



2009 Camp Reflection

### **Yes, 'Great' Men of God... cries too!**

There's so much to tell about the camp since day 1 and the whole Pasir Panjang church as a whole. But what struck me most was the heartfelt tearful prayer by the church's elders that was concluded by Bro. Winston Chong. Most men were teary-eyed just after the prayers. This happens after we presented our ministry report about our respective congregations and the PP elders with Bro. Henry surrounded us and prayed over us.

Yes, men do cry too... being emotional or not...it really moved us to tears. I really can't imagine the enormity of it all. Look, we are just a bunch of preachers/ministers...just doing our job of serving His flock, and yet...here...we are being prayed deeply, heartily, emotionally by the people who didn't even witness the sacrifices we have made and the effort we have exerted.

Of course, men of God will do everything and anything for his Glory. We are all called to serve without asking or waiting for gratitude even from our respective churches. Our rewards were already reserved in heaven. But to be recognized in such manner coupled with powerful words of prayer is already enough to covertly wipe the tears in our eyes.

When was the last time you shed your tears...in prayers...and in public places at that. When was the last time you were moved... overcome by Holy Spirit, convicted by His Words, unclothed by the guiltiness and filthiness of your soul?

It's d?j? vu for me all over again. Coincidence or not, I remember the last time I was moved and wept literally and it happens almost 7 years ago. The same group of people, the place they called the Upper Room. The place wherein you can openly bare your soul, called unto God, share your despair, your weaknesses, your filthiness, anguish, hopelessness and so on. With a couple of people in that room, I surrendered everything to Him, to accept His will and to look beyond my own comprehension and to let Him steer my own direction.

It took us seven years of waiting and its worth wanting. It's nice to be around with the same people who have greatly influenced us. Your deeds and examples were the very foundations we exemplified as we applied it to our present congregation. Simply, God wants us... to be a channel of blessings to our own people.

We are greatly blessed by your enormous generosity and your amazing passion for mission work. Things that you have done, not only in the Philippines but throughout the world were speak for it self. Truly, two are better than one if we work side by side for the glory of His kingdom.

Thank you for the wonderful fellowship, in such a short time we really enjoyed (not only the food) seeing the same people who have grown with us....those people who have 'adopted' us as their son and daughter...and those young kiddos during our time, who have grown up, and now leaders and movers of the PP church. To the new faces we have met, nice meeting you all. And to our fellow overseas guests, your great deeds and accomplishment were a great encouragement for us.

Eight years of living in Singapore and seven years of being away, no wonder we lost our way more than once...in Orchard subway and Telok Blangah Road. But the experienced was great. We really missed Singapore...the brethren...the Filipinas...they were so huge now. Bro. Peter Lim, thanks for being the master of the ceremony. You really did a wonderful job, even in our coach you keep us alive. Bro. Patrick, thank you for playing tour guide for us, was touring us with church van as well as picking us up and sending us home on your car. Bro. Henry and sister Nat, thanks for that wonderful lunch together and to Peng Liam and Catherine, it was such a wonderful dinner with your lovely daughter Olivia.

And to all who made the camp successful, you really did a great job. Bro. Glen, your story is superb... another tear-jerker. And to the rest, you have made our trip another memorable one. Hope to see you again, soon.

Sonny & Gina