

IN TOUCH

TRAINING: WHO LIKES IT?

Dear Friend:

My earliest memories of training are not so fond. The first training I remember is youth football at the age of 11. Practice began in August; it was hot, sweaty, and my practice outfit was so smelly, washing and drying had little impact. I stuck with it; I was sure I was headed to the NFL. As I got into high school training never became something I looked forward to – no matter what the sport. College soccer training/practice, at times, could be fun.

Once I got out of college and began to train on my own, I discovered joy in training. For many years it was running, now it is bicycling. Maybe you do not relate at all to sports training, perhaps you are required continued education training on your job. Continuing education is important because, hopefully, it keeps you mentally growing and acquiring new skills.

At Franklin Church we put an emphasis on training. Part of our mission statement is: “Train believers in Christ”. Training in this context is not the hard and grueling kind but the enjoyable kind as one grows in Christ. Training at Franklin Church involves learning how to study the Bible, pray in-depth, share one’s faith, and discover spiritual gifts. The most common way we train is to connect people into service positions within the church. We prefer to put people into apprentice positions first but that often is not possible. I will be the first to admit, as a church we can improve a lot in the area of training believers in Christ. This Sunday, Kirk McVay’s message will focus on training believers in Christ, and he will introduce an in-depth training opportunity that begins in May.

In Christ’s Love,

Pastor Mike

Prayer List: Sunil Bhat (neck surgery), shut-ins, Pastor Aaron Lim, Pastor Mike Muwonge