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Mr Tharman planting a tree at the front gate



Brother Martin Writes

From 19th to 24th March, we were in Taipei on a family holiday. While there we went up one of the tallest buildings in the world. However at 1,600 feet above ground does not guarantee you a clear view of the surrounding landscape, especially when it

is a foggy day. I wondered if the Tower of Babel was that tall (someone estimated that it could be over 8,000 feet tall). I felt like I was there because everyone was speaking a language I could not understand.



I did not get a data card, so I depended on the free WiFi all around Taipei. Intermittently, I received Whatsapp messages when I entered a building with free WiFi. This was a CONNECTION problem - I could not connect to the people back home, as and when I liked. I had the EQUIPMENT but without the data plan, it was limited. So connection and equipment need a data plan to work effectively.

On the flight back, the pilot announced, "We are flying into some turbulence, please be seated and fasten your seat belts!" Some passengers wanted to go to the toilet but were requested to remain seated. It struck me, when we are facing trials, do we want to find our own solutions or remain fastened to our Saviour and let Him bring us through.



Three lessons we can learn from this holiday. We cannot really see clearly, we need a data plan to be connected and we need to trust God in times of trial.

Of course another thing about this holiday was the quest to complete the "been there, done that" trip as we hunted around for all the favourite foods and locations of Taipei. The food did not really suit my taste and at one place the weather was so chilly, we did not stay long to enjoy the view. It is good to be home again.



If I were on a mission study trip, I would recommend that this field is open for the Dialect Ministry. Most of the people here understand Hokkien and we would have no problem reaching out to them. I saw some caucasians in white shirt and tie amongst the crowds. When I looked at the map of the area, I notice there was a Church of the Latter Day Saints nearby. If they can do it, how much easier it would be for the Dialect Teams?



When we all get our maroon T-shirts, we could be like them walking around Taman Jurong with a bag filled with tracts, I presume. Then they will know we are JCCians out to connect with the neighbourhood. There are two events coming up in June where we can use the T-shirts, one is the Church Retreat from 15 to 17 and the other is the Li Nanxing evangelistic outreach on 24. The T-shirts only costs you \$4.

李南星
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◆生命见证◆

从黑暗低谷到
光明道路
新加坡影视一哥
李南星的神奇人生

“耶和華啊！你是我的明灯，你使我的黑暗变为光明。”
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Streams of Grace

My sister met a man on the streets who came up to her and asked her for \$4 because he claimed he lost his wallet. Out of a soft heart, she gave him the \$4. Later she found out that he had gone all over the place with the same story. Like my sister, if you cannot afford to buy the T-shirt, come and see me. I will follow Jesus advice in Luke 12:33-34, “...give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

Martin Cheah