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青少年阿尼西母 P2、3

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#### 主席的話

「勸少年人如同弟兄」提摩太前書5:1

佔中九子被判有罪後有人在網上留言,大概是説因朱耀明、戴耀廷、陳健民 三位的煽動,引致許多年青人身陷牢獄,現在應該輪到他們承受苦果了。

是三人煽動了青年人抑或 是三人受青年人的行為牽 扯,不同陣營的人的看法 南軒北轍・各説各話。如 果是後者,便反映出做青 少年工作的困難—青少年 有純真理想的一面,也有 衝動和自以為是的一面, 怎樣可以恰當和適切地牧 養他們, 實在是教會一個 很大的挑戰。



「青少年阿尼西母」到學校分享

從某一角度去看, 佔中事 件雖然告一段落,但卻讓 我們對青年人有更多的認 識:希望這事不會使青年人 心灰意冷而收藏起自己。│團隊參加義工服務



「浦頭」的青少年・無論問 題怎樣大,還有改變他們的 機會;但隱閉不見的,就 連機會也沒有。

這十數年青少年懲教所的 人數持續減少,但這不代 表青少年變好了一這固然 是因許多法官傾向判犯了 罪的青少年守行為多於判 入院所,但主要的原因是 許多以前可見的青少年罪 行,都變成隱藏難見。



因應青少年囚友人數明顯 減少,本會把部份院內人 力資源調配到院外牧養事 工,例如開展青少年阿尼 西母團契,以鞏固和深化 在院內得來不易的成果。

保羅昔日對提摩太的提醒在 今天也是有效——除非我們 用青少年能夠明白和接受的 方法去規勸他們,不然是難 於有果效的。這是需要有很 多的愛和忍耐。

周榮富牧師

# 青少年阿尼西母

## 慈心與慈心相應

方文聰(本會畢業學員,現為青少年阿尼西母導師)

過往四年的阿尼西母訓練中,我每星期會到青少年院所探訪和參與宗教班。久而久之,我看見一個實況,就是有很多教會肢體花盡心力與心思在院所內服侍年青人,往往受盡被漠視的苦頭,好不容易才跟這些年青人建立互信關係,但大部分年青囚友的刑期不長,隨著年青人離院,雙方的關係也難於持續。因為要跟進更生青少年是花時和「埋身」的事,在監獄服侍的義工往往難於兼顧院外跟進,因此雙方的關係便無奈地變淡甚至告終。

「我在監裡,你們來看我」(太廿五36):耶穌在監裡,有誰來探訪?這句吩咐觸動了無數肢體進監獄服侍,這絕對是美好的事。只是有句話卻在縈繞著我:「年青人獲釋後,有誰來守望?」這實在叫我感到沉重!還記得有次在阿尼西母的退修營會中,導師、學員團隊分享至通宵達旦,我也道出了自己記掛著這些更生青少年的心聲……四年很快便過去,我已於阿尼西母訓練畢業,但這扎心的感覺揮之不去。



畢業後,阿尼西母的負責人 Susan來找我,她知道我的 負擔,也想以現時成人阿尼 西母的運作方式,就是以更 生人士服侍更生人士的模 式,來開展青少年阿尼西

母:她邀請我成為導師,開拓青少年阿尼西母,這真是求之不得!值得興奮的,不是我有雄心萬丈,為了異象大展拳腳,而是感受到父神悦納我對這群年青人動了的慈心,回應我,給我這寶貴的機會!我們愛,因為神先愛,父神豈不比我更以慈心垂愛這更生青少年群體麼!?

2017年11月,我們開始了青少年阿尼西母聚會,隔週六舉行。加上各種不同的活動,凝聚著年青的更生人士,偶而他們也帶來自己的朋友。這些年青人很多與父母的關係不佳,甚至破裂,缺乏家的歸屬。教會是神的家,有真理作柱石,也有愛的關係,所以我們以多元化和活潑



過去一年多的時間,感謝同工的配搭,不斷帶新朋友來聚會;院外跟進絕不容易,困難重重,我們面對很多挑戰! 因年青人獲釋後有許多工作上、朋輩上、家庭上、社交上的張力,以致聚會的出席率很不穩定,我們曾試過只有一位年青人來聚會,以數字來看真會叫人沮喪……

若不灰心喪志,到了時候便有收成。感謝主的愛常激勵, 叫我們不放棄!「他們不來,我們便去!」我們的策略是 打游擊,去到他們工作的地方作關顧,也去到他們家中作 牧養栽培。感謝青少年阿尼西母團隊的付出,在人數上, 增長不算多,但在生命上,卻有明顯的長進。這段日子,



有年青人找到工作方 向,過去閑懶的,現 在努力工作;有的的與 父母復和;有的學; ,增進知識, 有 的報讀聖經課程, 有 直理中成長。

不要小看他們年輕,我們期盼他們舊的生命被主拔出拆 毀,新的生命被主栽種建立,成為神重用的聖潔器皿。

## 邊緣中的愛

周影鋒 (阿尼西母學員)



我曾經是一個非常反叛,人生沒有意義的少年。感謝主領我回轉,並參與事奉。參與青少年阿尼西母的服侍年多了,當中看到很多不同的年輕人,有不同的故事……有一位更生青少年叫阿祖,我跟他同行了一段日子,這一年來他恆常參與聚會,從起初不太説話到現在樂意分享,甚至近期他還為自己找到一間合適的教會,自己主動一個人從元朗出旺

角聚會,在教會聽到、學 到的他又與我們分享,平 常若有社區探訪活動他總 是主動參與,慢慢看到他 的內心和行為上的轉變, 感謝主,經過這年多的時 間見證這美好的一幕。



參與青少年阿尼西母聚會的年輕人,有的只出現了一次, 令我回想自己昔日在這年紀也是一樣,年輕人願意來到一個信仰群體實在不容易,要投入當中更是難上加難;但非常感謝上帝在當中有很多有心的前輩帶領著我,我曾經也灰心過,看到好像沒有人來聚會,但我從同工、導師身上看到那份對年輕人的上心,我也慢慢經歷到上帝奇妙的工作,有幾個年輕人開始穩定參與,並且在生命上想尋求突破,心裏實在感恩。

除了青少年阿尼西母, 我也參與豐力樓的服 侍,差不多每個星期的 探訪,看到很多年輕人 找不到方向,兜兜轉 轉,有時有不錯的計畫 和想法,但一旦離開院



所重投社會之後,又走回頭路,實在十分無奈。我也明白 他們經常遇著困難……但主仍然是賜下盼望的,我相信他 們會記起一些我們在宗教班和探訪中的分享,總有一天, 他們會醒悟過來;因此我很珍惜跟他們相聚的時間,儘 可能聽他們分享,也給他們鼓勵,因我過去也曾這樣被安 慰過,願將他們也交在主手中。

上帝在不同時代感動不同的人去關心社會上邊緣化的人,與他們同行;我自己竟然有幸成為關顧他們的一份子,深深知道若不是上帝已拯救我,我根本不可能與他們結伴。當我看到有些年輕人在20歲左右已經願意改變,真是替他們感恩。卻可惜也看到很多仍想走回頭的舊路,中確實難過!在這崗位事奉我更要學懂交托;我心襲中確實難着這些年青人,殷切地等待着他們被上帝改變的一天。過去我也曾走錯路浪費生命,今天的事奉正正是上帝指引我的方向,叫我愛惜光陰,我很希望自己能成為上帝合用的器皿,幫助這些年青人同樣經歷上帝的大能和慈愛。

## 主所愛的

洪秋瓊 (阿尼西母學員)

去年開始參與勵敬懲教所和屯門兒童 及青少年院的探訪,因而接觸到很多 院所內的女孩子。在屯門院我遇過的 女孩子一般只有十二至十四,五歲,



而我在勵敬懲教所認識的女孩子大多數亦只有十七,八歲, 僅僅成年…大部分的女孩都是來自破碎家庭,亦有些孩子是 因為覺得父母對自己的管束太過嚴厲所以選擇離家出走。

在屯門院有一位讓我印象比較深刻的女孩子,剛認識她時,她剛好十五歲,而她入住院舍的原因是因為父母犯罪入獄,

所以她暫時需要在院舍裡接受監管。看她對任何事物一直 也好像不太感興趣,亦從沒表達過自己的喜怒哀樂……。 但有次我們去探訪她時,剛剛她從父母那裡收到一個壞消 息,而令她忍不住放聲嚎哭,看著她的眼淚我說不出話 來……。在當時只能擁抱著她和她一起哭,我們整整哭完 了一個探訪時間。

目前來青少年阿尼 西母的大多數是男孩子,我也當所所 強逆在院所中 認識的女孩子出席 聚會;不過男孩子



可以用活動來維繫,但女孩子就需要建立個別和深入的關係,跟進方式不一樣。而在陪伴和跟進這些離院的女孩子時看見她們都不斷重複在愛情上受傷,甚至好多時會因為太過愛對方而迷失了自己……。看見這些女孩子一直在情人、朋友身上去尋找肯定、尋找愛、尋找自己的價值時令我感到有點難過……不過我知道耶穌的愛可以令她們重新找到自己,看見自己原本的美麗。

我自己的生命就是一個這樣的例子,主醫治了我的破碎,重新建立和肯定我,今天並給我機會陪伴這些女孩子一同去經歷這份如此真實的大愛,令我不住的感恩。其實神真的很愛每一個人,雖然人用自由意志作了錯誤的選擇,撒旦亦來偷竊、殺害、毀壞我們的一切,但耶穌來卻要給我們一個全新的生命,幫助我們活出豐盛精彩及完滿的人生。

## 家的溫暖

何嘉寶(高級事工主任)



青少年阿尼西母成立了 一年多,透過不同形式 接觸及牧養離開院所的 青少年。 我們希望年輕 人在團契生活中有家的 感覺,以家的溫暖凝聚

彼此。跟進女孩子特別需要埋身貼心的關顧,讓她們感到被明白、被重視。阿晴(化名)年紀輕輕因販運毒品被判入懲教所,去年她離開院所後開始參與青少年阿尼西母聚會。在她出獄後的第一個生日,我們為她安排神秘生日會,這個窩心的安排背後是大家對阿晴服刑五年後重獲自由有著一份同理心,特別是我們的學員和義工都是過來人姊妹,同樣有著曾經失去自由的經驗。感恩青少年阿尼西母能夠由過來人姊妹跟進這些年輕女孩,關顧她們身心社靈的需要,明白她們成長的爭扎,彼此生命影響生命,同心同行,在屬靈生命中一同得到啟發及信心堅固。

#### 2019年1-3月份 Jan-Mar 2019

奉獻收入 DONATION INCOME	\$	\$	\$
個人奉獻 Personal Donation	890,446		
教會奉獻 Church Donation	360,255		
基金奉獻 Foundation Donation	17,700	1,268,401	
宿舍租金收入 Hostel Rental Income			
女性宿舍 Female Hostel	18,609		
男性宿舍 Male Hostel	139,259	157,868	
其他收入 Sundry Income			
其他 Others	2,680	2,680	
總收入 Total Income			1,428,949
支出 EXPENSES			
行政費用 Administration Overheads	556,112		556,112
事工費用 Ministry Expenses			
院內事工 In-prison Ministry			
女成人事工 Female Ministry	156,697		
男成人事工 Male Ministry	251,398		
外語事工 Other Nations Ministry	71,562		
青少年事工 Youth Ministry	227,945		
囚友進修 Inmates Study Fee	17,647		
書信事工 Letter Ministry	19,154	744,403	
院外事工 Aftercare Ministry			
女性宿舍 Female Hostel	66,958		
男性宿舍 Male Hostels	202,954		
家庭事工 Family Ministry	114,733		
囚友/更生人士子女教育基金 Inmates/ex-inmates' children Education Fund	50,440		
贈經及書籍 Literatures & Bibles	15,198		
外展事工 Outreach Ministry Note 1	33,302		
阿尼西母訓練計劃 Onesimus Integrated Training Scheme	74,548		
宣教士及神學生資助 Sponsorship for Missionaries & Seminary Students	83,000		
職業訓練 Vocational Training	20,303		
慈惠 Charity & Loving Offering	1,000	662,436	
事工總費用 Total Ministry Expenses		MAN AND	1,406,839
總支出 Total Expenses	36,817		1,962,951
本期不敷 Deficit for the period	40000		(534,002
扣減2019年度指定基金備用 Less Accumulated Reserve of Designated Funds in 2019本期事工經常費累積虧損 Accumulated Deficit for the period			(120,930) (654,932)

Note 1: 外展事工包括「深恩團契」、「音樂小組」及「更新足球隊」Outreaching Ministry includes "Full Grace Fellowship", "Music Group" and "Kun Sun Football Team" 備註 Remarks: 上述報告未經核數師覆核,只供參考。 The above report is presented without auditor review that the figures are only for reference.

## 奉獻方法

- 1 可用劃線支票郵寄本會,抬頭寫「香港基督教更新會有限公司」或 The Hong Kong Christian Kun Sun Association Ltd. Issue cross cheque made payable to "Hong Kong Christian Kun Sun Association Ltd."
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  - 3 自動轉賬表格,可在本會網頁www.ksa.org.hk下載,或致電本會會計部索取。 Auto-payment form can be download from our web site: www.ksa.org.hk, or contact our accounts department for requisition.
  - 4 如需要申請美國稅務收據,請用劃線支票郵寄本會,抬頭「Friends of Hong Kong Charities Inc」。有關詳情,請瀏覽http://fohkc.com。 For US tax receipt, the donation by crossed cheque made payable to "Friends of Hong Kong Charities Inc" Please mail the cheque to our office. For details, please visit http://fohkc.com.

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- 青少年阿尼西母計劃由7月開始,由隔週六聚會改為每週六聚會,請為這事工和團隊禱告,願神使用這平台 盛載更多更生青少年,讓這些年輕的生命都經歷神,在神恩典中被改變栽培建立。
  - The fellowship time of the Youth Onesimus will change from alternate Saturdays to every Saturday effective from July. Please pray for the ministry and the team. May God use this platform to attract many young exinmates so they can experience Him in their lives, and have transformation and growth in His grace.
- 2 感謝主為「更新足球隊」(隊員為男性更生人士)獲得了基金會資助,除了安排精進訓練外,也籌備邀請多隊友好教會及機構於2019年於秋季舉行友誼比賽。求主帶領負責同工、教練、領隊及隊員為比賽積極鍛練及作美好的籌備工作。

Thank God for supplying a subsidy from a foundation to the Kun Sun Football Team (a team that comprises male exinmates). Apart from intensive training, we plan to invite a number of friendly churches and organisations to join in a friendship game in Autumn 2019. May God lead our staff, coaches, team leaders, and members to actively train and make good preparations for the competition.

- 3 求主保守監獄院所內所員的心靈,在30多場復活節佈道時認識主耶穌,之後仍有一顆熱切追求主的心,繼續參與慕道及接受栽培。
  - May God protect the spiritual heart of inmates who have come to know Jesus Christ in over 30 Easter Evangelical Meetings and that they to continue to have the heart to seek Him; that they continue to strengthen and cultivate their faith.
- 4 感謝主帶領「新加坡佈道團」的18位團友於3月份到訪本會,並參與院所內宗教班及院外活動聚會,讓彼此都得到鼓勵。
  - Thank God for the 18 members of the Singapore Evangelistic Team when they visited us in March and took part in religious classes in prisons and the aftercare fellowship. We were encouraged through the encouragement of others.
- 5 求主帶領新成立的「家油站」事工,讓更多男宿舍和女宿舍舍友的家庭 得到牧養和支援。
  - May God lead the newly established ministry, "Family, Add Oil" for the pastoral care and support of the families of male hostel and female hostel residents.



- 6 請為本會2019年10月5日港島區賣旗宣傳禱告,求主激勵弟兄姊妹、教會、學校和機構支持及參與賣旗活動。 Please pray for our Flag Day event in Hong Kong Island on 5 October 2019, asking the Lord to encourage our brothers and sisters, churches, schools, and institutions to support and participate in flag-selling activities.
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感恩主讓更新會同工在2月的兩天退修營會中,彼此都有美好的分享,愉快的溝通及外來團隊指導同工透過遊戲更多學習建立隊工,加深團隊的認知及凝聚。

We thank the Lord for renewal at the two-day staff retreat camp in February; each day was a wonderful time of sharing and happy communication with the outside team who guided the staff to learn more through the games to build teamwork, and to deepen awareness and closeness of our team.

本會至今已有40年歷史,致力服侍本港「在囚人士」、「更生人士」及其家人。定期探訪27間懲教院所及社署轄下之兒童及青少年院,每月接觸約1600位囚友,及每月平均續顧超過100位刑釋的更生人士。

本會已獲社會福利署批准於2019年10月5日(星期六)上午在港島區舉行賣旗籌款活動。現誠邀請您/教會/學校/機構、公司能總動員參與是次賣旗義工、認購金旗、為活動作宣傳(張貼海報、安排本會到來分享監獄事工)。

Our prison ministry has been serving inmates, rehabilitated persons and their families for 40 years. We regularly visit the 25 centres of the Correctional Service Department and the Children and Juvenile Home of the Social Welfare Department caring for approximately 1600 inmates and an average of over 100 rehabilitated persons monthly.

We are pleased to conduct a Flag Day fundraising event in the Hong Kong Island permitted by the Social Welfare Department on 5 October 2019. We sincerely invite you, church, school, organization and company to put the effort to participate in flag selling volunteer, purchase gold flag coupon, promote the event by posting the posters, arrange an introduction of prison ministry at your venue.









以下是賣旗籌款活動招募義工資料 The details of the volunteers' recruitment for Flag Day fundraising as follows:

日期Date: 2019年10月5日(星期六Saturday) 5 October 2019

時間Time: 上午8:00am - 中午12:00nn

地點Location: 港島區 Hong Kong Island

**對象Target:** 個人/教會/學校/機構義工 Individual/Church/School/Organisation/Company (14歲以下義工必須由家長/監護人陪同參與 Volunteers at age under 14 should be accompanied by their parents and guardians.)

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Chairman's Message ("Treat younger men as brothers." 1 Timothy 5:1

On the internet it was said that it was three of the nine Occupy Central leaders, Chu Yiu Ming, Benny Tai Yiu Ting, and Chan Kin Man who incited young people, causing them to have jail sentences and now it was their turn to bear such penalties.

Did these three men incite the youth or they were involved in this movement because of the youth? Each side has their own opinion on the matter. If it is the latter, it reflects the difficulties working with youth. The youth have a naïve and ideal side and an impulsive and self-righteous side. How to properly and appropriately shepherd them is a great challenge for the church.

Looking at it from a certain perspective, although the Occupy Central has come to an end, it has made us more aware of young people. I hope that this will not make young people feel disheartened and hide themselves away. For young people who have now suddenly become more visible, there are opportunities to transform problems no matter how big they are; hiding away and becoming invisible means they will not even have the opportunity to do so.

The number of young people in correctional institutions in the past 10 years has continued to decrease, but this does not mean that youth are behaving better. This is because many judges tend to convict more youth with a bind-over order instead of sending them to prison, but the main reason is that many crimes committed



Participating in the volunteer service





Members of Youth Onesimus make sharing at school

by youth that have been seen before are now hidden and have become difficult to see.

In response to the significant decrease in the number of juvenile offenders, we have allocated some of the in-prison human resources to our aftercare pastoral ministries, such as Youth Onesimus, to consolidate and deepen the hard-won results from prison.

Paul's reminders to Timothy are also valid today—unless we use the methods that young people can understand and accept to persuade them, otherwise it will be difficult to be effective. Therefore we need to have more love and patience for them.

Rev. Chow Wing Fu

## Youth Onesimus

## In Response to Compassion

Fong Man Chung (Onesimus Integrated Training Programme graduate and current mentor of Youth Onesimus)

During the past four years in the Onesimus Integrated Training Programme, I had helped out in the religious classes held in correctional institutions for young offenders. By my observation, many Church Brothers and Sisters contributed a lot of their efforts and devotion, but they were always treated with indifference and it was hard to build up a relationship with the young prisoners as many had short prison sentences and to provide follow up after their release. What we really need is more time and effort in our follow-up work with young exinmates otherwise any relationship that we develop will fade away.

I was in prison, and you came to visit me' (Mt. 5:36). This sentence really resonates with many Church Brothers and Sisters serving in prisons. Many would come to see Jesus in prison, but "who would care for those young exinmates after their release from prisons?" This thought really made my heart feel down. At the Onesimus Retreat Camp, the mentors and students



shared all through the night and I shared my own thoughts about the young exinmates that had been troubling my heart. Four years flew past, I graduated from Onesimus, and this feeling in my heart still lingers.

After I graduated from "Onesimus", Susan, the person in charge of the programme, who knew of my intention to help the youth, invited me to be a mentor for Youth Onesimus which was a new programme based on young exinmates to be mentored by transformed rehabilitated persons. I am so pleased that my Heavenly Father accepted my wish to help the youth and gave me this valuable opportunity! It's exciting, not through my ambition or to show how brilliant I am, but to feel that the Father is pleased with my kindness towards this group of young people, responding to me, giving me this precious opportunity. We love, because God loves us first, and the Father is not more loving than I am to love this group of youth!

In November 2017, I began taking part in Youth Onesimus on alternative Saturdays. With the different activities, the young exinmates, who may even bring their friends in, come together in fellowship. Many have bad family relationships and broken families so that they don't have a sense of belonging in their families. A church is a house of God with love, where is also the pillar and base of the Truth so that we have a diversified and vivid teaching programme

for the youth. They also become a new family, the Youth Onesimus family, by sharing our love.

In the past year, I want to thank the KSA staff's cooperation in bringing many new friends to the



fellowship. However, the aftercare service has had many difficulties and we face many challenges as the youth have great tension in jobs, friendships, families and social contacts that makes then attendance rate unstable. One time we just had one attending which was very disappointing.

If you don't lose heart, you will eventually obtain a harvest. Thank God for His love to encourage us not to give up! "We will go and find them if they do not come!" is our strategy – we go to their workplace and their homes to pastorally care for them. Thanks for the team's contribution, although the number of attendees is not high, their lives have been obviously transformed. Since the programme started, the youth have made improvements in terms of jobs, working hard, reconciling with their families, learning English, and studying the Bible.



Do not look down on them because they are young, we hope the roots of their old lives are pulled out and destroyed by the Lord so that their new lives are growth in Him to be a vessel for honour used by Him.

## Love on the Margins

Chau Ying Fung (Student of the Onesimus Integrated Training Scheme)



I used to be a very rebellious teenager without a meaningful life, but I thank God who led me to restore my life and to participate in ministry. I have been participating in the Youth Onesimus for more than one year, I see a lot of young exoffenders and they each have their own background story. I was walking with a young man named Jo for a certain period. He has been attending the fellowship for one year. He changed a lot from not talking in the beginning to be willing to share, and recently took the

initiative to go from his home in Yuen Long to find a church in Mong Kok. He always shares his learning from the church with me. Jo participates in community outreach activities to which I can see the changes in his



heart and behaviour. I thank the Lord, for being able to witness this beautiful scene.

Many of the young people in "Youth Onesimus" attended only once, which made me think that this was a reflection of myself at that age. Normally, it is not easy for youth to come to a religious group, and even harder for them to be involved in group activities, and it is even more difficult for them to invest in it, but I'm grateful for God to have thoughtful elders to guide me. I used to be discouraged when no one came to take part in our gatherings, but I saw the heart of our co-workers and mentor and I slowly experienced the wonderful work of God in that several young people had more regular attendance and began to seek a breakthrough in their lives.

Apart from the Youth Onesimus, I also take part in the religious class at Phoneix House almost weekly. I found that the young prisoners did not have direction in their lives, often going around in circles. They sometimes have



good plans and ideas, but it is easy for them to fall back into their old way after they are released from prison. I realized the difficulties they face..... but our Lord still gives hope to them and I believe they would remember some of our sharing in the religious classes, and that one day they will wake up. Therefore, I cherish the time spent with them, listening to them, and encouraging them. As I was comforted by others in the past, I am willing to comfort others today. May they be taken into the hands of the Lord.

It is a miracle that God touches different people to care about marginalized people in society at different times, and to walk with them. I am privileged to be one of them, knowing that God has saved me, and He received me and let me companion with the youngsters. So thankful to God, we see youngsters at their 20's being willing to change. However, I feel sad to learn that many return to their old ways. I have to learn to trust God and always care about these young people in my heart. All I can do is to leave it all to God. I always think of them and I hope they can be transformed by Him one day. In the past, I walked the wrong path and wasted my life. Today, my service in fellowship is a road led by God to help me making full use of my time. I hope I can be a vessel for honour used by Him.

### The ones whom Jesus loves

Hung Chau King (Student of Onesimus Integrated Training Scheme)

I started to take part in the religious classes in Lai King Correctional Institution and Tuen Mun Children and Juvenile Home (Named: "TMCJH") last year. The girls at both centres are normally between 12 to 15 and between 17 to 18 respectively. Most come from broken families, and some of them run away from home because of strict control by their parents.



I met a 15-year old girl at TMCJH who needed to be temporarily under supervision. I observed that she seemed to be less interested in anything, nor less to express her feelings..... but I visited her one time and had some bad news from her parents that it made her burst out crying. I did nothing but cried together with her during the whole visit.

Currently, most participants in the Youth Onesimus are young males. I tried to invite the girls but I found that it is easy for the boys to come together through activities, while girls need good individual



relationships. Therefore, the follow-up requirements for both genders are different. The girls repeatedly get hurt in love, and even lose themselves as they focus more on their lover interests..... I felt sad when I saw girls seeking their identity through love and lose their own values. However, I believe that they can find their own innate beauty through the love of Jesus.

My life is an example that reflects Jesus' healing the brokenness in my life, His building me up and affirming my identity. Today, I can take this opportunity to care for these girls to experience His true love together with them. In spite of doing wrong under our free will, and stealing, killing and destroying by Satan, Jesus gave us a new life and helped us to live a full, complete, and exciting life.

## A warm family

Pearl Ho (Senior Ministry Officer)



It has been over a year since "Youth Onesimus" commenced as a fellowship to reach the young exinmates after they have left prison. We hope the youngsters gain a warm

family in the fellowship. Our key support for the girls is to give them affirmation and respect. Ching (not her real name), was sentenced to a correctional institution for drug trafficking and joined Youth Onesimus after she was released last year. On her first birthday after her release from prison, we arranged a surprise birthday party for her. All, especially our student and volunteer, had empathy with Ching on regaining her freedom after serving five years in prison as they all have had the same experience of losing their freedom. Thankfully, we have a team of transformed rehabilitated females to care for the girls, and to support their physical, mental, and spiritual needs, understand their struggles in life by interacting and spending time together. We hope that the girls can gain inspiration and confidence in their lives.