



HIMN December Newsletter Part 2

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12/15/2012 SHARING EVENT AT WEST PARK

Andrew's Notes:

I arrived at the Shell gas station at around 8:20 AM and Mrs. Wanchan arrived shortly after. She informed me that we were only going to have the event at the Chimney Rock location (the second of the two locations at West Park where we do the sharing events). She drove us to Chimney Rock where we met up with Benjamin Tze's small group. We began setting up the food, drinks, and clothes. Paco, Olvin, and another member of their church arrived at around 8:55. We began around 9:00 with a word of prayer. Then, two high school girls played three Christmas songs (one with a violin and one with a cello). After the songs, Olvin shared his testimony with the workers. Then, in a surprising twist, the two girls played more Christmas songs with a choir from Benjamin's small group. The choir sang three songs (the first two in Chinese). Then, Paco preached the message. After the message, we served them the food and drinks as well as hand out the clothes. We finished the event with a raffle and a word of prayer at around 10:20 AM.

Paco's Report:

Brother Ben started praying at the event, after that we called all the workers, they were about 40 or 50 ; I really didn't count them; but they were so many; later 2 young sisters played beautiful songs; then Brother Olvin gave his testimony, after that a Choir from Ben's Church sang 3 specials Christmas songs; and then I started preaching but this event was really different , we need to confront the devil face to face , because when we are going to the street to preach , we are going like soldiers we confront the enemy hand to hand; Ephesians 6:12 "For our battle is not against flesh and blood...is against the spiritual forces of the evil". The devil can take empty body for use it (Act 16:16,18 ; Mark 5 : 8,9) , but we have the Holy Spirit into us, that the reason Paul said in Romans 8:31 and 37 " If God be for us , who can be against us? ; "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us". We trust in our Lord and we finish the event satisfactorily. We gave to the workers Food and Clothes and many present by drawing. Brother Isaiah finished the event praying to thank our Lord for all his care.

Only one worker, his name is Maximo was reconciled to the Lord. We do not count our work as the world does, we advance firmly leading the way and putting the firmament which is Christ in the hearts of the men.

God bless all rest of the brothers and sisters that I did not mention but God knows the work of them. 1 Corinthians 15:58.

In Love of Christ.

Paco Ramos.

Benjamin's Report

On December 15, two English small groups from FBCC joined with He Is My Neighbor (HIMN) volunteers, and the Voice of Joy Christian Choir to serve about 60-70 migrant workers. On that day, we served under the West Park toll bridge at Chimney Rock.

We choose HIMN as our Christmas project because this is more than a social service. They actually preach the Gospel to them. This Saturday event is part of their regular outreach ministry. HIMN has regular outreach programs in 4 locations.

On that day, we started with youth string duet playing Christmas carols and then the Voice of Joy Christian Choir from our church sang 3 songs, including two Christmas carols. The migrant workers are interested on the music. They probably have little experience with Chinese songs.

Then the preacher, Peco, presented a powerful message in Spanish and a brother delivered his testimony. I noticed many people are touched by his message. After the message, we pass out food and drinks. Finally, we had a drawing for Christmas gift. We pass out about 30 Christmas gift. I can see the joy of their face when they receive a Christmas gift.

After finish passing out food, drinks, toothpaste and clothes, many of them came back for more. I can feel they really need them. We prepared over 82 drinks and over 60 sandwiches, many clothes, 30 some gifts. We pass out almost everything we have. Many people came back and asked for more food, drinks, clothes, and toothpaste. I can see the service is really needed. Many people are touched by the message. Some event shed tears. Early this month, four men accepted Christ through HIMN.

We don't speak Spanish. This limitation humbles us. But I thank God that He uses us as a channel of love and point them to Jesus. These migrant workers know some English and they are willing to speak and learn English. I wish we have more time so we talk to them more about Jesus.

I thank God and praise God that HIMN has many faithful believers. It is a joy to serve with them. We would love to serve with them again in the future.

