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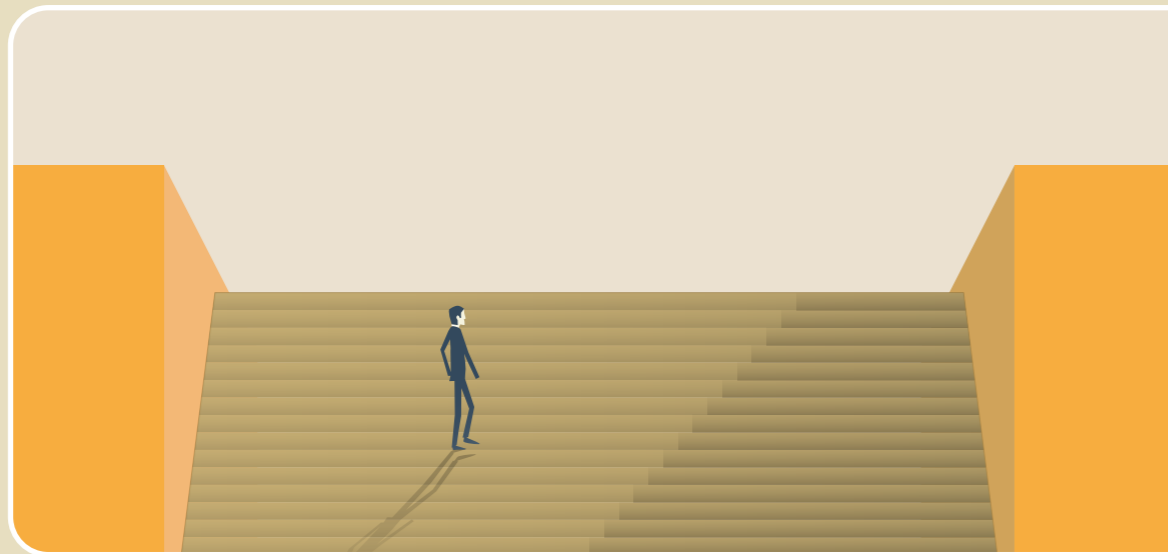
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MR. YANG'S STORY

by Sanly L



When I met Mr. Yang two years ago, I was told he had schizophrenia. His sister brought him to our Centre from another town. When I first saw him, he was delirious. He sat on a chair, leaning against a middle-aged male Centre worker, coughing and in a troubled state. The worker was very attentive and wiped him clean so that Mr. Yang felt more comfortable. I was with another volunteer, and we were both so scared, we did not dare approach him. I was greatly touched by the love that the male worker showed. I asked myself, "What is love? What is service?"

Mr. Yang continued visiting the Centre to participate in our activities. Initially, his condition did not seem to improve much. The Centre staff took him to the hospital, where they tried different medications. Gradually, he showed improvement. After about a year, he is now able to stand by himself without help from others, and participates cheerfully in the Centre's activities. He loves to sing praise songs and does it very well.

Whenever we meet, he looks like he wants to say hello but hesitates. Perhaps he does not remember our names and is afraid that we will laugh if he says our names wrongly. Recently when we saw him, he wore a big smile but still hesitated to greet us. So I suggested, "Mr. Yang, how about singing a song for me?" Happily, he sang:

*Rejoice and sing to the Lord always
No matter the situation.
Whether the mountain is high or the valley deep
The Lord watches over us.
Believe and be blessed.*

He completed the whole song!

Will he ever fully recover? I don't think that is possible. However, he has a second home in the Centre, which our Heavenly Father has prepared for him, a place where he can live with joy and dignity. Give thanks for God's provision. ■

MOBILISATION INSPIRING KINGDOM DISCIPLES

by International Mobilisation Team

Most of the articles in our Bulletin share about the impactful work of our faithful colleagues on the field, as they wholistically bless those whom they serve. But there is another aspect of our ministry, which is rarely highlighted but critically important to the continuation of God's work. That, of course, is mobilisation. This team labours to raise up people, prayer, and resources for God's work through MSI. Our mobilisation aim is:

To glorify God by inspiring kingdom disciples to integrate their faith, professions and skills to participate in God's work in China and beyond.

Our mobilisers work tirelessly to share God's heart for the nations with God's people. They **organise events** so that interested brothers and sisters can learn more about the needs of those whom we serve. They **prepare prayer materials** and **bring people together** to join in the essential work of prayer. Some of these MSI prayer meetings have been meeting together every month for over thirty years! Mobilisers share about the **financial and material needs** of our work so that individuals, churches, and organisations can also take part in the ongoing work and operations of MSI. These are all vital aspects of our mobilisation work. But common throughout these efforts is that mobilisers faithfully follow up with scores of inquiries.

Through attentive listening, timely sharing of opportunities, and Spirit-prompted prayer, our mobilisers connect our brothers and sisters with open doors for their next steps of discipleship. Sometimes when a suitable opportunity does not exist, mobilisers will actually work with field colleagues to create one that will fit our interested inquirers.

One of our mobilisers discovered that Mr. Z wanted to use his gap year to study in-country before the next phase of his education, as he explored God's leading for his life. He started on a student visa, but discovered that it was not a good fit. After talking with trusted counsel, and with the support of his field mentor, he changed his focus to volunteering with several local non-profit groups. This led to many more impactful relationships and opportunities! These experiences helped him see the wholistic impact of professional service, and will help inform his future decisions.

XM, a young nurse, wanted to explore opportunities to serve through her profession. Her regional mobiliser helped her find a suitable placement, but local circumstances made it very difficult to continue there. Fortunately, several other opportunities were created so that she could continue to pursue her exploration of God's leading in her life.

Mobilisers, together with our field colleagues, are committed to serve the wholistic needs of the field. Journeying with and inspiring kingdom disciples are part of our mission in participating in God's work. We look forward to journeying with more young people who are discerning their direction in God's kingdom. Please pray for our mobilisers as they work with field colleagues to **inspire kingdom disciples to participate in God's work in China and beyond.** ■

INTERCEDING TOGETHER

1. In October, our colleagues will be going to visit university students at our school assistance project. All of the students are from Yiliang County, and we hope they will feel cared for and encouraged.

2. The annual work plan for 2026 will be submitted at the end of November. We pray that our partners—especially those involved in new projects—will find favour with their host units and that the projects' approval will be smooth. Please keep us in your prayers.

3. May the Lord grant our workers wisdom in drafting the 2025 Annual Work Report, thus accurately presenting MSI's work this year, and that it will glorify God.

4. The 2025 financial audit is scheduled to commence around 10 January 2026. We pray for the Lord's protection as the finance team and audit firm work closely together to complete the audit on schedule.

5. Starting from 2026, each project will begin recruiting short-term teams. We pray that more short-term team members will be moved by God to accept the invitations and participate in ministry.



TRANSFORMATION WORKSHOP

by Hank W
(Local staff)

DREAMS SPREAD YOUR WINGS AND FLY

By Annie Y

The theme of this year's four-day, three-night summer programme was "Dreams". At first, the students found the topic a bit vague and difficult to grasp. After participating in various activities, they began to understand the theme, and became more and more engaged.

There was a video sharing how two participants with disabilities achieved their dreams, which helped the students realise that perseverance and determination can lead to positive outcomes. The "Life Auction" activity created an environment for students to learn that to achieve their dreams,

they need to plan strategically to avoid missing opportunities. The "Telekinesis" activity encouraged students to coordinate and collaborate within their teams to complete a task, helping them to realise that achieving dreams requires partners and companions. Through these activities, students came to realise that dreams are not unattainable, for in life, everyone can pursue their dreams.

Thanksgiving and Prayer Requests

- » Thank God for good weather throughout the summer programme, which gave us a smooth and safe process. The students came to understand that dreams can be pursued through various activities.
- » We are grateful that a few graduates were willing to come and participate in the summer activity on the weekend, when they had time away from work.
- » We pray for wisdom to prepare for next year's summer programme, as we may try a different model that allows more graduates to participate. ■

Are you looking to serve God with your gifts and talents?

We are in need of Chinese and English translation volunteers.

Contact Libra Tam at hqaa2@msips.org



The transformation workshop teaches batik art, and is designed for individuals with intellectual and mental disabilities. At the start of the programme, some participants struggled to hold a brush, let alone freely and confidently create art. After several months of learning, subtle transformations began to emerge. Xiao Ye, who initially could not hold a wax pen steady and needed constant teacher supervision, can now independently complete a piece of artwork. Xiao Lü is able to proudly share the inspiration behind each creation with classmates and teachers, after finishing a batik piece.

What's truly heartwarming is that the participants have found hope through this process. Encouraged by their teachers, they have ventured out for several outdoor sketching sessions. Upon returning, they shared insights and reflections, with many expressing that painting and dyeing have brought them a sense of relaxation and calm that they had not felt in a long time. They discovered they could focus and immerse themselves in the brushstrokes. Over four months, we have witnessed remarkable changes in many participants. Through painting and wax-dyeing, they have gradually reclaimed peace in their lives, healing the stigma of illness that once weighed heavily on their hearts.

Prayer Requests

- » We hope that in the ongoing courses, the participants will continue to reap rewards through this artistic journey, to shed inner anxieties and rediscover their joy and peace.
- » We also hope that their completed batik scarves and fabrics can open up more sales channels, allowing society to recognise their gifts, and inspiring other people to purchase their works. ■