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2012 Hills Men's Ministry

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Men are workers. Men love to work hard and provide for others. In the old days, head of a household, a big company or a country certainly were men. In Jesus time, under Roman culture, father has all authority in a family even to kill his own children.

In traditional Chinese families, husbands are the bread winners; they work hard to provide for their families. In this context, they deserve all the education and advancement. Because of this advancement, men have a lot of influential power and authority. Men can build up a healthy family or on the contrary they can destroy a loving family.

On the other side, women took up a domestic role; they primarily look after their families and provide care for the children. Looking after domestic affairs does not make women less important, it is a team work to build a family in a best possible environment. In the creation account, there are different roles and responsibilities for Adam and Eve, the husband and wife. But, they are equal before God; they are created in the image of God. They are loved by God.

Nowadays, women are no longer only focus in domestic affairs. With the rise opportunities in education for both men and women, with the appropriate education and training, women could able to join the appropriate work force and profession. As the result, the opportunities now are open to both men and women includes company managers even Prime Minister of a country.

So men now are facing different types of challenges in the modern era. Some men are coping better than others. Sadly, in some extreme cases, some men hurt themselves, their spouses or even their own children in domestic violence.

As the result, many Men's groups are set up in order to provide an opportunity of mutual support among men. Hills Men's ministry is set up for the similar purpose.

However, 2012 Hills Men's ministry is not a new ministry but rather a continuation. Few years ago, a Men's group had been running for some time in our church. Thank you God for preparing us for this important ministry.

After much prayers and discussion, 17th March was fixed for the first monthly Men's meeting. On that night, 17 Hills men gathered to mark another milestone of this ministry. The night was marked by songs, games, a message, lovely dinner and a lot of laugh. The content for each monthly meeting includes a special topic, a yummy dinner and a bible study. Here is the advertisement for upcoming events, in April meeting, Solicitor, Keith Chow will share with us regarding "will" and in May meeting Doctor Chan will share with us regarding Men's health. So please mark your diary, see you at 366



(The third Saturday of each month and start at 6pm)

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Help

一隻羊 Sheep

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

John 3:16

One day, a man in his thirties was sent to the ICU. Due to a work-related accident, he suffered severe head trauma and was unconscious. The situation was bleak and after much resuscitation, the doctors pronounced him as brain dead, which mean he can only survive with the help of machines.

The medical staff called in the organ donors and counsellor to talk to the family of the patient in hopes that they will be willing to let this man donate his organs to people who need it. When the counsellor arrived at the hospital, he saw the wife and son of the man at his bedside. They did not cry – they just stood there quietly, watching their loved one. What they were going through was definitely indescribable. The

wife made the decision to let her husband’s organs be donated. She knew that she had to make the decision fast because every second counted.

At this time, another patient was at the edge of death. All he needed was a suitable donor to save his life.

Life is so precious. Our body helps us through life, which is why we value so much. But what about our soul? From the perspective of eternity, can a broken soul be replaced by organ transplant?

When God created Man, He created them in His Holy image. God demonstrated His love for us by sending Jesus Christ to sacrifice His life for us. Through His death, we are redeemed, and our souls have new life. We have strength and new freedom. This is unlike life after an organ transplant where one must continue extensive treatment and medication. This new soul we receive will not decay but take us through to eternity.

English Translation: 李樂恆 Rachel Li

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Highlights of 2012 Deacons Retreat

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On 25th January, the weather was beyond terrible. With 18 of us split into four cars, we started off to Nelson Bay. Although it was raining dogs and cats, we thank God that we arrived the hotel in one piece.

After dinner, we had a simple, yet pleasant evening. The time we had for sharing and relaxing was undeniably gratifying, not to mention our supper! It was even more abundant and plentiful than dinner, owing to the preparation of our brothers and sisters.

The next morning, it was amazing to find that Mandarin-speaking brothers and sisters along with Cantonese-speaking deacons Roy and Carter turned up right on time at 9am.

Our gathering began with Reverend's teaching, followed by group discussions and reflections on our own spiritual maturity. Lastly, we discussed about the strengths, weaknesses, prospects, and perils of our church. Everyone was highly engrossed in the discussion and sharing.

Looking at the development of our church, everyone hoped that it would advance and improve. Although our church is currently facing a phase of "horrible storm", we truly hope that in the near future, Hills Christian Alliance will step into the phase of "maturity".

We hope that Hills Christian Alliance will have a group of self-sacrificing and loyal Christians, who will serve wholeheartedly while growing spiritually, becoming the pillars of Hills Christian Alliance Church.



English Translation: 李佩恩 Carol Li





Build our church together

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Pictures: 王耀全 James Wong

From nothing to something,
From night to dawn,
From cruse to blessing,



We all can see,
We all can feel,
We all can experience,



God - your glorified work being done!



May the heavens shout for joy to you!

May the earth praise to you!

May your people sing to you!



O Lord-Your name should be glorified!





Cell Group Sharing - Zechariah

余黎志蓮 Ruth Yu

I still remember the time when we had to choose a name for our cell group two years ago. All our group members agreed on the name Zechariah because it means “The Lord (Yahweh) remembers” or people whom the Lord remembers.

The book of Zechariah is expressed as a vision. It talks about the revival of Jerusalem, the reconstruction of the temple, the purification of God’s chosen ones, and the coming of the Messiah. At that time, the Israelites have already returned to Jerusalem for some years from exile, but the temple is still in desolation.

The book of Zechariah encourages believers to work for God while they are still alive on Earth, while reminding them of the Lord’s judgment, and that the Lord’s kingdom will be established on this land. This book challenges those who are still acting and living solely in their own self interest. Who is willing to live in God’s interest and preferences? A lot of people out there place their entire heart and dedication on their career, but who is willing to place their heart wholeheartedly on God’s work? God’s promise is – if we turn to Him, He will definitely turn to us and use His abundant grace and blessing on us.

It doesn’t matter whether we are living in freedom and affluence in Australia or living in the era of Prophet Zechariah. We all face the same challenge – how can we incite the zeal for God’s work in believers? Today, believers are living in an oppressing and tempting environment. They are also living in an upsurge of individualism, and facing confusion as to what truth is. Believers need to be on intimate terms with God, and be reminded through the Lord’s spirit and truth not to fall into all these traps and temptations.

Hopefully, through bible study, group members can be encouraged to live for God and put Him first in their lives.

Through “prayer partners”, members can establish interactive relationships with one another.

Through having sharing on devotion and bible study, members can be encouraged to establish a deeper relationship with God.

Through intercession, members can support and comfort one another.

Through time with little kids, we can learn how take care of them and be understanding.

Cell Group Members:

Pastor Vincent, Charis, Ellys, Jayne

Pastor Freddie, Wingsze, Megan, Katie

Edward, Ruth, Jason, Zeke

Bowen, Sue, Tristian, Eugene

Betty Li, Andrew

Ella, Harry

Shirley, Peggy

Helen, Andy, Katrina

Jayman, Nicole, Janice, Hayden



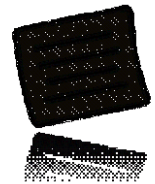
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Corner of Newsletter Team

The church newsletter is to provide a place for brothers and sisters to share. This is not what our weekly bulletin or church website can achieve. The continuation of newsletter is solely relied on your support. We hope to see your sharing in our next issue. All articles can be sent to hcac10@gmail.com or Simmy, Elaine, Grace, or Lincoln. Articles can be either in English or Chinese. We'll translate your articles so that your sharing can reach every member of the Church family.



安那 Anna

I want to set up a "Maintenance Company" in the future



What kind of "Maintenance Company"?

I want to set up a...

"Spiritual" Maintenance Company

"Love, and hearts of unity" Maintenance Company

"Faith" Maintenance Company



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