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Pastor's Sharing – Become His real disciples

Rev. Almon Li

The church theme for this year is “follow in the Lord's steps and become His real disciples”. I have already shared the meaning of “follow in the Lord's steps” in the January 2017 Newsletter. Now, I will share with you what it means to “become His real disciples”.

The word “disciples” refers to the people who follow Jesus. They are Jesus' students who live with Him and learn from His teachings. “Disciples” in Hebrew is also defined as students. Disciples follow Jesus, learn from His ways, obey and inherit His teachings. So when a person becomes a disciple of the Lord, he or she will definitely change and become more like Jesus.

Nowadays, the world is filled with fake things. Sadly, the church also has fake Christians. John 2:23-24 says: “Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in His name when they saw the signs that He was doing. But Jesus on His part did not entrust himself to them, because He knew all people”. This means that a lot of people believed in Jesus but Jesus did not believe them because their faith is not real.

The world has its own ways of identifying and separating between real and fake things. The bible also provides us with examples of how to distinguish what is real. One example is that King Solomon identified the real mother through a sword. The bible also provides us with a method to identify real Christians and Jesus illustrates this as two different gates.

The Narrow and Wide Gates (Matthew 7:13-14)

Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.

Here, the two different gates represent the two different paths for both real and fake disciples.

The path for fake disciples is one that leads to destruction. The gate that leads to destruction is wide and easy to access and it means that people can randomly go through without any form of restriction. The people on this path can do whatever they please as there are no restrictions. These people speak carelessly, weave tales, criticise, make empty

promises irresponsibly, boast, and verbally attack and harm others. They are often careless and free in speech. These people only look to their own interests and will do anything to achieve their goals, even if it means to act shamelessly and unscrupulously. They even view their careless and unrestricted behaviours as part of their own ability.

The bible instructs us to separate ourselves from these fake Christians and not follow in their ways. Unfortunately, many Christians are still living like the rest of the society. On the surface, these people talk about morals; but deep down, they do not do what God instructs them to do. They lead the same life as the rest of the world. Their actions are careless and unrestricted. They were once on the path that leads to destruction, and now, they are still on that same path. Even though on the surface, they believed in Jesus, they have no intention to be transformed by God. Real disciples on the other hand, enter the narrow gate and walk down the hard path that leads to life. Christians who walk on this narrow path live a life according with God's teaching. This is a life blessed by God. Therefore, they do not live a life like those on the wide path, without restrictions.

Science and theology are very different. Science is about relativism, but theology is about absolutism. Einstein's theory of relativity, simply put, is that one thing can be viewed in many ways. For example, to a couple who is deeply in love, facing each other for an hour would only seem like a minute to them. But to a couple who has a sour relationship, facing each other for an hour would seem like a day to them. Theology or God's truth is absolute, and therefore, cannot be compromised. So when Christians hold funeral services, they would not hold a church ceremony in the morning and a worldly ritual at night.

Today, the church is attacked by countless people, saying that it is too conservative. We need to know that although worldly knowledge changes over time, Jesus' truth never changes. God's love, grace and promises stay the same yesterday, today and forever.

The God who created us has His own way of thinking. Humans also have their own ways of thinking. We cannot compromise God's way of thinking with those of humans. We should not follow Chinese customs and rituals (to be continued in page 4)

The Worship and Multi-media Ministry at Hills Christian Alliance Church exists to Love God, Love People, and Follow Jesus.

The team is a group of people who give honor and glory to our Creator and King through music and through our daily service. Realizing that our service is how we demonstrate what we value most, we choose to give the best of our talents, efforts and creativity to God.

Planning of the team

- A. To live a life of faith - Recognizing the importance and divine nature of calling in each of our lives, all of us are called to be worshipers of the Lord and we are called to serve in the Body of Christ. (Ephesians 1:18-19)
- B. To be competent - We serve the body with our gifts and talents and we strive to improve ourselves as musicians and technicians in order to bless the Lord with our very best; not for our glory, but for His.

“And the men did the work faithfully with foremen over them to supervise... all who were skilful with musical instruments.” (2 Chronicles 34:12)

“And their number who were trained in singing to the Lord...all who were skilful...” (1 Chronicles 25:7)

“And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” (Colossians 3:17)

- C. To serve the Lord in humility - This is a very public ministry that is under submission to the Lord and to the authority God has placed over us. We are a community united by our service to the Lord and we are intent on living out Philippians 2:2-7 “Make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind. Let each of you regard one another as more important than himself; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.”

We give many thanks to God that we have seen remarkable spiritual growth in our congregation over the last few months. We have started to train more leaders for the future, and some of the younger members have committed to take up leadership roles.



Last year we started our cell ministry. Our young leaders have relied on God in their leadership and each group is bonding and growing well. We have two senior groups for university and above, and three junior groups for high schoolers. The two senior groups have grown in number throughout the year, and the relationships within each group has grown tremendously too. The three junior groups together form the Flashlight, our youth fellowship. This year, with the year 12s moving up to the senior groups, so one of our aims this year is to outreach and bring more newcomers in.

In the second half of last year, we had two bible study classes, both classes had regular attendances of around 10-15 people, which is encouraging and shows the congregation’s desire to learn more about the Bible. After a break in January, our classes will start again in February.

Our brothers and sisters have had the passion to outreach and make an impact to the wider community. From September to November last year, Pastor Fredrick led a team of volunteers to join the free meal service at St John’s Anglican Church Glebe once a month to help serve the

meals and talk to the people there. It was encouraging to see what other Christian organisations are doing to reach out to the local community.

For our Christmas event last year, we had “The Biggest Birthday Party”. We wanted to invite those who do not normally celebrate Christmas or those may be feeling lonely. We handed out flyers on the streets, put up

posters and invited friends. Some sixty people came and more than ten newcomers.

In January, we had our English youth camp, of which the theme was “Desiring God”. We had a total of 44 campers including the speaker, Pastor Nam Doan. God really spoke to everyone through His servant and everyone was challenged by His word to think seriously about their faith and their desire for God in response to His love. Everyone also had a great time of fellowship. We hope that everyone continues to have that desire for the rest of their lives.

As part of the C&MA, we have a strong focus on mission. So this year we plan to join the Cantonese congregation’s Dubbo Mission on some of their trips. We have also planned to go on a two-week mission trip to China in December. With the assistance from Cornerstone and led by Pastor Fredrick, we hope a team of faithful servants will take up this opportunity and reach out to the people there.

May God continue to bless all these ministries and may all our brothers and sisters keep serving faithfully so that we may impact the world through waking in Christ.

The church theme for this year is "Devotion and Pray, Walk with God Everyday". We hope that through this theme brothers and sisters will be able to lead a spiritual life and to get into the habit of daily devotion and praying. Also, to live in accordance with the bible's teachings, to put God as our priority and glorify Him.

Last December, the Advisory Committee of Mandarin Church Plant had a thorough discussion on the methods and measures to put this slogan into motion, so that we can walk the talk.

1. In fellowships and cell groups: Catering the need of each group, the cell group leader shall educate their members on the importance of leading a spiritual life and to encourage them into developing a habit of daily devotions. From 5-minute daily devotions to longer devotions progressively.

2. Spiritual companion: To encourage brothers and sisters to find a Spiritual Companion of the same sex to pray for each other and to support one another on devotions and prayers constantly, so as to be closer to God; to also share their thoughts after devotion and make each other's lives anew.
3. Testimonies and sharing: To share personal testimonies in life, thoughts and reflections after devotion in a fellowship or cell group setting or even to the whole congregation.
4. Monthly sermon to cover this topic.
5. Regular bible quizzes.
6. To provide devotion materials when needed.

We hope that everyone in the congregation can have stable and regular devotions, to live by the teachings of the bible and to evolve into a more spiritual living.

English Translation: Iris Chau

Worship Ministry

Vivian Hung

(Editor: The Mandarin Congregation was planted in 2006. It has followed HCAC to adopt the pastoral approaches of "worship & praise" and "cell church". The Mandarin worship ministry is responsible for leading congregational singing in Sunday services. Below is the sharing by Vivian Hung, the head of worship ministry, through an interview with her.)



Currently, there are 18 members in the Mandarin worship team. The team includes 5 worship leaders, 5 vocalists, 2 keyboardists, 1 guitarist and 3 sound men and 3 PPT operators. The worship team rehearse every Sunday morning at 9:45-10:45 am in the Senior Hall before having their final rehearsal at 11 am in the Pennant Hills Community Hall. It ends 5 minutes before the service.

We thank God for guiding the worship ministry and for brothers and sisters who are willing to serve humbly and faithfully in their roles. We are especially thankful for musicians who serve on a weekly basis and for members who organise the PPT. Thank God for blessing them with both a faithful and passionate heart. We also thank God for our three sound men who arrive early to tune the sound system so that our service can run smoothly.

With regards to interaction amongst team members, we would use WeChat and hold regular meetings every six months. The meetings include dinner, prayers, review of problems, and solutions for improvements. We hope that these support our team members in their spiritual lives as well as music skills. We will continue to learn, encourage and improve in Christ.

Song choice is vital in worship. It is one of the ways that communicates and expresses the message of truth. Both the melody and lyrics are soul to a song. Therefore, we are cautious when choosing new songs each month. We would categorise the songs into worship songs and response songs. Apart from having a lovely tune and outstanding lyrics, hymns need to be theologically correct and in line with biblical truths. Songs for response may include ones that heal, encourage and initiate right attitudes. We would consider using any Mandarin song for worship service if they meet the above criteria.

A clear and balanced sound system is also important in delivering the hymns across to the congregation. It also allows the congregation to listen to the sermon clearly and focus on worshipping God. With regards to what instruments we use, we would look at the original style of the song. In order for team members to harmoniously express the songs, we would follow the original style of the songs. Some songs are more appropriate to be led by the guitarist whereas some are more suitable to be led by the keyboardist. Worship leaders need to have these skills to arrange a piece of music and we still have a lot to learn and improve.

In 2017, we will attempt to encourage the congregation to immerse themselves in worship. We understand that as worship leaders, our role is to help the congregation to focus on God. Therefore, we need to lead by example and affect others with our very lives. May God continue to use each one of us. May we be beckoned to bring the sacrifice of praise and follow Him with grateful hearts.

In this new year, we look forward to being blessed with strength and gifted team members. We pray that God will continue to bless our church. Hopefully, our weekly service will serve as a spiritual attraction that is absent in the society so that Chinese non-believers will come to know

God through our testimony. May we serve like servants, comply with sound guidelines and work harmoniously in Christ. Through Jesus, may we forever bring the sacrifice of praise to the Lord.

English Translation: Carol Li

Life no longer the same

Winnie Chan



Under God's guidance, I made a move from the English-speaking church, which I had attended for many years, to Hills Christian Alliance Church in February last year. As a newcomer to HCAC, I would like to familiarize with the church as well as its people. Therefore I joined the course "Life no longer the same" conveyed by Deacon Anna

Kwok. The main theme of this course is that every believer is a chosen one and the beloved of God. The introduction of the course states: "Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day – and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing" (2 Tim 4:8). This caused me to think: Really, who are we? Nevertheless, our Lord cares for us and store for us our crowns! This is by grace alone even though we don't deserve it!

This course embraced the contents that believers are chosen people, being blessed and ultimately be a blessing to others. Before we could turn a blessing to others, we have to rise up to the challenge of being "crushed". The Bible (Col 3:9-10) elaborates "the how" well: "We have taken off our old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator".

Our tutor brought our attention to Psalm 119, from which we could see the essential necessity of bible reading to the development of our spiritual life. A key message from

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mindlessly as some conflict with our faith. If Christians choose to follow the church and worldly customs at the same time, they are not being loyal to God and are walking on the path that leads to destruction.

All children of God cannot be careless in their thoughts and actions as they are restricted by the truth. As Apostle Paul points out in Galatians 5:11 "In that case the offense of the cross has been removed". "In that case" means that this way works and so does that way. The whole sentence states that if Christians were to be careless, the cross that symbolises our faith will be removed because there are no more restrictions. True disciples who walk in truth are obnoxious to the world, but those who do not walk in truth are obnoxious to God.

Brothers and sisters, hold firm and follow God on the path towards eternity, which is blessed by God. It is a life that is maintained and restricted by God's truth.

Psalm 119 is that the notable stamp of believers is a thirst for God's word. When we follow the example of the psalmist who was thinking and meditating God's word by mouth as well as in heart day and night, we learn to live out God's word in our life when "we eat or drink or whatever we do, we do it all for the glory of God" (1 Cor 10:31).

The course helps to transform me in that the awakening in God's word permeates my daily living and transcends some of my day to day situations. I like to read the Bible or do some biblical readings on the train in a quiet carriage. Sometimes, when I was annoyed by noisy passengers who did not comply with the regulation, I felt the urge to walk up and teach them a lesson. These days, I would rather stay calm by His word "in quietness and trust is my strength" (Isa 30:15), than to consider I am perfect enough to pass my judgments on others. Also, I would remind myself that it is not my job but the work of the Lord to judge us (1 Cor 4:4). Another time, my anger was high rocketing due to office politics. When I was about to react irrationally, His word rang in my ears "Man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires" (James 1:20). I paused to ask myself: Will such behaviours found favour in God's eyes?

To live our life no longer the same, we begin with desiring for more of God's word as "His word is a lamp to our feet and a light for our path" (Ps 119:105). Then we have to obey and live out His word in our life so as to "set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity" (1 Tim 4:12). Last but not least, our own standards always fall short of God's measures, so we have to live by "not as I will, but as You will" (Mt 26:39)

English Translation: Carol Li

The clear sky seemed to glow in the soft moonlight. A group of men and women sat quietly in a circle as 2016 drew to a close. As the clock struck 8.30pm, sweet melodious voices could be heard singing:



Every step we take, You lead us with Your grace. Your love, Your hand will hold us close to You.
Every step we take, You lead us with Your grace. Your love, Your hand will guide us through the path of grace.
(The Path of Grace)

“The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me; to one who orders his way rightly I will show the salvation of God!” (Psalm 50:23, ESV). God’s grace is as abundant as the sand on the beach. Group members did not compete to speak first. Rather, they let others express their thanks and praises first while listening quietly and giving their own thanks.

Brothers:

1. This brother was so close to death but God saved him so that he could see the light of day once more! Hallelujah! Praise the Lord.
2. He experienced the sweetness of serving God. He understood that his service was acceptable to God and that he had been blessed with wisdom and talent throughout his service.
3. From zero faith to having complete trust in the Lord, this brother was confident that God had prepared the path of grace for his family. The love of Jesus will also continue to lead his two sons down this path.

4. Although he was raised in a large family with different ideologies and religions, he was thankful that they were able to live harmoniously with love.

Countless troubles are washed away with the waves. I now sing gladly for the vice in my heart is completely gone.
Forget about the tears in the past, for today I am saved and God’s grace will continue to follow me for the rest of my life.
(Tune of Grace)

Sisters:

1. Burdened with worries and pestered with ailments, this sister was fortunate to have Jesus to drive off these unwanted businesses. The family doctor also advised her to pay attention to her diet and exercise routines.
2. During her service and training, she was deeply moved by how much Jesus cared for each person.
3. She was thankful for a healthy body so that she could look after her own family and care for her in-laws.
4. God’s love and grace surrounded her son, and she was thankful for the decease of her troubles and tears.
5. A car nearly knocked her down while she was travelling overseas but she still got back in time after her trip for the final moments of his father’s life. She felt that it was all God’s grace.
6. She felt that her career path had troubled her for a century and now she had decided to finally let go and entrust herself to the Lord!

Because of Jesus, a life filled with darkness and hopelessness is now transformed into a path of grace. Because of Jesus, a life without light and future is now transformed into a path of hope.

English Translation: Carol Li

Deacon Board’s Retreat and Planning Day

Deacon Anna Kwok

The Deacon Board’s Retreat and Planning Day, held on 26th January 2017 at the Church Building, was conducted in two sessions. In the morning session, we had time to be still and worship before God, to think over God's will, to share with one another the epiphany we gathered through God's words and to let Him guide us on the church's planning.



Praise the Lord! Through the passage Pastor Kenneth had prepared, we were able to reflect upon the wrong doings of Jeroboam, the first king of the Northern Israel, so that we would not sin against God and we please God but not man. As leaders of the church, we have to be aware and to fear God more than we fear man, not to follow earthly trends but to lean on and seek Him alone because victory is of the Lord.

After lunch, Rev. Li led us into a brainstorming session, where we came up with ways to implement the theme of this year "Follow in the Lord’s steps and become His real disciples". Together we constructed the necessary developments and ministries that require more attention. Thank God for reminding us through Rev. Li that we should have 5 virtues - Faithfulness, Lovingness, Humility, Loyalty

and Zealousness - to accomplish the vision God has bestowed upon us. Moreover, we have to walk like Jesus, to constantly be still and to hold God in our hearts. The following are the plans we worked out:

- To bring out the theme of this year through sermons, cell group bible studies and the Newsletter;
- To encourage daily devotions, to connect with God through prayers and to share in cell groups;

- To hold a retreat camp for leaders during 11-12 June, where the target audiences would be all pastors, deacons and cell leaders, so that they may be withdrawn from distractions and reflect themselves before the Lord;
- Church leaders to attend prayer meetings and to encourage cell group members to attend;
- To strengthen the trainings of cell group leaders, i.e. worshipping, praying and serving etc.;
- To practise loving one another by promoting trans-cell group caring, i.e. elders;
- To continue EEIII training, to equip brothers and sisters with faith and the technique to fulfil the Great Commission;

- To hold a church camp during 25-28 January 2018 so as to strengthen the bond between brothers and sisters and to experience God's teachings in practice

"Follow in the Lord's steps and become His real disciples" is easier said than done, but God's words are truthful, as Jesus said, "... you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you ..." (Acts 1:8, NIV)

English translation: Iris Chau

Knowing HCAC (5) – Cell Ministry *(Note)*

Sherwood Kwok

As we introduced in the last Issue, Hills Christian Alliance Church (HCAC), a church emphasizing worship, care, love, evangelism and discipleship, has adopted "praise & worship" and "cell church" as the two major pastoral modes to shepherd its congregation. Right from its beginning as a church plant, HCAC has ministered its congregation, built up their spiritual lives and motivated them to evangelise through cell groups.



"Cell church" does not refer to a church which has cell groups, but a church which is entirely composed of cell groups –

the basic Christian community of a cell church. Cell groups are the core of all operational functions of the "cell church", which has the following properties:

1. The church is composed of one or more cell group, each comprising 8 to 12 members.
2. Most of the church's activities, including training, prayer meeting, visitation and evangelism, are carried out by cell groups individually or jointly.
3. Cell groups are the venues which help new members to accept the gospel, to be trained and equipped for serving, and to build up relationship with others.
4. The major activities of a cell group are to build up one another and to serve the Lord, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

In a cell church, the functions of Sunday school, church prayer meeting, evangelism and caring can be integrated in cell groups. Each cell group needs to meet fortnightly as this will facilitate the cell group to function more effectively. Therefore, a cell group is not just for gathering, but a relationship web in which members live and grow together. Organisationally, cell groups are not mutually independent and self-ministered. Each cell group is under the leadership and care of leaders at different levels. While each cell

church has its own hierarchy, the cell structure of HCAC comprises cell group leaders, zone leaders and the Senior Pastor.

Usually the programs of a cell group gathering would include 4W:

1. **Welcome** : Aiming at building up an interpersonal relationship so as to create a warm and friendly environment in the cell group. Games may be used as a means.
2. **Worship** : Aiming at building up a relationship between God and people so that the latter are free to allow the Holy Spirit to soften their hearts and to enlighten them.
3. **Word** : Aiming at building up a relationship between God's Word and people so that the latter can walk the Word practically and grow up spiritually.
4. **Works** : Aiming at building up a vision to other people so that believers can see the needs of others and be motivated to serve.

Currently there are a total of 9 cell groups in HCAC's Cantonese Congregation, most of them named after the Little Prophets. Majority of the congregation, about 85%, have joined cell groups. They include both members and non-members, believers and non-believers.

HCAC's cell ministry has been directly under the Senior Pastor, with the assistance of 4 zone leaders (Rev. Li, Pastor Paul Chan, Deacon Ling Chiu and Deacon Anna Kwok), each looking after 2-3 cell groups. Each cell group is led by a leader who acts as a little pastor to build up group members' relationship with care and love. It is the Senior Pastor's duty to assign an appropriate cell group for a new member or a current member. Such assignment will be based on the member's situation (such as age, residence) as well as the target group's condition (such as the number of current members).

All zone and cell leaders are required to attend the monthly meeting chaired by the Senior Pastor to pre-study the monthly scriptures (assigned by the church), to pray and

share, and to be trained. In principle, all cell groups should meet twice every month; but in practice, some groups may only meet once in certain circumstances. The programs of cell gathering will be arranged by the leaders alone or with their group members. As HCAC has emphasized to build up believers' spiritual lives in God's Word, all cell groups will study the bible systematically. In addition, cell groups may arrange special gatherings or joint gatherings with other groups. Cell groups may also suspend a gathering so as to enable their members to attend church-wide activities.

Among the serving cell leaders of HCAC, 2 have served over 10 years, another 2 for 8-10 years, and another 4 for 5-7 years. Thanks to these leaders for their long-term commitment to serving brothers and sisters with their love and time. HCAC needs more and more matured members to participate in the cell group ministry.

Note : Reference was made to "A Brief Introduction to HCAC" in the HCAC 15th Anniversary Special Booklet, "Annual Report for 2013-2014" and "HCAC Code of Conduct for Cell Group Members".

Cell Group	Group Leader/ Deputy Leader	Zone Leader	Meeting Time	Meeting Place
1. Amos	Anita Chan/ Simmy Kor	Paul Chan	Every 3 rd Sunday 4:00-6:00 pm (followed by dinner)	Members' homes (by turn)
2. Habakkuk	Roy Ho		Every 3 rd Sunday 1:30-5:00 pm	Church Building
3. Joel	Nicky Lee	Ling Chiu	Every 1 st Saturday 6:30 pm and every 3 rd Saturday 7:30 pm	A member's home at Cherrybrook
4. Malachi A	Connie Or		Every 2 nd and 4 th Saturday 7:30-10:00 pm	A member's home at Cherrybrook
5. Malachi B	Sylvia Li/Wylie Tam		Every 2 nd and 4 th Saturday 7:30 pm	A member's home at Pennant Hills
6. Zechariah	Ruth Yu/Edward Yu	Rev. Almon Li	Every 1 st Saturday 4:00-7:30 pm	Church Building
7. Barnabas	Ling Chiu		Every 1 st Saturday 6:00-9:30 pm	A member's home at Cherrybrook
8. Hosea	Daniel Li/Petraine	Anna Kwok	Every 2 nd Saturday 6:30-9:45 pm; every 4 th Saturday 7:45-9:45 pm	Members' homes (by turn) e.g. Carlingford, Hornsby, Castle Hills
9. Micah	Anna Kwok/ Sherwood Kwok		Every 2 nd Friday 7:45 – 9:45 pm	Church Building

The Works of Cell Groups – Some Examples

Sherwood Kwok

One of the functions of cell groups is Work (the last W of 4W of Cell Group). Having been trained and equipped in cell groups, members of a cell group are motivated and seeing the needs to serve people. The following are three good examples of works which our cell groups organised or joined recently.

- Hosea:** On 22 January 2016 after the Sunday Service, the group assisted in holding the "Lunar New Year Gathering for the Seniors" at the Small Hall, which was organised by HCAC's Education Department for the first time. Members of the group participated in preparing food, gifts, games and presentation. The elders present enjoyed very much and were thankful to the serving brothers and sisters. The Education Department will continue to organise similar gatherings so that more and more cell groups, of different ages, can participate in caring the church's seniors.
- Malachi B:** Further to the "Knit in Supporting Wrap with Love" held in the last winter, the cell leader of Malachi B motivated her members to care the local Chinese community by visiting the nearby Chinese shops in Pennant Hills during the Lunar New Year. On 29 January 2017 after the Sunday Service, the group visited these Chinese shops and presented them with a gift pack and a hand-made New Year decoration made of "red pockets". Sylvia, the cell leader, said, "Our members demonstrated team spirit by praying, planning and working together for this project. We went out of our comfort zone to introduce our church to people we did not know. We hope that God will give us greater enthusiasm and more opportunities to spread the gospel."
- Haggai:** As shared by Pastor Freddie in HCAC Newsletter October 2016 Issue, the Young Family Fellowship would like to have voluntary helpers to look after their children when the parents are attending fellowship gathering. In response to this appeal, the youth of Group Haggai volunteered to look after the kids when the Fellowship met in November last year. They played and dined with the kids. Connie Or, mentor of Group Haggai, said, "The young people were glad to have such a good experience and to learn to serve others."



The above are a few good examples of works cell groups did – all group members work together in a task. Apart from remembering the needs of our church, cell groups may consider to serve our brothers and sisters, to show our social concerns and to serve the communities, even by giving "a cup of cold water". (Matthew 10:42)