

Dear Rev. Wee and members of the Church,

August 17 marked the first year of our arrival here in the mission field! We are grateful to God for allowing us to stay here and pursue this exciting and rewarding endeavor in reaching the V with the Gospel! In one aspect, we would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude for all of you in your continued prayers and financial support; humanly speaking, we would not be able to enjoy serving God in this part of the world without your faithfulness. Thank you for being one of our partners in the ministry. Needless to say, "you're labor is not in vain and God is not unjust to forget them sacrifices that you are making for us. Thank you for being an integral part of our ministry.

We are now starting our own V Church: **GBMS-Grace Baptist Mission of S.** We have relocated to *B T District* which has a population of more than 400,000 last August 16. We gather our prospects at least 3 times a week (*Tuesday, Thursday & Sunday*) and we teach them English but most of all, we are introducing to them the Gospel little by little. We have yet to *formally* introduce ourselves as "Missionaries" however we can sense the question in their eyes. One particular time, while serving some refreshments, I said: "Is it alright if I pray before we eat? Because in the Philippines we are Christians and we pray to our God and thank Him for giving us the food. There was this awful silence;

my heart was pounding and reluctantly there was this faint answer of "*k s*" (*no problem*). So I prayed and we started eating. I know in my heart that God was prompting me to do something than just "pray". He wanted me to move on to another "notch". So I asked this question: "Do you believe in God?" I did not wait for her to answer and continued talking. I said we believe in God and in the Bible. I looked at my wife and said "*can you get my Bible please?*" I placed my Bible in front of this Buddhist lady who for the first time has seen it. I opened to Genesis 1:1. I asked her to read the verse (*she can speak and understand average English*). You should see her hands trembling while pointing to the words that she was reading. I told her that there is a God who has created you and everything that you can see! Then these sweet words came blurting out of her mouth: "I wish I could know more about this God!" My heart was pounding so fast and when I looked at my wife, she could not contain her excitement either! I told her, I would be more than willing to introduce to you my God and she said "*C O*" (Thank You)! The lady's name is **Tra My**. She's the one encircled in the picture. Please pray for us as we are explaining to her step by step the plan of salvation because all of these are strange to her ears. Please include also in your prayers the salvation of the following people: *Tra My, Thuy Trang, Dyuen, Phuong, Linh, Be, Hien, Thu, Dien, Toan, To Trang, Quoc, Giao, Loc, Tuan and Thanh.*

**Right now, we are gathering in one of the bedrooms of our apartment which is 3.5m x 4m in dimension. It can fit in about 18 to 20 people. We are praying that God would provide for us 20 chairs that we can use during our meetings. A chair costs 15USD each.*

Your Co-Laborers in Christ,

Bro. Lito, Sis. Jenelyn & LJ
The DAVE family

