

BE AN EFFECTIVE WITNESS

This is the third and final part of our series on soul winning. By Assistant Pastor Carol Lim

The Christian communicator must take note of what he says and how he says it. How we deliver the Gospel can affect whether or not our message is heard and embraced. How a person feels about the message he has heard will be a crucial factor in its acceptance or rejection.

We cannot read the Gospel accounts of Jesus' dealings with men and women without being struck by one truth: Jesus dealt with every person in a way that perfectly matched the need of that person's heart. The evangelist must be a student of the people with whom he intends to communicate. But however you choose to tell it, the key is sharing worthy words worthily. Dr. Archibald Brown, Charles Spurgeon's co-worker, advised young preachers:

The Gospel is a fact,
therefore tell it simply.
It is a joyful fact;
therefore tell it cheerfully.
It is an entrusted fact;
therefore tell it faithfully.
It is a fact of infinite importance;
therefore tell it earnestly.
It is a fact of infinite love;
therefore tell it lovingly.
It is a fact of different comprehension to many;
therefore tell it with illustration.
It is a fact about a Person;
therefore preach Christ.

There are many personal evangelism styles. I started off as a witness by using tracts. Today, my style of evangelism has developed into a testimonial and interpersonal style. I often tell stories about my personal experiences or others' in order to illustrate a point I am trying to make.

You do not need to imitate anybody. Develop a confidence in telling your story in a style that fits your personality. Evangelise out of who you are in Christ! You can expect the Lord's hand to be with you. +

Main Reference: Mark McCloskey, *Tell It Often-Tell It Well: Making the Most of Witnessing Opportunities*

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Giving free tuition



By Wong Ming Yook



Creative Evangelism

In many closed and semi-closed countries of the world, official mission or evangelistic work is not possible. Such countries are termed 'Creative Access Nations' (CANs). If we cannot evangelise in the 'usual' ways, we must be creative and think outside of the box.

Fish the Net

One major way to creatively evangelise nowadays is through the Internet, which is a powerful pull medium with far fewer restrictions than traditional communications methods. There are many testimonies of people from all over the world who have found salvation through the Web. You can:

- start a blog or YouTube video about your faith,
- share popcorn and e-testimonies,
- twitter faith updates, or
- start fan and discussion pages on facebook.

Christians are taking digital evangelism so seriously that there is even an Internet Evangelism Day (last Sunday of April every year). There are 1.7 billion web users, and over 3 billion people use mobile phones. The Web is not just another means of communication, but a hyper-medium that is overtaking all previous media.

Seizing the Potential

There are so many ways to reach out. The Internet is just one. We must seize every opportunity that we have to share the transforming power and love of God. So explore ideas!

Jesus said, "As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work" (John 9: 4 NIV). In the time God has given us, let us be found to be worthy workmen for His Name's sake! +

Take a tip from V-Impact and creatively evangelise!

- Have an Eco-Day fest: share godly stewardship of the earth and the gospel with your friends!
- Give free tuition, medical care, eye care to your neighbours and show them God's love in practical ways!
- Take up evangelistic badminton and share the gospel while getting fit!
- Be a mission-minded tourist: visit poorer countries and share God's love while you boost their economy!

VISITOR'S LOUNGE MINISTRY

From January to July 2010, we had 257 visitors. Praise God that 26 potential believers accepted the Lord as their personal Saviour in the Visitor's Lounge (VL).
Esther Chin and Robert Eng share their experiences:

"I attended Calvary Church for the first time on 21 March 2010. I remember the warm and friendly welcome that I received from the pastors, ushers and the VL greeters. After hearing about the church services and ministries, I wanted to know more about Christianity. Subsequently, I accepted the Lord Jesus into my life in a church service. I am now faithfully attending Calvary Church. God is good!" ESTHER CHIN



"I had a wonderful experience at the VL when I first attended Calvary Church, Damansara Heights 16 years ago. After returning from years of working abroad, I decided to pay another visit to Calvary Church on 21 March 2010. The VL greeters were very friendly and introduced the church ministries to me. Ever since then, I have been looking forward to every church service." ROBERT ENG

If your friends are visiting our church for the first time, invite them to the Visitor's Lounge. Let us be a blessing to them!

If you enjoy getting to know people and have the gift of hospitality, you're the one we're looking for! Come, be part of the VL team and make a difference in someone's life. Call Associate Pastor Raymond Yong at 03-7728 6000 ext 308 for more information. +

CALVARY CONVENTION CENTRE



INAUGURAL IGF

The International Golf Fellowship (IGF) is a unique event for Christian Business Leaders and Professionals who play golf, to reflect, fellowship, and rejuvenate themselves spiritually and physically. It will be held from 10 to 13 November 2010 at Bintan Lagoon Resort, Indonesia. The IGF is also a fund-raising event to support the building of the CCC.

Senior Pastor Rev. Tan Sri Prince Guneratnam, and Bishop Dag Heward Mills, Founder and Pastor of Lighthouse Chapel, Ghana, will be speaking at the IGF on the theme, "Gifted for Fruitfulness."

Golfing participants will play two rounds of golf at the Bintan Lagoon Resort and at the Ria Bintan Golf Club, reputed to be one of the best golf courses in Asia. There is also a Leisure programme for their non-golfing spouses.

For more information, log on to www.cccigf.com +

SCG OPEN SESSION



Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam takes two sessions on **8 and 15 October 2010**, dealing with a topic that we all need to know, **"Is Hell Real?"** Join us for these sessions.

Venue: Sanctuary, Damansara Heights

Time: 7.30pm

SCG TERM 4

Term 4 (10 October to 19 December) begins soon. Sign up for a course and learn God's Word. Below is a sampling of courses to consider:

- Ampang** – Joshua
- Cheras** – Be Committed... Gospel of John
- DP** – Choices...Making Right Decisions in a Complex World
- DH** – Celebration of Discipline



V-IMPACT

V-Impact has been making waves in our communities. These are just a few testimonies that show how our good works cause others to glorify our heavenly Father. +



Gave office cleaners chicken rice for lunch. They were delightfully surprised.



What was intended as free tuition gradually turned into a Sunday school class for the primary school kids. The parents and kids are becoming more regular in this outreach church!



Friend recently went through a difficult situation that left her emotionally drained. Talking via the internet wasn't enough. On short notice, I took a trip down to Singapore for one and a half days to offer an ear and a shoulder.

Looked after a toddler and an infant while their mommy was down with chicken pox and their daddy overseas. Gave a get-well card and fruits to mommy too.

