



The Days I Spent at The Children Village in San Ming, China

I have never been to neither the Children Village nor San Ming in Fujian and I was not certain what I could contribute for them. However, I believe God will lead me the way and be pleased at my work.

What made me most worry prior to the trip was my stomach problem as I have never traveled in mainland China for more than a week. This trip would take fourteen days and we would not stay in a hotel. Therefore, I brought as many medicines as possible with me including the drugs for flu and cold, diarrhea as well as painkillers. Additionally, I also prepared sun tan lotion, sun glasses and mosquito repellent. What amazed me was none of those medicines or items was needed during the trip.

Although the project team members have different background in term of personality, age, profession as well as the church we came from, we collaborated seamlessly and joyfully over the project as said in the bible,

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose (Roman 8:28)".

While some of us worked on painting and plastering, the others took care of all the cleaning works. We also received restless support from the staff of the Children Village such as Vice Superintendent Yu Chen and her colleague Xiao Chang. I was particularly thankful for Xiao Chang who always brought us the amazing food including Sichuan poached sliced fish in hot chili source and his home-made egg tarts.



Over the 14-day project, we were surrounded by paint and thinner, detergents and various kind of chemicals. Everyday, countless paint spots were left on my clothes with the long lasting thinner's smell around my body. I found my hands were so dirty with dust and mud after work but I had no regret. All I wanted to do is to revisit the Children Village in the future.

