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## From the Antioch of Asia

Dear Brothers and Sisters in His Service,  
Greetings! One of the key lessons that God has been constantly reminding us during our home assignment is **“Obedience to God is not just doing what He tells us to do but doing what He tells us to do, when He tells us to do it. It is being sensitive to God’s timing as well as His Word and His Work”**. We read in Acts 8:29, that the Holy Spirit directed Philip to join a chariot in the desert: **“Then the Spirit said unto Philip, go near, and join thyself to this chariot”**. Had Philip not left when the Spirit directed or failed to run when told, he would have missed the carrier of the Gospel to Ethiopia! That’s the same reason why we are convinced to return to Africa now even when many voices are requesting us to stay back in Asia. We believe that the African Churches have much to contribute to World Missions and that we have a humble role to play in mobilizing them to reach the unreached with the Gospel. We are grateful to God and thankful to you for your prayers and support to make that possible. **Praise God for the following key ministries:**

### 1. Encouraging Women to be Kingdom minded

Praise God for the opportunity God gave Viji to speak at the retreat organized on 14 February for the Women of Tamil Methodist churches in Singapore. She spoke on the topic, **“Storing up treasures in Heaven”** and explained how they can store treasures in heaven even by practically being the salt and light in the community. Through the two workshops Viji guided the participants to come out with practical ways to store up treasures in heaven. Lives were touched, decisions were made and God’s name was glorified.



### 2. Challenging Christians to respond to God’s call

We thank God for the retreat organized during the Chinese New Year holidays for the members of the evening service at Short Street Tamil Methodist Church. Along with another YFC leader, Watson and Viji delivered 8 talks on **“Rededication”**, **“Relying on God”**, **“Revisiting original vision”**, **“Reaching out to seekers”**, **“Radical Discipleship”**, **“Rejoicing in being Godly families”**, **“Remembering our commitment to Him”** and **“Returning to core values”**.

Praise the Lord for the ministry of the Holy Spirit and His Holy Word during the two days.

### 3. Serving Youths during Valentine’s day celebration

The youths of the Tamil Methodist Churches in Singapore, invited Viji to speak on the topic

**“Love does not envy”** on 21 February. The practical talk which focused on the causes of envy, expressions of envy, various stages of envy and spiritual ways to handle envy, was well received by the youths. Thirty over youths attended the talk and benefitted. Glory be to God!

### 4. Encouraging believers to be Missionary Christians

We had the privilege of sharing about our ministry in Zambia during the gathering organized by the Word Group which consists of young adults of different churches. The group which normally discusses topical issues, had the opportunity to hear our experiences and the Lord’s blessings upon our ministries on the Mission field. We also shared our vision and plans to serve in Malawi after our home assignment. It was encouraging and comforting to see the group interacting with us and praying for His Mission.



### Please pray for:

1. Watson’s teaching and preaching at Ang Mo Kio Tamil Methodist Church Adult Fellowship (7/3) Kampong Kapor Methodist Church (13/3), Ipoh Churches (19 to 22/3), Jireh BP Church (29/3) and Bethesda Chapel (29/3).
2. Viji as she guides believers in their spiritual growth through the cell groups and her counseling ministry.
3. All obstacles to be removed in the processing of Visa applications for Watson and Viji to serve in Malawi
4. Sangeetha to balance well her involvement in church, community and job at NUS and Santhosh’s knee pain to be removed and his weak tendons to be strengthened.

If you are interested in receiving further details on our ministry and supporting us, feel free to contact us at [Watson.rajaratnam@sim.org](mailto:Watson.rajaratnam@sim.org) / [vijayawatson@motimail.com](mailto:vijayawatson@motimail.com) and +65-87264219/ +65-86985574. Your contributions could be sent to SIM EAST ASIA Ltd, 116 Lavender Street, Pek Chuan Building, Singapore 338730, specifying **“Watson’s support or Watson’s ministry or Watson personal”**.

Yours in His Mission

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