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Dear Friends and Fellow Servants,

Near the end of March, The Tan family wanted to hold a cultural family celebration in such a way that it could be an evangelistic opportunity. For the one-hundred-day celebration for their son Ethan, they planned a small party to follow our Sunday morning service. 17 visitors came, who were former church attendees, neighbors, co-workers, or family and friends to the parents. We sang three children's hymns, dedicated the baby and parents, and then I preached a very short message. Tying into the event, the sermon from Mark 10 was about Timaeus' impotence to help his son receive sight or spiritual life; yet, Jesus the Son of David and the Son of God had power to give sight and life. After the main service, a lady in her seventies from South Africa said, " The sermon was short....., but it was powerful." I know that several in attendance heard the gospel for the first time.



One Sunday, a Korean fellow who said he was a missionary to the homeless began attending. His name is Paul. Paul has attended faithfully for a period of six weeks. Several weeks ago, he came back with a homeless gentleman. At the end of the service, Paul brought the homeless man up to talk to me. The man's name is Kenton. I made sure he was cognizant. When he came in to our service, he was sagging and falling asleep. Later, he told me he had gotten cold sleeping on the street the night before and didn't sleep well. When, I began talking to him, he perked up and really locked on. I then proceeded to share the Gospel. He responded throughout the conversation. At the end, I tried to put him off saying he could take care of this later if he still had questions or doubts, but he said, " I'm ready to do that now." Kenton humbly accepted Christ as his Savior! Later, another Christian exclaimed, " You got saved!" Kenton replied, "Finally!" He looked very different when he left the building. Angela said that he had a light in his eyes that wasn't there when he came in. We are happy to report that Kenton came back to church this last Sunday.

Recently, I was able to take a break and watch my boys play at the playground. One of our new neighbors saw me and walked over to talk. He is engaged to marry a lady who lives a few doors down from us, who says she is a Christian. So, I was curious to know if Orien was a Christian as well. He thought he was. He had come from a Jamaican family tradition who say they are Christian. He told me that he was working really hard. I was able to share that our works come short and repenting from our way and surrendering to humbly accept Jesus' payment for us was the only way of salvation. He is almost persuaded. I am sure that you will pray with me for my new friend.



Serving the Lord,

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