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Being vs Doing - What the Lord Truly Requires

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Being vs Doing: What serving truly requires

In a world that praises activity and constant achievement, we often fall into the trap of thinking that more effort equals more impact. We stay busy, not just because there's much to do—but sometimes because slowing down feels uncomfortable. Stillness can confront us with deeper questions we'd rather avoid.

But Scripture teaches us a different rhythm. In Micah 6:8, we are reminded: "What does the Lord require of you? To act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God." This is not a call to frantic activity—it's a call to alignment. God isn't impressed by how much we do, but by whether we walk closely with Him and reflect His heart. It's about being the kind of person who listens first, whose doing flows out of a life rooted in faith. True ministry—service that pleases God—isn't just hard work. It's obedience. It's allowing ourselves to be changed before trying to change the world.

That's why we go to disaster zones. Why we rebuild communities. Why we walk with those who are hurting. Not to earn approval, but because we have already been loved—and love compels us to go. The Gospel is not just words. It is action, restoration, and redemption.

And as we serve from that posture, something profound happens: we are transformed. We see lives changed, and our own hearts softened. We realize that the call to follow Jesus is not just about what we do for Him—but who we become in Him. So before the doing, there is the being. Being still. Being surrendered. Being faithful. Because when our hearts are aligned with His, our hands can truly build what matters - to Him.



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When Helping Hurts

WHAT IF THOSE WE TRY TO HELP AREN'T HELPING THEMSELVES?

The scenario is familiar:

The social-action team gathers to discuss what to do about Amy - a poorly-educated single mum with a child with special needs who has lost her job (again) and recently found out she is pregnant with her new boyfriend's child. In desperation, she has come to the church to ask for help.

Should Amy just be sent off with a \$100 food voucher and perhaps a prayer or two? How should the church respond to Amy? Come to think of it, how should we, the church, respond to whole communities of Amy's whose needs shout out to us from across our country and around the world?

As we contemplate the real and pressing needs of the poor and marginalised, we often face two main temptations - to "reduce" and to "retreat"

Tempted to "Reduce"

In the book "Poor Economics", Abhijit V. Banerjee and Esther Duflo point out that *"(the) urge to reduce the poor to a set of cliches has been with us for as long as there has been poverty"*

Christians and churches are not exempt. We are eager to find ways to help the needy (rightly so) yet also even more eager to form opinions on what is 'wrong' with them - *"Don't give her cash, she'll just spend it on cigarettes."*, *"so poor already still want to get pregnant?"*, *"she really needs the Lord, should we invite her to Alpha?"* Interestingly, few actually ask Amy herself for her opinion.

While these observations may contain grains of truth, the temptation to reduce the needs of the poor and marginalised to simplistic solutions actually says a lot more about us than them - that we tend to see the needy as problems to solve rather than people to relate to; - that we tend to believe we know more, and know better what their real problems are. Perhaps that is why we get frustrated when the ones we try to help behave in ways that are not helping themselves. *"Why won't she just listen to us? We're trying to help!"*

This temptation to reduce also affects the way our ministries select which projects to commit our time to, drawing us towards more 'obvious' needs that may more be visibly alleviated through our preferred methods - for example, raising funds to build an orphanage is much easier than spending a few years in the community evaluating if an orphanage is even needed at all.

Helping Better

The gospel teaches us that *all* are poor and needy - because of the fallen world and the effects of sin, we experience poverty on multiple fronts. While the people who require our assistance may be poor in outward ways, we must remember that we too can be poor - in understanding, in compassion, in humility, in relationships. We are therefore not people who are 'greater' helping those who are 'lesser' but fellow sinners in need of God's grace. Furthermore, we who understand God's grace must see how patient and gracious the Lord has already been with us though we too stubbornly persist in doing 'things that don't help ourselves'.

This gospel view of ourselves and the ones we help must shape how we approach them. At the very least, it should make us pause to ask better questions - seeking to understand them as full persons who are not merely a bundle of their most pressing needs, but God's image-bearers who are sufferers (who experience pain), sinners (who choose wrongly and hurt others), and saints (who have the ability to choose to turn to God) just like us. The aim then, must be *restoration* - not just alleviation of pain, but restoration of identity, family and community relationships, and restoration to God and his church. If this is our aim, then it would surely change the way we evaluate the effectiveness and purposes of our mercy ministries.

The Other Temptation

Helping those in need the gospel way, as you must have observed by now, will take much more of ourselves - being willing to enter into the mess of relationships in order to learn and understand before helping. It would mean not just handing Amy an NTUC voucher but listening to her share her joys and worries and being there as a community of friends when her baby is born. Helping this way will cost us - in ways that hurt. But the Lord Jesus is our example, our encourager and His spirit empowers us to resist the temptation to retreat. ◻



Being Available

HEAR FROM DAVID CHEAH, A SINGAPOREAN WHO WAS PART OF RADION'S CRISIS RELIEF TEAMS IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE MARCH 28 MYANMAR / THAILAND EARTHQUAKE

Hi David! Please tell us about a little about yourself

I'm a father to 7-year-old twin boys and work as a renewable energy consultant. My first experience in disaster relief work was in 2012, following the 2011 tsunami in Japan. The Myanmar earthquake marks my second involvement in such efforts.

What was your first encounter with RADION?

I first learned about RADION through my cell leaders, who also serve on our church's mission board. When the opportunity for a reconnaissance mission trip arose, I felt led to take part. On that trip I learnt about RADION's work among the Hmong refugee population and their efforts to support at-risk children and their community.

What stood out most was the strong Christian foundation that underpins all of RADION's ministry efforts - which are both practical and spiritual. This experience left a deep impression on me, and inspired me to be more involved.

How did you end up joining the first Response Team to Myanmar and did you have any worries?

Shortly after the news about the earthquake broke out, I reached out to Eugene to ask if RADION had any plans to respond and whether I could be involved.

There was, firstly, some fear - of the aftershocks and the ongoing civil war. I also felt inadequate, unsure of how much I could contribute without medical training, and was concerned that I might unintentionally get in the way of the important work being done.

What was it like there?

On April 8, we arrived in Myanmar to assess the immediate needs on the ground and identify the most effective channels through which we could support the people of Myanmar.



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There was an overwhelming sense of sadness as we journeyed closer to the earthquake's epicentre, witnessing the trail of destruction —cracked roads, broken bridges, collapsed buildings, and landslides. Parts of towns had vanished into the river and communities were displaced. We saw adults and children combing through the rubble, trying to salvage whatever they could, their faces reflecting deep hopelessness. We heard heartbreaking stories of lives lost as well.

However, even amid such devastation, there were still firsthand stories of hope—of God's gracious intervention, where lives were miraculously spared.

Q It must have been really challenging...

The only international airport is located in Yangon while the epicentre was near Mandalay. The typical 8-hour journey from Yangon to Mandalay became unpredictable due to damaged roads and bridges, and the need to pass through multiple military checkpoints. While being stopped and turned back was a possibility, a more serious concern was the risk of encountering hostility from military personnel.

Both the Myanmar and Singapore embassies had issued warnings advising foreigners to avoid the affected areas, citing ongoing aftershocks and civil armed conflicts, with no guarantees of safety. Nevertheless, we proceeded in faith—planning our route to go through Naypyidaw, a key military stronghold that had also suffered from the quake, and onward to Mandalay.

Q How did the team ensure help reached the affected people?

RADION's local contacts in Yangon helped coordinate meetings with church leaders in Naypyidaw and Mandalay, who even accompanied us on our journey. At each stop, we listened to stories from church leaders and community members about the situation on the ground to assess how we could offer meaningful support. RADION also engaged with the AHA Centre (ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance) in Naypyidaw, to be aware of broader relief efforts so we could avoid overlapping existing work and address gaps.

During the first trip, RADION was able to provide financial aid that went toward essential supplies such

as rice, cooking oil, instant noodles, mats, mosquito nets, and tarpaulins for temporary shelter. However, the deeper needs extend well beyond basic relief.

I later joined a follow-up trip on May 12, which provided medical relief in partnership with Project Light— a group of volunteer doctors from Singapore and local Myanmar doctors from the Christian Myanmar Fellowship (CMF).

Q What kept you going?

As a Christian, prayer came naturally—it was both our anchor and response to the unknown. We prayed constantly for safety and wisdom for the team, as there were many uncertainties ahead. While we could plan as we thought best, so much remained beyond our control. Along the way, the needs became clearer and presented themselves to us in real time.

What encouraged me most was seeing God gather people from diverse backgrounds—across countries, cultures, faiths, and political systems— coming together selflessly to help. It was a powerful reminder of our shared humanity.



Mandalay - the destruction is widespread

Q How did this trip affect you personally?

It was meaningful to witness firsthand and be part of RADION's disaster relief efforts and see the heart behind their service. The most challenging part for me, however, was dealing with the seed of doubt—worrying about things I couldn't see or fully grasp. I had to learn faith and trusting God to provide and in His timing.

It also made me thankful. Singapore is incredibly blessed to be geographically sheltered from natural disasters and to benefit from stable and effective governance. Lest I forget that there are people who are always in genuine need, I want to always consider whether a person like myself can step up to serve. And in times of suffering and hardship, to remember to show compassion. 

Quick Look

3 RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

1 DISASTER RELIEF - MYANMAR

We dispatched teams to provide both physical and emotional relief to victims of the earthquake - channeling food and shelter, and running mental health training workshops for the affected.

2 MISSIONS LEARNING

We continued to nurture the body of Christ through learning journeys which challenged participants to grow in their relationships with God as the wellspring for service and outreach.

3 HOPE CAMP

Our HOPE scholars teamed up with youth from the StreetKIDS programme to give back to the community by sharing their skills and demonstrating their love in acts of service.

“The **GOSPEL**
widely heard
and deeply felt”

From January to June 2025, we have impacted a total of 6,806 lives, through our array of shortterm relief & long-term development programmes.

JAN-JUN IMPACT REPORT

102 Youth & Students

Community Outreach **2,798**

3,906 Crisis Relief

So much has gone on in the past months, that we often can't catch our breaths! RADION is very much a large, busy family and we are always blessed by your visits, gifts and prayers. We thank the Lord for being our provider, shelter and safe home through it all.

How We've Been Doing

SIX PHOTOS THAT CAPTURE A LITTLE OF WHAT'S HAS BEEN ON OUR HEARTS IN THE PAST SIX MONTHS



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (CDP): FAMILY TRAINING - ANTI-VIOLENCE

[FEBRUARY] ~ sharing life-relevant knowledge and advice alongside the gospel and lunch for the community in Khek Noi, Phetchabun. In later months, we also conducted trainings on mental health (PTSD & childhood trauma), drugs and social media use.

HELPING THE ROHINGYA

[FEBRUARY] ~ We provided clothes, toiletries and first aid to the community and also conducted art activities for the kids.





GOD'S PRESERVATION

[MARCH] ~ Shockwaves from the devastating earthquake on 28 March were felt at both our Chiang Mai HQ and Phetchabun field office. While we initially feared that our water supply in the field office had been compromised, we are thankful that in the end, the overall damage was minor and everyone was safe.



HOPE CAMP 3

[APRIL] ~ Our HOPE scholarship beneficiaries, together with youth from our streetKIDS programme, gave back to the Khek Noi community - conducting dental checks for the children and making repairs and improvements to village homes.



REPAIRING UNCLE TONGYEE'S HOUSE

[MAY] Uncle Tongyee is someone we support under our Village Outreach. With his declining health, he now needs dialysis every six hours. We were glad for the help of the village community who worked with us to repair and renovate his house so it could accommodate a suitable dialysis room.



HEALTHEX TEAM LEARNING JOURNEY

[JUNE] Medical students and professionals from @healthexinternational conducted health screenings, first aid and CPR training and ran mobile clinics even while learning about culture, language and the needs of the marginalised.

Being Transformed

OUR MISSION LEARNERS SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES

“ I've been on several mission trips before: a mix of non-stop event running, street evangelism, home visits, and even running another children's camp. Those were different levels of tiring, fulfilling and emotional... But **this missions learning journey with RADION was vastly different...Why? We were given intentional time to seek the Lord in prayerful silence and solitude, to transact with Him and sense His leading in our lives, to just be in His presence and learn to be sensitive to His heart.**

...The emotional connection through a spiritual focus on drawing closer to God, allowed us to connect with the children we met far more deeply than if we had just come to run a program, even with our broken basic Thai. **Perhaps it's being able to tear away from our responsibilities back in Singapore for a week that gave us the space. But I have learnt that there is so much less I must do (in terms of busyness), before I can be so much more prayerful in the ministries that I've been privileged to be charged with.** After tasting and seeing His presence, I know that my God cares far more deeply and loves far more generously than I can or ever will, for He is able. And I can rest assured that regardless of my personal ability to impact lives or share the gospel, my God is sovereign over their lives - and my own.

Marcus - 26, software engineer

“ This trip has truly been an eye-opener to what lies beyond our first-world comforts, and offered a glimpse into the burdens on God's heart. I came on this trip afraid I wouldn't be able to serve with a half-filled tank but I'm leaving with a heart overflowing with love.

Sarah - 30, UX designer

“ I saw how our youth were challenged and stretched and exposed to a life very different from the one they are used to. Their transformation also impacts a church worker like me! **This missions learning journey is a great way to start thinking about doing missions.**”

Fang - 50, church staff

“ *“Maybe God flew you 4 hours out specifically so he could meet you”*- **Despite being in children's ministry for over 7 years, coming to RADION led me to throw everything I knew about ministry out of the window and re-imagine how missions should look like.** I had always pre-occupied myself with planning and doing (and then praying), but RADION gave me the privilege of praying, seeing, learning and just BEING WITH people, all while having so many opportunities to see God at work in his beautiful creation, and beloved people.

Luke - 21, student

“ This is a unique mission trip where you are challenged to “do nothing”: no preparations, practically empty-handed. And that starting point really helped me to focus on my heart and what the Lord was trying to tell me, to work in me. And **I found that that heart preparation was really the most important thing,** because when it came to the camp, it gave me so much clarity in what mattered most to the Lord in those short days with the children; which was to be with them, to know them by name, and to let them know that they have a Father who loves them.

Hsin Yee - 29, project manager

“ Trips to RADION are always special. Everyone who encountered RADION or went through the Missions Learning Journey will admittedly say we have learnt (to some extent, not fully) what it means for the Gospel and ministry to be deeply felt.

Cheryl - 48, Asst CD

“ **This trip helped anchor me more firmly in Christ instead of giving me a temporary spiritual high.** The trip allowed me to slow down, take things that have been overwhelming off my mind, to reflect deeply, discover more about myself, and feel a little bit of what God feels for us and the kids, which I appreciated very much. My view of God's grace, love and mercy has expanded as well because it is not such an extremely abstract concept anymore. This has made me more conscious of His goodness in everything. I think I've grown a lot because of this trip. It's definitely given me a love for ministry, more love for his people, and more appreciation for everything God is.

Megan - 18, student

“ Dear RADION team, Thank you for giving us the opportunity to be part of your field work. As I write this, I'm filled with mixed emotions, because in many ways, **I didn't just feel like someone trying to reach out to the street kids. I felt like I was one of them, receiving, being ministered to** by your love, your warmth, and your deep commitment on the ground.

I cannot begin to imagine the depth of sacrifice and conviction it takes to live out the vision of “every life matters.” The work you do, both seen and unseen, doesn't just change the lives of the children you serve, but also leaves a lasting mark on those of us who come and go, enjoying your food, your hospitality, your heart.

Janice - 30, banker

Being Transformed means...

learning about one another



lessons in history and culture

observations

community visits

spending time together



excursions by song teow



English camp



just hanging out

times of reflection



sharing how the gospel changes lives and walking with one another



helping one another grow in the Lord

"I thought I could help the kids out of the water by sitting on the platform and not getting so wet. But I realised I could help them even better if I went into the water with them"

Ngoo, - 53, estate manager



opening our hearts



staff, kids and mission learners together



Being Open

REFLECTIONS OF A NEW OLD INTERN

“We’ll be the oldest interns ever!” I told my friend. “Well, I think Robert De Niro in that movie called ‘The Intern’ was probably older than you.” she corrected. We might not be the oldest interns ever, but I suspect that, in our 50s, my husband and I are probably the oldest interns RADION has ever had. Just how did we end up here?

There’s something there...

It all seems to have happened shockingly fast. My husband returned from a trip to RADION’s field office in Phetchabun and stayed up that night telling me story after story of what he saw there. And when he told me how he choked up while trying to say grace there I thought, “it’s been a long time since I’ve seen you like this. There is something there.” And because God has stuck us together, I thought I should go check RADION out too.

Three months later, at an Early Intervention Camp I didn’t just choke up - I wept. We led a small group of kids together and totally failed at identifying those who might be at risk of abuse. The one kid from our group who really was at risk walked up to the screening room by himself and all I did was ask if he wanted to go in. God saved his life that day and we got to be a tiny part of it.

After that, one thing followed another - “Wanna go visit the kid during Songkran?” “Okay”. “I’m gonna work on a project at Radion’s HQ in Chiang Mai. Wanna come?” “Okay.” “Wanna go on the Vision trip?” “Okay.” We took Thai lessons, watched Thai dramas and waited for ‘the other shoe to drop’ (because we all know how enthusiasm can wane).

But for the first time in almost 30 years my husband and I felt the draw towards the same mission field (We had in the past felt drawn to different places individually) and it wasn’t going away.

We don’t know... but we do know...

And so we find ourselves here - newly-minted interns based at RADION’s Chiang Mai HQ because when Eugene suggested we consider an internship with them, we said “let’s go and see how”.

We don’t know exactly where this will lead - whether we will be useful here or even be able to keep up, but we do know that:

- *Everything* we have is from the Lord and we must steward this portion of our lives well - so “let’s go and see how He can be glorified by what we have to give”.
- The Lord has proven time and again that he faithfully takes care of our needs and the ones we love - so “let’s go and see how he will continue to be faithful”
- Our family and church’s support has given us the freedom to explore this - so “let’s go and see how we can honour their trust and generosity towards us”
- The Lord is still working on us to make us more like Christ - so “let’s go and see how He will transform us as we learn”

Getting back in the saddle

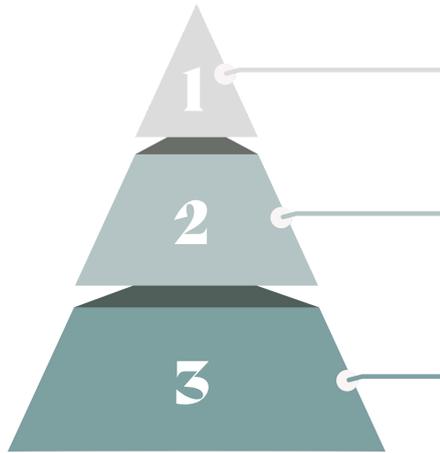
Last week, I rode a bicycle to work for the first time in my 53 years. I wobbled a bit, managed not to get lost and had a little tumble but I am glad to be here, exploring the opportunity God has given us at this ‘late’ point in our lives. I look forward to seeing how the Lord will be with us us day by day - my husband and I, my family back in Singapore, my new RADION colleagues and also that one little boy from our first camp group. So, “let’s go and see how”. ◻

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.”
Prov 3:5-6

Come Be with Us

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONTRIBUTE TO RADION'S MINISTRY

VOLUNTEER



MISSION LEARNING JOURNEYS

Learn about missions and our ministry and begin your journey



INTERNSHIPS

Deepen your knowledge with 2-4 month ministry exposure



YEAR-LONG PLACEMENTS

Contribute by serving alongside our local teams

GIVE

FINANCIAL GIVING, SPONSORSHIPS
& LEGACY PLANNING

1

StreetKIDS Fund

Supports child rescue recovery costs and emergency needs that the child may have

2

Community Outreach Fund

Provides training, education and community grants to help uplift communities

3

General Fund

Funds will be channelled to wherever the needs are greatest



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EVERY LIFE MATTERS GALA DINNER

IN SUPPORT OF THE HOPE CENTRE
BUILDING EXPANSION PROJECT

Whether you're a long term partner, or new friend, come see all that RADION has become and experience the spirit of what it's always been about: people helping people—because every life really does matter.

As our StreetKIDS program enters its seventeenth year, we are quickly running out of room. Through this event, we hope to raise \$250,000 in support of the Hope Centre Building Expansion Project.

Build hope with us, your generosity creates space for those who need it most.

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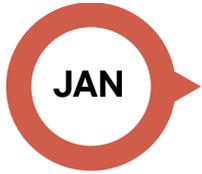
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Ministry Calendar

A LOOK AT WHAT'S BEEN DONE AND WHAT'S COMING UP



2025



JAN

- Children's Day celebration



FEB

- 5 Year maintenance for Dream Centre
- Staff Retreat and Training
- CDP: Family Training (Anti-Violence)
- Crisis Relief - Rohingya
- Internship Window 1
- HOPE scholarship PR



MAR

- Fire Drill Training
- Education and Early Intervention Camp 1/2025
- Missions Learning Journey (BFEC)
- CDP: Drug prevention and monitoring



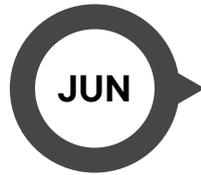
APR

- Ministry Visit and Orientation
- Crisis Relief - Myanmar
- CE: Trauma informed workshop
- Songkran Festival Trip
- Youth Anti-drug Camp (with Khao Kho police)
- CE: Mental Health First Contact (PTSD & Childhood trauma)
- Khek Noi Church Youth Camp
- HOPE Camp 3
- Ministry Evening in Singapore



MAY

- Elderly Housing Improvement
- Crisis Relief - Myanmar (medical team)
- CDP: Drug prevention
- Education and Early Intervention Camp 2/2025
- Missions Learning Journey (SBC)



JUN

- CE: Training - Preventing copycat violence
- CE: Understanding Chronic Illness
- Medical Mission - HealthEX Team 2025



JUL

- Crisis Relief - Myanmar (mental health team)
- Education and Early Intervention Camp 3/2025
- Mission Learning Journey (GRACE AOG)
- Staff Training
- Internship Window 2
- Hope Centre maintenance



AUG

- Thai Mothers' Day village outreach
- Dream Centre Renovation (Aug - Oct)
- Fundraising for Hope Centre expansion ★



SEP

- Education and Early Intervention Camp 4/2025 ★
- Mission Learning Journey ★



OCT

- Orientation Trip (by invite)
- Singapore Gala Dinner (31 Oct) - "Every Life Matters"
- Medical Mission ★



NOV

- Loy Krathong Festival Trip ★
- Education and Early Intervention Camp 5/2025 ★
- Mission Learning Journey ★



DEC

- Project Light - 15-20 Dec
- Christmas and New Year Volunteers' Trip - 24 Dec - 1 Jan ★

★ opportunities for partnership



Email eugene@radion-international.org for details of ministry opportunities



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Our key programmes include child-rescue, community development and crisis relief.

Radion International is also a multi award-winning organisation in Special Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)



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- our name encapsulating what we believe in living out our faith, not just in words, but in action.

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