts that God has given them, to order to become channels which God could use to minister to all types of people. We thank God for the many contacts made, for several who want to know more about Jesus Christ and for many others whom can be invited for future evangelistic events. Please pray along with me that no matter where the Lord leads each of the 48 project servants, that they will remember their God and their kingdom duty to bring the gospel of salvation to others around them. Please also pray for them as they consider possible areas of continued ministry with SYFC and PArts, for good time management and clear conviction to persevere in ministry and vocation amidst other commitments.

### He speaks to me everywhere

Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" - John 21:15b  
 And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me." - John 21:19b

There is this website which I like to frequent. The website carries very witty observations made by a copywriter and recently there was a tribute to the loss of a quarterback by an American football team. It carried a heading that read "What we lack in rhythm, we make up for it in heart". A quarterback is often regarded as a very key player on the football field and the loss of any teammate makes it difficult for the team to play together with the same cohesiveness and chemistry as before hence the lack of rhythm.

Often I struggle with doing new things. I get uncomfortable with the idea of working with new people, making mistakes as we learn together or doing anything new at all. I am fearful of losing the rhythm of the work as a result of new circumstances or direction e.g. precious friends and staff leaving the ministry. I am guessing that the apostles struggled with these things too, especially having to see their leader Jesus Christ beaten and tortured then executed at the cross. Peter did not handle his fear well, denying the Lord 3 times just after he had promised to lay down his own life for Christ. The above verses serve as a very sobering reminder. To those who love the Lord, Christ has called us to follow Him in His example of life and ministry even in the face of dangers and uncertainties to come.

Please keep the performing arts ministry in your prayers. In the face of changes, we will need tenacity and focus to continue serving faithfully without being too distracted. In the work, we will need courage and trust in the Lord that He is sovereign and He makes our finite efforts significant. Like the football players, I may lack rhythm in the work but I pray I won't be found lacking in my love for Christ.



#### PArts people big and small!

Peeling 'kam', tempted by 'bah kwa' and chomping on pizza with the people I serve with in the ministry - key volunteers, project servants and Christian students.

WE SERVE A GRACIOUS LORD,

