

Telling the Good News

Christmas Carolling by Dialect Ministry

The night Jesus was born, the shepherds guarding the sheep in the wilderness suddenly heard a voice in the sky heralding the Good News about the birth of our Messiah (saviour).

Hark, the Herald Angels sing, “Glory to the King of kings; Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”

In a letter to the Corinthians, Apostle Paul shared about the reason for telling the Good News. He said thus:

*“Telling the Good News is my duty—something I must do. And how bad it will be for me if I do not tell the Good News. If I preach because it is my own choice, I should get a reward. But **I have no choice. I must tell the Good News. I am only doing the duty that was given to me.**” – 1 Cor 9:16-17 (ICB)*

On the peaceful night of 21st Dec, the Dialect ministry calmly embarked on the great Christmas tradition of **telling the Good News through carols**. The carollers visited the homes of Lian Khup & Judy (Taman Jurong), Mdm Chua L. T. (a Pioneer Generation dialect member living at Toh Yi Estate) and Martin Cheah’s mother (Joo Chiat).

It was encouraging that the hosts were welcoming of the carollers. Carolling is really a gentle way of preaching the Good News. Positively, believers who listened to the carols would be reinforced in their faith. We were also hopeful that even pre-believers in the neighbourhood would prick up their ears to enjoy the ringing of the carols in the air.

Deacon Peter aptly extended the telling of the Good News of Christmas with a short-and-sweet exhortation to the host families after a relevant Bible passage was read. With thanksgiving for this joyful time of celebrating our Saviour and His love for us, Deacon Peter also prayed for God's blessings over the homes.

The carollers were glad to bring Christmas cheer to the families and appreciated their hospitality. May the carols continue to ring, and the powerful message therein continue to reverberate and bear fruit!

John Lee



Dialect Carollers dashing from house to house

