

# 改變生命 Lives Change



## 信二代的反思 The Reflection of a Second Generation Christian

窑匠一直以來的使命，就是讓每位我們所接觸的人，他們的生命可以被上帝轉化及成長，不論是同工、受助者，甚至每位參與窑匠服侍的義工或短宣隊員。來自中國基督教播道會恩福堂的Isaac就是其中一位參加短宣後，生命被更新的青年人，以下是他的生命故事：

我是Isaac，去年隨教會參與柬埔寨短宣服事。記得我們在準備兒童活動時，由於不熟悉當地的情況，故有很多擔憂和疑慮，例如不知道孩子們會否遵守規矩、能否有效溝通，甚至擔心他們連簡單的遊戲都不能掌握。但當我們到達現場後，發現那些孩子其實非常熱情主動，就連我這個平時比較內向的人也被他們的活力感染了。我們與他們一起玩耍及做手工，度過了美好的一天。

其中有一位叫阿Kim的小朋友，他充滿笑容，身上散發著無窮的活力，有時還會嫉妒我們與其他孩子互動。雖然彼此語言不通，但無阻我們的關係，反而因為無法用言語交流而更加真誠相待。窑匠負責人提醒我們要公平地對待所有孩子，既不能偏袒任何一個，也不能全部忽視。在遊戲過程中，我們發現孩子們的表現與我們預期的大不相同，他們非常遵紀守規，聽從指令；用餐時也很自律，幫助我們整理桌面。我們看到神在他們身上的改變，從街頭小混混變成在安全的環境下學習及成長。回到酒店後，我想起阿Kim，若沒有神的幫助，他還會擁有那樣燦爛的笑容嗎？神真是如此公平，祂對每個人的愛都是平等的，只要我們願意跟隨祂。

在去柬埔寨之前，我的生命就是一個週末信二代。平時只有週末返教會，很少主動禱告依靠神。記得去柬埔寨之前，我的處境比較艱難，因為無法順利考上大學，自己也對此感到失望和自卑。在短宣期間聽了當地牧師的見證，讓我學會禱告依靠神。當中退修的文章更提醒我，神不需要完美的人，反而需要我們將自己的軟弱交給祂，讓祂使用我們去拯救更多人，認識並信靠祂。這一點深深觸動了我，我一直認為失敗是令人羞愧的，但原來可以被神使用去榮耀祂，建立祂的國。這次經歷讓我學會感恩，在日常生活中更多依靠神，不再過於介意自己的失敗，因為這些經歷是可以被神使用的。

經過今次柬埔寨之行，我的生命有很大的轉變。除了學會分享自己的經歷，我每天都會感恩，集中注意力在美好的事物上，將重擔交託給神，更加確信神的真實。

The mission of the Metta is to allow every person we come into contact with to be transformed and grown in their life, whether they are co-workers, beneficiaries, or even every volunteer or mission team member who participates in the our ministry. Isaac is one of the young person whose life was renewed after participating in a mission trip. Here is his life story:

I am Isaac, and last year I participated in the mission trip to Cambodia with my church. I remember when we were preparing the children's activities, we had many worries and doubts due to our unfamiliarity with the local situation, such as not knowing if the children would follow the rules or whether we could communicate effectively, and even if they could master simple games. But when we arrived at the centre, we found that the children were actually very enthusiastic and proactive. Even I, who am usually more introverted, was infected by their vibrant energy. We played and did crafts together, and had a wonderful day.

There was a child named Kim who was full of smiles and boundless energy. He would get jealous sometimes when we interacted with other children. Although we could not communicate with each other due to the language barrier. It did not hinder our relationship but rather made us interact more sincerely. The ministry leader of Metta reminded us to treat all the children fairly, neither favoring any one of them nor neglecting them all. During the games, we found that the children's performance was very different from our expectations. They followed instructions and were very disciplined especially during meals and helped us clean the tables. We saw God's transformation in them, from street hoodlums to individuals learning and growing in a safe environment. After returning to the hotel, I thought about Kim, and wondered if he would still have such a radiant smile without God's help? God is so fair, and His love for everyone is equal, as long as we are willing to follow Him.

Before going to Cambodia, my life was just that of a 'weekend Christian' - I only attended church on weekends and rarely prayed or relied on God. I remember before the mission trip, my situation was rather difficult because I could not successfully get into university, and I felt disappointed and inferior about it. During the mission trip, the testimony of the local pastor taught me to pray and rely on God. The articles from the retreat also reminded me that God does not need perfect people, but rather wants us to give Him our weaknesses so He can use us to save more people and help them know and trust Him. This deeply touched me, as I had always thought that failure was shameful, but now I realized it could be used by God to glorify Him and build His kingdom. This experience taught me to be grateful, to rely more on God in my daily life, and to no longer worry too much about my own failures because these experiences can be used by God.

After this trip to Cambodia, my life has undergone a great transformation. In addition to learning to share my own experiences, I give thanks every day, focus my attention on good things and entrust my burdens to God. Now, I am more certain in the reality of God.

