City Church
CHRIST THE POWER OF GOD AND THE WISDOM OF GOD

Expressions!!

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Editor's Desk....



God's ways are mysterious and marvelous. He has once again led us through another year wherein new lessons were learnt, new experiences gained and fresh encounter with our Lord was made. The year 2012 for the Sunday school department was a smooth sail under God's care and guidance. The yearlong events have touched the lives of many of our children and the teachers as well. Every year we have children graduating from Sunday School and little ones joining us. It is such a joy to see our children growing up in the Lord and enjoying every moment of it. We would like to proclaim that our God is a faithful God and He truly works in the lives of those who believe in Him. Through this "Expressions!!" we give you a glimpse of the happenings at the Sunday School Department in 2012. We pray that you will be blessed and enriched as you flip and read the pages.

Dr. Chumbeno Ngullie

Pastor's Column.....

It has been a great joy and a source of encouragement to me these past few months as I watch the enthusiasm of the children and the commitment and untiring service of the Sunday School teachers. Ministry to children requires a lot of spiritual maturity, special skills and training (and, of course, a lot of patience) - more than we often think. We thank God because our Sunday School department is well equipped with all of these qualities in abundance. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me." What a joy it is to be able to use all the resources we have in fulfilling this very important commandment of our Lord. Let us continue to focus all our resources and attention to this one important goal - bringing the children to Jesus and helping them grow in their personal relationship with him.

I believe that the fivefold aims of City Church–Worship, Fellowship, Evangelism, Discipleship and Missions–have been manifested in the lives of the children this year through teachings and different activities the department has undertaken. On behalf of the Church, I thank all the Sunday School teachers and the parents for all their faithful efforts. As we prepare to enter another year, let us continue to be faithful to our calling and make an effort toward fruitful partnerships between parents, teachers and the church as a whole. I would also like to make a special request to the parents to make an effort to be present at the church for your children. Given the difficult times we live in today, the children need all the support, encouragement and example we can give them. Let us work together to give them the best.

Psalm 115:1. "Not to us, LORD, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness." - *Kedo Peseyie*

Special Days of 2012

28th January - Teachers Prayer and Retreat
Rev. Malsawma Vanchhawng shared on the importance of Who I Am as a teacher. He also exhorted the teachers from II Timothy to do their best and that God does not expect more than what we ca, but demands our Best.

5th February - 1st Day of Sunday School.
Had time of sharing on putting God First in our lives. Exodus 20:3

6th May - Outing to Solitary Park (Love Feast Day)
Had a great time of moving around, playing, knowing each other. Sharing and testing each others Tiffin's.

27th—30th June - Holiday Bible School
Theme: 'New Life" II Cor. 5:17 at Stella Higher Secondary School. 75 children attended the school with 6 main teachers and 9 assisting teachers. Some of the parents prepared delicious lunch. Everyone was blessed.

15th July - Memory Verse Competition
Psalms 119:1-16 & Psalms 19:7-14

9th September - Thanksgiving Day
Children were divided into two groups. Mrs. Ajungla Hesso shared the Word of God to Junior group and Mr. Moa Imsong shared with the Senior group.

4th November - World Sunday School Day
Opportunity for children to participate and minister in the devotional service with varieties of items.

11th November - Visited Orphanage Home Kohima
Visited with some gifts and special message, "You are special and God loves you". Everyone had a blessed time of fellowship together.

9th December - Annual Picnic Day



First of all I want to thank God for giving me the opportunity to minister to the little ones. It's been a learning experience for me. I am so much touched by the love and concern I received from my students. Many times when I attended the class instead of me ministering to them I am being ministered.

Children in the age group of (3 - 6) years are the most inquisitive, active and expressive group. They are very honest in expressing their likes and dislikes. Many times you will hear them saying "BORING" during the class. The most challenging task for me is to be innovative, creative in bringing the truth to them due to the time span of concentration they have. In addition to this, I am sad to add that the young ones are also not spared from the media influences (TV, Video games, etc) which have invaded our homes and schools. So the amount of stimulation their mind goes through in such a tender age and the crave of instant gratification takes place very early in their lives. Everything has to be instant and at the same time stimulating. They can relate to you if you know about 'Angry Birds', 'Ben 10', etc. So, this may sound scary as parents and teachers with the questions in our mind. Then how do we protect and train our children? The answer is we can't protect our children with our own wisdom or strength but with God it is possible. By praying for them, by teaching them the Word of God and being a role model for them.

We as parents and teachers have responsibilities towards our children to train them and guide them in the way they should go. It is our responsibility not only to provide their physical needs but to meet their spiritual needs as well. The Catholic Church leaders have been widely quoted as saying "Give us the child until he is seven years old and we'll have him for life." They are usually correct, because permanent attitudes can be instilled during these seven vulnerable years.

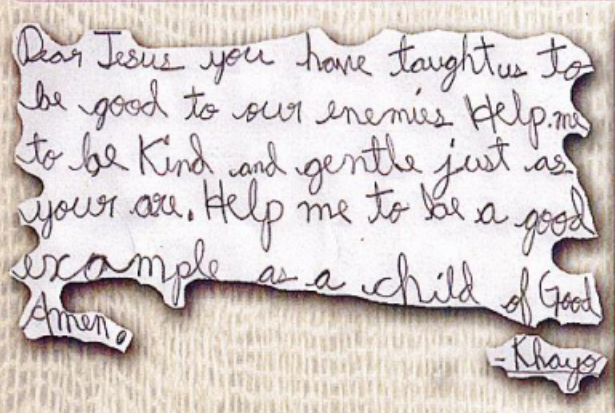
May the Lord give us the grace and the strength to carry out our calling as Parents and be faithful to Him before it is too late.

- Mrs. Lalrinthari Tzüdir

Teacher Speaks ....

Living in today's world is a big challenge for us and our children. They are exposed to so many things. We have to make them strong enough to filter out all those worldly wrong influences, stay away from it and not crumble under pressure when they face it. They should know that as Christians we have God with us, and so life should be easier for us with His Hand over us. We have this advantage to the rest of the world. So continue to bring your kids to Sunday school and give them that advantage. And as parents, be a willing participant in your child's Sunday school activities. This will definitely involve perseverance and painstaking effort, but that is exactly what God wants us to do. The bible tells us that Jesus was a great teacher. Jesus didn't just come to die for us, He also came to teach us how to live. As parents and as Sunday school teachers, it should be our objective to help youngsters to accept Jesus as their Lord and Saviour, equip them with Christian fellowship and to equip them to participate in the mission of the church.

Proverbs 22:6 says "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it." In our daily life, our children go through different situations. We, as parents, should be there to talk to them and relate the situations to what they learn at church and Sunday school. This training cannot be done without the parent's full involvement. So let us impress the word of God upon them, talk to them, and discipline them when necessary. Be a teacher, be their guide and above all, be an example to them. Let us pray that God showers His wisdom on our church, Sunday school, and us parents and teachers, so that we can lay a solid foundation for our children and plant the word of God in their hearts.









Primary Class

What I learnt from Sunday School

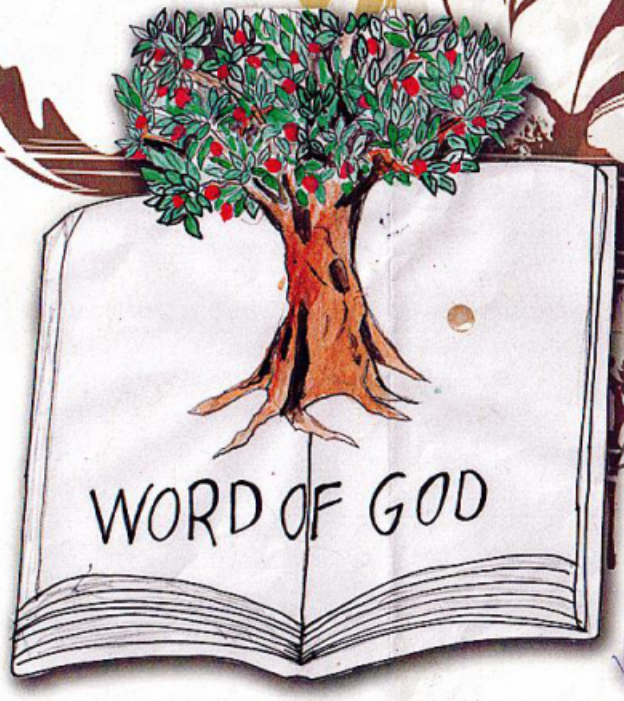
* We learnt stories, memory verses, good habits and how to be helpful. - ***Tiatemsu***
* I learnt about God, sing some songs and play with toys.- ***Yatetla***
* I have learnt every subject.- ***Ronai***
* I have learnt about God and the miraculous things that He have done. And about His Son Jesus. I would like to thank my teacher who have taught me about God and Jesus.- ***Zhavi***
* How to pray.- ***Alokütü***
* I learnt to sing, memory verses but the best of all I learnt about God.- ***Mesele***
* New stories about God and how people get food when we pray.- ***Meli***











Every single day open your bible, every single day. Read from His word, study and follow. Do what it says, today and tomorrow. Every single day open your bible every single day.

Intermediate Class

1. ***Some of the things you wart to praise God?***
   * For sending Jesus to save us.
   * For giving me wonderful parents who cares for me.
   * For giving me many good friends who helps me in everything when I am in trouble.
   * For giving me a new life.
   * For giving us less worries
   * For sending Jesus into the world to die for our sins, for loving me and forgiving my sins.
   * For talking to me in my dreams and for speaking to me when I read the Bible.
   * For giving a church, a home and for giving me so much happiness.
   * For healing my grandmother when she was underwent operation for cancer.
   * For healing me when I was sick.
   * For giving us a car to go to church.

2. ***Some changes we want God to bring in our life.***
   * I want God to help me to be good to others and be more faithful and truthful.
   * I want to be a boy of big faith.
   * I want to be truthful and more interested in studies.
   * Change in my attitude and be more responsible.
   * I want God to make my eyes well.
   * My stubbornness, selfishness and laziness
   * Bad attitude and bad manners.
   * I want God to let me remember him everyday.
   * I want God to help me overcome my fears.
   * When I see the beggars my heart breaks and makes me want to cry so I want God to provide them a home and a small work so that they may at least have food to eat and a shelter to sleep.
   * I want God to make me more taller.
   * My sisters irritating attitude.
   * My habit of insulting and criticizing others.
   * My hair and my teeth.



3. ***My favorite character in the Bible is Jesus because -***
   * He is one true Saviour.
   * He died for our sins, forgives us and suffered badly for us.
   * He healed the sick and performed many miracles
   * He is loving, truthful.
   * He came to give us message that there is a very good place up in heaven for us.

   Abraham because -
   * He is my favorite character in the Bible because his faith and love for God was such that he was even ready to sacrifice his only son when God told him to do so.

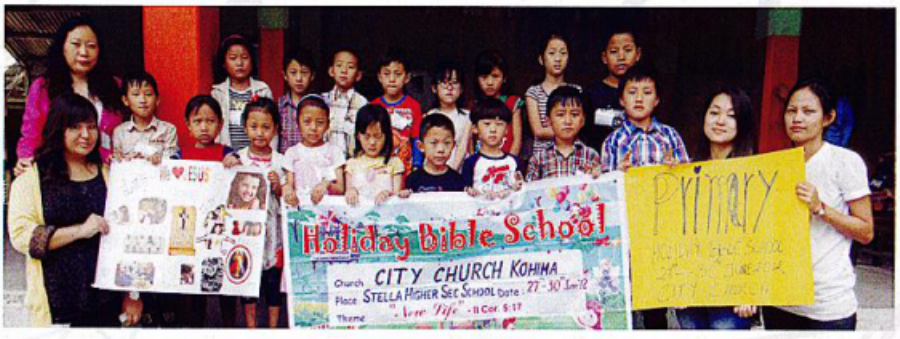
   Paul because -
   * He dedicated his whole life to Christ.
   * He preached the gospel till the end of his life
   * He used his ideas to talk about Jesus
   * He took every opportunity in every situation to talk about Jesus even when he got beaten, jailed and persecuted.

4. ***How can I talk about Jesus without offending others.***
   * By telling them the good things God had done for me.
   * By telling them to read the word of God and to pray daily.
   * By telling to go to church because it is the way to God.
   * By telling them that if we know God truly we are always happy and God brings and gives us peace.
   * By telling them that if we know God and trust and love him, we will have eternal life and be happy.
   * By showing that I have faith.
   * By showing kindness, love and giving things to the needy.
   * By teaching them songs and by telling them Bible stories.
   * Through the way we behave.
   * By taking them to Sunday School.
   * By using our brain and saying that their god is good but "Can your God die for us too?"
   * By telling them that Jesus came to take away all our sins so now we can be forgiven.
   * By being a good friend, being polite and through telling stories of Jesus Christ.
   * Through our lifestyle.



Junior Class

What I learnt from Sunday School-



Lanai -1 learnt about Moses, love, Jesus, prayer, thanksgiving, spirit, and God's Word.

Zeno -I learnt that Jesus is my personal Saviour and I asked Jesus to come into my heart and control my life. I learnt Bible stories and songs too.

Lisuno -1 learnt about how to help others, God's word, to be kind and generous and to praise God by singing and praying.

Dzuvarou -1 learn not to speak bad about others, not to be afraid of anything and I have learnt to obey others.

Elivi - I learnt to pray to God everyday, read Bible everyday, love one another, not to fight with others, not to steal and not to tell lies.

Visanuo - I have learnt that Jesus is our personal Saviour, not to steal, not to lie and to tell the truth.

Temshinaro Jamir - I have learnt to be friends with those who do not have friend, to share with those who do not food things etc, to obey my parents and teachers, to forgive other's mistakes, to respect my brothers and sisters, not to be jealous of others.

Ketzi - I learnt about God and how to obey and respect my parents and teachers, to be good, to tell the truth and to share with my friends.

Meyuren - I have learnt so many good things at Sunday School like the stories of Bruce Olson, Ida Scudder, Joshua, Daniel, Peter, John, David, Luke, Ezekiel, Joel, Ezra and Esther. I learnt Bible verses too.

Donato - I have learnt Bible verses, stories and so many good things. I thank God for sending me to this Sunday School.

Vivi - I learnt about God's glory, ask forgiveness, ask help, have faith, to be brave, give things to poor, love everyone, obey everyone, not to steal, not to tell lie and to thank God for everything.

Bokivi - I learnt to obey God, my parents and my elders, to help others, love one another and not quarrel witn others.

Liron - I learnt form Sunday School to be obedient and to respect our teacher.

Hievinuy Kechu - I learnt not to tell lies, not to speak bad words, not to bully, not to do bad things, to obey our elders
and parents, to tell people to worship God and that we are God's children and to pray to God everyday.

Chosu - I learnt story of God, to obey others, to worship God, to help one another and so many other things.

Vilnu Tsukrti - I learnt lots of stories, memory verses and songs. Fighting with friends and stealing things are the two things which I learnt that Jesus don't like. I even learnt that there are lots of friends but Jesus is my best friend and my personal Saviour and I could invite Jesus to come into my heart.



Atuna Shikhu - I learnt to always speak the truth, not to tell lies, to serve God and to obey God. I learnt even to love each other, help one another, to be strong in the Lord and to have faith in God. I learnt to speak the truth and to cast all my anxiety because He cares for me and that nothing is too hard for the Lord.

Line Colo - I learnt to lead people to know the Lord, to trust in God and obey Him, that God will be with me in all circumstance and I have learnt to make right choices.

World Sunday School Day

Kohima Orphanage Visit