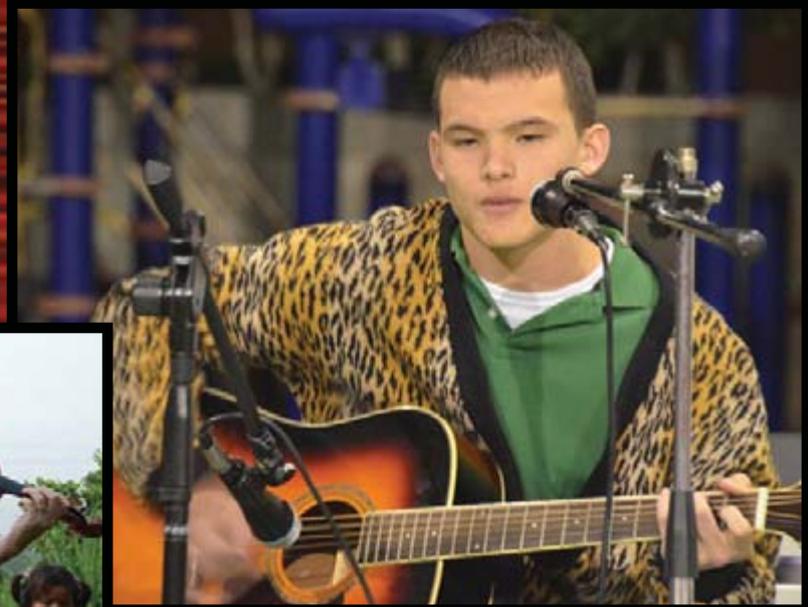


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Summer!

Chasing after the Wind--Considerations of a Senior Maria Huang

“Meaningless! Meaningless!” says the Teacher. “Everything is meaningless!” Really? Might as well not have stayed up all night working on that paper. The class of 2013 has recently finished an assignment that required each student to write a five-page long paper on what it means to have a good life. From a typical Morrisonian overachiever’s point of view, I want to present to you my good life paper (of course...the shortened version).

I once heard a pastor say, “When you think of how you want to live your life, start with your deathbed.” In other words, to live a meaningful life in the present requires one to think about the future, the end of life. When I think of living a “good life”, I picture myself standing in front of the throne of God and hearing Him say, “Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!” My view of a good life right now is the result of my understanding of God’s loving nature.

For a kid with a strong Christian background, it has been easy for me to understand that living the American dream where one possesses a big house, a nice car, a beautiful wife/handsome husband, great kids and a purebred dog is not the definition for a good life. Therefore I went to the other end of the spectrum. I thought living a “good” life would mean leading epic lives like those of Mother Teresa, Abraham Lincoln, Moses, and Elijah, lives that perform many miracles, great deeds, lives that go down in history. Yet I have come to realize, that also doesn’t define a “good life”. This realization didn’t kick in till recently because I had a mindset thinking in order to live a life “glorifying” God, I needed to do things I thought made me more spiritual; I subconsciously based my faith on this unseen scale of rewards and punishments. Although we were all taught Ephesians 2:8 “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God...” it wasn’t till this year that I fully understood its meaning. Grace: receiving what you do not deserve; a blessing; a favor. Our whole being exists because of... grace. Therefore I believe living a good life is simply to enjoy the blessings God has given me, to in turn bless others, and lastly, but most importantly, to submerge myself in God’s presence.

Since a little girl, I was taught in Sunday school to be kind to my neighbors, to help others, to give money to the poor, and to put others before myself. This emphasis on ‘selflessness’ stuck to me; I was good at denying my self. Matthew 7:12, a verse often brought up to promote selflessness, says, “So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you...” Notice the latter part of the verse. If one doesn’t view himself or herself as worthy to be loved, then it will be very difficult for the person to see others’ as deserving of love; if one doesn’t learn to cut himself or herself some slack, then they would less likely be gracious to others; and if one doesn’t learn to love himself or herself, then it will be a big challenge for that individual when it comes to loving others. You get my point. Get your priorities right. I didn’t. As Luke 6:45 says, “A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an

evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.” It is so much easier for one to live a loving life when already filled with love first; the second element in a good life: ‘blessing others’ then becomes effortless.

The last thing that I believe makes a good life is to walk within God’s presence. From the beginning of time, mankind spent time with his Creator in gardens, in mountains, and on the faces of the oceans. It was during those times of intimacy that God prepared individuals, commissioned them, and sent them out to do great things. I believe being in God’s presence would allow one to be aware of His guidance, keen to His works, and submissive to His plans. I have to admit that health and wealth are in my consideration of what it means to have a good life, but then I choose to hold on to the Bible’s truth in Psalms 34: 10 that says, “The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.” If I had total control over my life, I wouldn’t have chosen being born with small eyes, being overseas, or having scoliosis, but I do not regret anything that God has put on me these past eighteen years. There were times when I’ve questioned God, “Where are you in this situation? Why me? Why now?” I didn’t understand, but now I can look back and say, it was all meant to be.

As an impatient overachiever, I constantly have to use Matthew 11: 28-30 as a reminder because the verse says, “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and by burden is light.” I do not need to accomplish big things, do extraordinary feats, or establish a great legacy... I simply wish to be faithful in the few things entrusted me and to do so with a freedom that only Christ-followers can ever experience. The good life that God has designed is one where we enjoy His blessings, in turn bless others, and walk in His presence.

As we entered the month of May and the number of high school days left dwindle, I cannot help but have hundreds of memories running through my mind...scenes of dusting off dirty track shoes after Myburgh’s Fitness class, of punching in letters for Sparrow’s reading quizzes, of taking my first Gulliver’s chemistry test, of sitting in the library writing book notes for Lawson’s research paper, of playing basketball in the Edgren gym, of receiving back my first Chase’s writing prompt...a small voice echoes in the back of my mind *Meaningless, meaningless! Utterly meaningless! If not because of Christ... All of it is meaningless, a chasing after the wind...*

Summer!

A Final Wave Florence Davidson

Saying goodbye to the Morrison campus community is something that awaits us all. This year, we have a few teachers who are going to be parting ways with Morrison. We're sure you are as devastated as we are, so we took the chance to have a little goodbye Q&A session with the following: Mr. Oliver, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Sparrow.

1: How many years have you been a part of the Morrison community?

Mr. O: I am currently in my 4th year of teaching at Morrison.

Mr. S: Seven years.

Mr. T: We have been here 10 years.

2: Why did you come to Morrison in the first place?

Mr. S: I had been teaching for a number of years, but I was a bit disillusioned. I knew that there had to be a school with some of my same core values. After all, I had grown up in a GREAT Missionary Kids' school in Quito, Ecuador, the Alliance Academy. So I just asked God to open doors and He immediately answered with an open door here at Morrison!

Mr. T: I was looking for a change in jobs, so I left being a tech guy back in the states to try being a teacher instead. I have ended up doing both here.

Mr. O: I had come over to Taiwan with my wife to teach English in the Buxiban/ESL schools, but after we had our first child I started looking for more permanent employment and found Morrison advertising a position that was ideal.

3. What are some of your best memories of Morrison?

Mr. T: The time I had with many students. My daughter marrying Matt Sparrow. Scooter rides around the island.

Mr. S: Well, I will always have a special place in my heart for this year's freshmen, and you can quote me on this...the best class ever. I will cherish the special relationships I've had with students over the years. I remember fondly the day I met the future Mrs. Sparrow; although it wasn't instant love, it was obviously an important moment of my life. Spiritual Life weeks have always been a highlight of my Morrison experience. I've also really enjoyed working with the awesome Lady Mustangs. SO MANY memories...wow, it's tough to pick just a few. I love Morrison!

Mr. O: Most of my fondest memories are those in the class.

Things that kids said. Things I said. Just some of those crazy moments that make us all laugh. I especially remember one presentation by David Cheng that was so funny that I was laughing uncontrollably. Tears were running down my face and that just made the rest of the class laugh even more. Some of my other fond memories are seeing students impacting their world. I have had a few lumps in my throat over the past few years listening to stories of students on mission trips and especially those cases where students did things out of their own initiative.

4. What are you going to miss most about Taiwan/Morrison?

Mr. O: I will miss the great family feeling that students have with one another here at Morrison. I will miss the convenience of being able to do just about anything at 7-11.

Mr. S: I will miss my students, who are such a blessing to me. For example, where else in the world will I be able to find a Conrad Noble or a Kelvin Paul or a Josh Hwang? Nowhere, that's where! Come visit! I will also miss my fellow teachers who are totally inspiring to me. I will miss this beautiful culture of Taiwan. I will miss teas, of course! We'll miss the healthcare and the scooters, which is a somewhat contradictory idea, isn't it? I WON'T miss the humidity.

Mr. T: My grandchildren living next door. The great community we have here. Alumni coming to visit me.

5. Are there any things that you want to do before you leave? Do you have a bucket list?

Mr. S: I don't have a bucket list, really. Missy and I want to end our time here well and make sure our kids transition well. Our final night in Taiwan, we'll be eating at our favorite restaurant, the village Teppenyaki. We will certainly miss the family there!

Mr. T: We have done so much while we were here, so there's nothing I really have to do before we go.

Mr. O: Not really. I don't have time for a bucket list. It's the end of the year, meaning things are crazy busy for teachers, and we are trying to get ready to move to a new country.

6. What will you be doing next year?

Mr. O: I will be moving to Australia where we are emigrating to. There I will be teaching at a small Christian school in a town in Queensland.

Mr. S: We're going to Indiana for the summer, but we're still waiting to find out where God is leading us next. It's exciting! Please pray for us as we move into the next phase of our lives.

Mr. T: I will be teaching AP Calculus and Computer Science at Basha high school -- a college-prep school in Chandler, Arizona, USA.

Whether you're a freshman just about to finish your first year, or a teacher who is taking some well-deserved rest, most of us will probably be saying farewells at some point. Some will leave sooner than others but we all will be gone at some point. Our prayers and best wishes go to those who are leaving this year. We will miss you!



Night in Venice

Maria Huang

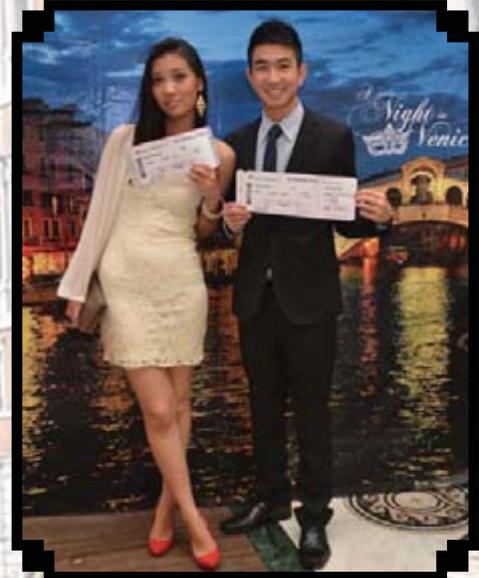
Elegantly dressed young women and suited up young men walked, biked, and taxied to the nearby New Palace Saturday evening for a Night in Venice. The cool air after a morning shower added a touch of romanico in the atmosphere. Morrison's junior class honored their seniors with delectable food, charming alumni emcees, well thought-out superlatives, extravagant senior gifts and a degage atmosphere in a modest and tasteful banquet hall. The 2013 Junior-Senior Banquet: Night in Venice completed a loop for the graduating senior class as they started their high school with a masquerade and ended it in the same way. Pictures (credits to Terry McGill)

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Big thanks to the junior officers (front row) Kate Yen, Alice Yuan, Jamie Wong (back row) Lian Cho, Kevin Shih, Lilly Su.



Senior Andrew Lin flew his date Bonnie Chen over for a Night in Venice.



The older 'young adults' hard at work to get food first.



Summer!

Alumni Emcees Adam Bruce and Boaz Gillette
in their classy suits and masks



Junior President Jamie Wong



Senior Gifts: Blue Morrison customized X-minis



With five banquet experiences, the seniors definitely know how to get food fast.

Summer!

Participants struggle as they try to communicate song titles by singing with rose stems in their mouths.



Five senior couples participate in an elimination game of shoe finding, gummy bear tossing, reverse alphabet reciting, and blindfold relaying.



Best Dressed individuals/couple

Summer!

Orphanage Christian Service Trip

Heleen Hsu

“Ok guys it’s time to find those Easter eggs!”, we all called out full of excitement and enthusiasm. The kids scrambled out and scattered everywhere in search for the hidden eggs. Then there comes the “I found 20 eggs!” “Look, I found 10 eggs!”

The girls from the Christian Service class participated on a trip to an orphanage in Chang-Hua. We were overly excited to help the orphanage kids.

The orphanage is situated amongst chunks of empty land, I’m guessing used for plantation. We arrived late because we had gotten lost on the way. Everyone was dying to get out of the van and check the place out. Being told that the kids were still at school, we decided to hide the decorated Easter eggs around the entrance. The eggs were hidden in places such as behind leaves and the rusty cabinets revealing hints of pink, blue or orange. The kids enjoyed the search.

The overall plans for serving the kids did not work out as we thought. Often times we encountered unexpected changes. In one instance, we had prepared a skit, but could not perform it because the skit was designed for very young children and not for middle school boys of whom we encountered. Thankfully, we had come up with playing a game that warmed up the whole room as all the boys were very involved and keen in winning the game.

We were planning on dishwashing, cooking, floor sweeping and so on, but again this did not happen. The staff could not find anything for us to do as we made sure that they understood how willing we were to help. When we were offered the job to clean the windows, our team went straight to work, tearing newspapers and wiping dust with grins and energy.

Although things did not turn out as we expected them to, overall, it felt like God had placed us there for a reason. God allowed me to grow through this experience. If only we had stayed there longer, we would get to know the individuals a lot better. Trips like these help bring people together to serve as friends. I thoroughly enjoyed the trip.



MAK Highschool Pilot Program

Caleb Strange

The passing of the 2012-2013 school year holds many new changes for the Morrison system. New teachers will be coming, old teachers are leaving, sports programs are being built, but the one big change coming to Morrison isn't on the home front at MAC. No, the big change next year will be in our Southern sister school, Morrison Academy Kaohsiung. This coming year, they will be launching a pilot program for their high school, by introducing and offering a sophomore class. To give a better picture of some of the ideas behind this change, I interviewed superintendent Tim McGill and MAK principal Gabe Choi.

Tim McGill (superintendent):

1. What was the idea/vision behind this program? **The school board wants to give MAK and Bethany families options of attending a smaller high school program while living at home OR live in the dorm while attending the larger program in Taichung.**

2. How do you see this affecting the Morrison as a whole system? **Positive and negative effects. More Morrison middle school students will be attending Morrison high schools. In the past some MAK and Bethany weren't able to finish Morrison high school in Taichung because their parents wanted them to stay home or their families couldn't afford boarding. In the past about one third of MAK and Bethany students transferred to other schools during middle school.**

Taichung Campus may have a few less students than now and there will be more new students who haven't attended Morrison before.

3. Besides the location, what differences do you see between the future MAK's 10th grade and MAC's 10 grade? **MAK high school students will take one on-line course each semester. They will also have fewer arts and athletic opportunities.**

Gabriel Choi (MAK Principal):

1. What was the main idea or vision behind this program?

This was a very complex decision to make, but some of the main visions that led to this decision was to give families at Morrison more choices of where to send their kids for high school, and also to better support missionaries across Taiwan.

2. Will there have to be changes made to the campus to facilitate this new program?

For next year, we are converting our Media room to be a 10th grade class room. Then during the 2013-2014 school year, we will be constructing a new high school building. This facility will have 6 classrooms, plus a student lounge and a teacher work area.

3. How many of the students will be staying or arriving into this new 10th grade program?

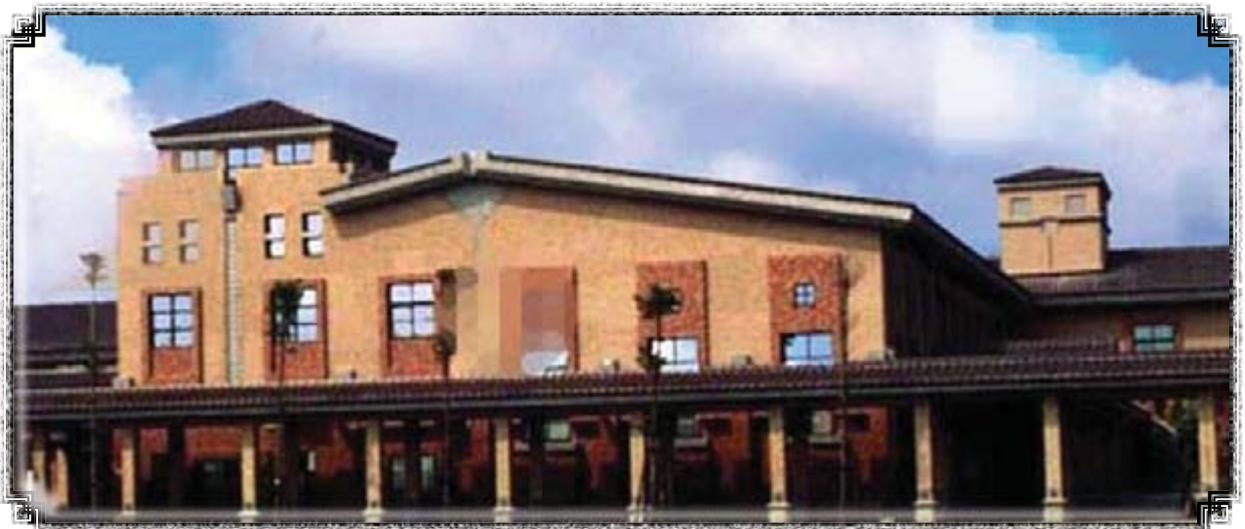
Currently, we are hoping to have about 12-15 students in next year's 10th grade.

4. Will you be hiring new staff for the high school?

Thankfully, many of our current teachers are already high school certified, so they will be able to move up and teach the new classes required for 10th grade. We have hired one extra teacher to teach Spanish and bible for our high school. Her name is Ms. Brabon, and she is already familiar with Taiwan as her parents are missionaries here.

5. Any last thoughts?

This is a very exciting time for both MAK and for the Morrison system! I am excited about the many neat things God will do in Morrison as we grow as a system, and work together to build this new high school program at MAK!



Summer!

Hsu's Corner - Top 10 Memories of 2012-2013 School Year



It's hard to believe that another school year is almost over. Amidst the many memories from this year, I've picked my top 10 (in no particular order). Some of these are personal and some of them are school related but all of them have contributed to making this a significant year, probably one of the most spiritually challenging but fruitful years I've ever had. I hope

that you will take time to reflect upon your memories from the year as well.

10) I really enjoyed the poetry contest. I loved watching Zach kind of sort of rap his poem, seeing the growth in Natasha from her freshmen year, and witnessing underdog Esther win it all!

9) Being in the gym to watch Coach Robinson's final home game. I hope you all understand how privileged you are if you have played for Coach Robinson. You have been impacted by a legend! I'm really thankful that I was here at Morrison for his final year of coaching.

8) Having Alan and Jason live with us this year. These two have gone from leaving the toilet seat up and dishes in the sink to almost-there-gentlemen. They have been big brothers to our kids and will always be a part of our family.

7) Anything related to the senior class. I've thoroughly enjoyed Senior Topics, the Senior Retreat, and anything else I've done with this class. Unique, eclectic, and fun all at the same time, you guys have made this year special and I'm looking forward to celebrating with you guys during the rest of the year. On May 30th you can call me Clive. =>

6) Pregnancy Support Center. I could probably write a short book on this one but my life will never be the same because of being involved with what my wife and Lana have started. There are so many imprints of God's hand throughout every aspect of PSC that it is overwhelming. It's also been so fulfilling to see the school support PSC through House of Blues, Flea Market, and the freshmen class.

5) A group of All-Star babysitters. This is definitely one of the best perks of working at Morrison. You have an amazing number of mature, responsible, and fun students to play with your kids! Saffy, Rachel, Joy, Sophia, Nicole, Tanja, and Bridget, just to name a few, and not to mention all the other kids that play with them at church and on the playground. Keep it up guys because there's another Hsu boy on the way!

4) Social Justice Spiritual Life Week. I found it very meaningful and pertinent to cover this topic and it was done in a new, interesting, and experiential way. I pray that all of us will remember the issues that are on our heart and that those issues will be a vital part of our individual and professional lives regardless of where we are or what we do.

3) Family stuff. Everything from expecting a 4th boy to watching Ray-Ray at the beach for the first time, this year has again been filled with fun memories of watching my boys grow, develop, and learn.

2) Students that come into my office (napping ones included). Thank you all for opening up to me and trusting me with your hurts, problems, and of course your happy and joyous moments. You guys are the lifeline of what I do and the reason why I enjoy it so much. My door is always open so please keep coming by!

1) _____. The school year is not over! I have to leave space for one more. Hopefully it's not Derek on stage flashing his Speedo under his graduation robe....

Until next year...

cock-a-doodle Hsuuuuuuuuu!

Summer Plans

Caleb Strange

Rachel Strange (10)- “Going to a soccer camp.”



Raymond Gant (11)- “Lifeguarding, work, try to make some money.”

David Chang (12)- “Gotta complete my bucket list in Taiwan, like go on a road trip around Taiwan.”

Gaothaijying Her (12)- “ We’re going to be traveling up the east coast all the way to Michigan and stuff also visiting family and getting ready for college.”

Tweety Lai (12)- “Flying to Europe. I’m going to visit my sister in Cambridge.”

Julie Heinesman (teacher)- “Planning my daughters wedding to another alum this summer in San Diego.”

Andy Huang (10)- “ I’m going to the States for summer school, in LA.”

Nehemiah Huang (12)- “Going on a road trip to avoid military service.”



CURRENT EVENTS: (APRIL + MAY)

Florence Davidson



Middle East/Asia

Troops and civilians in *Iraq and Afghanistan* continue to suffer casualties under bombings and attacks. This wave of deaths come as the US continues to pull out, giving fresh boldness to insurgents.

Syria's civil war continues to escalate, with soldiers and civilians alike being killed. Israeli bombings of Syria as a result of Hezbollah suspicions assist the rising death toll.

Bombings and attacks in *North West Pakistan* continue as the conflict becomes labeled as a new civil war.

Two car bombs exploded in *Turkey*. At least 51 people were killed and 140 more were injured in the attack.

Communist insurgent group (New People's Army) attack a mining site in the *Philippines*.

An 8-story commercial building collapses in *Bangladesh*. As of May 13th, the death toll has reached 1,127, with over 2,500 people injured. It is considered the deadliest structural failure in modern human history.

Malaysia's ruling coalition retains its majority in recent elections.

Indonesian police shoot dead seven terror suspects in raids on the island of Java including some allegedly planning to bomb the Sri Lankan embassy.

Taiwan demands an apology from the Philippines after a Philippine Coast Guard yesterday shot at killed a Taiwanese fisherman in the disputed waters of the Bashi Channel. President Ma Ing Jeo called it, "...cold blooded murder."

North America:

Explosions at the *Boston Marathon* kill three people and injure 264. The suspects were identified later that day as the brothers Dzhokhar and Tamerlan Tsarnaev. The former was captured while the latter was killed in a police firefight. Even in this tragedy, heroism was present as many brave marathoners crossed the finish line and kept running - this time to the nearest hospital, where they donated blood for the incoming victims.

Hundreds of *California* residents evacuate as wildfires spread.

Fertilizer plant in *Texas* explodes, killing at least 15 people.

The first player on a major American sports team, basketball player Jason Collins, comes out as gay. This comes with the recent legalization of same-sex marriage in Rhode Island, Delaware, and Minnesota.

Columbia University announces the winning photographs of both the Breaking News and Feature Photography Pulitzer prizes for 2013 — all of which depict the heartrending civil war in Syria.

South America:

The former president Efraín Ríos Montt of *Guatemala* is found guilty of genocide and crimes against humanity in a Guatemalan court.

Freedom After a Decade

Heleen Hsu

When twenty- one-year-old, Michelle Knight, walked out for some fresh air on August 22, 2002, she got in to a car and was never seen again. That's how it all started. Eight months later, on April 21, 2003 - different girl, same road, same situation: Amanda Berry, age 16, walked out from her job at Burger King. She got into a car. She was never seen again. One year later, the kidnapper struck again. Georgina DeJesus, age 14, walked out of Wilbur Wright Middle School close to where Knight was taken and was stopped by the father of one of her best friends. She got into the car. She was never seen again.

Three young women disappeared and were never seen again until the morning of May 2, 2013. Then, suddenly, Amanda Berry's screams were heard by a neighbor, Charles Ramsey. He tracked down her cries only to discover a trapped hand waving through the cracked door of a nearby house, where the three captives and a child were finally found after 10 years. The screams belonged to a woman that had been held captive along with 3 others in the basement of a poor neighborhood. The neighbor helped Amanda Berry escape through a small hole in the door and then eventually ran to a nearby neighbor to call the police.

"Help me. I'm Amanda Berry, I've been kidnapped and I've been missing for 10 years and I'm, I'm here, I'm free now. And I'm the one missing for 10 years," Amanda choked with urgency. It was revealed from DNA testing and fingerprint verification that it was indeed Amanda Berry. A young girl about the age of six was also rescued, she is her daughter who was fathered by Castro.

The owner of the house had left that morning, leaving Berry the opportunity to attempt an escape plan. Ariel Castro, a 52 year old former school bus driver from Cleveland, Ohio had kidnapped all 3 girls and kept them locked up in his basement for 10 years. He had raped, beaten and tied up all his captives. Castro had locked up the women with chains from the walls and would duct tape their faces and eyes, leaving only the nose for them to breathe. When he got back, he would just rip the duct tape off, quickly and brutally off skin and hair.

Michelle Knight, the first to be kidnapped and held in the basement, was the longest to stay in the house. She had stated that Castro had impregnated her five times and induced five miscarriages by starving her and punching her stomach continuously. It is stated that Knight will be undergoing facial surgeries from the abuse over the years and has lost hearing in one ear.

Neighbors were completely clueless as to such cruel happenings from a house that looked ordinary. All were utterly shocked that they did not see this coming in all the years that they had lived in the same neighborhood. Castro's two brothers were devastated and disgusted by the actions of their brother, calling him a "monster" that "should rot in jail. "



Ariel Castro and his house.



left: Amanda Berry (when she was 16, now 26)
right: Georgina DeJesus (when she was 14, now 24)

Summer!

Boston Bombing, Another Point of View

Alex Finch

The Boston Bombing was a rather tragic event, according to recent reports there was a total of 281 injured and 5 casualties. America went into shock and the media put out awareness of the Boston Bombings. People went as far as panic at the fear of terrorism. The same day more than 30 people died in a city of Iraq. In the Month of april alone there has been more than 700 deaths and 1,633 more sustained injuries in Iraq.

There is terror everywhere and America tends to see its own problems first and neglect the problems of the outside world. America sets itself up as the world protector but when faced with problems in its own country it tends to blow the problem out of scale to bring exaggerated attention. America in one moment lost a fraction of what other countries lose each day for extended time periods. A common American belief is that America is the best in every aspect and it should be the center of attention. This belief is a reflection of America's ethnocentric mentality. This mentality sometimes gives the appearance that Americans think their problems supercede the importance of the problems in the other na-



tions. The reaction of the people in those other countries is sometimes that Americans seem arrogant and uncaring towards the worlds problems. The Boston Bombing, although tragic, was an example of America blowing its problems above scale and minimizing the events of the world.

America looked at its problem as it was blown up and dealt with it harshly. Ron Paul described the reaction to this event as a "military-style takeover of parts of Boston." Over-reaction was fed by the media ready to exaggerate the situation. The lead suspect was killed in a police shootout before he had the ability to speak in front of a jury. Everyone who was associated with him was accused. Although the matter was resolved it was done so in seemingly inappropriate means. America seems so ready to go "guns blazing" into anti-terrorism that they are willing to take away the freedoms and rights of anyone who can be labeled as a terrorist. This event and the response after seems to show that America is willing to trade the freedom of itself and those it deals with for its own comfort and security.



Senior Interviews

Heleen Hsu

1) What are your goals in college?

Vanessa Chang: My goals in college are to make many lifelong friends, work towards my dream of going to law school, experience different things, bring other people to Christ and have fun:)

2) What is your advice for the class of 2014 about being a senior?

Joy Halter: Get your grades high enough in the first semester, that way you can bomb your finals second semester and still be alright. Senior year is easy if you make it that way. Don't take senior topics as an automatic A+ grade. You might still have to take the final if you don't hand in one assignment. Above all, just have fun while keeping up your grades. You'll be happy that you did.

3) What are you going to miss when you leave Taiwan?

Jennifer Kuo: I'm going to miss the food a lot, especially 7-11 food and breakfast shops.

4) What are your fears about college?

Joseph Park: My fear is that I'll have bad habits in college. Being lazy, drink too much, game too much, study too little. Other fears I have is culture shock because I have never been to the US where many things are foreign. Finally, my biggest fear is money. I'm afraid I'd be in debt due to bad budgeting and not knowing how to be financially independent.

5) What are you going to miss most about Morrison?

Twenty Lai: I will miss how people are so friendly and always smile say hi when we pass by each other. The plaza too!

6) What are you most excited about college?

Frank Chiu: The opportunity to be independent and meet more people astounds me.

Jacky Chan: I look forward to being able to start fresh and new again, with no memories, no reputations, and all those other stuff

7) What would you do if you could relive your high school years?

Derek Lo: I would put more effort in understanding people.



ACSC—Asian Christian School Conference

Maria Huang

The class of 2013 claims that they get the last of everything, from Mr. Chandler's last year of teaching, to Mr. Robinson's last year of coaching, to our school's last year of participating in the Far East Tournaments. But this is not only a year of lasts. As Morrison sends off her seniors, she will, at the same time, welcome a new conference, the Asian Christian School Conference (ACSC).

For years, Morrison has been searching for a conference similar to the APAC (Asia Pacific Activities Conference) where schools get together for sports and fine arts exchange. The vague ideal finally began to materialize with Morrison's participation in the Nations Cup. "The Nations Cup was the catalyst that 'got the ball rolling'" says varsity soccer coach Terry McGill.

After several years of discussing and planning, a November meeting in Chiang Mai last year solidified ACSC's formation. Therefore, Morrison fulfills her wishes in establishing a conference, as athletic director Don Dwight puts it, "[that] broaden[s] the scope of [the] tournament[s] to not be all about sports but to also have mission [opportunities], service outreaches, and relationship building activities amongst the participating schools." This new conference marks the beginning of a collaboration between eight Christian schools in South East Asia that hold similar values and beliefs.

Writer Arnold Bennett once said, "Any change, even a change for the better, is always accompanied by drawbacks and discomforts." Although the formation of the ACSC is, in a sense, Morrison's 'dream come true', there are concerns on the disparity in athletic space, the facilities that each school has to offer, and the degree of commitment amongst the teams. There could potentially be a challenge in holding smooth regular rotations for different events between the eight schools. These difficulties of starting a new conference could, on the other hand, end up creating positive memories. For example, complaints on the bland conference name may be an opportunity for interaction between the schools through a contest for the 'Most Alluring Name'.

There are other benefits that come along with the establishment of the ACSC in our basketball, soccer, and women's volleyball programs. For varsity level volleyball and basketball,



one significant change will be the upholding of international rules throughout the entire season. This change will eliminate complications in switching between American and International Rules that previous teams had to cope with.

Friends and families will also have the opportunity to watch home games in tournaments that Morrison will host annually. Other than a slight increase of competing teams, the soccer program will have comparatively minimal adjustments as our soccer teams have already participated in the Nations cup for three seasons. For Morrison as a whole, the ACSC will give our school more flexibility and say in setting tournament rules and schedules. Principal Dan Robinson says, "Any time there is change there is disappointment. We all like our traditions... but time heals that rather quickly when the new experiences are good and exciting... We believe...that the competition will be good, exciting, and the experiences will be rich."

Participating Schools:

- 1) Morrison Academy –Taiwan
- 2) Faith Academy –Philippines
- 3) Grace International School –Chiangmai, Thailand
- 4) Dalat International School –Malaysia
- 5) International Community School (ICS) –Bangkok, Thailand
- 6) International Christian School (ICS) –Hong Kong
- 7) Yongsan International School of Seoul (YISS) –Korea
- 8) Saint Paul Christian School –Guam

Events: Volleyball (Girls), Soccer, and Basketball

2013-2014 Tournament Locations:

Volleyball:

- Girls: ICS, Bangkok
- Guys: (not be joining the ACSC)

Soccer:

- Girls: Dalat, Malaysia
- Guys: Grace, Chiangmai

Basketball:

- Girls: Morrison, Taiwan
- Guys: Faith, Philippines



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