

# MALACHI

" MY MESSENGER "

## JANUARY 1983 EDITORIAL

Beloved Brethren, PRAISE THE LORD, we are able to publish our first issue of M A L A C H I by the New York District Church.

This Church News will be published on monthly basis to our local members and out-of-state members in this country; our publication shall includes news--local, out-of-state, overseas, youth and related activies such as articles on sermons, testimonies, Bible research, and many others which we hope may edify each other spiritually.

Spiritually edifying doesn't mean that we published articles soothing to our heart. The spiritual truth is so vital for our salvation, even it's hard for us to swallow it must in all earnestness be proclaimed in its bare and plain form without sweetness coating.

The author of the epistle of Hebrews has this to say:

"The word of God is quick, and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the joints and marrow and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

Hebrews 4:12

May God's blessings of grace, mercy, and peace be shed abroad unto you. Amen.

" REJOICE EVERMORE,

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING,

IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS; FOR

THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD IN

JESUS CHRIST CONCERNING YOU."

L E T T H I S B E O U R R E S O L U T I O N S .

!!!HAPPY READING!!!

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During our two days convocation we have devoted an hour for discussion. The topic was "How can I help in building up a rooted Christian family ?" It was an interesting subject to discuss especially among the youths. Three groups participated in this discussion. They were the Brothers, Sisters, and the Youths. Each of the group's representative presents their conclusion at the end of the session.

Here are some reviews of the conclusion brought up by the groups. A youth in the shoe of a child should be submissive to their parents. This is the commandment with promise (Eph. 6:1-2). A Christian family relationship between parents and children should be bilateral, that is both the parties have mutual interest, love, care, and affection toward each other. The immediate relationships bound the love and care of parents-children in a family.

However, a child below the age of 20 should by all means be submissive to his/her parents although the child's opinion be contradictory to his/her parents. Contrary, When the child is above the age of 20, he/she has the freedom in his/her deeds and opinions. An interesting issue was raised. "If the youth wanted to be an engineer, but his/her parents insisted the youth to be a doctor, what should the youth do then ?". To answer this the youth can explain the matter by humbleness and willingness to their parents. The author of the Book of Proverbs has this to say "A soft answer turned away wrath, but grievous words stir up anger." (Prov. 15:1). If this method met with failure, the other solution was to rely on God through prayer. (2 Cor. 4:16 to 5:10)

A word from our church Elder said, "Parents through their experience may decide the career for their child." <sup>1</sup> A harmonious family starts from a family of prayer. The examples of prayer in the Bible would be the prayer of Jacob, Daniel, and Jesus Christ, reminded us a constant prayer brought to them power.

According to sociologists, a family has 20% effect on their children personality while 80% from the environment. A famous saying, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." (Prov. 22:6). The role of parent is important to their children while they are still young.

A mother has this to say (one of the member), "Religious education is a basic foundation to build up a child."<sup>2</sup> A parable in the gospel according to Matthew of weeds and wheats teaches us to be cautious least be infiltrated by evilness. A christain's behavior and conduct modifies his belief.

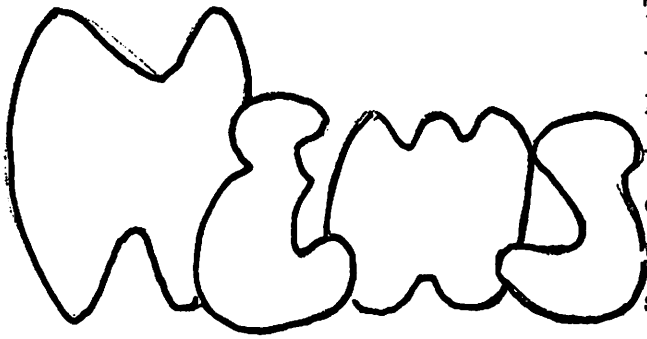
A mother like a father serves as an exemplary role to her children. She cares for her child physical health, academic needs spiritual and other neccessities. A child needs affectionated love. A chinese proverb goes like this "When a child is thousand miles, his mother's love is also thousand miles from home." Therefore, the motherly love is there whenever her child needs it.

As the role of a wife, she needs to reserve spare-time for home in this industrious societies. A tri-partal (three parties) relation - mother - father - child - brought the foundation of a rooted family. Their roles are interrelated. None of the parties can be neglected from their roles.

A religious family learn the words of God, pray constantly in one accord, give thanks, and abstain from ungodliness. A tri-partal love: father-mother-child contributes a harmonious family. The manifestation of love of Jesus Christ set an example of love to a family.

Love does not cease. Love bear all things, believe all things, hope all things, and endure all things.

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Thanks to the guidance of our Lord the local Spiritual Convocation on Dec. 25-26 ended successfully. The theme of this convocation was "In days to come Jacob shall take root Isreal shall blossom and put forth shoots, and fill the whole world with fruit." (Isa. 27:6).

We have not only local members but also out-of state members participating in this two days convocation. Here is a list of out-of-state members who participated in the convocation.

Sis. Shan Shaio Lei	(San Franciso, California)
Bro. Lin and family	(Chicago, Illinois)
Bro. Pang-Foo Liu	(Columbus, Ohio)
Bro. James Kuo and family	(North Carolina)
Bro. James Chu and family	(Springfield, Massachusetts)
Bro. Percy Tsai	(Boston, Massachusetts)
Four brothers and two sisters from Toronto, Canada.	

They are:

Sis. Judy Hwang	(Toronto, Canada)
Sis. Lucy Hwang	(Toronto, Canada)
Bro. James Hwang	(Toronto, Canada)
Bro. Chee Wai Lau	(Toronto, Canada)
Bro. Peter Skuyur	(Toronto, Canada)
Bro. Alex Yee	(Toronto, Canada)

And finally we have about 10 members from Philadelphia, Pennslyvania. All out-of-state brothers and sisters stay in the local members' home. The Canadian members arrived on Dec. 24 evening and left for home early morning on Dec. 28 after a day tour to New York City with 5 local members including Minister S.K. Yang as the guide.

The total average of participants were 110. Lunch and dinner were served by our local brothers and sisters in the church. The Holy Communion was conducted on the last day of the convocation by Minister S.K. Yang with assistance from Elder John Wu. Ninety-seven members partook the cups and bread. Thanksgiving offering was \$2665.39

Here's a review of the sermons spoken during the two days convocation. We have four speakers and interpreters. The speakers were Bro. K.M. Huang, Dn. Daniel Kau, Minister S.K. Yang, and Elder John Wu. Their topics were "On Rooted HOPE - A Christian's Choice", "On Rooted FAITH - A Christian's Dependence", "On Rooted LOVE - A Christian's Deeds", and "The Spirit of The Early Church in Mainland China" respectively.

The sermons can be summarized as below, "On Rooted HOPE" - Hope is something not materialized but exist among us. Our hope is from God (Ps. 62:5). God is Spirit; we must worship Him in Spirit and in Truth. Endure with patience for the hope. (Rom. 8:25).

A fundamental belief of all Christians is FAITH. Four essential characteristics of faith were mentioned. A rooted faith is without doubt. God promised Abraham that his descendants be like the sands in the shore and the stars in the Heaven. Did Abraham believe that? Thomas did not believe the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Later, Jesus appeared to Thomas in person to show Thomas His palm which has the scars. And Jesus said to Thomas, "Because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed; blessed are they that have not seen me and yet have believed." (Jn. 20:29).

The last sermon during the convocation was delivered by Minister S.K. Yang---"On Rooted LOVE--A Christian's Deeds." Paul said in 1 Cor. 13:13 love manifested Christian belief and behavior. God is love and everyone that love is born of God and know God (1Jn.4:7).

Three subtopics were discussed in "A Christian's love". Sympathy and Compassion-- Jesus has sympathy and compassion toward Man. He healed the diseases, cured the blind and the handicapped. Paul became weak that he might gain the weak (1 Cor. 9:22). He has the heart full of love to share the salvation and grace with others. Likewise, today we must have the heart of sympathy and compassion all the time.

Deeds of love-- The second step of love. It was an outreached compassion and sympathy. In 1 Jn. 3:17-18 it said that we must not love verbally, but in deed and in truth. The example of the Priest, the Levites, and the Samaritan. The Samaritan has compassion and sympathy to the injured man, but not the two (Lk. 10:33-34). This compassion was materialised when the Samaritan nursed the injured wound.

A True LOVE is without conditions which endures forever. Everlasting love is love towards other that can never be changed. Nevertheless, enthusiasm we put compassion and sympathy into actions. Usually the enthusiasm faded away because we met with difficulties. LOVE is patience. A Christian's love is 'pass on' to neighbours, friends, and others regardless of conditions.

"And now abideth faith, hope, love, these three;  
but the greatest of these is LOVE." ( 1 Cor, 13:13 )

The New York District Church hold services as schedules:

<u>Regular</u>	Sabbath	---	Morning Service	11:15 a.m.
		---	Afternoon Service	1:45 p.m.
<u>Service</u> :		---	Holy Communion ( Bi-monthly at the 1st Saturday(Sabbath) of the month)	
	Sunday	---	1st week : Alpine, NJ	10:00 a.m.
		---	2nd week : Parsippany, NJ	10:30 p.m.
		---	3rd week : New York City	10:30 a.m.
		---	4th week : Princeton, NJ	2:00 p.m.
	Monday	---	Sea Shore Area, NJ	7:30 p.m.
			( Family Service )	
	Wednesday	---	Queens Area, NYC	7:30 p.m.
			( Family Service )	
	Friday	---	Bible study at Church	8:15 p.m.

Philadelphia (Prayer House) Service : The second  
Saturday(Sabbath) afternoon of the month 3:00pm

In our prayer do remember to pray for our brothers and sisters whom we know are sick. Let us devote our special prayer for Bro. Jack Wang at 8-9 pm daily who is hospitalised in Sloan-Kettering, New York City for Cancer of Thyroid treatment.

Minister S.K. Yang will left for Hawaii on Jan. 18, 1983 for one and one-half months for divine work. In our prayer do remember to pray for him and the divine work.

Thanks to the Church Board's Committe for the approval for publishing the Church News-MALACHI-by the Youth group on Jan. 1, 1983. The Editorial's Committe welcome articles, testimonies, and prayers' request. Please direct all materials to the PUBLICATION DEPT.and signed by the writer.

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Lastly, a word from Paul to Timothy be a resolution to us all-  
---YOUTHS!!!!

"Let no man despise thy youth, but be thou an example  
of the believers in words, in conduct, in love, in  
spirit, in faith, in purity." ( 1 Tim. 4: 12 , KJV<sup>3</sup> ).

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		Monday	( FAMILY,NJ)	7:30pm
		Wednesday	( FAMILY,NY)	8:00pm
		Friday	( BIBLE STUDY)	8:15pm
News	4	Philadephia	( The 2nd Saturday(Sabbath))	3:00pm
ALL ARE WELCOME				

\*\*\* Please refer to the schedule for the place of meeting.

He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry

bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

PSALMS 40:2