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**LOVE  
GOD**  
and  
**your  
neighbour  
as yourself**  
Matthew 22:37 & 39



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Worshipping the Lord before beginning the games



# REJOICING TOGETHER ...IN FELLOWSHIP

By Audrey Kum



The Calvary family and friends, about 520 in all, converged early in the morning at Taman Rimba Kiara, Taman Tun Dr Ismail on Wednesday, 17 November 2010 in great anticipation of a fun-filled day together. The early birds fellowshiped over *nasi lemak* and hot drinks while waiting for the rest to arrive.

By 7.30am, Teams Blue, Green, Yellow and Red were ready for some warm-up exercises to get their muscles loosened in preparation for the games ahead. Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam warmly welcomed us all and after praying for us, he launched the games with a loud blast of the air-horn.

That signalled the start of a most enjoyable time together. The programme was very well organised and there was something everyone could participate in. The "Morning Rejoicing Walk" along the jogging tracks was pleasant and not too strenuous for the elderly and the games along the way were tailored for various age groups.

It was great to see the teams competing sportingly against each other amidst much laughter. Great enthusiasm was shown by the participants of the Tele-Matches as well as by the supporters who cheered with all their heart and might! Praise God for the wonderful spirit exhibited as the teams competed in games that included the Water Melon contest, Amoeba race, Chariot Sedan race, Caveman Run, Save the Ozone, Back to Back and Tug of War. The finale was a Sarong Soccer match played between the Pastoral Team and the Organising Committee. Though they were the "older" team age-wise, the Pastors showed that they were great sports!

It is true what people say about time flying when you are having fun. Before we knew it, it was time for the Prize Giving. Every child received a gift pack of goodies and the 63 "Golden Eagles" were appreciated for their presence with a bath towel. Team Red emerged as the overall winning team and received their prize from Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam. By 12.30pm, we were ready to head for home after enjoying a generous buffet lunch amidst the lush greenery of the park. +



Senior Pastor Prince and Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam



"Don't we look good with our melon helmets?"



"Whee! This is fun!!"

# family day



"You are almost there!  
Just trust us...we'll be your eyes!"



Emcee Gene Joey  
providing running  
commentaries and music



Enthusiastic supporters!



The winning  
team-Red!



Sarong Soccer



"Pull! Pull!"



## 21-day fast and prayer

# SEEK THE LORD, GLORIFY HIS NAME

By Associate Pastor  
Timothy Ong

The theme for the 21 Days Fast and Prayer from 10 to 30 October 2010, was "Seek the Lord, glorify His Name". The theme verse was 1 Chronicles 16:10: "Glory in His holy name, let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the LORD!"

Each one of us must constantly seek the Lord and glorify His name. The way to glorify His name is to be always thankful to God for all His wondrous works in our lives! Let praise be the clothes that we adorn in our lives. As we seek to glorify His name, it will bring joy to our hearts.

We learn of the importance of developing our faith and seeing our faith grow through prayer. During this prayer emphasis period, many experienced the transforming power of the glory of God as they prayed through and prayed consistently. The following are some testimonies of God's goodness as various individuals went through the three weeks' journey of praying and fasting:

"After 21 days of fasting, lots of jobs kept coming in. Before the fast I was worried as I had no more jobs. All Glory to the Lord!"

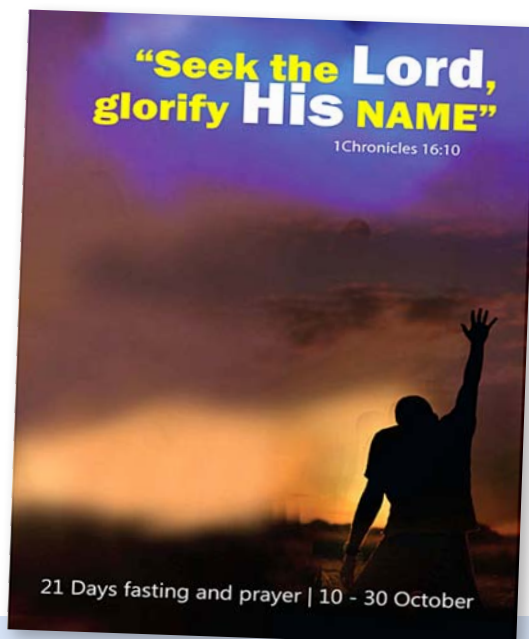
"God has touched me personally and I became aware of His presence. He has also protected me from an accident and provided financially. Praise the Lord!"

"God provided strength and enablement to be a blessing to my elder brother to look after his dog for a short time even though I am not a dog lover."

"God enabled me to fast and pray for the first time."

"The first Sunday I received the booklet for the 21 days fasting and prayer, I felt I could not go through with it as my sister from UK was visiting me and she is a chef. Praise God I have been able to persevere in this prayer and fasting and have enjoyed the devotions and writing in the prayer booklet."

"The Lord protected me from two accidents on the road."



"The 21 days fasting and prayer was very timely as it helped me in my budget and appraisal month. Fasting lunch made me conscious of God through the day and helped me draw strength from God. God is good."

"Our family has been reading and praying together using the prayer booklet every night before sleeping. We were truly blessed! Hope to continue after the 21 days praying and fasting. It has brought us closer as a family." +

## healing service

# JESUS SAVES AND HEALS!

By Audrey Kum

At the Healing Service held Sunday evening, 14 November 2010, Bishop Dag Heward-Mills from Accra, Ghana, thanked Calvary Church for generously contributing a bus and money towards his ministry, Healing Jesus Crusades, where thousands are touched by the message of God's salvation and healing.

Praise God for the total of 24 who received Christ as Saviour and rededicated their lives to the Lord that evening. Many felt the healing touch of the Lord. The following are just some of the testimonies of the Lord's healing:

**WEI CHEE** experienced healing from pain as she walked to the altar; **SALLY'S** leg was swollen for a month before the Service and the doctor said it would be very expensive to cure. The swelling was gone as she walked towards the altar! Her daughter was also healed of a back-ache as she walked to the altar; **BRENDA** suffered from asthma and had difficulty in breathing. As she watched the video showing the Lord healing many in Africa, she felt the Lord's healing touch and she could breathe better! **ANNIE'S** sister-in law was undergoing chemotherapy for a tumour in her shoulder. She could not raise her arm but during the Service, she felt a warmth going through her shoulder and after the Service she could raise her arm! +



Bishop Dag Heward-Mills praying for those who came to the altar

# CHRISTIAN WITNESS IN POSTMODERN SOCIETY

By Wong Ming Yook



Associate Pastor  
Steven Kum

On 12 and 19 November 2010, the last School of Christian Growth Open Session of the year was held. Associate Pastor Steven Kum spoke on the impact of living in a postmodern world and how Christians can build an effective witness for Christ in such a society.

Postmodernism is a reaction to modernism, which elevated rationalism and scientific enquiry and certainty in life. Truth, to the postmodern person, is not absolute or universal. Rather, it is personal. My 'truth' and your 'truth' are different, but both are acceptable: "What's true for me is true; what's true for you is true."

Pluralism, therefore, describes the postmodern world. Since there is no universal plan or truth, there is also no universal meaning in life. There is no one worldview umbrella (meta-narrative) which covers, explains and puts everything else in its place. Every local culture or religion has its own worldview that is 'true'. No one religious viewpoint can insist it is the only valid way. Thus, spirituality, like truth, is very personal.

Postmodern society feels that no one group or individual should claim sole authority either. This scepticism towards, and suspicion of, authority and truth lead to subjectivity and relativity in moral values: as long as I personally hold something to be true and live accordingly,

then I have lived up to my set of moral values. Values, like truth, are not objective and absolute. They are subjective and relative.

It is not surprising that for postmodern people, tolerance of different lifestyles and faiths is paramount. Tolerance does not mean to bear with someone or some opinion that is not particularly liked. Tolerance, for the postmodern person, means giving equal weight to differing values and practices, and accepting them as being as true as your own stand.

Christians living in the postmodern age must try to understand our world so that we can be effective witnesses. We do not have to agree with everything, but we must know what people think and feel in order to deal with the pluralistic emphasis of postmodern society (relative values and personal truth). Similarly, we must be rooted in the knowledge of the Lord (John 17:3; Colossians 2:6-7). Only then can we answer the postmodern uncertainty about truth with both a personal/intimate and objective explanation. We must be found in God, walk and live in Him, so that others might see the Christ in us. We must also be able to explain with absolute certainty that Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

The postmodern person values community and relationships over institutions. If we want to make an

impact,  
then  
Christians

are to demonstrate true fellowship with others in the Body of Christ. *Koinonia* (fellowship; communion) and compassion must be seen to be part of the Christian community if we want to win postmoderns to Christ. If Christians wish to gain the right to be heard, then we must begin to live out the Gospel imperative to reach others with the genuine love of God. Authentic lives are the best illustration of the truthfulness of the Gospel.

Finally, we are to remember that we have a message to share. We should be ready to engage and tell our story with gentleness and respect (1 Peter 3:15), and not be easily offended by thoughts and even arguments presented.

As we mirror Christ and demonstrate His love in our community and beyond, we will gain footholds in the wider community. People, postmodern or otherwise, need to see and experience the winning love and character of Christ in us. Only as we selflessly express the life and love of Christ will we begin to make an impact on our society. +



# OUR SECURITY IS IN GOD'S LOVE

By Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam

**“A**nd we have known and believed the love that God has for us. **God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him” (1 John 4: 16).**

It is amazing to see how the animal world takes care of their newly born. For instance, the eagle builds its nest, lays eggs and cares for its young. When it is time, the mother bird will push her young out of the nest. It seems a cruel thing to do but the mother bird knows the benefits and values of such an exercise. God does the same with us. We often struggle with challenges and difficulties, wondering why God allows them. We need to know that God is love and He loves us. He permits challenges and difficulties in our lives, not to destroy us but to strengthen and to build our character. Our security is not in the nest but in God's love. When we have faith in God's love, we will succeed in life.

John, in the text above, says “we have known and believed the love that God has for us” indicating that “knowing” does not equal “believing”. To know and believe means abiding or dwelling in the security of the truth that God loves us. God has manifested His love through Jesus who came to be our Saviour. John says, **“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know**

**God, for God is love. In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him” (1 John 4:7-9).**

Jesus is the personification of God's love. If we want to know and experience the love of God, know and believe in Jesus. It is vital for believers to know Jesus and grow in the knowledge of Him. The way to know Jesus is to read and study the Bible. Knowing and believing is vital for growth and development as a child of God.

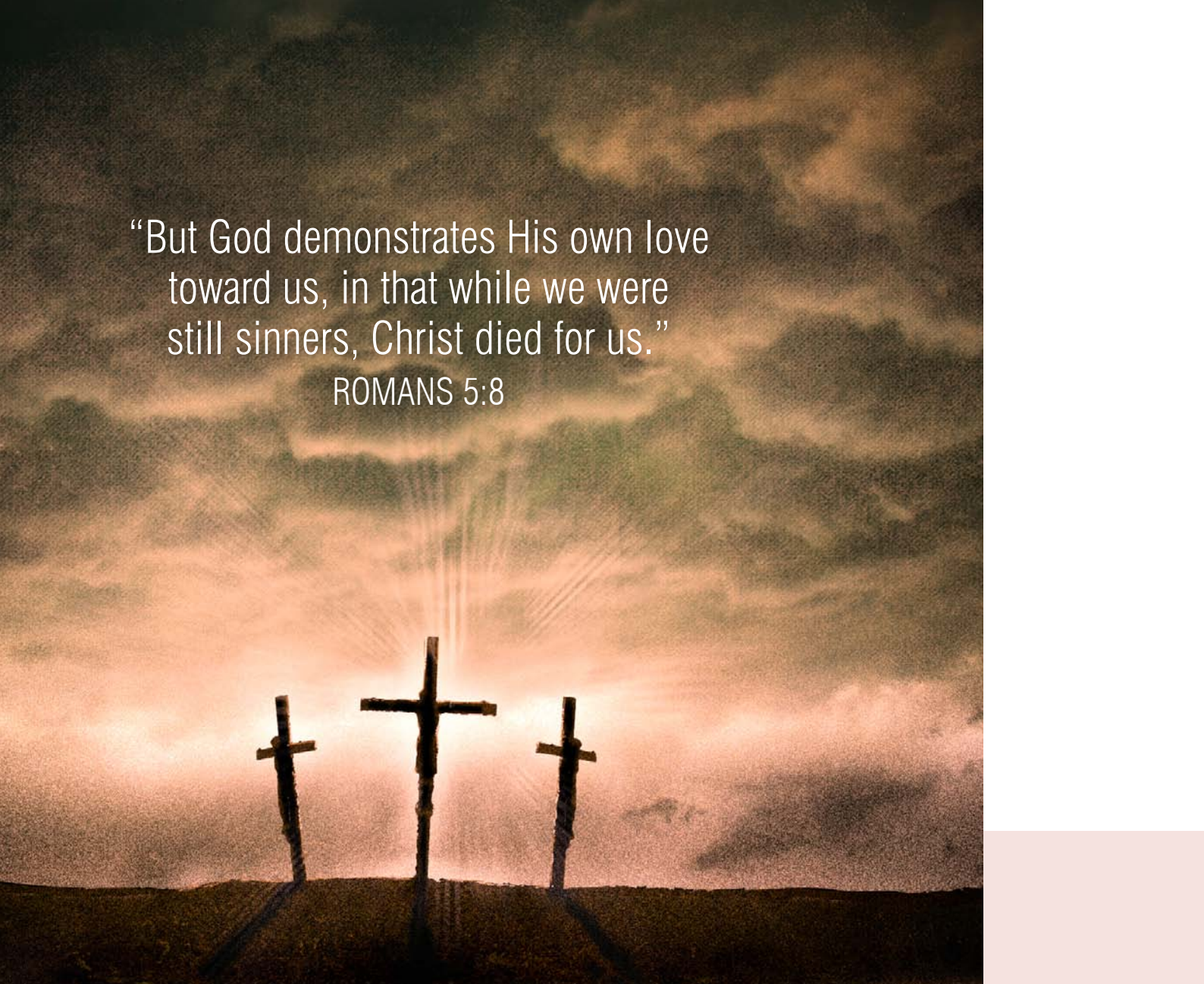
We must be encouraged by how much God loves us. The Bible says, **“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life” (John 3:16).** If God could love us with all our imperfections, just imagine how much more He will love us whom He has redeemed by His precious Blood. His love for us, unlike human love, is not based on how lovable we are. Paul says, **“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8).** The Bible tells us that we are the apple of His eye (Psalm 17:8) and He holds us in the palm of His hand (Isaiah 49:16). We cannot be plucked out of His hand unless we choose to leave. As long as we abide in Him, we are secured in

His love regardless of our circumstances.

Knowing and believing that God loves us will transform our lives though the renewing of our minds. Knowing without believing will not do us any good. If we know that Jesus can forgive us of our sins but do not believe and repent, what good is it? We must put into practice what we know and believe as this will cause a change in our lifestyles. Faith without works is dead. Knowing and believing will cause us to live in the security of God's love and we will be a testimony of His love.

Psalm 91 beautifully illustrates the security of abiding in God's love. I believe Moses wrote this Psalm for the children of Israel in the wilderness to encourage them as he led them out of Egypt to the Promised Land. The Israelites experienced all kinds of hardships and difficulties ranging from lack of water to the attacks from heathen nations. We, who are believers, are God's Israel (chosen people) in the world today. We have been grafted into Israel through Jesus Christ. We are pilgrims on a journey to heaven, our Promised Land, a place where there is no sickness, no pain and



A photograph of three wooden crosses on a dark hill against a dramatic sunset sky. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow and long shadows. The sky is filled with soft, golden light and some darker clouds.

“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

ROMANS 5:8

no death. Psalm 91 is relevant for us to survive in the world to-day.

Moses said, **“He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, ‘He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust.’ Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler And from the perilous pestilence. He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler. You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, Nor of the arrow that flies by day, Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, Nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday”** (Psalm 91:1-6).

The way for us to get to our Promised Land is to dwell in the secret place of the Most High. To dwell does not speak of a temporary arrangement but a permanent one. We are to take residence in the “secret place” of God’s love where we are under His protection. A “shadow” is cast when the sun’s rays are blocked by an object. When we dwell in the shadow of the Almighty, we are protected from whatever is destructive. By the time the

attacks of the enemy reach us, they have lost their sting and power to destroy us because they have to go through God first. We are shielded by the love of God. Moses says, **“Because you have made the LORD, who is my refuge, Even the Most High, your dwelling place, No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling”** (verses 9-10).

When we dwell in the secret place of the Most High, we can, like Moses, testify that God is our refuge and fortress whom we trust (verse 2). In Him we find rest and our strength is renewed. We can resume our battles against the enemy from the “fortress” of His protection. He will deliver us from deceptions that seek to imprison us as well as from threats against our lives (verse 3). God will hide us under His wings and the truth of His Word will shield us (verse 4) and we need not be afraid of terror, of arrows, pestilence or things that seek to destroy us (verses 5-6).

We are living in days where we need genuine security. The Bible tells us we can find it in the love of God. Let us love

one another, praise, worship and prove we belong to God. The more we love Him and abide in Him, we will live in His security of His love and be able to live in victory. +

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*All Bible quotations are from the New King James Version.*

# joyful evening

calvary convention centre



The 1 Malaysia Drums Symphony

graced by  
**Dato' Wan Chor Chee Jeng**  
Minister of Housing and Local Government  
November, 2010

## A JOYFUL EVENING FOR A WORTHY CAUSE!

By Isaac Matthew

This 4 November 2010, over 360 Calvarites and their friends gathered for an evening of good food, great music and hearty laughter for a worthy cause at the Calvary Convention Centre (CCC) Fundraising Dinner at the Ruby Ballroom of One World Hotel, Bandar Utama.

Themed "A Joyful Evening", the evening started with a 1Malaysia Drums Symphony performance, before world renowned Malaysian songstress Francissca Peter took to stage to sing for the assembled guests, bringing to life the melodious sounds of contemporary and classical music in three languages. The main act then saw MediaCorp Artiste, Gurmit Singh, better known by his alter-ego, "Phua Chu Kang", entertaining everyone with his unique brand of humour and impressive singing ability.

At the end of the night, this "Joyful Evening" managed to raise a net amount of over RM 450,000 for the ongoing construction of the CCC. All in all, the Calvary Convention Centre Fundraising Dinner was certainly a memorable and enjoyable experience for all attendees. +



"Phua Chu Kang" with Zechariah Bux



Francissca Peter getting Puan Cheng Keck to sing with her



Introducing the CCC to dinner guests



Organising Chairperson, Lawrence Mak welcoming the guests



Emcee, Stan Singh



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Dato' Han Joke Kwang (left) and Joshua Tam—sporting volunteers!



Francissca Peter



# INAUGURAL INTERNATIONAL GOLF FELLOWSHIP

By Angeline Liew and Daniel Teng

The inaugural International Golf Fellowship (IGF), a unique spiritual and physical rejuvenation event planned for Christian business leaders and professionals who golf, was held at the Bintan Lagoon Resort, Indonesia from 10 to 13 November 2010.

In total there were 25 participants from Malaysia, Thailand, Japan, Australia and Ghana. Golfers played at the Jack Nicklaus course of Bintan Lagoon Resort and at Ria Bintan Golf Club, one of Asia's best golf courses.

Non-golfers enjoyed a relaxing and rejuvenating programme.

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam, in his keynote message, "The Blessings of the Anointing", said that if we desire to have God's blessings upon our lives, we need to seek the Holy Spirit's anointing

(Psalm 133). Bishop Dag Heward-Mills from Ghana, affirmed God's promise for His children to be blessed so that His ways and His salvation will be known all over the earth (Psalm 67:1-2).

The participants were refreshed spiritually and enjoyed fellowship recreationally with like-minded believers. Their participation brought in a contribution of RM 75,000 towards the building of the Calvary Convention Centre. +



Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam



Bishop Dag Heward-Mills



# A MISSION FIELD RIGHT AT OUR DOORSTEP

By Marcus Solomon

**N**ever before in the history of Malaysia have we so many foreign workers at our shores. It is known that there are more than 1 million of them in Malaysia. Literally, we have a mission field right on our doorsteps.

All throughout the years, Calvary Church has seized the opportunity to reach those from the Philippines, Indonesia, Pacific Islands and the African continent by having a Life Group (LG) for each of these nationalities.

The latest nationality is the Cambodians. **LG LEADER JOSCELYN CHAW** took up the challenge to pioneer the Cambodian LG late 2009 and here is her testimony:

"The Cambodian LG was birthed when six Cambodian ladies who joined our Church outing for the foreign domestic helpers in August 2009, agreed to come together. They had the encouragement of their employers.

I was excited and fearful at the same time! It was my first time leading a group of a different race, culture and educational background. There was also the language barrier—my not knowing the Khmer language and the very limited command of English of the Cambodians.

The first few lessons were challenging. Imagine teaching these ladies to find the corresponding verses in their Khmer Bible using a self-compiled translated index of the books in the Bible! Moreover, this was the first time many of them were exposed to the Bible.

But I marvel at God's guidance and enablement. Fifteen months later, we have sourced and compiled sufficient Khmer discipleship materials and songs. I have also learnt to translate certain key words from English into Khmer. God also provided Calvarites of like-passion who regularly help in the LG. Moreover, the committed employers also ought to be commended. They send their domestic helpers regularly to the LG and some pray with them.

It is thrilling to see God work. Three of them were baptised in water on 17 October 2010 in Calvary Church. Mom Khoeun, Poo Thery and Chib Nuon testified that they had the opportunity to attend church in Malaysia and they grew spiritually through coming to the LG regularly. They experienced God's transformation power. We believe they will continue to grow in Christ and be equipped, so that they in turn can make disciples in Malaysia and in their homeland eventually.

This involvement has strengthened my faith and enabled me to experience God in greater dimensions. It is a privilege to experience what it means to be a missionary, reaching nations without having to uproot myself from my family!"



Calvary Church, through the Pastoral Life Group Ministry, seeks to impact nations and transform lives. Partner with us either by bringing someone to the LG or by starting a LG for a foreign nationality!

**Call us at the Pastoral Life Groups Ministry at 03-7728 6000 ext. 333 and 322. +**



**YOUR DESIRE TO ATTEND A LG IS A CLICK AWAY.**

The LG directory is available online on our Church website [www.calvary.org.my](http://www.calvary.org.my)

# 6 BABIES DEDICATED TO THE LORD!

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam dedicated six babies to the Lord on 19 December 2010 at the 10.30am Worship Service at Ampang. He then prayed for the parents that they will bring up their children in the nurture and ways of the Lord Jesus Christ. +



Sophia Saw Yeau Mun



Benjamin Loong Deng Hui



Amos Manuel Selvadaran



William Tan Jin Hao



Amanda Kate Abraham



Abigail Ziva Yap Hui Ming



Left to Right: Jeffrey Saw & Ee Ping with baby Sophia Saw Yeau Mun & children Evelyn Saw Yeau Anne, Josiah Saw Eu Wye; Loong Chek Jen & Sok Mei with baby Benjamin Loong Deng Hui; Charles Selvadaran & Magret with baby Amos Manuel Selvadaran; Alexander Tan & Elizabeth with baby William Tan Jin Hao; K.K. Abraham & Cynthia with baby Amanda Kate Abraham; Jeffrey Yap & Audrey with baby Abigail Ziva Yap Hui Ming

## CONGRATULATIONS!

10 years

### LAY LEADERS



Maria Lourdes



Helen Read



Peggy Low



Veronica See



Julia Teh



Michael Chang



Siew Wei Yee



Stephanie Chow



Tan Yuh Chyong



Yong Yun Ching

We congratulate the following whose faithfulness in service unto the Lord was recognised at the New Year's Eve Worship Service at Damansara Heights on 31 December 2010.

### LAY LEADERS

#### 10 YEARS

##### NAME

Maria Lourdes  
Helen Read  
Peggy Low  
Veronica See

Julia Teh  
Michael Chang  
Siew Wei Yee  
Stephanie Chow  
Tan Yuh Chyong  
Yong Yun Ching

#### CURRENT MINISTRY INVOLVEMENT

Pastoral Life Groups Leader  
Pastoral Life Groups & Grief Ministry Leader  
Pastoral Life Groups Leader  
Pastoral Life Groups Leader & CCC Project Committee  
School of Christian Growth Teacher  
Carpenter's Workshop Teacher  
Carpenter's Workshop Teacher  
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### CHURCH STAFF

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#### 20 YEARS

##### NAME

Jonathan

CURRENT MINISTRY RESPONSIBILITIES  
Grounds & Building Maintenance Supervisor

#### 25 YEARS

Associate Pastor  
Richard Yun

Pastoral Life Groups Ministry & Calvary Missions-Outreaches

20 years



Jonathan

25 years



Associate Pastor  
Richard Yun

# THE BIRTH OF JESUS

By Audrey Kum

# ONE AMAZING NIGHT

**O**ur Christmas Worship Services this year were held at Damansara Heights at 7.30pm and 10pm on 24 December 2010. Themed "One Amazing Night," we were transported once again to the night when our Saviour was born. The Christmas Choir presented an Advent Medley that told of the longing for the Son of God to appear to set His people free. The Worship Team then led us in worship of our Lord Jesus Christ who has since come to be the Saviour of the world.

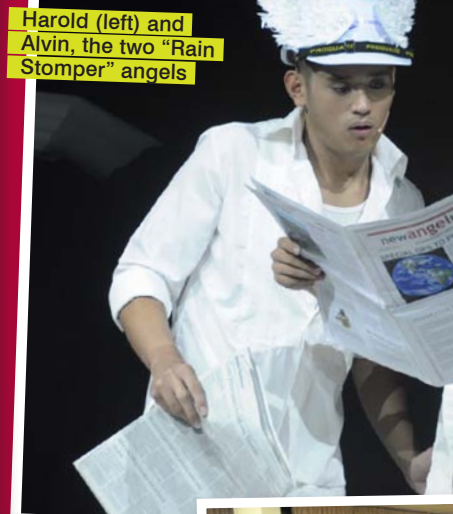
The Christmas presentation began with a dialogue between two "Rain Stomper" angels, Harold and Alvin on a cloud, who realised that God planned to go down to Earth, with the "people". Incredibly, He was becoming a "people" and they wanted to be a part of it though they found it odd! A lively Angel Medley proclaimed the birth of Christ and a quartet of shepherds sang and glorified God after hearing the announcement. Harold and Alvin made their appearance again, this time on Earth, marvelling at the star of Bethlehem, the angels' announcement and what they saw—Mary with the baby Jesus who had become a "people". It was one amazing night!

In his Christmas message, Senior Pastor's gave us some reasons why Christmas is so amazing and mind-boggling. Christmas is the time when the One who would be the Saviour of mankind arrived as promised by God since Adam sinned in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3:15). The birth of Jesus was a fulfilment of prophecies (Isaiah 9:6; 7:14). Angels announced His birth (Luke 2:8-14). He was divinely conceived (Luke 1:34-35). He had wise, royal visitors (Matthew 2:1-2) who had seen a star that marked His birth, in the East, and travelled all the way to Bethlehem to worship Him and present gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to Him (Matthew 2:2, 10-11)! Finally, Joseph, who was engaged to Mary, a virgin with child, had a divine visitation to allay his fear of taking Mary as his wife (Matthew 1:18-25). It was one amazing night when Jesus Christ was born because man's greatest need for a Saviour was met (Matthew 1:21; John 3:16).

We thank God for those who responded to the altar calls to give as well as rededicate their lives to the Lord Jesus Christ at the two Services. Many also believed the Lord for healing. We were left with a fresh reminder of the great and awesome act of love of our Lord Jesus Christ who humbled Himself by becoming a "people" so that we can be saved from our sins. +



Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam



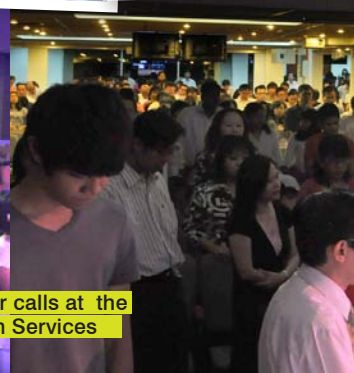
Harold (left) and Alvin, the two "Rain Stomper" angels



The people at the overflow facilities at the 7pm Service



Responding to the altar calls at the 7.30pm (left) and 10pm Services





The Worship Team



The musicians



Lauren Matienzo reciting Isaiah 9:6



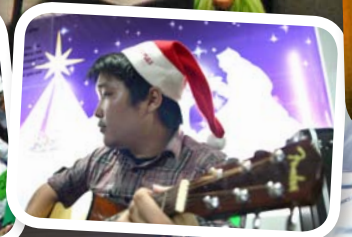
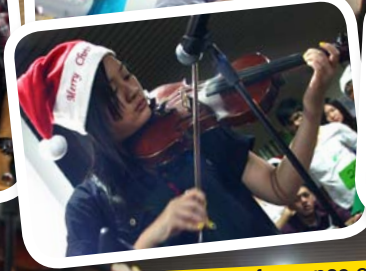
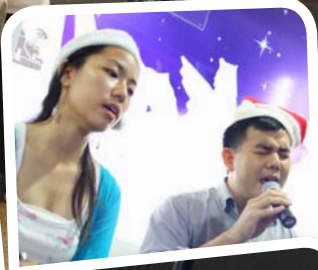
The Christmas Choir



# contemporary service



Associate Pastor Steven Kum



Enjoying the live performance of the ensemble above



Responding to the altar call



# kids' christmas celebration



## ONE AMAZING NIGHT

**O**n 24 December 2010, the kids aged seven and above accompanied their parents and attended the Worship Services with the adults. Those in Nursery Care and aged five and six years had their very own programmes to help them understand and appreciate the meaning of Christmas. +

Associate Pastor Richard Yun spending time with the kids after praying for them

# AN AWESOME



The NX Christmas & Dinner on Sunday, 19 December 2010 was well attended. The 421 who came made this the highest attendance for the Contemporary Service thus far. Associate Pastor Steven Kum shared the Christmas story—a story of reconciliation of man to God. Many responded to the altar for prayer and two individuals gave their hearts to Christ. What a great way to end the last Contemporary Service for the year!

After the Service, 271 adjourned for a special buffet dinner hosted by the Youth and Young Adults Life Groups. Most of the diners were young worshippers who had invited their friends as well as family members for an early Christmas celebration in the Church.

The objective of the dinner was met; friendships were made around the tables and across the tables! It was a successful attempt that saw both the young and the adults enjoying the wide spread of food and fellowship.

The dinner also showcased live performances by an ensemble comprising youth and young adults. Judging by the crowd that gathered around them and the applause that was given, the atmosphere was fun and fulfilling.

After dinner, many diners stayed back and continued to fellowship, especially in the “NX lounge” that was set up to receive visitors. We thank God for a memorable evening and look forward to greater things in 2011! +



# JAMINAN KITA ADALAH DI DALAM KASIH TUHAN

Oleh Pendita Senior Prince Guneratnam

**“K**ita telah mengenal dan telah percaya akan kasih TUHAN kepada kita. TUHAN adalah kasih, dan barangsiapa tetap berada di dalam kasih, ia tetap berada di dalam TUHAN dan TUHAN di dalam dia” (1 Yohanes 4:16).

Adalah kagum melihat bagaimana haiwan menjaga anak yang baru dilahirkan. Misalnya, burung helang membina sarangnya, bertelur dan menjaga anaknya. Apabila sampai masanya, ibu burung itu akan menolak anaknya keluar daripada sarang. Perbuatan ini adalah kejam tetapi ibu burung itu mengetahui manfaat dan nilai perbuatan itu. Tuhan melakukan perbuatan itu terhadap kita juga. Kita sering bergelut dengan cabaran dan kesusahan dan berfikir kenapa Tuhan membenarkan kesemua ini berlaku. Kita perlu mengetahui Tuhan adalah kasih dan Dia mengasihi kita. Dia membenarkan cabaran dan kesusahan berlaku di dalam hidup kita bukan untuk membinasakan kita tetapi untuk mengukuh dan membina karakter kita. Jaminan kita bukan di dalam sarang tetapi dalam kasih Tuhan. Apabila kita mempunyai iman terhadap kasih Tuhan, kita akan berjaya dalam hidup kita.

Yohanes, dalam teks di atas, berkata “kita telah mengenal dan telah percaya akan kasih TUHAN kepada kita” menunjukkan “mengetahui” tidak sama dengan “percaya”. Mengetahui dan percaya bermakna menetap atau mendiami di dalam jaminan kebenaran bahawa Tuhan mengasihi kita. Tuhan telah menunjukkan kasihNya melalui Yesus yang datang menjadi Penyelamat kita. Yohanes berkata “**Saudara-**

saudaraku yang kekasih, marilah kita saling mengasihi, sebab kasih itu berasal dari TUHAN; dan setiap orang yang mengasihi, lahir dari TUHAN dan mengenal TUHAN. Barangsiapa tidak mengasihi, ia tidak mengenal TUHAN, sebab TUHAN adalah kasih. Dalam hal inilah kasih TUHAN dinyatakan di tengah-tengah kita, yaitu bahwa TUHAN telah mengutus Anak-Nya yang tunggal ke dalam dunia, supaya kita hidup oleh-Nya” (1 Yohanes 4:7-9).

Yesus adalah demonstrasi kasih Tuhan. Jika kita hendak mengenal dan mengalami kasih Tuhan, kita perlu mengenali dan mempercayai Yesus. Adalah penting untuk umat Kristian mengenali Yesus dan bertumbuh dalam pengetahuan tentangNya. Cara untuk mengenali Yesus ialah membaca dan mengkaji Alkitab. Mengenali dan mempercayai adalah penting untuk pertumbuhan dan perkembangan sebagai seorang anak Tuhan.

Kita mesti rasa terdorong dengan betapa dalamnya kasih Tuhan terhadap kita. Alkitab berkata “**Karena begitu besar kasih TUHAN akan dunia ini, sehingga Ia telah mengaruniakan Anak-Nya yang tunggal, supaya setiap orang yang percaya kepada-Nya tidak binasa, melainkan beroleh hidup yang kekal**” (Yohanes 3:16). Jika Tuhan boleh mengasihi kita dengan ketidaksempurnaan kita, bayangkan betapa besarnya kasihNya apabila Dia telah menebus kita dengan darahNya yang berharga itu. KasihNya terhadap kita tidak sama dengan kasih manusia dan tidak berasaskan kepada betapa baiknya diri kita. Paulus berkata “**Akan tetapi TUHAN menunjukkan kasih-**

**Nya kepada kita, oleh karena Kristus telah mati untuk kita, ketika kita masih berdosa**” (Roma 5:8). Alkitab memberitahu kita bahawa kita adalah seperti biji mataNya sendiri (Mazmur 17:8) dan Dia memegang kita dalam telapak tanganNya (Yesaya 49:16). Kita tidak boleh dicabut dari tanganNya melainkan kita sendiri yang memilih untuk meninggalkannya. Selagi kita menetap di dalamNya, kita dijamin dalam kasihNya tidak kira bagaimana keadaan kita.

Mengenali and mempercayai Tuhan mengasihi kita akan mengubah hidup kita dengan memperbaharui cara kita berfikir. Mengenali tanpa mempercayai tidak akan membawa manfaat. Jika kita tahu Yesus boleh mengampuni dosa kita tetapi kita tidak percaya dan bertaubat, apakah gunanya? Kita mesti melakukan apa yang kita tahu dan mempercayai. Ini akan mengubah cara hidup kita. Iman tanpa kerja adalah mati. Mengenali dan mempercayai akan menyebabkan kita hidup dalam jaminan kasih Tuhan dan kita akan menjadi saksi kasihNya.

Mazmur 91 menggambarkan dengan indah jaminan yang akan diperolehi jika menetap di dalam kasih Tuhan dengan indah sekali. Saya percaya semasa Musa menulis Mazmur ini untuk umat Yahudi semasa mereka berada





“Akan tetapi TUHAN menunjukkan kasih-Nya kepada kita, oleh karena Kristus telah mati untuk kita, ketika kita masih berdosa.”

ROMA 5:8



di padang pasir untuk menggalakkan mereka apabila dia memimpin mereka dari Mesir ke Tanah Janjian. Orang-orang Yahudi mengalami pelbagai kesusahan dan kesukaran bermula dari kekurangan air hingga menghadapi serangan-serangan daripada negara-negara kafir. Kita sebagai umat Kristian merupakan Yahudi Tuhan (orang yang terpilih) di dalam dunia hari ini. Kita telah dicantum ke dalam Yahudi melalui Kristus. Kita adalah pengembara haji dalam perjalanan ke syurga, Tanah Janjian kita. Di sana tiada penyakit, kesakitan dan kematian. Mazmur 91 adalah sangat sesuai untuk kita hidup selamat dalam dunia hari ini.

Musa berkata “Orang yang duduk dalam lindungan Yang Mahatinggi dan bermalam dalam naungan Yang Mahakuasa akan berkata kepada TUHAN: ‘Tempat perlindunganmu dan kubu pertahananmu, TUHANKu, yang kupercayai.’ Sungguh, Dialah yang akan melepaskan engkau dari jerat penangkap burung, dari penyakit sampar yang busuk. Dengan kepek-Nya Ia akan menudungi engkau, di bawah sayap-Nya engkau akan berlindung, kesetiaan-Nya ialah perisai dan pagar tembok. Engkau tak usah takut terhadap kedahsyatan malam,

terhadap panah yang terbang di waktu siang, terhadap penyakit sampar yang berjalan di dalam gelap, terhadap penyakit menular yang mengamuk di waktu petang” (Mazmur 91:1-6).

Cara untuk kita menuju ke Tanah Janjian adalah berlindung di bawah naungan Yang Maha Kuasa. Bernaung tidak bermakna satu tempat yang diuruskan untuk sementara waktu sahaja tetapi satu tempat yang tetap. Kita sepatutnya menetap di dalam naungan kasih Tuhan ini di mana kita berada di bawah lindunganNya. Bayang akan terjadi apabila sinaran matahari disekat oleh sesuatu objek. Apabila kita berada di bawah naungan Tuhan, kita akan dilindungi daripada segala bencana. Apabila serangan musuh menghampiri kita, pedih dan kuasa mereka yang hendak membinasakan kita sudah dimusnahkan kerana segala ini terpaksa melalui Tuhan kita dahulu. Kita telah dilindungi oleh kasih Tuhan. Musa berkata “Sebab TUHAN ialah tempat perlindunganmu, Yang Mahatinggi telah kau buat tempat perteduhanmu, malapetaka tidak akan menimpa kamu, dan tulah tidak akan mendekati kepada kemahmu” (Mazmur 91:9-10).

Apabila kita berlindung di bawah Tuhan Yang Maha Kuasa kita seperti

Musa juga boleh menyaksikan bahawa Tuhan adalah pelindung dan pembela yang kita percayai (ayat 2). Di dalamNya kita akan memperolehi rehat dan kekuatan kita akan diperbaharui. Kita dapat memulakan sekali lagi perjuangan terhadap musuh kita dari kubu lindunganNya. Dia akan membebaskan kita daripada penipuan yang akan mengurung kita dan ancaman terhadap hidup kita (ayat 3). Tuhan akan menaungi kita dengan sayapNya dan kebenaran FirmanNya akan melindungi kita. Kita tidak takut akan bahaya, serangan, bencana atau segala perkara-perkara yang akan membinasakan kita (ayat 5-6).

Kita hidup di dalam zaman di mana kita memerlukan jaminan yang sejati. Alkitab memberitahu kita bahawa kita boleh mendapat jaminan ini melalui kasih Tuhan. Marilah kita saling mengasihi, puji, sembah dan membuktikan kita adalah milik Tuhan. Jika kita mengasihi Tuhan dengan lebih mendalam lagi dan menetap di dalamNya, kita akan hidup dalam jaminan kasihNya serta dapat hidup dalam kemenangan. +

# 我们的安全 是在 神的爱中

(文：古纳南主任牧师)

“惟有基督在我们还作罪人  
的时候为我们死，  
神的爱就在此向我们显明了。”  
罗5:8



**“神**爱我们的心，我们也知道，也信。神就是爱！住在爱里面的，就是住在神里面，神也住在他里面。”(约壹4:16)

看一看动物世界他们是如何照顾刚出生的幼崽真令人惊讶。例如，老鹰在筑自己的巢，生蛋和照顾它的幼崽方面。当适当的时候，鸟妈妈就将她的幼鸟推出巢。这似乎是一件残酷的事情，但鸟妈妈知道这么做的好处和价值。神对我们也是一样。我们经常为挑战和困难而奋斗，不知道为什么神容许它们。我们需要知道神是爱，他爱我们。他允许在我们的生活中的挑战和困难，不是要毁灭我们，而是要加强和建立我们的品格。我们的安全不是在巢里而是在神的爱里。当我们将神的爱有信心，我们将成功地生活。

约翰·在以上的经文说道：“神爱我们的心，我们也知道，也信”，表示“知道”不等于“相信”。要知道和相信是指在遵守或居住在神爱我们的稳妥真理中。神已通过耶稣的降临成为我们的救主而体现了他的爱。约翰说：“亲爱的弟兄啊，我们应当彼此相爱，因为爱是从神来的。凡有爱心的，都是由神而生，并且认识神。没有爱心的，就不认识神，因为神就是爱。神差他独生子到世间来，使我们藉着他得生，神爱我们的心在此就显明了”

(约壹4:7-9)。

耶稣是神的爱的化身。如果我们想知道并经验神的爱，就要知道和相信耶稣。信徒要知道耶稣并在认识他的知识上成长，这是至关重要。知道耶稣的途径是阅读和研究圣经。知道和相信对作为神的儿女的发展和成长是至关重要。

我们必须因神多爱我们而被鼓励。圣经上说，“神爱世人，甚至将他的独生子赐给他们，叫一切信他的，不至灭亡，反得永生。”(约3:16)。如果神能爱我们和我们所有的缺陷，大家想一想，他必会更爱我们这些借着他的宝血所救赎的人。他对我们的爱，不像人的爱，不是基于我们是如何可爱。保罗说，“惟有基督在我们还作罪人的时候为我们死，神的爱就在此向我们显明了”(罗5:8)。圣经告诉我们，我们是他眼中的瞳人(诗17:8)，和他将我们铭刻在他的掌上(赛49:16)。

我们不能从他的手被拔除，除非我们选择离开。只要我们住在主里面，无论我们的环境如何，我们是安稳的在他的爱中。

知道和相信神爱我们将借着我们的思想更新而改变我们的生活。知道却不相信不会对我们有什么好处。如果我们知道耶稣能赦免我们的罪，但不相信和悔改，有什么好处呢？我们必须付诸实践我们所知道并相信的，因为这会令我们的生活方式

改变。没有行为的信心是死的。知道并相信将会使我们生活在神爱的安全中，我们将是他的爱的见证。

诗篇91清楚说明了住在神的爱里的稳妥。我相信摩西是在带领着以色列的子民出埃及到应许之地时写这诗篇给他们作为鼓励。以色列人历尽艰辛和困难，从水源缺乏到受异教徒国家的袭击等。我们作为信徒，是神今天在世上的以色列(选民)。我们借着耶稣基督被接上以色列。我们是在朝圣旅程上的天路客，向着我们的应许地迈进，在那里是没有疾病，没有痛苦，没有死亡。诗篇91对我们今天在世界上的生存是相关的。

摩西说道：“住在至高者隐密处的，必住在全能者的荫下。我要论到耶和华盛顿说：‘他是我的避难所，是我的山寨，是我的神，是我所倚靠的。’他必救你脱离捕鸟人的网罗和毒害的瘟疫。他必用自己的翎毛遮蔽你，你要投靠在他的翅膀底下。他的诚实是大小的盾牌。你必不怕黑夜的惊骇，或是白日飞的箭；也不怕黑夜行的瘟疫，或是午间灭人的毒病”(诗91:1-6)。

我们到达我们的应许地的方法是住在至高者的隐密处。住不是指一项临时的安排，而是永久的。我们要在神爱的“隐密处”，在他的庇护下居住。“投影”是在

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## BAPTISED IN WATER!



**P**raise the Lord that 14 individuals were baptised in water at the 10.30am Worship Service on 19 December 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: Arthur Kuan Hao Ran; Kevin Loh Chee Meng; Michelle Yew; Kimberley Chien Lu Tan; Ng Yoon Kuen, Shirleen; Yap Ee-Janne; Tan Swee Mey, Iris; Cindy Loh Kah Heng; Jared Wee Jian Ming  
Back row: Timothy Yee Tze Siong; Cheong Ngai Mike; Denise Leom Yin Xian; Rachel Hee En Yeng; Lai Li Rong, Amy

太阳的光线被一个物体所阻挡时形成的。当我们在全能者的荫下住时，我们受到免于任何破坏力的保护。等到敌人的攻击达到我们时，它们已经失去了刺伤和摧毁我们的权力，因为它们必须先经过神。我们被神的爱庇护。摩西说道，“耶和华是我的避难所；你已将至高者当你的居所，祸患必不临到你，灾害也不挨近你的帐棚”（诗91：9-10）。

当我们居住在至高者的隐密处，我们可以像摩西一样，见证神是我们的避难所和山寨，是我们所倚靠的（2节）。在他里面我们找到休息和我们的力量得到更新。我们可以继续从他保护我们的“山寨”中与敌人争战。他将救我们脱离那寻求监禁我们的诡计以及对我们的生命的威胁（3节）。神会把我们藏在他的翅膀底下和他的话语的真理也要庇护我们（4节），我们不必因恐怖，箭，瘟疫，或设法破坏我们的东西而感到惧怕（诗5-6）。

我们正生活在我们需要真正的安全的日子里。圣经告诉我们说，我们可以在神的爱中找到，让我们彼此相爱，赞美，崇拜，并证明我们是属于他的。我们越是爱主和住在他里面，我们将安全生活在他的爱中，并能够生活得胜。+

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(以上经文是采用中文圣经和合本)

### 宣教复兴特会

从各处来到各处去宣扬他的爱  
(约20：21下)

讲员：Dr Rajan Thiagarajah 牧师  
日期：7-1-11(五)  
时间：晚上七点半  
地点：加略山教会(大堂)

### 宣教与商务人士的对话

讲员：Dr Rajan Thiagarajah 牧师  
日期：8-1-11(六)  
时间：上午九点  
地点：加略山教会(大堂)

### 信心承诺更新主日

从各处来到各处去宣扬他的爱  
(约20：21下)

讲员：Dr Rajan Thiagarajah 牧师  
日期：9-1-11(日)  
在通常聚会时间和地点

### 申请浸礼及会籍 浸礼及会籍课程

日期：5-3-11(六)  
时间：下午一点半

### 浸礼聚会

日期：13-3-11(日)  
时间：早上十点半  
地点：加略山教会(大堂)  
报名截止日期：23-1-10(日)

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## BAHASA MALAYSIA FELLOWSHIP

Sunday | 12.30pm

30 JANUARY 2011

speaker ASSOCIATE PASTOR DAVID SEAH

venue BETHEL HALL

27 FEBRUARY 2011

speaker FELISA FOO

venue BETHEL HALL

## Water Baptism & Membership

### WATER BAPTISM/ MEMBERSHIP CLASS

date 5 MARCH 2011, SATURDAY

time 1.30PM

### WATER BAPTISM SERVICE

date 13 MARCH 2011, SUNDAY

time 10.30AM

Closing Date for submission of forms: 23 JANUARY 2011, SUNDAY

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THESE  
UPCOMING  
EVENTS!**



### DR. RAJAN THIAGARAJAH

Dr Rajan is no stranger to Calvary Church. Many were blessed by his dynamic preaching and powerful prophetic word during services here and at the Family Camp in 2010. Dr. Rajan is an Ordained Minister of the Christian Church in Australia. He is the founder and Senior Pastor of Mighty Living Waters Life Fellowship, a multicultural Church in Perth, Western Australia.

He also travels widely and ministers at many conferences and churches throughout the world.

His "Life in the Spirit" television programme is heard and seen by millions of viewers all over the world.

Dr. Rajan is a faithful servant who will deliver God's Word to us. Let us grasp this opportunity to begin our year hearing God's prophetic direction for us, as a Church and as individuals. At a time of great social, economic and moral upheaval, let us a wholeheartedly desire for revival and clarity in our call to Missions.

"AS THE FATHER HAS SENT ME,  
I ALSO SEND YOU."

JOHN 20:21b (NIV)

## MISSIONS REVIVAL MEETING

PROCLAIMING HIS LOVE,  
FROM EVERYWHERE TO EVERYWHERE

John 20:2b

7.30pm

Damansara Heights

Speaker: Dr Rajan Thiagarajah

Friday

**7 JAN  
2011**

### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMME

LOVE IN ACTION

## MISSIONS DIALOGUE FOR BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS

9am

Damansara Heights

Speaker: Dr Rajan Thiagarajah

Saturday

**8 JAN  
2011**

## YOUTH MISSIONS RALLY

PROCLAIMING HIS LOVE,  
FROM EVERYWHERE TO EVERYWHERE

3pm

Damansara Heights

Speaker: Dr Rajan Thiagarajah

## FAITH PROMISE SUNDAY

PROCLAIMING HIS LOVE,  
FROM EVERYWHERE TO EVERYWHERE

Speaker: Dr Rajan Thiagarajah

At usual times and locations

Sunday

**9 JAN  
2011**

### CARPENTER'S WORKSHOP

LOVE IN ACTION

**PROCLAIMING HIS LOVE,  
FROM EVERYWHERE TO EVERYWHERE**

# Children's evangelistic meeting



Associate Pastor Christopher Lee introducing "Let's Rock!"





# LET'S ROCK!

By Alexandra Alphonsus

Of all the presentations I have been involved in, this one held on 27 November 2010, was by far the best! A total of 42 people accepted Christ for the first time, eight rededicated their lives and there were 54 newcomers. Praise God for using KidsCAT for His kingdom!

It took us more than two months to prepare for the musical "Let's Rock!", inclusive of auditions, training and memorising the scripts, lyrics and dance steps. All our trainers, teachers and musicians were volunteers and they had just as much fun as everyone else.

The musical was basically about three star struck kids, Jazz, Charlie and Sam. They were excited to meet a Christian rock star named Jason Ma and wanted to be in his new music video. Two very funny characters, Chew Weng Keat and his brother Chew Weng Keaty (who were always sneezing), made the audience laugh. When the kids finally met Jason Ma, they found out that he was a completely different person from what they expected. He was a humble person who made mistakes too.

The kids learnt that their gifts and talents originally come from God and the true use for them. They learnt to work together as the body of Christ and to glorify God in everything they do. The children who came for the presentation were very responsive when Associate Pastor Peter Ong shared stories of his childhood fears with them. He taught them that Jesus could help them overcome the fears in their lives just as He helped him. He not only prayed for them but for the parents too, to trust in Jesus.

A promo video was then showed to introduce the upcoming December special events in Carpenter's Workshop. Two more songs were sung after the message including the finale.

Since this was my final year in KidsCAT, I am glad it was special. Joining KidsCAT has changed my life. I will never forget KidsCAT and the productions I have been in. Only this year did I truly realise that I need to glorify God in everything. I learned something from the musical too!

If you missed one of the best KidsCAT productions in years, I am sure the DVD will be on sale. I cannot wait to get my copy. Goodbye KidsCAT, I will miss you. If you are aged eight to thirteen years, I encourage you to join KidsCAT next year, while you can! +



Rock star "Jason Ma"



"Stacy" (left) with new friends "Ruby" and "Renee"



Choir leader "Miss Sharon" (in red) with her choir members



Associate Pastor Peter Ong sharing the message and praying for the kids who asked Jesus into their hearts (above)

staff greeting

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

**A BLESSED 2011!**

LET US LOVE GOD AND OUR  
NEIGHBOUR AS OURSELVES!



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