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Dear Fellow Workers and Partners,

Some people say "There is no gain without pain", but many of us would like to try and change this phrase because we would prefer the gain without the pain. I have tried many times to think of this as just a passing fancy. It sounds poetical and that's about all there is to it. However, the ongoing experience of our

daily grind does not allow us to think otherwise. We have learned that it is true that pain has caused us to gain a lot more than pretence. No matter how much we try to cover up the pain in pretence we realise that



its not going to change the fact that the pain is real. Embracing the however gave us courage and hope to look ahead for something better. The of life, challenges hardships relationships, (through sickness and other things) and failures are all very real. Sometimes we bring it on ourselves and sometimes we are victims of the inevitable human nature.

Pain

We are living in a world where no one tells us the complete truth, but no one will say it's a lie or a deception. Every product that we buy has maybe 50-75% (this is being generous) of accurate information. which covers all goodness of the product. The other 25-50% truths are the deficiencies or side effects of the product which are rarely mentioned or in terribly fine, lengthy prints that no one bothers The world of reading. science has given us many good things but also many unwanted or undesirable things which we are ignorant of or uninformed.

Wrong medication or wrong health products can be a health-hazard. I found out a month after I took a medication for detoxing which "blessed" me with diabetes because it was producing more glucose than my body needed. There.... what can I say?! Well it's not the greatest thing to be a diabetic but it forces me to go on a proper diet and do regular exercises, which is good. I feel a lot better. (That's the gain)

Jesus clearly told us that there will be false prophets and false teachers to tell us "this is the way to go", whether it be medical, physical, mental or spiritual. Everyone wants to have a piece of us or all of us. They will go to any length to achieve their end, at our expense. The unfortunate thing is many in the church are ignorant of the wiles of the evil one. Some have been led astray and some even willingly embrace all the falsehood since they have been following it all their lives.

We have a responsibility to be a Watchman, to be our brothers' keepers and to be a light to the nations. We are trying hard to fulfil this but not always successful. There are many who have itching ears and would prefer to listen to all the good things that comfort them than all the warnings that irritate them. They ignore any warnings given from scriptures or from any sound rebuke a n d preaching.





Pushing books in the Philippines

January

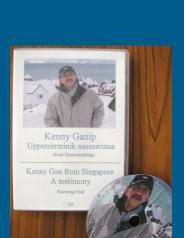
The recruiting conference was great. It was a long time since I spoke there. It was held in Mosbach, Germany and it was a privilege to minister to both the new ones and the staff. I must admit that we had different orientations as to how it should go. The desired outcome was different and the dependency was different. But the Lord is always sovereign. Ultimately it is His desired outcome that prevailed. Men and women both the new and the staff were ministered by different people involved and from different

angles. No one really can say who is better because that's always an evaluation of biasness and orientation. There were a total of about a couple of hundred people from many different nations.

One amazing or amusing thing that happened was after the message on spiritual warfare, that I shared I had a young lady and a young man come to me the next morning telling me how a quote from a song I shared impacted them. I spoke about the "battle of the blanket" where a

colleague of mine always lost. I therefore played him a song by Keith Green with a verse, "lesus rose from the dead and you can't even get out of bed". It woke him up. The next morning both of them had the same struggle and that song came to them and they both iumped out of bed. NOW, THAT'S COOL!!! The pain is the cold, wet, wintry weather and the gain is the 2 people that jumped out of bed to be with the Lord!! Praise Him!!

"Jesus rose from
the dead and
you can't even
get out of bed!"
-From a Song by
Keith Green



This DVD was made in Greenland of Kenny's Testimony. Pray for its distribution

February

Doulos has always been home for us as a family. The atmosphere changed when people move or change but since the Doulos was in Cebu I had the joy of renewing and strengthening relationships and old building new ones. One of the goals in going to the Doulos was to renew old relationships that we had with many on board and for Cebu it was trying to help OM Philippines raise finance

for their building project. I spoke at a Chinese Church where I got acquainted with businessman. ΑII his brothers were in the church and almost all of them work in the same family business. By God's grace I was able to share the vision and the need of raising US100,000 for the project and the man his brother a n d responded with

generous donation of about US20,000. Other donations came also from Cebu and the rest came from the UK and from other parts of the Philippines.

The pain was not having enough time to be with everyone I wanted to see but the gain was the Lord's leading to the right people at the right time for the right purpose. Praise Him!

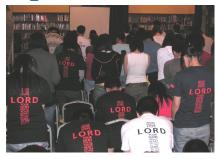
March

After spending about 8 -10 days in Greenland last year an invitation was given to return again this year. I went back at about the same time (without about the thinking weather) this time with an evangelistic emphasis. I wasn't sure why the Lord brought me to Greenland but the second time around it was clear. I look just like them and my testimony identified with

theirs. For many years this church faced many challenges in reaching the Greenlandic people but they had sown the seed for over 30 years. A picture of me and my brief background was placed in an ad in a magazine and about 15 Greenlandic people each night (for 3 nights) attended. Many different ones came each night and each night there were

about 5 who gave their life to the Lord or made a recommitment to the Lord. The weather was rather cold but the fire of the Holy Ghost warmed the hearts of many, both the Christians and non Christians. The weather was a real pain, especially on the last day but the winning of souls was a real gain for eternity. Glory to God.

April



Youth at Midlands **Easter** Conference with camp T-shirts

This was an exciting month (every month is exciting when the Lord is in it). I was given another opportunity (I spoke there also last year) to speak at the Midlands Easter Conference (a combined Chinese Church event with people from places like Birmingham,

middle of the UK). There were lots of tears of repentance and of joy. The testimonies heard on the last were particularly encouraging. Many young men and women were ministered to by the Lord through His Holy Spirit. It is especially encouraging when the results of last year's recommitment became evident when a group of university students from Nottingham joined me and my family on a trip to the Logos 2 in Malta. Their relationship with the Lord grew

Liverpool etc held in the

Leicester,

Nottingham,

and now they want to serve Him. They were ready for anything and the Lord blessed their time and ours as well. It was especially enriching to be given the privilege to speak at the Logos 2 Sunday service and also to a combined church meeting on board. We did some witnessing but not enough. The pain is not being able to sow more seeds but the gain is seeing some seeds bearing much fruit in the lives of those whose hearts were ripe for the word. We gained also when I met Martin and Elizabeth Goldsmith at the conference and had him minister to us at our Special Projects' team retreat.

Debbie's Little Box

I'd like to think I have more space to write my thoughts this time but still it is not enough to say what I want to say, as you know I can talk

In any case, I have now finished my first year at University and needless to say, it went well. Thank you all for your faithfulness in praying for me and the Lord has answered your prayers because I managed to pass all my exams for this first year. I am truly grateful.

This year, as you will read, we also traveled a lot over the summer since I had such a long summer vacation- 4 months! It was great to be able to travel back to Singapore and also go for a missions trip to Portugal which was a wonderful challenge and blessing. Please do pray for this country of Portugal and for the churches and missionaries there.

Please continue to pray for me as I get back into school and back into



May

I ministered at Birmingham Chinese Church several times and some came to a special weekend called "Soul Care Retreat". Gavin,



Hammock heaven in a Cambodia home- stay

who attended the service, was challenged to go to missions and decided to join me on my trip to Cambodia and Thailand. He managed to recruit a paediatric nurse, Naggi, and spend several days exploring the different ministries in Cambodia and also see how we can continue to help meet needs there. One of the things we looked at was education and the continued well being of youth, women and children. Much is still needed for the improvement of the quality of life for these different ones. In Thailand we were able to

meet up with Janice, who works with OM, and did some kind of outreach and encouragement to the inmates in the prison there and also a congregation of ex-addicts and prisoners. There is so much to do and so little time, resources and personnel to do it. The pain is that many are left un-ministered to but the gain is the changed lives of those who have been ministered to. The gain is also for Gavin and Naggi to re-evaluate their lives and their priorities (and mine too).

June

Church family camp is always a good thing. I was invited for the first time to speak at Bee Lee's former church's family camp. The fear of such a camp is the high expectancy of the camp speaker. With many other camps that I have spoken at I am aware that it is not I that ministers to the people but the Lord. To help members of the church understand that, can be a bit of a challenge. Some times we can go expecting to hear something that will stimulate our intellect but not our spirit because

we go only with our mind and not our spirit. It may not be so with this particular camp but there is always that danger. The Lord has His ways and a new angle of relationship was established. We had a brief 4 days in Manila with new doors of opportunity opened to us and to OM Philippines in particular. I have adopted Philippines as my second field for a long time and would love to see the work and the church grow in leaps and bounds. Jun Diaz and his team are doing a great job since stepping into leadership there.

The pain is always to see people not open to hear what the spirit is saying to the church but rather to reason to what is acceptable to the mind. However, the gain is

to see what the Spirit can do through one individual who is ready to be led and empowered by Him.



July



Portugal Team- (left to right) Daniel, Andrew, Trina, Debbie, Bee Lee, Kenny, Sin Li

We returned to London on the 5 of July and on the 12th we found ourselves in Portugal with 4 others (Former field leader of OM Singapore Kenneth Bong's daughter Trina and 3 other students from Nottingham) We were in 4 different places (Vizela, Ermesinde, Agua Santas (Porto), and churches but working with 3 different groups. The needs are great and churches need more encouragement and prayers to be bold and wise. Pastors and leaders that we worked with were gracious and very

open to new things that the 7 crazy foreigners were attempting to do. Our goal was to just break down walls and build bridges, nothing spectacular. The sowing of seeds was one thing that we did as we broke walls. Hopefully the seeds will be bridges built. Pray for Pastor Samuel Paolo, Clarke (US Missionary), Pedro, Alvaro and their families. Pray also for Joao Beirao and family who was instrumental in setting up all the meetings.

The Family

It's a blessing that we are able to do a lot of ministry together as a family, around the UK and also in other parts of the world. Both Bee Lee and Debbie have been an especially great help. We always see it as OUR MINISTRY and not just KENNY GAN.

Behind the scenes praying and supporting is as much a ministry than up front. I want to say a BIG THANK YOU TO THE LORD FOR BOTH OF THEM. It's my gain even though it may some times be their pain. Bee Lee has slowed down a little due to different physical

complications. She has had a bad infection on her left thumb and her colon. She will go for surgery on the 24th of August. Your prayers will be much appreciated. Pray also for the upcoming pastors and leaders training in Thailand that Kenny is conducting.

To All the Saints

You have been a great part of our ministry and we do not take it too lightly. Many of you have prayed with us for many years and many have been very generous with your financial support. We are ever GRATEFUL. We wish you the Lord's favour and blessings for the blessing you have been to us. LET'S BLESS OUR GREAT GOD TOGETHER.

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