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**Sunday, September 13, 2015**  
**Did You Know?**

## **Serving at CoaH**

Today is a very special day where we recognize and appreciate the hundreds of servants at City on a Hill. Without these servants the ministry of our church would grind to a screeching halt. Because of these servants the sick are being loved, the lost are being reached, the lonely are finding community, children are being taught, songs are being sung, new comers are being welcomed and so much more. Literally thousands upon thousands of good deeds are being done in the name of Jesus Christ because of you.

If I can mimic the words of the Apostle Paul, “Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more.” (1 Thes 4:1). We would like to see all of you serve the Lord Jesus Christ in some manner by serving the church, which is His body. The first thing you need to do in order to serve is to become a Christian. The word “Christian” by definition means follower or servant of Jesus Christ. To be a Christian is to serve. To be a Christian and not serve is an oxymoronic statement in its highest form.

At CoaH, we require that you be a member of our church before you begin serving. Being a member does so many things. First, it lets everyone know that this is *your* church. It allows you to make that public commitment that you are a follower of Christ and this is the church where you worship, fellowship and serve. It helps the leaders to know who they can count on to join them in various ministries. So, if you are a Christ-follower and are still not a member, I encourage you to become one soon.

Next, I encourage you to cultivate the heart of a servant. The heart of a servant first asks, “What needs to be done?” before asking, “What ministry suits me?” The true servant first asks, “Where are the needs?” before asking, “What would I enjoy doing?” Sure, the ideal situation would be to serve where there is a need and do something you enjoy, but there’s a joy in knowing you are serving in a place where your presence is making a tremendous difference.

Work at it with all your heart. Bring your A-game. Give it your all. The Lord and his church deserve nothing less than the most excellent service you can give. There is no excuse to think that we can present our lame offerings to our most worthy God. So, resolve to do your utmost when you serve, but at the same time, do it with joy. God doesn’t like a grumbly giver and no one likes being served by one.

Finally, stick to it. I know life requires that we juggle many things, but if you decide to serve, please commit to the very end. That may mean for one project, one calendar year or even longer. It may mean keeping at it with a difficult relationship. It may mean hanging in there even when we don’t see any immediate fruit. Christ is honoured when we keep our vows and we will experience the pleasure of witnessing the fruit of our ministry.

As you sign up for a ministry today or continue where you’re already serving, may God’s grace help you to serve with joy.

*Pastor Peter*