

# 天鄰隨筆

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耶 穌回答說、也不是這人犯了罪、也不是他父母犯了罪、是要在他身上顯出 神的作為來。” 這是我第五次參加天鄰河南省沁陽市的醫療隊,令我深深體驗到上述約翰福音9章3節神所說的話。

今年有四十多位弟兄姊妹,浩浩蕩蕩的從美國, 澳洲和香港來到河南省沁陽市。他們當中有初次認識的,也有認識多年的,但每人都帶着神所賜不同的恩賜,不同的人生經驗,並且懷着神同一呼召,同一使命和同感一靈來事奉。就如經上說:” 恩賜原有分別、聖靈卻是一位。職事也有分別、主卻是一位。功用也有分別、 神卻是一位、在眾人裡面運行一切的事。聖靈顯在各人身上、是叫人得益處。” (林前12章4-7節)

其實,我們每人都有自己忙碌的生活以及工作,能夠撇下繁囂的工作,會計賬目,病人,家人, 客人,寵物.....等等,騰出一至兩個星期的時間來事奉,實在不是一件容易的事.他們為那些身體上有殘障的同胞們提供醫療以及輪椅服務.感謝神再一次賜予機會讓我去明白到什麼是神的作為。

雖然人生多有苦難而且難以明白,但是神是掌管一切的,在苦難中可能有祂的美意和計劃。羅馬書8章28節亦提到 ” 我們曉得萬事都互相效力、叫愛 神的人得益處、就是按他旨意被召的人。”

天鄰醫療隊的主要工作是為小兒麻痺、腦癱、先天性骨科疾病等病人治療,方法包括手術、物理治療和肢具等,目的是要盡量矯正他們殘障的肢體,改善功能及增強活動能力。

今次我被委派到門診工作,記得當天一早已有很多病人在等候,雖然情況混亂,我都盡力安排他們見醫生,終於那日一共看了70多位患者,我雖然感到疲累,但心中却十分滿足,想起聖經中所說 ” 因為我的軛是容易的、我的擔子是輕省的。” (馬太福音11章30節)

接着的一個星期,我在病房擔當護士助理,幫助手術前和手術後病人的接送、安頓和整理的工作。我喜歡與每個病人以及家屬聊天,彼此談談生活近況,瞭解同胞們的文化,交換人生經驗,這實在也令我獲益不少。印象最深的就是在這五年的天鄰事奉中,目睹小朋友們的成長,其中有長得身材高大,容貌俊美的。加上多次手術的改善,我看到那份自尊和自信都一同顯露在他們快樂可愛的臉容上,感謝神讓我見到祂的美麗恩典。

與醫療隊一起在沁陽服務的還有輪椅隊,十多位義工需要在六天之內安裝及分發1,100張輪椅,又要探訪接受輪椅病者,工作繁忙而且體力要求高。輪椅可擴大傷殘人士生活空間,改善他們的生活質素。在捐贈儀式上,我見到患者坐著輪椅離去,比當初不良於行的情景歡喜多了。就想到我們的神是要求他的兒女去眷顧每一位微不足道有需要的人, ” 我實在告訴你們、這些事你們既作在我這弟兄中一個最小的身上、就是作在我身上了。” (馬太25 章40 節) 當我們願意這樣做的時候,祂就會賜力量給我們行善。 ” 我要向山舉目。我的幫助從何而來。我的幫助從造天地的耶和華而來。” (詩篇121章1-2節) “我們原是他的工作、在基督耶穌裡造成的、為要叫我們行善、就是 神所預備叫我們行的。” (以弗所書2章10 節)



輪椅隊 Wheelchair team



作者(右一)與病人合照  
Author (right) and patients

最後,願神祝福天鄰每一位病人有好的康復.更求神加添力量給天鄰每一位義工,並繼續呼召更多弟兄姊妹參加天鄰事奉.寫下人生更豐盛的另一頁.因為這個學習是要親身參與才能體驗,不能單用金錢奉獻感受到的,我衷心期待與義工們見面和合作。

# Reflection... On serving in mission

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*Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him. (John 9:3)*

This was my fifth time joining HIS Foundation medical mission to Qinyang, Henan Province, China. This mission gave me a deeper understanding of what Jesus said in the above Bible verse. Our team had over 40 volunteers from the United States, Australia, and Hong Kong. Some are new comers while many are returned acquaintance volunteers. Each has different God given talents and life experience. However, everyone was called by the Spirit to serve in the same mission. Just like what is stated in the Bible

*Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. (1Cor 12:4-7)*

Most of us have very busy schedule in our private lives. It was not easy to put aside our business, accounts, clients, patients, families, pets ... etc. and took two weeks off to join the mission to serve the less privileged and handicapped people in China. However, thanks to our Lord, through the mission I witnessed His almighty love and deed.

Suffering is so common in life and yet difficult to understand. However, we trust God is in control. Sometimes God has His blessings behind the sufferings.

*And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. (Roman 8:28)*

The purpose of the medical team was to treat indigent patients with physical disabilities and improve their bodily functions. They include patients with cerebral palsy, post-poliomyelitis deformities, and other congenital deformities. Methods employed included surgery, physical therapy, and use of braces.

My first assignment was the out-patient clinic. It was packed with anxiously waiting patients and the condition was chaotic. I tried my best to arrange patients to get their consultation from our doctors. Eventually we were able to see over 70 patients. I was very tired but felt fulfilling. I remembered what God said:

*For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. (Matthew 11:30)*

In the following week, I served in the ward preparing patients for surgeries and assisting them in recovery after the operations. I enjoyed talking to patients and their families, and shared our life stories and experience. In the past 5 years, I closely observed some young patients gradually grew up. They have changed so much. Some are very handsome or beautiful, while some are strong and well built. Surgeries corrected their deformities and restored their self confidence and self-esteem. Thank you God for letting me witness His grace.

Our wheelchair team volunteers had to work under very tight schedule. They had to finish assembling and distributing 1,100 wheelchairs in 6 days. In addition, they had to do home visitations and interviews. The work was hard and physically demanding. On the other hand, wheelchairs are wonderful gifts of mobility and allow patients to improve their quality of living. At the wheelchair donation ceremony, I saw many happy grateful recipients. I understand that God want His children to serve the underprivileged.

*Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." (Matthew 25:40).*

As we are willing to do so, He will give us the ability to serve.

*"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth." (Psalm 121:1-2) "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." (Eph 2:10)*

May our Lord continue to bless our patients with a good recovery after surgery. I encourage our brothers and sisters to join us in HIS Foundation ministries and experience the joy of serving. This is an experience you will not have just by giving donations.

