

This is an apt description of our group when we worshipped and prayed together, edified and took care of one another. Love, unity and patience were displayed abundantly throughout the trip. We, like little children, curiously explored the sights, sounds and smells of the Land of the Bible, and learnt geography together. Every difficulty was conquered by faith and love the Christian way, no less. We have enjoyed the trip very much, and this sentiment was shared by many others, including those who have travelled to the Holy Land several times before.

This trip has created new meanings for us when we now read the Bible. We pray that we shall be steadfast and unmoveable in our faith, lest we should be a “castaway” (1 Corinthians 9:27b). We pray that we can be “lively stones”, to be a good testimony for our Lord Jesus Christ. ■

Journey of Faith

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The year 2014 ended in a very special way for me – an unexpected opportunity to participate in the Holy Land Bible Study Tour to Jordan and Israel, organised by the Bible Witness Media Ministry of Gethsemane B-P Church, Singapore. Pastor Prabhudas Koshy led our team of 48 participants.

As the psalmist said in Psalm 103:1-2, “Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits”, so my heart is moved to give thanks to God for His provisions and spiritual blessings which I have received through this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to visit the land of God’s covenantal people. Truly, never in my wildest dreams have I ever entertained the thought that I could someday actually step foot on the Bible lands of Jordan and Israel!

One thing’s for sure, I did have a great time visiting the various biblical sites. Precious are those sublime moments in Jordan – beholding the spectacular beauty of Petra, one of the new seven wonders of the world; standing in awe of God’s greatness atop Mt Nebo where Moses once stood to catch a glimpse of the Promised Land (Deuteronomy 32:48-52); and looking on in amazement before River Jordan (which narrowly separates Jordan and Israel), picturing the dramatic way in which Elijah was taken up by a whirlwind to heaven (2 Kings 2). Equally instructive sights in Israel include: visiting Jericho which brought to mind the well-known battle fought by God’s children in ancient times as recorded in Joshua 6; walking along the streets of old Jerusalem and visiting the Nazareth village, which evoked memories of what I have read of the life of the people in Jesus’ time; rejoicing on Mt of Olives from which Jesus