

NEW GRACE



Leadership Succession in Grace!

We all understand the importance of succession planning in corporations, countries or churches.

It's important because it's about continuity to ensure things move forward in the right direction.

It's important because it's about the future and in our case, the future of Grace Assembly.

It's more than just someone stepping out and someone stepping in.

Dave Travis, CEO of Leadership Network, fittingly defines succession as 'the intentional transfer of authority and leadership from one primary leader to another.'

Therefore, succession planning is a good thing. To me, it's a God-thing as I've committed it to the Lord.

When I assumed the Senior Pastor's position in 2012, succession was uppermost my mind. Why? I've been long enough in the ministry to know that it's not an easy task to find a successor, especially for a church like Grace Assembly.

But the hand of the Lord is upon Grace Assembly and He guides us in this vital area of the church.

In His sovereignty, He knows who will be the next Senior Pastor for Grace Assembly. It's His church but I also realised the need to be intentional on my part.

From the onset, I started praying, seeking the face of God and of course, looking around, looking within and even looking abroad.

It was in 2016 that the Lord laid Pastor Wilson upon my heart. I

took a few months to pray over it before taking the next step because I wanted to be sure he is the person for Grace Assembly. I've shared with the church the process that I took and eventually the Lord confirmed in the heart of Pastor Wilson to take the step of faith to join Grace Assembly.

For about six months before Pastor Wilson officially joined Grace Assembly, I met up with him once a month to talk and get to know each other. In the last one and the half years, I've gotten to know him even better as we worked and strategised together.

I must say he has strong leadership, a humble heart and a man with many talents. I am confident that Grace Assembly will rise to the next level under his capable leadership.

Personally, I am thankful for the privilege to serve this wonderful church. By the time I step down on 31 Dec 2019, it will be 30 years in Grace Assembly. Pastor Wilson will take over as the new Senior Pastor from January 2020.

The Church Board concurs with me on this leadership succession and we will do our best to ensure a smooth transition.

So Gracians, please join me to pray for this important leadership transition and I believe better years are ahead of us as a church.

To God be the glory!

Ps Calvin Lee
Senior Pastor



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GRACE MISSIONAL COLLEGE MODULE IN JULY 2019

BINT115: New Testament Survey

David Lim

Dates and Time:

25 – 26 July 7pm – 10pm,
27 July 9am – 1pm

Venue: GRACE @Tanglin, L3 Emmaus

This is a survey of the New Testament in light of its socio-historical context, with emphasis given to how the themes of the individual books converge on the Person of Christ and His Gospel.



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Registration & Payment

Fee for non-credit or audit students: \$15

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3, 17, 31 July
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10, 24 July
GII AGAPE

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JULY Prayer Pointers

In July, let's pray for the Key thrust: Expanding into the world

1. Pray for godly wisdom and discernment amongst the Grace Missions leadership to make decisions aligned to God's will for the nations.
2. Pray for all the country directors in Grace Missions to be empowered by God to continue laboring together with on-the-field partners to reach and disciple the unreached for Jesus.
3. Pray for the Lord to stir within the hearts of Gracians to start taking interest in the matters of the world and to catch on the heartbeat of God's global redemption.
4. Pray for our missionaries on the field to gain favour with the locals and authorities, that in all they do, people can see the love and light of Jesus and be drawn to it.
5. Pray for our local partners and church planters to continue to be built up in the kingdom of God, for God to meet their every need wholistically.

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TESTIMONY

Grace Discipleship Process: Emotionally Healthy Spirituality

By Michelle Lee



Participants of the EHS course

The recent Emotionally Healthy Spirituality (EHS) course conducted between April to June has taught me about the importance of Christian discipleship and spiritual maturity, which includes emotional maturity, in order to love God and people well.

During the eight-week journey, each lesson challenged me to reflect that it is impossible to be spiritually mature, while remaining emotionally immature. These two elements must go hand-in-hand. This involves being aware of my own emotions and surrendering in total dependence on God. Through the EHS course, I was shocked and alarmed to realise how emotionally immature I was. Often, I would unknowingly choose to ignore or suppress my emotions and sadly this has led me to plateau or struggle in my spiritual walk and growth. I've also come to realise that there is hypocrisy within myself – I may talk about spiritual maturity and love, yet I struggle to genuinely love when the rubber hits the road.

Having spent many years pretending that I was holding up decently as a Christian, it only dawned upon me during the course that no one is perfect, and I was just a broken vessel – and that is okay! By realising that I was never meant to pretend and the sooner I stop trying to project an image of having everything together and be authentic, the sooner God's grace can work in me and through me.

During the EHS learning journey, I was tremendously blessed by the new friendships with the sisters-in-Christ in my discussion group. We inspired, encouraged, spurred, prayed for, accepted one another with warmth and care, sharing with each other in genuineness and honesty, especially in areas of our individual struggles. Pastor Alvin's and Pastor Jadene's heartfelt humbleness of being open, genuine and generous with sharing truckloads of their personal struggles and victories in their own lives also provided both positive encouragement and negative examples for better understanding. I learnt that emotional immaturity can derail spiritual development and even ministry but there is power in being authentic in living one's life for Christ.

This steered and encouraged me to face my very own struggles and fears with greater courage, as I had been trying to bury and cope with my pain, shame, fear, rejection, guilt and hurts in my life, especially with my past.

Pastor Alvin also shared about the Japanese art of Kintsugi, which is the specialised method of repairing broken pots and other ceramics with a special lacquer that is mixed with precious metal (gold, silver or platinum). The breakage with the broken pottery fragments in the art of Kintsugi isn't erased; rather, it accentuated and inscribed with gold that very brokenness and giving it special significance. The beautiful thing is that the repaired item is viewed as even more desirable than the

original. Kintsugi certainly speaks to me loudly and clearly about how God's grace has worked in my own life.

God has taken some of the most painful and broken parts of my past, including those that were rotten due to my own sins, flaws and mistakes, and He has not only restored them, but birthed ways for me to minister to others through Him. I've come to understand that changes only come through if I have brutal honesty with myself and be open and vulnerable before God. It is only then I realised that His glory can and will shine through my life through the brokenness which He has done His amazing work of restoration. This is the beauty of the work of God's grace in my life. I am learning to embrace who He has created me to be. My past difficulties and mistakes do not define nor disqualify me! My scars are stars for His glory!

To me, the EHS course has done a great job with anchoring the issue of emotional health and maturity into a bigger picture by giving me more food for thought, clearer understanding about dealing with my own emotions in a fundamental and biblical way. I'm also encouraged to embrace myself as a whole being, like how Christ sees me. This includes my emotional, spiritual, physical, intellectual and social components. The course has certainly awakened and changed my thoughts about my own life, especially my emotional life.

Hence, I strongly recommend every Christian who wants a breakthrough and a makeover in their emotional growth, and who wants to strengthen their walk with Christ to seriously consider attending this EHS course when it is available the next time.

The EHS course addresses the top ten symptoms of emotionally unhealthy spirituality:

- Using God to run from God
- Ignoring anger, sadness and fear
- Dying to the wrong things
- Denying the impact of the past on the present
- Dividing life into "secular" and "sacred" compartments
- Doing for God instead of being with God
- Spiritualising away conflict
- Covering over brokenness, weakness and failure
- Living without limits
- Judging other people's spiritual journey

God bless you!

LUNCHTIME PRAYER & FASTING

Date: Every Wednesday in July
3, 10, 17, 24, 31 July

Time: 12-1pm

Venue: GI Emmaus Hall



GRACE NUGGETS 2019

Last year Family Life@Grace launched Grace Nuggets; a weekly 3-minute video message that empower families by gleaning nuggets of timeless truth and practical principles from God's Word. These video messages speak of ordinary people sharing about God's extraordinary works in their personal lives, marriages & families.

In our first series, Steven Chan shared tips on building strong marriages. This year, in our new series, we'll hear from Uma Rudd Chia. She contributes monthly articles for "The Prayer Of A Desperate Parent" series under the Family Life Ministry in this publication.

In this 10-episode series, Uma will be sharing how God walk with her in her journey as a mother. Some of the topics she will be sharing are:

- Parents are children too
- Preaching Christ to our kids
- Teaching your children to pray
- How to raise happy kids
- How to pray for your kids

Catch Grace Nuggets at our FamilyLife@Grace website at <http://www.graceaog.org/grace-nuggets> and on the Grace app every Monday starting on 5 August. Uma would love to hear if you've been blessed or encouraged by her. Drop her a note at uma.tan@hyperisland.sg



Uma (second from the left) and family



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THE PRAYER OF A DESPERATE PARENT

BY UMA RUDD CHIA

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JOSHUA 24:1

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Pastor Benjamin Wong
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All counselling sessions are strictly private and confidential.

THE PRAYER OF A DESPERATE PARENT SERIES

By Uma Rudd Chia

RAISING LITTLE
MIRACLE MAKERS

When was the last time you talked to your kids about a miracle and it wasn't from the Bible? It's hard to wow kids nowadays, with the exponential rise of technology – mixed reality (VR, AR and the sorts), 4D motion graphics, even rockets launched into space stations every other day. Our age of wonder has become their norm.

But the Bible is full of amazing miracles – the dead being raised, the blind seeing, the dumb speaking – they're miracles that technology cannot replace. They're miracles only the living God can perform. They're miracles we are not only supposed to witness and talk about, but also teach our kids to expect and perform in Jesus' name.

Mark 16:17,18 says. "And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."

This is Jesus' promise to all believers. We need to teach our kids not to just have a head and heart knowledge of God but experiential knowledge of God so they can become little miracle workers who demonstrate through their lives that our God is still alive.

I grew closer to God and came to understand Him through His Word. But my initial introduction to God was through miracles – amazing miracles that have been imprinted in my mind. And over the years when my head tries to rationalise that God doesn't sound logical, my experiences remind me otherwise – how God's Word is not far-fetched. I've seen His promises happen before my very eyes.

So here are some ways you can help teach your kids to become little miracle workers:

1. Miracles aren't reserved for bible times. They happen today.

I experienced my first miracle at age 7. A man who had his fingers chopped off was in a prayer line at an evangelistic meeting. I squeezed through the crowd to see what was happening.

I made it just in time to see the preacher screaming at the top of his lungs, "Be healed in Jesus' name" and I watched the fingers grow out. Just like that. I saw it happen before my eyes. And in my kiddy mind, it was imprinted forever – God heals in Jesus' name. The Kathryn Kuhlman and Benny Hinn videos my parents used to play at home when I was young showed miracles after miracles taking place. It built in me an expectation for miracles.

Tell your kids about God's power to work miracles. Take them to evangelistic meetings. Let them get accustomed to the thickness of God's presence during revival meetings. Let them know what it feels like when God is going to show up and do something amazing. More than that, help them see and believe that the God they serve does miracles even today.

2. The size of your God determines the size of your miracle.

Your miracle isn't limited by the size of your need. It's limited by the size of your understanding of how big your God is. In Mark 9:23-25 a father whose child has been robbed of his speech by a spirit asked Jesus to heal his child. His faith wasn't strong enough. But he knew that Jesus was strong enough to heal. That's why he said, "Lord I believe (in you). Help my unbelief." He rose above his unbelief and put his faith in Jesus.



Photo: Danielle Macinnis on Unsplash

When I was 15, I went camping with a bunch of friends. One of them got demon possessed and started manifesting. I was the only Christian there. So despite being petrified, I decided to focus on the bigness of my God – that one drop of the blood of Jesus can wipe out the entire kingdom of darkness and I am soaked in the blood of Jesus. I obeyed the Word of God and told the demon to get out in Jesus' name. The demon growled. It was a tough battle. My friend eventually passed out. When she came to, she was fine. A week later I led her to Christ. I constantly tell my kids this story and many others like it, so they know as believers they too can cast out demons.

Faith is not the absence of fear. It's the ability to trust God and stand on His Word even when we are scared. Believing in God doesn't make things less frightening. It makes us strong enough to face the things that frighten us. And when our kids are able to keep their eyes on Jesus despite the storm in front of them, they will experience great miracles.

3. Miracles happen to those who dare expect them.

I saw my father get healed of cancer when I was 7. I prayed for an uncle undergoing surgery at 17 and he was healed after a visitation from Jesus. When I was a young journalist, I accidentally locked my keys in my ancient Nissan Sunny. I prayed and two men walked by with the right tools to jack the door and help me retrieve the keys. My colleague who was stunned by what happened rushed back to the newsroom to tell everyone my angels were carjackers.

Miracles are my way of life. I expect them to happen because that's who my God is – the Miracle Maker. And I share these stories with my children – I want miracles to be their way of life. Jesus in his three years of ministry demonstrated His power through miracles, signs and wonders. The apostles did the same.

We are called to preach the gospel in demonstration of His Spirit and power (1 Cor 2:4). And we need to normalise miracles for our kids so they don't think it's far-fetched but rather something they live and breathe each day of their lives. God's power is not just to be experienced internally by our kids. Let's help them actualise it through their faith in God. Let's teach them to be bold to pray for the sick, the lame, the blind and expect mighty, awesome miracles.

Uma Rudd Chia is an advertising creative director. She's married to her childhood sweetheart, Colin Chia. Both Uma and Colin serve in the worship ministry at GI, while their children Daniel, 10 and Sarah, 8 attend Sunday School. She'd love to hear if you've been blessed or encouraged by her articles. Email her at uma.tan@hyperisland.sg

LAUNCH OF NEW PEOPLE HELPER MINISTRY (COUNSELLING MINISTRY)

By Winny Lu



People Helper Ministry training sessions.

The Bible says that we should "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ" (Gal 6:2). Christianity is not blessing after blessing. Bad things do happen to good people. We may experience high stress which may hinder our ability to cope in times of difficulties and challenges at the different stage of life. During these times, emotional support and spiritual care are valuable.

On 27 April 2019, the new People Helper Ministry was launched. We thank God for more than 20 Gracians who responded to the call and signed up to be people helpers. Our vision is to raise up and equip a group of people helpers who have the heart and time to walk with those who are in the dark valleys of life. With our current team of associate counsellors, we hope to empower this group of people helpers with skills and spiritual resources to see lives reconciled with God, self and others. Please pray for us as we equip this group of people helpers and propel them to touch lives out there.

For those who wish to serve in the new People Helper Ministry, please email to Pastor Benjamin Wong at benjamin.wong@graceaog.org. If you or know of anyone who may need counselling, they may also contact Pastor Benjamin Wong or REACH Counselling Services at counselling@reach.org.sg or call 68010730.

Winny is a Senior Counsellor with REACH Counselling Services. Apart from her passion in providing clinical counselling, she has a burden in Pastoral Care. She has been imparting the skills in facilitating pastoral care since 2011 for churches and Christian organizations both in English and Chinese. With her past experience of having served fulltime in church and her experience in counselling, she is able to share the knowledge as well as the challenges and practical skills required in the area of pastoral care. She is married with two children. The family has been attending Grace AOG since November 2017.

GETHSEMANE MOMENTS

By Winny Lu, REACH Counselling Service

What was it like for Jesus when He was in the garden of Gethsemane? I am wondering how He experienced the darkest moment in His life. The Bible says His soul was overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death (Matt 26:38). It was intense stress that caused Him to sweat drops of blood. He knew what was coming and that He was going to be humiliated and brutally crucified as a criminal. It was a natural human **fear** of a horribly painful death. And one of His disciples, Peter, was going to betray Him. He was going to be **hurt** by the betrayal.

He took his disciples with Him and only asked one simple favour from them – to pray with Him. Yet, He found them sleeping. It was a **lonely** journey that He could not share with anyone. He may have felt **disappointed** that when He needed them the most, they were sleeping.

Jesus asked His Father to let this cup pass from Him and if it was

possible, to not let Him go through this. But after this plea, Jesus said one important thing, "Yet not my will, but your will be done." He surrendered! Perhaps, the feeling of being **abandoned** by God was with Him as well. Yet, because of His great love for God and men, Jesus accepted the will of God in His life. He showed us that He was struggling between His human nature and obeying God's will.

So, it would be understandable for us too when we struggle between our own human anguish and obeying God's will. Most of us know godly ways in dealing with challenges in life yet we are still struggling with the application. Sometimes, you may just have to suppress your emotions that you can't share with anyone. It can be hard when you are suffocated with the accumulation of negative experiences and emotions. Each of us has our own Gethsemane moments. Some of you may have lost your loved one and you have to

adjust with the separation and grief. Others have to deal with the betrayal of trust in a relationship.

Some may struggle with yourself that you can't control how you feel, think and behave. You may feel lost, disappointed, lonely and helpless like our Lord at Gethsemane. It doesn't help you to feel any better when you hear people say to you "Forgive", "Let go", "Move on", "Have more faith" and "You should not feel this way". I agree that at the end of it all, it is the presence of God that gives us peace. Peace with God, Others and Self! The peace that enables us to accept God's will in life even when it is sometimes beyond our human understanding.

However, you may need somebody to journey alongside with you, allowing you to honestly share your difficult situation with, and helping you to process your emotional struggles without being judged. It is important that you feel validated and accepted for who you are as a person.

If you need someone to journey with you during your Gethsemane moments, please contact Ps. Benjamin Wong at 9066 2994 or REACH Counselling Service at 68010730. Alternatively, submit your online registration at <https://www.reach.org.sg/counselling-form/>

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A FATHER'S BEST GIFT TO HIS CHILDREN

By Million Chua

Ephesians 6:4 (AMP) *Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger [do not exasperate them to the point of resentment with demands that are trivial or unreasonable or humiliating or abusive; nor by showing favoritism or indifference to any of them], but bring them up [tenderly, with loving kindness] in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.*

It all started with a bedtime song, singing the Lord's Prayer with hymnal tune as we put our infant boy to sleep each night. As he progressed to a toddler, we explored books and found endless age-appropriate titles to read to him. Subsequently, Ephesians 6:4 came to mind when we reflected as a couple, how and the ways we should abide by to bring up a child his age.

In the midst of our search, we decided to look for Christian toddler books instead. We bought our first few books from Amazon after checking out reviews and browsing a few sample pages. Soon, we developed a routine consisting of morning and bedtime read-aloud sessions. This routine continued for quite a while and into the phase where our son was able to mouth simple words.

We all know that the enemy is here to kill, steal and destroy. Juggling between work and two children at home is always nerve-wrecking, stressful and a test of our boundaries in terms of love and patience. One day, I thought to myself, "Where will all this reading lead to? How much does my son really understand what I'm reading?"

The revelation came on a particular night when I was lying down together with my toddler at bedtime. We were both on our bellies getting ready for our daily bedtime read-aloud session. Usually, I would read aloud while my son would look at the pictures and listen. Halfway through our story, I

paused for a big yawn. Surprisingly, my son took that pause and mouthed exactly the next couple of words that were to come!

Dazzled and fascinated, I continued reading and paused momentarily and watched him, and each time he would mouth the ensuing sentence. I would laugh and he in turned laughed. It was a moment of solace.

This continued for three pages and I called out for my spouse to share the new discovery with her. When she saw what our son was doing, she smiled.

Both our children have since graduated to reading the bible on their own before bedtime. With our older child, we encourage her to read five chapters each night before bed and discuss with us what stood out to her amongst the chapters.

Today, apart from bible reading, both our children's bedtime routines include prayer and a goodnight kiss. The prayer sequence is: a prayer for someone, a prayer for themselves and a Thanksgiving prayer for what God has done for them each day. They will then wrap up the routine with Psalm 23 which both of them have committed to memory.

We hope Psalm 23 will surface in their memory someday to encourage and grant them strength as they navigate life's peaks and troughs, while verse 6 will provide them with comfort and assurance in times of doubt.



Million Chua and family

FATHERS' MENTORING GROUP

What makes a father? What is the role of a father in the home?

As our social landscape and perspectives are being challenged, fathers must be restored to their God-given place as servant-leaders of their families and their communities to provide appropriate guidance for the next generation.

The Fathers' Mentoring Group is a movement seeking to help men move from being fathers who are generally passive to become the role models that God intended them to be. It aims to equip fathers to be God's representatives in authority, identity, security and validation within the family structure.

Event date: 6 sessions – 3, 17, 31 Aug • 14, 28 Sep & 12 Oct

Venue: G1, L3 Visitor's Lounge

Time: 8.30am – 11am

Cost: \$20

For registration, please visit the church website at <https://event.graceaog.org>.

Feedback from Fathers' Mentoring Meetings

The Fathers' Mentoring Group has helped me to understand my role as a father in my household and understand the ways I can build a better relationship with my children and my wife. It was a journey of self discovery and understanding that parenting is not about the children but about God trying to make me a better person, husband and father. Through this journey I am challenged to question some of my parenting methods and realize what it means to give unconditional love. I strongly recommend this course for any fathers who want to know their purpose and yearn for a better and more fulfilling relationship with their children. – Han Chung

I joined the Fathers Mentoring Group as my boys are in their formative years and I felt inadequately equipped to be a good father to them. Having a girl on the way, my wife had reminded me that perhaps some of my parenting styles and disciplining has to adapt (to a girl) as well.

I was looking to learn from other fathers, and to also be part of a community who prioritise their roles as fathers.

Having the guide book to catalyse the discussion and to provide some framework really helped to make the sessions efficient.

To those who are considering, I believe the fortnightly meet ups is achievable and definitely worth the time investment. – Raymond Zhang

The key takeaway for this course is being a Trendsetter. Going against what the world defines as a good father vs a Christ centred father. – Philip Ang

"I'm blessed to be part of the Fathers' Mentoring Group as I've learnt tremendously from fellow fathers as they share their varied experiences on being an involved and present father and also the struggles they face while balancing family and career while serving God. I strongly encourage fellow brothers to take the first step by signing up for the Fathers Mentoring Meetings. You've everything to Gain and nothing to Loose.

– Winson Gabriel Tay

A REGION C MISSIONAL PROJECT

Jurong Street Evangelism Update

By Cheng Tee Hian



The JSE team at our 14 April 2019 outreach.

The idea for Jurong Street Evangelism (JSE) was birthed out of a casual conversation during a fellowship session organised by Pastor Bee Ngor for Grace Missional Group (GMG) leaders in Region C. The first outreach was held on 7 May 2017 with the help of Brother Wallis Sultan, who

is a Gracian and an acclaimed street evangelist. Thereafter, the baton was handed over to Tee Hiang, Rachel, Lai Chuan, Sharon and Simon, and the ministry continues to be under the purview of Pastor Bee Ngor.

Over the last two years, the team has held 18 outreaches in Jurong. Through these outreaches, the team managed to bring 45 pre-believers to salvations and obtain the contacts of more than 230 pre-believers and backsliders for follow-ups. Conservatively, the team has managed to sow and water more than 700 seeds through these outreaches.

Following up with the contacts the team made at these outreaches remains a great challenge. Notwithstanding that, and thanks to the relentless effort of some team members, there has been a number of cases whereby team members successfully convinced some of the contacts to attend our church services. For example, Iris and her husband Paul decided to attend our church services after team member Janice continued to engage Iris through Whatsapp messages and telephone conversation for almost two years. Another good example is Niva, who is now a regular attendee of our Filipino service at Grace@BukitBatok (GII). Niva was approached by Pastor Bee Ngor,

Lai Chuan and Lydia Koh in our outreach in June 2018. Due to the excellent follow-up done by Pastor Rosita of the Filipino service and her team, Niva not only attends our church services regularly now, but she has also brought a few of her cousins and friends to attend our church services as well.

In a separate outreach effort, Wei Bin and Rachel not only shared the gospel with Yoon Kong, but invited him to attend the Alpha course as well. During the course, Yoon Kong accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and personal Saviour.

Christine and Valerie brought Li Lianhao, who is from China, to salvation; and after many months of following up, Christine managed to persuade and arrange for Lianhao to attend a church near his dormitory.

Last but not least, due to the persistent follow-up by JSE member Madeleine, Angeline has been attending GII English services whenever she is free since she was first approached by Madeleine in our October 2018 outreach.

The team is glad to be able to participate in God's mission to plant and water many seeds in Jurong, knowing that God has been making them grow (1 Corinthians 3:6-7). The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few (Matthew 9:37). This is indeed the case for the JSE outreach. Gracians who are interested to participate in the outreach or help in the follow-up may contact Bro. Tee Hiang (HP: 86147420).



Top: Angeline and Madeleine (JSE team member) at our 3 June 2018 outreach.

Bottom: Niva, Pastor Rosita and Sharon (JSE team member) at the GII Filipino service.

GRACE FILIPINO MINISTRY (GFM)
Workers' Day

By Jeremy Retuta

It's worth knowing the historical background of Labour Day, a special day that celebrates the achievements of workers, and it is observed by many countries in the month of May. Thanks to the international labour movement, we now enjoy a good balance of work, recreation and rest. Isn't it rewarding to see the fruits of our labour? Imagine God when He celebrated the pinnacle of His creation: Man. He said it was "very good". We are created in the image of God, so we are also designed to experience our success by the fruits of our labour too. Most importantly, we were designed to have rest as God did on the seventh day of His creation.

To commemorate Workers' Day, Grace Filipino Ministry (GFM) took

the opportunity to thank Filipino Workers in Singapore with an event on 26 May 2019. Men had fun with indoor games like darts, and the ladies pampered themselves with free eyebrow grooming and nail art by GFM volunteers. There were also relay games pitting the men against the women, and the women's team emerged victoriously.

A celebration is not complete without food. Traditional Filipino snacks such as puto kutsinta (cake with grated coconut), puto with cheese (rice cake with cheese) and biko (glutinous rice with brown sugar) were also served at the event.

The "fruits" of the Worker's Day event were the joy of our 11 guests, as well as the laughter of all our brothers and sisters during the



1. & 2. Ladies enjoying free nail art and eyebrow grooming 3. The Men's Team receiving their game prize

fellowship. What made the event even more rewarding was seeing some of our invited guests return the following Sunday for church service because they were blessed by their experience and encounter with the Lord through GFM. Glory to God!



Is Hope Within Reach?

By Joe Chan, Head of REACH Youth Service

Isaiah 40:30-31

³⁰ Even youths grow tired and weary,
and young men stumble and fall;
³¹ but those who hope in the LORD
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.

As we celebrate Youth Day in the month of July, we are reminded that there are indeed some young people in our midst within our community who have grown tired and weary because of the circumstances that they are born in. Among them, some have also stumbled into the wrong company resulting in unhealthy behaviours and lifestyles. But in Isaiah 40:31, the Bible clearly promises that these young people can have the hope of renewal in God. Not only are they promised a renewed strength but to live at a new level and dimension altogether. For true transformation to take place in the lives of these vulnerable young people, they need helping hands and loving hearts from the outside and the transformation work of the Holy Spirit from the inside.

REACH, along with the Church can provide the helping hands and loving hearts, facilitating the youths to experience faith by being the conduit to help the lost, and those who are hurting experience the unconditional love of Christ; and model life with hope anchored in Christ.

So as we celebrate Youth Day this July, let us all be mindful that we can do more than just being spectators. We can be proactive to reach out to our young people who might just need someone to help them see the glimpse of hope in their lives.

Truly we believe that hope is within REACH and we urge you to be that person to extend this hope out together with us.

Today REACH Youth Service aims to be that safe haven where many more young people can discover and achieve their potential in life! For more information or to volunteer with us, please visit www.reach.org.sg/services.



Supporting each other.

Golfers Tee Off for Vulnerable Seniors



"I once read this from somewhere: One way to avoid being a slave to something of importance to you, is to give it away or share it with others. Hence, for me, donating to REACH Community Services Society (RCSS) is part of this exercise to avoid being a slave to money. RCSS is doing something meaningful and impactful for the greater good of our society, so why not channel some funds there?"
—Golfer and RCSS donor who wishes to remain anonymous

On 10 May 2019, more than 130 avid golfers gathered at Sembawang Country Club to play for a good social cause, and they raised more than S\$170,000 for RCSS that day.

A heavy thunderstorm took place the night before the event. Armed with prayers, the organising committee persevered, believing that God is able to provide good weather so the event could continue. And indeed, the skies cleared up and it was bright and sunny on the day of the event!

The funds raised will go towards meeting the physical and emotional needs of vulnerable seniors through a variety of active ageing programmes, such as our Community Café, befriending initiatives, group exercises and community engagement.

Thank you for your support and prayers for the REACH Charity Golf 2019. All glory to God for another successful charity golf event.



1. Enthusiastic golfers at Hole 10. 2. Golfers posing for group photo before teeing off for the game.

HEALING IN THE NATIONS

By Jasmin Low



In Matthew 10:1, Jesus has given his disciples the power to heal all kinds of sickness and diseases. And I am heartened to share that the ministries in Grace Assembly of God are going global, bringing God's healing into the lives of people.

The Healing Room Ministry and the Wholeness Ministry have gone into the nations to minister to people of different nations and tongues.

Healing Room Ministry

From February to May, the Healing Room ministers followed Pastor Matthew Tan into Vietnam and Cambodia to conduct healing services. Healings of those born deaf and dumb; who had poor eyesight and hearing, as well as those who had spinal injuries and limbs of unequal length took place. As the people experienced the healing miracles in the name of Jesus, screams and cheers were heard as they jumped for joy with tears welling up in their eyes! Testimony after testimony came flooding in as the Healing Room ministers prayed for the sick. The angels in the heavens must have been celebrating!



Top: A wheelchair-bound man got healed.

Bottom: A young lady getting healed from a back problem that has lasted for many years.

The Wholeness Ministry

Matters of the heart are complicated and our emotions can more often than not prevent us from becoming who God intends for us to be. That is why the members of the Wholeness Ministry strive to direct people to use their emotions to turn towards God. This year, the team headed to East Asia to minister to nearly eighty people. Individual ministry sessions took place, and strongholds were broken, curses renounced and godly beliefs restored.

During the teachings on 'Occult in Generational Patterns', the Lord revealed to a sister the times when her grandmother would drag her out from her sleep at midnight to perform occult rituals as a child. As a result, she was greatly traumatised and was often fearful.



The Wholeness Ministry team

At the session itself, the Lord miraculously delivered her and she felt peace and a burden lifted from her. The Lord also healed her of the trauma and she was able to forgive her grandmother.

The locals truly hungered for God. They were very receptive to the ministry and many testified to how God did a deep work of inner healing and deliverance in their lives. Many encountered God in a more intimate way.

As this is the month in which we want to emphasize God's heart for the nations, let us continue to pray for them, especially those which experience war, trauma, tragedy, poverty and injustice — that they will find healing and restoration in the stripes of Jesus Christ.

REACHING OUT TO FOREIGNERS HERE

By Lisa Tan, GII English Adults



Left: Lisa graduated from the 3rd batch of Kairos course in Grace Assembly.



Right: Every batch of Kairos participants would partake in a cross-cultural meal.

In Matthew 28:19, Jesus commands his disciples to go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Grace Assembly of God, as a missional church, aspires to fulfil the Great Commission.

The Holy Spirit touched my heart to do my part in reaching others for Christ. One day, as I was doing my quiet time, the Holy Spirit prompted me to sign up for the Kairos course. The nine lessons were enriching and opened my eyes to read the Bible in a missional way. Not only did the lessons bring awareness of the urgency to reach others for Christ, they also opened my eyes to my surroundings. I experienced what we have

always prayed for, and for the lost. Scales were removed from my eyes and I started to see the truth.

The sharing from Kairos facilitators further encouraged me to do local missions. Whenever one talks about missions, the first thing that comes to mind is, which country? But this way of thinking is so wrong! Not everyone is called to do overseas missions but everyone is called to be missional. There are many migrant workers in Singapore. Why share the gospel only in their hometowns? Why wait for the Church to inform us of scheduled mission trips? At any time, we can just walk out with our car keys or EZ-link card and share Christ with the migrant workers around us.

My main takeaway from Kairos is a reinforced desire to reach out to the unreached. Real missional work starts when we are ready to give up our time and comfort to do this.



3rd batch of Kairos participants in Grace Assembly



K I N G D O M C O M E

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Seeking and worshipping the Lord at the Grace Retreat



Getting ready for Pastor Peter Tsukahira's sermon



1. Preparing to set off for Kuala Lumpur. 2. Praying for the young people in the congregation. 3. The Executive Church Board members being prayed for. 4. Getting to know fellow Gracians through a game of bingo.



Serving with My Family

I was initially reluctant to serve in the Grace Retreat 2019 (GR2019) Committee due to heavy external commitments and hence a lack of confidence to do a solid job. However, I ultimately caved in to family pressure and ended up in my first committee meeting with four other familiar faces—my dad, mom, and my two elder sisters.

Serving with my family definitely had its pros and cons. The former being that any clarifications regarding Retreat across the different portfolios could be done almost instantaneously, with just a shout across the room. At the same time, I knew that I could completely trust my family with the help I needed since we were familiar with one another's strengths and weaknesses.

On the flip side, besides having almost every dinner conversation revolve around GR2019, drawing the lines between our family and work relationship was sometimes difficult, and Retreat-related arguments were often tough to diffuse. But the Lord certainly pulled us through, and having my family by my side was truly a blessing.

GR2019 itself was anything but easy. As a service manager (SM) for such a large-scale event with zero experience and knowledge, I was so stressed that my mom found a strand of white hair during one of the Retreat lunches! But God surrounded me with amazing people who took the time to guide, correct, encourage and support me throughout the five days. I want

to give a shout-out to my family, sisters Lee Choo and Grace, as well as the other SMs who agreed to serve, and even offered to serve more. You guys are fabulous!

As a participant at previous Retreats, I was never really moved whenever the organisers would say that it was by God's grace that the Retreat ran smoothly etc. It sounded like must-say clichés. But serving in the Retreat Committee this year certainly revealed a completely different perspective. Considering that we were still finalising details a week before Retreat, it really was by God's grace that GR2019 ran smoothly and was enjoyed by many. I thank God that many hearts were touched and opened.

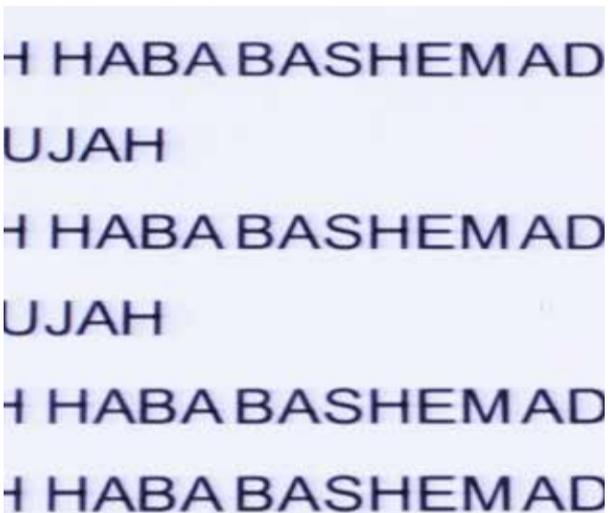
In closing, I encourage everyone to always be kind, and not to take for granted our brothers and sisters in Christ who try to accommodate each other. I also sincerely thank those who planted encouraging words (and hugs and concern) in the hearts of the Committee members along the way, because it really lifted our spirits during the 5 days.

All the best to Grace Retreat Committee 2020. Serving at Retreat has helped me grow and depend on the Lord. Even though it was tiring, it was most definitely a fulfilling journey! God bless!

Carol Chin (Programme Planning for Grace Retreat 2019)



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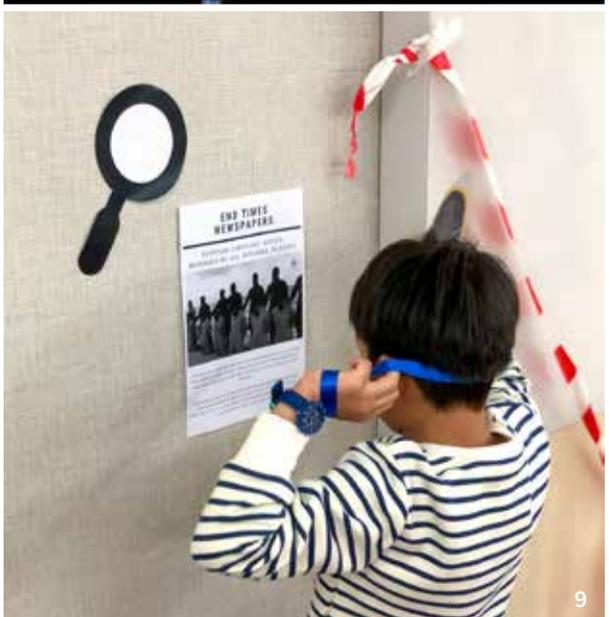
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An Amazing Encounter

During GR2019, I personally witnessed God's divine appointment and favour many times. From the simple things like being able to find a car park lot to getting empty tables at the food stalls, He simply watched over us and gave us everything we needed.

The morning services were very powerful, and each session energised me throughout the day despite having little sleep. The messages from Pastor Peter Tsukahira about Law and Grace, as well as his demonstration and teaching of the Jewish Passover stood out the most in my recollection of GR2019. The lesson on the Passover, in particular, gave me deeper insight into the life of Christ and what it would've been like for Him to break bread and drink wine with His disciples. Communion will never be the same for me after this lesson.

I also saw God's pursuing love towards a Malaysian sister-in-Christ whom I met at GR2019. She had drifted from God because of her commitment to her business. Through the Lord's intervention and appointment, one of the ministers from the Wholeness Ministry was able to walk this sister through her past hurts and suffering and enable her to release them to the Lord. As a result, she was able to walk free from self-condemnation, hurt and anger, while re-establishing God's lordship in her life.

This amazing encounter was made possible through Grace Retreat and the committee which was blessed with discernment of the Holy Spirit during their planning and organising.

Sister Ee Mein

5. Having a family picture taken at the photo booth. 6. Pastor Peter Tsukahira performing a Hebrew song. 7. Comforting and encouraging a fellow Gracian. 8. R-AGE youth demonstrating their creativity and teamwork. 9. A "secret agent" from the Children Ministry reading a notice. 10. Fun activities to help the little ones learn more about God. 11. Demonstration of the Passover meal.



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12. Young Adults and Young Professionals (YAYP) engaging in discussion. 13. Children Service in session. 14. R-AGE youth conquering obstacles during their daily quests. 15. GR2019 Committee Chairman Michael Lai and Senior Pastor Calvin Lee praying for Pastor Peter Tsukahira. 16. GR2019 Committee.

Answering Two Prayers with One Retreat

I was excited and looking forward to this year's Retreat as I was always travelling overseas in June for the past couple of years. GR2019's Kingdom Come was my first Retreat as a YAYP.

I've been going in and out of the Middle East to serve, work and study. However, I'm now in a season of life where I'm waiting on the Lord; quietening down and focusing on growing internally. It's not what I'm used to, as I'm often in 1,001 places and attending to more things than I should, but it's a necessary season.

At the retreat, the sermons affirmed this message as Pastor Peter Tsukahira shared about what it means to be part of God's kingdom on earth:

1. Obeying God's commandments and laws
2. Using our God-given gifts
3. Remembering our Sabbath

All these can take place wherever we are, where God has placed us—here and now.

One thing that Pastor Peter said struck me, and that was, sometimes we ask God for our calling, and if He were to answer by simply saying, "There is a woman who lives three apartments away from you. Someone needs to feed her. You go do it." Would we do it?

The YAYP Committee had set up a room with art and worship songs for us to hang out and meditate in. It was a nice place to just relax in the presence of God. During my time there, I felt Him prompting me to support a full-time staff here in Singapore. That was unusual because I normally channel funds towards organisations in the Middle East.

Later that night, during YAYP time, someone joined our cell discussion. Even though it was her first time meeting some of us, she opened up and shared that she was trying to raise some money for her full-time journey. That was the answered prayer for both of us! She let out a huge sigh of relief when I told her about what God said to me, because she was not sure if it was best to share with people she was meeting for the first time, yet God told her to.

GR2019 was a great time of reflection and catching up with friends—both new and old. May we always remember that we are a part of God's heavenly kingdom here, so let's continue being in God's presence daily because eternity doesn't start when we die. It begins now.

Esna Ong (YAYP)

Check out the full version of the Grace Retreat 2019 recap video on our church website at www.graceaog.org!

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DATES: 10, 17, 24, 31 Aug • 7, 14, 28 Sep • 5, 12 Oct

TIME: 9am – 12nn (except 12 Oct, 9am – 5pm)

CLOSING DATE: 13 July 2019

Sign up at <https://event.graceaog.org/>



Need more information? Find out more at the Missions Corner
at Grace@Tanglin or Grace@BukitBatok after Sunday services
or email to kairos@graceaog.org.

MISSIONS PLEDGES

Here are some updates!

Grace Missions budget for 2019:	\$2,000,000.00
Total amount collected from January–May 2019:	\$1,149,532.19
Grace Missions is still short of:	\$850,467.90

Your giving supports the work of our church planters in 10 countries across East Asia, Southeast Asia and South Asia. The money you give goes towards trainings and seminars, community outreach projects, etc. As we embark on local missions this year, we also need your support in this area. Praise God for your giving! May we continue to give unto the LORD as He has already given all to us!



MISSIONS EMPHASIS WEEKEND

13 & 14 JULY | GRACE@TANGLIN(GI) & GRACE@BUKITBATOK(GII)



MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A
HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL NATIONS.

MARK 11:17

A TASTE OF THE NATIONS

In conjunction with Missions Emphasis Weekend

Grace Missions and the Café Ministry are collaborating to bring you a taste of the nations during Missions Emphasis Weekend. With the theme of "wrapped" food in the menu, we hope to remind all Gracians that for every delicacy you place in your mouth, you consume the heritage, history and culture of that nation. Hence, we would like to remind all Gracians to remember the nations in their prayers as they eat the food.

Visit our Cafés at both GI and GII between the first and second services on 14 July 2019 for a chance to sample delicacies from the places that Grace Missions has works in.



1. Nepalese Momo 2. Indian Chapati 3. Chinese Soup Dumpling 4. Vietnamese Spring Roll

JULY 2019

2 Jul	Healing Room @ GI	GI L3 Emmaus, 7.30pm - 8.30pm
6 Jul	Marriage Mentoring Training by Focus on the Family	GI L2 Eden, 10am - 4pm
9 Jul	Healing Room @ GII	GII L2 Praise, 7.30pm - 8.30pm
13 & 14 Jul	Grace Missions Emphasis Weekend	GI / GII
13 & 27 Jul	Men's Bible Study	GI L5 Zion, 10am - 12nn
13 & 27 Jul	Women of Grace - Saturday Bible Study	GI L2 Eden, 10am - 12nn
19, 20, 27 Jul	Restored to Wholeness Seminar	GII L2 Love 19/7 (Fri): 7pm - 9pm 20/7 & 27/7 (Sat): 9am - 4.30pm
24 & 31 Jul	Women of Grace - Day Bible Study	GI L1 Gethsemane / GII L2 Love, 10am - 12nn

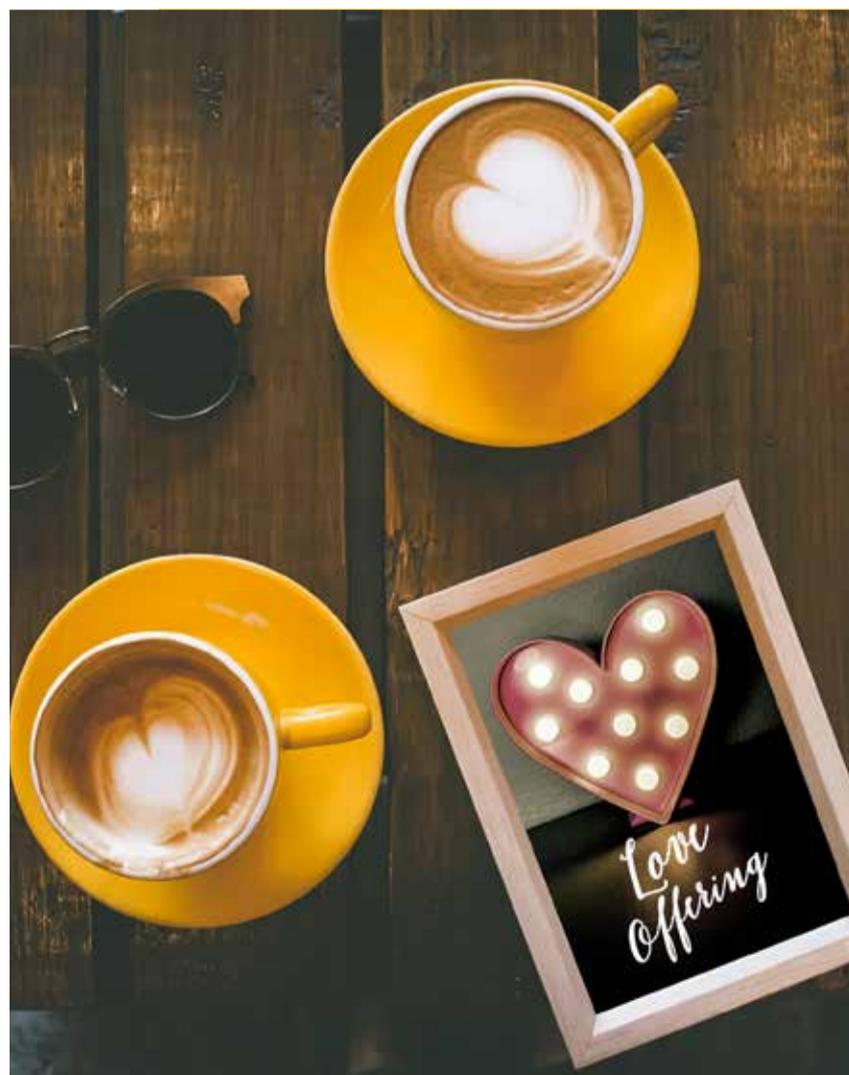
AUGUST 2019

3, 10, 31 Aug	Men's Bible Study	GI L5 Zion, 10am - 12nn
3, 17, 31 Aug	Women of Grace - Saturday Bible Study	GI L2 Eden, 10am - 12nn
3, 17, 31 Aug	Fathers' Mentoring Group	GI L3 Visitors' Lounge, 8.30am - 11.30am
6 Aug	Healing Room @ GI	GI L3 Emmaus, 7.30pm - 8.30pm
8 Aug	Thanksgiving Prayer for Singapore	GI L3 Bethel, 7.30pm - 9pm
10, 17, 24, 31 Aug	Kairos Course	GII
13 Aug	Healing Room @ GII	GII L2 Praise, 7.30pm - 8.30pm
14 & 28 Aug	Women of Grace - Day Bible Study	GI L1 Gethsemane / GII L2 Love, 10am - 12nn
16 Aug	Grace on Fire - Revival Meeting with Dr John Andrews	GI L3 Bethel, 7.30pm
17 Aug	Men's Seminar	GI L3 Emmaus, 9am - 12nn
17, 24, 31 Aug	Alpha Marriage	GII L2 Love, 9am - 4.30pm
29 Aug	Grace Discipleship 202 Family	GII L2 Love, 7.30pm - 9.30pm

SEPTEMBER 2019

3 Sep	Healing Room @ GI	GI L3 Emmaus, 7.30pm - 8.30pm
7 Sep	Men's Bible Study	GI L5 Zion, 10am - 12nn
10 Sep	Healing Room @ GII	GII L2 Praise, 7.30pm - 8.30pm
7, 14, 28 Sep	Women of Grace - Saturday Bible Study	GI L2 Eden, 10am - 12nn
14 & 28 Sep	Fathers' Mentoring Group	GI L3 Visitors' Lounge, 8.30am - 11.30am
18 & 25 Sep	Women of Grace - Day Bible Study	GI L1 Gethsemane / GII L2 Love, 10am - 12nn
19 & 26 Sep	Grace Discipleship 202 Family	GII L2 Love, 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Event details are subject to changes, please scan this QR code or go to Grace App for latest information & updates.



Love Offering at GI & GII Cafés

恩典一和恩典二咖啡馆将以爱心奉献取代买卖美食

Starting July, we will be running a pilot project at our cafes at both Grace@Tanglin (GI) and Grace@BukitBatok (GII). To ease administrative and operational processes, the cafes will switch from a charging basis to a love offering system at both locations.

Gracians are encouraged to drop their love offering into the love offering box. To bless more Gracians and guests, as well as to prevent wastage, take-aways are not encouraged. Do take only what you can consume at the premises.

We hope you will continue to enjoy the food and fellowship at the cafes! Thank you.

从七月开始，我们将在恩典堂@东陵（恩典一）和恩典堂@武吉巴督（恩典二）的咖啡馆实行试点项目。为了简化管理和运营流程，这两个地点的咖啡馆将从买卖交易转成爱心奉献方式。

在拿取食物时，我们鼓励恩友们将您的爱心奉献投入奉献箱里头。为了祝福更多的恩友和贵宾，以及避免浪费，我们也鼓励大家只在现场享用自己可以吃完的食物，而不要携带任何食物离开。

我们希望您继续在恩典咖啡馆享受美食和团契。谢谢！

Thanksgiving and Dedication of Grace@BukitBatok (GII)

By Selina Esther Lim

On 22 June, the Executive Church Board, staff and church members gathered at Grace@BukitBatok (GII) for a Thanksgiving and Dedication ceremony to celebrate the successful completion of the additions and alterations (A&A) works.

The ceremony started with a worship session led by Bro Simon Bay followed by a thanksgiving prayer by Senior Pastor Calvin Lee after reading Psalm 95:1-7. Thereafter, Pastor Calvin and Honorary Secretary Peter Lim cut the ribbons to symbolically begin the operations of the newly installed escalator located at level 1.

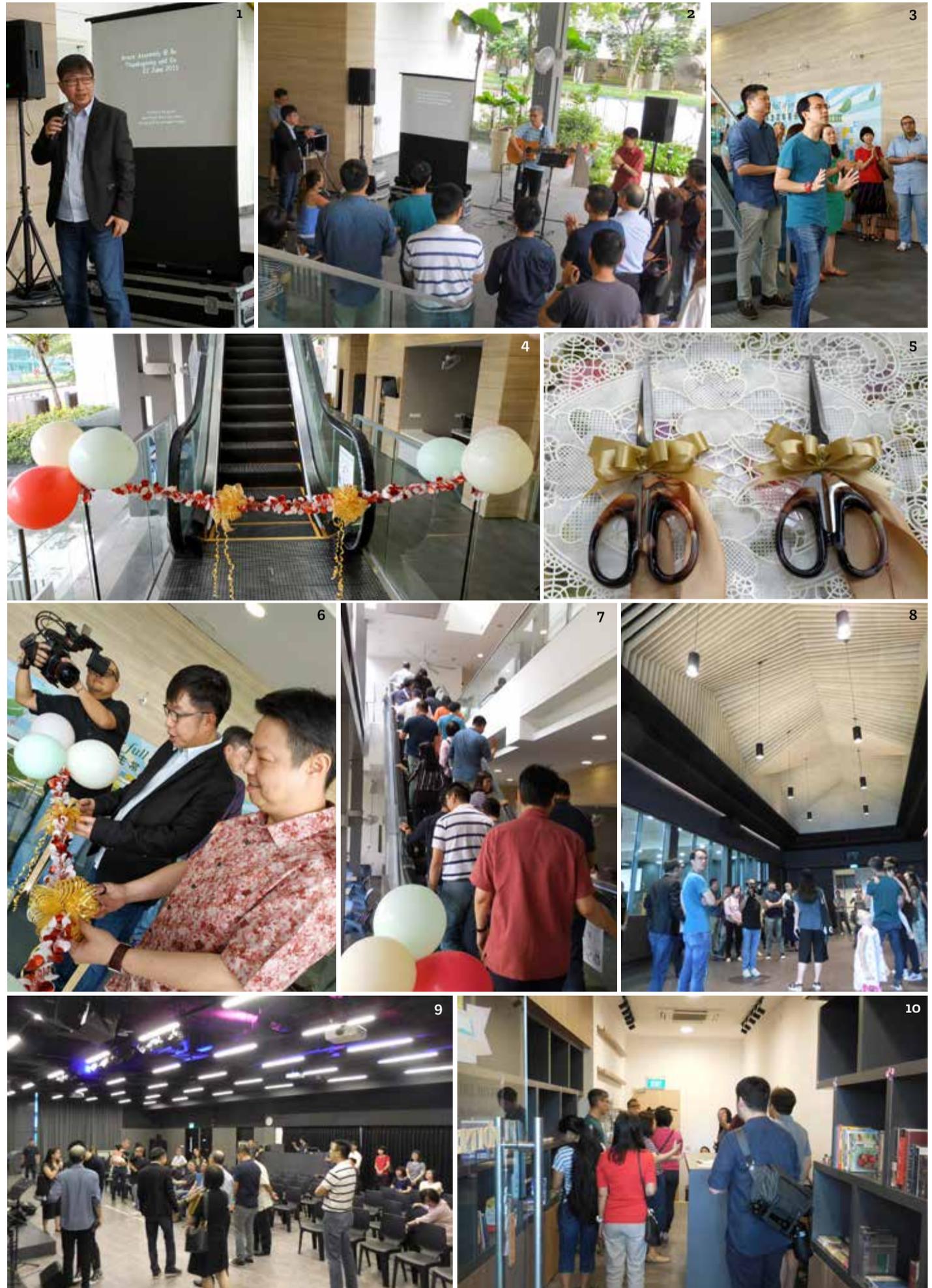
Everyone took the first ride on the escalator to the second level where the architect from the appointed firm gave a short tour and briefing on the A&A works that were undertaken in the last one year.

The A&A works included the following:

- Installation of an escalator that serves level 1 to 3
- Installation of new air-con system
- Widening of foyer area outside Sanctuary
- Addition of new rooms: Agape, Shalom, 1 & 2 John, Conference Room
- Refurbishment of selected rooms: Praise and Love
- Refurbishment of Grace Kitchen and Grace Bookstore with two-way access

We are grateful for God's provision and His hand upon the church throughout the A&A process and bringing it to fruition according to schedule.

May Grace@BukitBatok (GII) continue to be a lighthouse to touch more lives in the community!



1. Senior Pastor Calvin Lee addressing the guests. **2.** A time of worship led by Bro Simon Bay. **3.** Giving thanks and dedicating GII to the Lord
4. Nicely decked out and ready to roll. **5.** The essential tools to mark the important occasion. **6.** Pastor Calvin and Honorary Secretary Peter Lim cutting the ribbons to symbolically begin the new escalator's operations. **7.** The guests taking their first ride on the escalator. **8.** Many were awed by the high ceiling and roof design of the new Shalom Hall at L4. **9.** The new Agape Hall on L3. **10.** The refurbished Grace Bookstore with two-way access on L1.

恩典堂洗礼照片



1. 恩典一福建堂、粤语堂洗礼合照 2. 恩典一华语堂洗礼合照 3. 恩典二华语堂洗礼合照 4. 恩典二福建堂洗礼合照

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2019年中文家庭退修会《我们不一样》

6月16至19日，巴淡岛

今年一共有338人参与中文部《我们不一样》的家庭退修会。最小的5个月大，最年长的92岁。这是近几年来出席人数最多的一次。其实，在报名截止的两周前，报名人数就已经超过了酒店的限制，许多恩友都被列入了等候名单。确实的，要不是酒店的客房爆满，我相信还有更多人能够参与这次的退修会，去等候父神，与耶稣亲近，经历圣灵，领受神话语的喂养。我为著他们的愿意，献上感恩的祭。我为著中文部的复兴，献上赞美！我们当中有一位报了名的弟兄，在营会三天前，因心脏病爆发，而被主接回天家。但他的4名家属仍坚持要在丧礼过后，乘坐晚上的渡轮参加退修会。他们的信心和渴慕，让我非常地感动。

教会这两年的主题是《平凡中的非凡》。今年，我们更进一步地以弗5:15-16，思想《活在非凡的时代》。这段经文提醒我们，现今的世代邪恶。我们虽然身处在这世界里，但我们不属于这世界。我们都是耶稣从世界中拣选的（约15:19）。所以，这次在大会里，我们从新被提醒，认识主拣选我们目的和使命，并且也认识自己和我们所面对的世界。

这次《我们不一样》的退修会，让我们对自己在耶稣基督里的身份有所认知，为何和如何我们与别人不一样，以至我们可以为主分别为圣。此外，教会是基督的身体，每位弟兄姐妹都是不一样，拥有不同的恩赐，是不同的肢体。百节各按各职，照著各体的功用彼此相助，便叫身体渐渐增长（弗4:16）。

营会其中一项目目，就是在第三天下午，我们安排了一个《活出不一样》的外展活动。我们与当地的教会和神学院合作，邀请了他们喂养计划当中的280多位贫困儿童，一起度过一个愉快的时光。我们一起敬拜，一起学舞蹈，一起玩游戏。孩子们不但有得吃，还得到委员们和恩友们预备的礼物。饭后，我们也提供了雪糕给他们。表面看起来，好像是在祝福他们，可是事实恰恰相反。我们参与外展活动的142位恩友当中，大多都一致认为，是这些280名孩子们大大地祝福了我们。看到他们唱诗歌或祷告的时候，都闭上眼、高举双手、尽心、尽性、尽力的敬拜我们的神，我们都被受大大地感动。这些银幕，都实在是太美了，荣耀归于耶稣！不但如此，有一位恩友，当下就马上捐赠了新币3千元，赐福这个喂养计划在巴淡岛的事工。哈利路亚！

在这几天的退修会里，大家都敞开心，尽情地敬拜，专心地听道，殷勤地服侍，与真诚地团契。感谢神让我们重新得力。愿神的国度，通过我们的不一样，在爱里合一，发光做盐。愿我们在这非凡的时代中，活出荣神益人的生命，影响世界，赢得世界。让我们继续活出不一样，阿门！

陈善瀚弟兄
大会主席



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9. 儿童团契

林万兴牧师 (大会讲员)

这次的营会，我看到个个年纪都很大，不过在跳舞时大家都摇著手参与，这教会的属灵气氛是非常好的。在整个营会当中上帝都与我们在。我觉得大家的参与感很好。感谢主给这间教会有那么多人渴望上帝的道。我相信这一次是能够让大家有很大生命的改变。

蔡惠秋博士 (大会讲员)

感谢上帝，也谢谢神召会恩典堂的邀请，让我能够参加这次的家庭营。对于我过去服侍主的经验来说，这一次家庭营的主题「我们不一样」在感受上也真的符合这样的主题——我们不一样。那我们不一样在哪里呢？我们有很多团契的时间，我们有充足休息的时间，我们也有充足领受上帝话语的时间。所以跟牧师，传道，和弟兄姐妹们，我们都有很平衡、愉快，不会很急、也不会很散漫的家庭营。整个大会的安排实在是非常的美好。今年的家庭营给我非常难忘的回忆。感谢你们，也谢谢上帝。我们不一样！

王紫璇姐妹 (事务同工)

我们不一样！今年的退修会对我来说，是特别的、是感动的、是铭记的。在神的话语中，我再一次被神提醒我们是属于神的群体，是被神拣选的，要活出不一样的生命。在社区儿童的敬拜中，我再次被神提醒我们要忠于神的呼召，完成大使命。

廖圆圆姐妹

大家好，我叫廖圆圆，来自广东堂。很感激主的带领，让我有机会参加这次巴淡岛的退修会。我在退修会中的灵命有非常高的提升和影响，感谢主。特别是这一次的喂养计划，让我和小孩子们亲密接触。以前我是很害怕接触小孩的，但是经过这一次的经历，让我很勇敢的去跟他们交谈和交流。这一切都是主的恩赐，哈利路亚！

曾文来传道 (委员)

非常好，感谢主，在这里面学习到我们能够在这个时代里面活出不一样的生命。我们的确要认识我们自己，认识我们的神，要认识我们的群体。我们在一起的时候，看到我们的不一样，却持守同一个信仰，整个人生中有很大的盼望，给我们一个很大的推动力。总得来说：承主恩典，战兢完工，愿主旨意，成就其中。面向世界，我们无伪，面向未来，我们无畏。我们不一样，与恩友共勉。

黄慧萍Bebe姐妹 (委员)

知道当退修会委员的苦——需要九个月的时间筹备、必须在忙碌的工作中偷闲来准备、应付退修会所有意料之中和意料之外的状况、会议在凌晨三点钟结束、等等。

那些可爱的气球装饰和照相亭、那些可口的咖啡茶热巧克力和饼乾、那些优秀的敬拜和游戏、那些美美的传单和视频、那些有系统的交通住宿和饮食、还有其他所有的那些和那些，都是队友们无私的付出。

还有我们很重要的椅子男-主席。他早早起来早早（凌晨）歇息，就为了确保把大家都照顾的好好的。

经历了后，获益良多。我们看似做了很多，得到的却更多，进一步明白基督长阔高深的爱。

这个退修会委员会，没有私人利益、没有尔虞我诈、没有结党营私。

这个退修会委员会，有以马内利、有从心和一、有信望爱。在基督里，我们与世界不一样！

黄钰方Yvette姐妹 (委员)

今年的退修会主题：《我们不一样》

这次我们真的不一样、其中一天我们去了喂养计划、来了280多名贫穷的学生。我们买了礼物、食物和雪糕给他们。这些都是金钱上的举动。

但是他们给我们的是与神的感动、他们唱诗歌的时候、都是闭上眼、高举双手的来敬拜神、虽然我们听不懂的语言但是心里的感动让我们参与的140多位弟兄姐妹都有感触。

梁咏恩Lydia姐妹 (委员)

感谢主让我有机会成为今年退修会中的委员。在当中有很多能够让我学习的地方，从开初的构思，到真正在退修会的里头，都有遇到大大小小，出乎预料的情况，但靠著主的恩典、队员们的委身与顺服，一切都迎刃而解。在退修会中，神的同在超然的临到，每个弟兄姐妹都投入的跳舞、举手赞美，在神面前俯伏敬拜，真的确实感到在基督里的合而为一。我们虽然不一样，却同是基督的肢体，愿一切荣耀颂归给全能的神。

GRACE I SERVICES

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

SATURDAY 2 PM

Elevate @ R-AGE Youth (15-19 Yrs Old)	Agape	Level 3
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SATURDAY 5 PM

English Service	Chapel	Level 4
Grace Kids (4-10 Yrs Old)	Praise	Level 2

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 (11-14 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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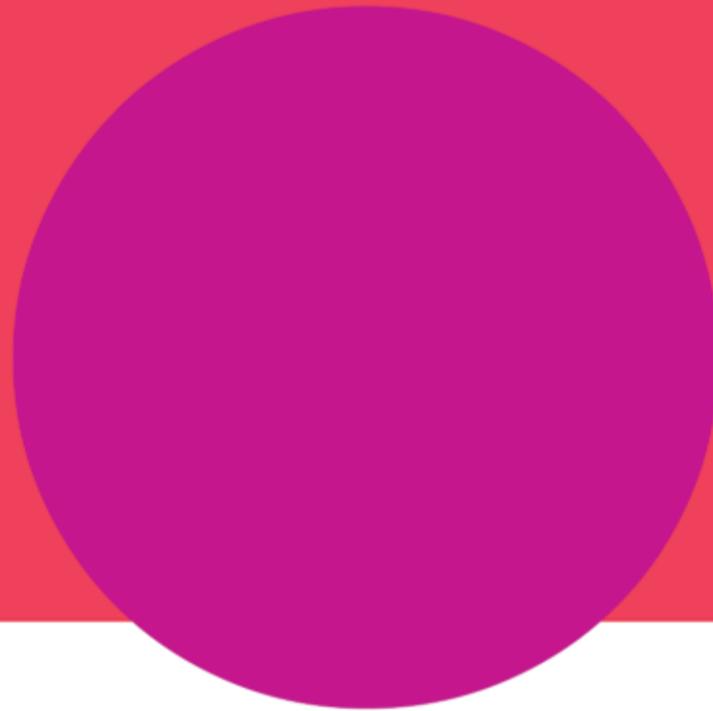
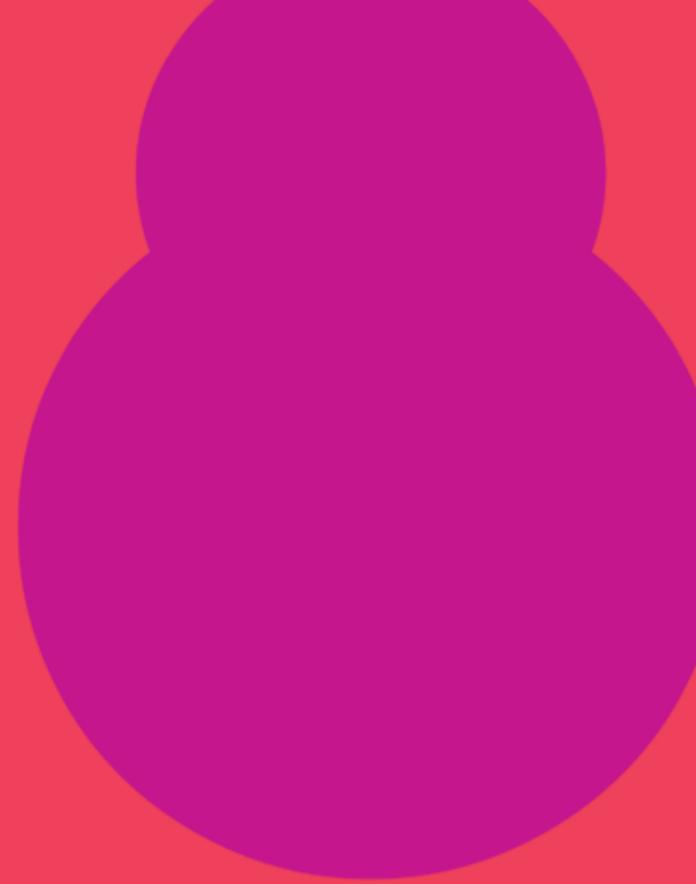
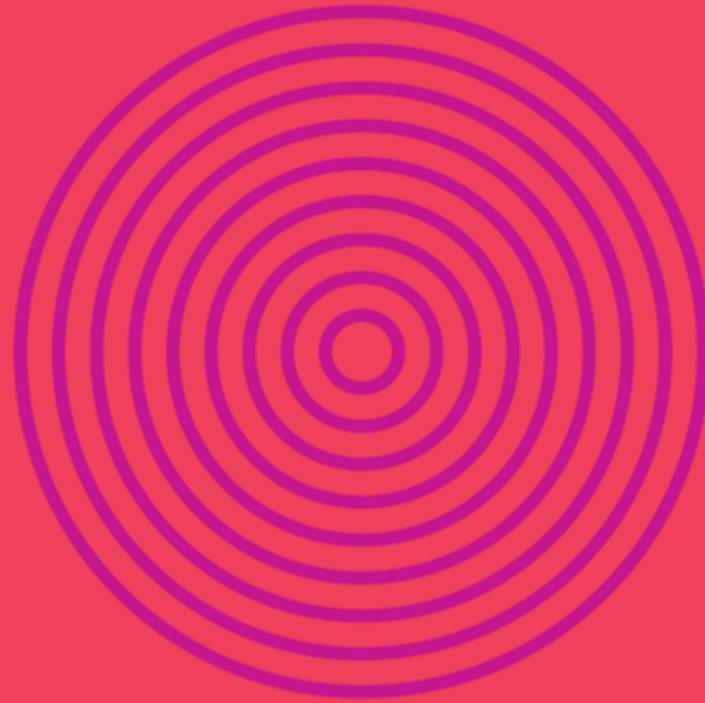
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L3 Bethel

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让我们一同聚集，为著神对我们国家所施的美善献上
赞美、祷告与感谢！

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you"...Acts 1:8

GRACE ON FIRE

An evening of Fresh Anointing and Breakthroughs with Dr John Andrews

16 AUGUST · FRIDAY

GRACE@TANGLIN · L3 BETHEL · 7.30 PM



WRITE-UP OF SPEAKER:

Dr John Andrews is a leader, teacher, motivator and author.

John has ministered in over 30 nations of the world with a passion to equip and inspire leaders as well as empower followers of Jesus into effective lifestyle and service.

John has been a blessing to the churches in Singapore and to Grace at Grace Retreat 2018. He speaks from a life of conviction and inspires God's people to rise up to God's tremendous purposes for their lives.

His meetings are filled with the strong presence of the Holy Spirit with many receiving their breakthroughs for their lives. He preaches God's Word poignantly and potently for every season of the believer's life and the life of the corporate church.

Calling all Gracians! Get ready to receive His Fresh Fire from on high!

Let's all come together on that evening to receive a fresh impartation of His anointing and power for our lives and ministries. Come and soak in the presence of God and let Him strengthen and empower you to be that victorious overcomer.

Dr Andrews comes with a word of God on his heart for us at this season. And we believe, that evening is the appointed time when our church collectively will receive His fire from above and become Grace on Fire.

MEN'S SEMINAR

with
Dr John Andrews

17 August 2019

9am - 12nn

Grace@Tanglin

L3 Emmaus

\$5

(includes a tea break)

SCHEDULE

09:00-09:30	Worship
09:30-10:30	Session 1
10:30-11:00	Tea break
11:00-12:00	Session 2

Finding Rest in the Race

Day seven of the first week of creation was day one for our newly created parents, a day in which God decided that He and they should rest! In the first day without boundary, the Lord invited the pinnacle of His creation into His rest to be with Him, enjoying His presence before engaging with His purpose. In the glory of their first day, the Lord wanted them to learn to *work from rest* and not simply rest from work!

As men of the households, you are often caught in the mad race between work and home, sometime at the expense of your physical, emotional and spiritual health. Learn this crucial lesson from the anointed teacher of God. Dr John Andrews is an author, speaker and teacher with a passion to equip and inspire leaders, as well as empowering followers of Jesus into effective lifestyle and service.

Registration closes on 4 August! For further enquiries, email to mbs@graceaog.org or call 64100804.

