

美國晨曦會

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美國晨曦會戒癮農場 2019 年 9 月號代禱月訊(含僕人領袖 Marvin 見證)

My name is Marvin Sung. I'm 27 years old. I'm from New York City. I've been in Operation Dawn for a little more than a year now. I graduated on August 22, 2019. Life at Operation Dawn opened my eyes to many blessings from God. Not only have I had the privilege to see so many blessings, I also experienced many as well. God truly blessed me abundantly and ultimately with a way out of my slavery and bondage from my addictions. Throughout my stay I was always very touched by the families and small groups that travel near and far to come show love to the students. With my family all the way across the states, I would rarely get a visit from anyone. If my family were closer I know they would come. God showed me the same love through the other families and moms that would do the same thing mine would. I was always very happy to get visitors even though I didn't know them. When I first came to Operation Dawn and we had a family support group I often thought to myself, "How could these strangers that know nothing about us possibly care about me?". Then the more and more time I spent here, the more I could understand God working through the strangers.

Living here has also taught me about self control. Since the day I arrived at Operation Dawn I wanted to leave. God showed me that it wasn't the environment that I needed to leave, it was my mindset. In the beginning of my stay I felt trapped. I felt like the rules were strict and I couldn't go anywhere, I felt like a prisoner. I realized months later that these were just feelings of my heart towards my bad habits and my old self. I feel so much freedom now that God showed me the way even while being in a strict environment. Well, strict compared to my wilderness lifestyle outside in the "real" world. My mind and heart has finally been set free. I've started many projects here that I never would've thought possible in the outside. Moving forward, I want to use my experiences here to influence the new comers in a positive way. I know all too well the uneasy feeling of being in a new environment with people you don't know and doing things we don't want to do. I want to set an example for others so they know they can grow from hard experiences. If I continue to live through faith, I believe it will manifest in others. The Light of God will spread and we can be a part of the testimony every day. I want to bring hope to others as Jesus gives me hope every day. Some new brothers may not be believers but I think the best way is to be positive and let them see God through us. The tension will break, especially in a tough time were tensions are high. I believe it is good for a leader to express these attributes, to set a good morale and environment for current and new students to come. This is a reason I want to be a leader as well. I'm sick of being sick, while others hope for hope. As Jesus lives through me, I can bring the hope to others as He did for me in my life.

We can't do it alone. We have to start setting the example, not just saying the examples. It is time for harvesting but we need more harvesters. For those that have experienced hard and troubled times, it is our turn to sow the good seeds into other's hearts as Jesus did for us. Please pray for me as I continue my journey in Christ. Please pray that I may be the best me as God intended me to be.

我叫孫馬文 Marvin Sung,今年 27歲,來自紐約市。我已經在晨曦會一年多了。晨曦會的生活讓我看到了、也經歷到許多來自上帝的祝福,尤其是能夠真正擺脫毒癮的奴役和束縛。居住在晨曦農場的這段期間,令我非常感動的是,看見許多灣區附近的或甚至南加州的教會的家庭團體,不辭遙遠路途的辛苦,花費時間和精神來到這裡關懷學員與表達愛意。雖然我的家人在東岸,不容易來造訪,但是上帝通過其他家庭的父母們向我彰顯了這樣的愛。我不認識也不了解來訪的每個客人,我常常想:"這些對我們一無所知的陌生人怎麼可能關心我呢?"但是隨著時間的增長,我能夠越來越多理解是上帝通過他們在作工。

我在這裡也學會了自我控制,回想我剛到晨曦會的前幾天,我就想要離開這裡,但是我又感覺到上帝對我說,我不需要改變離開這個環境,而是要改變我的心境。因為這裡的規則很嚴格,許多行動受到限制,我覺得自己像個囚犯。但是經過幾個月後,我意識到這些只是我心中已經養成的壞習慣和舊我的感受。現在的我,感到非常自由,因為上帝給了我一條出路。嗯,我的思想和心靈終於被釋放了。展望未來,我希望我在這裡所學到的經驗,能夠幫助和影響新來的戒瘾者。我也非常清楚與不認識的人住在一個新環境中的不安的感覺。我想要為其他後進來的人樹立榜樣,讓他們知道自己可以從艱苦的經歷中成長。上帝福音真光將會繼續傳揚,這裡每天的生活都可以成為見證的一部分。我想把希望帶給別人,因為耶穌每天都給我希望。一些新兄弟可能不是信徒,但我認為最好的傳福音的方法是,讓別人從我們身上看到基督。只有生命能夠影響生命,我也希望能夠為新來的學員提供良好的士氣和環境。這也是我想成為僕人領袖(servant leader)的原因。現在是收割莊稼的時候了,但是需要更多的工人來收割。我們願意把好種子播撒到別人的心田中,請為我祈禱,讓我可以成為上帝要我成為合祂心意的人。謝謝。

【代禱事項】

- 1. 本期內容刊登僕人領袖(Servant leader) Marvin的見證,他期盼能夠繼續在晨曦中心學習僕人角色,我們同工也樂意栽培更多這樣的人才,同時為他們籌募這個新增的預算項目(每個月資助部分生活費用三百美元,為期半年,共約二千美元),如果您有感動負擔,願意為此專款(僕人領袖的經費)預算來奉獻,煩請在支票上註明此項目,並且請為此代禱。
- 2. 目前戒癮中心的共有六位學員:阿鈞、阿亨、馬文(擔任僕人領袖servant leader)、阿昌、阿文和阿杰,請繼續為他們的靈命成長和彼此和睦相處代禱。阿鈞為新學員,剛進入戒癮中心三個星期。阿昌已期滿一年,並且找到工作並已搬離中心,感謝神為他所做的安排。阿杰也已期滿,但繼續留村,一方面負多點責任來服事其他新弟兄,另一方面也為未來工作方向(營建執照)來預備學習。

- 3. 請繼續為農場的經營運作和所需要的經費預算來代禱, 晨曦戒癮農場會繼續增添動物養殖與農作物種植耕作,如果您有任何寶貴的建議願意與我們分享,請直接跟我們中心聯絡。
- 4. 請繼續為三位晨曦同工和他們的家庭需要來代禱,祈求神賜下智慧,幫助他們有效地經營管理農場資源,也祈求主興起更多教會肢體一起參與配搭戒癮的事工。
- 5. 請繼續為 Peter 陳弟兄和阿寶姐妹夫婦倆人能夠同心參與並且接受裝備來的事奉心志來感恩, 也請繼續為他們將來服事的道路來代禱。
- 6. 晨曦中心遷移新址: 3005 Duvall Ct, Gilroy, CA 95020; 感謝教會的弟兄姐妹繼續支持我們戒癮的事工,弟兄姐妹的奉獻支票請使用以下住址: P. O. Box 3387, Los Altos, CA 94024。
- 7. 請繼續為晨曦三位同工在戒毒專業領域在職進修來禱告,還有黃彼得傳道目前在神學院進修 的教牧博士論文寫作(有關戒癮復健聖經輔導題目)代禱。
- 8. 晨曦家屬團契每個月份在晨曦農場舉行聚餐聚會,彼此關懷並代禱扶持。有任何需要的話, 請直接聯絡謝冠廷牧師, Email: andrewkhsieh@gmail.com,或電話:(408)362-0121。

美國晨曦會同工敬上 2019 年 9月 3日