曠野開道路,沙漠開江河

二零一二年七月十四日·英華眾人懷著感恩與興奮的心情告別羅便臣道校園,預備走一條我們向來沒有走過的路(約書亞記 3:4). 昂然遷進新社區。

八月一日,暫遷校舍開始運作,其後的數個星期,眾人努力搬遷、開箱、安頓、忙得不可開交,每天都有大大小小的工程要跟進,以期能為學生開學作好準備。

八月下旬,雖然搬遷的工作大致完成,我心中卻仍有不少憂慮:同學究竟會 否適應新的校園?她們會喜歡這裏的設施及環境嗎?來回學校的路途遙遠嗎? 費時嗎?在那一兩個星期裏,我切身處地,用學生及家長的角度去想像種種的適應問題,這個經歷,讓我更能深深體會到她們的感受與可能遇到的困難,心中甚是憂慮。

就在這個時候,神讓我看到昔日以色列人出埃及如何經歷神的奇妙。他們離開埃及地,是興奮莫名。可是走在曠野的路上,遇上了種種困難:在那飄流無定、前路未明、糧水不足的旅程上,被法老官兵追殺,又遇上強大的外族,他們的心不禁消化了,膽怯起來。奇妙的是,走在曠野的四十年間,他們一無所缺(申命記2:7),神日間以雲柱、夜間以火柱領路,每天賜下嗎哪,又在沙漠中找到水源,一夜間飛來鵪鶉,解決了肉食的問題。他們的困難雖然多,但神的恩典更大。

我們在暫遷校舍,情況比在曠野好得多,我們所經歷的,都是人可以解決和承受的。四年的暫遷祇是以色列人在曠野路程的十分一,但我深信神的供應卻一樣豐足。我正為學生的適應憂心時,一位剛畢業的學生寄來了一封親筆信及支票,原文節錄如下:

Dear Mrs Lee.

Being a 2012 S6 graduate, I am writing to extend my heartfelt thanks to Ying Wa.

.......Apart from the exceptional teachers I encountered in Ying Wa, I have also made best friends here whom I share my joy and sorrow with.

Ying Wa has taught me invaluable lessons in how to live a bright and beautiful life. I sincerely hope that the tradition of assemblies and speeches can be passed on for generations. Sometimes you won't know how influential a speech or an assembly can be until we rewind our life.

Enclosed please find my insignificant donation to the school's redevelopment project as a token of thanks to the priceless years in Ying Wa. The money is actually my first ever salary (to be precise, my allowance) to the internship I had this summer. I wish every success of Ying Wa and I will pray for a wonderful new campus for my "師妹".

I had never imagined how significant and influential Ying Wa would be until after graduation. The feelings are indescribable in words..............

一位十八歲的青年·溫婉沉靜·努力苦幹·亦敞開心靈接受教誨·有所感悟·並將謝恩之情·宣之於口·付諸行動。真叫我感到「隨風潛入夜·潤物細無聲」。 這封信暖透我們的心窩·亦是神的預備·為我們走前面的路添上新力。

開學日·我鼓勵同學積極面對暫遷的挑戰·在適應種種不便之餘·仍能善用生命給予的機遇。這幾個月來的觀察·我看到老師及同學的努力·在暫遷校園及社區找到了她們的位置·好好適應下來·而且更善用機會·締造嶄新的校園生活·這是十分令人欣慰的。

十一月下旬學生會舉辦感恩節活動·收到了好些學生的感謝·其中一張所寫的很令人窩心·使我深受激勵·哈上寫著:

22 November 2012

Dear Mrs. Lee,

I still remember the assemblies last year when you shared with us your agony and worries about the redevelopment project. It is hard to imagine that we're in this decanting campus now. Time really flies. Students now may not thank you for what you did but I'm sure those in the future would thank you for your effort and energy put in this project that benefits them as if I thank Miss Davies for coming to Hong Kong years before. It will worth it. Mrs. Lee, thank you!

在暫遷校舍裏,我差不多每一天都受著學生及老師的激勵,叫人感動的是十來歲的學生,能如此成熟懂事。重建路上,雖然困難重重,神卻於曠野開道路,沙漠開江河。就讓我們憑著信心、愛心及盼望走這條暫遷的路。

二零一二年十二月