

Impacting Them, Impacting Me



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We find out from two Trinitarians their experiences and testimonies on how God can use us to impact the lives of others on Mission Impact Trips (MIT), and how we are in turn impacted.

Motivation:

I went for this MIT trip to get a first-hand experience of what missions, and in particular, medical missions was like.

Experience:

Once, we were invited into a house of one of the villagers, and while the ladies in the group spoke to the women of the household, I could only sit and smile helplessly with the man, as I had no translator with me. Nevertheless, **I decided to pray a blessing over him, which apparently brought him relief over his severe headache. During the prayer, the man cried.**

During the second Village Outreach we had, I was assigned by Pastor Patricia to share a message after the food distribution. Indeed it was a stressful yet privileged position to be in. I prayed and asked God for a word for His people, something that would remain in their lives even after we left, something that would help His people know that He is real and always there despite their circumstances, loneliness and pain.

It was during this time of desperation and seeking God for a word that He reminded me of His love. "Lord, these people need to know You love them" was my heart's cry.

During the altar call, about 80% of the people accepted Christ! This left me awestruck. **My eyes filled up with**



tears as I thanked God for making Himself real to His people. That day, I was indeed humbled by the works of God. Not because of what I had done but because He had chosen to reveal Himself to His people. I thank God that He is real. I thank God that I could be an instrument to be used for His glory.

Personal Reflection: The trip taught me how to love God all over again, and to be dependent on Him, even when we don't understand the situation or circumstances we are in.

It also helped me realise that love should not be borne out of an emotion or empathy, but it is about seeing the heart of God and the compassion He has for His people that compels us to love others the way He does.

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Last but not least, this MIT provided me the platform to utilise the gifts and talents God has given me to pray and minister to the lives of people, both as a believer and a doctor. It made me realise how important it is to be sensitive to the spirit.

I will definitely go for similar MITs in the future as it is a humbling experience that reminds me of the greatness of God, and how it helps me to discover the destiny and calling He has for my life.



Who: **Sammy Ong**
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Motivation: When my Sectional Leader, Reginald, first approached me to go for MIT, I was hesitant primarily because of the cost of the trip and also that I am a new believer. I decided to seek God's assurance in this matter, and the answer came swiftly.

The next day was a Saturday. At service, the sermon was on stepping out of our comfort zones, and it was the confirmation I needed. I decided to be obedient by going for the trip.

Experience: To go for the trip was already a testimony. I was concerned that I would not be able to pay for the trip, and prayed hard for God to help me in this area. After responding to the altar call during the service, I felt confident that God would provide.

And He did. **One month later, a customer from my other business who owed me money called me out of the blue to settle the overdue payment.** I wasn't expecting this sum of money as I had forgotten all about it, so it came as a pleasant surprise. It also reminded me of Matthew 7:7 which says, "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." Praise God!

Of the MIT, I was amazed at the things God could do through me. Not only was I used to teach English to the students there, I even had the opportunity to cook for 100 of them. This was a new experience as I've never cooked for so many people before, and **to be the head chef of this 'operation' boosted my confidence and boldness in being open to God's leading.** Halfway through the cooking, there was a power failure! But we really trusted in the Lord and we prayed. The electricity



was restored after half an hour. In the end, the food was good – the children even came up for second, third and even fourth helpings!

Personal Reflection: It was an eye-opener to see children, youths and adults being impacted by the various programmes that the team organised during this trip.

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I have a fellow taxi driver who's also a young Christian. Having seen the power and effectiveness of prayer during the trip, I can encourage him not to be afraid of prayer and learn to grow in God in this area.

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