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FEEDBACK ON LAST SHARING EVENT ON DECEMBER 4TH 2010

Last Saturday's sharing event took place at Bellaire & Beltway 8. Five people helped: Wanchan Ohyan from Fort Bend Community Church, Pastor Jose Toledo from Iglesia Plenitud De Amor, Tony Lara and Jose from Segunda Iglesia Bautista Libertad and Gerri Morales from Chinese Bible Church. Tony Lara, Joel Lara's son, preached the word with the title "Flip side of the coin."

Tony used an analogy of how God will take vengeance and will scorn at wicked man whom are sinners. Tony used the verse Deuteronomy 32:35 which helped reinforce this concept. The people who heard the message were very attentive. Again, Pastor Jose Toledo brought his guitar, which attracted the worker's attention.

The workers were very appreciative of everything that we were doing including our planned weekly bible study that is going to be held every Wednesdays at 6:30-8:30p.m at SunBlossom Garden Apartments, 5900 Ranchester # 1107, Houston, TX 77036.

Thanks to the named brothers and sisters' help in this sharing event.

RESULTS ON THE 1ST APARTMENT BIBLE STUDY

On December 2nd 2010 Wanchan and Gerri met with an apartment manager who allowed HIMN to use the apartment complex's club house to host a weekly bible study for the Spanish workers whom we've reached or even welcome its Spanish residents to come and join.

On December 8, 2010, in the afternoon, Wanchan went out to distribute more flyers to the workers standing around the corner where we usually have our street sharing and to invite them to come to that evening bible study. Gerri went to prepare spaghetti and drink for the bible study.

Around 6:30pm, the bible study time, it was dark and cold. Nobody showed up except Pastor Poon, Wanchan, Gerri and Miriam Huang, a new sister from FBCC. We had a “shepherd” and several servants, but “no sheep”. Maybe after a long day’s standing in the cold weather, the workers didn’t want to come out in the cold night to a strange place.

However, we ourselves had some fellowship time and prayer. We discussed what we could improve and change. Pastor Poon shared his successful experience in Chinese apartment ministry and ESL classes. We decided to prepare questionnaires, asking these workers of where most of them live and what kind of services they need most.

To do God’s work, we are being trained to be persevering and humble to learn the efficient way to do HIS works.

OTHER APPROACHES

On Monday December 13th 2010, HIMN conducted a survey to know the needs of the alien workers. The results show very clearly that the interest of these people is not attending a Sunday worship service nor a weekly bible study. Their full focus and the first priority is to find a job since they have very little to survive. Getting these men into church is not easy. HIMN is considering to launch a new way to meet the needs of these people, providing an outdoor ESL class to them at the same site where HIMN hosts its biweekly sharing events. The ESL class will incorporate the Gospel of Jesus Christ into the teaching materials! Please give your feedback about this possible approach and continue to pray for HIMN’s methods in targeting these aliens effectively.

WINTER CLOTHING DISTRIBUTION

HIMN is not only giving food and gospel tracks to these alien workers, but also giving winter clothing. We are greatly appreciative of Light and Salt Association’s generosity for their help in this clothing project. If you or know someone who has any unwanted winter clothing items, please let HIMN know about it. Items for men such as pants, jackets, sweaters and mittens are ideal.

At the current time, HIMN is partnering with Light and Salt Association; however, we are also taking donations from individuals.

NEXT SHARING EVENT

Next sharing event will be on December 18th 2010 at 8:00-9:30a.m. Please join us!

DONATION

It has been more than a year since last fund raising. We really need your financial help. Please sponsor our organization to help these alien workers, one of the most disadvantaged groups of people in the U.S., who are poor and don't have any legal protection in the U.S. They need God to help them go through their lives of hardship.

If you are willing to help out, please write a check to "HIMN" and send it to 10333 Harwin Dr., Suite 541, Houston, TX 77036. We are a non-profit organization and your donation will be qualified for tax deduction.

Your sponsorship is greatly appreciated.

PARTNERSHIP WITH OTHER CHURCHES

HIMN is trying to partner with Chinese speaking churches and Spanish speaking churches in order to pursue its goals. One strategy that we are doing is to send local churches letters of support along with a DVD with pictures of sharing events.