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(Clockwise) Special presentations by the children at the various Church locations: Cheras, Damansara Heights, Damansara Perdana and Ampang



Senior Associate Pastor
Petrina Guneratnam

1,005 mothers received
gifts from the Church



BEING AN EXAMPLE, MY PRIORITY

By Audrey Kum

On Mother's Day, 10 May 2009, Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam took the opportunity to appreciate the biological and spiritual mothers of the Church.

She began her message by telling us two stories. The first was about a daughter's gift to her mother and the second, about a mother's gift to her daughter. As we listened, we could see the great influence that mothers have on their children either for evil or for good.

In the first story (Mark 6:17-28), Herodias, had committed adultery with King Herod and wanted to kill John the Baptist who spoke against it. Her chance came when her daughter danced before King Herod on his birthday and Herod was so pleased that he promised to give her anything up to half of his kingdom. The girl asked her mother what she should ask for. She answered, "The head of John the Baptist!" The

ladies' worship service

The ladies' creative labour of love was much appreciated



Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam



CELEBRATING MOTHER'S DAY WITH A TEAPOT FELLOWSHIP!

By Audrey Kum



Ladies generally enjoy fellowship over a cup of tea or coffee and the ladies who attended the Ladies' Worship Service on Tuesday, 12 May 2009, were no exception.

Encouraged by Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam's short exhortation based on 2 Kings 4:10, to not only have their homes well furnished but to have their lives furnished with four important pieces of furniture: a bed symbolising rest, a table symbolising fellowship, a chair symbolising a teachable spirit and a candle-stick symbolising a good testimony, the ladies adjourned to various beautifully and creatively laid out tables for their tea, coffee and pastries.

The ladies thoroughly enjoyed their time of discussion over tea. It was a wonderful time of connecting and a great opportunity to reach out to mothers who have yet to receive Christ as their Lord and Saviour. +

girl obeyed and we saw clearly that this mother influenced her daughter for evil.

The second story was about a woman of Canaan who asked Jesus to heal her demon-possessed daughter (Matthew 15:21-28). When Jesus initially did not do as she asked, because she was not of the house of Israel, she persisted and humbly was willing to take the 'crumbs that were thrown to the dogs from the master's table'. Jesus commended her for her great faith and her daughter was healed that very hour. This mother did not pass on bitterness, vengeance and violence to her daughter but gave her the gift of an example of great faith.

Sister Petrina challenged us to leave a legacy of genuine faith for all who walk after us, thereby ensuring that the next generation will be greatly blessed. +



Connecting over pots of tea and coffee

baby dedication



From left: Solomon Abulu & Faith with baby Benita Omonosose Abulu; Pravin Thangappan & Angelin with baby Bethany Vibha Varshiny; Chew Vin Son & Jo Anne with baby Chew Cayenne; Peter Lim & Elaine with baby Clarisse Lim Yong Yi; Jonathan Cheng & Joanna with baby James Emmanuel Cheng; Lee Yat Yew & Mei Sum with baby Lee Chole; Wong Horr Wai & Huay-Yee with baby Wong Shan Li; Wong Leong Sang & Lian Hong with baby Jess Wong Paul Lynn

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BABIES DEDICATED TO THE LORD!

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam dedicated 15 babies to the Lord on 17 May 2009 at the 10.30am Worship Service at Damansara Heights. He then prayed for the parents that they will bring up their children in the nurture and ways of the Lord Jesus Christ. +



From left: Lee King Vai & Michelle with baby Lee Zhen Heng; Andreas Kok & Mimi with baby Vivian Kok Rui Jie; Ken Kuan & Esther with baby Isaiah Kuan Hao Der; Othniel Lim & Chanel with baby Ariel Lim Jing En; Chong Chee Seng & Chai Ming with baby Samuel Chong Jian Ye; Peh Choon Wee & Mei Kien with baby Chloe Peh Ker Xuen; James Ng & Jean with baby Joel Ng Zhuo Ee



ARIEL LIM JING EN



BENITA OMONOSOSE ABULU



BETHANY VIBHA VARSHINY



CHEW CAYENNE



JAMES EMMANUEL CHENG



LEE ZHEN HERNG

11 BAPTISED IN WATER!

Praise the Lord, 11 individuals were baptised in water on 19 April 2009 at Damansara Heights!

We thank God for each one of them, who by this act of obedience, publicly declared their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. +

Left to right, front row: Gina Jose Cuba, Tan Siew Theng, Tan Siew Ying, Simone Perry Lee Tze Yi, Ravichandrika a/p Biloo, Joanna Tan Mei Chin **Back row:** Nicholas Soo Yew Joon, Shannon Chow Mei Yee, Jennifer Chong Meng Fun, Joey Chong Pow Choo, Tan Julius



LIVING WITH HEAVENLY VISION

By Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam

The more we envision heaven, the more we will be motivated to live the Christian life God's way. We lack the knowledge and conviction of heaven. That is why many Christians lead a carnal life. Is heaven real and what is heaven like?

The apostle John gives us a glimpse of heaven. He says, **"Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, 'Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away'"** (Revelation 21:1-4). **"There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever"** (Revelation 22:5). Furthermore, the glory

of the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:9-21) was revealed to John.

John continues to say, **"But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light. And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it. Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there). And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life"** (Revelation 21:22-27).

Heaven is a real, beautiful and perfect place. But who may go there? There are only two places a man can go after death. It is either to heaven or hell. King David asked, **"LORD, who may abide in Your tabernacle? Who may dwell in Your holy hill?"** (Psalm 15:1). In other words, "Who will go to heaven? Who will be able to live where you live?" These are relevant questions.

As children of God who want to go to heaven, we should live on earth as we would live in heaven. Children from royal families are trained to live as kings and queens from birth. They do not wait until they are crowned before they live like royalty. They are disciplined from young so that when the time comes for them to be kings, it will be a natural progression. This is also true for believers. God wants us to live like children of the Most High God. We are saved, cleansed and called to live as kings and priests. John says, **"...To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen"** (Revelation 1:5-6).

God is in the process of discipling and training us by the Word of God so that we will live like kings and priests. When it is time for us to go to heaven, we will comfortably continue to be kings and priests to God. We must check our calendar and appointments. Do our activities reflect our love for God and our desire to live as kings and priests as He has called us? If we really love God and live with a heavenly vision, we will make

time for God in our lives and His kingdom will be our priority.

In Psalm 15, King David gives us the following characteristics of kings and priests who may “dwell in God’s sanctuary and live in His holy hill” as citizens of heaven:

1. “He whose walk is blameless and who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from his heart” (Psalm 15:2, NIV).

THEY ARE BLAMELESS

Being blameless means living a life in agreement with God’s moral law with complete integrity and without hidden sins. It is not our talents, charisma, education or wealth that makes us blameless. Only the blood of Jesus makes us blameless. John says, **“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God** (John 3:16-18). God sees us as pure, clean and acceptable because of Jesus Christ and his blood. That is why the Bible says, **“There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit”** (Romans 8:1).

When we receive Christ, a new birth takes place and there is a complete revolution. Paul says, **“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new”** (2 Corinthians 5:17). Our past is forgiven and we have a new future to live like kings and priests unto God. We may fall and make mistakes, but we are to get up, confess our sins, live under the blood of Jesus and be blameless. John says, **“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness”** (1John 1:9). God will divinely take away our sins and throw it away so that we can

be blameless. The Psalmist says, **“As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us”** (Psalm 103:12). Isaiah says, **“Come now, and let us reason together,” Says the LORD, Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool”** (Isaiah 1:18).

2. “He who does not backbite with his tongue, Nor does evil to his neighbor, Nor does he take up a reproach against his friend” (Psalm 15:3).

THEY EXERCISE CONTROL OF THE TONGUE

One of the hardest things to control is the

“We lack the knowledge and conviction of heaven. That is why many Christians lead a carnal life”

tongue. Two of the most difficult tasks of the tongue are to speak the truth and not to run down another person. If we cannot tell the truth, do not say anything. We must not pat ourselves on the back when we speak a half-truth. That can be even more dangerous than the lie itself. The tongue also finds it hard to edify—to build others up and not to run them down. Let us not speak if we cannot say anything good. One of the greatest hurts felt in churches is that which is caused by backbiting and the spreading of rumours. If we have difficulty in this area, we need to be born again. Be filled with the Holy Spirit and live with a heavenly vision.

3. “In whose eyes a vile person is despised, But he honors those who

fear the LORD” (Psalm 15:4a).

THEY ARE DISCRIMINATING IN THEIR ASSOCIATIONS

The vile are those who do not tell the truth, slander others, do not keep their promises, make money illicitly and whose ends justify their means. Avoid the vile man and do not make them our best friends or partners. If we need a partner or someone to confide in, find someone of the same faith. The Bible says, **“Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?”** (2 Corinthians 6:14). But that does not mean that we cannot be friendly to sinners. We need to be a witness or a testimony to potential believers.

4. “...who keeps his oath even when it hurts” (Psalm 15:4b, NIV).

THEY ARE FAITHFUL TO COMMITMENTS

Faithfulness is never tested only when all goes well. But when things go wrong, will we still be faithful to God? Will we remain true to the Lord and to the Church, even if it hurts us? Joseph is a good example of one who remained faithful when tempted. Potiphar put Joseph in charge of his household and all that he owned. When Potiphar’s wife made advances on him, Joseph remained faithful to his commitment to God and his master (Genesis 39:2-20). Let us be faithful even when it hurts us.

5. “He who does not put out his money at usury, Nor does he take a bribe against the innocent” (Psalm 15:5).

THEY DO NOT EXPLOIT OTHERS

Kings and priests do not cheat or seek personal gain by abusing others or the powers vested in them. Loan sharks and those who take bribes exploit the circumstances of others. Those living with a heavenly vision do not take advantage of the desperate situations or needs of others.

Heaven is a place populated by godly people who live as kings and priests on earth. Let us live with a heavenly vision. We will then live stable lives here on earth and we will be at home when we get to heaven! +

All Bible quotations are from the New King James Version except where indicated otherwise.

calvary convention centre (ccc)



Construction Progress
as of May 2009

CALVARY CARNIVAL IS BACK!

This year,
it will be held
on 31 October
2009 at the
Bukit Jalil Golf
and Country
Club.

Expect a day of wholesome fun, delicious food, innovative games and great bargains. It will be a joyous occasion for the entire Calvary Family where bonds of fellowship are strengthened and the Lord is indeed glorified.

Besides raising funds for Calvary Convention Centre, this is an opportunity for Calvarites to participate in one way or another.

Do not miss this upcoming Calvary Carnival '09 especially planned for you, your family and friends!

Recruitment for participation in F&B, Games, Bazaar, Jumble Sales and manpower began on 28 June 2009. +

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'09



JUMBLE SALES COLLECTION DRIVE starts on 5 July 2009. Drop your new or unused books, home decorations, home appliances, crockery, electrical appliances, sport items, etc. from 10am to 2pm on Sundays at Antioch Bungalow, Damansara Heights. **COUPON SALES** also starting on 12 July 2009. Go to the counter at all Church locations to purchase your coupons.

INTRODUCING THE CCC WORKING COMMITTEES

The following are the Working Committees that will work together with the Calvary Convention Centre (CCC) Project Committee in 2009 to implement the various projects for the successful completion of the building of the CCC.

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expect a miracle

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam leading in prayer for the partners of "Expect a Miracle"

Deacon Han Joke Kwang giving us an inspiring update on the CCC

JESUS HAS A MIRACLE IN MIND FOR YOU!

By Audrey Kum

On Sunday, 24 May 2009, Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam used a familiar passage of Scripture, John 6:1-14, to help us realise that with each difficult challenge that we face, Jesus already has in mind what He is going to do in that situation.

A great multitude followed Jesus over the Sea of Tiberias to the mountain because they had seen the miracles He had performed. Jesus asked Philip where they should buy the bread to feed the 5,000 knowing already what He would do (John 6:5-6). Philip was pessimistic as he estimated that even 200 denarii worth of bread would only buy each a little food. Andrew on the other hand told Jesus of a boy who had five barley loaves and two small fish. Jesus asked the disciples get the people to sit down and the stage was set for a miracle to take place—the feeding of the 5000!

Using examples from the Bible, Senior Pastor showed that God had a miracle in mind when He asked Moses to tell Pharaoh to let His people go, when He promised to make Abraham a father of many nations, when He asked Joshua and Israel to march around the walls of Jericho, when He allowed Daniel to be thrown into the lion's den, when David met Goliath and when Jesus told the servants to pour water into the jars at the wedding at Cana.

For a miracle to happen, Senior Pastor said that we must be placed in a situation between a rock and a hard place. And if we want to experience a miracle, we have a part to play. We must put our faith in our supernatural God and obey as He directs. We are to be like David when he faced Goliath. David glorified God, spoke of what He can do and he went against Goliath in the name of the Lord of Hosts! We are not to be like Israel that glorified Goliath, the problem, and saw him bigger than their God.

Worldwide, we are facing challenging times. In our nation, we are facing retrenchment, political crises and a downturn in economy. Our Church is facing the challenge of building the Calvary Convention Centre (CCC). Will financial difficulties and other powers stop us from doing the will of God? Jesus has a miracle in mind for us. God wants us to partner with Him. As we prepared to make our CCC Building Fund pledge, we were reminded of Mary's words to the servants at Cana, "Whatever He says to you, do it" (John 2:5). That day, Calvarites, adults and children, at all the Church locations were challenged to expect a miracle from the Lord as they faced these challenging times. +



Responding to the message in prayer



Children pledging to give towards the building of CCC





Rev. Dikran's message was laced with humour



Rev. Dikran Salbashian

HIS KINGDOM, OUR PRIORITY IN THE MARKETPLACE

By Maryann Lee
Matthew

Bright and early on Saturday morning, 2 May 2009, 77 business professionals of Calvary Church came to Damansara Heights to receive a wonderful combination of physical and spiritual food. The Young Professionals Life Groups organised a breakfast fellowship with Rev. Dikran Salbashian. Those who were able to wake up early and arrive by 8am were rewarded with a hearty breakfast spread. It was great to see the attendees fellowshiping with one another.

Once everyone had their fill of breakfast, they adjourned to the sanctuary for a time of praise and worship. After worship, one of the young professionals, Melvin Wong, shared his testimony about God's faithfulness and providence in his life. The nature of his sales job would ordinarily require him to entertain clients in 'questionable places' such as karaoke lounges and spas but his stand to live an upright life for Christ caused him to be recognised as a 'Jesus boy' who was relieved from participating in such activities. Furthermore, God honoured his faithfulness and instead of him losing out on sales deals, he was a top performer and was promoted in the company.

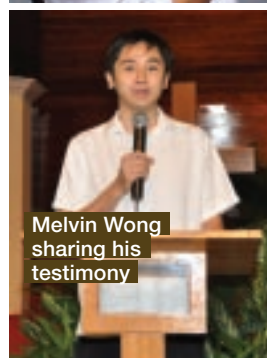
Rev. Dikran Salbashian then shared practical ways on how we can make 'His Kingdom, Our Priority in the Marketplace' which were based on this simple, biblical premise—there is no such distinction between secular or sacred work. In the Old Testament times (Leviticus 8:10), God's people had to be careful to consider what was clean and unclean, holy and common. But when Jesus came to be the ultimate living sacrifice, He bridged that gap. Now, we are free. We can embrace the life-changing attitude of 'I'm serving God in everything I do. Everything I do is as unto God. It is sacred'.

Our citizenship must be evident from our behaviour too. As citizens of heaven, our colleagues and associates at work should feel the difference as they enter our 'work zone'. We,

as Christ's ambassadors, involve God in our decision-making, commit our days into His hands and put our utmost best in serving Him as our ultimate boss. As a direct result of this, we are better workers, more productive performers and kinder bosses. Many of the attendees had workplace-related questions which were well-addressed by Rev. Dikran. Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam prayed for God's blessing as we stood at the altar committing our lives to put His Kingdom as our priority in the marketplace. What a blessed way to start the weekend! +



Fellowshipping over breakfast



Melvin Wong sharing his testimony





BE AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST!



By Carol Weller

Rev. Dikran and Ani Salbashian addressing the married campers



Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam

Rev Dikran Salbashian



At the workshop for the singles



Special presentation by the children



Responding
at the altar

From 1 to 4 June 2009, the campers travelled to the Swiss Family Garden Resort, Lumut, for our annual Family Camp. Despite the hot weather, the Calvarites, and their friends and families were determined to receive a touch from God and to have an enjoyable time.

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam delivered the keynote address on the first night basing his message on the call of the prophet Jeremiah. Known as 'the weeping prophet', Jeremiah frequently focussed on what he could not do till he had an encounter with Christ and "found the Word." Senior Pastor encouraged us to desire intimacy with God above all else. This made all the difference for Jeremiah and turned him into a passionate proclaimer of God's Word.

Our Camp speaker, Rev. Dikran Salbashian, who was accompanied by his wife Ani, is well known to us. For all mornings, campers were exhorted to find our true purpose in life in order to find fulfilment. With characteristic humour, he said that everything in life has a purpose and an original intent which can be found in the mind of the "Manufacturer" and written in the "Manual". Not knowing the proper purpose of a thing often leads to abuse. On Wednesday, he showed us from the book of Genesis that God's original intent for man was that he should "be

fruitful, multiply, fill and subdue the earth." This is the intent of God for the church today too. Whenever man, either in the Old Testament record or the church of Acts deflected from his purpose, God intervened to scatter the people. Finally, Rev. Dikran inspired the campers to recognise ourselves as ambassadors representing heaven on earth. This meant recognising our place of authority, dignity and responsibility.

In the night sessions, Rev. Dikran dealt with the topic of handling worry and of the importance of making the right choices. Many campers were ministered to while praying at the altars. Rev. Dikran and Ani shared candidly in workshops for married campers on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon, while Associate Pastors Steven Kum and David Seah talked to the singles on building relationships.

During the hot afternoons, campers cooled off in the swimming pool and sea or played hilarious games of telematch. There were golf tournaments and some campers took a trip to Pulau Pangkor or drove to nearby towns to sample the local fare. It was a blessed time of fun, fellowship and Godly instruction. In the end, although there was some reluctance, as there usually is, to end an enjoyable holiday, campers left for home charged with the desire to impact our surroundings as ambassadors for Christ. +

Enjoying breakfast
together

Having fun...



... at the beach



Worshipping the Lord



Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam teaching that Jeremiah ate the Word of God



Rev. Daniel Choo

REFRESHED, RENEWED AND REJOICING IN THE LORD!

By Assistant Pastor Chua Ken Tee

This year's Family Camp was well attended by worshippers from the Chinese-speaking congregation and their loved ones. Many were refreshed and renewed physically and spiritually in their faith by the simple yet powerful messages.

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam used the life of Jeremiah to share the secret of how to be successful in making God's kingdom our priority. Jeremiah found God's Word and he ate the Word of God. Jeremiah had a revelation of God. He found Jesus even though Jesus was not manifested yet. When we find Jesus, we

find hope and meaning in life. Jeremiah ate the Word. The Word is Jesus. Jesus tells us that His Words are spirit and life. Man shall live by every Word of God. When we find God's Word and eat it, there will be joy and rejoicing.

A series of messages was shared by Rev. Daniel Choo from Peace Charis AOG Seri Kembangan, on the importance of seeking God's Kingdom and His righteousness as our first priority. When seeking His righteousness, not only our outward appearance will change but more importantly, our hearts will change. Once there are changes in our hearts, our

thinking, our values and perceptions will also change. It is when we seek God's Kingdom and His righteousness first, that we will experience success. Pastor Lynda Choi, Pastor Daniel's wife, shared on prayer in one of the sessions. She challenged the campers to cultivate a prayerful life. Without it, our Christian life will be without power and authority.

Many campers responded and sought the Lord at the altar after each session. Praise the Lord for the two who received salvation. We had good times of fellowship over meals and during recreation. +

The kids from nursery age to six years old



Sister Ani Salbashian with a volunteer



At Sing & Play Bay



Hot Bible Adventure!





The young people leading in worship



At the youth workshop

YOUTH BLESSED AND A BLESSING AT CAMP! By Tabitha Ong

Forty young people attended the two youth workshops during the Church Family Camp 2009. The first day focused on our relationship with God, taking time in the midst of our busy schedules to talk to and listen to God, and on the second day, we talked about our relationships with others, remembering always to take the “plank” out of our own eyes before pointing out the “specks” in others’ eyes. Through the small group discussions and ice-breakers the young people were able to make new friends and get to know each other a little better.

The young people were a blessing to

the camp by helping out with the Kids Camp that was running concurrently with the Church Camp. Being Crew Leaders to the younger kids and organising the kids for games was tiring but fun. After the night sessions, we got together to play fun games by the pool and at the recreation room. There was lots of noise and laughter. On Tuesday night, the young people led the congregation in worship. It was to our joy and amazement to see not just the young people but also the adults enjoying our music as we lifted our voices and hands to God in worship. Praise arose from deep within our hearts to the One who deserves it all. +



Ice-breakers!



Having a hilarious time playing a game



Screaming competition

AT “LAVA LAVA ISLAND WHERE JESUS’ LOVE FLOWS” By Jeannie Low

On 1 to 4 June 2009, simultaneously with our Church Family Camp, the children had their own “Lava Lava Island” Kids Camp programme. For the seven to 13 age group, there were three Bible Points that were emphasised through various teaching approaches: Jesus brings hope; Jesus followed God’s Word; and Jesus gives us courage.

On the second night of camp, the children were privileged to hear Sister Ani Salbashian (Pastor Dikran’s wife) share God’s Word. She shared from the parable “The woman with the lost coin” and told the children about how precious and special each one of them is in the sight of God.

On Wednesday night, we praise the Lord for many of the children who responded to reaffirm their love and commitment to Jesus. Among the highlights of the Kids Camp were fun, interactive games and Tribal Dynamics

(Tribe Cheer, Tribe Flag, etc) sessions that served to encourage co-operation among children of the same small group (called a tribe), and also a bonfire fellowship that was held on the last night of camp.

The younger children (nursery to six years old) learnt about five Bible Points through various means of teaching, activities and games. In addition to the above-mentioned Bible Points, they emphasised: Jesus saves us and Jesus gives us a reason to celebrate. +



Jungle Gym Outdoor games

HIDUP DENGAN VISI SYURGAWI

Oleh Pendita Senior
Prince Guneratnam

Semakin banyak, kita menggambarkan syurga, semakin banyak kita didorong untuk hidup sebagai Kristian mengikut cara Tuhan. Kita kekurangan pengetahuan dan keyakinan tentang syurga. Itulah sebabnya ramai orang Kristian mengikuti cara hidup duniawi. Adakah syurga itu benar, dan apakah gambaran syurga?

Rasul Yohanes memberi kita imbasan syurga. Dia berkata, **“Lalu aku melihat langit yang baru dan bumi yang baru, sebab langit yang pertama dan bumi yang pertama telah berlalu, dan lautpun tidak ada lagi. Dan aku melihat kota yang kudus, Yerusalem yang baru, turun dari sorga, dari TUHAN, yang berhias bagaikan pengantin perempuan yang berdandan untuk suaminya. Lalu aku mendengar suara yang nyaring dari takhta itu berkata: “Lihatlah, kemah TUHAN ada di tengah-tengah manusia dan Ia akan diam bersama-sama dengan mereka. Mereka akan menjadi umat-Nya dan Ia akan menjadi TUHAN mereka. Dan Ia akan menghapus segala air mata dari mata mereka, dan maut tidak akan ada lagi; tidak akan ada lagi perkabungan, atau ratap tangis, atau dukacita, sebab segala sesuatu yang lama itu telah berlalu”** (Wahyu 21: 1-4). **“Dan malam tidak akan ada lagi di sana, dan mereka tidak memerlukan cahaya lampu dan cahaya matahari, sebab TUHAN akan menerangi mereka, dan mereka akan memerintah sebagai raja sampai selama-lamanya”** (Wahyu 22:5). Tambahan pula, kemuliaan Yerusalem

Baru (Wahyu 21: 9-21) ditunjukkan kepada Yohanes.

Yohanes seterusnya berkata, **“Dan aku tidak melihat Bait Suci di dalamnya; sebab TUHAN, Tuhan Yang Mahakuasa, adalah Bait Sucinya, demikian juga Anak Domba itu. Dan kota itu tidak memerlukan matahari dan bulan untuk menyinarinya, sebab kemuliaan TUHAN meneranginya dan Anak Domba itu adalah lampunya. Dan bangsa-bangsa akan berjalan di dalam cahayanya dan raja-raja di bumi membawa kekayaan mereka kepadanya; dan pintu-pintu gerbangnya tidak akan ditutup pada siang hari, sebab malam tidak akan ada lagi di sana; dan kekayaan dan hormat bangsa-bangsa akan dibawa kepadanya. Tetapi tidak akan masuk ke dalamnya sesuatu yang najis, atau orang yang melakukan kekejian atau dusta, tetapi hanya mereka yang namanya tertulis di dalam kitab kehidupan Anak Domba itu”** (Wahyu 21: 22-27).

Syurga itu nyata, indah dan tempat yang sempurna. Tetapi siapa yang mungkin pergi ke sana? Hanya dua tempat, seseorang boleh pergi selepas kematian iaitu syurga atau neraka. Raja Daud bertanya, **“TUHAN, siapa yang boleh menumpang dalam kemah-Mu? Siapa yang boleh diam di gunung-Mu yang kudus?”** (Mazmur 15:1). Dalam erti kata lain, “Siapa yang akan pergi ke syurga? Siapa yang akan tinggal bersama di mana kamu akan tinggal?” Ini merupakan soalan-soalan yang penting dan berkaitan.

Sebagai anak Tuhan yang ingin pergi

ke syurga, kita patut hidup di atas bumi seperti hidup di syurga. Anak-anak daripada keluarga diraja adalah dilatih untuk hidup sebagai raja dan ratu sejak dilahirkan. Mereka tidak menunggu sehingga mereka dinobatkan sebelum mereka hidup seperti orang diraja. Mereka dididik sejak kecil lagi supaya apabila tiba masanya untuk mereka menjadi raja, ia akan menjadi kenaikan yang semulajadi. Ini juga benar kepada orang percaya. Tuhan mahu kita hidup seperti anak-anak kepada Tuhan Maha Tinggi. Kita telah diselamatkan, disucikan dan dipanggil untuk hidup sebagai raja dan imam. Yohanes berkata, **“...Bagi Dia, yang mengasihi kita dan yang telah melepaskan kita dari dosa kita oleh darah-Nya dan yang telah membuat kita menjadi suatu kerajaan, menjadi imam-imam bagi TUHAN, Bapa-Nya, bagi Dialah kemuliaan dan kuasa sampai selama-lamanya. Amin”** (Wahyu 1: 5-6).

Tuhan sedang dalam proses mendidik dan melatih kita dengan Firman Tuhan supaya kita boleh hidup seperti raja dan imam. Apabila sudah tiba masanya untuk kita pergi ke syurga, kita akan dengan selesa terus menjadi raja dan imam kepada Tuhan. Kita mesti memeriksa kalender dan temujanji kita. Adakah aktiviti-aktiviti kita mencerminkan kasih kita kepada Tuhan dan keinginan kita untuk hidup sebagai raja dan imam kerana Dia yang telah memanggil kita? Jika kita benar mengasihi Tuhan dan hidup dengan visi syurga, kita akan meluangkan waktu bagi Tuhan dalam hidup kita dan kerajaanNya akan menjadi keutamaan kita.

Dalam Mazmur 15, Raja Daud memberikan kita sifat-sifat bagi raja dan imam yang “berdiam dalam bait Tuhan dan hidup di gunungNya yang kudus” sebagai warganegara syurga:

1. “Yaitu dia yang berlaku tidak bercela, yang melakukan apa yang adil dan yang mengatakan kebenaran dengan segenap hatinya” (Mazmur 15:2).

MEREKA YANG TIDAK BERCELA

Menjadi tidak bercela bermaksud hidup kehidupan yang bersesuaian dengan undang-undang moral Tuhan dengan kejujuran sepenuhnya dan dengan tiada dosa tersembunyi. Ia bukan bakat, karisma, pelajaran atau kekayaan yang menjadikan kita tidak bercela. Hanya darah Yesus mampu membuat kita tidak bercela. Yohanes berkata, **“Karena begitu besar kasih TUHAN akan dunia ini, sehingga Ia telah mengaruniakan Anak-Nya yang tunggal, supaya setiap orang yang percaya kepada-Nya tidak binasa, melainkan beroleh hidup yang kekal. Sebab TUHAN mengutus Anak-Nya ke dalam dunia bukan untuk menghakimi dunia, melainkan untuk menyelamatkannya oleh Dia. Barangsiapa percaya kepada-Nya, ia tidak akan dihukum; barangsiapa tidak percaya, ia telah berada di bawah hukuman, sebab ia tidak percaya dalam nama Anak Tunggal TUHAN”** (Yohanes 3: 16-18). Tuhan melihat kita sebagai murni, bersih dan diterima kerana Yesus Kristus dan darahNya. Itulah sebabnya Al-kitab berkata, **“Demikianlah sekarang tidak ada penghukuman bagi mereka yang ada di dalam Kristus Yesus. Roh, yang memberi hidup telah memerdekakan kamu dalam Kristus dari hukum dosa dan hukum maut”** (Roma 8: 1-2).

Apabila kita menerima Kristus, satu kelahiran baru terjadi dan di sana ada revolusi yang lengkap. Paulus berkata, **“Jadi siapa yang ada di dalam Kristus, ia adalah ciptaan baru: yang lama sudah berlalu, sesungguhnya yang baru sudah datang”** (2 Korintus 5:17). Masa lampau kita telah diampuni dan kita ada masa depan baru untuk hidup seperti raja dan imam kepada Tuhan. Kita mungkin jatuh dan membuat kesalahan, tetapi kita patut bangun, mengaku dosa kita, hidup di bawah darah Yesus dan

menjadi tidak bercela. Yohanes berkata, **“Jika kita mengaku dosa kita, maka Ia adalah setia dan adil, sehingga Ia akan mengampuni segala dosa kita dan menyucikan kita dari segala kejahatan”** (1 Yohanes 1:9). Tuhan dengan keilahianNya akan mengambil dosa dan membuangnya supaya kita menjadi tidak bercela.

Pemazmur berkata, **“sejauh timur dari barat, demikian dijauhkan-Nya dari pada kita pelanggaran kita”** (Mazmur 103:12).

Yesaya berkata, **“Marilah, baiklah kita berperkara! --firman TUHAN-- Sekalipun dosamu merah seperti kirmizi, akan menjadi putih seperti salju; sekalipun berwarna merah seperti kain kesumba, akan menjadi putih seperti bulu domba”** (Yesaya 1:18).

2. “Yaitu dia yang tidak menyebarkan fitnah dengan lidahnya, yang tidak berbuat jahat terhadap temannya dan yang tidak menimpakan cela kepada tetangganya” (Mazmur 15:3).

MEREKA YANG MENGAWAL LIDAH

Salah satu perkara yang paling sukar dikawal ialah lidah. Dua tugas lidah yang paling sukar ialah bercakap benar dan tidak menjatuhkan orang lain. Jika kita tidak boleh bercakap benar, janganlah bercakap apa-apa. Kita tidak sepatutnya memuji diri kita apabila kita tidak bercakap benar sepenuhnya. Itu sebenarnya lebih bahaya daripada penipuan itu sendiri. Lidah juga sukar untuk membangun--mendorong orang lain dan tidak menjatuhkan mereka. Marilah kita berdiam jika kita tidak mempunyai apa-apa yang baik untuk dikatakan. Salah satu kesakitan yang terbesar dialami di dalam gereja adalah pemfitnahan dan penyebaran kabar angin. Jika kita mempunyai kesukaran dalam aspek ini, kita perlulah dilahirkan kembali. Dipenuhi dengan Roh Kudus dan hidup dengan visi syurga.

3. “Yaitu dia yang memandang hina orang yang tersingkir, tetapi memuliakan orang yang takut akan TUHAN” (Mazmur 15:4a).

MEREKA MENDISKRIMINASI DALAM PERSEKUTUAN MEREKA

Yang hina ialah mereka yang tidak berkata benar, menfitnah orang lain, tidak menepati janji, mendapat wang dengan cara haram dan pada akhirnya memberi alasan untuk cara buruk mereka. Elakkan orang yang hina dan janganlah menjadikan mereka sebagai

sahabat karib atau pasangan kita. Jika kita memerlukan kawan atau seseorang untuk memberitahu rahsia, carilah seseorang yang seiman. Alkitab berkata, **“Janganlah kamu merupakan pasangan yang tidak seimbang dengan orang-orang yang tak percaya. Sebab persamaan apakah terdapat antara kebenaran dan kedurhakaan? Atau bagaimanakah terang dapat bersatu dengan gelap?”** (2 Korintus 6:14). Tetapi itu tidak bermakna

kita tidak boleh berkawan dengan orang berdosa. Kita perlu bersaksi atau menjadi kesaksian kepada orang bukan Kristian.

4. Yaitu dia yang berpegang pada sumpah, walaupun rugi” (Mazmur 15:4b).

MEREKA SETIA DALAM KOMITMEN

Keimanan tidak akan diuji apabila semua berjalan dengan baik. Tetapi apabila sesuatu yang tidak baik berlaku, adakah kita masih beriman kepada Tuhan? Adakah kita masih tetap benar kepada Tuhan dan Gereja, walaupun ia menyakiti kita? Yusuf ialah contoh baik seseorang yang tetap beriman apabila digoda. Potifar meletakkan Yusuf untuk menjaga keluarganya dan semua yang dimilikinya. Apabila isteri Potifar mengoda dia, Yusuf tetap dengan komitmennya kepada Tuhan dan tuannya (Kejadian 39:2-20). Marilah kita beriman walaupun ia mungkin menyakiti kita.

5. “Yaitu dia yang tidak meminjamkan uangnya dengan makan riba dan tidak menerima suap melawan orang yang tak bersalah. Siapa yang berlaku demikian, tidak akan goyah selama-lamanya” (Mazmur 15:5).

MEREKA TIDAK MENGEKSPLOITASIKAN ORANG LAIN

Raja dan imam tidak akan menipu atau mencari keuntungan sendiri dengan menyalahgunakan kuasa yang diamanahkan kepada mereka. Lintah darat dan mereka yang mengambil rasuah mengeksploitasikan situasi orang lain. Mereka yang hidup dengan visi syurga tidak akan mengambil kesempatan di atas keadaan terdesak atau keperluan orang lain.

Syurga ialah tempat kediaman orang yang beriman yang hidup sebagai raja dan imam di atas bumi. Marilah kita hidup dalam suatu visi syurga. Kita kemudiannya akan hidup dengan stabil di atas bumi dan akan berasa selesa bagaikan rumah apabila kita sampai di syurga! +

以属天的 异象生活

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我 我们愈想像天堂,我们愈被激励以神的方式活出基督徒的生活。我们对天堂的知识和确信不足。这就是为什么许多的基督徒过着属世肉体的生活。天堂是真实的吗?天堂是怎么样的地方?

使徒约翰给了我们一个关于天堂的看见。他说:「我又看见一个新天新地。因为先前的天地已经过去,海也不再有了。我又看见圣城新耶路撒冷由神那里从天而降,预备好了,就如新妇妆饰整齐,等候丈夫。我听见有大声音从宝座出来说:“看哪!神的帐幕在人间。他要与人同住,他们要作他的子民;神要亲自与他们同在,作他们的神。神要擦去他们一切的眼泪。不再有死亡,也不再有悲哀、哭号、疼痛,因为以前的事都过去了。”」(启21:1~4)。「不再有黑夜,他们也不用灯光、日光,因为主神要光照他们。他们要作王,直到永永远远」(启22:5)。此外,新耶路撒冷的荣耀也启示了给约翰(启21:9~21)。

约翰接着说:「我未见城内有殿,因主神全能者和羔羊为城的殿。那城内又不用日月光照,因有神的荣耀光照,又有羔羊为城的灯。列国要在城的光里行走,地上的君王必将自己的荣耀归与那城。城门白昼总不关闭,在那里原没有黑夜。人必将列国的荣耀、尊贵归与那城。凡不洁净

的,并那行可憎与虚谎之事的,总不得进那城;只有名字写在羔羊生命册上的才得进去。」(启21:22~27)。

天堂是真实的,美丽和完全的地方。但是谁能去那里呢?人在死后能去的只有两个地方。大卫王问道:「耶和華啊,谁能寄居你的帐幕?谁能住在你的圣山?」(诗15:1)换句话说,「谁能去天堂?谁能居住在神所在的地方?」这些都是有关联的问题。

作为神的儿女,要想去天堂的人,我们应该住在地上如同将会住在天堂一样。王室的子女都生来被教养以王族方式生活。他们没有等到他们被加冕时才以王族方式生活。他们从年幼就受过训练以便在他们为王的时候,这是自然的进展。这对信徒来说也是如此。神要我们以至高神的儿女身份生活。我们已被救赎,洁净和呼召以君尊祭司的身份生活。约翰说:「...他爱我们,用自己的血使我们脱离罪恶,又使我们成为国民,作他父神的祭司。但愿荣耀、权能归给他,直到永永远远。阿们!」(启1:5~6)。

神正在以神的道来造就和训练我们的进程中,以便我们能有作君尊和祭司的生活。当我们去天堂的时候到了,我们可以坦然的在神面前作君尊和祭司的生活。我们必须检查我们的日程表和约会。我们的活动到底有没有反映我们对神的爱和我们渴望过一个蒙呼召作君尊和祭司的生活?如果我们真正的爱神和以属天的异象生活,我们会在我们的生活里有与神相处的时间,并以他的国为我们生活的优先。

在诗篇15篇,大卫王给了我们以下作君王和祭司的特征,即“居住在神的会幕中和他的圣山上”作为天国子民的人:

1.「就是行为正直、做事公义、心里说实话的人」(诗15:2)。

他们是正直的人。作为正直的人是指活出一个与神道德律一致的生活,完全诚恳和没有隐藏的罪。不是我们的才能,魅力,学历或财富使我们成为正直的人。唯有耶稣的宝血使我们成为正直的人。约翰说:「神爱世人,甚至将他的独生子赐给他们,叫一切信他的,不至灭亡,反得永生。因为神差他的儿子降世,不是要定世人的罪,乃是要叫世人因他得救。信他的人,不被定罪;不信的人,罪已经定了,因为他不信神独生子的名」(约3:16~18)。神看我们为纯洁,洁净和蒙接纳是因为耶稣基督和他的宝血。这是为何圣经说:「如今,那些在基督耶稣里的就不定罪了,即不随从肉体,只随从圣灵的人」(罗8:1)。

当我们接受基督,经历重生和完全的改革。保罗说:「若有人在基督里,他就是新造的人,旧事已过,都变成新的了」(林后5:17)。我们的过去得到赦免,我们有一

个新的将来,作君王和祭司为神而活。我们也许会跌倒和犯错误,但是我们要站起来,承认我们的罪,在耶稣宝血遮盖下生活和作正直的人。约翰说:「我们若认自己的罪,神是信实的,是公义的,必要赦免我们的罪,洗净我们一切的不义」(约壹1:9)。神会神圣地把我们的罪除去以致我们能够成为正直的人。诗人说:「东离西有多远,他叫我们的过犯离我们也有多远」(诗103:12)。以赛亚说:「耶和華说:“你们来,我们彼此辩论。你们的罪虽像朱红,必变成雪白;虽红如丹颜,必白如羊毛」(赛1:18)。

2.「他不以舌头谤人,不恶待朋友,也不随伙毁谤邻里」(诗15:3)。

他们操练控制他们的舌头。最难控制的事情之一就是控制舌头。舌头最艰难的两个任务就是讲真话和不诽谤他人。如果我们不能够讲实话,就不要说什么。当我们的陈述是半真半假时,我们绝不能沾沾自喜。它比谎言本身更加危险。舌头也难以造就人——造就他人,而不是贬低他人。让我们不要说话,如果我们不能说什么好话。在教会里遭受到最大的伤害之一就是由诽谤和传播谣言所造成的伤害。如果我们在这方面有困难,我们需要经历重生。被圣灵充满和以属天的异象生活。

3.「他眼中藐视匪类,却尊重那敬畏耶和華的人。」(诗15:4上)。

他们分清所交往的人。匪类是那些不说实话,诽谤他人,不守信用,非法赚钱的人和他们在追求目的,可以不择手段。避开这些匪类的人,不要与他们深交或作伙伴。如果我们需要伙伴或可倾诉的人,要找一个相同信仰的人。圣经上说:「你们和不信的原不相配,不要同负一轭。义和不义有什么相交呢?光明和黑暗有什么相通呢?」(林后6:14)。但那并不是指我们不可与罪人来往。我们需要成为非信徒的见证人或对他们有好见证。

4.「...他发了誓,虽然自己吃亏,也不更改」(诗15:4下)。

他们是信守诺言的人。在一切事情都顺利时,忠信是从来没有受到试验的。但是当面对问题时,我们是否仍然忠于神呢?我们是否继续忠心于主和教会,即使是我们受损?约瑟是一个在遭受试探时仍然忠心的好榜样。波提乏派约瑟管理家务和他一切所有的。当波提乏的妻子向他献殷勤时,约瑟仍然是忠心于他对神和他的主人作出的承诺(创39:2~40)。让我们继续忠心即使是我们受损。

5.「他不放债取利,不受贿赂以害无辜。行这些事的人必永不动摇。」(诗15:5)

他们不剥削他人。君王和祭司是不欺诈或

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为个人利益而虐待他人或滥用权力。放高利贷者和那些接受贿赂者是在剥削他人的境遇。那些以属天的异象生活的人是不乘机利用别人危急的情况或需要。

天堂是正直虔诚人居住的地方,他们在地上是活出作君王和祭司的生活。让我们以属天的异象生活。那么我们就能够安稳地在地上生活,并且当我们回到天堂时会感到很自在! +

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(诗96:3)

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借着祷告”。

经文: 「耶稣说: “我的食物就是遵行差我
来者的旨意,做成他的工。” (约4:34)

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Lawrence Theodore (LT) Jeyachandran, the speaker of the School of Christian Growth Open Session held on 16 and 17 April 2009, is the Executive Director of Ravi Zacharias International Ministries (Asia Pacific) and is a well known Bible expositor, knowledgeable in Hebrew and Greek.

LT began his session on Thursday by emphasising that Christianity is not about principles but is the connecting of each believer's 'story' to the historical narrative of the life of Jesus and the transformation that should take place as a result of that relationship. The Trinity is all about relationship and we are created in His image (Genesis 1:26-27). The Three in the Godhead are forever in loving relationship to one another, all being equal but subject to one another in their different roles just as we the church should be (1 Corinthians 11:3).

With humour and scholastic detail, LT brought clarity to three concepts i.e. that of love, trust and freedom. He explained that trust and freedom are expressions of love. Freedom is not the ability to do just anything we want, but rather a relational quality where we as a body of Christ give each other freedom to be ourselves while allowing the other permission to invade our 'space'. True identity does not derive from our jobs or gifting but our relationship with God. Having a proper identity frees us to be relational to one another. We, as a church must recognise that unity as a body is of paramount importance to God, as seen in Jesus' prayer in John 17:20-23. God ministers to us through other believers and we are accountable to one another. We will be judged one day on how much we love one another.

On Friday, LT traced the development of Jesus' new commandment to love. In Mosaic Law we were told to love one another as we loved ourselves. Jesus raised the standard in John 13:34-35 where we are to love as Jesus loves us and in John 15—as the Father has loved the Son. In John 13 where Jesus washes the feet of the disciples, we as church are given authority to 'wash each other's feet'. We are called to be an interdependent, giving and receiving community. We are to reflect God's love in our Life Groups, families and relationships with one another. By this will the world know that we belong to Christ.

Jesus, though being equal with the Father, committed His spirit into the Father's hands (Luke 23:46). He submitted himself to the Father's will to raise Him up even while He had power to raise Himself. In relationships where we can teach and correct one another lovingly, we are "like two imperfect people in perfect relationship".

At the end of these sessions, we were enriched indeed in our understanding of Kingdom relationships. +

	DAMANSARA HEIGHTS (DH) 8am + 10.30am	AMPANG/ DH 10.30am/5pm	CHERAS 9am	DAMANSARA PERDANA 10.30am
July *5	Rev. Dr Delmer Guynes	Rev. Dr Delmer Guynes 	Rev. Dr Delmer Guynes	Rev. Dr Delmer Guynes
12	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam 	Associate Pastor Timothy Ong/ Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Associate Pastor Steven Kum	Associate Pastor Steven Kum
19	Associate Pastor Timothy Ong	Associate Pastor Richard Yun	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam
26	Associate Pastor Richard Yun	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam/ Associate Pastor Timothy Ong	Associate Pastor Peter Ong	Associate Pastor Peter Ong
August *2	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Associate Pastor Peter Ong/ Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Associate Pastor Richard Yun	Associate Pastor Richard Yun
9	Associate Pastor Peter Ong	Associate Pastor Steven Kum	Associate Pastor Timothy Ong	Associate Pastor Timothy Ong
16	Associate Pastor Steven Kum	Associate Pastor David Seah water baptism	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam
23	Associate Pastor Timothy Ong	Associate Pastor Richard Yun	Associate Pastor David Seah	Associate Pastor David Seah
30	Associate Pastor David Seah	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam/ Associate Pastor Peter Ong	Associate Pastor Steven Kum	Associate Pastor Steven Kum

* communion

BAHASA MALAYSIA FELLOWSHIP

Sunday | 12.30pm

26 JULY 2009

speaker ASSOCIATE PASTOR DAVID SEAH
venue BETHEL HALL

30 AUGUST 2009

speaker ASSOCIATE PASTOR DAVID SEAH
venue BETHEL HALL

Water Baptism & Membership

**WATER BAPTISM/
MEMBERSHIP CLASS**

date 15 AUGUST 2009, SATURDAY
time 1.45PM

**WATER BAPTISM
SERVICE**

date 16 AUGUST 2009, SUNDAY
time 5PM

Closing Date for submission of forms: **12 JULY 2009, SUNDAY**

PRAYER EMPHASIS WEEK

5-11 JULY 2009

“DOING HIS WILL MY UTMOST DESIRE...THROUGH PRAYER”

“My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.” John 4:34

YOUTH: july



Phase One launches off a series of practical missions that youth will embark on in their schools, colleges and community. Every

mission, a push towards being the ambassadors of Christ in our circle of reach. Every week, a challenge to step out in boldness and in faith, letting go of all inhibitions that weigh us down. Impacting THIS generation being our aim, for the glory of God.

YOUTH: august



Imago Dei which is Latin for Image of God. We were created in the image of God,

both male and female, He created us. This month we'll be having girls and guys sessions. Each session exploring, in different ways, how to be the men and women that God has created us to be.

COME AND JOIN CALVARY YOUTH EVERY SATURDAY AT 3PM AT DAMANSARA HEIGHTS TO FIND OUT MORE!

CHINESE FELLOWSHIP

Sunday | 5pm

26 JULY 2009

speaker REV. STEPHEN ONG
venue BETHEL HALL

30 AUGUST 2009

speaker REV. SHARON LYE
venue BETHEL HALL

* Bring your Chinese-speaking family and friends.
Call Assistant Pastor Chua Ken Tee at 03-7728 6000 ext. 320 for more information.

MISSIONS EMPHASIS AND FAITH PROMISE RENEWAL SUNDAY

3-5 JULY 2009

“Declare His Glory Among The Nations.” Psalm 96:3

3 JULY 2009, FRIDAY

MISSIONS EMPHASIS PRAYER MEETING

speaker REV. DR DELMER GUYNES
time 7.30PM
venue DAMANSARA HEIGHTS



Rev. Dr Delmer Guynes, the first Pastor of Calvary Church in Jalan Sayor in 1961, was also the first General Superintendent of the AOG, Malaysia and is our Honorary Pastor. He has a great passion for missions and is an insightful writer of many books. He will bring us God's message for missions at a time of global challenge.

Come and be a part of and pray along with a multicoloured ‘**Parade of Nations**’ for the needs of the nations and for the Missions goals and projects of the Church. **Missionary Pooshani** will also share a testimony of the work in Sudan.

Running concurrently, is the Children's Mission's Emphasis, 'Culture Connection'. Children will connect with God's plan for other nations and have a hands-on experience of other world cultures.

speaker MISSIONARY POOSHANI

4 JULY 2009, SATURDAY

MISSION: IMPACT

Calvary Youth will launch a series of practical missions towards being ambassadors for Christ to impact their generation.

speaker MISSIONARY POOSHANI
time 3PM
venue DAMANSARA HEIGHTS



5 JULY 2009, SUNDAY

FAITH PROMISE RENEWAL SUNDAY

speaker REV. DR DELMER GUYNES
Regular Service times at regular locations

CW KIDS FAITH PROMISE RENEWAL SUNDAY

“Tell the nations about His glory”

Children learn about other nations and ‘people groups’ and how to build a bridge to reach them.

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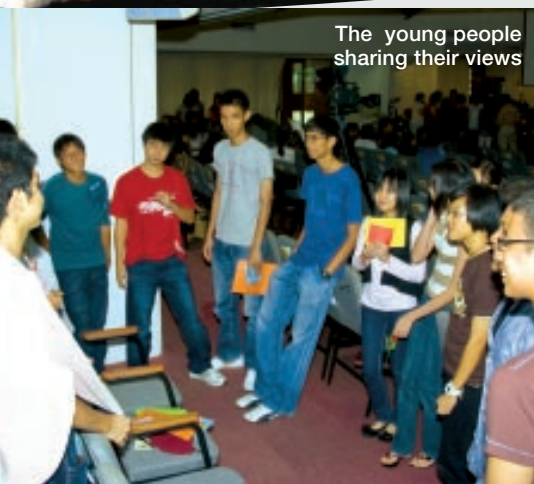
PREPARING SPIRITUALLY FOR COLLEGE LIFE

By Giselle Wong and
Samuel Ngeow

- Complete your studies
- Pick Godly friends



Rosemarie Kowalski



The young people
sharing their views



Parents in a
discussion group

On 2 May 2009, Calvary Youth organised a seminar entitled “Preparing Spiritually for College Life” which was conducted by Rosemarie Kowalski, of Northwest University, USA. We had an attendance of 132 which consisted of our young people, parents and people who work with youth.

The speaker rightfully stressed the importance of knowing our identity in Christ as the foundation as we enter into a period of life where identities are shaped from without and within. The seminar itself consisted of three sessions in which the starting point, the journey and the destination of college life were respectively addressed.

Rosemarie said that going to college was a chance to re-invent ourselves. The little decisions we make during our period of time in college will ultimately shape our being in adulthood. Our faith in Jesus helps us make the right decision. Our primary job was to be Christ-like and upon entering a classroom, it does not matter what others say about us, we should always be bringing the light of Christ with us.

Learning to listen and evaluate what we learn in college are important lessons in discernment. Not everything people pass off as facts may be true. Facts can change with new learning and discovery and it is important we learn to recognise truth. This is part of getting us ready for real life after college. But, college itself should be taken as God’s training school and mission field for us: to mature us spiritually and to provide us opportunities to practice sharing Christ with others.

The seminar provided a wonderful occasion in which both the youth and their parents were given the opportunity to express their expectations as well as concerns of the college life. This encouraged the beginning of a much needed dialogue between young people and their parents. The young people were surprised to learn that their parents wanted them to enjoy college life and to experience all that college had to offer. “*Complete your studies*”, they said and “*Pick Godly friends*” were the parents’ only request.

Rosemarie gave useful pointers for the young people to thrive in college. +

JOY AND FULFILMENT IN PRIORITISING GOD'S KINGDOM

Life Group (LG) Leaders had the joy of prioritising God's Kingdom by fulfilling their Leap in Faith pledge and giving towards the construction of the Calvary Convention Centre. Be encouraged by these three testimonies of grateful leaders towards their promise-keeping God.



CATHERINE KALAVAINI

God is good! I want to praise Him for enabling me to fulfil my pledges. As I put my trust in Him and gave in faith, He supplied all my needs and fulfilled my desires. I see God's hand upon my business which has grown. He has not only blessed me financially but gave me good health.

God had already spoken that I should increase my pledge. The anointed message on 'Expect A Miracle' on Sunday confirmed my decision to

pledge an increased amount. As I put my faith in God, I am expecting miracles in every area of my life!

CHAN SIEW ENG

Last year, at the time when we were renewing the Leap in Faith pledge, I was not working and had to rely solely on my husband's income for the family's expenses. I knew that with the commitment, I will struggle financially but a still voice within told me "Do not stop giving; you can never out give God." I then made My Leap in Faith pledge knowing that God had spoken.

God has indeed been faithful in helping me to fulfil my commitment. In August last year, to my surprise, I was offered a job with a good pay. Then in November, another surprise came, I was given a new car by the company. What a joy to drive in the brand new car as compared to my own ten-year old car that has been giving me a lot of problems.

God's blessings also came to me unexpectedly in other ways. As a result, I was able to fulfil my pledge at the end of 2008 which is ahead of time. God truly amazed me with His abundant provisions. Indeed, we can never out give God! All glory to Him!



MARCUS SOLOMON

My faith has been challenged every year. Despite my business being a bit slow, I decided to increase my Leap in Faith pledge. There were months I found it hard to fulfil my commitment but somehow, by the final week of the month, I would be able to fulfil it.

I thank God for enabling me fulfil my whole year's pledge earlier than expected.

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam's challenge to expect a miracle was very inspiring. I am encouraged to have the spirit of Andrew and choose to be optimistic, believing that God is able to work wonders with the pledge I made, like He did with the five loaves and two fishes!

Truly God has a miracle in mind for us as we fulfil our pledges and give to God's work and His Kingdom. God has given us an open heaven and will continue to pour out His abundant blessings in every area of our lives! +



Royal Rangers Outpost
Council Chairman,
Jim Guneratnam
sharing the devotion



Rainbows, Prims and Stars
presenting a lively medley



Honour Prims



Dance by the
girls from the
Friends Club



Honour Star, Choy Mae Xee,
being crowned by
Senior Associate Pastor
Petrina Guneratnam



Friends Graduates
responding to the charge
with their pledge

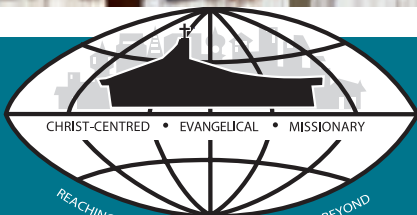
MISSIONETTES' AWARDS CELEBRATION – “GOD FIRST”

By Yap Sze Foong

On 26 April 2009, a total of 143 girls, parents, Pastors and Sponsors attended the Missionettes' Awards Celebration at 2pm. The event started with vibrant worship led by Jen Wei, Carmen, Siera and Cheryl. Following this, Royal Rangers Outpost Council Chairman, Jim Guneratnam, shared a brief but meaningful devotion based on the theme “God First.” The girls were reminded of the importance to seek God and put Him first in every situation.

There was a sense of excitement in the air as the boys and girls were awarded their badges for their hard work and achievements. The highlight of the Awards Celebration was the presentation of the honour awards. This year, four girls from the Discovery Club (Adelea Kee, Faith Lai, Jamie Guneratnam and Natalie Seah) received an Honour Prim Pin each. Honour Star, Choy Mae Xee and Friends Graduates (Cheryl Tan, Josephine Lim and Siera Joy Sivam) were overjoyed to be crowned and caped respectively by Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam.

The special presentation by the respective Clubs received positive comments from proud parents. The younger age Clubs (Rainbows, Prims and Stars) presented a lively medley of three songs while the Friends Club presented a special dance number. The Girls' Only Club gave us a glimpse of what happens in the spiritual realm each time we make decisions for God through an interesting skit which they wrote themselves. The event ended at 3.50pm with a prayer by Associate Pastor Peter Ong. +



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