THE INSIDE STORY

Two days before the Mission Team's departure date, Henry was warded into NTFGH for chest pains. I visited him on Wednesday evening and we talked a while. He was very determined to go for the trip, so I thought he should be trained to pray for people as this was expected out in the mission field. As Peggy's father was in the next ward, we went over to attempt to pray for him. Unfortunately, Peggy's father had a guest then, so I told Henry to go over the next morning before visitors come. However, the next morning Henry was discharged and in the process, forgot to go over to pray for Peggy's dad.

On Thursday night, Henry was all packed and ready to go for the Mission Trip on Friday. When he woke up on Friday morning, his blood pressure shot up to above 150 and his limbs were weak. He checked himself into NUH and missed the flight to Cambodia. By Saturday, he was discharged and on Sunday, he was back in JCC for worship service. We had to give him encouragement as he was quite despondent about missing the trip.

Was this a spiritual attack or just an episode of stress related health issues? On his first mission trip last year, he was also warded in hospital a week before the trip. However he managed to recover in time for that trip. This time the attack was 2 days before the trip and even on the morning itself. Due to the timing of his health issues, it may seem like a spiritual attack. Henry is still considering to go for another mission trip sometime in the future after his health has improved.

We cannot assume that our mission trips are so low key that it does not have any spiritual impact because the evil one seems determined to stop us. Perhaps the impact may not be for the Cambodians but for our own spiritual growth. Whatever it may be, may I suggest that JCC pray for all mission trippers that they will be protected and empowered to make a change in the lives of the Cambodians and themselves.

The next mission trip to Cambodia will be from 7 – 10 December 2018. Who will go for the Lord?