

# semi-working THE DLT RETREAT

## *Empowered and Blessed to be a Blessing*

The Dialect Leadership Team (DLT) held a retreat at YWCA Fort Canning from 15 – 16 June. Altogether, 14 persons joined the retreat.

After a lunch fellowship at the Café Lodge (YWCA restaurant) and checking into the hotel, we had a half hour of praise and worship in the comfy room of our deacon, Peter Cheong.



Knowing the team as a **Dedicated Lot of Talents** serving the Lord in the Dialect Ministry week after week without fail, it was no surprise that they would not be satisfied with a simple relaxing retreat. So, the retreat was carefully planned to be a semi-working one with the theme *“Empowered and Blessed to be a Blessing”* and incorporating a solid 2 hours of serious-minded meeting with an intense discussion on the ministry work in serving the dialect congregation, including the steps to further improve the worship experience every Sunday.

Praise God that JCC is blessed with such a **Dedicated Lot of Talents** in the Lord’s service via the Dialect Ministry.

Apart from the bonding fellowship of brothers and sisters in Christ, the retreat was also a great time for spiritual refreshing with several group sessions over the 2 days listening to succinct and greatly edifying messages by Rev. Oh Beng Kee via video. The topics of the messages were:

- Ancestor Worship – joining issues with filial piety and culture
- Chinese Customs and Persecutions
- Trials and Death
- Despair and Hope
- Idol Removal and Water Baptism



- Sin and Forgiveness

The messages were in Hokkien with precise subtitles in English, and were therefore very easily comprehensible to all.

We had good meals, a good meeting discussing the dialect ministry, good and empowering spiritual messages, a good night's sleep giving us a good rest ... what else?

It was good fresh air for us enjoying an invigorating morning prayer walk in Fort Canning Park. It was good sweating our body out, followed by a satisfying buffet breakfast and another spiritually uplifting session with Rev. Oh Beng Kee ... and then it was time to bid one another farewell.



Before the next retreat, the Dedicated Lot of Talents (a.k.a. Dialect Leadership Team) will be back in church rendering their perspiration in faithful service in the Dialect Ministry.

Let us all join prayers that the DLT will ceaselessly be *Empowered and Blessed to be a Blessing* – all glory be to Christ, our Lord!

*John Lee*



In the markets, at the malls and around busy street corners, you will find many people in uniforms, asking you to change from one power to another power.

They are so convinced that theirs is the best power source and try to make you change yours.

How to stop from being harassed?

Just say, “I have converted!”



On 3<sup>rd</sup> June, Cassidy Yam took the role of worship leader for the Dialect Service for the first time.

He pleasantly surprised everyone with his good voice and confidence. Someone said he was like Elvis Presley.

Thank God for providing new people to take up new roles in His Ministries.