

LCS Youth Outreach Concert 'LIGHT OF THE WORLD'

2nd April 2016 @Yishun Christian Church



On 2nd April 2016, 75 LCS youths gathered together to organise a youth concert with the aim to spread the "Father's Love" to those who needed healing for the broken hearted and to those who needed "light" in their "world of darkness".

We started our first meeting on 2 October 2015 with the youth outreach project in mind. With the initiative to strengthen the prayer life of our youth ministry, we decided to spend more time in prayer instead of having a discussion about the project. On the first meeting, we spent 30 minutes of individual

time praying if we should proceed on with the concert. For most of the youths, it was their first experience of spending time talking with God, being still and listening to His voice, and meditating upon His word. After the prayer session, everyone gathered back together to share our experiences. Amazingly even when each of us had spent our prayer session at different corners of the church, we came back with one same message, "People need the Lord". The purpose of this concert was set to reach out to the lost. They are those who do not know Christ and those who know Christ but distant from Him. After the first meeting, everyone came to consensus that we were to go forward with the preparation of the concert with the purpose to change the lives of the youths both within and outside of the church. Subsequently, the number of youths joining the committee grew significantly.



Prior to the concert on 2 April 2016, a short worship and prayer session was conducted with all of the 75 crew members involved. We lifted the concert into God's hands that He would use the concert to touch the hearts of the youths. The moment the 75 of us gathered to worship God was beautiful. We lifted our hands in praise; we sang our hearts out

with tears rolling down our cheeks as we knelt down to worship our Heavenly Father. This was not a common sight in our youth ministry. However through the session, all of us felt God's presence and we were all united in one body of Christ. We were so thankful to God for blessing us so abundantly throughout the whole preparation of the concert. Pastor Anthony delivered a short sharing session after the worship to encourage us that we should never cease to seek God. He emphasised that we should not let this stop but continue after the concert. "The concert is just the beginning, it is not the end", said Pastor Anthony.

We started the concert by singing and dancing to our first worship song, "Alive" by Hillsong. It was then followed by the skit about a girl who was looking for love and found it in all the wrong places. Her father left her when she was a young girl, and when she grew older, she began mixing with the wrong company and she tried to find love by getting romantically involved with a boy.

She struggled with rejection, low self-esteem and depression. God the Father was with her throughout her whole life, watching over her and protecting her.

After the skit, we invited one of our youths to share his life testimony with us on how God was present in his life during his downtimes. Our guest speaker, Mrs Jennifer Heng, was then invited to share about her life experience and how God has brought her out of the darkness. In her sharing, she spoke



about her family background of how her parents' marriage fell apart and the life she lived after that. She brought forth a strong word to the youths that there was "a message in every mess", and "nothing happens by accident". She emphasised that wherever we are right now, it is not the end. There is always something greater that awaits us and that we will never be too far away from the grace of God who is always here with us.

Towards the end of the sharing, we invited people to come forward to receive prayers. The concert was closed with a prayer by Bishop Terry Kee. Praise and glory be to our God and we are forever thankful for the memorable event that He has blessed us with! We do hope that the concert will be a blessing to the youths as much as it has been to us. I would like to encourage all youths that indeed, this concert is just the beginning. Let us continue to pray without ceasing, seek God with all our hearts and never fail to support one another in love.

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Reflection from Leaders

Fiducia

Words are not enough to describe how amazed I am by the works of the Holy Spirit throughout the entire preparation journey of the concert to the actual day. I still can recall the first few prayer meetings that we had and how the Holy Spirit united all of our hearts together in one voice. It started with just a group of no more than 10 people and it slowly grew till a total of 75 members! When I was called to serve as the Skit overall-in-charge, I was quite worried given the little time that I have had to prepare. Moreover, I did not have any much

knowledge in drama. However, God was gracious and He brought in people to help me along the way. God settled many of my worries through the journey, and rebuilt my faith to a much deeper level. The skit turned out way beyond what I could have ever imagined! God is simply so wonderful! Reflecting upon myself, I can see how God has built me up as a person. I used to be a very fearful child, one whom lacked a lot of self-confidence. Having the opportunity to play the main character of the skit, God restored me and helped me to build my self-confidence to greater heights. Being an OIC, God also gave me the chance to believe that I can be a good leader which was something that I was struggling with for a long time. Today, I know that I am a good leader. Through this concert, friendships have been forged and deepened. Lives have been transformed and restored. This is the beginning of the growth of the YCCL Youth Ministry, and I am so excited to see the next thing that God has planned for the ministry!



Nicholas

I had a really great time putting a team together and practicing really hard. Seeing that everyone was so willing to put in their best effort for each practice session was what made this journey so enjoyable. The journey of seeking God made it even more exciting. Yes we had our fair bit of struggles as a band and as we sought God together, HE came through! All in all, God made this concert possible by uniting all 75 of us in him. To God be the glory!

Moses

With prayer and seeking God as our focus, God has shown His gracious hands upon the LCS concert. The outcome of this concert was more than what was expected. This journey with God and fellow workers in His field was invaluable. May this be the mark of a new beginning for the youth of LCS.

To God be the Glory.

