

Essay from the bold Pastor

#191 - 3D Technology Creates Affordable Prosthesis -

I suddenly heard good news the other day in my neighborhood, Lakewood near Los Angeles. A NPO group donated a prosthetic arm to Faith, a seven years old girl who lost her left forearm in nine months after her birth, for an illness called “compartment syndrome” characterized by tissue damages due to increased intra-compartmental pressure within one of the body's compartments. She is extremely happy now with her new hand riding a bicycle and enjoying her life.

A prosthetic limb is usually quite pricy, might cost between \$6000 to \$40000, but 3D printer technology reduced the price up to \$50. The technology also reduced time for manufacturing a product to 24 hours. This technology to produce the prosthesis in significantly lower cost and shorter time, is good news particularly to young children still growing and require frequent replacements of artificial limbs.

The e-NABLE, a US based NPO created prosthetic hands for Faith this time had already donated 1000 prosthetic products to 700 families. The company also displayed design files of prosthesis in their web site with instructions to use 3D printers to create artificial hands. Jesus says,

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed.”

Luke 4:18: RSV

The literal meaning of a well-known English word “Gospel” means “bringing good news”. The act of “anointing” or “pouring oil” indicates that Jesus is Christ or Messiah King. Many may think “believing in God” automatically means some peculiar activity by those who belong to a certain religious organization. Nevertheless, it actually means to be fully immersed with the grace of our creator God who love us unconditionally. By doing this, we can regain joy in all circumstances. Just like e-NABLE’s information on prosthetic hands, the salvation message in the Bible is open to all human beings.

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