


SUNDAY BRIEFING

Stories matter



This is a Story Worth Telling!

BY PASTOR DON GARDNER

We have some brothers / sisters in our church who are not "high profile" but are still being used by our Lord in significant ways and this story is an illustration! This past week, we were contacted by a person with a very special phone number that appeared to be in Hawaii! Her name is Linda Wong O'Grady and she apparently was connected to our church many years ago. She shared to say that her 95-year-old father was in a nursing home in Chandler and needed to have someone visit him regarding his faith. The "trick" was that he is known to be a Toisan speaker and even she admits that she doesn't

have any language skills to fully communicate with him!

Looking around within both of our congregations, I found that we are no longer flush with the speakers of that dialect. However, I found one "brave soul" that almost immediately grasped the problem when he was contacted. Peter Wong, while not saying that his Toisan was fluent, almost immediately responded to this need by saying that he knew it was important for our church to reach out in Jesus' name to give opportunity for this man to know that he was loved. With the burden and willingness of heart, Peter phoned Linda's Hawaii number and arranged a visit. Of course, during our COVID-19 days, even setting up an appointment was not easy

especially from Hawaii for a Chandler address!

To make a long story shorter, I am now looking at a picture of Peter and Mr. Wong that was taken during Peter's visit when he shared the gospel with Mr. Wong. You see, it isn't for us to ignore opportunities like this but it is for us to experience the Holy Spirit working through us at every possible moment! Thank you Peter for your testimony of love and service.

UPCOMING

July 10th |
Council Meeting

July 24th |
Church-wide Prayer
Meeting

A Simple Story for Application

Pastor Don Gardner
Matthew 12:43-45

- I. How Healthy & Well Managed is Your Life... House? (v.43)
- II. Poor Choices Make a Deteriorating House in Us! (v.44)
- III. Honest Appraisal of Our Generation & Ourselves (v.45)

Announcements & Prayers

Church-wide Prayer Meeting - Our prayer meeting will resume meeting in person in the sanctuary on July 24th at 9AM-10:30AM

Pray for Courtney Ong as she is in Haiti on her mission trip from June 25 to July 4. Courtney will be serving the orphanage she and her family usually visit as well as churches in Haiti to feed children and host VBS.

FCBC Brothers & Sisters,

On Tuesday evening, June 29, the Re-opening Committee of our church met to discuss, and review, our current direction for Sunday School and other church activities. During that meeting, we agreed to move to what we refer to as Phase 3" in our processing:

1. We would like to propose that on August 1, our church will resume regular Sunday School Classes
2. We will require that church and Sunday School participation will continue to have proper Social Distancing and the usage of Masks.
3. While no lunch meals can be resumed at this point, pre-packaged snacks/refreshments are suitable as needed.
4. We will have several of our Ushers assisting to remind us each week of security and safety procedures.

*Please continue to pray for our church and look forward with us as we welcome new, and old, friends back into our church lives!
- Pastor Don

Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

MATTHEW 7:24

CONNECT

The best way for knowing about who God is and what God does is through the Bible. Though we all could read and study the Bible individually, we learn so much more when we read and study the Bible together in a group. Bible study groups at FCBC PHX offer a variety of options for all ages, with groups that meet during weekdays, evenings, or Sunday morning. Contact us!

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