

The Serving of Five Loaves and Two Fish

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In the Gospel of the Bible, it is recorded that Jesus performed the miracle of feeding five thousand people with five loaves and two fish offered by a child. This year, during the mission trip, Mr. Kenny Hou, whom we call “Mr. Hou,” once again offered his talents, using his own “five loaves and two fish” to bless the children and families in Cambodia.

Mr. Hou and his wife participated in their first mission trip to Cambodia last year with the E.F.C.C. Spring Church. “I didn’t know anything at first; I’m good at photography, so I thought, can I use my hobby to serve others?” he humbly shared. Now 70 years old, Mr. Hou was a paramedic before retirement and has a passion for photography. “I believe the local villagers have very few opportunities to take photos. If I can capture some joyful moments for them and print them out as keepsakes, that would be wonderful.” This idea led to the beginning of his service last year. Mr. Hou printed photos on the spot for each child and villager he photographed, placing them in beautiful frames and giving them as gifts. Each person who received one cherished it dearly.

“I am grateful to visit Cambodia again this year, and I wanted to improve upon the photography service from last time,” Mr. Hou shared. This year, in addition to providing beautiful frames, he also offered lamination services. “I hope that by laminating the photos, they won’t be damaged by water or other stains, allowing them to be preserved for a longer time.” On the day of the photo shoot, it happened to be the birthday of one of the children in the family. The photo is surely the best gift for the child and their family, and in the future, when the child grows up, being able to see their younger self will hold great meaning for the family.

“I really don’t know much; I can only serve God through photography during the mission trip. Besides carefully photographing the children at Metta’s centre, I also wanted to do something meaningful for the villagers. So, I thought of taking photos of the villagers, printing them out on the spot, and giving them the photos. Each time they see the pictures, they will remember that there was a group of Christians who cared for them and shared the gospel with them.” In this way, Mr. Hou captured precious moments of hearing gospel for every villager willing to take a photo.

Mr. Hou leaves us with an impression of simplicity and faithful to serve. In his heart, it is not about doing great things for God, but rather about faithfully offer what he has, much like the child who offered the five loaves and two fish, placing it in God’s hands to bless five thousand people. In doing so, Mr. Hou has blessed the people of Cambodia.

