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360° | FROM THE INSIDE OUT

We missed Bukit Gambang so badly that we just had to go there again for our first ever combined Youth and Young Adults Camp from 27 to 30 December 2010!

A hundred and fifty-eight of us met at Church bright-eyed and bushy-tailed all ready for our last stint of the year at 7.30am to pray together before we left for Bukit Gambang Resort City.

This year, our camp speaker was none other than our very own jolly Associate Pastor Raymond Yong, who was described in the camp brochure as being “360 Degrees” in every sense of the word. Besides Pastor Raymond, we also had Associate Pastors Peter Ong, Steven Kum and David Seah and Pastor Karen Seah Lee Peng who joined us at camp as well. Each brought with them a warmth and their own flavour to the sessions that they led at camp.

The camp theme, “360 Degrees From the Inside Out” was based on the verse Mark 12:29-31: “The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.” The only way to be able to live a Christian life that is “360 Degrees” in every way is to have a centre, a focus, which is God, and from there, it overflows into the other parts of our lives. Just as we cannot draw a perfect circle freehand without a compass or a centre point, we need to love God first,

who is our centre, then our love for others will flow out.

The sessions were pretty much a blast! We had Pastor Raymond in the evenings who shared with us from his own life about how finding God, and putting God as the focal point of his life has brought him to where he is now. In the mornings, Pastor Peter, Faith Chin and Leong Dee Peng ministered to the youth on the importance of belonging to a community of like-faith people and how even as youths, we can live out the dreams that God has put in our hearts. Pastor David and Pastor Lee Peng did a session with the young adults on living a life that balances work, ministry and relationships. Pastor Steven led a discussion on how the church setting can be one that is relevant to the young adults of this age and more than just relevant, a place where young people can call family.

One of the most inspiring moments during the sessions was when Pastor Peter, Pastor Steven and Pastor Raymond ministered in song and the songs spoke of the love they had for Jesus, and how good God has been, and through it all, their faithfulness to God brings all glory back to God. The young people were then challenged to let the Holy Spirit reside and move in their lives. Throughout the camp, we had 21 young people filled with the Holy Spirit, ten salvations and rededications and 12 responded to the call of God on their lives for full-time ministry.

Besides the sessions, games were organised and enjoyed by the campers in “life-like” Monopoly. The campers went around buying up “property” around the hotel grounds and charging people rent as they passed through.



Our dreams illustrated!



Pastor Raymond and the campers having fun “catching butterflies”



youth and young adults camp

By Tabitha Ong

The teams were also given the opportunity to “earn” money with a scavenger hunt and a session of “Who Wants To Be a Millionaire?” Grace Tam, 12, brought her team to victory in that section by answering all the questions correctly. It was impressive!

We thank God for His presence in all our sessions—during the passionate and intimate times of worship led by the worship teams, the teaching and games sessions and during our fellowship as well. There was much opportunity to build new friendships and bridge the gap between the young adults and the youth. Bonds were forged in the life groups that met for devotion every morning and in the games teams as well. God is good and we have seen Him at work in the lives of our campers as many have testified to that. We pray that His work will continue in our lives even as we return to the normal hustle of our daily lives and that we will be sensitive to the works of the Holy Spirit and allow God to continue working in and through us as we learn to live a “360 Degrees” life that starts from the inside out. +

From left: Associate Pastors Raymond Yong, Peter Ong and Steven Kum ministering in song



Associate Pastor David Seah



Pastor Karen Seah
Lee Peng



Leong Dee Peng
(left) and Faith Chin



“Who Wants To Be a Millionaire?” contestants



calvary convention centre

Artist's impression of the auditorium



Overlooking the 5,000 seat auditorium towards the pulpit area and Prayer Tower at the back

The multi-purpose hall



Project Manager, Mark Thomas, telling us what we would be seeing



Institutional block

Auditorium block



ON A "TOUR" OF CCC!

By Audrey Kum

Saturday, 29 January 2011 may have been just another day for some but for ten people, comprising Pastors, Church staff and Life Group leaders, it was an exciting and meaningful day.

By 7.30am, we were at the Calvary Convention Centre (CCC) site, ready to actually walk into the building for the first time and not just see it from a distance!

CCC Project Manager, Mark Thomas and Resident Architect, Adrian Ng pointed out the various facilities to us. At one point, from where we stood, we looked across at where the 5,000 seating auditorium would be and we were already seeing ourselves attending a Service and visualising people moving down to respond to an altar call! And when we saw the multi-purpose hall, we could imagine the various possibilities of such a facility—including the holding of a wedding banquet and wondering who would be the first to have that privilege!

The hugeness of the project and the great need to depend on the grace and blessing of the Lord in every aspect was brought home afresh as we went on our "tour".

We concluded with a time of prayer together, giving thanks to the Lord for the steady progress of the building of the CCC. We left the site with a renewed excitement to see the fulfilment of the vision of the Church. +

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Artist's impression of the multi-purpose hall

GETTING A GOOD START IN LIFE GROUPS



Below: A clear example of the need for the Church to pray unceasingly for the Lord's favour in the whole process of the building of the CCC was seen later in the day on 29 January 2011. Much planning and work had been done in preparation for the delivery and transfer of three transformers and a generator set that weighed a whopping five and 13 tons respectively, into the building! The precision, care and coordination required for such a task was amazing. Praise God that everything was executed successfully!

Whether you are new in the faith or new to Calvary Church, joining a Life Group (LG) gives you a head start to be nurtured spiritually and to be discipled. In the LG, you will receive biblical teaching and get to interact with other like-minded believers. Furthermore, you will receive care and attention from your LG leader, who is trained to develop every believer to grow in the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

Here are testimonies of three Calvarites who found a good start through belonging to a LG:

DAVID BALA

"I have been attending Calvary Church since mid 2009 at the encouragement of a friend. At that time, I was facing a lot of problems and had no spiritual direction. Around March 2010, I accepted Christ during one of the Sunday Worship Service altar calls. I joined a Men's LG led by Rory Wong soon after. I thank God that everything seems to be falling into place since attending Church and LG. God has blessed me tremendously in my finances and career advancement.

I enjoy interacting with fellow LG members and am encouraged by the testimonies shared in the LG. I also found the LG discussions very practical. The biblical principles I learnt helps me draw strength from God and be able to lead a victorious Christian life. I took the step of water baptism on 16 August 2010 and have applied for membership."



WENDY SOON

"After being water baptised in December 2009, I started attending the Women's LG led by Veronica See in January 2010. I then began to realise and appreciate the importance of belonging to a LG. Through the LG teaching and hearing many inspiring testimonies in the LG, my faith has been strengthened. I am learning to trust God more each day. In the LG, I was also able to discover my gifting in serving the Lord. I took a step of faith and served as an usher last year. This is all possible because of the encouragement I received from my LG!"



CHEONG LEE LEE

"I got water baptised on 13 December 2009. That was a turning point in my life as I also began joining a Women's LG. The testimonies of the LG members are always very encouraging. The LG lessons have laid a firm foundation for my spiritual life. I started to serve as an usher in mid 2010. I thank God for the joy of serving Him and being a blessing to my own family and the Church family as well. I am thankful for Veronica See, my LG leader who prays for me and helps me to grow in my prayer life. Through the LG I have also learnt to pray for others spontaneously without fear."



Don't miss out on the benefits of being nurtured in the LG. You are in for the most fulfilling experience of your life!

Check out a LG nearest to your home, office or LG held at a most convenient time for you. Visit www.calvary.org.my/LGministry/html. Or call Pastoral LG Ministry at 03-7728 6000 ext. 322/333. +

LIVE IN LOVE

By Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam

“And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love” (1 Corinthians 13:13).

Love is the greatest. When we live in love, we do not struggle with faith and hope. We can handle life's challenges because love provides hope and hope is not without faith. Faith pleases God and therefore, hope will not disappoint us because of the love of God (Romans 5:5).

Love will manifest itself. God manifested His love by sending His Son Jesus to be our Saviour. Love, like faith without works, is dead. John says, **“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. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another”** (1 John 4:9-11). As children of God, we become witnesses of God's love. John also says, **“...God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him”** (1 John 4:16).

When we have God's love, we have faith. Most of us want more faith. The biblical way to have faith is to grow in love for God. The more we fall in love with Jesus, the greater our faith will be. Faith and love is God's way for us to live victoriously.

Paul says, **“For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love”** (Galatians 5:6). He also says, **“And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing”** (1 Corinthians 13:2). What pleases and has the blessing of God is faith that works through love! Marriage is an example of faith that works through love. When a couple marries, you can see love in their eyes. But when “surprises” come, their love with faith in each other will help them overcome whatever the “surprise” and their relationship will grow from strength to strength.



Let us consider what the Bible says about God's love:

Firstly, God's love perfects us. John says, "Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world" (1 John 4:17). Love does not make us fools but perfects us. Love makes us bold and makes us entrepreneurs who do great things because of our passion for what we do. Love and fear do not mix. John says, "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love" (1 John 4:18). Paul says, "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind" (2 Timothy 1:7). God's love draws us to Jesus and He empowers us to overcome our fears and shortcomings. We have God's love when the Holy Spirit is poured out in our hearts. Paul says, "Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us" (Romans 5:5).

Secondly, God's love will make a way of escape because He loves us. Paul says, "No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it" (1 Corinthians 10:13).

Thirdly, God's love will keep us from stumbling. When God's love rules our lives, we live in the light and there is no darkness that can cause us to stumble. God's love becomes a light to our path. The Bible says, "He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him" (1 John 2:10).

Fourthly, God's love helps us to keep His commandments. The Bible says, "He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him" (John 14: 21). We cannot say we love God but do not keep His commandments. God's commandments are not burdensome. John says, "For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome" (1 John 5:3).

Finally, when we love one another, we prove we have the love of God. We cannot say we love God but hate our brother. John says, "If someone says, 'I love God,' and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also" (1 John 14:20-21). Let us love one another, beginning with the house of God—the body of Christ.

Do not doubt God's love for you. Regardless of your circumstances, live in God's love. Let me illustrate this with the story of William Tell. As a punishment for not bowing to an Austrian overlord's hat on a pole in the village central square, William Tell was forced to shoot an apple off the head of his son with a crossbow otherwise they would both be executed. I believe the little boy must have loved his father and therefore had faith in him. He also did not doubt that his father loved him and would do everything within his power not to miss. He gallantly accepted the apple to be placed on his head and his father was successful in shooting the apple. When we are faced with challenges, let us have faith that God's love will deliver us and give us victory and keep us safe.

Freely, we have received the love of God. Let us allow His love to flow out of our life to touch others. God's love in our life is the secret of peaceful living and victory. Let us abide in Him, as Jesus spoke of the Vine and the Branch in John 15. +

All Bible quotations are from the New King James Version.

From left: Combined Ensembles singing, "You Are God Alone"; Chinese Choir singing "Missions"



PROCLAIMING HIS LOVE

FROM EVERYWHERE TO EVERYWHERE

By Carol Weller

There was an air of festive anticipation on Friday, 7 January 2011 as the people came for the Missions Revival meeting. Our Combined Ensembles welcomed the congregation of Calvarites and friends with "You Are God Alone".

A presentation entitled "From Everywhere To Everywhere" by Carol Weller briefly set out different historical Eras in World Missions, as suggested by missions researcher David Barrett. She began with the Apostolic Era (30 to 500 AD) on to the Ecclesiastical Era (500 to 1750 AD), the Church Growth Era (1750 to 1900) and then on to the Global Missions Era which began in 1990. In the first Era, Missions works originated from Jerusalem, Antioch and then the other parts of the Roman Empire. In the next two Eras, Europe and England were the source of most endeavours for world evangelism. In the modern Global

Era, the work of Missions proceeds from many nations and are sent to many other nations around the globe. Carol then presented some statistics of how many Missionaries were being sent out by non-Western countries in the 21st century.

We were encouraged by a video of five Calvarites who testified about the opportunity that they have to share their faith with people of other nations through their work and ministry. The Chinese Choir then sang "A Sending Nation".

The highlight of the night was a message by Missions Speaker Dr. Rajan Thiagarajah, Senior Pastor of Mighty Living Waters Life Fellowship in Perth, Australia. He opened with John 20:21, "As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." He reminded us that the best gift we can give others is the gift of knowing Jesus, the Alpha and Omega. The greatness of 'the Gift' was proved in that Jesus was

with God from the beginning. To illustrate, Dr. Rajan identified the presence of Jesus in all the 66 books of the Bible.

Then, taking various incidences in the Gospels where Jesus performed miraculous acts, Dr. Rajan illustrated that there was a progression in the Gospels revealing the power of Jesus over nature and natural laws, over sicknesses, as the Creator, and finally His exercising power over death itself. Isaiah 53:6 caps our need for Jesus as our Saviour who takes away our iniquity.

Dr. Rajan challenged us to share the love and gift of God with one person each day and many came to the altar refreshed in our determination to do so. It will be exciting to see what God will be doing for us, in us and through us in the year 2011.✚



Responding to the challenge to share the love and gift of God with someone everyday

LOVE IN ACTION

By Susan Tan



Missions Pastor Steven Kum
introducing the Speaker



Carol Weller



Dr. Rajan Thiagarajah



The Carpenter's Workshop kids aged five to 11 years were blessed in the Missions Revival programme. It kicked off with a Missions Trail "Love In Action" Words Hunt game where they identified the hindrances to and characteristics of showing love in action. After a time of worship, Associate Pastor Richard Yun prayed for the kids.

In line with the "Love in Action" theme, the kids prayed for our Missions works and made craft for the Sunshine Home, Calvaryland and Sudan Ministry. They will be given opportunity to visit the homes too. It is our aim to guide the kids to be instilled with God's passion and to care and reach out with His love to those who are in need and do not have Jesus in their lives. Hearing Pastor Shereen sharing passionately on these areas, the kids were reminded afresh that God uses Calvary Church to bring hope to a lot of people and they could pray with deeper compassion and meaning for these ministries. They were also inspired to give to Missions.

Our speaker, Phang Wai Marudu, the Calvary Missions Outreach Coordinator, filled with great enthusiasm and passion, shared on the many happenings in the Calvary Outreaches which he is serving. The kids were enthralled by his enriching and interesting testimonies of God's love being expressed through his ministry—the instant healing of neck and back pain of an elderly lady, his evangelising of an elderly couple who requested for direction along the highway, the salvation of his relative who despised and rejected him with a slap on his face, and the salvation of a man who had been sick and stubbornly refused his sharing of the Gospel. The kids learned that "Love in Action" is to love God first with all their hearts, soul and mind; and then to love people as themselves. To love others requires a gentle and tender attitude and they need to be thoughtful and kind.

The kids left the meeting assured of God's love in their lives and that they can go out to love others with His love. +



Phang Wai Marudu



Pastor Shereen Wong



Associate Pastor Richard Yun
praying for the children

EMPOWERED TO MAXIMISE GOD-GIVEN RESOURCES CREATIVELY

By Samuel Ngeow



Rachel Peters



Quintin Tan

On the 8 January 2011, a breezy Saturday morning, Calvarites found themselves very much at home attending the Missions Dialogue for Marketplace Professionals held in Damansara Heights. The Missions Dialogue for business professionals was initiated with the threefold objective of empowering the people to prioritise their goals in life, maximise the resources and potential God has given them and to impact their community and workplace as the Holy Spirit anoints them with creativity.

The session kicked off with a praise and worship session, followed by a short icebreaker where the attendees could get to know one another. Two testimonies of God's empowerment in the marketplace

were then shared by Rachel Peters and Quintin Tan.

Rachel shared on how God has so richly blessed her in the past four years in her business as she chose to be faithful and trust in God particularly during a period of her life riled with financial duress and seemingly unfavourable circumstances. When the breakthrough finally came, it came as a flood. God blessed her with abundant provision and she also won many souls for the Lord!

Quintin Tan shared on how early in his life he decided that Missions was a starting point where he can serve God and how in the past three years, God has enabled him to witness to his friends

and colleagues. As the saving grace of God worked in his friends, they began to turn to the Lord, slowly but surely. Today, a Life Group has been started to help them grow in their faith and fellowship. All Glory to God who is faithful and true to His Word.

Special speaker Dr. Rajan Thiagarajah began his message by sharing his personal testimony on how God has provided him with a position in the marketplace even though he is serving the Lord in church. This is an opportunity for him to share Christ with people in the marketplace in a way they can relate to. He mentioned that the distinction between serving the Lord full-time and part-time is arbitrary, as all of us are serving God full-time, wherever we are.



Dr. Rajan Thiagarajah

YOUTH MISSIONS

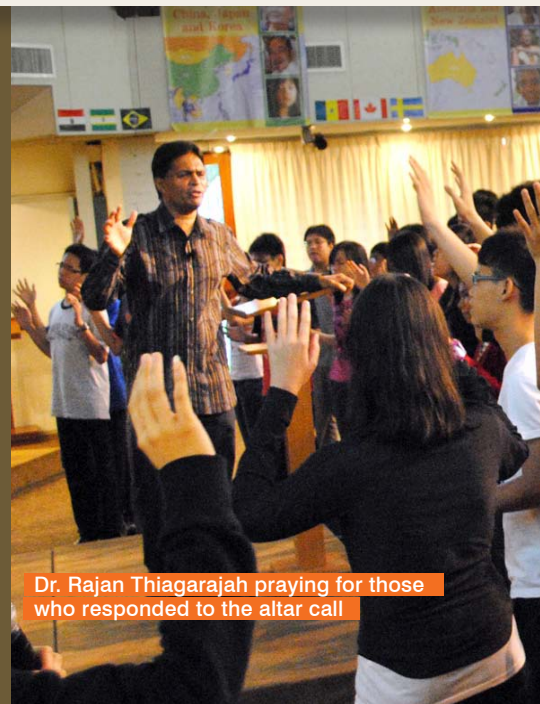
PARTNER WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT IN MISSIONS

By Kimmie Tan

On 8 January 2010, the sanctuary was filled with anticipation and excitement. It was the very first Youth and Young Adults meeting of the year, as well as Youth Missions Saturday and the post-camp gathering for the 138 young people that came. Many expected to hear from God.

The afternoon began with a session of passionate worship led by Tabitha Ong and the Worship Team, which was followed with a time of testimonies. Then, we heard an amazing message from Dr. Rajan Thiagarajah, as well as various incredible testimonies from him. His experiences with the Holy Spirit definitely proved to all of us youth and young adults that if we take the Holy Spirit to be our best Friend, He will work unimaginable wonders in our lives.

The response to Dr. Rajan's altar call was amazing! Some of the young people reaffirmed the call of God on their lives to full-time ministry. Two others also felt God calling them to full-time ministry! Many experienced God's touch upon their lives, breaking bondages and changing hearts. Praise the Lord for that! +



Dr. Rajan Thiagarajah praying for those who responded to the altar call



Dr. Rajan shared his message from the text of Isaiah 45:3 on how to discover, uncover, possess and protect the treasures God has given and will give us. With that comes the principle of due order (1 Chronicles 15:13), when God finally will take the wealth of the sinner to bless the righteous, the people under the blood of His Son, as it is God's desire to change us from being the needy of this world to the supplier of blessings to this world, and He has given us the power (Deuteronomy 8:18) to do so through His Word.

The principles of due order comes with a heart of worship, and a heart of worship is a heart of giving. The first principle is our hearts, whether we can be entrusted by God with His power to bless (2 Corinthians 9:7), whether our hearts

come with the right attitude of giving. The gift which we present to God must contain ourselves, just as God's gift of His Son to the world contains Himself.

The second principle is honour (Proverbs 3:1-10), which is simply the weight or the value in which you give to the gift given. It is the thing which you wrap the gift with which exemplifies its value to you, and it comes naturally when the heart of the giver is already in the gift.

The third principle is the principle of first fruits. The first fruits of a plant contain the seeds and power to recreate. The first fruits of a plant help it flourish in its habitat and prevent the plant from going into extinction. As with our tithe, it is the first fruits belonging to God, and when we give it to God, it will be reproduce

evermore so abundantly in the life of its giver, just as the plant gives up its seed and reproduces itself in even greater measure. It is an object of power that if kept it in our pockets, it will only burn a hole in it. When the first fruit is given, the heart is also in it.

Finally, Dr. Rajan's exhortation is to protect the gift by declaring Jesus is Lord over the gift and bringing it under the blood of Jesus. When our gifts are given in such a manner in obedience to God's principles of due order, truly we will find that we are transformed into suppliers that can prioritise effectively, maximise efficiently and creatively impact the community around us. +



Chin Li Sha sharing her testimony about seizing the opportunity to lead a friend to Christ during her National Service Training

The Worship Team leading in worship

faith promise sunday

Dr. Rajan Thiagarajah leading prayer for the Faith Promise partners at the 10.30am Service at Damansara Heights

By Samuel Ngeow

THE HEART OF GIVING

On Faith Promise Sunday, 9 January 2011, Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam exhorted us to give cheerfully to the Lord with a right and positive attitude and with faith, before introducing the Speaker, Dr. Rajan Thiagarajah.

Dr. Rajan Thiagarajah shared on the heart of giving. He began by reminding us that in the act of giving, love is the greatest motivator and faith is the greatest activator.

Dr. Rajan said it begins with our understanding of who God is to us. God is the Faithful God (Isaiah 49:7), able to do what He has promised; God is the

Great Shepherd, He takes care of our needs; He is our God (Deuteronomy 7:9) who deserves our praise and worship. With this understanding of who God is, the next step is to understand in the light of the Bible, who we are to God.

So who are we to Him? Well, the Word of God says we are sons and daughters of God (1 John 3:2), a part of His family; we are the habitation of His Holy Spirit (Ephesians 2:22), a holy temple of the Lord; we are also joint heirs with Christ (Galatians 4:7), to inherit the promises of God and rule with Him one day.

Dr. Rajan shared how God spoke to Him, that in the light of our relationship

with God, this year 2011

will be a year of divine addition to the people of God, where our Father will grant divine providence to His children, especially when the world draws ever closer to the returning of Christ and its end. In a time where there will be suffering from the signs of the end of times which include dreaded plagues, ceaseless famine, incurable diseases, financial disaster and the loss of peace and security in this world as the spirit of the Antichrist has already begun manipulating the currencies of the world, the only thing



Dr. Rajan Thiagarajah



AMPANG



CHERAS



DAMANSARA PERDANA



DAMANSARA HEIGHTS



Clockwise: Praying for the Faith Promise partners at Cheras, Ampang and Damansara Perdana



that protects us is the blood of Jesus. And especially when it comes to finances, the only thing that protects our wealth is the act of giving to God, where our treasures will be at its safest place.

The promises of God that Dr. Rajan shared with us were many and meaningful: Just like with Abraham, God has given us union and communion with Him; with Joseph, God has already

made the way for us; with Moses, He has parted the Red Sea to defeat our enemies; with Joshua, God will bring down the walls of Jericho for us; just like with Gideon, God will empower us with courage to do His will; with Solomon, He is pouring His wisdom into our lives and like with Jeremiah, God's Word is in our mouths. In a time where hope in the world is fading, our hope in God can only grow stronger as we put our trust in Him.

God is going to increase the former rain and the latter rain in His church. With the abundance that God is going to bless us with, it is only the right and obedient thing for us to honour the Lord with our wealth (Proverbs 3:9-10), especially the first fruits of our work. In our giving, the first fruit must have the best seed, which in the best gift we can give to God as we purpose it in

our hearts. It must be planted in fertile ground, such as in missions-focused church like Calvary Church. The seed must be protected, covered with the blood of Jesus. It must be given direction, as we pray for God's hand to move in our finances. It must be given nourishment, which is the expectancy and faith we have in the Lord and what He is doing; it must be watered by the former and latter rain, which is the promises of God in His Word; and finally, it must bear fruit, with all glory returning to God.

As Calvarites respond in the various congregations through the making of Faith Promises, our prayer is that we will hold fast to the promises of God, always, always maintaining a giving heart, motivated by love and activated by faith and presenting the first fruits of our giving, that our God will be honoured and glorified in the midst of a troubled day and age. +

CARPENTER'S WORKSHOP



The Carpenter's Workshop (CW) kids once again had the privilege of joining in the excitement of participating in Mission Faith Promise giving. With the theme, "Love in Action" (John 20:21), the kids were challenged in their giving toward Missions: the younger ones aged five to six years using the Coin Box, saving 10 sen a day, and the older kids aged seven to 11 years making a commitment using the Faith Promise pledge card.

A lesson on "Love in Action" from the Mission Kidz poster was taught by the teachers at the five Service Locations. The CMNN report was

shown to the older kids and the Faith Promise Pledge challenge was presented by the Pastors. The younger ones made their own coin boxes.

A total of 228 kids from the different locations responded to be Faith Promise partners. The Service Location Coordinators reported:

Damansara Heights 1 – Soon Yuen Ling

"The kids participated in the Faith Promise Pledge challenge with enthusiasm and eagerness to see the work of God extended. They paid attention to the lesson taught and wrote the names of their friends whom they wanted to reach out to on the Mission Kidz poster. The teachers prayed with them as they committed their promise to give to extend God's kingdom. The teachers also prayed with them for the salvation of their friends and that they will be effective witnesses for Christ."

Damansara Heights 2 – Lai Gaik Hoon

"They showed great interest in where their Faith Promise giving goes to and

were very excited when they saw the Calvary Convention Centre building. They were serious while filling the Faith Promise cards. The recently promoted seven-year-old kids had no difficulty making Faith Promise pledges for the first time because they had already learnt to give faithfully using the Coin Box method when they were younger."

Cheras – Cheng Beng Bee (Mrs Lee)

"The CW kids had a better understanding of what Missions is all about when the Pastor explained to them after the video. Most of the children filled in the pledge cards except for those who are new to CW."

Damansara Perdana – Tan Yuh Chyong

"The kids seemed very excited about the Mission Kidz poster. They now better understand about missions. All of them participated in Faith Promise giving."

Ampang – Grace Yap

"The children have a better understanding of making Faith Promise pledges and see the importance to be a Faith Promise partner. They can relate to giving to the needs shown in the CMNN video and to loving others by doing good deeds as taught in the Bible. I was overjoyed to see their excitement!" +

HIDUP DALAM KASIH

Oleh Pendita Senior Prince Guneratnam

“Demikianlah tinggal ketiga hal ini, yaitu iman, pengharapan dan kasih, dan yang paling besar di antaranya ialah kasih” (1 Korintus 13:13).

Kasih adalah terpenting sekali. Apabila kita hidup dalam kasih, kita tidak bergelut dengan iman dan harapan. Kita boleh menghadapi cabaran hidup kerana kasih membekalkan harapan dan harapan bukan tanpa iman. Iman menyenangkan Tuhan dan oleh demikian harapan tidak akan mengecewakan kita kerana kasih Tuhan (Roma 5:5).

Kasih akan menunjukkan dirinya sendiri. Tuhan menunjukkan kasihNya dengan mengutus AnakNya Yesus sebagai Penyelamat kita. Kasih, seperti juga dengan iman tanpa perbuatan, adalah mati. Yohanes berkata,

“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. Inilah kasih itu: Bukan kita yang telah mengasihi Tuhan, tetapi Tuhan yang telah mengasihi kita dan yang telah mengutus Anak-Nya sebagai pendamaian bagi dosa-dosa kita. Saudara-saudaraku yang kekasih, jikalau Tuhan sedemikian mengasihi kita, maka haruslah kita juga saling mengasihi” (1 Yohanes 4:9-11).

Sebagai anak-anak Tuhan, kita menjadi saksi-saksi akan kasih Tuhan.

Yohanes juga berkata, **“...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).

Apabila kita mempunyai kasih Tuhan, kita mempunyai iman. Kebanyakan daripada kita menginginkan lebih iman. Untuk memperolehi iman yang lebih dengan cara Alkitabiah adalah dengan bertumbuh dalam kasih Tuhan.

Apabila kita lebih mencintai Tuhan Yesus, maka iman kita akan menjadi lebih besar. Iman dan kasih merupakan cara Tuhan supaya kita hidup dalam kemenangan. Paulus berkata, **“Sebab bagi orang-orang yang ada di dalam Kristus Yesus hal bersunat atau tidak bersunat tidak mempunyai sesuatu arti, hanya iman yang bekerja oleh kasih”** (Galatia 5:6). Dia juga berkata, **“Sekalipun aku mempunyai karunia untuk bernubuat dan aku mengetahui segala rahsia dan memiliki seluruh pengetahuan; dan sekalipun aku memiliki iman yang sempurna untuk memindahkan gunung, tetapi jika aku tidak mempunyai kasih, aku sama sekali tidak berguna”** (1 Korintus 13:2). Apa yang menyenangkan hati Tuhan dan mendapat berkatNya adalah iman yang ditunjukkan melalui kasih! Perkahwinan merupakan satu contoh iman yang bertindak melalui kasih. Apabila satu pasangan berkahwin, kamu boleh melihat cinta melalui mata mereka. Tetapi apabila “kejutan-kejutan” muncul, kasih dan iman di antara mereka akan menolong mereka mengatasi apa pun “kejutan-kejutan” itu dan perhubungan mereka akan bertumbuh lebih kuat lagi.



Mari kita pertimbangkan apa yang dikata dalam Alkitab tentang kasih Tuhan:

Pertama, kasih Tuhan menyempurnakan kita. Yohanes berkata, “Dalam hal inilah kasih Tuhan sempurna di dalam kita, yaitu kalau kita mempunyai keberanian percaya pada hari penghakiman, karena sama seperti Dia, kita juga ada di dalam dunia ini” (1 Yohanes 4:17). Kasih tidak menjadikan kita bodoh tetapi menyempurnakan kita. Kasih menjadikan kita berani dan menjadi seorang pengusaha yang melakukan perkara-perkara penting kerana kesungguhan terhadap apa yang kita sedang buat. Kasih dan takut tidak boleh bergabung. Yohanes berkata, “Di dalam kasih tidak ada ketakutan: kasih yang sempurna melenyapkan ketakutan; sebab ketakutan mengandung hukuman dan barangsiapa takut, ia tidak sempurna di dalam kasih” (1 Yohanes 4:18). Paulus berkata, “Sebab Tuhan memberikan kepada kita bukan roh ketakutan, melainkan roh yang membangkitkan kekuatan, kasih dan ketertiban” (2 Timotius 1:7). Kasih Tuhan membawa kita kepada Tuhan Yesus dan memberi kuasa kepada kita untuk mengatasi ketakutan dan kelemahan kita. Kita mempunyai kasih Tuhan apabila Roh Kudus dicurahkan ke dalam hati kita. Paulus berkata, “Dan pengharapan tidak mengecewakan, karena kasih Tuhan telah dicurahkan di dalam hati kita oleh Roh Kudus yang telah dikaruniakan kepada kita” (Roma 5:5).

Kedua, kasih Tuhan akan membuka jalan untuk kita terlepas kerana Dia mengasihi kita. Paulus berkata, “Pencobaan-pencobaan yang kamu alami ialah pencobaan-pencobaan biasa, yang tidak melebihi kekuatan manusia. Sebab Tuhan setia dan karena itu Ia tidak akan membiarkan kamu dicobai melampaui kekuatanmu. Pada waktu kamu dicobai Ia akan memberikan kepadamu jalan ke luar, sehingga kamu dapat menanggunya” (1 Korintus 10:13).

Ketiga, kasih Tuhan akan menghindarkan kita dari tersandung. Apabila kasih Tuhan memerintah hidup kita, kita hidup dalam terang dan tiada kegelapan yang akan menyebabkan kita tersandung. Kasih Tuhan menjadi terang kepada jalan kita. Alkitab berkata, “Barangsiapa mengasihi saudaranya, ia tetap berada di dalam terang, dan di dalam dia tidak ada penyesatan” (1 Yohanes 2:10).

Keempat, kasih Tuhan menolong kita mentaati perintahNya. Alkitab berkata, “Barangsiapa memegang perintah-Ku dan melakukannya, dialah yang mengasihi Aku. Dan barangsiapa mengasihi Aku, ia akan dikasihi oleh Bapa-Ku dan Akupun akan mengasihi dia dan akan menyatakan diri-Ku kepadanya” (Yohanes 14:21). Kita tidak boleh mengatakan kita mengasihi Tuhan namun tidak menuruti perintahNya. Perintah-perintah Tuhan tidak membebankan. Yohanes berkata, “Sebab inilah kasih kepada Tuhan, yaitu, bahwa kita menuruti perintah-perintah-Nya. Perintah-perintah-Nya itu tidak berat” (1 Yohanes 5:3).

Terakhir sekali, apabila kita saling mengasihi, kita membuktikan kita mempunyai kasih Tuhan. Kita tidak boleh berkata kita kasih Tuhan tetapi membenci saudara kita. Yohanes berkata, “Jikalau seorang berkata: ‘Aku mengasihi Tuhan,’ dan ia membenci saudaranya, maka ia adalah pendusta, karena barangsiapa tidak mengasihi saudaranya yang dilihatnya, tidak mungkin mengasihi Tuhan, yang tidak dilihatnya. Dan perintah ini kita terima dari Dia: Barangsiapa mengasihi Tuhan, ia harus juga mengasihi saudaranya” (1 Yohanes 4:20-21). Marilah kita saling mengasihi bermula dari rumah Tuhan—ia itu Tubuh Kristus.

Jangan ragu tentang kasih Tuhan terhadap kamu. Tidak kira bagaimana keadaan kamu, tetaplah dalam kasih Tuhan. Mari saya gambarkan ini dengan cerita William Tell. Sebagai hukuman kerana tidak menundukkan kepala kepada topi seorang tuan besar Austria yang disangkut di atas sebatang tiang di tengah medan di sebuah kampung, William Tell telah dipaksa menembak sebiji epal yang diletak di atas kepala anaknya supaya ia jatuh dari kepala anaknya dengan busur, jika tidak kedua-dua bapa dan anak itu akan dihukum mati. Saya percaya budak kecil itu mesti mengasihi bapanya, oleh itu mempunyai iman terhadap bapanya. Dia juga tidak ragu bahawa bapanya mengasihinya dan akan melakukan apa juga dalam lingkungan kuasanya supaya epal itu tidak terlepas daripada tembakkannya. Dia menerima epal itu dengan berani dan meletakkannya di atas kepalanya, bapanya telah berjaya menembak epal itu dan ia jatuh dari kepalanya. Apabila kita menghadapi cabaran-cabaran, marilah kita mempunyai iman bahawa kasih Tuhan akan menyelamatkan kita dan memberi kita kemenangan serta melindungi kita.

Kita menerima kasih Tuhan dengan percuma. Marilah membenarkan kasihNya mengalir daripada hidup kita untuk menjamah orang lain. Kasih Tuhan dalam hidup kita merupakan rahsia untuk kemenangan dan kemenangan hidup. Marilah kita tinggal dalamNya, seperti yang telah dikatakan oleh Tuhan Yesus tentang pokok Anggur dan Dahannya dalam Yohanes 15. +

在爱中生活

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“如今常存的有信，有望，有爱；这三样，其中最大的是爱。” (林前13:13)

爱是最大的。当我们在爱中生活，我们就不与信心和盼望斗争。我们可以处理生活的挑战，因为爱情带来了盼望，盼望也不是没有信心。信心能取悦神，因此，因为神的爱，盼望不会令我们失望 (罗5:5)。

爱将显明自己。神差遣他的儿子耶稣成为我们的救主，以显明他的爱。爱，好像信心一样，没有行为是死的。约翰说，“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。不是我们爱神，乃是神爱我们，差他的儿子，为我们的罪作了挽回祭，这就是爱了。亲爱的弟兄啊，神既是这样爱我们，我们也当彼此相爱。” (约壹4:9~11)。作为神的儿女，我们成为神的爱见证。约翰也说：“...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)。

当有神的爱，我们就有信心。我们大多数人想要更多的信心。圣经中得信心的方法，是爱神更多。我们越是与耶稣相爱，我们的信心将是更大。信心与爱是神使我们过得胜的生活的方式。保罗说，“

原来在基督耶稣里，受割礼全无功效；惟独使人生发仁爱的信心才有功效。” (加5:6)。他也说，“我若有先知讲道之能，也明白各样的奥秘、各样的知识，而且有全备的信，叫它能够移山，却没有爱，我就算不得什么。” (林前13:2)。

蒙神喜悦和得神祝福的是信心通过爱的行为！婚姻是信心通过爱的行为的实例。当一对夫妇结婚，你可以看到他们眼中的爱。但是当“吃惊的事”发生时，他们相互的爱和信任将帮助他们克服一切“吃惊的事”和他们的关系会成长且力上加力。



让我们看一看圣经对神的爱的说法：

首先，神的爱使我们完全。约翰说，这样，爱在我们里面得以完全，我们就可以在审判的日子坦然无惧。因为他如何，我们在这世上也如何”（约壹4：17）。爱不叫我们作傻瓜，而是使我们完全。爱让我们勇敢，使我们作企业家和做大事的人，因为我们对所做的事的热情。爱与惧怕不混合。约翰说，“爱里没有惧怕；爱既完全，就把惧怕除去，因为惧怕里含着刑罚，惧怕的人在爱里未得完全”（约壹4:18）。保罗说，“因为神赐给我们不是胆怯的心，乃是刚强、仁爱、谨守的心。”（提后书1:7）。神的爱吸引我们到耶稣面前和他使我们能够克服我们的恐惧和缺点。当圣灵倾注在我们心中，我们就有神的爱。保罗说，“盼望不至于羞耻。因为所赐给我们的圣灵将神的爱浇灌在我们心里。”（罗5:5）。

其次，神的爱将开一条出路，因为他爱我们。保罗说，你们所遇见的试探，无非是人所能受的。神是信实的，必不叫你们受试探过于所能受的。在受试探的时候，总要给你们开一条出路，叫你们能忍受得住。”（林前10:13）。

第三，神的爱让我们免于绊倒。当神的爱统管我们的生命，我们生活在光明中，没有任何的黑暗能够使我们绊倒。神的爱变成了我们路上的光。圣经说，“爱弟兄的，就是住在光明中，在他并没有绊跌的缘由。”（约壹2:10）。

第四，神的爱帮助我们遵守祂的诫命。圣经说：有了我的命令又遵守的，这人就是爱我的；爱我的必蒙我父爱他，我也要爱他，并且要向他显现”（约14：21）。我们不能说我们爱神，但不遵守祂的诫命。神的诫命不是负担。约翰说，“我们遵守神的诫命，这就是爱他了，并且祂的诫命不是难守的。”（约壹5:3）。

最后，当我们彼此相爱，我们证明我们有神的爱。我们不能说我们爱神，但却恨我们的弟兄。约翰说，“人若说“我爱神”，却恨他的弟兄，就是说谎话的；不爱他所看见的弟兄，就不能爱没有看见的神。爱神的，也当爱弟兄，这是我们从神所受的命令。”（约壹4:20-21）。让我们彼此相爱，首先从神的家—基督的身体开始。

不要怀疑神对你的爱。不管你的情况是怎么样，在神的爱中生活。让我以威廉泰尔的故事举例说明这一点。威廉泰尔因为不向在村中心广场挂在柱子上的奥地利统治者的帽子鞠躬，而受处罚。威廉泰尔被迫以弩弓箭射穿摆在他儿子头上的苹果，否则他们父子都将被处死。我相信这个小男孩必定是爱他的父亲，因此对他有信心。他也毫不怀疑他的父亲是爱他，并在他的能力范围内不致失手。他勇敢地接受了让苹果摆在他的头上，而他的父亲也成功地射中了苹果。当我们面对挑战，让我们有信心，神的爱将拯救我们，给我们胜利，并保守我们。

我们已经白白的领受了神的爱。让我们让祂的爱从我们的生命里涌流出去去触摸其他的人。神在我们生命中的爱是和平和胜利生活的秘诀。让我们住在主里面，如耶稣在约翰福音十五章所说及的葡萄树和枝子。+

(以上经文是采用中文圣经和合本)

三月份

中文聚会

日期：27-3-11

爱上帝

时间：下午五点正

地点：伯特利楼

齐来敬拜！

祈祷强调周

日期：13-3-11—19-3-11

寻求神的心

太22：37，39

四月份

中文聚会

日期：24-4-11

与复活节主日聚会联合

地点：安邦路，马华大厦三春礼堂

复活节音乐布道会

日期/时间：

22-4-11(五)，晚上八点正

23-4-11(六)，晚上八点正

24-4-11(日)，晚上八点正

地点：安邦路，马华大厦三春礼堂

联合复活节主日 敬拜聚会(24-4-11)

早上十点正

地点：安邦路，马华大厦三春礼堂

	DAMANSARA HEIGHTS (DH) 8am + 10.30am	DAMANSARA HEIGHTS (DH) 5pm	CHERAS 9am	DAMANSARA PERDANA 10.30am
<div>march</div> <div>*6</div>	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam 	Associate Pastor Peter Ong	Associate Pastor Richard Yun	Associate Pastor Richard Yun
13	Dr Joel Edwards 	Dr Joel Edwards	Dr Joel Edwards	Dr Joel Edwards
20	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Associate Pastor Steven Kum	Associate Pastor David Seah	Associate Pastor David Seah
27	Associate Pastor Richard Yun	Associate Pastor Steven Kum	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam
<div>april</div> <div>*3</div>	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Associate Pastor Richard Yun	Associate Pastor Steven Kum	Associate Pastor Steven Kum
10	Associate Pastor Timothy Ong	Associate Pastor Richard Yun	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam
17	Rev. Dr Robert Lim 	Associate Pastor Richard Yun	Rev. Dr Robert Lim	Rev. Dr Robert Lim
24	Combined Easter Sunday Worship Service 10am at Dewan San Choon, Wisma MCA, Jalan Ampang Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam			

* communion

AMPANG JOINS DAMANSARA HEIGHTS FROM 6 MARCH 2011!

The Ampang satellite congregation will join the worship services at Damansara Heights from Sunday, 6 March 2011. Due to various factors, the hotel that we have been using is unable to provide worship facilities on a regular basis.

Shuttle services will be provided to those needing assistance with transport.

EASTER

EVANGELISTIC CONCERT

22 April 2011 ♦ 8pm ♦ FRIDAY

23 April 2011 ♦ 8pm ♦ SATURDAY

24 April 2011 ♦ 8pm ♦ SUNDAY

Dewan San Choon, Wisma MCA, Jalan Ampang

Combined Easter Sunday Worship Service

♦ 10am ♦ 24 April 2011

There will be a special children's programme.

PRAYER EMPHASIS WEEK

13-19 March 2011

SEEKING GOD'S HEART

"You shall love the Lord
your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, and with all
your mind....You shall love
your neighbor as yourself."
MATTHEW 22: 37, 39

CHINESE FELLOWSHIP

Sunday | 5pm

27 MARCH 2011

LOVE FOR GOD

Come for a time of worship!

venue
BETHEL HALL

24 APRIL 2011

COMBINED WITH EASTER
SUNDAY SERVICES

BAHASA MALAYSIA FELLOWSHIP

Sunday | 12.30pm

27 MARCH 2011

speaker
ASSOCIATE PASTOR DAVID SEAH

venue
BETHEL HALL

24 APRIL 2011

COMBINED WITH EASTER
SUNDAY SERVICES



GONE HOME TO BE WITH THE LORD

Mr Yun Wai Mun, 71, father of Associate Pastor Richard Yun, went home to be with the Lord on 9 February 2011.

Mr Yun received Christ in 2001 at our Easter presentation and was baptised in water at Calvary Church in the same year. He was part of the Calvary family for the past ten years. Pastor Richard and his family wish to express their thanks for the love and prayers for them during this time.



RANGERS NOW MEET AT PACC!

The Royal Rangers have begun weekly Royal Rangers Outpost meetings at our Satellite Church in Cheras, Pusat Aktiviti Calvary Cheras (PACC).

Meetings are held (at the same time as our Outpost meetings in Damansara Heights) every Sunday from 2.30pm to 4.30pm, except the last Sunday of the month.

We hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity to invite your family, friends and neighbours to join us for our exciting programme organised in Cheras for your convenience.

Royal Rangers Outpost meetings in Damansara Heights will be as usual. For more information, please visit www.calvary.org/rr. +



EXPEDITION RANGERS GO WHITEWATER RAFTING!

Fifteen Expedition Rangers (15-18 years) and Commanders having an exhilarating time on 15 February 2011 during their trip to Sungai Selangor to complete their Whitewater Rafting Merit.



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