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真愛全人深度旅遊 第六天，第五日全天旅程日誌

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上午 8:45 to 9:45 在 Ramada Inn, Alpine, TX 的戶外會議室有主日崇拜。孟蘇倫 和陳淑華 帶領大家唱歌和禱告。Bible verse was from Luke 8:43 to 48, it talked about a woman who had a blood disease for 12 years and she had exhausted all her resources in looking for a cure for her condition. 她聽說主耶穌來了，她就去找祂，並碰主的衣裳襪子；因為她深信主的力量能夠醫治她的疾病。果然她的血漏馬上就停止了。主耶穌立刻就感覺到有能力從祂身子出去。祂就詢問是誰摸祂？那女人知道不能隱藏，就戰戰兢兢地俯伏在主腳前，當著眾人把一切都說出來。耶穌對她說 "女兒，妳的信救了妳。平平安安的去罷"。葉高芳 牧師證道：SEE Tour 全人深度旅遊的全人到底是什麼？所謂全人的發展是要盡量能夠平衡以下的四個方面：

1. 身 ~ 身體的健康和保養。
2. 心 ~ 保持精神 和心情的平衡 or psychological well-being。
3. 靈 ~ 對神的信仰。葉牧師提醒大家，這女人的身、心、群的景況是多麼的無望！可是她對主的信心，一點兒都沒有動搖。因為她堅固的靈性，我們的萬能主醫治好她的疾病。
4. 群 ~ 能夠對家人及外界都保持融洽的接觸及交往。

[應用]~如果要給我們自己評估以上的四項，您那一方面或有低分？這四項就像四個輪胎。如果有一輪比其他輪胎都低些，這就有畸形，因此就不會跑得快；而且嚴重的話，有翻車的危險。我們每一個人的輪胎大小都不一樣；有的人是腳踏車的輪胎，有的人是 SUV tire, or a 18 wheelers truck tire, etc. We should not insist on using a 18 wheeler's truck tire on a 4 door sedan because it will not work. Likewise if we are deficient in one of the above areas, we will struggle with life. Therefore, we need to continue to develop and grow in ALL categories so that we can have a balanced and functional wheel of life. How can we achieve this? We can not achieve this by our own strength or might, but by Our Heavenly Father's power, grace, and love. Amen.

[10:15AM] 出發. **On the bus we read Bible verse** 詩篇 Psalm

104 : 24. “How many are your works, LORD!

**In wisdom you made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.” (NIV)**

We have seen so many amazing plants and animals surviving in the desert. We will see many beautiful cave formations in the Carlsbad Caverns, also observe the bats flight at dusk. How true is to worship the Great Creator with ““How many are your works, LORD!

In wisdom you made them all;...”

今天背誦的聖經是詩篇 104 篇 24 節 “耶和華啊，祢所造的何其多！都是祢用智慧造成的；遍地滿了祢的豐富。”想到這幾天沙漠中所見的奇妙動植物，又嚮往今天下午將參觀的洞穴造形及成群蝙蝠，不禁心中發出對全能之神的讚美：“祢所造的何其多！都是祢用智慧造成的。”

蘇文博 教授 lead the discussion of the nature of each of the five group's animal: woodpecker, tiger, bat, mountain lion and eagle. He also talked about the winter migration of birds and insects to Mexico and specially the migration pattern of the Monarch butterflies. It takes four generations for the Monarch butterflies to return to its birth place. They do not have parents to teach them how to make such a long flight and which route to take. Who gives them such amazing “wisdom”?

[景點報告] 汪海波 醫生 made presentation on the historical facts of Fort Davis.

[First Activity] A visit to Fort Davis which has historical significance. Established as a military post in 1854 and named after the then Secretary of War, Jefferson Davis, it served the role of safeguarding the west Texas against the Apaches and Comanches from 1854 to 1881. The Fort is also known for its Buffalo Soldiers in the early 1870s in reference to black cavalry troopers.

[生活座談] 蘇文博教授 made presentation on 中老年皮膚保健須知.

[景點報告] 陳維彬 made presentation on the history and points of attractions of Carlsbad Caverns.

[Second Activity] an exploration of the Carlsbad Caverns NP in New Mexico. The town of Carlsbad, which lends its name to the Cavern and National Park, is in turn named after the Czech town formerly known by the German name *Karlsbad*.

The National Park is in the Chihuahuan Desert of the Guadalupe Mountains. The cavern was discovered by Jim White when he decided to investigate what looked like a dense dark cloud or smoke, actually formed by mass exodus of flying bats from the caves and at first thought they were from a volcano or a whirlwind.

We had to take an elevator ride down 750 feet to explore the chambers of wonders. Once inside the Carlsbad Cavern, we were amazed by the size of the Big Room, a natural limestone chamber which is about 4,000 feet long, 625 feet wide, and 255 feet high at the highest point. It is the third largest chamber in North America and the seventh largest in the world. We also witness the different cave formations: stalactites, stalagmites, soda straws, draperies, flowstone, columns, lily pads in cave pool, cave pearls, popcorn, helictites, aragonite crystals, and rimstone dams.

[Third Activity] a visit to the Carlsbad Cavern bats flight amphitheater. The Mexican free-tailed bats stay in Carlsbad Caverns from April or May to late October or early November. They emerge in a dense group like thick smokes, corkscrewing upwards and counterclockwise, then disperse to catch insects. They exit from the cave entrance usually starting around sunset and lasting several hours, returning individually when it is still dark. We all enjoyed our picnic dinner at the amphitheater while waiting for the bats' flight.

As a precursor to the bats flight, there were lots of cave swallows which are active in the daytime, even more active at dusk, flying and chatting busily. In order to return to the cave before dark, they dart and dive into the cave entrance. These small birds are very quick, using their speed to catch insects and emits a high pitched whistle. The park ranger then gave a short and informative program

and ended at the first sight of bats exiting the cave. It was an amazing sight to see droves and droves of bats coming out of the cave in a orderly and circular fashion, without bumping into each other in such a crowd. Then they headed toward the eastern and southern sky to satisfy their appetite. Mother bats would also bring food back to the bat colonies inside some chambers of the cave to feed their babies if they are too young to forage for themselves. They are all equipped with a highly sophisticated sonar system which has been admired and studied by scientists.

[El Paso, TX Hotel] After all the excitement, it was getting late, so we had to head back to our hotel.