

## 北美東分團報告

(美東分團團員們仍在從颶風 Sandy 的破壞中力圖恢復。分團長孟惠在 11/15 寫了 e-mail 給嘉玲，取得孟惠同意後，內容轉錄如下。孟惠 11/16 又有所省思，也與弟兄姊妹們分享如下。)

Thank you so much for your prayers and concerns and my apologies for not receiving or responding your emails (I am not sure which one, because my personal communications during the storm were disconnected or disrupted for a few days).

After 9/11, my Firm, being the 24/7 and global, realized that business continuity is the top priority and we spent a lot of time and money on preparing for disasters. A remote office building away from the headquarter to house our data center and up to 200 attorneys and staff was set up just for emergencies. Although most of time it's empty. It proved to be a very wise investment during Hurricane Sandy, we didn't have any disruption of conducting business.

But others are not so lucky, especially the business and firms in downtown, some of them are still out of operations now. A lot of safety measures didn't work because the surge of the sea water was so high that exceeded the regular 13 feet floodgate. Thousands of homes were destroyed in this metropolitan area, and lives were lost. Hurricane Sandy was the most devastating natural disaster since I have been here. Hurricanes don't usually come up this far north, but we had Hurricane Irene last year (which totally derailed our Summer Camp) and Sandy this year. We really have to ask the question Why?

I stayed in Manhattan during the storm to make sure my department had adequate coverage, but my home in Westchester was out of power for a week. Thank the Lord, our life is getting back to normal. Let us pray for those who still suffering from the aftermath and those who became homeless because of the disaster.

We are trying to get together the weekend after Thanksgiving with CSC members, hopefully we can wrap up the unfinished business.

God bless!

Meng Hui  
2012.11.15.

Dear 嘉玲:

I love to share. From this experience, I actually reflected something else. Since I am a member of the Disaster Recovery committee, we have to come up with more procedures to be ready for the next big ONE in my Firm. But I realize that I don't really have a plan for my eternal life, the life after death. How much time and effort have I invested to prepare my soul? Do I have a plan to be ready when I see Maker face to face? very scary thought, don't you think?

Cheers and God bless!

Meng Hui

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