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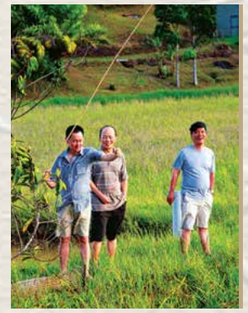
What happened to our MH370? We don't seem to have an idea. It is totally baffling and very tragic. Our hearts go out to the grieving families of the 12 crew members and the 227 passengers on board the plane.

The plane took off as scheduled from KLIA at 12:41am on Saturday, 8 March 2014, bound for Beijing Capital International Airport. It was to land in Beijing at 6:30am on the same day but it never made it. Air traffic controllers lost contact with the aircraft about an hour after take-off. Its last-known position was 120 nautical miles off the east coast of Kota Bharu. Flying in good weather conditions, MH370 disappeared without warning, without a distress signal, without a trace. Was it a technical problem? Was it an act of terrorism? Did someone in command go berserk? After lengthy search in the depth of the ocean floor, nothing has yet surfaced.

Our nation has been shaken by it, and calls for prayer have sounded forth from all quarters.

Malaysia has been experiencing years of blessings and have been spared of much troubles that have beset nations around us. However, recently, unfavourable events have taken a toll on our nation. Has the Lord's hand of favour been removed? Is the LORD releasing His judgment upon us? The church in Malaysia has to respond by bending our hearts in prayer and in repentance before the Almighty God that He may withhold judgment and rain His righteousness on us; that Malaysia will fulfil God's destiny for her.

As individual believers in Christ, let us all make it to the glorious destination that God intends for us. May we not drop out of His radar; may our spiritual life not malfunction; may the enemy not terrorise or hijack us; may our leaders stay strong and sound in the Lord.



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Bario A Blessed Trip

Enjoy this issue of VOH!

Let Us Make It,
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Pastor's Column

The Things That Make For Peace

By Khor Hoe Chai, Pastor

What will you find if you google "Malaysia in Crisis"? You will find the MH370 crisis, an unprecedented loss and tragedy! You will find issues on the crisis of Malaysia's democracy. Then there are critical matters on water, economy, security, religious extremism, increasing crimes and corruption. Malaysia is indeed in crisis! Why are all these problems hitting our shores all at the same time? Is God trying to wake-up the Christians of this beloved nation to repent of our sins and to return to Him so that "greater judgments" may be averted and He can pour out His blessings on us?

The Call for Solemn Assembly

Our national church leaders have realised the severity of the times we are in and have gathered together to seek the Lord, to ask Him to show us what is wrong and what He wants. And the Lord is faithful and merciful, for they have heard His call for His church to hold a Solemn Assembly all across the nation; to cry out to Him in repentance and for forgiveness of the sins we have committed. The purpose of the Solemn Assembly is to take hold of God's promise in 2 Chronicles 7:14.

If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

At the Klang Valley Pastors' Fellowship recently, a day prior to Good Friday, some 70 pastors gathered for a Solemn Assembly. I was asked to share the devotion for the Holy Communion. As I looked to the Lord for His Word for us I was led to the passage of Scripture on the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem in Luke 19:41-46. I believe the Lord wants us to know from this passage what His heart and will for us, His church, is.

41 Now as He drew near, He saw the city and ***wept over it,***
*42 saying, "****If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace!*** *But now they are hidden from your eyes.*
43 For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side,
44 and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, ***because you did not know the time of your visitation."***
45 Then He went into the temple and began to drive out those who bought and sold in it,
*46 saying to them, "It is written, '****My house is a house of prayer,' but you have made it a 'den of thieves.' "***

What is God saying to us, His people in Malaysia?

As Jesus saw Jerusalem (meaning City of Peace), the city that He so loved, He wept over it. Why?
He wept over it because:-

1. They were ignorant of the things that make for their peace.
2. Because of their ignorance and neglect, destructions were going to fall on it (this happened in AD70 when the Romans destroyed Jerusalem and levelled it to the ground as prophesied by Jesus)
3. They did not know the time of God's visitation (Jesus was right in their midst) which was to save them and bless them.

It grieves the heart of God when His city of peace is going to be destroyed. His heart is always to save not to destroy. In the same manner when Jesus looks at Malaysia, I believe that He is weeping over Malaysia because of the coming destruction over our land. He does not want to see destructions in Malaysia. He has provided forgiveness for us in the death and sacrifice of Himself on the cross. However, if we do not repent, if we do not confess our sins and forsake them, if the church does not intercede, destructions will have to come. The worse is yet to come if we, the church do not turn back to Him with all our hearts!

Why were they ignorant of the things that make for their peace?

We, in Malaysia also need to answer the question, "Do we know the things that make for our peace and do we know the time of His visitation for our nation in this "Jubilee" for Malaysia?"

The word, peace that Jesus spoke of comes from the Greek word eirēnē, which has the meaning "to join" or to "be set at one". Sin has separated man from God. Sin brings death and every form of misery. But God loves us and has provided **atonement** for our sins through the sacrifice of Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Jesus took our sins, died for us and removed the barrier between man and God. He reconciled us back to God and made us one with Him, making us His children who can enjoy our relationship with Him, having His abundant blessings and everlasting life.

The Thayer definition of the word "peace" has some most telling meaning that speaks of our great need of peace in Malaysia. Peace means:-

- a state of national tranquillity
- exemption from the rage and havoc of war
- peace between individuals, i.e. harmony, concord
- security, safety, prosperity, felicity (high degree of happiness), (because peace and harmony make and keep things safe and prosperous)
- of the Messiah's peace
- the way that leads to peace (salvation)
- of Christianity, the tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation through Christ, and so fearing nothing from God and content with its earthly lot, of whatsoever sort that is
- the blessed state of devout and upright men after death

Don't you agree that Malaysia need the peace described above? I'm sure this is the desire, longing and dream of every "Anak Malaysia" and especially us who are "children of God". Jesus our Saviour, the Prince of Peace has provided peace for us that will bless us richly, individually and also nationally for now and forever. But are we experiencing and appropriating His peace?

How can we have His Peace?

The answer is found in what Jesus did after He wept over the city and went into it. He went into the temple of God and began to drive out those who bought and sold in it and said, "It is written, 'My house is a house of prayer,' but you have made it a 'den of thieves.'"

There was darkness in the land because the House of God has failed to be the light, and that's because they have failed to pray, to commune with God, to serve Him and honour Him. Jerusalem, the city of peace has become a dark city. It has become **like the world** and **not the light of the world.** The neglect of the church as the House of Prayer has caused the people of God to be in the dark, in ignorance. *Hosea 4:6 says, My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Is 5:13 says, Therefore my people have gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge. When in ignorance, we are easily deceived and come under bondage which leads to our destruction. Ignorance is indeed very costly and destructive. As the children of God we ought to have "all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (Col 2:3) in Christ but yet we can be "poor, naked and blind" (Rev 3:17).*

Why? Because of the neglect of the House of Prayer! Because of the neglect of our relationship with God! Through prayer we can have an intimate relationship with God and truly know Him and enjoy all of His blessings. Yet we, His church have grown lukewarm and in slumber. We have loved other things and put them above Him. We have left our first love for our Saviour and are in grave danger of losing our light. The ignorance and neglect of God's people of His House of Prayer in Jerusalem, led them to bondage and eventual destruction. With our nation in crisis, with possible looming dangers that can lead to our destruction, **we, the church must rise to the call to prayer in humility and unity, with great fervency and zeal.** We must heed the call from Joel 2:12-14 *"Now, therefore," says the LORD, "Turn to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning." So rend your heart, and not your garments; return to the LORD your God, For He is gracious and merciful, Slow to anger, and of great kindness; And He relents from doing harm. Who knows if He will turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind Him.*

What will happen when the Church becomes the House of Prayer as God intended?

When the Priesthood in the Old Testament fulfilled their duties faithfully to minister before the Lord, the Lord would manifest His Glory and send fire from heaven to consume the sacrifices. The whole nation would then be blessed and the Lord would be with them in a very special way; like being with them in the form of the Pillar of Cloud by day and the Pillar of Fire by night throughout their journey.
They had His Presence, His Peace, His Protection, His Provision, His Power and His Prosperity. They enjoyed all the benefits of His Reign over them.

O How we yearn for this! O Let us make this yearning a reality by humbling ourselves before Him in prayer in humility and unity. Let each one of us individually make a decisive determined commitment to pray.

Let us, as his Royal Priesthood, pray, seek His face and turn from our wicked ways!
Zec 8:21 …." Let us continue to go and pray before the LORD, And seek the LORD of hosts. I myself will go also."

Lord, our beloved nation Malaysia is in crisis! Your church revived, is the only hope for Malaysia. Lord, hear our cry for revival. Send revival to Your church and let it begin in me, in my family, in my church and let it spread like wild fire all across the nation and into the world! Amen!



Prayer Wave

Solemn Assembly @ HGC

By Ruth Lew

"Consecrate a fast, call a sacred assembly; gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land into the house of the Lord your God, and cry out to the Lord"
Joel 1:14

In line with the call of God in Joel 1:14, church leaders all over our nation felt led to call churches to organize solemn assemblies of fasting and prayer to repent of the sins of the church and the nation. Our church heeded the call and decided to hold her solemn assembly on 19 April 2014, the Saturday before Easter, with both the English and Chinese congregation members. It was wonderful to see 200 over people gathered in the first sanctuary for a time of repentance for ourselves, church and nation.

The meeting started with a wonderful time of praise and worship. Ps Khor then took time to share on "why solemn assembly."

Due to the many prophecies received for our nation from prayer leaders of other nations, the leaders of the churches in Malaysia decided that, we would want to hear from God ourselves.

A solemn assembly of this nature was called as many realized that Malaysia is in crisis. There is a looming judgment on our land. With MH370, water rationing, serious political, economic and social problems the church has to take up the promise given to her in 2 Chron 7:14. The promise in this verse is given only to God's people. In humbling ourselves to seek the Lord, we will be able to see His face and turn from our wicked ways. To seek God's face is to seek closeness and intimacy with the Lord.

As it was the day before Easter, we also took time to meditate on Luke 19:41-48 before we partook of the Holy Communion.







Whilst still in the atmosphere of solemnity and sincerity before the Lord, different prayer leaders then took turns to lead in prayers for individual repentance, families, church and nation. We prayed much in the Spirit to break up the fallow ground of our hearts and ask God to give us back our first love. Many responded to the call to rebuild our personal altars. Many were kneeling in the awesome presence of the Lord. During this time of prayer, two young men stood up to pray and repent on behalf of the youth in our church in both English and Chinese.

During the prayer for families, different prayer leaders stood in front to repent of the failures of fathers and mothers. It was a touching time to hear the prayers uttered from hearts that were open and humble before the Lord.

We then moved on to praying for the church in the following areas – hardness of heart, prayerlessness (broken altars), complacency and indifference and the lack of love for the Lord.

We broke into small groups to pray for our church. The prayer leader prayed for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and for yielded hearts. She also prayed for our church to be like the five wise virgins having our lamps always aflame with prayers ignited by the Holy Spirit! Indeed the Lord Jesus Christ is coming back for a pure and holy Bride! Finally, we prayed for the nation interceding against corruption, racial prejudices and injustice.

At the end of the service we were shown a few pictures that spoke a thousand words – a dam that had very low water level symbolizing the condition of our spirit man without prayer; a river of filth and dirt symbolizing the condition of our heart polluted with life's sin and garbage; and a waterfall overflowing with white, clean waters symbolizing the condition of our spirit man that has been cleansed and renewed by the Spirit of God.

It was truly an AWESOME TIME. **There was such a unity in the Spirit as we prayed together as ONE BODY both the Chinese and English church together.** May we have more and more of such prayer sessions to come!

For more reports on our prayer meetings and prophecies received for the church, do access www.hgcprayer.blogspot.com





Together We Have It All

By Calvin Lim

Although, we are focusing a lot on the Next Generation, you, Adults, need not feel left out because each one of you play an important role in the growth of every single young person. I found out two truths: 1) You, Adults, won't be here forever. Hence, you need to pass on and train up someone who will take your place.
2) We, the Young Generation, need to humble ourselves to tap into the resources and wisdom that the Adults have. That Chinese saying, about them eating more salt than we've ever eaten rice in our entire life, is true. You can't buy experience.

To the older Generation in this church, I want to say this! We can only achieve and produce a new level of effectiveness because you have created a safe, loving, forgiving and affirming atmosphere that allows us to try and spread our wings. Under your care, even when we fail, we feel your encouragement. Or when we have self-doubts, you tell us we can trust God. When we are fearful, you walk beside us. We thank you that you are teaching us to activate our individual gifts and talents for kingdom purpose - to store up treasures in heaven. Reminding us that there's no room for competition or comparison but to grow confidently in our conviction, that individually we do not have it altogether but together we have it all.

There's a partnership of discipleship all across the Bible. Joshua needed his Moses. Elisha wouldn't have his double anointing without Elijah. Esther wouldn't have made it alive without Mordecai. Timothy couldn't have made it without Paul. And if I can humbly say… there will be no Calvin without Ps Khor. Seriously, if there were an absence of the Older Generation, it would lead to the ineffectiveness of the Younger Generation. We see chaos at home when the father or mother figure is missing. We must not let that happen in the spiritual house of God, where the young cannot find spiritual mothers or fathers.

Just toward the end of last year, I organized a time which put the Young Adults and the Adults together for a time of sharing and connecting. The response was fantastic. In an instant, they created WhatsApp chat, talking about future meeting and so on. The bottom line is … we are so thankful to you Adults for seeing it as a mandate to connect and disciple the Next Gen. I believe we are not going to stop here. We have just begun. Let us take up the challenge and the call to build our togetherness. We all agree to the biblical promise that "one will put a thousand to flight, two – ten thousand. As a church of 400 strong, you can simply imagine what we can do.

As we move toward the next ten years, let us all under God's leading, inspire each other to dream big. Excite each other to keep growing in God's gifting; never to plateau, but to cross over to a new frontier.



Let's Learn How To Drive

By Jane Oo

I want to praise God for what He has done in my life. Matt 6:33 is a verse that's really true in my life.

I've been in HGC for the past 16 years. So I practically grew up in the church since my teenage years. I'm really glad that the church's theme this year is "Discipling the next Generation". Why? Because it involves me – the next generation. 20 years ago the church was started from a small group of people and as we can see it now, it has grown. So what about the next 10 – 20 years? What do I, as the next generation want to see? Do I want to see the church remain status quo? (same old people doing the same old thing, same faces, same building.. .etc) Or do I want to see a bigger church? Not only in numbers, but spiritual growth as well! More awesome worshippers that bring heaven on earth, prayer warriors that move mountains, YOUTH KENG KENG KENG! Missionaries all over the world. More community works, more teachers of the Word! And more pastors? Advancing God's kingdom glory! We want to build a better tomorrow right? Let us envision what it will be like in the next 10 – 20 years. Elisha has double portion of Elijah's anointing! (2 Kings 2:9-10) Are we asking for the double portion of anointing? Solomon asked for wisdom.

Where do we see ourselves right now? Are we still taking the back seat in God's kingdom? It's time for us to move up to the seat beside the driver and learn how to drive! The time will soon come and we'll have to take over to drive! So, are we ready? It's really a big vision… there's really a lot of catching up to do. There's a need for spiritual growth in the young generation now. Growing takes time and patience, and it's not instant as what my generation, the Y generation are used to. This is a weakness in my generation. Everything is fast and we want instant results. We want short cuts in everything. We are more comfortable socializing on the net rather than face to face. Asking an adult to guide us or teach us something, for example the Bible, really takes a lot of humility. Are we humble enough? Can we put aside our pride? Let us humble ourselves and value experiences from the older generation. Let us as Christians learn how to prioritize our time for God, especially in having our quiet time. Don't put God the last in our schedule. Are we ready to rise up; to take the challenge in advancing God's kingdom? Are we taking ownership of this Church?

I have a friend. We grew up practically together since primary school. She followed us to Christian fellowship (CF) and eventually accepted Christ as her Saviour at the age of 14. However, the challenges came when she told her parents. They disapproved and threatened to disown her. She was not allowed to go to church nor CF anymore. The only thing she had left was her Bible and she's really diligent in searching the truth. Her desire for Christ really put me to shame at that time. I have the privilege to go to church, to worship, and I also have a seldom-read through Bible… more than one in fact.

It really taught me to value my faith. People tend to value something more, when we made the choice for it. And it's the same with our salvation. Even though I was brought up in a Christian family, I would say that my spiritual growth started when I was 14 years old. I realize that even though my family members are Christians, that doesn't make me a Christian automatically. We as young people must remember that it's our choice and we made the choice to follow Christ and now we have to make it grow. Christianity is not just a cool thing (Awesome worship, dance etc) or the more practical religion to embrace. Let us desire in our hearts that we want to take responsibility to grow spiritually.

Some of us are so health conscious or body conscious that we are hitting the gym, doing all sorts of exercise to look good. We can sacrifice so much for physical exercise. What about Spiritual exercise?

Let us number our days and press on to make our faith work for greater glory.

Being Like Joshua

By Jonathan Liew



I have come to the realisation that I would grow older and I want as a youth of this church to grow as a leader. It takes training, equipping and learning to be a leader. Just like Joshua, we could see from his life that he wasn't a leader from the beginning. All he wanted to do was to serve Moses, yet God chose him. We can learn a few lessons from the life of Joshua.

1. Obey our elders just as Joshua listened to and acted on Moses' instructions.

2. Fight for the Lord. Joshua fought courageously against the enemies of Israel. We need to fight against the enemy and overcome our daily challenges in life.

3. Have a listening ear to what the older generation have to say to the younger generation. Listen to the advice and counsel of our elders and leaders.

4. Help and serve the older generation like the way Joshua served Moses.

5. Be a good follower or a good disciple of Christ.

6. Be full of faith. Joshua was not afraid to fight the Amalekites for he knew God was with him.

7. Depend on the Holy Spirit in whatever we do. Joshua had the Spirit of the Lord upon him.

8. Follow the Lord fully.

9. Come humbly to the older generation and ask for prayer. Num 27:18-19 tells us, So the LORD said to Moses, "Take Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the Spirit, and lay your hand on him; and have him stand before Eleazar the priest and before all the congregation, and commission him in their sight.…

10. Be encouraged and strengthened by the older generation.

HGC 20th Anniversary Sharing



Allow Us To Serve and Make Mistakes

By Patrick Chong

HGC 20th Anniversary Sharing

We, youth, are a generation who really want to listen and obey. We like to be in pursuit of something, but we won't follow something randomly. Before we listen and obey, we must first be convinced that it is worth following. We usually like to hang out with our friends because they face the same problems as we do. We feel that they understand us better; we receive recognition from them and that's the reason why we feel that they are worth following. We are interested in football, computer games, TV shows, Facebook and shopping because we feel that they are worth following.

Well, adults may ask, "I've brought up my child, I gave them food, money and place to stay, aren't I worth following?" In my opinion, the answer is yes and no. Yes, we receive material needs from you and we also know that you love us. We see the adults very enthusiastic in church, you would smile and happily interact and chit-chat with other church members. However, things become different when we are out of church. Adults who behave differently at home and in church are not real. As such whatever good things adults do in church will not influence us. We, youth, are not blind, we are not deaf and we definitely don't live on the moon. We are living in your houses and around you here and now. We look at how you face daily problems and challenges, at how worthwhile it is to follow you.

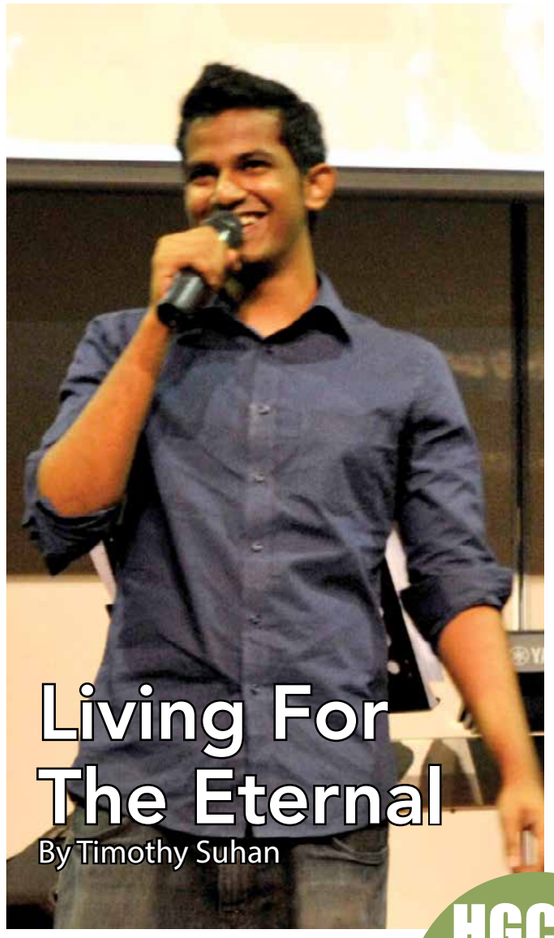
Jesus' disciples were not with Him only when he was serving and preaching. They were with him every day, eating and staying with him, looking at how He lived His days. Jesus' life convinced His disciples that He is someone worth following. We want the older generation to imitate Jesus by turning their lives into examples that are worth following.

Of course, the new generation cannot be discipled solely based on the older generation being good role models. We need the older generation to be by our side to lead us and to give us opportunities. Although our mindsets may differ, it doesn't mean that everything that we do is wrong. We don't want you all to treat us like kids. We don't want you to look down on our comments and feedback. We need an older generation who would pick us up when we fail and coach us back to the right track. We need your confirmation and recognition. The older generation may be stingy with praise because you feel that if we are given too much recognition, we would be proud and won't listen to you. You don't want to pass on responsibilities to us because you're worried that we won't be able to do it up to your expectation. The fact is; we don't necessarily want to do it exactly like how you've been doing it. The new generation is an innovative generation, full of new ideas, and we would like to try out new methods here in church. A friend once told me, "If you keep doing something that you feel that you're excelling in for a long time, you're actually depriving someone's chance to learn."

The new generation needs to be given chances. It is true that at times we might be wrong, but besides God, who else don't make mistakes? Peter, one of Jesus' closest disciples, committed a mistake. In Luke 22:55-62, Peter denied Jesus three times when Jesus was a prisoner. That's a huge mistake. Could it be that Jesus chose a wrong disciple? No, Jesus still gave Peter a second chance; and later on Peter became a strong leader in the early church.

While in the secondary school, I attended the Christian Fellowship (CF). I still remember an incident when I was in Form One. One of the Form 5 students came over and asked me to play the Cajon, a drum-like instrument. Of course, I made a mess out of it then. Nevertheless, the Form 5 student made me feel that I was part of the CF. Five years down the road I became one of the leaders of the CF. Being the final year for many of us, it was time for us to hand down to the next team of students. We received news that various CFs around Malaysia are closing down due to the failure of the previous committee to disciple the next generation. And to prevent this from happening in our school, a few of us kept giving chances to our juniors to participate and serve in the various ministries. It's not a problem that it takes up a lot of time and effort; and it's not a problem if they make some mistakes. Most importantly is that they have a heart to learn. I'm glad to say today that the passing on was successful and the new CF committee is working well.

In conclusion, I would like to reaffirm that we, the new generation, need the previous generation to be good role models that are worth following and we also need you to give us chances to serve God together.



Living For The Eternal

By Timothy Suhan

HGC 20th Anniversary Sharing

These days we live in a society that is instant in nature. The younger generation today, known as the Gen-Y (applying to individuals born after 1982) are so used to getting the things we want and need almost instantly.

This applies even to me.

It is a common thing that we as modern Christians go to God only when faced with difficult situations, where there is no earthly solution. Much like how we use our hand phones or other of our possessions. God, to us, is just another gadget.

This instant mentality places an importance on material possessions. Young people today are so fascinated with the latest technology, gadgets and cars. And to a certain extent this includes me.

See, as a young man, being driven, I have always told myself that I was going to be rich. I was "gonna" go out there, work hard and make a name for myself. I took up law and I was determined to be a really good lawyer, be the best at what I do. I wanted to be famous; I wanted people to remember my name. Pride and recognition was an important thing to me. I wanted to be a millionaire. I wanted it fast.

But something changed, when God touched me through some Bible verses. I realize then, that all the money, all the titles, all the intelligence and all the recognition didn't really matter. I realized that life and the success contained within it are measured by God.

So every night, as I meditated and thought about all that Jesus had said, I realized that there was ONE FUNDAMENTAL TRUTH to what Jesus was trying to get at!

Jesus was talking about OUR ETERNAL PURPOSE!

God is the yardstick by which our lives are measured. Not what we or other people deem successful. Possessions and all these material things are the result of us caring about what other people think of us. WHY ARENT WE CARING ABOUT WHAT GOD THINK OF US? IT WILL LAST FOREVER.

God measures things throughout eternity .He looks at the significance of our deeds in a different way. God looks at what we can do for others, when others can do nothing for us.

I'm not saying that money isn't important. Money and wealth are important tools to help bring change to our society. Remember the Good Samaritan? He was rich! He paid for the injured man's stay and the cost to bind up all his wounds.

But the real important question is this, DO YOUR POSSESSIONS POSSESS YOU? Because if it is, then it is IDOLATRY!

Jesus said in Matthew 6:19-21

Do not lay for yourselves treasure upon earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves can break in and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven where no rust and moth and thieves can touch or destroy. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also!

He goes on to say in verse 24:

You cannot serve two masters, for you will hate the one and love the other! Either MAMMON OR GOD.
My brothers and sisters where is our hearts today? Is it in our fixed deposits and our possessions? Is it in our careers or our education? Or our children and relationships?

We can be the best at what we do, but like a Mercedes or a Ferari without a driver, SO IS OUR LIFE WITHOUT GOD.
Let us learn from the words of Jesus, to be like the Good Samaritan that used all his worldly possessions to gain heavenly treasure! Heavenly treasure that will never be stolen or destroyed!



Our Race Is Still On

By Zachary Yong

Life is unpredictable.

My dad just passed away recently. He was 58. There were no warnings. There were no imminent signs. In the afternoon, I saw him alive and well, busy tending his garden. By nightfall he was gone. It was so sudden. It was shocking. It was really difficult to accept. It was way sooner than expected.
I kept asking God. Why now? Why so soon? What's your plan in all this? I really thought he could have at least a few more good years serving God.

My dad's passing was a challenge. And we know that when life's challenges come, there's plenty of stress and pressure. Hudson Taylor once wrote, "It does not matter how great the pressure is. What really matters is where the pressure lies -- whether it comes between you and God, or whether it presses you nearer His heart."

But despite the uncertainties, the questions, I choose to keep trusting in God. I choose to use this pressure to draw closer to God. Because I know that He has a different perfect. His thoughts are not my thoughts, neither are His ways my ways (Isaiah 55:8). Our plans and desires may be good and spiritual but God's plan may be very different from ours.
My dad's passing was unpredictable. Life is unpredictable. We may have visions, we may have prophecies, but sometimes we don't or sometimes we're not ready. But what we know is that God remains the same. Our God has a much greater plan. And we know He loves us.

My dad's time was up. His race was over. God has called him up. But for the rest of us who are still in this race, my generation and even this church, my hope is that we develop a heart for God. We won't have to worry about the future, whether it's bright or bleak, whether we are gathering in a mega-church or cave, whether we are worshiping in an empty or packed hall, whether we have religious freedom or persecution. We know God is on our side.

"My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever." (Psalm 73:26)



LG News

Trusting In The Lord

by Rennie Chin

"Those who know Your name trust in You, for You Lord, have never forsaken those who seek You." Psalm 9:10

The idea of going to Bario, the land where God had sent a mighty revival in the 1980's, was conceived during our LG's birthday celebration in August 2013. Thereafter there were much preparation and planning going into the trip. The trip was scheduled to be in March 2014; and as the day drew near there was much excitement and eagerness in each and every LG (Life Group) member.

Two weeks before the departure, in our LG meeting, we prayed against any hindrance that would prevent us from making the trip. At the back of my mind, I knew that if there were urgent office matters, I might have to forego the trip. I thought to myself, "No way that would happen as God has gone before me to clear the path. If God wants me to be there, nothing is going to stop me from going. "

One week before the trip, I was told that I was required to attend a management meeting on the departure day. I whatsapp the LG members to pray that nothing would stop me from going. Deep in me I trusted God that I would be in Bario. Two days before the trip, I checked with my boss whether he really wanted me to attend the meeting since I had taken leave. He looked at me and said, "You are on leave that day? Where are you going?" So I told him "I'm all booked for Bario, Sarawak for 5 days." "Where is Bario," he asked. I answered, "In the interior." He looked at me, paused for a minute or two and then said, "OK, enjoy your trip." When I was back to my room the hymn "Trust and obey, for there is no other way" started playing in my mind.

Then on the day before the departure, I was asked to look into an urgent task that needed to be done by Monday. This task required the co-operation of other departments, the auditors and the shareholder's nominee. It had to be resolved or the subsidiary would be disqualified from tendering for a project. When I heard of the urgency, I said to myself, "Wow, the devil hasn't given up yet, still trying to stop me from going." Thank God that by three in the afternoon my part for the urgent task was completed just leaving the shareholder's nominee portion which the Secretarial department had to deal with. However, if this did not fall through, I would be the one to be blamed for not seeing to its completion. While working, the hymn "Trust and obey" kept playing in my mind. Before leaving, I told my colleague to call me if there were any issues.

Praise God that on the departure day, there was peace in me knowing God would see to it that the other 10% would be completed. I did not receive any calls from my colleague while in Bario and later got to know there were some delay but manageable.

"Commit your future to the Lord. Trust in him, and he will act on your behalf." Psalm 37:5 (NET)
When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word,
What a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will, He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.



LG News

I Was Convicted

by Karen Chin

Bario! Bario! What a blessing !

I came back from Bario with a convicted heart.

While in Bario, a lady intercessor filled with the Holy Spirit prophesied a lot. What I could remember was the Lord saying, 'Aku benci' (I hate) ungodly behaviour, sin, anything that is not pleasing in my sight, but I'm a loving God, I'm gracious and compassionate to all I have made.
I believed that these words are for all of us.

Ever since we came back from Bario, sermon after sermon was about repentance. Even the DG (Discipleship Group), discussed on the whole book of Jude reminding us Christians about ungodliness creeping into the Church unnoticed. Jude 1:16 – "These are grumblers, complainers, walking according to their own lusts, and they mouth great swelling words, flattering people to gain advantage." I believe these are happening in this worldly world. Therefore Jude1:20-21 says, "But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

There was also the sermon from Bro Nelson. He told us that our nation is shaking – problem after problem are rising, crisis after crisis and there is clearly a looming judgment over our nation for our sins. God hates sin and must judge sin.



Therefore Church, arise to pray. The LORD tells us in 2 Chron:

7:14, "If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

And now, even as I am writing this testimony, the church leaders in our national are calling for Solemn Assemblies.

LG News

A Blessed Trip

by Bro Danny Here

It all started with just a normal outing trip (more like a holiday trip) for the Sentul Life Group (LG) members. We started budgeting for our flight cost, food and lodging but God had other plans. God blessed us with additional funds and it came from our LG members who could not go and also from friends whom HGC has no acquaintance with. All in, we collected RM3,500 and we used it to bless two churches in Bario, six pastors, a church building fund, a women organization, a youth group and last but not least we blessed the poor with it.

In Bario (6-10 March 2014), while we were praying 5 hours on one of the prayer mountains, a Bario prayer warrior proclaimed that she had a vision. In that vision God gave three gifts to the LG members. The first was a WALKING STICK; the second was a SWORD and the third a BALL OF FIRE in our hands – the walking stick to travel afar spreading the gospel and to aid us in overcoming "mountains"; the sword which is the Word of God to be planted in our hearts and the ball of fire to set ablaze people's hearts for God. Hallelujah! May these words cause your heart to be excited and proclaim aloud that He is Lord.

In Bario, every LG member shared their testimony (some for the first time) with the locals during their church service. The testimonies delivered were powerful, heart moving and even tear jerking. Indeed God was with them and every word that came from their mouth was inspired by the Holy Spirit. We believe that these testimonies have touched and blessed the life of the Bario people.

Much, much more blessings were poured upon us. This trip has strengthened the LG members spiritually and has brought us closer to one another. We now pray with renewed vigour. Our hearts are filled with thanksgiving. Our eyes were opened to see God in His beautiful creation. With the three gifts that God has given.....LG Sentul is on fire for the Lord.


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Hiking up Bario Prayer Mountain

by Lee Soon Nyen

We left our Ngitmat Ayu Homestay at 8.30am in a FWD to hike up the prayer mountain where many had witnessed God's manifestation of signs and wonders. At the foothill we were greeted by Ps Mawat Bala (our guide), with two other Penan lady guides. After a short prayer led by the pastor, we proceeded to climb up the mountain.

The pathway towards the mountain was good; however the terrain began to get steeper as we moved along. After climbing for about 20 minutes, I felt my stomach churning and had the urgent need to ease myself but could not find a suitable place. As we moved on, my need to ease was getting stronger. Praise the Lord, in an emergency like this, He provided me with a little flat corner where I can ease myself and even an umbrella for me to shield myself. Thereafter, we continued our climb.

I was a stroke patient before and although recovered, my physical condition is still impaired. Twenty minutes into the journey, I began to feel weak and fatigue set in because of the steep terrain. I was panting and sweating profusely. My face was pale. I had to take a rest and Carol was fanning me. She advised me not to continue the journey and they will come back for me when they descent. All kinds of thoughts came into my mind, "What!!? Leave me alone in the jungle? What if wild animals get me first before they come down?" I asked God for help, it was not that I didn't trust Him to protect me from wild animals but I wanted to reach the summit of the mountain. I had come too far to give up and I would not forgive myself if I did not complete my climb. After a short rest, I continued the climb with the help of Bro Chin supporting me from behind and Bro Rennie guiding up front. Half an hour later we managed to arrive at a resting hut where the rest of the members had been waiting. We had some snacks and drank some water and then continued with our journey. What lied ahead was even more challenging, it was covered with thick undergrowth and the slopes were even steeper than before. I was told by Ps Mawat that it would take another 15 minutes to reach the top but it took me almost one hour.

After a gruesome struggle, I finally reached the top. The first thing I saw at the summit was the wooden Revival Cross, I was so happy and excited that I hugged and hung onto the cross. The scene on top of the mountain overlooking Bario was so spectacular, I was really glad and thanked God that I could make it to the top. We spent some time taking photographs and to admire the beautiful view of the villages and padi fields below. The afternoon sun was getting into us. Bro Nelson and Sis Karen led us in prayer and worship under the hot sun. In fact, all of us got sunburnt but that did not stop us. For more than half an hour we prayed and worshipped our awesome God.

Going down the mountain wasn't easy too. At times I had to slide down on my back clinging on to any branches that I could hold on to. My left leg was too weak and could no longer walk anymore. I could not feel my leg from my knee downward. Ps Mawat suggested that I cling onto his shoulder using him as my left leg. I really felt that God had sent angels to help me through this difficulty. When we finally reached the foothill, I saw a little boy running towards us holding several cans of coco-cola, which was what we wanted and was wishing for while on the way down. God works in a mysterious way.

This trip had enriched me greatly, all glory to God for His wonderful grace and help in making it possible for me to reach the top of Bario's much talked about prayer mountain. I wish to thank all Sentul LG members for giving me the care and encouragement during the entire trip.

LG News

Gods' Beautiful Creation

by Chai Su Boon



One of the highlights of the trip was to climb up the prayer mountain. Unfortunately, I did not go because of the condition of my legs but I discovered the natural beauty of Bario. The homestay which we were staying overlooked padi fields, two fishing ponds, green mountains and thick white clouds. The sight was very scenic and I stood there enjoying the sight while the cool breeze embraced me. It was so quiet, one could hear birds chirping, the sound of insects and the gentle blow of the wind. Back in Kuala Lumpur when I look out, it is hazy and it smells of smoke but in Bario, the air is fresh and misty.

The beauty of nature reminded me of our group devotion on God's creation in Genesis. The Almighty God has created the heavens and the earth. Our God is so great! He created everything so that we can enjoy them. We humans sometimes fail to notice all these things because we are so busy with our lives. With the environment of Bario so tranquil, serene and peaceful, it is the best place to seek God and to rediscover the wonders of His creation. When you see the trees and mountains, can you see God?





Apologetics Youth Camp

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By Abigail Cheong

This was by far the most informative camp I have ever been to. It was also quite different from the normal Youth Camps. I have definitely learned a lot from this camp which was held in the Malaysian Bible Seminary in Rawang from 27–30 May 2014.

We had a great time of fellowship and fun throughout the whole camp. There were many facilities in the MBS Recreation and Training Centre such as an indoor basketball court, badminton court and a big swimming pool. We had a big workout. The view there was spectacular too.



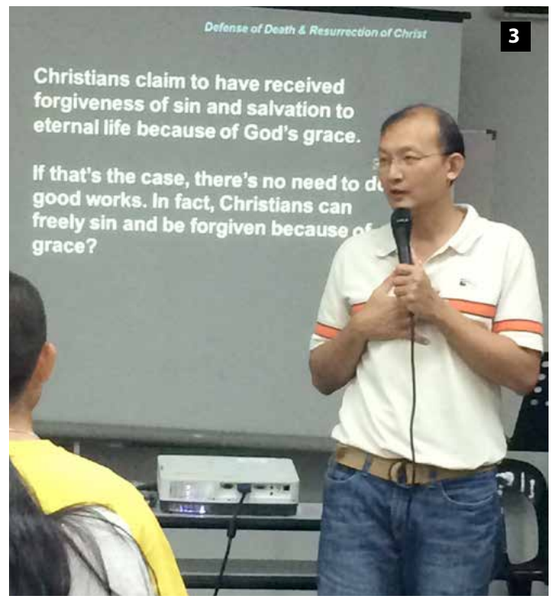
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But most of the time, we were learning how to defend our faith. Bro Danny really opened our eyes to help us understand what Apologetics is. The first area he dealt with was proving that the Bible is the Word of God. There are 24000 manuscripts in existence today and they are all consistent. The Bible was given by direct revelation and divine inspiration from the Holy Spirit (2 Tim 3:16). There are altogether 60 prophecies about Jesus and the chance for all of them to be fulfilled is very, very slim. But all of them were fulfilled in Jesus except His second coming. The last proof is the short time period between event and record. The Gospels were written in less than a hundred years, so the eye witnesses were able to check whether what was written was true or false.

Besides that, we also learnt about the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We, believers, are united with Jesus, and therefore, we have overcome the power of sin, death and Satan. We are no longer under the dominion of sin. We have eternal life and only we can say 'mati itu untung' (to die is gain). We are more than conquerors in Jesus who has already given us the victory. Next, we looked at how to prove that Jesus is divine. It is by His resurrection from the dead, His fulfillment of prophecy, His deeds and His sinless life. There were other areas that Danny taught us.

We were also taught the best way to answer when questioned about Christianity. It is to question back.

Photos
1 Games time was fun and hilarious
2 Count us in to live for Christ
3 Bro Danny made the apologetic lessons most interesting.



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YA On Sibu Mission!

26-28 April 2014 by Jane Oo



"Sibuuuuu…." is one of the Facebook post from a member after the trip. Truly, it has impacted and blessed us. The eight of us accepted the challenged to go as we felt that we have been too comfortable in our comfort zone. Not knowing what is before us, we did our best preparing games, worship and teaching materials. Once we stepped into the first long house, we were overwhelmed with what's in stored for us. Nonetheless, every journey to each long house has been a wonderful experience. We experienced different culture, different language, lifestyles, and yet we believe in the one same Almighty God! The love of God knows no bounds. Praise God for the work of God among the Ibans in Sibu. More and more long houses are coming to the Lord and there is great hunger in growing deeper in the Lord. We hope to see Malaysian believers rising up in unity, building God's kingdom glory!

Here are some of the experiences…

Chin Loo Yee:
I'm so thankful that I have this opportunity to go to Sibu – stepping out from my comfort zone, reaching out to the people there, experiencing a lifestyle that I would never have in KL. I really love the people there. They are extremely friendly and loving people.

I'm very encouraged by the two girls who brought us from long houses to long houses, arranging everything for us since Pastor Shin was not around, and being our translator. They are just teenagers. In fact one of them was going to sit for her exams right after we leave, and also sitting for her SPM this year. Yet, she chose to put God first. Their heart for God is amazing and reminds me of 1 Timothy 4:12, 'Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young.'
Thank you Jesus for guiding us all the way and thank you all HGCians who kept us in prayer! God Bless!

See Shae Lyn:
This is my first mission trip and it has been truly an eye opener. I always had the impression that mission trips are like heading towards a battlefield with only a Bible. It will be grueling and challenging. And I was right. This trip not only challenged me physically but it also challenged my beliefs and faith in the Lord. As a new Christian, I have a lot to learn about the Kingdom of God and His Word. When I said, "Yes Lord, I will go for this mission trip," I knew I had a lot of studying to do. But praise the Lord, He guided me well. I could feel His presence every time I have the chance to speak of Him to the people. I could feel His presence lifting up my tired face to smile broadly whenever I enter a new "rumah panjang" and His energy flowing through me as I dance and sing to worship Him. I felt extremely joyful just to be able to worship and pray for the people there. It has been truly amazing. At the same time, I met a few young girls who dedicated their lives to serving the Lord. Their fire for the Lord is really admirable and it made me see how the Lord uses His people. And I pray to Him that He will use me more for His Kingdom's glory. This trip opened my eyes to how God reaches out to His people, including me.

Ignatius Tien:
It's my third trip and yet the experience that God allowed me to experience each time is so different and great! I'm also glad that because the older and more experienced adults weren't present, we were able to step into the leading roles in the mission trip.



Photos :
1 Touching a young life for Jesus.
2 Ibans enjoying the ministry
3 Ministry time
4 The YA team
5 YA engaging with the Ibans
6 Children too participated
7 Night meetings in a long house











Mission Talk

Bracing for Gerachi 2016

By Chan Tham Seng

SUNGAI Selangor dam was badly hit during the country's prolonged dry spell recently. Several times after our Kampong Gerachi ministry, we stopped by the dam which was struggling with 37 per cent of water. There we prayed for rain to fall on its catchment area that feeds the reservoir. We believe God is in control and that the future of the dam is assured as a major provider of drinking water for Selangor and Kuala Lumpur (water level returned to more than 50 per cent by early June).

Likewise, we believe the future of the indigenous people in Kg Gerachi is good because God's grace and favour is upon them. One of the things we are doing with the Gerachi believers today is readying resources to build a multi-purpose house in this hill-top village in the Kuala Kubu Baru (KKB) district.


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Planting a church, or call it by other politically-correct names, has always been on our mind. Back in our 2007 mission convention, we had a church planting seminar entitled "Enlarge, Stretch, Lengthen, Strengthen and Expand" (conducted by Pastor David Goh). In 2012, we followed up by another seminar called "Extending God's Kingdom by Church Planting" (Ps Jeremiah Yap and Ps Michael Liau). If the plan goes well, our first church will come up in Kg Gerachi before the end of 2016. Praise the Lord!

In KKB, we have seen how God has in the past blessed the local people. One media report talks about a 1926 disaster involving the breaching of a hill-top mining pool during a heavy rain. The pool water, bearing sand, mud and stones rushed down and flooded the town, then known as Kuala Kubu, for seven days. No one died though all houses were reportedly destroyed. Kuala Kubu was abandoned and replaced by Kuala Kubu Baru nearby. Today, a suburb named Ampang Pecah or "Broken Dam" reminds people of this 90-year-old story of God's grace upon the KKB people. Another story of God's goodness took place in early 2002 with the construction of Sungai Selangor dam (see VOH Jan-Mar 2013). The rock-filled dam project involved flooding 600 hectares of Sungai Selangor river valley occupied by the Temuan indigenes in two villages, namely, Pertak and Gerachi. The dam project resulted in their resettlement with a decent compensation. In this regard, God raised an asli mother Mak Minah to fight for the interest of the Temuans displaced by the dam project. A gifted singer of tribal songs, Mak Minah went about publicizing the plight of the indigenes.


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For resettlement, the Gerachi folks moved uphill above the dam while the Pertak villagers resettled in another part near the dam. If the displacement had meant their permanent loss of ancestral land and lifestyle, the Temuans are now living in the relative comfort of modern brick houses, equipped with piped water and electricity. In the two villages, the Temuans have some land for planting fruit trees and cash crops. Without being over romantic about aboriginal life, we can appreciate how God has turned the dam project into a blessing for this lesser reached aboriginal tribe in Peninsular Malaysia.

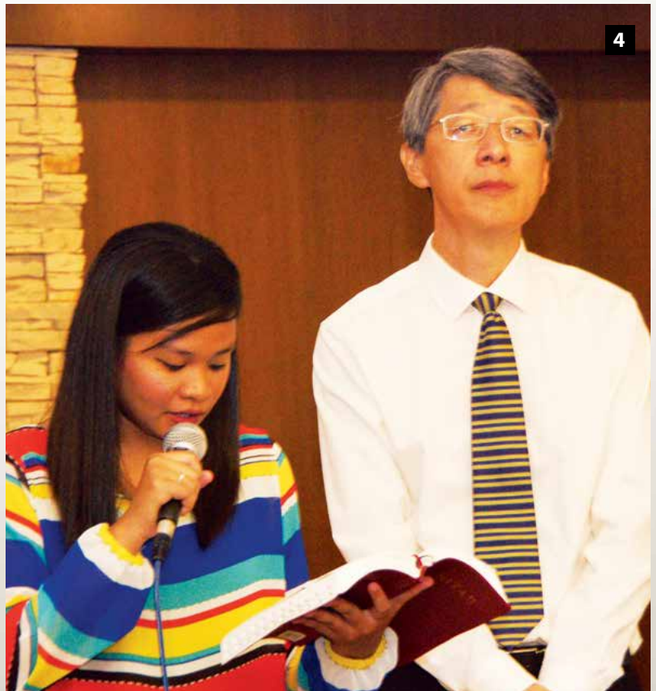
More blessings are on the way, we believe. In Kg Gerachi where we first started our ministry in August 2012, the number of adult believers is growing, albeit slowly. Children are responding well to our education program which helps them to cope with their school work. All this while, we are using the porch area of two adjoining houses of believers to conduct our education, Sunday school and adult worship activities.

As our ministries develop, we feel the need for more space, hence our plan to build a multi-purpose house in Kg Gerachi. On 8 June 2014, we launched our first fund-raising exercise for the building project with the participation of 21 Gerachi adults and children. The villagers, who had spent their previous night in Ampang, shared their testimonies and songs at two worship services.

The fund-raising exercise will continue till end-2015 after which we expect a more challenging time for our Gerachi brethren. We are aware of the controversy ahead given that certain government authorities are in the habit of encroaching upon religious freedom of individuals. The Federal Constitution of Malaysia guarantees religious freedom under Article 11 which says, among other things, "Every person has the right to profess and practice his religion" and that "Every religious group has the right to establish and maintain institutions for religious purposes." Indeed, all indigenous groups in Peninsular Malaysia were given legal protections against discrimination and suppression, as far back as in 1954 by the British colonial government.

Indigenous peoples were animists before their conversion to other religions. In Kg Gerachi, the few Muslim families enjoy the benefit of a surau and an ustaz. However, the Federal Constitution provides religious freedom to all Malaysians, including the few Christian families in Kg Gerachi, to practise their faith without interference from any quarter.


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Photos:

1 Helen with happy Gerachi children
2 Praying over Sekat's durian tree
3 The Gerachi team at their 1st meal in Ampang
4 Ika giving her testimony
5 Kat with her bible study group
6 Linda loves the Temuan kids
7 Food sale for Gerachi fund-raising
8 Pak Tim with Nelson at the service
9 Haizal sharing his testimony
10 A visit to KLCC on Saturday night
11 The Gerachi children presenting songs in Ampang
12 Gerachi believers worshipping in HGC
13 With prayer, Sekat's durian is growing well
14 The Gerachi team of 21 at Ampang church
15 KKB workers posing near Sungai Selangor Dam

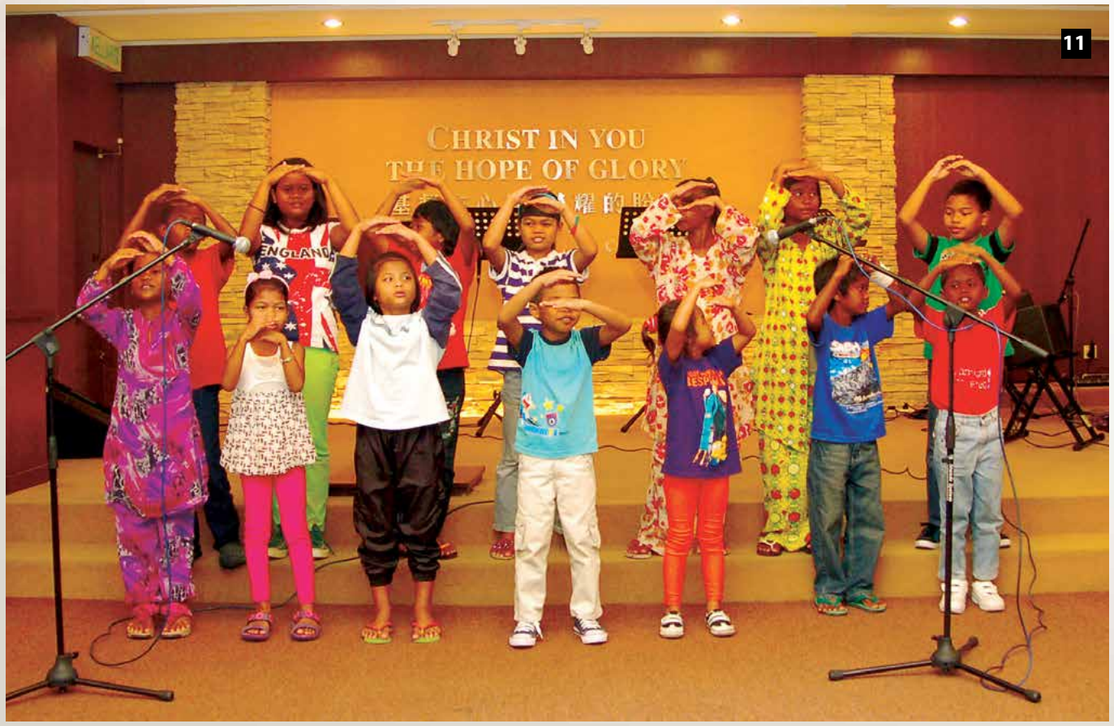

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As a church, we are giving the Gerachi believers our full backing in the building project. We want the indigenous believers to regard this project as theirs and that God has meant it to bring blessings to them and their descendants. It's therefore important that the Temuan believers realize this and are prepared to defend their constitutional rights whenever needed. To the Temuan believers and us as a church, bigger challenges will come in the run-up to 2016 when the construction of the Gerachi project begins.

The rain that has returned to our dams brought many sighs of relief. Not for too long, though. Climate scientists now tell us to brace for months of droughts known as La Nino. La Nino, caused by the periodic warming of Pacific Ocean waters, brings abnormal flood and droughts depending on which part of the equatorial Pacific we are located. People in Malaysia and Indonesia are likely to experience severe droughts, forest fires and haze.

As we continue in the Gerachi ministry, let's brace for more challenges ahead.


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Children Church Camp 14

By Josiah Lim

On the 27 to 29 March 2014, a group of around sixty children attended the Children Church (CC) Camp. It was a great experience for both the children and teachers/ helpers.

Through this camp, we learnt that Jesus is the centre of our lives and how we can keep him at the centre of our lives. The camp speaker was Ps Nicholas Choo, a well-known speaker in Singapore. He taught us that Jesus is the centre of our lives – our work, our play and even our friends.
On the second night, some of us had a sleepover in church. We had games and a "campfire". We got to know each other better and had great fun.

On the last day, the children's parents were invited to see their children perform songs and recite Scripture verses. There was also an opportunity for the children to share what they had learnt throughout the three days camp. Their testimonies were short but it covered all we had learned.

The camp was really fun for the CC team. We had fun helping the children and managing them. It was really a great camp. I hope that there would be another CC camp next year with as much fun as this one.
John 10:10 "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

Children's Testimonies

I really like this camp. I learnt 6 important things in life. I learnt two types of faith, about John 10:10 and also learnt how to make a straw photo frame. The game play dead is really fun! The lunch and tea break were very delicious! I imagined that when I go to heaven, I will see my grandmother in heaven who is happy to see me. I really want to know what heaven looks like. I imagine heaven's gates and Jesus standing there.
Lim Qing Qing

When I attended this camp, I was still not taking my relationship with God seriously. I learnt how to let Jesus into my heart and be the centre of my life. My relationship with God is good
Alicia

In the camp, I learned that Jesus is in our lives, every day, everywhere. I also learnt how to make a frame. It was very fun. I love Jesus.
Vanessa Victor

This camp inspired me so much. I had so much fun and it also taught me to be like God and to be like Christ. I want to praise God and worship Him with all my heart, with all my soul, strength and might. I learnt a lot of new songs. I also learnt art and craft. I also played games that were fun, I learnt to pray to God and I want to have faith in God. When I have a problem, I ask God for help. I wish to join this camp again.
Cherise

I like this camp very much. I learnt so many things from this camp. I learnt how to obey God and to have strong faith in God.
Simon

I want Jesus to be the centre of my life so I can be wise and make money so I can put lots of money in the offering. I want to be an engineer so I can give money to the poor.
Bryan







Photo:
1 Jesus is the centre of my life!
2 Writing down the answers
3 Ps Nicholas encouraging the children
4 Showing their finished work
5 2a Singing to Jesus





Messages of Appreciation to Parents
Love You Mum & Dad

Compiled by Lim Chin Nee



Dearest Mom,
I love you very much. You are a hardworking mother. You work very hard to pay my school fees. You always help Bryan and me to do our homework and house chores. You are also very kind. You always help us do the right things. You always encourage me to follow God's will.

Happy Mothers' Day!
Alicia Joy



We, the children of Mr & Mrs Foong are God's gift to them. But in reality, our parents are actually God's gift to us! We love you with all our heart. Mr & Mrs Foong, we are truly sorry for what we have done to hurt you.

We love you!
Melissa Foong



To My Dear Mother,
Mum, thank you for your love and care. Although you are a single mother, you take good care of me. Mum, I love you! You are the greatest Mother in the whole universe.

From your beloved daughter,
Natalie



This specially composed message is solely dedicated to the one and only most wonderful and ever-sacrificing queen of our hearts, Mummy.

There is so much to express of our profound gratitude towards your sacrificial, unceasing love that has been poured out to us. We know that your heart was, has been and will always be worrisomely burdened by the matters we've to face, so much so that you have been unceasingly praying for us. We lack nothing, for you have lavished us and ensured that we are doing well in every aspect of our life. Your love for us is beyond words. Your sacrifices for us are beyond measure. And your strength in interceding for us is unfailing. Though we may upset and cause you lots of heartaches at times, you never once thought of giving up on us. We could not ask for more, as having you as Mom suffice all. You pray for us every morning when we leave for work, forgive, cook stomach-warming meals, and share your experiences with us. You are a great gift to our hearts and a blessing through our journey in life. We love you Mama immensely!

Love,
Mei Yee, Melody & Kevin



Thank you Mum and Dad for all the sacrifices you have made. It is because of this that we are the people we are today. Thank you for helping us in our times of need. We know that we always talk back a lot, but we still love you. No one can ever replace you.

We love you!
Hannah, Rebekah, Jeremiah



Dearest Mum & Dad,
Thank you for being understanding and supportive parents, trusting me in the things I do. Thank you for being my close friends whom I can joke with. Teasing and joking are so much fun, especially your lame jokes, Dad. And mum, I'm so blessed to have a baking mum and to be enjoying 5 star cakes since young. Thank you for being my advisors, sharing your own experience with me.

I'm sorry for the childish things I did. Thank you for forgiving me again and again. I'm so blessed to be a part of this family. Let's continue to grow deeper in God together as a family.

I love you guys!
Loo Yee



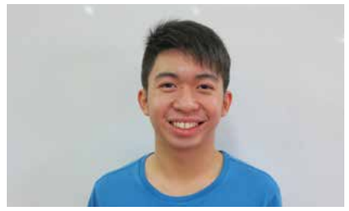
Dearest Mum and Dad,
Thank you for caring for me throughout all the years, especially when I was sick. You were so concerned and so was I .
Thank you for being my shield, always protecting me wherever I go. I appreciate you for bringing me on holiday. I know that not everyone has this opportunity. I'm truly blessed by you! You are the light that comforts me when I'm in trouble. You provide things that I need. I really thank you and appreciate you for all the things that you have done - teaching me and correcting me so that I will be a better person.

Thank you!
Josiah Chin



Dear Mum,
Thank you. Words cannot express how much we love you. Don't try to say that we two never love you. It's a lie, Mum. We love you so much that even if you were to feel the slightest ill, it make us really worried.

Happy Mother's Day
Gen & Wei



To Dad and Mom,
Thanks for buying me the McDonalds Happy Meals when I was young. It was the highlight of my childhood playing with the free toys that came with them. Thank you for paying for my piano lessons, which provided me with the skill to serve God. I appreciate your support in my studies and your faith in me to be able to do it. Thank you for always being by my side and guiding me when I need your wisdom. Thank you for emphasizing on a Christian based family lifestyle, insisting that we have daily family devotion since young. Thank you for setting a good example for Michelle and me and for the fun we have when we spend time together.

I thank God that He has made both of you my parents.
Patrick Chong



Mum & Dad,
Thank you for taking care of us. Thanks for helping us in our school work and for teaching us new topics before we even learn them. Thanks for working so hard to provide us with food and education. Thanks for taking us to play badminton, for bowling and swimming. Thanks for scolding us so that we can be disciplined. Thanks for taking care of us when we were sick. You are the best Mum & Dad in the world.

We love you so much!
Justin& Jireh



To my dearest Mum,
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!! I am grateful to have you as my mother. You raised me up to be who I am today. You nurtured me. Everything you did was for my own good although I may not see it sometimes. Thank you for your unconditional love and prayers. I wish you good health and may you have long life. I will study hard & reciprocrate your love.
Your daughter who loves you,
Jamie Hong



Mom,
Thanks for your continuous sacrifice, care and support. You are indeed a pillar of strength in the family.

Happy Mother's Day!
Zach

When I think of my mother, I think of a person who is strong in character, courageous and persevering. Mom has always been there, faithfully and tirelessly holding things together within the family. She ensures things are done within the family, so her family could work on their other responsibilities in life. I am sure without her "holding the fort" at home, our lives as students, working adults, and in service to God would have been much more difficult. Thank you Mom for displaying the importance of stewardship through your life!

Justin

Mom,
Thank you for your love, your perseverance,
Thank you for your sacrifices, your reverence,
Thank you for your dedication, your peace,
Thank you for being my Mom!

Your son,
Mark.



Mother's Day
So many nice wonderful words come when we talk about mothers. Truly the sacrifices of a mother are vast and we as children can never thank God enough. However, here's one thing about my precious mom that really impacted me. "Blessed are the poor in Spirit...Blessed are those who mourn..., Blessed are the meek, Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, the merciful, the pure in heart, and the peacemakers".

The beatitudes in Matt 5:3-10 reflect my mom's nature a lot. It's also the way she brought us, children up and I'm truly grateful for the character that she lives out. It's not so much what she taught us, but how she lives her daily life that has made me into who I am today. With this,
I want to say "I love you, Mom!"

Jane Oo



Thank you for bringing us into this world. Thank you for your unconditional love. We want to say sorry if we have done wrong and sorry for making you angry at times. Forgive us if we disobeyed you, forgive us for everything that we have ever done wrong. We are very happy that you are always on our side. When we need help, you are there. Thank you for everything. Happy Mother's Day and Happy Father's Day! We love you very much. This is just a short poem for you.

Your arms are always open,
When I need a hug.
Your heart understands,
When I need a friend.
Your gentle eyes were stern,
When I need a lesson.
Your strength and love guide me,
And give me the wings to help me soar.

Thank you ….
Esther & KennethYong



To Mom,
Happy Mother's Day! Thank you for bringing me into the world despite knowing the pain and suffering that you would go through in delivering me. Thank you for bringing me to the Lord by showing unfailing faith in Him. It is amazing to have a great Mom in my life. Thank you for everything that you have done for me.

Thank you.
Kristy Khoo



Dearest Mum & Dad,
Thank you for all the wonderful things you have done for us – cooking nice food, working extra hard, teaching us to live like Jesus. We can't thank you enough for these things.

We love you, Mum & Dad,
Abel, Abigail & Annissa



Dearest Mom & Dad,
Thank you for your unconditional love for the both of us. Thank you for the sacrifice that both of you have made for our family and thank you for your support. Forgive us if we may have failed you or disappointed you. One thing that I would like to tell you is that, both of you have raised us well. Costner and I pray that God will continue to bless your life and bless you with good health. Always know that we love you to the moon and back!

Lots of love from,
Claudia & Costner



Dearest Mom & Dad,
Thank you for bringing me into the world. Without you, I wouldn't be here today. I just really want to say thanks to you both because you endured through annoyingly hard times with me. Thanks Mum for taking care of me when Dad was out station working – feeding me and for for everything you've done. Thanks Dad for the countless scolding that made me a better person and thank you for giving ,e anything and everything I needed. I just want to say I am grateful for the many things, which if I could list would take up a whole book.

All I can say is thank you and I love you with all my heart.

Nicholas How



Dear Mum,
Firstly, I want to thank you for everything you have done for me, the sacrifices you have made for me, the amount of love you gave me. To be able to spend time with you is a blessing. You gave me the best and you want the best for me. And the most important thing is you are always there for me through thick and thin, supporting me, investing in me and making me a better person to serve in the kingdom of God. I guess that's the best gift you have given me.

Yours sincerely,
Desmond



Dear Appa and Omma,
First of all, WE LOVE YOU! We have an awesome Dad and a great Mom. Thank you for all the happy memories and involving us in your life's venture. Appreciate your countless support in everything we do and also for being patient with us for the past years. So, no matter what, we just want you to know that you are truly the best and no one could ever replace you and we thank God for the amazing parents He has given to us. You TWO are the best parents in the world. Sarangheyo… chakar

Jamie, Michelle, Ann & Nigel Teh



Time flies, Father's Day and Mother's Day are already passed! This makes us think that time is not waiting, and our parents are getting older and older. Every moment, we wish we can help out our parents to minimize their burden, raising up six of us is not an easy task. They sacrifice their time to work very hard every day to provide us our daily necessities and give the best to us. Hereby, we would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents for what they have done for us. You're the best and greatest parents, and we are so blessed to have you. We know we are shy to say, but inside our hearts, "We love you, Papa & Mama!"

Caleb, Joshua, Perez, Zera, Grace and Joyce



Hey Omma and Appa!
You guys are the best! Without you we wouldn't be who we are today. Thank you so much for working hard and putting food on the table and buying endless stuff for us. Thank you for putting up with our bad attitude. We appreciate everything that you guys have done for us.

Saranghaeyo!
Janelle and Josiah Lim



Dear Mummy,
Thank you for raising us during difficult times. I know that it was a very hard time for you but you've never given up on us. There were times when we hurt your feelings and you were disappointed with us. Thank you for forgiving us and keeping us in your prayers. I know that you're afraid of getting old but I promise you I'll be by your side and take care of you. I'll understand and I'll be patient with you when you get old. I'll repeat myself when your hearing gets worse. I'll help you up when your knees become weaker. I'll listen to you when you nag. I'll take time off to talk to you even though I'll be busy with work. I will love you forever Mummy. Continue to pray for me and "gor gor" so that we won't be so lazy and we will not go down the wrong path in life. Forgive us if we disappoint you. Guide me as I make decisions in life and I hope that you'll trust me more. Stay healthy always and God bless you.

I LOVE YOU VERY MUCH!
Grace Lee



To our dearest mother, Allison,
Thank you for taking care of us from the time we were babies. Thank you for taking time to teach, guide and love us. You are an example for us to follow in the path of the spiritual road. Thank you for disciplining and correcting us so that we can learn from our mistakes and keep growing. Thank you for your loving patience and mercy which you constantly showed us even when we did wrong. Thank you for praying for us. Thank you for all the love and sacrifices that you and father, have made for us. Thank you for nurturing us with love and God's Word. We are truly blessed to have such a mother and such a family.
We love you, Mami~~

Happy Mother's Day!!
Felix, Fergus & Festus

LOVE YOU Mom



My Mom, Our Story
By Chan Yi Hern

Mommy, you are super! I was like an empty sheet of snow white paper and you, with no drawing background, carefully drew me into a colourful drawing with never ending blessed colours from your loving heart.
Every day, you draw me with all the good fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5:22-23)… Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-Control.

Mom, your patience in dealing with my bad habits is an endless test for you. I'm very grateful. You draw me beautifully with your kindness and gentleness by accepting and nurturing me to be what I am. Every little mistake I made, you gently drew a star to encourage me to repent. For fourteen years, despite the long list of mistakes and continuous trouble I created, you sowed in me goodness and kindness instead.

My very first Bible verse "Nothing is impossible with God" (Luke 1:37) is always on my mind. With your sweet smile, you gracefully sow peace to my heart. With God's peace, I can move the mountain!

Mom, even as you raise me to stand on mountains and walk on stormy seas, you inject faithfulness to God in my heart. God is great. His sacrifice for us is awesome! Just like your sacrifice for me!

Each day you cheerfully draw joy in me with your continuous new techniques to teach me to face the challenging future with God's spiritual guidance and blessing. You are full of wisdom.

I'm amazed by your sacrifice and self- control. Thereby, in my upbringing, you have cultivated self-control in my emotions and behaviour.

You inspire me with your unconditional and sacrificial love. It helps me to conquer my future with strength and encourages me to be independent. Mom, you are and always will be the best! May every day be Mother's Day for you! Thank you dearest Mom! Here, I want to wish my greatest Mom "Happy Mother's Day!

I love you,
Yi Hern



Dear Mom and Dad,

First of all, we love you. You, Mom and Dad, have played an important role in our lives like none other. Thank you for investing so much in raising us. Thank you for all the happy memories.
Dad, thank you for getting mad at us when our report card didn't have high enough grades; for making us realize that we can put more time into our work and improve our performance as a result. Mom, thank you for getting to know our friends, to make sure that we were choosing them wisely. So, through each and every phase of our life, we were continually surrounded with respectable and responsible people.

Dad, thank you for showing us what hard work looks like. For showing us that nothing comes easy, and that countless hours of blood, sweat and tears really does pay off. Mom, thank you for showing us what a true battle looks like. For never giving up and still being an active, involved, dedicated mother to us, even when you clearly didn't have the energy to do so.

You guys have given us so much – life, love, food, shelter, clothes, education, gadgets and many more. We just want to tell you how much you mean to us as you've guided and loved us through our life. From very early, you taught us the importance of family, trust and love. You have taught us again and again to never give up and to follow our dreams. When we were sick or scared you would stay with us and pray for us. You made every birthday and holiday perfect and special, just by bringing the family together. You have helped us to become who we are through all the love and faith that you have provided. So, no matter what, we just want to thank you and let you guys know that we love you and we thank God for the amazing parents He has given us. You are the best parents in the world.

Love,
Your most loving sons and daughter,
Wen Han, Wei En, Wen Kai



In a stormy December night, a child was born. Doctors were giving praises to God in monotone while his mother cried tears of joy as she knew that her son was safe. Her love for this tiny child was bigger than the small boy himself and she knew he will grow bigger as time goes by. The weak, frail and tiny baby boy opened his eyes and looked out to the world with eager anticipation and started his life's first cry. This was the first of the many tears he would shed in his special life.

As the child grows older, he faces many challenges either in his school or with his family. Every time these things happen, it is his mother who picks him up and loves him even more. This boy is no ordinary child, he needs special care and love and all this is given to him by none other than his mother……

That is a story, a touching story that most writers would want to try to write. But the story above is no fiction, it is real. The story of my mother and I. For those who do not know who this great mother is, I will tell you. Her name is Lim Lee Ping. A woman of great patience and love for her very special child and that child is none other than me. What you see above is just a summary of a larger story……

Dear Mom,
Thank you for being in my life and thank you for picking me up. I love you more than mere words can express. Thank you for believing in me……. ^^

With love, from your son
Jonathan Liew



Devotion

Trust God Simply

By Elsa Foong

And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being. Gen 2:7

I was at a food court with my family and some relatives. There was a stall there selling fresh and cheap vegetables. Seeing my sister-in-law buying a lot of vegetables, I also wanted to buy some. I asked the vegetable seller to choose the vegetables for me but he told me to choose them myself. I told him that since he was a veggie seller, I trust him to know which bunch of veggie is better.

He was surprised and said, "Veggie sellers can't be trusted."

But I told him, "I trust you."

He was smiling and very happy because I trusted him. He picked the good vegetables for me and even taught me how to choose vegetables by smelling them. A simple trust from me made him so happy and I got good vegetables as a result.

Through this experience I felt God telling me to simply trust Him. How to trust God? It is easy to say but how? It is not easy to trust someone you cannot see. God told me, "Trust me simply because I am your Creator. I gave you, life."

When I heard what God said, it became easy for me to trust God. He created me and gave me life. That is more than enough reason to trust Him.

The vegetable seller who could not be trusted, knew how to give good vegetables to me because I trusted him, how much more will my Father who is in heaven give good things to me when I trust Him. (Matt 7:11)



Church Event

Apologetics Seminar

By Racheal Lee

On May 3, 2014, a number of HGCians gathered in the church for the apologetics seminar, which was conducted by Danny Pang. It was a time where we got to know more about the differences between Christianity and other religions. Danny challenged the participants with potential questions that people of other faiths may ask. The eight-hour seminar has indeed made many of us think through Christianity and the Bible.

The seminar was divided into four sessions and it started with the description of apologetics and its importance. He explained that apologetics is not just about defending our faith. When we are able to give an answer to the questions asked, we have the opportunity to witness to the truth. The following sessions, which saw Danny asking many questions, was an interactive one. It helped us to re-examine our knowledge about God and His Word, while we also gained knowledge in the doctrine of other religions.

His three-year-old daughter, Hannah recited Psalm 91 from memory at the pulpit. It really amazed all who were present, as many of us (including myself) cannot even memorize a passage of Psalm. It also showed us how important it is for parents to lead by example and train the children from young. I am sure this act challenges some of us to make the decision to memorize Bible passages!



Word of Life

How To Live As A Disciple In Today's Generation

By Dr Nitta Arul



Jesus' call, as found in the Great Commission (Matt 28:19-20), was to all of his disciples to:

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

When Jesus said, "Go ye therefore,……." in Matt 28:19, it means "as you go" or "are going." It assumes that as the Christian is scattered in society, his influence spills over into all spheres of life such as education, health, science and technology, government and law, business and economics, arts and communication. The word "Go" is not meant only for missionaries who are sent overseas but it is for all Christians who are now the royal priesthood, to spread the gospel wherever they are placed in society.

As such, the mission field is not preaching the gospel in other nations only but the mission field is at our very doorstep. This means that **an authentic Christian is one who lives as a missionary daily.** A missionary is a person who has given up his life for God. He has given up his desires, his likes, his pleasures, his time, effort and energy for the cause of the cross. You and I are called to be disciples meaning that we must be people who are always looking out for opportunities to show love to others, to share the gospel, to feed the hungry and be open to care for the sick, underprivileged and poor.

A true disciple of Christ is a person who is living out the Christian life 24 by 7 wherever he is planted, be it in the workplace, at school, at college, at home, at the supermarket, while driving on the road or while traveling in the LRT and so on. The world is our mission field and the world starts as close as the person next to you.

For a true disciple of Christ, his whole life is a ministry unto the Lord, whether he is serving in the church full time or not. His daily activities at home, school or the workplace are indeed an act of worship if he consciously views the place where he is at as a place of ministry to people whom he encounters each day. Based on Colossians 3:23-24, when he chooses to work as if he is working for the Lord, making loving decisions, witnessing about Jesus' love in his speech, actions and choices, then he is doing ministry unto the Lord. Christians can choose to minister unto God each moment of the day including treating their work as worship unto the Lord. The paradigm shift therefore comes when everyday tasks are seen as an opportunity for ministry and worship. When Christians make a choice to do whatever their hands find to do for the Lord Jesus Christ, then the whole day becomes a ministry unto the Lord and the dividing line between the sacred and the secular disappears.

Another paradigm shift that Christians must make is to be responsible for the oppressed, needy, defenseless and those who have no social power or the voiceless ones. True disciples practice the politics of Jesus who emphasized that redemption and holiness include every area of life, not only when you are confined within the four walls of a church. At times the church must take a counter cultural stance especially when a particular culture falls increasingly under Satan's domination. The church serves as the moral conscience of society but following the path of obedience may not be easy as it involves tension, stress and agony. This, however is the price that needs to be paid to be a disciple of Christ, to stand up for the truth even if you are not popular. A disciple of Christ is also one who has the servant mentality. Just as Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, a true disciple is one who is willing to lay down his life for the betterment of others. My challenge to all is therefore to take up the cross, deny self and follow in the footsteps of Christ daily.

Quizzes By Mark Charis Yong

Hey Boys and Girls,
From February to April 2014, Children's Church covered stories from the book of Numbers and Deuteronomy. Here are some questions to test your memory and understanding. Have fun!
Look up **Numbers 21, 22, 24, Deuteronomy 31** if you need help.

A. Fill In The Blanks

1. After defeating the Canaanites, the Israelites grumbled again to God about the _____ and_____
2. God then sent many poisonous_____among them causing many of them to die.

B. True Or False

1. Balak was confident he could defeat the Israelites in battle. _____
2. Balak ordered Balaam to curse the Israelites. _____
3. Balak was a brave man. _____
4. Balaam saw the angel at once. _____
5. Balaam hit the donkey for disobeying. _____
6. The angel was pleased with Balaam. _____
7. The angel did not allow Balaam to pass at all. _____
8. Balaam blessed Balak. _____
9. Balaam cursed Israel. _____

C. Multiple Choice Questions

1. Who did Moses pick to be his successor?
A. Aaron ☐
B. Miriam ☐
C. Pharaoh ☐
D. Joshua ☐

2. Why did Moses pick a successor?
A. Because he was going to die ☐
B. Because Joshua was suitable ☐
C. Because Moses was near the promise land ☐

3. Why was Joshua suitable?
A. Because he was younger ☐
B. Because he was chosen by God ☐
C. Because Joshua was strong ☐
D. Because everybody like Joshua ☐

4. How did Moses prepare Joshua?
A. By showing him google ☐
B. By giving him books to read ☐
C. By teaching him verbally ☐
D. By doing nothing ☐

5. Who would Joshua have to depend on when Moses is gone?
A. The devil ☐
B. His intelligence ☐
C. God ☐
D. Other people ☐

6. Why did the Israelites trust a young man like Joshua?
A. Because they did as they were told ☐
B. Because they saw that God was with Joshua as he was with Moses ☐
C. Because Joshua could conquer the promise land ☐
D. Because Joshua was extremely skilled in leadership and strength ☐



Answers:
A. 1. desert, food 2. snakes
B. 1. False 2. True 3. False 4. False 5. True 6. False
7. False 8. False 9. False
C. 1. D 2. A 3. B 4. C 5. C 6. B

TESTIMONY

I Do Not Know What To Do But My Eyes Are On The Lord

by Lim Lee Lee

Jimi, my beloved husband was taken home by the Lord very suddenly on 25 Jan 2014. There were no goodbyes, no last words and no last hugs! He is truly now in the presence of the Lord but it is so difficult to accept this reality. It is like he has only gone for a very long mission trip to a faraway land. It still has not sunk in yet. Will it ever? I am expecting him to pop up any time.

Do you know how fearful I was in the first three months after he left? Jimi had protected me from many decisions which he alone shouldered. He alone bore most of the stress of the family. He alone took care of the beautiful garden which is now not so spick and span. However, his mango tree is bearing so many fruits. He would have been so happy if he were still here. Now, I have to decide when the fruit is ripe for harvesting.

His car, the Matrix is another story. It seems as if the car wanted to follow him. From the second week after he left, one part after another gave way. It took more than two months to fix the car at a cost of more than RM7000. Praise God, the Matrix is now in tip top condition and Mark is driving it to work. Yes! By the grace of God, Mark found a job and started work on 1 April. However, it is not in Singapore as he so hoped but somewhere in Ara Dmansara. We missed Jimi badly on Mark's graduation day and during the photo taking. He would have been very proud of Mark. James quit Sixth Form and started his diploma at TARCU. It gave me sleepless nights to come to this decision. Jimi would have handled this better and we would have gone with him to the open day together.

The process of changing names for the house and two of the cars was horrendous. I had to rush around to get things done. The lawyer's office, the Amanah Raya Bhd (Public Trustees), the JPJ, the insurance company and the Commissioner of Oaths office! Of course one of my sons would come along! It is still going on. I also depended so much on Jimi to give me the insurance renewal notices so much so that for this round, I only remembered at the very last minute to pay the church fire and burglary insurance. For that period, I was like walking inside a fog. I could not see things clearly and I was really scared. I had never felt this way ever before. I was not over the grief of losing Jimi and I found all these so overwhelming and depressing. I felt so stressed out. I thought I was having a panic attack. My heart beat so fast.

There is a saying that it never rains but it pours! In the midst of all the upheavals there came a weird thunderstorm in Ampang. The wind was like a twister and many houses were damaged, some slightly while others badly with the whole roof blown off. Our house was affected rather badly. Half a sheet of zinc was blown backwards resulting in the rain water pouring down into the kitchen area damaging Zac's computer, books and documents which we had left on the table. Due to an overflow of water from the gutters, one of the bedrooms and two study rooms were flooded. Half of the garage zinc sheet was also displaced. The next day workers managed to repair the damages and till today it is still holding. By the grace of God, Zac's computer could be "resurrected". Not long following this incident, another thunderstorm caused the hall to be flooded. The linoleum Jimi laid in the hall had to be thrown away.

According to Edmund Chan in his book "Growing deep in God" Chapter 13 in reference to 2 Chron 20:12 – I do not know what to do but my eyes are on the Lord. The Lord will be a shade on my right hand. The Lord will be with me when I am helpless and He is my Keeper. (Psalm 121:5)

I thank God for loved ones, kind-hearted brothers and sisters and some of Jimi's friends who stood alongside the boys and me! I am grateful for the one who helped us to get priority treatment at the bank to settle credit card and current account matters, the ones who lent us their shoulders, the ones who visited us immediately after the funeral, the ones who supported in kind, the ones who gave us loving "hugs" and the ones who prayed for us! The list is endless.

I thank the Lord for Jimi's friend "Uncle Wong" who volunteered to take over some of his insurance cases and give us a portion of the commissions. Apparently, Jimi mentioned to him a few years ago to take care of us if anything should happen to him. "Uncle Wong" really kept to his promise. He was there running around with us at the Amanah Raya Bhd (twice), the JPJ, the Commissioner of Oaths office and took us to have the cars evaluated. He also advised us on insurance matters.

All the firsts of important events and occasions without Jimi were hurdles for me to overcome – Jimi's 59th birthday on 16 Feb if he was still around, my birthday on 24 Feb, the church Anniversary on 2 March, what would have been our 31st Wedding anniversary on 2 May and James' birthday on 15 May. When I saw all the couples coming into the MCA hall for the Church Anniversary my eyes just welled up with tears because he was not beside me. There are two Chinese sayings that described my feelings so accurately. One is " 触景伤情 " which means being at places he and I had been before brings out the grief and sorrow. Another is " 睹物思人 "which means looking at his personal belongings makes me miss him so terribly. It took me some weeks before I felt comfortable going to church. I even needed a breakthrough in that area. I couldn't look at the places he liked to sit or stand in the sanctuary without tears flooding my eyes.

Hatyai was bombed again in early May 14. Jimi took me there less than a week after the Dec 13 bombing. He persuaded me to go though I was apprehensive and jittery. His funny logic, that immediately after a bombing it is the safest to go seems to be true. It was the best holiday for me. I enjoyed it so much. The wonderful walks we had. The great shopping sprees! I am really grateful that he willingly drove all the way. He could have gone earlier with the Kindy Board, staff and teachers, free of charge but he chose to take me instead for this trip, the first trip we ever took with no prior booking of hotels or planned destinations. And the last trip for us! God had orchestrated it! It left me with one of the best memories.

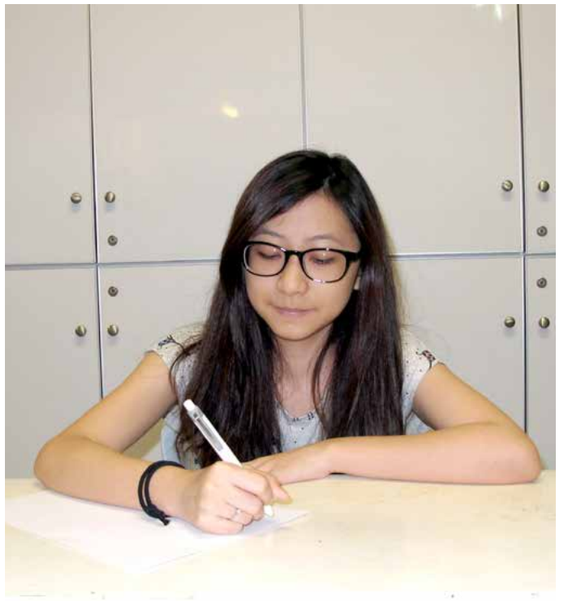
On the day he went home to be with the Lord Jesus, for no apparent reason before I got out of bed his hand sneaked across to take hold of mine and we remained holding hands for a long time until I decided it was time to get out of bed to start with the household chores. If only I knew that it would be the last time we get to hold hands I would not have let go. He then took my mum and me to the Taman Muda market for the Chinese New Year marketing. He did not complain of any discomfort. In fact, he went for the Kindy Board meeting later in the morning and came back rather upbeat and full of energy. After a short nap and some gardening, he left for his badminton game. What a shock it was when the call came!

He might be gone physically but in our hearts he is still occupying a big space. I will see him again when my time comes and when I do I want to give him a great big hug.



If only I knew that it would be the last time we get to hold hands I would not have let go.

A Letter to Me from Me by Joann Lim



Dear 14 year old me,

How are you? Was today a difficult day? Have you done your algebra homework? Knowing us, probably not right? Homework was never our forte huh? I am writing this to you 10 years into the future, and I have exciting things to tell you…

You know those nights when you lay in bed wondering if God really existed, and if He did, why didn't He seem to hear your prayers? It is 10 years down the road, and I think it's important that you know - He heard.

Dear 14 year old me,

You know those times when you look in the mirror and cringe because you hate the way you look? People say words like 'short', 'ugly', 'skinny', 'eat more' and it made you feel unhappy about yourself so you prayed, "God, make me someone else."

God heard.

Today, I truly am 'someone else' because I am different. I have grown to love the way I look and feel confident about our body. The thing is, everyone perceives beauty differently- Asians say beautiful women have fair skin, while the Westerners say tan skin is beautiful; some people say beautiful women are thin, while others say they should be curvy. It doesn't matter what other people say as long as you carry yourself with confidence. Being beautiful is being comfortable in your own skin.

Dear 14 year old me,

You know those days at school when you watched your friends do well in their exams, talk about their ambitions and deep inside you feel so small because you don't know what you want to do in life and secretly, you feel like a failure? Those times where you prayed, "God, what am I going to do? What are my talents? Please show me and guide me to the path you want me to take."

God heard.

Today, I am holding a job which I enjoy doing and I do it well too! I graduated with a degree at a university in UK (yes, we studied overseas! Can you believe it?!) You are not a failure. It is okay to make mistakes as long as you learn from them. Don't second guess yourself and do your best in all things. You are beautifully, wonderfully and purposefully made in Christ!

Dear 14 year old me,

You know those times when you worried about finding a life partner, who it would be, or if you would wind up not being married at all? That day you decided to pen down a list of qualities you wanted your future husband to have and even though you thought the list was ridiculously impossible, you still prayed, "God, please find me a partner who will possess all these qualities, but first and foremost he must love You and put You first."

God heard.

Today, I am engaged to be married to an amazing person (you wouldn't believe who we're getting married to, haha!) He is all of the things we wanted to have in a life partner and most of all, he loves God. You needn't have worried in the first place because God knew best and had everything planned out!

Dear 14 year old me,

I guess what I want to tell you is that in all those times that you felt alone and you thought God wasn't there, He was and He heard every prayer. He just needed you to trust Him because all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose (Rom 8:28). I'm not saying everything will be perfectly rosy- I still have much room to grow but regardless of the situation, I know that we will be okay. It will not be easy but it will be worth it because God is faithful. Continue to pray, obey and rely on Him.

Chin up! We turned out fine because God answers prayers.

With love from 24-year old me,
Joann

Forgiveness - A Gift To Myself by Lieuza Prakash



A writer I am not but it is my hope that this will inspire even just one to look up and find Hope.

You know, I realize that Jesus doesn't make terrible things happen, but He does allow difficult times for a reason. A great example of this is what I went through a couple of years back with someone close to my heart. I was not myself and was feeling very much troubled. Even at work, I felt lost. I decided to distance myself but every time I prayed, I never had peace, my heart was always troubled.

The Bible says, "And whenever you pray, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. Mark 11:24-26

I'm not going to take the first step, I told myself. After all it's not my mistake! More than six months had passed but neither of us made any attempt to communicate. I know I couldn't keep holding on to bitterness forever! So, I prayed and decided to do what was right in the sight of God. I picked up the phone. Tears started flowing as we were talking. The Holy Spirit just swept into me and I asked for forgiveness just like that and reconciled. I may look weak, I know but I chose to follow my heart and humble myself. I decided not to carry the burden anymore. I know, my family knows and above all God knows the truth. The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good. I'm happy knowing that I have done the right thing before the eyes of God.

It takes a lot of emotional and psychological energy to keep a wound open, to keep a grudge alive. The longer I allow a wound to fester, the more bitterness, anger and self-pity would poison my blood and eat at my heart. I feel so much better now.

One thing I have learned, forgiveness is not easy. It really doesn't matter if the person who hurt me deserves to be forgiven. Forgiveness is a gift I give myself. I have things to do and I want to move on. Forgiveness is not for the weak; being able to forgive those who have wronged you is a mark of spiritual strength and confidence. When I forgave, I grow, my heart began to heal, my back straightens up and my eyes clear so that I can see the way ahead. Anger is a spiritual sickness but when you forgive you LIVE.

Simple Short & Sweet Sermons by Jeremy Chew



While on a prayer walk with Sasha, my golden retriever, the Lord spoke into my heart, to take an umbrella along - "You would be attacked," God told me. "You can block the attack with the umbrella." It turned out that a ferocious cat, claws extended and teeth bared, came charging at me and Sasha. Holding the end of the umbrella, I blocked the attack, and carried on walking. Barely had we taken four steps when it came at us again, and I blocked it a second time, holding the umbrella at its middle. My hand was bloodied. I realized that if not for the umbrella, Sasha and I would need stitches. The cat had just given birth to kittens and it was just being a good mother. A few days later, the Word of the Lord came to me again, "Never stop praying, every prayer is heard and each prayer is answered." It was while taking care of Sasha, I learnt to hear from God.

During the last 3 weeks of Sasha's life, the Lord spoke to me more frequently than usual. I am sharing a few of these simple short and sweet sermons.

Sasha always slept on the floor beside my chair when I was at the computer at night and she would sometimes drag me away and ask me to go to sleep. One night, while I was getting ready for bed, I found her already sleeping on her own. Deep inside, I had known she did not have much time left with me, I whispered to her, "Sasha, can you hear me? I love you so much." Immediately, I heard God's whisper deep in my heart, **"Jeremy, can you hear ME? Your Heavenly Father loves you so much!"** I was taken by surprise but I was beginning to get used to "hearing" God speak to me by sending clear distinct thoughts into my mind which did not originate from my own consciousness.

One day, I held Sasha and wept. I felt so sorry for her and my heart was aching. She was getting old and shampooing 2 times a week according to our vet's instructions was tiring for her. She used to stand up throughout a shower, but now, half-way through, she would lie on the bathroom floor. It really broke my heart to make her go through all that. I said, "Daddy loves you so much. Do you know that daddy would gladly take your illness upon himself so you wouldn't have to suffer?" The Lord spoke to my heart, "**Do you understand how much God loves you? Jesus took all your sin and punishment upon Himself so you would not have to suffer."**

One day, I prepared Sasha's milk in a bowl and left it on the table and then cut some fruits for her. When I called her, she came to me eagerly and ate the fruits. When she finished, she turned to me for her milk. I laughed because her innocent eager expression always made me laugh. I put the milk on her table and said, "Daddy has already prepared this for you beforehand." The Lord spoke to me, **"Jeremy, do you know that when you have a need, even before you come to me in prayer, I already have the answer prepared for you. It gives ME great joy to meet your needs."**

Once, a family came in to consult me for some prescription glasses. They looked at Sasha and admired her beauty. The man asked me if I could get Sasha to stand up and walk so they can get a better look. I called to Sasha, "Come here, Sasha!" Immediately, Sasha got up and took a step toward me. I went to her and patted her on the head. Obviously impressed, my customer said, "Wow! You only called her once and she obeyed. My children don't even respond when I call to them ten times. And when they respond, they don't obey!" Sasha really moved my heart with her obedience. When I took Sasha to see a new vet, the pretty young doctor, Dr Nesar, wanted to see how she walked and so she asked me to release her. Sasha walked and sniffed around the clinic. When Dr Nesar wanted to pet her, she called to her a few times but Sasha did not go to her. I spoke to Sasha, "Go and say 'Hello' to the doctor." Immediately, Sasha went over to the vet. I must say I was really pleased. **God spoke to me again, "It makes you happy when Sasha listens to you and obeys you. Do you know that it gives me pleasure when you obey ME?"**

For many months, I had known that the end was near. She didn't jump to her feet every time someone came. Instead, she would only get up, smile and wag her tail when I asked her to greet a visitor. She couldn't jump into the car in one bound. I pushed her bottom to help her and subsequently, she waited for my hand beneath her bump before she would jump. Exactly one month after Chinese New Year's eve, Sasha passed away. For months, I had told the Lord that I was ready and I begged the Lord not to let Sasha go through pain, suffering, a prolonged illness or frequent hospitalization.

After Sasha passed away in Gasing Veterinary Hospital, I realized that God had prepared me for her departure and that the frequent messages were meant to comfort me after she was gone. God was merciful to the very last detail. For His kindness to me, I am grateful. Much more than that, when God showed mercy to Sasha, I was overwhelmed and very moved simply because she was just a dog and God took the trouble to show mercy to her. I will always be grateful to God for the 11 ½ years Sasha was with me and she will always remain in my memory. In retrospect, I can see that God had given her to me for 11 ½ years just to show me how much He loves me.

A Miracle In My Life by Auntie Christina



In June when I went for my eye check-up in HUKM (Hospital University Kebangsaan Malaysia), the doctor told me there was a blood spot in my right eye. She advised me to control my sugar level.

When I went to another doctor for a second opinion, he said that the blood spot should be removed immediately or else it would spread and cause blindness. He recommended laser treatment at the Subang Jaya Hospital.

I was worried. I asked Pastor, Sis Chin Nee and all my LG sisters to pray for my healing. Day and night I prayed fervently, asking the Almighty Father for a miracle, that He would supernaturally remove the blood spot. I specifically prayed that when I go to this hospital in Subang Jaya, the doctor there would find nothing wrong with my eye.

On 29 June 2014, I went for the scheduled check-up. After checking my eyes thoroughly, the doctor found no blood spot. I was so delighted and I praised and thanked our Father. Praise the Lord! All glory to Him! He answered my prayers miraculously!

Oh Lord Almighty, Thou art great and awesome!
Bless the Lord, Oh my soul and all that is within me, Bless His holy name for ever and ever!

My Relationship With Father In Heaven by Justin Yong



As I reflect on my relationship with God for the past 13 years, I have come to discover that at different times in life, there were different aspects of God for which I came to understand better. I am sure that these discoveries of God came about through the work of the Holy Spirit in my heart as I sought to know God more in my life. When I had such encounters on the different aspects of God, my view of Him expanded, my faith grew and I found myself saying, "Woah! I never saw it that way."

One such discovery which has enriched my relationship with Him has been in relooking at salvation. I think at times I have forgotten how grand it actually is to be a sinful man saved from sin. We all worship God, and all of us worship Him as a majestic, glorious and great God. But would such a great God let go of His greatness to become a mortal and die, knowing that it is the only way to save sinful people? I can proudly and confidently say that my Father in heaven did just that. And He did it through His Son, Jesus, who being fully God, voluntary stripped His glory to "walk my walk and feel my feel." When I pondered about such a salvation, I feel very grand knowing God would do this to restore my relationship with Him. And He calls me to relate to Him as a son to a father. Oh! What joy to know the good news that God desires me as his child and He wants to be my spiritual Father!

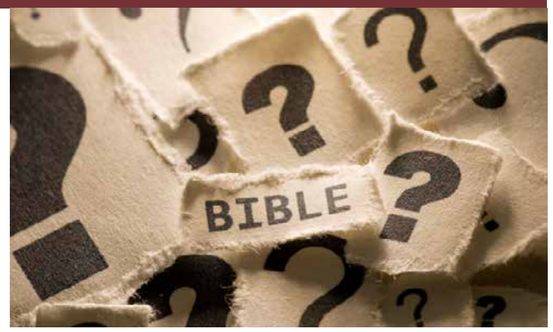
Q n A

Some people say that the Bible is written by men, that the original text has gone missing and that there are mistakes in it.

Is it still the Word of God?

By Danny Pang

The Bible is made up of 66 books - 39 in the Old Testament (OT) and 27 in the New (NT) - was written by 40 authors over a period of some 1,500 years. It is true that the original text had gone missing. In addition, researches of the early biblical documents have found "mistakes" in the Bible.



Nonetheless the Bible is the trusted Word of God and extremely reliable.

1. Large Amount Of Manuscripts To Support Its Credibility

When the New Testament was completed, they made duplicates of it so that many more could read it. Since there were no printing machines during the early centuries, the manuscripts were hand written or hand copied. There are more than 5,300 Greek NT manuscripts copies and over 15,000 other manuscripts in other versions. So although the original copy is missing, there are more than 24,000 manuscripts or documents in existence today.

2. The Variants Do Not Affect The Doctrines

The so called "mistakes" are actually variants, the majority of which are strictly grammatical and spelling mistakes. Since the manuscripts were hand copied, it cannot be denied "errors" occurred while copying. There is an estimated 200,000 known variants. However, there is an ambiguity in saying 200,000 known variants. If a single word were misspelled in 3,000 different manuscripts, they are counted as 3,000 variants. Once this is understood the significant variants are surprisingly few in number.

The variants contributed by variations in spelling, minor grammatical differences, an alternative preposition or pronoun, do not significantly change the teachings. They do not affect the meaning of passages and no biblical truth or doctrine is affected.

Christians have tried to preserve all the manuscripts that are in existence today (including those with variants) because the Gospel message that was inspired by God cannot be changed through spelling mistakes.

3. Not Just the Written Word but the Living Word

We believers do not just have the written Word but the Living Word, Jesus Christ Himself. John 1:1 tells us, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." Jesus is the Word. And the Word is God.

Variants may occur in the manuscripts due to human error but Jesus Christ does not change. We have the assurance that the Gospel message that was inspired by God cannot be changed or falsified through additions, subtraction or spelling mistakes. Also we must remember that the true Gospel message is not only in the written form but the Living Word i.e Jesus Christ himself. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. (Heb 13:8) Jesus came, died, rose and ascended! No one can change that fact. We put our whole faith in this Living Word.

4. Divinely Inspired

Although our Bible is written by men, it is still the Word of God. The writers wrote as they were divinely inspired by the Holy Spirit. It came by divine revelation and divine inspiration. And as we know the Holy Spirit does not give false inspiration.

2 Tim 3:16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God
2 Pet 1:20-21 No prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

1 Thess 2:13 When you received the Word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the Word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe.

5. External Evidence

Furthermore, there are many non-biblical manuscripts that confirm the reliability of the facts recorded in the Old Testament and Gospels. For example, Ancient Near Eastern Text, Nabonidus Chronicles, Elephantine test, Josephus Antiquities, Babylonian Chronicles, ancient texts from Egypt and Assyria, Tacitus, Kaisar, Pliny and others.

Overall, at least 17 non-Christian writings record more than fifty details concerning the life, teachings, death and resurrection of Jesus, plus details, concerning the earliest church. Dated approximately 20 to 150 years after Jesus death, these secular sources are quite early by standards of ancient historiography. Altogether, these non-Christian sources mentioned that Jesus fulfilled OT prophecy, performed miracles, led disciples, and that many thought he was divine. Furthermore, they claimed that he was crucified for blasphemy but rose from the dead and appeared to his disciples, who were themselves transformed into bold preachers.

The impact of Jesus's life and teachings were so significant that ancient historians and even opponents of Jesus would make reference to Him in their writings.

The verdict is that the Gospels are not myths or fictional stories but accurate and real accounts of history.

6. Archaeological Evidence

Archaeological discoveries further confirm that real people and real places exist as recorded in the Bible. More than 25,000 sites in the Bible have been discovered. Topographical study of Asia Minor for over 30 years confirms the existence of 32 countries, 44 cities and 9 islands as recorded by Luke in Acts.

7. Closeness Of The Gospels To The Actual Date They Were Written.

One of the tests that historians use to evaluate the reliability of historical documents is how close to the actual events they were written. The closer the reporting to the date of the event, the better it would be. All the NT letters were written in less than 100 years (between 40-100 AD). This means many eyewitnesses and followers of Jesus were still around after the death and resurrection of Jesus in AD33. They are considered the first generation witnesses who would be able to verify the truth of the documents, detect discrepancies in the manuscripts and refute any distortions.

8. Prophecies About The Messiah

There are many prophecies about the Messiah in the OT – prophecies about His birth, life, death and resurrection.

Consider just 8 of these prophecies which were made centuries before Jesus was born:
Born of a virgin (Isa 7:14)
Of the Tribe of Judah (Gen 49:10)
Place of birth (Mic 5:2)
Sold for 30 pieces of silver (Zech 11:12)
Manner of death (Ps 22:16)
People's reaction (Ps 22:7,8,17)
His side pierced (Zech 12:10)
Buried in a rich man's tomb (Isa 53:9)

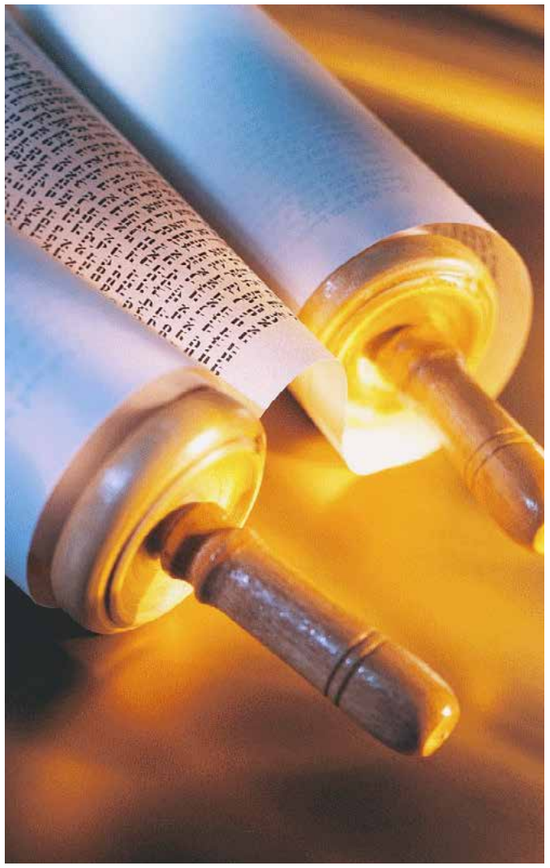
What is the probability of these 8 prophecies being fulfilled in one man? The probability is likened to filling the whole of India with 50 cent coins until they are a metre deep, then throw in a fifty cent coin marked red into the pile of coins. Blindfold someone and ask him to find the red coin. What is the probability? Very, very slim.

The probability of all the OT Messianic prophecies being fulfilled in one man can be considered improbable. Yet all of them have already been fulfilled in Jesus Christ; all except for one – His second coming. Rest assured this one will come to pass. Fulfilled prophecies also proved that God exists - what God spoke and promised came to pass.

9. The Test of Consistency

What is written by a prophet is repeated by other prophets. The Bible was written within the duration of at least 1,500 years by 40 authors. Yet, there is a consistency in all the major themes of the Bible – Who is God, What He did, humanity, Sin, Grace, mercy, salvation…

The Bible is the trusted, inspired Word of the Living God. You can rely on it.





E Witness

The Fire Fighter's Neglect Of Duty

By Helen How

An experienced New York fire fighter was charged with grave **neglect of duty**. Eye-witnesses were sickened when they discovered that the reason the fire fighter remained in the locked emergency vehicle was simply to test a new high tech CD player, which he maintained that he had purchased as a gift for the Fire Chief.

For more than three minutes after arriving at the scene, the fire fighter wore earphones and listened to a CD while a family of five screamed to be rescued from the sixth floor of a building. Horrified bystanders related that, as flames licked her clothing, a mother cried out in terror and fell to her death while still clutching an infant child in her arms. The distraught onlookers also said that the father held onto two terrified children as he was engulfed by the massive flames. This terrifying drama took place in full view of the fire fighter, as he remained seated in the vehicle listening to the CD.

Here now are some questions in reference to this case. The first is what is a fitting punishment for this serious crime? Should he receive a strong reprimand, two years in prison, twenty years, a life sentence, or perhaps capital punishment? Please make a choice.

The second question is do you enjoy worshipping God? Most of the modern churches do. All across the country churches are many hand-raising, God-loving Christians. That's great, because when the Holy Spirit dwells within the believer, worship would rise to our glorious and worthy Creator. Yet, our Lord desires more than the "sacrifice of praise." (Heb 13:15).

He desires that our worship of Him be evidenced by our obedience to do His will. It takes a concerted effort to obey the Great Commission and to follow in the footsteps of Jesus in seeking the lost. Our professed love and worship of God should have the evidence of a determined devotion to do His will.

Ask ourselves these questions? 'When was the last time I did His will and shared my faith with an unsaved person? When was the last time I meditated on the fact that all who die in their sins will be cast into the lake of fire?' Are we happily locked into worship with little or no thought for the fate of the ungodly?

Here now is the point. If we are not seeking to "save [the lost] with fear, pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh" (Jude 23), then we are like the fire fighter who **neglected his duty**.

What sentence did you give the New York fire fighter? Are you honest enough to judge yourself with the same standard? Think of the terrifying fate of that poor family. Think of his dreadful **neglect of duty**.

Now, think of the terrible fate of the lost. They will be cast into a lake of fire. Think of our **neglect of duty**. Is Jesus your Lord? What then will be your defense if you do nothing to reach the lost, on the Day you stand before His Judgment throne (2 Corinthians 5:10)?

Worship is the highest calling of the Christian, and we can see in the Book of Revelation that the Church will one day be consumed in worship before the Throne of the Almighty. In the Book of Acts, we find the Church consumed with worship and the devotion to reach the lost, to a point where they willingly gave their lives to preach the gospel.

Time is short. Are we going to passively sit during these precious moments of time, and muffle the cries of dying humanity? Let's re-evaluate our priorities, take off the earphones, unlock the doors, become equipped, and prove the depth of our love for our God by rescuing those who are about to perish.

Don't put it off any longer. Every moment sinners are falling headlong into the terrors of death and a fiery hell. Don't **neglect our duty**. Do His Will…seek and save those who are lost.



Recipe

Baked Sea Bass

By Jesmine Teo







Ingredients:

1 sea bass (Siakap)
Kafir lime leaves
1 lemon – thinly slice half of it
1 large tomato – sliced
A root of ginger (young/old your preference) – julienned
Salt
Black pepper
2 spoonful olive oil
Aluminium foil
2 spoonful Fish sauce (optional)
Parsley & spring onion (optional) garnishing
Bird's eye chilli (optional) – chopped

Method:

1. Marinate the sea bass with salt and black pepper.
2. Lay the tomatoes, chilli, ginger, kafir leaves & sliced lemon on the foil, then placed the marinated fish on top.
3. Stuff the fish's belly with tomatoes, chilli, ginger, kafir leaves & sliced lemon and place the rest on top of the fish.
4. Squeeze the other half of the lemon according to your preference before the olive oil and fish sauce.
5. Loosely wrap the foil around the fish and place it into the oven or ovenette. Bake in oven for 30 minutes at 250º or 40 minutes in the ovenette.
6. Serve with the garnishing on the sea bass. Bon appetite!

HAPPENINGS IN HGC From Apr to Jun 2014

CHURCH EVENTS

■ Solemn Assembly	19 Ap
■ Easter Sunday	20 Apr
■ Apologetics Seminar with Danny Pang	3 May



"Bend the Church, Reach the World" Seminar with Allan Webb **10 May**

■ Apologetics – Keng Youth Camp	28 – 30 May
■ Chinese Family Camp @ Bukit Gambang Resort	30 May – 1 Jun
■ KKB Fundraising for Church Building	8 Jun



WATER BAPTISM
29 Jun
Kelly Han Yuet Ngor
Chan Hon Ming
Yee Wai Fong
Bryan Rau



MISSION TRIP
Sibu Mission Trip
26-28 Apr
Philippines Mission Trip
30 May – 7 June

COMING EVENTS Jul to Sep 2014



40-Day Fast & Prayer
7 Aug –15 Sep

Life Game by Keng Youth
19–21 Sep



COMMUNITY
Kindy Sport Day
17 May





IN LOVING MEMORY
Chen Pek Kim
19 Apr

INVITATION

Do you know that Jesus loves you very much? He loves you so much He was willing to die on the cross and shed His blood for your sins. His blood can wash and cleanse away our every sin. He was willing to suffer so that everyone who believes in Him will not die and go to hell but will have eternal life. Not only did He die for our sins, but He also took our sufferings and carried our sorrowas. He also bore our sicknesses. He was wounded so that we can receive our healing. He also came to give us abundant life (life in fullness and abundance). He is a good God who cares for us and is able to meet our every need. Would you like to believe in Jesus? Would you like your sins forgiven and have an abundant and eternal life? Would you like to have peace with God? All you need to do is open your heart to Him and say the prayer below. He will immediately come into your life and be your Saviour and Lord.

"Lord Jesus, thank you for dying on the cross for me. I believe in You and confess that You are Lord. I open the door of my heart to You. Please come into my heart and be my Lord and Saviour. I ask that You forgive me of my sins and cleanse me with Your Precious blood. Please take control of my life and help me to love You and be the person You want me to be. In Jesus Name, Amen."

If you have said this prayer, praise the Lord. Your sins are forgiven and you are now a child of God.

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