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#### VISION

"To Take Tabuan Jaya And Beyond For Christ"

#### MISSION

"To Build A Community Of Believers To Love And To Know Christ And To Make Him Known To Others"

#### Cover

The picture portrays a beautiful butterfly fully transformed from an ugly caterpillar in a pupa. Likewise, when a person has Christ in his life, he is a new creation who has been transformed from his former oldself.

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### The Bishop writes

A parable is told of a farmer who owned an old and rather shaggy dog. The dog fell into a well. The farmer heard the dog wailing. After carefully assessing the situation, the farmer sympathized with the dog, but decided that neither the dog nor the well was worth the trouble of saving. Instead, he called his neighbours together and told them what had happened ... and enlisted them to help haul dirt to bury the old dog in the well and put it out of its misery.

Initially, the old shaggy dog was hysterical! But as the farmer and his neighbours continued shoveling and the dirt hit it's back ... a thought struck it and suddenly dawned on it that every time a shovel load of dirt landed on its back ... it should shake it off and step up. This it did, blow after blow.

"Shake it off and step up ... shake it off and step up ... shake it off and step up!". It repeated to encourage itself. No matter how painful the blows or distressing the situation seemed, the old shaggy dog fought "panic" and just kept right on shaking it off and stepping up!

It wasn't long before the old shaggy dog, battered and exhausted, jumped triumphantly over the wall of that well. What seemed like it would bury it, actually blessed it ... all because of the attitude and manner in which it handled its adversity.

That my friends, is the key to the harsh realty of life! If we face our problems and respond to them positively, and refuse to give in to panic, bitterness, or self-pity ... the adversities that come along to bury us usually have, within them, the potential to benefit and bless us. Remember that FORGIVENESS



- FAITH - PRAYER - PRAISE and HOPE ... all are excellent ways to "shake it off and step up" out of the wells in which we find ourselves! Remember too that the Christian has more than just shaggy survival instinct - "for He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world." (1Jn.4.4)

I pray that Tabuan Jaya Anglican Church continues to be a source of inspiration to our Diocesan family and beyond, where lives are liberated, healed and saved.

THE RT. REV'D DATUK BOLLY LAPOK



### MESSAGE from the Priest-In-Charge

Dear Friends,

Greetings to all of you in the Wonderful Name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ!

As we draw near to Christmas again, with the celebration decorated with Christmas trees, bright coloured lights, gifts and the sumptuous food in party, let us not miss the real meaning of Christmas. It reminds us of Jesus who is the Begotten Son of God, came into the world in lowly and humble manner by becoming a human being like you and me. He also showed us His love by dying for our sins on the Cross at Calvary. Indeed, when Jesus was born in Bethlehem, the inn had no room for Him; but we pray that human hearts can have rooms for Jesus; and to receive Him as Saviour is the greatest blessing upon our lives. When we repent of our sins, and continue to seek His face, we receive not only His eternal salvation but also promises of love, joy and peace that surpass understanding even in this life which the world cannot give except through Jesus Christ. So, let us be thankful as we celebrate the birthday of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

At the beginning of this year 2011, I urge all our Church members to read the whole Bible within two years by using the **Daily Bible Reading Table** which is easy to follow but to understand the deep spiritual truth we need to put in effort to study with the help of a Concordance, Bible Commentary or a Study Bible. We must discipline ourselves to pray, study on God's Word daily, in order to nurture our inner man and to meditate on God's Word can renew our mind, thus to bring real transformation in our lives. Apostle Paul says – "Do not conform any

longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind" (Romans 12:2). When we spend quality time with God daily, we can be transformed into Christ-likeness and be fruitful to serve Him for His glory. Jesus alone has the power to transform people and change circumstances (2 Corinthians 3:18). In the glory realm, our attitudes will change. Our thoughts will change to have the mind of Christ. When we live as Christians who have been transformed, then we can be as "salt of the earth and light of the world" (Matthew 5:13, 14) to influence and impact the community. As a local Church in Tabuan Jaya, let us reflect Christ-likeness in our daily walk with Him so that our Christian lifestyle can truly impact and bring transformation to Tabuan Jaya community and beyond.

We praise and thank God for His grace and favour in using us as His vessels to build our Church in the housing estate of Tabuan Jaya with the vision, "To Take Tabuan Jaya and Beyond For Christ" which means to evangelise the community in Tabuan Jaya by reaching out to them through evangelistic programmes/activities such as Alpha Course, Home Cell Ministry, Free English Tuition, Lodge School Outreach, Community Gathering, Evangelistic Rally, Moon Cake Festival Celebration, Caroling, etc. The second part of our vision is to do Mission Works beyond Tabuan Jaya. Indeed, we are glad to embark on the Community Welfare Service in reaching out to the poor, needy and marginalized in our community in May this year, and also to assist in the outreach work at Merakai, and among our visually impaired brothers. We have the power to influence and impact our community by doing good deeds and propagating

the Gospel, to prevent it from social corruption. It is wonderful to see the vision of this new Church birth into this reality through much prayer and hard work. However, as the Family of God, let us remind ourselves that our Spiritual Vision is on-going, that is, to reach out to the thousands in Tabuan Jaya so that many people can be blessed like us to become Christians.

I am grateful to take this opportunity to tell every Church member that the theme for next year is "The Year of Break Through". As our Church Vision is to bring the Gospel or the Good News to our community, it is also to bring transformation to our community. However, transformation for our community is a process; it starts with us in personal transformation. The Church is an agent for transformation, so we should take the lead to influence and transform our community. The Year 2011 is "The Year Of Transformation", which means inwardly we change to be more Godlike and outwardly we sow "seeds" to the community. So in 2012, "The Year of Break Through", I would like to see the personality of our members becoming mature and we can reap harvest from the community.

Finally, my family and I would like to wish you and your family to be filled with love, peace and joy of Jesus this Christmas and a very blessed New Year 2012.

In His Love,

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The Revd. Kenny Tan



# PROPHETE OUR Church

The Lord released His prophetic Word to the Church through The Revd. Dr. Amos Jayaratnam on the final night of his ministry at our Church (1st August, 2011). The following highlights the salient points of the prophecy:

- RESTRUCTURING IN THE CHURCH

   Hear the Lord says: the time and the season have come, I am going to cause a repositioning and restructuring in this Church, and I am going to cause a change in the move of God in this place. I want the intercessors; I want men and women to really take time to seek the face of God.
- 2. **BE READY TO MOVE ON** Change can only come when the hearts and spirits are ready. When the people are ready to move on, there is going to be a change, because the Lord says that Tabuan Jaya is being called to be Antioch, to be a mission base, and a place where fruits are growing the trees are going to bear fruits. Get ready, says the Lord.
- TRANSFORMATION WILL COME The spiritual water level of this Church will go higher and higher and higher that when you come into worship, people will already be healed, people will already be touched, people who are wrong in their lives will be convicted of their sins and they will repent and they will turn to God.
- 4. **NEW WINESKIN TO RISE** The old wineskin will be removed there will be a change in their thought pattern, in their habits, and in the things they are doing. There have been areas that they haven't come to, there have been areas that they have not had breakthrough. The Lord says the heaven is waiting, to pour out a new wine and before the new wine comes, He is going to cause a new wineskin to rise in this place.
- 5. CONSOLIDATION LEADING TO FRUITFULNESS When there is consolidation, there will be acceleration and when there's acceleration, there will be excellence, and there will be perfect-ness in everything that you do. Everything will become fruitful whether it is technical or spiritual, in whatever aspect of their lives.
- 6. GREATER CALL FOR THE CHURCH TO EXPAND - Therefore, fear not, says the Lord, there is a greater call for this church. Therefore get ready, the Lord says in Isaiah 54:1-3, that the time to expand is come, you shall no more be barren, but to the left and to the right, you will have overflow of souls.

- OVERFLOWING OF THE RIVER OF LIVING WATERS - Ezekiel 47 - the river began to flow from the temple, it was ankle deep, and then it was knee deep. Then it came to hip deep and then it came to overflow and everything that the river touches, it begins to heal, it moves all. The Lord says the time has come that I cause rivers of living water to bubble up in your hearts as you take to the Presence of God, right in your closet in the Church. This river is going to flow out from this place because of the worship, because of the intercession, because of the cleansing of the hearts of the people, and there is going to be healing, and people will be touched, and you will see people drawn to this place.'
- 8. **INTO A NEW REALM INTHE SPIRIT** God wants to see prayers more than talents and abilities. He wants to see incense of worship and intercession, coming up to Him. He is going to take you into a new realm a new realm in the Spirit, a new place of power, a new place of authority, a new bold place of capability, and there is going to be a change.
- 9. **RESTORATION OF RELATIONSHIPS AND A NEW ANOINTING** There is going to be a restoration between the leaders and the members, and the members and the leaders, there is going to be a restoration in the whole Church, and there is going to be a cleansing, says the Lord. The river of healing is first going to bring healing in relationship. The Lord says, Get ready because the time has come, and I am releasing a major and heavier anointing.
- 10. STRETCHING YOUR FAITH AND INTO MISSION FIELDS - You will be ready to stretch your faith, and to send the best ones to pioneer works in other places, that the Spirit will lead. Paul and Barnabas and senior leaders of Antioch Church had been sent out to into the mission fields, so shall the 'Pauls' and 'Barnabases' in this place be sent out, the 'Silas and the Johns' will be sent out. Get ready, says the Lord because He is going to go before you. Do not be limited by your natural thinking and reasoning. Listen to the Voice of God. In this place, He is going to specifically raise three prophetesses and four prophets in the days to come. It will be clearly vindicated of their calling, their gifting and their ministry. Therefore fear not, says the Lord. There is going to be an impartation through this Healing River, through this Prayer Life that is coming to change the whole nation, the whole nation through this Church. Get ready, says the Lord.

- 11. PHYSICAL EXPANSION OF OUR CHURCH The Lord wants this place to be expanded because in the days to come, there will be more than 800 believers.
- 12. **GOD WANTS THOSE TAKING BREAKS TO COME BACK** There are much potential in this Church. Some of them have taken a break, and God wants them to come back and serve Him. He will vindicate who is who and what is their gifting and their grace.
- 13. GODWANTS TO RAISE THE STANDARD OF OUR CHURCH God is going to destroy everything that is not of Him, and pull down every fleshly thought. He will cause His Spirit to rise and raise the standard in this place. Fear not, says the Lord, for His Presence will go before you. Get ready as the spiritual water level rises higher and higher and higher and higher and higher and higher. The Lord says cancer patients will also be healed, the lame will begin to walk, and the blind will begin to see; signs and wonders will begin to happen.

He will raise some of you as evangelists, and the Anointing of the Lord will come upon you in the area of healing and deliverance. He will raise some of you for pastoral care and send you out in the field and establish it.

Some of you will see dreams; some of you will see visions. As the Bible says, in 1Cor 14, one will prophesy, one after the other, step by step, but the others will judge. As the Gifts of the Spirit flow in this place, I will cause the Senior Leaders to judge, with a sensitive spirit, at the same time to equip and to impart.

14. **THE TIME HAS COME** - There are times to stretch and the time has come. The Lord says, I am the God of this Church, the whole world is in My hands but My eyes are focused on My Church. I want to empower My Church, with wisdom, with power, with anointing.

Thank you, Jesus, thank you Jesus. Amen.

(Readers, who are interested, could refer to the full transcript, which is obtainable on request from the church office. The Revd. Dr. Amos Jayaratnam, who pastors at The Temple of Holiness, Singapore, is also the President of Global Missions International. In 1995, together with Pastor Lucas Lim, he came and prayed with the core group, and prophesized that Tabuan Jaya Anglican Church (then St. Faith's Extension Centre) was in God's plan and purpose for the extension of God's Kingdom in this part of His Vineyard).

### RAISING UP THE JOSHUA GENERATION:

### A Strong & Courageous Leadership

The sudden demise of our very dedicated and energetic Church Warden recently sent shock waves not only to the family members but also the whole Church. Perhaps it is a wakeup call and underlines the urgent need in many Churches for an ongoing discipleship/mentoring programme to be put in place to raise up the second and even the third echelon of leaders for the Church - a Joshua generation ready at any time to answer the call to ensure that the work of God continues unabated.

#### **No Success Without Succession**

The famous leadership guru, John C. Maxwell, wrote "There is no success without a succession". Leaders do not live forever nor are they indispensible. The Church must have ongoing long term plans for the succession of new leaders (preferably younger ones) to be nurtured to eventually take over the helm of leadership in the Church. The passing of the baton of leadership from Moses, one of the greatest of Israel's leaders, to Joshua was seamless because the latter was discipled and mentored by Moses from a young age. Paul had his Timothy, Silas Epaphroditus, Epaphras to name a few and Jesus had his 12 disciples. There are very few born leaders who can fill in the leadership gap overnight. Each has to be taught, trained and mentored over a period of time. Every strong visionary church should have in place such an ongoing programme.

#### **Searching For Joshuas**

In order for the succession plan to be fruitfully set in motion, the Church needs to urgently embark on a search for her Joshuas. Where are they? The Home Cells should be the breeding grounds to discover the varied gifting of their members but this will not happen unless current leaders are prepared to delegate responsibilities to their members to deliberately test them and in so doing discover their Joshuas.

At the various Home Cells, ongoing discipleship training is meant to build up the future pool of leaders. Is it adequate? Is it effective? How ready are churches today for revival? If there is a sudden influx of several hundred new believers, can the church take care of them spiritually? It would be "No" for majority of churches, simply because there are not enough new leaders equipped to serve. Without a good pool of leaders, the church is left with very meager choices to find its future leaders, resulting in having to scrap the bottom of the barrel for volunteers. most of whom might not have been adequately equipped. With a broad leadership base, the church will be able to pick and choose quality leaders of high caliber to serve the King of kings.

#### The Joshua Credentials

What sort of leadership qualities are we looking for? The model presented by Joshua is worth examining.

#### 1. Leadership Spirit

Young Joshua was one of the 12 spies chosen to scout the Promised Land. He demonstrated his leadership spirit when he, together with Caleb, dared to stand up against the overwhelming negative report of the other 10 spies, to declare his trust in the Lord's promise to grant the Promised Land to Israel (Numbers 13, 14). Joshua fitted the bill demanded by God to be strong courageous (Deuteronomy 31:7, 23; Joshua 1:6, 7, 9) by his steadfast belief in the promises of the Lord even against the odds of an overwhelming majority. A weak leader is swayed or even controlled by the popular voice of the majority. In contrast, a strong and courageous leader stands firm in the truth of his belief. Strength in this context is not physical but centers on a dependency on God - it is spiritual in nature, relying on a relationship with God in prayer and His Word.

#### 2. Faithful Follower

Joshua became the personal aide of Moses and served the Lord faithfully in that capacity for 40 years until the death of Moses at the age of 120 years. A great leader had died but that was not the end of the story - God Himself, not men, had chosen Joshua to take over as the new leader of the Israelite nation (Deuteronomy 31:1 - 8, 14, 23). This demonstrated the importance (1) of the seal of approval from God and (2) of serving as a good and faithful follower before taking over the reins of leadership. Too often we want to be leaders without first wanting to learn to be followers. Also, in too many cases, leaders are "elected" by the popular votes of men, totally leaving God out of the equation.

#### 3. Strong & Courageous

Joshua had an awesome task to not only fill in the shoes of the great leader Moses but also to pass the acid test to lead about 2 million Israelites plus countless livestock into a foreign Promised Land. God promised not to leave or forsake them but He was not going to hand over the land to them on a silver platter. They had



to trust God and take possession of the land themselves by conquering the occupants there. Joshua had to be a strong and courageous leader to lead a "stiff necked, rebellious" and fickle minded people, to put their full trust in the Lord convincing them that they were conquering giants in the Lord, not grasshoppers (Numbers 13:32 - 33). Almost immediately on taking over the leadership, Joshua had to prove his credibility by leading the Israelites to cross over the River Jordan into the Promised Land. Granted it was not as huge as Moses' Red Sea crossing but nevertheless it was an extraordinary miraculous event to prove that God was indeed with him. The free provision of food in the form of manna also stopped after they crossed the Jordan - a challenge then to find food from the land they had entered. In all these, Joshua was consistently triumphant and the people were solidly with him - a leader without followers would not have been a true leader at all.

#### Planning For The Future

#### 1. Hands-on Apprenticeship

What sort of training did Joshua receive to prepare him for the awesome task to succeed Moses? He did not graduate from leadership course or seminar conducted by Moses. All the leadership skills and confidence to trust the Lord came from the 40 long years of "handson" apprenticeship he received while closely following Moses as his humble assistant. Apostle Paul fruitfully did the same with his many protégés as did Jesus with His own disciples. Obviously today's churches cannot copy this method of providing full time handson experience to their potential leaders, who will be mostly parttime volunteers but our leadership training programme can be adapted towards such a model.

#### 2. The Isaiah Response

The success of such a programme would depend on the good response of the congregation towards their calling to serve. How wonderful it would be for the church if members respond to God's calling like Isaiah, "Here I am! Send me" (Isaiah 6:8b). Towards this end, there is a need to re-prioritise, to set aside our own agenda and make way for God's agenda to take precedence - a dying to self must take place (Galatians 2:20). When members become more submissive and obedient to God, then the present shortage of people willing to come forward to serve in their various capacities can be overcome and a large pool of leaders subsequently built up.

#### 3. Core Leaders

Next the church needs to identify key leaders to serve as a core group, to be role models (like Moses & Paul) and to spearhead the discipling and mentoring programme to shape up the Joshuas in readiness to succeed the current leadership. How? Each core leader can be given charge of a small number of Joshuas (an adoption scheme) to disciple/mentor, providing handson experience over a period of time. The core group is of immense importance as by their lifestyle they will set the exemplary standard of leadership sorely needed. Obviously this will take time as leaders are not bred overnight, thus the need to act urgently before circumstances overtake opportunities.

#### 4. Refreshment & Rehabilitation

Related to this is the need to constantly refresh as well as to rehabilitate present leaders to refocus as well as to raise the bar of leadership. The church needs to be realistic and bold to discard leaders who do not bear fruit (pruning), for such can be harmful not only to the image of the church but can also become a hindrance and discouragement to others who genuinely want to mature and grow. We must be prepared to lose some now in order to be more fruitful and gain many more in future.

#### Conclusion

Let us move forward to raise up a generation of leaders who not only know where they are going but are also multipliers, capable of inspiring others to desire to do the same. A strong and courageous leadership is the vital key to a powerful and vibrant church.

By: Bro. Dennis Wee



Train up a child in the way he should go so when he is old he will not depart from it.

Proverb 22:6

Hey Kids!
We have created a place at Sunday
School just for you
God cares for you
Read a Bible story
Memorise a Bible verse
Say a prayer
Play fantastic games
You can have lots of good fun
Come & join us
What say you?

We meet:
Every Sunday
At Chambers Hall &
Noel Room
From 9 - 11am
Children aged 4-12 are welcome!

#### Late For Class

"A little girl, dresses in her "Sunday best" was late and running to her Sunday school class. As she ran, she prayed "Dear God, please don't let me be late. Dear God, please don't let me be late." Then she fell.

She got up, dusted herself off and saw that her dress was now dirty and had a little tear.

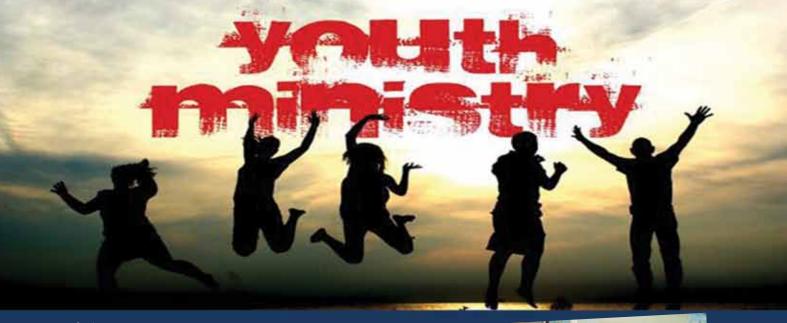
She started running again, still praying, "Dear God, please don't let me be late." But this time she added, "But please don't push me, either!"











#### Youth Camp 2011

On the 13th to the 15th of March, the Youth found themselves in Holiday Chalet Sematan. The boys stayed in chalets while the girls in the VIP chalet (at the gentlemanship of the boys). The two speakers for the camp were Pastor Victor and his wife, Pastor Kelly, both Youth pastors all the way from KL.

After a rough and noisy session of fun and games, the chartered bus left the Church, filled with rowdy teenagers looking forward to a getaway filled with fun and getting closer to God. The two-and-a-half-hour trip to Sematan was rough and bumpy but that didn't stop the Youth from enjoying it immensely.

Upon arrival and settling down, the Youth (including the chaperon uncles and aunties) joined up on the beach for a spectacular view of the South China Sea and had an even more spectacular fun playing games on the beach. Frisbees flew and water splashed as the Youth enjoyed their time on the beach.

After dinner and a teaching session, the Youth enjoyed the night before retiring at eleven. Teaching sessions were conducted by Pastor Victor and Pastor Kelly. This session, and the one after it the next day, were full of fun, laughter and newfound understanding on God's plan for our lives.

When the extended session on the next day finished, the Youth broke off for a delicious lunch before breaking off for free time. At three o'clock, the games session began. For more than an hour, the Youth kicked around in the sand before showering off and joining up in the girls' chalet for the most anticipated event of the evening - the barbecue.

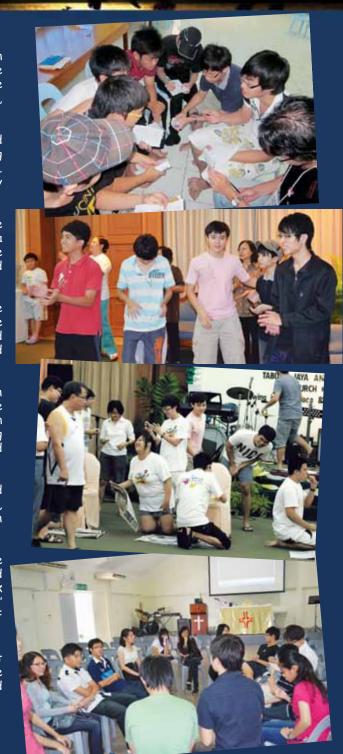
Guitars strummed and chicken wings sizzled as the Youth and adults gathered near the heat of the resort's barbecue pit, even though it rained. To make things better, (for the Youth at least) cookies, sweets, and drinks went around.

But more was still to come after the barbecue, with the Youth's tradition-Talentime. Three different groups acted on three very different pre-given themes. 'The spy who took advantage', 'The boy who wanted a Barbie' and 'A reality show' were all acted out in front of a laughing, amused audience of fellow Youth and leaders.

The next day, it was with resignation the Youth took their last breakfast at the resort and attended their last session in the camp, before packing up and leaving for home with God's word in their hearts.

All in all, the Youth had a stupendous time.

By: Bro. Jerry Tan (Junior)



#### WHAT DO YOU SAY ABOUT ... GABRIEL WONG!

Seems quiet but in truth he is like any other boy in the Youth! Hyperactive, lively and an especially BIG heart. In any event organized he is always there offering help in anyway possible. I believe he is a blessing to anyone whom he encounters; bringing joy, love and support to those around him!

After being friends with
Gabriel for such a long time, I realize
he's a really fun guy! He always has a
reliable helping hand. Gabriel also
has a sensitive attitude and would
think of others before himself. Kind
and thoughtful, anyone being friends
with Gabriel would be very lucky
indeed!

WILSON SIM

JUSTIN YEO



#### **UNCLE VOON**

I have known Gabriel since he was a small boy in Sunday School with his tousled hair and cheeky grin. Then he was full of fun, having plenty of great times with other kids.

Now he is on his way to be a fine young man! Having spoken many times with him, Gabriel is a quiet, trusting, polite guy. Shy and soft spoken with unfamiliar people but boisterous with close friends

It is joyous and encouraging to see Gabriel stay true to his faith in Christ!

#### **AUNTY NGANG PENG**

Gabriel has been attending church, and Youth Services every week without fail. 2 years ago his passion for Sunday School took him a step further when he told his mom that he wants to collect money for a good cause. With the support of his mother, he collected approx RM240 July 2011 and it was donated to the Children Ministry fund. Now he aims to collect for the Youth fund!

How wonderful it is to have a young boy like Gabriel who is after Jesus' heart!

### CHINESE MINISTRY 达万堂华语部



蒙神一路来的带领与眷顾, 本 堂华语部在眾牧帅们和主内弟 兄姐妹们同心合力的事奉下已 见逐步成長。

#### 主日崇拜

目前为主日崇拜主持圣餐和讲 道的牧师有主理陈庆宜牧师,黄 绍安牧师,许统明牧师,邓奕生 牧师和万德传牧师。讯息分享 的讲员有田志贤会吏, 張荣銮 弟兄, 钟宝国弟兄和陈玉珍姐 妹

#### 灵修

为了鼓励和帮助华语部会友们 属灵的成长, 本堂华语部今年 在冯淑瑩姐妹的带领下,成立 了华语的查经班和祷告会。华 语的杳经班是在每星期四晚上7 时45分开始。华语的祷告会则 是在每个星期日早上8 时至8时 20分

#### 家庭小组

目前华语部共有四个家庭小 组,分别由张荣銮弟兄,钟宝 国弟兄, 陈玉珍姐妹及冯淑莹 姐妹领导

#### 启犮課程

与往年一样,今年三月至五月 的启发课程在众领袖的协助下 順利完成。启发课程不但让一 些未信者认识了这位创造天地 万物的神, 也帮助会友们在属 灵上更加成长

#### 学道班

今年华语部共有八位会友参加 学道班,接受福音培训,并且已 在11月6日领受会督的坚振礼.



#### 福音傳道

健身赞美操现已是福音传道的 其中一个活动。目前共有三组 练習班分别在本达万堂, 达万 再也公园和乐龄协会举行。在 冯淑瑩姐妹的领导下, 赞美操 小组成功的分别在2月19日和九 月11日举办了赞美操周年纪念 晚会和中秋晚会,并吸引了上 百人到来参加, 其中包括了许 多未信徒。除此之外, 冯淑莹 姐妹与赞美操学员们共三次一 起义务清理达万再也公园。今 年6月5-10日之间, 她与助教谢 可容姐妹分别参加在星加坡和 柔佛新山由吴美云老师亲自教 导的第3和5集赞美操种子导师

#### 家庭拜訪

主理陈庆宜牧師,陈芝仙師母和 吳瑞枝女会吏在本教会服事,他 们常到医院和住家拜訪和慰問 那些身体軟弱,身心受困扰的教 友们,并为他们祈祷和向那些 未信者传讲福音。

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# EXERCISE

#### 冯淑莹姐妹:

我向來就爱运动,喜欢做各式各样的运动。 我曾经是一位女子曲棍球州代表, 也是女子足球队球员和韻律操导師。但是因年纪的关係, 那些运动已不適合我做了,所以我就跟运动渐渐疏远,身体也随着年龄渐渐的增重。

#### 赞美操感言

还有在赞美操的事工上,让我接触到各式各样的人,也认识到不同年龄,不同阶层,也有不不同阶层,也有不都的新朋友。赞美操的歌都是神的话语,我们一起学,一起互相包容鼓励,遵守神的话语。罗马书第8章28节记载:"万事互相效力,叫爱节记载:"万事互相效力,叫爱神的人得益处"。

最后, 我感谢神的恩典让我接触到赞美操, 我希望有更多人能学习这荣神益人的赞美操, 有强健的身体, 得到上帝的祝福。

愿荣耀归于上帝!哈利路亚!



#### 认识神-耶稣

我李智蓉和我先生黄国雄非常感谢杨合顺夫妇带我们来达万堂圣公会。很高兴认识了教会的兄弟姐妹,非常有福认识神-耶稣.

我以前没有信仰,耶稣是谁?? 等 等都不清楚。从什么都不清楚的 情况下我们参加了教会的启发课 程,启发课程让我开始认识神, 也明白了以下这些: -

神爱我们-圣经说: "神爱世人, 甚至将它的独生子 (耶稣)赐给 我们, 叫一切信他们, 不致灭 亡, 反得永生"。我们每个人都 做过,说过,或想过错事。这就 是罪。罪使我们与神隔绝。圣经 说: "因为世人都犯了罪,亏缺 了神的荣耀"。 上帝是完美圣洁 的, 我们的罪使我们与神永远隔 绝。圣经说: "因为罪的工价乃 是死"。上帝差他的独生子耶稣 基督来为我们的罪而死。耶稣是 上帝的儿子, 因他过的生活是无 罪的, 所以他能为我们付出罪的 代价-.死在十字架上。唯有基督在 我们还是罪人的时候为我们死, 神的爱就在此向我们显明了。耶 稣死里复活,他现在与天父同在 天堂。他赏赐给我们一个礼物, 就是永生。如果我们接受他成为 我们个人的救主和生命的主,我 们将来就可以与他永远住在天 堂。耶稣说: "我们是道路, 真 理, 生命。若不藉着我, 没有人 能到父(神)那里去",上帝向 你伸出他爱的手, 他希望你成为 他的儿女。"凡接待他的,就是 信他名的人,他就赐他们权柄, 做神的儿女"。你可以请求耶稣 基督赦免你的罪, 并进入你的生 命成为你的救主和生命的主。

上了启发课程和参加了生活营了解到以上的内容,我和我先生对耶稣有一个初步的认识,我们真心感谢我们生命中的贵人杨合顺夫妇。

写到这里,我人现在在中国四川-成都,我就盼望着,如果我们城市乡村也有更多的教堂,每人都有一份信仰,也都有一个心灵的驿站,那该多好啊!!

李智蓉, 黄国雄

#### Your Word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path. (Ps 119:105)

The objectives of the Christian Education Ministry are to nurture and build up believers through organizing courses and training besides formulating modules for pre-believers to help them to know more about the Christian faith.

Confirmation class is the main thrust of this Ministry's activities. Separate English sessions were held for both adults & children respectively whereas the Chinese session was only for adults. The lessons consist of 18 topics. Classes were held every Sunday after church service from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Candidates were required to attend classes regularly every week. In addition, they were strongly advised to attend the Sunday church Services. During the Introduction session, they were briefed on the purpose and objectives of the confirmation classes which were to prepare them to confirm their desires to be followers of Christ and to strengthen their relationship with God as well as help them understand the Christian faith better. The candidates; after completing their confirmation classes; were confirmed by the Rt. Revd. Datuk Bolly Lapok on Sunday, 6 November 2011.

Praise God for the 14 candidates who were baptized during the church camp on 27 August 2011 at Damai Beach Resort. We, the Church, rejoice and welcome all of them as God's Family in our Church.

Deepest appreciation is extended to all the teachers who had willingly and faithfully given their time, commitment and dedication to make the confirmation classes a success.

We also thank and praise God for His faithfulness and guidance to help us through the confirmation classes each year.

By: Sis. Margaret Ho







# HOME CELL MINISTRY

Theme: "Transforming into an Effective Cell Church — to Love, Care, Serve & Grow"

In 2011, we continue with our journey to transform our home cells into a more effective cell church (Acts 2: 42, 46, 47). The aim is to achieve a balanced growth in the cells, stressing on Evangelism, Worship, Prayer, Word, Fellowship and Works. We believe that home cell is an excellent channel to foster individual growth in spirituality, character, value and attitude. Members in a cell develop friendship and fellowship as well as sharing their joy and sorrow through a caring support system.

We warmly welcome guests to visit our home cells, to have

fellowship and see how the cell functions as a care group. Of course, the guests will be most welcome to join any of the cells that they find comfortable later on.

In line with our Church Vision 'To Take Tabuan Jaya and Beyond for Christ', we will continue to seek God's wisdom and guidance to lead us towards a breakthrough in the growth of our home cells, both in quality and quantity, in the years to come!

By: Bro. John Cheong











#### Mt. Zion



Prophetic Conference in G-Hotel Penang





Home cell retreat dinner, Sematan





Birthday celebration



Wedding celebration



#### Philadelphia Cell Group (Pursuing the Uniqueness of GOD)

Meeting every Friday (8pm to 10:30pm) Cell leader: Brother Robert Chang Contact No: 016-8673883





#### Philippi Home cell



Philippi Home Cell celebrated its anniversary, member's birthday and sending Brother Selwyn Jong off for further studies in West Malaysia. He would be taking up dentistry.

Brother Dennis Wee, who is the Zone Leader came with Sister Sally, for the dinner celebrated at Hong Kong Cuisine.

The Philippians see the children of their members growing into maturity and many of them have graduated from universities and working abroad. Though they far away from home, they still serve in the churches where they are staying. Praise the Lord.

Brother Wilson writes





I am a member of Siloam Home Cell at the Sarawak Society for the Blind. This Home Cell was formed in July 2011 by brother Lawrence Wah Onn from Philippi Home Cell. He is assisted by his fellow Cellies bro. Yong, and bro. Yeo Kui Lin and their families.

We meet on Saturday evening, usually about 7-10 of us, singing 'praise and worship' songs in Bahasa Malaysia. At this moment, we have bro. Lawrence sharing the Word of God with us. Most of it is about living a life of faith in Christ.

We had the opportunity to join for the first time the TJAC Annual Church Camp at Damai Beach Resort. It was a very interesting and exciting moment for us. We had for the first time in our lives, felt sea water especially for our brother Matius, who was born blind. He lives in total darkness. He just cannot imagine anything. So, when he had that opportunity to jump into the sea water, he shouted at the top of his voice, much to our amazement. Praise the Lord!

That evening at the Church Camp was another exciting evening. I had the opportunity to participate in the karaoke singing competition. It surprised me that I was the winner in that category.

By the way, there were four of us joining the Church Camp. The others were bro. Avit, bro. Stanley, bro. Matius and I. Bro. Lawrence was always there by our side. He has been a great help to us. We want to thank God for bringing him into our lives.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank members of the TJAC Church who have been very kind to us especially after the Sunday Service, leading us out and sharing with us their food and drinks. It was very sad to know that a man by the name of bro. Goh Beng Hock has since left us. He was very helpful to us. May God watch over his family.

Thank you and God bless you all.

(Registration of this Home Cell is still in the process. Ed.)





The number of meetings by Mt Zion for 2011 was a decent average of 4 per month and the one apparent discernable characteristic is that punctuality is the norm rather than the exception. The Cellies regularly shared the Word with each other. Like the others, finishing the topic on "Pleasing GOD", we have embarked on "Christian Community." Nearly all the Cellies have 'eagerly volunteered' to teach and to share one topic each. And the bond of fellowship amongst members was further enhanced with an annual Fellowship Dinner, at the end of 2010 (see photo).

On 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> July 2011, 11 - the Cellies attended a Retreat at Sematan. During the 3 day sojourn, the Cellies focused on the theme "The Cell Group In The Community Of Believers And The World".





However, some took time off to compete for the Miss Mt Zion Sematan 2011 title (Pic shows the finalists) And the winner is ....???

But on a more serious note, "there is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven" as the Cellies reached out to 'pre-believers' as self evident from the picture taken during Alpha, held at the Church.

By: Bro Henry Yeo

### Mount of Olives -

#### Penang Trip and Lundu Retreat

The year has been an eventful one and blessed for the Home cell as the group embarked on another two out-of-Kuching visits: this time a fun-filled trip to Penang and to Lundu for the group's annual retreat

The Penang trip was from 9th to 14th April, and this was to foster bonding among the cellies, as a family. During the day, the group visited various places such as Gurney Drive, to savour the sights as well as to sample the local Penang dishes. At night, after dinner the group had sharing of the Word, and testimonies of the day's events. We also got the chance to go to Hatyai, Thailand for 2 days and a night trip. It was fun, fun, fun as it was also the season of Songkran (Water Festival). Some of us got really wet when they were splashed with water. We also witnessed the battle of water guns and it was quite an experience for good food in Hatyai, including the mango pulut rice and the small pineapple, the size of a Fuji apple. Wow, that was really good because that pineapple species can only be found in Hatyai. It was indeed quite a memorable trip for the whole group.

Meanwhile, the retreat to Lundu was held from 16 to 18 October. with Revd. Patrick Wong as guest speaker. Indeed it was a well spent and blessed retreat as the highlight of the retreat was the sharing of his insights on "Suffering". The group was enlightened on why there is suffering in the world today, and how, we as Christians, are to face and prepare ourselves for suffering.

Other activities include devotion in the morning, visiting the surrounding areas in Lundu, and dinner at the local outlet.









#### PASTORAL MINISTRY

Pastoral work in the Church, which covers the ministry to the sick, disabled and bereaved members, is mainly administered by the Pastor, the Revd. Kenny Tan and Deaconess Eleanor Goh. Being a Cell Church, all the Home Cell leaders and their assistants as well as interns are also providing pastoral care for their cell members in a loving home environment.



The Pastor averagely makes two to three visitations to the homes of our Church members every week. During these visitations, he would share God's Word and encourage them in their spiritual journey. Occasionally accompanied by other church leaders, he also gives counsel and prayer for the person(s) and also makes use of the good opportunity to pray for the family. He also responses to the needs to pray for the sick at the General Hospital, Medical Centres and Lion's Nursing Home. Home communion is administered to the disabled and elderly Church members once a month to strengthen their inner being.

In November this year, we conducted a training session on "How to do Visitation" and more training

programmes to equip our Church members on "How to Pray for the sick", "How to Counsel" etc will be conducted in future as part of the Training Station of the Spiritual Journey in our Church. When more of our Church members are being trained, prayerfully all of them can play a better role in the pastoral care in their individual Home Cells. And for those who are involved in the Community Welfare Service, they will also be trained to care and pray for the spiritual being of the poor and needy.

Together, let us continue to do our utmost in building His Church to the Glory of His Name.

By: The Revd. Kenny Tan

"When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them, and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you."

"Prayer is not a "spare wheel!"

that you pull out when in trouble,

but it is a "steering wheel"

that directs the right

path throughout."

# IFISY FY INSTRY

# We Rejoice always, pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:16-17)

Hallelujah Praise God! For the encountering of His divine wisdom, divine works and divine initiative and in the Holiness of the Divine, the Prayer Ministry is responding to the transforming presence of God to work for His glory and honor.

#### When do we meet to pray?

- On Sunday morning from 7.30 am-8.30 am
- On Wednesday Prayer Meeting from 7.45 pm-9.30 pm
- On Tuesday to Friday morning from 8.15 am-8.45 am
- When called upon; and to prevail during seasons of prayer.

#### Who can join the Prayer Ministry?

- It is open to all Church members, including those who want to learn to pray.
- It is the prayer ministry where we come together to pray in one accord and in one spirit.



If life gets too hard to stand .... Kneel.

Pray. Believe. Give Thanks to God.

### Multimedia

#### Committee



Praise and thanks be to God, the facelift for our website has finally been completed and uploaded in September 2011.

The Internet is growing tremendously everyday. It was a novelty years ago but today, it has become so prevalent that people not only want you to have a website, they expect you to have a website. If you don't have a website today, you are missing out on many of the very people you are trying to reach.

A website offers a great potential to, not only our church or ministry but to all.

Here are just a few of the benefits:

#### **Build up communication**

To advertise new and upcoming events, be it Easter or Christmas Services, just to name a few. It also enhances and strengthens our overall communication strategy.

#### Communicate God's Word

To communicate in many different ways such as links to Bible reading, Daily Devotional not only in text but pictures, images, sound and video, in creative and relevant ways that really drive home the point, communicate God's truth and our messages across.

#### Reach a wider audience

Many people may hesitate to step into a church door but would eagerly visit a website. Not only can we reach people in our community and neighbourhood that would not ordinarily visit a church but we can also reach people globally.

#### **Create a sense of community**

A website is a great way to help build and develop a greater sense of community for our ministry or church. It is also used to help keep members here & away from home up-to-date with what is happening via Pew Bulletin, online calendars, e-magazine, events announcements, notices and much more.

#### Be available at all times

This allows people to find, see and even hear our message anytime of the day or night, when it is convenient for them. They don't have to wait until the Sunday Service or until someone is in the office to answer phone or until when we are available.

#### **Up-to-date communication**

Our website can be updated within minutes and becomes immediately available to all. That will dispel concern of disposing out-dated hard copies of flyers or other material therefore saving space and cost.

Besides the website, meaningful, vibrant and beautiful slide shows are being projected during every Sunday Service to post latest happenings on church activities especially during the week, as well as Reflections on God's Word, our Church Vision and Mission.

We look forward to more exciting things ahead.

Much thanks goes to our team members and NeuDimenxion for their valued and concerted efforts!

By: Sis. Margaret Ho

# MUSIC MINISTRY



The purpose of worship can be seen in the Old Testament when God commanded Moses to tell Pharaoh to let the Israelites go so they may hold a festival to Him in the desert (Exodus 9:1). This set the stage for a series of "star war" like encounters that resulted in the Israelites being delivered from their life of slavery and leaving Egypt forever. In the same way, Christians are set free from a life of sin and bondage for the sole purpose of celebrating and worshiping God with all their soul, mind and strength. This year, the Music Ministry had organised activities for that purpose.

#### **ACTIVITIES**

2011 kicked off with a retreat to dedicate all members of the Music Ministry with a solemn pledge to use all their abilities to honor God and to spend daily devotional time with Him. In May, 20 members joined the Trinity Methodist Church for their worship convention themed "Touching Heaven". We were reminded by The Revd. Herbert John that worship is the key to not only transforming lives but society. As we participate with God in rebuilding David's Tabernacle to overflow in worship and prayer, we will be shaking the foundation of society, restoring the influence of the church and ushering in an end time revival.



In July, a small team led by Sister Nora Pang from our fellow Anglican parish of St. Patrick in Tawau, conducted a 4-day music and sound workshop. An evening talk on how to tap into the anointing of God was given by Sister Nora. Members were taught the need to both improve their skills and rely on God's enabling to create an atmosphere to reach out to God. Worshipers need to be an open book or honest before God and grow in private worship and their personal relationship to be effective in their ministries. In the weekend, Sister Nora, Pastor David Kim and Brother Jun Jun conducted the afternoon and morning workshops on voice, drum, keyboard and guitar; and the sound with band dynamics in the evenings.

Some members were invited by the Calvary Charismatic Church to attend a Worship Lifestyle Course by Psalmody International School in November.

For normal activities like Sunday Services, the Music Ministry has members loosely forming four to five bands under a leader to lead the congregation into worship. The Music Ministry also provides the music team for occasions like evangelistic rally and the annual Church Camp.

#### **FUTURE**

In 2012, we look forward to organizing more activities with better equipped and skilled teams to better impact the community. The sound system is going through a challenging period of upgrading and we are looking into treatments to improve the acoustics at the Main Sanctuary and the third floor Multipurpose Hall.

In a charismatic environment, we also feel called by God to help members discover and develop their musical gifts. Therefore, the Music Ministry is open to people who have the gifting and feel God calling them to serve in support singing(vocals), guitar(bass, lead, acoustic), keyboard, drums, flute, violin, saxophone etc.

The wish of the Music Ministry is that we will all learn to enjoy God's presence and fellowship together in worship and celebration.

By: Bro. Irvin Lim



## The Church What's inside Julia? Wushu or Aerobics Incredible Hulk Howdy, Partner! Teochiew Nang Good or Not? Loving Couple Not too tight, Dear Dancing Queen My Precious Baby I can survive on biscuits

Some tips for you

Rising Star

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God calls everyone of us to be a witness and to make disciples of all nations, even as our Church is founded on the very foundation of winning souls for His Glory. The Ministry is driven continually by the Great Commission, and to this end, evangelistic programmes and activities are drawn up to spearhead the work of winning more and more souls into the Kingdom of God. This year's programmes are briefly summarized as follows:

#### Alpha 2011

Our Church continues to run the Alpha Course, and this year's is the twelfth run since we initiated the programme in 2001. A total of about 40 participants attended and completed the course, conducted every Tuesday night at 7.30 pm, from 1st March to 20th May, which was concurrently conducted in English and Mandarin. The Weekend Away was held at the Christian Worship Centre, Batu Kawa for the first time. It was a conducive retreat centre, nestled in a lush natural environment. Many were touched by the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues. The Celebration Night held Alpha has remained the main thrust of the Church's evangelistic programme, and many pre-believers and nominal Christians have since its inception, grown to be active serving members of the church.

#### **Evangelistic Rally**

A 2-night Evangelistic Rally was held on 30th and 31st July, with the theme, 'Transformed by God's Healing Power', and the speaker was The Revd. Dr. Amos Jayaratnam, from Singapore. Revd. Amos is no stranger to our Church as he was with us even before the birth of the church, and had conducted several evangelistic meetings with the then Extension Centre in the past 15 years. Besides the rally, Revd. Amos, who operates in the gift of prophecy, also ministered to the leaders and members for 3 days. The final night of his visit on Monday, God released the prophetic word for the Church (see summary of the prophecy on Page 3). Over the time that he was ministering to the Church, many came to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour, while others received physical and spiritual healings, and the leaders received the prophetic word on God's plan and direction for them.



#### **Connecting with the Community**

The community welfare work was initiated in May this year, in answer to God's call towards a new move of the Holy Spirit for the Church. God is constantly reminding His people not to fall into the snare of complacency, which the Church is in grave danger of being led into it. The mile-stone work aims to provide physical and spiritual needs to the poor and marginalized people in Kuching, and indeed we praise God for the fruit that have come forth from the programme. Prayerfully, there will be greater participation from home cell members, as the work expands in the coming months. (see Page 30 for full report).

The Church continues with its Free English Tuition (FET) programme, which targets pupils from poorer families, with the aim of improving their standard of English, especially those sitting for the UPSR exams. The students were given exposure to Christian values and activities, which is incorporated in the teaching programme, and also through their participation in the Community Children's Programme. (See Page 28 for full report).

The Lodge School outreach programme continues, with weekly programme on Friday with the Primary School pupils, where our volunteer helpers under Sis. Madeline Goh conducted Bible study and Praise and Worship. Several of the pupils have since joined the Church with their parents since the programme was first launched.

Aerobics was introduced as a new activity this year in addition to the other dance-exercise activities such as praise dance and line dancing.

Two beauty demonstration sessions were held in September and October, which attracted a total of over 30 ladies. Flyers were distributed in the surrounding neighbourhood to publicize the event. This will be run on a more regular basis in the following year.

By: Bro. Alex Tan











#### FREE ENGLISH TUITION - 2011

Alleluia! Glory and Thanks be to God for seeing us through these five years of providing free English tuition to some Primary 5 and 6 children who comes from the Community in Tabuan Jaya and beyond; as far as Samarahan, Batu Kawah, Matang and Pending. The Tuition classes cater to students who obtained Grade C and D in their last semester's English tests. Our main aim is to help them achieve a better grade in the UPSR exams besides nurturing and motivating them.

This year the enrollment went up to eighteen and fourteen children for Primary 5 and Primary 6 respectively. They come from Chinese medium

and Bahasa Malaysia medium schools. Basic language skills comprising Vocabulary, Spelling, Grammar, Reading, Comprehension and Writing Skills are taught. I believed God's Sovereign Hand is upon us in every lesson held on Saturdays from 2.00pm to 4.30pm. Children are accessed three times each year and parents are given opportunity to witness their work. They are encouraged to participate in discussions about their children's performance and welfare with the teachers at the Parents Teachers Day in July and Year-end Gathering in October.

The UPSR results for 2010 was

indeed satisfactory, eighty one percent passes with a record of 34% scoring Grade A and 33% scoring Grade B. Praise the Lord!

There are eight dedicated teachers taking turns to teach. Despite the efforts faced in imparting knowledge and understanding of the language and instilling moral values in the children's lives, they are always ready to serve with joy in their hearts and we hope many more will join us in this endeavour. Jesus is the source and strength of it all and may 2012 be another year of fruitfulness and blessings. Amen!

By: Sis. Teresa Chung May Lin



# MISSION KAMPUNG MERAKAI, SERIAN

The idea to build Agape Chapel, at Kampung Merakai was mooted by the Parish of St Helen at the beginning of this year. Money was hard to come by but God, through His grace and mercy, answered the prayers of His people. They were able to raise enough money to build the chapel.

Donations in kind from members of our Church was 'converted' into cash and the money collected was then used to buy building materials. There were certain individuals from our Church who donated cash and who donated plastic chairs; they would like to remain anonymous. To God be the glory!

The Consecration Service of Agape Chapel was held on 23rd July 2011, followed by Confirmation Service. It was a very exciting moment for the people

of Merakai for now they have a proper place of worship. Before, they had their Services at the *ruai* of their longhouse.

The mission to Agape Chapel is far from complete. Only the physical part of the work is done. We need to continue to minister to the people of Merakai, building their spiritual lives so that God will always be glorified and exalted in this village.

On behalf of the people of Kampung Merakai, the Revd. Trevor Tinda and St. Helen's Church, Serian, I want to thank you all for your donations, in cash and in kinds toward the construction of Agape Chapel.

To God be all honor and glory. Amen.

By: SD Lawrence Wah Onn

#### Poor Missionaries

**66**A missionary family was home on furlough. One Sunday they went to one of their supporting churches and were dressed in unclean, wrinkled, old clothing. This caused quite a stir in the church members. After the service, one of the deacons asked them, "Why are you dressed so shabbily?" The father of the family replied, "Why, these are the clothes your church so 'graciously' collected and sent to us. So we thought you would appreciate us wearing them while we were here! "



Community Welfare

In line with her vision to "Take Tabuan Jaya and Beyond for Christ", our Church started her Community Welfare service in late May 2011, with the formation of the Community Welfare Committee.

The Programme was later renamed Victory Community Link (VCL) to spearhead the following objective:

Give hope to the poor, needy and marginalized section of the community by

- a) Providing food, clothing and basic daily needs and
- b) Helping them free themselves and gain victory over the bondages of poverty and other ailments through the sharing of the Gospel and the love of Christ

VCL is made up of Bro. Alex Tan as Advisor, Bro. Ron Bunchol as Chairman and Sis. Margaret Ong as Secretary. The other members are Bro. Yap Min Su, Bro. Robert Chang, Sis. Esther Paat and Sis. Linda Liew.

The team goes out every month end to distribute food. As at 30 September 2011, the Committee had 10 families under its wing, covering areas such as Kampung Ta'ee at Kuching Serian Road; surrounding Kuching city areas such as Sungai Apong, Chawan Road and the nearby Kampung Stutong.

VCL is looking for more volunteers as it seeks to expand its work by going to other areas within Kuching. They are needed to sort out donated food and clothing etc; as well as to distribute the donations and minister to the spiritual needs of the people. Greater involvement by cell groups will inevitably be needed, as VCL spearheads the Church's welfare and evangelistic effort on a long term basis.

"There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore I command you to be openhanded towards your brothers and towards the poor and needy in your land"

(Due. 15:11)









# QUIT SMOKING MADE EASY!



I joined the Alpha Course at our Church, at the invitation of Sis. Susan Kho. As a new Christian, I didn't know what Alpha Course was but I attended it with a happy mind and with the joy of wanting to learn more about Christianity.

At the Alpha Weekend away, I felt the presence of the Holy Spirit when an elder of the church prayed for me. The Holy Spirit filled me and I felt the warmth feeling going through my body. I felt so relaxed and so free that all my pain, suffering and the difficult moments that I had gone through for so many years were released. God knew I needed help and He came and healed me, spiritually, mentally and physically. He came to set me free from spiritual bondage and fear. It was indeed a good feeling to be free. What an amazing God!

Then something else wonderfully happened. When I went back from the Alpha Weekend away, I didn't smoke again. I felt so good and it was something I never felt before. I started smoking 13 years ago when my younger son was about one month old. Life then was so painful and unbearable and smoking a cigarette helped to dull the pain. But that brought me to a bigger trouble - addiction to smoking. Since that day, I never light any cigarette at all and I have quit smoking, just like that in an instant, with no side effect. Halleluia! Praise God! I stand amazed and people who know me were even more amazed as I was no longer smoking. God

healed my addiction to smoking. God is all powerful and all things are possible with God.

I really want to encourage everyone to join the Alpha Course and the Church's activities. Thank you to all the brothers and sisters of Mount of Olives' Home Cell, for their care and for keeping me in prayer, especially through my difficult moments. All glory, honour and thanks to an ever loving God.

Praise the Lord for His goodness and love for me.

By: Sim Sou Lee



"Relax, sweetheart, it's just a bend,

not the end!"

6 I believe in the miracles in God.
Only He can turn a mess into a lesson.
A text into a textimony,
A trial into a triumph,
A victim into a champion.

#### **UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL**

(with Sis. Pauline Chu)

Greetings to you, Sister Pauline in Jesus's Name.

We are happy that you have accepted to be one of the Wardens in the Church, at the last AGM in February 2011. You are now the only lady Warden in Church! Praise the Lord.

#### 1. Would you like to introduce yourself?

I'm Pauline Chu, a mother of FOUR; a grandmother of THREE and the wife of Ng Theng Seng. When I'm not in church, you can find me either at home or at work, and occasionally at my sister's place. When I am free, I enjoy playing ping-pong, sudoku and minesweeper for leisure.

#### 2. What was in your mind when you were nominated to be the other Warden of the Church?

To be honest, I was rather apprehensive about taking up the post as the other warden of the church. I wondered whether I had what it takes to be a warden. I could easily name other members whom I thought would be more qualified to hold the post but when I was nominated at the last AGM, I saw a need in the church and I felt a burden in my heart to do my part. With the support and encouraging nod from my cell group leader, I decided on the spot to take a step of faith and accepted the nomination.

#### 3. Now, after 10 months on the responsibility, was there any difficulty?

In the beginning, I was clueless about the duties of a church warden. I learned a lot with the help and guidance from the church elders and I am still learning. It was not easy juggling my responsibilities at church, at work and at home but by God's grace, I'm coping well. It is definitely not by my own might and strength, but by His mercy and grace. Since taking up this post, I've learned to trust in God more and I felt more at home at Church.

#### 4. What would you like to see as an improvement or betterment for the Church?

I pray that we can continue to grow as a family. I pray that there will be new additions to the Family regularly. I pray, too that the Church can continue to reach out to the Community.

#### 5. Any special word to the Church?

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to be a part of this Family and to serve in God's house.

Thank you, Sis Pauline,
May the Lord bless and guide you in all you do. (Ed)

#### My Dad's Better Than Your Dad

Three boys on the playground were bragging about their dads. One said. "My dad scribbles a few words, calls it a song and they pay him 50 bucks."

"Oh, yah? My dad scribbles a few words, calls it a poem and they pay him 100 bucks."

"That's nothing'," said the third kid. My dad scribbles a few words, calls it a sermon and it takes six people to collect all the money!"



### "My help comes from the Lord...."

In early July 2011, I found a lump on my left throat. I was very worried because I was not sleeping well; feeling quite tired all the time and had been losing weight. When I sought medical attention, I was advised to do blood test and ultra sound screening of the thyroid, breast and abdomen which I did immediately at the Normah Hospital.

When the result came back, it showed three lesions in the throat region. One was rather large while the other two were smaller. The report suggested that a biopsy should be done to determine what type of growth the lesions were. I had the biopsy done the next day. It was a painful procedure. That night I was worried sick and slept fitfully, fearing the worst. I did not read the Bible that night which I normally do before sleeping.

Waking up at 1 am, I could not sleep anymore and went downstairs, trying to read the Bible. Unable to concentrate, I started to pray and remembered what sister Angela Tan told me when troubled... "Read PSALM 121 and claim the words for yourself:"

"I lift up my eyes to the hills where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip\_ He who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, He who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord watches over youthe Lord is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all harm he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore"

This Psalm gave me comfort and peace to face the coming biopsy result the next day. I promised God I would testify of His promise and goodness if the result was normal.

The next day, I went with my husband, Joshua, to Normah Hospital to collect the result. The waiting time was terrible. I burst into tears when the laboratory technician told me to wait for another 25 minutes in order to reconfirm the findings. I was scared. Then the result was handed to me in an envelope. I dared not even open the envelope. "It's okay" said the technician. I opened the envelope and what a relief....all the three lesions are benign, meaning that they are not cancerous!! All thanks and praise be to our Great God.

That Sunday before I was to testify, Bro Dennis was preaching about seeking comfort from God to the weary. Imagine my excitement when, at the end of the sermon, he sang Psalm 121 as a song. He had never sung in front of the church congregation before. Oh, what a coincidence, oh what a way to confirm this Psalm for me.

May God too give you assurance of His presence and comfort in times of difficulty, like He gave to me and my family!!

By: Sis. Roselind Goh



# Song of Gratitude

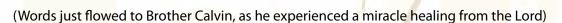
(By Bro. Calvin Chong)

It is for gratitude to God That I sing this song He who had gathered me From where I once belonged.

From my pit of darkness
He shines for me His light
My Lord God would show me
The ways to gain my spiritual delights.

Though God through His Beloved Son Shows that He loves us all Yet He longs for us To return to His Fold.

We will do all that we can
Joy and boldness we would gain
Faithfully we will always remain
Till God calls us home to Heaven in the end.



On 22nd August, 2011, Brother Calvin, 70, suffered urine retention, though a diabetic himself and with prostrate problem. He was sent to the A&E, Sarawak General Hospital and was fixed up with a catheter and a bag. He found it so troublesome and so uncomfortable that he, indeed, desired so much for the catheter to be removed but he had to bear with it until the follow-up a week later. Inconveniently, he needed another fix-up on 30th August (Hari Raya holiday) and this time, he had infection; as he personally feared; for a few days that followed. He had constipation and could not walk, too and had to use a wheeled chair, which he did to go to church on the following Sunday.

On 7th September, it was found that there was blood in the urine and he was brought back to the Hospital by Ambulance. For a second opinion, he went to Normah Hospital on the 9th September but on that very night, he had a vision of a screen with two questions on it:

- a) To have a tubeless condition?
- b) To have a tube on?

Although he remembered that he answered wrongly by choosing (b), God was so gracious by granting him (a) above. Throughout the night, he could feel the healing taking place and by 6.00am the next morning, he felt good and went to church in good stature! Alleluia! He thanked and praised the Lord for His faithfulness.

Let us continue to pray for complete healing for Brother Calvin.

# "I saw a bright blinking white light shining down on me"

I was inspired by my brother's family whereby I saw each and every one of them gradually converted to Christianity. I saw the happiness, peace and love in them and also noticed good things going their way. I was eager to experience the change in them as well. Thereafter, I started to find out places that conduct courses on Christianity. I thank Sis. Elizabeth Kho who introduced me to such courses I have learned a lot about Christianity and its teachings.

I was baptized last year 2010 and was subsequently introduced to attend the Alpha Course at TJAC, by Sis. Angela and Bro. Alex. I attended the Alpha Course again this year as I missed out quite a number of sessions last year.

I found the course encouraging and educational and I can see that there were so much effort and preparation being done by the Speakers. Thumbs up for the Speakers as they have done a great job!

Alpha weekend away on April 17 was a memorable day for me as I was filled with the Holy Spirit for the very first time. The experience I had was, as when I prayed I saw a bright blinking white light shining down on me. Suddenly I felt weightless and felt as if I was falling backward. I was so touched by the Holy Spirit even from the start of the session and so emotional that when we sang the songs of praise, the teardrops started to come out from my eyes and did not stop till the session ended.

I am so blessed by God to have personally met and known Sis. Angela, Sis. Mary and Bro. Alex (my Cell Group Leader) who have given me so much encouragement and care. This has led me to join their cell group.

Sis. Angela, Sis. Mary and Bro. Alex ... thank you so much for everything.

Since I have opened my heart to the Lord, I have been experiencing wonderful blessings from Him as He has helped me in many things; especially in my work.

PRAISE THE LORD.

By: Sis. Judy Ho



## Army of the Lord

66A friend was in front of me coming out of church one day, and the preacher was standing at the door as he always is to shake hands. He grabbed my friend by the hand and pulled him aside.

The Pastor said to him, "You need to join the Army of the Lord!"

My friend replied, "I'm already in the Army of the Lord, Pastor."

Pastor questioned, "How come I don't see you except at Christmas and Easter?"

He whispered back, "I'm in the secret service. "99"

# THE MARRIAGE COURSE



Session in progress



Nine couples enjoyed eight evenings in a romantic ambience with candlelight, soft music, good food and teachings by Nicky and Sila Lee of Holy Trinity Brompton, England on how to build a healthy marriage that lasts a lifetime.



"It's an eye opener. This course helps to restore and consolidate our marriage."



Poh Kwong & Julia

"Learnt that when our spouse talks, we don't interrupt. Gave us a chance to share and discuss unresolved issues. Look forward to an enjoyable & romantic marriage time every week"



"She is a rhino and I am a hedgehog but we learnt tolerance and resolving conflict in a betterand perfect way."





## Johny:

"Now in a better position to know that I need to spend more time with my wife."

#### Esther:

"I have learnt to be a better listener and know how to please him."

## SILENT LOVE IN ACTION

(Bro. Dennis spoke to Bro. Thomas and Sis. Florence Sim)



Dennis: Bro. Thomas, can you share with us how The Marriage Course has made a difference in your marriage.

Thomas: Having gone through the course, there are two significant lessons that impacted me, that is, The Art of Communication and Love in Action. By the nature of our work, my wife and I always come home late around 7.30p.m. Since our maid left us, we have to do housework, buy food, cook dinner, laundry so we don't have much time to talk to each other, no time even to quarrel. Any differences or grouses we keep to ourselves. That's very dangerous!

Half way through the course, I dated my wife. We went to a restaurant for a candlelight dinner. I felt uneasy and awkward when I look at her. Looking back, I was thinking after 26 years of marriage we are on a date. We started talking about ordinary things like children's education and then opportunity came for us to disclose our differences and we were able to discuss and solve our problems and unhappiness. That was not the end!

Silent love in action comes along. The Marriage Course manual says love in action but I say silent love in action. Why? Because we are shy to say "I love you" but now when I open the door to greet her, I see her smiling face, kind action and physical attraction. The atmosphere really changed and I am very relieved.

Dennis: Sis. Florence, what do you have to say about that?

Florence: I have a lot of stress at work so my face shows the stress and I never smile. After this course, feelings came back and we started dating again.

Dennis: So, Bro. Thomas that was the first time you have taken her out on your marriage time as encouraged in the course. Are you going to do that more often?

Thomas: I'd love to do that and look forward to go home early to see her smiling face. Our marriage life has improved tremendously after the course.

Grow old

along with me!

The best is

yet to be?



## 53 YEARS OF MARRIAGE.... still going strong





When my wife and I heard of the Marriage Course, we were very excited and I said that it was what we needed. You know 58 years of marriage can have good and bad times. So without hesitation we told our Home-cell leader, Brother Dennis Wee that we wanted to register for the Course.

We attended all the 7 sessions which we found very helpful, especially sessions 2 and 4 on Communication and Forgiveness. In fact, sometimes at home I would approach my wife from behind and surprised her with a hug and kissed her and whispered "I love you." Isn't this romantic? Sometimes I would also call her mobile phone and asked her if there is anything that she wanted for lunch, as I could buy when I come home, Laksa or Kuehteow or Beehoon etc. And if she was still brooding over an argument that happened the night before, she would say "Nothing" or "No". But if she accepted a packed lunch, I was happy because I knew that she had forgiven me. At other times, she would call me and asked me to come home early because she has cooked something special for me. That is the type of message I like most to receive from her.

On Session 6 – Good Sex, well I can say "No complaint lah!" Lastly, on Marriage Time both of us have now agreed to reserve every Saturday to spend our marriage time together. In fact, we have had our first Marriage Time right after the course. We went to Hong Kong Noodle House at Jalan Padungan, took a table at the rear corner and enjoyed a good quiet time together having noodle and roasted duck and of course, our intimate conversation.

We have also now found joy and pleasure of having our morning devotion together everyday before breakfast. Praise the Lord!

### **Jimmie and Annie Sim**

(The couple is now in the early eighties)

# AN EYE OPENER ON MARRIAGE





A seven-session course set in a fantastic atmosphere in our 5 year marriage. Its Wow!!! We were served a candlelight meal with coffee, tea or chocolate at a romantic table for two while listening to practical talks that were informative and fun, played on DVD. We were given topics to discuss with the help of activities. Music was played so we could not hear couples at other tables and they could not hear us too. No group work, so relaxed, and we were not to share anything about our relationship with anyone else.

As for me and my wife, the Marriage course opened our eyes on how to have a healthy marriage that lasts for a lifetime. It's an eye opener on how marriage should operate. We learnt so many things that we felt like a newborn, experiencing life for the first time. Both of us now have a better understanding of our roles as husband and wife. We understand that success does not happen overnight, but we appreciate the beauty and wisdom of learning how to have a united marriage. With regards to communication, we now understand how effective forgiveness is, and how to resolve conflicts. That it is not just about ourselves, you or me, but our lifetime marriage.

I highly encourage all couples to attend the next Marriage Course. There are simply too many ideas to share. The Course gave us the tools to go below the surface, to listen, to understand each other, to communicate openly in many areas where we had closed the doors to deep hurts, and to begin to support each other through the healing process. We began to love and appreciate each other more deeply than we had experienced before.

God is in charge of our home and He makes it happen.

Love, **Abner & Camilla Vincent** (Bethel Homecell)

## Creation

**66** An atheist scientist came to God and said, "We've figured out how to make a man without you."

God said, "OK, let me see you do it."

So the atheist bent down to the ground and scooped up a handful. Be God stopped him and said, "Oh, no you don't. Get your own dirt!"

## **PARENTING CONFERENCE**

## Train the Leaders



Conference @ Good News Fellowship



Participants from our Church



Some participants with Sila Lee



Nicky and Sila Lee

Three couples from our Church together with over 100 participants from all over the country gathered at Good News Fellowship, Kuching on 12 July, 2011 as Nicky and Sila Lee from Holy Trinity Brompton, England launched The Parenting Course for Children and The Parenting Course for Teenagers.

**The Parenting Children Course:** 

- 1. Building strong foundation
- 2. Meeting our children's needs
- 3. Setting boundaries
- 4. Teaching healthy relationship
- 5. Our long term aim

**The Parenting Teenagers Course:** 

- 1. Keeping the end in mind
- 2. Meeting our teenagers' needs
- 3. Setting boundaries
- 4. Developing emotional health
- 5. Helping them make good choices

By: Bro. Dennis Wee

# Haggai Seminar

The Haggai Seminar (HS) held on 12 to 17 September proved to be an essential forum to equip participants to better understand and appreciate the work of the Great Commission. Sister Teresa Chung and I were among the 17 participants blessed to be part of the English session, while another 17 were in the Bahasa Malaysia session. The participants were from various church backgrounds ranging from pastors to laity, serving their respective churches either full time or part time.

The HS was a programme of lectures and workshops from renowned speakers made up of both church leaders and business men and women from the market place. The main topics were Biblical Mandate by Rev. Aris Siew, Pluralism by Rev. Chaiyot Aje Kukaewkasem, Discipline of a Leader by Rev. Tay Wah Seng, Leadership by Rev. Wong Kim Kong, Goal Setting by Bro. Joseph Tan, Communication by Bro. Robert Leong, and Stewardship by Bro. Alex Tan.

While the programme was intensive, there was still time to mingle and fellowship with other participants, and broaden my network for potential cooperation in the future. It was a time of sharing our experience in the field in evangelism, and learning new tools as well, amidst an environment that was Spirit filled. The speakers were inspirational yet humble learned servants of God, and that made it more of a blessing to be part of HS 2011.

I basically joined the HS to learn but I 'graduated' getting more than what I bargained for. From the HS, I came home looking at evangelism with a different perspective – that it is not an option but a responsibility for us all brothers and sisters in Christ. As stewards of Christ, we all have a role to play to spread the Word of Christ's salvation to all groups. And there are ways to go about evangelising to the various groups taking into account our plural society. Indeed, the HS was an eye opener for me, and I thank God for this opportunity. I would highly recommend the HS for everyone.







By: Bro. Ron Bunchol

# Leaders' Retreat 2011

Another Leaders' retreat was successfully organized and conducted on 8th October 2011. This year, Judah and Jabez Home Cells were responsible for organizing, and 82 members participated. The working committee comprised of the leaders and assistant leaders of both Cells, with Bro. John Cheong as the Advisor.

The theme is "Year of Breakthrough toward an effective Cell Church". The programme started with a pre-service prayer at 7.30am. Revd. Kenny Tan in his welcoming address welcomed Rev. Canon Chak Sen Fen from Sandakan, who was the main Speaker for the Retreat.

An ice-breaker was introduced to get the members divided into clusters of 4 to 6 each, to pray. This was followed by a time of Praise and Worship led by Bro. Kimi Dahem from Jabez Home Cell. In his sharing, Canon Chak touched on Breakthrough in Cell-Group; Methodology, Strategy, Principle and Leadership.

All the participants were then divided into 7 groups, led by the appointed Leaders to discuss on the 3 given questions i.e. how to multiply, how to transform and how to achieve one common vision to transform our Church into a more effective Cell Church.

In the report summary, all groups were in agreement that in order to multiply, each group must

get more members into the cell through groups evangelism programmes organized by both the Church and through Cell harvest activities on festivals or other days in the church calendar.

To transform, the groups agreed on leadership by example and exercising teamwork, changing members' mindset and improving the spiritual life and their walk with God. On the transformation of the Church into a more effective Cell Church, again the emphasis is on leaders taking the initiative in encouraging church growth through the members, focusing on the Great Commission and discipleship.

At the later part of the programme, there was another Praise and Worship before Exaltation and praying for the Leadership by Canon Chak. The conclusion included sharing of the Master Calendar for 2012 by Revd. Kenny Tan.

The retreat came to an end with a Closing Prayer by Bro. Alex Tan and a dinner for all, at a local restaurant. It was indeed a fruitful retreat and we look forward to a new year of "Breakthrough" towards an effective Cell Church by God's grace and blessing.

To Him Be the Glory forever and ever. Amen.

By: Brother Anson Tan









# *UNFORGETTABLE ACCIDENT IN BEIJING, CHINA*

After booking an Air Asia budget trip to Beijing last year, we looked forward with so much excitement and couldn't wait for Thursday, 13 October 2011, the day we flew off at 8:45 pm from Kuching; arriving Kuala Lumpur at almost 11 pm. There were 22 of us and we stayed overnight at the LCCT until 7 am, the next morning, to connect the flight to Tienjin Airport, Beijing.

After a 6 hour flight, we landed safely. The weather was fine but cold. Introduction including precautions to be taken, manners in Beijing and the various arrangements for our travel were well given and explained to us. As the days went by, our friendship within the group increased. We were more and more concerned, loving and caring for one another. We were all so jovial and we never expect or had the slightest idea that an unfortunate ill-fated moment, like a lightning/thunder could strike us but it did. It was unbelievable!!

A thunder, like an exploding bomb shockingly woke us up, amidst a myriad of shouts in horror and pain in the bus and we were initially unaware of anything and didn't know what to do.

Hai yoh yoh!!!..... our bus hit a huge transport container, directly at the second row of the passenger seats on the right. At the full force of the impact, the bus's side window glasses broke into multiple pieces and cut the face and body of the passengers. The luggage at the overhead compartments also broke open and spilled down.

That was on the following Wednesday, 19 October at about 2:30 pm.

Prior to that very moment, some of us were having a nap, including my Kheng Tong and myself. Some were watching movie. Suddenly I heard a very very loud bang and the screeching of the brakes. I was thrown forward and backward. I was so frightened and asked Kheng Tong "what had happened, why like that?" While turning to see him, I saw him holding the front seat, to prevent himself from being injured. (He had an operation on the nerve at his neck before and was repeatedly advised that he would not be able to withstand any accident in that area or he may be paralysed for life)

Praise the Lord, when it came to a stop, he looked at me shockingly and we found ourselves still on our seats and there was no bleeding to our noses, not even a broken piece of glass spilt on us. Many others were all twisted and thrown from their seats. We made the sign of the "CROSS" with the words "HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST"

coming to my mind and I said "AMEN"; believing and praising that "GOD IS WITH US".

Then we stood up to see how the situation was. Wah!!! A frightening and sad scenario, one lady was killed on the spot, three seriously injured who needed hospitalisation, six injured and needed further examination. Some only discovered injury the next day and referred for check-up too.

It was really a moment that we "don't know what to do". Even to pray, no word was in mind; in tongue, our tongue could not roll. All of a sudden, it came to mind the movies, where vehicles exploded in the accident. I prayed that God would not let this happened to us. Thanks be to God!!!.

We got out safely through the back windows after someone cleared the broken glasses. We were safe at the roadside but worried while waiting for the ambulance and the police to come. We could only pray to God, for the rescuers to help us as soon as possible. Both of us gave thanks to our Almighty God who lives and reign forever and ever. His overflowing Love, Care and Peace never ceases in our Life. To God be the Glory "AMEN"

We left Beijing on 21 October 2011 at 3:30 pm and arrived Kuala Lumpur at almost 11 pm. Thanks be to God, arriving HOME SWEET HOME the next morning, 22nd October 2011.

## By: Sister Tan Ah Hong



This year, the Church Camp at Damai Beach Resort was organized by Antioch and Bethlehem home cells. The Revd. Lawrence Seow from Singapore was the invited camp speaker.

Fun, laughter and togetherness were seen during the camp's activities. We had Praise Dance on Saturday Morning, led by Sis. Margeret Fong while the indoor games held in the afternoon were organized by the Youths. The beach games organized by Bro. Stanley were held after the Baptismal Service at the beach where 14 confirmation candidates were baptized by Revd. Kenny Tan, our Priest in charge. As a church, we warmly welcome them into the Family of God.

The 3 teaching sessions by Revd. Seow, in line with the Church's theme, were very inspiring and interesting as he shared "Transforming our values" on Friday night, "Transforming our Mindsets" on Saturday morning and "Exercising the Anointing" during the Sunday Service.

We had buffet dinner on Saturday evening and "TJAC got Talents" was the highlight of the evening's entertainment, followed by Karaoke competition. Wow! We really enjoyed the talentine night contest; it was very entertaining and humorous as the whole place was filled with roars of laughter from the floor. Praise the Lord, for such talented and gifted members in the Church.

All good things must come to an end, so on Sunday by 12.30pm we all had to check out for homeward bound to Kuching. The photos taken indeed speak volumes of a wonderful and fun-filled camp enjoyed by all.

By: Sis. Margaret Ho



# CHURCH CAMP 2011 Grace and Knowledge of the Lord (2 Peter 3: 18) Not fair, Mr. Muscle Man

## CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF A WONDERFUL WIFE, MOTHER, SISTER, RELATIVE, TEACHER AND FRIEND

(Extract of the Eulogy by Bro. Barney Ong delivered during the funeral service of the late Sis. Lim Siok Kim)

We are gathered here today not to mourn or to shed tears, but to celebrate the life of a wonderful woman whose time to be with the Lord has come - my mother.

My mom had many fears, like fear of heights and of worms. So when something as scary as cancer came along, one would expect her to give in to fear. Not my mummy. The only time she had ever told me that she was scared was when she texted me once, two years ago to say that, yes it was scary having to do operations, but she committed it all to God and she trusted in His plan for her. Every single time I would call or text her, she would sound excited and happy and there was always hope and faith.

Mummy could have very easily given in to the facts and given in to the pain when things looked hopeless. But no, she chose to have faith and she chose to fight with God by her side. She chose to be in the Light of Jesus Christ. And in the darkness of cancer, the Light came and shone bright. She outlived the doctors' expectations and fought through 2.5 chemotherapy procedures, when it all seemed medically impossible. Where science and the human body failed, her faith in God pulled her through.

The other thing you should know about my mom is that she would find all pains unbearable. I am no medical student, but I can imagine that going through so many operations and procedures would be painful and would take its toll on her. But never did she complain to me that it was painful. She found the strength from the Lord to face the pain, and she has only ever wanted me to continue treating her as my mummy, and not as a cancer patient who I should pity.



When I think to myself, I always question, why so soon? Why my mummy? Why when she is still so young? But then I realized that life is not measured by the years you live, but rather it is how much you do in those years that count. In the 24 years that she was given to play the role of my mother, she had taught me everything that makes me who I am today. In teaching me that love is unconditional and accepts all flaws and forgives all mistakes, she has taught me how to love and how to live my life. So even as ashes to ashes her body returns to the earth, in everyday of my life she will continue to be my mummy and I will support her daughter, my sister, and love her husband, my father. Mummy has done her purpose on earth in sowing the seeds God gave her into our lives, and in living the lessons she has taught us, she will continue living in our lives forever. Mummy has always taught us to share, so from today we will have to learn to share her with the Lord.

Mummy would be so proud of my sister, Brenda, on what she wrote in the obituary:

A fighter, you have pulled through this journey.

A wife, a mother, a sister, you'll forever be remembered in our memories.

A woman of strength, you never gave up. Keeping the faith, always believing there was a way,

Our inspiration, forever in our hearts, now and always.

Her soul might have left her earthly body to spend eternity with the Lord, but if we all just keep her in our hearts, she will be with us always as well.

(Sis Lim Siok Kim accepted Christ in 1997, and subsequently lived an active Christian life, especially in serving the Lord in our Church's Free English Tuition. She went on to be with the Lord on 27 October, 2011. She is fondly remembered for her gentleness, dedication and loving nature by all who knew her).

# ODE TO THE LATE BRO. GOH BENG HOCK (CHURCH WARDEN, 2009-2011)

In His special way, our Lord Jesus came to touch
This faithful servant, who just 6 years ago, as such,
Had traveled many a road in search of the Truth
Hallelujah! Heaven rejoiced on the day he received Christ,
As his Saviour and Lord!

Like a fire the Spirit came

Set him on the path of righteousness,

And with zeal and sincere heart, His Lord to proclaim

No turning back and with so much to do,

For the years he was lost in the wilderness

Joyfully, giving his life in service to his Master
Never a day passed did he falter,
With God's strength and in weaknesses he surrendered.
Though disappointment and dismay might befall,
Yet God's unfailing love always saw him restored

In popularity, we voted him as Church Warden
Total dedication was his utmost concern.
He discharged his duties as God approved
Beyond his calling, trailing even to the highest authority
In his desire to see the extension of His Holy Entity

An icon of the Church, so hard to forget
Once mimicking as a Chinaman in a sketch,
He made us roar in laughter till we dropped.
Being misunderstood often, yet he was highly respected
For his sincerity, helpfulness and dedication.

Appearing normal in health,
Faithful and fervent to the end,
even on the night the curtain fell
Oh, what grief and loss his passing brought
Many a heart is still in utter shock

We bid farewell to our dear friend and brother, Beng Hock,
The faithful pilgrim who had run and finished the race,
Is now in God's Holy Presence, where no diseases to face,
Proudly donning the crown of glory on him bestowed
Together with the Angels, in eternal worship of His Majesty,
Our Lord.

(Contributed by: A Surviving Comrade in His Majesty's Army)

## PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL



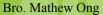
Seated, left to right: Bro. Robert Chang, Bro. Alex Tan, Revd. Kenny Tan, Sis. Angela Tan, Sis. Pauline Chu. Standing, left to right: Bro. Christopher Chan, Bro. Irvin Lim, Bro. William Yeo, Bro. John Cheong, Bro. Alex Yap, SD Lawrence Wah Onn, Sis. Margaret Fong, Sis. Margaret Ho, Sis. Agnes Chew.



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Sis. Mariam Janggak & Sis. Helen Chan







Bro. Daniel Tan

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## **Sunday Services**

(Pre-Service Prayer)	7.30 am
Ènglish Service '	9:00 am
Chinese Service	9:00 am
Sunday School	9:00 am
Teen Ambassadors	15 min after Service
Youth Fellowship	15 min after Service

## **Weekly Activities**

Morning Prayer	8:15 - 8:45 am (except Monday & Saturday)
Prayer Meeting	7:45 - 9:00 pm (every Wednesday)
Praise Dance	7:00 - 8:00 pm (every Tuesday)
	6:00 - 7:00 pm (every Thursday)
Line Dancing	7:00 - 8:30 pm (every Thursday)
Table Tennis	2:30 - 4:30 pm (every Sunday)
Aerobics	4:30 - 5:30 pm (every Sunday)
Free English Tuition	2:00 - 4:30 pm (every Saturday except Public Holiday)

## **Church Office Hours**

Monday to Friday	8:30 am - 4:45 pm
Saturday	8:30 am - 1:00 pm
Sunday & Public Holiday	Close

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