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Praying With Spiritual Authority

By Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam



David had to flee for his life when his son, Absalom, revolted against him and seized his throne. But in the midst of his trouble, David responded triumphantly and dwelt in safety, through prayer. He prayed with spiritual authority and God vindicated him, restored him to his throne and punished Absalom.

First, you need to have some understanding about prayer. Prayer is a spiritual exercise. The carnal man, whose spirit has not been quickened by God, has no desire to pray. The Bible says, "The sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God" ([Romans 8:7-8 NIV](#)). If you walk in the flesh, you cannot enjoy and appreciate prayer. The believer, as a new creation, under the authority of the Holy Spirit, can exercise his spiritual life and pray.

Prayerlessness is not a weakness but a sin. We must pray. Jesus said, "When you pray..." ([Matthew 6:6](#)) and not "If you pray." The Bible commands us to pray. Prayer is part of God's armour ([Ephesians 6:10-18](#)). James says,

"Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective" ([James 5:16 NIV](#)).

Prayer gives God the moral right to intervene in the affairs of man. God created you as a free moral agent. He will not interfere unless you give Him the right to do so through your prayers.

Sin prevents prayers from being answered. The Bible says, "If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened" ([Psalm 66:18 NIV](#)). Your sin needs to be cleansed by the blood of Jesus before you can stand boldly before the throne of grace to talk with the Father. Jesus says that He is the way, the truth and the life and no one can come to the Father except through Him ([John 14:6](#)).

In [Psalm 5](#), we learn from David some principles he used to pray with spiritual authority.

David prayed with boldness. In verses one and two, David said, "Give ear to my words, O Lord, consider my meditation. Give heed to the voice of my cry, my King and my God, for to You I will pray." He was not being arrogant and demanding. This is clearly seen in verses seven and eight when he said, "But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy; in fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple. Lead me, O Lord, in Your righteousness because of my enemies; Make your way straight before my face." It was with a spirit of humility and reverence before God, that David was seriously asking God to pay attention to what he had to say.

The above is a picture of Calvarites praying with spiritual authority at Putra Stadium, Bukit Jalil during the Dedication Service for the Easter Presentation in April 2004

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Mother's Day



Carpenter's Workshop (CW) children singing "Lord Bless My Mother" while a Powerpoint presentation showed a selection of pictures of them and their mothers (inset). Different groups of CW children presented the same song at the various Worship Services

Redeemed, restored and reinstated

By Audrey Kum

Mother's Day is always special at Calvary Church. And one of the reasons is that we get to hear Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam preach at our Worship Services! Over 1,000 mothers celebrated the occasion at our various Services and each one received a gift from the Church.



Mothers at the 8am Worship Service at Damansara Heights being acknowledged before receiving the gifts given out by the CW children



Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam sharing the message

Deciding on a message that was for everyone and not just for mothers, Pastor Petrina spoke on the redemptive work of the cross. Bringing us back to the time of creation, she highlighted three relationships that were lost at the Garden of Eden: the relationship with God, the relationship with each other and the relationship in the marketplace.

When Adam and Eve disobeyed God's command not to eat the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil (Genesis 2:16-17), their relationship with God was lost. And as a direct consequence of that broken relationship, their own loving and harmonious relationship was affected.

Adam and Eve's disobedience in turn resulted in the earth being cursed (Genesis 3:17-19). No longer able to enjoy the abundance of God's provision, Adam had to sweat and toil the earth to provide food for his family.

Sin caused the harmonious and loving relationship God intended for mankind to be ruined and lost. But the good news is that Jesus came and redeemed, restored and reinstated these relationships. Luke 19:10 says "For the Son of man has come to seek and save that which was lost."

It is God's will that we prosper in these three relationships. Pastor Petrina emphasised that the degree of intimacy

in our relationship with God will determine our ability to excel in our relationships with others. When these two relationships are in order, we will be successful and prosper in our relationship in the marketplace. 🙏

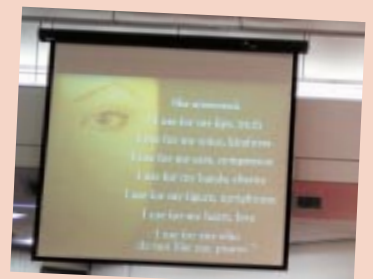
Orders for the the message entitled, "Redeemed, Restored, Reinstated" by Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam on tape/VCD can be made at the Calvary Book Corner.

Beauty Tip for ladies!

Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam shared the following with the ladies. A woman was asked what she used to make her complexion so beautiful and her whole being so bright and attractive. She answered:

- " I use for my lips, truth
- I use for my voice, kindness
- I use for my eyes, compassion
- I use for my hands, charity
- I use for my figure, uprightness
- I use for my heart, love
- I use for any who do not like me, prayer."

Pastor Petrina added that besides the above, cosmetics and skin care products do help!



Tuesday Ladies' Worship Service

Mother's Day celebrations continue...

By Shereen Wong

"Sing of His Love" was the theme for this year's Mother's Day celebration on 11 May 2004 and was attended by 165 ladies, including 15 first time "mother" visitors.

The love and joy of the Lord were expressed through vibrant group worship, special songs and an instrumental presentation.

Samantha Sam, wife of Associate Pastor Timothy Ong shared how God enabled her to look after her invalid and aged mother before she went home to be with the Lord. The prayers of the Church and family members sustained her in her trying times. She appreciated the excellent and dedicated service of the Calvary Sunshine Home staff who provided care to people like her mother and others. Their ministry is needful and valuable to the Church family.

Chooi Oi Ying, wife of Associate Pastor Richard Yun, rendered two songs and shared how the Lord helped her to juggle her roles as wife, mother and career lady. Excelling in the market place is also a powerful way to testify to God's faithfulness.

The ladies were greatly inspired. Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam wrapped up what was shared and Associate Pastor Timothy Ong prayed for everyone.

The ladies also enjoyed a sumptuous pot bless lunch. They were delighted to receive a small vase of flowers each as they left. It was a morning well spent as they were refreshed spiritually and physically. The ladies who worked hard "behind the scenes" to put the whole event together did an excellent job. All glory to God. 🙏



Chooi Oi Ying



Worshipping in song...



Samantha Sam



The Ladies' Worship Choir



Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam



The Chinese Choir



Fellowship over food



Bahasa Malaysia Life Groups

Mother's Day fellowship

By Diana Soon

"A woman of faith is one who constantly covers her family with prayer" was the crux of Karen Seah's message to the Bahasa Malaysia Life Group (BM LG) members, who attended the BM LGs Combined Fellowship, held to celebrate Mother's Day on 9 May 2004.

She cited the example of the unnamed Canaanite woman who pleaded with Jesus to heal her demon-possessed daughter. It was the faith of this mother that touched Jesus' heart and moved Him to heal her daughter.

The message touched many, especially those who had left their families in search for work in Malaysia. Her encouragement to them was to pray consistently for their loved ones as God can traverse the distance and protect their families even though they could not.

Later, the ladies were taught a decorative photo frame handcraft, so that they could bless a mother (especially their employers) with this gift of appreciation, for the care and concern shown to them. 🙏



Karen Seah



BM LG members worshipping



Trying their hand at decorating a photo frame

Missionettes & Royal Rangers Sons honour their Mothers

By Anna Hii



Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam illustrating her message with the help of seven boys



Mothers with their sons



Justin Tiew paying tribute to his mother
A winner of "Know Your Mother" quiz
"Most Smartly Dressed Boy and Most Glamorous Mother"


This year, under the guidance of the Head of Missionettes and Royal Rangers, Commander Jim Guneratnam, the Missionettes organised a Banquet Dinner on 23 May 2004 at Dewan Berjaya, Bukit Kiara Equestrian & Country Resort, Kuala Lumpur for mothers and their sons, breaking away from the traditional Missionettes' Mother's Day celebration.

Forty-seven sons showed their love and appreciation by treating 40 mothers to a sumptuous dinner. Including the organising team from Missionettes, a total of 105 people celebrated a wonderful evening with the theme of "Unfailing Love".

When the mothers and sons arrived, each mother was given a beautiful hand corsage to wear and led into a nicely decorated hall with candlelight. Justin Tiew, a Royal Ranger, gave a wonderful testimony of his mother's love. It is great to hear a son paying tribute to his mother and honouring and appreciating her. Another highlight was a skit put up by 13 Missionette girls portraying the mother's love for the son in different stages of his life.

Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam shared a very encouraging devotion on "7 As for Mothers and 7 As for Sons". In addition to spiritual food, she gave out treats (*Kitkat*) to the little boys for answering questions and to the Royal Rangers who helped with her visual aids. She also gave each mother a sheet of printed Scripture verses and bookmarks on the "7 As for Mothers" and bookmarks on "7As for Sons" to the sons.

That evening, the sons served their mothers with food. It was interesting to observe that many mothers with younger sons were served with food that the boys liked to eat; spaghetti, prawn crackers and jelly! The dinner was enjoyed with live music provided by three Missionette girls.

Jana Ponnudurai won the "Most Glamorous Mother" prize and Donald Selvam won the "Most Smartly Dressed Boy" prize. The Banquet was closed by Royal Ranger, Victor Yee, who invited all the Royal Rangers to give the Watermelon Cheer. 

Baby Dedication

Jesus loves the little children

On 23 May 2004, eight babies were dedicated to the Lord by Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam at the 10.30am Worship Service at Damansara Heights. By this act of dedication the parents indicated their desire to bring up their children in the ways of God.

The following babies were dedicated:

Jeriel Lim Jing Yong

Parents: Othniel & Chanel Lim

Josiah Ng Ken Jie

Parents: Christopher & Linda Ng

Lim Fang Kai

Parents: Lim Jit Yaw & Audrey

Rachael Chong Wei Lynn

Parents: Raymond Chong & Hua Li

Yong Si-En

Parents: Yong Chee Weng & Lee Siu

Daxter Looi Chee Fung

Parents: Looi Wing Wah & Wendy

Lee Zhen Ruong

Parents: Lee King Vai & Kai Woon

Daniel Joo Wei Besant

Parents: Paul & Grace Besant



Jeriel Lim Jing Yong



Josiah Ng Ken Jie



Lim Fang Kai



Rachael Chong Wei Lynn



Yong Si-En



Daxter Looi Chee Fung



Lee Zhen Ruong



Daniel Joo Wei Besant

Women's LGs reach out in creative ways!

The Life Group (LG) provides the most conducive avenue to reach out to friends and family members for Christ. This year, the Women's Life Groups have been reaching out through various creative means.

Hospital Visitation

Peggy Low and Veronica See's LG in Wisma Central recently organised hospital visitation to friends and family of LG members. Here are two brief testimonies:

Doris: "I am touched by the leader's concern and visit to my brother; it shows how God cares for me and my family."

Lee Lee: "I am greatly encouraged by the leader's visit to my late father during his illness. I experienced the love of God. I am proud of bringing my colleagues to the LG which cares."



Birthday Celebration

Lucy Yee's LG in Bukit Bandaraya holds special programmes during birthday celebrations where friends are invited and prayed for.

Mary: "I was encouraged when someone invited me to the LG where I found genuine friendship and loving company. Encouraged by the women, I started to attend the Tuesday Ladies' Worship Service and met up with more friends!"

Janet: "I am encouraged by the special interest shown by the LG. Whenever I need prayer support, I can always call my sisters-in-Christ in the LG."



Pot Bless

Shereen Wong's LG in Bandar Sungai Long held a 'Pot Bless' in conjunction of Mothers' Day, where members brought newcomers. The newcomers appreciated the individual prayer and gift with Scripture verse given to them.

Sally: "I am touched by the love expressed and invitation to this gathering. I will definitely come back to the LG again!"

Malar: "It is really good to be in a group where there is genuine prayer support and care shown for each other."



These testimonies are but some of the many testimonies about the wonderful things that take place in the Women's LGs. If you do not belong to a LG, join one! 🙏

**For more information,
please call the Pastoral Care Department at 03-7720 8307
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New Believers' Gathering

Associate Pastor Christopher Lee's (left) icebreakers got the people excited and they eagerly awaited instructions to form groups according to his specifications! Associate Pastor Timothy Ong (furthest right) was among those who succeeded to form groups of three with names beginning with the same alphabet and shoes of the same colour!



New believers welcomed

By Lucy Yee

The New Believers' Gathering was held on Saturday, 24 April 2004, for the altar respondents of the three nights' Easter Presentation, "Alive In Power" at Putra Stadium, Bukit Jalil. A total of 113 people were present.

At 3pm, the guests arrived and were welcomed by Calvary's Hospitality Team. They were led to the Education Block where they were introduced to the Pastors. The refreshments served whet the appetites of many and provided an ideal setting for a friendly 'get-to-know one another' session. Associate Pastor Timothy Ong warmly welcomed everyone and shared briefly the programme that was planned for that day. Everyone began to relax when Associate Pastor Christopher Lee led the group to participate in icebreakers that got everyone to their feet rushing to all corners of the room.

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam welcomed the new believers via video after which Associate Pastor Steven Kum shared a biblical brief explaining what happens to us when we respond at the altar to receive Jesus into our lives. He used an illustration about Penang "char kuay teow" to help us tell the difference between knowing God and knowing about God. We know and have heard that Penang "char kuay teow" is very good. But we only know how good it is when we have tasted it. It is the same with God. We know He's good, but to really 'taste' His goodness, we have to open up to Him and ask Jesus to come into our lives. He gives us His Spirit and we can experience Him personally. Pastor



Associate Pastor Steven Kum sharing briefly what happens when we accept Jesus into our lives

Steven reminded us that we have five senses: sight, hearing, smell, taste and touch. The "sixth sense" is our spirit. When Jesus comes into a life, His Spirit dwells in us and gives us life. Jesus said we must be born-again so He gives us His Spirit and brings new life to our spirit.

He shared with us three specific changes that took place in him when he accepted Jesus: A change in spirit—his spirit came to life; a change in mind—less negative thoughts, more positive outlook and a change in emotions—more forgiving, able to recognise his own faults and examine himself in the light of God's Word.

There were powerful testimonies of God's goodness and faithfulness shared by two previous Easter respondents, Moses Elijah and Yong Fen Kin (full testimony on facing page). Moses shared how God has been faithful and provided

for his family needs. They were also blessed financially to be able to purchase an apartment. Fen Kin shared on how the Lord has healed him of his tumour. Through this incident, he was able to be a witness to his mother who also gave her heart to Jesus.

A video on Calvary Church Ministries was shown and immediately after viewing, the Hospitality Team proceeded to talk with the new believers about the various Church ministries that may be of interest and help to them in their spiritual growth.

Associate Pastor Richard Yun concluded in prayer and gave opportunity to the new believers to respond to prayer and to give thanks and praise to God. The gathering finished at 5pm. 🙏





“God’s hand is upon my life”

The following is the testimony Yong Fen Kin shared at the new Believers’ Gathering on 24 April 2004:

“ I thank God for this opportunity to share my personal testimony. I am not a good storyteller but I am good in telling this story about our God who is great as He gives me the strength to do so.

About five years ago, my wife, Su Chen, was diagnosed with cancer. She accepted Christ as her personal Saviour and Lord. As she put her faith and trust in God, together with much prayer, she was healed of her cancer. Having witnessed this miracle, I also accepted Christ into my life then. Somehow my commitment to God was not strong. I knew my life was not complete and there was something not right within me and I dare not tell anyone.

We came to know about Calvary Church’s Easter Presentation in Putra Stadium in 2001. My family and I decided to attend the Presentation. We went, wanting to trust God to do a work in my life. When the altar call was given for the people to respond for prayers, I immediately proceeded to the front of the stage. When I was there, I started crying because I acknowledged that I have done many sinful things in my life which I cannot forgive myself. I asked God to forgive me of my sins and invited Jesus Christ to come into my life as my personal Lord and Saviour again that night. God is great and He was there all the while for me and I did not know.

After the Easter week, I was feeling very sick and was having severe headaches. My wife started to seek for help from family members. My brother, Philip Yong, advised my wife to send me for a brain scan. By the way, without me knowing, my brother was also invited to the Easter Presentation. He also committed his life to Jesus Christ. Praise God!

Situations surrounding my life were changing so fast that I could not keep up with them and I felt very lost. I was encouraged when I received a telephone call from Assistant Pastor Raymond Yong on my journey to the hospital. He was carrying out the Easter follow-up on people who

responded at the altar. God has a purpose for everything and it was His strength and peace that saw me through.

I was admitted into the hospital and was diagnosed to have a brain tumour. Surgery had to be performed immediately to remove the growth. I could not remember much prior to the operation except that a nurse prayed for me before breakfast.

After the operation, I was in the Intensive Care Unit. I kept asking myself why this had to happen.

God is so good. During this time, many friends with whom I have lost contact visited me. Friends came to encourage and show their love towards me. Even people who do not have a good relationship with me came and expressed their love and care for me. I was deeply touched by the love of God through them. During my operation, a lot of people prayed for me. My family, the Church and friends kept me prayer. I was “flooded” with prayers.

By the mercy and grace of God, today, I am here to testify that I am healed by God. Jesus not only healed me, He also united my family together. His love binds us together as a family.

Through this incident in my life, my mother, Madam Choo witnessed the change in my brother and me, and she too gave her heart to Jesus Christ. Praise God.

Today, we all are faithfully attending Church and Life Group. We were also baptised in water in Calvary Church. As I look back, I can see God’s hand upon my life and how He has directed me.

All glory and praise to God! ”



Fen Kin’s wife, children and mother

Easter Praise Report Praise the Lord!

We thank God for the wonderful altar call responses in the Easter evangelistic meetings held in Putra Stadium from 9-11 April 2004. A total of 369 people responded for salvation and rededication.

Below are excerpts of testimonies from the Easter Praise Report:

“ I asked the Lord to direct me as I went tracting in my neighbourhood. He led me to one of our neighbours and I invited her for the Easter Presentation. Praise God, she came and is now following my mother regularly to her church and home life group. ”

“ Thank God I was able to invite nine persons to the presentation. It was indeed a great encouragement to witness such positive response from my friends and relatives for all the nights of the Easter Presentation. Two of them responded for salvation and six responded for healing and other needs. ”

“ Since I accepted the Lord six years ago, I have been praying for the salvation of my father. I have submitted his name many times for prayer in the Prayer Commitment for Souls Slips. Recently, while he was hospitalised, the Evangelism Team came and shared the Gospel with him. Praise God he said the sinners’ prayer. This is indeed a miracle as my father was very steeped in idolatry and often participated in festive processions. ”

“ My sister, a non-believer, sprained her foot during her routine exercise. As a result, it was badly swollen and she had to limp. The Lord touched her during the Easter Presentation. When she walked out of the stadium, to her surprise, she could walk without any pain! ”

“ I bought two VCDs that have been circulating amongst believers and non-believers who missed the Easter Presentation. Praise God that each one who viewed the VCD requested for a copy of it. ”

“ It was God’s grace and mercy that drew me back to Him after backsliding for more than ten years. Having come back to the Lord, I wondered how to serve Him as a beautician not only in my work place but in the Church. The opportunity came when someone signed me up to be one of the make-up assistants for the Easter cast. Glory to God! ”

Family Camp Clothed with compassion

By Audrey Kum

“Grow up!”; “Feed the white dog in you and starve the black dog in you!”; “Take it out God!!!” Unless you were among the over 600 campers at the Church Family Camp held at the Cophorne Orchid Hotel, Penang, from 7-10 June 2004, you will be wondering what these quotes mean! If you want to know, find out from the campers or get the tapes! *

At the first session, Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam reminded us that all of God’s blessings come to us on the basis of God’s covenant. His covenant is an act of grace. Therefore, by obedience and faith, we can experience the fulfilment of His promises.

Camp speaker, Rev. Dr David Mohan, Senior Pastor of New Life Assembly of God, India, brought home many spiritual truths with his simple and clear messages which

were peppered with stories that made us laugh and yet left us with something to chew on and to apply in our lives. His wife, Getzial Mohan, was also a blessing to the women who attended a “Networking Tea”. She used examples of great women of God to encourage us to impact our community with our faith.

Rev. Marcus Tan, who spoke at the Chinese Camp, encouraged the campers to walk in the Spirit so that they can

experience the compassion of Christ and then they will be able to minister to others.

Praise God for a well-organised camp (both English and Chinese) that blessed the whole family—from the young to the elderly!

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam with Belinda Ho who interpreted his message into Cantonese

Rev. Dr David Mohan

Getzial Mohan

Rev. Marcus Tan

* Orders for the camp messages on cassette tape can be made at the Calvary Book Corner. The pool—a favourite with the children!



Experiencing the presence of our great God through worship



Praying for the empowerment of the Holy Spirit



Leaders trusting God to help them in their ministries



The youth learning to “connect with God”



The adults had opportunities to interact with one another during their workshop sessions



The children had their own programme



The toddlers were well looked after



The young people presenting a special song



At the Chinese Camp



The campers!



Before we could blink an eye, it was time for breakfast, lunch, dinner...and supper (for the adventurous who seemed to know where the best food could be found!)



The children practised hard and did their parents proud when they presented “God Is Big” at the final session of camp!



Sister Getzial Mohan and Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam ministering to the women



Enjoying a game of volleyball on the beach



Praise God for great food and wonderful fellowship!



How do you handle grief?

By Helen Read

Calvary Life Ministries (CLM) organised a Grief Counselling Seminar which was held over five Saturdays from 20 March 2004. The seminar was conducted by Adiemus Seah and Associate Pastor Timothy Ong. A total of 50 participants attended.

Helping someone work through grief requires certain skills. It is imperative that the grief counsellor knows what needs to be done and when it needs to be done. Adiemus Seah supplied insights and practical advice necessary for grief counsellors to help mourners. At the end of the seminar, the participants were divided into groups to examine case studies.

Pastor Timothy offered the biblical perspective of grief and loss. Often, the bereaved asks, "Why me?" and feels that God is unjust, or uncaring. God is too good to be unkind—it is not His will that we suffer but since sin came into the world, nobody goes through life without experiencing loss.

What do you say when you see your neighbour who has miscarried her first baby? Or when your father calls to tell you your mother has terminal cancer? Or when your best friend's long-time husband has filed for divorce? Often, these things find us at a loss for words because we are afraid of saying the wrong thing. But it is far worse not to say anything at all.

Grief is the normal response to a loss. Whether it is intense mental anguish, acute sorrow, or deep remorse, it is unavoidable. Grief is the unspoken statement that you loved someone—it is a uniquely human suffering and so, it is important to learn how to


accept grief and prepare for it. Grief counselling is part of the process of working through grief.

Grief needs to be worked through all of its five stages—Denial, Anger, Bargaining, Depression, and Acceptance. Grief counselling helps to increase the reality of the loss and enables the bereaved to find necessary closure (completing unfinished business with the deceased and saying final goodbyes) and to make life adjustments. Counselling can also help the bereaved to overcome obstacles encountered in grieving. Grief counselling is especially useful to help deal with special types of losses such



Adiemus Seah

as suicide, sudden/ unexpected death, miscarriage, abortion and illness.

If your loved one is suffering the pangs of grief, do not avoid them and do not offer trite clichés. You can best demonstrate your care and concern by being there for them. Remember that you are a vital part of their support system and do not underestimate your role as caregiver. If you are grieving and asking yourself, "Does God even care?" He loves you deeply, of course He does. God grieves along with us in our darkest hours and He longs to mend your shattered life. 

For grief counselling, contact CLM at 03-7710 3360.



INCLUSIVE: Youth Concert 2004 24 July | 6.30pm | DH

Sanctuary, Calvary Church Damansara Heights

Calvary Youth warmly invites you to come celebrate with us in an awesome praise and worship concert entitled: INCLUSIVE

God has made salvation available to all mankind. There is no tribe, people group or individual that He has left out or rejected. He is an all Inclusive God!

At this concert, we will be bringing you yet again some powerfully written songs by our youth such as Friend of Sinners, Slain, Lead Me On, Deep End, etc.

Come and be blessed.
Bring along your friends.
We definitely want to include you...and them...
We know God has.



Calvary Nursery Care (CNC)/Carpenter's Workshop (CW) Reaching children for Christ

By Amelia Guneratnam

Do you know that more than 100 babies and toddlers aged four months to three years are lovingly cared for in our nurseries? And another 500 more children, aged four to 13 years are taught the Word of God in Damansara Heights, Ampang, Damansara Perdana and Cheras each Sunday?

A church must share Jesus' deep respect for a child, sensing the great value God places on each one. Psalms 127:3 says, "Behold, children are a gift of the Lord." This was the challenge put to the 33 men and women who attended the two weeks of Children's Ministry Training for the Nursery Care and Carpenter's Workshop Ministries which was held simultaneously on 15 and 22 May 2004.

Over the two Saturdays, the trainees who attended the Carpenter's Workshop

training were taught the basics of Christian teaching in children's ministry, its biblical foundations, the role of teaching in the total ministry of children and the fundamental principles of successful teaching and learning.

Those who attended the Nursery Care training were taught how we can help launch these little ones toward new understandings, new experiences, new relationships and laying a foundation of love and trust and also learning how to teach the way babies and

toddlers learn.

Every teacher, parent, pastor and congregation that wants to follow Jesus' example in the world should be concerned about children. Praise God for the team of committed and dedicated teachers and helpers who follow Jesus' example in caring and teaching the children every week. 🙏



Associate Pastor Christopher Lee teaching the trainees for the CW Ministry how to lead children in worship



At a session for those interested to serve in the CNC Ministry



If you missed this training, look out for our next training in October 2004!

Calvary Prayer Tower

The power of intercession

By Karen Seah

The awesome presence and power of God was felt by the 105 intercessors who were involved in the Easter Presentation from 9-11 April 2004. It was an experience few could forget. More importantly, the words of the Lord that came through the following visions could not be more apt and timely as Calvary Church stands at the threshold of an unprecedented move of the Holy Spirit.

✝️ "On Dedication Night, I saw a fountain just behind the "city of Jerusalem" on the stage. It was at exactly the same spot where I saw the same fountain last Easter. The only difference was that this time the fountain was much nearer and I could literally hear the sound of the water falling from the fountain."

It has been prophesied that Calvary Church will be a fountain head church. While we may sometimes wonder when the prophecy will come to pass, God is saying to us that it is much nearer than we think.

✝️ "I saw a beautiful stairway leading to the heavens. Numerous people were standing at the bottom eagerly looking up at the heavens which were hazy with cotton-like clouds amidst spectacular hues of coloured lights. Many of the people at the bottom wanted to go up but dared not. But those who did, found that going up the stairway was effortless once they took the first step. It was as if they were carried by the clouds."

God has great things in store for us

but very often, we shrink back because of fear, uncertainty or the obstacles before us. God is however challenging us to step out in faith. And when we do, we will find that what we thought was impossible initially is not difficult after all because all things are possible with God (Matthew 19:26). As His Word declares, "Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit" (Zechariah 4:6).

✝️ "I saw a huddle of eggs in some form of a liquid. As we sang the song "There Is Power In the Blood", the eggs began to

move. I saw the tears of travail falling on the eggs and some of these eggs turned into crosses symbolizing the new life that was birthed. But . . . there were still other eggs that were untouched."

Many of our loved ones, friends and people in our sphere of influence need to know the Lord. We must continue to persevere in prayer and consistently reach out to them. Prayer and evangelism is the heartbeat of God . . . let it be ours too! 🙏

Those who are interested in the ministry of prayer may join the intercession in **Calvary Prayer Tower** every Saturday. For more information, please call **03-2092 1778.**



What gave David this boldness to approach God in this manner? He knew who he was in God. He belonged to God and had a relationship with God. Who are you before God? Do you belong to His family? As a child of God, you can pray with spiritual authority. The Bible says, "Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need" (Hebrews 4:16).

David prayed continually with expectation. In verse three, David prayed, "My voice You shall hear in

the morning, O Lord; in the morning I will direct it to You, and I will look up." When you pray, do not pray aimlessly but with hope. "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). Expect to receive from God when you pray. "Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them and you will have them" (Mark 11:24).

David prayed with knowledge. He knew what God liked and what He hated. In verses four to six, he prayed, "For you are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, nor shall evil dwell with You. The boastful shall not stand in Your sight; You hate all workers of iniquity. You shall destroy all those who speak falsehood; the Lord abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man." Find out which way God is going and join Him. This is the secret to success. God has revealed Himself through His Son, Jesus Christ and through the written Word of God. Read the Scriptures and you will know God and His ways. The Bible states clearly what God hates: "These six things the Lord hates, yes, seven are an abomination to Him: a proud look, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that are swift in

running to evil, a false witness who speaks lies and one who sows discord among brethren" (Proverbs 6:16-19). To know the Bible is to know about God.

David knew how to pray for and against his enemies. David longed for his enemies to have God's help and mercy: "How long, O you sons of

them and for God's grace. Do not be like the people of the world who seek evil and demonic powers to get even with their enemies.

David prayed with a victorious attitude. Notice how David concluded his prayer with joy and confidence. In verses 11 and 12, David prayed, "But let all those

rejoice who put their trust in You; let them ever shout for joy, because You defend them; let those also who love Your Name be joyful in You. For You, O Lord, will bless the righteous; with favor, You will

surround him as with a shield." David had the right attitude even while he was running for his life from his treacherous son, Absalom. God vindicated David and dealt severely with Absalom.

What kind of prayers are you praying? Are you praying with spiritual authority? Learn from David. Pray with boldness as sons and daughters of God. Pray continually with expectation and with knowledge of God. Pray against the enemy of God and pray with a victorious attitude. God hears and He can forgive, protect, provide, heal and vindicate you. 🙏

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

Praying With Spiritual Authority



men will you turn my glory to shame? How long will you love worthlessness and seek falsehood?" (Psalm 4:2) However, David also prayed against his enemies—those who spoke falsehood, the bloodthirsty and deceitful (Psalm 5:6). He prayed, "Pronounce them guilty, O God! Let them fall by their own counsels; cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions, for they have rebelled against You" (Psalm 5:10). When do you pray for your enemy and when do you pray against them? God has given you authority with the responsibilities He has delegated to you. When the enemy attacks and mocks God's authority, you pray against them. But when people go against you personally and do not like you, you pray for

Gone home to be with the Lord



Constance Theresa Carmel Read, 92, the mother of Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam, went home to be with the Lord on 27 May 2004.

Sister Constance has been part of the Calvary family and was one of the pioneers who embraced the Pentecostal experience through the Assemblies of God missionaries. She was also a great supporter of the ministry of Senior Pastor.

Senior Pastor and his family wish to express their thanks for the love and prayers for them during this time.

Calvary Convention Centre (CCC)

The Calvary Convention Centre Building Fund

By Philemon Soon

God is indeed a wonderful and faithful God and we are a blessed people. As the Church prepared for the launch of its Calvary Convention Centre (CCC) Building Fund, members prayed for a financial miracle—that we would be able to raise a minimum of 10 per cent of the estimated building cost.

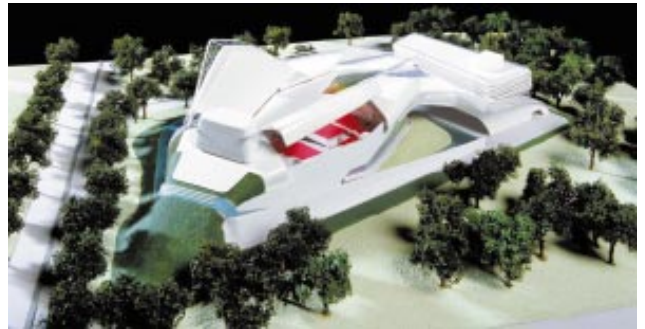
At the launch on 11 April 2004, the CCC Building Fund committee presented a “Faith of a Mustard Seed” video to launch the fund. This idea for the presentation was based on the biblical principle of Matthew 17:20—that if you have the faith as small as a mustard seed, you can trust God to do anything! Even move mountains!

The mustard seed is the smallest of seeds and yet when it grows up, it becomes one of the biggest plants. In the same way, when we exercise our minute faith and do what is possible, the Bible

tells us that we can believe God to do the rest. This is called seed-planting.

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam spoke about the woman who broke her alabaster box and anointed Jesus with the expensive perfume (Matthew 26:6-13). The alabaster box was the most precious possession of this Jewish woman and yet she sacrificed it because of her deep love for the Lord.

In the same way, what is our “alabaster box” and are we willing to sacrifice it for the Lord? All were challenged to break our “alabaster box”.



A model of the Calvary Convention Centre

Our Senior Pastor, setting the example, led the congregation to give and we gave more than 10% of the estimated building cost. All who contributed have until the end of the year to fulfil their pledges.

Since the launch of the CCC Building Fund, the Lord has shown His faithfulness to those who have exercised their mustard seed faith and planted their first seed for the Convention Centre.

The following are some exciting testimonies on the mustard seed faith giving:

“I thank God that since I made a decision to be involved with the Convention Centre “Mustard Seed” Building Fund, I have experienced more business coming my way. Indeed God is faithful to those who are faithful to Him.” *(Calvary Prayer Tower Praise Report)*

“During the third night of the Easter Presentation, I was touched by God as He reminded me of what faith is all about. I decided to sell my second car and contribute a fixed sum per month for the next three years or till the building is completed.” *(Calvary Prayer Tower Praise Report)*



“I was laid off from my company recently due to a ‘restructuring’ exercise. Praise God, in answer to prayers for a fair compensation, the company gave me an amount that was beyond my imagination! With the compensation, I am able to settle my car instalments, fulfil my eight months pledge for Calvary Convention Centre and balance of my Faith Promise till June 2004.” *(Calvary Prayer Tower Praise Report)*

“When I heard of the Mustard Seed Faith challenge I wondered how I could give a significant amount. I obeyed the inner stirring in my heart and made a pledge during the launch. Soon after I made my pledge, the company where I work decided to pay all the employees for their accumulated leave since 1998. I was overjoyed. The amount I received was twice what I pledged. I even had extra money to also honour my parents with an expensive gift. Truly, we cannot out give God.” *(Ivy)*

“The challenge given at the 2004 Stewardship Day meeting created a desire in my heart to be part of the Mustard Seed Faith pledge which was launched at the Easter Worship Service. At that time, I had an apartment for rent. Even before the launch, I decided to pledge the amount equivalent to the monthly rental of the property. I prayed to God to send a tenant before the launch.

God is a faithful God. Just one week before Easter Sunday, an expatriate came to view the apartment and straight away, without any negotiation or further demand, decided to move in.

I was able to give the whole first month rental as my seed faith pledge and am also committed to give a further 10% of the monthly rental till the end of 2004. I have been greatly encouraged and blessed.” *(Veronica)*

“...I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.” *Matthew 17:20*



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