



HE IS MY NEIGHBOR

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A MINISTRY ON MIGRANT WORKERS SINCE 2009

3/10 Bellaire - Pr. Jesus, Oleg, Jerry, Bob, Pr. Douglas and church brother

This Saturday on the 10th of March, we went to the Home Depot in the Bellaire area by the Sam Houston Tollway for the HIMN neighbor ministry. Pastor Oleg, Pastor Douglas, Pastor Jesus, Bob, and Jerry arrived around 8:30 AM and began to setup the food and drinks. It was a mild morning, and we had prepared bananas, water, juice, and bread for the workers in the area.

After setting up the mic, Pastor Jesus began to preach as we invited the workers and people to the area to come eat breakfast. We passed out pamphlets and water and bananas to the people in the area. Unfortunately, none of the workers came to gather upon hearing Pastor Jesus' preaching. Perhaps tensions were high that day with work and it being the beginning of the month.

As we left, we were able to take down the names and phone numbers of the workers. We met various people, including a man named Caesar from Colombia. We prayed for the workers and concluded with a prayer asking for God's grace and word to continue to touch and speak to the people in this area and of this world seeking His word. Although this weekend was not quite as successful in outreach as previous weeks, there is always the hope through Christ Jesus.

Amen.

Jerry H.

Sugar Land Chinese Baptist Church







3/17/18 @ Woodridge - Bro. Paco and Team, Bob, Kris and FBCC team



Each of our locations are unique in it's own way; West Belfort location is unique in that the people here tend to be not as friendly somehow. Because of that, we put extra efforts in getting to know them and serve them.

It was such a blessing to have brothers and sisters of the “合一小组” Small Group of FBCC join us this morning; seeing these children willing to come serve God on Saturday morning is especially joyous. Those also present are Pastor Santiago, Alfredo, Bob, Paco, and Kris.

Brother Paco and I set out to invite the migrant workers while the rest of the brothers and sisters set up the table, food, and equipment. Soon we started our message.

About half of the migrant workers in the area were still reluctant to come to us, so I aimed the speaker toward them and continue to motion them to come.

At the end of the sermon, Paco called for those who repent and wanting to be saved by the grace of God and the accomplished salvation work of Christ. Anacleto Jaimes came forward and indicated he wanted to be saved. Paco led him in a prayer to admit his sin and receive salvation from Christ. We all prayed for him and gave him a bible and encouraged him to find a church home the next day.



We had a special ending note for this event; toward the end of the event, a man came forth and introduced himself to us. Saul did not look like any of the men we encountered that day; he almost had a glow on his face.



He told us that he received salvation in one of our previous events and he recognizes us. He has been attending church regularly and his life has taken a dramatic turn since then. This was especially encouraging, knowing that even though we are unable to follow up with the new believers we encounter, God Almighty is still guiding and protecting His own. He would not let His sheep go astray! Hearing the testimony of this young man was the most rewarding and joyous.

Praise our Abba Father in Heaven!

3/24 Westpark - Pr. Jesus, Douglas, Chris and FBCC team

Proverb 19:17

Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed.

The Holy Spirit brought us a surprise today. What started off as a failed ministry event quickly became a testament to the Lord's power and how the Holy Spirit works in unexpected ways. .

It seems that because our particular group of HIMN volunteers has not visited this location in a while that many of our migrant brothers did not recognize us. So although we handed out tracks and gave several talks and encouragement in Spanish to extend warm invitations to our friends to receive the Lord's word that Pastor Jesus was sharing. However, none, not even one migrant brother would visit our table and share the Christ's message. As half of our 1.5 ministry was already over, we were still trying to encourage our migrant brothers to come closer and receive blessings. Still none were moved.

Then one brother, one of the older migrant brothers and what seem to be the only migrant brother to remember our HIMN ministry from the distant past came over and said hello. He listened to the Word and said he would let his other migrant brothers know we had a long ministry history at this location and would prompt them to join us. He seemed to take joy in sharing in Spanish that we could be trusted, that we are not part of US Immigration in any way and that we offer genuine prayers and blessings. Within 1-2 minutes we had over a dozen to 15 migrant brothers gathering closely to Pastor Jesus to hear his gospel message. Shortly thereafter we gave personal blessings and asked for those willing to come to Christ to step forward. Our migrant brothers were moved and eager to pray with us. It was clear they had a profound fear, real fear of any immigration links we might have and that was the reason they collectively stayed away in the first half of our ministry gathering.

Praise the Lord we then shared food and drink together, the Holy Spirit took over after several of us prayed silently to our Lord to please reveal what God's plan is today - how will this ministry event end after beginning with literally not one migrant brother in attendance. We learn and confirm at different times and in different ways, for men certain things are impossible, for the Lord nothing is impossible!

Please continue to pray and raise up our migrant brothers in your prayers.

For His glory,

Chris

HIMN Staff Volunteer







3/31/18 @ Haden Park - Wanchan, Bob, Su, & Pr. Douglas

Today we had Bob, Su Chang, Douglas and me. The breakfast was prepared by sister Eveline. Su Chang has been to the sharing events several times. She always takes initiative to contact me and other directors for joining the sharing events. Su is undergoing cancer treatment. Her critical health condition didn't stop her from joining sharing events. She is an inspiring example.

I felt quite guilty when I saw other directors' dedication to HIMN. Kris and Christopher always well prepare the events. Highly effective Yet, my preparation was always last-minute one. It reminds me of God's expectation of me, "**Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.**" (Romans 12:11)

I also see the love and caring Pastor Oleg has shown to Douglas. He has always tried to help Douglas in every way. During last several years, because of this, Douglas and Jesus have been our preachers faithfully. This constant preaching force enables us to move forward.

Bob is a “silent” director. Yet, almost every Saturday he showed up to give support.

I told Su Chang that I am very grateful that we have these dedicated brothers. God also taught me that perseverance pays off. One time there was only me staying in HIMN. Just a little perseverance, God brought dedicated workers to HIMN.

When Douglas was preaching, I was praying for the event. In the past, during the preaching, I was always anxious that no or few workers would come to us and showed interested, some workers might be distracted and left in the middle of the preaching, or preaching might not be so inspiring, ...

Then I remembered the lesson in Exodus 3 I learned several days ago. Moses said to God when HE asked him to go back to Egypt to lead Israelites out of Egypt,

“Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”

And God replied, “**I will be with you.**”

It is God who does all the work. He is with us and doing the work. Only God can grow the seed into plants. I should rest in peace and not worry. At that moment, I decided not to worry about the workers’ responses or how many migrant workers would show up in the events. God will do the works. We are just doing what we are supposed to do.

Wanchan Ohyan

