



Friends of God:
God's Global Offer of Friendship
2 Corinthians 5:18-21

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Every follower of Jesus is called to participate in God's mission of redeeming the world through the Lord Jesus. We're called to reach our families, friends, co-workers, classmates, neighbors, and anyone else in between with the good news entrusted to us. But oftentimes, we find it hard to do so. We have fears and uncertainties that may hinder us. We may not even be sure where to begin. In this sermon series for missions month, we're going to explore the role of friendship in bringing the good news to people. Today, we're going to discuss our very own friendship with God and how that friendship begins to extend to the people around us:

1. _____ IS IN THE _____ OF _____ PEOPLE TO HIMSELF.

Sunday Services

Prelude

Call to Worship

Baptism (10:30 a.m.)

Worship through Praise

Worship through Fellowship

Worship through Giving

Worship in Music

Testimony

Scripture Reading

Worship in the Word

Pastor Beej Yu

Jon Paller (3 p.m.)

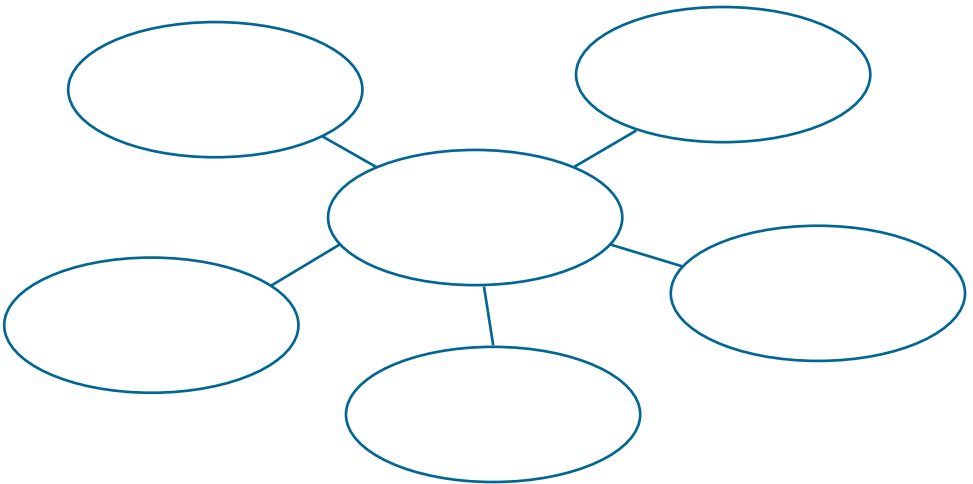
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2. _____ ARE IN THE _____ OF HELPING PEOPLE BE
_____ WITH GOD.





We welcome everyone to the second weekend of this year's Missions Month, as we also welcome the newest members of our

GCF family who will publicly declare their faith in Christ through the waters of baptism (specifically during the 10:30am service).

Allow me to simply remind us of the activities lined up this month, as the theme "Friendship In The Mission Of God" is unpacked by our guest preachers through our worship services (beginning today):

1. 40-Day Missions Prayer Guide.

Last July 1, we began to release a 40-day prayer guide. We normally release a Missions Primer, and this year's time of prayer for the Missions efforts of the church is through this guide to help us learn more about our missionaries' ministries. In this way, we will be more informed of their work in the field—and can be more specific in our prayers, both individually and collectively as members of the body of Christ.

2. Missions Month Workshop Series.

Also part of our celebration is a series of workshops intended for us to learn more about the Mission of God and how we can participate in it. Pastor Lloyd Estrada opens this as the July

7 workshop speaker, on "Friendship and Partnership Development." The succeeding workshops will also be held on a Saturday afternoon at the Fellowship Hall. These are open to everyone, as we are all highly encouraged to attend.

3. ChisMissions. While the Saturday afternoons are intended for workshops, the Sunday afternoons are sessions where we can spend actual time with our supported missionaries. Through ChisMissions, we have the opportunity to get to know our missionaries—and can learn how to partner with them in their ministry. These sessions will be held at noon at the Fellowship Hall, and snacks will be served. You may opt to bring lunch to complement the snacks, so as to not miss the sessions.

4. Missions Orgs Booths. As we usually do every year, we have invited several organizations to setup booths in our lobby for us to know more about different opportunities do participate in the Mission of God. Please don't forget to visit them.

Do refer to the screens and tarpaulins around the building, or visit us at the Ministry Information booth for further inquiries.

A blessed Sunday, GCF family! ■

Ablaze Devotional

[Jesus] came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. —Mark 1:31 (NSRV)

Moving from the public assembly into the privacy of a home, Jesus remains faithful to His witness to God's reign. Being the Son of God, Jesus comes with the authority of God. Bringing the good news of God's rescue, confronting evil, and inviting people to follow Him under God's sovereignty, Jesus shows what it's like to be immersed with the life of God.

Every encounter with Jesus gives healing and redemption, as it also confronts oppressive spirits that keep individuals or a community captive. Even in what seems to be a minor act, we see Jesus going after those who are in need of healing, showing them what the reign of God looks like.

The healing of Simon Peter's mother-in-law, follows the same pattern of Jesus's ministry. As one who lie ill, the very presence of Jesus provided healing and call to service. She was the first woman to appear in Mark's narrative, and we read that upon being touched by Jesus, "she began to serve them." Most translations assume that this means she fixed dinner. However, the Greek for 'serve' (the same root for the word 'deacon') appears only two times in Mark's narrative, where we see the main theme of Jesus's message: The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life for the ransom of many.

Such encounters teach us that we should not just focus on Jesus's miracles, but move beyond into hearing His call to follow Him. As we experience God's rescue, from whatever circumstance, it's always easier to respond in service to Him. But the narrative of Mark invites us to go beyond serving Jesus. The call for us as His disciples is to follow Him and serve with Him ■

GCF PRAYER GATHERINGS AT THE CHAPEL:

The GCF Hour of Prayer
Tuesdays, 6-7 a.m.
Midweek Prayer Service
Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m.

Ministry Opportunities + Other Announcements



IMPULSE

Connect Ministry Camp 2018

August 3-5, at Word of Life (Calauan, Laguna)

For more details/to register, please contact Noli at **0917 625 0244** or visit the ministry info booth at the G/F lobby.



BIBLICAL PORTRAIT OF MARRIAGE 2

August 11, 18 & 25 (Sat) at the Fellowship Hall

Last day of registration: August 5. Registration is at the G/F ministry info booth. For more details, contact Dana at **0917 532 7725**.



SABBATH RETREAT 2018

GCF Ortigas Young Adults' Ministry retreat

August 25-27, Sinagtala Farm Resort in Bataan

Reg. Fee: Php 3,000, registration starts July 8 (Sun) For more details/to register, please contact **0917 532 7741** or visit the ministry info booth.



JOB OPPORTUNITIES AT GCF

Full-time positions available: one (1) Building Engineer, one (1) Human Resources manager, and one (1) Ministry Assistant. For application info/job descriptions, please e-mail gcfhr@gcf.org.ph.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT:

July 2018

	July Budget	Received, July 1-5
General	9,140,955	6,208,102
Missions	927,000	4,000
Missions Contingency		427,211
	Jan. - July Budget	Received, Jan. - July
General	55,094,599	40,626,996
Missions	5,562,000	5,681,041

Flower Ministry

The flowers this week are given with praise and thanksgiving to our God for His love and grace by the Valera family, the Messiah College and by an anonymous donor. The flowers are also given in loving memory of Josie Rabonza.

Please call 632 1354 to 56 for inquiries on how to participate in this ministry.



Whatever, whenever, wherever

by Liz Pfeifer

"I don't have the skills...I'm too young...I've never left my home state..." These are just some of the excuses I used as a 19-year-old when I felt that maybe God wanted me to get involved in missions.

A couple from Wycliffe Bible Translators spoke at my church and wanted to get to know me. They shared that God had a plan for my life, and it may even involve missions. About 12 months later, in Papua New Guinea on a missions trip, God opened up my eyes to His work and also the people groups still waiting for "God's talk" in their language. Was I willing to get involved? As I continued to learn about missions, I sensed that God was calling me to deeper involvement.

A missionary family from my church invited me to visit them in Thailand and be part of their Christmas outreach programs in 2000. God used that time to further speak into my life about my mission involvement—not just praying and giving. He challenged me to respond to His call with the words "Whatever, Whenever, Wherever, Lord I'm willing!"

I've been using computers all my life and God wanted me to share those skills with others. Now, I'm helping people across Asia to use software for creating literacy materials in their own languages. One of the barriers to improving literacy skills is the lack of reading materials in mother-tongue languages. Now, that is changing and God is using me to be part of it. But only because I said "whatever, whenever, wherever"! ■

Read more of how God moved in Liz's life, as well as in other missionaries' lives, through our 40-day Missions Prayer Guide. Available starting July 1.

Join a DISCIPLE-MAKING GROUP

New Growth Group (Mixed Group)
Sundays, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Room B124
Growth Group Center

High School & College Y-Groups
Sundays, 9:30-10:30 a.m.,
and 4:30-5:30 p.m.
at GCF (Youth Center, 6th flr.)

Life in Technicolor Support Group
for cancer patients
3rd Sundays, 12:00-3:00 p.m.
Senior's Room

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

8 a.m.: Ages 1-3, B415; Ages 4-5, B410;
Age 6, B414; Age 7, B403; Age 8, B413,
Ages 9-10, B411; Ages 11-12, B409;
Transition Age 13, B406

10:30 a.m.: Ages 1-2, B412; Age 3,
B415; Age 4, B408; Age 5, B410; Age
6A, B402; Age 6B, B403; Age 7, B401;
Age 8, B413; Age 9, B411; Age 10,
B414; Age 11, B409; Age 12, B405;
Transition Age 13, B406

3 p.m.: Ages 1-5, B415; Ages 6-9, B402;
Ages 10-12, B403

5:30 p.m.: Ages 1-5, B415; Age 6,
B402; Ages 7-9, B401; Ages 10-12,
B403; Transition Age 13, B404

Nursery: 2nd flr. for nursing moms and
babies aged one week to 11 months old

Yayas: 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., B404

Sunday School Parents' Class:
9:30 a.m., B406

If you are interested in joining any of the small groups above, fill out the tear-off form inside this bulletin, drop it in the offering bag or submit it to the Growth Group booth at the lobby. For more information, you can text or call us at 0917 532 7740.



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How may we SERVE YOU BETTER?

Fill-out this tear off form and drop it in an offering bag/box or at the Ministry Information Booth. Please check all that is applicable:

- I am a first-time guest.
- I prayed to receive Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord today.
- I would like to know how to become a Christian.
- I am interested in becoming a member of this church.
- I want to join a Growth Group.**
(Specify age group: _____)
(Specify group composition: _____)
- I want to start a Growth Group.
- I want to host a Growth Group.

Please share with us some information about yourself:

Name: _____

Age: ____ Landline no.: _____

Mobile no.: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Year of membership: _____

Name of Growth Group (if you already have one): _____

*Today is 7/8 July 2018, and I attended the
8 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 3:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m.
or 6:00 p.m. (Sat) (encircle the time).*

Write below *any* inquiry or prayer item that you want to ask or share.

God's Way to Heaven

THE GOSPEL

"Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures."
(1 Corinthians 15:3-4).

THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD

God is holy and righteous: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty, the whole earth is full of his glory" (Isaiah 6:3). **He requires holiness of us as well:** "Be holy, for I am holy" (1 Peter 1:16).

THE TRUTH ABOUT MAN

Man is sinful: "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). **Sin demands a penalty:** "For the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23).

THE TRUTH ABOUT CHRIST

Christ is the expression of God's love for us: "God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). **Christ paid the penalty of our sins and died for sinners:** "For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God" (1 Peter 3:18). **Through Christ, God offers man reconciliation:** "God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them" (2 Corinthians 5:18).

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

Believe and receive Jesus as Lord and Savior: "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved" (Romans 10:9).

PRAYER: *Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner. I believe that you died on the cross in my place, to save me from my sins, and I accept you as my Savior, and the Master of my life forever. Amen.*

Need someone to talk to?

Visit the Emmaus Road Counseling Center at the GCF Mezzanine floor or contact 632 1354 to 56, 635 0078 to 80 or 0917 532 7794 for inquiries.

For hospital or house visitation, dedication service, or funeral service requests, please call or text 0917 532 7794.