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Love in Actions in the Midst of Pandemic

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Missions Amidst the COVID-19 Pandemic

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Covid-19 has changed the world. The pandemic poses unprecedented challenges to every sphere of human life. As a missions agency, CNEC is not spared from the devastating effect of this public health crisis. Other than just doing a budgetary control and hiring freeze, we may have to do some strategic steps to take on challenges ahead that are posed by the pandemic.

First, our activities in various countries have been adversely impacted. We are dealing not only with a local economic recession, but a global economic crisis with a potentially long-tail effect. Resources from overseas donors contribute to 30% of CNEC's annual income. Due to the pandemic travelling restrictions, I had canceled the trips to USA, Europe and Australia this year. The uncertainty caused by flights in flux next year has also caused us to rethink our approach.

Second, our physical engagement with the mission fields has been hampered by travel restrictions too. Missions-related activities such as short-term missions, training conducted by overseas trainers and field supervision trips have been suspended. The abrupt disruption of these activities will affect our income, and potentially, churches' commitment to support the ministries in our mission fields.

Third, it has become increasingly difficult for CNEC to bring much-needed resources to the mission fields. CNEC has been performing the intermediary role of connecting churches with the mission fields, bridging their resources with the needs of the fields. Closed borders and restricted travel present tough challenges for CNEC's work in this area.

To overcome these challenges, CNEC has taken the following measures:

We invite the pastors and leaders of sponsoring churches, both local and overseas, to join us in our daily morning devotion via Zoom. This is one of the ways to stay connected with the sponsoring churches around the world. As we share prayer requests from the mission fields with the sponsoring churches, we kept them updated on the ongoing

work in these mission fields.

We also introduced Multi-Media Missions (also known as "3M") to the churches. With the pandemic ravaging the world without any signs of abating, we need a paradigm shift. We want to harness the technology available to us and find new ways to connect churches with the mission fields. Instead of bringing short-term mission teams to the mission fields, now we bring the mission fields to churches. Instead of a select few who set foot on the mission fields, now the entire church can embark on a virtual tour of the mission fields. Instead of spending large sums of money financing our frontline coworkers' trips to share their ministries in churches, now they can be virtually present to share in churches' missions conferences. For churches which are passionate with children's ministry, they can even live stream programs tailored to the needs of children in our mission fields and continue to minister to them. The possibilities are endless.

The followings are some 3M programs that we can offer to churches worldwide so as to promote the ministries of CNEC to them.

1. Live stream from missions fields to the prayer meetings, fellowships and missions conferences of churches worldwide.
2. Provide periodic three minutes Missions Clips to churches
3. Introduce Mission workers interviews and sharing to churches through Zoom
4. One day missions camp: With various programs such as Streaming, preaching, teaching, interviews and reports through zooms in a day.
5. Churches can provide training, children camp and preaching to the fields.

The Covid-19 pandemic has caused numerous disruptions to our lives and ministries. Our mission remains unchanged, but the new normal could mean new opportunities for CNEC.

Love Gift Package – Second Report

Praise the Lord, offerings for the “Love Gift Package” (Covid-19) are still trickling in, even though in smaller amounts. But these offerings enabled us to carry out a second distribution of the “Love Gift Packages”. This time though we could only choose to focus on two countries: Myanmar which is facing an out-of-control outbreak, and Laos a country in poverty and isolation.

We need to be like our Lord who said God “sends rain on the just and on the unjust,” because God created all

mankind. In the ministry of providing humanitarian aids, we must bring the love of God to everybody equally, without prejudice. On one hand, we provide and care for those in the household of faith, on the other hand, the unbelievers will get to experience the love of the God we put our trust in. Our co-workers embrace these poor communities with the grace and truth of God, letting to both hear and experience the amazing love of God.

Myanmar:

“One bag of Rice, one bottle of Oil, for each Household”

~ 200 households and 1000 beneficiaries

We have a limited budget this time round, but there are too many regions with the struggling poor. Thus our co-workers chose to adopt the simplest “down-to-earth” approach of giving each household “one bag of rice, and one bottle of oil” – so that more could receive some help. In war-torn regions, the lockdown due to Covid-19 pandemic caused a “barren effect” – it was so bad that these refugees running from conflict had not eaten rice for a while. When they saw the bags of rice, they were extremely happy and carried the rice given to them with smiles on their faces, all the way home!

Pastor Li Zhonghua from Myanmar reported, “Those covered by the latest distribution include: the impoverished families of the Manwen Church at the Kachin-China border, the impoverished families of the Naluo Village Church at the border of Kachin and Shan states, Napalon Village in the refugee, the poor families of the church in Nampagar Township, and the refugees in the illegal settlements in Yangon. These areas and villages are not visited by any agencies or anyone. Co-workers who participated in this outreach: Pastor Li Zhonghua, Preacher Yang Yingfen, Preacher Jin Zeno, Preacher



Yang Qiuyan, Bible-school student Dong Limei from the North Myanmar Christian College, the local village chiefs, the person in charge of the disaster area, and the preachers/pastors of the churches. Let the Lord’s name be glorified. In order to comply with the government regulations on anti-crowding during the epidemic, it was made known that only one representative from each family may come to receive the gift package.

After that, our co-workers from the local office who handed out the gift packages will visit their homes separately to bless and pray with them.



Laos:

***Persecutions make the food shortage situation worse;
Timely love gift packages are like sending charcoal in the snow.***

~47 Households, 3 churches, 2 schools, 3 persecuted church leaders and 500 beneficiaries

Laos is a small nation without good and adequate medical facilities, so in order to prevent the spread of the Covid-19 virus, they decided to close their borders. Her economy which relies heavily on tourism and the service industries, was greatly affected. Especially those daily-rated workers living around the cities are going hungry without income and food. Our co-workers said that several families had been without of food for many days. When our co-workers reached them, they received the gift package with tears and gratitude, just like timely rain in a drought, allowing them to survive with a glimmer of hope. Two girls were sent to the hospital for emergency treatment because they had not eaten for ten days. Thank God they are recovering.

Thank God, the gift package is really a package full of God's love and blessings. Some people who received this gift package came to the church and accepted the Lord! Three tuk-tuk families also found salvation in the Lord, as well as countless other villagers. We are convinced that this gift package of love has directly or indirectly helped more than 1,500 people to turn to the Lord! Hallelujah!

In one village, the villagers fell sick after drinking polluted river water, because there was no supply of clean potable water. Rather than buying boxes of cheap distilled water for them, our co-workers bought a couple of water filters and placed them in the church so that the villagers could get clean water to drink at the church.



These accounts and reports really sadden and distress us. At times we feel overwhelmed and inadequate. Please continue to remember us in prayer.



Bhutan:

Sending Love Gift Packages to those living at the fringe in a small nation

Bhutan with less than a million populations is a small nation sandwiched between two big nations, with India at its southern border and China at its northern border. She is a nation that has happiness as her main pursuit and not material wealth. Her citizens live contently in blissfulness similar to living in wonderland. But our co-workers have a burden for this unreachable people and especially for those marginalized living in the slums at the fringe of the society, forgotten by people. In order to prevent the Covid-19 virus from spreading into its



territory, the Bhutanese government did not hesitate to close the borders – shutting down industries that could earn foreign exchange. Of course, the poor and the marginalized who live at garbage dumps suffer the greatest hardship from this measure. Our co-workers immediately went to the area to distribute the gift packages with one hand and the gospel with the other. Thank God, this action not only helped these poor and marginalized, but also witnessed the arrival of God’s salvation among them. Recently, five of them have been baptized into the name of the Lord.

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2020 Christmas Cheers

Let them feel the Great Love of God through your Generous Contribution this Christmas!

My Love Offering for gifts (Response Slip)

Qty	Gift items
Ministry	
_____	Digital Camera @S\$800 (RM 2,400)
_____	Laptop @S\$800 (RM 2,400)
_____	Motorbike @S\$1,500 (RM 4,500)
_____	Guitar @S\$200 (RM 600)
_____	Desktop Computer @S\$700 (RM 2,100)
_____	Printer @S\$300 (RM 900)
_____	Blanket @S\$20 (RM 60)
_____	Hymn Book @S\$5 (RM 15)
_____	Water Cooler Dispenser @S\$200 (RM 600)
_____	LCD Projector @S\$500 (RM1,500)
_____	Keyboard @S\$500 (RM 1,500)
_____	Electricity Meter @S\$2,400 (RM 7,200)
Children	
_____	Bible Stories Books @S\$10 (RM 30)
_____	Children Bible @S\$15 (RM 45)
_____	School Bag @S\$18 (RM 54)
_____	Stationeries @S\$8 (RM 24)
_____	Bicycle @S\$110 (RM 330)
_____	Dental Kit @S\$5 (RM 15)
_____	Mosquito Net @S\$6 (RM 18)
_____	Rain Coat @S\$5 (RM 15)
_____	Children Slippers @S\$5 (RM 15)
_____	Umbrella @S\$5 (RM 15)

Qty	Gift items
_____	Children Winter Clothes @S\$30 (RM 90)
_____	Pillow & Bed Sheet @S\$10 (RM 30)
_____	School Uniform @S\$25 (RM 75)
_____	Children Sports Shoes @S\$25 (RM 75)
Community	
_____	Multivitamins @S\$25 (RM 75)
_____	Calf @S\$700 (RM 2,100)
_____	Toilet @S\$900 (RM 2,700)
_____	Piglet @S\$70 (RM 210)
_____	Bible @S\$40 (RM 120)
_____	First-aid Kit @S\$40 (RM 120)
_____	Mango / Lemon Saplings @S\$5 (RM 15)
_____	Roundworm Medicaion @S\$10 (RM 30)
_____	Drilled Well @S\$800 (RM 2,400)
_____	5 kg Rice Bag @S\$15 (RM 45)
_____	Chicks per dozen @S\$30 (RM 90)
_____	Solar Panel @S\$ 230 (RM 690)
_____	Fish @S\$1 (RM 3)
Co-workers	
_____	Electric Airpot @S\$50 (RM 150)
_____	Electric Food Blender @S\$40 (RM 120)
_____	Kettle @S\$15 (RM 45)
_____	Christian CD @S\$5 (RM 15)
_____	Christian Literature @S\$25 (RM 75)

My Offering for Gifts: S\$/RM _____

One time Offering for gifts: S\$/RM _____

Name: _____

(Rev/Pastor/Dr/Mr/Mdm/Ms)

Address : _____

Contact: _____

Email: _____

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2. By Scanning this QR code or accessing PayNow

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3. By PayPal (www.cneintl.org)



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Your gift will be directed where most needed, at the discretion of CNEC.

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We welcome churches & small groups to connect with us to arrange for the missions sharing through Zoom

- Re-kindling the Passion for Missions
- Broadening Missions Perspectives
- Sharing Missions Strategies

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*blessed
Christmas*

