

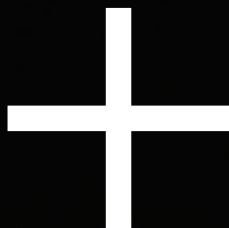
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## INTRODUCING THE 2009 DEACONS AND AUDITORS

**O**n Sunday, 12 July 2009, The Board of Deacons and the Church Auditors were installed.

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam charged the Deacons and Auditors, reading from Romans 12:6-8, 1 Corinthians 4:1-2 and Colossians 3:15-17, from the Message, a contemporary rendering of the Scriptures. They responded by pledging to accept the call to serve Calvary Church in humble dependence upon God. The Church then prayed for them and they in turn, prayed for the Church.

Senior Pastor thanked God for blessing us with fine men and women who were willing to serve the Church of Jesus Christ. As we have chosen them, he urged us to stand with them, pray for them, support and help them to do the work that God has called them to do so that Calvary Church will grow from strength to strength for the glory of God. ✚



Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam leading the congregation in prayer for the Deacons and Auditors



Clockwise: Prayer Meetings at Damansara Heights, Damansara Perdana, Cheras and Ampang



At the Morning Watch

# DOING HIS WILL, MY UTMOST DESIRE... THROUGH PRAYER

By Audrey Kum

The Prayer Emphasis Week from 5 to 11 July 2009 saw Life Groups praying together as they met from Monday to Thursday, Calvarites praying at the Wednesday Morning Watch at 7am at Damansara Heights and at the Prayer Meetings at all the Church locations on Friday at 8pm.

A Children's Prayer Meeting was held simultaneously on Friday night with the theme, "God Hears." The children were encouraged to know God hears the prayers from their hearts and applied what they learnt by praying in small groups. Using a visual aid of a "Salvation Tree", they wrote the names of their loved ones, friends and teachers on "leaves" and prayed for their salvation.

A total of 514 people signed up to participate in "Pause & Pray" where they committed to pause and pray for at least ten minutes at any one of the following times of the day, namely, 6am, 12 noon, 6pm and 12 midnight that whole week. The prayer guide given to us helped us to pray more effectively. Praise God for

the many great testimonies received of God's provision of direction and finances, strengthening of relationships, greater self-control, help with studies, favour with business deals and increased discipline in setting aside time to pray, from those who paused and prayed, seeking to do the will of the Most High God. ✚



Clockwise: Children's Prayer Meetings at Damansara Heights, Damansara Perdana, Ampang and Cheras



"MY FOOD," SAID JESUS, "IS TO DO THE WILL OF HIM WHO SENT ME AND TO FINISH HIS WORK." JOHN 4:34





Children's Choir singing:  
"He's My King of Everything"  
at Damansara Heights

# HONOUR YOUR FATHER

By Audrey Kum

The fathers who attended our Worship Services on Father's Day, 21 June 2009, were acknowledged, appreciated and prayed for by Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam and the respective Associate Pastors at the various Church locations. We were privileged to have our Honorary Pastor, Rev. Dr. Delmer Guynes, whom we consider a father of Calvary Church, to give us the Father's Day message. His son, Del Ray spoke at Damansara Perdana and at the 5pm Worship Service at Damansara Heights.

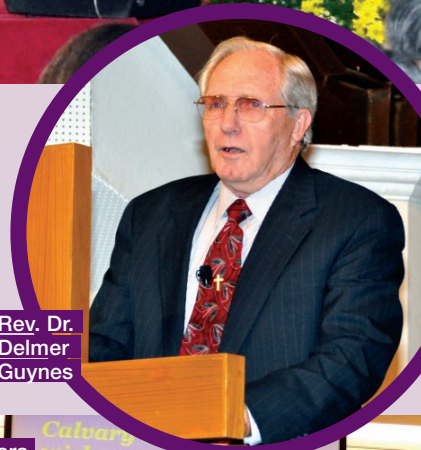
"Fatherhood," said Pastor Guynes, "is a divine characteristic." God desires to be a Father to us whom He created in His image and for us to know that He is a loving, kind and concerned Father. He gave us Jesus so that those who believe in Him will not perish but have everlasting life (John 3:16). Jesus restored God's fatherhood to those who lost their relationship with the Father. Pastor Guynes spoke of the great love of the father in the account of the prodigal son. Similarly, God our Father loves us regardless of what we have done and seeks our return to Him. The fathers present were urged to do the same with their children and to make it a priority to ensure that they have a right relationship with the heavenly Father.

We were greatly encouraged to be reminded that we are co-heirs with Jesus because God has given us the Spirit of adoption (Romans 8). We also have a faithful heavenly Father who has made "great and precious promises" to us which He will keep (1 Peter 1:4). Fathers need to follow God's example and keep their promises and commitments to their children.

Our heavenly Father disciplines us whom He loves (Hebrews 12:3-17) for our own good. Earthly fathers too, must discipline their children lovingly for their benefit. And finally, Pastor Guynes said that we can rejoice because our Father has prepared for us a Kingdom.

Ephesians 6:2 calls us to honour our earthly fathers and mothers. Let us also honour our heavenly Father by living our lives in such a manner that we will not be ashamed when Jesus presents us to Him! +

Rev. Dr. Delmer Guynes



Damansara Perdana



Amfang





Senior Pastor  
Prince Guneratnam  
praying for the fathers



Fathers receiving gifts  
from the Church at  
Damansara Perdana



Cheras



# OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, THE GIVER

By Samuel Ngeow

**O**n Father's Day, 21 June 2009, Del Ray Guynes, son of Rev. Dr Delmer Guynes shared a message entitled "Our Heavenly Father who is the Giver" at Damansara Perdana and at the 5pm Worship Service at Damansara Heights.

He began by quoting from James 1:17 in which states that every good gift is from our Father above. These gifts are divided into two categories: one in which the gifts require no responsibilities except for the simple act of acceptance on our part, such as the gift of salvation, the Holy Spirit and access to the Father; and the other which demands our stewardship.

Using the Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-30) as an illustration, Del Ray drew an analogy where the master in the story was God and the three servants were us believers. Although we all want to be like the first two servants who pleased their master, we often feel like the third servant. His attitude towards his role as a steward arose because he had erroneous views, both of himself and his master. Firstly, he presumed his master was a hard man and concluded in his heart that his opinion was right (Matthew 25:24), and secondly, he was afraid of failure and prioritised his fear for personal loss over his master's agenda. Finally, he was not willing to work diligently to be productive for his master.

How then do we get beyond being a "one-talent" servant as depicted in the Scriptures? Firstly, we would have to change our earthly perspectives of God being a "hard man" by spending time with Him as our Heavenly Father with the Holy Spirit guiding us. Secondly, we need to realise and be aware that everything we have is a gift from God and we are accountable to Him. As we are accountable, we will take greater care over the things He blesses us with. Thirdly,

we need to focus on the opportunities given by God specifically and uniquely to us as individuals—not everyone will have the same talents. We need to guard our hearts from professional jealousy and bitterness that results from our thinking that our talents are inferior to others'. Fourthly, we need to deal with our fear of failure by having confidence in God who gave us our talents in the first place. Sometimes we can be afraid of success as well. With success comes responsibility and sometimes we shun responsibilities, but we need to do away with that kind of thinking, knowing that God has the best in mind for us. Last but not least, we need to get busy! Sometimes we may feel or give the excuse that we are unprepared or unequipped to do His work, but the fact is, we will never feel we know the Lord adequately enough to do His work. We simply have to trust Him to equip us for His work though we have not known Him as much as we would like to (Phillipians 3:12).

In conclusion, Del Ray exhorted us to live as more than simple servants but as children of our Father who is the Giver, doing and giving our best to please Him. God is more than a dutiful Master over His household. He is our gracious Heavenly Father who withholds no good gifts from us. +

Del Ray  
Guynes



# MATURITY IS NOT DETERMINED BY AGE

By Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam



**“T**herefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God” (Hebrews 6:1).

There is more to being a Christian than receiving Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, being baptised in water and in the Holy Spirit, with the evidence of speaking in tongues. In fact, those are vital steps of becoming what Christ wants us to be. God fills us with the Holy Spirit because He knows that we need His empowerment for the new nature we have in Christ to mature spiritually.

To be spiritually matured or more like Jesus, is the reason God sent Jesus to be our Saviour. The Church is the body of Christ, redeemed by the Blood of the Lamb. Sadly, there are those who treat churches only as kindergartens and not also of schools of higher learning in the ways of God, entertainment houses instead of places of ministry, fashion houses instead of houses of passion for souls. Some who attend church are ‘players’ instead of ‘prayers’! When a church is carnal instead of spiritual, it is no wonder that Paul says, **“Brothers, I could not address you as spiritual**

**but as worldly—mere infants in Christ”** (1 Corinthians 3:1).

God is calling His Church to be matured and be conformed to the image of Jesus Christ. We must be weaned from milk, learn to chew meat and grow up not just grow older in age. The Bible says, **“We have much to say about this, but it is hard to explain because you are slow to learn. In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God’s word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil”** (Hebrews 5:11-14).

James gives us some marks of immaturity:

## **1. IMPATIENCE, ESPECIALLY IN THE FACE OF DIFFICULTIES, OPPOSITION AND ADVERSE CIRCUMSTANCES.**

James says, **“Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be**

**mature and complete, not lacking anything”** (James 1:2-4).

## **2. ALL TALK AND NO ACTION.**

James says, **“What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him?”** (James 2:14). The ability to speak and articulate well about our faith is not a sign of maturity. Maturity is indicated only when what we know and profess is translated into actions that lead to transformed and changed lives. John says, **“Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth”** (1 John 3:18).

## **3. UNTAMED TONGUE.**

James says, **“All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and creatures of the sea are being tamed and have been tamed by man, but no man can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God’s likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers, this should not be”** (James 3:7-10). The immature has no control of the tongue.

## **4. FIGHTING, DIVISION AND STRIFE.**

James says, **“What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don’t they come from your desires that battle within**

**you? You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures"**

(James 4:1-3). James teaches that fighting and bickering amongst believers are harmful and reflect their immaturity.

#### **5. WORLDLINESS OR MATERIALISM.**

James says, **"Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming upon you. Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days. Look! The wages you failed to pay the workmen who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty. You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter. You have condemned and murdered innocent men, who were not opposing you"** (James 5:1-6). James warns rich oppressors against the perils of self-indulgence and adopting materialistic standards which reflect an immature mentality.

We have to grow up and growing up is different from growing old. Maturity is not determined by age. When God saved us, His salvation was perfect. We are called to build on that perfect salvation that God has brought into our lives. Just as a child has two parents to bring them up in a balanced manner, spiritually, we have the Word and the Spirit of God to help us mature in Christ. We need both the Word and the Spirit in our daily living. Jesus said to Nicodemus, **"I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit"** (John 3:5-6). The Word of God brings life and the Spirit of God gives guidance and power to live that life. The Word brings faith and the

Spirit anoints. We are to walk or live by the Word and be empowered by the Spirit in order to become spiritual.

Paul likens the intensity of his desire for the Church to be mature in Christ to a pregnant woman's travail at childbirth. He says, **"My dear children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you..."** (Galatians

4:19). While the woman experiences the greatest pain at childbirth, it is also the most glorious moment of her life when she finally sees her baby that is born. Pain and glory seems to be the passageway to real life and living. Spiritual maturity in Christ is a process and does not happen instantly. Just like in childbirth, it involves travail, hard work and suffering.

**"We have to grow up and growing up is different from growing old."**

**What steps can we take to spiritual maturity in the face of suffering?**

**James tells us:**

**1. "Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds"** (James 1:2).

**HAVE A JOYFUL ATTITUDE.**

Our attitude will determine our actions. We must not allow difficult circumstances or situations to rob us of our joy. Yes, our flesh may flinch at the pain but the Holy Spirit will help us through. We can say as the Lord Almighty says, **"Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit"** (Zechariah 4:6). The joy of the Lord is our strength (Nehemiah 8:10) and not our intelligence, our capabilities or talents. By God's grace and strength, we can rejoice in suffering.

**2. "If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him"**

(James 1:5).

**DEPEND ON OUR RENEWED MINDS WHICH WE RECEIVED WHEN WE WERE SAVED, ASKING GOD FOR WISDOM.**

We must not depend on our natural minds which the Bible calls reprobate (Romans 1:28, KJV)—foolish and immature. Instead, we are to depend on the teaching from the Word of God.

**3. "Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God**

**has promised to those who love him"** (James 1:12).

**SURRENDER OUR WILL BECAUSE OF OUR LOVE FOR GOD.**

Jesus prayed to the Father at Gethsemane, **"Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will"** (Mark 14:35). Jesus persevered and fulfilled the will of the Father.

**4. "Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says"** (James 1:22).

**PRACTISE WHAT WE HEAR.**

Knowledge gained through education and attending church, seminars and conferences alone does not make us mature. We become mature only when we translate what we learn into action. The key to maturity is walking in obedience to God's Word. Knowing does not equate to doing.

God is calling us to be matured in Him and not merely grow older but grow up to be more and more like Jesus. Let us live by the Word of God which brings faith and allow the Holy Spirit to anoint and empower us to be spiritually matured so that we can say like Paul, **"When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me"** (1 Corinthians 13:10-11) ➔

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



The CCC Prayer Committee, representatives from the various CCC Committees and their families at the CCC site

## CONTINUING STEADFASTLY IN PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION

By Associate Pastor Timothy Ong

The Calvary Convention Centre (CCC) Prayer Committee with some representatives from the various CCC Committees and their families, met at the CCC site at Bukit Jalil on 27 June 2009, to give thanks and pray for various aspects of the CCC building project.

The intercessors also prayed earnestly at the CCC site on 18 and 25 July 2009 and felt the presence of God in their midst.

From August onwards, the Prayer Committee has set aside every fourth Saturday of every month at 8am for groups to go to pray at the CCC site.

Those who wish to be a part of these teams to pray at the CCC site, please call 03-2092 1778 or 03-2093 3946. +



Intercessors worshipping the Lord at one of the cabins at the site

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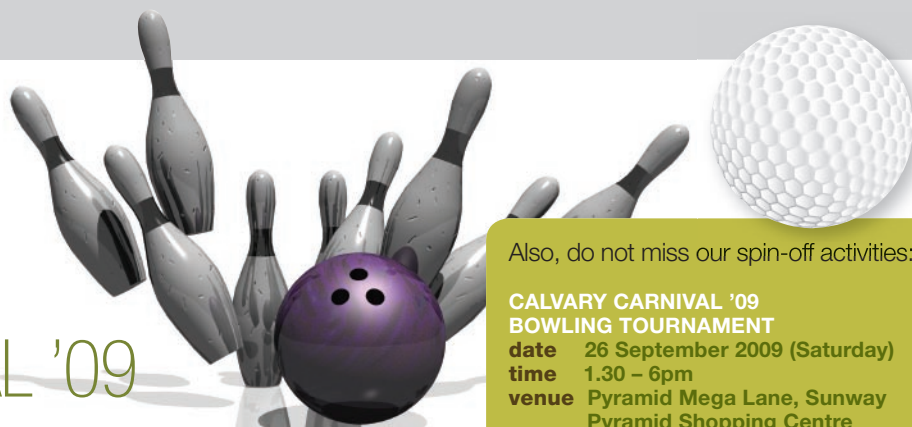
### CALVARY CARNIVAL '09 UPDATE

By Jason Sia

Chairperson of Calvary Carnival Working Committee, Peggy Low, says, "Calvary Carnival '09 is not just a fund raising event for the building of the Calvary Convention Centre; it is also a time for the Calvary family to come together to contribute their God-given culinary talents and creativity and to have lots of fun through the various stalls and activities."

We challenge each of you to take "Two Booklets A Week" and encourage your relatives, friends or colleagues to come to the Calvary Carnival '09 from 9am to 5pm on 31 October at Bukit Jalil Golf and Country Resort, Kuala Lumpur.

So gear up and be there to catch every possible opportunity to be a part of it! Have yourself a marvellous time with us!



Also, do not miss our spin-off activities:-

#### CALVARY CARNIVAL '09 BOWLING TOURNAMENT

**date** 26 September 2009 (Saturday)  
**time** 1.30 - 6pm  
**venue** Pyramid Mega Lane, Sunway Pyramid Shopping Centre

#### CALVARY CARNIVAL '09 GOLF TOURNAMENT

**date** 16 October 2009 (Friday)  
**time** Morning Tee Off (Registration begins 7am followed by Breakfast. Tee Off at 8am)  
**venue** Kelab Golf Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah (KGSAAAS), No. 1 Rumah Kelab, Jalan Kelab Golf 13/6, 40100 Shah Alam  
**format** System 36 Modified Stableford

Be on the lookout for more information!



## calvary convention centre (ccc)



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Missions Pastor  
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Kum encouraging the  
people to experience  
God through missions  
participation

# DECLARE HIS GLORY AMONG THE NATIONS!

By Carol Weller



The Youth Choir  
singing "Tell the World"

**O**ur Missions Emphasis Prayer Meeting on 3 July 2009 began with a rousing rendition of the song "Tell the World" by our Youth Choir. In keeping with the missions theme of the second half of the year – "Declare His glory among the nations", our own Missionary Pooshani, who was back on home assignment, gave us an uplifting pictorial praise report of the many salvations, new cells, new leaders raised and other growth that had taken place in Harvesters Assembly in Yei, Sudan.

Missions worker, Carol Weller then introduced the "Parade of Nations" which was a presentation by Calvarites representing ten different nations and regions. Dressed in colourful national costumes they gave thanks for missions work done by Calvary Church in these different nations throughout the years and presented prayer requests for the congregation to pray.



Interceding  
in prayer



Rev. Dr Delmer Guynes



Kids responding to Missionary Pooshani's sharing



Missionary Pooshani sharing uplifting testimonies

# KIDS LEARN ABOUT CULTURE CONNECTION

By Jeannie Low

Our Missions speaker was none other than our Honorary Pastor, Rev. Dr Delmer Guynes. He inspired us with his message on "The Keys of the Kingdom" based on Matthew 16:13-19. We have been entrusted with keys to open the locks that imprison people in slavery to the strategies and powers of the enemy. Pastor Guynes shared that being given keys by God meant He trusts us and we are given access to the kingdom of heaven. These keys are to be used.

One master key is the key of intense and unselfish intercessory prayer. Pastor Guynes illustrated this principle by telling us about the revival in China that took place in the late 20th century as a result of the move of the Holy Spirit for intense and concerted prayer by millions of believers worldwide. The meeting ended aptly with the Church praying fervently at the altar for God to use us to impact nations. +

**W**e thank the Lord for the children who came out to Damansara Heights on 3 July 2009, a Friday night, for the Children's Missions Emphasis. They were challenged to reach out and share Jesus' love to those who do not know Him as we do.

The theme for the four to six age group was "Tell the Good News" with the objective of teaching the kids what the Good News is and helping them to tell it to others. The seven to 13 age group's theme was "Culture Connection" with the objective of helping the kids to connect with God's salvation plan for other nations and be exposed to an experience of other world cultures.

The older kids had the privilege

to hear Missionary Pooshani speak about her ministry in Sudan. Through her sharing of many miraculous workings of the Lord, she inspired and challenged the kids to make themselves available to God and be bold to share Jesus' love to others. This includes different groups of people such as loved ones at home, those in school—their teachers and schoolmates, or even with the maids at home. At the end of this session, many of the kids responded for prayer that the Lord would use them as instruments to connect and reach out to others who have yet to receive Jesus into their lives. The kids sincerely and wholeheartedly made themselves available for the Lord's use in reaching the lost. +



Children praying that God would help them share Christ with others

## faith promise renewal sunday

Praying for the Faith Promise partners at Damansara Heights



# BRING BACK KING JESUS!

By Carol Weller

Rev. Dr Delmer Guynes



Cheras



Ampang

**O**n Sunday, 5 July 2009, Rev. Dr Delmer Guynes put our missions efforts into eschatological perspective by sharing the message "Bring Back King Jesus". Hebrews 10:12-13 tells us that Jesus Christ is now sitting at the right hand of God waiting for His enemies to be made His footstool. This means that only when "every ethnolinguistic people group" in the world

## YOUTH

# IMPACTING OTHERS FOR CHRIST

By Annabelle Wong



Missionary Pooshani

**I**n conjunction with the Missions Emphasis of the Church, Calvary Youth launched Mission: Impact (Season I). Activities and lessons were specially designed to equip and inspire young people to go out and reach their family, friends and community for Jesus.

Mission: Impact was launched on Saturday, 4 July 2009. The Youth Choir opened the Service with a vibrant number, "Tell the World" and

Darren Yong, with his worship team, led the youths into a time of praise and worship. Ian Yun, on a break from his studies in Australia, shared about how God uses him to impact the lives around him as an international student.

After that, Associate Pastor Steven Kum introduced our speaker for the day, Missionary Pooshani. Sister Pooshani shared a powerful message, encouraging us not to be afraid

## carpenter's workshop

Damansara Perdana

is represented in the body of Christ will this age come to an end with the rapture of believers.

We, the church, have the crucial mandate to "win victories" and reach the unreached before Jesus' glory can be revealed on the earth. We were challenged with the example of praying for and giving towards the salvation of the people groups of Somalia. Once again, Pastor Guynes stressed the absolute importance of intense intercessory prayer as the means by which many can be saved.

Calvary Church, in all its different locations, was challenged to renew our Faith Promise pledges as a powerful way to declare God's glory to the nations. Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam encouraged us to express our faith in the Lord. He reminded us that faith will not work when it is merely verbal confession (James 2:14), when it does not serve another (James 2:15-16) and when it is not evidenced by works (James 2:17). +



Clockwise: Children participating in the Missions programme at Damansara Heights, Damansara Perdana, Ampang and Cheras



## CARPENTER'S WORKSHOP KIDS RENEW THEIR FAITH PROMISES

On 5 July 2009, the Carpenter's Workshop Kids at all Church locations were once again given an opportunity to tell the message of Jesus and share God's love with others through renewing their Faith Promise giving from July to December 2009. Praise the Lord that the children responded in simple faith! +

to step out and let God use us, because we are never too young to be leaders. She shared testimonies with us and showed us pictures of the youths in Yei, Sudan who were leaders in the church and serving God diligently. Some of the 11 and 12 year olds even led ADULT cell groups.

Associate Pastor Peter Ong closed the Service by asking those who felt the calling of God into full-time ministry to come to the altar to be prayed for. Eight youths came out to the altar, responding to God's call. It was truly an AWESOME time seeking God and His plan for our lives as well as responding to His call. The harvest is ripe and the decision is ours if we want to make an impact in the lives of the people we meet. +

The Youth Choir singing "Tell the World"



Young people responding to God's call to serve Him full-time



Ian Yun sharing his testimony



## ladies' worship service



Praying for every tribe  
and nation to know  
the saving grace of the  
Lord Jesus Christ



Ladies at the altar  
putting their lives in  
the Potter's hands.



Missionary  
Pooshani



"Parade of  
Nations"



# FIND A PLACE OF MINISTRY

By Audrey Kum

**T**here was an emphasis on missions at the Tuesday Ladies' Worship Service held on 14 July 2009. The urgency and need for the peoples of the world to know Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord was communicated to the ladies through a "Parade of Nations". While twelve women dressed in the national costumes of various countries paraded, the official religions and extent of Christian influence of each nation were given. Liau Qui Lin concluded the session with heartfelt prayer for the people of the countries represented.

Missionary Pooshani, back on home assignment from Yei, encouraged us all with wonderful testimonies of how the Lord has been blessing the work in Sudan. Many of the young children whom she disciplined over that past six years have taken up responsibilities to lead cell groups and serve in various ways. Just as she has taught them to look for areas in which they can serve the Lord, she challenged us all to find a place of ministry. When we make ourselves available, the Lord will definitely help us find a place of ministry.

She assured us that as we take care of God's priorities, we can confidently say like Paul, "The Lord stood with me and strengthened me, so that the message might be preached fully through me, and that all the Gentiles might hear" (2 Timothy 4:17). We felt her passion as she challenged us to let God enlarge our hearts and stir us to serve Him. She concluded by inviting us to put our lives in the Potter's hands, quoting William Carey who said, "Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God."

Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam concluded the Service with prayer for those who desired to be used by the Lord. +

# THE JOY AND CHALLENGES OF LEADERSHIP

**T**he leadership experience can be challenging and yet very rewarding.

Below are some inspiring testimonies from leaders who responded to serve in the Life Group (LG) ministry and had the privilege of seeing God doing marvellous works in and through them.



## PEGGY LOW

I used to be very pre-occupied with my work until God deeply convicted me that I should start serving. Later, I was approached to take up leadership. I hesitated because I felt inadequate in teaching God's Word. Finally, I took up the

challenge. Through much prayer and study of God's Word, my confidence grew. I am no longer afraid to attempt new things if I know that's what God wants me to do.

In 2007, I pioneered a LG with seven potential believers. I thank God that five accepted the Lord and are faithfully attending Church today. Three of the spouses have also been added to the Church!

The responsibility of being a LG leader is heavy and there are many challenges. But I have tasted God's goodness and faithfulness in so many ways. What is my contribution compared to what I have received from Him?

## TAN BOON SENG

Since taking up LG leadership in 1978, I have had the joy of leading six LGs and seeing some of my members becoming leaders. LG ministry is a wonderful avenue to know and care for people. As a leader, I think I benefit the most from the LG ministry. Preparing LG lessons and praying for my members have enriched my own spiritual life.

What keeps me going after these 30 years? I believe it is the sense of God's call and love for small group ministry. The encouragement and motivation of LG Pastors helped during difficult times. I overcame discouragement through prayer and after some soul-searching on why things were not working out, I resolved to do better and persevered on.

It gives me great fulfilment to see members helped and encouraged, grow toward spiritual maturity and eventually take up leadership.



## JASON SIA

It was the desire to nurture and disciple young believers into re-producing Christians that prompted me to respond to be a LG leader. The testimony and example of my LG leaders also encouraged me to assume leadership role.

Time management has been a crucial factor in juggling work demands, ministry involvement and family life. I thank God for a very supportive wife who understands my sacrifice and commitment to God's work.

Seeing members grow and begin to commit themselves to ministry is an enriching experience. Three of my members are now leaders themselves. Recently, I was very encouraged when my LG members responded to assist with some painting work at Calvaryland. They found it fulfilling to be able to do something meaningful for the glory of God.



“Serving for the past five years has taught me dependence on God. I am more alert and sensitive to His leading now.”

## FELISA FOO

After marriage, I followed my husband to Calvary Church in 1997. For seven years, I was just a Sunday worshipper until a difficult situation made me realise that my Christian life was not balanced. I was receiving without giving. Through one of the pastor's encouragement, I got involved in the Bahasa Malaysia Ministry.

Serving for the past five years has taught me dependence on God. I am more alert and sensitive to His leading now. Most of all, I am glad that I have found my place of ministry and He equips me to serve Him.

I am moved each time I see people coming to God and believing the truth that transforms their lives. It gives me great joy to see the young believers in the East Malaysian nursing students' group that I am involved in learning to trust God for their needs to be met in the midst of challenges.



Leaders are made, not born. Everyone is a leader in some sense. The leader within each of us can be developed. It is done through learning to serve and allowing God to shape us. The Life Group is a good place to begin. It is a place where you can discover your ministry gifting and where others can affirm and help develop the leadership potential within you.

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# KEMATANGAN TIDAK DITENTUKAN OLEH UMUR

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**“S**ebab itu marilah kita tinggalkan asas-asas pertama dari ajaran tentang Kristus dan beralih kepada perkembangannya yang penuh. Janganlah kita meletakkan lagi dasar pertobatan dari perbuatan-perbuatan yang sia-sia, dan dasar kepercayaan kepada Tuhan” (Ibrani 6:1).

Menjadi seorang Kristian bukan sahaja sekadar menerima Yesus Kristus sebagai Tuhan dan Juruselamat, dibaptis dalam air dan Roh Kudus, dengan bukti berbahasa Roh. Sememangnya, ini adalah langkah-langkah penting untuk menjadi apa yang Kristus ingin kita menjadi. Tuhan memenuhi kita dengan Roh Kudus kerana Dia tahu bahawa kita memerlukan kuasaNya untuk sifat baru yang kita ada dalam Kristus untuk menjadi matang secara rohani.

Untuk menjadi matang secara rohani atau menjadi lebih menyerupai Yesus, adalah sebab kenapa Tuhan menghantar Yesus menjadi Juruselamat kita. Gereja adalah tubuh Kristus, ditebus oleh Darah Domba. Apa yang menyedihkan ialah ada diantara orang yang menganggap gereja sebagai tadika dan bukannya institusi pengajian tinggi untuk mengajar cara dan jalan Tuhan, tempat hiburan dan bukannya tempat pelayanan, rumah fesyen dan bukannya rumah untuk menjangkau jiwa yang sesat. Ada yang datang ke gereja sebagai ‘pemain’ dan bukannya ‘pendoa!’ Apabila gereja bersifat duniawi dan bukannya rohani, maka tidak hairanlah Paulus berkata, **“Dan aku, saudara-saudara, pada waktu itu tidak dapat berbicara dengan kamu seperti dengan manusia rohani, tetapi hanya dengan manusia duniawi, yang belum dewasa dalam Kristus”** (1 Korintus 3:1).

Tuhan sedang memanggil GerejaNya untuk menjadi matang dan berubah kepada imej Yesus Kristus. Kita mesti berhenti minum susu, belajar mengunyah daging dan membesar dan bukan hanya menjadi semakin tua dari segi umur. Alkitab berkata, **“Tentang hal itu banyak yang harus kami katakan, tetapi yang sukar untuk dijelaskan, karena kamu telah lamban dalam hal mendengarkan. Sebab sekalipun kamu, ditinjau dari sudut waktu, sudah seharusnya menjadi pengajar, kamu masih perlu lagi diajarkan asas-asas pokok dari pernyataan Tuhan, dan kamu masih memerlukan susu, bukan makanan keras. Sebab barangsiapa masih memerlukan susu ia tidak memahami ajaran tentang kebenaran, sebab ia adalah anak kecil. Tetapi makanan keras adalah untuk orang-orang dewasa, yang karena mempunyai pancaindera yang terlatih untuk membedakan yang baik dari pada yang jahat”** (Ibrani 5:11-14).

Yakobus memberi kita beberapa tanda ketidakmatangan:

### **1. TIDAK SABAR, TERUTAMANYA APABILA MENGHADAPI KESUKARAN, TENTANGAN DAN SITUASI YANG TIDAK BAIK.**

Yakobus berkata, **“Saudara-saudaraku, anggaplah sebagai suatu kebahagiaan, apabila kamu jatuh ke dalam berbagai-bagai pencobaan, sebab kamu tahu, bahwa ujian terhadap imanmu itu menghasilkan ketekunan. Dan biarkanlah ketekunan itu memperoleh buah yang matang, supaya kamu menjadi sempurna dan utuh dan tak kekurangan suatu apapun”** (Yakobus 1:2-4).

### **2. BERCAKAP SAHAJA TETAPI TIADA TINDAKAN.**

Yakobus berkata, **“Apakah gunanya, saudara-saudaraku, jika seorang mengatakan, bahwa ia mempunyai iman, padahal ia tidak mempunyai perbuatan? Dapatkah iman itu menyelamatkan dia?”** (Yakobus 2:14). Kebolehan untuk bercakap dan menyampaikan dengan baik tentang iman kita bukannya satu tanda kematangan. Kematangan ditunjukkan hanya apabila apa yang kita tahu dan katakan diterjemahkan kepada perbuatan yang membawa perubahan hidup. Yohanes berkata, **“Anak-anakku, marilah kita mengasihi bukan dengan perkataan atau dengan lidah,**

**tetapi dengan perbuatan dan dalam kebenaran”** (1 Yohanes 3:18).

### **3. LIDAH YANG TIDAK DIJINAKKAN.**

Yakobus berkata, **“Semua jenis binatang liar, burung-burung, serta binatang-binatang menjalar dan binatang-binatang laut dapat dijinakkan dan telah dijinakkan oleh sifat manusia, tetapi tidak seorangpun yang berkuasa menjinakkan lidah; ia adalah sesuatu yang buas, yang tak terkuasai, dan penuh racun yang mematikan. Dengan lidah kita memuji Tuhan, Bapa kita; dan dengan lidah kita mengutuk manusia yang diciptakan menurut rupa Tuhan, dari mulut yang satu keluar berkat dan kutuk. Hal ini, saudara-saudaraku, tidak boleh demikian terjadi”** (Yakobus 3:7-10). Orang yang tidak matang tidak mengawal lidahnya.

### **4. PERGADUHAN, PERPECAHAN DAN PERSENGKETAAN.**

Yakobus berkata, **“Dari manakah datangnya sengketa dan pertengkar di antara kamu? Bukankah datangnya dari hawa nafsumu yang saling berjuang di dalam tubuhmu? Kamu mengingini sesuatu, tetapi kamu tidak memperolehnya, lalu kamu membunuh; kamu iri hati, tetapi kamu tidak mencapai tujuanmu, lalu kamu bertengkar dan kamu berkelahi. Kamu tidak memperoleh apa-apa, karena kamu tidak berdoa. Atau kamu berdoa juga, tetapi kamu tidak menerima apa-apa, karena kamu salah berdoa, sebab yang kamu minta itu hendak kamu habiskan untuk memuaskan hawa nafsumu”** (Yakobus 4:1-3). Yakobus mengajar bahawa pergaduhan dan pertengkar antara umat Kristian adalah merbahaya dan mencerminkan ketidakmatangan mereka.

### **5. KEDUNIAWIAAN ATAU MATERIALISMA.**

Yakobus berkata, **“Jadi sekarang hai kamu orang-orang kaya, menangislah dan merataplah atas sengsara yang akan menimpa kamu! Kekayaanmu sudah busuk, dan pakaianmu telah dimakan ngengat! Emas dan perakmu sudah berkarat, dan karatnya akan menjadi kesaksian terhadap kamu dan akan memakan dagingmu seperti api. Kamu telah mengumpulkan harta pada hari-hari yang sedang berakhir. Sesungguhnya telah terdengar teriakan besar, karena upah yang kamu tahan dari buruh**



yang telah menuai hasil ladangmu, dan telah sampai ke telinga Tuhan semesta alam keluhan mereka yang menyabit panemu. Dalam kemewahan kamu telah hidup dan berfoya-foya di bumi, kamu telah memuaskan hatimu sama seperti pada hari penyembelihan. Kamu telah menghukum, bahkan membunuh orang yang benar dan ia tidak dapat melawan kamu” (Yakobus 5:1-6). Yakobus memberi amaran kepada penindas yang kaya akan bahayanya menurut keinginan diri sendiri dan mengamalkan ciri-ciri kebendaan yang mencerminkan ketidakmatangan pemikiran.

Kita mesti bertumbuh dan bertumbuh adalah berbeza daripada menjadi tua. Kematangan tidak ditentukan oleh usia. Apabila Tuhan menyelamatkan kita, keselamatanNya adalah sempurna. Kita dipanggil untuk membangun di atas keselamatan sempurna yang Tuhan bawakan ke dalam kehidupan kita. Seperti seorang anak yang mempunyai ibubapa yang membesarkan mereka dengan cara yang seimbang, dari segi kerohanian pula, kita ada Firman Tuhan dan Roh Tuhan untuk membantu kita dewasa dalam Kristus. Kita memerlukan kedua-dua Firman Tuhan dan Roh Kudus dalam kehidupan seharian kita. Yesus berkata kepada Nikodemus, **“Aku berkata kepadamu, sesungguhnya jika seorang tidak dilahirkan dari air dan Roh ia tidak dapat masuk ke dalam Kerajaan Tuhan. Apa yang dilahirkan dari daging, adalah daging, dan apa yang dilahirkan dari Roh, adalah roh”** (Yohanes 3:5-6). Firman Tuhan memberikan kehidupan dan Roh Tuhan memberi bimbingan dan kuasa untuk menjalani kehidupan itu. Firman Tuhan memberi iman dan Roh untuk mengurapi. Kita harus berjalan atau hidup dengan Firman Tuhan dan dikuasai oleh Roh supaya kita boleh bersifat kerohanian.

Paulus menyamakan kesungguhan hasratnya untuk Gereja menjadi matang dalam Kristus, dengan seorang wanita hamil yang sedang bersalin. Dia berkata, **“Hai anak-anakku, karena kamu aku menderita sakit bersalin lagi, sampai rupa Kristus menjadi nyata di dalam kamu...”** (Galatia 4:19). Semasa wanita itu mengalami kesakitan yang amat sangat sewaktu bersalin, ianya juga adalah waktu yang paling indah di dalam kehidupannya

apabila dia dapat melihat bayi yang telah dilahirkannya. Kesakitan dan keindahan kelihatan seperti laluan untuk kehidupan yang sebenar. Kematangan rohani dalam Kristus adalah satu proses dan ia tidak berlaku dengan serta merta. Sama seperti

keadaan kelahiran bayi, ia juga melibatkan kerja keras dan penderitaan.

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**1. “Saudara-saudaraku, anggaplah sebagai suatu kebahagiaan, apabila kamu jatuh ke dalam berbagai-bagai percobaan”** (Yakobus 1:2).

**MEMPUNYAI SIKAP BERSUKACITA.**

Sikap kita akan menentukan tindakan kita. Janganlah kita izinkan keadaan atau situasi yang sukar mencuri sukacita kita. Ya, kedagingan kita akan menolak kesakitan tetapi Roh Kudus akan membantu kita melaluinya. Kita boleh berkata seperti Tuhan Maha Kuasa berkata, **“Bukan dengan keperkasaan dan bukan dengan kekuatan, melainkan dengan Roh-Ku”** (Zakharia 4:6). Sukacita Tuhan itulah kekuatanmu (Nehemia 8:10) dan bukannya kebijaksanaan, kebolehan atau bakat-bakat kita. Dengan anugerah dan kekuatan Tuhan, kita boleh bersukacita dalam penderitaan.

**2. “Tetapi apabila di antara kamu ada yang kekurangan hikmat, hendaklah ia memintakannya kepada Tuhan, yang memberikan kepada semua orang dengan murah hati dan dengan tidak membangkit-bangkit, maka hal itu akan diberikan kepadanya”** (Yakobus 1:5).

**BERSANDARLAH KEPADA PEMBAHARUAN PIKIRAN KITA YANG KITA TERIMA APABILA KITA DISELAMATKAN DAN MINTALAH HIKMAT TUHAN.**

Kita tidak boleh bersandar kepada pikiran semulajadi kita, yang Alkitab katakan sebagai pemikiran yang terkutuk (Roma 1:28) – bodoh dan tidak matang. Sebaliknya, bersandarlah kepada pengajaran daripada Firman Tuhan.

**3. “Berbahagiailah orang yang bertahan dalam percobaan, sebab apabila ia sudah tahan uji, ia akan menerima mahkota kehidupan yang**

**dijanjikan Tuhan kepada barangsiapa yang mengasihi Dia”** (Yakobus 1:12).

**MENYERAHKAN KEHENDAK KITA KERANA KASIH KITA KEPADA TUHAN.**

Yesus berdoa kepada Bapa di syurga di Getsemani, **“Ambillah cawan ini daripada-Ku, tetapi janganlah apa yang Aku kehendaki, melainkan apa yang Engkau kehendaki”** (Markus 14:36). Yesus bertekun dan memenuhi kehendak Bapa di syurga.

**4. “Tetapi hendaklah kamu menjadi pelaku firman dan bukan hanya pendengar saja; sebab jika tidak demikian kamu menipu diri sendiri”** (Yakobus 1:22).

**LAKUKANLAH APA YANG KITA DENGAR.**

Pengetahuan yang didapati melalui pendidikan dan menghadiri gereja, seminar-seminar dan persidangan-persidangan sahaja tidak akan menjadikan kita matang. Kita menjadi matang hanya apabila kita menterjemahkan apa yang kita belajar kepada perbuatan. Kunci kepada kematangan adalah berjalan dalam ketaatan pada Firman Tuhan. Pengetahuan tidak sama dengan kelakuan.

Tuhan sedang memanggil kita untuk menjadi matang di dalamNya dan bukan sekadar membesar menjadi tua tetapi membesar menjadi lebih seperti Yesus. Biar kita hidup dengan Firman Tuhan yang memberikan iman dan membenarkan Roh Kudus untuk mengurapi dan menguasai kita untuk menjadi matang secara rohani supaya kita boleh berkata seperti Paulus, **“Ketika aku kanak-kanak, aku berkata-kata seperti kanak-kanak, aku berfikir seperti kanak-kanak. Sekarang sesudah aku menjadi dewasa, aku meninggalkan sifat kanak-kanak itu”** (1 Korintus 13:10-11). ✦

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### 九月份

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主题: 耶稣,人生的盼望

讲員: 叶贵堂牧師

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地点: Pusat Aktiviti Calvary,  
Damansara Perdana

时间: 星期五,晚上八点正

星期六和星期日,下午五点正

### 十月份

#### 中文聚會

日期: 25-10-09

讲員: 蔡添治牧師

时间: 下午五点正

地点: 伯特利樓

#### 祷告强调周

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所以,我们应当离开基督道理的开端,竭力进到完全的地步,不必再立根基,就如那懊悔死行、信靠神」(来6:1)。

成为基督徒不仅止于接受耶稣基督为生命的主和救主,受浸礼和受圣灵的洗及有说方言的证据。事实上,使我们成为基督想要的人,这些都是非常重要的步骤。神以圣灵来充满我们因为他知道我们在基督里的新性情和为灵命成熟需要他的能力。

在属灵上成熟或更像基督是神差遣耶稣来成为我们的救主的原因。教会是基督的身体,是被羔羊的宝血所买赎。可惜,有些人把教会看作是幼儿园,而不是在神的真道上得造就的学府;是娱乐场所而不是事奉的地方;是时装商店而不是关爱灵魂的家。一些去教会的人不过是凑凑热闹而不是祷告者!当教会是属肉体而不是属灵时,难怪保罗说道:「弟兄们,我从前对你们说话,不能把你们当作属灵的,只得把你们当作属肉体,在基督里为婴孩的」(林前3:1)。

神在呼召他的教会长大成熟,被塑造成耶稣基督的形象。我们必须断奶,学习吃干粮长大成熟而不只是变得年老。圣经说道:「我们有好些话,并且难以解明,因为你们听不进去。看你们学习的工夫,本该作师傅,谁知还得有人将神圣言小学的开端另教导你们,并且成了那必须吃奶、不能吃干粮的人!凡只能吃奶的,都不熟练仁义的道理,因为他是婴孩;惟独长大成人的,才能吃干粮,他们的心窍习练得通达,就能分辨好歹了」(来5:11-14)。

雅各给了我们一些未成熟的标记:

#### 1. 不耐烦,尤其是在面对困难,敌对和逆境时。

雅各说道:「我的弟兄们,你们落在百般试炼中,都要以为大喜乐;因为知道你们的信心经过试验,就生忍耐。但忍耐也当成功,使你们成全完备,毫无缺欠」(雅1:2-4)。

#### 2. 没有实际行动。

雅各说道:「我的弟兄们,若有人说自己有信心,却没有行为,有什么益处呢?这信心能救他吗?」(雅2:14)有能力谈论和清楚地表达我们的信仰并不是成熟的标记。只有在我们把所知道和宣认的转化成行动以致生命的改变和转化时才能显示成熟。约翰说道:「小子们哪,我们相爱,不要只在言语和舌头上,总要在行为和诚实上」(约壹3:18)。

#### 3. 不能被人制服的舌头。

雅各说道:「各类的走兽、飞禽、昆虫、水族,本来都可以制伏,也已经被制伏了;惟独舌头没有人能制伏,是不止息的恶物,满了害死人的毒气。我们用舌头颂赞那为

主、为父的,又用舌头咒诅那照着神形象被造的人。颂赞和咒诅从一个口里出来,我的弟兄们,这是不应当的」(雅3:7-10)。未成熟的人无法控制他的舌头。

#### 4. 争战,分裂和纷争。

雅各说道:「你们中间的争战、斗殴,是从哪里来的呢?不是从你们百体中战斗之私欲来的吗?你们贪恋,还是得不着;你们杀害嫉妒,又斗殴争战,也不能得。你们得不着,是因为你们不求;你们求也得不到,是因为你们妄求,要浪费在你们的宴乐中」(雅4:1-3)。雅各教导说信徒之间争战和争吵是有害的,它反映出他们的未成熟。

#### 5. 世俗化或物质主义。

雅各说道:「瞎你们这些富足人哪,应当哭泣,号啕,因为将有苦难临到你们身上。你们的财物坏了,衣服也被虫子咬了。你们的金银都长了锈;那锈要证明你们的不是,又要吃你们的肉,如同火烧。你们在这末世只知积攒钱财。工人给你们收割庄稼,你们亏欠他们的工钱;这工钱有声音呼叫,并且那收割之人的冤声已经入了万军之主的耳了。你们在世上享美福,好宴乐,当宰杀的日子竟娇养你们的心。你们定了义人的罪,把他杀害,他也不抵挡你们」(雅5:1-6)。雅各警告富足的压迫者对自我放纵和采纳物质主义标准的危险,因为它反映了未成熟的心态。

我们需要长大和长大不等同于年龄的增长。成熟并不取决于年龄。在神拯救我们时,他的救恩是完全的。我们被呼召建造在神在我们生命中成就的完全救恩之上。正像一个小孩受到父母平衡的养育,在属灵方面,我们有神的话和神的灵来帮助我们在基督里长大成熟。我们需要神的话和圣灵两者在我们每天生活里。耶稣对尼哥底母说:「我实实在在地告诉你,人若不是从水和圣灵生的,就不能进神的国。从肉身生的,就是肉身;从灵生的,就是灵」(约3:5-6)。神的话赐予生命和圣灵给予引导和能力活出那生命。神的话带来信心和圣灵施与膏抹。我们行事为人要凭神的话和靠圣灵的能力成为属灵的人。

保罗把他渴望教会在基督里长大的强度比作怀孕的妇女在分娩时的阵痛。他说道:「我小子啊,我为你们再受生产之苦,直等到基督成形在你们心里」(加4:19)。虽然妇女在分娩期间经历最大的痛苦,这也是她生命中最辉煌的时刻,在那时她终于看到她孩子的诞生。痛苦和荣耀好像通往现实生活和生计的通道。在基督里灵命成熟是一个过程并不是即刻产生的结果。就如在分娩期,它包含了阵痛,辛苦和痛苦。

在面对苦难,我们能够采取什么步骤来达到成熟?雅各告诉我们:

1.「我的弟兄们,你们落在百般试炼中,都要以为大喜乐」(雅1:2)。

拥有喜乐的态度。

我们的态度将决定我们的行动。我们不要让艰难的处境或情况夺取我们的喜乐。是的,我们的肉体也许因痛苦而退缩,但是圣灵能帮助我们度过。我们能够像全能的神说道,「不是倚靠势力,不是倚靠才能,乃是倚靠我的灵方能成事」(亚4:6)。因靠耶和華而得的喜乐是我们的力量(尼8:10),非我们的智力,我们的能力或才能。凭着神的恩典和力量,我们能够在患难中喜乐。

2.「你们中间若有缺少智慧的,应当求那厚赐与众人、也不斥责人的神,主就必赐给他」(雅1:5)。

依靠我们在得救后被更新的思想,祈求神赐智慧。

我们不可依靠我们自然的思想,圣经称为存邪僻的心(罗1:28)——愚昧和不成熟的心。保罗说我们反而要依靠源于神的话语的教导。

3.「忍受试探的人是有福的,因为他经过试验以后,必得生命的冠冕,这是主应许给那些爱他之人的」(雅1:12)。

我们因对神的爱而放弃自己的意志。耶稣在客西马尼园中向天父祷告说,「求你将这杯撤去;然而,不要从我的意思,只要从你的意思」(可14:36)。耶稣坚忍到底而完成了天父的旨意。

4.「只是你们要行道,不要单单听道,自己欺哄自己」(雅1:22)。

实践我们所听到的道。

仅仅通过教育和参加教会,研讨会和会议所获取的知识是不能够使我们长大成熟。只有当我们把我们所学到的转变成行动时,我们才变得成熟。达到成熟的钥匙是在行事为人上服从神的话语。知道并不等于行道。

神呼召我们在他里面长大成熟,不只是年龄的增长,而是成长愈来愈像耶稣。让我们以神的话生活,它能带来信心,和让圣灵膏抹并赐能力给我们在灵命上成熟,以致我们能够像保罗一样说,「我作孩子的时候,话语像孩子,心思像孩子,意念像孩子;既成了人,就把孩子的事丢弃了」(林前13:10-11)。

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## A "SPLASHING" AND FULFILLING TIME

By Foo Say Jin

The Bahasa Malaysia and Filipino Life Groups (LG) came together for the annual outing on 8 August 2009 at Desa Water Park, Kuala Lumpur. There were 24 domestic helpers who joined for the first time, including six Cambodians. This is the first time individuals from this nation were reached, in addition to reaching the Filipinas and the Indonesians.

In line with the outing to a water park, Associate Pastor David Seah shared a devotion from John 4 where Jesus revealed Himself as the Living Water to the Samaritan woman. She represented individuals who made wrong choices and were disappointed with life. Only Jesus, the Living Water can bring cleansing, healing and security.

Five individuals gave their hearts to Christ while four others rededicated their lives to the Lord! Among these were the Cambodians. Plans are now underway to start a Cambodian LG so that these precious ones can be discipled and grow in their knowledge of Christ.

At the Desa Water Park, peals of laughter were heard as the participants played the telematches organised. Later,

they enjoyed the water recreational activities under the sunny weather, some merrily sitting on floats while others excitedly slid down the water tubes again and again.

All the participants appreciated the Church for organising this outing. They were also thankful to their employers who allowed them to enjoy themselves with their friends.

One participant remarked that this was the best outing ever. Others were already talking about going for next year's outing. One employer commented that through this outing, her helper had a clearer understanding of who Jesus is and what it means to be a Christian.

It was indeed a fun-filled day. As they left the premises with happy memories of the pleasures water can bring, they were reminded that Jesus, the Living Water, alone brings true fulfillment and lasting sustenance in their lives.

Jesus says, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water" (John 7: 37b-38). +





## YOUNG PROFESSIONALS DO THEIR BIT TO SPRUCE UP CALVARYLAND

By Melvin Wong

On 4 July 2009, 12 members of the Young Professionals (YP) Life Groups visited Calvaryland to be a blessing by painting the main gate and two rooms as well as trimming the hedge around the administrative block. We started the day at 7.30am and travelled to Sungei Pelek from Calvary Church Damansara Heights. After a journey of about one and a half hours, some of us who visited Calvaryland for the first time, were pleasantly surprised to see that the place is so beautiful with many plants blooming with flowers and the landscape well maintained.

Assistant Pastor Shereen and her staff warmly welcomed us as we arrived at the main building. She gave us a quick overview of Calvaryland's existing facilities and future expansion plans using the miniature building models before we were brought to the chapel. In the chapel, we were introduced to the elderly residents and we could feel their warmth and were touched by their willingness to help one another and also to help out in the home. Pastor Shereen continued sharing the vision and mission of Calvaryland giving us a much better understanding of the ministry. It was very encouraging seeing how God has provided and continues to provide in fulfilling the vision.

After a tour of the facilities of Calvaryland, we started our painting work. We split into two groups with one group painting the main gate with anti-rust and the other group painting the main gate walls. Despite the heat of the sun, we enjoyed serving together.

After lunch, we quickly moved on to paint the two bedrooms in the children's home. Two of the YP members trimmed the hedge around the administrative block. It took us four hours to complete the tasks and even though it was not easy, all the members did it with joy and gladness. With faith and prayer, we look forward to seeing Calvaryland grow and reach more and more lives with the message of God's love!

Before we headed home, we had a sumptuous meal in the famous seafood restaurant in Tanjung Sepat. Besides fulfilling one of the LG's objectives to meet the needs of the community, this trip has also strengthened friendships among the YP Life Group members. For more information on YP Life Group meetings and activities, please call the Pastoral Life Groups Ministry at 03-7728 6000 ext. 322/303. +



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	DAMANSARA HEIGHTS (DH) 8am + 10.30am	AMPANG**/ DH 10.30am/5pm	CHERAS 9am	DAMANSARA PERDANA 10.30am
September *6	Associate Pastor Peter Ong	Associate Pastor Richard Yun/ Associate Pastor Peter Ong	Associate Pastor Timothy Ong	Associate Pastor Timothy Ong
13	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam 	Associate Pastor Richard Yun/ Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Associate Pastor David Seah	Associate Pastor David Seah
20	Associate Pastor Richard Yun	Associate Pastor Timothy Ong	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam
27	Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam/ Associate Pastor Peter Ong	Associate Pastor Richard Yun	Associate Pastor Richard Yun
October *4	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Associate Pastor Peter Ong	Associate Pastor Peter Ong
11	Associate Pastor Timothy Ong	Associate Pastor David Seah	Associate Pastor Steven Kum	Associate Pastor Steven Kum
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25	Associate Pastor David Seah	Associate Pastor Steven Kum	Associate Pastor Richard Yun	Associate Pastor Richard Yun

\* communion

**\*\*AMPANG SATELLITE SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES TO BE HELD AT CORUS HOTEL COMMENCING FROM 6 SEPTEMBER 2009!**

We thank God for blessing our Ampang Satellite Church such that they are outgrowing their current facilities at Wisma Central.

To provide for further growth and ministry expansion, the venue of our Ampang Sunday Worship Service will be changed to Corus Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, which is just across the road from Wisma Central commencing from Sunday, 6 September 2009. The Service time remains the same at 10.30am.

All our ongoing ministries such as the Carpenter's Workshop, School of Christian Growth, Calvary Nursery Care and the Worship Nursery will also be held at Corus Hotel.

Take this opportunity to invite your friends who are living in the city centre and the Ampang area to our Sunday Worship Services in the Corus Hotel Ballroom Level 1!

**Water Baptism & Membership**

**WATER BAPTISM/ MEMBERSHIP CLASS**

**date** 10 OCTOBER 2009, SATURDAY  
**time** 1.45PM

**WATER BAPTISM SERVICE**

**date** 18 OCTOBER 2009, SUNDAY  
**time** 5PM

**Closing Date for submission of forms:  
6 SEPTEMBER 2009, SUNDAY**

## PRAYER EMPHASIS WEEK

18-24 OCTOBER 2009

“DRAWING CLOSE TO HIS PRESENCE...THROUGH PRAYER”  
 “All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.” Matthew 11:27

## BAHASA MALAYSIA FELLOWSHIP

Sunday | 12.30pm

27 SEPTEMBER 2009 AND 25 OCTOBER 2009

**speaker** ASSOCIATE PASTOR DAVID SEAH  
**venue** BETHEL HALL

## CHINESE FELLOWSHIP

Sunday | 5pm

25 OCTOBER 2009

**speaker** ASSISTANT PASTOR CHUA KEN TEE  
**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.

## CHINESE EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS

# JESUS, THE HOPE OF LIFE

11-13 SEPTEMBER 2009, FRIDAY-SUNDAY

**speaker** REV. LAWRENCE YAP  
**time** FRIDAY AT 8PM; SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 5PM  
**venue** PUSAT AKTIVITI CALVARY, DAMANSARA PERDANA



*Rev Lawrence Yap is the Senior Pastor of Charis Christian Centre, an Assemblies of God church. The growing cell church of about 1,100 worshippers is actively reaching out to the community through their Rumah Sayangan orphanage; a kidney dialysis centre that is helping more than 130 patients weekly and a weekend tuition centre at the Sri Johor flats in Cheras with over 160 students. Pastor Yap actively works together with about 20 other churches to initiate the LOVE CHERAS PROJECT which reaches out to the community through various evangelistic rallies and community projects.*

(The messages will be in Cantonese)

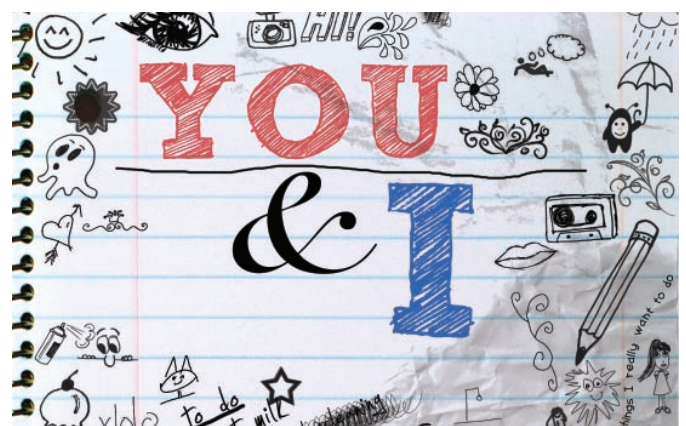
## YOUTH: september



War, evil, terrorism and suffering are common place in our world today. Grey areas slowly seem more white. Hollywood, advertisers and popular media are aggressive in telling us how and what to think. When things don't seem to be fully wrong, and yet, not absolutely right as well...what then should our response be?

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

## YOUTH: october



Relationships, be it boy-girl, best friends, family, or just your normal friends, how do we manage them, keep them healthy? Boundaries that we draw, are they just “one size fits all”? Why is it that relationships have the ability to break our hearts? Join us as we go in depth with Relationships 101, understanding who we are and how the different relationships that we have affect us, and most importantly how to form healthy relationships.