

# Calvary Labi-monthly publication of calvary church



tarting on 11 April 2010, there will be a Contemporary Service scheduled for 5pm every Sunday at Damansara Heights.

This Service will have all the elements of a Worship Service such as worship, the opportunity to give, the preaching of the Word and an opportunity to respond to the Word, but with greater use of multi-media, music and the creative arts.

Recognising that this is a generation influenced by media, trends and movements, we want to provide an environment to answer their need to be loved and accepted with the love of Christ. We believe the Word of God is sharper than a two-edged sword and we know it is relevant and powerful to speak into the lives of every generation.

This Service will give the young people of Calvary the opportunity to develop and lead a Worship Service through creating a Christ-centered environment that ministers to those who are lost and equips believers to be the agent of influence to their contemporaries.

All are welcome to these Services. The Worship Nursery for parents with infants, Nursery Care (for children aged 4 months to 3 years) and a Children's Programme (4-11 years) will be held concurrently with the Contemporary Service.

#### e-volve

Evolving from our Saturday youth meeting, we envisioned a cross-generational Sunday Service that targets young people across backgrounds and ministries. People today have their own perceptions, ideals and challenges in various aspects of their lives. The Contemporary Service aims to gather people from all walks of life to guide and develop them in their 'language'.

#### in-volve

To all Calvarities, if something has clicked inside of you and you are excited for this Service, please consider this an invitation to come serve with us. We need all kinds of people from cooks to hosts to programmers. We have a place for you. And most importantly come worship with us and bring your friends and loved ones.

Please contact Tabitha Ong at 7728 6000 ext. 337 for more information





#### contemporary service

Hey there! From April onwards, we are bringing the Youth Small Groups to where you are! If you are between the ages of 12 to 35, check out where we're at and join us.

Focusing on DOING LIFE TOGETHER, we want the Small Groups to be avenues where Young People can develop authentic and meaningful godly relationships, to bear one another's burdens through prayer and care, and to equip Youth and Young Adults to evangelise and disciple other young people in a small group setting to be transforming agents wherever they are.

10.30am at Damansara Heights (DH), 10.30am at Damansara Perdana, Ampang and Cheras

#### **Secondary School Students**

Meet in Small Groups every Saturday at various geographical locations. Initially, Small Groups Meetings will be at 3pm in DH

#### College/University Students

Meet 3 Saturdays a month at various locations i.e. DH/Bangsar, PJ, Subang and KL

#### **Young Adults**

Meet fortnightly on Saturdays at various locations too, i.e. Bangsar, Cheras, TTDI, Kelana Jaya and Damansara Jaya

And see you ALL at the Contemporary Service every Sunday at 5pm!

Hi Rangers, welcome back to another exciting year of fun and adventure planned for 2010! Please be informed that our Royal Rangers meeting time will change to 2.30pm every Sunday (except the last Sunday of the month) from 11 April 2010 onwards to cater to the new Contemporary Service. We would like to encourage you to also join this Service which starts at 5pm. Please continue to come and support our Royal Rangers Ministry at the revised time of meeting!



**Royal Rangers** Senior Commander Eddy Law

> Missionettes Coordinator Maryann Lee Matthew



This change may require some adjustment to your schedule but we trust you will endeavour to come out faithfully for Missionettes. This is a good opportunity to invite your friends too who may be able to join Missionettes at this new time. You may want to stay on for the Contemporary Service and experience meaningful worship and fellowship with other young people!

## LIVING FAITH

By Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam



ave I not commanded you?
Be strong and courageous.
Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go"
(Joshua 1:9).

There are many things that can terrify us, especially the uncertainties of life. We face the challenges and temptations of the world and experience the pressures and stresses of life and we are terrified. As Christians, we must have faith in the Word of God. God has commanded us to be strong and courageous and not to be terrified and discouraged. He, the Lord, our God will be with us wherever we go. Therefore, we must live by faith, walk in obedience to His Word and rejoice in the Lord!

Living faith is tough faith and durable. Living faith can stand any test no matter how strenuous and difficult the challenges. In our daily life, we purchase products that are durable and not flimsy or cannot bear the strain of daily usage.

Similarly, as Christians, we must have living faith or tough faith to be successful and overcomers.

The righteous live by faith. There must be evidence to faith. The Bible says, "What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, 'Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead" (James 2:14-17). We began our Christian life by faith and we must continue to live by faith. The Bible says, "And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him" (Hebrews 11:6)

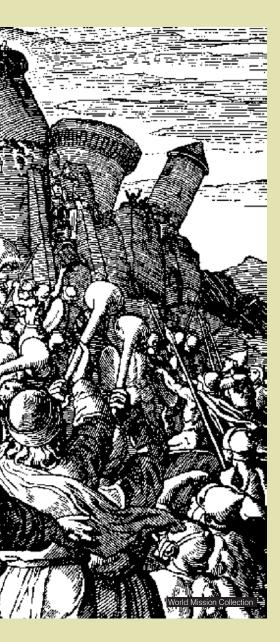
What is faith? The Bible says, "Now faith is being sure of what we hope

for and certain of what we do not see" (Hebrews 11:1). Firstly, faith is sure. Bible faith is not blind faith. It stands on the surest foundation, the Word of God. God created the world by His Word. He spoke the world into existence. God's Word are His promises to us. When we believe them, we are standing on His Word and there is nothing more concrete or sure than the Word of God.

Secondly, faith has hope. The Bible says that those who put their hope in God will not be disappointed (Isaiah 49:23). Bible faith brings hope and hope gives confidence that God will bring to pass what He promises. Faith is expecting what we do not see. People say, "Seeing is believing." Many do not believe unless they see. But Bible faith is being certain without depending on sight because "nothing is impossible with God" (Luke 1:37).

One of David's frustrations was seeing the wicked prosper and the righteous suffer. God says, "**Do not fret because** 

#### senior pastor's message



of evil men or be envious of those who do wrong; for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away" (Psalm 37:1-2). Therefore, in the face of what appears to be contradictions when we obey God and even when we appear foolish, we continue to put our faith in God. Like Job we can say, "Though he slay me, yet will I hope in him; I will surely defend my ways to his face" (Job 13:15). Even when defeat seems imminent, we put our faith in God and be like Queen Esther who said, "...if I perish, I perish" (Esther 4:16). This is living faith or tough faith. With that kind of tough faith, God will show up on the scene. God cannot be defeated! Faith gives us the hope and assurance; what God has promised will come to pass.

How do we have living faith? Let me share three suggestions ased on Isaiah 40:8-31:

Be certain in our hearts that there is no other God that can be compared to our God. "Head faith" or intellectual faith gives us an opinion but opinions do not stand the stress, strain and challenges of life. If we only have opinions about God, we will live shallow Christian lives. However, "heart faith" or faith from the heart produces conviction of who God is. Godly convictions make us strong and courageous.

Isaiah declares God's greatness and power. He says, "See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power, and his arm rules for him" (Isaiah 40:10). Isaiah asks, "Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, or with the breadth of his hand marked off the heavens? Who has held the dust of the earth in a basket, or weighed the mountains on the scales and the hills in a balance?" (Isaiah 40:12) The answer is God! Isaiah therefore asks, "To whom, then, will you compare God? What image will you compare him to?" (Isaiah 40:18) And yet God can be gentle and caring: "He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young" (Isaiah 40:11).

To have living faith we must believe and have the conviction that God is a great God and know that no other gods can be compared to Him. He is the greatest! There is none greater than Him and yet He is the gentle Shepherd that leads us.

Be knowledgeable that God is in control and His Word or promises will not be null and void. The Bible says, "The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever" (Isaiah 40: 8). When we see the wicked and corrupt in the world sinning against God and yet they seem to be advancing and prospering, we need to trust God's Word, obey and live a holy life as He is holy. The Bible says, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away" (Matthew 24:35).

How did Moses part the Red Sea? He simply obeyed God's Word. God said to Moses, "Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground" (Exodus 14:16).

What brought down the walls of Jericho? Joshua obeyed what God said: "See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men. March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days. Have seven priests carry trumpets of rams' horns in front of the ark. On the seventh day, march around the city seven times, with the priests blowing the trumpets. When you hear them sound a long blast on the trumpets, have all the people give a loud shout; then the wall of the city will collapse and the people will go up, every man straight in" (Joshua 6:2).

How do we know God's promises? Read the Bible, the Word of God. When we have a promise from God's Word, we ask God, "Is this what You are saying to us?" To have living faith, we must trust and obey what the Word of God says in the face of challenges even though it is impossible with man.

ced that God cannot fail. God has never failed and will never fail. The Bible says, "See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power, and his arm rules for him. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him" (Isaiah 40:10). Jesus says, "Everything is possible for him who believes" (Mark 9:23).

God has commanded us to be strong and courageous and not to be terrified by the difficulties and challenges that we face. Let us put our hope and trust in God and practise living faith being certain that our God is great and there is none like Him, knowing that He is sovereign and His Word will never return to Him void. And finally, let us live with godly convictions.



The ladies and some men who responded to the invitation to attend the Ladies' Worship Service on Tuesday, 26 January 2010, received a special treat.

A Korean Choir who call themselves SAM (Soul and Music) Ensemble, comprising 13 people including the pianist, smartly dressed in formal attire, presented a repertoire of songs in Korean and English. Made up of individuals who love to sing including professional singers as well as lecturers in music and even a doctor, they are part of a group that takes time off their responsibilities to present concerts using their God-given talents and skills to raise funds for worthy causes and to be a blessing to believers all over Korea. This is their first trip overseas.

While most of us who were present did not understand the Korean language, we were nevertheless blessed by the choir's enthusiasm and their rich harmonious voices. Music transcends language barriers. Towards the end of their presentation, we were wondering what they would be singing when one of the baritones stepped in front and put on a pair of dark glasses. When they burst into a spirited, "Oh Happy Day" the audience enthusiastically joined in. As an encore, they sang the famous Korean folk song "Arirang".

They concluded by graciously singing a final song, "The Lord's Prayer" in Korean, as requested by Associate Pastor Steven Kum who shared the devotion that morning. Basing his thoughts on Psalm 121, a pilgrim psalm, Pastor Steven directed us to the question found in verse 1: "I will lift up my eyes to the hills—From whence comes my help?"

While noting that help came not from the hills but from God who created the heavens and the earth, he highlighted







## TREAT! By Audrey Kum

five "hills" where we can learn some lessons: Mount Ararat, where Noah's ark finally rested signifying safety and fellowship with God: Mount Moriah, where God rewarded the obedience and faith of Abraham who was willing to sacrifice Isaac; Mount Carmel, where God revealed Himself as the only true and living God; Mount of Olives where Jesus taught the principles of living and finally Mount Calvary which signified the total sufficiency of the death of our Lord Jesus Christ on the cross for our salvation.

After ministry at the altar, Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam concluded with prayer for those with needs and for the SAM Ensemble as they continue to serve the Lord with their musical talents. +

#### calvary convention centre



## LET US PRAY...

et us continue to pray for the Calvary Convention Centre (CCC) and for the Body of Christ in Calvary Church as we move forward in 2010. The Calvary Prayer Tower has listed some requests for us. Pray that:

- in spite of the difficulties we encountered in the CCC's construction process, we will remain faithful to His calling and
- the Second Egress works will proceed well and efficiently.
- the process of getting a new main contractor to resume construction will be smooth and expeditious.
- Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam, Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam and the Deacons will be filled with God's wisdom and guidance as they continue to serve and lead the Church to see the completion of the CCC.
- the Watch Committee, architects and consultants will be filled with God's wisdom, discretion and discernment.
- the Body of Christ will continue to experience God's power and authority in all situations, and that the joy of the LORD will be our portion and strength in 2010.
- there will be unity among God's people, and that the Church will not lack anything as we live in truth and righteousness before God.



## TRUST IN GOD, OBEY, By Wong Ming Yook BE BLESSED...AND REJOICE!

rom 6 to 8 January 2010, Rev. Dr Joel Edwards of the Micah Challenge (UK), took us on a journey from doubt to faith. In **Session 1**, titled "Deconstructing Doubt", he proposed that doubt is healthy! Our trust in God is our baseline; yet if we were honest, we would admit that we sometimes find it hard to trust God.

Christians are destined for delight because God promised us eternal joy in Christ. Therefore, we see doubt as an impediment to this joy we should possess and our common reaction is to deny doubt. However, doubt is not disbelief. Rather, it is a pause from unquestioning certainty. When God does not answer as we have prayed, then we doubt. We ask questions like: "What is victory if I am not healed?" Doubt really is the anvil that tests our faith (cf. James 1:2-4). It can be the means by which our faith is strengthened. God's purposes are not defeated by our doubts: Jesus commissioned His disciples with a

mission call while they were afraid and doubting (Matthew 28:17).

However, we cannot live in a state of perpetual doubt. In Session 2. "You Believe in God", Rev. Edwards took us from doubt to belief. While Jesus was predicting His own suffering and death, He puzzled His disciples by saying, "Don't be troubled!" (see John 13-14) Jesus pointed them to the Person who transcends our doubts and is able to overcome all obstacles: God Himself. This same God revealed Himself to Moses as the "I AM," which means He is greater than all our trials and troubles, and is the unchanging Reality standing above the uncertain tides of man's affairs. He encourages us to look past doubt to see that He always has our best interests at heart because He is fundamentally good. That is why we can trust Him absolutely. Trusting God is the leap we take from doubt to belief, and is the prelude to our joyful obedience.

**Session 3**, "Believe also in Me", pushed this point of belief in God by

focusing on Jesus, the fullest revelation of God to us (John 14:1). All of us must answer the question Jesus asked His disciples at Caesarea Philippi (Matthew 16:15): "Who do you say I am?" The antidote to doubt is a clear view of who Jesus really is. In John 20:20, the disciples' doubts were settled when they saw the risen Jesus.

Friday's presentation, "From Carey to Calvary" traced the development of 18th to 20th century missions that brought the gospel to us. It was a very interesting illustrated narrative, which traced God's work through various missionaries, beginning with William Carey then moving on to those who pioneered Calvary Church, Kuala Lumpur. Now we too as a church are sending our own missionaries to other lands. The repeated theme "Trust in God, obey and be blessed" was the key element which sustained all missionaries as they left family and home for distant lands. That deep trust brought them to joyful obedience and lifelong surrender.

We were challenged about our own surrender to Christ in joyful obedience at these meetings. Each night, God graced us with His unfailing presence and comfort. Indeed we were revived and went away saying, "The joy of the Lord is our strength!"







KIDS MISSIONS REVIVAL MEETINGS

### KIDS INSPIRED TO BE MISSIONARIES By Jeannie Low

e are excited and grateful to God for how He has blessed our Children's Revival Meetings on 6 -8 January 2010. A total of 80 children joined us for these special meetings. The theme was "Trust in God, Obey and be Blessed". Four guest speakers who had exposure to missions work (overseas and local), shared God's Word and challenged the children over the three nights to trust and obey God specifically in the areas of Prayer, Giving and Involvement (in serving God and evangelism).

The guest speakers, Alexander Chervyakov and his wife, Yuen Ling, Audrey Kum and Associate Pastor David Seah encouraged the kids with their testimonies of God's calling in their lives to be involved in missions work at Russia, Philippines and Sarawak. The children were also inspired with stories of how past missionaries such as Hudson Taylor, William Carey and Lottie Moon, were willing to leave the comforts of their homeland to be full-time missionaries to China and India.

Each night, during the altar call, many children responded to indicate their willingness to trust and obey God, wanting to be a greater witness and impact in the areas of prayer, giving and involvement.

During a Friday night prayer meeting two weeks after this event, one of our Carpenter's Workshop (CW) boys told Yuen Ling that he wants to be just like her (serving God as a missionary), when he grows up. What a wonderful testimony! Let us join together to pray and believe God for even many more of our CW children to be raised up as great prayer warriors and missionaries for the Lord! +









ev. Dr Joel Edwards, the International Director of Micah Challenge, ministered to about 200 people on 9 January 2010 at Damansara Heights, regarding the issue of Christian's mission at the marketplace with an eye-catching introduction, "God's Gone Public".

He said that in our modern society, many Christians tend to divide business and mission between sacred and secular. To be effective in the marketplace, this dualism mindset must be revised.

Christians need to go deep into His Word, listen to sermons, be trained and equipped to be confident and effective witnesses for Jesus. The major purpose of the church's educational function is to enable believers to articulate their faith in the marketplace. 1 Peter 3:15 reminds us to always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks us to give

the reason for the hope that we have. But we are to do this with gentleness and respect. Acts 17 tells us that Paul held such dialogues in the "marketplace" of Athens day by day with those who happened to be there including a group of Epicurean and Stoic philosophers.

Rev. Edwards encouraged all Christians to see themselves as 21st century missionaries and to adopt the marketplace as their mission field. We are the salt and light in the world. As a modern missionary, our presence is to bring benefits to others. Christians should be professional and honour God in all their business activities.

True revival happens when God's kingdom advances in the marketplace.

Rev. Edwards prayed for those in the marketplace to be touched, equipped and sent as missionaries and

ambassadors for Christ. After the closing prayer by Associate Pastor Richard Yun, everyone adjourned towards the mission booths.

Missions Fest booths from China, Sri Lanka, Japan, Fiji, Cambodia, Papua New Guinea, etc. were meticulously set up, serving from casual finger food to exotic snacks. Everyone went from one stall to another tasting the food that warms the heart, fellowshipping and learning about their culture. Opportunities were given for us to commit to pray for the nations represented, as prayer points were distributed in various printed forms. +

Those who are interested to start Office or Business Life Groups, please contact Associate Pastor Richard Yun at 03-7728 6000 ext.303.





#### **CARPENTERS WORKSHOP**

### "TRUST IN GOD, OBEY AND BE BLESSED" By Jeannie Low

t is always a great privilege to be able to partner with God in missions. 10 January 2010 was also Faith Promise Sunday for the children. They were given the opportunity commit to a Faith Promise pledge for the work of missions. The children were challenged and reminded that though they may not be able to go to a far away country to preach the gospel, yet, their giving towards Faith Promise is a powerful evangelism channel to reach the lost for Jesus. The theme was "Trust in God, Obey and Be Blessed" (Psalm 126:5-6).

Various guest speakers at all worship locations, were invited to share a creative teaching session (using PowerPoint slides) of the Bible story on 'Paul and Silas'. Two of our very own Carpenter's Workshop (CW) children, Wesley Wong and Matthew Lee, were cast as these two Bible characters in a modern setting. The kids were given a Calvary Missions Kidz booklet that was used to exhort them to pray, serve and give towards missions. Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam's

message to the kids on "sowing and reaping" was used as the focal lesson to trust in God, obey and be blessed.

Paul and Silas' trust in the Lord and their obedience to share the gospel (even when they were in prison!) to the discouraged jailer, was a wonderful example of how God can use His children to bring about others' salvation even in the most impossible or unlikely of circumstances. Many children responded positively during the prayer time, to say that they want to be used by God to reach the lost, in every and any way, as the Lord so chooses to use them. What a great encouragement!

We thank God that the CW children made Faith Promises. We concluded by praying and challenging the children to place their faith in God, trusting Him to provide for their pledges for the next six months.



## WHAT THE LORD By Wong Ming Yook REQUIRES OF YOU

n Faith Promise Sunday, Rev. Dr Joel Edwards began his sermon on Micah 6:8 by saying that Missions is at the very heart of God because it enables God's vision of a renewed society to be actualised in our communities. Missions is not just an agenda item in the church programme. Rather, it is the agenda. Thus, we cannot regard giving to Missions as a chore or a routine activity.

If Missions is God's heartbeat, then it must identify us as Christians. Our

character and lifestyle are described in Micah's three distinctives: "to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8).

Rev. Edwards explained that justice is a familiar biblical theme that reflects a righteous God's passion. Justice, righteousness and holiness are linked and share the same root word in Hebrew. Holiness is what God has in Himself and He shares this quality with us as the community of faith. Holiness finds expression in righteousness which behaves justly in society. The way we behave with people less privileged than ourselves will tell them how just we are.

In Acts 6, the early church cared for poor widows because they were often the poorest of the poor in ancient society. When the Greek widows complained that the Jewish widows had better treatment, the church leaders showed integrity by appointing seven godly men to deal with the issue and provide justice.

Micah's second distinctive is "to love mercy." The cross of Christ demonstrated God's mercy to us. Our response to God's mercy is to offer ourselves as living sacrifices at His disposal to care for the world (Romans 12:1). Every Christian individual is thus a "mercy missionary."

Rev. Dr Joel Edwards

The third distinctive, "to walk humbly ..." grows out of justice and mercy. Humility means to make my resources and strength available to those who need it, that is, the weak. Rev. Edwards mentioned Nebuchadnezzar's dream of himself as a great tree that was cut down (Daniel 4). Daniel warned Nebuchadnezzar that his pride would be his downfall. But if he renounced his sins by doing right and being kind to the oppressed, then God might spare him. Humility and justice are thus linked.

The Christian has no reason not to be passionate about Missions because it is natural for Christians to be just, righteous and humble. This is what the Lord requires of us. Calvarites at all the Worship locations responded by making Faith Promises. +









## IMAN YANG HIDUP Oleh Pendita Senior Prince Guneratnam



ukankah telah Kuperintahkan kepadamu: kuatkan dan teguhkanlah hatimu? Janganlah kecut dan tawar hati, sebab TUHAN, Tuhanmu, menyertai engkau, ke manapun engkau pergi" (Yosua 1:9).

Banyak perkara yang boleh menakutkan kita, terutamanya ketidaktentuan hidup. Kita berdepan dengan cabaran dan godaan dunia dan mengalami tekanan hidup dan kita gentar. Sebagai umat Kristian, kita harus percaya pada Firman Tuhan. Tuhan memerintahkan kita agar menjadi kuat dan berani dan tidak gentar mahupun patah semangat. Dia, Tuhan kita akan menyertai kita ke manapun kita pergi. Oleh itu, kita harus hidup dalam iman, berjalan dalam ketaatan kepada FirmanNya dan bersukacita dalam Tuhan!

Iman yang hidup adalah iman yang teguh dan tahan lasak. Iman yang hidup boleh menahan sebarang ujian walau betapa melelahkan dan sukarnya cabaran itu. Dalam kehidupan seharian kita, kita membeli barangan yang tahan dan bukannya barangan yang mudah rosak atau tidak tahan lasak akibat kegunaan harian. Demikian juga, umat Kristian harus mempunyai iman yang hidup atau iman yang teguh untuk berhasil dan menjadi pemenang.

Orang yang benar hidup dengan iman. Harus adanya bukti iman. Alkitab berkata, "Apakah gunanya, saudarasaudaraku, jika seorang mengatakan, bahwa ia mempunyai iman, padahal ia tidak mempunyai perbuatan? Dapatkah iman itu menyelamatkan dia? Jika seorang saudara atau saudari tidak mempunyai pakaian dan kekurangan makanan sehari-hari, dan seorang dari antara kamu berkata: 'Selamat jalan, kenakanlah kain panas dan makanlah sampai kenyang!', tetapi ia tidak memberikan kepadanya apa yang perlu bagi tubuhnya, apakah gunanya itu? Demikian juga halnya dengan iman: Jika iman itu tidak disertai perbuatan, maka iman itu pada hakekatnya adalah mati" (Yakobus 2:14-17). Kita memulakan kehidupan Kristian kita dengan iman dan kita harus terus hidup dengan iman. Alkitab berkata, "Tetapi tanpa iman tidak mungkin orang berkenan kepada Tuhan. Sebab barangsiapa berpaling kepada Tuhan, ia harus percaya bahwa Tuhan ada, dan bahwa Tuhan memberi upah kepada orang yang sungguh-sungguh mencari Dia" (Ibrani 11:6).

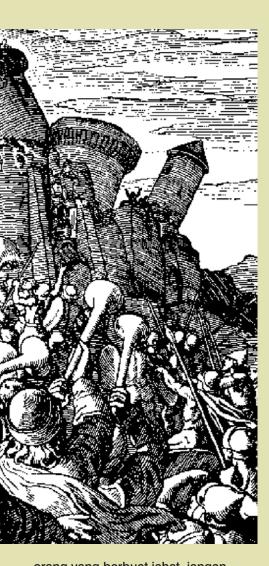
Apa itu iman? Alkitab berkata, "Iman adalah dasar dari segala sesuatu yang kita harapkan dan bukti dari segala

sesuatu yang tidak kita lihat" (Ibrani 11:1). Pertamanya, iman adalah pasti. Iman Alkitab bukannya iman yang buta. la bersandar atas dasar yang pasti, iaitu Firman Tuhan. Tuhan mencipta dunia ini dengan FirmanNya. Dia berfirman dan dunia ini wujud. Firman Tuhan ialah janji-janjiNya kepada kita. Apabila kita percaya Firman Tuhan, kita bersandar atas FirmanNya dan tidak ada benda lain yang lebih kukuh atau pasti selain daripada Firman Tuhan.

Yang kedua, iman mempunyai harapan. Alkitab berkata mereka yang menaruh pengharapan mereka dalam Tuhan tidak akan berputus asa (Yesaya 49:23). Iman Alkitab membawa harapan dan harapan memberi keyakinan bahawa Tuhan akan menepati apa yang Dia janjikan. Iman adalah mengharapkan apa yang tidak dapat dilihat. Ramai orang berkata "melihat maka percaya". Ramai orang tidak percaya melainkan mereka sudah melihat. Namun iman Alkitab adalah pasti dan tidak bergantung kepada penglihatan kerana "Sebab bagi Tuhan tidak ada yang mustahil" (Lukas

Salah satu daripada kekecewaan Daud ialah melihat orang jahat menjadi kaya dan orang yang benar menderita. Tuhan berkata, "Jangan marah karena

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orang yang berbuat jahat, jangan iri hati kepada orang yang berbuat curang; sebab mereka segera lisut seperti rumput dan layu seperti tumbuh-tumbuhan hijau" (Mazmur 37:1-2). Oleh itu, semasa menghadapi sesuatu yang nampaknya bertentangan sedangkan kita taat kepada Tuhan dan juga kelihatan tidak bijak, kita terus menaruh iman kita di dalam Tuhan. Seperti Ayub, kita dapat berkata, "Lihatlah, la hendak membunuh aku, tak ada harapan bagiku, namun aku hendak membela peri lakuku di hadapan-Nya" (Ayub 13:15). Walaupun kekalahan nampaknya berada di ambang, kita menaruh iman kita di dalam Tuhan dan seperti Ratu Ester yang berkata, "...kalau terpaksa aku mati, biarlah aku mati" (Ester 4:16). Inilah iman yang hidup atau iman yang teguh. Dengan iman yang teguh itu, Tuhan akan muncul. Tuhan tidak dapat dikalahkan! Iman memberi harapan dan kepastian; apa yang dijanjikan Tuhan pasti akan terjadi.

Bagaimana kita mempunyai iman yang hidup? Biar saya kongsikan tiga saranan berdasarkan pada Yesaya 40:8-31.
Pasti dalam hati kita bahawa tiada tuhan lain yang dapat dibandingkan dengan Tuhan kita. "Iman di kepala" atau iman intelektual memberi kita idea atau pemikiran tetapi semua ini tidak dapat bertahan akan tekanan, ketegangan dan cabaran hidup. Jika kita hanya ada idea atau pemikiran tentang Tuhan, kita akan hidup dalam kehidupan Kristian yang cetek. Sebaliknya, "iman hati" atau iman daripada hati menghasilkan keyakinan tentang siapa itu Tuhan. Keyakinan daripada Tuhan membuatkan kita kuat dan berani.

Yesaya mengisytiharkan kehebatan dan kuasa Tuhan. Dia berkata, "Lihat, itu Tuhan, la datang dengan kekuatan dan dengan tangan-Nya la berkuasa" (Yesaya 40:10). Yesaya bertanya, "Siapa yang menakar air laut dengan lekuk tangannya dan mengukur langit dengan jengkal, menyukat debu tanah dengan takaran, menimbang gunung-gunung dengan dacing, atau bukit-bukit dengan neraca?" (Yesaya 40:12) Jawapannya ialah Tuhan! Maka itu, Yesaya bertanya, "Jadi dengan siapa hendak kamu samakan Tuhan, dan apa yang dapat kamu anggap serupa dengan Dia?" (Yesaya 40:18) Namun Tuhan juga lemah lembut dan ambil peduli: "Seperti seorang gembala la menggembalakan kawanan ternak-Nya dan menghimpunkannya dengan tangan-Nya; anakanak domba dipangku-Nya, induk-induk domba dituntun-Nya dengan hati-hati" (Yesaya 40: 11)

Untuk mempunyai iman yang hidup, kita mesti percaya dan mempunyai keyakinan bahawa Tuhan adalah Tuhan yang ajaib dan ketahuilah bahawa tiada tuhan lain dapat dibandingkan denganNya. Dialah yang paling berkuasa! Tiada yang lebih berkuasa daripadaNya namun Dia juga gembala yang lemah lembut yang memimpin kita.

Ketahuilah bahawa Tuhan mengawal segalanya dan Firman Tuhan atau janjiNya tidak akan sia-sia dan kosong. Alkitab berkata, "Rumput menjadi kering, bunga menjadi layu, tetapi firman Tuhan kita tetap untuk selamalamanya" (Yesaya 40: 8). Apabila kita melihat orang jahat dan orang yang mengambil rasuah di dunia adalah berdosa terhadap Tuhan namun berhasil dan kaya, kita perlu tetap mempercayai Firman Tuhan, taat dan hidup dengan kudus kerana Dia kudus. Alkitab berkata, "Langit dan bumi akan berlalu, tetapi perkataanKu tidak akan berlalu" (Matius 24:35).

Bagaimanakah Musa membelah Laut Merah? Dia cuma menurut perintah Firman Tuhan. Tuhan berkata kepada Musa, "Dan Engkau, angkatlah tongkatmu dan ulurkanlah tanganmu ke atas laut dan belahilah airnya, sehingga orang Israel akan berjalan dari tengah-tengah laut di tempat kering" (Keluaran 14:16) Bagaimanakah tembok kota Yerikho runtuh? Yosua menurut perintah Tuhan: "Ketahuilah Aku serahkan ke tanganmu Yerikho ini berserta rajanya dan pahlawan-pahlawannya yang gagah perkasa. Haruslah kamu mengelilingi kota itu, yakni semua prajurit harus mengedari kota itu sekali saja; demikianlah harus engkau perbuat enam hari lamanya dan tujuh orang iman harus mebawa tujuh sangkakala tanduk domba di depan tabut. Tetapi pada hari yang ketujuh, tujuh kali kamu harus mengelilingi kota itu sedang para iman meniup sangkakala. Apabila sangkakala tanduk domba itu panjang bunyinya dan kamu mendengar bunyi sangkakala itu, maka haruslah seluruh bangsa bersorak dengan sorak yang nyaring, maka tembok kota itu akan runtuh, lalu bangsa itu harus memanjatnya, masing-masing langsung ke depan" (Yosua 6 : 2-5).

Bagaimanakah kita mengetahui janji Tuhan? Baca Alkitab, Firman Tuhan. Apabila kita menerima satu janji dari Firman Tuhan, kita bertanya kepada Tuhan, "Adakah ini yang Engkau katakan kepada kami?" Untuk mempunyai iman yang hidup, kita perlu mempercayai dan menurut apa yang Firman Tuhan perkatakan ketika kita menghadapai cabaran, walaupun ianya adalah mustahil bagi manusia.

Alkitab berkata, "Lihat, itu Tuhan, la datang dengan kekuatan dan dengan tanganNya ia berkuasa. Lihat, mereka yang menjadi upah jerih payahNya ada bersama-sama Dia, dan mereka yang diperolehNya berjalan di hadapanNya (Yesaya 40:10). Yesus berkata, "Tidak ada yang mustahil bagi orang ang percaya!" (Markus 9:23).

Tuhan telah memerintahkan kita agar menjadi kuat dan berani dan tidak gentar akan kesukaran dan cabaran yang kita hadapi. Marilah kita menaruh harapan dan kepercayaan kita kepada Tuhan dan mengamalkan iman yang hidup, dan dengan penuh yakin bahawa Tuhan kita adalah luar biasa dan tiada yang sepertiNya, mengetahui yang Dia maha kuasa dan Firmannya tidak akan kembali kepadaNya dengan sia-sia. Akhir kata marilah kita menjalani hidup dengan penuh keyakinan dalam Tuhan. 🚽

#### senior pastor's message



## 活的信心

文: 古納南主任牧師

当没有吩咐你吗?你当刚强 壮胆!不要惧怕·也不要惊惶·因为你无论往哪里去· 耶和华你的神必与你同在"(书1:9)。

有很多事情可以使我们感到惊恐,尤 其是世事的无常。我们面对挑战和世界的 试探和经历生活的压力和紧张而感到惊 恐。作为基督徒,我们必须对神的话有信 心。神命令我们要刚强和壮胆,不要惊恐 和气馁。无论我们去到那里,主我们的 神,他会与我们同在。因此,我们必须 凭信心生活,行事为人顺服神的话语和 靠主欢欣快乐!

活的信心是坚韧和持久的信心。活的信心经得起考验·无论多么艰苦和困难的挑战。在我们的日常生活中·我们购买耐用的产品·而不是那些易损坏的或不能承担日常使用张力的。同样地·作为基督徒·我们必须有活的信心或坚韧的信心才能成功和得胜。

义人是靠信心而活。这必须有信心的证据。圣经上说,"我的弟兄们·若有人说自己有信心·却没有行为·有什么或是处呢?这信心能救他吗?若是弟兄或是姐妹·赤身露体·又缺了日用的饮食·你吧!愿你们穿得暖吃得饱"·却不给他们说,"平平安安地会们等得暖吃得饱"·却不给他们信意你需用的·这有什么益处呢?这样·信心若没有行为就是死的"(雅2:14~17)。我们是以信心开始我们的基督徒生说,"我们必须继续凭信心生活。圣经上说,"我们必须继续凭信心生活。圣经上说,"我人前有信·就不能得神的喜悦;因为赐那寻求他的人"(来11:6)。

什么是信心呢?圣经上说,"信就是所望之事的实底,是未见之事的确据"(来11:1)。首先,信心是保证。圣经中的信心不是盲目的信心。它是建立在最可靠的基础上,即神的话语。神用他的话语创造了这世界。他口中所说的话成立了这世界。神的话语是他赐给我们的应许。当我们相信它们,我们就是站立在他的话语上,没有什么比神的话语更具体或肯定。

其次·信心是有盼望。圣经上说·那些等候我的必不至羞愧(赛49:23)。圣经中的信心能产生盼望·盼望带来自信心知道神必成就他所应许的。信心是期待我们看不到的事。有人说·"眼见为实"。很多人不相信·除非他们看到。但是圣经中的信心是不凭眼见的确定·"因为出于神的话·没有一句不带能力的"(路1:37)。

## BABIES DEDICATED TO THE LORD!

enior Pastor Prince
Guneratnam dedicated three
babies to the Lord on 20
December 2009 at the Worship
Service at the Ampang Satellite
Church. He then prayed for the
parents that they will bring up their
children in the nurture and ways of
the Lord Jesus Christ

#### 二月份

#### 中文聚会

日期:28-3-10 讲員:翁有富牧师 时间:下午五点正 地点:伯特利楼

#### 祈祷强调周

祷告-因为我们宣扬他的救恩 经文:徒13:49·52

日期:7-3-10-13-3-10

#### 四月份

日期:25-4-10

讲員: Rev Peter Ong牧师

时间:下午五点正地点:伯特利楼

#### "快乐的一天"

复活节音乐剧

2-4-10(五) · 晚上八点正 3-4-10(六) · 下午五点正 地点:加略山教会(大堂)

#### 复活节日出聚会

一个露天的敬拜体验

日期:4-4-10(日) 时间:早上六点半

地点:武吉加里尔国家曲棍球场

#### 申请浸礼及会籍

浸礼及会籍课程

日期:17-4-10(六)时间:下午一点半

#### 浸礼聚会

日期: 18-4-10 (日) 时间: 下午五点正 地点: 加略山教会(大堂) 报名截止日期: 28-2-10(日)





### baby dedication

From left: David Tan and Yen Li with baby Elizabeth Tan Yi Jia; Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam; Eddy and Alicia Law with baby Symphony Law May Wen; Lawrence and Karen Liew with baby Liew Heng Yung







我们如何获得活的信心?让我从赛40:8~31中分享三点建议: 1. 在我们心中肯定,没有任何其他的神能与我们的神相比。"头脑的信心"或凭理智的信心能给我们意见,但意见是不能承 受人生的压力,张力和挑战。如果我们只是对神有意见,我们基督徒的生活将是肤浅的。然而,"心灵的信心"或是从心 而发的信心对神坚信不移。敬虔的确信使我们刚强和壮胆。

以赛亚宣告神的伟大和大能。他说· "主耶和华必像大能者临到·他的膀臂必为他掌权"(赛40:10)。以赛亚问道· "谁曾用手心量诸水·用手虎口量苍天?用升斗盛大地的尘土·用秤称山岭·用天平平冈陵呢?"(赛40:12)。答案是神!以赛亚为此问道· "你们究竟将谁比神·用什么形象与神比较呢?"(赛40:18)然而上帝可以温柔和关怀。"他必像牧人牧养自己的羊群·用膀臂聚集羊羔抱在怀中·慢慢引导那乳养小羊的。"(赛40:11)

要有活的信心我们必须相信和确信神是伟大的神并知道没有其他的神能与他相比。他是至大的神!没有任何比他更伟大的 神,但他是温柔引导我们的牧人。

2. 要有丰富的知识·知道上帝在掌管一切和他的话语或应许是不会无效的。圣经上说·"草必枯干·花必雕残;惟有我们神的话必永远立定"(赛40:8)。当我们看到世上的恶人和腐败的人得罪了神·但他们似乎仍进步和昌盛时·我们需要信靠神 的话,顺服他和过一个圣洁的生活,因为是他圣洁的。圣经上说,"天地要废去,我的话却不能废去"(太24:35)。

摩西是怎样把红海分开呢?他只是听从神的话。神向摩西说,"你举手向海伸杖,把水分开,以色列人要下海中走干地" (出14:16)。

是什么使耶利哥的城墙倒塌?约书亚听从神所说的话,"看哪!我已经把耶利哥和耶利哥的王并大能的勇士,都交在你手 中。你们的一切兵丁要围绕这城,一日围绕一次,六日都要这样行。七个祭司要拿七个羊角走在约柜前。到第七日,你们 要绕城七次,祭司也要吹角。他们吹的角声拖长,你们听见角声,众百姓大声呼喊,城墙就必塌陷,各人都要往前直上" (书6:2~5)。

我们怎样知道神的应许?阅读圣经·神的话。当我们从神的话语中得到一个应许时·我们问神说· "这是你对我们说的话 吗?"要有活的信心,我们必须在面对挑战时信靠和服服神的话,即使它对人是不可能的。

3. 确信神是不会失败的。神从来没有失败,永远不会失败。圣经上说,"看哪,主耶和华必像大能者临到,他的膀臂必为他 掌权。他的赏赐在他那里,他的报应在他面前"(赛41:10)。耶稣说道, "在信的人,凡事都能。"(可9:23)。

神命令我们要刚强和壮胆,不要被我们所面对的困难和挑战惊吓。让我们仰望和信靠神,操练活的信心,确信我们的神是伟 大,并没有任何神像他,知道他的主权和他的话决不徒然返回。最后,让我们以敬虔的确信生活。 🕇

(以上經文是採用中文聖經和合本)

	DAIVIANSARA HEIGHTS (DH) 8am + 10.30am	DH 10.30am/5pm	CHERAS 9am	PERDANA 10.30am
<b>7</b> *7	Associate Pastor Peter Ong	Associate Pastor David Seah	Associate Pastor Timothy Ong	Associate Pastor Timothy Ong
E <sub>14</sub>	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Associate Pastor Peter Ong/ Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Associate Pastor David Seah	Associate Pastor David Seah
21	Associate Pastor Richard Yun	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam/ Associate Pastor Peter Ong	Associate Pastor Steven Kum	Associate Pastor Steven Kum
28	Associate Pastor David Seah	Associate Pastor Richard Yun	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam
<b>*4</b>	EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE 6.30am at the National Hockey Stadium, Bukit Jalil Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam			
11	Associate Pastor Steven Kum	Associate Pastor Timothy Ong	Associate Pastor Peter Ong	Associate Pastor Peter Ong
18	Associate Pastor Timothy Ong	Associate Pastor Steven Kum water baptism	Associate Pastor Richard Yun	Associate Pastor Richard Yun
25	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam

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#### BAHASA MALAYSIA FELLOWSHIP

Sunday | 12.30pm

28 MARCH 2010

speaker FELISA FOO
venue BETHEL HALL

25 APRIL 2010

speaker ASSOCIATE PASTOR DAVID SEAH

venue BETHEL HALL

### Water Baptism & Membership

WATER BAPTISM/ MEMBERSHIP CLASS

date 17 APRIL 2010, SATURDAY

time 1.30PM

WATER BAPTISM SERVICE

date 18 APRIL 2010, SUNDAY

time 5PM

Closing Date for submission of forms: 28 FEBRUARY 2010, SUNDAY

#### announcements

## PRAY...AS WE DECLARE HIS SALVATION

#### **Prayer Emphasis Week**

#### 7-13 March 2010

"And the Word of the Lord was being spread throughout all the region,...

And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit" Acts 13:49, 52

#### **CHINESE FELLOWSHIP**

Sunday | 5pm

28 MARCH 2010

speaker ASSOCIATE PASTOR TIMOTHY ONG

venue BETHEL HALL

25 APRIL 2010

speaker ASSOCIATE PASTOR PETER ONG

venue BETHEL HALL

Bring your Chinese-speaking family and and friends. Call Associate Pastor Timothy Ong at 03-2092 1778 for more information.

## "A HAPPY DAY!"

#### EASTER MUSICAL CONCERT EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

2 April 2010, Friday, 8pm3 April 2010, Saturday, 5pmCalvary Church Damansara Heights

Special activities for children aged 4-12 and nursery care will be provided.

4 April 2010, Sunday 6.30am
National Hockey Stadium, Bukit Jalil

Cantonese & Bahasa Malaysia interpretation available. Bring your loved ones and friends!







Saved!! We're glad we're saved, but are we just satisfied with the fact that we're going to heaven?

What about the rest of the people? Our friends, our neighbours, our families?

Acts 1:8b - "And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

The message of Easter should fuel the need to tell the story to those who have not heard. Evangelism—our mission as Christians, our call.

COME AND JOIN CALVARY YOUTH EVERY SATURDAY IN MARCH AT 3PM AT DAMANSARA HEIGHTS AND TURN TO PAGES 4 AND 5 TO TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR UPCOMING YOUTH PROGRAMMES!





that would allow them to identify the mystery man of the game. There was a twist in the end, where the mystery man's identity was not only a physical identity (A person's name) but also a spiritual one (Christ's Ambassadors). The players only needed to pay attention during the course of the game for that identity to "Emerge". The second purpose was of course for the young people to simply have fun and enjoy themselves, and that they definitely did.

We praise the Lord for the young people who responded to the altar calls, for the seven who responded for salvation the first time, for the 12 who received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, the awesome worship sessions to the reflective devotion times in the early morning and the games, from our rising to our laying our heads to rest, we knew that God's presence was with us, working in and through us. It is our prayer that this will continue even as we return to the normal hustle of daily life, that we will allow God to continue to work in and through us as the Christ life emerges in our lives. +





"Hey, this is not that easy!"

#### pastoral life groups

## 800 HAVE BEEN BLESSED AT FIREPROOF MOVIE! By Helen Read

Due to popular demand, there will be a third screening of FireProof on Saturday, 13 March 2010 at 7pm in Calvary Church Damansara Heights. Admission is by tickets. Tickets can be obtained free at the counter on Sunday, beginning 21 February to 7

any Calvarites, together with their loved ones and friends, thoroughly enjoyed the highly acclaimed movie at Calvary Church Damansara Perdana and Damansara Heights on 16 and 23 January 2010 respectively. We thank God for the 14 who responded for salvation and rededication.

The interesting and powerful story hinges on a husband's efforts to win back his wife who wanted divorce. He embarked on a 40-day Love Dare where he did acts of kindness to his wife. But he got no where and wanted to quit, until he gave his life to Jesus. As he experienced God's unconditional love and forgiveness, he was able to have victory in his own life and ultimately won back the trust of his wife.

Indeed, seeing the movie is just the beginning. The movie highlighted to the viewers many important issues pertaining to relationship, marriage and family life. A total of 118 people signed up to join the Love Dare Enrichment (LDE) Sessions held in the Church and in the Life Groups. These sessions, through small group discussion, seek to help the participants to:

Have a clearer understanding of the vital components of any healthy relationship;

- Understand better the marital challenges faced and find possible solutions;
- Obtain a renewed outlook on life, on relationship and on God;
- Gain greater resolve to do right and to live victoriously as they apply the principles learnt.

For more information on the LDE Sessions held in Church or in the Life Groups, please contact the Pastoral

Life Groups Ministry at 03-7728 6000 ext 333 and 322. +







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