

Testimony of Lily Lee

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1st contact

I do not know who Lily was until I received a request from Rev Anthony who asked me to conduct a face to face interview with her as she wanted to share her testimony but find it difficult to express herself through the written word. Turns out both of us are living in the same neighborhood! Since our 1st meeting, we have bumped into each other even as we subsequently travel off to different destinations. Happy to know another sister in Christ!



Lily's background

Most of us in the English service do not know who she is but she is certainly known to people in the Dialect Ministry as she is active there. She 1st attended our Hokkien service on the 9th September 2018. Previously she was in Hearts Alive with her son, one of those churches in our building. One day, Lily was approached by her son to share Christ with the grandmother of

one of the church members using the dialect Hokkien. While she was able to converse in the language, she found herself lacking in the tools of spreading the gospel. After some discussion with her son, they decided to look for a church that has Hokkien service. To their surprise, they did not have to look any further than Jurong Christian Church!

After attending the Hokkien service in our church for a while, she visited our English service (she still remembers the date- 25th November 2018!) with her daughter, who was looking for a church while her son continues staying in his current church. Since then, she has been attending both services. Somehow God gave her the zeal to power through the long day every single week and recently, Deacon Peter and Sister Seline encouraged her to give her testimony during the 11th year anniversary of the Hokkien service.

Her testimony

My first encounter with God happened in 2003. My daughter was 12 years old and my son was 7 years old. I had a heart attack during that year while I was watching television. I was immediately rushed to the hospital and when I was in the ambulance, I said, “God, save me. My kids are still small. How? If I go now?” At the hospital after a series of examination, the doctor told me that I had an extra nerve in the heart and



Lily's children – Pamela and Benjamin Lim

recommended that I should go for the surgery to remove it because the extra nerve would endanger my life. However, the success rate was only 50%. The extra nerve would cause my heart to palpitate at a faster rate as it did not have its own runway since it was sharing a runway with the other nerves. The palpitation would cause me to feel breathless and experience chest tightness which would be uncomfortable and likely to affect my daily life. In fact, the prognosis of my life expectancy is not good without the surgery.

After much consideration, I decided not to go for the surgery due to the low success rate. During that period, my cousin invited me



Lily's children - present day

to her church to pray and share the Gospel with me.

Through her, I came to know the Lord and believed that God heals his children. It was then that I decided to live by faith and trust God that my life is in His hands. From the year 2003 till now, I am still alive and live to see my kids grow up to become young adults.

I want to thank God for His grace and mercy.

Before I know God, I spent most of my time indoors, doing housework. Often, I looked at the four walls and at times, even hoped that they would talk to me. I would pester my kids asking them what time they will be back and what they are doing. Now my life is very different because I have church brothers and sisters and church events that bring meaning to my life. Now it is

my kids' turn to ask me when I am coming back and even joked about me being a very busy woman!

When I first attended Hokkien service in September 9, 2018, I told Deacon Peter that I would come here to take a look and learn some Hokkien songs. But I never expect that I will be so blessed by the Word of God. And I learnt a lot from the elderly. After every Hokkien service, I would share with my kids over dinner about the sermon, the teachings and what we did there. Two months later, my daughter came to JCC to worship in the English service, which is another blessing given to me by God.

I want to thank God and praise God for His mercy and thank God for my mentor Beng Lay for her kindness and patience doing Bible Study and spending time with me. I also want to thank Deacon Peter, sister Seline and also brothers and sisters in English and Hokkien service.

I would end my sharing with Luke 21:34 (NIV) *"Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap."* I like this verse because everyday life is very challenging. I want to be reminded not to be weighed down by the things of the world and be watchful.

