

CLEMENTE NEWSLETTER – June 2021

Reflections: “The Light Shows Us The Way”

What would happen if we all come to the light? Everyone will be exposed. Everyone including ourselves. That is scary, right? All of us will see our very own motives for doing things, our personal assumptions about the truth, our individual dreams of what is to come, and many other revelations that we would prefer to be hidden. The good news is that this Light gives life. (See John 1:4-5) Jesus is the Light. He will expose us, but He will also give life. This reality in itself, once accepted and practiced in our daily life, will transform us, everyone of us. So, go ahead and invite the Light to shine in your darkness, as John describes it for us in John 1:5. If you say you do not have darkness, then John says you deceive yourself, according to John’s letter in 1 John 1:8. Let us walk in the Light and be transformed. Let us receive the Light, trusting that he will expose us and give us life.

But those who do what is true come to the light in order that the light may show that what they did was in obedience to God. (John 3:21. GNB)

Report: “God’s Working Wonders.”

When she saw the bloody face, she felt an inner peace, a sense that, starting today, everything is going to get better. This was the story of Sita (not her real name), and her encounter with Jesus and the healing that came as a result of this encounter. This story was shared to me (David) by one of our pastors from South Asia, Pastor Ek, early this year.

One day in January 2021, Pastor Ek got a call from from one of his relatives whose mother, Sita, was sick and in need of healing. Pastor Ek prayed over her and, by God’s grace, she got healed. He shared the gospel story of Jesus and Sita accepted Jesus’ gift of salvation.

At this point, Sita shared her story to Pastor Ek. She had been sick with some unknown ailment the last 12 years. On this particular January day, the sickness was so severe that eventually she was taken to the hospital. But the hospital’s medical examination indicated that she was okay. So she returned home and decided to rest at her house. After a few minutes of being home, her symptoms got worse. She fell down on the floor and was hyperventilating and gasping for air. Being a devout Buddhist, she asked someone to call her Buddhist priests for a time of prayer and incantation. They came and said their prayers. On previous visits, her priests and Buddha Master would pray and she would feel some kind of relief. On that day, however, they could not do anything. Instead of helping her, they also fell down on the floor and could not get up on their own. It was

during this position of helplessness that a vision of a bloody face appeared to her by her left side. She was confused because she knew that the Buddha usually appears in yellow color or the “35 colors as taught by the Buddhist masters.” She started to doubt her religion. In her dilemma, she begun to ask: “So, whose face does this bloody face belong to?”

In the middle of this quandary, Sita received a deep sense of peace and calmness in her being. From within her thoughts, she heard the bloody face speak to her, telling her to ask Pastor Ek to come and visit with her. And this was the day when Pastor Ek came and shared the gospel to her, and God’s healing came over Sita in a miraculous way.

A few days later, Sita sat with Pastor Ek for a time of fellowship with some other brothers and sisters. The group was watching the movie The Passion of Christ. Sita told everyone that the bloody face in her vision was the same as the bloody face of Jesus in the movie.

Request: “A Request From Us To Help Country-NP.”

FMWM-Asia is asking local churches to make an annual commitment to support this CPD fund, the Church Planting and Development fund, for Country-NP. We highly recommend churches make a commitment of \$1,890.00 every year. This amount would support one church planter for one year.

Please see me (David) for more information. I have a brochure I can send your way for your perusal.

Review: “Some Prayer Items.”

Pray for the on-going fund raising for the Church Planting and Development Funds for Country-NP.

Pray for safety and God’s traveling mercies for David as he visits local churches in Illinois and Michigan.

Pray for our Five Country Leaders who are leading our FMC work in Cambodia, Country-MR, Country-NP, Thailand, and Country-VN. Because of the Covid situation and other logistical problems, they had to reschedule their respective Annual Meetings. Pray for wisdom as they are instruments of God’s encouragement to our Asian pastors and church leaders.

Praise the Lord for God’s care for Carmen and Jacob. They are slowly adjusting to life here in the US. Currently, they are occupied with summer jobs and artistic projects. Please continue to pray for them.

**Reconnection: “David’s P.B. Schedule For 2021”
(June to November)**

June 13, 2021 — Bhutanese Nepali Church of Kansas, Kansas City, KS
June 18, 2021 — North Michigan Annual Conference, Manton, MI
June 27, 2021 — Hope Church, Rushville, IL

July 10-14, 2021 — Manton Family Camp, Manton, MI
July 25, 2021 — Parkview Free Methodist Church, Vandalia, IL

August 1, 2021 — St. Paul’s Church, Greenville, IL
August 7, 2021 — Leadership Summit, Gateway Conference, Edwardsville, IL
August 9-14, 2021 — Hemans F.M.C. Family Camp, Decker, MI
August 15, 2021 — Boyne City Free Methodist Church, Boyne City, MI
August 16, 2021 — Church Board Meeting, Saranac, MI
August 17-20, 2021 — SCAMP Camp, Manton, MI
August 22, 2021 — Mancelona Free Methodist Church, Mancelona, MI
August 29, 2021 — Center Street Church, Belding, MI

September 12, 2021 — Sault Ste. Marie Free Methodist Church, Sault Ste. Marie, MI
September 19, 2021 — South Ewart Community Free Methodist Church, Ewart, MI
September 26, 2021 — Cowden Free Methodist Church, Cowden, IL

October 10, 2021 — Alton Emmanuel Church, Alton, IL
October 17, 2021 — Caldwell Free Methodist Church, Manton, MI
October 24, 2021 — River of Life Church, Saranac, MI
October 31, 2021 — Moundford Free Methodist Church, Decatur, IL

November 7, 2021 — Cornerstone Free Methodist Church, Holton, MI
November 14, 2021 — Central Michigan Free Methodist Church, Mt. Pleasant, MI

Note: I (David) have some Sunday evenings or weekdays that are available for a time of meeting up with pastors, board members, or any small group gathering. Please send me a note. I would love to come and share more about what God is doing in Asia.

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