

A TRIBUTE TO KUKI WORSHIP SERVICE (G)

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“Rs. 3 per brick, 3 bricks for Rs. 10 so Rs 30 per month as Church Building contribution out of a pocket money of Rs 2000”. This was the fate of most, if not all of the in-college members of KWS(G) a decade ago. Certainly, such a modest amount could never have contributed to the colossal structure of the Church that we see today. The subsequent Faith Promise of Rs. 100-300 a month out of a meagre resource of Rs. 5000 was only a grain of sand in the vast expanse of a beach. But those were offerings of a cheerful heart with a desire to offer more if it had more. No one can fathom what benefits have been reaped out of those humble endeavours. HE whose Greatness and Grandeur is incomprehensible is one who is easily contented. One’s little deeds for Him never go unaccounted. How else would blessings kiss one’s feet at every turn, why else would one be so favoured? It is true GOD is GOOD.

Today, we sit inside this beautiful haven, nothing less than a miniature heaven, not by virtue of the smooth, tiled floor or the perfectly-polished walls nor the impressive stairway but simply for the fact that the children have all gathered together with one heart and mind in the name of the Father. It is a wonder and a great one that too that the hopeless, directionless children with no available resources at hand, but not without faith, could miraculously set up a dwelling place for the Lord. Of course, our humble arrangement is not worth even His footstool and he requires no earthly shelter because His territory extends to the infinite horizon and Heaven is His throne. But He who looks at the heart searches for desire in us to do something for Him. Nothing can compare to the joy of the children being faithful to the father.

2005- the year the KWS(G) Church was first open for service. A commemoration ceremony marked the occasion. Since then there

have been wonders and miracles galore for the members. Be it spiritual blessings or other achievements, educational successes or job avenues, we are still counting. This church has facilitated the return of many a prodigal son, spiritual upheaval of many a downtrodden soul, bridged many a broken or on-the-verge-of-breaking relation, and reset on track the almost derailing Congregation. 2008-Decade Celebration cum Khanglai is still fresh in memory. Such a rich and fulfilling experience is a privilege of a lifetime in the true sense of the term. While I was thinking that anointment is only for prophets/priests/pastors, I got anointed for the Work of the Kingdom of God. Where else would I have got such a privilege? Who can deny the moral and spiritual high gained out of that very experience? We are still enjoying the good effects of it. One also cannot afford to forget the good that came out of the Salvation Camps on every Good Friday & Easter. If one had missed the opportunity to go home during this welcome break from work on account of the Camps, there is not an iota of regret. The benefits accrued out of these sure are worth scarifying even bigger things for. Christmas and New Year are no exception. You are more at home in the right environment than being actually at home with your biological family. When you have elders and guides such as those in KWS(G), who provide you all the necessary inspiration, counsel, discipline, encouragement and example, no spiritual vacuum can exist. The spirit of oneness and self-less service to the Lord is the way of the Church. "From each according to his willingness, to each according to his capacity" is its modus operandi. There is no place for compulsion, no scope for blame-game. The good one does is the credit of all and likewise the wrong one commits is the fault of all. There is no You and no I, there is only We. When we laugh, we laugh together; when we weep, we weep together. Whether we rejoice or grieve, we take it all to the Father. Thus, no misfortune is too disheartening, no sorrow too bitter. At the same time, the least of good news is always an occasion for celebration.

To say, I have always been one of those regular church-goers; I have, in my humble capacity, been a part of many a youth activity; I have, to my best extent, associated myself with as many salvation camps/ retreat programmes as possible at home and elsewhere. But nowhere else have I witnessed such an enlightening change within me as in KWS (G). Whatever good things have happened to me, I believe, are in all manners the result of this connection. I can, in no way, take credit of any kind. If, today, I carry a contented heart or enjoy peace of mind, there is no other reason. I also believe that there are hundreds of others who share this sentiment with me. There are certainly many untold stories of what KWS(G) has done for us.

It feels awesome to be a part of this wonderful moment in history when we witness God's power and guidance in full. It is a time for rejoicing, a day to celebrate His goodness and faithfulness. Come, all you young and old, from north or south, east or west, come and see for yourself what the Lord has done for us. Who would have even dreamed of KWS, not to talk of a Church of our own 15-20 years ago? Yet, the Lord has done it. He has found a path for us in an uncharted map; He has given us a harbour to anchor. How many can boast of such a feat as ours? Indeed, we are most favoured. We have been chosen to be an instrument in the fulfilment of God's magnificent Plan. I wonder where His hand will lead us henceforth. My eyes cannot wait to see the unfolding of His Works in the days to come. Every knee shall bow; every tongue shall confess that our Lord is Good. We are reminded, "With God, nothing is impossible".

Being a part of KWS(G) is not a chance or co-incidence. It is a destiny drawn by the One who has chosen you out of a multitude. You have been called to be a part of the most blessed bond. The sooner one realizes this truth the better, or it will be too late even to regret. Time will take you on different journeys: yesterday you were an official part of the Congregation, today you are just one of its many visitors; you were juggling your time between job and church activities, you are now switching from job to job; you spent your Sundays in fellowships, meetings and

practice sessions, you are now either doing paper work or attending to some other urgent business; you were singing and worshipping in church, you are now having to make do with humming to yourself or listening to music; you sang and prayed with others in a common tongue, you are now singing in or listening to sermons in foreign tongues; and the list goes on.....So, now is it. Let not this opportunity pass. Chances ought not to be taken for granted. Today I am missing out many things which you now have. Life will never be the same for me again. However, the sweet memory of the times spent in KWS(G) still lingers in my heart and mind and there is no room for regret. Wherever I may be or whatever I may do, I will always go back to it in thoughts and memories. Today, I can testify to the fact that investment in the name of the Lord is the most profitable investment that can ever be. You sow in tens but reap in thousands. One truth I have learned is when you put God at the top of your priority list, you can be assured you too are ahead of others in His list. How can we expect the best from God when we give Him just our second best? Again, we may wish for this, we may long for that but our every desire/ plan is immaterial in the face of His Divine Purpose. He alone knows what is best for us. We should only surrender to His will and the rest will follow.