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Biblical investment for success

By Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam



"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:19-21).

Investment has to do with your resources. It is not limited to money. It includes your time, talent or anything that God permits you to possess. Jesus' intention was to make sure that His followers were masters in handling their resources. He told a total of 38 parables and 16 of them dealt with how to handle resources. It is said that in the Bible, there are 500 verses on faith, more than 500 on prayer and more than 2,000 verses on how to handle your resources!

Jesus told the parable of the talents. He said, "Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. The man who had received the five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more. So also, the one who had the two talents gained two more. But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid

his master's money. After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five talents. See I have gained five more.' His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'" ([Matthew 25:14-21](#)).

There are six things you can learn from this parable. First,

everything you have comes from God and it is God who gives to you. Second, it is your responsibility to invest. Third, the purpose of the investment is that you may give more and therefore share in His happiness. Fourth, you must invest otherwise there is no future. Fifth, God is not against treasure but against you making it your God and master. The Bible says, "No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve

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Senior Commander Jim Guneratnam presenting the Bronze Medal of Achievement to Andrew Yem...



...and Lam Lah Leong



Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam praying for Justin Tiew (left) and Lam Kah Meng who received the Gold Medal of Achievement

Record number of awards presented to Rangers

By Jim Guneratnam

We thank God for another great year in the Royal Rangers. On 12 December 2004, the Royal Rangers together with parents and friends gathered for a time of thanksgiving, testimonies, recognition and fellowship.

We rejoiced together with Lam Kah Meng and Justin Tiew, who received the Gold Medal of Achievement, the highest award in the Royal Rangers programme. Andrew Yem and Lam Lah Leong received the Bronze Medal, and Gabriel Chong and Donald Selvem received the Gold Falcon Award. A total of 379 awards were presented to 114 Royal Rangers. This is the highest number of awards presented at any award ceremony. Congratulations to all the Rangers for completing their awards and advancements. We would also like to thank all the parents for their support. 🙏

Look out for more exciting events this year. Our Royal Rangers recruitment will be on 6 and 13 March 2005. We will be recruiting girls into the Adventure (12-14 years) and Expedition Rangers (15-17 years) programmes and are looking for more leaders to serve in this exciting ministry.

Visit our website at www.calvary.org.my/rr

Water Baptism

Fifteen follow the Lord in water baptism

Praise the Lord for the 15 individuals who followed the Lord in water baptism on 19 December 2004. By their obedience, they declared their faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ as their Lord, Saviour and Master. 🙏



Left to Right

Front: Madam Yap Siew Leng, Madam Lee Sew Fong, Helena Yee Pik Chin, Madam Grace Leong, Jacob Kanesan, Samuel Kanesan, Nancy Lai, Madam Irene Low

Back: Janice Fong Wai Cheng, Derrick Yap Chee Kin, Karen Loke Pek Yoke, Lawrence Liew Eng Chung, Andy Tan Wee Lee, Railyong Kheng Hong and Jonathan Yip Wei Kei

Groomed to be better stewards of God's grace in LGs

Do you remember your first experience of riding a bicycle? Or driving a car? Or cooking a dish? I am sure you do. First hands-on experiences are always memorable.

Similarly, as believers, we are given the privilege to be involved in the ministries of the Church. Like the adage says, a growing Christian is a serving Christian. As we mature in our walk with the Lord, we cannot help but serve, because we recognise that our involvement is an outflow of our relationship with God.

The Life Group (LG) Ministry is the best place to serve. In a setting where there is care, guidance and love, we are groomed to be better stewards of God's grace. Subsequently, we are then able to serve in a larger capacity, and be involved in the various Church ministries.

Here are two testimonies of LG members who found great fulfilment in their first-time involvement:



Jack Chang (standing) serving in the Visitors' Lounge

JACK CHAN, from a Home LG in Old Klang Road, says:

"I began serving in the hospitality ministry both at the Visitor's Lounge and ushering in our Sunday Service in early 2004.

Before that, my involvement was on a 'part-time' basis, being involved only in Easter and Christmas projects as a Security and Grounds personnel and Usher. I find myself more comfortable serving especially in the area of hospitality.

I am grateful to my Life Group leader, Han Joke Kwang, who encourages the LG members to serve. The influence of my LG was instrumental in helping me serve with more commitment.

Having served as an Usher and in the Visitor's Lounge for more than a year, I will continue to serve actively because I have already established a sense of belonging with the family of God in Calvary Church.

I have been blessed ever since I became involved in the Church ministries. God not only blessed me financially but I have grown to be bold in serving and have an attitude of servanthood. I am thankful to God for this Church which has so many opportunities for involvement."

CINDY TAN, from the Women's LG in Taman Desa, testifies:

"Last December, I volunteered as a Crew Leader in the VBS Lava-Lava Island Day Camp. I was touched, refreshed and renewed, especially when I saw many children being touched by God. The enormous preparation and hard work shown by those involved really encouraged me.

Being my first experience in helping with the VBS, I was concerned because I was not sure what I was in for. But God answered my prayer when He sent seven wonderful and obedient children to be put under my care!

My LG leaders, Yeoh Kar Yen and Leong Dee Peng, are a great blessing and encouragement to me. They have never failed to extend their love and concern to the LG members and are particularly concerned with our spiritual growth. The faithfulness and commitment in ministry shown by my LG leaders and my LG members to the Church have certainly encouraged me to serve in any way I can.

It is a privilege to serve and I thank God and the Church for this wonderful opportunity!"

So, what are you waiting for? The best place to exercise God's gift in your life, is in the LG.



Cindy Tan with some of the children under her care at the VBS Day Camp

If you desire to join a LG, please contact the Pastoral Care Department at 03-7728 6000 ext 307.

Lava Lava Island— where Jesus' love flows

By Jeanette Alphonsus

"Lava Lava Island was a blast!" "This was so fun, we should do it everyday!" I wish this wasn't the last day of VBS!"

VBS Lava Lava Island held from 6-10 December 2004 was overflowing with fun for 476 kids and 134 teenagers



Working on their Lava Lava Island workbooks




Proudly displaying their craft!

and adults who served as Crew Leaders and Monitors. We still catch ourselves saying "Maholo" (Hawaiian for "Thank You") and humming the upbeat VBS song, "Everybody Come Along!"

In Lava Lava Island, the kids started the day by forming small groups called Island Crews. All the Island Crews gathered at "Sing and Play Bay" to do fun actions to lively songs that introduced the kids to the Bible points of the day. They explored Hot Bible Adventures, met Chadder Chipmunk on video, made use of their Lava Lava Island workbooks, had fun playing Jungle Gym Games and made the hottest Bible Point Crafts. Visits were made to Bread Town, Desa Water Park and the Deer Park. Then finally, everyone came together for the closing Lava Lava Luau.

We are thankful to God for the 144 who received Jesus and the 95 children who were baptised in the Holy Spirit. For the first time in VBS, we included a meaningful mission project to help the kids realise that with God's help, the love of Jesus can flow through them to impact the world. A mission offering was collected and the children gave a total of RM 780 towards the building of the children's home at Calvaryland!

This VBS was filled with fun, noise and love. We are already looking forward to an even bigger and better VBS in 2005! 



Enthusiastically responding to the skit by the Creative Arts Team



Creative Arts Team in action



Admiring God's creation at the Deer Park



Those aged four to six praise and worship God



Having fun at the Desa Water Park



Those who completed their daily challenges sticking 'lava strips' onto the 'volcano'



Showing the goody-bags from their visit to Bread Town



Associate Pastor Richard Yun and Quek Lee Siu (VBS Coordinator) praying for the children to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit

Kids get a “Neck-up Check-up”

By Christopher Ling

Five hundred and thirty-five children turned up for the KidsCAT (Kids Creative Arts Team) musical, “Dr. Newheart’s Neck-up Check-up” on 11 December 2004. In their presentation, the KidsCAT kids are anxious to depart for an overnight Missions trip. But, before they leave,



Celebrating “Goin’ Away”



Tom the trainer with his circus of animals and clowns

Dr. Newheart arrives to complete a last minute “neck-up check-up”.

Assisted in this “spiritual physical” by colleagues, ophthalmologist, Dr. Eisenmind; audiologist, Dr. Lee Sern; speech therapist, Betty Bittersweet and sports specialist, Dr. Hedda T’sky, Dr. Newheart gives the children a biblical perspective on how God would have us use our eyes, ears, mouth, neck and mind.

Through a massive dose of humour and a generous prescription of Scripture, the 58 kids (and 1 adult!) thoroughly enjoyed themselves presenting the ten songs in an exuberant burst of dance, singing and acting.

Associate Pastor Richard Yun closed the Children’s Evangelistic Rally with a short devotion on keeping our hearts clean. With the help of some eager young assistants from the audience, he demonstrated how only God can truly cleanse our hearts, making them pure and righteous before Him. In the process, they also discovered that Pastor Richard was skilled at “limbo-rock”!

Praise the Lord for 53 children who received Christ for the first time as well as 12 children who rededicated their lives to the Lord. 🙏



The full company singing “We Will See Him”



The KidsCAT kids contemplating good advice to be “Quick to Listen, Slow to Speak”



Betty Bittersweet (centre) assisting Dr. Newheart to check how the kids use their mouths



Associate Pastor Richard Yun with his able assistants



Associate Pastor Richard Yun inviting the kids to receive Jesus into their hearts

Missions Revival Meetings

Prayer, Giving, Involvement—the hallmarks of a steward of God’s Grace...

By Bernice Narayanan

The 2005 Calvary’s Missions Revival Meetings from 5-7 January 2005 literally “exploded” with the passionate and vibrant voice of Rev. David Grant, our Guest Speaker. “It is through prayer, intercession, financial investments and involvement can we fulfil the Great Commission,” he thundered. Rev. David Grant was called to the mission fields of India 35 years ago. India’s daughters, the women and children saved from forced prostitution through “Projerct Rescue”, have journeyed from the brothels to Bible Colleges and from slavery to freedom. Many who walked the streets before for unsavoury reasons, today walk the streets for Jesus and His message of love and life.



From Left: Missions Director Associate Pastor Ong introducing the Speaker; Rev. David Grant; Skits on prayer and on giving; Dance depicting God’s Love, by the team who went to Cambodia; Testimonies on answered prayer by Ong Lai See, Peggy Low and on God’s provision by Joseph Lee



Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam exhorting the people to commit themselves to prayer

Night One: Serving Faithfully through Prayer (Hebrews 4:14)

Rev. David Grant stressed that prayer should be like breathing. There should be constant petitions for God’s mercy on the people, the nations, the world and us. As stewards of God’s grace, we are the intercessors placed for such a time as this. It is with this confidence that we approach the Throne of Grace as He is not willing for anyone to perish. Therefore, being imitators of our Great High Priest, we are to live a life of prayer—an investment with never-ending returns.



Rev. David Grant encouraging us serve God through giving

Night Two: Serving Faithfully through Giving (Luke 6:45)

Mission is about giving yourself to God, family and others. The more you give, the more God will bless you to give to missions. Missions giving and faith in Christ is totally integrated with our everyday life. It is a spirit of unselfishness that permeates relationships. Our giving, Rev. Grant said, should be based on the overflow of our hearts and not based on human reasoning. It is out of the overflow of the heart that the mouth speaks, the face shines, the hand writes and the feet take us to the mission fields. Missions is about giving your heart to the One who can do something about it. God is in the heart business (Ezekiel 36:26). “Jesus is the greatest heart transplant physician in the world. He gives beauty for ashes, joy for sorrow, the spirit of praise instead of despair,” our Missions Speaker stated passionately. Missions is being willing to put our life out there, being willing to reach out of our comfort zone. “I give so that the dying can live. I give so that those who have been betrayed can find a new trust. I give so that they can know the Father that I know,” he concluded.



The people on the final night asking God to help them be involved in His work

Night Three: Serving Faithfully through Involvement (Romans 12:1-2)

The key message here is presenting oneself as a living sacrifice holy and acceptable to God. Simply put, it is taking our lives, faults and all and presenting it to God as a gift. It means, we are ready and willing to be involved. “Unredeemed minds do not understand the mysterious and often, unusual ways of God. We are like currency in the hands of God and He can spend us as He pleases. Nothing is ours. It is all His,” Rev. Grant beamed to the Calvarities present. Therefore, our involvement must begin now. Involvement is commitment. Involvement is service. Involvement is ministry. Faith is required for involvement and anointing comes on involvement.

...kids included!



From left: Associate Pastor Richard Yun (back), the teachers and children prayed for the nations represented by the “snacks” brought by the kids; Skit showing “Love is Giving”; Children extending their hands to ‘give God’s love’; Assistant Pastor Shereen Wong speaking on involvement in God’s work

While the adults were attending Missions Revival Meetings, the children had their own meetings. Nightly, the programmes planned for them were on the same themes of serving faithfully through prayer, through giving and involvement in God’s work.

Youth Missions

“Allow God to take hold of your heart”

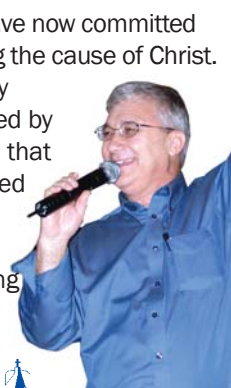
By Adrian Lee

Two hundred and seventeen young people came out for the Youth Missions Revival meeting waiting excitedly to hear more stories about India from our Missions Revival speaker, Rev. David Grant.

The Holy Spirit met with us in a powerful way during the time of praise and worship. It was evident that God wanted to challenge us to a greater level of commitment in His Kingdom. Having come from a background where his grandfather was an abusive alcoholic Rev. Grant shared how God miraculously saved his father's entire family. On her deathbed, his grandmother told his father that God would use him to bring the whole family to Christ. Through a

series of events, one by one, the family members came to know Christ including his grandfather!

He challenged the youth to allow God to take hold of their hearts as his father had done for only then could God use them in extraordinary ways. Rev. Grant also shared briefly with us about his ministry to rescue young girls out of prostitution in India. We listened intently as he began to share testimonies of how some of these girls who were rescued

found Jesus and have now committed their lives to serving the cause of Christ. The youth were very blessed and touched by all that was shared that day. Many responded to the altar surrendering their lives and committing themselves to be better stewards of His grace this year. 

Rev. David Grant

Missions Luncheon

Missions—God's Idea not ours

By Bernice Narayanan

The battles between good and evil must be fought so that souls of men, women and children can be snatched back for our Lord Jesus. And, where evil and darkness are greatest, the light of Jesus shines most brightly. And we who are His stewards can bring this light.



Dr Beth Grant



Yong Chee Weng leading the attendees to respond to what was shared by Dr Beth Grant

Faith Promise Sunday

God and me—partners!

By Bernice Narayanan

“Faith Promise Sunday is not a pressurised Sunday but a joyous Sunday,” Rev. David Grant echoed the words of our Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam. “Faith Promise is not what I do but about God and me being partners in the Father's business,” he added excitedly.

He told us a story about a five-year old girl who wrote on her faith promise card that she would give RM1 per month. Beside it she wrote her father would pay this for her. And so it is with us, because a Faith Promise is not what we do but what God allows us to do for Him in this joint venture.

Rev. Grant said that if we looked at this first Faith Promise Sunday, 9 January 2005, as the launching of our financial miracle for 2005 between God and ourselves, it would indeed be a day of opportunities.



Rev. David Grant leading in prayer for the Faith Promise partners



Rev David Grant challenging the youth to allow God to take hold of their hearts

Dr Beth Grant brought this message to the men and women who attended the Missions Luncheon held on 8 January 2005. Dr Beth and her husband, Rev. David Grant, are involved in ministry in Mumbai's Red Light district. Countless of women and children have been ministered to. Hundreds have been rescued from forced prostitution and have allowed the love of Jesus to heal them. As Dr Beth Grant says, "Only Jesus can take the 'brothel' out of the hearts and minds of these women and girls. Only He can pour His love into them. And only the power of the Holy Spirit can give them a 'new life'."

Rev. David and Dr Beth Grant believe that millions of these women and girls from the Red Light districts in

the world, will be at the Marriage Feast of the Lamb. "Project Rescue" is the ministry that sets up "Homes of Hope" in Mumbai and the outskirts, for these rescued women and children. Here, they are ministered to and treated for their many diseases, HIV AIDS being the most common. And some have been miraculously healed.

Very often society tends to conveniently forget that the trafficking of women and girls for forced prostitution is a man's issue. It is their demands that create this undesirable market. But, God's love is practical and He wants none to perish. As a result, a Care Cell Group has been formed to reach the men.

Compassion ministries, Dr Beth Grant explained, is the powerful

combination of speaking and demonstrating the Word. Social action by itself does not testify about Jesus but with the Word, it becomes life-changing as in James 2:14-17. The key to compassion ministries is building and establishing relationships up-front. Compassion cuts across cultures.

Winslow Wong, Chew Siew Keng and Yow Kit Yen shared about Calvaryland, Calvary Sunshine Home and the Street Ministry respectively. The message was clear: God's will and purpose is to administer His grace and mercy to this world that desperately needs Him. Will we be His stewards?

A scrumptious buffet of Asian cuisine was the delightful conclusion to this Missions Luncheon. 🇮🇳

Carpenter's Workshop (CW)

We can wait expectantly to see what God is going to do this year through our participation in His plans because what God does is always good.

It is the Spirit of God that leads us as we make our Faith Promise. Even as God gave His all to us, He asks us to join hands with Him with whatever we have to invest in missions. Missions involvement through our Faith Promise enables us to fulfil the Great Commission entrusted to us. It is our investment in the Father's harvest. Our Faith Promise is taking care of God's businesses. It is the ticket to eternity with Christ for thousands of souls.

Praise God for the 3,185 who pledged to be partners in the Father's business through the Faith Promise Programme. 🇮🇳

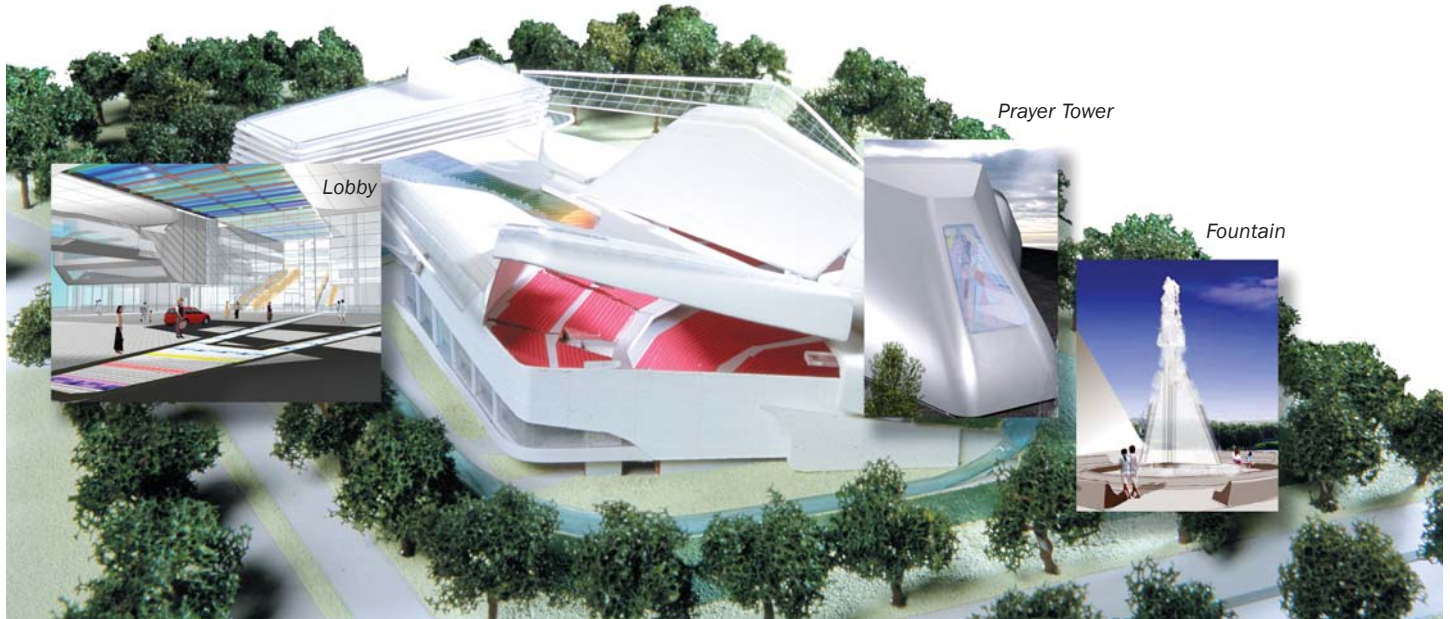
Praise the Lord that 657 children from the Carpenter's Workshop, signed up to be partners with God in missions in the Faith Promise programme from January to June 2005! 🇮🇳



Calvary Convention Centre

God provides!

The following are some of many testimonies of how God has provided the funds to fulfil the Mustard Seed Faith Pledge to those who placed their trust in Him.



Perspectives of Calvary Convention Centre

God works in ways we cannot comprehend!

It gives me great pleasure and honour to share this testimony as my heart rejoices over the Lord and the great and unimaginable things that He can do for us.

I am a 56-year old homemaker and I live with my husband and two children. During the Easter Service (at Putra Stadium on 11 April 2004) the message on the alabaster box captured my heart and I sensed that God was speaking to me.

When it came time to make the Mustard Seed Pledge, without hesitation, I wrote an amount which God prompted within my heart. It was a huge amount for me as I was not working and there are no other sources of income for me other than from my husband and my two children. However, in faith, I committed the amount to the Lord.

I was constantly praying for this amount and I asked the Lord to bless me with it. I expressed to the Lord that I did not wish to receive this amount from my husband or my children. I asked the Lord to open new doors of provision. I did not have the slightest idea where the money would be coming from. Months passed and there was no sign of any doors opening. I told my daughter that I will have to sell my jewellery and use the proceeds to fulfil my pledge. I treasured the necklace which my mother gave me but was willing to part with it for my Lord.

The next morning, while my husband was praying, he also prayed for me regarding my Mustard Seed Pledge as he knew that it was a huge amount and it would be difficult for me to meet. As he prayed, God spoke to him that I should check my Employees' Provident Fund (E.P.F.) balance.

I worked for a short time many years ago and contributed to the E.P.F.. When my husband told me what the Lord had said to him, I realised that I was able to withdraw my E.P.F. as I was over 55 years. A few years ago, I checked the balance and there was not much there. I knew then that I would need more money to meet my pledge. One day, I went to withdraw the money thinking that at least I would fulfil one quarter of what I pledged. On checking the balance, I was totally surprised and was in tears of joy as the amount shown in the statement was more than what I had pledged to give. My heart was rejoicing and I could hardly believe my eyes.

I am so honoured that I am able to totally fulfil my Mustard Seed Pledge. God is good and He can work in ways that we cannot comprehend. He sees our faith. I had faith in Him and believed that He would meet my needs and He truly did. He will continue to do His marvellous work among us. To Him be all glory, honour and praise!

Grace David Chandra Mohan

Mustard Seed Faith Update

As at the end of January 2005, we have received 70.3% of the targeted pledge of RM 5 million.

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Obedience is better than sacrifice!

When I was blessed with a cheque for a sum of money as a Christmas gift in December 2004, I was rejoicing because, at that point in time, I was informed that there will be a mission trip to the Philippines at the end of February 2005. In my heart, I thanked the Lord because He granted the desire of my heart and was so timely in providing for me.

I wanted to keep the money for the mission trip but I was reminded of my Mustard Seed Pledge towards the Calvary Convention Centre (CCC) and my Faith Promise which I had not completely fulfilled in 2004. I told the Lord that I wanted to do what was right and pleasing to Him and that is to fulfil what I had committed to Him regarding the CCC and Faith Promise Pledges.

Just before the New Year's Eve Service, I was informed that the mission trip was rescheduled. Now I am at rest because I have fulfilled what I had committed to Him for the year 2004. I can move on with greater faith to trust Him as my Jehovah Jireh.

Kay Lim

God honours faith!

It is with great joy that I share my testimony of God's faithfulness. I was so excited by what a testimony our new Calvary Convention Centre will be that I wanted to be a part of bringing it to being. I then pledged an amount which though might not be a large amount to others, but it was large for me. As a housewife of a small family, I had no extra income. I was challenged to use a gift that God has given me to raise the amount. But after filling the form, I crossed it out. It was then that I heard the quiet voice of the Lord speaking to my heart, "Let Me help you. Put your faith and trust in Me." So I pledged in faith and God proved faithful. Although I encountered some difficulties along the way, I managed to fulfil my pledge and gave it in December. I thank and praise God that it was even more than the initial Mustard Seed Faith that I had pledged.

June Chan

Come for the launch of the "A Little Becomes Much" Bite-Size Commitment Project

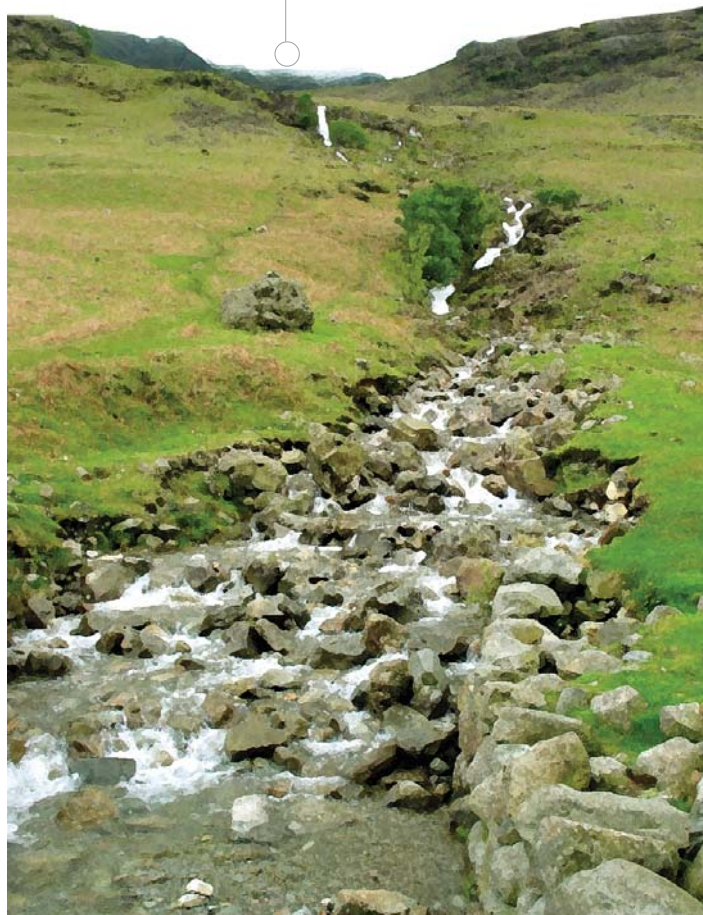
This coming
Easter Sunday Service on 27 March 2005,
we will be the launching
the Bite-Size Commitment Project
for the Calvary Convention Centre.
Great things come from small beginnings!

Similarly, a mammoth task
broken down into smaller bite-sizes
becomes not only manageable,
but exciting and challenging.

Come, find out the latest on the
Calvary Convention Centre.

**Be a part of the
Bite-Size Commitment Project.**

From
small
beginnings
come great things



成功的圣经投资

(文：古納南主任牧師

譯：林俊新)

「不要為自己積攢財寶在地上，地上有蟲子咬，能鏽壞，也有賊挖窟窿來偷。只要積攢財寶在天上，天上沒有蟲子咬，不能鏽壞，也沒有賊挖窟窿來偷。因為你的財寶在那裡，你的心也在那裡」(太 6:19-21)。

投資是與你的資源有關。它不只是限於金錢。它包括了你的時間，才幹或任何神允許你擁有的東西。耶穌的目的是要確定祂的跟隨者能當管理他們資源的能手。祂講述了三十八個比喻，其中有十六個是關於如何處理資源。有人說在聖經里，有五百節的經文是關於信心，有超過五百節的經文是關於祈禱和關於如何處理你的資源的經文卻超出了二千節！

耶穌說了關於「按才幹受責任」的比喻。祂說，「天國又好比一個人要往外國去，就叫了僕人來，把他的家業交給他們。按著各人的才幹，給他們銀子。一個給了五千，一個給了二千，一個給了一千，就往外國去了。那領五千的，隨即拿去做買賣，另外賺了五千。那領二千的，也照樣另賺了二千。但那領一千的，去掘開地，把主人的銀子埋藏了。過了許久，那些僕人的主人來了，和他們算賬。那領五千銀子的，又帶著那另外的五千來，說，主阿，你交給我五千銀子，請看，我又賺了五千。主人說，好，你這又良善又忠心的僕人，你在不多的事上有忠心，我要把許多事派你管理，可以進來享受你主人的快樂」(太 25:14-21)。

你能夠從這比喻中學習到六件事。首先，你所擁有的一切都是從神而來，是神賜給你的。第二，作出投資是你的責任。第三，投資的目的是你因此而能奉獻更多，因此有份分享祂的快樂。第四，你必須投資，否則就沒有前途。第五，神不是反對財寶而是反對你使它成為你的神和主人。聖經上說，「一個人不能事奉兩個主。不是惡這個愛那個，就是重這個輕那個。你們不能又事奉神，又事奉瑪門」(太 6:24)。最後，你的投資反映出你所關心的事。「因為你的財寶在那裡、你的心也在那裡」(太 6:21)。

如果你想知道某人的心是在那裡，找出他的財寶是在什麼地方。當他拿到他的薪水時，他優先考慮的是什麼？例如，他首先是照料他在世上的投資，不論它們是什麼。其次，他是履行他的職責。然後他就照顧他自己現世生活上的舒適享受—他的房子，他的需要，娛樂和悠閒。最後，如果他是一個基督徒，他就納十一奉獻，給信心奉獻和其他捐獻。依照聖經，這個人是屬肉體的。到底是什麼理由？因為他把他優先考慮之事的重要性混亂了。對他來說，納十一奉獻和獻給神的奉獻在重要性上是居最末的。你可以是一個基督徒，卻仍然是屬肉體或屬世的。保羅對哥林多的教會說，「弟兄們，我從前對你們說話，不能把你們當作屬靈的，只得把你們當作屬肉體，在基

督裡為嬰孩的」(林前 3:1)。

一個屬肉體的基督徒在靈性上還未成熟。他不讓神居優先的地位。他樂意花費不少金錢在一些名人顯要所認可，但暫存的產品上，而在奉獻給耶穌會說是，「…陰間的權柄，不能勝過他」(太 16:18)的神的教會上卻感到困難。你應該優先考慮投資在一些不能永存的事物上嗎？聖經上說，「…那日天必大有響聲廢去，有形質的都要被烈火銷化，地和其上的物都要燒盡了」(彼後 3:10)。然而，許多人以為世界才是最值得投資的地方，而不是教會。

投資在世界是好比把你新買的傢俬搬進你那豪華又舒適的住宅，即使你是看到離幾家之鄰居的房屋正在著火！這好像把你的財物從正在開始下沉的鐵塔尼號郵輪的一端搬移到另一端！這被稱為不會下沉號的鐵塔尼號郵輪，最終還是沉沒於海底。

按聖經成功的投資是投資在你自己和遵行神的旨意！你的價值有多少？問耶穌！祂說，「人就是賺得全世界，賠上自己的生命，有甚麼益處呢？」(可 8:36)耶穌是在說你的靈魂是非常寶貴，祂甚至不能給它一個定價。耶穌曾講述藏寶於田與尋珠的比喻。祂說，「天國好像寶貝藏在地里，人遇見了，就把他藏起來，歡歡喜喜的去變賣一切所有的，買這塊地。天國又好像買賣人，尋找好珠子，遇見一顆重價的珠子，就去變賣他一切所有的，買了這顆珠子」(太 13:44-46)。

誰是那藏寶和珠子呢？那就是你！耶穌是那買田地的人和那買了那顆珠子的買賣人。你是那麼的寶貴，耶穌捨去一切，祂的榮耀和安適來買贖你和為你捨命。你已得贖，不是以金或銀，而是以基督不能壞的寶血。如果你已經得救和重生，投資於你自己是明智之舉。不要讓魔鬼迷惑你，以為你自己是沒有價值，為名聲和其他世界的事物而出賣你的靈魂。從而代之，盡所能持守你的救恩。身為基督徒你當奉獻你的時間，精神，才幹和財富，在你的生命成長和發展上，及在信心方面的長進。

聖經成功的投資使你能得益處。投資在神的國度里是你能在這世上所作的最好投資！投資在這世界的國度會使你變為自私。自私的心會毀滅你。在耶穌所講述的比喻里的無知的財主，他發現了這點。他計劃要把他的倉房拆了，另蓋更大的。在那裡好收藏他一切的糧食和財物。神卻對他說，「無知的人哪，今夜必要你的靈魂。你所預備的，要歸誰呢。凡為自己積財，在神面前卻不富足的，也是這樣」(路 12:20-21)。財富是能迷惑人的，它看來能夠被保留，可是它們卻不能保存下去。

唯一能確定的就是你最終的目的地，天堂。你是一個客旅在朝向那城奔跑天路，就是神所經營所建造的。天堂不是一個一切都

是平等的地方。聖經上說，在天堂，在前的將要在後。你的工程要被火試驗和你要得的賞賜是根據你在世上所建造的工程。因此，當你在地上的時候，你必須作出正確的投資。耶穌說，「不要為自己積攢財寶在地上，地上有蟲子咬，能鏽壞，也有賊挖窟窿來偷。只要積攢財寶在天上，天上沒有蟲子咬，不能鏽壞，也沒有賊挖窟窿來偷」(太 6:19-20)。

這是時日無多的時期。作符合聖經的投資是緊要的。順服神，你的資源有一天將存在天堂和得到永恆的利潤。當你遵行神的旨意時，你的投資是成功的。當主回來時，問及你如何處理祂所託付你的金錢，你的回答將是什麼呢？你今天所作的是何種的投資？

(以上經文是採用中文聖經和合本)

三月份

中文聚會

日期：27-3-05 (日)

聯合復活節佈道會

時間：晚上八時正

地點：武吉加利爾，布特拉室內體育館

復活節佈道會

天父的心：歌舞劇

日期：25-3-05—27-3-05

時間：晚上八時正

地點：武吉加利爾，布特拉室內體育館

復活節主日敬拜聚會

日期：27-3-05 (日)

時間：早上十時正

地點：武吉加利爾，布特拉室內體育館

四月份

中文聚會

日期：24-4-05

時間：下午五時正

地點：伯特利樓

講員：林俊新

申請浸禮及會籍課程

日期：9-4-05 (星期六)

時間：下午二時正

浸禮聚會

日期：17-4-05 (星期日)

時間：下午五時正

地點：大堂

報名截止日期：13-3-05

March

Chinese Fellowship

Sunday

27 Combined with Easter Evangelistic Meeting

Christ's Ambassadors

Saturday 2.30pm

Theme: The Disciples' Dilemma

5 It Doesn't Look Good
12 Where Do We Go From Here?
19 Easter Tracting
26 Easter Evangelistic Meeting

College Students' Ministry

Saturday 2.30pm

Theme: The God Who Loves

5 God's Purpose
12 God's Plan
19 God's Prize
26 Easter Evangelistic Meeting

Bahasa Malaysia Fellowship

Sunday

27 Combined with Easter Evangelistic Meeting

WATER BAPTISM & MEMBERSHIP

Water Baptism/Membership Class

Saturday | **9 April 2005** | 2.00pm

Water Baptism Service

Sunday | **17 April 2005** | 5pm

Closing Date for submission of forms:

Sunday | **13 March 2005**

April

Chinese Fellowship

Sunday 5pm

24 Speaker: Lim Chune Sin
 Venue: Bethel Hall
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 for more information.

Christ's Ambassadors

Saturday 2.30pm

Theme: One Word Life Builders

2 Consistency
9 Simplicity
16 Thankfulness
23 Gentleness
30 Youth Celebration

College Students' Ministry

Saturday 2.30pm

Theme: Overcomers By His Grace

2 A Sound Mind—Overcoming Negative Thinking
9 Mending Fences—Overcoming Broken Relationships
16 A New Hope—Overcoming Disappointment
23 Transforming Grace—Overcoming Destructive Habits
30 Youth Celebration

Bahasa Malaysia Fellowship

Sunday 12.30pm

24 Speaker: Assistant Pastor David Seah
 Venue: Bethel Hall



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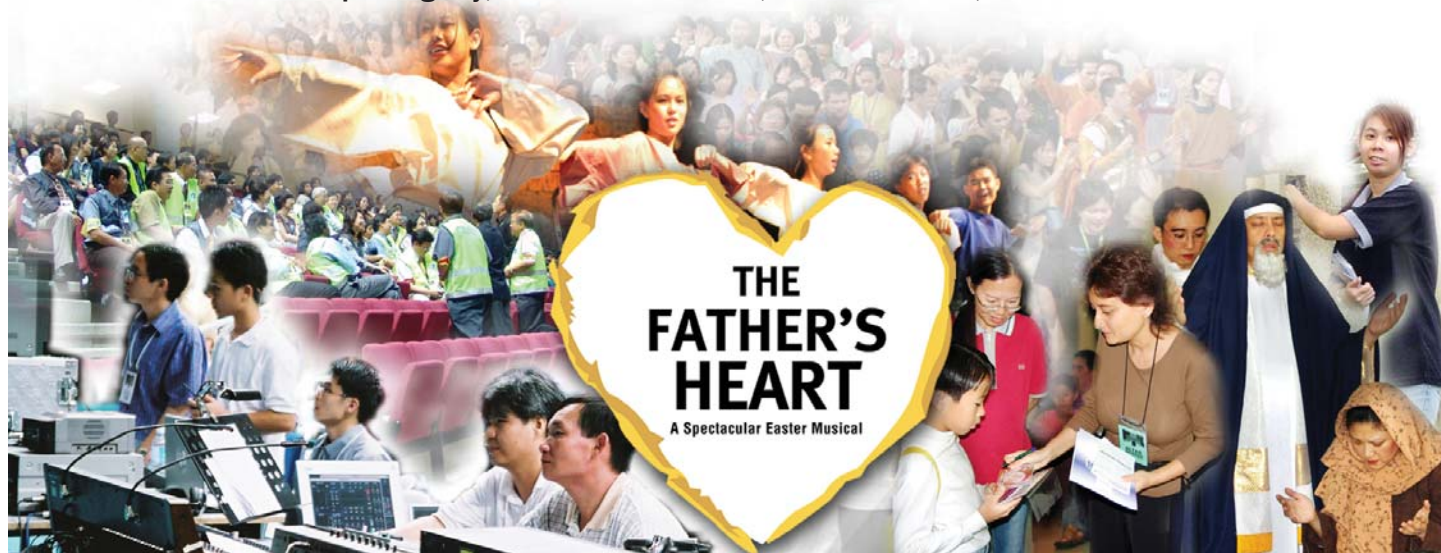
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	6 Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Associate Pastor Timothy Ong	Associate Pastor Timothy Ong
	13 Associate Pastor Steven Kum	Associate Pastor Timothy Ong	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam
	20 Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam	Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam	Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam	Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam
27	Easter Combined Worship Service at Putra Stadium, Bukit Jalil at 10am Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam			
MARCH				

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10 Associate Pastor Timothy Ong	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam/ Associate Pastor Steven Kum	Associate Pastor Steven Kum	Associate Pastor Steven Kum
17 <i>Water Baptism</i> Associate Pastor Richard Yun	Associate Pastor Timothy Ong	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam
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both God and Money” (Matthew 6:24). Finally, your investment is a reflection of your interest. “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6:21).

If you want to know where someone’s heart is, find out where his treasure is. What are his priorities when he receives his salary? For example, the first thing he takes care of is his earthly investments, whatever they may be. Next, he fulfils his obligations. Then he takes care of his earthly comforts—his house, his needs, entertainment and leisure. Finally, if he is a Christian, he pays his tithes, gives his faith promise and offerings. According to the Bible, this man is carnal. Why? Because he has his priorities upside down. Paying tithes and giving to God is last on his list. You can be a Christian and still be carnal or worldly. Paul said to the Corinthian church, “Brothers I could not address you as spiritual but as worldly—mere infants” (1 Corinthians 3:1).

A carnal Christian is not mature spiritually. He does not make God his priority. He is willing to pay huge sums of money for products which will not last that are endorsed by famous personalities but finds it difficult to give to the church of God of which Jesus said, “...the gates of Hades will not overcome...” (Matthew 16:18). Should you put your priority in investing in something that will not last? The Bible says that “...the heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare” (2 Peter 3:10). Yet many think the world and not the church, is the best place to invest in.

Investing in the world is like moving your brand new furniture into your expensive and comfortable house even when you see the house of your neighbour a few doors away is on fire! It is like moving your belongings from one end of the Titanic when it began sinking, to the other end! The Titanic was said to

Biblical investment for success



be unsinkable but it sank nevertheless.

Biblical investment for success is investing in yourself and doing the will of God! How valuable are you? Ask Jesus! He said, “What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul?” (Mark 8:36) Jesus is simply saying your soul is so valuable that He cannot put a price tag to it. Jesus told the parable of the hidden treasure and the pearl. He said, “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it” (Matthew 13:44-46).


Who is the treasure and the pearl? It is you! Jesus is that man who bought the field and the merchant who bought the pearl. You are so valuable that Jesus left everything, His glory and comfort to buy you and give His life for you. You have been bought, not with silver or gold but with the incorruptible blood of Christ. If you are saved and born-again, it is wise to invest in yourself. Do not let the Devil deceive you into thinking that you are worthless and sell your soul for fame and any other worldly things. Instead, do everything that is necessary to keep your salvation. Give your time, energy, talents and wealth for the growing and maturity of your life and faith as a Christian.

Biblical investment benefits you. Investing in the kingdom of God is

the best investment you can make here on earth! Investing in the kingdom of this world will make you selfish. And selfishness will destroy you. The rich fool in the parable Jesus told, discovered this. He planned to tear down his barns to build bigger barns to store his grain and goods but God said to him, “You fool! This

very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you prepared for yourself?’ This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God” (Luke 12:20-21). Riches are deceitful and appear to last but they do not.

The only certainty is heaven, which is your final destination. You are a pilgrim on a journey to a city whose maker and builder is God. Heaven is not a place where everything is equal. The Bible says that in heaven, the first shall be last. Your works will be tried by fire and rewards will be given based on your work on earth. What you will have in heaven is in proportion to what you invest here on earth. Therefore, while on earth, you need to make the right investments. Jesus says, “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal” (Matthew 16:19-20).

These are numbered days. It is urgent that you invest biblically. Obey God and your resources will one day stand in heaven and reap eternal dividends. You invest for success when you do the will of God. When the Master returns and asks you what you have done with the talents that He has given you, what will your answer be? What are you investing in today? 

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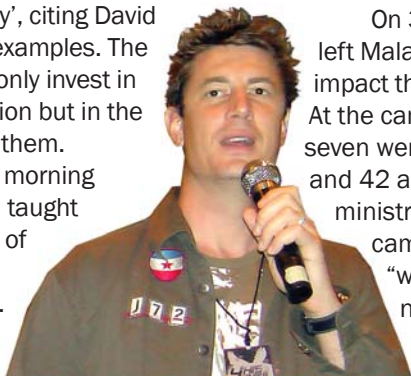
Calvary Youth—Living for His cause

“We’re living for His cause, nobody’s gonna stop us now”. This line from our camp theme song kept echoing in the lives of the 255 young people who attended the Calvary Youth Camp from 27 to 30 December 2004 at Air Keroh D’Village Resort, Malacca.

After checking in, the campers gathered at the hall for the camp opening ceremony. A skit was presented, reminding us of the freedom of choice that God has given us and we were to exercise that choice wisely for His cause. We then had a powerful time of worship.

At every session, we were impacted by God’s Word. Rev. Phil Stevenson, our camp speaker challenged us to be hungry for God, to be obedient to His call and to live lives that are ultimately sold out for the cause of Christ. On the second night, He challenged us to live ‘generationally’, citing David and Solomon as examples. The youth should not only invest in their own generation but in the generations after them.

In one of the morning sessions, Rev. Phil taught us about the gifts of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 1:12). These gifts are tools given to us



by God and we are to use them diligently. The youth then prayed for each other and many received a prophetic word for their friends and were encouraged to speak it out in faith as the Lord enabled them. It was a very exciting time.

Rev Phil concluded the sessions by encouraging the campers to experience the presence of God daily. We were created for His pleasure and we are to love Him with all our affection, attention and ability (Mark 12:30). We were reminded that the greatest thing in life is to worship God.

On 30 December 2004, 255 lives left Malacca and headed for home to impact their generation for Jesus Christ. At the camp, five received salvation, seven were baptised in the Holy Spirit and 42 answered the call into full-time ministry! It was truly an amazing camp. God was with us and yes, “we’re living for His cause, nobody’s gonna stop us now.”

Rev. Phil Stevenson



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