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BEING A BLESSING TO West Kalimantan

BY KENNETH ENG



I am well aware that I am richly blessed. I cannot thank God enough each day for the joys, the peace, freedom, the physical and mental well-being, the many opportunities open to me. I fully understood God's commandment and my accountability to Him that comes with these blessings. The same he said to Abraham in Genesis 12:2, applies to me, "I will bless you.... and you will be a blessing to others." But there was something else.

I wouldn't have understood fully Proverbs 11:25 until I went to West Kalimantan in March this year with Grace Missions — "Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered."

It was a long journey, first by air to Jakarta, on to Pontianak, then to Sintang and finally by road to Sanggau. And to the interiors, it was passable only on motorbikes. The six-day schedule was packed with nightly Revival Services at different venues; one day was spent on a training-seminar for local church leaders, Sunday morning service was held at a local church in one of the small towns, and last but not least, visits to a family and a church located amongst the forested interiors.

Being physically there, worshipping, praying, honoring and praising God, fellowshiping and eating together with our Indonesian brothers and sisters in Christ was a totally new experience for me. You and I may have visited similar places, seen the locals and the houses from the window of your car or bus.

But to be actually engaged with them and doing things together is what moved me. I finally understood what enriched blessing, edification and uplifting Proverbs was referring to. I was glad I made the journey.

I saw life at its simplest and basic form. The locals had little, yet when they worship, they sang vigorously and with their hearts. They prayed with full enthusiasm. They come to church dressed in their "Sunday Best" ladies in dresses and men in batik or business shirts, pants and shoes. I sensed the presence of the Holy Spirit at every service. Young and old alike, worshipped God and praise Him. In my heart, I knew God would be pleased and smiling as He looked at the congregation from above. I confessed that I had never prayed harder than I did during these services. I cannot help being moved so strongly by the strength of their worship.

During times when we could fellowship with some of the leaders, listening to them testifying, as to what motivated and moved them to relocate from the big cities of Java and Sumatra, to these small towns and villages in West Kalimantan encouraged me. The Holy Spirit was well and alive in them.

Back in my room in the evenings, I would take time to pray and reflect on what I had seen, heard and learnt and I would compare that with my own life. I have to repent and stop complaining. I have been watered, enriched, added, increased by this trip. And anyone of us can have the same, if we shall go out and bless others with Grace Missions. Thank You, Lord Jesus.

2017 2T Sermon Series:

OBJECTS OF SERVICE 服侍物语

20/21 May – 19/20 August

Paul tells the Philippians, "Make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose" (Phil 2:2). Serving together both in church and outside should indeed be a joy and an adventure of growth. There are times though that service can be a tough when disagreements and conflicts arise. How do we then navigate these challenges and develop a heart of service that would please our Lord? This sermon series explores various different aspects of ministry through looking at objects of service mentioned in God's Word.

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| 1. BURNING COALS | Isaiah 6:1-13 |
| 2. OWEL IN HAND | John 13:1-20 |
| 3. GOLD COINS | Matt 25:14-30;
Luke 19:11-27 |
| 4. UNOPENED GIFTS | 1 Cor 12:1-31 |
| 5. SALT, LIGHT AND CITY | Matt 5:13-16 |
| 6. JARS OF CLAY | 2 Cor 4 |
| 7. ALABASTER JAR | Matt 26:6-13 |
| 8. OIL OF ANOINTING | 1 Sam 16:1-13 |



J333

prayer meetings

MAY

3, 17, 24
G1 - Emmaus hall / G11 - L3 Agape room

31 (Combined J333)
G1 - Bethel hall

"There are parts of our calling, works of the Holy Spirit, and defeats of the darkness that will come no other way than through furious, fervent, faith-filled, unceasing prayer." - Beth Moore

03 MAY

LUNCH TIME

PRAYER & FASTING

Time: 12noon to 1:30pm / Venue: G1 Level 3 Emmaus Hall

MAY PRAYER POINTERS

Ephesians 4:10-12 (NIV)
So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.

1. Pray that Gracians will be filled with the fullness of the Holy Spirit as they yield their lives to God for His service.
2. Pray that Gracians will be willing to be used by God to forward the gospel of grace in whatever way He chooses.
3. Pray that Gracians will know their spiritual gifts and use them to encourage and edify the body of Christ to God's praise and glory.
4. Pray that those in the five-fold ministries in the church will faithfully furnish and equip all God's people for the works of service for which they are called.
5. Pray that as members of Christ' body, we may be spiritually equipped to carry out to completion the work and service that He has given us to do.

Our Family Footprints Camp to Desaru



“Family bonding is not about engaging in more activities but being centred and present emotionally, physically and cognitively.” (Philip H. Ang, G1)

Thirty-five parents with their children from G1 and G2 participated in an overnight family bonding trip (also known as ‘Family Footprints Camp’) to Desaru, Malaysia. The Sunday afternoon journey from G1 to Lotus Desaru Resort was smooth even though the travelling time taken was slightly longer than expected. On our arrival at the resort, we were welcomed by a sumptuous buffet lunch after which families

beat the heat by taking a relaxing dip in the resort’s lagoon pool. Children made their way to the resorts’ waterpark and had heaps of fun on the water slides and especially the huge splash from the artificial coconut waterfall. Before concluding the first day of the camp, families explored the glowing fireflies among the mangrove vegetation in the evening which was a mesmerizing and educational trip for everyone.

On the second day of the camp, families participated in a morning outdoor family bonding session conducted by Brother Philip Ang, a member of our church and a psychologist in private practice. The session facilitated and encouraged parents and children to share family values and to learn how to uphold them. Challenging and interactive activities for the family included communicating using fingers, keeping a water-filled cup from spilling, guessing which foot belongs to your child (highlighting a few). The camp drew to a close on Monday noon with families traveling to AEON Tebrau city mall for lunch and shopping before heading back to Singapore.

Thank you God for keeping the rain away from the camp venue so that the fireflies cruise and family bonding sessions were carried out successfully since they were both outdoor events. Thank you also for strengthening our family relationships during the trip and bringing us back home safely.

Here are some feedback and comments from the parents.....

“Good bonding time and relaxed trip.”

“Fun times with the family. Learned more about my kids.”

“Had fun with family and the activities are interesting and promote bonding.”

“Learning how to be patient.”

“Thanks for the effort of planning, putting it all together & looking out for one another. Really appreciate. The children really enjoyed themselves and it was great knowing you all. Thanks for all the sharing. God bless all & have a good rest.”

“Thank you so much for the wonderful experience and being part of church family”
(Parent from Lengkok Bahru family)

Acknowledgements:

Family Footprints Camp has been successfully organized by the following Brothers and Sisters-in-Christ. Thank you all for your hard work!

Angie Goh (Admin), Calis Kwok (Admin), Lim Cher Hiang (Programme/Logistics), Peter Selvan Saudarajan (Publicity), Tong Foo Cheong (Photography), Philip H Ang (Guest Speaker/Trainer)



“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

All counselling sessions are strictly private and confidential

The Married Life Ministry has launched the revised Marriage Preparatory and Discipleship Programme (MPDP) this year. The MPDP has been revised this year from a five three-hour sessions in a classroom setting to a 12 two-hour sessions comprising six sessions before the wedding and six sessions after the wedding in a home setting. With a few more couples coming on board, we have the opportunity to improve the mentor and couple ratio. The ratio of marriage mentor to the couples getting married is capped at one marriage mentor to two or three couples preparing for their marriage. This smaller group size has provided a conducive environment for teaching, sharing, learning and connecting. The little untidiness at home and the occasional interruptions from children adds to the warm and non-threatening environment for sharing. This allows the young couples to have another glimpse of how a Christian marriage and a family is like.

In the recent course, we have seen how our mentors have grown as they begin the journey with God, their spouse and the younger couples. This journey has resulted in a time of drawing ourselves nearer to God, directing one another to God and thereby also forming a disciple relationship in the process.

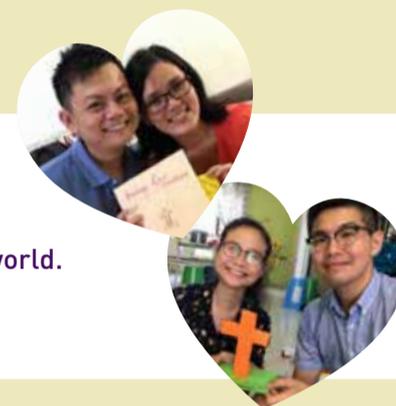
It has indeed been fruitful!



OUR JOURNEYS

“Marriage is God’s gift to the Church. Through Christian marriages, the story of the Gospel-of sin, grace, and restoration-can be seen and heard both inside the church and out in the world. Christian marriages proclaim the Gospel. That is how important they are.”

TIM KELLER



Lydia and I have spent 28 years learning, at times in painful ways, on how to make our marriage work. We have since enjoyed the stability, comfort, and richness in our marriage and we would like to pass these on to the younger couples. As we share our knowledge and experiences with them, it makes us understand the richness of God’s blessings in our lives and the love He has for our family. This perpetuates us to be more interested to help other couples grow stronger in their marriages while taking our own marriage to the next level.

The resources in the programme for MPDP have inspired fresh ideas, increase a sense of vision for our own marriage process, and build within us a desire to strengthen our marriage based on the biblical principles of God instituted marriage, that is, to be holy and pure.

The six sessions of MPDP provide a comprehensive guide for the marriage mentors who are willing to commit to guide young couples in stages of their pre-marital lives. The programme emphasizes working as a team, building rapport, encouraging couples to learn more about each other and praying together. The goal is to build a healthy marriage and God centered marital relationship.

Lydia and I have had the benefit of having our children witness this precious and priceless MPDP as we go about conducting them in our home. We look forward that our children will also be able to catch this vision of God instituted marriages. To God be all the glory. Amen.

Vincent and Lydia Ong

This was a big step for us. Yet, having been mentored by another couple prior to our own marriage for a full year (many, many moons ago) led us to agree quite quickly when we heard about this. We did feel a strong urge to pass it forward, having received so much from our own mentor couple. We were constantly assured by the pastoral leadership and the team that the marriage mentoring journey is also a journey with the mentors. We believe that God will multiply the “five loaves and two fishes” of abilities we brought to the table.

We were surprised, that in giving, we received much more. The three couples were all very kind and open in their questions and sharing as we facilitated the various topics. Apart from the comprehensive materials, there were exchanges of ideas on how to facilitate the sessions among the mentors. In this process, the mentors were all enriched. We appreciated the couples who are getting married for their commitment to the entire process, including doing their homework and going through the materials at our home. It was a real encouragement seeing them understand more and more about their own relationships and future plans, as they journeyed with us.

Our relationship with each other also has improved. The opportunity to take an “outsider” look at some events and altercations that

happens in any typical marriage, allows for reflection and learnings. The “outsider” look was necessary as we plumb through our own experiences to share events and the accompanying lessons with other soon-to-be married couples.

We have seen God’s leading and God’s provision through this season, and we are excited to participate and involve ourselves in the ministry.

Tien Yung and Joyce Lim with two young children

We thank God for the works of the Holy Spirit in our marriage and the work that He has called us to do. We have seen the Holy Spirit work during the sessions just as how He works in our marriage. It has further encouraged and increased our desire to want to walk together with the young couples believing that, the God who is strengthening our marriage, will do likewise for them.

We are humbled and thankful to God for blessing us with this opportunity to work with these couples who are preparing for their marriage. It enables us to reflect on the goodness and faithfulness of God over our marriage and the six sessions we had with them.

As we prepare the lessons by sharing our lives with them, we appreciate the beauty of God’s plan He has for the union of man and woman. We discovered more about the three purposes of marriage: functional, sacramental and sanctification as we facilitate the sessions. We learnt that sanctification not only takes place in one’s individual life but as a couple too. God has the intention to perfect the Christian marriage between husband and wife as a living testimony for the world to see. It sets us to think more about the purpose of our marriage and serves too as a reminder.

The opportunity to co-lead the sessions together has helped both of us, through God’s lens, to cherish and appreciate each other more. By availing ourselves to serve, God has graciously taught us that through the authenticity of our sharing and our lifestyle, the couples will witness how we interact with our loved ones during and off the sessions in a home setting. Although it takes a lot for us to be open and vulnerable to share the joy and pain within our marriage, we know that it is for the greater glory. We believe that these seeds genuinely sown into the lives of these couples will challenge them to do likewise and be a resounding testimony to influence other couples around them.

We have enjoyed the time taken to pray for the couples, during and outside of the sessions. This excites us to know that through prayer, God will do something beautiful in and through our lives. All works well for the good of those who love God and are called according to His purpose.

Tay Kai Seng and Kim with two schooling children

COMMUNITY BEFRIENDING: Reaching out to the lonely and vulnerable seniors

Why do we need Community Befriending?

There is a tendency to isolate ourselves from others as we age. But humans are created social beings; seniors tend to stay at home due to limited mobility or for fear of injuring themselves when they are outside.

Prolonged isolation will impact the mind negatively, leading to all kinds of mental health issues, including depression and dementia.

According to government data, our senior population (65 years and older) will exceed 900,000 people in 2030. With the rapidly ageing population, our government has planned for senior centres to set up across the country to serve as touchpoints for seniors to interact and to engage in healthy, age-appropriate activities. The Community Befriending Programme (CBP) was initiated in 2016 to provide the social support network for seniors. The CBP is a collaborative effort by government agencies, voluntary welfare organisations and volunteers from the public. The regular visits and support network will monitor and help raise any intervention needs from relevant agencies.

How can you be involved?

In mid-2016, REACH Community Services (RCS) partnered with the Ministry of Health (MOH), the Agency for Integrated Care (AIC) and the Hong Kah North (HKN) Grassroots Organisations to pilot the CBP in Hong Kah North. Since then, we have trained more than 60 befrienders to serve more than 80 seniors vulnerable to social isolation. Many of these befriender volunteers come from the HKN community and Grace Assembly.

With the success of CBP in Hong Kah North, there are plans to introduce CBP in Jalan Membina, where our senior centre is located.

As a missional Family Church, with "Engaging the Community" as one of the four key thrusts of Grace Assembly, we encourage Gracians to step forth to volunteer as a Community Befriender to reach out to the seniors in the GI and GII communities.

What do befrienders do?

Activity Description

Home visit and follow-up phone calls

1. Engage the senior in conversations and activities at their home, monitor their general health, and encourage them to engage in positive and active in-place ageing
2. Encourage the seniors to participate in activities organised in their community to enlarge again their social circle. This includes invitation to participate in activities organized by our REACH Senior Centres
3. Be a listening ear, and a caring friend who provides social and moral support.

What do befrienders need to have?

- Empathy and patience; show care and concern to build a relationship with a senior
- Commitment;

- House-to-house visit – one Saturday morning per month
- Assigned individual home visits – minimum two home visits and 2 phone calls in a month per senior, arranged at a convenient time for both parties
- Submit monthly visit reports
- Attend volunteers and RCS staff meetings

CASE 1:

Mdm Lee, 70 years old and showing early signs of depression, was referred by NTUC Health to RCS.

Though Mdm Lee is staying with her sons, she is usually alone at home most of the day when her sons are at work. She refused to go out of her house as she feels that her legs are getting weaker.

Our volunteers visited her once every 2 weeks, talking to her and encouraging her to be more positive about her situation.

After two months, Mdm Lee finally gathered up courage to go out of her home and down to the void deck of her HDB apartment. In the following weeks, they moved on to the exercise park near her home to do simple exercises.

Mdm Lee is now happier and more confident about being able to manage her situation. She looks forward to meeting her befriender friends every month and to the exercise sessions as well.

CASE 2:

Mr Ong, in his 80s, is bedridden. Although he is unable to talk and hardly moved, he is very aware of his surroundings. Our befrienders visited him and spent time talking to him, sometimes, unsure if he understands them or not. Nevertheless, they persevered.

When they found out that his favourite singer is Teresa Teng, they recorded some of her songs and played them for him in one of their visits. Slowly, they saw an improvement in his countenance and has even started to move along with the music. His helper, also commented that Mr Ong is now happier. Even though he is bedridden, he made some new friends and has something to look forward to every month.

Jesus loves us, and He loves our vulnerable seniors who unwittingly are 'wasting away' their golden years in loneliness. They may not come to church but the Church can go to them. Will you be the one to bring hope and light to these seniors?

2 Thessalonians 3:13

And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good.

If you have any questions or would like to be a part of the Community Befriending Programme, please contact Wendy Lim – wendy.lim@reach.org.sg

Getting involved with Mediation

BY JESSIE KOH

In the ganglands, many disputes are resolved by the knuckles. In our civil society, people often opt for legal means. While the latter is less bloody, litigation can often result in a winner-takes-it-all situation, while the loser gets pushed to the brink. There must be a middle ground to achieve the best of both worlds despite the initial dire situation.

Mediation is about helping parties in a conflict find mutually acceptable positions, so both parties can each move forward. Resolving conflicts reduce the probability of people resorting to physical violence or legal means which might further hurt each other.

Jesus teaches us in the beatitudes that peace-making is a blessing not just to others, but also to ourselves.

Matthew 6:9 – Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

REACH Counselling Service is exploring the new area of mediation services.

Mediation is a process in which a mediator assists parties in negotiating a possible settlement to resolve a dispute amicably without resorting to litigation. Mediation is less confrontational; it enables parties to discuss options and control the outcome. There is confidentiality and is more cost effective.

REACH Counselling Service handles substantial numbers of distressed couples and divorcing couples stuck with their differing views on

their marital conflicts. During counselling, we help individuals take responsibility to change their way of thinking and behavior that leads to a more meaningful living and psychological wellbeing.

And in mediation, we help couples resolve their conflicts in a win-win situation. For example, when we help a divorcing couple resolve their reasons for divorce and work out the parenting arrangements while avoiding litigation; they can maintain a cordial working relationship and for the sake of their children psychological wellness.

To be an effective mediator, one needs to receive training. The Singapore Mediation Centre offers such courses. Many professional counsellors and lawyers are crossed-trained to become mediators.

REACH Counselling Service currently has a few staff and volunteers already trained in mediation. We intend to operate this new mediation service with more volunteers. We would like to involve members of Grace Assembly who have undertaken mediation training, and who are keen to work with us as volunteers. This to the Church would be a way to outreach and to engage the community, consistent with one of the key thrusts of the Mission Family Church.

If you have received mediation training and would like to be involved, please email Jessie Koh (Head, REACH Counselling Service) at Jessie.koh@reach.org.sg or Ho Siew Cheong, (Chief Executive, RCSS) at siewcheong.ho@reach.org.sg.



REACH CHARITY GOLF 2017

Event details:
Friday, 19 May 2017
Seletar Country Club
101 Seletar Club Road

Registration and lunch - 11am
Tee-off - 1pm
Dinner - 7pm

Email rcss@reach.org.sg to know more!



MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM – WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE?

BY PS MATTHEW TAN, MISSIONS PASTOR

“Then He said to his disciples,
“The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.
Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore,
to send out workers into His harvest.”
- Matthew 9:37-38

Mission or Missions?

God is on a mission. We call it the ‘Missio Dei’ (Mission of God). The Missio Dei is the redemption of Man. To do this, God sends agents, whether supernatural or human, to speak or do His will.



One of the agents is the Church. While the Church is God’s primary agent to reach the world, it is not the sole agent as God can use any other agents to reach the world. God can use anyone of us in any part of society to display His love to the world. Every one of us should recognise and participate in the Missio Dei, in every part of society as God’s witnesses.

‘Missions’ on the other hand is part of this grand ‘Missio Dei’. Missions is about the whole task and program of the Church to reach out across geographical and/or cultural boundaries. We do that by sending missionaries to evangelise people who have never heard or who have little or no opportunity to hear the saving gospel of Jesus Christ.

Missions and Evangelism

Missions is not the same as evangelism. Evangelism is sharing the gospel with any unbelievers, and that work will never be done until Jesus comes. Missions, on the other hand relates to people groups — not just people, and the number is finite and relatively stable — like the “every people, tongue, tribe, and nation” (Revelation 5:9).

Missions is about crossing a culture, learning a language, and planting a church through preaching the gospel among people groups that have no churches strong enough to evangelise their people groups.

We can enable the nations to reach out to their own people groups. Reaching “every people, tongue, tribe, and nation” is possible before Jesus comes back.

Grace Missions

Grace Missions is the missions arm of Grace Assembly, dedicated to carry out the missions works of the church. By the grace of God, and through your generous giving, we have help planted over 1,700 churches around Asia.

The world is very big. I am glad that Grace Assembly is not the only church actively participating in the Great Commission. I am also delighted by the various independent missions effort by our very own Gracians. We all do our part for the Kingdom of God. We are in this together, joining a grand world-wide missions effort to reach the lost for Jesus Christ.

How you can be involved.

Jesus says that the harvest is plentiful but workers are few. A missional church is a church full of workers. These workers could be said to be sorted into three groups:

1. **Hands** – Those who Give
2. **Knees** – Those who Pray
3. **Feet** – Those who Go

We all have different seasons in our lives. At some point, our hands may be open but our feet are bound (like arrival of a baby in the family, or old age). If that is the case, you can still be part of the church missions effort by praying or giving.

For the rest of us, who are at the season of going, there are many options. Let me just highlight two:

1. **Give a tithe of your time to the Lord. Join the church to go out to participate in missions, like our short term missions trips** – either just a weekend (2 days), or a week (around 10 days) or if you want longer, you can consider joining our ACTS Program (around 3 months).
2. **Take a Gap Year** – Go 1 year, pray a lifetime. We can connect you to various missions agencies.

Let us pray to the Lord of the harvest that He will call more workers. For some of us, if you feel that the Lord is calling you, it is my prayer that you will rise up to say “Here am I send me!”



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.

EAST ASIA

07/05/2017 – 14/05/2017
Ps Low Kwang Meng

NORTH EAST INDIA

08/05/2017 – 13/05/2017
Rev Tan Shwu Eng

CAMBODIA

08/05/2017 – 12/05/2017
Ps Matthew Tan and Team

SRI LANKA

10/05/2017 – 17/05/2017
Ricky Lui and Team

MYANMAR

15/05/2017 – 19/05/2017
Rev Lim Bee Ngor

EAST ASIA

16/04/2017 – 24/04/2017
Chan Boon Lye

WEST KALIMANTAN, INDONESIA

16/05/2017 – 22/05/2017
Rev Chan Peck Yin

NEPAL

22/05/2017 – 26/05/2017
Lila

SULAWESI, INDONESIA

23/05/2017 – 02/06/2017
Roger Tan

BATAM, RIAU ISLANDS, INDONESIA

26/05/2017
Wai Cheng and Team

TG. UBAN, RIAU ISLANDS, INDONESIA

27/05/2017 – 28/05/2017
Michael Tan and Team

EAST ASIA

28/05/2017 – 06/06/2017
Ps Benjamin Wong and Team

TRIPS STILL AVAILABLE FOR SIGN UP

BANGLADESH

15 - 23 December

INDIA

08 - 14 August, Hyderabad (Medical)
08 - 16 December, Odisha

NEPAL

07 - 13 December

SRI LANKA

15 - 20 June
02 - 10 September
01 - 08 December

VIETNAM

04 - 08 October, Hanoi

MYANMAR

30 November - 06 December
13 - 19 December

CAMBODIA

21 - 26 June
18 - 24 November
24 - 30 November
01 - 06 December

INDONESIA

01 - 05 September, West Kalimantan (Chinese Team)
05 - 12 December, West Kalimantan (YAYP)

RIAU ISLANDS, INDONESIA

PEKANBARU

22 - 27 September
08 - 13 December

BATAM

25 August
14 - 15 October
02 - 04 December

KARIMUN

09 - 10 September (Chinese Team)
27 - 29 October
09 - 10 December

TG. PINANG

03 - 05 June (Men's Bible Study)
12 - 14 August (CAF)
04 - 06 November

TG. UBAN

26 - 28 August
07 - 09 October
16 - 17 December

The dates listed here may be subjected to changes. Do send an email to matthew.tan@graceaog.org for more enquiries about the missions trips.

EVENTS CALENDAR 2017

MAY - JULY

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

DATE	EVENT	VENUE & TIME
MAY		
01/05	Grace Family Day	GI and nearby Park Connector 9am
03/05	Lunchtime Fasting & Prayer Meeting	GI Emmaus Hall 12pm
05 - 06/05	Special Meetings with Ps Philip Lyn	GI Bethel Hall, 7.30pm
11 - 25/05	GDP Class 102 - Foundations of Our Faith	GII Glory Room 7.30pm
12 - 26/05	GDP Class 242 - Serving in Your Spiritual Gift	GI Emmaus & GII Sanctuary 7.30pm
13 - 27/05	Marriage Preparation & Discipleship Program 2	GI L5 Zion Room 9.30am
19/05	REACH Charity Golf	Seletar Country Club 1pm
20/05	YAYP - Honour Parents Night	GI Bethel Hall 5pm
24/05	J333 Prayer Meeting (Combined)	GI Galilee Hall 7.30pm
26/05	GDP Class 242 - SHAPed for God's Purpose	GI & GII 7.30pm
28/05 - 01/06	Grace Retreat (Chinese)	Keterina Hotel, Batu Pahat, MY
JUNE		
07/06	Lunchtime Fasting & Prayer Meeting	GI Emmaus Hall 12pm
08 - 12/06	Grace Retreat (English)	Pullman Hotel, Bangsar, KL
24/06	Grace Party (Combined)	GII (TBC) 7pm
28/06	J333 Prayer Meeting (Combined)	GI Galilee Hall 7.30pm
JULY		
01/07 - 23/09	Alpha Course for Adult	GII Praise Room, 12pm
01/07 - 19/08	Men's Bible Study (MBS)	GI Zion 10am
01/07 - 26/08	WOG - Saturday Bible Study (SBS)	GI Eden 10am
05/07	Lunchtime Fasting & Prayer Meeting	GI Emmaus Hall 12pm
06/07	GDP Class 103 - Baptism Class	GII Glory Room 7.30pm
12/07 - 23/08	WOG - Day Bible Study (DBS)	GI Cry Room & GII Praise Room 10am
13/07	GDP Class 104: Membership Class	GII Glory Room 7.30pm
26/07	J333 Prayer Meeting (Combined)	GI Galilee Hall 7.30pm



WEDDING IN MAY

Heartiest congratulations to the following couples whereby the Lord continues to bless & guide them with love, wisdom & strength as they embark on their new journey together!

13 May 2017

Mr Kelvin Wong & Ms Cheryl Chan

Mr Jeff Tan Ngiap Eeh & Ms Teo Gao Gin Joanne



FACILITIES ASSISTANT FOR GRACE ASSEMBLY @BUKIT BATOK

Grace Assembly is seeking for suitably qualified candidate to fill the position of the Facilities Assistant for the church at Bukit Batok.

OVERALL JOB DESCRIPTION

The Facilities Assistant helps the Facilities Officer to manage the day-to-day operations of the church building. The day-to-day operations cover maintenance, housekeeping, and upkeep of the facility, assist in the inventory of the building, follow-up/update on the compliance and practice of safety and security measures, oversee janitorial and repair services, and handle logistics aspect of the facility for events of the church and ministry held within the building/premise.

QUALIFICATIONS

Minimum qualification: Possess an O Level or ITE Certificate with some basic facility trainings and work experiences with good communication skills, flexibility and physical dexterity for the job.

Interested Applicant, please submit your application for the above position to hr@graceaog.org by 20 May 2017. Or, you may send in your application to the Human Resource, Grace Assembly of God, 355 Tanglin Road, Singapore 247960.

ACCEPTANCE OF MEMBERSHIP ON 18 APRIL 2017

BAPTISED ON

16 APRIL 2017

Agnes Koh
Amy Yong
Awyong Leon Gay
Cassie Chan
Chew Xin Yi
Isabella Liew
Lau Kern Ahn
Lek Kai Pin James
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18 APRIL 2017

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ACCEPTANCE OF MEMBERSHIP FOR R-AGE ON 18 APRIL 2017

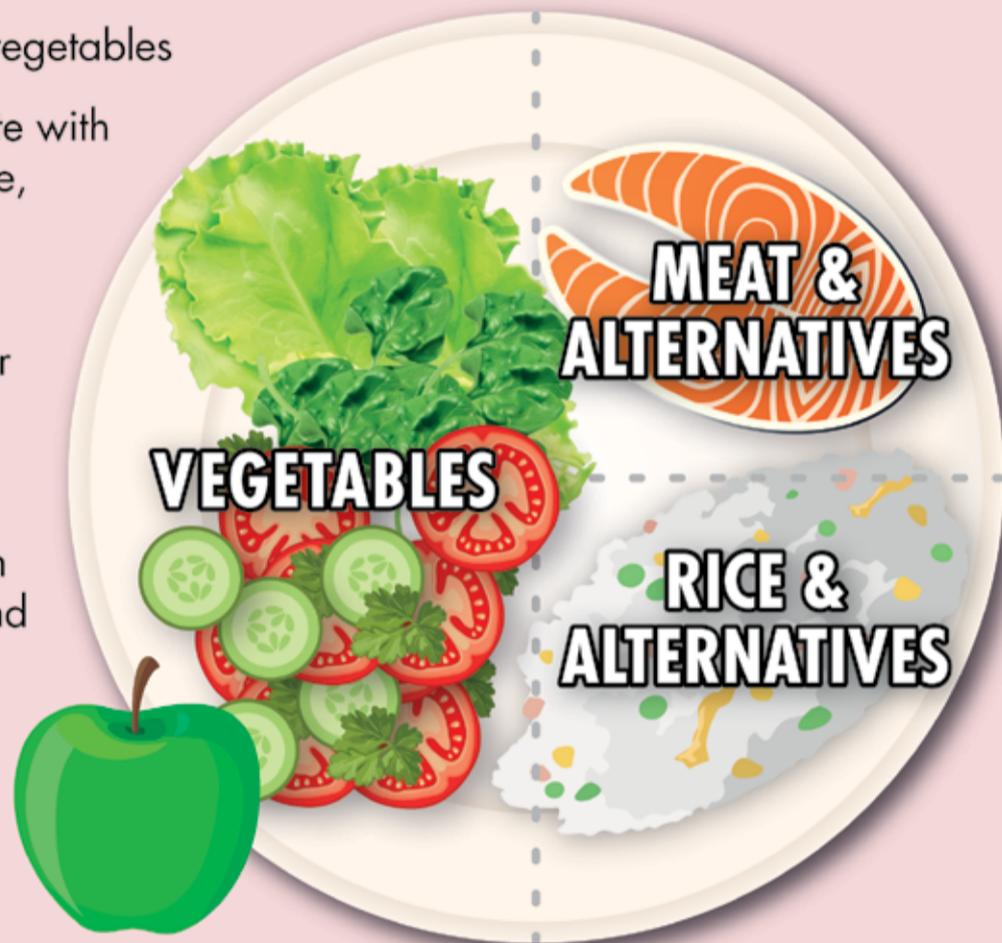
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Healthy Diet for Healthy Kidneys

- Fill half of your plate with vegetables
- Fill one quarter of your plate with wholegrains like brown rice, wholemeal noodles or wholemeal pasta
- Fill up the other one quarter with protein food like egg, fish, lean meat, or chicken. If you are vegetarian, fill it up with plant-based protein like tofu, tempeh, beans and legumes
- Remember to complete your healthy plate with 1 serving of fruit



Remember to choose food that is:

- ✓ Low in sodium (salt)
- ✓ Low in fat especially saturated fat
- ✓ Low in dietary cholesterol
- ✓ Trans fat free

2 servings of fruits and vegetables daily, preferably of different colours, not only give you fibre, vitamins and minerals, but are also abundant in antioxidants and phytochemicals for good health.

By practising healthy eating, you are protecting yourself from metabolic diseases like diabetes and hypertension. Hence, you are reducing your chances of getting chronic kidney disease.

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恩典二受难节中文联合聚会

2017年4月14 -16日

十架之路



今年恩典二受难节中文联合聚会从受难节当天一直到复活节主日的讲道作为一个系列的教导。由大主题“十架之路”延伸出“出黑暗，如光明”的过程。这三天聚会与工作坊的讲员是陈鸾卿牧师。

受难节的讲题为“黑暗掌权了”，讲员以十字架上耶稣基督的牺牲阐明这是无法战胜之爱的标记，并从中教导会众如何仰望主耶稣基督祂永恒的爱去度过人生的黑夜，突破困境，迎接新生。

受难节第二天的工作坊主题是“凝视十架”。讲员通过教导会众、使会众默想、彼此分享、绘画与捏黏土来释放他们的情绪，正视自己内心的痛苦。整场工作坊以循序渐进的方式带领会众从自己的悲伤与过去中得著释放，再次拥抱神的爱。许多会众得著了神的安慰并再次依靠主的能力宣告自己生命的得胜。

最后，复活节主日以“迎向光明”为讲题，从不同的角度使会众在纪念耶稣的同时再次更新自己的灵，使会众被激励。与此同时，讲员也宣讲了天国的福音，并有一位新朋友当天信主。

一切荣耀归给主！

神让我的哀哭变为喜乐

我是何莉莉，今年73岁，参加星期六的粤语聚会，现在和我两个已婚的女儿及女婿并六个孙儿住在同一个屋檐下。我为此感谢神。

我和我两个女儿小时候在学校接触到基督教。她们在卫理公会卫斯理堂参加主日学，但因受到各种异教的影响，她们成年后就没有再去教会了。

我和我的先生海哲(Fuji)于1971年结婚。我们生活的重点放在事业上，追求优裕的生活。我们的事业成功，经济状况稳定，拥有两个漂亮的女儿和一个舒适的家。

在Fuji被诊断出胃癌末期的前两年，主其实早有准备，把我们带回教堂，以加强我们的信仰，让我们面对和接受这个悲剧性的事件。当我们被告知56岁的他只能活四到六个月的时候，我们无法接受这个事实。我们一家人在反思中意识到我们在属世的追求中遗忘了神，因此决定将生命再次献于神。Fuji于1999年5月在医院里受洗。他从医院回家后，坚持要洁净我们这个曾被泰国僧侣祝福过的家。在1999年7月1日晚，当我们家的洁净祝福祷告结束十五分钟后，Fuji被主接回了天家。我们的家人、朋友和牧者们共同见证了这一刻。Fuji去世的时候十分安详，他确信神必保守他的家人，但对我们来说是个巨大的打击。不过神以祂的平安和安慰陪伴我们度过这段时期。

我的生命在Fuji过世后开始转变。我开始感谢神这些年赐给我家庭的一切祝福与恩典。我和我的两个女儿于1999年8月受洗，我也更加渴慕神。约翰福音14:6，耶稣说：“我就是道路，真理，生命。若不借着我，没有人能到父那里去。”我们只需要相信并接受耶稣基督作我们的救主，因为只有神的恩典能使我们上天堂。

这个经历让我开始热衷于传福音。我的家婆是我第一个传福音的对象。那时她还处在失去儿子的伤痛中，我帮助她并带她去基督教的外展活动。我们的关系变得亲密，我也更爱她。我们变得开朗、谦虚，愿意帮助和原谅他人。最奇妙的是，我的家婆愿意原谅一个背叛她并对她造成伤害多年的人。

在2000年8月的一个早上，她因心脏病昏迷而入院。医生诊断说，在她去世之前都不会有意识。但神的怜悯让她能在一天晚上苏醒并受洗，所有的家人都见证了这一时刻。她在隔天清晨过世，享年82岁，这是Fuji去世后的第13个月。感谢主！

我们在神的眼中都是珍贵的。即使到最后一刻，只要愿意向他敞开心灵，神的救恩还是会临到我们未得救的家庭成员身上。就如我的丈夫、家婆和小姑(Susan)，全部都在离世前的最后一刻信了主。我另外两位小姑、四位姐妹、我的孙儿、一个侄儿与一个侄女也都信了主！

我的朋友，神渴望你和你的全家人都得救。可能现在的情况不是很乐观，但神会因著你在耶稣基督里的信心，按著祂的时间感动你的每一位家人。只要恒心不断为他们祷告。

所以，不要放弃。向著标杆直跑！

何莉莉

粤语事工活动



← 粤语祷告会 (星期六下午3点30分)



← 粤语崇拜(星期六下午5点)



↑ 粤语小组



粤语事工上课时间 →



↓ 粤语崇拜前的饮茶团契时间

粤语事工 家庭小组 分布表

小组名称	活动地点	活动时间	组长
负责教牧：曾慧贤牧师			
红山小组	75B Redhill Road	星期三，晚上7.30	冼炳林
文忠路小组	Blk 2C Boon Tiong Road	星期二，下午2.00	曾牧师
道义小组	Blk 2 Toh Yi Drive	星期五，下午2.00	曾牧师
裕廊东小组	Blk 287B Jurong East St 21	星期五，下午2.00	曾牧师
兀兰小组	Blk 603 Woodlands Drive 42	星期五，下午2.00	曾牧师
东陵路1	恩典一，1楼客西马尼祷告室	星期六，下午2.00	何志磊
负责教牧：骆丽霞牧师			
金文泰1	Blk 347 Clementi Ave 5		周亚琴
金文泰3	Blk 202 Clementi Ave 6	星期五，晚上8.00	吕玉英
女皇大道	Blk 168A Queensway	星期三，晚上8.00	何雪玲
女皇弄	Blk 21 Queen's Close	星期五，下午1.00	罗美玲
联邦弄	Blk 85 Commonwealth Close	星期五，下午2.00	黄雅玲
武吉宝美	Blk 102 Bukit Purmei Road	星期五，下午12.30	任兆强
克连士巷	恩典一，1楼客西马尼祷告室	星期一，下午1.30	蔡少雯
负责教牧：吴丽珍传道			
荷兰路	Blk 11 Holland Drive	星期三，下午6.00	蔡美香
宏茂桥	Blk 350 Ang Mo Kio St 32	星期二，晚上8.00	陈楚珠
淡滨尼	Blk 497H Tampines St 45	星期四，晚上8.00	龙玉鸾
东陵路2	恩典一，2楼援触能力中心	星期六，下午2.30	何翠玲

欢迎来电询问有关小组的活动详情。

GRACE SERVICES

GRACE I SERVICES: 355 Tanglin Road Singapore 247960

SATURDAY 1.30 PM

Hokkien Service	Galilee	Level 1
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SATURDAY 5 PM

Young Adults & Young Professionals (YAYP) Service	Bethel	Level 3
Cantonese Service	Galilee	Level 1
Elevate @ R-AGE Youth (15-19 Yrs Old)	Emmaus	Level 3

SUNDAY 9 AM

English Service	Bethel	Level 3
Mandarin Service	Galilee	Level 1
Shine @ Grace Kids (7-10 Yrs Old)	Eden	Level 2
Sparkle @ Grace Kids (3-6 Yrs Old)	Zion	Level 5

SUNDAY 11.15 AM

English Service	Bethel	Level 3
Filipino Service	Galilee	Level 1
Emerge @ R-AGE Youth (11-14 Yrs Old)	Emmaus	Level 3
Shine @ Grace Kids (7-10 Yrs Old)	Eden	Level 2
Sparkle @ Grace Kids (3-6 Yrs Old)	Zion	Level 5

SUNDAY 5 PM

Khush Khabri Fellowship	Emmaus	Level 3
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GRACE II SERVICES: 1 Bukit Batok West Ave 4 Singapore 659125

SATURDAY 2 PM

Elevate @ R-AGE Youth (14-19 Yrs Old)	Chapel	Level 4
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SUNDAY 9 AM

English Service	Chapel	Level 4
Mandarin Service	Sanctuary	Level 2
Shine @ Grace Kids (7-10 Yrs Old)	Love	Level 2
Sparkle @ Grace Kids (3-6 Yrs Old)	Kindness	Level 4

SUNDAY 11.15 AM

English Service	Sanctuary	Level 2
Hokkien Service	Chapel	Level 4
Emerge @ R-AGE Youth (11-13 Yrs Old)	Agape	Level 3
Shine @ Grace Kids (7-10 Yrs Old)	Love	Level 2
Sparkle @ Grace Kids (3-6 Yrs Old)	Kindness	Level 4

SUNDAY 1.30 PM

Filipino Service	Chapel	Level 4
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J333 03, 17, 24 May, 7.30 pm @ GI L3 Emmaus & GII L3 Agape
Combined J333 (English & Chinese) 31 April, 7.30 pm @ GI L1 Galilee

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World Assemblies of God Congress 2017 – Night Power Rallies @ Grace Assembly

BY PS KENNY KOH

The 8th edition of the World Assemblies of God Congress 2017 (WAGC 2017) descended on Singapore from the 29th to 31st March. This worldwide tri-annual event brought together the Assemblies of God family from all over the world.

It took the Organising Committee of 11 brethren from local AG churches a good 1.5 years to pull it together. Thank God for His wisdom and fortitude in planning/managing such a huge, complex event, dealing with different time zones/cultures and layers of complexity. The theme of the Congress was Generations – A prophetic legacy, focusing on passing the baton of leadership to the next generation of the AG movement worldwide.

Altogether there were 2500 delegates from over 80 countries taking part in the day conference at Trinity Christian Centre, over a thousand were foreign delegates. In the evenings of the Congress, saw 3 nights of public power meetings taking place at both Grace Assembly and Trinity. The attendance for all 3 nights of was 16 000 attendees. The 3 speakers for the night rallies were Healing Evangelist Nathan Morris and Jason Frenn and Rev Samuel Rodrigues.

Over at Grace, we had a packed crowd on all 3 nights, with queues forming at 2nd level Koinonia (Fellowship) area before doors were opened at 7.15 pm. On the first night especially, long queues formed as early as 6 pm for the Nathan Morris healing meeting. Many came with loved ones and friends who needed the healing touch from Father God. We are expecting the same packed crowds and Father God's healing and miraculous touch when Nathan Morris returns to Grace in October for another series of healing meetings!

All three nights we saw healings take place, salvations of souls sealed and lives touched and receiving breakthroughs! The altars were all packed out and on certain nights snaking up the aisles along the wing seats in Bethel hall. Indeed we thank and praise God for showing up with His power and love on all the nights.

On the first night there was the presentation of the new World Assemblies of God Fellowship Executive Council led by its Chair Dr George Wood. Half of the Council members were at Grace and the other half over at Trinity and the presentation was beamed real-time via fiber link between the two venues.

During the 3 nights, the Christians serving as ushers, traffic managements and the like came from a combination of local AG churches with Grace as the anchor church. It was a delight seeing brethren from the different churches working together in such unity. It must have warmed the Father's heart. A big thank you to all Gracians for your wonderful service to the Lord on those nights, we couldn't have made it without you.

As the successful 8th WAGC 2017 drew to a close we look forward to the next Congress to be held in Madrid, Spain in 2020.



← Presentation of new World AG Exco simultaneously at th 2 venues.

↓ Grace hosted delegates from all over the world



↑ Breakthroughs at the altar!



↑ Altars overflowed!

← Nathan Morris calling out for healings at the altar