HIM Prayerlude 2020 Post Event Report

First launched in 2018, Healthcare in Missions (HIM) is a conference that aims to unite, stir up and equip (USE) mission-minded Christian students and young graduates for the evolving landscape of cross-cultural healthcare missions today.

This second edition, HIM 2020 was held over 4 online sessions on 25-26 July and 1-2 Aug. This brought together 168 participants, including 40 international participants from around the region including Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Philippines, Vietnam, Laos, Myanmar, Nepal, India and Pakistan.



The theme of HIM 2020 is based on Isaiah 52, 56, 62, Jeremiah 31 and carried on through the New Testament, namely, Christians' dual and synchronous role of watching for our Saviour's return, and calling others to join in the worship and praise of our God. This is encompassed in the act of a 'Watchman'.

Dr Michael Ong, a missionary to Nepal, shared 4 plenaries on the posture of prayer in missions, the challenges to prayer in missions, praying holistically and our response to answered and seemingly unanswered prayers.

Participants then broke out into smaller rooms of 4 to 8 members with a mission mentor and a student facilitator to discuss issues brought up during Dr Michael's plenaries and set aside time to seek the Lord in prayer together.

The conference came to a close with prayers of sending for each other, done in the discussion groups that seek the Lord together over the past 4 sessions. We thank God for what He has done and continues to do among us to send us out into the harvest field! We hope to move forward with a physical conference when distancing restrictions lift, continuing the theme of Watchmen and a focus on equipping.

Thank you so much for praying faithfully to make HIM Conference possible.

Blessings, Jonathan Chiu Joshua Tan Arel Chua On behalf of HIM Conference team

Excerpts of reflections from participants:

"...The main message of HIM was simple yet so important – Being a watchmen by praying and waiting on the Lord. I learnt that we need to have an honest conversation with God about why He made us, where He is calling us to and what He is saying in different seasons of our lives. I really hope to seek God's heart and will in my life and become even more intentional in living out my life for Christ. I am thankful that the Lord has spoken to me in this Covid season through the people I have met in HIM. I have been deeply blessed..."

Rebecca Sim, Singapore

"HIM 2020 has opened my eyes to the work of God in other nations. It was amazing to see that God really moves among the nations. I was truly encouraged by the faith of my brothers and sisters in Christ from other countries, having spent time with them, listening to their testimonies and struggles, learning about their heart for missions, and praying with them and for them. I am genuinely grateful to God for this opportunity."

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