

记列治文山国语宣道会的青少年团契学习践行圣经关爱大地 到公园去捡垃圾活动

"红房"意思是我们个人的居家住房,红墙意思是我们教会的建筑。列治文山国语宣道会的两位帮助青少年团契的同工,有践行圣经和关爱大地的心,在团契一群在加拿大长大的华人青少年中,讲述上帝对受造物的爱和生态环境被破坏的现状,鼓励大家走出红房和红屋,到社区公园中去做捡垃圾,为主作见证。这美好的良善行动,主所喜悦,邻舍欣赏,华人孩子脱离社区和宅家的负面印像,也会在这活动中改变,改变成亲近大自然的,进入到社区中服务的,喜乐的一群!请看他们的故事和相片吧!(编者语)

九月中的时候带着青少年在主日学上了权牧师提供的讲义"上帝深爱衪创造的自然!人破坏伤害自然!基督徒该怎么做?"。之后一位青少年 Mars 还为此做了针对保护意识的报告,大家也都踊跃提问讨论也很有启发。为了提供大家实践的机会最后决定去公园捡垃圾。因为疫情不能在户外太多人的聚集,后来分散为1或2个家庭为单位在某个星期六的上午分别去家附近的公园捡垃圾。我当天也带了两个儿子约了一位弟兄与他的女儿。很快就捡了一大袋子,四年级的小儿子觉得很开心能做这样有意义的事还很好玩下次还要参加。

下面是青少年在参与后的一些感想和体会。

Back in mid-September, we had the opportunity to cover Pastor Quan's lecture materials in our Sunday youth class "God loves the nature He created! Man destroys nature! What should we do as Christians?". One week after Mars, one of the youths gave a presentation on environment protection and awareness, engaged and enlightened by most of the youths also resulted in a lengthy discussion. To put it in practice we decided to pick up trash in our nearby parks. Due to the pandemic restrictions we are unable to have large outdoor gatherings, therefore we decided to break out into 1 or 2 families per unit to go out on a set Saturday morning. I also took my two sons and along with another brother and his daughter participated in this event, we filled up the garbage bag in a short time span. My 4th grader son told me "Dad this is fun and we are doing something meaningful, I can do it again soon."

The following are some of the thoughts and experiences of youths who have participated in this event.





(唐逸飞弟兄文/written by brother YiFei Tang)

Garbage picking was a fun thing to do. When I went garbage picking, it felt like I was serving God. It felt like I was helping the Earth. When we were picking up garbage, I noticed that other people were watching us, and some even gave us thumbs up! It made me feel like I can inspire other people to do the same, and if we all inspire each other, we can really change the world. This thought also inspired me to want to pick up more garbage! Overall, I felt really good about it, and I want to do it again!

-Claire Gr7

After I picked up tons of garbage the other day, I felt horrible and happy. I felt horrible when I saw so many pieces of garbage because many people didn't care or take action. If we want our planet, Earth, to survive then we need to recycle and put away our garbage. By maintaining a clean environment such as our local parks this helps the wildlife not to eat our garbage. Once I watched a video and an ornithologist who found a dead sea bird with over 100 pieces of plastic inside of its stomach! I felt happy because I was doing something that was making a difference. There was an elderly man who gave us a thumbs up and praised our actions at the park, I believe our actions can leave a good impression on the people in our community and I really hope others could be inspired and follow suit. I look forward to doing it again soon.

-Aiden Gr7

I don't usually pick up garbage, especially recently because of the pandemic. However, a week ago I went out with my family and some friends to collect litter around the neighborhood, safety precautions and all. It felt really good to be doing something for the community. It was surprising though, because the place we focused on was a park near my house, which I go very often. But I didn't even notice all the litter around the park until I was searching for it. After about a couple of minutes my garbage bag was already full. I'm hoping that I can continue to contribute to the community and the environment in the future, and maybe inspire others along the way.

-Tina Gr10

捡垃圾是一件有趣的事。当我去捡垃圾时,感觉就像我在 侍奉上帝。感觉就像我在帮助地球。当我们捡垃圾时,我 注意到其他人在看着我们,甚至有人给我们竖起大拇指! 这让我觉得我可以激励其他人也做同样的事情,如果我们 彼此激励,我们就能真正改变世界。这个想法也启发了我 想捡更多的垃圾!总的来说,我对此感觉很好,我想再做 一次!

(Claire 文, 七年级; 唐逸飞弟兄中文翻译)

前几天,我捡了大量的垃圾后,我感到非常恐怖和高兴。 当我看到这么多垃圾时,我感到非常恐怖,因为很多人不 在乎或不采取行动。如果我们希望我们的地球得以生存, 那么我们需要回收并处理垃圾。譬如保持我们公园环境的 清洁,这可以帮助野生动物不吃被丢弃垃圾。有一次,我 看了一个录像,有一位鸟类学家发现了一只死海鸟的肚子 里有100多个塑料片!我感到很高兴是因为我所做的事情 可以带来改变。有一位老人给我们竖起大拇指并赞扬我们 在公园里的举动,我相信我们的举动可以给社区中的人们 留下良好的印象,我真的希望其他人可以受到激励并可以 效法。我期待很快再能做一次。

(Aiden 文, 七年级, 唐逸飞弟兄中文翻译)

我通常不捡垃圾,尤其是在疫情期间。但是一周前,我与家人和一些朋友一起出去,在附近收集垃圾,我们做好了安全预防措施及所有预备。我感觉为社区做点事真的很棒。但是,这令人惊讶,因为我们关注的地方是我家附近的公园,我经常去;但是我一直没有发现公园周围的所有垃圾。大约几分钟后,我的垃圾袋已经装满了。我希望我将来能够继续为社区和环境做出贡献,并在此过程中不断激发他人也有这样的共识。

(Tina 文, 十年级, 唐逸飞弟兄中文翻译)

祷告事项

感谢主带领列治文山华人教会的青少年团契, 以及来自四间教会的关爱自然读书群的朋友们 和家人,在 10 月份到附近的一些社区内的公园 去做捡垃圾的活动。求主继续带领大家,把这 项活动坚持下去。

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