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Walk In the Light—Shine for Jesus

By Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam

“This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin” (1 John 1:5-7).

When Jesus was born, there was a star in the sky and it led the Wise Men to Him. Similarly you can shine for Jesus and like a star, you can lead people to Him. You are the light in a dark world and called to walk in the light. You are to be luminous so that people who are lost and groping in this depraved world can see the way and find hope, peace and joy. People need to find Jesus today.

In a creative sense, every person born on earth is a child of God. “Have

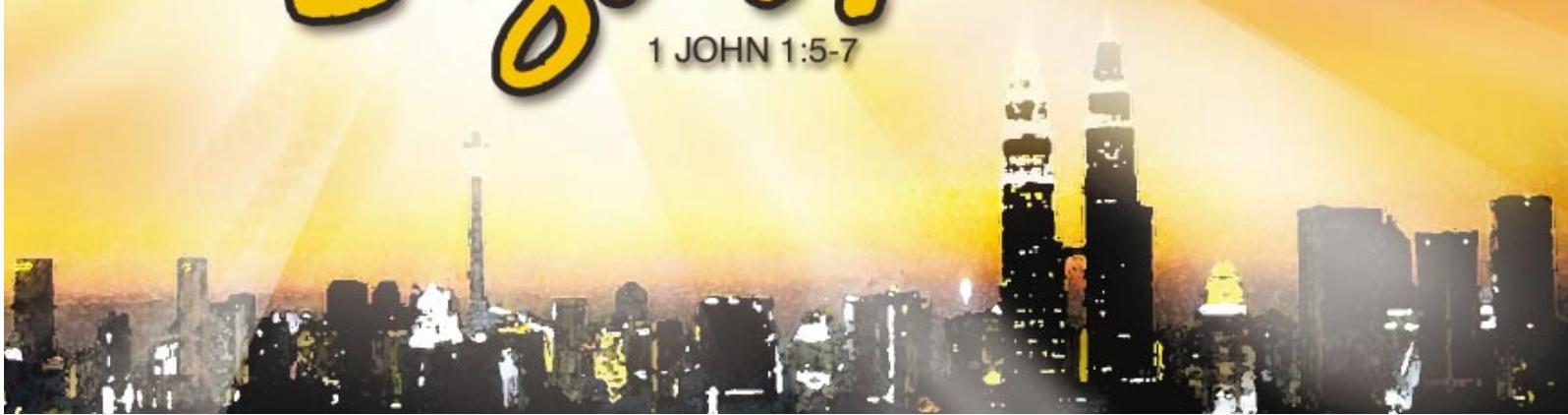
we not all one Father? Has not one God created us? Why do we deal treacherously with one another by profaning the covenant of the fathers?” (Malachi 2:10). Both believers and non-believers alike are children of God, in a creative sense. However, there is a distinction if the person is a believer. A believer is a child of God in the redemptive sense, that is through faith. “For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you

were baptized into Christ have put on Christ” (Galatians 3:26-27). Therefore, having received the light through Jesus Christ, you can shine for Him. “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden” (Matthew 5:14).

Let us consider two people in the Bible as examples. Firstly, John the Baptist: “He was the burning light and shining lamp, and you were willing for a time to rejoice in his light” (John 5:35).

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**Live
in the
Light!**
1 JOHN 1:5-7



Introducing the **2002** Heads of Departments/Ministries



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LG Leaders receive Advanced Training

By David Seah

It has motivated me to persevere and to reach greater heights in this Ministry.

The training has indeed revealed to me how much more there is for me to learn to be an effective and loving leader.

I found the training sessions very encouraging. I am motivated to be a more responsible leader.



I appreciate the Church leadership for the series of teaching. I have benefited from the lessons as they motivate me to be a better leader.

Some of the situations in the case studies apply to me. The approach to reach the solution is practical and down-to-earth.



These are some extracts from the 50 testimonies shared by our Life Group (LG) Leaders at the recent Life Group Advanced Training Course held consecutively on three Sunday evenings. Many of the LG Leaders were blessed not only by the course content but also by the interactions they had among themselves.

Three main topics were discussed. They were "A Leader's Evaluation", "A Leader's Relationship" and "A Leader's Strategy". The topics not only dealt with issues on spiritual leadership in general but they catered specifically to the needs of a LG Leader in Calvary Church. This was possible because the facilitators were experienced LG Leaders themselves who are well acquainted with the challenges and demands of the LG Ministry.

The relevant case studies, interesting discussions and unique group presentations brought laughter and taught valuable lessons to the leaders. It has been a time well spent. The training was timely and appreciated as the LG Leaders testified how it has helped them to evaluate their life and ministry and to propel them forward to reach greater heights in the LG Ministry. 🙏

35 years together as man & wife!

2 December 2001



Senior Pastors Prince and Petrina Guneratnam cutting the cake together



Church Secretary, Patrick Wong, presenting a gift to the couple



"Did I tell you about my dream as a girl to marry a prince?"



The Prince of her dreams provided by the Lord!

"Thirty-five years ago, on this very day, (2 December) the Lord brought two people into a marriage commitment that has brought countless blessings," announced Associate Pastor Peter Ong, live at the 8am and 10am Worship Services at Damansara Heights and via video at our other Services. The Calvary Family celebrated Senior Pastors Prince Petrina Guneratnam's 35th Wedding Anniversary with a gift and a cake-cutting ceremony by them, reminiscent of that first time they did it together. The Sanctuary Choir presented the song, "My Tribute" which echoed the couple's thankfulness to the Lord who has blessed them and their family all these years. The Deacons, Lawrence Mak (8am) and Robert Selvaratnam (10am) led the other Deacons, Pastors and the congregation in prayer for them.

We thank God that this union has not only brought into existence two God-fearing children who love Him and are serving Him with their families but also as a couple, they have led many into the Lord's Kingdom and nurtured them into matured, effective believers, many of whom are in the ministry today. The Calvary Family has been blessed through their ministry and we wish them many more happy and blessed years together! 🙏



The Sanctuary Choir with Deacon Lawrence Mak giving God the glory for the things He has done. Deacon Dr. Lum ready with the gift for presentation



The Deacons, Associate Pastors and Assistant Pastors praying for the couple



The congregation support in prayer



With God, all things are possible



The Men's Ministries presenting a skit



Ladies from Women in Business rendering a special song

By Bernice Narayanan

Tan Sri Dr Khoo Kay Peng is a successful entrepreneur dedicated to serving the Lord. Known as a reticent philanthropist, he is very much in the business forefronts in Malaysia and internationally. Was he always so successful? Who is his business partner and adviser? More than 650 Calvarites and friends were present at the combined Men and Women's Rally organised by Calvary's Women in Business, all wanting to learn something from this business icon.

Was the Lord always in Tan Sri Khoo's life? He grew up in a Buddhist home and as his future wife was a Catholic, he converted. "In the beginning, I went to church just to please my wife," he said. Subsequently, he stopped attending church.

It was two years after a friend witnessed to him about Jesus that he accepted Him as His Lord and Saviour. It was one o'clock in the morning and he felt such emptiness within. He knelt down and cried out to Jesus, surrendering his heart to Him. He told Jesus he wanted to serve Him totally. The ambitions of success he harboured for years seemed to just melt away then and a great love and desire to serve only Jesus filled his very being. He even had thoughts to go into full-time ministry but the Lord had His own plans. As He looked to the Word, he knew his calling was in business and his obedience saw the Lord's blessings. "Almost immediately, the windows of heaven seemed to literally open on my family, business and myself. The recurring health ailments that my family and I had been experiencing improved and then disappeared altogether. My businesses were so blessed that I still cannot find words to describe these blessings," Tan Sri Khoo recalled, the excitement still evident.

So how did he hear about the Saviour? Tan Sri Khoo mentioned his friend Dr Peter Tong. As his doctor, he

would first diagnose and prescribe for his ailment. Then out came the Bible. "I listened...because he is my friend. And for two years, my medical visits always concluded with a 'Bible Study'. It was these seeds he planted that germinated the night I received Jesus as my Lord and Saviour," said Tan Sri Khoo. Family and friends witnessed a transformation in his life. Six months later, his wife gave her life to Jesus. The rest of the family followed suit.

It was during this time that he and his wife desired to have a daughter. They prayed and she was pregnant! But the pregnancy developed complications and they were told that she had lost the baby. The doctors advised on the course of action that should be taken. Refusing to accept the doctors' diagnosis, they asked for a week to decide. They did not doubt that God gave this gift to them. They prayed. They believed. A week later, the same doctors told them that the baby was alive. Hallelujah! God is a miracle-working God.

In every business dealing Tan Sri Khoo undertook, he always asked God what to do. God always gave him the strategies, the wisdom and the know-how. Inconceivable deals were made in a span of a week. "My friends," stressed Tan Sri Khoo, "this is something that is not heard of but with the Lord, all things are possible. When God's hand is on a deal, everything will go according to plan, His plan, which I merely implement."

Not too long ago, God gave him a vision to go into international business ventures. Large capitals were required and he turned to the Lord. He is the God of tomorrow and His advice on a business venture, strange as it may seem to some businessmen, actually saw a return that was quite unthinkable. God used the economy, the currency crisis and the pegging of the Ringgit to provide the required investments. How? Tan Sri Khoo is the first to agree that God's ways are not our ways and His works are beyond man's comprehension. Tan Sri Khoo said that the best decision he has made in his life is to give his life to Jesus. He has no regrets. He rededicates his life and his businesses to God every morning. Words cannot describe the joy and peace he feels as he draws closer to Jesus. This cannot be bought by money.

Tan Sri Khoo parted with these words: "My friends, tough times will come. Do not give up. Look beyond them to the Lord and He will see you through. Depend on Him and He will never fail you. He will lead and guide you in all your ways. When others say it won't work but God says it will, then follow the Lord. He does not make mistakes. Often, after a meeting in my office, I do what Dr. Tong does... 'Bible Study' as I share the Word. Yes my friends, as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord. God bless." 🙏

Tape Ministry—A powerful ministry tool!

Sermon tapes available

By Jim Guneratnam

immediately after Service!

As part of our efforts to enhance the effectiveness of the **Tape Ministry**, the **Calvary Communication Ministry** is making sermon tapes available immediately after Service. Previously, it took one week for you to collect your sermon tapes but now you will be able to listen to the sermon again while it is still fresh in your minds! We are excited by the increased opportunities that technology has brought to the Church and are looking into other ways to benefit the congregation and reach out to the community. We want to encourage every believer to use this ministry as a means to spread the Gospel!



For those of you who do not know, research has shown that audio tapes, one of the most basic of church media, is an incredibly effective ministry tool that is often overlooked. Audio and video cassette ministries provide a way for Sunday's sermon or special church services to be as close as your Walkman, personal stereo, car stereo, VCR or VCD player.

Giving someone a cassette tape is targeted, compassionate and very personal. Your gift can multiply the impact of our Church and its messages. Tape ministry can yield fantastic results. Unsaved people are very interested to hear a tape when someone who cares gives it to them. Studies reveal that the vast majority of people, who repented

and have become Christians, did so because a friend reached out to them. Unfortunately, most Christians find it difficult to proclaim the Gospel to those with whom they usually interact with on a regular basis. Tapes are a perfect solution to the problem! Christians can give the tapes to people they know and let the preacher do the preaching. Tapes are usually well received and appreciated because they are seen as a gift of value. The recipients can also pass the tapes to others and this means the Word of God is spread even further!

Calvary Church's Tape Ministry began in the late 1970's when recordings of specific sermons or Sunday Services were made available to the congregation. Today, the Tape

Ministry has enabled us to share our messages with people all over the world—simply and economically. Tapes can be sent to friends and loved ones for them to listen in their cars on the way to work, while doing their housework or shared with children and discussed during family time. Besides our regular Tape Ministry counter at the Calvary Book Corner, we have "**Message By Mail**", a service you can take advantage of where we will send tapes anywhere around the world for a minimal fee. 🙏

Call Daniel Cheong at
03-254 1312
if you have any enquiries.

International Students' Fellowship

"You Are Special"

BY Soon Yuen Ling

"You Are Special" was the theme of the Evangelistic Meeting organised by the **International Students' Fellowship** on 20 October 2001. Forty-two people from eight nations (China, Africa, Indonesia, Vietnam, Pakistan, Philippines, Maldives and Malaysia) gathered together that day. Assistant Pastor Jerry Chow shared a message from John 3:16.

The meeting began with a time of worship led by Alvin Kang Nathan. Reichel and Joy Quinones, two sisters from the Philippines, shared a song about how our lives can be beautiful when we have a personal relationship with God. Ulrick from Congo then gave thanks to God in a short song. Pastor Jerry concluded the meeting by telling us that God wants to have a personal relationship with each one of us. Jesus

was sent to us so that we can experience God's love for us. We are special because God loves us.

Praise the Lord that four students responded for salvation and four others indicated that they needed prayers. Students from the College Students' Ministry then spent time exchanging thoughts with the foreign students. 🙏



Assistant Pastor
Jerry Chow



Reichel & Joy Quinones from the Philippines



"Red and yellow, black and white, all are precious in His sight..."

Power in Persevering Prayer

By Karen Seah Lee Peng

“...Men always ought to pray and not lose heart” (Luke 18:1). Truly, there is power in persevering prayer. Very often, God’s people give up praying too soon when things do not happen according to their expectations or timetable. To those who are struggling to persevere in prayer, George Mueller, one of the greatest prayer warriors of the past century, has these words of counsel to give: “Let God work for you (however He pleases), give Him time to work and remember that real trust in God is above circumstances and appearances.”

The following are two wonderful testimonies of persevering prayer from Prayer Tower:

Madam L

For several years, she was suffering from chronic depression and panic attacks. She sought psychiatric help and was put on medication. Though her panic attacks ceased after medication, she was still unable to function normally or think rationally. Her condition actually took a turn for the worse when she began seeing tormenting images and visions. Life was unbearable; all she could do was hope in the Lord....

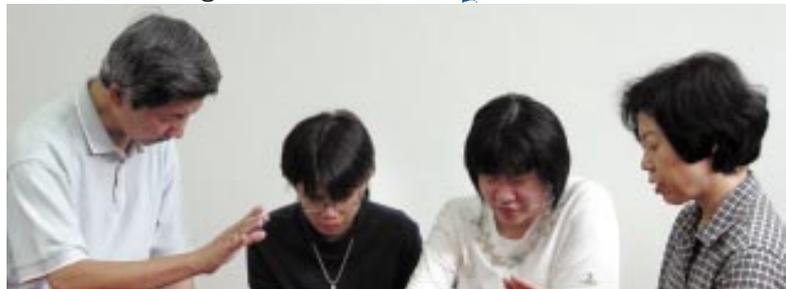
During this time, the Lord provided many of His people to stand by her and intercede on her behalf. Through all the persevering prayers of the saints, she finally experienced a breakthrough this year. In her own words, she has been “liberated from the prison that held her all these years”! For seven months now, she has been off her medication where once she had to take five tablets a day. Glory to God!

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Her normal childhood turned into a horrible nightmare when suddenly she became mentally and emotionally unstable at the age of 11. Her studies were often disrupted as a result of her condition. Her father, believing that she had a demonic spirit, took her to temples where she was subject to tormenting rituals that only made

her condition worse. She began having fearful imaginations that almost drove her insane.

For almost three years, her mother rang up the Prayer Tower whenever she found it difficult to cope with her daughter’s condition. She never gave up hope that God would deliver her daughter and indeed He did! Her daughter, now 19 years old, is functioning normally and currently pursuing a management course. Doctors are so pleased with her remarkable progress that they are gradually taking her off medication. Above all, she has grown so much in the Lord that she has become the greatest source of encouragement to her mother! 🙏



God answers prayers! If you have a prayer request and you need someone to stand together with you in prayer or if you would like to stand in the gap for the need of others, call up **Prayer Tower at 03-252 1778/253 3946.**

“Lasting Greatness” with Kevin Miller Calvary Lunch Hour Fellowship

Can a servant be a leader?

The attendees of the **Calvary Lunch Hour Fellowship** on 17 and 19 November 2001 were very privileged to have Kevin Miller, a consultant to CEOs (Chief Executive Officers), speak to them. Kevin, previously a Professor of Business Studies at Colorado Christian University inspired and blessed the 190 working adults who attended the meeting with truths he acquired through his many years of experience.

The central truth he left with us was the importance of servant leadership. He pointed out that the most effective organisation in the world is the church because of the servant leadership that Jesus models. Perfect leadership comes when the leader leads and serves simultaneously. He also stressed that everyone—customers, employees and owners—is important in the organisation. The sessions were very relevant and beneficial as Kevin also touched on other principles that one could apply in the work place.

By Soon Yuen Ling



Kevin Miller is just one of the many special speakers who have come to minister at the fellowship. Rev. Aris Siew, Rev. Ronald Ooi, Rev. Lawrence Yap, Rev. Terence Sinnadurai and our own pastors are among those who have spoken. 🙏

If you work at or near Wisma Central, do come and join us every Wednesday and Friday afternoon at 1pm for a time of encouragement and refreshing in the presence of God. YOU WILL BE BLESSED!

Calvary Church Family Camp

19-22 November 2001 By Audrey Kum

Camp Speakers (L to R):
Senior Pastor Prince
Guneratnam
Rev. Dr Wirachai Kowae
Rev. Allan Lit



Asking Jesus to take control of our lives



The 10-13 year olds



The 7-9 year old children



The 4-6 year old children learning to pray



The youth learning from the video with Dr James Dobson

“After Penang bridge, go straight...take the corner where Kah Motor is—turn right—City Bayview Hotel is just next door. Congratulations!!! You are there!” With these excellent directions plus a map of an alternative route, the 551 campers had no difficulty locating our “camp site”. There was an air of anticipation of what the Lord would do as we had been encouraged to set our personal goals prior to our arrival in Penang. There was also an eagerness to try out the famed culinary delights for which this northern state is famous!



Everyone at their own personal altar

At the first night session, Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam must have startled some when they heard him say that we can be saved but lost! He explained that “once saved is not always saved.” He warned us not to neglect our salvation by neglecting Jesus. Matthew 10:22 tells us that he who

Trent helped us identify our personality traits. Knowing them, we could then seek the Lord and work at a balance in order to improve our relationships with one another.

The youth benefitted from Dr James Dobson’s videos on “Finding God’s Will for Your Life” and on the dangers of pornography. They enjoyed the question and answer sessions. Praise the Lord for one youth who made a commitment to live for Jesus!



The Chinese camp congregation enjoying their session with Rev. Allan Lit

The children had their own sessions too. Praise God for those who were baptised in the Holy Spirit, the many who received Jesus Christ and those who rededicated their lives to the Lord!

endures to the end will be saved. Senior Pastor left us with a question to answer honestly: “Is Jesus living in your heart?” If He is, then our lives must bear witness. His message directed our focus on living and growing in Jesus—setting the tone of the Camp from the onstart.

Rev. Dr Wirachai Kowae, our speaker from Thailand gave the camp a Thai flavour. Using the passage from 1 Samuel 1:9-17, he taught us a lesson about the importance of having the right paradigm. Hannah exhibited the right attitude towards God, Eli and Elkanah. She handled well her barrenness, her inability to bear a child because she had accepted that her God is holy, righteous, perfect and never wrong—no matter what happens. She was polite to Eli who thought she was drunk when she was crying to God. There was no mention in the Scriptures of any retaliation against Elkanah who taunted her about her condition. Hannah’s right attitude resulted in her being pro-active. She took responsibility of her own life. She controlled what could or could not affect her. Rev. Wirachai urged us to emulate Hannah—to choose to do good and to bear the fruit of the Holy Spirit instead of blaming God and others when we feel “life is unfair.” We were blessed after each session as Rev. Wirachai shared truths from the Word.

The workshops on “Loving, lasting relationships” had us asking ourselves if we were “lions, otters, golden retrievers or beavers”. The video sessions with Drs Gary Smalley and Roger



The toddlers had their own programme!



Those in leadership being challenged to raise up others to service and leadership

Kids and a mum having fun in the pool



Associate Pastor Timothy Ong acknowledging the hardworking Camp Committee



The food was great and opportunities abounded for fellowship around the tables

Carers get together

By Audrey Kum



Associate Pastor Ong with those who received the Aged Care and Palliative Care Course certificates

The Caring Ministry held a Fellowship for all involved in the various areas of its Ministry. Those interested to know about them came as well.

Five individuals who are actively involved in the Ministry shared their testimonies. **Grace Chin** felt a burden to visit the residents at Kim Retirement Villa. She did so on her way to work. As she talked to them, held their hands, listened to their stories, prayed and comforted them, she sensed God was pleased with what she was doing. She took up the First Aid course offered by the Caring Ministry and this led to her involvement in the street ministry, cleaning and dressing wounds of the street people. She thanked God for those she worked with in the street ministry who blessed her when her brother was very ill and hospitalised. She was deeply touched by their support and care.

Tan Yuh Chyong declared that she is a product of the Caring Ministry. As a result of the care and nurture shown to her by Yow Kit Yen, Coordinator of the Ministry, she signed up for the training courses offered and is now working among the street people. God has helped

her to overcome her fear of going near and talking to the AIDS victims or prostitutes. They take all the safety precautions they can but leave the rest to God. Prayer is very much a part of the ministry. She thanked God for her fellow workers whose physical presence and prayer support helped her to deal with her inner struggles towards her brother. Praise God that he is now faithfully serving in the Cheshire Home transport team.

Elaine Cheong visits Kim Retirement Villa every second Saturday of the month at 10.30am. She urged those not working on Saturdays to join them as these visits give the residents, who are from 50 to 90 years old, much hope and joy. She also takes care of the handicapped friends from Cheshire Home who attend our Worship Services at Damansara Heights every first and third Sunday of the month. People may think that she is strong to be able to handle the wheelchairs but she attributes her strength to the Lord as she

finds difficulty even to carry a pail of water! She thanked God for the faithful helpers and also praised God for the Caring Ministry because "everyone is so caring!"

Dr. Arasa spoke of his involvement in the recent Medical Mission to Cambodia. He said he and his wife Juliet were only earthly healers and therefore they took every opportunity to introduce their patients to the One who is far greater and a more powerful healer, the Holy One—Christ Jesus. The Holy Spirit used them to touch the sick. The atmosphere the team created was not of a medical clinic alone but that of a praise and worship workshop! As the people thanked them, they gave all thanks to God.

Sharon Wong has been faithfully conducting many of the training sessions for the Caring Ministry. She thanked God for using her and also for the love and support given to her by the Caring Ministry when her family was going through a difficult time with the illness of her husband, Jimmy. She realised that God allows suffering so that we may be able to empathise with those who suffer.

Before adjourning to the Calvary Refreshment Centre for food, **Associate Pastor Peter Ong** exhorted the workers and acknowledged their faithfulness. He encouraged them to persevere in their ministry in God's strength. He also presented certificates to those who completed the Aged Care and Palliative Care Course in July.

Call Yow Kit Yen at 016-338 3303 if you would like to serve in the Caring Ministry.

Congratulations to our BCM graduates!

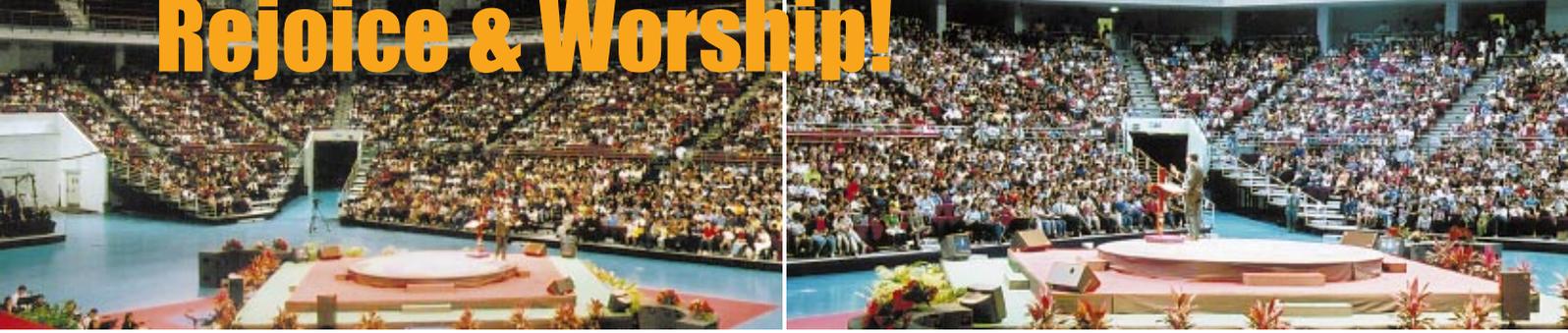
We congratulate six Calvarites who participated in the 40th Graduation Exercises of the Bible College of Malaysia (BCM) on 4 December 2001! Calvary Church through the years has supported BCM in various ways, one of which is to encourage our people to be trained in the college, fulltime or in the night classes. This year, six of them marched to receive different certificates. Gunapooshani Pillai received the Bachelor of Theology,

Karen Tai and Daniel Arunasalam the Diploma of Theology and Douglas Foo, Lily Wee and Yee Yuet Hoh, the Certificate of Biblical Studies. May they be greatly used in the furtherance of His Kingdom!





Christmas is all about Jesus Rejoice & Worship!



Christmas is definitely all about Jesus and not about ourselves. This year, Calvary Church invited the members of our Outreach Works to join our Church members, their families and friends in our celebration and worship of the birth of Jesus, the Son of God. We were led to look at His birth through the eyes of little children.

The 50-piece Orchestra, the 130-voice Adult Choir and Praise Team and the 90 adult dancers and children provided an atmosphere of worship, praise and celebration as Associate Pastor Steven Kum, Christopher Lee and Adrian Lee led the people to worship the Lord. We experienced a bit of what happens in heaven when multitudes of angels exalt the Name of our Lord with great rejoicing!

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam's message came across strongly—Jesus, God's Son came to earth to save all mankind—people from every language group, colour, tribe or nationality. Some

may say that God has forsaken mankind and does not care for them anymore because of sin but this is not true. The good news is that He loves mankind so much that He sent His only Son to save us and to give us hope of eternal life. This good news brings hope to the whole world. Those who believe can and will have joy that the world cannot give (John 15:11).

"Are you celebrating Christmas with Jesus who is the reason we live and have our being?" asked Senior Pastor, "or is your celebration because of material and earthly pursuits?" How

honestly we answered this question would determine the way we celebrated this Christmas. He concluded his message with the invitation to everyone to let Jesus come into their lives.

There was great rejoicing and thanksgiving to God when many of our family members and friends received Jesus into their hearts! The Lord blessed the efforts of all who did their part in presenting the opportunity to those who do not know Him, to experience the true joy that only Jesus can bring to our lives—not only at Christmas but throughout our lives. 🙏

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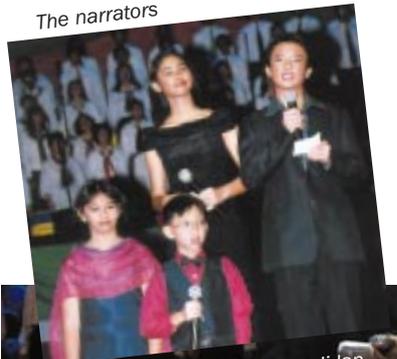
Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam sharing the Christmas message



Praise God for the many who responded to the Lord at the altar!



The narrators



Front: Rachel Soon and Choy Ji Ian
Back: Maryann Lee Matthew and Tan Se-Ken





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Kenneth Hiew,
Jim Guneratnam
and Audrey Kum

*Christopher Lee
conducting the
orchestra and
Ngeow Mei Fong,
the choir*



The orchestra and musicians...



...the dancers...



...together with the worship leaders, the choir and praise team worshipping our Saviour and Lord Jesus Christ!



An employer of one of the members baked this cake in honour of the Lord!



The Filipino LG Ministry gives thanks to God

By Kay Lim



Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam presenting an award to Honorata T. Dangiwan and Ferdinand S. Inzon for completing the "My Faith" course



The choir, recipients of the various certificates and awards with Senior Pastors Prince and Petrina Guneratnam and Associate Pastor Timothy Ong (far right)

The Filipino Life Group Ministry held their Annual Thanksgiving Service on 11 November 2001 at Calvary Church Ampang. More than 110 attended this event which was held in conjunction with the Worship Service.

The 24-member Filipino Choir rendered, from their hearts, a medley of three choruses ("God is So Good", "The Steadfast Love of the Lord" and "I Love You Lord") in Tagalog. It was their testimony of praise to God for His faithfulness, goodness and steadfast love shown throughout the year 2001. In spite of all the trials faced by



them in their personal life and in the Filipino Life Groups as a whole, God is still worthy to be praised, worshipped and adored. And to top it all, Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam's message that morning, "The Blessings of Perseverance" spoke so strongly and personally to us all and encouraged us to persevere in the Lord and not give up no matter what comes our way.

Thirteen individuals received their ICI awards from Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam for completing

their Bible courses and two were commended for completing an 18-book series on Christian Ministries. They were Marites Amarille and Precy Balangue.



Earlie M. Dujon receiving an award from Kay Lim, Filipino LG Ministry Coordinator, for bringing friends to the Life Group

Another highlight was the presentation of Certificates to 16 LG members who successfully completed the "My Faith" course. They have been attending the Sunday Services and LG meetings for many years and were

challenged at the beginning of the year to take up the course as one of their goals they hoped to achieve before the year ended. That day, their goal was realised and this has spurred them on to be baptised in water, to apply for Church membership and to be more involved in Church Ministries.

As we see spiritual growth in the LG members, we cannot help but give thanks to God for the Filipino LG Leaders and for the unfailing support and care given by Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam, Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam and Associate Pastors Peter Ong, Timothy Ong and Richard Yun towards this Ministry. All glory to God. Amen! 🙏

L.I.G.H.T. Thanksgiving Hi-Tea

By David Seah

It was a great time of thanksgiving and fellowship for 96 single adults at the "L.I.G.H.T. (Living in God's Holy Trust) Thanksgiving Hi-Tea held on 17 November 2001 at Rafflesia Chicken Hut Restaurant, Midvalley Megamall.



Since the Restaurant was closed to the public to accommodate our private function, we could freely praise and worship the Lord with all our hearts.

We had a friendly time of icebreakers, asking each other questions about aspirations to personality traits. Jean Lim and David Fu shared inspiring testimonies about how being a part of "L.I.G.H.T." had touched their lives and encouraged them to live wholeheartedly for Christ. That day, three people dedicated their lives to God.

After the spiritual food, we enjoyed a time of fellowship at the buffet tables. A door gift in the form of a 10% coupon, with compliments from the restaurant and a L.I.G.H.T. pocket calendar for 2002 was given to each one of us. We went home thankful for what God has done through L.I.G.H.T. Ministry in 2001 and excited about what He will do in 2002. 🙏

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How many of you can say that you burn and give light? Like John, your light can bring great blessing to your family, neighbours and friends. Determine to let God shine through you this New Year because your family, friends, colleagues and neighbours need to find the true light that brings life and life more abundantly.

Secondly, Stephen the deacon: “And all who sat in the council, looking steadfastly at him, saw his face as the face of an angel” (Acts 6:15). You may say that your face will never look like an angel. I am not referring to the literal appearance per se but the look that one has when they are redeemed from sin, from self and from the world. When sin

“Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life—in order that I may boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor for nothing.” Therefore, to prevent your light from being dull there are seven facts to be considered:

1 Do not murmur or complain (v14). To murmur means to mutter. You are not to “...complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer” (1 Corinthians 10:10). “If any among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one’s religion is useless” (James 1:26).

being sincere and without guilt. It refers to our motives. It is never the wrong things that we do or say that are the most serious offences but it is the wrong motives that prompt our actions and words that are the greatest sin.

5 Be without rebuke or fault (v15). The idea here is that of living in such a way that you do not have to be checked, corrected or chastened by the Lord because of carelessness and failure to judge yourself. “For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world” (1 Corinthians 11:31-32).

6 Hold out the Word of life (v16). This refers to an active witness in making known God’s wondrous way of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. You can do this by preaching, by personal witnessing, distributing tracts, letter writing and many other different ways. Any of these methods must be accompanied by a consistent godly lifestyle.

7 Live in the light of the “day of Christ” (16). Paul concludes this brief exhortation by referring to the Judgement Seat of Christ. He reminds you that you are to live and labour day by day in the light of this solemn time of reward or loss. “Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. For we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad” (2 Corinthians 5:9-10).

Church, be the light and walk in it. Your family, friends and people at your place of work and in your neighbourhood need to see the light.

Just as the star at the birth of Jesus brought the Wise Men to Jesus, be the light that shows the way to Him. “Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever” (Daniel 12:3). 🌟

All Bible quotations are from the New King James Version except where indicated.

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Walk In the Light—Shine for Jesus

is forgiven, you are made righteous in Christ. The light of Jesus radiates and you are a testimony of the Lord’s salvation. You may not look like an angel now but you are being transformed into the Lord’s likeness in character. “But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord” (2 Corinthians 3:18). When your light shines, people will praise the Father because they see His work of salvation in you. Are you struggling to shine? Are you trying to be good on your own? On your own, you have no power and authority. Come to the Father and ask Him to do a redemptive work in you. When you are forgiven and cleansed by the blood of the Lamb, you can shine for Him.

Paul shows you how to be the light. In [Philippians 2:14-16 \(NIV\)](#), he says:

2 Do not dispute or argue (v14). The thought here is that of going to one another and creating disaffection by unwise talk and gossip. “Disputing” is murmuring let loose—infesting others with careless talk. Discipline your tongue. “Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so” (James 3:10).

3 Be blameless (v15). This simply means being free from blame so that no one is able to accuse you. This was true of Daniel. “So the governors and satraps sought to find some charge against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find no charge or fault, because he was faithful; nor was there any error or fault found in him” (Daniel 6:4). It is possible to be blameless with Christ’s help.

4 Be harmless or pure (v 15). This means being free from adulteration or

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A Blessed 2002!

Expect God's double blessings in 2002!

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