

REFLECTIONS ON BEING A WORSHIP LEADER



When I was first asked to write an article about my experience as a worship leader, I immediately felt an attack of anxiety, as I knew it would be difficult to summarize the experience I have had over the last 15 years in 500 words. It goes without saying that this experience has had its ups and downs, but anything worth doing usually does.

Being a worship leader has taught me many lessons about myself and has helped to define who I am. There are many challenges that I have faced during my time as a worship leader; many of which have sculpted

parts of my character. One challenge that stands out for me is the battle between great music and great worship. One would likely assume that these two things would easily live in harmony, but it can in fact create immense conflict. There is a certain amount of sensitivity that must be adhered to when leading worship. As a worship leader, we must keep the congregation's needs a priority over any personal wants or needs.

A good example would be in the instance where I would want to use a particular song in worship, but I know that this song will not promote the congregation to fall into worship. With Christian music sounding more and more like secular music nowadays, it is more important than ever to give more attention and consideration to the songs we select. Another example is relating to the musicality of praise. Praise is a great tool that can be used to not only give worship to God, but to also prepare the hearts of the congregation for the sermon that follows. If the musicality of the praise is poor, however, it can become a distraction from the worship itself. On the other hand, if the accompaniment of the praise becomes the focus of the worship team, it is very easy to lose the essence of worship as well. I remember when I was in high school, during a time when our worship team was just starting to sound better musically, I used to feel guilty because I felt like any focus on the music was taking away from our focus on God. It was not until a few years later that I realized that good musicality is also important in worship, because like all other things, we should always try to give our BEST to God. Using this mentality, I now lead worship with the notion of giving my BEST worship first, accompanied by my BEST musical ability.

After all these years of leading worship, many people ask me how I could do anything for such a long time. As much of a commitment as it is, it is extremely rewarding as well. The relationships I have built within our team are friendships that I know I will cherish forever. We have grown together and have built strong unique relationships with each other. I only have happy ambitions for the future of our team. Here's to the next 15 years!

By Josh Kim

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

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TEESDALE FOOD BANK MINISTRY

By Helen Lee

Seven years went by in a flash. One year of training, and then we opened and ran an agency at 40 Teesdale Place in Scarborough for the next six years.

My very first visit to the Food Bank was in a large basement of a church in Roncesvalles. Long tables were laid out to divide the room into two sides; one side with people in need of food, the other side with people ready to serve. My first thought, as a financially-struggling single mother of four kids, was “why has God placed me on this side to serve, when clearly, I needed to be on the other side?” Today, I am realizing that He required my understanding of hunger and fear of poverty which brings vulnerability and even anger at times, all for His ministry. Only with this understanding, can I be useful in His ministry that opens up my deeper compassionate heart to truly “serve”.

Too often I am faced with my apathy for others, quick temper, and desire to control and exercise power. However, despite all of this, I believe I was sent to do what I can possibly do at each moment. To give out what was provided as fairly as possible. To listen carefully, to be stern with decisions made and yet to break the rules when needed and most of all, to serve with a smile! Teesdale Place has been a place to practice Love. It has enlarged and stretched my heart allowing it to continually grow with compassion and to understand the meaning of the command “Love your God and love your neighbour”.

Teesdale Food Bank Ministry is coordinated with Daily Bread Food Bank, our KSM and ESM members, and the local volunteers. To this day, I serve with the vision Rev In Kee Kim shared when we started; we are there to help and empower the local volunteers so that they can become the leaders of their community. I am beginning to see that vision coming true!!!



YOUTH CAMP

By Sarah Choe

I have been going to our Vacation Bible School (VBS) since I was nine years old when Rev David Son first joined Kids Church. This year, the kids who are going into grades 7 and 8 got to attend a new program called Youth Camp. In Youth Camp, we learned how to be a successful teen. The lessons were based on the book “The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens” by Sean Covey. After Rev Jane Yoon taught us the lessons, we split into our groups to share our responses. These discussions were a lot of fun as we really got to know each other well during these sessions.

Many new visitors came to Youth Camp this year. In Youth Camp, we taught Thomas Matheson, one of the few non-Koreans there, how to say “사랑해요” (I love you). But, it got turned into “Saturday-Yo!” Did you know that some kids who came to VBS liked it so much that they decided to come to our church? Another great thing about the Youth Camp were the games. These games usually get us laughing...a lot. We were put into four groups: Asian Rock, The Fancy Pandas, Team Too and The Block-headed Radish-Cows With T-shirts (I have no clue how they came up with that name) aka the Radishes. We played games like Charades and Minute-to-Win-it. The C&C leaders who led these games were so amazing! Before we played the games we usually had to memorize Bible verses which was all worth it because there were usually Freezies as a reward - yum! After the games we were treated to a delicious lunch!

Another new thing at VBS this year was the Dance Class led by kids. Maddie Kim and I taught a group of girls a Jazz routine that we choreographed. I think that some of the boys secretly wanted to join our dance too because for the first few days, they wouldn't get off the stage! Overall though, everything went pretty well. We had a great time spending time with friends, learning to serve, taking part in leadership, and learning to work together. I think that we should have the Dance Program and Youth Camp again next year! Saturday Yo!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2013



VBS: KIDS' RESPONSES

WHAT WAS THE BEST PART OF VBS?

JACKSON: My favourite part was singing songs

SAMANTHA: My favourite part was the playground

JANICE K.: Doing arts and crafts because we made a lot of cool stuff

DANIEL L.: Swimming - Splashing and having fun!

LIA: Everything!

CAITLIN: I like to dance

JULIANNE: Bothering volunteers

JUNIE: Watching movies and crafts

PETER JANG: Bowling because it was fun and I had a good time with friends

CARYS KIM: Hanging out with my cousins because I could never hang out with them

EMILY KIM: Pioneer Village because it was fun working as a team

JENNIFER KIM: Lunch because it's yummy!

WHAT DID YOU LEARN ABOUT MOSES?

CALUM: He rescued Israel

CHARLIE: Moses was on Mt. Sinai for over 40 days

LENA: Burning Bush

DANIEL L: He's old

ISAAC: Nile into blood

PETER JANG: I learned that he was a great leader

JUSTIN YOON: He prays to God about everything

ESTHER KIM: He can talk to God

JILLIAN LEE: He listens to God

JASON LEE: I learned that he was a nice man

JASON JANG: I already knew a lot about Moses

RYAN LEE: I learned that Moses was the Prince of Egypt who freed God's people from slavery



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

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| AUGUST | Kids' Church Renovation |
| AUGUST 5 | ESM Picnic @ Simeon Park (13190 WOODBINE AVE, GORMLEY, ON) |
| AUGUST 15 | Evangel Hall Ministry (ESM) |
| AUGUST 25 | Kids' Church (Gr. 6) & Hi-C (Gr. 12) Graduation Ceremony |
| AUGUST 27-30 | Hi-C Retreat at Medeba Camp |
| SEPT 7 | Yard Sale |
| SEPT 22 | ESM Elder Election |
| Nov 15-16 | Marriage Enrichment Seminar (LOCATION TBA) |

PRAYER TOPICS

Let us keep these *items* in our prayers.

- Kids' Church Renovation
- Elder Election in September

Let us also keep our *friends* in our prayers.

- Rodi Yun
- Miseon Lee
- All those travelling during the vacation season

SERMON TITLES & SUMMARY: *JULY*

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

JULY 7

"Beyond Expectations"

2 Kings 5:1-14

What is important is not to make and shape our life according to our expectations but to know and sense the movement of God in our lives and follow it. God does not lead our life as we expect. Sometimes God leads us into a place where we don't want to go. Sometimes, God leads us in totally unexpected ways.

JULY 21

"There Is Need of Only One Thing"

Luke 10:38-42

The reason why we cannot hear God's voice is because our hearts are scattered. We worry about a lot of things. We want to have too many things. Jesus said to Martha: "...you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing." We have become so shallow that the words of Jesus cannot take root in us.

JULY 14

"Who Do You Say Your Neighbor Is?"

Luke 10:25-37

Through today's story, Jesus changed the definition of neighbourhood. Neighbours are not those who are one of us. Neighbours are not just friends - not the inner circle who like us. Neighbours are those who need our help.

JULY 28

"Who Is Eligible To Pray?"

Luke 11:1-13

As we see in "We Petition", we realize that Jesus taught his prayer to those who are dependent on God for their basic needs, those who need forgiveness and those who are vulnerable to trials and temptations of the world. If you feel that you are not eligible to pray, that's when you are the most eligible to pray. Just because you feel that you are not fit for prayers, don't throw away the most beautiful gift God gave to all of us.

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

We are blessed with our community where we can come together to serve one another. Many of us serve this community faithfully with loving hearts. We hear from two individuals who embody this spirit of servanthood – Josh Kim and Helen Lee. Josh has served our church as a worship leader for the past 15 years growing and maturing before our eyes as an adult, a musician and a great leader. His dedication to music and God has elevated the quality of our Sunday worship and more recently the ESM Retreat. Helen Lee has been an integral part of our Teesdale Food Bank Ministry for the past seven years since its inception. She coordinates its operation by mobilizing our church volunteers and by serving and empowering those who are in need. Her humility and dedication inspire all of us to dig deeper to go beyond our comfort zone to serve our neighbours who are in need.

Our annual VBS is now a well-established program and a tradition which serves our church and neighbourhood community. This year a record number of kids attended this event which was expanded to include Grade 7 & 8 students in the new Youth Camp program. It is a true blessing to have such a program where children can come, play, grow and learn about God's love for us. Its success is dependent on our team of dedicated Pastors, volunteers from Hi-C, College, YA, parents and KSM groups and we thank them for their service. We, also, thank God for watching over our kids' safety and bringing this year's program to a successful closure. Let us all continue to serve one another to build a strong and beautiful faith community. Where can you serve today?

**LEAD EDITOR FOR AUGUST: James Choe & the rest of Membership Committee:
Veronica Park, Bob Kim, Ruth (from Taiwan), Rev. Yoon & Grace Kim**

