



HIMN December Newsletter Part 3

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12/22/2012 SHARING EVENT AT WEST BELLFORT

Andrew's Notes:

I arrived at the West Bellfort location at 8:00 AM, where I met *Morgan Guo*. *James Yu*, his brother *Allen*, *Mrs. Wanchan's* small group, and *Pastor Joel Lara* all arrived by 8:40. We begun with a word of prayer, then proceeded to pass out tracts to the workers. *Mrs. Wanchan's* daughter *Salena* and one of her friends practiced the songs that we were going to sing for the workers. *Salena* played the flute and her friend played the clarinet. The rest of us sang the songs the best we could but unfortunately we forgot some of the words. Then *Pastor Joel* preached a sermon, after which we passed out the donuts and water that *Morgan* brought. Lastly, we passed out the gifts and clothes from the clothing drive and finished with a closing prayer at around 9:40 AM.

Mrs. Wanchan's report:

We had 3 young musicians showing up; yet no songs had been prepared before coming to the event.

We had several gifts prepared; yet, we didn't have raffle for workers to draw the gifts.

We had winter clothing; yet, we didn't design well to distribute them effectively.

May God forgive our laziness in doing his work.

Yet, we had about 10 volunteers showing up and willing to share God's love with migrant workers.

We had a pastor *Joel Lara* committed to share gospel with these workers.

God still used this ill-prepared sharing event to do His work and show His love!



12/29/2012 SHARING EVENT AT WOODRIDGE

Andrew's Notes:

My family (my parents and younger brother *Daniel*) and I arrived at the Woodridge location at 8:20 AM. *Mrs. Wanchan*, her daughter *Salena*, a new volunteer *Lucy*, and *Pastor Joel Lara* arrived a little later and we began at 8:40 with a word of prayer. My mom, *Lucy*, and *Pastor Joel* began passing out tracts to the workers while *Mrs. Wanchan*, *Salena*, *Daniel*, my dad, and I prepared the clothes, gifts, and bottled water. We sang "Amazing Grace" and *Pastor Joel* preached his message. Then we passed out the gifts, clothes and bottled water. We finished at 9:30 with a closing prayer.

Mrs. Wanchan's report:

God provided his workers and prepared His audience!

Andrew's parents, Andrew's younger brother *Daniel*, *Lucy* and *Salena Huang* came to the event. We also had *Pastor Joel Lara* preaching. So, totally 8 volunteers came.

Before we went to the sharing location at Woodridge, I was surprised to see a crowd already there. It was very unusual. Migrant workers at this location, even though quite a number, are usually widespread. They don't mix because they come from different countries. Many times the preacher has to do preaching for several small groups of people several times.

However, today a car accident had gathered them together already. So, *Pastor Lara* quickly started preaching after a song of *Amazing Grace*.

I heard a migrant worker continued corresponding pastor's message with "Halleluiah" "Yes", "Thank God!" "Praise God!"... It seems that an angel was reckoning our efforts in this early chilling morning by echoing the pastor's message with God's voice.

In the middle of preaching, a migrant worker suddenly stole a jacket out of piles of used winter clothing we prepared without getting our permission. We were angry for his disruption. When we realized he didn't have enough clothing to resist the coldness in this chilly morning (temperate maybe around 38-40 degrees), we felt sorry for him. He couldn't bear the coldness.

A worker accepted Jesus as his savior.

Gifts were given out. Migrant workers were thrilled to get something back home.

