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LIVE LONG, LIVE WELL By Audrey Kum

n Father's Day, 20 June 2010, our guest speaker Rev. Isaac Chan, Senior Pastor of Penang Christian Centre, said he was no stranger to Calvary Church as he and his wife, Lydia, consider Calvary Church to be their home church. He remembered accepting the Lord Jesus in the prayer room, receiving the call to full-time ministry in the pews and he was baptised in the pool behind the pulpit years ago.

This Father's Day, he believed God wanted him to speak to us from Deuteronomy 6. He said that it is the desire of many to live long and live well. This is also the hope of parents for their children. God promised this to His people (Deuteronomy 6:1-9) but He had specific requirements that they had to keep. They were to have only one God in their lives and He must be first and they must constantly reflect on His laws. They were also to impress His laws on their children in the ordinary course of life and not just in special spiritual activities. The New Testament equivalent is found in Ephesians 6:1-4.

He likened parents to engravers, with painstaking care, etching God's truths not onto monuments of stone but into the lives of their children. While it may be sometimes difficult and discouraging, there to stay. Unfortunately, he observed that these days, parents find it harder to

because they spend less and less time physically together with their children. He urged parents therefore to be more determined and intentional to inscribe God's covenant truth into their children otherwise their peers and the media will be glad to do it for them and the values are not necessarily what are best for

Citing some biblical examples, Pastor Isaac pointed out that godly parents do not always raise godly children. Eli's children did wicked deeds and he only heard about them through other people (1 Samuel 2:23-25). The Prophet Samuel's sons were dishonest and did not walk in his ways (1 Samuel 8:3-5). Even King David had problems with his sons, Amnon, Absalom and Adonijah. Pastor Isaac warned parents of the danger being too busy to teach, discipline and to 'interfere' (1 Kings 1:6) in the lives of their children.

Parents are the greatest influence on their kids. It is not enough to just send them to church for a youth programme. Eli and Samuel's children must have spent much time in the temple. Parents' lifestyles must not cancel what they are taught in church. Spirituality is caught more than it is taught. It is caught when the children see how their parents live.

Fathers are to take up spiritual leadership in the home and not be physically or emotionally absent. In his opening remarks that day, Senior Pastor had aptly quoted C.D. Williams who said, "To be your children's memories tomorrow, you have to be in their lives today." Children, Pastor Isaac said, spell love as "TIME". Quality time is quantity time well spent with them. Too many fathers just allow their children to grow up without getting involved. Mothers often try to fill the gap but no matter how loving and helpful they are, they can never be a father to the child.

Having exhorted the fathers to fulfil their God-given roles God's way, Pastor Isaac concluded by encouraging the children and young people present to obey their parents whether they feel like it or not. When they do that, they place themselves under God's protection. It won't kill them but will actually lengthen their lives!





'This is how you do it, son."









"Help us Lord!"

he Royal Rangers had their annual Father's Day event on Saturday, 26 June 2010. This time it was a much anticipated BBQ. A total of 18 fathers and 30 Rangers joined the event along with 16 Commanders and other family members.

The event, held at Ecotouria Resort Sungai Chongkak, Hulu Langat started off with games to get the participants acquainted and hyped up. The fathers and Rangers were split into groups for games such as "Durian does not fall far from the tree". This was followed by a time of worship and a heartfelt devotion by Councilman Jim Guneratnam.

After that, the barbequing was under way. Both fathers and Rangers eagerly brought out their meat and tossed them onto the grill. A good time of enjoying food and fellowship ensued and all went home not only with their bellies filled but also with a stronger bond! +



school of christian growth open session

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he August 2010 SCG Open Session focused on "The Power of Prevailing Prayer." In the first session held on 6 August, Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam spoke on the topic "To Win: Prevail in Prayer." She considered Jesus' life because He modelled a lifestyle of prayer in His earthly life. Prayer for Him was fundamental: He spent much time alone in prayer. Prayer was not incidental nor was it the last resort for Him, but was the firm ground from which He preached and taught, healed and performed miracles.

Like Jesus, we must prevail in prayer in order to win in life. Pastor Petrina went through the four ways God answers prayer: yes, no, wait and better. When God says, "Wait", it becomes an opportunity for us to cultivate the discipline of prevailing in prayer. We are to persevere till we secure an answer. God hears us if we have pure hearts and pray fervently in His revealed will. God warns us against the sin of prayerlessness. But He also promises us a reward if we faithfully pray.

Session 2, held on 13 August, was a video of Dr. Delmer Guynes' sermon entitled, "Philadelphia: The Church of the Open Door." Philadelphia was one of the seven churches of the book of Revelation (3:7-13). It was a church that was ready for Jesus' coming because He had neither criticism nor correction for it, only instructions, recognitions and promises. The Philadelphian church had a "little strength" but this did not necessarily mean that it was weak. Rather, its little strength was like faith the size of a mustard seed. It came in a little package—small, compact, tight, powerful and explosive. Such a church was ready for whatever task the Lord may set it. The Lord encouraged them to hold on to their crown and not let anyone distract them.

Jesus told the Philadelphian church that He had set before them an open door that no one could shut. This door is the opportunity God gives to reach out with the gospel. But there is another dimension to this open door. Dr. Guynes told the story of a woman who wanted to serve God. She dreamt that she saw

many doors of ministry before her in a building. But they were all locked to her. Then she saw a small door that she could open. To get through this door, she had to get down on her knees and crawl through. Once inside the door, she entered a room full of God's glorious presence. To her amazement, she could open all the other doors of ministry from within this room. The little door was the door of intercessory prayer. Intense, whole-hearted prayer opens the doors of ministry for us.

Prevailing prayer has great power. God desires that we should learn to prevail in prayer that we might be proven faithful and strong in Him. Calvary Church has a task from God. We are to focus on the door of opportunity to reach out to others with the gospel. But we can only succeed if we faithfully intercede for ourselves and the church. Only then will we truly be like Jesus, doing the work that He did, and completing the task that He has given us to do.



senior pastor's message

WHAT TO DO WHEN THE HEAT TURNS UP

By Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam

y brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways." (James 1:2-8).

What do we do when we face various trials and when the heat is turned up against us? We can learn from the oyster. Trials are like the causes of pain that oysters endure. The result of the cause of pain is a pearl! A true pearl is the price of victory over the cause of pain. Similarly, as a result of whatever trials we face, we ought to become better and not bitter people. When the heat is turned up, we are not destroyed but value is added to our lives.

James teaches us what to do when the heat is turned up:

Firstly, we are to celebrate the reason for each trial. James says, "Count it all joy when you fall into various trials" (James 1: 2). To "count" is to be forward thinking. This is what Jesus did. The Bible tells us to look to Jesus, "the author and finisher of our faith,

who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God" (Hebrews 12:2). Jesus looked beyond the shame, ugliness and pain of the cross and saw Himself as a Saviour to those who are lost and need forgiveness of sin, healing and deliverance. He saw Himself sitting at the right hand of the throne of God, in a position of power and authority. Therefore He celebrated with joy the privilege of doing the will of God.

Jesus taught His disciples to look ahead when things get tough. He said, "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you" (Matthew 5:11-12).

The apostle Paul also rejoiced in tribulation. He said, "Great is my boldness of speech toward you, great is my boasting on your behalf. I am filled with comfort. I am exceedingly joyful in all our tribulation. For indeed, when we came to Macedonia, our bodies had no rest, but we were troubled on every side. Outside were conflicts, inside were fears" (2 Corinthians 7:4-5). It is important to note that we do not glorify pain and suffering. James is not propagating a sadistic theology. The joy we face while experiencing trials comes not from the pain but from what God accomplishes in



us through the trials. It is not acting tough when we are in pain but exercising faith and seeing beyond the trial. To celebrate, we need to have faith, commitment and dedication so that God can work out His will for our lives.

Secondly, we are to calculate the benefit of our trials. James says, "Knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing" (James 1:3-4). Trials produce patience and patience makes us perfect. "Perfect" here does not mean we are sinless but matured or made whole and becoming more like Jesus. When God is our source of joy in our trials, we lack and fear nothing. For God to bring us to maturity, the first thing He does is to "crush" us. This is how He gets rid of our immaturity and brings us to perfection or wholeness. This is what happened to Joseph. He did not jump from his dream to the palace. He had to endure the pathway of various trials. The Bible says that the Lord was with Him when he was in the pit, a slave and in prison. It makes a difference when we go through problems with God. Without God, the trials are without hope and destructive. With God, the trials



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mature us to be more like Jesus.

Thirdly, we are to depend upon God's resources in our trials. James says, "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him" (James 1:5). The Bible describes God as good, wise, generous and gracious. James says, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning" (James 1:17). We depend on a wise God "in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (Colossians 2:3). Job, who went through trials he could not understand, says, "With Him are wisdom and strength. He has counsel and understanding" (Job 12:13). Job asks, "From where then does wisdom come? And where is the place of understanding?" and he concludes, "God understands its way, And He knows its place" (Job 28:20

When the heat is turned up, call upon the Lord "for the LORD gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding" (Proverbs 2: 6). When we do not know what to do, God knows! God gives liberally. He is merciful and gracious to all those who believe and seek Him. He gives because His grace is bigger than sin. But we must ask in faith for James says, "For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways" (James 1:7-8).

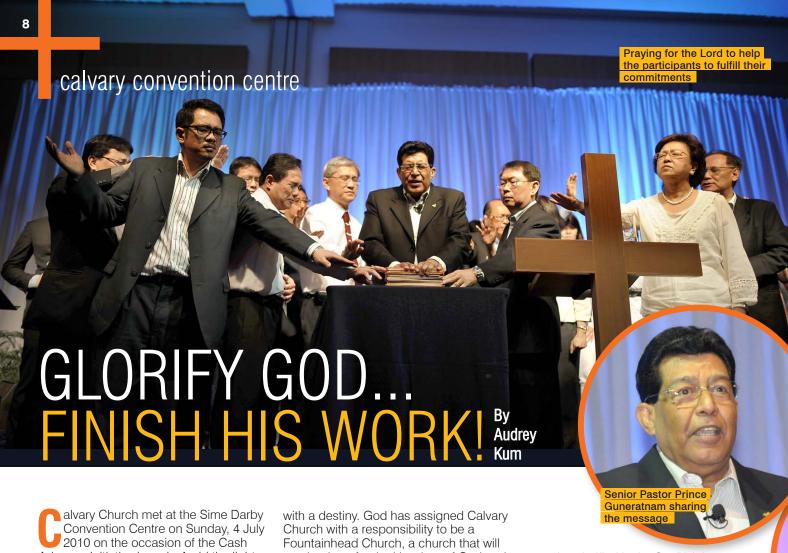
Fourthly, we are to consider our reactions and behaviour in our trials. It has been reported that the King of Jordan has disguised himself on occassion as a commoner to mingle with his citizens in order to understand the needs of his subjects. Regardless of how he was treated under disguise, he knew who he was and behaved appropriately. Similarly, we must know who we are regardless of what happens to us. We are children of God and therefore our reactions and behaviour should be a witness and a testimony of God's saving grace.

Finally, we are to contemplate the reward of our trials. James says, "Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him" (James 1:12). Trials are opportunities for us to be a testimony and for God to reward us. We are the salt and the light of the world. We are candidates to receive the crown of life as His reward. Like Paul, let us "press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:14).

In conclusion, when the heat is turned up, James says, "So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God" (James 1:19-20). Let us rejoice knowing that we are doing God's will and are becoming more like Jesus. +

lives."

All Bible quotations are in the New King James Version.



alvary Church met at the Sime Darby Convention Centre on Sunday, 4 July 2010 on the occasion of the Cash Advance Initiative launch. Amid the light drizzle outside, Calvarites from every location came to celebrate the Lord's Day at 8am and 10.30am.

After a time of worship, Han Joke Kwang, presented the Cash Advance Initiative. Han explained that the Church had been allowed by the Hon. Minister of Finance to receive, take or accept short term interest-free advances from members for the construction of the Calvary Convention Centre (CCC). This will assist us in saving the bank loan interest. The cash advance initiative calls for our members to give out of compassion. The tenure of the cash advance is for a period of between two to five years (up to 2015). Members and regular worshippers could also give a gift.

In his message, Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam said that we are a people with a destiny. God has assigned Calvary Church with a responsibility to be a Fountainhead Church, a church that will reach others for the kingdom of God and to be a blessing. When God gives an assignment He anoints us with the Holy Spirit in order for us to accomplish the assignment (Zechariah 4:6).

Jesus was given an assignment and He glorified the Father by doing what He was anointed to do: to preach the Gospel; to heal; to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind; and to set at liberty the oppressed (Luke 4:18). When Jesus said in John 17:4 that He had finished the work the Father had given Him to do, He was expressing His total commitment and dedication to finish the assignment though He had not yet gone to the cross because as far as He was concerned, it was considered done.

Jesus said, "And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father

may be glorified in the Son" (John 14:13). Senior Pastor challenged us to dare to ask God so that we can glorify Him.

Psalm 133:1-3 gives us two illustrations of the anointing. Senior Pastor said that the anointing of Aaron with oil began from his head. This speaks of the need for a spiritual mindset to do God's will according to His Word, the Truth, and not just by what we see or consider as facts.

Man is a trichotomy—spirit, soul and body. The spirit relates to the Truth. The flesh relates to the facts, and the spiritual man relates to God's Truth and does what God says.

The anointing of the Holy Spirit is also likened to the dew on Mount Hermon.

Dew refreshes, renews and revives. This keeps us doing God's will until it is done.





calvary convention centre

GLORIFY GOD... By Natalie Seah and Jamie Guneratnam FINISH HIS WORK!

n 4 July 2010, Calvary Church had a special combined Service at Sime Darby Convention Centre. The theme was 'Glorify God and Finish His Work". We got to experience what it will be like in Calvary Convention Centre (CCC)! The Carpenter's Workshop children aged seven to 11 had our share of excitement to participate in the Expect a Miracle for the building of the CCC too. We began the Service by praising the Lord in songs. Then later on, Associate Pastor Richard Yun came and shared with us. He taught us that little in God's hands is much and something as small as a mustard seed can grow into a big plant. By faith

anything is possible and with faith, something very small can become very big. He explained what it meant to take a giant leap of faith.

Before Pastor Richard challenged us to renew our Expect a Miracle pledge, he showed us a short video. By faith, Noah built an ark and was saved from the flood. By faith, Abraham sacrificed his only son to God. By faith, Peter walked on water. Now it is our turn.

After the video, Pastor Richard prayed for us so that God will show us the amount of money to give. Praise the Lord all the kids who came for the Service that day committed to give towards the building of the CCC!

We were then given a seed each to plant into our class box, so that we can see it grow into a plant the following week when the teachers bring it to our class. This way, we are reminded to give as we trust God to use the little we give to finish His work. We are happy to be part of building the Calvary Convention Centre.

The class ended with a Bible lesson on David and Goliath showing us how David had faith in God to defeat Goliath. That assured us that God will help us finish the work of CCC as we pray for His help consistently.



FROM BLAMING TO PRAISING GOD!

Be blessed by the testimony that Mary Geetha James shared on 13 June 2010, the day of her water baptism at Calvary Church,

Damansara Heights.

y life was never an easy journey and neither was the path smooth. There were lots of trauma, losses, pain, agony and betrayal among others.

I was born to Christian parents but we were never a church-going family. When I was young, I grew fond of Christ and loved Him very much and so I would go to church whenever possible. Christmas was the best time of the year.

When I became a teenager, things took a bad turn. My mother was sick and I had to manage the household, school and the many more responsibilities that fell on me. I never had a normal teenage life. However, I always consoled myself that when I grew up and started working, I would be able to do the things of which I was deprived.

Then I started working and again nothing changed. My mother passed away and I had to take care of the family and all the responsibilities remained. I worked in the morning, studied at night and took care of the family. I was deprived of the normal activities of a young adult. I had no one to turn to, no love, care and even sympathy. Again, I consoled myself that once I was married, my life would be better.

I was married off and my marriage failed miserably. My husband was a drunkard and my whole life shattered right before my eyes. I had to stay on in the marriage being a typical Indian woman, worried about what people may say. My father was ill and I needed money and a place to attend to his needs. My brother wanted to get married and I was obliged to finance his marriage. I did everything within my means for my family. But both my father and brother betrayed me. I took a loan for my brother's marriage and he promised to repay me while my father promised to sell his house to help me

Mary Geetha James and her son, Reshedaren Selvanath about to be baptised by Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnan (left) and Associate Pastor Peter Ong

repay the loan. Both did not keep their promises and I was declared a bankrupt.

My husband and his family blamed me and after a year, my husband passed away. I was left to fend for myself and my son. None of my family members or my in-laws came to my aide. I rebuilt my life from scratch. But my trauma did not stop there. I had two mild heart attacks that I was not aware of and I continued to work and also starved to save money to pay my aunty RM 1,000 each month to take care of my son. I collapsed at the office and was later told that I needed a pacemaker or I will not survive. No one came to help me except my colleagues. I begged my brother to place RM 500 as a deposit. He refused and left me to die but the cardiologist stood as guarantor and the operation was done.

All this time I prayed and trusted God but I never understood why I went through all this. I started to blame God, to hate myself and believed that God hated me. Every time I thought the worst was over, I had bigger blows till I decided to end my life and my son's too. I almost fed him poison after consuming it myself.

In 2003, I moved to Pelangi Apartments and Assistant Pastor Yong Chee Weng and his family were my neighbours. If not for them, my son* and I would not be standing here giving our testimonies. He told me that God loved me and it was never His intention to make me suffer. He brought me to Calvary Church and since 2004, I have been attending the Church.

It was Calvary Church that taught me to worship Jesus, to praise Him and to

trust Him. It was at Calvary Church that Weng and Karen Seah Lee Peng helped me to go through a very difficult situation. that only faith will take us further and will make us closer to the Lord. I chose to be He actually loves me and all my suffering God never abandoned me but it was me as I was still doing certain things by my own reasoning. Now, I have completely surrendered myself to Him.

I thank Calvary Church, for guiding and bringing me closer to God, Pastor Chee Weng and his family and Pastor Lee Peng, the two most valuable people in my life, and Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam for making me understand that only faith can take me further and closer to God. Because of him too, I say "Amen" and "Praise the Lord!" very often. I thank Lord Jesus for all His blessing and mercy upon me. I wasted so much of my life blaming Him that the remaining will not be sufficient to praise Him! +

* Reshedaren Selvanathan, Mary's son, was also baptised in water that same day

I learnt that I should forgive myself and forgive others. Assistant Pastors Chee It was Calvary Church that taught me baptised at Calvary Church as it is here where I came to know of Jesus and that was not caused by Him but it was due to my own decisions and reasoning. Through all these years of suffering, who abandoned Him and failed to trust Him. I believed and accepted Him but I did not put 100 per cent trust in Him

testimony



n Friday, 23 July 2010, the Church gathered at Damansara Heights for the first day of our Missions Emphasis. Missions Pastor Steven Kum led in worship along with a team of six young adults. The congregation were then blessed and challenged to watch a presentation called "Fruit That Lasts" which began with an introduction by the 'Apostle Peter' talking about how Jesus had called and challenged him to leave his profession as a fisherman to be a 'fisher of men'. Jonathan Yee shared about the many ex-Calvarites that had gone on to pioneer or pastor churches. Nancy Low narrated on how God used professionals like doctors and teachers in the work of missions. Liau Qui Lin shared examples of entrepreneurs who used their businesses to bless the community and to be a basis for their missionary work. 'Apostle Peter' ended by reminding us that the call he received from Jesus to fish for men, must now to be fulfilled by us and that we have been called to go and 'bear fruit that lasts.'

There was then a testimony by Missions Worker, Phang Wai

Marudu on the 22 lives saved and many others impacted for

Phang Wai Marudu

good, through the four Outreaches which he coordinates, located at Sekinchan, Puchong, Bukit Tinggi in Selangor and Alor Gajah in Melacca.

Our Missions speaker was Rev. 'Jamie' James Hudson Taylor IV, the descendent of the well known missionary of the 19th Century, James Hudson Taylor who founded the China Inland Mission (now known as OMF International).

Rev. Taylor spoke on "Doing His Work", taking his message from John 9:1-7 where we find the story of the man born blind. His key verse was verse four where Jesus says, "I must work the works of Him who sent me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work." We "must" partner with God to reach out with the Gospel, with a sense of necessity and urgency with the word "must" being a divine imperative in John's Gospel. Reaching

out in missions is not an option to be considered but a command to be followed. He illustrated the awareness of the urgency of this call with events from the life of his great-great-grandfather as well as that of William Carey, the 'Father of Modern

Missions.'

Rev. Taylor also stressed that the reason we must take the Gospel message to the whole world was because it was a message that saves and transforms lives. Jesus transformed the life of the woman at the well. He gave examples of the work God was doing in the nation of Kazakhstan and among the Yi people of Sichuan where God was using different professionals to go into areas where traditional 'missionaries' were not allowed to go.

The evening session ended with a time at the altar where many responded to the call to be used by God in their many different spheres of work and



Liau Qui Lin

'Peter the Apostle' (Lyndon D'Oliveiro) urging us to go and bear fruit that lasts!

Jonathan Yee



n Saturday, 25 July 2010, from 9am past 11am, Calvarites comprising mostly of business people and professionals took time off from their busy schedules to hear from Rev. 'Jamie' James Hudson Taylor IV, Director for Mobilisation in Chinese Ministries in OMF International, on how Christian business people can impact missions.

Rev. Taylor quoted Joshua 24:15: "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" as an introduction to four generations of his family that were not just saved but committed to serve the Lord.

When giving us a helpful background of the movement of the spread of Christianity over several centuries, he said that up to 1970, the growth had been westward in the northern hemisphere but since then it has been growing eastward and towards the south of the globe. In the past, Christianity was brought by the "West to the rest" but today, it is "Everywhere to everywhere"

Looking at missions in the twentyfirst century especially in relation to the 10/40 window, Rev. Taylor said that we are faced with challenges which he categorised into seven areas. First, there is the challenge of the unreached people groups which now also includes what he termed as the "Whiteman World".

Second, there is the challenge of what he calls "Creative Access Nations (CAN)" which are not closed but can still be accessed creatively. Missionaries may not be permitted to enter but Christian professionals and business people in various industries are warmly welcomed. Rev. Taylor stressed the importance of these Christian "tent-makers" carrying out their professions to the best of their ability so that they are a good testimony. Our professions are means of professing our faith and God wants to use our profession for His glory. A biblical example was given from the life of Joseph who served at Pharaoh's court. As businessmen,

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needed to be 'Agents of Change'

we should build our business grounded on principles found in the Bible. When our work is based on Christian ethics, our testimony will inspire and have eternal impact on others. Rev. Taylor's many examples, which included loaning sheep to local sheep farmers as part of a community development project, showed us that there's no limit to creativity when reaching out to these "CAN" for Jesus!

The third challenge is urbanisation which is linked to globalization. With globalization, the world is shrinking. We were challenged to think of how we could take advantage of the rapid changes in economy, migration, transportation and information technology, for missions. With urbanisation there is the fourth challenge of diaspora. We must now consider how to reach e.g. the Russians in the United States of America and the Japanese in

The fifth challenge is that of a wholistic ministry. The church has no walls and the Gospel is a wholistic Gospel. It saves and transforms lives. We can reach out to people in the everyday events of life through care and concern. His wife Mimi holds a Bible study with lady department store workers in Taipei, at 10.30pm every Tuesday at their workplace because their working hours do not permit them to attend a Sunday service.

The sixth challenge has to do with long-term missions. Rev. Taylor suggested that a way to address the shortcomings of short-term missions work is to have a long term perspective of short-term ministry. By going to the same and not a different place to do short-term missions every year, relationships are built with the local

people and needs can be identified and a better evaluation for effectiveness can be made. The final is the challenge of cross-cultural missions. We owe a debt to the people who sent the Gospel to us. Many of their countrymen do not know Christ as their Saviour and it is our turn to bring the Gospel to them.

We can be overwhelmed by the many things that have to be done but were encouraged by Rev. Taylor's heartfelt concluding challenge: "We can't do everything but we must do something!".+



Assembly, shared on how God gave her the vision to plant a

church at Cambodia. She encouraged the children to ask God to

help them to be 'Agents of Change' and bear fruit for Him. The

also prayed for our missionaries, outreach pastors and workers

believe that God has spoken to the children, encouraging them

and will continue to pray for them in the month of August. We

to be His 'Agents of Change'! +

children then prayed for her and the work at Cambodia. They



n Faith Promise Sunday, Rev. 'Jamie' James Hudson Taylor IV shared with the congregation of Calvary Church on what it takes to become an Antioch church. As Christians, we are called to more than just becoming different as God works in us, but to make a difference in the lives of those God has placed around

Rev. Taylor began his sermon by telling us the about the church in the city of Wenzhou in China, which has seen tremendous growth in the recent years. He mentioned that the city was known as the Jerusalem of China due to the growth of Christianity in the region, but as a leader of a local church expressed to him during his visit there, they did not simply want to become the Jerusalem, a city which has seen God's blessing throughout the years, but the Antioch of China.

So what does it mean to be an Antioch church? And why should we model ourselves after it? Rev. Taylor explained from Acts 11:19-30. The church of Antioch is a church which proclaims, manifests and shares Christ.

The emergence of the church in Antioch (Acts 11:19-24) started with the disciples being scattered from Jerusalem due to persecution. God used the difficulty they experienced to send them forth, proclaiming Christ in the city of Antioch. Out of this passage of Scripture is also the inherent importance of crosscultural missions, as described by the writer Luke, in the book of Acts. Initially, the Word was only preached to the Jews but at Antioch, they also preached to the non-Jews.

Today, missions is no longer as it was just a century ago, where it was "The West to The Rest", but "From Everywhere

to Everywhere" and God is bringing people from all over the world to our doorstep that we might proclaim Jesus to them

The church in Antioch matured through the manifesting of Christ in their daily lives. The Scripture mentions that the believers in Antioch focused on teaching, preaching and living out Christ and that they were first called Christians by name in the city of Antioch (Acts 11:26). This clearly showed the extent to which the Christians in Antioch were seen in the eyes of the people as the disciples and followers of Christ.

The Antioch church reached out, sharing Christ to the people in their city and beyond. They turned from being a blessed church to becoming a blessing. Rev. Taylor encouraged us to follow the example of the Christians in Antioch, who "determined in their hearts to give to the

CARPENTER'S WORKSHOP

AGENTS OF CHANGE By Audrey Kum

he children at all the Church locations were taught to be "Agents of Change" for Jesus by various Pastors of the Church and their teachers. They learnt the importance of bearing the fruit of the Spirit as well as being empowered by the Holy Spirit in order to win other kids to Jesus. They also learnt that their participation in Faith Promise giving is one of the ways that Agents can carry out God's plan for Change.





work of God's Kingdom, each according to his own ability." (Acts 11:29)

His sermon ended with a story about a missionary named William Borden, who was born to the influential and wealthy Borden family and destined to become an heir to his family's fortune and business. William heard God's call for him to be a missionary to north-west China. He was a law graduate of Yale but left it all to be a part of missions despite dissuasion by friends who felt he could fund missions by being a lawyer instead of going as a missionary. He was sent to Egypt to be better prepared to understand the people of Kansu China. However, he contracted a disease and died there. No one knows

why the Lord chose to take him home that day, but after his death, his Bible was given to his parents and there were three phrases written on the first page which sum up his life. He wrote, "As I follow Jesus Christ, there will be 'No reserve', 'No retreat' and 'No regret'."

As Calvarites responded through the making of Faith Promises, our prayer is

that Calvary Church will be the Antioch of Malaysia and we will have no reserve, no retreat and no regret in giving our lives and resources to the work of missions, the work of making a difference in the lives of those around us, to the glory of God. +



senior pastor's message

APA YANG HARUS DILAKUKAN APABILA PENCOBAAN BERTAMBAH BESAR

Oleh Pendita Senior Prince Guneratnam

🚹 🦳 audara-saudaraku, anggaplah sebagai suatu kebahagiaan, apabila kamu jatuh ke dalam berbagai-bagai pencobaan, sebab kamu tahu, bahwa ujian terhadap imanmu itu menghasilkan ketekunan. Dan biarkanlah ketekunan itu memperoleh buah yang matang, supaya kamu menjadi sempurna dan utuh dan tak kekurangan suatu apapun. Tetapi apabila di antara kamu ada yang kekurangan hikmat, hendaklah ia memintakannya kepada Tuhan, yang memberikan kepada semua orang dengan murah hati dan dengan tidak membangkitbangkit-maka hal itu akan diberikan kepadanya. Hendaklah ia memintanya dalam iman, dan sama sekali jangan bimbang, sebab orang yang bimbang sama dengan gelombang laut, yang diombang-ambingkan kian ke mari oleh angin. Orang yang demikian janganlah mengira, bahwa ia akan menerima sesuatu dari Tuhan. Sebab orang yang mendua hati tidak akan tenang dalam hidupnya" (Yakobus 1:2-8). Apakah yang kita harus lakukan apabila menghadapi pelbagai pencobaan dan ianya menjadi semakin besar? Kita boleh belajar daripada tiram. Pencobaan adalah seperti punca kesakitan yang di alami oleh tiram. Hasil dari punca kesakitan ini adalah sebiji mutiara! Suatu mutiara yang benar adalah harga kemenangan keatas punca kesakitan. Begitu juga, apapun pencobaan yang kita hadapi, sebagai akibatnya kita seharusnya menjadi orang yang lebih baik dan bukannya orang yang penuh dengan kebencian. Apabila pencobaan bertambah besar, ia tidak memusnahkan kita malahan kita dibangunkan dan

Yakobus mengajar tentang apa yang harus dilakukan bila pencobaan menjadi semakin besar:

bertumbesar secara rohani.

Pertamanya, kita hendaklah meraikan sebabnya mengapa pencobaan itu berlaku. Yakobus berkata, "Anggaplah sebagai suatu kebahagiaan, apabila kamu jatuh ke dalam berbagai-bagai pencobaan" (Yakobus 1:2). "Anggap" maksudnya berfikiran luas. Demikianlah cara Yesus bertindak. Alkitab mengajar kita untuk memandang kepada Yesus, "yang memimpin kita dalam iman, dan yang membawa iman kita itu kepada kesempurnaan, yang dengan mengabaikan kehinaan tekun memikul salib ganti sukacita yang disediakan bagi Dia, yang sekarang duduk di sebelah kanan takhta Tuhan" (Ibrani 12:2). Yesus melihat lebih jauh daripada rasa hina, keburukan dan kesakitan salib dan melihat diriNya sendiri sebagai Penyelamat kepada yang sesat dan memerlukan pengampunan dosa, penyembuhan dan pembebasan. Ia melihat diriNya sendiri duduk di sebelah kanan takhta Tuhan, dalam kedudukan yang penuh kuasa dan autoritas. Dengan itu la meraikan dengan sukacita bagi keistimewaan melakukan kehendak

Yesus mengajar pengikut Nya berfikiran luas bila keadaan menjadi sukar. la berkata, "Berbahagialah kamu, jika karena Aku kamu di cela dan dianiaya dan kepadamu difitnahkan segala yang jahat. Bersukacita dan bergembiralah, karena upahmu besar di sorga, sebab demikian juga telah dianiaya nabi-nabi yang sebelum kamu" (Matius 5:11-12).

Rasul Paulus juga bersukacita dalam pencobaan. Dia berkata, "Aku sangat berterus terang terhadap kamu; tetapi aku juga sangat memegahkan kamu. Dalam segala penderitaan kami aku sangat terhibur dan sukacitaku melimpah-limpah. Bahkan ketika kami tiba di Makedonia, kami tidak



beroleh ketenangan bagi tubuh kami. Di mana-mana kami mengalami kesusahan: dari luar pertengkaran dan dari dalam ketakutan" (2 Korintus 7:4-5). Adalah penting bahawa kita tidak mengagungkan kesakitan dan penderitaan. Yakobus bukan menyebarkan teologi yang sadis. Sukacita kita semasa mengalami pencobaan adalah, bukannya datang dari kesakitan tetapi dari apa yang Tuhan capai di dalam kita melalui pencobaan tersebut. Bukannya kita berlagak kuat semasa menghadapi kesakitan, kita hanya melatihkan iman dan melihat lebih jauh dari pencobaan. Untuk meraikan ini, kita mesti mempunyai iman, komitmen dan dedikasi supaya Tuhan dapat mengerjakan kehendakNya dalam hidup

Keduanya, kita diminta mengira kebaikan daripada pencobaan kita. Yakobus berkata, "Sebab kamu tahu, bahwa ujian terhadap imanmu itu menghasilkan ketekunan. Dan biarkanlah ketekunan itu memperoleh buah yang matang, supaya kamu menjadi sempurna dan utuh dan tak kekurangan suatu apapun" (Yakobus 1:3-4). Pencobaan menghasilkan ketekunan dan ketekunan menjadikan kita sempurna. "Sempurna" di sini bukan bererti kita tidak berdosa tetapi ia bermakna kita telah matang atau menjadi baik dan menjadi lebih seperti Yesus. Bila Tuhan menjadi sumber sukacita dalam pencobaan kita, kita



tidak kekurangan atau tidak takut akan apa pun. Tindakan pertama yang Tuhan lakukan supaya menjadikan kita matang ialah "menghancurkan" kita. Ini adalah cara la menyingkirkan ketidakmatangan kita dan menjadikan kita sempurna dan utuh. Begitu juga yang terjadi kepada Yusuf. Ia tidak melompat dari mimpinya terus ke dalam istana. la perlu mengalami pelbagai pencobaan. Alkitab berkata Tuhan menyertainya, di dalam lubang, semasa ia seorang hamba dan dalam penjara. Memang ada perbezaan bila kita menghadapi masalah apabila bersama dengan Tuhan. Tanpa Tuhan, pencobaan itu tiada harapan dan membinasakan. Dengan Tuhan, pencobaan mematangkan kita untuk menjadi lebih seperti Yesus.

Ketiga nya, kita perlu bergantung kepada pembekalan Tuhan dalam pencobaan kita. Yakobus berkata, "Tetapi apabila di antara kamu ada yang kekurangan hikmat, hendaklah ia memintakannya kepada Tuhan,-yang memberikan kepada semua orang dengan murah hati dan dengan tidak membangkit-bangkit-, maka hal itu akan diberikan kepadanya" (Yakobus 1:5). Alkitab memperihalkan sifat Tuhan sebagai baik, bijaksana, murah hati dan penuh rahmat. Yakobus berkata, "Setiap pemberian yang baik dan setiap anugerah yang sempurna, datangnya dari atas, diturunkan dari Bapa segala terang; pada-Nya tidak ada perubahan atau bayangan karena pertukaran"

(Yakobus 1:17). Kita bersandar kepada seorang Tuhan yang bijaksana "sebab di dalam Dialah tersembunyi segala harta hikmat dan pengetahuan" (Kolose 2:3). Ayub, yang telah mengalami pelbagai pencobaan yang dia tidak mengerti, berkata, "Tetapi pada Tuhanlah hikmat dan kekuatan, Dialah yang mempunyai pertimbangan dan pengertian" (Ayub 12:13). Ayub bertanya, "Hikmat itu, dari manakah datangnya, atau akal budi, di manakah tempatnya?" dan ia menyimpulkan, "Tuhan mengetahui jalan ke sana, la juga mengenal tempat kediamannya" (Ayub 28:20 dan 23).

Apabila pencobaan bertambah besar, berserulah kepada Tuhan "karena TUHANlah yang memberikan hikmat, dari mulut-Nya datang pengetahuan dan kepandaian" (Amsal 2:6). Apabila kita tidak tahu apa yang harus dilakukan, Tuhan tahu! Tuhan memberikan dengan murah hati. Ia mempunyai belas kasihan dan penuh dengan rahmat kepada semua yang percaya kepadaNya dan mencariNya. Ia memberi kerana rahmatNya adalah lebih besar dari dosa. Tetapi kita mesti meminta dengan iman kerana Yakobus berkata, "Orang yang demikian janganlah mengira, bahwa ia akan menerima sesuatu dari Tuhan; sebab orang yang mendua hati tidak akan tenang dalam hidupnya" (Yakobus

Keempatnya, kita perlu menimbangkan reaksi dan tingkah laku kita semasa dalam pencobaan. Ada "Suatu mutiara yang benar adalah harga kemenangan keatas punca kesakitan. Begitu juga, apapun pencobaan yang kita hadapi, sebagai akibatnya kita seharusnya menjadi orang yang lebih baik dan bukannya orang yang penuh dengan kebencian. Apabila pencobaan bertambah besar, ia tidak memusnahkan kita malahan kita dibangunkan dan bertumbesar

dilaporkan bahawa Raja Yordan telah menyamarkan diri beberapa kali sebagai orang biasa untuk bergaul dengan rakyatnya supaya ia dapat memahami keperluan mereka. Tidak kira bagaimana ia dilayani semasa ia menyamar sebegitu, ia tahu siapakah dirinya sendiri dan bagaimana untuk berkelakuan sewajarnya. Begitu juga, kita mesti tahu siapa diri kita walau apapun yang terjadi kepada kita. Kita adalah anak-anak Tuhan, dengan itu reaksi dan tingkah laku kita seharusnya menjadi satu saksi dan kesaksian akan rahmat keselamatan Tuhan.

secara rohani."

Akhirnya, kita diminta memikirkan tentang ganjaran pencobaan kita. Yakobus berkata, "Berbahagialah orang yang bertahan dalam pencobaan; sebab apabila ia sudah tahan uji, ia akan menerima mahkota kehidupan yang dijanjikan Tuhan kepada barangsiapa yang mengasihi Dia" (Yakobus 1:12). Pencobaan merupakan kesempatan untuk kita menjadi satu saksi dan untuk Tuhan memberi ganjaran kepada kita. Kita adalah garam dan terang dunia. Kita adalah calon untuk menerima mahkota kehidupan sebagai ganjaranNya. Seperti Paulus, marilah kita "berlari-lari kepada tujuan untuk memperoleh hadiah, yaitu panggilan sorgawi dari Tuhan dalam Kristus Yesus" (Filipi 3:14).

Akhirnya, apabila pencobaan bertambah besar, Yakobus berkata, "Hai saudara-saudara yang kukasihi, ingatlah hal ini: setiap orang hendaklah cepat untuk mendengar, tetapi lambat untuk berkata-kata, dan juga lambat untuk marah; sebab amarah manusia tidak mengerjakan kebenaran di hadapan Tuhan" (Yakobus 1:19-20). Marilah kita bersukacita mengetahui bahawa kita melakukan kehendak Tuhan dan menjadi lebih seperti Yesus. +

senior pastor's message

当炉火加热时该怎么办

文:古纳南主任牧师



新兄们,你们落在百般试炼中,都要以为大喜乐;因为知道你们的信心经过试验,就生忍耐。但忍耐也当成功,使你们成全完备,毫无缺欠。你们中间若有缺少智慧的,应当求那厚赐与众人、也不斥责人的神,主就必赐给他。只要凭着信心求,一点不疑惑;因为那疑惑的人,就像海中的波浪,被风吹动翻腾。这样的人,要想从主那里得什么。心怀一意的人,在他一切所行的路上都没有定见。"(雅1:2-8)

当我们面对各种试炼和炉火加热时,我们当做什么?我们可以向牡蛎学习。试炼就像牡蛎忍受痛苦的起因。痛苦的起因的结果是一颗珍珠!战胜痛苦起因的价值是一颗真正的珍珠。同样,由于我们面对任何的试炼,我们应该成为更好的人,而不是苦毒的人。当炉火加热时,我们是不会被毁坏,而是我们的生命增值了。

雅各教导我们当炉火加热时当做什

首先,我们要欢庆每一个试炼的缘由。雅各说,"你们落在百般试炼中,都要以为大喜乐"(雅1:2)。"都要以为"是要往前思考。这是耶稣的做法。圣

经告诉我们要仰望"为我们信心创始成终的耶稣。他因那摆在前面的喜乐,就轻看羞辱·忍受了十字架的苦难,便坐在神宝座的右边"(来12:2)。耶稣透过十字架的耻辱,丑陋和痛苦,看到自己作为那些失丧和罪需要赦免,医治和释放的人的救主。他看见自己坐在在神宝座的右边,在权力和权威的地位上。因此,他喜悦的欢庆遵行上帝旨意的特权。

耶稣教导他的门徒当事情变得艰苦时要向前看。他说:"人若因我辱骂你们· 逼迫你们·捏造各样坏话毁谤你们·你们就有福了。应当欢喜快乐·因为你们在天 上的赏赐是大的。在你们以前的先知·人 也是这样逼迫他们。"(太5:11-12)。

使徒保罗也在患难中喜乐。他说,"我大大地放胆,向你们说话;我因你们多多夸口,满得安慰;我们在一切患难中分外的快乐。我们从前就是到了马其顿的时候,身体也不得安宁,周围遭患难,外有争战,内有惧怕"(林后7:4~5)。必须注意的是,我们没有夸赞痛苦和苦难必。独自一个人,不是在传扬虐待狂神学。我们面对自我的喜乐不是来自痛苦,而是来给通过试炼在我们里面完成的。这不是当我超过试炼在我们里面完成的。这不是到超过成东的试炼。为了欢庆,我们需要有信

"战胜痛苦的起因的价值是一颗真正的珍珠。同样,由于我们面对任何的试炼,我们应该成为更好的人,而不是苦毒的人。当炉火加热时,我们是不会被毁坏,而是我们的生命增值。"

心·决心和献身精神·使神能为我们的 生命成就他的旨意。

其次,我们要计算我们试炼的益处。 雅各说, "因为知道你们的信心经过试 验,就生忍耐。但忍耐也当成功,使你 们成全完备,毫无缺欠"(雅1:3~4)。 试炼产生忍耐和忍耐使我们完善。"完 善"在这里并不意味着我们是无罪的, 但成熟或使完整变得更像耶稣。当神 是我们在试炼中喜乐的源泉,我们没有 缺乏什么和什么都不怕。神为了使我们 成熟,首先他当做的是"粉碎"我们。 这是他除去我们的不成熟,给我们带来 完善或完整的方法。这是发生在约瑟身 上的事。他没有从他的梦想,马上跃进 宫殿。他不得不忍受各种试炼的路径。 圣经说,当他在坑里,作奴隶,和在牢 中时,神都与他同在。当我们与神同经 过困难时,我们就不再一样。如果没有 神,试炼是没有盼望和具破坏性。有 神,试炼使我们成熟而更像耶稣。

第三·在我们的试炼中,我们要依靠神的资源。雅各说·"你们中间若有缺少智慧的·应当求那厚赐与众人、也不斥责人的神·主就必赐给他"(雅1:5)。圣经中形容神为美善·有智慧·慷慨和施恩的神。雅各说·"各样美善的恩赐和各样全备的赏赐都是从上头来的·从众光之父那里降下来的;在他并没有改变·也没有转动的影儿。"(雅1:17)。我们依靠一位有智慧的神"所积蓄的一切智慧知识·都在他里面藏着"(西2:3)。约伯经受他不明白的试炼·说·"在神有

water baptism



raise the Lord that 26 individuals were baptised in water at the 10.30am Worship Service on 15 August 2010 at Damansara Heights! We thank God for each one of them, who by this act of obedience, publicly declared their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Left to right, front row: Chia Ah Moy, Kimberlie Ashley Lee, Adrienne Aw Weyn-Yan, Ainsley Aw Weyn-Sie, Hannah Marie Samuel, Joshua Javen A/L Gunaretnam, William Lim Kai Ern, Celine Nyon Syn Lyn, Ryan Ngai Foo Seng, Nyon How Li, Debra Selvam Second row: Caleb Chan Shen Yiaw, Mary Chong Yen Lai, Kwan Kwai Chee, Irene Voon Ah Lian, Ngai Carmen, Samantha Yeoh Ye-Lynn, Leah Marie Samuel, Yeoh Tai Jih Back row: Shellon Tham Yip Cheong, Foo Sooi Noi, David Sri Bala Murugan, Daryl Ngai Chee Young, Alvin Yeow Kok Hong, Norman Tiong Teck Boon Not in picture: Ethan Navin Ponnudurai

智慧和能力,他有谋略和知识"(伯12: 13)。约伯问: "智慧从何处来呢?聪 明之处在哪里呢?"·他总结说"神明 白智慧的道路,晓得智慧的所在。" (伯 28:20和23)。

当炉火加热时,求告神"因为耶和华 赐人智慧,知识和聪明都由他口而出" (箴2:6)。当我们不知道当做什么 时,神知道!神厚赐予人。他向所有相信 和寻求他的人施怜悯和恩惠。他施予因为 他的恩典比罪更大。但我们必须凭信心求 因为雅各说: "这样的人不要想从主那里 得什么。心怀二意的人,在他一切所行的 路上都没有定见" (雅1:7~8)。

第四,我们要考虑我们在试炼中的反 **应和行为**。根据报道,约旦国王有时伪装 成为平民,与他自己的公民在一起以了解 他的臣民的需要。不管他在伪装下所受的 待遇如何,他知道他是谁和行为得当。同 样,不管在我们身上发生什么事,我们必 须知道我们是谁。我们是神的儿女,因 此,我们的反应和行为应该是一个见证和 见证神的拯救恩典。

最后,我们要默想我们试炼的奖赏。 雅各说, "忍受试探的人是有福的,因为 他经过试验以后,必得生命的冠冕,这 是主应许给那些爱他之人的"(雅1:12)。 试炼是我们成为见证的机会和让神奖赏我

们。我们是世上的盐和光。我们是得生命 的冠冕作为他的奖赏的候选人。像保罗 一样,让我们"向着标竿直跑,要得神在 基督耶稣里从上面召我来得的奖赏" (腓

总结, 当炉火加热时, 雅各说, "我 亲爱的弟兄们,这是你们所知道的。但你 们各人要快快地听,慢慢地说,慢慢地 动怒,因为人的怒气并不成就神的义。 (雅1:19~20)。让我们因知道我们是 在遵行神的旨意,而且越来越像耶稣而 喜乐。★

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九月份

中文布道会

主题: 欢庆的人生 讲員:叶贵堂牧师

日期/时间:

25-9-10(六),下午六点半 26-9-10(日),下午四点正 地点: Pusat Aktiviti Calvary

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(蕉赖加略山活动中心)

十月份

申请浸礼及会籍 浸礼及会籍课程

日期:16-10-10(六) 时间:下午一点半

浸礼聚会

日期:17-10-10(日) 地点:加略山教会(大堂) 报名截止日期:5-9-10(日)

祷告强调

寻求主,荣耀他的名 日期:10-10-10-29 -10-10 21天禁食和祷告

通宵祷告

日期:29-10-10

地点:加略山教会(大堂) 时间:晚上8点至午夜12点

中文聚会

日期:31-10-10 讲員:甘国梁牧师 时间:下午五点正 地点:伯特利楼

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DAMANSARA AMPANG/

BAHASA MALAYSIA FELLOWSHIP

BETHEL HALL

Sunday | 12.30pm

26 SEPTEMBER 2010

speaker ASSOCIATE PASTOR DAVID SEAH

venue BETHEL HALL
31 OCTOBER 2010
speaker FELISA FOO

venue

Water Baptism & Membership

WATER BAPTISM/ MEMBERSHIP CLASS WATER BAPTISM SERVICE

DAMANSARA

date 16 OCTOBER 2010, SATURDAY date 17 OCTOBER, SUNDAY

time 1.30PM

Closing Date for submission of forms: 5 SEPTEMBER 2010, SUNDAY

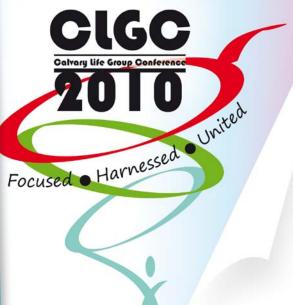
CALVARY CHURCH CHERAS HAS MOVED!

announcements



Praise God that our Cheras Satellite Church has moved to our own premises, **PUSAT AKTIVITI** CALVARY CHERAS at 58-62, Jalan Nadchatiram, Taman Taynton,

56000 Kuala Lumpur!



Come experience

God's

Breakthrough

for your life at the Calvary Life Group Conference!

Keynote Session:

15 September 2010 (Wednesday)

8 - 9.45pm **Calvary Church** Damansara Heights.

Keynote Speaker:

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam

16 September 2010 (Thursday)

8am - 4pm **Pusat Aktiviti Calvary Cheras**

Please register with your Life Group Leader. For more information, please call the Pastoral Life Groups Ministry at 03-7728 6000 ext. 333/322

CHINESE EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS

WE INVITE YOU, YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO JOIN US FOR OUR MID-AUTUMN EVENTS!

- Moon-cake feast
- Life-transforming video testimony by a lady Hong Kong movie star
- Special numbers in Hokkien, Mandarin and Cantonese
- Children will have special programmes concurrently including a Lantern Parade!



CELEBRATING LIFE IN CHRIST

speaker

REV. LAWRENCE YAP

date & time

25 SEPTEMBER 2010 (SATURDAY) @ 6.30PM

26 SEPTEMBER 2010 (SUNDAY) @ 4PM

venue

PUSAT AKTIVITI CALVARY CHERAS

Please call 03-2092 1778 for more information.

PRAYER EMPHASIS

SEEK THE LORD, GLORIFY HIS NAME

"Glory in His holy name; Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the Lord!" 1 Chronicles16:10

10-29 October 2010

21 days fast and prayer

29 October 2010

All Night Prayer Meeting at Damansara Heights 8pm to 12midnight

We encourage you to come for the Morning Watch at 7am on Wednesdays and the Pre-Service Prayer at 6pm followed by the Prayer Meeting at 7.30pm, on Fridays.

CHINESE FELLOWSHIP Sunday | 5pm

31 OCTOBER 2010

speaker ASSOCIATE PASTOR STEVEN KUM

BETHEL HALL

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





ne of the main raison d'etre (reasons for being) for Pastoral Life Groups (LGs) Ministy is to build strong relationships through support and care. One of the ways the LGs achieved this was to reach out to communities through social work. The Young Adult (YA) LGs who are bountifully blessed with a gamut of resources ranging from the gift of youth to skills and talents have been a good example for us on how to build relationships within and outside the LG recently.

On 26 June 2010, 15 members of the YAs' LGs made their way to Calvaryland to be a blessing. Some were going for the very first time, whilst others were "returnees" having been part of a similar trip the year before.

Upon arrival, Kiang Teck Chin, Calvaryland's Home Supervisor gave a brief overview by showing the building model of Calvaryland's existing facilities and future expansion plans to impact our community. The team saw for themselves how Calvary Church is reaching out and transforming lives. After the briefing, the team excitedly got to work.

Teck Chin concluded, "I am grateful that the YAs came, painted and bore the expenses as well. They completed most of the tasks assigned. They also took time to fellowship with the residents who enjoyed their company."

The YAs were glad to have the opportunity to be a blessing to all at Calvaryland. Through this trip, the YAs also had the opportunity to strengthen bonds with one another which is an integral benefit of belonging to a LG. They surprised one of the LG members by celebrating her birthday!

Here are some of the testimonies of the YAs regarding their trip to Calvaryland: GOH HENG JOO, WHO WENT FOR THE FIRST TIME:

"It was a nice and valuable experience and opportunity to lend a hand," NG SU CHEE:

"This trip was a good platform for busy working adults to get involved in social work. It was enlightening for me to meet many different people whose lives are so different from my 'little comfy world.'"

JESSICA LIM:

"I am all for community work and after my first trip to Calvaryland last year, I suggested to my LG Leader that we should do it more often. It is a privilege for me to co-ordinate this second trip. Praise and thank God for the hardworking team! In fact I am in the midst of planning another trip to complete the painting works we began.'

YA SECTIONAL LEADER, JASON SIA:

"Indeed it is a joy to be a blessing to the elderly in Calvaryland. To be a small part of the good work God is evidently doing in Calvaryland has been inspiring and encouraging to us all." +

If you would like to be part of the gathering of the young adults, call the Pastoral Life Groups Ministry at 03-77286000 ext. 333 and 322.



Game Com/By Tabitha Ong

youth and young adults life groups

aturday afternoon, 14 August 2010, found about 133 youth and young adults milling around the Church foyer and in the sanctuary. Some were taking photos at the Game On "portable" photo booth, others getting themselves registered, and others just meeting new ones and catching up with friends whom they had not seen in awhile. A buzz of excitement and anticipation filled the atmosphere. By 3pm, we had everyone checked in and ushered into the sanctuary, where Darren Yong took over with an energetic and fun time of worship dancing, praising and worshipping God.

After worship, Youth Coodinator, Tabitha Ong, welcomed 39 first-timers to a youth and young adult event! The young people were split into groups which consisted of various age groupings, Alpha (12-14 years old), Christ's Ambassadors (Secondary schoolaged), College-aged and Young Adults. Hansel Wong gave a short run down of the rules and sent them off to start the games. It was a hilarious and fun-filled time as the young people went through the game stations, singing, using physics theories to fly the furthest paper airplane and to build the tallest tower, moulding plasticine to pass the message down the line, juicing up fruits and vegetables to come up with healthy concoctions, unlocking locks in ice-cold water, and many more!

We ended the afternoon with Associate Pastor David Seah sharing a short devotion about finding joy in fellowship, especially in the fellowship of God's presence. Team *Dekaepta* (Greek for the number 17) emerged the grand prize winner of the afternoon and took home with them Starbucks vouchers and Toblerone chocolates. All in all, it was an awesome afternoon filled with good fun and fellowship! All glory be unto God!













prayer emphasis week





leading in prayer at the Morning Watch

PRAY...REJOICING

By Associate Pastor Timothy Ong

he recent Prayer Emphasis Week (PEW) from 11 to 17 July 2010 brought many Calvarites closer in prayer. Our theme was 'Pray Rejoicing' and we were encouraged to pray in partnership with one another for the unity of spouses, families, the Church and spiritual growth of Calvarites. There were 66 of us at the Morning Watch and we were uplifted by Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam's prayer based on Psalm 138:3, "As soon as I pray, you answer me; you encourage me by giving me strength". On Friday night, 209 people came together to pray in unity of faith.

As a result of the joy and experience of being accountable to a prayer partner, many Calvarites have decided to continue this partnership.

SIEW ENG SHARED:

The Lord brought me a prayer partner during this PEW. I met a former AIM classmate on the Sunday the PEW began, and we started this prayer partnership. We called one another every night around 9pm to pray over the phone. We both sensed a fresh encounter of the Lord's presence each time we prayed for the day's items. Even though the PEW will end this Saturday, we have decided to continue with the prayer partnership on a regular basis. Indeed there is great power in prayer together.

TRACY SHARED

Our Life Group member, Shirley, was very sick for many days and had taken leave from work on and off for the past two weeks. She did not get the PEW flyer because she could not attend Church on the first day of PEW due to the sickness. I sms-ed her the Scripture and prayer items on the PEW flyer daily so that she could participate in the PEW. On Friday

(the sixth day of PEW), as I prayed for Shirley, God gave me His Word assuring His healing power upon her. I read the Scriptures on the PEW flyer that day. It was James 5:14-15, "Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven." Excitedly, I sms-ed the Scripture to her as usual and told her that God had confirmed His healing upon her. On the same evening, she testified that she actually returned to work that day itself. Praise the Lord!

At the Prayer Meeting on Frida



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