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Landmark Lifting of The CCC Mega Trusses

By Pastor Carol Lim

The landmark lifting of mega trusses (MT) one and two, at the Calvary Convention Centre (CCC) site on 15 July and 22 July, 2011 respectively to their final positions, after being long anticipated was captured on video recording and shown to Calvarites amidst much rejoicing on 24 July, 2011 at all the Sunday service locations.

The lifting and installation of the two mega trusses (MTs) has chalked up a record of its own. It is considered to be a phenomenal engineering feat by virtue of the sheer size of the MTs, the high technical precision required and the uniqueness of the roof design.

The CCC auditorium is column-free, and for the roof to be held in place without columns, the two MTs, functioning like two spines on both sides of the auditorium are used to provide support for the centre trusses (CTs) and the wing trusses (WTs). CTs are placed between both the MTs horizontally, while WTs hug both the left and right sides of the MTs, in "spider-legs" fashion, vertically. Work is currently going on to assemble and install the centre and wing trusses. Once completed this ingenious roof support structure lends the CCC Auditorium roof covering its beautiful shape and design.

The lifting process is easy to understand but is "complicated" to install. The MTs are heavy. MT2, weighs more than 235 tonnes and is heavier than MT1 by 10 tons. Lifting each MT is akin to lifting 220 one-tonne lorries all at the same time!

Once lifted, the challenge is to bolt them, while still "hanging" to their respective end segments which have been embedded into the mega columns, more than two months earlier.

Thank God for the roof and steel structure contractor, Victor Buyck (M) Sdn Bhd which designed, built and installed the mega trusses successfully. Victor Buyck took no chances. They flew in two specialists from the UK, together with four hydraulic strand jacks and other equipment. The jacks were key to the entire lifting exercise.

Each lifting of the MTs took about six to seven hours. The bolting and securing were completed several days thereafter.

It was an eye opener for many of us who are privy to witness the engineering feat unfolding before our very eyes. It was well worth the wait! Once the second mega truss was lifted, there was such a wonderful spirit of joy and unspoken acknowledgment of the goodness and faithfulness of God at the CCC site. +

Ongoing work
Centre trusses
already installed
thus far



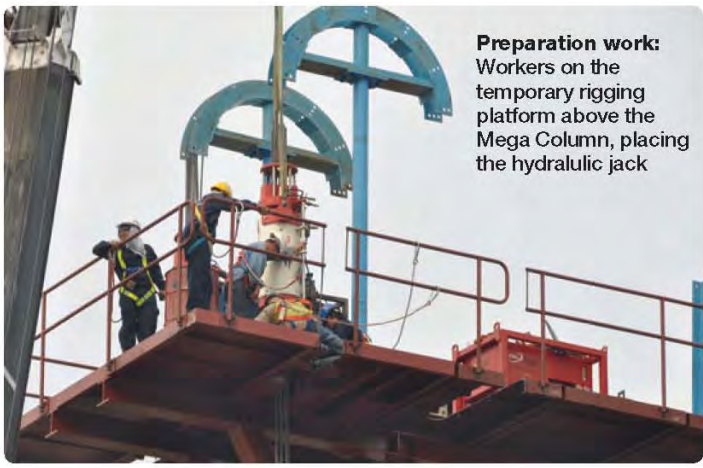
Lifted: Mega truss 1 (left)
and mega truss 2 (right)

CCC Construction Progressing On Full Steam

We thank God for the speedy progress in the physical building of the CCC.

Phase 1A works has brought the CCC building to what it is today and will be completed by December 2011 at a cost of RM73.5m. Phase 1B consisting of the architectural works, mechanical and electrical works, interior design works and other ancillary works, was awarded to E&J-Alphazen JV Sdn Bhd on 15 June 2011. The completion of Phase 1B at a cost of RM82m will mean the completion of the CCC.

Everything augurs well for achieving the targeted completion date of early 2013, just 18 months away! Calvarites, let us see through eyes of faith. When we desire to give unstintingly towards building His Kingdom, God cannot not grant the desires of our hearts. Don't miss out this wonderful opportunity.



Preparation work: Workers on the temporary rigging platform above the Mega Column, placing the hydraulic jack



Strand jacks fixed to anchor housing: Each mega truss is hoisted up via cables



Jacking equipment: Temporary rigging platform holds the two hydraulic jacks.



Almost there: Mega truss 2 almost reaching final position and connected to its end segment embedded into the mega column

Prayer: Pastors pray for all involved in the lifting operation



Bolting works: Workmen insert a shim plate to close joining gap

Briefing: Senior Pastor raises a question during a briefing for pastors & deacons by Mark Thomas, the CCC project manager



Getting a handle of things: Aat van der Horst, MD of Victor Buyck enlightening Adrian Ng, CCC resident architect and Executive Pastor Peter Ong



Being Godly Fathers By John Lim

“A Dad is respected because he gives his children leadership. A Dad is appreciated because he gives his children care. A Dad is valued because he gives his children time. A Dad is loved because he gives his children the one thing they treasure most – himself.”



Senior Pastor encourages fathers through poem, parable and message

On Father's Day, 19 June 2011, Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam began with this poem to encourage the many fathers present at all Sunday service locations at Calvary Church. He encouraged them to love their kids with the same love that our Heavenly Father has for all believers. Jesus teaches, "This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12). The poem that Senior Pastor quoted describes a love which

is characterised by self-sacrifice. The best gift a father can give is the giving of "himself" and this is a compelling reminder of how Christ gave His own life to save us.

To further demonstrate God's love for us, Senior Pastor used the parable of the lost son (Luke 15:11-32). In this parable, Jesus tells of a father who was anxiously waiting for the return of his wandering, prodigal son. When this father saw his estranged but now-repentant son coming home, he was filled with compassion for him. He quickly ran up to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. This story highlights the importance of fathers to lead their families with godly vision and demonstrate love through action and characterised by affirmation or approval.

In the times we are living in, it is vital for fathers to show true spiritual leadership and impart strong biblical values to their families. Senior Pastor described the generation of the last days as a people without character, without conviction and

without conscience (2 Timothy 3:1-9). Indeed the father's role is impactful and has eternal consequences for his family and for society as a whole. Recognising this, Senior Pastor encouraged the whole congregation to support all fathers in their vital God-given role through prayer. At the second service at Damansara Heights, at Senior Pastor's invitation, the fathers present walked down the aisles, hand-in-hand with their spouses, to receive prayer at the altar. Senior Pastor and Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam joined hands and prayed for God to bless all parents and enable them to be godly examples to their families.

Besides the Word and prayer, fathers were also blessed by the performance of the Carpenter's Workshop (CW) children's choir. The kids sang and danced, cheered on by their proud and delighted parents, many of whom made sure they had front row seats just for this occasion. To celebrate their dads, many kids also bought them luncheon tickets so that they could enjoy good food and warm fellowship at the Calvary Refreshment Centre (CRC) after the service.

As a gesture of appreciation, a little gift was also distributed to every father in attendance. It was a pen inscribed with this Scripture, "He who walks in integrity, walks securely" (Proverbs 10:9), precious Godly wisdom for fathers to keep close to their hearts. +



Parents at DH altar seeking God's strength and wisdom to be godly parents



Senior Pastor and Sister praying together for all parents



CW choir at all service locations sing in appreciation, "Dad You Are The Greatest"



Fathers at Damansara Perdana (top) and Cheras (on the right) being acknowledged and prayed for



A father happily receives the Father's Day gift



Serving good food with goodwill

Very much at home, an 8 year old serves her granddad



Father and son enjoy their meal after the 8am service





LOVE IS A TESTIMONY OF YOUR FAITH

By Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam

“Again, a new commandment I write to you, which thing is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining. He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness now. He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him. But he who hates his brother is in darkness and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes” (1 John 2:8-11).

John is writing to believers and highlights the commandment to love your brother. The commandment is new because Jesus brings a new meaning to love. For instance, Jesus said, **“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven...”** (Matthew 5:43-45). Jesus gives a new understanding to the command of love when he says love your

enemy and not hate! What is the big deal, if you love those who love you! Sinners do that. It is easy to be kind to those who are kind to you. However, if you are born again, and have the love of God, you are to love others, irrespective of what they do to you. The Bible says, **“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us”** (Romans 5:8).

John uses light, to symbolise love and truth, and darkness to symbolise hate and evil. **“He who says, he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness now”** (1 John 2:9). There are believers who say that they are in the light and yet have hatred and walk in enmity with others. Hate is the evidence of spiritual darkness. It is destructive and hinders one from victorious Christian living. If you hate, what you profess does not matter, for you are in darkness. Jesus says, **“I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life”** (John 8:12). When you walk in the light, you cannot have darkness. John emphasises, **“He who says he is in the light, and hates his**

brother, is in darkness now” (1 John 2:9). Many believers live in defeat, not because God’s hand is short to help them, nor His ears too heavy to hear their prayers. It is hate in their hearts that brings about defeats, sorrows, sicknesses, bondages and a lack of God’s sustaining grace. People stumble when they are in darkness. They do not know where they are going, because darkness has blinded their eyes.

A Christian is baptised in water, a church member, participates in the Lord’s Supper, knows the Word and serves the church. Important as these are, the mark of a true Christian is love, because God is love. According to Paul, even all the good we do is futile, without love. **“If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal... And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing,”** (1 Cor 13:1, 3). Hence, Paul concludes, **“And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love”** (1 Cor 13:13).



More seriously, not walking in love has far reaching consequences. The Bible clearly warns, **"Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him,"** (1 John 3:15). He who hates does not have eternal life! This admonishment is repeated in Scriptures. **"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven"** (Matthew 7:21). **"Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a fatted calf with hatred"** (Proverbs 15:17).

The Bible also teaches us to avoid the following:

- 1** Do not desire vain glory. Paul admonishes, **"Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another and envying one another"** (Galatians 5:26).
- 2** Do not deny Christ by **"being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work"** (Titus 1:16).
- 3** Do not profess to be a Christian and do not live as one **"... having a form of godliness but denying its power"** (2 Timothy 3:5).
- 4** Do not lie. The Bible clearly states, **"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 4:20-21).

5 Do not walk in darkness and be stumbled. If you are walking in the light, you will know how to walk through all circumstances. You won't become one who is easily stumbled. **"He who loves his brother abides in the light and there is no cause for stumbling in Him"** (1 John 2:10).

The Bible says, **"You are the light of the world..."** (Matthew 5:14). Therefore, your lifestyle testifies of your faith. Living the talk is what counts. The Bible says, **"In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother. For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another"** (1 John 3:10-11).

In 1 Corinthians 13:4-8, the apostle Paul describes how believers should love. Here is Eugene Peterson's contemporary rendering of this Scripture:

"Love never gives up. Love cares more for others than for self. Love

doesn't want what it doesn't have. Love doesn't strut, doesn't have a swelled head, doesn't force itself on others, isn't always "me first," doesn't fly off the handle, doesn't keep score of the sins of others, doesn't revel when others grovel, takes pleasure in the flowering of truth, puts up with anything, trusts God always, always looks for the best, never looks back, but keeps going to the end. Love never dies."

It is not possible to love this way, if you are not born-again and filled with the Holy Spirit. To love the way God loves is to have God's love in us. The Holy Spirit can give us God's love. 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). You can be persuaded like Paul who says, **"For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord"** (Romans 8:39). +

All Bible quotations are from the New King James Version, unless otherwise stated.

Proactive Parenting, Understanding and Nurturing Youths of Today

By Nancy Low

107 participants attended and benefitted from the two workshops organised by Calvary Life Ministries (CLM) on 18 June 2011. The workshop presenter, Mr. Danny Ng is a clinical psychologist based in Singapore and he shared from his heart as well as drawing from his wealth of professional experience.

Be blessed by some pointers shared by Danny on how to raise emotionally healthy and resilient children at the first workshop on "Proactive Parenting":

1 Understand your child through skilful communication

Never start a conversation with clichés like "During my time....", "You don't know how fortunate you are...." Saying these only create distance and disconnection between parents and child. Also, never compare one child to another. When you do that, the child will feel rejected, unloved and thinks "I am not good enough" or "Something is wrong with me."

2 Express unconditional love and acceptance

Establish contact time with your child. Create a space for them to talk and for you to listen. Pray and take time to respond.

3 Encourage your child

Even if your child fails at exams, be affirming and find a way to

reward the efforts put in. Focus on internal feelings rather than the behaviour. This builds confidence and a sense of responsibility in your child.

4 Practise constructive discipline

Differentiate between punishment and discipline. Punishment involves feelings of anger and irritation and it alienates, hurts and provokes the child. Discipline however, is calm and purposeful. If you have to discipline your child, first tell the child that you love him or her. The child must sense the security of your love. You need to make it clear that it is about correcting the behaviour and it is not personal.

5 Motivate your child to study

If you constantly take away enjoyable activities and ask your children to study, they will hate their studies! Working out a timetable with the child helps provide structure and develops discipline. However, the timetable needs to be tweaked constantly to include family events and, at least nine hours of play in a week. Also, do not attempt to be your child's teacher. If you have to teach, be student-like. Ask your child questions. If the child can explain his work to you, then it reinforces his learning process.

The second workshop was on "Understanding and Nurturing Youths of Today". Danny emphasised that parenting teenagers is about connecting and building a friendship-relationship

between the parent and child. Parents need to CHANGE! It is important that parents:

- Learn to listen and "allow" them to rebel and argue as this is a perfectly normal stage of their development.
- Understand that teenagers are asking important questions about their life—"Who am I?" "What am I doing with my life?" "Where am I going with my life?"
- Be best friends to your teens and provide guidance in making wise decisions at this crucial time of their lives.
- Can give suggestions or options to your teens, but to let them make their own decisions.
- Get involved in the process of decision making and help them think through the consequences that may entail. This helps them take ownership of their own lives.

Danny also presented insights on some of the problems and stress faced by youths of today. For example, in this age of information technology, a major concern is cyber addiction and the exposure to pornography. Youths also find difficulty to focus on studies because of over-stimulated minds.

Ultimately, as Danny pointed out, it is about loving our youths and not about their abilities. Teens need to know that they have your unconditional love. And the best gift a parent can give to his or her teenager is time and love. +



Workshop participants



Danny shares from his heart

Mere Christianity By C.S.Lewis

Reviewed by Dr. Dolly Chye

I was introduced to Clive Staples Lewis in 1999 when I joined the Asian Institute of Ministries (AIM) and was given one of his books as a gift. And ever since, I have become a staunch Lewis' fan.

Lewis makes Christianity reasonable. He gave me the language and the vocabulary to argue out my beliefs, firstly to myself, and then to friends. I also find Lewis' theology refreshing. The metaphors Lewis uses to illustrate even the largest of ideas, are drawn from everyday examples, expressed in clear and simple language, and are most easily understood. And he does not incessantly scatter Bible verses all over the page.

Mere Christianity is a theological book based on a series of BBC radio talks which Lewis made during World War II. It is considered a classic of Christian apologetics. The book is divided into four sections and each section consists of a series of chapters respectively. Every section is full of literary gems.

In the first section, Lewis argues out Creation, and the case for God on the basis of a moral law, a "rule about right and wrong" commonly known to all human beings. Just as thirst reflects the fact that people naturally need water, and there is no other substance which

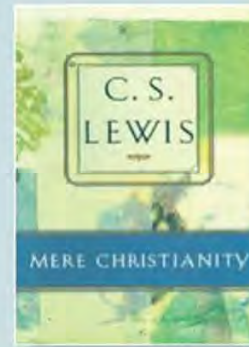
satisfies that need; therefore human craving for "joy" demonstrates that such "joy" must exist, for humans cannot know to yearn for something that does not exist. And if earthly experiences cannot satisfy this need for "joy", there must therefore be another source, a heavenly Source, who is God.

"If I find in myself desires nothing in this world can satisfy I can only conclude that I was not made for here." (Lyrics from the "C S Lewis Song" by singer Brooke Fraser)

The second section covers what Christians believe and why these beliefs are logical.

In the third section, Lewis explains the key elements and ethics of what Christian behaviour should be as a result of what we believe. He describes pride as "the great sin... that has been the chief cause of misery in every nation and every family since the world began."

The fourth section, arguably the "most theological", captures my attention the most. I have read and re-read it several times. In it, Lewis answers the nagging questions we often harbour (often unarticulated) about the really difficult bits of Christianity, for instance the doctrine of the Trinity, the nature of God etc. He frames the questions and addresses them. He



has obviously worked it all through for himself, to his own satisfaction, even the "unexplainable" bits, for he ultimately believed.

Perhaps reading "Mere Christianity" will become for you a rather large "starter", opening up to a whole new world of the writings of C. S. Lewis. If it does, don't forget to also read *The Chronicles of Narnia*, and *The Screwtape Letters*, in that order.

The thoughts contained within this book can be a catalyst for many interesting after-dinner conversations. It makes a most marvelous gift to both Christians and non-Christians alike. It is also excellent holiday reading. Read it again, and again. +

Books by C S Lewis are available at Calvary Book Corner. Titles include: *Mere Christianity* and *Screwtape Letters*.

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OPEN SCG – The Power of A Whisper

By Hoe Wee Fang

"Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, 'This is the way; walk in it'" (Isaiah 30:21). Just imagine what our daily life would be like, if we could hear the voice of our Heavenly Father guiding our every step.

At the Friday SCG Open Sessions on 6, 13 & 27 May, Calvarites had the opportunity to learn how to hear from God through a series of video teaching by Bill Hybels entitled "The Power of A Whisper." We learn that reflecting on Scriptures and journaling with "our ears open to heaven" are ways in which we position ourselves to hear from God.

Hybels highlighted five filters that can help us to discern divine direction:

- Does it align with who I know God to be?

- Is it consistent with the scriptures?
- Is it wise?
- Is it in tune with my character and wiring?
- What do the people I trust most think about it?

Once we learn to hear from God, we can get better at it by practicing the presence of God through purposeful corraling of our thoughts, communicating with Him and conforming to His Word daily. It requires us to set aside an optimal time daily to meet with God where we are at our best and there are minimal distractions. These practices may be awkward initially, but if we are willing to pay the price and persevere, we will reap the rewards.

God's whispers deal with matters close to His heart. He whispers to those who are willing to "live wide open to



God" so that He can use our lives for good in the midst of a broken world.

However God chooses to whisper, we need to have the courage to respond and obey, no matter what the cost may be. And when we are willing to spend on behalf of others who are in need, not only our lives, but the world at large will be impacted too. +

Saturday Sports Fever By Carmen Ten

The sun was shining and excitement was buzzing in the air on 25 June, 2011 as 206 young people gathered at the MBPJ BU3 Community Center at Bandar Utama, waiting for the games tournament to start.

At 8am, Joshua Tam and Ivan Ten led us in a most interesting warm-up routine to the tune of a Korean song. It was hilarious as the participants laughed and followed along the actions.



Neck warming up exercise?

Associate Pastor David Seah welcomed the youths and young adults. He reminded the Calvary Youth to play host to our guests. He stated some interesting facts about how amazing God

has created our body to be and that this body can experience upgrade one day and live forever. All this is possible if only we place our faith in Jesus, and accept Him as our Lord and Saviour.

The fever was really on that day, from the youngest and smallest participants to the oldest. On the football field, teams were pitched against each other tournament style. Goalies blocked as strikers launched balls at the goals. Alley-oops and 3-pointers were whizzing down the nets of the basketball courts. Both girls and boys were playing their hearts out. And in the badminton courts, incredible skills were shown. Smash! Block! Dive! Sports shoes squeaking on the rubber-coated courts.

As the games were going on, the spectators cheered their friends on. Some practiced their ball skills on the side, and yet others played other games together, like volleyball and captain ball just for fun. Lunch came and went, and it was time for the semi-finals and final matches of the 3 sports. Intense and exciting, breath-taking as the players went head-to-head, giving all they had.

In the end, the team from Chung Hwa High School captained by Looi

Kee Ping, won the football tournament, undeniably the best football team there was that day. Whereas on the basketball courts, the team comprising Julian Ch'ng, Lye Zhen Xiong & Sum Kah Sing beat the other team in the Boys' category, and Nicole Wong's team won the Girls category. In the badminton courts, Sarah Tay emerged champion for the Women's Singles, Serene & Katrina (The Yeohs) won the title for Women's Doubles. We had Marilyn Teoh & Edrian John win the Mixed Doubles category, and Lim Yan Shian grabbed the Men's Singles title, with Zebedee Tay & Jan Wong grabbing the Men's Doubles title.

Executive Pastor Peter Ong and Associate Pastor Raymond Yong were there to give away the prizes and encourage the participants. Everyone went home happy, healthy and satisfied with a little goodie bag to remind them of a wonderful sports day.

We thank God for a total of 107 first timers to the tournament. We pray that through the impact of this event, their hearts would be open to coming for our future events, nudging them towards an opportunity for salvation. +



Pastor David's infectious smile while sharing devotion



An exciting tussle



A leap to land a winner



Pastor Peter presents prize to Jan Wong



Winners of the women basketball



Epitome of carefree gaiety



The football winning team

Loving God's Ways

By Associate Pastor Timothy Ong

The Prayer Emphasis Week (PEW) started on Sunday, 17 July 2011 with Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam encouraging the congregation to let love be the motivation for our prayers, just as love is the basis for everything else we do for God.



Senior Pastor encourages us to pray believing

66 Calvarites specially took time to come to Church early on Wednesday morning to pray at the morning watch. We left with the refreshing assurance that God has heard our prayers which were prayed according to His will.

On Friday night, many families also made the effort to come out to pray in unity with the Church family. Here are some highlights of the corporate prayer meeting:

- Special song presentations by the Chinese choir and the Life Group (LG) choir.
- Gan Tiong Chew shared a delightful and powerful testimony on the importance of prayer in his family, effectiveness of his children's prayers and salvation of many through their prayers.
- A "priestly prayer" was prayed by Ngeow Zoo Gin for all Calvarite families.

- A youth, John Yee then prayed for all Calvarite parents. Chow Sang Hoe's brother, a family man shared that he was very "touched" by John's prayer when he prayed for all children to honour, respect and obey their parents.

- The congregation confessed and claimed the promises of God as Peggy Low led in a "Declaration" prayer for God's blessings.

The children led by Pastor Susan and her team joined their parents for a time of corporate prayer at the altar towards the close of the prayer meet. Praise God for the wonderful sense of God's anointing and presence at prayer meeting.

Let us look forward to the PEW in October. The challenge is to fast & pray for 21 Days. +



Praying in small groups of twos at morning watch



Chinese choir sings of God's majesty and holiness



Corporate prayer at the Wednesday morning watch



LG choir in action



Ngeow Zoo Gin prays for all Calvarite families symbolised by his family standing with him on stage

Friday prayer meeting ends on a note of praise at the altar



The First and Greatest New Testament Missionary

By Wong Ming Yook

On Missions Emphasis Friday, 9 July 2011, Missionary Pooshani testified of the exciting events in Yei, Sudan. Praise and thank God for the progress of the children and the church at Harvester's Assembly. Youths and children lead cell groups, teach bible study and evangelise with a fervour that witnesses to the power of God. Villagers come to Christ with bondages broken and lives changed. Executive Pastor Peter Ong was present at the dedication of Harvester's Assembly on 19 June 2011. But already, as Pooshani shared, a daughter church has been started at Dongoda!

The skit that followed Pooshani's testimony, "Making Him Known, Then and Now," highlighted for us in amusing ways the difference between going on Missions assignments in 1911 and in 2011. Yet it was the same Gospel message that missionaries testify of!

Our speaker for this Missions Emphasis was Rev. Leslie Welk of Northwest Ministry Network of the Assemblies of God. Rev. Welk shared that he was humbled to see how the people whom American missionaries witnessed to in Southeast Asia were giving back to God's world mission.

He spoke about the first and greatest New Testament missionary, Jesus. In fact, Jesus is the very embodiment of the mission of God who set the benchmark for us to follow. Rev. Welk taught from Philippians 2: 5-11. He highlighted four characteristics of Jesus' missionary attitude that we should apply. Firstly, Jesus was willing to let go of what was rightfully His. Although He was God, He did not hold on to His divine rights, but rather, gave them up. Secondly, He poured Himself into the people He served. He took on the culture, language and even look of the people of His calling, that is, He became a man like us. Thirdly, Jesus knew that obedience was necessary. We can sacrifice without



Associate Pastor Steven Kum welcomes Missions speaker Rev. Leslie Welk



Missionary Pooshani shares an amazing progress report on her ministry in Yei, Sudan



Guest speaker Rev. Leslie Welk and his son Pastor Aaron Welk

obeying, but we can never obey without sacrificing. Thus to obey is to make the complete sacrifice, as Jesus did. Fourthly, though the missionary cost is great, the rewards are greater. Jesus suffered and died, but He was ultimately exalted to the highest place. We should assume the attitude of Jesus, the first and greatest of God's missionaries.

During the altar call, Senior Pastor challenged us to move in total obedience to God, whether through giving of ourselves or finances. +



Calvarites enjoying a time of exuberant worship



Chris Raj and Jessica, portraying challenges, differences and similarities of being a missionary in two different centuries



Senior Pastor and Sister Petrina enjoying the skit

faith promise renewal sunday



Deacons, Pastors and Missions Committee pray for God to bless every Faith Promise Partner represented by the FP cards, at DH, Cheras & DP (top left, centre and right)



Senior Pastor's exhortation when congregation renews our Faith Promise pledge



Calvarites making their FP pledge



Willing to Spend and be Spent

By Wong Ming Yook

Sunday morning, 10 July 2011 saw Calvary Church getting ready to renew our Faith Promise for July-December 2011. CMNN gave us a run-down of Missions activities carried out on both the local and international fronts over the last six months. Senior Pastor then gave a short exhortation from Joshua 24:15. As we embarked on another six months of Faith Promise giving, we were to remember that obedience is a choice we make. We must choose to be involved in Missions. Just as we had received from Missions, so now we are to return or give back to Missions.

Rev. Leslie Welk shared about missionaries he had known who, like Paul, were willing to spend and be spent for the mission of Christ. They gave up everything, sometimes even their lives, for the sake of those they ministered



Rev. Leslie Welk shares on "spending" ourselves for God

to. He highlighted three lessons based on 2 Corinthians 12:14-15. Firstly, missionaries, as spiritual parents, are to take care of their spiritual children, not the other way round. They are to be sent with resources to their spiritual children and are not to burden those to whom they minister.

Secondly, Paul was willing to spend what he had for the Corinthians' sake.

Paul's example teaches and inspires us to invest our money in eternal things.

Finally, Paul invested himself in his ministry to the Corinthians. The apostles and early Christian leaders died by martyrdom. They "spent" their lives for the sake of the gospel. Rev. Welk pointed out that "there is nothing that we are willing to give our lives for that we have not already given our lives to". In other words, as we have already surrendered ourselves to Jesus, it is only logical that we should live our lives for Him. To be sold out to the mission of God is the only way to live.

We made our Faith Promise commitment with that sobering yet inspiring thought. As we give wholeheartedly, we are also giving our lives to the Lord again. We need to renew in our hearts this truth, that all we are and have are His. +

Making Jesus Known!

By Audrey Kum



Kids Online: Our kids enthralled by Missionary Pooshani's pictorial report of the kids she ministers to at Sudan

Every Friday, kids aged seven to 13 come together to connect with God through prayer at Damansara Heights while their parents attend the Prayer Meeting. On Friday, 8 July 2011, in line with the Missions Emphasis, the Kids Online theme was Prayer Explosion.

Missionary Pooshani showed pictures of the kids whom she ministers to at Yei, Sudan and shared how they are taught to pray. She had the full attention of our kids as she shared testimony after testimony of answers to prayer. The testimony of the healing of the boy who fell from the mango tree made a great impression on our kids to pray as they know that God definitely answers prayer.

The message shared by Missionary Pooshani has stirred up a passion in our kids to make Jesus known through prayer. One parent shared that his kids are more zealous in prayer now than ever before.

The children were given names of the Sudanese kids and they committed to pray for them. They also made bookmarks with a message to be given to the Sudanese kids to tell them that someone in Malaysia loves them and is praying for them. And in turn, they will be expecting the Sudanese kids to do the same, when Missionary Pooshani returns to Sudan.

On Sunday, 10 July 2011, all the Carpenter's Workshop (CW) kids at all

our Service locations were challenged to make Jesus known.

The kids were totally engrossed by Missionary Pooshani's accounts of how their faithful giving through Faith Promise pledges have enabled her to make Jesus known to the people and many children in Yei, Sudan. They learnt how Jesus is made known through teaching, giving, prayer, using of talents, doing good works, water baptism, evangelism and church planting from the many pictures she showed of what God has been doing among the children and the adults in Yei.

The children and teachers were also challenged by the example she gave of the Samaritan woman who was so excited that she had met Jesus who could tell her everything about her that she ran back to the town to make Jesus known. The kids were given a specially designed "map" showing how they have already helped others in their neighbourhoods, schools, towns and even people from other countries to know Jesus. They were encouraged to let the Holy Spirit lead them on yet another adventure to make Jesus known!

We were excited that many children indicated that they wanted the Lord to use them to share Jesus with others. We thank God for all the kids who renewed their Faith Promise pledges that day so that Jesus will be made known from everywhere to everywhere! +

Colourful Missions posters help kids participate in missions in practical ways

Pastor Susan Tan prays for CW kids



Missionary Pooshani encourages CW kids to express their thanks to God



Fan Into Flame The Gift of God That Is In Us

By Samuel Ngeow

The Youth Missions Rally held on 9 July 2011, Saturday, was memorable in more ways than one. While the Calvarite youths gathered at the Church sanctuary to be imbued with passion from on high, certain streets in Kuala Lumpur were thronged with people filled with a "flame" of another kind! The Bersih demonstrations were being staged to call for transparency and reform in the electoral processes.



Pastor Aaron Welk leads in worship

Despite the uncertainty of the unfolding demonstrations, the peace and presence of God was evident among the youths. After a heartfelt time of worship, Associate Pastor Steven Kum prayed for the youths and our nation. Pastor

Aaron Welk then continued to lead us in worship, confessing that God is the God of Kuala Lumpur and in control of all situations. Next, Darren Yong, on holiday from his studies in Australia shared a testimony on how God has blessed him, and made him a blessing.

Rev. Leslie Welk's message was on what it means to allow God to fan into flame the gift of God that is in us. He recalled how his son, Aaron was called into the ministry, at the tender age of 5, without any prompting from him and his wife. What followed is the daunting task of keeping this desire alive! Using the example of Timothy in the Bible, Rev. Welk showed how God's call is often greater than us. How inadequate Timothy must have felt, being a young man facing God's call in his life (1 Timothy 4:12). However God who starts the flame in us will sustain us.

A video of the survival expert, Bear Grylls was then shown, to illustrate the importance of keeping alive the flame of God in our lives. Building a fire and keeping it alive is vital for a person surviving alone in the wilderness. The fire provides protection from wild animals, fuel to cook food and light in the dark. It also raises the morale of the survivor! Similarly, believers need the flame of God to burn

brightly and shine in our lives to live for Him and obey His call. Believers can get tired and discouraged and forget the call of God. We cannot do it by our own strength! Rev. Welk shared how he has always prayed that God would keep the fire in Aaron's heart alive just as Bear Grylls keeps his fire alive.

Rev. Welk also used Jacob's journey with God to encourage us. For Jacob it all began in Bethel when God call him through a dream (Genesis 28:13-15). Jacob went through hard times and wanted to quit. However, God led him back to Bethel where he wrestled with God and was reminded once again of God's call in his life (Genesis 35:10-12). When we go through tough times and want to quit, we too like Jacob need to run back to God.

Many youths responded to the altar call for God to fan into flame the gift of God that He has given us. For some it was discovering their "Bethel" for the first time. For others it was time to rediscover their "Bethel". Every believer should endeavour to keep the flame of the passion of God alive in us, so that we might be a blessing and bring blessings to our families, friends and country. This brings honour and glory to His Name. +



Youths responding to God and being ministered to at altar



Svelte youth choir sounds as good as they look

Rev. Leslie "interviews" Pastor Peter Ong on his call into ministry



Darren Yong testifies how God is blessing him in Australia

The Mission of God

By Suresh Ponnudurai

The Men's Mission Luncheon held on 9 July 2011 at the Bangsar Seafood Garden Restaurant was truly an exciting event. About 120 Calvarite men and friends came for the event. After registration we were seated to have an excellent lunch. This also gave us an opportunity to network and meet new friends.

Rev. Leslie Welk was invited to speak on the theme "Harnessing Our Potential" to encourage Calvarite men to reach out and make a difference in the market place. The topic opened the eyes of many in that we are more prone to speak of the daily things of the world

rather than God. We were challenged to be empowered and go out and let the world know who Jesus is. Our priorities should therefore be to harness God's Word and serve God as He intended us to in this world we are living and working in.

Following Rev. Welk's message, we heard two excellent testimonies shared that day. Chris Raj shared how the Lord restored him back to His grace from his early Christian days, sustained him through his chemo treatments and today is blessed with a wonderful family with two lovely children.

Jason Sia, a Sectional and Life Group leader testified on how God enables

him to juggle work and ministry as he stands on His promise, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters since you now that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward" (Colossians 3: 23-24).

It was a well spent time for me as it helped me understand better the urgency and need for Christian men to do God's work in this world of ours. With God, nothing is impossible and therefore all of us who are called must take the challenge and do His work. Let's harness our potential for His kingdom. +

Rev. Welk emphasises the importance of knowing the reason why we do missions



Jason Sia testifies on God's enablement to juggle ministry and work



Chris Raj shared on how God's grace restored and sustained him



Calvarite men and friends being challenged to be empowered to shine for Jesus



Blessed by both the spiritual and physical food



On day of discharge, Kee Kiat (front row centre) with the transplant team (surgeons, nurses and senior administrators) at the IJN ward

Kee Kiat (seated) with four of his colleagues at his office in early July 2011



Being prayed for by Bishop Dag Heward Mills at healing service at DH on 14 November 2010

A New Lease of Life By Ng Kee Kiat

Be encouraged by KK's testimony on how God gave him a new heart on his birthday.

In 2009, I was diagnosed with a heart disease called cardiomyopathy. I was 21 years old. My heart was damaged due to malfunction in the heart muscles. It was a struggle for my weakened heart to function normally. My heart was swollen and this caused my heart muscles to get thinner and thinner which further weakened my heart. The effect was that it made it more and more difficult for my heart to pump the blood to service my body.

My condition worsened rapidly. By October 2010, I was so weak that I could not even stand. I could only move around in a wheelchair! My heart could not supply sufficient oxygen to my body. By now, I had to rely on external oxygen. I underwent extensive checks and scans, and to my shock and despair, learnt that my heart function had plummeted to below 20%! The only thing that could help was a heart transplant!

Each night before I slept, I would pray to God for strength and healing, and to make it through another day. Each morning when I opened my eyes, I would thank God for yet another day. I continued to pray and trust in God for healing, one way or another.

On 14 November, I heard about the healing services held in Calvary Church with Bishop Dag Heward Mills ministering. I knew I had to attend this service. I was encouraged by Pastor

Dag's message and responded to the altar call. Pastor Dag laid hands on me and after a short prayer, he asked me if I was healed. "Not yet," I replied, and I continued to trust God for healing, attending Church services whenever it was viable for me.

It seemed that time passed very slowly. On 17 February 2011, I received a call from the Institute Jantung Negara (IJN) informing me of a possible heart donor, and I was admitted the same day. I had to undergo a series of test. I was excited and fearful at the same time. It was not exactly easy for me to decide to accept the transplant. I was fearful of the risks. However, I felt strongly that it was God who had arranged the transplant for me. Organ donation is not popular in Malaysia yet, and chances for organ recipients are slim. Yet, I was given the chance after only a relatively "short" three months' wait. It had to be God behind it all. With that assurance, I decided to proceed with the transplant. The doctors confirmed the match and proceeded to harvest the heart from the donor and transit it from the Hospital Kuala Lumpur (HKL).

At dawn the next day, which was my 22nd birthday, I was wheeled into the operating theatre. I said my prayers while I was being prepared for the operation. Before I realised it, I was already put into a deep sleep. The only

thing I remembered when I woke up from the surgery, was a vision of Jesus clothed in white, gesturing to me to walk towards an open door. I shared this vision with my mother before dozing off again. I felt that God was saying to me to get on with my new life.

The post surgery recovery period was difficult for me. I had to do a lot of exercises to strengthen my muscles. And adapting to my new heart takes time. I can feel it beating intensely shortly after surgery. The doctors tell me that I will get used to it eventually. I was discharged from IJN on 4 April 2011.

It is about six months since the transplant. I am recovering well and my medical reports are consistent. I am now able to jog, cycle and swim. I went back to work in June. Though I still have to go for frequent medical checkups, nothing feels better than being alive and knowing that God's plans for me are good and family and friends are supporting me.

I have no information about my donor except that he was of the same age as me. I have thought much about his family and thank God for their act of love and kindness in consenting to donate his heart to me.

In view of God's graciousness in granting me a new lease of life, I endeavour to live a life that honors and pleases God. I thank God for the prayers and love of my family, friends and the Calvary Church family. God is amazing! +

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KASIH ADALAH KESAKSIAN IMAN KAMU

Oleh Pendita Senior Prince Guneratnam



Namun perintah baru juga yang kutuliskan kepada kamu, telah ternyata benar di dalam Dia dan di dalam kamu; sebab kegelapan sedang lenyap dan terang yang benar telah bercahaya. Barangsiapa berkata, bahwa ia berada di dalam terang, tetapi ia membenci saudaranya, ia berada di dalam kegelapan sampai sekarang. Barangsiapa mengasihi saudaranya, ia tetap berada di dalam terang, dan di dalam dia tidak ada penyesatan. Tetapi barangsiapa membenci saudaranya, ia berada di dalam kegelapan dan hidup di dalam kegelapan. Ia tidak tahu ke mana ia pergi, karena kegelapan itu telah membuatkan matanya” (1 Yohanes 2:8-11).

Yohanes menulis kepada umat Kristian dan menekankan perintah mengasihi saudara kamu. Perintah ini adalah baru kerana Tuhan Yesus membawa pengertian yang baru kepada kasih. Umpamanya, Yesus berkata, “**Kamu telah mendengar firman: Kasihilah sesamamu manusia dan bencilah musuhmu. Tetapi Aku berkata kepadamu: Kasihilah musuhmu dan berdoalah bagi mereka yang menganiaya kamu. Karena dengan demikianlah kamu menjadi anak-anak Bapamu yang di sorga,**” (Matius 5:43-45). Yesus telah memberi pengertian yang baru tentang perintah kasih itu apabila dia mengatakan kasihilah musuh kamu dan bukan membencinya! Tentu tidak ada masalah jika kamu mengasihi orang yang

mengasihi kamu! Orang yang berdosa juga berbuat demikian. Adalah senang bermurah hati kepada orang yang murah hati kepada kita. Tetapi, jika kamu telah dilahirkan semula dan mempunyai kasih Tuhan, kamu patut mengasihi orang lain tidak kira apa yang mereka telah lakukan terhadap kamu. Alkitab berkata, “**Akan tetapi Tuhan menunjukkan kasih-Nya kepada kita, oleh karena Kristus telah mati untuk kita, ketika kita masih berdosa**” (Roma 5:8).

Yohanes menggunakan terang untuk melambangkan kasih dan kebenaran; dan kegelapan untuk melambangkan kebencian dan kejahatan. “**Barangsiapa berkata, bahwa ia berada di dalam terang, tetapi ia membenci saudaranya, ia berada di dalam kegelapan**

sampai sekarang” (1 Yohanes 2:9). Ada umat Kristian yang berkata bahawa mereka berada dalam terang tetapi mempunyai kebencian dan bermusuhan dengan orang lain. Kebencian merupakan bukti kegelapan rohani. Ia membinasa dan menghalang seseorang daripada berkemenangan dalam hidup sebagai seorang Kristian. Jika kamu membenci, apa yang kamu akui tidak bermakna kerana kamu berada dalam kegelapan. Yesus berkata, **“Akulah cahaya bagi dunia. Orang yang mengikut Aku tidak akan berjalan dalam kegelapan, tetapi beroleh cahaya yang memberikan hidup”** (Yohanes 8:12). Apabila kamu berjalan dalam terang kamu tidak boleh ada kegelapan. Yohanes menegaskan, **“Barangsiapa berkata, bahwa ia berada di dalam terang, tetapi ia membenci saudaranya, ia berada di dalam kegelapan sampai sekarang”** (1 Yohanes 2:9). Ramai umat Kristian hidup dalam kekalahan bukan kerana tangan Tuhan terlalu pendek untuk menolong mereka atau pun Dia tidak dapat mendengar doa-doa mereka. Adalah kerana kebencian dalam hati mereka yang telah membawa kekalahan, kepedihan, kesakitan, ikatan dan kurang rahmat Tuhan yang berlanjutan. Orang akan tersandung apabila mereka berada dalam kegelapan. Mereka tidak tahu ke mana mereka pergi, kerana kegelapan telah membutuhkan mereka.

Seorang Kristian dibaptiskan dalam air, menjadi ahli gereja, melibatkan diri dalam Perjamuan Suci, mengetahui Firman Tuhan dan melayani gereja. Walaupun kesemua itu adalah penting tetapi tanda seorang Kristian yang benar adalah kasih kerana Tuhan adalah kasih. Menurut Paulus, semua kebaikan yang kita lakukan adalah sia-sia sahaja tanpa kasih. **“Meskipun aku dapat bercakap dalam pelbagai bahasa manusia, bahkan dalam bahasa malaikat sekalipun, tetapi jika aku tidak mengasihi orang lain, maka kata-kataku hanya seperti bunyi bising yang tidak bermakna... Meskipun aku mendermakan semua milikku kepada orang miskin, dan menyerahkan diri untuk dibakar, tetapi jika aku tidak mengasihi orang lain, maka semua ini tidak berfaedah bagi ku”** (1 Korintus 13:1, 3). Oleh itu, Paulus membuat kesimpulan bahawa **“Demikianlah tinggal ketiga hal ini, yaitu iman, pengharapan dan kasih, dan yang paling besar di antaranya ialah kasih”** (1 Korintus 13:13).

Yang seriusnya ialah, jika tidak berjalan dalam kasih akan membawa akibat yang teruk. Alkitab memberi

amaran yang jelas, **“Setiap orang yang membenci saudaranya, adalah seorang pembunuh manusia. Dan kamu tahu, bahwa tidak ada seorang pembunuh yang tetap memiliki hidup yang kekal di dalam dirinya,”** (1 Yohanes 3:15). Sesiapa yang membenci tidak akan mempunyai hidup sejati dan kekal! Peringatan ini diulangi dalam firman Tuhan. **“Bukan setiap orang yang berseru kepada-Ku: Tuhan, Tuhan! akan masuk ke dalam Kerajaan Sorga, melainkan dia yang melakukan kehendak Bapa-Ku yang di sorga”** (Matius 7:21). **“Lebih baik sepiring sayur dengan kasih dari pada lembu tambun dengan kebencian”** (Amsal 15:17).

Alkitab juga mengajar kita supaya mengelakkan diri daripada berikut:

1 Jangan menginginkan kehormatan sia-sia. Paulus menperingatkan **“dan janganlah kita gila hormat, janganlah kita saling menantang dan saling mendengki”** (Galatia 5:26).

2 Jangan menafikan Kristus dengan **“... Mereka keji dan durhaka dan tidak sanggup berbuat sesuatu yang baik”** (Titus 1:16).

3 Jangan mengaku sebagai seorang Kristian dan tidak hidup seperti seorang Kristian. **“... Secara lahiriah mereka menjalankan ibadah mereka, tetapi pada hakekatnya mereka memungkirkan kekuatannya”** (2 Timotius 3:5).

4 Jangan berbohong. Alkitab jelas menyatakan, **“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”** (1 Yohanes 4:20-21).

5 Jangan berjalan dalam kegelapan dan tersandung. Jika kamu berjalan dalam terang, kamu akan mengetahui bagaimana menghadapi semua situasi. Kamu tidak akan menjadi seorang yang mudah berdosa. **“Sesiapa yang mengasihi saudaranya, hidup dalam cahaya sehingga tiada suatu pun pada dirinya yang akan menyebabkan orang lain berdosa”** (1 Yohanes 2:10).

Alkitab berkata, **“Kamu adalah terang dunia...”** (Matius 5:14). Oleh itu, cara hidup kamu menjadi kesaksian iman kamu. Apa yang penting ialah hidup kamu selari dengan pengakuan iman kamu. Alkitab berkata, **“Inilah**

tandanya anak-anak Tuhan dan anak-anak Iblis: setiap orang yang tidak berbuat kebenaran, tidak berasal dari Tuhan, demikian juga barangsiapa yang tidak mengasihi saudaranya. Sebab inilah berita yang telah kamu dengar dari mulanya, yaitu bahwa kita harus saling mengasihi” (1 Yohanes 3:10-11).

Dalam 1 Korintus 13:4-8, Rasul Paulus menggambarkan bagaimana orang percaya patut mengasihi. Ini merupakan terjemahan nas Alkitab kontemporari oleh Eugene Peterson:

“Kasih tidak berputus asa. Kasih mementingkan orang lain daripada diri sendiri. Kasih tidak menghendakkan apa yang ia tiada. Kasih tidak memegahkan diri, Kasih tidak sombong dan angkuh, Kasih tidak memaksa orang lain, Kasih bukan selalunya ‘saya dahulu’, Kasih tidak cepat tersinggung, Kasih tidak mendendam, Kasih tidak bergirang apabila orang lain menghadapi kesusahan, Kasih bersukacita melihat kebenaran bertumbuh, Kasih tahan menghadapi apa apa sahaja, Kasih sentiasa percaya kepada Tuhan, Kasih selalu mengharap yang terbaik, Kasih tidak berpatah balik, Tetapi tekad ke akhir, Kasih tidak pernah mati.”

Adalah mustahil untuk mengasihi dengan cara ini jika kamu tidak dilahirkan semula dan di penuh dengan Roh Kudus. Untuk mengasihi seperti Tuhan mengasihi kita, kita mesti mempunyai kasih Tuhan di dalam hati kita. Roh Kudus boleh memberi kasih Tuhan kepada 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). Kamu boleh diyakini sama seperti Paulus yang berkata, **“Sebab aku yakin, bahwa baik maut, maupun hidup, baik malaikat-malaikat, maupun pemerintah-pemerintah, baik yang ada sekarang, maupun yang akan datang, atau kuasa-kuasa, baik yang di atas, maupun yang di bawah, ataupun sesuatu makhluk lain, tidak akan dapat memisahkan kita dari kasih Tuhan yang ada dalam Kristus Yesus, Tuhan kita”** (Roma 8:38-39). +

爱是你的信心的见证

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说他们是在光明中，可是却有仇恨和在生活中与他人敌对。仇恨就是属灵的黑暗的证据。它具有破坏性，并阻碍一个人过得胜的基督徒生活。如果你恨人，你宣告的信仰是毫无意义的，因你还在黑暗中。耶稣说：「我是世界的光。跟从我的，就不在黑暗里走，必要得着生命的光」（约8:12）。当你行在光明中，你不能有黑暗。约翰强调说，「人若说自己在光明中，却恨他的弟兄，他到如今还是在黑暗里」（约壹2:9）。许多信徒生活在失败中，并非因为神的膀臂缩短，不能帮助他们，也不是祂的耳朵发沉，不能听见他们的祈祷。这是他们的心中仇恨带来的失败，悲伤，生病，捆绑和缺乏神维持生命的恩典。当人们在黑暗中，他们被绊倒。他们不知道要到那里去，因为黑暗蒙住了他们的眼睛。

一个基督徒是受了水的浸礼，成为一个教会的成员，参与主的圣餐，知道神的道和服事教会。虽然这些都是重要，一个真正的基督徒的标志是爱，因为神就是爱。根据保罗，即使我们所做的一切都是美善的，却没有爱仍然是徒劳的。「我若能说万人的方言，并天使的话语，却没有爱，我就成了鸣的锣、响的钹一般。…我若将所有的周济穷人，又舍己身叫人焚烧，却没有爱，仍然与我无益」（林前13:1, 3）。因此，保罗的结论是，“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）。

更为严重的是，不行在爱中有深遂的后果。圣经清楚地警告说，「凡恨他弟兄的，就是杀人的；你们晓得凡杀人的，没有永生存在他里面」（约壹3:15）。凡是恨人的，没有永生！这训诫不断地在圣经里被重复。「凡称呼我“主啊，主啊”的人，不能都进天国；惟独遵行我天父旨意的人，才能进去。」（太7:21）。「吃素菜，彼此相爱，强如吃肥牛，彼此相恨」（箴15:17）。

圣经也教导我们要避免以下的事：

- 1 不要贪图虚名。保罗告诫说，「不要贪图虚名，彼此惹气，互相嫉妒」（加5:26）。
- 2 不可因行事和基督相背「成为可憎恶的，是悖逆的，在多样善事上是可废弃的」（多1:16）。
- 3 不要自称是一个基督徒，却没有相称的生活「…有敬虔的外貌，却背了敬虔的实意」（提后3:5）。
- 4 不要说谎。圣经明确的指出，「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）。
- 5 不要在黑暗中行走，而被绊倒。如果你是行走在光明中，你就会懂得如何行过一切的环境。你不会成为一个很容易被绊倒的人。「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）。

圣经说，「你们是世上的光…」（太5:14）。因此，你的生活方式证明你的信仰。信仰和生活相称是最重要的。圣经说，「从此就显出谁是神的儿女，谁是魔鬼的儿女。凡不行义的不属神，

不爱弟兄的也是如此。我们应当彼此相爱，这就是你们从起初所听见的命令」（约壹3:10~11）。

在哥林多前书13:4~8，使徒保罗描述了信徒应该如何去爱。这里是尤金彼得森的当代的圣经译本：

「爱是永不放弃。
爱更多关心别人，而不是自我。
爱不想往得到它没有的。
爱是不炫耀，
没有一个膨胀的头脑，
不强迫他人，
并不总是“自我中心”
不轻易动怒，
不怀怨记恨，
不喜欢邪恶的事
喜爱真理的表达，
凡事宽恕，
常常信靠上帝，
常常盼望最好的，
从来没有回头，
但坚持到底。
爱是永远不止息。」

如果你不是重生和被圣灵充满的话，是不可能以这种方式去爱人。要以神的方式去爱，是要有神的爱在我们里面。圣灵可以赐给我们神的爱。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）。你可以像保罗深信地说，「因为我深信无论是死、是生，是天使、是掌权的，是有能的，是现在的事、是将来的事，是高大的、是低处的，是别的受造之物，都不能叫我们与神的爱隔绝；这爱是在我们的主基督耶稣里的」（罗8:39）。

以上经文是采用中文圣经和合本

「再」者，我写给你们的是新命令，在主是真的，在你们也是真的；因为黑暗渐渐过去，真光已经照耀。人若说自己在光明中，却恨他的弟兄，他到如今还是在黑暗里。爱弟兄的，就是住在光明中，在他并没有绊跌的缘由。惟独恨弟兄的是在黑暗里，且在黑暗里行，也不知道往哪里去，因为黑暗叫他眼睛瞎了。」（约壹2:8~11）。

约翰写信给信徒和强调要爱你的弟兄的诫命。这诫命是新的，因为耶稣为爱带来了新的意义。例如，耶稣说：「你们听见有话说：『当爱你的邻舍，恨你的仇敌。』只是我告诉你们：要爱你们的仇敌，为那逼迫你们的祷告。这样，就可以作你们天父的儿子，…」（太5:43~45）。耶稣为爱的诫命赋予了一个新的认识，当他说，爱你的仇敌，而不是恨他们！如果你爱那些爱你的人，是没有什么大不了的！罪人也能做到这一点。对那些对你仁慈的人和蔼是很容易。不过，如果你已重生，并有上帝的爱，你要爱他人，不论他们怎么对待你。圣经说，「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）。

约翰用光来象征爱和真理，用黑暗来象征仇恨和邪恶。「人若说自己在光明中，却恨他的弟兄，他到如今还是在黑暗里」（约壹2:9）。有些信徒

九月份

中文布道活动

讲员：叶贵堂牧师

日期/时间：24-9-11（六），晚上6点半

25-9-11（日），下午4点正

地点：重赖PACC

十月份

中文聚会

日期：30-10-11（日）

主题：在爱中互相建立

讲员：古纳南牧师

时间：下午五点正

地点：伯特利楼

申请浸礼及会籍

浸礼及会籍课程

日期：10-12-11（六）

时间：下午一点半

地点：Berean Bungalow

浸礼聚会

日期：11-12-11（日）

时间：早上十点半

地点：加略山教会（大堂）

报名截止日期：30-10-11（日）

Calvary Life Group Conference 2011



Venue Calvary Church
Damansara Heights

Stirring Up, Challenging and Uniting God's People

Calvary Life Group Conference (CLGC) is a moment set aside by Calvarites committed to bring the good news to our bad-news-ridden world, through the power of small groups.

The Conference is designed to inspire, stretch and equip all from the Life Group to bring transformation to our community and our nation.

This year's conference calls for a strengthening of the bandwidth of our unity and enriching the colors of our creativity. This is God's will for the Church!

Be determined to be a part of what God wants to do in and through the CLGC!

16 September 2011
Friday
(Public Holiday)
7.30pm – 9.30pm

Highlights

- All are welcome
- Exuberant presentation from the multi-racial and lingual LG Choir;
- Creative exhibition by the LGs begins at 6.00pm;
- Heart-warming, life-transforming testimonies
- Refreshing times of prayer

17 September 2011
Saturday
9.00am – 1.30pm

Highlights (By registration)

- Interactive Laboratory on "Being Cutting Edge"
- DVD teaching by Bill Hybels on "A Vision To Die For"
- Meaningful group dynamics



Plenary Sessions

By Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam and Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam on Unity & Creativity!

For more information, please call Pastoral LG Ministry at 77286000 ext 333.

Prayer Emphasis

21-Day Fast & Pray

**16 October –
5 November 2011**

Love Your Neighbours
(Matthew 22:37–39)

Chinese Evangelistic Event at PACC

Speaker

Rev. Lawrence Yap



24 September 2011
Saturday, 6.30pm

25 September 2011
Sunday, 4.00pm

Highlights

- Life-changing testimonies
- Song presentations in Mandarin & Cantonese
- Heart-warming messages by Rev. Lawrence Yap in Cantonese
- Children's lantern parade

		DAMANSARA HEIGHTS (DH) Sunday, 8am /10.30am	DAMANSARA HEIGHTS (DH) Sunday, 5pm	CHERAS Sunday, 9am	DAMANSARA PERDANA Sunday, 10.30am
september	* 4	Senior Pastor 	Senior Pastor	Associate Pastor Peter Ong	Associate Pastor Peter Ong
	11	Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam 	Associate Pastor Steven Kum	Rev. Roy Selvaratnam	Rev. Roy Selvaratnam
	18	Rev. Roy Selvaratnam	Associate Pastor Steven Kum	Associate Pastor David Seah	Associate Pastor David Seah
	25	Associate Pastor Peter Ong	Associate Pastor Steven Kum	Senior Pastor	Senior Pastor
october	2	CCC Cornerstone Service at 8.00am Rev. Ong Sek Leang			
	* 9	Rev. Richard Roberts 	Rev. Richard Roberts	Rev. Richard Roberts	Rev. Richard Roberts
	16	Associate Pastor Steven Kum	Associate Pastor Richard Yun	Associate Pastor Richard Yun	Associate Pastor Richard Yun
	23	Associate Pastor Richard Yun	Associate Pastor Richard Yun	Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam	Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam
	30	Associate Pastor David Seah	Associate Pastor Richard Yun	Associate Pastor Timothy Ong	Associate Pastor Timothy Ong

*communion

Bahasa Malaysia Fellowship

Sunday, 12.30pm

25 September 2011

Speaker Associate Pastor
Chan Lee Peng

Venue Bethel Hall

30 October 2011

Speaker Associate Pastor
David Seah

Venue Bethel Hall

Chinese Fellowship

Sunday, 5pm

25 September 2011

Combined with Chinese Evangelistic
Event at PACC

30 October 2011

Month's Theme Building up one
another in love

Speaker Senior Associate
Pastor Petrina
Guneratnam

Venue Bethel Hall

Water Baptism & Membership

Water Baptism/Membership Class

Date 10 December 2011

Time Saturday, 1.30pm

Venue Berean Bungalow

Water Baptism Service

Date 11 December 2011

Sunday, 10.30am

**Closing Date
for submission
of forms**

30 October 2011

CCC Cornerstone Service

announcements

A historical event – the laying of the CCC cornerstone.



Date 2 October 2011, Sunday
Time 8.00am
Venue Calvary Convention Centre, Bukit Jalil
Speaker Rev. Ong Sek Leang (General Superintendent, AG Malaysia)

“... you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit” (Ephesians 2:19-22).

All our services at Damansara Heights, Damansara Perdana and Cheras will be combined and held at No.1 Jalan Jalil Perkasa 1, Bukit Jalil, 57100 Kuala Lumpur. (The address of the Calvary Convention Centre)
The site will be made suitable and safe for the service. Children's ministry will be provided.

Calvary International Golf Fellowship (CIGF)



Date 5–8 October 2011
Venue Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

The CIGF offers a unique spiritual rejuvenation experience for Christian golfers and their spouses and buddies to "tune-in" and "tune-up" through a 4-days/3 nights spiritual and fellowship program. The 2011 CIGF will be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

We welcome you to participate at the CIGF 2011.
Visit www.calvaryigf.com

Healing and Deliverance Services with Rev. Dr. Richard Roberts

Date & Time 7 October 2011 (Friday, 8.00pm)
8 October 2011 (Saturday, 5.00pm)
9 October 2011 (Sunday, 5.00pm)
Venue Calvary Church Damansara Heights



Richard Roberts is the Chairman and CEO of Oral Roberts Evangelistic Association as well as the President Emeritus of Oral Roberts University.

A man on fire for God and consumed by the passion of Jesus for the hurting, he has preached God's Word and ministered God's healing power in 38 nations spanning six continents and has seen thousands receive salvation, healings and miracles.

He and his wife Lindsay also host a TV program, "The Place for Miracles: Your Hour of Healing" that reaches out to millions.

Change In Appointment



Pastor Jerry Chow moved in July to pursue studies at Trinity Western University, Canada. He started ministry at Calvary Church in Bintulu (Outeach), and Calvary Charismatic Fellowship, an itinerant minister to our Outreaches, and as a ministry administrator at Calvary Press. We thank God for his faithfulness in ministry.

We pray God's best for his future endeavours in his studies and ministry.

Gone Home To Be With The Lord



Madam Ling Nyuk Ying, 80, mother of Associate Pastor Chan Lee Peng, went home to with the Lord on 4 August 2011.

Mdm Ling received Christ in 1998 and was baptised in water in 2004 at Calvary Church. She faithfully attended the Sunday Worship Service, Friday Prayer Meeting and Chinese Life Group regularly. Pastor Lee Peng and her family wish to express their thanks for the love and prayers for them during this time.

deacons



- From left, front row
- Helen Read
 - Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam
 - Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam
 - Bernadette Foo
- From left, back row
- Chow Sang Hoe
 - Ngeow Zoo Gin
 - Stephen Liu
 - Edward Rajasingam
 - David Peter

Introducing The 2011 Deacons

At the installation of the Deacons on Sunday, 17 July 2011, Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam thanked God for blessing the Church with fine men and women willing to serve the Church of Jesus Christ. The ministry of the Church Deacons is the oversight of the Church, involving both practical and spiritual supervision.

Senior Pastor charged the Deacons reading portions of the following Scripture, Romans 12:6-8, 1 Corinthians 4:1-2 and Colossians 3:15-17. The Deacons responded by pledging to accept the call to serve Calvary Church in humble dependence upon God.

When leading the charge to the congregation, Senior Pastor encouraged the congregation thus, "... you have a solemn responsibility to support each one of the Deacons in prayer and to make every possible provision for the effectiveness of their work, remembering that this ministry is one of the means by which **'we all come in the unity of faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ'** (Eph. 4:13).

After the Church prayed for the Deacons, they in turn, prayed for the Church. +



Senior Pastor preparing to charge the Deacons

Portfolios of The Board of Deacons

Church Secretary
David Peter

Church Treasurer
Edward Rajasingam

Human Resource & Personnel
Chow Sang Hoe

Administrative Affairs & Church Business
Ngeow Zoo Gin

Church Membership & Church Relations
Bernadette Foo

Publicity & Communication
Stephen Liu

Hospitality & Special Functions
Helen Read



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