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### My Experience of Youth Camp 2013

When I wanted to go to this camp I was not sure what to expect from it, only that I went every year for 6 years and I enjoyed it in the past. Then we were asked to write down what we wanted to gain from this camp and I wrote that I wanted to get to know God more.

Throughout the camp I did not feel a special message that pointed out about who God is or His character. Members of the Taiwanese Short Term Missionary shared their testimonies of how they had experienced God on a very recent event.

Diana shared how she had to choose between prolonging her studies for her Master's Degree in order to come to South Africa to serve participants of the camp (us) or to finish her studies as she had previously planned. Through her testimony I learnt that if we do drop all of our own things for God, He will never let us regret that decision.

He is a loyal, faithful and trustworthy God.

Vanessa's testimony of how she tried and failed too many times and the weekend just before she had to leave to come to South Africa for the Short Term Missionary, she had passed all qualification exams.

This further proved to me that through God all things are possible and He will have His timing perfect for our lives for His glory.

During the whole duration of this whole camp I had to look after some of the children attending this camp, I had to learn a lot of patience. Clarence, a dear brother in Christ of mine is 5 years younger than me, had helped me a lot with the responsibilities I had to take care of. Clarence mentioned near the end of the camp how he noticed me looking after him as a younger brother which really touched my heart.

Through this experience I learnt that God is very patient with us and always looks after us, not just as a father but sometimes as a brother, gently guiding us and fixing our mistakes along the way.

Chiara, a cousin of the Wu siblings, was a character I learnt about the most in this camp. Before this camp she had been attending our church for roughly 3 months due to her living with the Wu family but even though she had been with us for so long I had not found a way to interact with her. We were in the same group and as all members of the group share their life stories and experience as well as getting to know each other, I got to know her as a person.

From this I learnt that communicating with people is not as difficult as we ought to think. God also speaks to us in ways that we never expect.

Last of all, every year during this camp I learn to speak a lot more Chinese, especially this year!

Ultimately, God did not just to teach me about Himself but also he made me learn of me applying His character to mine. He walked me through the learning process.