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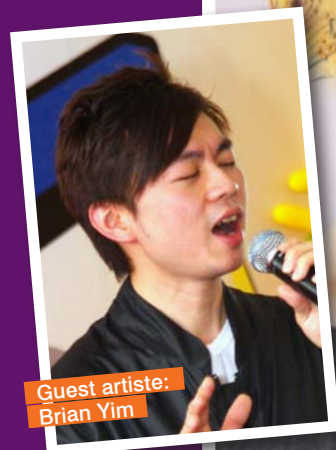
Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam



Peggy Low, Chairperson



Annabel Lily, emcee



Guest artiste: Brian Yim



Guest artiste: Joanne Yeoh with a young fan



Guest artiste: Patrick Leong



# CALVARY CARNIVAL '09

By Audrey Kum

**B**efore the sun came up on Saturday, 31 October 2009, many Calvarites were up and about preparing their "barang-barang" to be carted to their food, games and bazaar stalls at the Calvary Carnival '09 held at the Bukit Jalil Golf and Country Club. They were the first to hear the heavy rain that was falling and urgent prayers were made to the Lord! And praise God, the rain slowed to a drizzle by the time they arrived!

At the launch, we were encouraged by what the Lord revealed to Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam as he sought Him for what to share with us. Building the Calvary Convention Centre (CCC) is not just about putting up a physical building. God said He is actually building a people of prayer and faith, causing them to be a testimony and a witness of His grace.

The 133 outlets—bazaar (55), food and beverage (55) and games (23)—set up that day bore testimony to this. Faith certainly had to be exercised as the Calvarites invested their time and energy to help raise funds for the building of the CCC through their participation in the carnival. All efforts were definitely bathed in prayer! Praise God for the spirit of joy and unity that was



Kids from the homes...



...enjoying themselves!

"Kids, make sure you come for the 'Life School Musical'!"



Friends from our Petaling Street outreach enjoying a good meal





"Wow! This is hard work!"



DJ Gene Joey



DJ Blue







evident that day as the Calvarites worked hand-in-hand to ensure the success of the carnival.

From 9am to 5pm, about 11,000 people visited the carnival. Through the generosity of a number of individuals and businesses, about 630 children from 14 orphanages and 70 adults from two social concern works were able to enjoy themselves thoroughly. It was great to see the kids and adults from the orphanages and social concern works going home laden with food, toys, merchandise and prizes that they had won from playing the many games.

The DJs gave us helpful running commentaries of where to get what, what to do where, and what exciting bargains were available. The food and beverage stalls did brisk business. The Pastors said their pastas were sold off by about lunchtime! Those who loved books were happily browsing at the BookXcess tent while parents quickly took advantage of the great bargains available at the stalls selling branded toys, children's clothes, accessories and stationery. The jumble sale also attracted many customers as a variety of items still in good condition and generously donated by Calvarites, were sold for a song! There were also many satisfied customers who went home with photos of themselves after a beautiful make-over. The games stalls meanwhile, seemed to be the favourite of the young people and children.



We thank God not only for the funds raised for the building of the CCC but also for the privilege and joy of serving Him together as a family. +



A happy group of kids with their "goodies"



"This is why we are having the carnival today!"

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# Trust<sup>in</sup> GOD & REJOICE!

PSALM 5:11

## STAND UP TO LIFE BY TRUSTING IN GOD

By Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam

**“In the LORD I put my trust; How can you say to my soul, ‘Flee as a bird to your mountain?’”** (Psalm 11:1)

If there is any person or generation who can stand up to the challenges of life, it ought to be those who have a relationship with the Creator God through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. He gives us the ability, character and strength to stand up to life.

David’s faith to trust in God gave him the courage to accept the anointing to be king by Prophet Samuel even though King Saul refused to abdicate the throne. Saul was determined to kill David and while facing this crisis, David writes Psalm 11. Are we confronted with crises that threaten to destroy our life, family, business and future? David’s friends urged him to give up and run for his life, to flee as a bird to the mountain. Have we, when faced with problems, been advised to run away to a distant place or change our course of direction?

David said, **“In the LORD I put my trust”** (Psalm 11:1). Why should he be like the bird that flees to the mountain? Why should he run? Like David, we must stand up to life and not run—from one job to another, one marriage to another. Let

us stand up to life by putting our trust in the Lord. David’s friends had two strong reasons for their counsel. The first was that his enemies were secretly preparing to kill him: **“For look! The wicked bend their bow, They make ready their arrow on the string, That they may shoot secretly at the upright in heart”** (Psalm 11:2). The second was that the world system does not uphold righteousness: **“If the foundations are destroyed, What can the righteous do?”** (Psalm 11:2). Good no longer triumphs over evil. Corruption is the order of the day. An immoral lifestyle is seen as acceptable because it has become the norm. Lying and exaggeration is common practice. What can the righteous do in a system where there is no justice? They therefore advised David to run away from Saul.

What can the righteous do to survive in a world that is only interested in what is popular or what is right in their own eyes and not what is the will of God? The answer lies not in what the righteous can **do** but what the righteous **knows**. That was David’s secret. He knew God and who God is! The righteous cannot do anything to change the wicked. Only God can do that. The key is not “doing” but knowing, obeying and pleasing God.

What did David know? Firstly, he knew that **“The LORD is in His holy temple”** (Psalm 11:4). We are the temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19). If we are living for and walking in fellowship with God, the Holy Spirit who lives in us helps and guides us. We can trust God when we face any challenges because **“the battle is the Lord’s”** (1 Samuel 17:47). Secondly, David knew that **“The LORD’s throne is in heaven”** (Psalm 11:4). God’s kingdom is an everlasting kingdom. We can trust our God who is sovereign. Thirdly, he knew that **“The LORD tests the righteous”** (Psalm 11:5). We often claim to know God and His promises. But God will test us to see if we really know and trust Him before He provides. The righteous are called to live by faith. Will we still trust him when we face our Goliath, Red Sea or fiery furnace? Fourthly, he knew that **“the wicked and the one who loves violence His soul hates. Upon the wicked He will rain coals; Fire and brimstone and a burning wind Shall be the portion of their cup”** (Psalm 11:5-6). The Lord hates the wicked and they will be judged. Finally, David knew that **“the LORD is righteous, He loves righteousness; His countenance beholds the upright”**

(Psalm 11:7). How comforting it is to know that in the midst of our trials and challenges, the Lord loves us who trust and obey Him. Better the love of God than the love of man!

Therefore do we know God? How can we know Him? We can know Him by reading the Bible. God has miraculously preserved the Bible through the ages. Jesus says, **"Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away"** (Matthew 24:35). God's Word does not change and never gets outdated. It remains relevant. The Bible gives us the basis for our faith in God. If we are to trust God, we must know Him. That is why it is important for us to study the Word of God. We must desire to know God like Paul who says, **"that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death"** (Philippians 3:10).

**"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths."**

Proverbs 3:5-6

### Let me share some vital aspects about how we are to trust God:

#### 1. Trust in the Lord with all our heart, not leaning on our own understanding.

When we know God, we can trust Him with all our heart even when we do not fully understand the circumstances. The world's advice is to run when we face difficulties in our marriage, when our parents are too hard on us, when school is too difficult or even when God's demands seem too much. But God's way is not to run but to stand up to life's challenges, trusting Him. The Bible says, **"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths"** (Proverbs 3:5-6).

#### 2. Trust in the Lord with honest labour.

The Bible supports the work ethic. Adam, the first man, was given the responsibility to rule over God's creation. Trusting God does not mean that we can be lazy. It requires effort to keep trusting Him!

#### 3. Trust in the Lord like the heroes of faith.

Be a David when you face a Goliath. Be a Daniel when you face a lion. Be a Moses when you face the Red Sea. Be a Joshua when you face walls. But best of all, be like Jesus when He faced Gethsemane, Pilate and Calvary.

#### 4. Trust in the Lord by embracing truth.

Some think that when we become Christians, we will no longer face any troubles. The truth of the matter is that believers do encounter pain and suffering. The Bible says, **"Many are the afflictions of the righteous, But the LORD delivers him out of them all"** (Psalm 34:19). Jesus says, **"But he who endures to the end shall be saved"** (Matthew 24:13). Embracing the truth sets us free. Jesus also says, **"If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free"** (John 8:31-32).

#### 5. Trust in the Lord in every phase of life as He is training us.

As we trust in God throughout our life, He moulds, trains and builds our character. This is clearly seen in the three phases of David's life as he trusted God. In the field, as a shepherd, he learnt to know and trust God as a Shepherd. In Saul's court, David learnt self-control as he had to face Saul constantly. Then even when he had to live in the caves, God was moulding his character. The Bible says, **"Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it"** (Hebrews 12:11). We must continue to trust in God as He shapes and develops us in the different phases and seasons of life.

We can stand up to life by trusting God because He loves the righteous and **"His countenance beholds the upright"** (Psalm 11:7). When the face of God is towards us, it means that He favours and takes delight in us. Knowing this, we can rejoice with David who says, **"But let all those rejoice who put their trust in You; Let them ever shout for joy, because You defend them; Let those also who love Your name Be joyful in You. For You, O LORD, will bless the righteous; With favor You will surround him as with a shield"** (Psalm 5:11-12). +



## golf tournament



CALVARY CARNIVAL '09 By Associate Pastor Raymond Yong

# GOLF TOURNAMENT

On 16 October 2009, as early as 7am, golfers started to enter the lobby of Kelab Golf Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah, Shah Alam to register themselves for the Calvary Carnival '09 Golf Tournament.

Each golfer was appreciated for their participation with a goody bag which included the Calvary Convention Centre (CCC) Brochure, Calvary Carnival Flyer, a branded tee-shirt and many other goodies. They were excited and looked forward to an enjoyable game of golf that morning. The weather was good. They then proceeded to the Golf Terrace for a hearty breakfast. Before tee-off, a group photo was taken with smiles all around. Buggies and caddies were waiting in line for their golfers. Tee-off was right on time at 8am.

A total of 102 golfers sat in their buggies and proceeded to their respective tee-off point. It was a shotgun start. At about 12.30pm, buggies began to roll in from the golf course with the golfers and the scorecards were submitted.

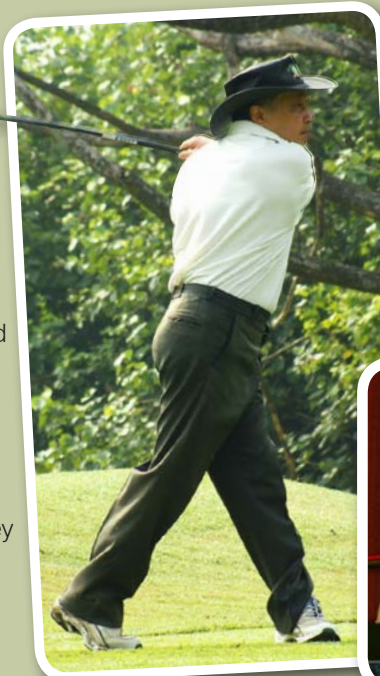
After a refreshing shower, the golfers proceeded to the Banquet hall for a sumptuous lunch.

The CCC and Calvary Carnival video was shown while they had their lunch. Many went by to the CCC Resource Centre to view the CCC model and displays.

Praise the Lord, one potential believer golfer made a commitment to give RM 10,000 towards the CCC!

The winners of the Calvary Carnival '09 Golf Tournament were announced and Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam presented the trophies and prizes to the winner.

Many gave positive feedback that it was a well organised golf event and they enjoyed it. They were glad to be a part of an event for a good cause! +



Front, from left: Richard Ng, Tan Sri Lee Lam Thye and Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam with the winners of the tournament

Peggy Low, Calvary Carnival '09 Chairperson





Responding to  
the teaching

# KINGDOM ETHICS

By Wong Ming Yook

position as new creations in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:15-17) as revealed in His Word, we will understand the kind of authority we have over the powers of darkness.

Rev. Margaret reminded us of the importance of our being "in Christ." In Christ, Christians have been blessed with all spiritual blessings. We sit in heavenly places through Christ. Since the Father has placed Jesus far above all principalities, powers and might, we are empowered to battle evil and do God's will because we stand on the power and authority of the Name of Christ. Rev. Margaret shared a story of a timid young lady she knew whose mother was mentally troubled. One night, her mother came towards her carrying a kitchen chopper. Immediately, she stood up and said, "In the Name of Jesus, put that down!" Her mother meekly gave her the knife. It is the Name of Christ that carries authority and power to do the will of God.

In ourselves, we can do nothing. But Christ has given us the authority of His Name to do the will of the Father and destroy the works of the Devil. This

authority operates by our faith in Christ, obedience to Christ, and confession of Christ. We will be effective if we understand that our authority is built on our growing relationship with God. As we humbly depend on Him and are led by the Spirit's prompting, we will discern His will. Then only will we be able to speak and act with true boldness in spiritual conflicts using the command of faith.

God desires us to use the authority of His Name to do His will. The apostles were ordinary men, but they did wonders in the Name of Christ. This command of faith is not used for selfish purposes. It is a deliberate exercise of Christ's authority and Name in situations where His glory is at stake. As official representatives of Christ, He calls us to demonstrate His power to prove that He is the living God.

Rev. Margaret refreshed and nourished us as she taught us concerning our position in Christ. As we understand this, we are empowered to act on His behalf, carry out His work and provide for His interests in the world. +



Rev. Margaret Seaward

On 15 and 16 October and 3 and 4 December 2009, the School of Christian Growth held four sessions on Kingdom Authority: Spiritual Warfare by Rev. Margaret Seaward. Rev. Margaret regaled us with many stories as she went through four key areas of the Christian's authority and position as a citizen of the kingdom of God. She reminded us that spiritual warfare is part and parcel of the Christian's life. It begins the moment we are born again.

As Christians, we have been delivered from the kingdom of darkness and placed in the kingdom of light. Thus Christians are to live out the victorious overcoming life because God has called us to be kings and priests (Revelation 1:6). If we know our spiritual



# Life Science



The Prodigal Son (right) telling his story



Simon Peter the fisherman



Mr. Knows-a-lot (right) with Ben



Sam the Samaritan



Associate Pastor Christopher Lee praying for the kids







The two Professors with Ben (middle)



The Worship Team leading in worship

# LIFE SCHOOL MUSICAL

By  
Audrey  
Kum

**S**aturday, 28 November 2009 finally arrived. The KidsCAT kids, after much practice every Saturday over three months, were ready to present "Life Shool Musical", a story that brought the audience to the "Life Science" classroom of a group of kids who get the surprise of their lives when colourful characters from the Bible materialise to bring their lessons to life!

When Mr Knows-a-lot (the class teacher) left the classroom, two "professors" plus three people, Peter the fisherman disciple of Jesus Christ, the Prodigal Son and Sam, the Good Samaritan, popped up mysteriously

out of a crate in the classroom one after another. Through them, Ben, a new kid in class with some life issues, and the other kids, learn about faith, hope and love and that the key to Life is none other than Jesus. The kids who took part (ages ranging from seven to thirteen years) did a great job singing, dancing and acting to bring the Good News to the kids (and adults) who attended the musical presentation at Damansara Heights.

Ivan Chan, who took the part of the class teacher and the three biblical characters, certainly had the kids laughing and responding to the message with his portrayals of the various personalities. He showed his

versatility with accents that ranged from "Manglish" while he was Simon Peter the fisherman, to that of an Irishman, as Sam the Samaritan.

Associate Pastor David Seah neatly tied his message to the musical and praise God 39 kids (and three adults!) found life in Jesus for the first time while 22 kids rededicated their lives to Him. Proud mums, dads, grandparents, aunties, uncles and friends who came to see the kids perform, were also blessed.

Thank you parents, kids, teachers, musicians and the ministry team! Your sacrifice, faithfulness and labour of love will not only bear fruit here but the results will be seen in eternity! +



Associate Pastor David Seah sharing the message



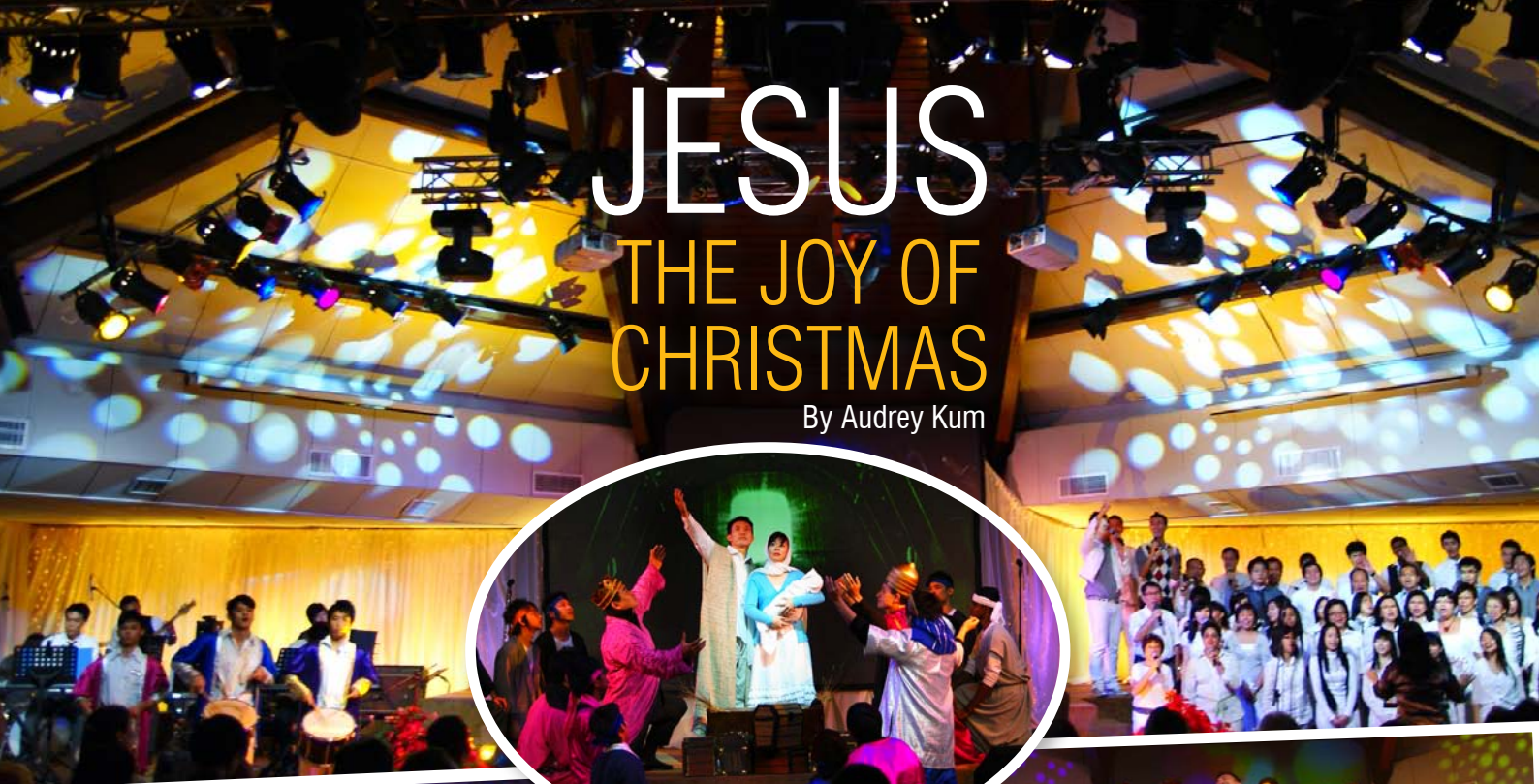
The fruit of the labour of love—souls who found life in Jesus!



# JESUS

## THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS

By Audrey Kum



"O Come Let Us Adore Him"



"Let It Shine"



"Sing Joy"

**"H**ello? I'm calling to find out—will your Church be presenting a special programme at Bukit Jalil this Christmas?" This was a typical question we received the few days prior to Christmas. While the scale of our Christmas presentation was much smaller than what we have done for our Easter evangelistic presentations in Putra Stadium, Bukit Jalil, the preparation for the production—practices, digital backdrops, lighting, music—was just as wholehearted and intense in many ways.

At 8pm on 24 December 2009 and at 8am and 10.30am on Christmas Day, we held a "Worship Concert" with the theme, "Jesus...the Joy of Christmas". The Christmas Creative Arts Team and the Christmas Choir and musicians gave their best in the limited space available. The dancers, we think, would have appreciated more room to move! This year's presentation saw some new elements, one of which was the enactment of the visit of the shepherds and Magi to Jesus, Joseph and Mary, accompanied by drum beats that rose to a crescendo as they worshipped baby Jesus. The shepherds' dance showed the energy of our youth as they leapt and performed moves that need great agility! There was also an interesting way of beginning a scene with a video of Mary singing "Be It Unto Me" and ending with her coming on 'stage' to sing 'live'.

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam's Christmas message was based on Matthew 2:1-11. The wise men from



The musicians



Joyful leaping shepherds!



"A King is Coming to Town"



# christmas



Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam



From top: 24 December 2009-At the overflow; Responding to the altar call



From top: 25 December 2009- Responding to the Word at the 8am Service; At the overflow and sanctuary during the 10.30am Service



the East asked King Herod, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews?" (Matthew 2:2). We cannot find God without His help. Senior Pastor highlighted three types of people represented by the wise men, King Herod and the priests and scribes.

Wise though they were, the wise men could not find Jesus on their own. The king, with his power and authority could not help them. Only God could and He provided a "star" to guide them. Jesus is the "Star" that leads us to God. Jesus says, "I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star" (Revelation 22:16). Jesus is also the Door that leads us to God (John 10:7).

King Herod represents those who want to have a king who does not disturb their lives or threaten their authority. The priests and scribes represent those who are only hearers. They will only do something if it suits them. Proverbs 14:12 says, "There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death."

Those who found Jesus found joy. The wise men rejoiced (Matthew 2:10). The Mary rejoiced (Luke 1:46-47). The shepherds rejoiced and glorified God (Luke 2:15 and 20). Jesus says "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full" (John 15:11).

We praise God for the many who responded at the altar at all three Services to receive the joy of the Lord in their hearts and healing in their lives. +

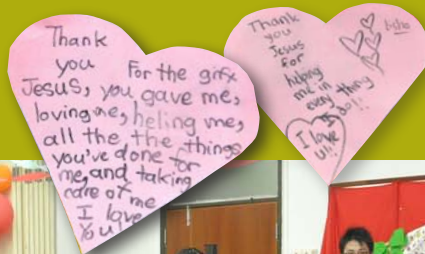


Clockwise: 25 December 2009-Light refreshments were served between the Services; 24 December 2009-Light refreshments were served before the Service





# children's christmas



Associate Pastor Richard Yun sharing with the kids



Writing "Thank You" notes to the Lord



"The best gift I received this Christmas is JESUS!"



# JESUS THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS!

By Audrey Kum

The children's Christmas programme held concurrently with the adult Services on 24 and 25 December 2009 at Calvary Church, Damansara Heights, had the objective of helping the children to know that Jesus is the joy of Christmas and that Christmas is not just about enjoying food, presents, Christmas carols, parties...

Associate Pastor Richard Yun, with his characteristic enthusiasm, shared at the three sessions with those aged eight to 11 years. The children learnt that when they are given a gift, the only way the gift is actually theirs is when they receive it. And then they need to thank the giver for the gift. Similarly, when God gives Jesus as His gift to them, they have to receive Him before He is theirs and they must not forget to thank God. He also encouraged them to share the Gift, Jesus, with others. To enforce this lesson, the children were given paper hearts where they could write their thanks to God for giving them Jesus.

It was great to see many of the children using their God-given talents to share Christ with others. Twelve of them were involved in showing the kids that the best present they can receive at Christmas is Jesus, through a skit and a creative video presentation of a modern-day nativity story which the children thoroughly enjoyed. Meanwhile, the younger children, aged five to seven and those in the Calvary Nursery Care also had programmes specially planned just for them. +



The final scene of the creative video presentation



The five to seven year olds singing to the Lord





# CONGRATULATIONS!

## LAY LEADERS

10 years



Lena Tan



Sally Lai



Linda Pang



Elaine Chen



Jeannette Alphonsus



Jeannie Friis



Loon Wing Yuen



Dolly Chye

25 years



Lim Chune Sin



Esther Abraham



Leslie Abraham

10 years

## CHURCH STAFF



Sharon Loh



Angela Aw



Balakrishnan



Assistant Pastor Chan Lee Peng



Associate Pastor David Seah

15 years



Phang Wai Marudu

20 years



Assistant Pastor Jerry Chow

We congratulate the following whose faithfulness in service unto the Lord was recognised at the New Year's Eve Worship Service at Damansara Heights on 31 December 2009:

### LAY LEADERS

#### 10 YEARS

##### NAME

Lena Tan

Sally Lai  
Linda Pang  
Elaine Chen

Jeannette Alphonsus  
Jeannie Friis  
Loon Wing Yuen  
Dolly Chye

#### 25 YEARS

Lim Chune Sin  
Esther Abraham  
Leslie Abraham

##### CURRENT MINISTRY INVOLVEMENT

Life Group Leader; Carpenter's Workshop Teacher  
Carpenter's Workshop  
Life Group Leader  
Life Group Leader; School of Christian Growth Teacher  
Life Group Leader  
Life Group Leader  
Membership Committee Member  
School of Christian Growth Teacher

### CHURCH STAFF

#### 10 YEARS

##### NAME

Sharon Loh  
Angela Aw

Balakrishnan  
Assistant Pastor  
Chan Lee Peng  
Associate Pastor  
David Seah

##### CURRENT MINISTRY RESPONSIBILITIES

Hospitality Ministry  
Confidential Secretary, Children's Ministry and Music & Creative Arts Ministry  
Security Guard  
Pastoral Life Groups Ministry; School of Christian Growth; Missionettes  
Pastoral Life Groups Ministry; Bahasa Malaysia Ministry

#### 15 YEARS

Phang Wai Marudu

Coordinator of Outreaches-Calvary Missions

#### 20 YEARS

Assistant Pastor  
Jerry Chow

Ministry Administrator of Calvary Church Press; Itinerant Minister to Calvary Outreaches

# 30 BAPTISED IN WATER!

Praise the Lord 15 children were baptised in water at the 10.30am Worship Service on 13 December 2009 at Damansara Heights! Later in the day, 15 individuals were baptised at the 5pm Worship Service!

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: Wilfred Ang Tsu Jien, Bryan Mason Lee Ting Feng, Christian Yan Chew, Tan Zhi Rong, Ezekiel Jude L. Telan, Charmaine Yeo Shen Li, Abigail Ding Xien Yi, Michaela Ae Yi Mikiko Lim Back Row: Matthew Ng Kah Lup, Jonathan Cheok Yau Yuen, Jason Chong Shang Fui, Han SuYin, Natalie Gan Shan Xin, Pang Kang Shin, Eliza Chow Ka Mun



Left to right, front row: Nicholas Ming-An Balaguru, Louise Yong Hui Wen, Yong Thong Hin, Ivy Inparatanam (Membership only), Krystal Tan Zhi Syuen, Karen Chong Hon Chin, Lina Rosalina, Wendy Soan Can Can Back row: Samson Nah Wai Liong, Justin Mah Wai Hong, Julian Si, Douglas Alexander Rathy Lopez, Victoria Choi Veili, Choo Suit Mae, Christy Lim Wi Chin, Cheong Lee Lee



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## MENGHADAPI HIDUP DENGAN MEMPERCAYAI TUHAN

Oleh Pendita Senior Prince Guneratnam

**“P**ada TUHAN aku berlindung, bagaimana kamu berani berkata kepadaku: ‘Terbanglah ke gunung seperti burung!’” (Mazmur 11:1)

Jika terdapat seseorang atau satu generasi yang boleh bertahan dengan cabaran hidup, ianya semestilah mereka yang mempunyai hubungan dengan Tuhan Pencipta melalui iman dalam Tuhan Yesus Kristus. Dia memberi kita keupayaan, perwatakan dan kekuatan untuk berdepan dengan hidup.

Iman Daud untuk mempercayai Tuhan telah memberikannya ketabahan untuk menerima urapan untuk menjadi raja daripada Nabi Samuel walaupun Raja Saul enggan melepaskan takhtanya. Saul bertekad untuk membunuh Daud dan sementara berdepan dengan krisis ini, Daud menulis Mazmur 11. Adakah kita berdepan dengan krisis yang mengancam untuk membinasakan hidup, keluarga, perniagaan dan masa depan kita? Kawan-kawan Daud menggesanya untuk berputus asa dan melarikan diri, seperti burung terbang ke gunung. Adakah kita, apabila berdepan dengan masalah, diberi nasihat untuk

melarikan diri ke tempat yang jauh atau menukar arah tujuan kita?

Daud berkata, **“Pada TUHAN aku berlindung”** (Mazmur 11:1). Kenapakah dia harus seperti burung yang terbang ke gunung? Kenapa harus melarikan diri? Seperti Daud, kita mesti berdepan dengan hidup dan tidak melarikan diri-daripada satu pekerjaan ke pekerjaan yang lain, dari satu perkahwinan ke perkahwinan yang lain. Mari kita menghadapi kehidupan dengan menaruh kepercayaan kita dalam Tuhan. Kawan-kawan Daud mempunyai dua sebab yang kukuh untuk nasihat mereka. Yang pertama, musuhnya secara diam-diam bersedia untuk membunuhnya. **“Sebab, lihat orang fasik melentur busurnya, mereka memasang anak panahnya pada tali busur, untuk memanah orang yang tulus hati di tempat gelap”** (Mazmur 11:2). Yang kedua ialah sistem dunia tidak menegakkan kebenaran: **“Apabila dasar-dasar dihancurkan, apakah yang dapat dibuat oleh orang benar itu?”** (Mazmur 11:3). Kebaikan tidak lagi menang ke atas kejahatan. Rasuah

ialah kebiasaan hari ini. Gaya hidup yang tidak bermoral diterima kerana sudah menjadi kebiasaan. Penipuan dan pernyataan yang sengaja dibesarkan adalah tingkahlaku biasa. Apa yang kebenaran boleh lakukan dalam sistem yang tidak adil? Oleh kerana itu, mereka menasihatkan Daud melarikan diri daripada Saul.

Apa yang boleh orang benar lakukan untuk hidup dalam dunia yang hanya tertarik dengan apa yang kebiasaan atau apa yang benar di mata mereka sendiri tetapi yang bukannya kehendak Tuhan? Jawapan bukannya terdapat pada apa yang orang benar boleh **lakukan** tetapi apa yang orang benar **ketahui**. Itulah rahsia Daud. Dia mengenal Tuhan dan siapakah Tuhan itu! Orang benar tidak boleh lakukan apa-apa untuk mengubah orang yang jahat. Hanya Tuhan yang boleh melakukannya. Kuncinya bukannya dalam “melakukan” tetapi dalam mengetahui, mentaati dan menyenangkan Tuhan.

Apa yang Daud ketahui? Pertama sekali, dia mengetahui bahawa **“TUHAN ada di dalam bait-Nya yang**



**kudus**" (Mazmur 11:4). Kita adalah bait Roh Kudus (1 Korintus 6:19). Jika kita hidup dan berjalan dalam persekutuan dengan Tuhan, Roh Kudus yang diam didalam kita akan membantu dan memimpin kita. Kita boleh mempercayai Tuhan apabila kita berdepan dengan sebarang cabaran kerana **"di tangan Tuhanlah pertempuran"** (1 Samuel 17:47). Kedua, Daud tahu bahawa **"TUHAN, takhta-Nya di sorga"** (Mazmur 11:4). Kerajaan Tuhan adalah kerajaan yang kekal selama-lamanya. Kita boleh mempercayai Tuhan yang maha kuasa. Ketiga, dia tahu bahawa **"TUHAN menguji orang benar"** (Mazmur 11:5). Kita selalu mengatakan bahawa kita mengenal Tuhan dan janji-janjiNya. Tetapi Tuhan akan menguji kita untuk melihat jika kita benar-benar mengenal dan mempercayaiNya sebelum Dia menyediakan bagi kita. Orang benar dipanggil untuk hidup dengan iman. Adakah kita tetap mempercayaiNya apabila kita berdepan dengan Goliat, Laut Merah atau relau yang menyala? Keempat, dia tahu bahawa **"la membenci orang yang mencintai kekerasan. Ia menghujani orang-orang fasik dengan arang berapi dan belerang; angin yang menghanguskan, itulah isi piala mereka"** (Mazmur 11:5-6). Tuhan membenci kejahatan dan mereka akan dihakimi. Akhir sekali, Daud mengetahui bahawa **"Sebab TUHAN adalah adil dan Ia mengasihi keadilan; orang yang tulus akan memandangi wajah-Nya"** (Mazmur 11:7). Betapa terhiburnya apabila mengetahui bahawa ditengah-tengah cobaan dan cabaran, Tuhan mengasihi kita yang percaya dan taat kepadaNya. Lebih baik kasih Tuhan daripada kasih manusia!

Dengan itu adakah kita mengenali Tuhan? Bagaimana kita boleh mengenaliNya? Kita boleh mengenaliNya dengan membaca Alkitab. Tuhan dengan mukjizatNya telah memelihara Alkitab sejak bertahun-tahun. Yesus berkata, **"Langit dan bumi akan berlalu, tetapi perkataan-Ku tidak akan berlalu"** (Matius 24:35). Firman Tuhan tidak akan berubah dan tidak akan luput. Ia tetap bersesuaian. Alkitab memberi kita dasar untuk iman kita dalam Tuhan. Jika kita mempercayai Tuhan, kita mesti mengenaliNya. Itu sebabnya adalah penting untuk kita mempelajari Firman Tuhan. Kita seharusnya punya keinginan mengenali Tuhan seperti Paulus yang berkata, **"yang kukehendaki ialah mengenal Dia dan kuasa kebangkitan-Nya dan persekutuan dalam penderitaan-Nya, di mana aku menjadi serupa dengan Dia dalam kematian-Nya"** (Filipi 3:10)

## Izinkan saya berkongsi beberapa aspek utama tentang bagaimana kita harus mempercayai Tuhan:

### 1. Percayalah kepada TUHAN dengan segenap hatimu, dan janganlah bersandar kepada pengertianmu sendiri.

Apabila kita mengenal Tuhan, kita boleh mempercayai Tuhan dengan segenap hati kita walaupun kita tidak mengerti sepenuhnya keadaan yang berlaku dalam kehidupan kita. Dunia menasihatkan kita untuk lari apabila kita menghadapi kesukaran dalam rumahtangga, apabila ibu bapa kita terlalu keras dengan kita, apabila hal-hal pembelajaran di sekolah menjadi terlalu sukar atau kehendak Tuhan menjadi terlalu membebankan. Tetapi jalan Tuhan bukannya untuk kita lari, sebaliknya menghadapi cabaran kehidupan dengan mempercayaiNya. Alkitab berkata, **"Percayalah kepada TUHAN dengan segenap hatimu, dan janganlah bersandar kepada pengertianmu sendiri. Akulah Dia dalam segala lakumu, maka Ia akan meluruskan jalanmu"** (Amsal 3: 5-6).

### 2. Percayalah Tuhan dengan pekerjaan yang jujur.

Alkitab menyokong etika kerja. Adam, manusia pertama, telah diberi tanggungjawab untuk memerintah atas semua ciptaan Tuhan. Mempercayai Tuhan bukan bermaksud kita boleh menjadi malas. Ia memerlukan usaha untuk terus mempercayaiNya!

### 3. Percayalah Tuhan seperti pahlawan iman.

Jadilah seperti Daud apabila kamu menghadapi Goliat. Jadilah seperti Daniel apabila menghadapi singa. Jadilah seperti Musa apabila kamu menghadapi Laut Merah. Jadilah seperti Yosua apabila kamu menghadapi tembok. Tetapi yang paling baik sekali, jadilah seperti Yesus apabila Dia menghadapi Getsemani, Pilatus dan Kalvari.

### 4. Percayalah Tuhan dengan memeluk kebenaran.

Sesetengah orang berfikir apabila kita menjadi umat Kristian, kita tidak akan menghadapi sebarang masalah. Hal sebenarnya adalah umat Kristian memang menghadapi penderitaan dan kesengsaraan. Alkitab berkata, **"TUHAN itu dekat kepada orang-orang yang patah hati, dan Ia menyelamatkan orang-orang yang remuk jiwanya"** (Mazmur 34 : 18). Yesus berkata, **"Tetapi orang yang bertahan sampai pada kesudahannya akan selamat"** (Matius 24 : 13). Memeluk kebenaran membebaskan kita. Yesus juga berkata, **"jikalau kamu tetap dalam firmanKu, kamu bebarbenar adalah muridKu dan kamu akan mengetahui kebenaran, dan kebenaran itu akan memerdekakan kamu"** (Yohanes 8 : 31-32).

### 5. Percayalah Tuhan dalam semua aspek hidup kerana Dia sedang melatih kita.

Apabila kita mempercayai Tuhan sepanjang hidup kita, Dia membentuk, melatih dan membina perwatakan kita. Ini dilihat dengan jelas dalam tiga fasa kehidupan Daud apabila dia mempercayai Tuhan. Di padang, sebagai seorang gembala, dia belajar mengenali dan mempercayai Tuhan sebagai Gembala. Dalam istana Saul, Daud belajar mengawal diri kerana dia perlu sentiasa berdepan dengan Saul. Kemudian, walaupun dia terpaksa tinggal dalam gua, Tuhan membentuk perwatakannya. Alkitab berkata, **"Memang tiap-tiap ganjaran pada waktu ia diberikan tidak mendatangkan sukacita, tetapi dukacita. Tetapi kemudian ia menghasilkan buah kebenaran yang memberikan damai kepada mereka yang dilatih olehnya"** (Ibrani 12 : 11). Kita mesti terus mempercayai Tuhan sementara Dia membentuk dan membina kita dalam fasa dan musim yang berlainan dalam kehidupan kita.

Kita boleh menghadapi kehidupan dengan mempercayai Tuhan kerana Dia mengasihi orang yang salih dan **"orang yang tulus akan memandangi wajahNya"** (Mazmur 11 : 7). Apabila Tuhan memandangi kita, ia bermaksud Tuhan memberkati dan senang dengan kita. Dengan pengetahuan ini, kita boleh bersukacita bersama Daud yang berkata, **"Tetapi semua orang yang berlindung padaMu akan bersukacita, mereka akan bersorak-sorai selama-lamanya, karena Engkau menaungi mereka; dan karena Engkau akan bersukaria orang-orang yang mengasihi namaMu. Sebab Engkaulah yang memberkati orang benar, ya TUHAN; Engkau memagari dia dengan anugerahMu seperti perisai"** (Mazmur 5: 11-12). +



# Trust in GOD & REJOICE!

PSALM 5:11

## 藉着信靠神勇敢面对人生

文：古納南主任牧師

「我是投靠耶和华，你们怎么对我说：“你当像鸟飞往你的山去。”(诗11:1)

若有任何人或世代能勇敢地面对人生的挑战，就是那些藉着信靠主耶稣基督与创造神建立关系的人。他赐给我们能力、性格和力量去勇敢面对人生。

大卫信靠神的信心给他勇气接受被先知撒母耳膏抹为王，虽然扫罗拒绝退位。扫罗下决心要杀害大卫，在面对这危机时大卫写下了诗篇11篇。我们面临的危机，是否威胁要毁灭我们的生活、家庭、企业和未来？大卫的朋友劝他放弃和逃命，像鸟飞到山去。我们有否在面对问题时，受到力劝逃跑到一个遥远的地方或改变我们的人生方向？

大卫说道：「我是投靠耶和华」(诗11:1)。他为什么要像鸟，飞到山去呢？他为什么要逃走？像大卫，我们必须勇敢地面对人生而不是逃走——从一个工作到另一个工作，从一个婚姻到另一个婚姻。让我们透过对主的信靠勇敢地面对生活。大卫的朋友有两个充分的理由作为他们的劝告。第一个理由是他的敌人在暗中准备杀害他。「看哪，恶人弯弓，把箭搭在弦上，要在暗中射那心里正直的人」(诗11:2)。第二个理由是，世俗的体系并不支持公义。「根基若毁坏，义人还能做什么呢？」(诗11:3) 善并不再胜恶。腐败是当今一般的惯例。不道德的生活方式被认为是可以接受的，因为它已经成为一种常态。撒谎和夸大是常见的做法。公义的人，

在没有正义的制度下可以做什么呢？因此他们劝告大卫逃避扫罗。

在只关心什么是受大众欢迎或什么是在自己的眼中看为正确的事，而不是神的旨意的世界，公义的人可以做什么以求生存？答案不在于义人可以做什么，而是义人知道什么。这是大卫的秘密。他认识神和知道神是谁！义人不能够做什么来改变恶人。唯有神方能做到。关键是不是「做」，而是认识、服从和取悦上帝。

大卫知道些什么？首先，他知道「耶和华在他的圣殿里」(诗11:4)。我们是圣灵的殿(林前6:19)。如果我们是神而活与有神有交通，居住在我们里面的圣灵能帮助和引导我们。当我们面对挑战时，我们能信靠神因为「争战的胜败全在乎耶和华」(撒下17:47)。其次，大卫知道「耶和华的宝座在天上」(诗篇11:4)。神的国是永恒的国。我们能信靠我们的神是至高掌权者。第三，他知道「耶和华试验义人」(诗11:5)。我们经常声称认识神和他的应许。但是神要考验我们，看我们是否在他供应之前真正的认识和信靠他。义人被召凭信心而活。当我们面对我们的歌利亚、红海或在烈火的窑中，我们是否仍然信靠他呢？第四，他知道「惟有恶人和喜爱强暴的人，他心里恨恶。他要向恶人密布网罗，有烈火、硫磺、热风作他们杯中的分」(诗11:5~6)。耶和华恨恶恶人，他们必遭审判。最后，大卫知道「耶和华是公义的，他喜爱公

### 一月份

#### 中文聚会

日期：31-1-10  
讲员：古纳南师母  
时间：下午五点半  
地点：伯特利楼

#### 信靠神和喜乐(诗5:11)

#### 宣教复兴特会

日期：6 & 7 -1-10(星期三&星期四)  
时间：晚上七点半  
地点：加略山教会(大堂)

#### 宣教强调

日期：8-1-10  
时间：晚上七点半  
地点：加略山教会(大堂)

#### 基督徒职场宣教研讨会

日期：9-1-10  
时间：下午两点正  
地点：加略山教会(大堂)

#### 宣教节：万民宣教展览摊位

时间：下午四点半  
地点：加略山教会(大堂)

#### 信心奉献更新主日

日期：10-1-10

### 二月份

#### 中文聚会

日期：21-2-10  
讲员：古纳南主任牧师  
时间：下午五点半  
地点：伯特利楼

#### 申请浸礼及会籍

#### 浸礼及会籍课程

日期：20-2-10(六)  
时间：下午一点半

#### 浸礼聚会

日期：21-2-10(日)  
时间：下午五点半  
地点：加略山教会(大堂)  
报名截止日期：10-1-10(日)

义·正直人必得见他的面」(诗11:7)。在我们的试炼和挑战中，知道神爱我们那信靠和服从他的人，是何等的安慰。神的爱比人的爱更好！

因此我们认识神吗？我们如何认识他呢？我们能靠阅读圣经认识他。神历代以来奇迹般保存着圣经。耶稣说道：「天地要废去，我的话却不能废去。」(太24:35)。神的话不改变，并且永远不会过时。它仍然与我们有关。圣经给我们对神的信仰的根基。如果我们要信靠神，我们必须认识他。这是我们为何要研读圣经的重要性。我们必须渴慕认识神像保罗那样说道：「使我认识基督，晓得他复活的大能，并且晓得和他一同受苦，效法他的死」(腓3:10)。



让我分享我们如何能够信靠神的一些要点：

1. 你要专心仰赖耶和華，不可倚靠自己的聪明。

当我们认识神时，我们能全心的信靠他，即使我们并不完全了解其中的情况。当我们在我们的婚姻上面对困难，当我们的父母对我们太过严厉，当学业太艰难或甚至当神的要求似乎太多时，世人的劝告是逃避。但是神的方法不是逃走，而是勇敢地面对人生的挑战，信靠他。圣经上说：「你要专心仰赖耶和華，不可倚靠自己的聪明，在你一切所行的事上都要认定他，他必指引你的路。」(箴3：5~6)。

2. 用诚实劳动信靠神。

圣经是支持职业道德准则。亚当，第一个人，给予责任治理神创造的万物。信靠神并不意味着我们可以偷懒。它需要努力保持对他的信靠！

3. 像信心英雄一样信靠神。

当你面对歌利亚时，作一个大卫。当你面对狮子时，作一个但以理。当你面对红海时，作一个摩西。当你面对城墙时，作一个约书亚。但是最好的是像耶稣，当他面对客西马尼，彼拉多和加略山时。

4. 拥抱真理信靠神。

有些人认为当我们成为基督徒时，我们不会面对任何困难。事实上，信徒是会遭遇痛苦和苦难。圣经上说道：「义人多有苦难，但耶和華救他脱离这一切」(诗34：19)。耶稣说道：「惟有忍耐到底的必然得救」(太24：13)。拥抱真理使我们得自由。耶稣也说：「你们若常常遵守我的道，就真是我的门徒。你们必晓得真理，真理必叫你们得以自由」(约8：31~32)。

5. 在人生的每一个阶段信靠神，因为他在训练我们。

当我们整个人生信靠神时，他塑造，训练和建立我们的性格。这清楚地在大卫人生的三个阶段，当他信靠神时可看到。在草上当牧人时，他学习到认识和信靠神为牧者。在扫罗的宫廷，当他需要时常面对扫罗时，大卫学习到自制。然后，即使当他住在山洞里，神是在铸造他的性格。圣经上说：「凡管教的事，当时不觉得快乐，反觉得愁苦，后来却为那经练过的人结出平安的果子，就是义」(来12：11)。当神在我们人生不同的阶段和季节铸造和建立我们时，我们须要继续地信靠他。

我们能藉着信靠神勇敢地面对人生，因为他爱义人和「正直人必得见他的面」(诗11：7)。当神的面是向着我们，这意谓着他恩待和喜爱我们。知道了这一点，我们能与大卫一同喜乐。他说道：「凡投靠你的，愿他们喜乐，时常欢呼，因为你护庇他们；又愿那爱你名的人都靠你欢欣；因为你必赐福与义人。耶和華啊，你必用恩惠如同盾牌四面护卫他」(诗5：11~12)。+

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STEPHANIE DEDE TETTEY



MATTHEW AMANI MAYAGE



ANGEL NHYIRABA MENSAH

baby dedication

## 3 BABIES DEDICATED TO THE LORD!

Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam dedicated three babies to the Lord on 1 November 2009 at the Worship Service at the Ampang Satellite Church.

She then prayed for the parents that they will bring up their children in the nurture and ways of the Lord Jesus Christ. +



From left: Dora Tettey with baby Stephanie Dede Tettey (father, Stephen Tettey not in picture); Jennifer Mensah with baby Angel Nhyiraba Mensah (father, Ato Mensah not in picture); Amani & Dissa Mayage with baby Matthew Amani Mayage



## CONGRATULATIONS!

Assistant Pastor Jerry Chow graduated with the Bachelor of Theology from the Bible College of Malaysia on 1 December 2009. Congratulations on your success! +



Robert Selvaratnam



Patrick Wong

## INTRODUCING OUR CHURCH ELDERS

Robert Selvaratnam and Patrick Wong Sing Fah were introduced as our Church Elders at the New Year's Eve Worship Service at Damansara Heights on 31 December 2009.

Robert Selvaratnam is a Pensioner and is married to Lydia Selvaratnam. They have three children, Roy, Brian and Lorna. He has been a Church member since 1982 (27 years) and was a Church Deacon from 1988 to 2001 (13 years). Currently, he is serving as a Life Group Leader and an itinerant teacher and preacher at our Outreaches.

Patrick Wong is a Learning Consultant. Married to Assistant Pastor Shereen Wong, they have two children, Patreen and Shawn.

He has been a Church member since 1968 (41 years) and was a Church Deacon from 1980 to June 2009 (20 years).

Currently, he is serving as a School of Christian Growth teacher and Chairperson of the CCC Project Committee. +



	DAMANSARA HEIGHTS (DH) 8am + 10.30am	AMPANG/ DH 10.30am/5pm	CHERAS 9am	DAMANSARA PERDANA 10.30am
january *3	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam 	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam/ Bishop Sackey	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam
10	Rev. Joel Edwards 	Rev. Joel Edwards	Rev. Joel Edwards	Rev. Joel Edwards
17	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Associate Pastor Steven Kum	Associate Pastor Steven Kum
24	Associate Pastor Peter Ong	Associate Pastor Steven Kum	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam
31	Associate Pastor Richard Yun	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam/ Associate Pastor Timothy Ong	Associate Pastor David Seah	Associate Pastor David Seah
february *7	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Associate Pastor Timothy Ong / Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Associate Pastor Richard Yun	Associate Pastor Richard Yun
14	Associate Pastor Steven Kum	Associate Pastor Peter Ong /Combined with morning Worship Services @ DH/ Ampang	Combined with morning Worship Services @ DH/ Ampang	Combined with morning Worship Services @ DH/ Ampang
21	Associate Pastor Timothy Ong	Associate Pastor Richard Yun  <b>water baptism</b>	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam
28	Rev. David Sumrall 	Rev. David Sumrall	Rev. David Sumrall	Rev. David Sumrall

\* communion

## BAHASA MALAYSIA FELLOWSHIP

Sunday | 12.30pm

31 JANUARY 2010

**speaker** ASSOCIATE PASTOR DAVID SEAH

**venue** BETHEL HALL

28 FEBRUARY 2010

**speaker** ASSOCIATE PASTOR DAVID SEAH

**venue** BETHEL HALL

## Water Baptism & Membership

### WATER BAPTISM/ MEMBERSHIP CLASS

**date** 20 FEBRUARY 2010, SATURDAY

**time** 1.30PM

### WATER BAPTISM SERVICE

**date** 21 FEBRUARY 2010, SUNDAY

**time** 5PM

Closing Date for submission of forms: 10 JANUARY 2010, **SUNDAY**





## Missions

## Revival Meetings

**date** 6 & 7 JANUARY 2010  
(WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY)

**time** 7.30PM

**venue** DAMANSARA HEIGHTS

**guest speaker** REV. JOEL EDWARDS



- International Director of Micah Challenge, a Christian organisation which seeks to challenge international leaders to halve absolute global poverty by 2015
- A British immigrant from Jamaica who stands out as a passionate and committed advocate of justice for the poor and marginalised. He is the Commissioner for the Equality and Human Rights Commission in the United Kingdom.
- Regularly broadcasts on radio and television programmes in the United Kingdom and internationally
- Has written a book called "An Agenda for Changes"

**Children's programme to run concurrently**

## Missions Emphasis

**date** 8 JANUARY 2010 (FRIDAY)

**time** 7.30PM

**venue** DAMANSARA HEIGHTS

**guest speaker** REV. JOEL EDWARDS

**Highlight** A PRESENTATION ENTITLED  
"FROM CAREY TO CALVARY"

**Children's programme to run concurrently**

9 JANUARY 2010 (SATURDAY)

@ DAMANSARA HEIGHTS

**SEMINAR: A CHRISTIAN'S MISSION AT THE MARKETPLACE @ 2PM**

**MISSIONS FEST: BOOTHS OF THE NATIONS @ 4PM**

## Faith Promise Renewal Sunday

USUAL TIMES @ ALL LOCATIONS

**CARPENTER'S WORKSHOP**

MEET PAUL AND  
SILAS—"COOL DUDE"  
MISSIONARIES!



## CHINESE FELLOWSHIP

Sunday | 5pm

**31 JANUARY 2010**

**speaker** SENIOR ASSOCIATE PASTOR PETRINA  
GUNERATNAM

**venue** BETHEL HALL

**21 FEBRUARY 2010**

**speaker** SENIOR PASTOR PRINCE  
GUNERATNAM

**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.

## YOUTH: january



A time of the year where we decide to discard the old and take up the new. What is in your list of resolutions for the New Year? What is it that will bring our relationship with God to a different level this year? Join us as we talk about Spiritual Resolutions.

## YOUTH: february



"Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are My disciples." (John 13:34-35)

When a lost and dying world sees that we genuinely care about one another, people will be drawn to the love of God that is shown through us. The God we serve is relational. Let us learn to share His goodness.

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## pastoral life groups



Newly installed LG leaders: From left, Chin Yoke Yee, Tracy Chang, Jenny Lee, Wong Yih Mun, Beh Eng Heng, Foo Say Jin, Nancy Lai, Lai Wing Fai



Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam praying for the LG leaders and members

## EXTENDING PASTORAL CARE THROUGH NEW LIFE GROUPS

On 1 November 2009, the Life Group (LG) family in Calvary Church saw seven new LGs and eight new LG Leaders being installed at the 5pm Worship Service at Damansara Heights.

It was a joy to see the new LG Leaders and new LGs being presented for installation by Associate Pastor David Seah, the Ministry Head of the Pastoral Life Groups Ministry. The new LG Leaders committed themselves to serve the LG members who meet in Kuala Lumpur and Petaling Jaya, in homes and offices. Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam presented the new LG Leaders with their appointment letters and credential cards and prayed for them and the LGs.

With the birth of new LGs, the Pastoral Life Group Ministry is able to extend its pastoral care to more Calvarites. Many Calvarites have experienced manifold blessings by belonging to a LG which has undeniably played an important part in their spiritual growth.

Here are what three of the LG leaders have to say about their new LGs. They are the first of its kind, namely, the Cambodian LG, the Royal Rangers Commanders LG and the Young Marrieds LG.

### JOSCELYN CHAW

"Leading the Cambodian LG has been very challenging but inspiring. The Cambodian ladies are very hungry for God and there is a need to feed them the Word. I am much encouraged by the commitment and support of the employers without which it would not be possible for them to attend the LG meetings."

### CHIN YOKE YEE

"As the Ranger Commanders purposefully set aside time to meet together, they are able to share, connect, mutually edify and inspire one another to be more like Jesus."

### WONG YIH MUN

"For those of us who are young adults, there comes a time when one gets married. Naturally, there is a need for a different kind of fellowship. Hence, the need for a Young Marrieds LG!"

Discover the joy of belonging to a LG! Call the Pastoral Life Groups Ministry at 03-7728 6000 ext. 333 and 322 for more information on Life Groups. +



# DRAWING CLOSE TO HIS PRESENCE THROUGH FASTING AND PRAYER

By Associate Pastor Timothy Ong

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam  
praying for the Church as he launched the  
21-Days Fast and Prayer

**F**rom 17 October to 6 November 2009, the Church focused on “God’s Call” to us as a Church to draw closer to Him through participation in the 21-Days Fast and Prayer. The Scripture says, “Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the LORD your God” (Deuteronomy 28:1-2). Today, God’s faithfulness and promises remain the same for all of us.

As we sought the Lord in prayer, we recalibrated our priorities, redefined our goals, renewed our commitments and redefined our “first love”.

As individuals we were encouraged to be faithful in our personal devotions. As a family (including the ‘family of God’) we developed our spiritual lives through meditating on the Word and prayer. Prayer combined with meditation is a two-way conversation with God and makes the Word alive in our daily experiences. David prayed, “...Give me understanding, that I may learn Your commandments” (Psalm 119:73).

Fasting brought a dynamic personal revival in our own lives and made us a channel of revival to others. Many have testified about the time they had spent in meditation of the Word and in prayer.

## The following are some encouraging testimonies!

**CK** learnt on 17 October 2009 that the Lord came and stood and called her, that God gives her His time. In return, she learnt that she too must stop, stand still and listen to God.

**HWL** said that the Scripture on 18 October in the 21-Days Fast and Prayer guide encouraged him and lifted the heavy burden of worries over his business dealings and family relationship qualms off his chest. He felt very relieved!

**NPR**, a lover of tea, shared on 24 October, that she managed to abstain from taking any tea for a week!

**VC** had not been able to fast for quite a long while as she had a stomach problem but shared on 24 October that she was able to fast for the past week by God’s strength.

**AY** praised God for her father’s good health after his operation. He refused prayer and any sharing of the Word to him by AY and her sister. However, at the hospital, a group of people from church visited and prayed aloud for a patient next to his bed and he was amazed by what they were doing. AY believed the Lord had ministered to her father in His own way!

**SS** thanked God for the time of fasting and prayer. His brother-in-law, (a potential believer) came to Church on his own accord. He also came to help out in the Calvary Carnival ‘09! SS and his wife had previously invited him many times over the years. They believe that this did not ‘just happen’ but was a result of their fasting and prayer. On Sunday, 1 November, his brother-in-law received Christ as his Lord and Saviour!

**TO** learnt to stay focused on what needed to be prayed for during this fasting period. Many times he did not even realise that he had ‘strayed’ away in his prayer but the fasting helped him to recognise the ‘distraction to pray for a thousand and one other things’ instead of the intended prayer item.

**CC** initially planned to fast for only one week but thanked the Lord for helping her to fast the whole 21 days. It has helped in her personal growth and development of her prayer life. She sensed the Lord ministering to her and also heard clearly from Him through the Scriptures and the prayer guide. It also helped her to better understand Senior Pastor’s message on wrestling with God and with man. The Lord had prepared her for the things that happened to her and her family during that period. +



SENIOR PASTORS PRINCE AND PETRINA GUNERATNAM  
AND OUR CHURCH STAFF WISH YOU

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GOD AND REJOICE!



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