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Living in God's Grace

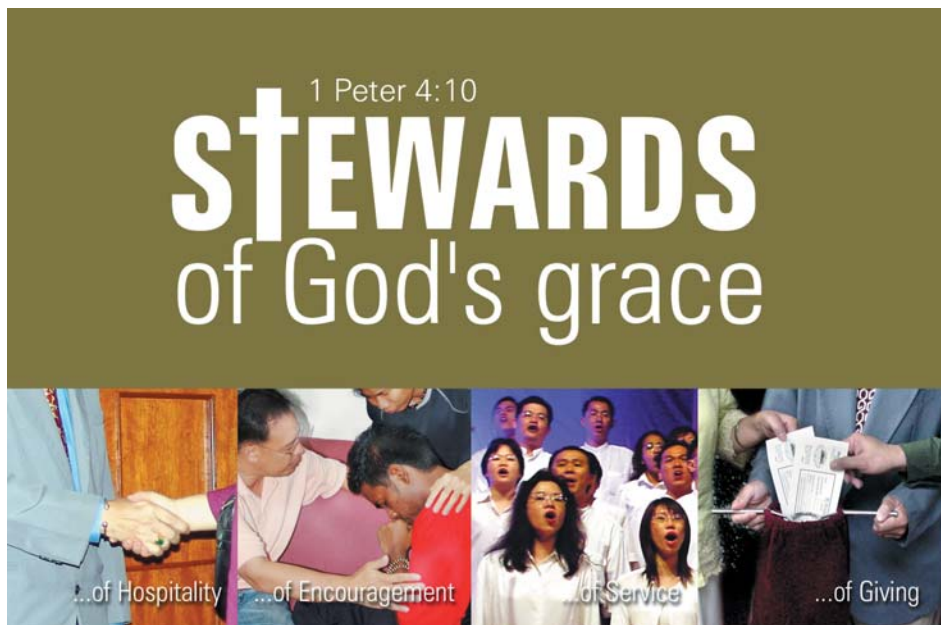
By Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam

God's grace is unconditional and it is for the 'whosoever'. No matter who you are and what your background or nationality, God's grace will reach you. Paul the Apostle said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household" (Acts 16:31).

When you are born-again, you are not automatically and instantly perfect. After receiving Christ as Lord and Saviour, God's grace is still available to you. When you sin, you repent and ask God for forgiveness. You are being renewed daily. You are being saved continually because your

sanctification is progressive. This is the continual process of God's grace working in you. God's grace continues to save and keep you from sin and enables you to overcome the power of sin.

This contradicts the doctrine of eternal security that teaches, "Once saved, always saved". Proponents of this doctrine believe that once you have received Jesus Christ, you cannot backslide and that you will still make it to heaven even if you continue to live a life of sin. This kind of doctrine sounds good but is not scriptural. Today, God offers His grace to both believers who may be struggling with the power of sin that seeks to overtake them and those who need to believe in the Saviour, Jesus Christ.



When you repent of your sins and confess that Jesus Christ is your Saviour and Lord, His blood cleanses you from all sins. You become His child simply because of His grace and not your self-righteousness. The Bible says, "How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called the children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him" (1 John 3:1). The world did not understand Christ. That is why He was nailed on the cross. His death was proof of His love for you. As long as you abide in Him, obey and walk in His ways, you have eternal security.

It is impossible for anyone to separate you from Christ except you

yourself. As long as you live in the grace of God, no power and nobody can take you out of Christ. The apostle Paul stressed, "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers,

neither height nor depth, nor anything else in creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:38-39). There is no love like God's love. Isaiah pointed out that God would never forget you. The Lord said, "Can a mother forget her baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are ever before me" (Isaiah 49:15-16). Eternal security is in the grace of God. When you abide in His grace, He will keep you there. Do not fear that you will be overtaken by some great temptation. As long

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**SENIOR/
EXECUTIVE PASTOR**
Datuk Dr Prince Guneratnam



**SENIOR
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Datin Dr Petrina Guneratnam

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**Carpenter's
Workshop**
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CHINESE
Lim Chune Sin

Marion Tan (left)
and Nancy Lai



LG Ministry develops reproducing believers

One of the marks of a mature Christian is the ability to reproduce. The Christian bears the fruit of the Holy Spirit that becomes attractive to others, especially to those who do not know the Lord Jesus Christ. The Life Group (LG) ministry seeks to help develop believers to be reproducing believers, who will reach out to others, guide them into the saving knowledge of Christ and disciple them.

Marion Tan, a LG member of a Kuala Lumpur Home Life Group led by Kum Guat Cheng, shared the gospel with Nancy Lai and led her to Christ. Subsequently, Nancy attended Chan Siew Eng's LG regularly and was water baptised. Here are their testimonies:

Marion says:

"I knew Nancy way back in the late 1970's and had been good friends since then. After I accepted the Lord in 1989, I have been praying for Nancy's salvation. Nancy had always been open to the gospel but never really made a commitment to Christ. However, I continued to pray and make myself available to her.

Then one day, out of the blue, she called me and shared with me her struggles. I took the opportunity and led her to say the sinner's prayer! There was a remarkable change in Nancy and she felt the joy of the Lord.

Later, through my encouragement, she began attending LG regularly and I am so glad that she was baptised in water in December 2004."

Nancy says:

"I'm thankful that I have a friend like Marion. When I was facing a difficult moment in my life, I called her, knowing that she will pray for me. She led me to know Jesus in June 2004. I really felt the peace and the joy of God.

Not only am I regularly attending the Church services, but through the encouragement of Marion, I found myself blessed by joining a LG led by Chan Siew Eng. I got to know some new friends and have learned to pray for others. It is very enriching to learn from one another's experiences with God."

You too can be a reproducing believer. The best way to begin is to join a LG and you will be given the support and taught how to witness and disciple! 🙏



Nancy Lai (seated fourth from left) with her LG members led by Chan Siew Eng (seated far right)

If you would like to attend a LG, please call the Pastoral Care Department at 03-7728 6000 ext. 307.

RM1 Million target met!

By Audrey Kum

The Calvary Convention Centre Working Committee worked hard to organise what they termed “An Evening of Musical Splendour” to raise RM 1 million towards the Building Fund of the Calvary Convention Centre (CCC). Held at the Grand Ballroom of Shangri-La Hotel in Kuala Lumpur on 24 November 2004, the dinner guests, including Guests of Honour, Yang Berhormat Datuk Dr. Maximus Johnity Ongkili, Minister in the Prime Minister’s Department and his wife, Datin Joan Maluda, were indeed entertained with music of different genres throughout the evening.

The Calvary String Ensemble provided soothing music at the foyer while the guests registered at the counter and chatted with each other before being seated at their tables. These talented musicians (including the youngest who is only 9 years old!), who are part of the larger Calvary Church Worship Orchestra then continued to provide music as the guests dined.

Just as the third course was being served, Joanne Yeoh who has performed before leading dignitaries including their majesties, the King and Queen of Malaysia, Government Ministers and Corporate Captains, made her entrance, serenading the guests with *Shanghai Beach*. She proceeded to captivate the audience with her rendition of *Carmen (Bizet)*, *Villia (The Merry Widow)* and the *Flight of the Bumble Bee*.

The Multimedia Presentation that followed later gave many of the guests

their first glimpse of the proposed Calvary Convention Centre. It was also a reminder of the purpose of the dinner event—to raise funds for the building of a convention centre that would be a blessing to the Christian community.

Another highlight of the evening came in the form of an auction hosted by Ms Lim Meng Hong who works with Christies, a world renowned auction house. Her experience was evident as she skilfully guided the bidding to maximise the offers made. For example, a gentleman actually bid RM 38,000 for a Brioni suit!

As the guests were enjoying their dessert, acclaimed musical artiste, Juwita Suwito, performed her hit song, *Hey! (Make a Change)* accompanied by dancers from the Calvary Creative Arts Team and some of the best sessionists in Malaysia, including Aubrey Suwito and John Thomas.



Part of the Calvary String Ensemble providing music at the foyer before the guests proceeded to the Grand Ballroom



From left: Emcees for the night, Associate Pastor Steven Kum and Jeanette Alphonsus; Stephen Liu, Chairman of the CCC Working Committee welcoming the guests; Rev Dr Delmer Guynes leading in opening prayer



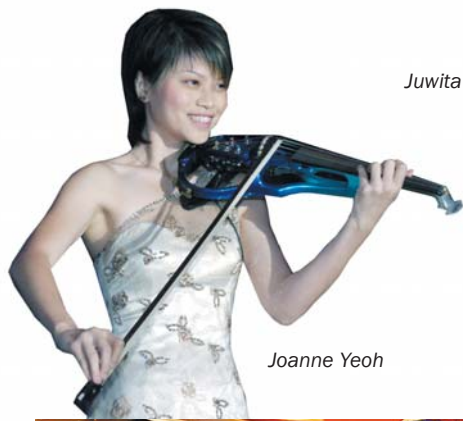
The Calvary String Ensemble



The guests at the main table: From left: Associate Pastor Peter Ong, Datuk Rosie Tan, Senior Associate Pastor Datin Dr Petrina Guneratnam, Datin Joan Maluda, Yang Berhormat Datuk Dr. Maximus Johnity Ongkili, Senior Pastor Datuk Dr Prince Guneratnam, Stephen and Angeline Liu, Madhari and Paul Latimer



Joanne Yeoh serenading the guests



Joanne Yeoh

Juwita Suwito



YB Datuk Dr.
Maximus Ongkili



Praise the Lord for the great support by those who attended the dinner!

bouquet of flowers to him and his wife respectively. The Church also took the opportunity to express our gratitude and deepest appreciation to Senior Pastor for his dynamic leadership and faith for the Calvary Convention Centre by presenting him with a plaque and Pastor Petrina with a bouquet of flowers.

The evening of musical splendour ended with a beautiful number, *You And Me* by Joanne Yeoh, Juwita Suwito and her band and the Calvary String Ensemble. Our hearts were filled with thanksgiving to God when it was announced that the targeted RM 1 million had been raised! 🙏



Lim Meng Hong, auctioneer for the night



Senior Pastor Datuk Dr Prince Guneratnam presenting a memento to YB Datuk Dr. Maximus Ongkili

She also sang Yue Laing Dai Biao De Xin, Buy Me A Rose and If I Ain't Got You.

The Guest of Honour, YB Datuk Dr. Maximus Ongkili, sportingly sang not one but two songs to raise another RM 25,000! Senior Pastor Datuk Dr Prince Guneratnam and Senior Associate Pastor, Datin Dr Petrina Guneratnam expressed their gratitude for the support shown by presenting a memento and a

MUSTARD SEED FAITH UPDATE

At the launch of our Mustard Seed Faith, a total pledge amounting to RM5.73 million was made. As of 7 December 2004, 49% has been received.

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Juwita Suwito performing with dancers from the Calvary Creative Arts Team in the background

Ladies pray and picnic!

By Shereen Wong

On a sunny Saturday morning, 16 October 2004, Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam took 20 ladies for a Prayer and Picnic at Bukit Jalil.

The aim was to conduct a "familiarisation" outing to the Calvary Convention Centre land. They wanted to be present on site to pray the vision into realisation. Through their prayer, fellowship and time spent together, relationships were strengthened. These ladies comprised Women's Life Goup



Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam (in red) and the ladies



Praying in different groups



Enjoying their picnic and being responsible to clean up afterwards (right)!



leaders, Tuesday Ladies' Worship Facilitators, Missionette Sponsors and a core member from the WOW Lunch Hour Fellowship. At the site, they formed five groups

which conducted prayer walks around the site. One group buried a list of Scripture promises that were in their prayers for the land.

All of them were spurred to think of how they would allow God to prepare and use them to be a blessing to the Calvary Convention Centre. They left greatly inspired and their hearts were filled with thanksgiving.

This will certainly not be the last of such outings! 🙏

Calvary Church honours the Guyneses



Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam presenting the plaque and love offering to Dr Delmer and Eleanor Guynes with Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam looking on

In October 1954, a young missionary couple left the USA by boat for Malaya with two very young children. They arrived in Penang on 21 December 1954 after many stops at various transit ports. Fifty years later, Dr Delmer and Eleanor Guynes returned to Malaysia for a visit to mark this occasion, grateful for the privilege of having been part of God's work through the Assemblies of God in Malaysia.

On 21 November 2004, at the morning Worship Services at

Sports Aflame Tournament

By Jaclyn Chan

16 October 2004 was a significant day for 154 singles and young working adults, who invested their time and energy in the Sports Aflame Tournament held at Matsushita Sports Complex in Shah Alam.

At about 1.30pm, the participants came in crowds; their eager faces alight when Assistant Pastor David Seah gave a talk on "How You Can Be A Champion". We were reminded that Jesus is the Champion in the battle of sin and death and that we can be champions when we embrace Him into our lives.



The Tournament took off with a great start and there were better things to come. Many were blessed by the fellowship with our friendly and loving L.I.G.H.T. and Young Professionals Life Group (LG) members. About 20 other Calvarites (who were not part of the L.I.G.H.T. and YP LGs), voluntarily helped out as referees, line judges and security guards.

Many were also impressed with the overall smooth running of the event, given that there were four different games—badminton, table-tennis, volleyball and basketball—taking place simultaneously!

At the end of the four-hour event, the participants were fulfilled and satisfied but exhausted. All were thrilled watching the finals of the different games.

The participants were delighted to have our National Women's Singles Badminton player—Ms Wong Mew Choo to grace the event by giving away prizes to the winners.

Those who did not win were rewarded with "Blessed Draw" prizes as a token of encouragement for their participation.

It was a day well spent. Some newcomers have already asked when the next sports event will be. We thank the Lord for enabling us to build friendship with these potential believers through this tournament!



First-time visitors to an event of our Church, raising their hands!



All eyes on the ball



Wong Mew Choo (front left) with the winners of the tournament

— our Honorary Pastors

Damansara Heights, Calvary Church appreciated and honoured them with a love offering and a plaque to commemorate the 50th year since they first came to Malaysia.

In the course of their ministry here, they have served as pastors and educators. Dr Delmer and Eleanor Guynes were instrumental in the establishing of the Bible Institute of Malaya (now known as Bible College of Malaysia) in 1960 and were the pioneer pastors of Calvary Church which was established in 1961. At that time, the Church met on the premises of the First Assembly of God Chinese Church in Jalan Sayor.

After they completed their term as missionaries to Malaysia, they continued to serve God as missionaries as well as teachers. Until his retirement, Dr Guynes served as President of Southwestern University in Texas.

The Guyneses also had something to present to us. Dr Guynes presented a plaque to our Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam. Together with it came a pledge from the Guynes family and Southwestern University to give USD 50,000 for the building of our Calvary Convention Centre! We thank the Lord for their continued investment in the work of God in our lives. 🙏



Dr Guynes presenting a plaque to Senior Pastor



By Audrey Kum

The place: Dewan Wawasan, Menara PGRM.
The time: 7.30 and 10pm. The purpose: To tell the story of the “Wonder” of Christmas–Jesus Christ.

Based on Willow Creek’s Christmas Drama entitled, “A Christmas Tale”, Calvary Church presented “The Wonder of Christmas” complete with acting, singing and dancing.

The backdrop was simple but with the play of lights, the well-chosen songs and tastefully choreographed dances and of course, a set of talented musical story tellers, the miraculous true story of Christmas was clearly communicated.

Spiced with humour, the story tellers introduced the audience to the familiar icons of Christmas–Wise Men shepherds, a manger and the Baby. But all these, in the words of the leading story teller, are “part of the story to which all other parts have been leading...”

This story has no end. His birth leads to His death and His death leads to His life (He is alive today!)... and His life leads to our lives. Can we leave Him lying as a baby in the manger when in fact He stands alive with His hands stretched out to us?

The story tellers left us with a choice. How do we want the story to end? Will Jesus remain a baby in a manger or will He be our personal God and Saviour?

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam’s message dealt with four different responses to the birth of Jesus Christ. The Wise Men from the east worshipped and gave Him gifts. Wicked King Herod was troubled and planned to destroy Jesus. The Chief Priest and the Scribes (representing the spiritual and religious people) knew about His birth by prophecy but they did nothing. The shepherds went to find Jesus. They glorified and praised God and were exceedingly glad.

Senior Pastor challenged us to consider our response to the birth of Jesus. Are we excited or have we lost our joy? Are we troubled, indifferent or are we worshipping, praising and glorifying God? Our response will determine how we will live our lives until Jesus comes again. 🙏

Photographs by
Onny Maathai and Audrey Kum



“The Cradle That Rocked the World”



“Angels Keep Rejoicing”



The Children’s Choir



The Creative Arts Team enacting the Nativity



Live music provided by the Calvary Worship Orchestra



The Opening: The story tellers telling the Christmas story



The Longing: Expressing their longing for Emmanuel



The Beginning: Singing about the God of wonders–the Lord of heaven and earth



The Visit: Celebrating the birth of Jesus with joy



The finale



The crowd at the Dewan Wawasan



Right: Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam praying for those who responded to his challenge

Christmas A Star is Born

The production director, Mr. Spielman, correcting the wrong attitudes of the "Wise Men"



By Audrey Kum

While the adults attended "The Wonder of Christmas, the children aged six to 12 thoroughly enjoyed the two presentations of the musical entitled "A Star Is Born" in Dewan Pulau Pinang that night.

The children caught the simple message that the spotlight should always be on Jesus and not other 'stars' such as Sophia Shaggetti. Like Paige, the stage hand, we must humble ourselves if we want to be used by God in our lives. The drama cast, dancers and choir did a marvellous job in communicating this truth.

This presentation was the result of faithful trainers, teachers, parents and children responding like Paige and Mary, the mother of Jesus, who said, "I am the Lord's servant, and if this is how I can serve, of course I will."

Praise the Lord for the children who responded to the altar call given by Associate Pastor Richard Yun! 🙏

A Christmas Party

Kids aged two to five were not left out of the Christmas programmes of the Church! "A Christmas Party" was prepared just for them.

Toys that came "alive" helped the little ones to know that God created them and loves them. They also viewed a video on the Nativity that helped them to understand about Christmas.

The Calvary Nursery Care and Carpenter's Workshop teachers also prayed with those who wanted Jesus to be their best friend. 🙏



Leading in praise and worship



The toys that came "alive"



The kids enjoying themselves

Christmas Open House

25 December 2004



Clockwise: At the National Christmas Open House at Padang Timur, Petaling Jaya: Christian Federation of Malaysia (CFM) Chairman, Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam and Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam greeting His Majesty the Yang di-Pertuan Agong, Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Syed Putra Jamalullail; Senior Pastor with the Menterri Besar of Selangor, YAB Dato' Seri Dr. Mohamad Khir Toyo (left) and Minister of Culture, Arts and Heritage Malaysia, YB Datuk Seri Utama Dr. Rais Yatim; At the CFM Christmas High Tea Reception at Bukit Nanas: Senior Pastor with the host, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Kuala Lumpur, Rev. Murphy Pakiam and with the Youth and Sports Minister, YB Datuk Azalina Othman 🙏



Paige, Priscilla and Veronica with Sophia (far right)



The dancers using mirrors



The Choir



The finale



The children who came

Photographs by Jim Guneratnam, Michael Chang and Audrey Kum



Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam (centre) worshipping with the Hospitality Team



Elsie Leng presenting Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam with a fruit hamper with Assistant Pastor Raymond Yong who heads the Hospitality Department, looking on

Serving is a privilege!

By Heather Loon

On Saturday, 16 October 2004, a Hospitality Fellowship was held at the Bethel Bungalow in Damansara Heights for ushers and all those involved in the Hospitality Ministry. There was a gathering of about 100 members from Damansara Heights and all three Satellites. A scrumptious tea was served prior to the meeting and this gave everyone a wonderful opportunity to interact and fellowship with one another.



Promptly at 4.30pm, everyone gathered in the hall where Richard Siew welcomed all present and then gave a brief introduction to the events of the evening. We were especially blessed to have Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam and Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam with us. We then had a blessed time of praise and worship led by Bernard Loke.

Senior Pastor then proceeded to give us some very interesting insights on ushering. He emphasised the importance of ushers in the Church and said that he looked to and depended on the ushers for the success of every service. Why? Simply because ushers play a vital role in creating the first impression of the Church. Senior Pastor stressed that we needed to be clear about our role and responsibilities and take ownership of our duty so that there would be zeal and commitment in our work. In order to be effective, ushers need to know what they can and cannot do.


Senior Pastor went on to give us a reference from the Bible on the principle

of ushering. John 1: 43-46 tells us how Jesus found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me". Philip later found Nathaniel who was sceptical about the situation in Nazareth. Philip then said to him, "Come and see". As ushers and children of God, we need to 'find' people, urge them to 'follow' us so that they may 'come and see' Jesus. In essence, this is what we do every time we usher someone into a Church service.

Senior Pastor then turned our attention to another illustration in John 12: 20-22. Here we see how some Greeks, who were going to worship at a feast, came to Philip and said, "We wish to see Jesus". Philip told Andrew and together they told Jesus about the Greeks. To put it into a nutshell, ushers are in the best position to ensure that people are brought into a service, made to feel welcome and seated comfortably, so that they may 'see' Jesus. As the service progresses, they will hopefully have an encounter with God.

After this encouraging insight from Senior Pastor, a video entitled "Gung Ho"

was shown. We were encouraged to be enthusiastic in our service and through various illustrations in the video, we were made to realise that the ministry of ushering, as all other ministries, is indeed worthwhile work. We need to discover why our ministry is important, develop shared goals and always depend on the Holy Spirit to guide us in everything we do. As members of the same team, we are encouraged to be in control of achieving the goals of the ministry. Each member knows their place or position and cooperation is imperative. Finally, we need to constantly cheer each other on, always looking for the positive, which in turn creates enthusiasm.

Although these messages are ones we are familiar with, it was good to be reminded of the goals and purpose of our ministry. As ushers, we do not merely don grey and maroon jackets, but rather clothed in compassion, we are to be the 'Philip's' and 'Nathaniels' who say, "Come, follow me—would you like to see Jesus?" It is not just a task but a responsibility and especially a privilege! 



Water Baptism

Seventeen follow the Lord in water baptism

Praise the Lord for the 17 individuals who followed the Lord in water baptism on 17 October 2004. By their obedience, they declared their faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ as their Lord, Saviour and Master.



Back Row Left to Right: Khor Choon Hooi, Chin Thiam Loong, Rachel Mooi, Sulojana, Kristein Chan, Ng Koon Poh, William Hor
Front Row Left to Right: Sharon Chan, Lim Siang Looi, Kitty Ng, Annabelle Wong, Jonathan Fernandez, Esther R. Bakkiya, Chow Tuck Seng, Irene Joseph, Agustus Fernandez, Daphine Tan



Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam praying for the water baptism candidates together with family members and friends



Calvary Caring Ministry

Calvarites give their blood

By Audrey Kum

The Staff of Pusat Darah Negara (National Blood Bank) were very appreciative of the Church for making the effort to donate blood during the period when the blood bank was very low especially in platelets. It was the highest response since the fasting month of Ramadan began.

On Saturday, 30 October 2004, from 12.30pm to 4.30pm, a steady stream of Calvarites came to be a blessing to the community. Fifty-two were able to donate but another 26 who came wanting to donate, found that they were unable to give their blood for various reasons—some were underweight, some were on medication, etc.

Yow Kit Yen, the Coordinator of the Caring Ministry of the Church, which



Lai Gaik Hoon holding the "Surat Penghargaan" given to her in appreciation



First-time donor Oskar Lau doing it with a smile!



Regular donor, Melvin Wong seems to be saying, "It's great to be able to donate blood and be a blessing!"

organised this blood donation drive said, "Donating blood helps to reduce the risk of heart attack in men." She added, "Your body will destroy the old blood cells if you do not give it away. Why waste it if it will benefit you and save the lives of others? You can donate blood every four months."

Do not miss the next opportunity to be a blessing!




Associate Pastor Steven Kum (fourth from left) registering to donate together with some of the Calvary Youth, etc



CW kids experience the joy of belonging to God's family

"I thank God for new friends." "I thank God that my friend encouraged me to come for the Class Retreat. I rededicated my life to Jesus here!" "God has helped me to forgive those who have hurt me." "I thank God for helping me and my friends to become closer and to have a closer relationship with God." "I thank God for great teachers...and for filling me with the Holy Spirit till I cried with joy." "The Lord has taught me to face my fears..."

The above are just a sampling of what the 42 Carpenter's Workshop (CW) kids – 27 from Damansara Heights, 11 from Damansara Perdana and four from Cheras – experienced at the CW (aged 13) Graduating Class Retreat from 25 to 27 November 2004 at De Palma Inn Resort, Kuala Selangor. They clearly enjoyed themselves and learnt much from the speakers, Associate Pastor Richard Yun and Adrian Lee, about the joy of belonging to God and to His family. They were challenged to love one another and to always behave in a loving way. It was a fruitful time together.

Praise God, six were baptised in the Holy Spirit, 12 made decisions to be baptised in water and 16 to serve in Vacation Bible School as Crew Monitors! 



The CW kids with Associate Pastor Richard Yun, teachers, Yee Yuet Hoh, Poa Puay Hoon, Lee Sook Lee and the chaperons, Edwin and Noline Jeyaraj




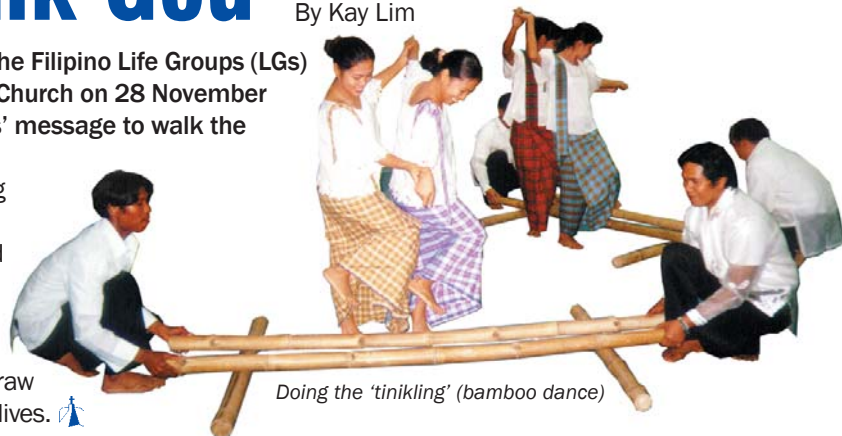
Filipino Life Group Ministry

Filipino LGs thank God

By Kay Lim

There was an atmosphere of excitement and joy as the Filipino Life Groups (LGs) held a Thanksgiving Celebration at our Ampang Satellite Church on 28 November 2004. We were greatly encouraged by Dr. Delmer Guynes' message to walk the "Christian Way which is a Way of Faith, all the way."

After a sumptuous lunch, Associate Pastor Peter Ong presented awards to 16 LG members who completed two modules of the ICI Courses, "Great Questions of Life" and "Life of Christ". The celebration continued with the 'tinikling' (bamboo dance), a tambourine dance, special songs and encouraging testimonies. It ended with Associate Pastor Richard Yun's exhortation to us to continue to obey God, draw close to Him, pray and let His light shine in and through our lives. 



The tambourine dance



The Men's Ensemble singing "Salamat, Salamat" (Thanksgiving)



Associate Peter Ong with those who received awards for completing the ICI modules

January

Chinese Fellowship

Sunday 5pm

- 30** Speaker: Associate Pastor Timothy Ong
Venue: Bethel Hall
- * *Bring your Chinese-speaking family and friends. They will enjoy the warm fellowship and food. Call Peng Peng at 03-7727 3948 ext. 323 for more information.*

Christ's Ambassadors

Saturday 2.30pm

Theme: Entrusted With His Cause

- 1** Entrusted (Youth Rally with Rev. Phil Stevenson)
8 Youth Missions with Rev. David Grant
15 Entrusted And Ready To Go
22 CA Competition Launch
29 Youth Celebration

College Students' Ministry

Saturday 2.30pm

Theme: Stewards of God's Grace

- 1** Entrusted (Youth Rally with Rev. Phil Stevenson)
8 Youth Missions with Rev. David Grant
15 Entitled vs Entrusted
22 Cash—Never Too Early To Invest
29 Youth Celebration

Bahasa Malaysia Fellowship

Sunday 12.30pm

- 30** Speaker: Assistant Pastor David Seah
Venue: Bethel Hall

February

Chinese Fellowship

Sunday 5pm

- 27** Speaker: Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam
Venue: Bethel Hall
- * *Bring your Chinese-speaking family and friends. They will enjoy the warm fellowship and food. Call Peng Peng at 03-7727 3948 ext. 323 for more information.*

Christ's Ambassadors

Saturday 2.30pm

Theme: Inside the mind of your un-churched friends

- 5** Understanding Your Un-churched Friends
12 Meeting Them Where They Live
19 Spiritual Sticking Points
26 Youth Celebration

College Students' Ministry

Saturday 2.30pm

Theme: Stewards of God's Grace

- 5** Talents—Don't Keep Them On The Shelf
12 Time—Lost If Not Used
19 Intelligence—A Mind Is Too Precious To Waste
26 Youth Celebration

Bahasa Malaysia Fellowship

Sunday 12.30pm

- 27** Speaker: Assistant Pastor David Seah
Venue: Bethel Hall

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Prayer Emphasis Week

Committed To Pray

Colossians 4:2

WATER BAPTISM & MEMBERSHIP

Water Baptism/Membership Class

Saturday | **19 February 2005** | 2.00pm

Water Baptism Service

Sunday | **20 February 2005** | 5pm

Closing Date for submission of forms:

Sunday | **16 January 2005**

Congratulations to our BCM graduates!



Andrew Peter

Janey Hii

Tan Sok Choo

We congratulate three of our Calvarites who participated in the 43rd Graduation Exercise of the Bible College of Malaysia (BCM) on 30 November 2004!

Tan Sok Choo received the Bachelor of Theology while Janey Hii received the Diploma in Theology. Andrew Peter received both the Advanced Certificate of Theological Studies from BCM as well as the Master of Arts in Ministry from the Asia Pacific Theological Seminary in the Philippines.

We exhort them to be forever faithful to our faithful Lord who has called them to serve Him. 🙏

Sunday Services

Damansara Heights (DH) 8am - 10.30am		Ampang/(DH) 10.30am 5pm	Cheras 9am	Damansara Perdana 10.30am
<i>Communion</i>		<i>Communion</i>	<i>Communion</i>	<i>Communion</i>
 2 Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam		Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam
 9 Rev. David Grant		Rev. David Grant	Rev. David Grant	Rev. David Grant
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30 Associate Pastor Richard Yun		Associate Pastor Peter Ong	Associate Pastor Steven Kum	Associate Pastor Steven Kum
JANUARY				

6 <i>Communion</i> Associate Pastor Steven Kum		<i>Communion</i> Associate Pastor Timothy Ong	<i>Communion</i> Associate Pastor Richard Yun	<i>Communion</i> Associate Pastor Richard Yun
13 Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam		Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Associate Pastor Peter Ong	Associate Pastor Peter Ong
20 <i>Water Baptism</i> Associate Pastor Timothy Ong		Associate Pastor Steven Kum	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam
27 Associate Pastor Peter Ong		Associate Pastor Richard Yun	Associate Pastor Timothy Ong	Associate Pastor Timothy Ong
FEBRUARY				

MissionsRevival

7.30pm nightly 5-7 January 2005
CALVARY CHURCH DAMANSARA HEIGHTS

Children's Missions Revival programme held concurrently

Stewards of God's Grace...Serving Faithfully

Come and listen to Rev. David Grant communicate missions with a contagious passion. Be inspired to intercede for, invest in and involve yourself in God's work.

■ **Youth Missions** | Saturday, 8 January 2005 |
Calvary Church Damansara Heights | 3pm

■ **Faith Promise Sunday** | Sunday, 9 January 2005 |
Damansara Heights | 8am, 10.30am, 5pm
Cheras | 9am | Ampang | 10.30am | Damansara Perdana | 10.30am

Meetings

REV. DAVID GRANT presently serves as the Eurasia Area Director for Resource Development and Project Rescue for the Assemblies of God World Missions. His wife, BETH, serves with Project Rescue, a ministry to the millions of victims trapped in forced prostitution.



as your heart remains with God, He will give you grace to live victoriously.

God's Grace does not only bring you salvation but teaches you to deny ungodliness and evil desires and to live godly lives. The Bible says, "For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in the present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good" ([Titus 2:11-14](#)).

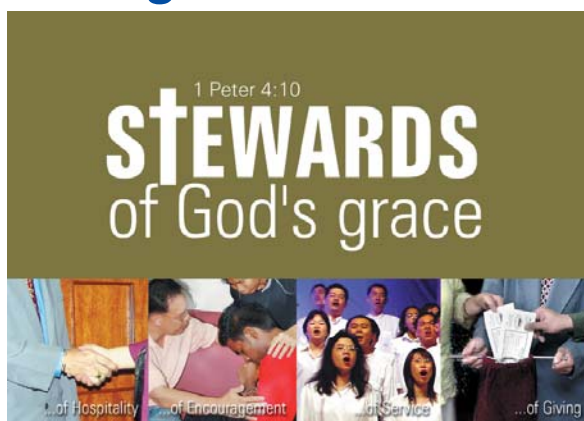
Peter exhorts us to "... grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ" ([2 Peter 3:18](#)). Why? Because Jesus is the Saviour and the Baptiser. Jesus is grace personified and Jesus lives in you by His Spirit. Paul refers to those in Christ Jesus as those "who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit" ([Romans 8:4](#)). The only way you can be ready when Jesus comes again is to live after the Spirit. The Bible says, "...This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the Lord of hosts. 'Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain! And he shall bring forth the capstone with shouts of "Grace, grace to it!"'" ([Zechariah 4:6-7 NKJV](#)). The temptations you face may seem like a mountain but God's grace and the Holy Spirit will make the mountain like a plain. By His Spirit, living a life of holiness, righteousness and godliness will be possible.

God's grace enables you to do what is right. Zacchaeus, the tax-collector, is an example. "But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, 'Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount'" ([Luke 19:8](#)).

Zacchaeus made more than restitution. He could not have done that with ordinary strength. God's grace enabled him.

The story of the woman caught in adultery illustrates how God's grace empowers you to leave a life of sin. The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought her before Jesus. They said, "In the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women" ([John 8:5](#)). Jesus said to them, "If any one of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a

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stone at her" ([John 8:7](#)). Her accusers left one by one. Jesus asked her, "'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she said. 'Then neither do I condemn you,' Jesus declared. 'Go now and leave your life of sin'" ([John 8:10-11](#)). Jesus, the One with the power to forgive, spoke words of grace. Grace does not condemn but forgives. That is why grace can reach anyone. Grace enables you to leave your sinful lifestyle. God is not looking for your self-righteousness but is offering you His grace. His grace is sufficient for you ([2 Corinthians 12:9](#)).

God's grace gives you gifts—the gifts of the Spirit such as wisdom, knowledge, discernment, healing, faith, miracles, prophecy, tongues and interpretation of tongues ([2 Corinthians 12:8-9](#)). These are not earned. You receive them by grace. A good example of how gifts come through grace is the transformation of Peter. He was fearful and disowned Jesus three times shortly after He was seized. But after the grace of God anointed Peter on the

Day of Pentecost, he was transformed into a powerful preacher of the gospel. About 3,000 souls were saved. You too need the grace of God daily to be an effective witness.

God's grace brings fruits in your life. It is the planting of the Lord. There is a great distinction between gifts and fruits. Gifts of the Spirit are given but fruits are not. Fruits speak of maturity. You can only bear the fruits recorded in [Galatians 5:22-23](#) when you permit the grace of God to grow in you and when you yield to the Lord daily. Over time, you will discover that you become more like Christ and realise that it was not by your own effort but by Christ in you.

Believers are able to display 'fruit' such as love, kindness and hospitality in their own strength. But you can tell whether they are a product of human effort or God's grace. When their feelings and pride get hurt and God's grace is absent, they stop doing what they know is right. If you have God's grace, you will do what pleases Him regardless of how others respond to you. The Bible says, "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good" ([Romans 12:1](#)).

Therefore, live by grace through faith. Even when you do not understand, believe and obey God. Paul pleaded to God three times to take away the "thorn in his flesh" but his request was not granted. Instead, God answered, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness" ([2 Corinthians 12:9](#)). When you admit your weakness, you allow God to step in and help you. His grace becomes effective when you totally surrender to Him. He will then give you the power and strength to do what He has called you to do.

Today, God is offering His grace to you. Remain in His grace and you will be eternally secure. Be a good steward of His grace ([1 Peter 4:10](#)). 🙏

All Bible quotations are taken from the New International Version except where indicated.

The Calvary Church Staff wishes you

A Blessed 2005!

May you be good and faithful
stewards of God's grace throughout the year!



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