**Step In – The Invitation**

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In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.”

At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

“Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty.”

Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!” (Isaiah 6: 1-8) (NASB)

# Introduction

The greatest move of God’s Spirit is coming out of Asia.

Garth was praying and phrase kept coming into his heart, “Malaysian Missions Movement”. He feels that God is inviting us to be a part of the greatest mission movement that will come out of Asia.

We use to read about mission work and of Western people going to the East. But today, our youth will hear about Cambodia missionaries and Malaysian missionaries.

God’s is inviting us to Step In.

Don’t wonder whether if you have a call to go. Have you had a distinct call from Christ to stay at home? ~George Wilson~

God’s heart for you is ‘Not to miss out’ on what He is doing.

Many of us are waiting for a voice from heaven calling us to go. That is not the case most times. That was not Garth’s experience and Isaiah’s as well. In most cases, it will be like DUMC wanting to send a missionary into the nations and the question is ‘Will you Step in?’ It is an invitation. Don’t miss out. Be like Isaiah and step in. The nations need the gospel.

Will you step in to a new season?

# Mission Exist because Worship does not



Malaysia is right at the edge of the 10/40 window. God’s call to the Malaysian Church. Garth has not seen a nation so strategically cultured for a mission movement. We are multi-ethic and we speak many languages. What will it look like when we respond and start sending people to the nations?

# Step In: The Invitation

Malaysia’s inheritance in the nation for a mission movement.

Garth is a son of a lawyer and his grandfather was a surgeon. He was brought up to live in comfort. One day when he was in India on a mission trip, while he was having breakfast in a coffee shop, there was businessmen in their 3-piece suits in the shop and just outside were homeless street children starving. That moment he realised that the world is so broken, and if he really believed what the Bible says then everything in his life has to change. The way he spends his time, money and how he uses his life has to change.

God has blessed us with good things, but if the good things take a higher priority than God, than it becomes an idol.

Are we going to trade our inheritance for idolatry?

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The country was in crisis, a good king has died. In the midst of this, Isaiah had a radical encounter with God and it changed his life forever.

While in India, Garth was part of a rally, where a mother brought her young son who had a wound in his neck, that caused his neck to swell larger than the circumference of his head. They prayed that night and by the next morning the young boy was healed.

God wants to encounter us.

In his encounter with God, Isaiah recognised his uncleanness. As much as we are saved, when we are surrounded by the unsaved, we can feel unclean.

“Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty.” (Isaiah 6:5)

God has called some of you to be a missionary in Malaysian, to be an influence here. Others are called to go to the nations.

# How will we respond to God's invitation?

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” (Isaiah 6:8)



God does not call Isaiah specifically. It appears as if God is talking to the angels and Isaiah is only eavesdropping on the conversation. God is just asking a question and Isaiah respond to God by stepping in.

When we have encountered Jesus, we will just want to be a part of anything that He is a part of.

God’s invitation goes out to all of us. Are we going to be like Isaiah and say ‘Send me.’

God has a dream for Malaysia. He is inviting you to be a part of His dream. Will you step in and be a part of God’s dream?

A mission cannot be birthed without a spirit of volunteerism and generosity.

God wants to birth something new in Malaysia.

Why missions?

God is a missionary. He was a missionary from Genesis to Revelations.

Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. (Genesis 1:3)

Jesus: The Father gives generously and Jesus volunteered.

There was radical generosity.

Jesus is the greatest missionary: “The father sent me” mentioned 39 times in the book of John.

So Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” (John 20:21)

The greatest thing of the season we live in the world, we can literally see the great commission completed. Out of all the Christians in the world today, only 0.001% has answered God’s call to be a missionary.

The question to you today is, “How will you respond to God’s invitation?”

There are more missionaries from indigenous people in Asia now.

The next wave of missions is coming from Asia. Will you join the wave?

God can transform a nation in one generation.

South Korea, 70 years ago was coming out of a war and was one of the poorest nations in the world.

Today, South Korea is 30% Christians. As the nation consecrates themselves, God blesses them, as in Deuteronomy 27 and 28, “as we walk in His ways He blesses”. They understood that when you are blessed, you are to bless. They are the 9th riches in the world and they are the second most in sending out missionaries into the world. God can transform a nation in one generation.

What will your generation in Malaysia leave as a legacy?

Will it be known as the generation that is the most comfortable or will it be the generation that send the most missionary? The one that made the most or send the most? Make the most money or send the most into mission?

A.W. Milne packed his belongings in a coffin and went as a missionary to the tribe called New Hebrides. They were a tribe of head hunters. He lived there for 30 years and died a natural death. His tombstone reads, "*When he came there was no light. When he left there was no darkness.*"

# Conclusion

DUMC: What are you asking for, for the future?

Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance, And the very ends of the earth as Your possession. (Psalms 2:8)

Will you ask Him for the nations?

3 responses to God’s global mission.

1. Go
2. Give
3. Disobey



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