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Your Attitude is Your Altitude

Pastor Nick Kim

Have you ever known someone who's attitude always brings you down? There's a story about a lady who was at her hairdresser and she started talking about her upcoming trip to Rome. The hairdresser responded, "Rome! Why would anyone want to go there? It's crowded and dirty." She then asked, "what airline are you flying?" The lady told her. The hairdresser replied, "that's a terrible airline. Their planes are old, their flight attendants are ugly, and they're always late." The hairdresser then asks, "where are you staying in Rome?" She told her the hotel and the hairdresser says, "I know the place. Everyone always thinks it's going to be something special and exclusive, but it's really a dump." The lady then says that they are going to the Vatican and might see the Pope. The hairdresser laughs and says, "you and a million other people. If you do see him, he will look like an ant to you."

A month later, the lady comes back to the hairdresser. The hairdresser asks the lady about her trip to Rome. The lady says, "it was amazing. We were in a brand new plane that was overbooked and we got bumped to first class. The hotel just finished millions of dollars in renovations and locals said it was the best hotel in the city. They were also overbooked and we got upgraded to

a luxury suite. When we got to the Vatican, a Swiss guard tapped us on the shoulder and said the Pope likes to meet with a few guests each day and asks if we'd like to meet with him? The hairdresser then scoffs asking, "what did he say to you." She replies, "he asked, who messed up your hair?"

This doesn't just happen at the beauty shop. It can happen at the church or in our personal lives. Some people never experience the joy that Christ offers because their attitude keeps them in a bad place. The #1 goal in our lives should be to get closer to Christ. When we get closer to Christ other things fall into place. This month we're going to explore, "Your Attitude is Your Altitude."

When our attitude improves, our lives improve. God is able to use us and bless us beyond measure. It doesn't mean life will be easy. It doesn't mean that temptations and other hindrances will just go away. It does mean that we will not be alone in whatever struggles we face and that we have supernatural help to take off. If you feel like you have been on the ground when it comes to life, you want to clear your hearts and minds this month as we dig deep, and encourage each other to get off the ground and gain some altitude.

Thanksgiving is Thursday November 28th

What are you thankful for? As a church we should be thankful that we can worship the Lord. In 41 countries, they cannot do that freely. We should be thankful that we don't just have food on our own tables, but through Taste4Grace we are feeding 5 days per week. We should be thankful that God uses us to do incredible things and gives us the opportunity to give to others.



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11/3 Eye For Eye

11/10 Are You Willing To Suffer?

11/17 Our Attitude Towards Sin

11/24 Seek The Things Above



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In His Service

Mindy Cobb



We conclude our interview with Mindy. For nearly half a century she went from helping Pastor Queen lay the foundation for UBC to faithfully serving through the decades. She continues to faithfully serve leaving her fingerprints on most ministries throughout the church.

What excites you most about what is happening at the church now?

I am excited that we have a pastor on fire for the Lord. I am excited that he challenges us and has us focused on making disciples. I am excited that we feed 5 days per week and that physical and spiritual needs are being met. I am excited about our men and women's ministries. I am excited about what God is doing at our church.

What are your prayers for the church?

I pray to see our church full again. I pray that we have a thriving youth ministry. I pray to see our church

full of young adults and young families. I pray for our neighborhood to come to and accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior.



In front of the storefront church on Broadway prior to UBC moving to our permanent home at Wilson and Sheridan.

Interview by Pastor Mark Jones

Commissioned to Missions in Southeast Asia

Elisa Godinez

In the years that I have been coming to UBC, I have heard and met some of the missionaries that we support. Last month I finally got the opportunity with Pastor Nick, Elder Doug, and Cathy Mitchum to go and visit some of these missionaries and see the work that they do.

We learned from and experienced the ministry of three amazing couples who are still part of the UBC family although they are on the other side of the world. Jim and Judy Larson serve in Bangkok, Thailand; Ross and Shirley Mackin serve in Korat Village in Thailand, and Kreg and Jenny Mallow who serve in the Ratanakari province in Cambodia.

We did a lot in two weeks. We visited a slum and prayed with people in need, heard a powerful redemptive story from volunteers, did outreach in Chinatown, helped with a medical clinic distributing reading glasses, visited an elementary school, shared the Gospel, led crafts and played games with children, led classes with church members, worshipped with a youth group, shared

testimonies, attended an expatriate fellowship, and attended church.

It was an absolute blessing to spend time with, get to know, and experience the work of these missionaries have dedicated their lives to. I was constantly reminded of what a blessing it is to be able to worship our God openly, how God often transforms and uses people, and how life as a believer is not always linear, but God is there every step of the way. What a joy it is to know Jesus. Southeast Asia will forever remain in my heart and prayers.



Distributing reading glasses in Thailand

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