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NEW GERARD CHAPMAN KITCHEN

Manila, Philippines



THOUGHTS FROM BEVERLEY SUMRALL, PASTOR OF CATHEDRAL OF PRAISE:

The new **Gerard Chapman Benevolence Kitchen** is fully built, renovated and outfitted. It took a LOT of red tape - government officials being overly officious, permits, delays, and finally in the month of August the kitchen became fully operational. It is being used seven days a week to prepare the food to feed hungry street children.

Beverley Sumrall comments: "Wow, we are happy!!! We will never forget the tremendous hearts of love Bernice and Velma had for our children here in Manila. Bernice was always asking me, 'Don't you have a project?' Besides

the daily feeding she was always looking for a specific project to get behind to bless the children. What a great heart she had. And now, since the kitchen was set up with the generous donation of Sunday Line partners, this prominent sign reminds us how two ladies on the other side of the world can change lives forever. When we feed little children in the area we think, 'We are changing the life of a child who could one day change our nation.'"

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METRO KIDS – *Inner City Surrey*



SUMMER SIDEWALK KIDS KLUB

Throughout the summer, more and more children came to the eight apartment complexes in the inner-city Surrey area of BC. Even one Friday, while rain was pouring from the sky, about sixty children came out of two apartments to play in the wet weather with the Metro Kids workers.

With a great team of seven summer staff working many hours throughout each week, the good news of the gospel was shared with kids, preteens and youth. The consistency of ministry brings a real strength to the team and they kept getting better throughout the summer.

DIRECT ANSWER TO PRAYER

The Metro Kids team took their Summer Sidewalk program to a new complex and area. In the spring, they had contact with only two families in the apartment block but, after the first week, there were 20 kids coming out!

Kids Klub intern, Marie, had a great conversation with a Christian mother in the complex who had been praying that someone would come and minister to the children of the neighbourhood. Metro Kids was able to be an answer to her prayers!

LONG-TERM IMPACT

Many new preteens also become connected to the preteen outreach as a direct result of Sidewalk Kids Klub. Metro Kids will be able to have significant contact with these families for years to come.

Metro Kids are able to make a long-term impact in their community. They are connecting with new kids and families at a great rate and that will transfer into their year-long programs in the fall.



JESUS, THE ONLY WAY!

Key Scripture: John 14:1

“Do not let your hearts be troubled.”

In His departure message, Jesus anticipates His reception back into heaven and being recrowned with His former glory. He expresses His desire for His church to also join Him in His true home by giving them a great message of hope.

The disciples had been with Jesus for 3-plus years of His ministry, and had experienced His mighty works and miracles including the raising of Lazarus from the dead; but now the time had come for Him to fulfill the rest of His mission and to return back to His Father in Heaven. The Passover Feast was approaching and He knew that this would be the last time He would celebrate this great feast with His disciples. He was fully aware that the cross lay ahead of Him.

In anticipation of the Cross, Jesus was preparing His disciples for His departure by giving them words of encouragement: **“Do not let your hearts be troubled”** (John 14:1), words of hope that He was returning to heaven in order to prepare a place for His disciples, and therefore they would see Him once again. What a great promise...what a great hope!

I can just imagine them saying: *“You mean you have a place for us...and you’re coming back to take us there?!”* The passage of John 14 is intended for the church!

To understand this passage better it is important to have some background as to what the Jews believed. To a Jew, their religion was a way of life. They understood their lives in terms of a journey. A Jewish view of time was essentially linear, durative and progressive. Life had a beginning and it had an ultimate destination in mind. They were not just going around on an endless cycle

but they were going somewhere; they were in route to a destination where they would see the transformation and restoration of all things and the removal of evil from the earth. They were looking forward to a day when God would restore Israel back to its former glory and God would judge the wicked and redeem all the righteous.

To a Jew, his life was his religion, and his religion was all about walking with God. Walking with God meant relationship and throughout the Old Testament we constantly see references of choosing a road, a path, or a way...for life’s journey.

In Genesis 18:19 the children of Abraham were told to **“Keep the way of the Lord”**. The way of the Lord was also taught to children at a very early age in the Torah which was the Jew’s instruction manual concerning “the way of life”.

For a grandfather, the epitome of religious satisfaction was to hear his grandson recite a portion of the Torah. Of the 613 commandments found in the Torah, the most important one dealing with choosing a right path of life is found in Deuteronomy 4:9: **“Teach them to your children and to their children after them.”**

Throughout the Old Testament we find constant references to walking with God:

- Proverbs 4:13 **“Hold on to instruction, do not let it go, guard it well, for it is your life.”**
- Proverbs 15:9 **“The LORD detests the way of the wicked, but he loves those who pursue righteousness.”**
- Deut. 11:22 God tells us to **“walk in all His ways.”**
- Prov. 14:12 & 16:25 **“There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end leads to death.”**
- Psalm 119:105 **“Thy word is a light for my path, and lamp to my feet.”**

Adam walked with God; Enoch walked with God; Noah walked with God; all throughout history the Bible tells about the men and women that walked with God. In Hebrew history, *HALAKHAH* literally meant “walking”, and that walk was specified by rules, laws and regulations so that one would not stray from the right path.

In Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, He taught about two ways. He talked about a path that was broad leading to destruction, and another path that was narrow which led to life. Whenever Jesus spoke about life, it was always in terms of eternal life (John 10:10). Eternal life did not refer to length of time, but rather to a life of depth, intensity and quality. Because He was the God-Man, Jesus always looked at things through the eye of the eternal. True abundant life was a God-like life which was not bound by any parameters within time and space.

Today most people would tell you that they believe in a life after death. They believe in the supernatural, but the problem is that there is no way that a natural person can come to exist in a supernatural way unless they are first reborn. Jesus plainly told Nicodemus, Israel's top rabbi and teacher of the Torah (The Way of Life), that the only way to have eternal life is to be born again supernaturally...from above.

What Israel's top rabbi did not understand is that he had come face to face with Jesus, who is the true "Living Torah"...the Living Way of Life! Jesus, in His incarnation, became the Living Truth... and He alone is qualified to unveil Heaven's true nature to humanity.

The good news was that Jesus was leaving His disciples to return to His Father's House to prepare an eternal place for them. Throughout the Bible we see different kinds of references to the Father's House.

In Luke 19:12 Jesus refers to His Father's house as a "**Country**", which suggests that Heaven's expanse and magnitude is great.

In Peter 1:11 the apostle Peter refers to heaven as a "**Kingdom**", suggesting citizenship under the rule of a king with authority.

In Hebrews 11 and Revelation 21:2 heaven is referred to as a "**City**" which suggests a population with dwelling places.

The fact is that when Jesus referred to a place in His Father's House, He is suggesting the joys and privilege of family. I don't know about you, but I find that exciting. Jesus Himself will one day come to lead us to His Father's House...**that's shouting news!!!**

In the book of Acts, the early Christians called their movement "The Way". Jesus is the only way to His Father's House.

When Jesus referred to coming to receive us to Himself, most people assume that Jesus was referring to the Rapture, but the Greek translation will not have it that way. Jesus was referring to the here and now, so that when a saint passes on, they are immediately in the presence of the Lord. There is no waiting period...there is no holding departure lounge. The reference is to the present, and when a saint departs this earthly body that Jesus Himself will come to receive them to escort them home.

He said: "**And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there you may be also.**" (John 14:3) Jesus made it clear: "**I am, the way, the truth, and the life**"....no one can come to the Father except by me." (John 14:6)

Jesus is the *only way*.

He is the *Highway* between heaven and earth.

He is the *living Bread* that came from heaven.

He alone *fulfilled the Law and the Prophets*

He alone *conquered death*.

He is the *Living Torah* manifest in the flesh.

He is *Life*, and to know the Son is to have life.

Our ultimate destination in this life is to enter into that place which God had prepared for us since the beginning of time. The author of the book of Hebrews in 4:7-11 encourages each one of us to enter that Sabbath rest while it is still called today...because tomorrow may be too late.

What a great hope we have as the Church of Jesus Christ!

Thank you for your faithful support in this ministry.

Blessings in Christ

Pastor Roman

& Pat Kozak

