



## **PRAISE REPORT**

### **April 8, 2018**

## **FORGIVENESS AND PERSECUTION**

Today was an amazing day at Lost & Found Church. The attendance was down, but we had several new homeless youth who were attending for the first time. The service started with our youth choir singing several songs, including a solo by Amaya.

After the opening prayer, Tina surprised us all with a new approach to worship. She had us sit on the floor in a circle being perfectly quiet. Tina then explained that many Christians around the world must worship in hiding, in fear of persecution. Tina then set the stage saying that we were in the basement of a small home in China. We could not make a sound for fear that the communist militia would find us. She then passed out the words to several hymns and said we would sing them in silence, mouthing the words, without making a sound. That was followed by a silent prayer time, and a silent time of eating some small pieces of fruit. It was a great lesson for our youth. Even though our youth are homeless, abandoned by their families; they can worship freely, have food to eat, and can associate with each other without fear of violence!

I then followed that with a talk about how Christ's crucifixion was the ultimate act of forgiveness. We then talked about who each one of the youth would forgive. To my surprise, three of the new youth openly talked about their abusive families and how they would struggle to forgive them. It is very unusual for a homeless youth to be so open about their abuse, until they know us better. I will be following up by meeting with them this week.

Please keep these homeless youth, Lost and Found Church, and all of our volunteers in your prayers.

Thanks, and GOD Bless,

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