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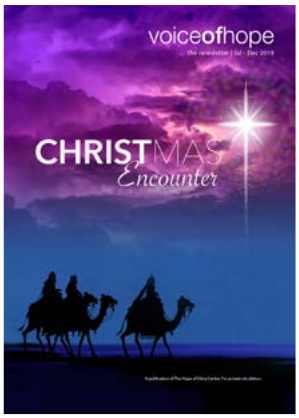




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Dear Reader,



CHRISTmas Encounter 2019

We have come so quickly to the close of another great year. So much has taken place in 2019. Here is just to name a few highlights.

Firstly, the year started on a high note. We had looked forward to the completion of a much awaited multi-purpose building, for the OA believers in Kg Gerachi Jaya, by end March. But as things turned out, we were served a stop work order. Despite the setback, the team did not lose heart but rallied on by the grace of God. Thank God three OAs were baptized on 12 Oct. More updates on this work are on pages 6-9 under the Mission Talk column.

Then in March was a key event of the year – HGC's 25th Anniversary in which God's great goodness for the past 25 years was celebrated. And to mark the event, the book, Out Of Ampang, was written and published.

In August, more than a hundred HGCians went to Refreshing Springs for our Encounter God Church Camp. Indeed, many encountered a refreshing touch from the Lord. It was so uplifting to see the older and younger generations interacting beautifully together – in worship, devotion, discussion, games, art and craft and even acting. This story is covered on pages 20-21.

In October, Sayangi Ampang 2.0 was held in collaboration with Team Selangor and MPAJ. The project raises awareness on the importance of a clean environment and of recycling trash. HGCians young and old did not mind getting sweaty and dirty for a good cause. Read about this event on pages 16-19.

Besides church wide events, individuals experienced breakthroughs and miracles this year. Read the encouraging testimonies from pages 31-40 which testify that our God is a prayer answering God. Enjoy reading the many articles in this magazine and be blessed.

May you encounter God more and more this Christmas and through the New Year.

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CHRISTmas Encounter

By Khor Hoe Chai, Pastor

"God walked into time and space; became a man and reached out in love to the human race."



WE will be entering the year 2020. What will the New Year and a new decade hold for us? Are the prospects promising or gloomy? Will there be mounting challenges in every front; whether political, social, health or financial. Let us not feel overwhelmed by the coming New Year, let's celebrate Christmas as we remember and rejoice in the birth of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world. As we celebrate, singing carols of His advent and making declarations of faith, we believe many miracles can and will happen in 2020.

The first Christmas was an awesome divine encounter. Heaven encountered earth. God walked into time and space; became a man and reached out in love to the human race. Angels descended, sang and heralded the birth of Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit moved upon the lives of His people who had found favour with Him, to bring into fulfilment what God has promised – the Saviour of the world.

Luke 1

30 Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus.

32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David.

33 And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

34 Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?"

35 And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.

36 Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren.

37 For with God nothing will be impossible."

38 Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

45 Blessed is she who believed, for there will be a fulfilment of those things which were told her from the Lord."

You have found favour with God!

Mary, a young virgin, was blessed and found favour or grace with God. She became the chosen vessel to bring forth Jesus Christ, the promised Saviour of the world. It was revealed to her that Jesus will be great, the Son of the Highest….and His kingdom will never end.

We too have found favour with God through Jesus Christ. Apostle John wrote, "And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace." (John 1:16) Undeniably, when we open our heart to receive Christ into our hearts, "we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace." (Eph 1:7)
Besides having salvation grace, God will speak to us, visit us and reveal His purposes to us progressively as we look to Him and seek to honour Him. God will encounter us. Miracles will take place. Miraculous spiritual births will take place.

In 2019, I personally encountered God's abundant grace and miracles in many wonderful ways. My youngest sister, whom I have been praying for a number of years, got baptised on 20 Oct. I was totally thrilled at how God had worked in her life. Furthermore, I had the joy of baptising my 95 year old father-in-law on 14 Oct. From being a very hard "nut" to crack, to one who keeps on singing, "Jesus loves me this I know," over and over again. Who could have done it? It is the supernatural work of God.

Just as Mary was chosen to be God's vessel, all who are saved in Christ are also chosen and called to a great destiny. The apostle Peter said that we are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own special people, that we may proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvellous light. (1Pet 2:9) In this one verse, we see both our identity and destiny in Christ. We are called to be citizens of His everlasting Kingdom and to be servants of the King of Kings.

How can this be?

God will perform these miracles. Paul said in 1 Cor 2:9, "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him." It will be the work of the Holy Spirit as He comes upon us and overshadows us working out the impossible things for He "is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us." (Eph 3:20) There will surely be answers to prayers, fulfilment of prophecies and manifestations of God's glory. Breakthroughs will take place and lives will be turned around for God's glory. And we will join with angels to proclaim, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace and goodwill toward men."

There will be a fulfilment

Let us come and celebrate Christmas 2019 and the New Year with great expectancy that there will be a fulfilment of those things that God has spoken. Let us rejoice in Him that He will grant each one of us miraculous CHRISTMAS ENCOUNTERS. For those who do not have Christ in you yet, this Christmas Encounter will be your greatest blessing when Christ comes into your heart and gives you a brand-new life that will take you to your wonderful destiny. For those who already have Christ in you, He will give you a new vision of Him and fill you with a new zeal that will empower you to live the abundant life that He has purposed for you in 2020 and beyond.

Let's celebrate JESUS!

Hilltop Ministry Moves Along, No Matter What

By Chan Tham Seng

SINCE our last report on the Kg Gerachi Jaya building project (VOH Jan-Jun 2019), creepers are making their silent comeback, now covering a big portion of the concrete flooring. At the time of writing this report, however, we have decided on our next step of actions, believing that God is always with us in this uphill battle.

Again, a chronological update for record purpose:

18 June 2019 – The Ketua-Pengarah office of Jakoa Malaysia in its letter says we have failed to obtain approval from "pihak berkuasa negeri dan Jabatan Kemajuan Orang Asli" as regards our proposal to build and present a "gelanggang terbuka" to the villagers of Kg Gerachi Jaya.

18 July 2019 – We appeal to the authorities concerned to reconsider our proposal via letters to 1. Majlis Daerah Hulu Selangor, 2. Pejabat Daerah/Tanah Hulu Selangor, 3. Pejabat Hutan Daerah Hulu Selangor, 4. KP of Jakoa Malaysia which is signed by 20 "umat Kristen di Kampong Gerachi Jaya."

10 September 2019 – a letter (dated 6 Sept 2019) is forwarded to my attention by the Hulu Selangor Jakoa office. The letter, issued by the KP office of Jakoa Malaysia to Pengarah of Jakoa Selangor, is in response to our appeal letter under heading: "Rayuan kepada Jakoa Malaysia supaya membenarkan Gelanggang Terbuka disumbangan kepada Kampong Gerachi Jaya tanpa syarat"

The Jakoa Malaysia's position ("bersetuju…tidak diteruskan pembinaannya") is taken to mean that appeal has been rejected, hence the need to demolish the half complete structure.

24 September 2019 – Whatsapp to Encik Hafiz, officer of Jakoa Hulu Selangor acknowledging my awareness of the 6 September 2019 letter with a closing note:

"Masakini umat2 Kristen di Kg Gerachi Jaya sedang berbincang bagaimana dapat menyelamatkan bahan2 yang telah dipakai untuk projek lain."



Baptism certificate for Harlan (with Aishah)

To date, there is no reply to my whatsapp message which I believe Encik Hafiz has received and read. Like any reasonable subordinate, there is really nothing Encik Hafiz can say or do in the face of Jakoa's arbitrary ruling.

God in charge

On 12 October Ps Khor together with the project contractor Ah Wing and a worker visited the site to see how best we can salvage the half completed structure so that the materials could be utilized for extension work on two adjacent houses belonging to believers Kak Biah and Kak Luna. The objective is to create more space, especially for use by the children ministry.

This hilltop ministry must continue to expand, with or without the blessings of Jakoa. And this is more important. Meanwhile, we continue to see signs of growth as the Gerachi ministry moves into its eighth year of operation.

On 12 October, three believers received water baptism in Sungai Selangor. The candidates, Harlen bin Jafaar, Norani a/p Pinang and Norhaliza, have encouraging stories to tell of the work of God.

We first came to know Harlan in April 2015 when he married our new believer Aishah binti Kasim. Aishah, who accepted Jesus shortly before marriage was baptized in October the same year with the blessings of Harlan though he was not yet a believer. After their wedding, the couple moved to Ulu Yam where they built a shack at the fringe of a forest. There we witnessed God's blessings upon them in the ensuing five years.

At the 8 December 2018 Christmas celebration, Harlan responded to an altar call and prayed to receive Jesus as his Saviour. He subsequently told Aishah he wanted to "masuk" (meaning to be baptized as a believer). Meanwhile Harlan, who could hardly read, secured a steady job as a tractor operator. In July this year God blessed the couple with a new house (gift from Epic Society and Singapore Institute of Landscape Architects). The story of Harlan speaks of God's blessings upon a couple who honours God and each other.

In the case of Norani, she and daughter Norhaliza are Semai believers originated from Tanjong Malim, Perak. Four years ago the 38 year old Norani moved to Kg Gerachi and subsequently married Taha in 2017. Both Norani and Taha have previous marriages with grown-up kids.

Interestingly in May 2018, Norhaliza married Eddie, a son of Taha. Their marriage has become a talking point in the village but is deemed legitimate both legally and morally. I have recently spoken with Taha and Eddie who gladly gave their blessings to Norani and Norhaliza for their water baptism. We look forward to God blessing these two families which honour Him.

Over the years, we have seen how God blessed our Gerachi Jaya believers. Most of them, by way of kinship and friendship evangelism, are instrumental in cases of baptism as documented in VOH. Some examples:

1. Kak Biah Reman begets son Noradika Normip (baptized in Nov 2013), daughter-in-law Ziana Jemeni (Nov 2013), son Norman (Oct 2014) and friends Siti Ashma Raju (May 2015), Norsyahanie Lindong (May 2015) dan Norlida Anga (Oct 2015).

2. Sekat Tandok begets nephew Kurun Derus (Oct 2017)

3. Rosila Reman begets son Haizal Norgi (Nov 2013), daughter Norika (Nov 2013), husband Norgi Ali (July 2016), son Haizaire (July 2016) and daughter Norazlita (Mar 2017).

4. Luna Yahya (Mar 2013) begets husband Robin Singki (Oct 2014), mother Jinah Kanchil (May 2015) and sisters Rini (Oct 2015), Diwi (July 2016)

5. Norida Normip begets cousin sister Rohani Yahya (Mar 2013).

Our believers seem good at initiating their kindred into God's kingdom. Like other indigenes, the Temuans are a closely-knit community comprising many families which are related to each other by kinship. We see the need to encourage our believers to be more effective witnesses for Jesus among their neighbours and friends.

Our one target group of concern is the village teenagers and youths whose future seems bleak for lack of adequate education. On 12 October, a group of them arrived on bikes to observe our river baptism before getting into the river to look for fish hiding among the half submerged boulders.

We know most of these village youths except that we have not been successful yet in enlisting them to join our Christian meetings yet. Their stories are familiar: many of them hardly finished their primary school education and pulled out of Sunday school to join their peers in idling their time away or doing something worse.

We are concerned as to how we can effectively help these youths to know Jesus and hence a changed destiny. On 28 September we were elated to hear the story of Ibu Siti, a Temuan Bible teacher from Bukit Lanchan of Damansara Perdana. Our believers felt encouraged to hear stories about how indigenous people can achieve success and break out from the vicious cycle of poverty.

At the same meeting, we also gave away a cash reward to Samina binti Sham for her outstanding performance in the 2018 SPM examination. Samina, daughter of Sham Awang and Chegu Aina, is currently pursuing an undergraduate course in Institut Pendidikan Guru Kampus Tengku Ampuan Afzan. We wish that the public recognition will impact both children and parents on the importance of education to the orang asli.

Jakoa is the authorities overseeing the welfare of the indigenes who, for decades have remained the country's most disadvantaged people group. What a great blessing it would be for the orang asli if Jakoa is more concerned with promoting education than other objectives!

"We continue to see signs of growth as the Gerachi ministry moves into its eighth year of operation."



Group pose at Sungai Selangor



12 December water baptism



Norhaliza the daughter



Well done, Samina! She scored 5As in her SPM



Creepers making inroad



Village youths with bleak future



The couple blessed with a house in Ulu Yam



Norani the mother



Ibu Siti, a Temuan Bible teacher



I baptize you, Harlan bin Jafaar

Grace! Beautiful Grace!

By Lim Chin Nee



DO you know that grace is mentioned 146 times in the New King James Version? The Bible speaks volumes about the beautiful grace of God. Here, let us look at six amazing things we can learn about God's grace from Titus 2:11-14.

Titus 2:11-14 (NIV)

11 For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. 12 It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, 13 while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ, 14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

1. **GRACE APPEARED v11**
   God's grace appeared 2,000 years ago in the person of Jesus Christ. John the apostle wrote that the Word of God Who was in the beginning (before time & creation), Who was with God and Who was God, became human and lived among them. They saw His glory, which was jammed packed with grace and truth. And out of His limitless and inexhaustible grace, John said that we have all received, grace upon grace. (John 1:16)

2. **GRACE BRINGS SALVATION v11**
   God's grace appeared to bring salvation. John said, "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16) God offered salvation to the world at the price of His only Son, Jesus. He showed us His great love in that while we were still rebellious sinners, Christ died for us. (Roms 5:8) That's grace: undeserved and unmerited!

3. **GRACE OFFERS SALVATION TO ALL v11**
   God's salvation grace is for all people. It does not matter who we are, it is for all to receive. The only qualifications are the acknowledgment of our sin and the recognition of our need for grace. When we do so, we will receive His grace.

4. **GRACE SETS US APART AS GOD'S PEOPLE v14**
   Jesus delivered us from the power of sin in order to purify for Himself a people, eager and committed to do His good works. The apostle Peter wrote that we were once not His people, but now we are. We once did not receive mercy, but now we have received mercy. We are now, by grace, God's people, set apart and reserved for Him.

5. **GRACE TEACHES & WORKS IN US v12**
   The all sufficient grace of God teaches God's people to say, "No," to ungodliness and worldliness. God's grace is not a license to sin instead it teaches us to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present time, as people who are grateful for God's wonderful grace. Paul said, "By the grace of God I am what I am." God's grace had great effect on him, and it will have great effect on us too.

6. **GRACE CAUSES US TO LIVE EXPECTANTLY v13**
   The grace of God does not only teach us to live right, it also causes us to live in anticipation of the Blessed Hope – the return of Jesus Christ. His grace in us will cause us to look forward to the day when we can be with Him. Depend on God's all sufficient grace to carry us through each day on earth, and to carry us home into His very everlasting presence one day.

Knowing that God's grace is so wonderful, we need to know how to access it.

1. **Grace is accessed through Faith**
   Through whom also we have access by faith into this grace by which we now stand; and rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Rom 5:2

2. **Grace is multiplied in the Knowledge of God and Jesus Christ**
   Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus Christ our Lord. 2 Pet 1:2

3. **Grace is given to the Humble**
   But He gives more grace. Therefore He says, "God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble."
   James 4:6

Finally, "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen." (Revelations 22:21)

No to Conforming! Yes to Transforming!

By Abigail Cheong



IN this day and age, it is so difficult for us to not conform to the way of the world. Especially when all our friends are doing something that we know we should not do, or when we think it is really cool. The ways of the world can be very tempting, and there is this pressure for us to conform, to fit in, so that we belong. David McClelland's theory states that there are three needs for motivation, and one of these is affiliation, which is essentially to belong in a group and to be liked. Hence, it is very normal for us to feel this way, to be tempted to conform. But, ultimately, we know we should not.

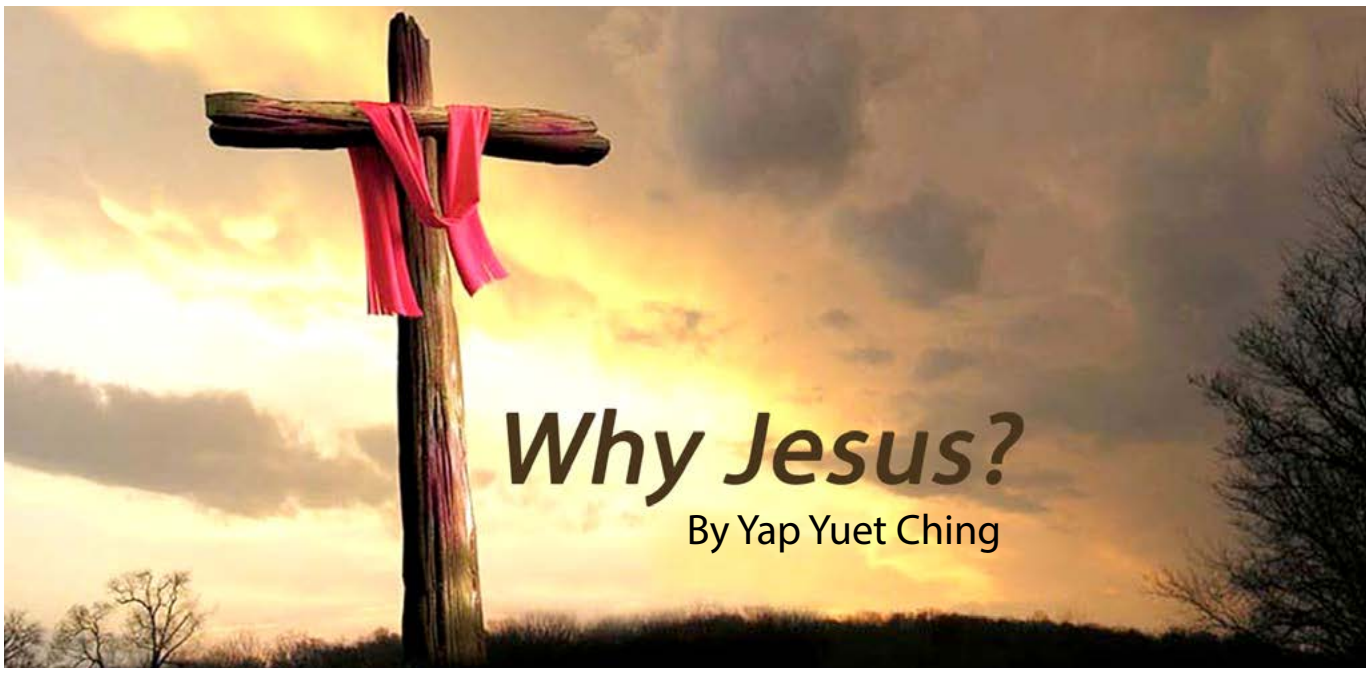
"As we keep studying God's Word and applying it, the Holy Spirit works in our minds and renews us."

In Romans 12:2, it says, 'And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.' Firstly, why is it wrong for us to conform to the ways of this world? You might say, 'Well, the Bible says it, so we must follow.' Yes, but we should also justify the reason for ourselves, so that it's easier for us to obey wholeheartedly. The reason why we should not conform to this world is because the world is not good for us. The world here represents the desires of the flesh, the desires of the eyes and the pride of life; these things draw us away from God. And since 1 John 5:19 says, 'We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one,' it is reasonable as Christians, that we should not follow the ways of the world, since the world is controlled by the devil.

Secondly, how do we not conform to this world? The answer is in the verse itself, by renewing our minds. It is the key to transformation. But then, how are we supposed to do that? To renew our minds, is to believe in the Word of God, to have faith in it, and to apply it in our lives. As we keep studying God's Word and applying it, the Holy Spirit works in our minds and renews us. It is the power of the Holy Spirit that renews us, and not we ourselves, as it says in Titus 3:5, '… through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit.'

Thirdly, in the end, what will happen to us if we renew our minds? In the verse, it says that we will be able to 'prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God'. The will of God is always good, always acceptable and always perfect. If our minds are renewed, then we will be able to discern the will of God, to know its proper applications in our life, and to strive to know what is right and do it. We will be able to readily recognize what God wants for us, and quickly respond to it, to please Him.

As humans, we all want to fit in and to belong. While the world may look really cool and tempting, let us not forget that first and foremost, in Christ we already fit in, we already belong, we already are accepted. And this is all because of God's grace and mercy.



CHRISTIANITY claims that Jesus is the only way to God. To many, such a claim is provocative, controversial and debatable. But we do have good reasons for such a claim. The following three questions will help us see why.

What does Jesus say?

No one can deny that the Gospels are historically correct and reliable; so let us look into the Gospels to see who Jesus claims Himself to be in His very own words.

First, let's look at Jesus' words in John 10:30, "I and the Father are one." At first glance, it did not seem that Jesus was making a claim to be God. However, look at the reactions of the Jews to His statement. They took up stones to stone Him. They said, "We are not stoning you for any of these (good works) but for blasphemy, because You, a mere man, claim to be God." (John 10:33). The Jews understood Jesus' statement as a claim to be God. Besides that, in the verses that followed, Jesus did not correct the Jews by saying, "I did not claim to be God." This shows that Jesus was indeed saying that He is God when He declared, "I and the Father are one."

John 8:58 is another example: Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, before Abraham was born, I AM!" The Jews responded angrily by taking up stones to throw at Him. Why would the Jews do that? To them, Jesus had said something blasphemous; for "I AM" is the personal name of God in the Old Testament. Jesus was using the very name belonging to God alone (Exodus 3:14). Jesus was saying I am the eternal God who existed before Abraham.

In John 14:6, Jesus says, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." Jesus did not say, "I am a way" or "I will show you the way." Jesus clearly meant that He is the only way to God. Aside from Him there is no other way to the true and living God in heaven. Jesus' claims doesn't leave much room for debates.

Is Jesus Special?

Jesus is unique among religious figures, He is God in human form; fully God and fully man (John 1:1,14, Phil 2:5-7). Jesus is the Son of God and is equal with God, He was born of a virgin and He lived a perfect, sinless life. He died on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins, for which we deserve eternal separation from God. Jesus as God incarnate, is the only adequate payment for our sins. No other founder of a major world religion claimed to be God.

Now, Jesus is either right or wrong to make His claim. He provided a sign, a standard to verify and confirm His claim – His resurrection from the dead. (Mt 12:38-40, John 11:25, Roms1:1-4, Rev 1:17-18). Jesus conquered death and thus provided the ultimate sign and evidence to the truth of His unique claims - His divine identity and of His power to resurrect all who believe in Him (John 11:25-26)

Why is Jesus the Only Way?

In John 8:24, Jesus says, "If you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins." Jesus offers both a diagnosis and a cure. Sin is the disease we are all infected with and Jesus is the one true cure. So why is Jesus the only way? Because Jesus is the only medicine that can cure the spiritual disease – sin – which is destroying and killing us.

True spirituality is not a game we play. It is not merely a preference of one religion over another like the choice of chocolate ice-cream over vanilla. Rather, it is like having the genuine cure for a disease. Having the wrong medicine can be fatal. Understanding the truth about Who Jesus Christ is, His authority, His identity and His relevance truly matters. It shows us why only Jesus alone can bridge the greatest gulf between God and us in order to bring us back to God (1 Pet 3:18).

A Get-Together for Young Parents

By Khor Hoe Chai, Pastor

A GET-TOGETHER for young parents was held at D'Bridge on Sunday, 2 June 2019 at 1.30 pm. It was organised to provide a platform for parents with young children to fellowship and share their parenting challenges. Besides, it was to enable pastors and leaders of the church to better understand the needs and challenges of these parents in order to seek ways to serve them better.



To understand needs of young parents

Invitation was sent out via WhatsApp and by word of mouth. Praise the Lord five couples and two mothers turned up with their children.

Leaders and helpers who came out to help with the facilitation, lunch preparation and children's programme were truly commendable. The lunch was rice with "Yong Tau Foo", stir-fried vegetables and fruits. The relaxing fellowship over lunch helped break the ice as we all got to know each other better.

After lunch, we broke into two groups with Vincent Foong facilitating the sharing time. Picture slides relating to the challenges of parenting were put up. The two groups had an amusing time talking and reflecting over the messages portrayed in the pictures. The two main topics that got into lively and practical discussions were:

1. The challenges of being good parents while having full time and hectic jobs.

2. The challenges of internet and IT gadgets like hand phones and tablets.

When time was up, it was evident that everyone was encouraged. The parents felt heard and better understood regarding their challenges and came away with some practical ideas. Leaders were also encouraged as they understood the parents better and had a clearer picture of what they could do to help.

The young children too had fun because Helen Dan and Daniel Wong did some very interesting crafts with them. It was such a wonderful sight to see families coming and spending time together in such a wholesome way.



Children had fun too



Young Parents with facilitators and helpers

A Role of Honour

Church Usher Ministry

By Danny Here

THE primary role of ushers is to maintain an atmosphere of reverent worship and respect during the entire worship service. It is a role of honour. Ushers' tasks involves responsibilities before the service, during the service and even duties after the service. They also stay observant and alert on security issues.

Do you know that Jesus' disciples could be considered as ushers too? They prepared the way for Jesus, kept order among those listening to Him, served food to the audience and cleaned up after a service, such as during the feeding of the five thousand. Margaret Lee took over as usher head from S. Sekar in June this year. As the head she receives directions from Ps Khor and assigns duties to the various ushers. She is also responsible for scheduling ushers' duties and organizing training for them. In our effort to maintain a higher level of service, an ushers' training was held on Sunday 28 July 2019 at 2.30 pm. It was conducted by our very own Vincent Foong, a trainer by profession.

It was a good and refreshing training. Many aspects of ushering duties were covered, all of which are important in making an effective Usher Team. In going forward, HGC ushers are embracing a positive mindset and acknowledging that together we will make a difference. We bear in mind that we are not just serving people, but we serve our LORD.

In days to come, you will be welcomed by a "new" Usher Team… in new uniforms with name badges and …most of all, a renewed spirit.

May God bless the usher ministry!



Wai Choong & Danny showing how to be a catcher



Ushers enjoying the ushers' training by Vincent

Reviving the Fire of Evangelism

By Lim Chin Nee as told to her by Jimmy Yong

OFTEN we hear people say, "Give back to teacher already... lor," in response to questions on what they had learnt in school. This was exactly what the organizers of the XEE Alumni Gathering, made up of XEE trainers, did not want to see happen. The team of trainers, Vincent Foong, Tham Soon Hoe, Bro Lee, Karen Chin and I, wanted those who were trained to stay connected and motivated to make evangelism a continual lifestyle. After six consecutive years of XEE semesters and a year's break in 2018, it was time to reignite the spark and revive the passion of evangelism.

On the Sunday of 26 June 2019, 13 of us XEE trainers and graduates turned up. Though the numbers were disappointing, for many had been trained, it was a start. There was good engagement over a sumptuous western lunch of pumpkin soup, salad and pork steak burger prepared by Karen Chin.

At our alumni gathering, some good decisions were made for the coming months and year ahead. For the remaining months of 2019, we will have connecting activities with church visitors and with people outside the church. We also planned to have an XEE crossover for all who are EE trained. A new XEE semester will begin in 2020.

I believe since something good has started in 2005 (till 2009) with EE in which 45 people have been trained; and in 2010 with XEE in which 39 have been trained thus far, we ought to keep working on it. We must remember the Great Commission which God has given us. We should all be a part of the end-time evangelism work whether XEE trained or not.

If anyone of you should feel incapable and inadequate to share the gospel, please let us help you to discover your evangelism tools. Contact me at 012-3799196 and Vincent Foong at 012-2685556



Engaging time



An excited bunch of XEE trainers and graduates at the gathering

Getting Down & Dirty

(Projek Sayangi Ampang 2.0)

By Abigail Cheong

THE yearly project is back! As we all know, Projek Sayangi Ampang is a project for the church to serve and bond with the community, usually through cleaning the nearby areas. This year, on 19 October, the church organised a plogging session with Team Selangor and MPAJ. Plogging is a term for combining jogging and picking up rubbish. This project helped raise awareness on the importance of a clean environment and the benefits of recycling trash.

About 160 of us, from all ages, joined in. It was quite fun because looking for litter felt kind of like a treasure hunt. We went around the area and picked up any recyclable trash, as it could be exchanged for cash. The people who picked up the most trash also got special prizes. At the end of the event, all the trash was weighed in, and the total pick up amounted to around 414 kg. Out of this 414 kg, 230 kg were recyclable and carried value. So, we managed to get RM88.87, which has been donated to Sunbeams Home. Through this event, our area is cleaner, our bodies are healthier, and our bond with the community is stronger.



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Photo caption

1&2 Flag off
3 Tagline – Buanglah sampah di tong sampah
4 Treasure hunting for recyclable trash
5 TA joyful & meaningful exercise
6 The big haul of trash
7 Separating the trash
8 Look who's in town with bags full of trash
9 Mothers and children joined in also
10 Thumbs up to the elderly lent a hand
11 Winner of the first prize

Church Camp 2019!

By Abigail Cheong

ANOTHER amazing church camp has come and gone! This year the theme was ENCOUNTER, and we definitely had a wonderful encounter with God during 15 to 17 August 2019 at Refreshing Springs Resort. The speakers for the camp, Ps Tony and Ps Christine Phang, spread God's message for our church. Ps Christine's awesome testimonies impacted many of us, while Ps Tony taught us about God's love, how we should be in love with Jesus and put him first in our lives.

During the last session, there was an amazing move of the Holy Spirit, where we were led to pray for the Sunbeams youths in our church; they and many others were touched by God's love. Besides that, we had plenty of fun playing games as well. Everyone was involved and we had a great time. The hot springs were a big hit, any moment where there was free time, there would definitely be a HGCian heading for the nice and soothing hot springs. Another meaningful session was the HGC talk. Listening to the opinions and stories of our members made us bond even closer. At last, the camp ended with everyone gathering around the big bonfire.





Photo caption

1 *Ps Christine Phang's message impacted young & old*
2 *Games time*
3 *Worship encounter*
4 *Top class acting*
5 *The euphoria of winning*
6 *Touched by God's love*
7 *Home Sweet Home*
8 *Teamwork & fun*
9 *Church Camp 2019 - Encounter*






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Flashback 2019

Fresh Encounters with

January

1 New Year Sunrise Service
2 Adult LG Leaders' Meeting
6 25th Anniversary Meeting
20 Disciple Makers course begins
26 Yap Chin Yau & Chia Wan Tin ties the knot





February

17 Rev Victor Lee ministers in HGC
20 In loving memory of Susan Yong Yin Chin



March

3 Ordination of Sam Liew & Chong Yun Hor
8 Worship Night (Eng)
10 HGC 25th Anniversary
17 Ps Kenneth Wong ministers in HGC
22-25 Mission to Sibu
27 Birth of Ellie Rey Tan daughter of Jason & Joann Tan
30 Gospel of John by Rev Victor Lee
31 Ushers appreciation lunch
31 Ps Living Lee ministers in HGC



July

7 KKB team appreciation lunch
14 Ps Damien Chua ministers in HGC
20 Hair cut for OA children
21 Elder Khoo Kay Hup ministers in HGC
16 Baptism of Warren Chan
27 Empowering the next gen
28 Ushers Training





August

7 Launch of 40 days fasting & prayer
15-17 Church Camp at Refreshing Spring
21-24 Emotional Healing & Spiritual Deliverance by Ps Seumean Kuon
29 Ampang churches Combine Prayer





September

1 Ps Danny Pang ministers in HGC
1 Sayangi Ampang meeting
15 Malaysia Day Prayer Rally
20 Packing hampers for Sayangi Ampang project
28 Special speaker for KKB OA work – Ibu Siti





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April

9 Birth of Josiah James son of Ps Joseph & Jane Teruel
12 AGM
19 Good Friday Service
21 Resurrection Sunrise Sunday with Rev Leow Hong Too
21 In loving memory of Chintana Kaewdam




May

5 Disciple Makers get together
12 Mothers' Day celebration
19 Welcoming new members
25 Children Sunday School Camp
25 Youth outing at Sg Congkak
26 Membership class




June

2 Young parents' time
16 Fathers' Day celebration
16 Ps Tony Phang ministers in HGC
23 Bible Study on 7 Feasts of the LORD (3 weeks)
26 XEE Alumni
29 All Leaders Meeting




October

5 Little Lighthouse Kindy Concert
6 Filipino Service 3rd Anniversary
12 Baptism in Kg Gerachi Jaya
14 Baptism of Lim Nee Kin
19 Sayangi Ampang 2.0
20 Lata Lincoln ministers in HGC
27 TT Quah ministers in HGC
28 Leaders' Retreat



November

2 The marriage of Nik Thorsen & Ashleigh Heng Wei Yee
3 Ps Phua Seng Tiong ministers in HGC
9 Liew Yu Yang & Ann Teh tied the knot
11 Baptism of Maria & Lara Zainal, Sameria Marnisa and Serena Wong
22 Birth of Jared Gabriel Tan, son of Justin & Mei Yee
23 All Leaders' Meeting
30 Wedding of Kelvin Chan and Chin Wai Shin



December

7 KKB Christmas Celebration
8 Filipino Christmas Celebration
14 Children Church Christmas Celebration
15 Chinese Sunday School Christmas Celebration
21 Saturday Service Christmas Celebration
22 Chinese Christmas Evangelistic Meeting
22 English Christmas Evangelistic Meeting



The GREATEST Show

By Mrs Foong (Principal of The Little Lighthouse Kindergarten)

THE Annual Graduation and Concert for The Little Lighthouse Kindergarten (LLH) is always a very much anticipated event. Months leading up to the event, class teachers would be cracking their brains to come up with at least an item for their respective classes. Not only that, we needed to come up with the overall theme for the concert. This year the theme was The GREATEST Show!

Since 2017, the teachers had to incorporate the 21st Century Education core-competency skills that they teach – namely Creativity, Critical Thinking, Communication, Collaboration, Choice and Care (6Cs) – into the overall concert.

For Creativity and Critical Thinking, the teachers came up with nine performances for the six classes of 130 students. For Collaboration and Communication, the entire Kindy's work-force worked well together, mixing and fitting children of different age groups and classes into different performances; yet still following the teaching syllabus as best as we could. In Care, the teachers considered both students and each other's strengths and weaknesses in teaching, choreographing and sourcing, while allowing 'Choices' of opinions. There was also great collaboration and clear communication with parents as well. This year, the parents helped dress up their children in their colourful costumes and apply appropriate make-up at home before dropping them off at the auditorium. Then, there was collaboration between HGCians and 'HELP-CATors.'

"Would it be the Greatest Show of the Day?" I asked the parents at the beginning of the event. They confidently said, 'Yes!" At the end of the day, many parents and HGCians congratulated us and said, "That was indeed the Greatest Show!" Why? Everyone had put up their best – not perfect but their best and that was enough to stage the Greatest Show of the year for LLH! Bravo Everyone! Glory to our Greatest God!



Baby Sharks of 4-Patience



Class 5-Grace with their teacher Miss Cherbelle



Come Alive boys



6-Joy Graduates



The 'Drum Girls' chosen from two 6-Yr old classes



Ps Khor addressing the audience



The Clowns from 6-Joy & 6-Goodness



Teacher Hello Kitty teaching her 'little kittens' to meow



Sharks & kitty cats

Outdoor Harp & Bowl

By Lim Chin Nee



Harp & Bowl time

IT was windy and beautiful that Thursday morning of 4 July 2019. Eighteen Damai and Bandar Baru Ampang Life Group sisters, including Ps Khor, gathered purposefully at the Ulu Pudu Recreation Park, under a big and shady tree as early as 8.45 am. We were there to have an outdoor Harp and Bowl and a picnic. Harp representing praise and worship; and Bowl representing prayer. Our desire was to go out into the open to worship the LORD and build a prayer altar.

After a short time of fun and healthy exercises, we had an enriching time reading Psalm 30 and sharing what spoke to each of us personally. I then took a few minutes to encourage the sisters to see the effectiveness of prayer, fasting and worship in the face of overwhelming situations through the story of King Jehoshaphat in 2 Chron 20.

Immediately after that, we went into a time of powerful and Spirit-led praise and worship for about an hour. Earnest and strong prayers were offered up intermittently on behalf of our nation and our next generation. At one point the Lord led us to intercede for the children of our sisters. Towards the end, we prayed in pairs for each other.

A good, light lunch of nasi lemak, fried meehoon, baked kunyit drumsticks and curry puffs was served after the Harp and Bowl. Thank God for the sisters who prepared them. We sat around comfortably, enjoying our lunch and fellowship. Many edifying testimonies were shared over lunch. Many felt the wind of the Spirit blowing in our midst as we lifted up the name of Jesus. Margaret saw in a vision of an enclosed white tent with an opening on top and an angel dressed in white swirling up with a bowl. It must be the bowl of our prayers being taken up to the Lord.

Our first outdoor Harp and Bowl turned out to be an amazing experience; and we look forward to more.



Early morning exercise



BBA & Damai LG sisters

United Prayers with AMC

By Ruth Lew

FOR this year's 40 days fast & pray, our church gathered together with Ampang Chinese Methodist Church (ACMC) to hold a combined prayer for the nation on the evening of 28 Aug 2019. ACMC worship team led us into a wonderful time of worship. We could sense the unity of the members as the English and Chinese congregation gathered to pray in ACMC, in the heart of Ampang.

Ps Khor shared a message on King Uzziah in 2 Chron 26. Although only 16 years old, the following things marked out the success of his reign:

1. He did what was right in the sight of the Lord
2. He sought the Lord, became exceedingly strong and God made him prosper
3. God helped him against the Philistines and defeated them
4. He built his nation, raised up a mighty army and equipped them

We were exhorted to seek the Lord and be involved in nation building through blessing and praying for our nation. We were also encouraged to pray for our prime minister and cabinet ministers.

We broke into small groups to pray through the Scriptures that were shared on King Uzziah.

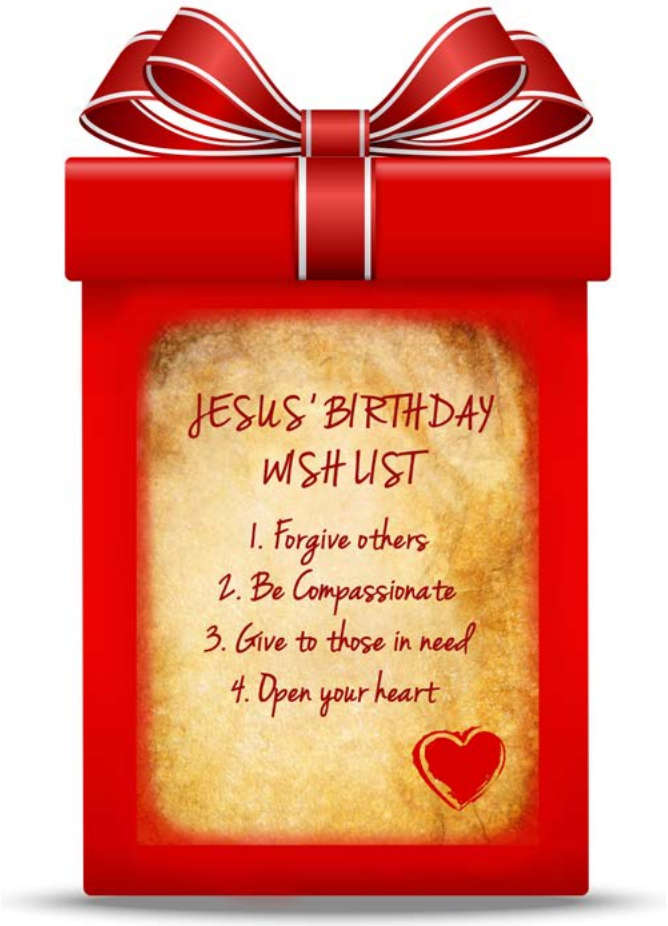
Praise the Lord!



HGC and ACMC unite in prayer

The Greatest Gift

By Alicia Joy



"MARY! Where did you put the dates?" shouted Martha from the kitchen as she rushed around hurriedly. "Don't tell me you kept them in your room again!"

"They're by your favourite bowl, Martha!" laughed Mary as she searched for some string to tie up the 'Blessed Birthday!' sign she'd spent almost all afternoon making. Martha, Mary and their brother Lazarus were preparing a surprise birthday celebration for Jesus.

"Where's Lazarus?" shouted Martha again. "Isn't he supposed to go and meet Aunt Mary and Uncle Joseph at that 'rent-a-camel' place?"

"That's exactly what he's doing right now!" Mary walked into the kitchen, laughing at the sight of a frazzled-looking Martha with puffy, red cheeks. "Oh, Martha, Martha," she quoted Jesus, "When will you ever stop worrying?"

"Well, somebody has to worry for you two," Martha sighed irritably. "Thirteen hungry young men are coming to our house for supper along with my favourite Aunt and Uncle, and all you can do is waltz around like the food is going to cook itself, and the table is going to set itself, and the house is going to clean itself and-"

"Okay, okay, I get your point! I'll sweep the floor," and with that Mary set off again. This was going to be Jesus' best birthday ever, she thought to herself. There's great food, great friends, and even Peter said he's bringing some great wine. She spun around whimsically. Yup everything a great birthday needs. Oh, won't Jesus be surprised when we give Him his gift…

Hold on a minute- did they have a gift? She certainly couldn't remember getting one. "Martha? Did you get a gift for Jesus?"

"No, did you?"

"I thought you did."

Both sisters stared at each other, realization slowly dawning on them. They forgot to get Jesus a gift!

"The market won't be open at this hour," Martha said sensibly as Mary rushed towards the door. "We'll have to go to the shops across town. Grab some coins from the cabinet-and brush your hair for crying out loud! You can't go out looking like that."

Within minutes, the two sisters were out of the house and well on their way. They tried looking for something at the old store full of knickknacks, but nothing seemed good enough. They tried at the clay store- but since Jesus didn't cook, nothing seemed to be of any use to Him. They even tried the jewellery store; but they both knew Jesus would rather they give the money to the poor than wear some expensive gold necklace.

"Martha! The sun's setting!" warned Mary, who was growing anxious. "We're out of time!"

"Not yet, we're not!" grumbled Martha, a determined look on her face. There was only one more shop they hadn't tried- the old sandal shop belonging to old Mrs Cranky-Bottom, whom Martha greatly disliked. The two of them had once got into a large argument, and Martha vowed to never return. Sighing, Martha briskly strode into the shop.

"Well, well, well, if it isn't little Miss-"

"I'm not in the mood for chit-chat, I'm afraid," Martha interrupted curtly. "I need a gift for our friend, Jesus. It's His birthday."

"Ahh, yes, that Jesus fellow…" Mrs Cranky-Bottom started to inspect the shelves, muttering to herself. At last, she snatched a beautiful pair of brown sandals. "That'll be 100 denarii."

"What!" Martha exclaimed, surprising Mary. "That's barely worth 50 denarii and you know it!"

Mrs Cranky-Bottom shrugged. "Take it or leave it."

Martha looked like she wanted to strangle her. Thinking quickly, Mary emptied the contents of their money-bag in front of Mrs Cranky-Bottom. "Here. We have 60 (…). I'll throw in an invitation to Jesus' birthday celebration tonight."

Mrs Cranky-Bottom looked mildly interested. "A celebration?"

Mary nodded eagerly. "Yes. We've invited our Aunt and Uncle- and all of Jesus' friends too." Mrs Cranky-Bottom frowned. "There'll be wine…" grinned Mary charmingly. Mrs Cranky-

Bottom lit up.

"Well, all right then- but only this one time!"

And with that, Mary and Martha found themselves preparing for one more person at Jesus's celebration. Martha was quite grumpy about it, but as soon as Joseph and Mary, Jesus' parents, arrived, it all disappeared. Jesus and his disciples arrived later, bringing with them snack and presents and, as Peter had promised, very good wine!

Finally, just before they started supper, there was a knock at the door. Martha opened it- and was greeted with Mrs Cranky-Bottom. The two ladies stood there, stubbornly looking at each other.

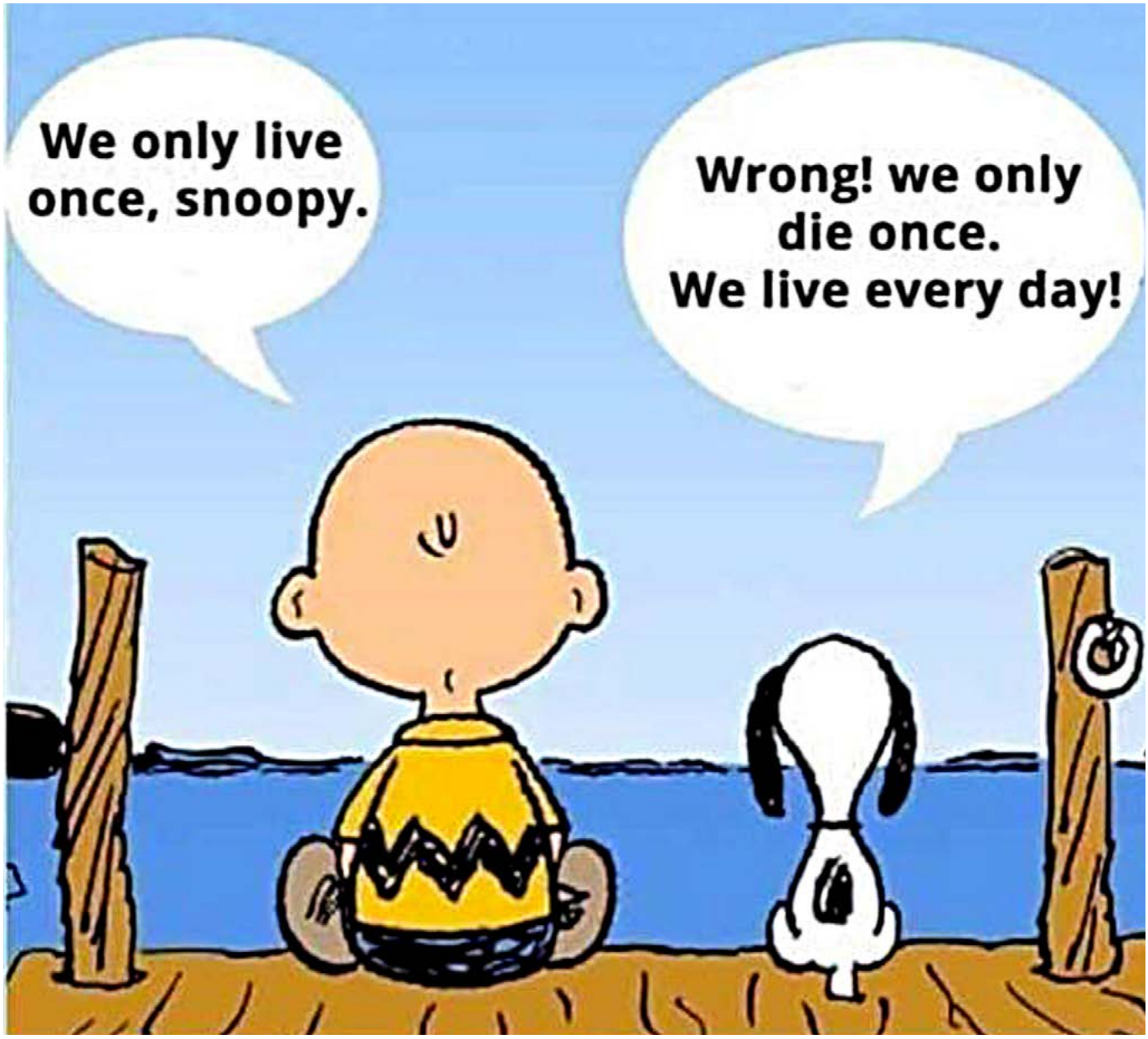
Then, from inside the house, Martha heard everyone burst into laughter at a joke Lazarus had said. Something softened in her heart. Tonight was about Joy, not Hate. She put on her brightest smile and welcomed Mrs Cranky-Bottom into the house. Surprised, Mrs Cranky-Bottom numbly stepped in.

Supper was a big hit- everyone loved Martha's cooking, and they all asked for seconds. Everyone seemed to have a smile permanently stuck to their face. At last, it came the time for Jesus to receive his gifts.

"Oh! Thank you, Mary, Martha and Lazarus. It's just what I needed," smiled Jesus as He held His sandals. He turned to Martha and Mrs Cranky-Bottom. "It is more blessed to give than to receive. Martha, you have given this woman one of the most precious things you can give her- your friendship. You expected nothing in return. That is the greatest gift you can give Me."

Martha smiled. She knew that she and Mrs Cranky-Bottom would be spending much more time together soon…

In Acts 20:35, Paul says, "In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus Himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive." This Christmas, think not of what you want to get but instead think of how and what you can give to others, just as Jesus selflessly gave His life for us.



Engaging and Empowering Generations

By Janelle Lim and Esther Yong

TOO often we hear about parents complaining about their children to other parents. On the other hand, we have students who sigh that their parents do not empathise with their struggles. These situations are played out countless times simply because there is a collision of misunderstandings between the two generations. Who is to be blamed?

The youth ministry set out to plan a simple task: to provide a safe space where the voices of two generations are heard. On 27 July 2019, parents and youth came together to voice their different views. Here's what one of the youths thought of the interactive talk time.

Q1: How did you find the talk?
Firstly, it was a refreshing experience to have a session which included the older generations as we seldom have that. We started with an easy talk about understanding and learning about the different generations. It is interesting to me because we can see how the time and year the generations grew up in, can affect their working habits and lifestyle. From Generation X to Generation Z, the characteristics and behaviour of each generation differs.

Q2: What's your takeaway from this talk?
I began to understand how the older generation works. Although, as one from a younger generation, we might not understand why they do certain things, I feel it is important that both generations need to try and understand each other so that we can learn from each other. The younger generation learning from the older ones and vice versa. Put aside our own pride to empathise and fully understand two sides of a coin.

Q3: What do you hope to see in the future, in terms of bridging the gap, in HGC?

I hope that there will be a change in HGC, and I would like to see the young and old come together alongside each other as one. We need to realize that relationships are meant to be built, grown and nurtured intentionally which requires effort from both generations. I believe that change comes from our hearts and shown through our attitudes.

Q4: What was the most memorable part of the talk?
The most fun part is the part when we have a mini "debate" between different generations. We were presented with a statement and each generation has a say in it. For example, topics like "marrying a non-Christian, yes or no?" or "the younger generations are always stuck on their phones" were brought up. You can see that each generation has their own opinion and trying to make the other generation to understand their thoughts.

Evidently, we can see a need for younger generations and older generations to connect and understand each other more. It may not seem like anything big or life-changing right now, but I believe it is only the beginning, the first step to being a closely-knitted church that is united by ONE heart and works as ONE body of Christ to advance His Kingdom!



Empowering the generations



Meeting of generations

Children Worshipping God through Flags

By Jane Oo

IT was a couple of days after our HGC 25th Anniversary celebration that I received a WhatsApp message from a friend, Joy, whom I got to know through the 2016 Uprising prayer conference. The message was simple. She asked if I was still interested to teach children flag dance. The first thought that came to my mind was, what makes her think that I could teach flag dance? And for children? I laughed at the thought and wondered if I had the time to commit to it. Nevertheless, because of the lingering anointing of HGC's anniversary dance and the fact that it was for children, I said yes!

It was after saying yes that I realized I needed flags for the children; and I needed approximately 50 of them! As I prayed for the event, God gave me a picture. The picture depicted a group of children waving different coloured flags! My heart melted at the sight. I felt the peace and assurance that I could make the flags in time and that the children will be able to experience the same freedom I felt through flag dance.

The day arrived, A Day of Praise (ADOP), organized by Global Worship Malaysia, was held on 22 June in Malacca. HGC was very supportive and we even managed to have eight children from HGC to join the event. Needless to say it was a wonderful experience for both the children and me.

"As I prayed for the event, God gave me a picture. The picture depicted a group of children waving different coloured flags!"

Worship comes in many forms of expression, and one of them is dance. There's just something powerful and freeing when you use the body God gave to worship Him.

Children worshipping with different coloured flags



My 2019 Life's Journey

By Chan Yi Hern



"Be strong and be courageous. Do not be afraid. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go or do." Joshua 1:9

This year is a writing year for me! Why? My dear heavenly Father opened the door for me to this path. A path that He has gifted me.

Reporting for my centre

And amazingly, step by step, He grooms me, moulds me, grows me, waters me with all His tender loving care to be a reporter for my centre, Breakthru Enrichment.

I report practically almost everything that I observe to the principal. With my reports she knows what is going on in the centre, even though she is overseas attending conferences, conducting talks or training.

I sometimes wonder why I am gifted to write instead of a voice to talk. Well, so far my dear heavenly Father has not answered me but, I will keep on knocking, seeking till He answers, just as in Luke 11: 9-10.
Keep on asking, you will be given what you ask for.
Keep on looking and you will find.
Keep on knocking and the door will be opened.
For everyone who asks, receives.
Everyone who seeks, finds.
And the door is opened to everyone who knocks.

As a matter of fact, besides my writing passion, God helped me to overcome some of my challenges, although some may find it impossible.

Eating noodle soup & porridge

I have finally found the courage to eat noodle soup and porridge!! These are the two meals I really disliked. I'd rather avoid and not eat. I asked God, why? When will God send an angel to help His humble little girl? God is good all the time. He heard me! He sent an angel to help me to finish my porridge! This girl is a great helper in the kitchen, but she always isolates herself from friends. In fact, she doesn't have friends. When she was young, she was a rather difficult girl whenever she was triggered. Thank God she's a nice girl now.

My first attempt in eating porridge was in the centre. I was struggling to finish it as it was a rule that everyone has to finish their food. Out of nowhere, she stood beside me, with one hand firmly resting on my neck and the other hand scooping porridge and feeding me until the last scoop. Do you know how I felt at that moment? Of course, I was petrified and frozen. But.....I had to be obedient to eat, knowing her. Through her feeding me, I began to know the taste and the goodness of porridge. From there on eating porridge was not a problem at all. It's a breakthrough for me. God was telling me not to be afraid to face any obstacles for He will send an angel to help me in the nick of time. I thank my Father God for transforming that girl into a gentle person that she's now. Hallelujah!

Talent time

We had our talent time on 2 November. Although, I had a small role in the play, I felt proud that God has trained, guided and groomed me to pluck up my courage to walk up and down the stage two rounds, together with the rest

of the friends.

I was really very scared till I had sleepless nights. But when I read Joshua 1:9, immediately I felt a heavy rock lifted from me! With God's assurance, all my worries were gone.

Besides that, I had to go on stage when my introduction was read out by a friend. I had stage fright. Just imagine, standing on stage with pictures of me writing and typing shown to hundreds in the audience. Some of you may think this is nothing but to me it's a great challenge as I'm a timid and shy person. However, whenever I think of the verse Joshua 1:9, God grants me the courage. The hour finally came and I was accompanied onto the stage. Initially, I was hoping to avoid, but when the promise of God came to me, "I will never leave you," I was assured. My heart was lighter. I could see that the audience were quiet for the few minutes. Hallelujah! Again, all glory to God for His presence. I made it!

Peeling eggs

Well, kitchen work was not always my cup of tea! But, recently I was thrust into the situation, where I queried God's test on me.

Wow! When I saw the bowl of eggs in the kitchen, I was thinking, it would take a day for me to peel the shell; and I prayed that Aunty Lian Ai won't ask me to do it. It was a huge task for me.

God is really loving to send someone to help me. It's our principal, Aunty Phoebe! She showed me, prompted me fully, and let go bit by bit until I finished peeling the bowl of eggs. There were more than 10 eggs. It was an incredible and unbelievable task for me at that moment. But that was not the end. I needed to cut the eggs for their lunch.

I was very, very scared when Aunty Phoebe showed me how to cut the eggs. Oh no! I have to be very careful, I can't hurt my slender fingers; they are so precious.
But recalling the way she taught me how to handle the knife and hold the eggs, it wasn't that scary. That was a great experience. I have overcome my fear with a knife! God sure has His way!

Washing wok

On another day, I was stuck again in the kitchen, observing Aunty Lian Ai cooking lunch for the centre. After cooking, she had to rush off to some other places, leaving behind a big wok to wash. It was almost double the size of my wok at home but surprisingly, it was not heavy as I had imagined.

I was thinking, "Oh! Do I have to wash this big wok? If I have to, then Father God will you send an angel like you did two days ago." And sure enough, Aunty Phoebe came in. With her firmness and guidance again, she helped me and showed me the steps and the technique to wash it. It wasn't that difficult as I thought so. All I needed was a little guidance and assurance to complete the task.

Ministering to my dad's friend

Last month, Dad got to know that his friend and former business partner had a major surgery. He was a healthy person, a loving father and husband who worked very hard to build his business empire. He is a Christian.

Since his surgery, he has been very down and worried about his health. Knowing this, Dad visited him whenever available. Daddy accompanied him, talked to him, assuring him that he'd get well. He even accompanied him to do the exercises when the doctor gave him the green light. Daddy went with him for his follow up check-up and to his office.

Surely he and his wife were very grateful to my beloved daddy. But, every now and then, I still heard daddy mentioned that he's easily upset and down by simple statements especially about his appearance.

One day before Dad left home to meet this uncle, I took the opportunity to write to him the verse Joshua 1:9 and my special message, "To trust in the Lord, that His Presence is always with us!"

Later that night, Dad came home informing happily that the uncle and his wife were impressed and grateful for my note of encouragement, especially Joshua's verse.

We met for a family dinner recently. He looked healthier and I can feel that he is on the road to recovery, both emotionally and physically. His wife told Mom, that the verse I gave them was inspiring. She was really grateful to receive my note.

I want to thank my dear Heavenly Father for the grace and wisdom, and most of all His presence whenever I call upon Him in my life's journey.

Prayer

Oh, My Father in heaven, Thank You for Your "bread" for this year. Your "bread" has helped me to see, to feel, to know how wide and deep Your love is for me.

NB: Chan Yi Hern is a young lady with special needs.

Discovering God's Word For Myself

By Ignatius Tien



The DBS graduation team

IF I were to ask you what your favourite book in the Bible is, could you give me a summary of its content? And could you share the gospel, or God's redemption plan from it? These questions have been in my heart as I took on the Discipleship Bible School (DBS). It is a three month's course (1 Aug - 25 Oct 2019), which runs alongside the student's ministerial duties. And I am glad to share that the challenges, hardships, joy, and revelation, were worth it. This article is but salt to your tongue that you may thirst for the river of life that comes from the Word.

For a long time, I have learnt the Word of God and its revelations from a third party's perspective. The teachers and pastors are great, but there was always a nagging feeling inside of me to take it with a pinch of salt. I had no idea how they derived such conclusions from the Bible nor what resources they have reviewed, and what makes what they say creditable. The three months have been a journey where I found out for myself the Truth, and how to continue to walk in the Word.

We completed the whole Bible in three months, reading from Genesis all the way to Revelations; learning the context, themes, and most importantly, God's Redemption Plan in every single book. Believe it when I tell you; every single book in the Bible shows God's image, nature, character and plan. Aside from that, we did character studies, as well as constructing a timeline of the Bible events from Genesis to Revelation.

Some weeks are my favourites, such as the week we studied about the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Bible, or the Torah as the Hebrews called it. I learnt why God had to strike Egypt with 10 plagues, as each of the plague was the LORD's direct attack on each of the Egyptian idols. For example, the Uraeus, symbol of the goddess Wadjet, was a symbol of sovereignty, royal and divine authority to the Pharaoh and his household. The Passover, where every first born in Egypt was struck, was God's literal trampling over the Egyptian goddess Wadjet, displaying His power, sovereignty, royal authority as well as divine authority over that idol.

It had been a hard three months, but my 12 colleagues and I truly enjoyed it. We graduated on 25 October 2019. Now is a period of rest. But for me, I am still very busy with ongoing ministries, as well as with future plans to receive a Basic Leadership School course, and to go over to Sabah to run a Disciple Training School. Once those are over, I will be back in Penang to run a few more schools. These are very exciting times indeed!

If you have any enquiries, you can always contact me, as well as Loke Wai Keng who is also a teacher in the school. If God moves your heart to provide for me in any means for the journey ahead, you can also contact me through the church. May my sharing be a joy to you who reads it! And be encouraged to journey on with God in your lives, wherever you are and in whatever situations you are in.



Chad, a teacher teaching

Giving Birth To Marty

By Annina Zimmermann



Yoshua, Annina and baby Marty

I LIVE in Switzerland and have been married to Yoshua for six years. Both of us have strong desires to have children, even before we were married or knew each other.

It did not take long after our wedding for us to realise that there was a problem. Yoshua had a medical condition which made it impossible for us to have a child. After two years into our marriage, God gave me a vision. I saw myself carrying a baby and I knew it was our own baby. Because of that, Yoshua and I decided to take a chance on surgery despite its risk. However, a few weeks before the surgery, we were told that the only qualified surgeon in our region had fallen ill. Besides, we were soon leaving for a year of Bible School in London, and our phone calls to hospitals across the country were fruitless. We were quite discouraged but left for London hoping God would work a miracle.

While in London, at least on two separate occasions, people approached us with words of prophecy that spoke precisely into our situation. What an encouragement to know that God was on our case! Yet at the same time, pregnancy seemed totally out of reach!

Ps Khor told us, "The next time we see you, it will be with a child."

After graduating from Bible School, we went back to Switzerland. A year later, the surgeon performed the surgery. It went well, but contrary to expectations it did not solve everything. Furthermore, I also had my own issues: ovarian cysts. Many tears were shed and we became quite desperate over time.

In the fifth year of our marriage, we came to Malaysia in the summer for three weeks and spent some time with Ps Khor and Aunty Chin Nee. They both prayed for us regarding our desire and when we said goodbye, Ps Khor told us, "The next time we see you, it will be with a child."

In Switzerland, God used two friends on separate occasions to tell us that He was "soon" going to bless us with a baby. All this was a boost to our faith, but "soon" can mean anytime, right? Well, in our case, it was soon enough. Less than two months after we returned from Malaysia, I conceived! The joy and gratitude we felt towards God is beyond words. Today, our son, Marty, is a healthy baby!

NB: Ps Khor & Chin Nee have known Annina since she was 7 years old. She is the niece of Ruth Yap.

My Family

By Cassia Yap Yuet Foong



Yuet Hoong (1st R) with her family, mother, sister, niece & nephew

WHEN I was a youth and young believer, I always looked forward to church or youth camps, which I believe is vital for an individual's spiritual growth. There was the spiritual impartation; and the love, joy and knowledge that were shared among the older and younger members in the family of Christ.

I wished my children experienced what I had encountered back then during church camps. Thus, I made the decision to register my family for the 2019 Church Camp despite my husband's work schedule being unconfirmed. After discussing with my sister, we decided to bring our 84 year old mother along. We know language barrier does not hinder the move of God.

I also invited my ten year old twin nephew and niece to come along so that they would not miss the opportunity of experiencing a fun and Spirit-filled church camp. My husband fully supported my decision.

During the family camp, we mingled among our peers, senior members, children and youth. Amazingly, scenes of past church camps which I had joined during my teenage years kept flashing back in my mind. I was reminded of my older brothers and sisters in Christ such as the late brother, Jimi Yong, sister Lee Lee, Ps Khor, sister Chin Nee, Wai Pooi and Soon Hoe, Sam, Ps Lee Ping, Wai Choong, Poh Choo, Ps Victor and many more who cared for, served and nurtured the younger ones like me. Their love and commitment to the Lord were demonstrated in their service to His people. This cycle should be passed down to the next generation.

Thank God for the openness of younger members in my morning devotion group who shared about the challenges they were facing such as anger and helplessness when family members quarrelled. I had the same challenges too when I was a youth; and thus I was able to share some tips with them to soften such situations.

I am glad that my mother was able to attend all the services attentively despite not being able to understand English. She asked me questions triggered by her observations or on the few English words she heard from the speakers. During the last session, she was willing to be prayed for after much hesitation. Ps Tony Pang, our camp speaker, prayed against the fear in her. That night, she was able to sleep so well, till past 7.00am in the morning.

My children, nephew and niece enjoyed the camp too. They indulged themselves in the hot spring whenever there was free time. They were very interested in Ps Christine Pang's testimonies too. They kept reminding me to get the answer from Ps Christine about how she replied a female lesbian doctor's question, "What's wrong about loving another woman?"
(Turn to page 42 for the answer)

I think the peak of the sessions was when Daniel Wong invited the Sunbeams youth to come out for prayer. At first I felt it was not necessary to highlight those from Sunbeams as we were one family in Christ. Later, I realised that God wanted to perform an inner healing in "us". We needed to admit and face our issues (e.g. hurts, rejection, indifference, ignorance, selfishness) and allow God to work in and through us.

One of the points to ponder during one of the morning devotion sessions was, "Describe HGC in one word." My answer was…, "My family". There is no best church (and that goes for family too). Where God places us, there is the best.

Praise be to God for another fruitful camp!

Just Love Your Dad!

By Lim Chin Nee



Chin Nee's father was baptized on 14 Oct 2019

I HAVE been longing and praying for my father's salvation ever since I became a Christian at the age of 16.

My father, Lim Nee Kin, is a stern and austere man whom I was really afraid of when I was young. I hardly talk much to him except when it was necessary. In spite of the fear, I love my father and desired to see him saved. I still remember how I had one night, more than 45 years ago, knelt in the bathroom and prayed earnestly for my father to read a page in a Christian magazine that I had intentionally left open for him to chance upon and read; and be so touched that he would say, "I need Jesus to be my Saviour and Lord." You see, I dared not approach my father and had hoped that the article in the magazine would do the talking for me. Well, it never happened the way I had envisioned it.

Nonetheless, I held on to the promise of God in Acts 16:31, "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved, you and your household."

As I grew in faith, I became a little bolder in my attempts to share Christ with my father. Each attempt met with tough resistance for my father has a very strong mind and will of his own. The moment I (or anyone for that matter) opened my mouth to share the gospel, his defence would be up. He would argue, "All religion is the same. Don't be fanatical. The Bible has been changed," hardly giving me much of a chance to speak. My protective mother would urge me to hush up in case I stirred up his wrath. "No point arguing with him," she said.

One day, the Lord showed me the more excellent way. I had invited Anthony Bright, a pastor with a strong prophetic gift, to visit my parents. I thought surely he would have a prophetic word for my father and get him saved. But that was not how it went. I was a little disappointed. However, just before leaving, Ps Anthony had a word for me, "Just love your Dad."

A light dawned. That was it. That was the approach God wanted me to take. Just love my father and pray for him. It was not easy as at times; his words and actions can hurt.

Interestingly, although my father was resistant to the gospel, I have found him telling others about Jesus occasionally. In fact, when my mother stood at the crossroad of making the all-important decision for Christ, my dad was the one who affirmed her on the decision and not to be bound by fears of what others might say or think. He was also the one who encouraged his late eldest sister, a staunch Buddhist, to turn to Jesus at the age of 80.

The love and power of God worked steadily in my father's heart, softening him; for in three separate occasions, my father repeated the sinner's prayer clearly and willingly, receiving Christ as his Saviour and Lord. The latest was on 6 February 2018. How my mum, sisters and I rejoiced over his salvation. God was faithful to His promise in Acts 16:31.

After his conversion, we were eager for him to be baptized but he rejected the idea again and again, saying it was unnecessary. He was open to prayer, to worshipping together, but baptism, no. He felt it was a matter of the heart; and between him and God.

Well, the Lord had His perfect way and timing for my father's salvation, I trusted He would have a perfect timing for his baptism.

In recent months, my 95 year old father has been singing and singing, "Jesus loves me this I know." He would sing it over and over again. I asked him one day, "Pa, who loves you very much? He looked up and said, "You." I laughed and said emphatically, "Jesus loves you very much."

On the evening of 14 October 2019, I was seated at the dining table with my father and mother. I looked at my father and mother and said, "Thank you for being my father and mother. I am so blessed to have you both as my parents." I could see a light in my father's eyes and he replied, "That's good." Somehow a feeling came over me that my father was ready to be baptized. I knew I must ask him. But having been rejected a few times, I hesitated wondering how I was going to approach it. The Lord kept stirring my heart. When I mustered up enough courage to ask him, lo and behold, there was absolutely no resistance at all from him. The Lord had made him ready.

Immediately, Ps Khor taking some water baptized his father-in-law in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. What a day of joy and praise!!

Salvation indeed belongs to the LORD!

He gives me TRUE JOY

By Janelle Lim



Janelle

EVER since I can remember, church has always been a big part of my life. Growing up in a Christian household, attending Sunday School and Youth services. I was dedicated, serving in various ministries and going to church regularly. And yet, I did not know God.

During my teen years, I started being depressed and like a virus, it continued to spread and manifest. It affected my self-esteem and mental health. I struggled with suicidal thoughts and started to self-harm. I thought that there was no more hope and joy in life. I cared too much about how other people think of me instead of how God thinks of me.

"It definitely has been a hard journey but the Lord is my source of strength to continue to press on."

In 2014, I went to a conference organized by Youth Alive Malaysia. During the altar call, I felt an urge to respond to the altar call and I obeyed. The Holy Spirit began to fill me and I started to weep at the altar while some pastors and leaders laid hands on me. Many tears were shed that day and it was the first time I had an encounter with God that was so REAL. However I was not completely changed.

In 2015, I enrolled in a camp, HUGE Camp, and it was there that God showed me how much he loved me and poured out His love for me, I felt so filled with His joy and love at that moment, I felt peace in my heart that I have never felt before due to my anxiety. Throughout the whole camp I just felt God's presence everywhere. It was then I decided to give all my burdens to God. To this day, it definitely has been a hard journey but the Lord is my source of strength to continue to press on.

I am reminded by a passage from Matthew 11:28-30 where Jesus said, "Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light."

If you are feeling burdened, heartbroken or depressed, remember, God's love always prevails and He also pours out His love through His people, such as fellow church members or friends. No one is truly alone and ALWAYS seek help. Our God is truly faithful and He always has a better plan for each and every one.

Beautiful In His Time

By Joseph Teruel, Pastor



Ps Joseph & Jane rejoicing over the gift of Josiah James

I MET my wife, Jane, in 2009, in Kuala Lumpur at a church anniversary service. After the event, Jane and her family returned back to the Philippines where they have a church in the Bicol region. Deep inside my heart I knew that she was the answer to my prayer for a life partner.

By the hand of God, I was invited to preach in their church anniversary. Knowing that it was God who had opened the way for me, I grabbed the opportunity to talk to Jane's parents. I told them everything that was in my heart and about my plans and purposes regarding Jane. Her parents agreed to allow Jane to be my prayer partner. I went back to Malaysia happily and continued the ministry that God entrusted me with. After three months of praying with each other, we decided to get married. God made everything beautiful in His right time. In January 2010, we got married. By then, I had settled back in the Philippines and both of us continued our ministry in a church in Bicol.

After five years, God told me to return to Malaysia to finish the unfinished work that I had started. I told Jane about it and she fully agreed to obey God's will. Since returning back to Malaysia, we have been pastoring the Filipino fellowship under The Hope of Glory Centre located in Bandar Baru Ampang.

Both Jane and I longed to have a child. Months turned to years as we waited expectantly for Jane to conceive. Sometimes we felt that there might be something wrong with us. We asked for advice and were told to see a doctor which we did not. What we did was to keep on trusting the Lord, believing that in His perfect time He will answer our prayers and give us a baby.

"After 8 years of waiting, the Lord granted the desire of our hearts."

One Sunday morning in May 2018, my wife and I attended the English Service. The speaker of that day, Howard Williard, asked for anyone in the congregation who desired to have a baby to step forward for prayer. Immediately, my wife went forward and was prayed over. After several weeks, one of our Filipino members told my wife that she would conceive the following month (August 2018). We prepared and prayed with all our heart to see God's promise of a baby fulfilled in our lives.

On Saturday, 18 August 2018, after missing her menstruation, Jane did a self-pregnancy test. When she saw the positive result, she was extremely excited and ran to tell me the good news. I could not hold my tears but cried in gratitude to God for answering our prayers. After eight years of waiting, the Lord granted the desire of our hearts. Truly God's promises are always in His time.

Josiah James (JJ) was born on April 9, 2019. He is super cute and a blessed baby. He is five months old now (at the point of writing). We celebrate God's favour upon our lives. To God be all the glory for He makes all things beautiful in His time!

Abba Father Arranged It All

By William Chan



I CAN only say that Jesus waited patiently for me at the place where I once walked away from Him. I know that without God, I would still be in 'prison' today.

Due to the increased projects overseas, my church attendance for the last two years' was nil. However, as the projects lessened in 2018, a small voice urged me to attend church again and directed me to join a life group (LG) too. Within a month of returning back to church, I was invited to two life groups.

Again I heard that small voice telling me to join Halaman life group. I have since learnt a lot of things from the LG; how much God loves me, how to know God more and draw near to Him. Now He is more important than anything in my life. I am grateful to my LG members who helped and supported me a lot. Calvin Lim, too, helped me a lot even though he is not from my LG.

After an extremely hectic preparation in May 2019 for a project due in Kenya (in which I had to work up to 48 hours), my boss suddenly told me that I need not go to Kenya with the rest of the team. Little did I know it, but God had a hand in my boss' decision. For on the day after the team flew off to Kenya, my dad, Warren Chan, had a stroke.

Immediately, I requested urgent prayers from my LG members for my dad who was admitted in the hospital to run a series of tests for his throat and lungs. Now I know that God had arranged my last minute exclusion to Kenya because of my dad. I cannot imagine how it would be if I had flew off, leaving my mother alone to handle the situation.

In a nutshell, my dad's diagnosis was fourth stage lung cancer and there was nothing the doctors could do. It was a traumatic time for my mother and me. During that time, my LG members visited my dad constantly to pray for him. Calvin also visited my dad in the hospital to pray for him. My dad hated Christians but amazingly, he allowed Calvin to pray for him.

During the three weeks of recovery, my dad could walk and talk again without the aid of the walking stick.

It was during Calvin's second visit on 4 July that my dad accepted Jesus as his Lord and Saviour and willingly had all the idols in the house removed. Following that, on 16 July, his birthday, my dad was baptised.

Dad then had his fourth stroke and we were advised to send him to Serdang Hospital but the Holy Spirit told my mum not to. So we took care of him at home where he was happier.

My dad weakened by the day. Being unable to stand or speak was not easy to deal with. Remembering the devastating news from the doctor that he had only three to six months to live, I learned to love and care for my dad. Although my relationship with my dad had not been a good one most of my life, in those last few months and days it grew by leaps and bounds. We spent time together in a way we had never done before and had a great bonding time. I used to say I hate my dad but I realised that it was not true. I love my dad and no matter, what would take care of him until the end, and that includes my mom.

I placed my dad in top priority those five months. There were a lot of pressure, stress, fatigue and even arguments with my mom, but God saw me through it all. I made it a point to be home on time to change his diapers, feed and bathe my dad. My mom would look after him when I was at work.

I was to go to Penang Island from 24 to 26 Sept but on Monday 23 Sept, my trip was rescheduled to the 26 where I only had to pick up my employer from the airport in Penang.

As usual I awoke at 5.30am on 26 Sept. I prayed, changed dad's diapers et cetera, before leaving for the Penang airport. Then I clearly heard a voice saying, "Son, please stay with your dad awhile longer."

I obeyed and walked back to dad and told him that I would be home on either 26 or 27 Sept. He nodded as he could not speak anymore. I left him but again that small voice told me to wear my glasses and look at him again. At that moment, I felt a stab of pain in my heart. I left after praying for him.

An hour before passing Ipoh, my mom rang me, telling me in tears that my dad had breathed his last. Shocked, I wept but at the same time I knew he was safe in Jesus' arms, free from pain and sickness.

My good, good God had arranged for me to have two more precious days to be with my dad before he went back to his eternal home on 26 Sept!! For this I am very grateful to God.

My God who arranged that will continue to arrange everything in life for me. Through Him, I have learnt that family is important and that I should love and care for them. I still have a long way to go in my relationship with God but I know He loves me and will teach me all that I need to know. The lessons of life I have learnt these four months have made a tremendous impact on me. No matter what troubles come, I can face them bravely depending on Him.

Thank You Abba Father.

Who is God? Do We Need God in Our Lives?

Answered by Loke Wai Keng

THIS is one question that many people wrestle with at some point in their lives. In many people's minds, God is the "person" or "things" that they believe is "out there", the "one" who is bigger than them and who is in control of things that are beyond their control. In this sense, just about everyone has a concept of God.

In the world today, millions hold to the beliefs and conclusions of materialism and humanism. According to materialism, physical matter and the laws of physics and chemistry which act on matter are everything. The spiritual world does not exist; hence there is no need for God. Humanism on the other hand, literally believes, "I am God," so why bother to know who is God. Such influences have become widespread in this present world.

However, we can understand more about God if we are willing to take an unbiased look into the Bible with a heart to learn. The apostle Paul told the idolatrous Greeks that humans "should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; for in Him we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:27-28).

The Bible does not attempt to prove the existence of God; rather, it assumes His existence from the very beginning. "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth (Gen 1:1)." And the Bible reveals the nature, character and work of God.

Who is God? - The Definition

God cannot be defined simply because of Who He is. But to give some understanding, this is just a simple declaration. God is "the Supreme Being; the Creator and Ruler of the whole universe; the Self-existent One who is perfect in power, goodness, and wisdom." God chooses to reveal Himself to people who sincerely seek Him. (Deut 4:29)

Who is God? - His Nature

God in His mercy has condescended to reveal some of His qualities to us. God is spirit, by nature intangible (John 4:24). God is One, but He exists as three Persons – God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit (Matt 3:16-17). God is eternal (1 Tim 1:17), incomparable (2 Sam 7:22), and unchanging (Mal 3:6). God exists everywhere (Psa 139:7-12), knows everything (Psa 147:5; Isa 40:28), and has all power (Eph 3:20) and authority to bless us in every way (Eph1).

Who is God? - His Character

Here are some of God's characteristics as revealed in the Bible: God is just (Acts 17:31), loving (Eph 2:4-5), truthful (John 14:6), and holy (1John 1:5). God shows compassion (2 Cor 1:3), mercy (Romans 9:15), and grace (Rom 5:17). God judges sin (Psa 5:4-5) but also offers forgiveness (Psa 130:4).

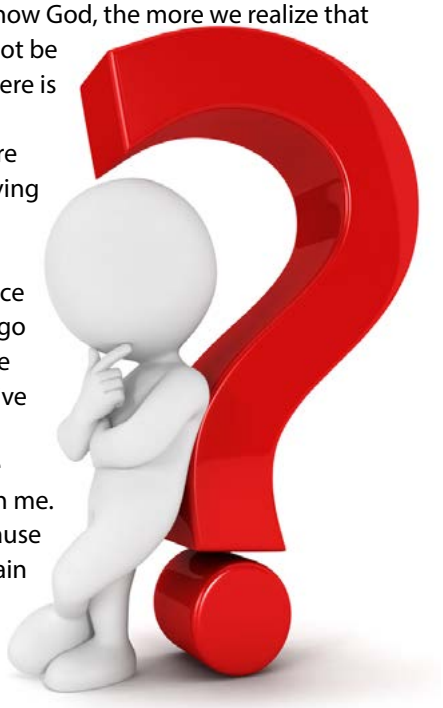
Who is God? - His Work

We cannot understand God apart from His works, because what God does flows from who He is. Here is a short list of God's works, past, present, and future: God created the world (Gen1:1; Isa 42:5); He actively sustains the world (Col1:17; Heb 1:3); He is executing His eternal plan (Eph 1:11) which involves the redemption of man from the curse of sin and death (Gal 3:13-14); He draws people to Christ (John 6:44); He disciplines His children (Heb12:6); and He will judge the world (Rev 20:11-15).

Do we need God in our lives?

God loves His creation so much that He does not wish to see human being perishing because they do not know Him and are separated from Him due to sin. So He sent Jesus who took on human form (John 1:14) to live among man to show that He knows and understands what man goes through in this sinful world. The Son of God, Jesus Christ, became the Son of Man. Through His death and resurrection, He became the "bridge" between God and man (John 14:6; 1 Tim 2:5). It is only through the Son that we can have forgiveness of sins (Eph 1:7), reconciliation with God (Rom 5:10) and eternal salvation (2 Tim 2:10). In Jesus Christ "all the fullness of the deity lives in bodily form" (Col 2:9).

So in this sense, we all need God in our lives. God needs to be experienced in our daily lives in order to know who He is. The more we get to know God, the more we realize that without God there will not be purpose of existence. There is nothing to lose having God in our lives, but there is everything to gain having Him in our lives.



Footnote: God in His grace convicted me 52 years ago that Jesus died and arose three days later. He is alive and I am serving a Risen Saviour. Life is worth the living because He lives in me. There is great hope because Jesus will come back again one day to take me to heaven.

What's Wrong About Loving Another Woman?

By Christine Phang, Pastor

PS CHRISTINE Pang was asked by a female lesbian doctor the above question. Below is her answer.

There is absolutely nothing wrong for women to love women or men to love men…it is called sisterhood and brotherhood. Women bond with women in a unique way; and the relationship can be very meaningful and deep.

However, the enemy perverted it to be sexual. It is the sexuality that is wrong. If God had meant for same sex physical relationships, the human race would have ended. Same sex relationship is incapable of producing life; in fact, it causes death (HIV).
The female body and male body are created to "fit" and complement each other.

Besides, it really does not matter what I think…that is my opinion on homosexuality. What matters is what God thinks because He is our creator.

What the Bible Says about Homosexuality

THE Bible does not say much about homosexuality but what it does say is enough to tell us that it is not the design of God. It is a perversion. The Bible declares homosexuality as sinful, unnatural, and disgusting to God.

Leviticus 18
22 Do not have sexual relations with a man as one does with a woman; that is detestable.

Leviticus 20
13 If a man has sexual relations with a man as one does with a woman, both of them have done what is detestable. They are to be put to death; their blood will be on their own heads.

Romans 1
26 Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones.

27 In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error.

28 Furthermore, just as they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what ought not to be done.

1 Corinthians 6
9 Or do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men

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Jude 1:7
7 In a similar way, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion. They serve as an example of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire.

God's Design

Mark 10:6-9
6 "But at the beginning of creation God 'made them male and female.'

7 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife,

8 and the two will become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh.

9 Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

Chicken Mushroom Quiche

By Magdeline Chin



Using an 8" removable base quiche pan

Crust Ingredients:

- 175g flour, sieved
- 115g butter, cubed and cold
- 2g salt
- 7g white sugar
- 60-120ml iced cold water

Method:

1. Stir in salt and sugar into the flour. Use a fork to cut the butter into the flour, continue cutting and mixing until it resembles breadcrumbs. Stir in salt and sugar.
2. Sprinkle the iced cold water onto the flour gradually, lightly mix until the dough starts to clump together.
3. Wrap the dough with cling film and refrigerate for 30 minutes.
4. Remove the dough from fridge, roll dough on a lightly floured surface into round sheet slightly bigger than the quiche pan.
5. Roll the round dough onto the rolling pin and transfer to the quiche pan.
6. Press into quiche pan till it sits firmly on it.
7. Run the rolling pin on the brim of the quiche pan to remove the extra dough on top.
8. Use a fork to prick holes and return to fridge for another 30 minutes.
9. Heat up the oven at 180°C.
10. Remove from fridge and put heavy pan or dry beans on top of the pastry to prevent the pastry from puffing up or shrinking while baking. Bake for 15 minutes.
11. Remove the heavy pan and continue to bake for 20 minutes.
12. Remove from oven.

Filling Ingredients:

- 5 Chinese mushrooms, (soaked in water until soft, drained and squeezed dry and cut into cubes)
- ½ tbsp of chopped garlic
- ½ onion (diced/sliced)
- 20g carrot (diced)
- 120g chicken fillet (diced)
- 3 tbsp oil
- ½ chicken stock cube
- 2 tbsp green peas
- Pinch of salt
- Sprinkle of black pepper powder
- 100ml anchor cream
- 1 egg
- 2 slices of Cheddar cheese (cut into small pieces)

Method:

1. Cook the mushroom with salt and seasoning of your choice until soft
2. In a wok, heat up oil; lightly fry onion and green peas separately. Remove from wok.
3. Add in another tablespoon of oil and fry the chopped garlic lightly.
4. Add the chicken, mushroom, carrot, salt and chicken stock cube and fry until the chicken is cooked.
5. Add in black pepper, onion and green peas; continue to fry for a while. They should be dry.
6. Remove from wok. Let the temperature go down a little before putting onto the pre-baked quiche crust.
7. Spread the ingredients evenly on the crust.
8. Beat the egg in the cream and sieve on to the quiche, top with Cheddar cheese.
9. Bake at 180°C for 35 minutes or until the top is golden brown and remove from oven.

HAPPENINGS IN HGC

CHURCH EVENTS | Jul to Dec 2019



Church Camp @ Refreshing Spring	**15-17Aug**
Power Evangelism Training - Ps Seumean	**21-24Aug**
Little Lighthouse Kindy Concert	**5 Oct**
Filipino Service 3rd Anniversary Celebration	**6 Oct**
Sayangi Ampang Projek 2.0	**19 Oct**
Leaders Retreat	**28 Oct**



CHRISTMAS

KKB Christmas Celebration	**7 Dec**
Filipino Christmas Celebration	**8 Dec**
Children Church Christmas Celebration	**14 Dec**
Chinese Sunday School Christmas Celebration	**15 Dec**
Saturday Service Christmas Celebration	**21 Dec**
Chinese Christmas Evangelistic Meeting	**22 Dec**
English Christmas Evangelistic Meeting	**22 Dec**



BAPTISM

KKB - Norani a/p Pinang, Norhaliza, Harlen bin Jaafar	**12 Oct**
Serena Wong, Sameria Marnisa, Lara & Maria Zainal	**10 Nov**
Sat Service	**23 Nov**



NEW BORN

Jared Gabriel Tan, firstborn of Justin Tan & Wan Mei Yee **22 Nov**



NEWLY WED

Nik Thorsen & Ashleigh Heng Wei Yee	**2 Nov**
Liew Yu Yang & Ann Teh Shio Yan	**9 Nov**
Kelvin Chan & Chin Wai Shin	**30 Nov**



IN LOVING MEMORY

Marco Toh Hong Sheong	**8 Jun**
Loh Kong Han	**7 Jun**
Joni Chong Huay Ling	**6 Aug**
Warren Chan Thin Fook	**26 Sep**



MISSIONS TRIP

Sibu, Sarawak	**25 Jun – 1Jul**
	19 – 25 Oct
Myanmar Mission	**10 -18 Oct**

COMING EVENTS in 2020

Sunrise Service	**1 Jan**
Leaders Prayer @ Peacehaven	**4 Jan**
HGC 26th Anniversary	**15 Mar**
Power Evangelism Training- Ps Seumean	**20-22 Mar**
Easter Weekend	**10-12 Apr**
AGM	**24 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 sorrows. 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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