

SHEEP WANTED

By Bryan Yeo



I write this article with a heavy heart. My father passed away recently and it's been a whirlwind of emotions and memories that I have had to deal with. Thank God that my dad accepted Jesus as his Saviour just before his last breath. But it led me to remember the life struggles I had growing up with my dad. After I was a born-again Christian during my university years, my father argued non-stop about my decision to follow Christ. My dad told me that he would compromise by allowing me to go to church. However, he would draw the line on doing anything else other than just attending Sunday service.

I knew back when I first accepted Christ as my Lord and Saviour that being a Christian would be more than just going to church on Sundays. I would not just put my new-found faith in my pocket and take it out every Sunday morning. Believing and following Christ would be a process that would occupy every day of the week, not just a Sunday morning activity for a couple of hours. Being a Christian, a follower and a disciple of Christ would mean that for the rest of my life on earth, it would be a daily process of restoring my broken relationship with Jesus.

My father and I would constantly disagree with the issue of following Christ and the things He asks of us: *"Love the Lord with all of your heart, mind and soul...and love others like yourself."* Jesus also talked about the sheep and goats in the book of Matthew. It says that Jesus will separate the sheep from the goats. The sheep will inherit the Kingdom of God, while the goats will go away to eternal punishment. The Lord King will say to those goats, *"whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me. For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink. I was a stranger and you did not invite me in. I needed clothes and you did not clothe me. I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me."* This Bible verse is not to illicit a sense of guilt but rather illustrate a point. We as the adopted sons and daughters of the most high God, we are called to not only look inward to recognize our sins and weaknesses and ask God to cleanse us holy and pure, but also to look outward and help out our fellow brothers and sisters in need and to be a beacon of light and hope in a world full of darkness and despair.

I remember the first few attempts I had in helping street people in downtown Toronto. I was a student at the University of Toronto, I was a born-again Christian, and I had a lot of emotional and spiritual compassion towards people in need. But I thought I would do better than what was the norm of giving out pocket change. I would try to talk with them; offer to buy them a warm meal and/or a coffee, whatever it took to show compassion. But instead, I was greeted with harshness, refusal of my food and drink offers and insistence on money donations, or even worse, flat out disregard for my attempts to help them. It definitely jaded my view on helping out the homeless and marginalized people in the city. How dare they refuse my help! Little did I know then that I wasn't meeting them where they were but rather, I wanted them to meet me on my terms. Jesus used the next 15 years to help me realize that just wanting to help them wasn't enough, and this is where we can fast forward to the present and explain a bit about our church's Evangel Hall ministry.

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Service Time: **12pm-1pm Sunday Worship**

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St. Timothy community has been in partnership with Evangel Hall ministries for the past 10 years. We have been providing bountiful and healthy dinner meals once a month (every third Thursday of each month) with smiles and humility to serve those in downtown Toronto area like they were our own family. We cook our meals from scratch and prepare beautiful plates of Korean beef, rice, salad, bread, and dessert. What we try to provide is an environment that rivals any 5-star restaurant. Once the patrons are seated in their seats, they don't have to get up until they are ready to leave. I am often reminded by the staff and the clients, that our dish is the most anticipated and appreciated each month. I am told that our food is amazing and that they appreciate our dedication, friendliness and willingness to go above and beyond.

There are several things that need to happen behind the scenes before we even step foot into the Evangel Hall building: shopping for groceries, marinating the bulgogi beef, and coordinating the volunteers for each month. Then you have the required responsibilities of cooks, waiters, food preppers and dishwashers on the night of the service. It may sound like a lot of work on paper, but when you get a great bunch of people pitching in to help out, you realize just how easy this is to volunteer and help out, how little time is required out of our busy lives, and how much fun it is to participate in this ministry.

I've been involved with this ministry for just over two years now. I've seen how much it has changed me and my heart and this is what will most likely happen to you. You, as the volunteer, will be more affected than the people you are serving! You will feel more thankful than they are, and that's a direct result of God touching your heart; He is expanding your eyes to see what He sees, expanding your heart to feel what He feels, and expanding your mind to understand what He understands. It's a great opportunity to leave our comfort zones, and see a bit of what is outside of our own boxes of "LIFE". The dinner service starts at 5:30pm and usually ends by 6:45pm. By 7pm, we are already in our cars deciding where to eat for a celebratory dinner, usually a spot somewhere in Chinatown...yum!

Food kitchens typically have a reputation of being a smelly, unhygienic, stressful, and unengaging place. This is where helping out with Evangel Hall will prove otherwise. Evangel Hall is a beautiful modern facility with a clean huge kitchen and staff that fully supports and appreciates our partnership with them. Once you come out and experience it for yourself, you will realize what a blessing this experience will be for you as it has been for me and countless others who have gotten their hands and feet "wet" cooking, prepping, and/or serving the food at Evangel Hall. You will not regret this experience as God will bless your heart's decision as He has blessed this ministry and all those involved with it.



THE PULSE OF JESUS



The Teesdale Community is located on the northwest corner of Pharmacy and Danforth in Scarborough. There are four apartment buildings (#10, #20, #30 and #40 Tees-

dale Place) that make up this community. Buildings #10 and #20 are regular apartments while #30 and #40 are buildings owned by TCHC (Toronto Community Housing Corporation) for low income families.

The Food Bank program takes place every Thursday from 12:30pm to 2:30pm in the community rooms of 40 Teesdale Place. St. Timothy is a member agency with the Daily Bread Food Bank. The Teesdale Community Church uses the same community rooms as the Food Bank every Sunday at 4pm. Both ministries are run and supported by the committed members of St. Timothy.

One of our church's mission statements is: A church that cares and stands for the weak and the poor. We believe a church must be a blessing to

its surroundings and we are committed to live out this vision. There is a spiritual flow and connection from the first mission statement to the second and the third. What we have learned from the study of the Word of God must be reflected and reinforced as we carry that understanding in our service for the vulnerable in a joint effort of KSM and ESM members.

We recently celebrated 10 years of service at Evangel Hall in February. We have served the Teesdale Food Bank program for more than 5 years now, serving 100 to 120 households every week. The Teesdale Community Church has shared the Gospel with the communities for more than 3 years.

Do you have the desire to live a meaningful life as a Christian? Do you want to follow the footsteps of Jesus Christ who was called the friend of the alienated and isolated? If so, participate in various inner-city ministries and feel the pulse of Jesus Christ who would do the same thing for the vulnerable. May God bless all of us so that we may become the channel of God's blessings to the broken world!

By Rev. Soo Jin Chung

SERMON TITLES & SUMMARY: MARCH

Let us keep powerful important messages close to our hearts in the months ahead.

MARCH 3: BY REV. IN KEE KIM
"Life Journey On Our Knees"
Isaiah 55: 1-9

Isaiah said, "Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near." There are moments when we can meet God. We don't control these moments. Seeking God is in most cases waiting for those moments.

MARCH 17: BY REV. IN KEE KIM
"With All Our Hearts"
John 12: 1-8

Learn to live your life with a whole heart as Mary did when she poured the perfume on Jesus' feet.

MARCH 10: BY REV. IN KEE KIM
"Coming Home"
Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32

God loves and accepts us no matter who we are and no matter what life journey we have taken. The true home is our God.

MARCH 24: BY REV. DAVID SON
"Christ On A Donkey"
Luke 19: 28-42

Christ rides on our back, and whispers to us "Arise my love, come away with me." His love gives us confidence rather than boastfulness, humility rather than humiliation.

KCWA: KOREAN CANADIAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

In challenging and difficult times, it is often easy for us to cast a blind eye on the less fortunate and get absorbed in our own worries and troubles. Especially with the current economic climate, uncertain future for today's younger generation, and seemingly limitless need in all corners of society, it can feel overwhelming to consider the problems of others besides our own. And yet, within all of this, there are groups of people like those in the KCWA Family and Social Services who try to pool together their resources and energies to try to make differences in people's lives, and it is this sincerity and dedication to their vision that drew me to join their Board of Directors.

KCWA FSS is a non-profit community organization that strives to help Korean Canadians and new immigrants from Korea with settlement and employment, issues of domestic violence, basic advice such as accessing health and ID cards, and provide various services for families. Over 32,000 people have contacted the organization in 2011-12 for assistance, and 5,591 clients were intensively served through its various programs.

On March 2, 2013, we hosted our annual Arirang Gala, and I was proud to see the support that the St. Timothy community demonstrated as our members showed up in droves. We are easily the largest single church group that openly supported this event for the second year in a row. I think that the mission of our church falls directly in line with supporting groups like KCWA FSS, and it is encouraging to see so much dedication and goodwill in our community that really brings this mission and most importantly the Word alive in our hearts and through our efforts. This Gala is critical in bringing in much-needed money to be able to directly serve the thousands of clients who seek KCWA FSS's services.

KCWA FSS is still a work in progress. Like any human institution, it is not perfect and there still remains a lot of work to be done (including possibly even changing its name!). Even our Gala committee is looking to revamp and significantly improve this important event for next year. With that said, it is heart-warming to see such generous support, and it encourages us who work within this organization to continue our efforts.

I believe in the KCWA FSS, just as I believe in St. Timothy Church. On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you, St. Tim's! We are looking forward to many more years of mutual encouragement and support.

By Joseph Park

UPCOMING EVENTS *Don't forget to mark these dates!*

APRIL 7TH	Pre-Assembly Joint Worship Service at 6pm (HANCA EAST PRESBYTERY + OAK RIDGES PRESBYTERY HOST THE 139 TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PCC)
APRIL 12TH TO 14TH	KSM Happiness Seminar III <ul style="list-style-type: none">• FRIDAY @ 7:30PM• SATURDAY @ 7PM• SUNDAY @ 7PM
APRIL 18TH	Evangel Hall (WOMEN'S GROUP)
APRIL 28TH	Sports Fellowship at 4pm (TRAMPOLINE DODGEBALL)
MAY 4TH	Spring Concert at 4pm (KIDS CHURCH AND HI-C)
JUNE 21ST TO 23RD	ESM Summer Retreat (FAIR HAVEN RETREAT CENTRE)

KIDS CHURCH VISION + WHAT'S TO COME



The Kids Church at St. Timothy is a place where every single child is welcomed and embraced in Christ. It is a place where children have fun learning how amazing God is and how wonderful the St. Timothy community is.

Parents are impacted by what they see happening in the lives of their children. Kids Church is a part of the St. Timothy community, but at the same time it is a church within a church, thus we call it “Kids Church.” This is where kids learn to take ownership and leadership of their faith and community through the loving support of their committed teachers. We believe the children are connected with the other groups at St. Timothy. They are part of the same movement of love and grace given to all of us by God; the children are all part of the same pulse, you might say.

To achieve these visions for Kids Church, we strive for kids and teachers to work together to create an inner space for God where God is the Lord. In this space, each kid receives Christ, grows in Christ, and develops an intimate relationship with Christ. Therefore, through this space, we raise a bigger person in Christ who can touch the future generations to come.

We know that children matter to God, and each child matters to the church! We will create an atmosphere that is Word-centred, truth-based, child-centred, relational, and at the same time fun and safe.

A prayerful discussion is on the way for Kids Church space renovation:

1. *CHILDREN'S LIBRARY*: where kids can enjoy reading books, will love the atmosphere, and have every opportunity to fulfill their potential.
2. *WORSHIP/MULTI-MEDIA ROOM*: where kids fully engage in worshipping God, through music, drama, games, bible stories, and much more.
3. *NURSERY*: where parents feel safe and enjoy coming to church for worship, and have fellowship among other parents.
4. *PRESCHOOL*: where more than babysitting happens, where kids gradually learn how they are fearfully and wonderfully made in God.
5. *CLASSROOMS*: where children enjoy a thematic environment (story, arts/craft, music, etc.), interact with others and learn mutually.

There is an African proverb: **“It takes a village to raise a child”**. It is so true for our community at St. Timothy.

By Rev David Son



HELP WANTED

Many ministries in our church require willing servants to run effectively. *Where can you serve today?*

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EDITOR'S NOTE

I always find it humbling that in the midst of all the powerful and influential people that Jesus could have associated himself with, he chose those who most of society turned a blind eye towards. He should have been wearing the nicest clothes, eating and drinking with royalty and living it up like He so rightly deserved. This is the Son of God we are talking about here! However, our Lord and Savior gave His one Son so we could live. Instead of walking with Kings and Queens, he walked alongside the sick, the homeless and the desperate. Jesus showed us by example what we as Christians need to do.

I am so proud of our church and our members for taking Jesus' life works to heart. To be able to serve at Evangel Hall for over 10 years is a big accomplishment. For our church to walk alongside the Teesdale community for over 5 years is amazing. There are other individual members at St. Timothy who are greatly involved with other charities outside our St. Timothy walls! We are so blessed to have such big hearted brothers and sisters giving their time, energy and resources to help those in need as Jesus did.

A serving heart is taught at a young age and is given to us by God. Thanks need to be given to all the teachers at our Kid's Church and Hi-C for helping raise such strong members of our community. There is always a need for people to help serve and volunteer. You might think you have nothing to offer, but don't sell yourself short. God never does! If you are not sure where to begin do not hesitate to ask any of the Ministers, Elders and any other leaders at church. With serving hearts, together we can leap forward!

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