



Disciples in action



“...there will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of good. Treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God.”
– 2 Timothy 3:1-4 (NIV)

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We live in the last days Paul described to Timothy.

This world is a very different place from the one our parents knew. We live in a world obsessed with instant gratification and self-centeredness. We easily find ourselves knee-deep in the rat race, trying to carve a life that promises material comfort, security and respect.

This new newsletter, *Disciples in Action*, is written so that the calling of our Lord to be His disciples is made fresh again in our minds. Published quarterly, it contains a short devotional, a then-and-now look at individuals who continue to give their lives to God, and a page with handy reminders and tips for day-to-day Christian living that you might want to file as a resource.

It is our hearts' desire that *Disciples in Action* will encourage you in your Christian walk and spur you on to live lives worthy of His calling.

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An evening with Junior College team leader and volunteer labourers, Teh Kwang Hwee, Ai Kian and family.

By Goh Lay Hoon

The Tehs extended their hospitality to me when I asked to be granted an interview with them. I was invited to dinner, a typical Chinese home-cooked meal. After dinner saw all of us settling down in the living room where four year old **Weiliang** and two year old **Kailing**, started playing with an improvised playhouse made out of a huge empty carton. I began firing my rounds of questions at the parents.

Kwang Hwee and **Ai Kian** are both very familiar faces in the NavTeens ministry; they have been involved in this ministry for a very long time – twenty and twelve years respectively. Kwang Hwee was introduced to the NavTeens as a student in Outram Secondary School. He then moved on to the Military Navigators and came back to the NavTeens in 1978. As to why he has stayed in this ministry for so long, he has this to say:

“I believe in young people and their potential as leaders of tomorrow. I have personally benefited much from my disciplers and want to contribute to the NavTeens, by training and equipping labourers.”

Kwang Hwee and Ai Kian were married in 1988, and then decided to take a much needed break from the ministry in order for Kwang Hwee to complete his studies. The Tehs renewed their ministry involvement in 1991. Why did they come back?

“We want to prove the idea that married couples cannot be actively involved in ministry a myth. It is difficult but not impossible,” explained Kwang Hwee. That appears to be the general observation:

married couples are too tied down by family responsibilities to handle ministry demands. Yet, Kwang Hwee is leading the Junior College ministry, Bible studies, as well as his church cell group. How then do the Tehs cope, especially with two young children?

Kwang Hwee said, “We have to make hard choices. Jesus has said that we are to take the narrow gate and not the wide one. We set down our conditions before marriage – that we will open up our home as a ministry base. Ai Kian accepted the fact that I sometimes cannot spend as much time as I would like to be with her and the children. My disciplers had sacrificed time for me, that is why I am willing to do the same. In 1 Thessalonians 2:19-20, Paul regarded his dedicated Thessalonian converts as his crown and glory. The greatest joy is to see the person you train become a multiplier.”

Kwang Hwee continued, “Of course,

there is a difference in terms of intensity of involvement. However, the leadership is very understanding in their expectation of our capacity. Nevertheless, we should all continue to serve according to our conviction and not convenience. I had good role models in my disciplers to look up to.”

How long do they intend to remain in the NavTeens?

“We plan to leave the NavTeens by end of 1994 and move to another country to work.”

As the interview drew to a natural close, I felt the evening had been enriching. The phrase “serve according to your conviction, not convenience” stuck in my mind throughout the journey home. The Tehs’ commitment to serving God is exemplary.

Taken from Dunamis, a Newsletter of The NavTeens, Singapore.



The Dunamis article on Kwang Hwee and Ai Kian dated August 1994

A Soldier, an Athlete and Maybe a Farmer

“I’ve been an athlete in school, a soldier during my National Service and now who knows what God is calling me to be, maybe a farmer!”

Checking in with Navigator Alumnus Teh Kwang Hwee.

by Alison Lai

Husband, father of three, church leader, owner of a successful Certified Public Accountant firm, Navigator alumnus, **Teh Kwang Hwee**, 48, will be leaving for East Asia. That is where he sees a need and opportunity for micro-enterprise development, a strategy for bringing the Gospel to the poor in the region.

Born into a family of seven, Kwang Hwee grew up helping his father process and deliver vegetables to restaurants. In 1973, while studying at Outram Secondary School he found Christ at a Gospel rally organised by the Inter-School Christian Fellowship. Later, through follow-up by Navigator **Chia Tuck Seng** and **Leong Wei Weng**, Kwang Hwee learned the basics of what it meant to be a disciple of Christ.

One of only five, newly-committed Navigators in his school, he met with them every morning for quiet time and spent at least one recess a week sharing the Gospel. By the end of 1973, the group of five grew to about 20.

In 1978, after National Service, Kwang Hwee returned to his old school to discover that there were no Navigators left. He felt the challenge to revive the ministry and joined The NavTeens (TNT) as a labourer. He was subsequently assigned to Anglo Chinese School (ACS) and Victoria Secondary School. Kwang Hwee served in TNT until 1994.

“There were many blessings and lessons learned,” says Kwang Hwee.



The Teh Family on a vacation in San Francisco

“The most significant one was learning that my self worth was not in what people thought of me but in the eyes of the Lord. This has helped me not to operate on a human agenda but to find the Lord’s will and direction in my daily living.”

FIRST TASTE OF MISSIONS

In 1982 at age twenty-six, Kwang Hwee had his first taste of missions when he went on a mission exposure trip to Sarawak. Kwang Hwee had been planning to leave TNT by 1994 to move to another country to work. He had already made trips to East Asia since 1993 and led a mission group to the region in 1996.

That year he had his appendix removed, and while he was confined to bed for three days he reflected on his life and felt that God was impressing upon him the need to take part in the leadership of his church.

Kwang Hwee agreed to join the church leadership and was appointed Missions Chairman, supervising and facilitating the sending of missionaries. He stepped down in 2001 to concentrate on developing micro-enterprise strategies for missions in East Asia.

His dream of using his professional training as an accountant for missions is now slowly becoming a reality. His regular trips to East Asia have established contacts that will allow him to stay there with his family for longer periods to develop and facilitate the concept of sustainable and holistic ministry to the poor. Now, Kwang Hwee has to trust God to guide him through some hard decisions, especially since the move affects his whole family.

The work he is doing in East Asia has already begun to bear fruit; he has now positioned himself strategically to contribute to the work of transforming communities with the Gospel through holistic ministry.

THE NUANCES OF SPIRITUAL SHEPHERDING



1. Communicate and share your life with them
 - Be honest and transparent
 - Share your struggles – share your defeats but not a defeated life
 - Allow them to observe your life – let them see your progress
2. Get to know them, enjoy them as individuals
 - Like and enjoy them
 - Their likes and dislikes; things that bother them
 - Hobbies
 - Favourites: food... colour...
 - Childhood, family background and members
 - Strengths and weaknesses
 - Gifts and talents
 - Temperament and behavioural style
3. Get to know their family – their parents... participate where appropriate
 - Pray for their family members
 - Visit their family on special occasions
4. Get to know their friends in the context of their activities... do things together...
 - Create informal settings
 - Dine together
 - Cook as a group
 - Sports... recreation... fun
 - Go window-shopping
 - Weddings... parties
5. Remember things that are important or significant to them
 - Birthdays
 - Examinations
 - Promotions
 - Anniversaries
 - Children or family's salvation
6. Communicate that you have their best interest at heart
 - Ensure total-wholesome development
 - Spiritual-Mental-Emotional-Social-Physical
 - Serve them – work on meeting their needs
7. Listen to them
 - Hear them out
 - Allow them to talk without interruptions
 - Listen with your mind and heart (their spoken and unspoken words)
 - Work on being a good listener... it is a skill
8. Be with them
 - Personal and family crisis
 - Hospitalisation
 - Death in the family
 - Difficult and stressful moments
 - Celebrations... baptism... performances
9. Rebuke and direct them with love and gentleness
 - Sins in their lives
 - Lack of faith
 - CareLESS – CAREless
 - Attitude and heart that is not right
10. Challenge them
 - Responsibilities
 - Projects
 - Personal future... life purpose... five-year plan

“People may forget what you taught but they will remember what you did for them”

Supra K.
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This handy tip can also be downloaded from www.navigators.org.sg/resources

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