

# CALVARY NEWS

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## CLOTHED WITH **COMPASSION**

colossians 3:12



By Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam

*“Therefore as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience” (Colossians 3:12).*

Do you know that as a believer clothed with compassion in Jesus Christ, you can bless your family? You can be a blessing to your father, mother, brothers, sisters and spouse. Believing husbands and wives can be a blessing to their unbelieving spouses. They must not use the excuse that because their spouses are unbelievers, they need to be separated or divorced. Instead, they should live with their unbelieving spouses as long as they are willing to accept them.

Though the Bible in [Acts 16:31](#) says, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household” you must not expect God to be totally responsible for the salvation of your household. When God saved, transformed and blessed you, it is through you that He will bless your household with salvation. Every blessing that God gives comes with a responsibility to be a blessing to others. God will give you the opportunity to be a blessing. All that is required from you is your willingness to be a witness so that unbelievers will come to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

In [Acts 16:16-34](#), we read an account of how Paul and Silas were stripped, beaten and severely flogged before being thrown into prison. The jailer was commanded to guard them carefully and

therefore he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. At midnight, there was a tremendous earthquake that shook the foundations of the prison. The doors were flung open and everyone’s chains became loose. I believe the earthquake was not a coincidence. God engineered it so that He could use Paul and Silas to help the jailer and his family to know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. Similarly, God will provide an opportunity for your family to be saved. He wants to use you to help your household to receive His salvation.

When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors open, he was frightened and was about to commit suicide because he knew the consequences he would face if the prisoners escaped. Just as he was

about to kill himself, Paul shouted, “Don’t harm yourself! We are all here!” ([Acts 16:28](#)). Paul and Silas knew that it was God at work. When the jailer realised that his prisoners had not escaped, he fell trembling before Paul and Silas and asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” ([Acts 16:30](#)). And this is the wonderful promise of God’s Word, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household” ([Acts 16:31](#)). The jailer and his household believed in Christ. God has many ways to bring salvation to our family. Not everyone is saved the same way.

There are three things about an effective and genuine salvation seen in the life of the jailer. Firstly, he came under tremendous conviction. Secondly, he confessed

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**SENIOR/  
EXECUTIVE PASTOR**  
Datuk Dr Prince Guneratnam



**SENIOR  
ASSOCIATE PASTOR**  
Datin Dr Petrina Guneratnam



# Introducing the **2004** Heads of Departments/Ministries

## Departments

**MISSIONS**  
Associate Pastor  
Peter Ong



**PASTORAL CARE**  
Associate Pastor  
Timothy Ong



**EDUCATION/AIM**  
Associate Pastor  
Steven Kum



**Carpenter's  
Workshop**  
Associate Pastor  
Richard Yun



**MUSIC &  
CREATIVE ARTS**  
Associate Pastor  
Christopher Lee



**Carpenter's  
Workshop Satellite**  
Assistant Pastor  
Susan Tan



**HOSPITALITY**  
Assistant Pastor  
Raymond Yong



**Royal Rangers &  
Missionettes**  
Jim Guneratnam



**Calvary  
Nursery Care  
Babies**  
Amelia Guneratnam



**Calvary  
Nursery Care  
Toddlers**  
Vivia Teh



**Christ's  
Ambassadors**  
Adrian Lee



**MEMBERSHIP**  
Lee Foong Ling  
*Chairperson*

## Church/Extended Ministries

**CALVARY  
LIFE MINISTRIES**  
Pam Lee  
*Director*



**CALVARY  
COMMUNICATION**  
Jim Guneratnam  
*Director*



**CALVARY  
PRAYER TOWER**  
Karen Seah Lee Peng  
*Coordinator*



**ASIAN INSTITUTE  
OF MINISTRIES**  
Ho Swee Mei  
*Coordinator*



**CALVARY  
SUNSHINE HOME**  
Chew Siew Keng  
*Home Supervisor*



**CALVARY  
CHURCH PRESS**  
Michael Eng  
*Administrator*



**CALVARY  
BOOK CORNER**  
Elaine Cheong  
*Administrator*



**CALVARYLAND**  
Winslow Wong  
*Administrative  
Manager*

## Language Ministries



**BAHASA  
MALAYSIA**  
Assistant Pastor  
David Seah



**CHINESE**  
Belinda Ho



**FILIPINO**  
Kay Lim



*Chen Sam Yuen enjoying a meal with his fellow LG members*

## Thank God for support through Life Groups!



Life Group (LG) is a place where our needs are met. We find encouragement and receive prayer support from believers who identify with us and share our burdens.

Here is a testimony of **CHEN SAM YUEN** on how God touched and healed him and how he appreciates the support of the LG and the Church.

“ I was afflicted with illness for nearly a year. An inflamed throat and a lesion in my tongue caused me excruciating pain. Emotionally, I was anxious and fear was real. I was treated by an Ear Nose Throat (ENT) doctor and an Oral Surgeon. Later, I was tested for cancer of the tongue. The first test showed a positive tumour in the lesion. At that moment, I was convinced that the original medical report was already written when it was recorded in Isaiah 53:5 that “by His stripes, we are healed”. Jesus has made the provision for the healing of all diseases when He bore all our sins on the Cross. I thank God for my LG. They stood by my family and me as we went through this difficult period in my life. I am also appreciative of our Pastors, the Prayer Tower, Calvary Life Ministries and my family and friends who upheld me in prayer. I went for another test recently, and the result showed the tumour in my tongue is non-cancerous. Today the lesion is completely healed!

God heard our prayers and honoured them. He is indeed our prayer answering God! ”



**Do you have a need?**

**Your need can be met in the LG.**

For more information how you can get involved in a LG, please call the Pastoral Care Department at 03-2099 7135.





# Calvaryland Charity Bazaar provides

By Audrey Kum

“Is that rain we hear?” This was probably the question asked by Calvarites all over the Klang Valley and the surrounding areas when they were woken up by the sound of rain early in the morning on Friday, 24 October 2003. We know for a fact that many (especially those who were setting up the stalls!) immediately prayed that God would stop the rain. And God did, in His perfect time. After the shower had cooled the air, the sun came out and the activities planned at the Calvaryland Charity Bazaar held at KBU International College in Bandar Utama went into full swing according to schedule.

Associate Pastor Timothy Ong showing his culinary skills!



Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam attempting finger soccer

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam, who is the Chairman of Calvaryland, declared the bazaar open with a prayer before cutting the ribbon to release the coloured balloons.

A steady crowd comprising Calvarites and the people whom they sold the tickets to, sampled the food and drinks, bought all kinds of merchandise, some at bargain

prices and played a variety of games from 9am to 3pm.

There was a carnival atmosphere as children walked around with colourful balloons and clowns moved around in their brightly coloured costumes and wigs. The children also had a great time bouncing, jumping and climbing the inflatable games at one corner of the field. Faces were







# fun, food and bargains as promised!



Associate Pastors Steven Kum (above) and Peter Ong being dunked for a good cause!



This can't be Associate Pastor Christopher Lee, or can it?

spirit among the crowds that came and the stall keepers throughout the day. We know it is because the Calvarites had bathed the event with much prayer and were willing to work hard and sacrificially for

the glory of God. Almost all the food, drinks and games stalls were set up by Calvarites who pooled their resources and skills together to cook a wide variety of sumptuous food and to "cook up" fun and creative games. Even the Pastors set up food stalls and everything they cooked was sold out very quickly!

We thank God for helping us to raise the targeted Ringgit Malaysia 100,000. This will help towards the construction of the first phase of the Calvaryland project which is scheduled to start in January 2004. The Committee wishes to thank everyone who helped in one way or another and for their united efforts to make the bazaar a success!

painted and people were dunked in a tub of water; all for a good cause.

Many people remarked that there was a lovely and joyful





By James Lim

The afternoon of 1 November 2003 looked gloomy but the Calvary men did not reflect the gloom as they were expecting God to bless the evangelistic meeting they had organised. They had been praying much for God's will to be done as guest evangelist Jimmy Tang shared his personal testimony.



Evangelist Jimmy Tang

## From slave to sin to servant of the Most High

Weeks before the meeting, the Calvary Men were busy selling tickets and inviting family and friends to come and listen to the unique testimony of Evangelist Jimmy Tang. A record 480 people attended the meeting and 250 tickets were sold to those who wanted to participate in the BBQ afterwards.

Lim Siew Chyuan's testimony glorifying God for His goodness and provision and thanking God for



Lim Siew Chyuan sharing his testimony



Responding to God at the end of the meeting



the support and fellowship of the Men's Life Groups during the difficult times of his working life, set the tone for the afternoon. It provided the platform from which Evangelist Jimmy Tang shared his beautiful testimony of how God transformed a thorough sinner into a man of God.

Jimmy loved money from a young age. He discovered that you could make fast money through gambling if you win. Gambling became his sole consuming passion until he became a professional gambler. He travelled about in order to gamble and made a lot of money. While he experienced supernatural power to win, the devil was setting traps for him. He was very proud and arrogant. He hated his own family and even his children avoided him. At the young age of 29, he became the Asian Baccarat Champion. During the height of his career, he made over 20 million Singapore Dollars. However, deep inside, he was constantly living in fear—fear of losing and fear of assassins.

The devil is the father of lies. Very soon Jimmy was left with nothing. What he made in six years with the supernatural power of Satan was lost in six months. Jimmy was proud and could

Enjoying the BBQ, wholly prepared and cooked by the men

not face defeat. His bitterness drove him to attempt suicide but he was literally saved by God's love. His God-fearing sister had been praying for him and God answers prayers.

With God's intervention, Jimmy's life took a miraculous turn. God transformed him from the life of a gambler to that of an evangelist. He found the meaning of love and life. Money is not God and the love of money which is the root of all evil cannot give him joy in life. He still travels but instead of gambling, he preaches the Gospel and exposes the sins resulting from gambling.

Glory to God for the ten who accepted the Lord that afternoon. From Jimmy's testimony, we saw clearly that God's power is mightier than any power Satan has. 🙏



# Roses for the Rose of Sharon

Senior Associate Pastor  
Petrina Guneratnam

By Bernadette Tay

Her Excellency  
Rose Senanayake

About 300 ladies gathered eagerly in Calvary Church on the afternoon of 15 November 2003 to hear two prominent Roses share their testimonies and another equally prominent lady share the Word of God.



Yang Berbahagia  
Dato' Rosie Tan



Ladies interacting with one another while trying to form as many words as possible with the word, "Pleasure"

Shereen Wong was the MC for the gathering and Faith Tan led in worship. Right from the beginning of the meeting, you could sense a spirit of expectancy. When Kiang Teck Chin introduced a word game, "Pleasure", it seemed that the women could not get over the game quickly enough so that they could hear the ladies speak!

Her Excellency Rose Senanayake is married with three children. She shared a poignant testimony of how she more than survived in many situations in her life. Although she is multi-talented, she attributed her victories to the Lord's intervention and favour. Her present position as the High Commissioner for Sri Lanka is a case in point. The odds were against her appointment but the Lord saw her through every step of the way. She quoted 1 John 3:23 which says that we are to "believe in the name of His Son, Jesus Christ and to love one another as He commanded us." In her work with the oppressed women and children in Sri Lanka, God's Word has been her guiding force. To Her Excellency, the key to successful living is to "trust and obey".

Yang Berbahagia Dato' Rosie Tan shared an equally powerful testimony based on her 32 years in Tan Chong Motors. She too has experienced God's favour. The odds were against her in a business dominated by men. It is her fear of the Lord that has seen her through. Proverbs 3:5-6 has been her

To her, the accomplishments are nothing to boast about as she believes God has granted her His special favour.

Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam spoke on the parallelism between King Solomon and the Shulamite and the Lord Jesus and the Church. The Lord wants to be our Rose—an expression of love. The illustration of Jesus as the Rose of Sharon and the Lily of the Valley provided us with a deeper appreciation of the unfailing and ever present love of the Lord in times when our lives seem to be stagnated as on a plateau and when we are facing low, "valley" experiences. Jesus wants to bring joy and delight to us all the time.

Pastor Petrina observed that the strongest fragrance of a flower comes after it has been crushed. She concluded by quoting

2 Corinthians 2:15 which says, "For we are to be to God the *aroma* of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing." So we are to walk in love and be the fragrance of life. 🌸



Thanking the Rose of Sharon for His love and praying to be the aroma of Christ

guide and encouragement. She gave three survival tips to the ladies: Firstly, Be responsive and adaptive to change. Secondly, have the right attitude and mind-set and thirdly, be patient in the midst of frustrations. Besides her involvement in business, she is also active in the Malaysian AIDS Foundation.



Fellowship over light refreshments provided at various locations of the Church premises



Photographs by Bonnie Bautista and Audrey Kum

By Audrey Kum

After a lapse of many years, the sanctuary at Calvary Church Damansara Heights was once again the venue of our Christmas Worship Services. Upon arrival, Calvarites from the various congregations, their families and friends, discovered the Church gaily decorated in honour of our Lord Jesus Christ's birthday. And when they entered the sanctuary, the beautifully painted backdrops (done by a Creative Arts Team led by Julie Yap) transported them to His birthplace in Bethlehem.

Associate Pastor Steven Kum warmly welcomed everyone and together with the Worship Singers and Orchestra, led the congregations of both Services to worship the King of kings and the Lord of Lords. The Worship Orchestra, Singers and Creative Arts Team who had been working hard for weeks then presented "Hope Has Come".



At the foyer

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam sharing his Christmas message



date 25 december 2003 time 8am & 10.30am

# The Church celebrates Christmas at Damansara Heights

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam praying for the nation after conveying the Christmas greetings from our Prime Minister, YAB Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi



At the overflow room at the Education block



The packed sanctuary during the 8am Worship Service and the equally packed sanctuary during the 10.30am Worship Service.

## Christmas is celebrated nationwide!



Our Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam (left) with our Prime Minister, YAB Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi at the Christian Federation of Malaysia High-Tea Christmas Reception hosted by Bishop Julius Paul, the President of the Council of Churches on Christmas day, 25 December 2003.

Senior Pastor witnessing the official opening of the National Christmas Open House by the Yang di-Pertuan Agong, Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Syed Putra Jamalullail (centre) together with Sabah Youth and Sports Minister, Tan Sri Joseph Kurup; Sabah Chief Minister, Datuk Seri Musa Haji Aman; the Yang Dipertua Negeri Sabah, Tun Ahmadshah Abdullah; Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and Culture, Arts and Tourism Minister, Datuk Paduka Abdul Kadir Sheikh Fadzir (from left to right).

Photographs by Jim Guneratnam

Senior Pastor who serves as Chairman of the Christian Federation of Malaysia participated in the National Christmas Open House at Kota Kinabalu Sports Complex on 27 December 2003. As the official representative of the Christian community in Malaysia, Senior Pastor thanked the Yang di-Pertuan Agong for his support and the government for its recognition of the Christmas celebration. He quoted from Proverbs 14:34 "Truly, God will exalt a righteous nation" and wished the nation a blessed Christmas. Earlier Senior Pastor accompanied the Yang di-Pertuan Agong and Prime Minister in a procession to greet the estimated 150,000 people in attendance.

The National Christmas Open House is one of the six national celebrations organised by the Ministry of Culture, Arts and Tourism to promote unity and harmony, and to promote Malaysia as a multi-ethnic and multi-religious country.

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam, in his Christmas message asked, "What is the Hope of Christmas?" He proceeded to tell us that it is the hope of forgiveness of sin. Jesus forgives our sins and tells us to sin no more. It is hope of abundant life, one that is full and satisfying. It is also the hope of eternal life with God for those whose relationship with God has been restored by God's forgiveness. The Hope of Christmas is the hope of a home in heaven for those who choose to follow Christ. And finally, the Hope of Christmas is the hope of the rapture when Jesus will come again to take His children to be with Him.

At Senior Pastor's invitation, many responded by placing their hope in the Hope that has come.

At the start of the Services, we were invited to join in the celebration of the birth of Christ, to lift our voices, our hands and our hearts as we rejoiced in God Who is our hope. When we left to go our separate ways, the joy of the Lord remained with us.



More overflow rooms: at the Worship Nursery (above) and at Berean bungalow



# Being fruitful through fellowship

By Julie Lau

Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam sharing the devotion



We praise God for His goodness and greatness! We broke the CNC record with the attendance of 203 parents, toddlers, teachers and helpers at our CNC Fellowship on 4 October 2003. We were blessed by the devotion shared by Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam from Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 and 11 and by the testimonies shared by CNC teachers, Grace Yap and Steven Yap and grateful parents, Alice Fung and Gan Lai Kuin.

The highlight of the afternoon was a contest which allowed groups of parents and children to express their God-given creativity as they made collages and structures showing families going to church! Associate Pastor Richard Yun presented the prizes to the winners. Praise God for a wonderful time of fellowship which ended with a High Tea- Dinner! 🙌



## Carpenter's Workshop (CW) By Julia Low Chia San and Teo Lyn Li

# Deepening relationships—with God and classmates

An excited bunch of 32 Carpenter's Workshop (CW) kids set off for De Palma Inn from Calvary Church on the Thursday morning of 23 October 2003. On the very first night, the Lord touched us through the message shared by Associate Pastor Richard Yun. We all answered the altar call to rededicate our lives to Jesus and cried in happiness in the Holy Spirit. The anointing was so strong that we felt refreshed.

On Friday, our chaperone, Tang Jut Weng, shared the devotion with us. As we prayed, we could feel God's holy presence all around us.

During the free time, some of us swam while some went biking and others played football. That night, through Adrian Lee our other retreat speaker, we learnt about God's almighty power and how it can help us in our daily lives. We had fun presenting our skits afterwards.

Soon it was time for us to leave. Too soon! After devotion, we packed up and headed back to Church to attend the Christ's Ambassadors meeting. During these three days, our relationship with God had deepened and our friendship with each other grew stronger. And we learnt how to play water polo!

We would like to thank our teachers and chaperones for taking care of us. 🙌



The CW 2J Graduating class with their retreat speakers, teachers and chaperones  
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# Golden Eagles give thanks to God

By Bernice Low

One hundred and twenty Golden Eagles, Pastors, helpers and young people came together on 22 November 2004 at Seoul Bulgogi Restaurant in Pantai Plaza for a sumptuous steamboat/BBQ buffet dinner to thank God for His love, care and goodness upon His children who are in their golden years.

We gave thanks to God, sang songs of praise, spoke words of encouragement and exchanged gifts with one another. We also presented gifts to Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam,

Associate Pastor  
Timothy Ong

Senior Associate  
Pastor Petrina  
Guneratnam

Senior Pastor  
Prince Guneratnam



Guneratnam and Associate Pastor Timothy in appreciation of their leadership. A special

gift was presented to Richard Lee for his faithfulness in serving at funeral services by his contribution in music. He is a shining example and challenge to all the Golden eagles to serve God.

There was a lot of love and laughter as we fellowshiped over the food. It was "eat all you can" from an enormous spread that ranged from succulent prawns, fresh fish fillet, chewy fish balls, different kinds of meat to vegetables. We could barbecue them or cook them in boiling tom yam or clear stock soup. And the desserts were mouthwatering.

Praise and glory to God for the joyful gathering which will be remembered for many years. We thank the Pastors, the Committee Members, the Golden Eagles for a wonderful time and the L.I.G.H.T. Ministry for putting up lovely decorations that gave a special touch to our

Thanksgiving Dinner. 🏰



Associate Pastor Steven Kum (standing) seems amazed at how much everyone can eat!



Associate Pastor Peter Ong (in blue) enjoying the fellowship of the Golden Eagles

## Calvary Prayer Tower

# Intercessors thank God for the power of prayer!



Associate Pastor Steven Kum

Karen Seah, Coordinator of Calvary Prayer Tower Ministry praying for the intercessors

Food, glorious food!

By Karen Seah

**"This is my first time attending an Intercessors' Fellowship and I have been truly blessed. They serve wonderful Siamese laksa too."**

**"I enjoyed the time of worship led by Assistant Pastor David Seah and the worship team. The presence of God was awesome!"**

**"I got to know a few other intercessors that I have never met before. We had a good time of interaction."**

**"I was feeling a little discouraged and I asked God the other day, 'Did my prayer reach you?' Associate Pastor Steven Kum's exhortation could not be timelier."**

These testimonies say it all. Fifty-six intercessors came to celebrate God's goodness, seek Him, fellowship with other intercessors and to be encouraged in their ministry involvement on 29 November 2003. They left feeling refreshed and challenged by a fresh reminder of the value, power and effects of prayer. These simple but powerful truths were further reinforced by Pastor Steven's light-hearted but memorable sharing of his personal testimonies.

It was a great way for the intercessors to end the year being assured that what they have been doing and will be doing in the years ahead, counts in the kingdom of God! 🏰



# Hospitality team exhorted to let Christ be seen in them

By Assistant Pastor Raymond Yong



The Hospitality Team tickled by something shared by Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam



Enjoying the food they contributed

About 80 ministry personnel from the Ushering, Visitors' Lounge and Information Counter Ministries attended the Hospitality Fellowship held on the Saturday afternoon of 18 October 2003.

Chief usher Richard Siew warmly welcomed everyone and prayed for God's blessing before Bernard Loke led in worship and praise to God.



Trying excitedly to hang as many items as possible on the hangers provided

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam shared an interesting fact that there are no living creatures in the Dead Sea as it has no outlet. Similarly, if we are to just attend Church and do not have an outlet through ministry, we too will not have "life" in us.

When we serve,

we are actually doing ourselves a favour. The enemy will give us many reasons why we should not serve but Senior Pastor encouraged us to keep serving and not give up as long as we have life! We are to thank God that we are called to serve. When we serve with gratitude, there is

no room for complaints.

He reminded us that all of us in the Hospitality Ministry play an important role in the Church. The way we welcome the worshippers and visitors can make a difference. With the right spirit, we can operate the gifts God has given to us to be a blessing to the body of Christ.

He concluded by exhorting us to be a people whom others can see Christ in us.

After the encouraging exhortation, Assistant Pastor Raymond Yong appropriately led us in prayer for the leadership of the Church, the Hospitality Ministry and the personnel. Two games were played to help us get to know each other better. We could sense the excitement from the level of noise generated! After Associate Pastor Timothy Ong concluded the programme with prayer, we proceeded to the Calvary Refreshment Centre for food and further fellowship.

## Jesus loves the little children



On 16 November 2003, Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam dedicated five babies to the Lord at the 10.30am Worship Service at Damansara Heights.

We thank God that the parents recognise the importance of formally declaring to the Lord that they want Him to help them to bring their babies up in the fear and nurture of God.

Left to right: Babies, Matthew, Hui Wen, Yew Wen, Yaw Onn and Shavilah (inset)



# Praise the Lord for His faithfulness!

By Kay Lim

“Praise the Lord for His Faithfulness” was the special song of testimony sung by the Filipino Choir during the annual Thanksgiving Service of the Filipino Life Group Ministry which was held on Sunday, 9 November 2003 at Calvary Church Ampang. The Lord indeed has been good and answered many of their prayers and lifted their burdens.



The Filipino Choir



Associate Pastors Peter Ong (left) and Timothy Ong and Kay Lim (far right) with those who received awards

As they listened to Associate Pastor Peter Ong's timely message entitled “God's Moving Plan” on how God miraculously delivered the Israelites out of Egypt and the wilderness, they were reminded of God's miraculous touch upon different areas of their lives. They were encouraged to live in accordance to God's plan, trusting Him, reaching out to Him, honouring His presence, hearing His Word and

heeding His ways at all times.

This year, we recognised and awarded eight Life Group (LG) members for completing ICI courses and four people for completing the “My Faith” course. We thank God too that five received their Church membership in 2003.

Pastor Peter commended the Coordinator Kay Lim and Life Group

Leaders, Maria Lourdes Chan and Chin Sok Mei for their leadership and faithful service in the Filipino Life Group Ministry.

After the Service, there was a time of getting to know each other through icebreakers. Grace Firma, Wilma Antonio, Earnie Dujon (LG members), Maria and Sok Mei shared how the Lord has impacted their lives through the Filipino LG Ministry and helped them in

their daily challenges and ministries. All gave glory to God for His faithfulness.

Associate Pastor Richard Yun encouraged everyone involved in caring for the members to continue to put their trust in God and give their best in the Ministry.

Finally, together with the Pastors, the group proceeded to fellowship over hi-tea. ☺



Fellowship over hi-tea at a nearby hotel



Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam praying for Bryan Mak and Shu-Ling, the parents of Matthew Joshua Mak Zhi Shern

It was a special moment for Bryan Mak, father of baby Matthew as Bryan was also dedicated to the Lord by Senior Pastor when he was a baby. Matthew is the grandson of Church Deacon, Lawrence Mak.

The following babies were dedicated to the Lord:

**Matthew Joshua Mak Zhi Shern**  
Parents: Bryan Mak & Shu-Ling

**Christopher Ching Yaw Onn**  
Parents: Ching Kok Hin & May Ling

**Gan Yew Wen**  
Parents: Gan Tion Chew & Lai Kuin

**Shavilah Susannia Emmanuel**  
Parents: Emmanuel Elango & Iype Philia Philip

**Lin Hui Wen**  
Parents: Lin Joe Yin & Bee Ling ☺



# January

**Christ's Ambassadors** Saturday 2.30pm

**Theme: Daring To Dream**

- 3** A Look At Joseph's Life
- 10** Youth Revival Meeting
- 17** Making Dreams Into Reality
- 24** Chinese New Year Special
- 31** Youth Celebration

**College Students' Ministry** Saturday 2.30pm

**Theme: Matters of the Heart**

- 3** The Real "Me" - The Heart of Man
- 10** Youth Revival Meeting
- 17** Who Rules Your Heart?
- 24** Renovation of the heart
- 31** Youth Celebration

**Bahasa Malaysia Fellowship** Sunday 12.30pm

- 18** Speaker: Assistant Pastor David Seah  
Venue: Elim Hall

## Chinese Fellowship

### Dinner Fellowship

Date: Sunday, 1 February 2004

Time: 6.45pm

Speaker: Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam

Call Peng Peng at 03-2099 7133 for more information

# February

**Chinese Fellowship** Sunday 5pm

- 29** Speaker: Rev. Wendy Ching  
Venue: Elim Hall
- \* Bring your Chinese-speaking family and friends. They will enjoy the warm fellowship and food. Call Peng Peng at 03-2099 7133 for more information

**Christ's Ambassadors** Saturday 2.30pm

**Theme: The Greatest Commandment**

- 7** Competition Launching
- 14** Loving Yourself
- 21** Loving Your Neighbour
- 28** Youth Celebration

**College Students' Ministry** Saturday 2.30pm

**College Students' Ministry • Saturday • 2.30pm**

**Theme: Matters of the Heart**

- 7** The Heart of God
- 14** A Good God, A Suffering World (I)
- 21** A Good God, A Suffering World (II)
- 28** Youth Celebration

**Bahasa Malaysia Fellowship** Sunday 12.30pm

- 29** Speaker: Assistant Pastor David Seah  
Venue: Elim Hall

## WATER BAPTISM & MEMBERSHIP

### Water Baptism/Membership Class

Saturday | 7 February 2004 | 2.00pm

### Water Baptism Service

Sunday | 15 February 2004 | 5pm

### Closing Date for submission of forms:


Sunday | 11 January 2004

# Congratulations to our BCM graduates!

We congratulate the four Calvarites who participated in the 42nd Graduation Exercises of the Bible College of Malaysia (BCM) on 2 December 2003!

Calvary Church greatly encourages the training of Calvarites in BCM, whether fulltime or through night classes.

This year, Yong Chee Weng and his wife, Lee Siu received the Bachelor of Theology while Irene Yong and Elizabeth Yow received the Diploma of Theology.

We exhort them to press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called them heavenward in Christ Jesus and to serve Him faithfully wherever He leads them! 



Elizabeth Yow

Quek Lee Siu

Yong Chee Weng

Irene Yong



From front page

his faith in Jesus and thirdly, he was born-again or became a changed man. If you want to be a blessing to your family and household, clothe yourself with Christ's compassion and expect God to open doors of opportunities.

### Conviction of sins

For somebody to believe or to place his faith in Jesus Christ, there must be a conviction of his sins.

When the jailer found that Paul and Silas and the

prisoners had not escaped, he was convicted of what he had done to them. He realised how cruel and wicked he had been to them and yet they did not run away. They were Roman citizens and should not have been treated that way without a trial. They did not fight because of the wrongs done to them but did what pleased God. Do not think that you are a loser if you do good to those who do you wrong. It is better to let God vindicate you. God says, "Vengeance is mine." Paul and Silas let God be the judge even though they were wrongly treated. What they did made the jailer realise his need for God in his life.

The Bible clearly teaches a believer how to behave when he is wronged. [Romans 12:14-21](#) teaches us how we can be clothed with compassion: "Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room

for God's wrath, for it is written: 'It is mine to avenge; I will repay,' says the Lord. On the contrary: 'If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." Clothe yourself with God's compassion. "Therefore as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility,



Joanne Lim (in horizontally striped blouse) and her brother David were the first Christians in their family. They believed the Word that the Lord gave them: "Believe in the Lord and you and your household will be saved." Through the years, 25 members of their household have come to know the Lord Jesus.

gentleness and patience" ([Colossians 3:12](#)).

You can be a tremendous blessing to your family if you understand the principle of being clothed with compassion. Being unbelievers, they may be mean, cruel, unjust, slander and criticise you. But God is able to give you His strength and grace when you choose to stand as a witness for Christ. Unbelievers will be converted because they will be convicted of their wrongdoing by our love. It is like heaping burning coals on your loved ones. They will want to know why you are different because you do not retaliate when you are unjustly treated. You can tell them it is because of the Lord Jesus Christ in you. Then, like Paul and Silas you too can say to them, "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved."

### Confession of faith

If there is true conviction and repentance of sins, there will be a positive confession of your faith. The jailer was convicted of his sins, received God's forgiveness and was baptised the same day. "At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his family were baptized" ([Acts 16:33](#)). Water baptism is a confession of your faith. You do not have to wait to be more "spiritual" to be baptised in water. As long as you are a believer, you are a candidate for water baptism. If you have not yet been baptised in water, do not delay.

### Conversion and change

Transformation only comes after conviction and confession. The Bible in [2 Corinthians 5:17](#) says: "If anyone is in Christ he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" There was a

tremendous change in the jailer's life. He was cruel, wicked and tortured the prisoners but his faith in Jesus made him show kindness to Paul and Silas. He washed their wounds. He gave them a meal. He was filled with joy and opened his house to them. Has your family seen a change for the better in your life since you became a believer?

Let the way you live your life bring conviction of sin and repentance to salvation. Be an aroma of Jesus Christ in your home. "For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing" ([2 Corinthians 2:15](#)). Allow the Holy Spirit to clothe you with Christ's compassion and you will be a blessing! 🙏

*All Bible quotations are from the New International Version.*



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