

# *In touch with God* at the Haven of Hope

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It is an exciting and wonderful experience for me to meet with God. In the past 12 years, I have been serving God in the Haven of Hope through my working position, and He has changed my life gradually.

In the summer of 1998, the Hospital Authority assigned me as the Head teacher of the last class of the Haven of Hope (Sister Annie Skau Berntsen ) Nursing School. This made a significant experience in my life and I have encountered with God more deeply in the Haven of Hope.

The curriculum of the Haven of Hope Nursing School contained the elements of care and counselling. It emphasised not only training and tutoring, but also the nurturing of good values and life disseminating process, making it distinct from other nursing schools. Becoming a nurse would no longer be a cheap labour, but a family member of the Haven of Hope and a respectful career. Therefore, we place great importance on the Capping Ceremony (a ceremony to present nurse caps to students) and Graduation Ceremony.

Our nurses insisted on teaching and taking care of the students based on the principle of love. This had deeply affected my perception on nursing education. God has granted me a precious gift – the students from the last class of the nursing school (i.e. the 84th class) – from their good manners, their sincere respect for others and their vision on nursing, I could see the significance of this extra-ordinary education and management method. Over the past decade, I can still find the attributes of purity, love and care in their lives. Every time, when I think of this graceful experience, I thank to my Lord who loves me so much.

*I am the vine, you are the branches: he who is in me at all times as I am in him, gives much fruit, because without me you are able to do nothing. (John 15:5, The Bible)*

*So by their fruits you will get knowledge of them. (Matthew 7:20, The Bible)*

Today, by these spiritual fruits (which is the Chinese name of the Haven of Hope), we can identify the group and root we belong to. In this generation where moral standards are on the decline, the Haven of Hope still insists on serving the people with an unselfish heart. Our staff is willing to devote to the people they serve, for we believe the value and quality of a person are more important than anything. We hope these “fruits”, rooted in the Truth, will plunge into the world to serve; and that through serving, every staff can be in touch with God and earn a more fruitful life.



2000年6月24日，護士學校的學生在靈實醫院拍照留念。

The nursing school students took this photo at Haven of Hope Hospital on 24 June 2000.