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MISSIONAL FAMILY CHURCH

Let me just reiterate the vision and direction of Grace Assembly.

Now that we have described Grace Assembly as a Missional Family Church (MFC), what does it mean?

A church that loves God and loves people.

A church that lives out the Gospel of Christ.

In other words, as a church, we ...

- I. Love Father God!
- II. Love Family!
- III. Love Friends!

I. LOVE FATHER GOD

Matthew 22:37-38 (NIV)

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. ...

It begins with an upward focus.

II. LOVE FAMILY

Matthew 22:39-40 (NIV)

"... And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

John 13:34 (NIV)

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

John 13:35 (NIV)

"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

This is the inward focus.

The word family denotes both the spiritual and biological family in Grace Assembly.

III. LOVE FRIENDS

Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV)

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

This is the outward focus.

The word friends here refer to pre-Christians. We are to love each one that comes along our path so that they will come to know the Lord.

May we all grow to love Father God, love family and love friends.

And as a Missional Family Church, there are **4 KEY THRUSTS** we are embarking on.

A. Equipping the Gracians

1. To Be.
2. To Do.

Who we are is more important than what we do. Our being in God needs to precede the doing things for God. We want to equip every Gracian to be a Missional disciple.

Desired Outcome: Gracians to learn and live out the Word.

B. Empowering the Families

1. Spiritual Family

We endeavor to build an authentic, missional family church here at Grace Assembly.

- Personal, not just professional!
- High touch, not just high tech!

Desired Outcome: Gracians to bond and build up one another.

2. Biological Family

Desired Outcome: Gracians family to serve and seek the Lord together.

C. Engaging the Community

Since we started the missional journey, I am thankful to see many members living out their lives missionally. Now there is a greater awareness and understanding of what it means to be missional.

Desired Outcome: Gracians to initiate acts of kindness and impact the community.

D. Expanding into the World

By His grace we have planted thousands of churches, trained thousands of pastors and leaders and have seen thousands of Gracians going out for missions through the years. And we want to do more and we should do more.

Desired Outcome: Gracians to go and glow for the Lord in global missions.

In CONCLUSION, to move from where we are to where we want to be, we need a paradigm shift. The hearts and minds of the people in our church must be captured by a revolutionary way of thinking and living out the Christian life.

Missional not just ministry - Restore our mission.
Alignment not just assignment - Reorder our priorities.
Purpose not just performance - Renew our thinking.
Authenticity not just accomplishment - Reset our values.
We not just me - Revise our perspective.
Him not just us - Recalibrate our agenda.

God has placed you and I in this church for such a time as this. I'll do my best to lead this church but I need you. I need you to come alongside the leadership to move forward strongly as a Missional Family Church. I need you to get involved. And, I value your inputs and feedback.

Here is my email address and do drop me a note and share your ideas, your heart with me.

Ps Calvin Lee
Senior Pastor
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FEB-APR 2016: SERMON SERIES

THE GREATEST LOVE STORY

SYNOPSIS:

"He spies His beloved in the garden ... Ah, how He has laboured to create their life together. But tragedy strikes — love betrayed, rejected and broken, and the beloved falls into the clutches of a diabolical enemy. The Lover does not give up. He relentlessly pursues the Beloved though she proves to be distracted and unfaithful time and again. Finally, He pays a heavy cost to redeem her and woos her back. Now engaged, the couple is awaiting the Day. Will they make it? How will this story end?"

From February to April of this year, we will be drawn right into the midst of the most intriguing love story of all time and all eternity! We will explore the core essence of our Father God, his character of Love and how this is played out in the whole gospel story — the story of God's incredible love, and be challenged to respond to the outpouring of the passion and compassion of the ultimate Lover. As we gain a fresh revelation and a deeper understanding of the love of God, it will enable us to anchor our faith life in Him, empower us to face life's challenges and embolden us to share His Love Story.

Be entranced by the coming episodes of The Greatest Love Story:

1. The Lover
2. The Beloved
3. The Breakup
4. The Pursuit
5. The Dowry
6. The Proposal
7. The Engagement
8. The Wedding

GRACE RETREAT 2016

Love Beyond Reason

How do you explain a love that no words can explain? What will happen if you let it touch your heart? God loves you not because you're perfect, but because you are who you are. Come and be restored by His divine love! Speak His love language and transform the world around us!

Grace Retreat 2016

Theme: LOVE BEYOND REASON
 Dates: 9-13 June 2016
 Venue: Hotel Pullman Bangsar, Kuala Lumpur
 Speakers: Dr Peter Tan-Chi & Dr Chew Weng Chee
 Online registration: 1 – 29 Feb 2016

Go to weblink to register: <http://www.graceaog.org/grace-retreat-2016>

Online Registration opens now! Sign up quickly to secure your booking!

55TH ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING (ABM) MEMBERSHIP UPDATE BY 4 MARCH 2016

We thank those who have updated their membership details online or have returned the hardcopy forms to us. To find out whether you have updated your membership successfully, please log on to <http://www.graceaog.org/register>, and click on "ABM Status".

In accordance to the Church Constitution, **members are required to update their membership details, whether there are any changes to your particulars or not, at least 2 weeks before the 55th ABM (deadline 4 March 2016)** to be eligible for voting at the Meeting. Members who are 18 years old and above are qualified to vote.

If you did not receive your membership update letter from Grace Assembly, we encourage you to go to the church office, to call or to email us (please see info below) with details of your name, NRIC no, home address, contacts and the service that you are attending.

Grace Assembly of God, Admin Office Level 5
 355 Tanglin Road, Singapore 247960
 Tel: 64100800; Email: cms@graceaog.org

Grace House Kindergarten

INTAKE FOR YEAR 2017 IS OPEN!

Church Members Registration

Date: 24 February 2016 (Wednesday)
 Time: 9.00 am – 11.00 am
 Venue: GII Bukit Batok, Level 4

Public Registration

Singaporeans Only
 Date: 1 March 2016 (Tuesday)
 Time: 8.30 am sharp
 Venue: GII Bukit Batok, Level 1

Singapore PR & Foreigners Only
 Date: 3 March 2016 (Thursday)
 Time: 9.30 am to 4.00 pm
 Venue: GII Bukit Batok, Level 4

You are cordially invited!

Registration for Nursery 1, Nursery 2, Kindergarten 1 & Kindergarten 2 (children born between 2011 to 2014) is open.

Please bring along your child's:

1. Birth cert
2. Health booklet
3. Both parents' I/C
4. Church membership cert (For Grace Assembly members only)
5. Registration fees, deposit & insurance (total \$534) in cheque or cash

For more information, please contact us:

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EVENTS CALENDAR 2016

CHURCHWIDE: FEBRUARY - APRIL

8 Feb	Chinese New Year Service (Combined)	GI L3 Bethel 10am
24 Feb	J333 Prayer Meeting (Combined)	GI L1 Galilee 7.30pm
26 Feb - 27 May	Adult Alpha course (Fridays)	GI L2 Eden, L5 Zion 6pm
18 Mar	55th Annual Business Meeting (ABM)	GI L3 Bethel 6pm
25 Mar	Good Friday Services (English)	GI L3 Bethel 9am GII L2 Sanctuary 11.15am
30 Mar	J333 Prayer Meeting (Combined)	GI L1 Galilee 7.30pm
2 Apr	GDP Seminar "Back to the Ancient Path" by Ps Benny Ho	GI L3 Bethel 9.30am
27 Apr	J333 Prayer Meeting (Combined)	GI L1 Galilee 7.30pm

MINISTRY: FEBRUARY

13-27 Feb; 5 Mar	Men's Bible Study MBS (Sats)	G1 L1 Gethsemane 10am
17-24 Feb; 2-9 Mar	Women of Grace WOG-DBS (Weds)	GII L2 Praise Rm 10am
25 - 27 Feb	Family Life Wholeness Ministry Seminar	GII (Room TBC) 7.30pm

Event details are subject to changes, please refer to www.graceaog.org for latest info & updates.

STAFF RESIGNATION

Ps Matthew Wai has resigned from Grace Assembly, his last day in office was 15 Jan 2016. We wish him God's best in all his endeavours!

From Ps Matthew Wai:

This prophetic drawing was given to me by a stranger in Oct 2014. Finally I saw its fulfilment now, when I decided to move on after 23 years of serving in the various churches full-time. Out of which 13 years are in Grace Assembly, which I still regard as my home church and family. I'll still be around to be a blessing whenever possible. Indeed, it's a new season

and time to walk in His destiny for me and yes, it's a new thing and a new journey of grace ahead.



NEW SCHEDULE FOR J333 PRAYER MEETINGS

J333 PRAYER MEETING (COMBINED)
Every last Wed of the month
Starting on **24 February** (at GI only)
7.30 - 8.30 pm
GI L1 Galilee

J333 PRAYER MEETING (ENGLISH)
Every Wed (except last Wed of the month)
Starting on **2 March** (at GI & GII concurrently)
7.30 - 8.30 pm
GI L3 Emmaus | GII L4 Chapel

J333 PRAYER MEETINGS FOR FEBRUARY 2016

Dates: 3, 17 & 24 February 2016 (Wednesday)
Time : 7:30 - 8:30 pm
Venue: G1 L1 Galilee

Prayer Focus: Holy Spirit, Come!

NOTE: 10 February NO J333
24 February J333 Combined
(English & Chinese)

Home-Based Alpha Course

Date: Begins on 3 March 2016 (for ten Thursdays)
Venue: 250 Lorong Chuan, Chuan Park, #17-01, Singapore 556748
Time: 9.30am - 12.00 pm
Email registration: Christine Goh at chrislegoh@gmail.com

MARCH

- 3 Introduction - Is there more to life than this?
- 10 Lesson 1 - Who is Jesus?
- 17 Lesson 2 - Why did Jesus die?
- 24 Lesson 3 - How can we have faith?
- 31 Lesson 4 - Why and how do I pray?

APRIL

- 7 Lesson 5 - Why and how should I read the Bible?
- 14 Lesson 6 - How does God guide us?

23-24 Weekend Getaway

Who is the Holy Spirit?
What does the Holy Spirit do?
How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit?
How can I make the best of the rest of my life?

- 28 Lesson 7 - Why and how should I tell others?

MAY

- 5 Lesson 8 - How can I resist evil?
- 12 Lesson 9 - Does God heal today?
- 19 Lesson 10 - What about the church?

JUNE

Event: Celebration!
Date: 3 June 2016 (Friday)
Time: 7-10 pm
Venue: Grace Assembly of God, 355 Tanglin Road Singapore 247960
Room: Level 2 Eden Hall



God is to be praised for His mighty hand upon Grace Missional College (GMC) which started her first module in January 2016



Pastor Meng Cham prayed for the commencement of the 1st module, Christology, and for students at the GMC.



Dr Jerry Horner, professor of Christology, teaching at the class.

The next 2 modules, New Testament Survey 1, and Dynamics of Effective Communication, will held on 14-16 April and 21-23 April, respectively.

BINT115: New Testament Survey | 14-16 April 2016

Professor: Dr Ronald Cottle

An overview of the historical, political, and social contexts of the Gospels. Attention is given to authorship, date, canonicity, structure, styles and themes with emphasis and exposition of key passages and their doctrinal significance.

Dr Ronald Cottle is the founder and former president of Christian Life School of Theology in Columbus, GA. He received a Ph. D. in Religion and an Ed. D. from the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California. He has extensive experiences in evangelism, pastoring, teaching, administration and television ministry.

BIPT340: Dynamics of Effective Communication | 21-23 April 2016

Professor: Dr Randal Langley

A comprehensive study targeted for both beginning and veteran speakers in the art of public speaking and communication. Students will be taught the SCORRE system – a creative and relevant communication model used by leaders to effectively penetrate today's culture.

Dr Randal Langley, D Min, is the current president of Christian Life Educators Network-Christian Life School of Theology Global. He has served as Vice President of Beacon Institute of Ministry, Columbus, GA, National Conference Speaker, Bible School Teacher, Television Host and Senior Pastor of Evangel Cathedral, Spartanburg, SC.

If you would like to register for either of the above 2 modules, please submit your registration, or enquiry, to gmcollege@graceao.org by end February 2016. You may log on, www.graceao.org/gracemissionalcollege for more information.



VISION MONTH 2016 FAMILY EMPHASIS ON WEEKEND 16-17 JAN 2016



On weekend 16-17 Jan at both GI and GII, many family and grace group photos were taken and posted on Facebook. It was really fun and meaningful to see families coming together to declare to the world our identity and passion as both biological and spiritual family of God. From the entries submitted, we selected 2 winners — the Poon family (as a three generation biological family, see photo 1) and The Vine Grace Group (as a spiritual family, see photo 2). The organizing committee will be contacting the winners to hand them their prizes.

Congratulations to the new members of Grace Assembly

Baptised in 2011 and accepted as members on 18 December 2015

- Ang Ming Yang Edwin
- Jedidiah Leonardo Cristobal
- Zakhary Kwik

Baptised in 2012 and accepted as members on 18 December 2015

- Chia Yu Zhe
- Donavan Tan Wei Yu
- Jeremiah R. Oriendo

Baptised in 2013 and accepted as members on 18 December 2015

- John Chew Jun Kang

Baptised on 5 December 2015 and accepted as members on 18 December 2015

- Alvin Thomas Tan Wei Ming
- Ang En Ming
- Caleb Kay
- Caleb Ng Zhi Xiang
- Elaine Chrysta Tan
- Eugene Lim Ye Jun
- Ho Chan Keen
- Jacinth Toh Yan En
- Joel Ng
- Lim Ye Ying
- Moh Song En Joseph
- Tay Yi Qing

Baptised on 27 December 2015 and accepted as members on 28 December 2015

- Fabian Tan
- Jason Chong Wen Hao
- Jimmy Yap Tuck Kong
- Kathy Liaw Chiew Suan
- Lee He
- Lee Xuan
- Li XuKun
- Mariska Pagey
- Ng Wei-En Serene
- Shanice Lim Leng Shan
- Woo Mei Ling
- Zen Goh Yang Zhi

Transferred on 28 December 2015

- Choong Khoon Yeow
- Chow Kwok Weng
- Daniel Liu Wenguang
- June Tan Yin Xiu
- Dhingra Jag Mohan
- Diana Choo Peck Har
- Lim Yuen Choong
- Tan Carolina
- Tham Poh Chee
- Timothy Lai Hon Kiet



CROSS-GENERATIONAL MISSIONS

I have the privilege to be born to missional parents. From young they would take me to Grace Assembly and I would watch them serve as leaders in the Chinese congregation. My home became a ministry place as well. My parents would use our home as a meeting place for cell groups, prayer groups and often times, even bringing individual members to do the ministry of deliverance in their room. As a child, they would also bring me along in missions trips to different parts of Malaysia.

Now that I have grown up, I thank the Lord that I am able to serve alongside them in the missions field. For the past two years, my dad and I have been on different stage platforms ministering together, preaching, praying for the sick, and winning the lost for Jesus. To have such rich heritage of faith and missions, this is more than what I can ever ask God for.

In the Bible, Abraham and his son Issac were one of those good examples of how the faith and actions of our fathers could influence the next generation. Isaac was faithful to God. He never forgot how God saved him from death and provided a ram to be sacrificed in his place. He watched and learned from his father Abraham, one of the most faithful men of the Bible. During that era when polygamy was prevalent, Isaac took only one wife, Rebekah. He loved her deeply all his life. This is modelled from how Moses loved Sarah.

One of the things that Grace Missions would like to see more and more starting from 2016 — is for families to go for missions together. That the father would do ministry with the son and the mother would do ministry together with the daughter. What a beautiful picture this would be! Not only would there be an imprint of faith onto the next generation, the synergy and dynamics would also be a great encouragement to the Church body wherever you go. Families watching you, would also want to follow your example.

Indeed let it be like what Malachi 4:6 says — 'let the hearts of the parents be turned to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents'. Let there be such a redemption of families right here in Grace Assembly.

A family that does missions together, stays together.

Blessings,
Ps Matthew Tan
Missions Awareness



MISSIONS TRIPS SCHEDULE 2016: TRIPS AVAILABLE FOR SIGN UP

BANGLADESH

01 - 11 December

WEST BENGAL

06 - 12 September

BHUTAN

01 - 06 May

NEPAL

24 September - 01 October
(Medical Camps)
18 - 24 November

SRI LANKA

10 - 20 June
15 - 28 September

VIETNAM

05 - 11 July
10 - 17 October
26 December - 02 January

MYANMAR

05 - 10 October
30 November - 05 December

CAMBODIA

03 - 07 October
18 - 24 November
02 - 07 December

INDONESIA

26 - 30 May (East Java)
23 - 28 June (West Kalimantan)
30 - 05 July (West Kalimantan)
12 - 19 July (South Sulawesi)
23 - 28 August (Pekanbaru)
09 - 14 December (Pekanbaru)

RIAU ISLANDS, INDONESIA

Batam
22 April
13 May
26 August
13 October

Karimun

30 April - 01 May
27 - 28 August
28 - 30 October
26 - 27 November
03 - 04 December

Tg. Pinang

16 - 17 April
13 - 14 August
10 - 11 December

Tg. Uban

07 - 08 May
01 - 02 October

Due to the availability of flights and other unpredictable circumstances, these dates are tentative.
Do send an email to matthew.tan@graceao.org for more enquiries about Grace Missions or her missions trips.

BEING MODELS OF THE FAITH IN THE MISSIONS FIELD

TESTIMONY BY HUAN TING, PART OF THE TEAM SENT BY R-AGE PHOTO BY AARON QUEK

In December 2015, we had a huge team of 17 people with 8 in the adults team and 9 in the youth. Of the lot, we had 2 families with us — Wilfred and Josaline brought along their 3 daughters, Winnie, Winna and Wileen, and a father-son combo, Cynric (the team leader) together with his son Zyon. Together we went to Bangladesh.

I really appreciated having the adults on this trip. This was my first missions trip with adults on the team, and I gleaned much from their stories and the love that they showed to the young people.

First of all, I was touched by seeing the two families on this trip and how willing the parents were to go encourage their children to go on missions trips and reach out to the lost. It inspired me to want to do the same for my family in the future. I also learnt so much from the wisdom of the adults that came on this trip. Many of them shared such amazing testimonies and experiences about God's hand at work in their lives and I was so amazed at how God is able to speak to individuals in different ways.

Josaline in particular, God has blessed her to be able to see visions and together with Zoe, they both have very strong sense of the spiritual realm. The adult team was able to quickly identify the spiritual stronghold that was holding one of the churches and prayed for that spirit of oppression to be gone. When we first entered that church I could sense that the dry spiritual atmosphere and this had real effects in the physical realm — the youths were very distracted and not worshipping. However after Cynric exhorted the youths, for them to be open to spiritual things and for them to worship freely, and then went on to break stronghold bound by curses. Immediately, the heavy atmosphere was lifted and the youths now are able to worship freely and we had so much fun with them.

The adults really modelled for us how to be spiritual, God-fearing people who are sensitive to the prompting of the Holy Spirit, and willing to go out of our comfort zone to answer the call of the Lord to the missions field. I hope more teams in the future would be like this one, combining the strengths of both adults and youths so that they can complement each other and that the youths will be able to learn from godly examples.



UPCOMING MISSIONS TRIPS

Please pray with the missions trippers for God's protection to rest on them, and that they would be sensitive to the Holy Spirit's leading.

ORISSA, INDIA

11 – 22 Feb 2016

Ps Matthew Tan

EAST ASIA

22 – 29 Feb 2016

Rev Richard Wee

EAST ASIA

27 – 29 Feb 2016

Ps Low Kwang Meng



“But as for me and my family, we will serve the LORD.” Joshua 24:15

If you need to make counselling appointment, please contact:
Pastor Benjamin Wong 9066-2994 OR Chang-Goh Song Eng 6801-0730
 All counselling sessions are strictly private and confidential

This is a series, featuring families in Grace. Families who have chosen the road less travelled, families who have made the choice to rise above their circumstances, families who choose to lead the unconventional lives.

A Family in Grace

An almost perfect life. After completing medical school, and the necessary trainings in various public hospitals, Dr Lee Chian Chau, a medical doctor went on to open his own medical clinic with a few partners. The clinics were doing very well since day one and he was earning good money. What made him give up all of these to serve university students? Family Life@Grace requested an interview with this extra-ordinary doctor who attends GII with his family.

FLG – Family Life@Grace
LCC – Lee Chian Chau

FLG: Please tell our readers about yourself

LCC: I am Chian Chau, my wife is Siew Yeen and we have 2 children - Chloe, 14 and Michael, 12. Home for us is on campus in National University of Singapore (NUS). We live in a staff apartment at Eusoff Hall, one of the hostels of NUS, where I am a Resident Fellow (RF).

Siew Yeen has been a full time homemaker since the birth of our daughter Chloe. For the last four years, I have been working as a doctor at the University Health Centre in NUS where my patients are almost all students and staff of NUS.

FLG: How long have you been in Grace II?

LCC: I first attended Grace II was when they were having their first anniversary celebration. It has been almost 8 to 9 years now.

FLG: You were serving in Sunday School?

LCC: Yes, I was teaching the K1 students and have followed them until they were P5 last year.

FLG: We understand that you were running your own private clinic, a very successful one. What made you give up such a lucrative career, choosing to work with university students instead?

LCC: After completing my medical training at the various hospitals in Singapore, I was a private General Practitioner (GP) with two group



Dr Lee with his wife, Siew Yeen, his children, Chloe and Michael

practices for about 10 years. Leaving private practice was a difficult decision. At that time, the medical clinic I was working in was one which I had started with my business partners. God's leading in setting up the practice was very apparent – the clinic was started after facing some challenges. However, we were in the black from day one and business was booming. Yet in late 2010, I heard His call to leave the practice. This was confirmed by my wife. No reason was given, just the call to leave. It was difficult to walk away, but by that time, I had already been studying the Bible with Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) for several years. One of the recurring themes of BSF is “how has your study of the Word impacted your life?” It was very clear that I have to be a hearer but doer of the Word and my job is to obey.

In early 2011, I tendered my resignation without knowing why and not knowing where my next step will be. Throughout the six months of my notice period, God was silent.

FLG: Great faith in God. So, where was God in this extra-ordinary journey of yours?

LCC: It was only in the last week of my notice period when I woke up one morning and heard, very softly but clearly, "You cannot serve both God and money" that I realised why He had asked me to leave. Although the setting up of the clinic was directed by Him, I had come to the stage where I was working solely for the money I was making and money had become my god.

I started working in NUS in 2012 and ended up as an Resident Fellow (RF) in Eusoff Hall. As an RF of the hostel, my family and I live on campus where I am in charge of about 100 university students staying in my block. The students are a mix of international as well as local students, with some having rather complicated backgrounds. My students once asked me what an RF does and I told them that in the hostel where they are away from their parents, my role is to be their parent in this home away from home.

FLG: Was your family affected by this change?

LCC: Moving home was difficult for my wife and children. Not only did we move house twice in less than two years, my children also ended up in a new school.

FLG: What are the good things which have come out from this bold step of faith?

LCC: It was precisely because of this move that allowed us to transfer our children to a mission-aided, affiliated primary school. Their school has been a real blessing in that the focus of the school is about developing their students holistically and there is not much pressure

academically. Through this, I have been able to give my children a childhood which not many children in Singapore get to enjoy – neither of them have had tuition so far. I also get to spend more time with them as a result of my new working hours.

FLG: Do you face any challenges?

LCC: In Singapore, active evangelism is frowned upon at the workplace so I find it very difficult to speak to people I come into contact with about God. In Daniel's story in Daniel 6:4-6, Daniel led such a godly life that the satraps failed to find any fault in him. They acknowledged that they will not find anything against him unless "it has something to do with the law of his God." My hope is that I can lead my life such that it is a testimony for God.

FLG: If there is one thing you would like to tell the Gracians, what would it be?

LCC: I will quote Rev Richard Wee on this (who also happens to be one of my wife's favourite pastor). "When faced with challenges, don't ask God "Why? Why me? Why did you allow it?" Instead, ask Him "How? How should I do it? How should I overcome it? How can I learn from it?"

Have faith in God's direction. Be obedient when He calls. Since leaving the private practice, my family and I have lack nothing. In fact, God has been good. Last year, I had my promotion and pay increment!

"Though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with his hand" Psalm 37:24

Restored to WHOLENESS SEMINAR

We all struggle with issues in life. Some of these issues could be childhood memories, hurts and pain that have affected our lives, unexplained outbursts of anger or constant nightmares and fears. We might have tried various means to deal with these issues but still face with the same struggles, and might feel a sense of hopelessness and helplessness.

God desires for us to attain complete and lasting healing in our journey with God. The first step to freedom in Christ is to recognise our need for healing. Our hurts and pain do not go away just because we have come to know Christ. Many of us do not know how to walk in freedom the way that God desires us to.

In the Wholeness Seminar, we will address the four main areas using the Restoring the Foundations (RTF) approach:

- Sins of the Fathers and Resulting Curses
- Ungodly Beliefs
- Soul/Spirit Hurts
- Demonic Oppression

There are 2 parts to the seminar: Teaching and ministry sessions.

Teaching Sessions (classroom format)

Date: 25 - 27 Feb 2016

Time: 7.30 - 10pm (Thursday, Friday), 9am - 4pm (Saturday)

Venue: G11 (rooms to be advised)

Cost : \$25 (for materials, lunch and refreshments)

Ministry Session: Depending on individual issues, 1-2 sessions of 2-3 hours would be set aside per person.

You will be taught the keys to help you walk out your healing and freedom and to receive God's promises for your life throughout the finished work of Christ on the Cross.

Online Registration: <https://event.graceaog.org>

***Payment via cash/cheque to be made at the booths set up at G1 & G2 on 14 Feb or at the Church information counter.**

General enquiries contact Jamie Lim at jamie.lim@graceaog.org or +65-6410 0827

Balancing work, family and ministry, is that possible?



Kenneth, having fun with his family. Seen here with (from L to R) Isaac, Jannelle and Josiah.

Kenneth Kwan is a familiar face in Grace Assembly. He attends G1 together with his wife and 2 children. He was the chairman of the Grace Retreat 2015. He ministers to the foreign workers in Little India on weekends, he leads a cell group, goes on missions trips to teach and is a member of the church board. He has a very successful career as a motivational speaker and high performance strategist. He speaks often to thousands of leaders and professionals. On the home front, he is a loving husband who calls his wife, Janelle, 'my bride' and a doting father to his two sons, Isaac, 7 and Josiah, 4.

*Kenneth's success did not happen overnight, in fact, when he was just married and had to pay for his new house, he was living on a few hundred dollars a month. He has to trust God to provide. Having served in Youth For Christ (YFC) during his school days helped him to grow in his faith to trust that God will provide since he had to constantly seek for sponsors during his short stint as a full-time YFC worker. When asked, what is his secret for success? A simple answer came, **Recognising and claiming his identity in Christ.***

"What you do in life, echoes through eternity." – from the movie, Gladiator.

Whatever we do, we leave an imprint in society. Some leave an impression, others leave an impact. The difference between the two is that the former is unplanned, but the latter is intentional.

I see that everything I do is God given. I am just given the privilege of partnering with God to make things happen. Being heavily involved in leading a Grace Group, taking yearly teaching trips with Grace Missions, running massive church projects, sitting on a few advisories and attending executive board meetings, I cherish my identity as a missional son of God. I can be doing many things for God, but ultimately, God wants me to enjoy Him as His son.

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What gripped my heart was when God gave me a vision of my son, Isaac, running around at the playground. The word 'adoration' was above that vision. I knew then, that God was telling me that I need not 'to do more' to win God's love,

just be His son. Just as my son, Isaac, did not do anything to win my love, I still adore him.

This is important, as sometimes we can anchor our Christian worth by what we have done for God or 'suffer' for Him. All along, I understood this perception about who God is but seeing that vision was a revelation from God with a deeper meaning.

Even before Jesus started His ministry, He was baptized and a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." Up to that point, Jesus had not done anything significant but God still loves Him deeply. God loves Jesus, because His identity is His son, just like our identity as God's sons and daughters.

I started learning more about God's heart by being involve in the lives of my two boys. I love to watch them sleep and that allows me to realize that even though there could be turbulence around the world, my sons will always be safe with me. I am convinced that children are extremely resilient and have a strong self-esteem when they are dearly loved by their father. Likewise, if I know what it means to stay in my heavenly Father's love, I will

always be secured. Feelings of inadequacy, lack of love, the need to strive for more possessions and many more other issues in life can be resolved if I am clear of my identity as a beloved child of God.

As a motivational speaker, I tend to use a lot of my head knowledge. As God reveals Himself to me, I understand that I need to shift to using my heart instead. Even when I run my leadership training company, there is this constant pressure to want to earn more so that I could pay my staff, my advertising and operational costs and many more. However, God is constantly telling me that I need to enjoy loving Him and being His son. I need to let Him take care of me and everything that I have. He is interested in my business as much as I am interested in it.

Whether we are in a job or running our own business, we are still a beloved child of God. God is immensely interested in us, despite how we feel about Him. The question therefore, is will we respond in His love and continue to move in our identity as sons and daughters of God.

"God's Spirit doesn't make us slaves who are afraid of him. Instead, we become his children and call him our Father. God's Spirit makes us sure that we are his children" (Romans 8:15,16).

When we allow God's love to fill our hearts, we are free indeed. Free for His purpose, free to be giants in Him, free to enjoy Him. We are made for great things, we can accomplish much when we recognize our identity in God and that is we are His children.

I can accomplish much not by my effort but by knowing that I am a son of God.



Kenneth, at work.

Faith Begins at Home

A Family Workshop with a Family trip (The Family Kiasu Trip)

“Dad and mom, I want to tell you I will stop going to church from now on!”

As Christian parents, it is inconceivable that our precious child will say such things to us one day. However, research studies in Western countries have shown that many children are leaving church when they come of age. The alarming truth is that this trend is also affecting families in Asia.

It is with this burden that Family Life@Grace is introducing a new programme called “**Faith Begins at Home**” in Grace Assembly – to raise awareness of this alarming trend and exploring with parents what could be done to prevent such phenomenon from happening in our home. We will be conducting our first round of workshop in March, incorporating a family trip as part of the workshop’s programme.

WORKSHOP:

Date : **11 MARCH 2016 (FRIDAY)**

Time : 7 pm

Venue : To be advised

FAMILY TRIP:

Date : **12 MARCH 2016 (SATURDAY)**

Time : 8.30 am - 8.30 pm

Venue : Johor Bahru, Malaysia

(2 way transport provided - departure from Grace I, Tanglin Road)

Price per person : S\$42.00

Trip highlights include:

- 3d Trick Art Gallery @ Johor Bahru
- Indoor Trampoline @ Zoom Park Johor Bahru
- Activities for parent-child bonding, playtime, shopping & more ...
- Session for parents to instill “Faith Begins At Home”

Requirements:

1. Parent must be committed to attend “Faith Begins At Home” workshop
2. Parent must register/participate with at least 1 child (child’s age: at least 5 years old and above)
3. Passport should be valid for 6 months travel
4. Parent is currently attending any of its services at Grace Assembly of God
5. Full fees to be paid by 12 March 2016

For further information, please contact AskFamilyLife@gmail.com

<http://gfc.graceaog.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1665813136992223/>

ALPHA PARENTING FOR TEENAGERS

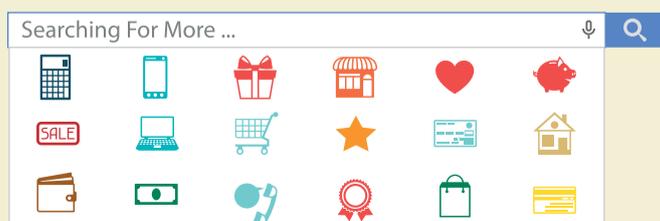
(For those parenting 11 to 18 year old teenagers)

The Parenting Teenager Course is for any parent or carer of children aged eleven to eighteen, whether they consider themselves to have strong parenting skills or are struggling, and whether they are parenting as a couple, as a single parent or as a step-parent.

A course parents should not missed.

Stay tuned, more details coming your way.

Life  Search



If you think you are not good enough, WE NEED YOU!

I want to do something but...

I am too shy.

I have no time.

I am not good enough.

Then **YOU** are the one.

Pre-requisite ...

Possess weakness/es

- ~ Abraham was too old
- ~ Isaac was a daydreamer
- ~ Jacob was a liar
- ~ Moses had a stuttering problem
- ~ Gideon was afraid
- ~ Elijah was suicidal
- ~ Jonah ran from God
- ~ Naomi was a widow
- ~ Job went bankrupt
- ~ Peter denied Christ
- ~ David was a shepherd boy
- ~ Zaccheus was too small

Kindly submit your application to :

familylifegrace@gmail.com

REACH BURSARY AWARDS 2016

128 bursary award recipients, 128 young lives potential for change

On 16 January, 128 students received the first disbursement of the bursary award of \$180 and \$250 for the primary and secondary school category respectively.

REACH Bursary Award is unique in that awards are handed out to needy recipients not based on academic merits but on their potential and willingness to make an improvement.

This programme is made possible through the generous donation of our sponsors Grace Assembly of God, Joshua Research Consultants and Credit Bureau Singapore.

A recipient, Ilyas, expressed great excitement about the mentoring programme that follows the bursary award. He looks forward to participate in the meaningful and engaging activities. He says that even though this is a year-long commitment, it is worth it because he believes it will improve his studies, learn new skills and experience many new things.

Gracians, you can play a part in this mentoring programme to touch 128 young lives. For more information, email elaine.tan@reach.org.sg



SEND BLESSINGS THIS CHINESE NEW YEAR!

As we indulge and celebrate this Chinese New Year, let's take time to remember those who might not be as fortunate as us and spread some love and joy to them!

Come and join REACH as we distribute festive goodie bags to the residents of Sin Ming!

Details are as follows:

FESTIVE GOODIE BAG DISTRIBUTION

When: Saturday, 6 February 2016 from 10am to 1pm (tentative)

Where: Sin Ming

What: Giving out of CNY goodies and outreach to Sin Ming residents.

Who: You!

Contact nina.catrina@reach.org.sg to sign up and send blessings to those who need it most!



Come and Celebrate the Official Opening of REACH Senior Centre with us!

19 February 2016 (Friday)

4 to 7pm

Block 26B Jalan Membina #01-188
Singapore 165026

REACHING OUT THROUGH SPORTS

Kenzo Chong began his internship in March 2015 and was greatly involved in REACH United, the soccer team managed by REACH Youth. He began as a Befriender and got involved in coaching shortly after. He finds that witnessing a youth's improvement and growth as well as being able to go on a journey with them is the best part of his internship.

My internship was 4 months in duration. Filled with many programs and events to handle, the 4 months had a steep learning curve. There was a lot to learn and a lot that I have learnt during my stay at REACH Youth, from managing REACH Arena (fitness programme) to organising the Sports Camp and handling administrative work for REACH United.

REACH United was the program I was most involved in since the beginning and it has a special place in my heart. Since this is the programme that I have spent the most time in, I have managed to build a strong rapport with a specific beneficiary, Damien Wong. He joined REACH United on my third week of internship, which was on 24 March 2015.

Damien is 13 years old, and is currently schooling at Jurongville Secondary School. When asked what made him attend REACH United's sessions regularly, he answered crisply, "There is no reason not to come back." Thereafter, he explained that

he thoroughly enjoyed the program because the training allowed him to participate in and constantly challenge him to improve his skills. On top of that, the coaches' (my colleague and I) sense of humour, made him assimilate easily in team. During his 3-4 months at REACH United, he feels that his newly-formed friendships with the seniors in the program resemble that of a fraternity.



Without prompting, he remarkably added, "I feel that my self-esteem has improved." When questioned why, he elaborated, "I don't know. I think I smile a lot more now." Also, he shared that he felt so much more comfortable with himself, and that the combination of his improved soccer performance and his newly formed friendships facilitated this.

Undoubtedly, REACH United has been one of the highlights of my internship at REACH Youth, alongside the experience of managing REACH Arena and organising the Sports Camp.

REACH Youth is looking for committed befrienders who desire to impact and influence the lives of youths through weekly soccer trainings.

Get involved! Contact elaine.tan@reach.org.sg to find out more.

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If you like a career in social change and want to make a positive difference to people's lives, write in to us today!

SOCIAL WORKER (YOUTH)

Job Requirements

- Possess a Graduate Diploma or degree qualification in Social Work
- With at least 2 years of experience in youth work or related fields preferred
- Outgoing, energetic and self-motivated independent worker
- Has a strong passion in outreach and mentoring work with at-risk youths
- IT savvy and competent in various social media platforms

Job Responsibilities

- Handles casework and counselling with youths and their families
- Involve in community outreach and groupwork
- Community networking and building a strong collaborations with stakeholders
- Oversees programme management, development and evaluation

PROGRAMME EXECUTIVE (YOUTH)

Job Requirements

- Possess a Diploma or Degree in InfoComm Technology, Marketing, Advertising & Public Relations
- With some experience in youth work, managing programmes or related fields preferred
- Outgoing, energetic and self-motivated independent worker
- Has a strong passion in outreach and mentoring work with youths
- IT savvy and competent in social media platforms

Job Responsibilities

- Plans, manages and executes youth outreach, mentoring programmes and campaigns. This includes designing programme flyers, evaluating the effectiveness of the programmes
- Network and build strong collaboration with stakeholders
- Trains and develops youth mentors
- Responsible for volunteer management, maintenance & updating of volunteers database
- Handles management report & statistics reports, when needed

Send your resume to recruitment@reach.org.sg

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恩典二
12月24日



恩典一
12月25日

GRACE SERVICES

GRACE I SERVICES: 355 Tanglin Road Singapore 247960

Saturday 1.30 pm

HOKKIEN SERVICE

GALILEE

LEVEL 1

Saturday 5 pm

YOUNG ADULTS & YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

(YAYP) SERVICE

CANTONESE SERVICE

ELEVATE @ R-AGE YOUTH (14-19 YRS OLD)

BETHEL

LEVEL 3

GALILEE

LEVEL 1

EMMAUS

LEVEL 3

Sunday 9 am

ENGLISH SERVICE

MANDARIN SERVICE

SHINE @ GRACE KIDS (7-10 YRS OLD)

SPARKLE @ GRACE KIDS (3-6 YRS OLD)

BETHEL

LEVEL 3

GALILEE

LEVEL 1

EDEN

LEVEL 2

ZION

LEVEL 5

Sunday 11.15 am

ENGLISH SERVICE

FILIPINO SERVICE

EMERGE @ R-AGE YOUTH (11-13 YRS OLD)

SHINE @ GRACE KIDS (7-10 YRS OLD)

SPARKLE @ GRACE KIDS (3-6 YRS OLD)

BETHEL

LEVEL 3

GALILEE

LEVEL 1

EMMAUS

LEVEL 3

EDEN

LEVEL 2

ZION

LEVEL 5

Sunday 5 pm

KHUSH KHABRI FELLOWSHIP

EMMAUS

LEVEL 3

GRACE II SERVICES: 1 Bukit Batok West Ave 4 Singapore 659125

Saturday 2 pm

ELEVATE @ R-AGE YOUTH (13-19 YRS OLD)

CHAPEL

LEVEL 4

Sunday 9 am

ENGLISH SERVICE

MANDARIN SERVICE

SHINE @ GRACE KIDS (7-12 YRS OLD)

SPARKLE @ GRACE KIDS (3-6 YRS OLD)

CHAPEL

LEVEL 4

SANCTUARY

LEVEL 2

LOVE

LEVEL 2

KINDNESS

LEVEL 4

Sunday 11.15 am

ENGLISH SERVICE

HOKKIEN SERVICE

SHINE @ GRACE KIDS (7-12 YRS OLD)

SPARKLE @ GRACE KIDS (3-6 YRS OLD)

SANCTUARY

LEVEL 2

CHAPEL

LEVEL 4

LOVE

LEVEL 2

KINDNESS

LEVEL 4

Sunday 1.30 pm

FILIPINO SERVICE

CHAPEL

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Every Wednesday, 7.30 pm, GI GALILEE, LEVEL 1

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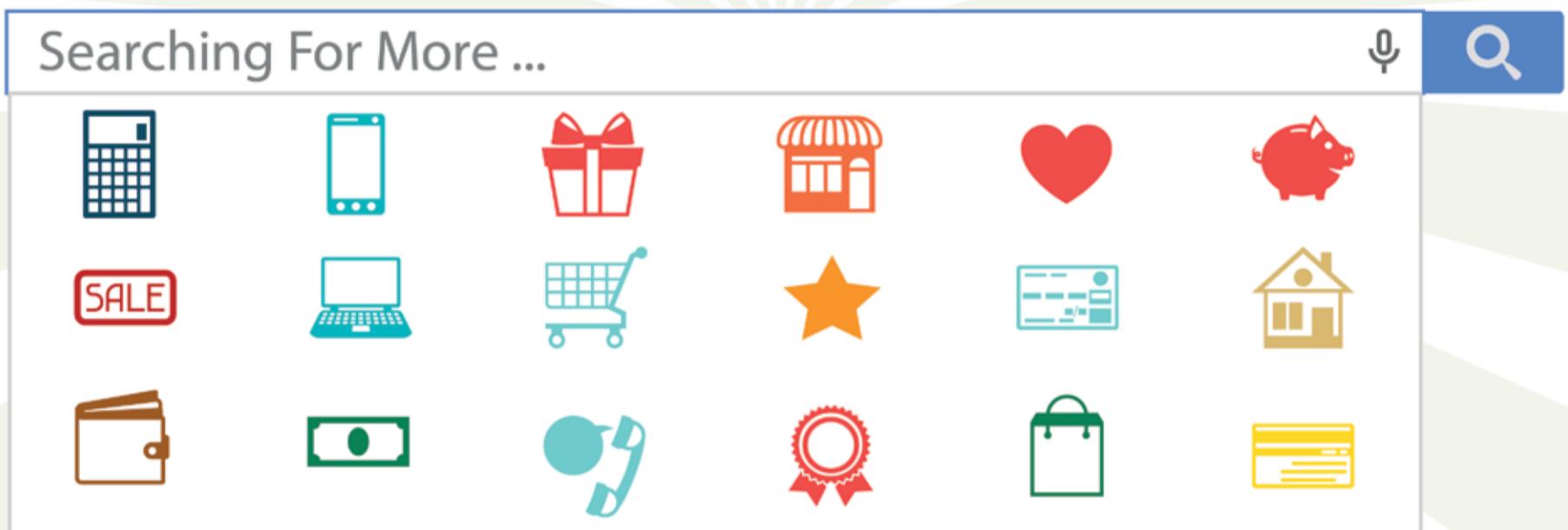
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Life



Find out at The Alpha Course

The Alpha Course is specially for pre-believers, unchurched and new believers to explore Christianity. Invite them for the introduction talk! Invitation cards will be placed at the posters and booths.

Talk: Is There More To Life Than This

Date : 26 February 2016

Venue : GI

Time : 7pm

*The Children Alpha will also be conducted at the same timing for ages 10-12.

Find out more and register at alpha.graceaog.org

You're
Invited

**BOOTHS
ARE OPEN**

REGISTRATION OF
GUESTS
13/14 FEB & 20/21 FEB