



Expressions!!

Sunday School City Church, Kohima

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Superintendent's Desk

Our Children, they are unique (from different tribes and backgrounds), they are simple, joyful, teachable, enthusiastic and naughty at times, free, open, they love coming to Sunday School, very expressive and the list can go on and on But above all, each one is a special gift from God for a season for us to love and care.

It's always a great joy to be with the children and be teaching them, telling stories, singing songs, great time of interaction and a time of sharing from their heart, honestly and earnestly sharing their prayer needs.

Being in this Sunday School ministry is a real blessing for me. It is two-way learning process. In the process of preparing, teaching and interaction, I'm learning a lot. I thank God for this privilege of active learning in Christ. There are times when I sit back and think whether we are really making any impact in their lives or whether they understand anything at all. But thank God for His promise in His Word- *As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my Word that goes out from my mouth: it will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.* Isaiah 55:10, 11

Trusting God, we want to do our part in teaching our children and pray that He will do His part in touching and transforming their lives.

God bless the Children, Parents, and Teachers as we grow together in Christ!



Straight from Pastor's heart ...

My heartfelt congratulations to all our Sunday School children at City Church, Kohima, for faithfully attending, learning and participating in the various activities organized during the year. Hope you have enjoyed and benefited from them.

My sincere thanks to all the teachers for your labor of love in ministering to these precious children God has brought to us. I also thank all the parents for your concern, cooperation and participation in this exciting and rewarding ministry.

Sunday School seeks to cater the spiritual needs of children. It aims at introducing Jesus Christ so they may welcome him as their personal Lord and Savior. It also seeks to help them develop spiritual formation through the teaching and application of the Scripture. This would help them become instruments of blessing at homes, in church and society as they grow. Such awesome ministry as this inevitably requires God's involvement and so the need of sincere and diligent prayer. It also requires partnership between teachers and parents while the church extends every possible support towards fulfillment of its ministerial objectives.

We praise God for his faithfulness we have experienced in the ministry of our Sunday School through the year 2010 and trust him to grant us yet another exciting and fruitful year of ministering to the precious children whom God would bring along our way of ministry. To him be glory for ever!

Rev. L. Malsawma Vanchhawng
Pastor, City Church, Kohima

SPECIAL DAYS OF 2010

17th April- Teachers Retreat on two main topics

"Life of a Sunday School Teacher" by Mr. Hoto Yephthomi

"Techniques of Teaching" by Mrs. Bano Chishi

24th - 26th June- Very exciting Bible School Theme - *"Searching for New Life in Christ"* Venue - Trinity School New Reserve

88 children attended VBS with 6 main Teachers and 10 volunteers, all of them were passed out students of our Sunday School.

29th August - Thanksgiving Day

A day of learning about the importance of giving thanks to God and an opportunity to offer thanks offering.

7th November - World Sunday School Day
The Sunday school department took up the Devotional Service.

14th November- Sunday school exam and Children's Day celebration

4th December - Annual Picnic Day. A day of celebration and enjoyment.

WHAT I LEARNED THIS YEAR BY COMING TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Mhayani : I learned many things, like, sharing things with others, Love God. I'm enjoying so much.

RiteÜ : I have learnt a lot about Jesus. I was so nervous when I was going to sing with my friend. I prayed to God and God helped me and we did well.

Randanbeni : I have learnt many things about Jesus, songs and memory verses. I have also learnt to help others.

Nuklabenla : I learnt to be more closer to God, to keep God first in our life, read Bible everyday. I enjoy a lot meeting new friends.

Vivo : I have learnt to love God, to do good things and help people in need. I have learnt to be in God's path.

Benrithung : I have learnt to help others, to be obedient and that Jesus can do miracle and has authority to reign over heaven and earth. I've been blessed in many ways.

Whuto : I have learnt how to sing, read memory verses. I've learnt lots of things and that's why I enjoy coming to Sunday School.

Visar : I have enjoyed learning and got new friends. I've enjoyed learning different songs.

Bocholong : I have experienced that God's power is more powerful.

Junior class: We have learned to share, pray, love and be good and kind to other people. We have learned to tell the truth and not to lie or steal. We have learned how to pray every day before meal, before sleeping, after waking up, and to be thankful to God for everything. We have learned the importance of prayer and that God hears us every time we pray. We have also learned to be strong in the Lord by being obedient and not fighting with our brothers and sisters at home.

What are some of the things that you would like to learn or know more from Sunday School next year?

Junior Class: We would like to learn more beautiful songs and memorize many more Bible verses; hear the story of Jesus and learn more about God's grace; learn how to pray, share, help and love one another; learn how to keep away from fighting and stay away from sin.

Classroom Talks

A teacher asked the children of beginners class (age 37)...

What would you want Jesus to do for you if Jesus tells you now 'what do you want me to do for you?' (after sharing from Matthew 20:29)

Answers:

- * I want Jesus to heal here (pointing her finger to her chest)
- * I want Jesus to make me obedient to my parents and teachers.
- * I want Jesus to make my father good.
- * I want Jesus to bless my Barbie.
- * I don't know
- * I want Jesus to bless me lot of money when I grow big.

(Junior Class)

Teacher: What do we call the last meal that Jesus shared with his friends?

Student 1: Bread and Blood!

Student 2: Bread and fish!

Student 3: Tea and biscuit!

Student 4: Jesus' Feast!

Teacher: How did Jesus answer your prayer?

5-year-old: I prayed for baby boy and God blessed me with baby brother.

Parent's Column

I sent my children Limanula and Imtizulu Khalong to Sunday School not fully understanding the values in it. I was just fulfilling one of my duties as a mom like any other Naga Christian. From Sunday School they learnt to sing the song 'Jesus loves me, this I know' and memorized the Bible verse 'He careth for you.' The song that they sang and the Bible verse they memorized came to reality only after they graduated from Sunday School and ventured out on their own. One fine day God took Daddy away from their lives. It was the darkest moment of their lives. They suffered emotionally, mentally and even physically. They also saw that the world was very wicked when they had to leave the comforts of home to pursue their professional studies. They found themselves all alone in the midst of unbelievers and challenges of life, but they could withstand all storms and stand firm in their faith because they learnt in Sunday School that Jesus really love and care for them. They got the assurance that they were not alone.

Along the way as a growing teenager, they have their own shares of ups and downs but the simple song and the short Bible memory verse always reminds them to return back to the main fold.

Now I look back to those precious years when my children attended Sunday School and realize how important Sunday School is. I thank God and salute my children's Sunday school teachers for their commitment in shaping my children's lives. Because of them I don't have to spend sleepless nights.

I take this opportunity to encourage all the parents to take Sunday School seriously and give your full support. God bless!

Mrs. Mhonthumi Ngullie



EXPRESSIONS FROM THE HEARTS OF CHILDREN about their with Christ and without Christ.

Hearts

No Christ

- ✎ Disobedient
- ✎ Eat bad things, Smoke, Drink,
Does bad things
- ✎ Not going to Church
- ✎ Speak bad about others
- ✎ Hate, Full of sin
- ✎ God does not bless
- ✎ Make people unhappy
- ✎ Don't accept Christ
- ✎ Fight, Steal, Tell lies
- ✎ Don't trust God
- ✎ Murderer, Adultery, Worship idols,
Hurt others
- ✎ Proud, Selfish
- ✎ Try to act good
- ✎ Only think about themselves
- ✎ Not feel happy

Christ

- ✎ Jesus inside my heart
- ✎ Happy
- ✎ Knows what is right and
does right
- ✎ Obedient
- ✎ Loyal to friends
- ✎ Love, Kind
- ✎ Faithful
- ✎ Share
- ✎ Trust God
- ✎ Goes to church
- ✎ Become helpful
- ✎ Gives our lives to God
- ✎ Our intention is always
good, Help others
- ✎ Don't eat bad things
- ✎ Have peace

Teacher, after
sharing about Peter
walking on the
water, asked:
"Now, children, what
do you want to do in
response to the
lesson?"

Student: "I want to
walk on the water!!"

Beginner's class (Age 4-6)

Where is Jesus ?

- ✎ Heaven (majority of them)
- ✎ Upstairs (pointing to heaven)
- ✎ My heart
- ✎ Heaven and my heart



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