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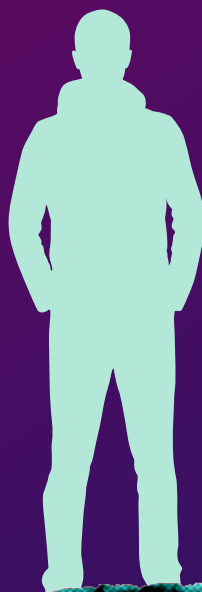


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NEW CHALLENGES NEW OPPORTUNITIES

Dear Partners in Missions,

We constantly thank God for you and your sacrificial and generous giving for missions even during these difficult times.

Our nation, and indeed the whole world, is facing challenges resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic. We are having constantly to adapt to new ways of working, studying, interacting socially and to find effective ways to address pressing health and economic concerns which have devastated many lives.

Challenges however are also opportunities to experience the love, power and providence of God in new ways. One such opportunity is described in John 6:5-11.

⁵ Jesus soon saw a huge crowd of people coming to look for him. Turning to Philip, he asked, "Where can we buy bread to feed all these people?" ⁶ He was testing Philip, for he already knew what he was going to do. ⁷ Philip replied, "Even if we worked for months, we wouldn't have enough money to feed them!" ⁸ Then Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up. ⁹ "There's a young boy here with five barley loaves and two fish. But what good is that with this huge crowd?" ¹⁰ "Tell everyone to sit down," Jesus said. So they all sat down on the grassy slopes. (The men alone numbered about 5,000.) ¹¹ Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks to God, and distributed them to the people. Afterward he did the same with the fish. And they all ate as much as they wanted.

To the disciples, the challenge to feed 5,000 hungry people seemed an impossible one. The resources available were woefully inadequate – only five barley loaves and two fish. To Jesus, this challenge faced by the disciples was an opportunity to teach a valuable principle. Human wisdom and meagre resources may seem to be grossly insufficient to alleviate a pressing need but if we are willing to place whatever resources we do have in His hands, He will multiply the resources to meet the need.

In this time of challenges and personal needs, it is very human to think that we should "cut back" on giving towards missions, but be encouraged to know that if you give in faith to see the Gospel preached and souls saved from a godless eternity, He will ensure your needs are met, he has a miracle in mind for you.

Senior Pastor Guneratnam, the pastoral team and the missions committee are praying and believing God together with you that He will bless you to be a blessing, to those who need to have hope in Jesus.

God bless you and stay safe.

Steven Kum
Missions Pastor

PUSAT LATIHAN KRISTEN - STUDENTS RECEIVE LIVING ALLOWANCE

Pusat Latihan Kristen (PLK) seeks to equip youths to be leaders to serve in their communities. Your Faith Promise enables Calvary Church to support them with living allowances. We trust that they will be godly vessels greatly used by God in time to come. PLK and the students greatly appreciate our contribution.



CALVARYLAND - A LIFE THAT WAS CHANGED

Calvaryland is an integrated social concern centre in Sungai Pelek, with a mission is to bring dignity to the poor, marginalized and neglected in our society – regardless of gender, religion, social or ethnic origin. Through dedicated caregivers, Calvaryland currently ministers to 31 older adults and 19 children.

Ashwin, 17 years old this year, was only six when he arrived at Calvaryland. He faced many challenges in school but was constantly encouraged by his mentors at Calvaryland not to give up.

Today, he enjoys learning about Facility Maintenance and Leadership Skills in Montfort Boys Town. “I am grateful to God for giving me a second chance and a new life,” Ashwin testifies. He is very grateful for support and care given to him at Calvaryland. “Calvaryland supported me in my studies and gave me a safe place to stay. In God alone everything happened.”



Ashwin today



Ashwin stands right at the back (in the centre and the tallest) together with the rest of children from Calvaryland about 10 years ago.

LIVING SACRIFICE - “BLESSING OTHERS IS A BLESSING TO ME”



Carmen Chong is serving today as a Living Sacrifice (a programme offered by Missions to those exploring full-time ministry). She accepted Christ in 2017, graduated from Asian Institute of Ministries (an extended Ministry) in 2019, and testified that serving in the ministry truly began when her “honeymoon” phase of ministry involvement was over “as rubber meets the road”, and her faith began to mature.

“There were opposing voices inside me challenging me if full-time ministry is really the way to move forward with as I serve, but God has caused taught me to depend on Him and Him alone in my doubts, wounds, loneliness,

and “rebelliousness”. I thank Senior Pastor and Calvary Church for the Living Sacrifice programme where personal guidance was given by Pastors and opportunities were given in multiple ministries. My values and priorities were tested, examined, and aligned.”

The **LIVING SACRIFICE** Programme

At any juncture in life, you may find yourself wondering whether God has called you to ministry, with your mind filled with thoughts such as:

“I think God has called me to ministry, but I’m not sure.”
“I want to fully commit a period of time in my life to serve God.”
“I want to experience what it’s like to serve God full-time.”

If you are facing these thoughts in your mind, we encourage you to speak with us about The Living Sacrifice Programme. This Programme is a ministry placement facility for all who have been called to give of themselves for the work of the Lord, especially catered to those wanting to commit their life for a period of time to do God’s work in the Church.

How can I get involved?

MINISTRY PLACEMENTS

A commitment of one calendar year, or a mutually agreed upon period, to any ministry assigned to you by the Church

PROJECT PLACEMENTS

A commitment to a project or situation to meet a specific need

If you are interested to find out more, feel free to contact the Missions Ministry office.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - GOD WORKS THROUGH ALL THINGS FOR HIS PURPOSE

Because of your Faith Promise giving, the well-being of the children of the Tatalaan and Tulid communities continue to be addressed through our partnership with World Vision Malaysia (WVM). Through the Community Development Program (CDP), children are provided access to education, clean water, and spiritual support.



Meetings between WVM Field Staff and Starter Group and Water Committee in March 2021

During the Movement Control Order period, individuals from within these communities that were identified, recruited as “starter group” were equipped and mobilised to assist key groups within the communities such as parents, caregivers, educators, church leaders and water committee.

We believe the Lord, through your support of the Community Development Program, will ensure the continued holistic well-being of all children in this community and that His work will not be jeopardized in this difficult time.



WVM Field Staff plays an important role in the CDP, their talent and experience are used to equipped the local communities

POTTERS PLACE MISSION - FEEDING THE HOMELESS



At the Potter's Place Mission, volunteers distribute food to the street people

In 1997, Calvarites Deborah and Frederick Chien founded the Potter's Place Mission, which ministers to the homeless through providing meals, counselling, and discipling those who made commitments to follow Jesus through bible lessons and training for ministry involvement.

They give glory to God that they were allowed to operate as a "Missions Entity" during this current pandemic; they have seen an increase of spiritual hunger, and the raising of leaders for the work.

Through your missions giving, you have helped them continue ministering to the many homeless whose already difficult lives, were even made more so during this pandemic.



Worship services and Bible studies at the Potter's Place Mission

BLESSING OUR MIGRANT WORKERS 2021



Calvary Church once again took the opportunity to bless the 35 migrant workers maintaining our facilities at Calvary Convention Centre in Bukit Jalil and Calvary Church Damansara Heights, with essential supplies such as rice, noodles, cooking oil, and etc. They appreciate the church for their thoughtfulness and for remembering them at this time.

FOOD ASSISTANCE TO FAMILIES IN BALAKONG

Through Bethel Chapel, we assisted needy families in Balakong with food and other necessities. They were grateful to receive the aid.



SPONSORING CHILDREN TO ACCESS MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES DURING PANDEMIC

Through your giving, we have also been able to assist children and teens in crisis as a result of the Covid Pandemic which has been affected their mental health. 20 children have thus far been helped through the “Buddy Bear Project” under the auspices of “Humankind” a social enterprise has set in a place a program to address these needs.

Anak-anak Meluahkan,
Kami Mendengar.



Hi. Salam.
வணக்கம். 你好
Anda rasa sedih? Perlu bercakap dengan seseorang?

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Mon-Sun. 12pm-12am

 **buddy bear**
A project by www.humankind.my | [buddybear.humankind](https://www.facebook.com/buddybear.humankind)

TESIMONIES OF GOD HONOURING FAITH GIVING

FAITH TAY, FAITH PROMISE PARTNER



Recently I had a strong prompting to provide financial help to a mother of three in their difficulties. But my “common sense” told me that I myself have bank loans to settle. During that time, the Missions Emphasis (Jan 2021) reminded me that Missions is the heart of God, we live by faith but not by sight. So, I obeyed and blessed her financially with a cheerful heart. That was the same day my husband experienced a miracle!

Due to the pandemic, his company was badly affected but informed him they were willing to repay him salaries that had been withheld from him for the past seven months! The company’s gracious decision must be a divine intervention of God. The “refund” we received covers the blessing I gave to the mother, fulfills the Faith Promise I made for January to June of 2021, and still have extra to settle part of my bank loans.

I thank Calvary Church for the opportunity to give towards Missions especially in tough times like this.

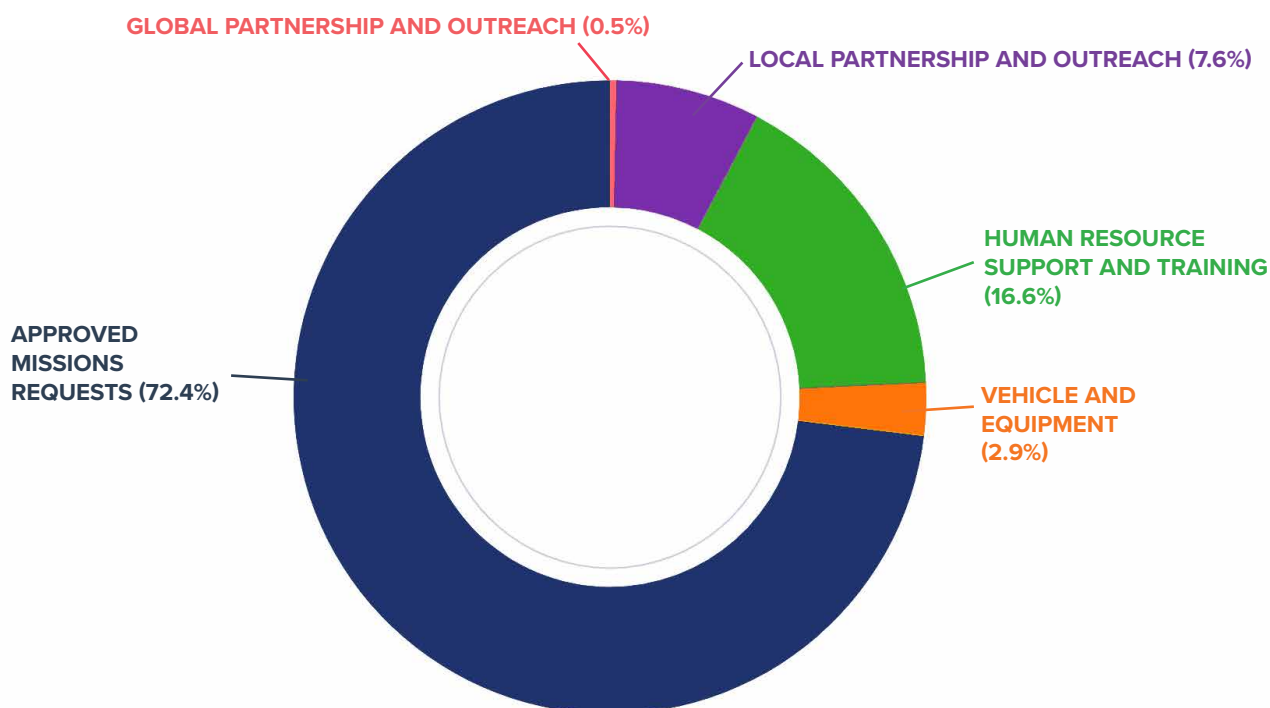
ASHLEY YOUNG, FAITH PROMISE PARTNER

Last year was a tough year when I lost my job. During the period of my unemployment, I trusted God and faithfully fulfilled my Faith Promise despite my heavy financial burden. Miraculously, a friend of mine offered me a part time job to pull through the difficult time. Three months later, I managed to secure a full-time job! I thank God for His grace and leading.



MISSIONS FAITH PROMISE COMMITMENT

JANUARY - DECEMBER 2021



MISSIONS COMMITMENT
RM 300,000 PER MONTH

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP AND OUTREACH (RM 1,600)

- Annual Subscriptions and Contributions to organizations (APAGF, CGI, PWF/ EMPOWERED 21, PAM)
- Foreign Missions (Overseas Ministries, Missionaries, Honorariums etc)

LOCAL PARTNERSHIP AND OUTREACH (RM 22,850)

- Evangelistic meetings
- Welfare (Benevolence)
- Missions Promotions
- AG Malaysia/NECF
- CALCOM (Calvary Communications)

HUMAN RESOURCE SUPPORT AND TRAINING (RM 49,850)

- Stipends and related expenses for Missions Staff and Workers
- Living Sacrifice
- Bible Schools – BCM and MTBC

VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT (RM 8,635)

- EQUIPMENT – upgrade of computers and software, Studio upgrades

APPROVED MISSIONS REQUESTS (RM 217,065)

- Community Development in Sabah –Tulid and Tatalaan
- Pusat Latihan Kristian
- Faculty Development Fund (BCM)
- Building of a school in rural India
- Calvary Land Phase 2
- Youth Campsite

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THE SPEAKER:



Dr Rajan Thiagarajah is the founder and Senior Pastor of Good Success Church. He is an anointed servant of the Lord, having fully submitted himself to the Holy Spirit's leading, and passionately preaches and teaches the Word of God. He is a dynamic and well researched speaker and author, who travels widely, ministering at many conferences and churches throughout the world. His radio program and 'Life in the Spirit' television program is heard and seen by millions around the world.

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