



CHRISTADELPHIAN MEAL A DAY JULY News

Project Snapshot: Malaysia

I visited Home of Peace on the outskirts of Kuala Lumpur most recently in April. Good news, all is well with Justine and the girls! Another 2 have been welcomed into the Home: A baby, 'Faith', who is doted on by the older girls, and a 9-year-old, bringing the total to 17 girls. At the time of our visit they were looking for potential sites to begin a school, which ultimately will be open to the public. There was also a celebration for Molly who was turning 9 the day I arrived, so a birthday cake and special treats including a favourite, fried banana, were enjoyed by everyone!

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A walk in the park?

On the way to work in Melbourne CBD, I often leave the train at Jolimont station and walk through Treasury Gardens, soaking up the landscape, the colossal trees and seasonal colour, the dappled morning light. Recently on one such morning commute, it occurred to me that the gardens are always there (reflecting their Creator's glory) regardless of who passes by; yet isn't the beauty of these gardens enriched or indeed diminished by how people interact with them? Do they pause to enjoy their wonder, perhaps share in friendly banter with fellow commuters or stop and have a coffee with friends? Or do they barge impatiently through the tourist throng, perhaps discarding litter, disturbing an otherwise air of calm...

Thousands of years before us, Jesus Christ observed in conversation with his disciples, "the poor you will always have with you¹..." I wondered as I walked through the ever-present garden, is there another question for us today: In what state do we leave the ever-present poor after we have passed by on life's journey? Have we taken time to pause and engage, to share in helpful conversation and extend our hospitality, or are they left as if we had never been?

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Note 1: Matthew 26v11; Mark 14v7; John 12v8; see also Deuteronomy 15v11

Upcoming events

Vanuatu Field-trip Presentation
7 August 2016 @ Ringwood VIC

Spring AGM 26 Nov 2016, God willing
Market craft fair & music concert

Plus more news to come from Sarah Wallace on her visits to Nepal & India - God speed on your travels Sarah!

Fund-raising idea #73

Got a birthday coming up?
Struggling for gift ideas?

Here's one for you...

How about hosting a party with your friends, make it an Asia-Pacific-themed event, with donations going to help communities in need ☺

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