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Sunday May 21
A Time of Sharing

Yesterday the 5 men from our team hosted a men's breakfast, complete with pancakes and Canadian maple syrup. There were about 40 men in attendance, representing Hope Community Church here at VOH, Star community, and another community church nearby. Lorne shared a part of his life story, and then they broke into small groups to discuss God's faithfulness in times of trouble. Men from two different countries were able to share about the same concerns and worries, and how God had been with them through those challenges.

Today our team brought the message at the church service, and it was such an honor to be trusted to lead a community of believers in a different culture, as we worshiped the same God. Lorne facilitated the presentation as Barry, Dale, Nicole and Jason all shared their testimonies. There were a lot of nerves leading up to this, but all of the speakers were blessed with the courage to be vulnerable in front of this large crowd. The Holy Spirit was definitely present as they all spoke about finding strength and hope in God through difficult times in their lives. It was clear that their stories resonated with the church members here, as the congregation realized that people in all parts of the world have struggles. Hurt, brokenness and fear are universal problems. And God is faithful throughout all of our challenges, regardless of age, gender or nationality.

After the presentation, we invited members to the front of the church for a time of individual prayer with either a MZ team member or a church pastor. About 30 people came forward to share their burdens and fears with a fellow believer. What an honour to be able to encourage and bless them through prayer!

We give God the glory for the success of all of these activities. We serve a faithful God who gives us hope even in times of struggle. Amen!

