



So Brave, Kind, Caring & Incredibly Patient

The 49th Singapore Company Tribute to our Honorary Captain, the late Mr. Jimmy Koh



Mr Jimmy Koh giving badges to the Boys.

Mr Jimmy Koh - his name brings back memories of a man so brave, so great, so respectable -the finest officer The Boys' Brigade has ever had.

Leading by example was one of the mottos Jimmy had always carried with him. He would sacrifice his all for his Boys without thinking of getting anything in return and was one who would never compromise nor think twice about giving his best for his Boys.

As a new officer in the 49th Singapore Company, to be able to work with Jimmy was indeed a great joy, honour and privilege. Even working with him for just a few months made me agree with many, and also experience for myself, what a remarkable Captain Jimmy was to both his Boys and officers.

Jimmy taught me much. Through his quiet nature, he taught me that as an officer, it is best to listen more than to speak. Through his constant encouragement, Jimmy taught me to encourage more than to criticise. Through his generosity, he taught me to share the financial burdens of my Boys and the Company, for it is more blessed to give than to receive.

There is, indeed, much to Jimmy's life and the few things which he had inspired me most was firstly, his love for the Boys and officers under his care. For example, by going to the extent of bidding the number 49 to be his car plate number clearly indicates the kind of identity a Captain wishes to create for his Boys and officers. Jimmy had hoped the Boys would feel proud and belonged whenever he drove them around in the car that bears the Company's number

49. That was one of the many actions of love Jimmy had done over the call of duty.

Secondly, Jimmy had inspired in me (which I believe most of you would agree too) the joy he always portrayed to others. Jimmy would always be seen laughing, if not smiling, whenever he had a conversation with you: you never felt tense or worried when speaking to him because you know the conversation would always be fruitful and meaningful. Even in times of difficulty or when he faced

The finest BB officer we've known

trials, I can never recall a time when he showed signs of trauma or sadness, or gave in to a situation.

Thirdly, the peace Jimmy had in knowing

the Lord Jesus Christ will constantly remind me of my purpose as an officer in The Boys' Brigade.

It is not so important to vie for rank or compare ability. Rather, it is our responsibility to see to the salvation of the Boys under our care, that all will come to the saving knowledge of our Saviour. And that was what Jimmy had always reminded us to do - that as officers in The Boys' Brigade, our one mission is to advance Christ's kingdom by moulding Boys through the promotion of habits of Obedience, Reverence, Discipline, Self-Respect and all that tends towards a true Christian manliness.

Last but not least, the greatest impact Jimmy had on me was his patience. It was seldom that you saw him angry or flaring up over problems or mistakes made .

When a mistake had been made, Jimmy would settle it in a very peaceful way, then correct his Boys and officers tactfully, patiently and without making any party feel embarrassed. You would notice this calmness in him, for he had always believed that in all situations, God would be there to oversee them and to make a way for everything. Thus claiming on these promises, Jimmy carried on this journey with God and the 49th Singapore Company.

Indeed, memories of this humble and inspirational Captain, brother and friend will always be in our hearts. And as we remember Jimmy, let us also not forget how he had served the Lord wholeheartedly and gave of his best to the Boys and officers. Let us strive to give forth our best to the Lord and to serve our Boys with one motto in mind, that is to be "Sure & Stedfast" in all that we do, in order that we may lead by example, just as how Jimmy did. **BBN**



Mr Jimmy Koh has fought the good fight.



Mr Jimmy Koh at his birthday celebration.



Mr Jimmy Koh with President SR Nathan at the BB Carnival 2000.