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## One Year!

As the saying goes, 'Time flies!' It has been a year since we moved out of 355 Tanglin Road.

Looking back, I am indeed thankful to God for His gracious hand upon us. All services at Furama Riverfront Hotel, My Saviour's Church as well as J333 at St John's St Margaret's Church are running smoothly. Again, I want to say a word of thanks especially to the Logistic Team who has worked tirelessly for the past year.

Looking forward, I am asking the Lord to lead us step by step as we prepare to move back to 355 Tanglin Road, eventually. There are a number of things on my mind at this point.

Firstly, we need to work out a new structure so that we can be more effective in moving the Church forward. Secondly, we need to seek God for stronger thrust in the overall missional direction for the Church. Thirdly, we need to map out the manpower development plan for both full time staff and laity. Fourthly, we need to strengthen the hearts of every Gracian to love God more and experience the power of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

By the grace of God, we will be moving back in the 2nd half of 2015.

I believe the move back represents a new chapter for Grace, and the preparation for that new chapter begins now.

It has been an exciting journey thus far, and also a journey of faith as we continue to trust the Lord to lead us each step of the way.

I covet your prayers for the leadership of the Church that His wisdom and strength be upon us.

Let us continue to love the Lord with all our hearts and reach out to people around us with the love of God.

Senior Pastor  
Ps Calvin Lee

## the person and work of the Holy Spirit

BY Rev Paul Epton

*Here's the concluding article on the Person and Work of the Holy Spirit by Rev Paul Epton.*

*Pastor Paul has ministered with the Elim Pentecostal Churches of Great Britain for over 45 years. As the founding Pastor of Wirral Christian Centre he has been able to plant 21 Churches in the UK, as well as Churches, Schools, orphanages and mission clinics in many countries throughout Africa, also in India and Poland.*

*Preaching and teaching in over twenty countries he is also the author of 'Love in Action' describing the role he has played in dealing with Social issues which have led to Homes for the Elderly and Nurseries for younger children, and employment for a large number of people.*

*Pastor Epton ministered to us powerfully in a Sunday service at Furama Hotel last year and many were touched by his ministry.*

The ministry of the Holy Spirit is truly amazing. Jesus said in John 14:16 that 'the Father will give you another counsellor.' The word for counsellor is so much more than advisor or helper, it speaks of one who will stand as at your side when you are in trouble with the law.

It is this aspect of the ministry of the Holy Spirit which we will briefly look at. Firstly, we remember that the Holy Spirit has many ministries to the Church and to the world at large. In John 16:7-16, we see the Holy Spirit coming to 'convict' the world of sin, righteousness and judgement. In addition to this ministry to us, it is also important for us to keep a daily walk with God and to be filled daily with the power of the Holy Spirit.

In Paul's teaching to the Romans he shows us some truths which open our minds even further to yet another ministry of the Holy Spirit. Paul talks in Romans 8:25 about hope, and because we hope for what we do not have we wait patiently. There is so much more in Christ for you and me. Paul then expands upon this and shows us that not only is the Spirit helping you to wait in hope, but the Spirit is coming alongside you to actually do what you cannot do. In other words He takes over when you can go no further; look at verses 26-27, 'but the Spirit himself intercedes for us'.

This is so clear - the Holy Spirit is praying for you, and more! He is praying with you, and though you are weak, He is strong. No, more than strong! He actually takes your prayer at the point where you can go no further and He intercedes for you. He does so, 'with groans that words cannot express'.

It is so helpful to remember that when we come to the end of ourselves, and praying in our native language comes to its end, then speaking in tongues is the Heaven-sent extension to your prayer life. No wonder Paul says in 1 Corinthians 14:18 'I speak in tongues more than you all'. And yet he teaches here in Romans that beyond our prayer life, and beyond that 'extension' to prayer life in tongues, there is a further ministry - the ministry of God the Holy Spirit. He is doing what you cannot do, He is praying what you cannot pray, you are not on your own.

There is a key to accessing this amazing support, and it starts in your prayer life:

- Pray - indeed 'pray without ceasing', and have a meaningful prayer life everyday
- Tongues - use the gift God has given you, and if you as yet are not 'baptised in the Holy Spirit' seek this urgently with all your heart
- Remember - the Holy Spirit will take over at the end of your own prayer
- He will minister - in verse 27 we see that He will search our hearts and He will intercede for the saints in accordance with God's will

When you have prayed, and fully given over your heart and your hearts desires, then you rely and even depend upon the truth of verse 28, 'We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.'

The Holy Spirit is our comforter, counsellor, guide, and so much more. He will give you 'power' - the power to live for Jesus in your world, the power and ability to walk this world in righteousness. Truly the Holy Spirit makes the difference between mediocrity and living the dynamic Christian life.

You never reach a destination without starting the journey. So, receive the Holy Spirit, maintain a positive prayer life, use the gifts God has given. And grow, progressing to become the child of God He has destined you to be.



Sermon Series 2014

## ACTS OF THE MISSIONAL SPIRIT

Second Quarter – Rise of the Church on His Mission Acts 1-9

### SYNOPSIS

From April onwards, we will explore 'The Acts of the Missional Spirit'. We will learn what Jesus did in the power of the Spirit in his own ministry and how the early church continued to share the message of Christ in the power of the Spirit and to fulfil His mission from Jerusalem to Rome. God's Spirit gave the early growing church its power, integrity, and perseverance. Through this series on the Book of Acts, we will be encouraged that the Spirit can give to each of us courage and boldness, empower us for service, overcome our ignorance and prejudice, break down our racial and cultural walls, and send us out on His mission. The Missional Spirit will enable us to be His faithful witness and become a genuine community, something which our current world desperately longs for.

1. Mission Possible! – The Promise of the Missional Spirit Acts 1:1-11
2. Epic Encounter – The Missional Spirit is Poured Out on the Church Acts 2
3. Power Unleashed – Signs, Wonders and Boldness of the Church Acts 3:1-4:31
4. Drop Dead Deception – Ananias and Sapphira Lie to the Spirit Acts 4:32-5:11
5. Prison Break – Apostles Rescued from Persecution Acts 5:12-42; 12:1-24
6. Braveheart – The Story of Stephen Acts 6:15-8:36
7. Supernatural – Phillip Obeys the Spirit Acts 8:4-40
8. The Transformer – Saul: from Persecutor to Preacher Acts 8:1a; 9:1-31



## april - june corporate calendar

APR		
4-6	(Fri-Sun)	MISSIONS CONFERENCE (Combined) - Ps Alun Davies
17 & 18 (PH)	(Thu-Fri)	GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE (English) - Ps Sam Farina
20	(Sun)	WATER BAPTISM @ GI (English)
MAY		
9	(Fri)	LADIES EMPOWERMENT MEETING (English) - Dr Naomi Dowdy
17 & 24	(Sat)	GDP SEMINAR (English) [Baptism And The Gifts Of The Holy Spirit] - Ps David Lim
JUN		
1	(Sun)	GLOBAL DAY OF PRAYER
8-12	(Sun-Thu)	CHINESE CHURCH CAMP (Chinese)
12-16	(Thu-Mon)	GRACE RETREAT (English)

**Good Friday** is the time where we remember our Lord's crucifixion and death. This one event procured for us our redemption and salvation.

Let our pre-believing friends and family hear the Good News too, so that their sin can be forgiven and that they can receive Christ's invitation to eternal life.

Details of the services are listed below.

**Speaker:** Ps Sam Farina

**Venue:** GII, L2 Sanctuary

**Date & Time:** 17 April, Thurs @ 7:30pm & 18 April, Fri @ 11:15am



### Clothed with Power



apr - jun: **families revived!**

## J333 (apr)

Dates: 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 Apr

Location: SJSM

Time : 7:30 - 8:30pm

*Prayer for the sick is on every 3rd Wednesday of the month.*

*Invite your friends and relatives to come and experience God's healing power!*

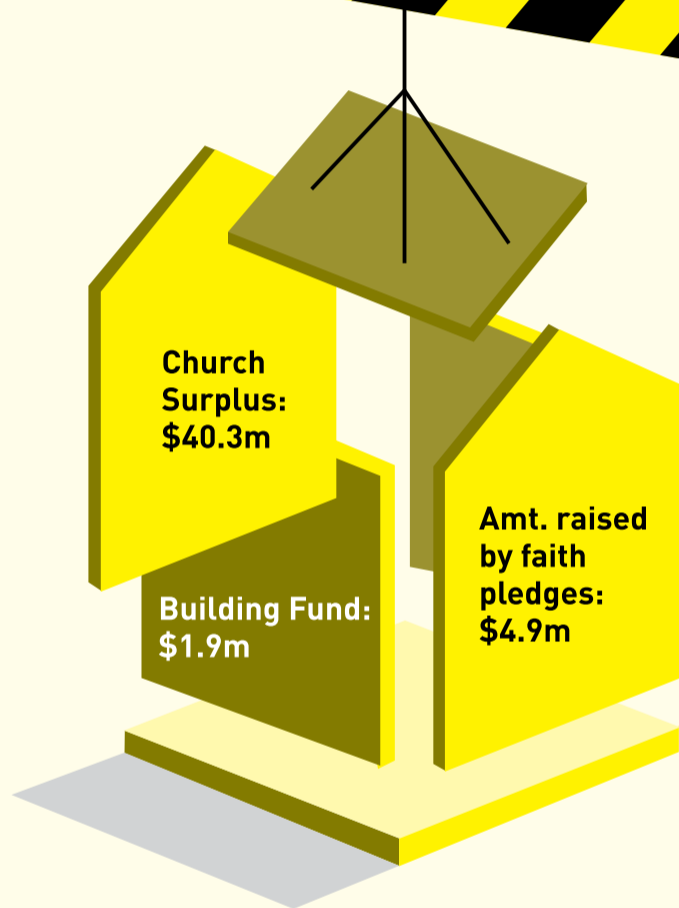
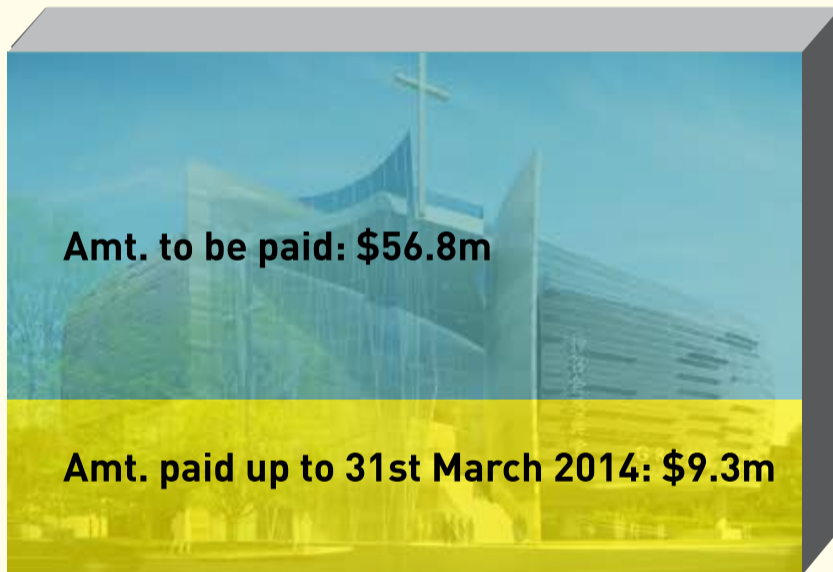
# GI redevelopment updates

Fund available for Grace I Redevelopment as at 31st March 2014.

We are short by \$10.1m ≈ to 2,026 bricks.

Please continue to pray fervently that the Lord will meet our shortfall.

Progress of the payments to contractor:-



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## BUILDING FUND PLEDGE GIVING

Thank you for pledging to the building fund.

Here's how you can give:

- 1. Giving through cheque payment**  
Please make cheque payable to "Grace Assembly of God" and indicate behind the cheque "Building Fund" and drop into the offering bags during service.
- 2. Giving through Internet Banking**  
We encourage the more IT savvy members to use the Electronic Funds transfer ( EFT )

This service is free as there will not be any charges from the bank. Simply set up your payee profile with the following information:

Name of Account : GRACE ASSEMBLY OF GOD  
 Bank : DBS  
 Bank code : 7171  
 Branch code : 006  
 Account No : 0069016094  
 Type of Account : Autosave

Please do not leave spaces or dashes for account number. There should be 10 digits only.

- 3. Giving cash through offering bags**  
You may give cash by using the "building fund" envelope and drop into the offering bags during Sunday services.

*NOTE: For those who have not filled up a pledge card, please fill it up and put inside the Building Fund envelope together with your cash or cheque. The amount pledged may be given monthly.*



**Topic:** An Empowered Life  
**Speaker:** Dr. Naomi Dowdy  
**Date:** 9th May 2014  
**Time:** 7.30pm  
**Venue:** GII Sanctuary

## ladies empowerment meeting

All ladies of Grace, have you been wondering how God can take you to the next level of effectiveness and realize the potential He has placed in your life? Come for this meeting specially organized for you! Dr. Dowdy is a dynamic speaker and teacher of God's Word. Hear her share from her rich life experiences and on how God can empower you to reach out and touch lives.

Kindly register with [bee.lian@graceaog.org](mailto:bee.lian@graceaog.org).

### Speaker's Profile:

Dr Naomi Dowdy is a pioneer missionary. More than forty years ago, she made the shift from being a business woman in California to become a young missionary to the Marshall Islands. Moving from island to island to preach the gospel, she battled loneliness and culture shocks, while breaking open coconuts for food and drink. During that time, she built churches, a Bible School and dormitories. Her responsibilities were as wide and varied as the islands of Micronesia across which she traveled to nurture church planting sites.

En route to her next assignment, she stopped over in Singapore, where she was approached to pastor a church with, as she puts it, 42 members and 75 problems. She heard the audible voice of God to take on the assignment, to move from the role of an evangelist to that of a pastor. After arguing with God (and losing that argument), she became the interim pastor.

The 'interim' period turned out to be almost 30 years. By the time she turned the church over to her spiritual sons and daughters, Trinity Christian Centre in Singapore had grown into a church of global impact, with more than 4000 in attendance, a global missions program and three freehold properties in the land-scarce city state. Today, Dr. Dowdy is helping a new generation of leaders fulfill God's calling upon their lives. She mentors church leaders, business leaders, and men and women in strategic leadership positions. She is inspiring and raising a new generation of world-changers.

## april staff birthday celebration



birthday boys and girls: Ps Alvin, Ps Jasvin, James and Grace

**ARE YOU FULLY CHARGED?**

ON  
19 to 22 June

AT  
Girls' Brigade Centre  
(Upper Serangoon)

FOR  
Primary 3 to 6 children

WITH SPEAKER  
Rev Nicholas Choo

COST  
\$65

Registration begins on  
29/30 March!

For enquiries, email us at  
graceaog.vbc2014@gmail.com.

**POWER BANK**  
GK VACATION BIBLE CAMP '14

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## position available

The church is looking for someone who has the passion to serve and join the administrative team as:

### ACCOUNTS ASSISTANT

#### Key Responsibilities

- Manage full sets of accounts including AP, AR, GL & FA
- Generate management accounts for review
- Manage petty cash
- Process payments to vendors
- Monitor bank balance & Fixed deposit placements
- Prepare audit schedules

#### Requirements

- Diploma in Accounting/Finance (minimum requirement)
- Knowledge of Excel & Word
- Bilingual in English and Mandarin
- Knowledge of Navision software an added advantage
- At least few years of working experience

Interested applicants are invited to submit detailed resume indicating work experience, current and expected salary and a recent photograph to:

Grace Assembly of God  
1 Bukit Batok West Avenue 4 Singapore 659125

Or email to [sally.chow@graceaog.org](mailto:sally.chow@graceaog.org)

## grace missions

Sign ups are open for Grace Groups and individuals for the upcoming Riau missions trips:

- 26th -27th April, Karimun
- 21st-22nd June, Tanjung Uban
- 11th July, Batam
- 23rd -24th Aug, Tanjung Pinang

Please pray for God's protection, the Holy Spirit's leading, strength & good health for the following mission trippers:

- East Asia – STMT Trips  
06/04/2014 to 13/04/2014  
Ps Patrick Lee and 7 trippers
- Tanjong Uban – Teaching Trips  
19/04/2014 to 20/04/2014  
Rev Peck Yin, Bro Michael Tan and 2 trippers
- Vietnam – Preaching Trips  
19/04/2014 to 21/04/2014  
Rev Calvin Lee and Sis Charis Leo
- Pakistan – Supervisory Trips  
24/04/2014 to 01/05/2014  
Ps Ben Koh, Bro Matthew Tan and Bro Joseph Lum
- Nepal – Supervisory Trips  
25/04/2014 to 07/05/2014  
Rev. Matthew Wai and Sis Chee Sow Mui
- Karimun – SDMT  
26/04/2014 to 27/04/2014  
Rev Peck Yin and 5 trippers

## Grace prison ministry

### In-Care

Grace Prison Ministry serves to minister to male and female prison inmates in Changi prison through fortnightly Sunday chapel services. Our vision is to bring God's love and Christ's redeeming grace to the prisoners, so that their lives will be transformed.

Our motivation comes from Isaiah 42:3 "...a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; ..." and Matthew 25:40, "... whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

### After-Care Integration program

Grace Prison Ministry is embarking on a new After-Care Integration Program (AIP) to befriend our 'returning' brothers and sisters. We are looking for Individuals, Grace groups and families who have the passion of being a befriender, to provide emotional and spiritual support for these brothers and sisters, and their families.

We also welcome volunteers who are conversant in their mother tongue, trained in counselling, mentoring, social work or who can run relevant enrichment courses.

If you are interested to find out more, please write to Pastor Wai Ching at [wai.ching@gmagnet.com](mailto:wai.ching@gmagnet.com) or call her at 91858025.



## Grace Discipleship Process

### MINISTERING SPIRITUAL GIFTS

This seminar takes us into the essential nature of spiritual gift ministry. Once you understand how the Spirit works through you incarnationally, you gain confidence in exercising spiritual gifts. This will be more than a theology session. We will follow the teaching with the laboratory sessions to actually exercise gifts.

It is amazing how simple it is to exercise gifts once we gain confidence in the biblical teaching on how God works through us and we learn to evaluate what is happening when the Holy Spirit touches our spirit! Then you will understand how the church must incarnate itself in the world, empowered by the Spirit, representing Christ to others.

17 May: Spirit Baptism – The Key to Breakthrough  
 24 May: How Justified People Live by the Spirit of God  
 Time: 9.30am - 1.30pm  
 Venue: GII Sanctuary  
 Fees: \$10 for one day; \$15 for both days.

Please register at the GDP Counter.  
 Registration closes on 4 May.

For further information, please write to  
 GDP@graceaog.org.



## Alpha COURSE RECRUITMENT

The Alpha Course is an introduction to the Christian faith for pre-believers and new believers. It will run weekly for 12 weeks with talks by Nicky Gumbel. It is a highly relational course where guests have lunch together and can ask any questions they have regarding the Christian faith.

### Church Wide Alpha Course

Venue : GII, Bukit Batok West Avenue 4  
 Date : 12 Saturdays (28 June – 27 September 2014)  
 Time : 12 noon - 3 pm

We are currently recruiting Alpha helpers. If you have a heart for new believers and pre-Christians, here are the roles that we need for the upcoming Alpha. It will be a rewarding and meaningful time of service.

- Group leaders/facilitators (L1 & L2)
- Group helpers (befriender) (H1 & H2)
- Administration & registration
- Worship team
- Set up/food server
- Intercessor
- Event coordinator (taking photos, advertising, newsletter, games for weekend away, etc.)
- "Technician" (setting up the video, sound system, etc.)

If you are interested, you may sign up or find out more at the booth after the service on 20th & 27th April. Alternatively, you can contact Andy Tan at 97620638 or email andy.tanel@hotmail.com with the role you would like to take up. For those who wish to serve in the capacity as an L1 & L2, we would like you to attend training on 10th May, Sat (9am to 1 pm) at GII.

## YAYP workshop: market place ministry by Jason Wong

How does one influence the culture in society, especially where we are called to study or work? Listen to how Jason Wong's spiritual insights and also his testimonies of how God worked through him through the prisons transformation and the Yellow Ribbon Project. Jason was also the person behind the "Dads for Life" movement that inspired fathers nationwide to spend more time with their children. By listening to how God has used him in influencing the society, it will inspire you to ask God for the same in your lives wherever God has placed you. All are welcomed!

**Date:** 26th April 2014 (Sat)

**Time:** 1pm -3:30 pm

**Venue:** GII, L2 Praise Room

**Speaker:** Jason Wong

Please register with Cheong.LayHar@graceaog.org with your name and mobile number by 23rd April 2014.

### About the Speaker

Jason Wong initiated the Yellow Ribbon Project and the Dads for Life movement in Singapore. He has held various leadership positions in the public service, including Director of Prisons, CEO of SCORE, and Senior Director with MSF. He is married and has 2 teenage children.

<http://www.straitstimes.com/premium/forum-letters/story/focus-family-the-new-year-20140114>

[http://ccis.sg/downloads/ccis\\_magazine2013\\_From\\_Dad\\_with\\_Love.pdf](http://ccis.sg/downloads/ccis_magazine2013_From_Dad_with_Love.pdf)

<http://ccis.sg/jason/>



# Grace missions testimonies

This month Grace Missions will be featuring two encouraging testimonies from our church planters in Pakistan. Despite the persecution faced by local believers, we thank God that the Church in Pakistan is one of the fastest growing Christian communities in the region.

## MANY RESPOND TO THE CALL FOR INTERCESSION

I am currently serving the Lord in Khurampura. I am a young pastor with a vision to see young people worshiping Jesus. With this vision, I focus much of my evangelism efforts on the young, and many youths became members of my church.

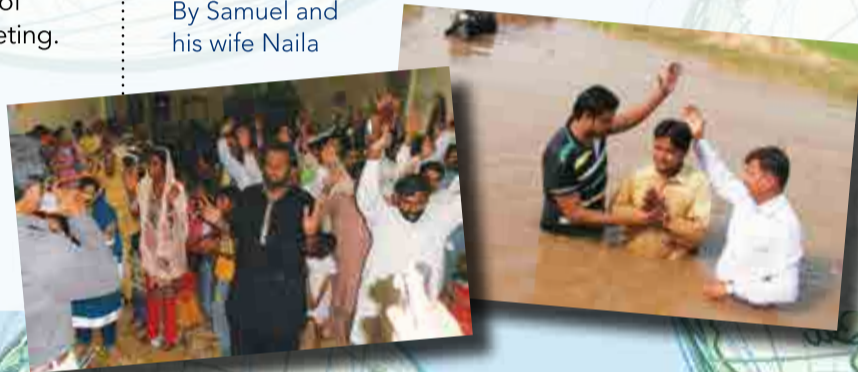
On September 2013, when I arranged for a Prayer and Healing meeting, at least 200 men and women responded to be intercessors. They prayed especially for the sick and worried people who have been facing different diseases and worries. Some of the people being prayed for testified that they were healed from their sicknesses. They ended the time by praying for the country to experience the peace and prosperity of the Lord. 12 people gave their lives to Jesus in that meeting. Praise the Lord for His good work in the land.

By Pastor Mussa

## HEALED IN THE LORD

We have been living a miserable life, constantly under bondage of the devil who was destroying us. We see our bodies becoming increasingly sickly and weak, full of pain. We went to different doctors for medical checkups and even took the prescribed medication, but we were not made well. Then we heard some people telling us to come to this church. That is where we met Pastor Ejaz who started to praying with us. We then started to attend this church regularly. Visiting pastors were also praying for us. Now we were healed from the illnesses that used to plague us. We even feel comfortable now. We have accepted Jesus as our personal Lord and Saviour and we were baptised on the same day.

By Samuel and his wife Naila



## Introducing our Grace ministry staff

### MATTHEW TAN

Hi my name is Matthew Tan. I'm happily married to a beautiful wife, Serene, and we are three months shy to celebrating our first wedding anniversary. Praise the Lord!

I am the firstborn in my family and I have two younger brothers. My parents have been attending Grace Assembly and serving the Lord long before I was born. They are heavily involved in the Chinese ministries as well as in the missions field. People who know my parents would often comment that I inherited their zeal for the Lord. I thank the Lord for my parents. It is a big blessing to have parents who really love the Lord.

I have background in Graphic Design and Industrial Design. God has shown me favor back when I was in design school and I was on the verge of breaking into the design scene at age 20. That was when I sensed the call of God upon my life. God spoke to me in seven words: "I want to use you in Ministry." It was an unmistakable and undeniable call. I understood that the Lord has reserved me for 'full-time' ministry. From then on I took active steps to prepare myself for the ministry, as I want to be ready when God decides to use me.

The 'career' switch was not easy. The cost was heavy. My future was



changed in an instant when I decided to obey the Lord. It was in my struggling times that I began to experience the Lord intimately. It was this intimacy I have experienced that really bolstered my determination to live the rest of my life serving God and advancing His Kingdom.

After completing my National Service, I entered Bible College at age 23 graduating three years later with Bachelors in Theology. This is my third year on staff at Grace Assembly. It's the best choice ever. It is a privilege to serve the Lord in my home church.

My area of responsibility in the church is primarily with Grace Missions and the YAYP. These are my twin passions. It is my desire to see our young adults leading their generation in missional efforts. As a couple, Serene and I have been ministering to young adults over the past few years. Our hearts really go out to young adults who could live out their potential in Christ. It is our desire to see the YAYP ministry developing leaders who are passionate for the Lord and have a compassionate heart towards others.

Hope what I have shared has been a blessing to you!



# missions trips' schedule 2014

**BANGLADESH (\$\$600)**

06 - 14 December

**INDIA (\$\$750)**

01 - 08 July

01 - 09 November

**PAKISTAN (\$\$2000)**

01 - 08 October

**ASSAM & WEST BENGAL (\$\$1200)**

8 - 16 November

**BHUTAN (\$\$2000)**

26 - 30 April

**NEPAL (\$\$1200)**

7 - 14 December

**SRI LANKA (\$\$900)**

14 - 22 September (R-AGE Only)

15 - 24 November

**MYANMAR (\$\$750)**

30 April - 5 May

28 November - 4 December

**CAMBODIA (\$\$500)**

15 - 20 March

07 - 12 May

18 - 23 June

07 - 12 July

06 - 11 August

01 - 06 September

19 - 24 November

08 - 13 December

**INDONESIA**

12 - 15 November (Pekanbaru) (\$\$500)

17 - 24 June (West Kalimantan) (\$\$700)

**BATAM, RIAU ISLANDS (\$\$60)**

21 February

23 May

11 July

08 August

24 October

**KARIMUN, RIAU ISLANDS (\$\$130)**

26 - 27 April

19 - 20 July

13 - 14 September

06 - 07 December

**TG. PINANG, RIAU ISLANDS (\$\$130)**

24 - 25 May

23 - 24 August

**TG. UBAN, RIAU ISLANDS (\$\$130)**

15 February

19 April

21 June

16 August

13 December

Due to the availability of flights and other unpredictable circumstances, these dates and cost are at best tentative. Do send an email to [matthew.tan@graceaog.org](mailto:matthew.tan@graceaog.org) for more enquiries about Grace Missions or her missions trips.

\* Trips to Vietnam and Laos are unavailable at the moment until further notice.



# FamilyLife@Grace

*As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another  
(Proverbs 27 : 17).*

## Parenting LIFE

What does an ideal Christian family look like? Some may associate characteristics such as warm, fun, safe, loving, trustworthy, respectful, and committed and all things positive with it. Although it is unrealistic to perfect all families in Grace, the Parenting LIFE Division of the FamilyLife@Grace Ministry aims to do our utmost best in preventing families in Grace from sliding away from our Christian faith. We truly believe that when Christ is the unseen head of the household, nothing can stand against it.

We acknowledge that many parents in Singapore find it a struggle to spend enough quality time with their children. In the past, we organized several events, such as an overnight father-and-son camp, a 3D2N Kukup fishing trip and a durian feasting tour in Johor Bahru, with the sole aim of encouraging families in Grace to bond with their loved ones. This year, we are raising our bar. We want our efforts in strengthening families to create more impact by steering families in Grace to be the ideal Christian families of faith.

Mindful that every one of us can be attacked by the devil in all domains of our lives, it is critical for the Parenting LIFE Division of the FamilyLife@Grace Ministry to equip families in Grace to practise faith at home. Many of us have the illusion that our own family is safe from the devil's attack. We may have ignored any crack that has already existed in our family life but ignorance is not bliss. Christian divorce rate is upsurging as the devil works hard in destroying Christian families. He probably knows that the best way to stop God's redemption plan is by breaking down Christian families.

FamilyLife@Grace is working on strengthening faith at home by building family values on the mighty Word of God. For instance, we are going to develop devotional materials that are



appropriate for use by families who are active in the cell groups. We are also planning to write educational books pertaining to a wide range of issues, such as sexuality education from the Christian perspective.

In February, FamilyLife@Grace and the Children's Ministry organized multiple sharing sessions for parents whose children just started their primary education. In one of the sessions on 23 February, 26 parents and guardians were present for the very first *Primary One Transition Sharing Session* organised by both ministries. The adults sat in the children's worship, followed by a testimony by Brother Kenneth who shared his personal ten year series (TYS) for the Primary One children. He talked about the child's needs, beyond the academic ones, and encouraged the participating parents to be good models and play an active role in guiding their children at various phases of their lives.

In another session, Sister Lynde shared how she trained her children to be more self-regulated in their learning. While giving her testimony of God's work in her children's lives, she gave the parents just-in-time techniques in raising responsible and obedient children.

I also presented the worrying trend of adolescents dropping out of church. In each of the sharing sessions, participating parents were introduced to the FamilyLife@Grace library (currently, only available at G2) and our Facebook page that is currently a closed group set up to encourage and motivate those in our contact list.

We hope to see more Grace families joining us in the future. In the month of July, FamilyLife@Grace and the Children Ministry are collaborating again to organize a fun-filled family outing for the children and their parents. Look out for more information about it in the months to come! See you there!

**Frank Boey** (Head of the Parenting LIFE Division)

**Sir Kiang and Kate's Testimony**

Both of us were brought up in dysfunctional homes. When we were blessed with a pair of twin girls, we wanted to parent our kids right and be answerable to God. We set this as our top priority.

Being new parents at that time, we were clueless in parenting. However, we made it a point to attend parenting workshops, including those organised by Grace. Our very first parenting workshop took place in Johor Bahru. It was a 2D1N event. We remembered the speaker shared about the importance of prayer and family devotion. After the workshop, we started to practise faith at home by praying as a family when our kids started to talk. To date, we continue to pray for one another before we sleep.

Every Sunday is family devotional time. We usually start with worship and prayer and then share what we have heard from God during the week. Many times, it's our children who teach us about the child-like faith. For instance, there was once we were encouraged when the girls shared how they managed to find their lost stationery in school after praying to God fervently. It may seem to be a small matter but that incident has taught us that God is always interested in all areas of our lives.

By praying together with our children, we learn about the problems they face at school, such as involving in disputes with their classmates, being misunderstood by their teachers and facing exam stress. Such unreserved sharing from them are teachable moments for us as parents, as we watch how God intervenes in their lives.

As parents, we have emphasized the importance of attending Children Church and being grounded in the Word of God. Although our twins are currently 17 years old,



they still remember the songs and bible verses they memorized in Children Church. Looking back, we are glad that we chose to attend the particular parenting workshop 16 years ago. We know we can expect more from God and do more for God through FamilyLife@Grace. To God be the glory!

**By praying together with our children, we learn about the problems they face at school**

**Hearts that listen**

**Question:**

*My 9 year old son was reading his Bible story on Rahab and the spies. He asked why did Rahab lie? Why was it acceptable? (Joshua 2:4-6). How do you teach Biblical principles to young kids like him?*

**Frank Boey replies**

Based on the principle that God loves the sinner but condemns the sins, it was wrong for Rahab to lie. Even though she sinned by lying, she was accepted by God for her faith and obedience. In that case, you could say that Rahab lied for a good cause, it was still a sin that was unacceptable to God.

Children should be taught never to lie but always be honest to admit their mistakes. They have to be taught that two wrongs will never make one right.

send in your mails to [familylifegrace@gmail.com](mailto:familylifegrace@gmail.com)

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If you need to make counselling appointment, please contact:

**Pastor Benjamin Wong**  
9066-2994  
[benjamin.wong@graceaog.org](mailto:benjamin.wong@graceaog.org)

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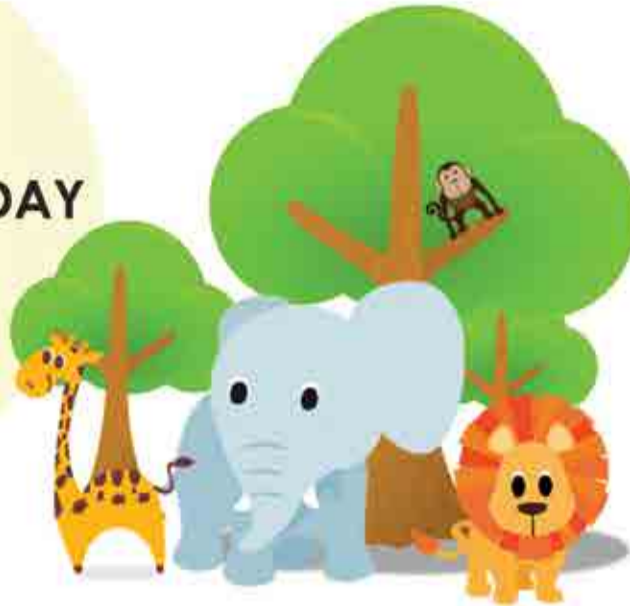
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*All counselling sessions are strictly private and confidential*

# WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

**REACH**  
**FAMILY BONDING DAY**  
 AT *Singapore Zoo*

**SATURDAY, 8am-2pm**  
**28 JUNE 2014**



*Family Bonding Day is organised for REACH client families to enjoy a day out at The Singapore Zoo. As a volunteer, you will lend a hand to the real purpose of this event— helping families to connect and strengthen ties with each other.*

## WE ARE LOOKING FOR



**100**

**'FAMILY FRIENDS'**

- 15 ZONE MASTERS
- 10 REGISTRATION OFFICERS
- 5 FIRST AIDERS
- 5 PHOTOGRAPHERS

## REGISTER NOW!



**COUNTER**

Sign up at the registration counter in GI & GII after service on 6 April



**EMAIL**

Sign up by email to Felicia Pek: [felicia.pek@reach.org.sg](mailto:felicia.pek@reach.org.sg)



**CALL**

Sign up by calling Felicia Pek: 6252 2566 (Mon–Fri, 9am–6pm)

**PLEASE REGISTER BY 12 APRIL**

## EXCITING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH REACH

Create ripples of good throughout our communities! Here's a calendar of events in Quarter 2 of 2014. Enquire today!

START DATE	EVENT	VOLUNTEER
April - June	REACH Family Service Centre's Needs Assessment Exercise With residents in Bishan East & Sin Ming	Conduct door-to-door surveys to assess the needs of the residents & to identify families in need. Email <a href="mailto:daphne.khoo@reach.org.sg">daphne.khoo@reach.org.sg</a> for details.
April - June	REACH Youth Mentoring/Befriending girls	Assist in conducting informal workshops for girls. Material for the workshop will be provided beforehand. Email <a href="mailto:sarah.ng@reach.org.sg">sarah.ng@reach.org.sg</a> for details. * Only ladies need apply
April - June	REACH Youth Befriending youths through dodge ball	Play dodge ball regularly with youths at Kampong Ubi Community Centre in the evening. Email <a href="mailto:andre-derek.ang@reach.org.sg">andre-derek.ang@reach.org.sg</a> for details.
May	REACH Counselling Outreach to residents of Shunfu Estate Introducing the new REACH Counselling Centre to residents ahead of the official opening.	Distribute mailers & door gifts. Email <a href="mailto:pauline.ong@reach.org.sg">pauline.ong@reach.org.sg</a> for details.
June	REACH Family Bonding Day Connect and build stronger family ties for REACH's beneficiaries and clients at Singapore Zoo.	Family friends, zone masters, registration officers, photographers and first-aiders. Email <a href="mailto:felicia.pek@reach.org.sg">felicia.pek@reach.org.sg</a> for details.



Marriage, like a home, needs protecting. Your relationship with your spouse is precious and sacred — it is private property and no trespassers are allowed.

How do we protect our marriages?

Find the answers with Dave Carder, veteran marriage counsellor and best-selling author of *Close Calls: What Adulterers Want You To Know About Protecting Your Marriage*.



## Keys to a Lasting Marriage

FOR: Couples who are dating, engaged, newly-wed or married

DATE: **24 May 2014 (Sat)** TIME: **2pm - 5pm**

FEE: \$15 per pax / \$25 per couple

VENUE: National Volunteer and Philanthropy Centre  
6 Eu Tong Sen Street, #04-88 The Central, Singapore 059817



### About the Speaker:

Dave is a trained Marriage and Family Therapist and currently serves as a pastor responsible for Marriage and Lay Counselling Ministries in Fullerton, California. He has been involved in 3 decades of counselling and conducting talks on marriage and family life. He is married to Ronnie for over 40 years and they love to travel the globe when they are not playing with their 6 grandchildren.

To register, scan the above QR code or email to [pauline.ong@reach.org.sg](mailto:pauline.ong@reach.org.sg)

**Closing Date:**  
**20 April 2014** or while seats last!

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## 恩典堂中文事工

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感谢主，在过去两年里我们看到很多的弟兄姐妹愿意透过社区的工作，把爱送到每一个有需要的家庭里。

在恩典一，我们透过长者事工，不单为教会年长者提供教育与活动，以提升他们的生活素质，也藉着进入社区，提供他们关心、帮助和服侍其他年长者的机会，以丰富他们的生活意义。

以下是我们恩典一中文长者事工的活动简介：

“乐龄缤纷”，每个星期都有一个主题和一个专题。在主题方面，我们有“喜乐周”、“陶造周”、“活力周”与“关怀周”。在“关怀周”，我们会特别安排一些机构让我们的年长者可以参与服侍他们。例如Lengkok Bahru 社区，Henderson Elderly Day Care，新加坡残障协会等等。我们也继续安排一些医院与疗养院，透过我们这群年长者的生命，将神的爱和盼望与他们分享。

今年的专题是“知己知彼，百战百胜”，从不同的年长者所面对的问题，让他们可以用正确的态度去看待，例如：“认知和面对老人的疾病”、“如何面对负面的情绪”、“宗教信仰与心理健康”等等，也从中帮助他们懂得依靠主耶稣来建立他们的“人生下半场”。

我们也欢迎你们或你们家中的年长者参与乐龄缤纷的活动。

时间：每逢星期三，下午1点至3点（注，每个月第四个星期三，将到不同的社区服侍）。

地点：709 CommonWealth Drive, Singapore 149601（\*提供巴士接送）

荷兰茶座事工，每逢周二，透过不同的节目“唱歌”、“舞蹈”、“游戏”和一些“讲座”等。藉着这些节目与荷兰村的居民建立关系。我们每个星期有大约60-80居民出席这个茶座，因着义工付出的爱，当中有一些居民已接受了救恩。

社区与长者的工作是长远的，我们需要有更多愿意服侍长者的义工，特别在关怀方面。如果你愿意参与或了解更多详情，欢迎您致电96781370 李向阳传道（Ps. Patrick Lee）或发送电邮至patrick.lee@graceaog.org 查询。

神赐福你  
李向阳传道

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# grace services

## GRACE I

**MY SAVIOUR'S CHURCH:** 2 Prince Charles Crescent, Singapore 159011 | Tel: 6474 2823 | [www.mysaviours.org](http://www.mysaviours.org)

### SERVICES: Saturday 5 pm

YOUNG ADULTS & YOUNG PROFESSIONALS (YAYP) SERVICE	JEHOVAH'S SANCTUARY	LEVEL 2
CANTONESE SERVICE	SAVIOUR'S SANCTUARY	LEVEL 3
GRACE KIDS – CHILDREN'S CHURCH	SHELTER ROOM	LEVEL 2
GRACE KIDS – PRE-SCHOOL	PARADISE ROOM	LEVEL 2

**FURAMA RIVERFRONT HOTEL:** 405 Havelock Rd, Singapore 169633 | Tel: 6333 8898 | [www.furama.com/riverfront](http://www.furama.com/riverfront)

### SERVICES: Sunday 9 am

ENGLISH SERVICE 2	VENUS I, II, III	LEVEL 3
MANDARIN SERVICE	MERCURY II, III	LEVEL 5
GRACE KIDS – CHILDREN'S CHURCH	JUPITER I, II; MARS II	LEVEL 3; 5
GRACE KIDS – PRE-SCHOOL	JUPITER III	LEVEL 3

### Sunday 11.15 am

ENGLISH SERVICE 3	VENUS I, II, III	LEVEL 3
FILIPINO SERVICE	MERCURY I	LEVEL 5
YOUTH SERVICE	MERCURY II, III	LEVEL 5
GRACE KIDS – CHILDREN'S CHURCH	JUPITER I, II; MARS II	LEVEL 3; 5
GRACE KIDS – PRE-SCHOOL	JUPITER III	LEVEL 3

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

### SERVICES: Saturday 2 pm

YOUTH SERVICE	CHAPEL	LEVEL 4
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### SERVICES: Sunday 9 am

ENGLISH SERVICE 1	CHAPEL	LEVEL 4
MANDARIN SERVICE	SANCTUARY	LEVEL 2

### SERVICES: Sunday 11.15 am

ENGLISH SERVICE 2	SANCTUARY	LEVEL 2
HOKKIEN SERVICE	CHAPEL	LEVEL 4

### SERVICES: Sunday 1.30 pm

FILIPINO SERVICE	CHAPEL	LEVEL 4
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### SUNDAY 9AM & 11.15AM

GRACE KIDS		
PRE-SCHOOL	GOODNESS & KINDNESS	LEVEL 4
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	LOVE	LEVEL 2

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**Every Wednesday, 7.30 pm, GLORY SANCTUARY, LEVEL 3**

ST JOHN'S ST MARGARET'S CHURCH: 30 Dover Avenue, Singapore 139790 | Tel: 67770934 | [www.sjism.org.sg](http://www.sjism.org.sg)

Grace Assembly of God

1 Bukit Batok West Avenue 4 Singapore 659125 Tel: (65) 6410 0800 Fax: (65) 6410 0801

Office hours: 9am-6pm (GII, mon-fri), 8.30am-1.30pm (GII, sun), 3-7pm (MSC, sat), 8am-1.30pm (Furama, sun)

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