

與密匠同行 Walk with Metta

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我是2018年參加密匠生命事工的短宣體驗；這是我做了幾十年基督徒後的第一次正式短宣。還記得第一次踏進在金邊的密匠中心時，在場的小朋友很熱情的向我們打招呼，有些還湧上來擁抱我們這群陌生人，或要我們抱著他們。對於我這個內向的人，雖然不習慣，但感受到小朋友們對愛和擁抱的渴望，及對密匠和她的同行者的信任。在這次短宣服侍中，有幾個特別深刻的片段：

- 在鄉村進行攤位遊戲前，有幾位小朋友走到一棵倒下的大樹幹上玩「蹺蹺板」，不亦樂乎。
- 在派送物資時，有一個女孩抱著比她更小、全身赤裸的弟弟來，我們便連忙拿一條褲子給小男孩穿上。小姊姊看著，開心地抱著弟弟，之後兩人都滿足地躺在地上，臉上掛著滿足的笑容。
- 一個年約5歲的男孩，興致勃勃地用空的薯片筒收集球場旁鋪路的碎石。

原來環境的貧乏並沒有抹殺孩子的童真，雖然得的很少，但他們仍很滿足！

除了以上片段，在整個短宣的服侍中，我一直深深感受到神的同在！試想想，短宣隊要在一個言語不通、陌生的地方服侍，當中整個團隊需要合作無間、靈活補位，還要透過翻譯才可以演出話劇、入村探訪和傳福音，各樣事情能夠順利進行實在是神的恩典。神的保守和預備，特別是有合宜的天氣，更是超出我們所想。到最後，作為服侍的人，可能比被服侍的得益更多！回想我在報名參加短宣前還在猶豫，現在我很期待下一次的來臨！其實，我們所能夠付出的很有限、很微小，我們只是謙卑的同行者，但正如約翰福音第六章所記載，小孩子把五餅二魚交在耶穌手裡，結果主使五千人吃飽！

正因為看見密匠服侍的理念，對柬埔寨街童和他們的父母親友的生命影響，自2018年第一次參與短宣後，我就持續關心密匠，出席異象分享、感恩、敬拜、籌款聚會，參加「東步行」籌款和手工皂義賣活動，更被邀請在Soooradio介紹密匠事工的《匠人手裡的寶貝》節目中分享，也經常與人分享密匠的消息……祈願有更多人認識密匠，繼而支持機構的服侍，使更多柬埔寨街童和家庭得到幫助。

I participated in the mission trip of Metta in 2018. This was my first mission trip after being a Christian for decades. I remember the first time I stepped into Metta's centre in Phnom Penh: the children greeted us warmly. Some of them even came up to hug us, or asked us to hug them. For me, an introvert, although I was not used to it, I felt the children's desire for love and hugs, as well as their trust in Metta and her companions. In this mission trip service, there were a few scenes which impressed me so much:

- Before playing the booth game in the village, a few children walked up to a fallen tree trunk and played seesaw, which was a great time for them.
- During the preparation of the activities, a girl came with her younger brother who was naked. We saw that and quickly took a pair of trousers to put on the little boy. The little sister hugged her brother happily, and then both of them laid comfortably on the mat with satisfied smiles on their faces.
- A boy around 5, happily collecting the gravel from the paving next to the field with an empty potato chip tube.

I realized that the poor environment did not obliterate the innocence of children. Although they got very little, they were still very satisfied!

Apart from the above, I deeply felt the presence of God throughout the mission trip! Just think about it, our team had to serve in an unfamiliar place with an unfamiliar language. The entire team had to work together and be flexible to perform dramas, visit villages, and share the gospel. It was God's grace that it could go smoothly. God's protection and preparation, especially the nice weather, was beyond our expectation. In the end, as a person to serve, I may be benefited more than a person being served! Looking back, I was hesitant to sign up for the mission trip but now I am looking forward to the next one! What we can give is actually very limited, we are only humble companions. As recorded in the sixth chapter of the book of John in the Bible, the child handed five loaves and two fish into the hands of Jesus, and He fed five thousand people!

Seeing the impact on the lives of Cambodian street children and their parents, relatives and friends because of the service philosophy upheld by Metta, I continue to care about the ministry of Metta and attend her vision sharing, worship, fundraising; Charity Walk and Charity Sale events. Also, I shared in the radio programme, "The Treasure in the Hands of the Potter" by Soooradio, which introduced Metta's ministry. I often share the news of Metta with others, wishing more people will know Metta and support the ministry, so that more Cambodian street children and families can be helped.

