

GRACE ASSEMBLY OF GOD MICA (P) 036/02/2014

PERSONAL RENEWAL

At the Grace Retreat, I mentioned that Grace is embarking on 5 areas of renewals. They are Personal, Relational, Missional, Structural and Cultural renewals. For the church to move forward strongly, these 5 areas of renewal are critical to the overall health of the church.

Let me briefly highlight what Personal Renewal is.

As a church, the heart of the matter is in fact a matter of the heart. It definitely has to start with the heart. The first and most important renewal is the renewal of the heart.

In the Book of Revelation, Jesus described the condition of the heart of the church of Laodicea as lukewarm. Jesus said, 'I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other. So because you are lukewarm - I am about to spit you out of my mouth' Rev. 3:15-16. Surely what the church at Laodicea needs is a renewal of heart, from a lukewarm one to a heart that is on fire for Jesus.

When we are complacent, Christianity can be reduced to 'churchianity', a ritual, a religion and a stagnant relationship with the Lord. Spiritual renewal can only occur when we realize our need for greater intimacy with Jesus and that we desire a closer relationship with Him.

A healthy, vibrant and intimate growing walk with God is the result of a life deeper in prayer, the reading and studying of the Bible, a growing excitement for the things of God, a renewed vision of the cross and a greater awareness of His presence.

For Grace to be strong spiritually, the renewal must begin with me, you and then with the rest of the church. You can call it a rededication of your life, a deeper life, or a fresh infilling of the Holy Spirit. The bottom line is to fall in love with Jesus again!

This is what I call a Personal Renewal - renewed from the inside out.

My prayer is that every Gracian will experience this Personal Renewal and in turn, the whole church walking in the path of renewal. When this happens, there will be greater breakthroughs in our lives, families and the church as a whole.

It starts with my heart and your heart!

Ps Calvin Lee
Senior Pastor



Clothed with Power

J333 (aug)

Dates: Aug 6 (Comb. Eng/Chin), 13, 20, 27 (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!

aug: Spirit's Empowerment


Special World prayer @ J333
 13 Aug 2014

Come and be a 'World Christian' and intercede for the world outside of Singapore.

Morning Prayer

Time: 7am to 8:30am
Date: 23 August 2014, Sat
Venue: GII

Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in You. Show me the way I should go, for to You I lift up my soul. - Psalm 143:8



corporate calendar

AUG		
10	(Sun)	Water Baptism (Eng)
23	(Sat)	Morning Prayer (Eng)
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SEP		
6	(Sat)	Project Neighbour (Combined)
13	(Sat)	GDP Seminar (Eng) 'Spirit-Empowered Life & Ministry' (Ministering Spiritual Gifts - Part 2) Ps David Lim

Editorial: Elaine Tan and Sheena Lim

Grace Discipleship Process

Encounter Weekend

An Encounter with God happens the moment we accept Him as Saviour.
 An Encounter with Jesus appropriates His Lordship and authority over our life, granting freedom over sins!
 An Encounter with the Holy Spirit empowers us to live our Christian life to the fullest.

Encounter Weekend provides you an opportunity to encounter God, understand God's purpose for you as His new creation, and unleash His power for us to be more than conquerors.

Encounter Weekend is a core module of Grace Discipleship Process for those seeking to be a member of Grace and anyone who wants to get intimate with Him. This a 2 full-day module held in Singapore.

Topics covered:

- Power in the Spirit
- Freedom in Christ
- Emotional strength in God

Join us for a time of entering into & encountering the presence of God.

Date : 4-5 October 2014 (no over-night)
 Venue : Orchard Plaza
 Cost : \$40

Registration closes on 31 August.
 More about GDP at www.graceaog.org/gdp.

GDP Seminar with Ps David Lim

Ministering Spiritual Gifts (Part 2)

This seminar is a continuation to what Ps David Lim has imparted during the last seminar. It takes us into the essential nature of spiritual gift ministry. Through the seminar, Ps Lim helped us gain confidence in exercising spiritual gifts by understanding how the Spirit works through us incarnationally. In the last part of the series, we saw how easy it is for us to minister spiritual gifts in the body of Christ, and how when we are yielded to the Holy Spirit, it could be a powerful and impactful time for God's people.

Hence, you do not want to miss this second part where the following will be covered...

- Prophecy
- Word of Wisdom & Knowledge
- Discernings of Spirits
- Blessings & Cursings
- Renunciation

Date : Sep 13 2014
 Time : 930am - 130pm
 Venue : GII Sanctuary
 Cost : \$10 only

Please register at the GDP Counter. Registration closes 7 Sep.
 For further information, please visit www.graceaog.org/gdp.

Spiritual Gifts: You may already be exercising them! – Part 1

By Ps David Lim

Ministering spiritual gifts is not as mystical as you might think.

Paul uses the word “charismata” to refer to both the ministries we have and the more spontaneous gifts: a word of wisdom, knowledge, healings, miracles, tongues, and interpretation, etc.

Many of you can already identify with ministries you participate in as teaching, hospitality (helps), administrations, missionaries (apostle), pastors, evangelists and Grace Group leadership. In these ministries you have found favor with people as the Spirit anoints you. You discover a gift of leadership, or organizational strength, or ability to build bridges to people or to communicate God’s truth. All true ministry is impartation of life. When you, under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, pour your life into people’s lives, you are ministering the gifts of the Spirit.

One of the great misunderstandings is that the gifts are all supernatural and have nothing to do with man. But the gifts of the Spirit are incarnational—God working through man. For example, Jesus is fully God and fully man. The Bible is God’s book, yet it is man’s book. Men wrote, under the inspiration of God, the authoritative Word of God. That is why we have 4 gospels, not just one. Each one wrote with his vocabulary, his style, for his purpose, yet God watched over its accuracy and inspiration. The church is a divine institution, yet a human institution. Jesus said, “I will build my church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it.” Yet those of us who work with the church know how human it is! Even speaking in tongues has the divine part and the human part. Acts 2:4—they spoke as the Spirit gave utterance. There is divine-human cooperation.

The formula looks like this: Sharing (by word or action) + Holy Spirit anointing + love= spiritual gift! In other words, step out by faith! You do your part humbly and in love, share it with others under the anointing of God and watch what God can do!

“I will build my church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it.”

GRACE REDEVELOPMENT UPDATES

(AS AT 1 JULY 2014)



\$12.6
MILLION
AMOUNT PAID

\$49.4
MILLION
TO BE PAID



\$44.4
MILLION
CASH AVAILABLE



TARGET



PLEDGES FULFILLED





GRACE REDEVELOPMENT FUNDRAISING

100 km for Jesus fund raising for Grace redevelopment

How this "Insane" idea came about? And why?

Hi Gracians, I am Joyce Tan. I first visited Grace AOG around end 2007. Last October, I got baptized and I made Grace my home church.

I have wanted to do something for the church and to do my part for God's family. I wanted to share my testimony of His goodness. One day as I was jogging, listening to worship songs and communion with Papa God, I asked myself "What do I have to offer?"

Well, God gave me the gift and ability to run so I thought perhaps I should make good use of it; to offer my five loaves and the two fishes.

I am an average recreational runner. I picked up jogging in recent few years as a means of fellowship with the Lord and to wean of some addiction and unhealthy habits. This is my 1st attempt at completing 100 km in 3 days. It is a challenge! No doubt. I will take one step at a time to complete it for His glory. Are you willing to partner with me? How to?

If you can't run, give:

We are targeting to raise \$100k by end of October, \$1000 for every km to support this effort.

All proceeds will go to Grace Redevelopment Fund
Cheque payment to "Grace Assembly of God" and write "100km for Jesus" behind your cheque or on the envelop if you are giving cash and put it into the offering bag.

If you can't give, run with me:

You can pledge to run 16 km or 32 km, GII to GI and back.
Run dates: 24, 25, 26 Oct at 5:30 am at GII (33 km per date)
Selection and training will be coordinated.
Email me joyctanyl@yahoo.com to sign up by 15 Aug.



Grace golf fellowship

Date : 31 October 2014, Friday

Time : 1:00pm

Venue : Sembawang Country Club

Objectives:

To provide opportunity for golfers in Grace AOG to fellowship with one another.

To make it missional by inviting pre-Christians to participate in this event.

To raise fund for the redevelopment from the proceeds received from this event.

Fee Per flight is \$1,500.00

For more information and registration, please contact Tai Pong @ 98300804 or via email at taiponglim@gmail.com

costume jewellery sale*

(All proceeds will go to Grace redevelopment fund)

Earrings, necklaces, bracelets, rings, keychains, handphone accessories, trinkets in Swarovski beads, stuffed toys, food!

Sundays 17 & 24 aug

GII Bukit Batok,
level 1 lift lobby

Sunday 31 aug (costume jewellery only)

Furama Riverfront hotel,
level 3 foyer



Voortman cookies

Buy 4 packs of Voortman Cookies at \$10.

1. 100% baked in Canada.
2. Zero trans fat cookies.
3. Healthier choice cookies in 4 flavours.

They are delicious and they make wonderful Christmas gifts.

You can place your order on 16,17, 23 and 24 August and will receive them in December 2014.

Payment to be made at the point of order.



lengkok bahru outreach needs you

Looking for a way to live more missionally? The Lengkok Bahru Outreach needs volunteers to:

- A. Befriend and do door-to-door groceries distribution**
All able-bodied please apply. Saturdays 1pm to 3pm
- B. Visit the sick & elderly**
Day & time flexible
- C. Form family support groups**
Put your name down to provide adhoc support as and when the need arises, e.g. interim childcare while social services finds a permanent placement
- D. Tutor children**
Individual/ group tuition for primary school students in Eng/ Math/ Sci. Training provided. Day & time flexible
- E. Organize activities for children**
Adhoc and limited only by your imagination and availability
- F. Follow up new believers**
Dialect, Mandarin and English speaking volunteers to disciple new believers, provide transport to fetch wheelchair bound, frail elderly to church.

Surely there is something here that suits your schedule and gifts!

If you are interested to help out or would like to find out more, please contact :

- Befriending & Grocery distribution: Raymond Khoo at 90698800 or raykhoo@solutions17.com
- All others: Seok Bee at 9735 8607 or seokbeetay@yahoo.com.sg

Women of Grace bible studies ~ Precepts Upon Precepts -- Ruth

Who can you count on to free you from slavery or an enemy?

Don't Despair. There's Hope. You have a Kinsman Redeemer.

The book of Ruth tells of how a Moabitess who first loved a Jew, then her mother-in-law, and finally their God. This amazing story of God's love for a Moabitess, Ruth, who through her loyalty and commitment to her Jewish family by choice makes her a worthy ancestress of David.

Through circumstances of bereavement and hopelessness in the lives of Naomi and Ruth, God in His love filled their lives with hope and fullness.

As believers we have the providence of God in the form of a buyer-defender or 'kinsman redeemer', who is Jesus Christ. Having bought us and defended us, believers are offered an opportunity to transform our broken lives into ones of hope and fulfillment.

Join this in-depth inductive study to understand God's word, bring healing to your soul and receive direction to your life.

Come join the Women of Grace in this 4-week PUP study of the book of Ruth.

Registration Dates : 24, 31 August 2014 [Furama L3 reception counter and GII L3 office]

Dates of class: 17 Sep – 8 Oct 2014, every Wed

Time : 10am – 12noon

Venue : GII Praise Room, level 2

Cost : \$14

fellowship interest group

"Fellowship Interest Group" (F.I.G.) organizes activities/sports/hobbies on a regular basis to:

- (1) Create platform to pursue common interest with others
- (2) Strengthen the relational bonds of fellowship within the church
- (3) Reach out to friends and loves ones through common interest

If you are interested in joining any of the below, please contact the representative I/Cs for more information.

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| 1) Women's Badminton (wkday) | 7) Board Games |
| Sister Lai Fun | Sister Zoe Chu |
| H/P : 81282030 | H/P : 92388060 |
| Email : laifun_chow@hotmail.com | Email : zoechus@gmail.com |
| 2) Cooking | 8) Rollerblading |
| Sister Wendy Lim | Brother Wallis |
| H/P : 97571697 | H/P : 97244323 |
| Email : wlimwb@gmail.com | Email : wallissultan@hotmail.com |
| 3) Art / Painting | 9) Pickleball |
| Sister Bernadette Leong | Sister Jan Kok |
| H/P : 94367533 | H/P : 92997296 |
| 4) Scenic Trail run | Email : kokjan13@gmail.com |
| Brother Juan Huan | 10) Bowling |
| H/P : 93211473 | Sister Sharon Seet |
| Email : juanhuan137@yahoo.com.sg | H/P : 81128425 |
| 5) Tennis | Email : sharonseet@singnet.com.sg |
| Brother Benson Yeo | For general enquiries or to |
| H/P : 97915361 | suggest a new interest group, |
| Email : bensonyeo@gmail.com | contact Brother Wallis |
| 6) Gardening | H/P : 97244323 |
| Brother Jet Chung | Email: wallissultan@hotmail.com |
| H/P : 93676056 | |
| Email : jetchung@oasishorticulture.com | |

YAYP workshop: handling your finances

The topics covered will primarily be investment oriented, but with a heavier emphasis on helping novice investors.

Outlined as follows:

- A. Solid Substructure (Perspective, Prudence and Protection)
- B. Stable Structure (Working, Housing, Investing)
 - Asset Allocation
 - Various Asset classes
 - Simple ways to invest
- C. Sensible Superstructure (Various methodologies of Investing)
 - How to analyze stocks
 - Value Investing
 - Dividend Growth Investing

Date: 16th August 2014 (Sat)

Time: 9:30am-3:30pm

Venue: GII Hope Room

Cost: Complimentary

Speaker: Joshua Fong is a full-time investor with many years of experience in the capital markets. He started his career with the MAS before moving to investment banking and then embarking on a career as a full time investor. He was also serving as treasurer in the church board. He is happily married to Anna, with 3 young energetic but absolutely gorgeous kids!

Registration required with Peter Lim at peter.lim@graceaog.org by 13 Aug. All are welcomed including pre-Christians. Limit to a max of 25 pax. Bring \$5 to pay for lunch on 16th August 2014.

Grace Kids' Vacation Bible Camp



Grace Kids Children's Church Vacation Bible Camp was held at the Girls' Brigade HQ from 19th to 22nd June 2014. The camp theme was for the children to be fully charged like a power bank. Rev Nicholas Choo shared numerous inspiring messages about the Holy Spirit and one of which brought us back to the basics of being still, away from the hustle and bustle of noise to just listen to God. Some of the campers journalled what they heard or saw from the Holy Spirit.

We had great fun through the games too. One of the games required us to trust the team leaders and act in faith during the unknown... so fun yet scary for some of the children! Beside this, it is a great joy to have had so many responsible and enthusiastic youths and young adults to plan the camp and shepherd the campers this year. Both the young people and children had such great interaction with one another that strong bonds were built during the camp.

Although the camp has ended, our journey with the Lord continues. May what we learnt in the camp remain in our hearts and shape us to be more like Him. Here are some testimonies from the parents.

Parent's Testimony 1 – Jacqueline & Richard Tan

We are very pleased with the GREAT job of all involved especially the youth and group leaders have done. We were surprised to know that some leaders are as young as Secondary 1. They displayed maturity, leadership quality and mentorship beyond my expectation! These are the future leaders whom we can indeed entrust our children to! Thank you once again and may God continue to bless and multiply the works of your hands. We will strongly urge parents to sign up their children for the next VBC.

Parent's Testimony 2 – Janice Chiu

This is my son's first VBC and I saw how excited he was, so I told myself that I should volunteer too at the camp. At the back of my mind, I felt somehow God will touch me in some ways. During the prayer time for the Holy Spirit's baptism, I was so moved to see the simplicity in faith of all the children who came forward for prayer. I was also touched to see many of the leaders in the camp were Secondary school students and young adults, who put their hearts into making this event a success.

I want to encourage the leaders in the camp... Not all kids have siblings (e.g. my son) or come from homes where both parents are Christians, so they really need older ones that they can relate with to look up to. People that have walked one or two steps before them and can tell them by example that they can do it too in God's ways when they reach their age in secondary school, college or university. That's what they need when they come to Children's Church and events like this.

Last but not least, thank you to those teachers who tirelessly teach in the Children's Church and those camp leaders that have impacted my son's life and others during VBC.



Ps Ong brought the word of God in season to us at Grace and to individual Gracians at the Revival Meeting on 25th July. It was a meeting that was also attended by our Chinese brethren via the interpretation system.

Over that weekend Ps Ong also conducted a seminar entitled Living a Spirit-Filled Life attended by both 100 over English and Chinese Gracians. Praise God.



a missions trip to Hyderabad



In the last week of May, seven of us from R-AGE embarked on a missions trip to Hyderabad. We went on a mission to engage the youth leaders of Sharon AG church and to equip them with the knowledge of running youth programmes. We all left Singapore with an expectation that God will be doing a mighty work.

India is very different from Singapore in many ways. Perhaps the one thing we found hardest to adjust to was the food. It was not because the food was bad. In fact, it was absolutely savoury and delectable! But every meal has a side of curry and every dish has some form of spice in it.

The fiery food there is a good representation of their passion. When they gathered to worship, they held nothing back. The sound systems

were at full volume and their voices were no softer. They danced in worship with a passion that left us breathless. Their passion to serve God was also evident in their lifestyle. Many of them sacrificed job opportunities so that they could attend service on the weekends whilst others chose to live nearby to better serve the church. The most commendable of them all were the ones who responded to full-time calling into the village mission field. These lone pastors head out into the remote villages facing cultural differences, language barriers and even persecution that can lead to death. All for the good news.

And so having met these amazing people, we felt like the boy who only had five loaves and two fishes. But as we offered up the little that we have, God amazed us. On the last night of the youth camp, as all 200 of them were rallied together in fervent prayer, we sensed that God was doing something, but could not pinpoint what it was. We then had the chance to minister to the pastors. It was a faith stretching and humbling experience but many of us found ourselves prophesying into their lives. For both parties, it was such a refreshing time! Later we found out that many individuals had a 'burning bush' encounter that night. We were greatly encouraged to find that God is burning in them a new passion, one that will not burn out.

All in all, I learnt not to look to what is seen but to focus on the unseen. God had done more than I could imagine. He gave me a glimpse of what He is doing in the international scene through this truly unique cultural experience. With my eyes opened, I remain excited to see people of all nations rise up to be salt and light. To God be all the glory forever and ever!

By Keith Yeo, GII Youth Community Overseer

introducing our pastoral staff: PS LEON LIM



I am blessed to be a part of my family which consist of both my parents, and a younger brother. Both my parents are faithfully serving as full time ministers in Malaysia

since the 1970s and have a great influence in my life. I am also blessed to be able to marry Regina and of whom I have the great privilege of serving full time with in Grace Assembly.

I came to know and accept the Lord at 2 years old. I grew up watching miracles take place as my parents ministered and yet I also saw the challenges of ministry. At the age of 12, I was sure that there was a distinct call upon my life. There was a distinct holy discontent about the worship that I could see happening around in churches. However, due to the painful ministry experiences while growing up and the financial struggles we had, I rejected that call for a few years.

At the age of 15, God moved during worship at a church camp. There was a sound of a violent rushing wind in the tent where we met, much like the Pentecost account in Acts. I

couldn't hold back all my emotions and struggles of running from God's call. I yielded and God assured me through Romans 8:28 that He would provide for my family.

Thereafter, I was encouraged by my parents to work in the marketplace to experience life before starting ministry, where I worked professionally as a musician. But soon after making a successful living then, I was convinced it was time to drop everything and go full time and rely on the Lord.

I pursued both my music and theological education at two separate colleges. On the first day of studying, I was struck with a sudden deafness on my right ear that partially took my hearing away from me. No doctor could provide any explanation. Trusting the Lord, I prod on, believing that God who has brought me to music and gave me a heart for worship would work together all this for good. Not soon after, I was offered the opportunity to serve in Grace.

I have served in the Creative Arts Ministry (CAM) in Grace Assembly for over 6 years now. In CAM, I basically oversee GII worship, the singers, choir, musicians, songwriting and dancers. Through serving, God has given me a deeper passion and understanding about worship and a vision and desire to see Pentecostal Worship being renewed where His people worship based on His terms and in ways that pleases Him.

Having just completed my Masters in Worship studies, I am now pursuing my Doctorate in Worship studies and I covet your prayers that I may have the strength to pull through this journey ahead of me.



FamilyLife@Grace

If you need to make counselling appointment, please contact:
 Pastor Benjamin Wong ✦ 9066-2994 ✦ benjamin.wong@graceaog.org
 Chang-Goh Song Eng ✦ 6252-2566 ✦ rc@reach.org.sg
 All counselling sessions are strictly private and confidential

"My kids do not talk to me." Does this sound familiar?
 Well, here is the chance to read their thoughts.
 Make time for them, they want to talk and we must listen!

A family after God's heart!

What is it like to have both parents serving God full-time in affluent Singapore? Three children share their thoughts.

"With regards to having both my parents in full-time ministry, I feel that there is not much of a tangible impact or loss we have incurred from this. On the contrary, I think we have gained immensely from it. We have exchanged temporal, earthly riches for eternal, heavenly ones. And I am proud of my parents who heed God's call in giving of themselves to full-time ministry to serve God faithfully, passionately and purposefully.

Some may ask: Do you face any financial difficulty? Have you wondered if your lives would be any different if your parents had opted for a different profession? We do wonder that, sometimes. But if asked to choose a profession again, I think my parents' decisions will still remain. Financially, the only obvious difference I see between my friends and I is this – the material possession we own and the places we get to travel to during school vacation. However, learning to live simply and with contentment can be a blessing in disguise.

Just a few days ago, my alarm clock went a bit wonky. It still didn't work even though I tried replacing the batteries. I had to wake up at 4am the next day to complete some work. I set my alarm (in case it decided to work properly) and prayed to God to help me to wake up at 4am— and I did. For two days in a row. I mean, for me, the odds of waking up at 4am naturally, is zero. Praise be to God! It is really great to learn to rely on God and see His mighty hand at work.

To conclude, if God ever calls us to full-time ministry, don't resist, just obey. For when God calls, He enables and He will provide for our every need.

Jo-Lea (15, Nanyang Girls' High School)

Living in a Christian family has its ups and downs. On one hand, I fear that we might not have enough money for the future. Yet, on the other hand, I am proud that my parents are so committed to God and in sharing His word. Even though we do not have that much materially, God has shown Himself faithful and has provided for and blessed my family richly. I am confident that His grace is sufficient for us and I am learning to live by faith, and not by sight.

Jo-Hann (14, Victoria School)

I am proud that both my parents are in full-time ministry. They taught us the importance of having a close relationship with God. And by their lives' example, they show us what it means to love God and to love others. I am blessed to be in this family where I can know God.

Jo-Yang (10, Radin Mas Primary School)

*From left to right
 Jo-Hann, James (dad), Jo-Lea,
 Joan (mum) Jo-Yang*



Pa, ma, this is for you, read us :)

Think of a perfect family. If you can have anyone you want in that family, who will they be? Would you change anyone in your current family with the people you are thinking of? Well, I can agree that ***sometimes I want to swap parents or maybe swap my sibling with other people. They can be unreasonable, annoying and even energy draining at times, but they are still family.***

We do not have a choice over who will be part of our family, but we always have a choice over how we want to be part of our family.

My family is not a perfect one but I thank God for every single one of my family members. I am blessed to be in a family with two parents, two grandmothers, one older brother, and one aunt. My family would be able to agree that all of us have played a role, be it big or small, in moulding each other to be more Christ-like.

My personal role models in terms of service in church are my parents and my maternal grandmother. All of them have contributed so much time and effort to serve the Lord and they always encourage my brother and I to serve with all the gifts the Lord has blessed us with and that serving Him should never stop because it's always a privilege to serve.

I also want to acknowledge my maternal grandmother for her dedication in reaching out to those who need Jesus. I remember visiting the hawker centre near her home and almost all the hawkers knew my grandmother, and some of them even testified on how she has brought them to know Christ!

Last but not least, I thank God for my brother for being the person who truly understands me best and for always knowing how to take care of me and walking with me to make me who I am today.

So, what I really look forward to seeing in my family in future is the passion to reach out to people as a family. I know that God has already planned out a path for my family to follow and all we need to do is to trust Him and walk on that path. I hope this testimony has blessed you and your family



Elvin Lim, 17

I come from a family of four that is tight knit. My mother quitted her job when my brother and I were kids to devote more time to us. I think her sacrifice really paid off because aside from the usual teenage rebelliousness, my brother and I have grown up to be pretty well adjusted people and my family is close.

I love how we can talk about God in my family. My parents attend the GII Adults service while my brother and I attend GI Youth and YAYP, so we like to talk about the sermons

and what we learn in church every weekend. Growing up, seeing my father play worship songs on the guitar and spend time in solitary prayer influenced me to pick up guitar and worship God in a similar way.

While we occasionally pray together as a family, I wish for this to become more regular. I also hope that my family will be able to use our home to reach out to other families.



Ang Huan Ting, 23

My family is loving, compassionate, generous, kind. The people that I can relate to and share about all my worries, my happiness, my life with. We love and care for one another. And what I like about my family is that we do things differently. Every laughter and every moment we share it's all special and it wouldn't be the same if I am not in this family. We are super close but you never know what will happen, ***what I wish is that we stay close to one another and have that trust that no one can break. I also hope that we could grow even closer throughout the years.***

But other than this family, I do have another one. And this family is Grace Assembly Of God, R-AGE. This family is like a super huge tree with many fruits. We share something in common: we love The Lord. Everyone in this



family is unique and special and what I like about this family is that we stand strong together. We are like one. What I wish is that we will grow and bond even better. I love what God has given me and I treasure it.

Faith Lek, 13

Being the youngest child of the family, my family life has always been very comfortable (like all youngest children in the family). I think my family is very special in a sense that we are very peace loving, and they're the most patient and loving people I know! I really love how I can always count on my family to be there for me, be it when I need lots of help for a school project, or when I just need someone to lend me a listening ear :) They are very supportive, and I really thank God for them. ***But there is something that I've always wished to see in my family ... that is more time spent together, because we don't really have many family outings or holidays (in the recent years). We are a pretty big family of six, with a big age range, so we are always busy with our own different activities. We need to make time for each other as a family. :(***



Esther Foo, 16

CARING & SHARING... FROM THE HEART

“Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience...” Col 3:12 (ESV)

GO! Contribute From the Heart

First and foremost, we want to give thanks to God for watching over us and the families by giving us great weather during the REACH Family Bonding Day at the Zoo. The weather had been erratic throughout the weeks leading up to the event, and He had orchestrated it so that the 100 families could thoroughly enjoy themselves without fear of rain or the blazing sun. Our God is truly loving and faithful. Thank God for the good turnout of families from

Bishan and Crest Secondary School who had fun working together, solving puzzles and spending quality time as a family unit.

We want to also take the opportunity to thank the 30 Gracians, who have displayed the missional spirit by giving their time and energy on an early Saturday morning to befriend and bless the low-income families.

It is our family’s first experience participating in an event to contribute back to the society. It is also a good opportunity for Gracians to tap on such events organised by REACH amidst our busy schedules to begin our missional spirit that is in line with the Church’s vision.
– Andrew Quek

THANK YOU!

I came to volunteer with my daughter who is the Zone Master. I feel that this experience will be a good exposure for her to volunteerism.
– Eunice Ng



COME! Give From the Heart

To those who have bought tickets to the REACH Charity Fund-raising Dinner to support us, a big thank you! You can look forward to a night of laughs and entertainment provided by our emcee, veteran deejay, The Flying Dutchman, speed painter and Entertainer of the Year 2012 Brad Blaze and Singapore’s King of Swing Jeremy Monteiro. Blaze’s amazing works will be auctioned off at the dinner as well. We look forward to seeing you on 3 Sep 2014 at Marina Mandarin Singapore!

I have set a goal to be involved in community work in a year as my local mission, reaching out to the community. This is a good opportunity for me to begin doing this and engage more members to be involved, particularly as a group. – Lilian Tan



REACH CHARITY FUND-RAISING
Date : 3 Sep 2014 (Wed)
Time : 7pm
Venue : Marina Mandarin Singapore
Guest-of-Honour: Mr Chan Chun Sing
(Minister for Social and Family Development and Second Minister for Defence)



Maps taken from streetdirectory.com

EXPAND! Serve From the Heart

The second half of 2014 will be extremely exciting for RCSS! Finally, after months of praying and waiting, we are starting to build our new centres – REACH Counselling Centre at Blk 307 Shunfu Road and REACH Youth Centre at Blk 417 Bukit Batok West Ave 4. They will be completed by October 2014.

We praise God for His provision for these new, additional premises. More than that, we thank God for new ground to grow as His generators. Generators? Yes, that REACH Counselling will be God’s generator to bring forth faith, hope and love to newly-weds and couples striving to complete their marital journey victoriously. The thief comes to steal, kill and destroy marriages and families but God has called REACH Counselling to reclaim, restore and rebuild marriages as He has intended in His original creation. For REACH Youth, our desire is to be God’s generator to shine light and truth upon the paths of youths who are lost, confused and prone to mistakes in the choices they make for their lives. May God grant us divine wisdom and anointing as we lead them to realise their God-given potential!

PRAY! Support Us from the Heart

“We can do nothing without prayer. All things can be done by importunate prayer. It surmounts or removes all obstacles, overcomes every resisting force and gains its ends in the face of invincible hindrances.” E.M. Bounds

PRAY for REACH!



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The workshop will use the **Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI)**, a powerful tool that helps couples to understand each other and build strong relationships based on healthy differences.

Living Together, Worlds Apart:

"Making Our Personality Differences
Work In Marriage"



DATE: **11 October 2014 (Sat)**

TIME: **2pm - 5pm**

FEE: **\$120 per couple**

VENUE: **National Volunteer and Philanthropy Centre**

6 Eu Tong Sen Street, #04-88 The Central, Singapore 059817

50% discount
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About the speaker: **Ng Ai Ling, Executive Director, REACH Community Services Society**



Ai Ling holds a Master of Science in Family & Systemic Psychotherapy and a Bachelor of Social Sciences (Hons) (Social Work) and brings with her 18 years of experience in the social work and counselling field. She is recognized by the Australian Psychologists Press as a fully qualified and accredited administrator of the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI).

Using the MBTI personality assessment tool, she has conducted many marital workshops helping couples to discover their own personalities, get better at resolving conflicts and build healthy communication patterns based on each other's preferences.

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1. Registration will only be confirmed upon receipt of the completed registration form and payment, before the closing date. Please call us if you do not receive our email confirmation.
2. Cancellation or replacement is allowed via email to pauline.ong@reach.org.sg by 10 September 2014 only.
3. Any cancellation / refund will be subjected to the bank's admin charges at prevailing rates for VISA/MasterCard transactions.
4. REACH reserves the right to change the venue or cancel the seminar due to unforeseen circumstances, and paid fees will be returned to participants upon cancellation.

CHANGING TIDES



During the month of July, we had mission trips going out every weekend to the Riau Islands. We praise the Lord for your commitment to missions. One particular highlight is Ps Ben Koh's training trip to Kazakhstan where the focus is to consolidate the strength among the existing Kazakh pastors, as the persecution has been really intense for the past few months. Many of them are very exhausted.

I happened to be in India right after their recent elections. The political-religious climate over South Asia is changing. With the newly elected anti-Christian government in India, the Christians in the region are bracing for tough times ahead. The situation in Nepal is also affected. Now the frequent strikes that used to be of political agenda is starting to have a religious tint, targeting churches. The Hindu extremists are borrowing power from the ruling political party in India to

campaign against the Church with the agenda of driving Christians away from Nepal, the officially Hindu nation.

Given the impending hardship ahead, the spiritual climate however is stronger than ever. Despite the persecution, Christianity is growing in strength and in numbers. Wherever we minister in, the Holy Spirit showed up strongly in their churches. There is a resurgence of the Holy Spirit's activity over South Asia. Increasingly, our mission trippers who went there, came back with reports of signs and wonders accompanied by testimonies of healings and casting out of demons.

God is preparing believers in the region to withstand persecution, growing them in faith and in long suffering. The Holy Spirit is rousing up a spiritual army. The Lord is bringing about a shift in the spiritual atmosphere and this revival will come neither by might, nor by power, but by Holy Spirit.

"But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it.

And I was delivered from the lion's mouth." - 2 Timothy 4:17

Continue to pray for the persecuted churches, that God would strengthen them, and the Church would be a shining beacon of light in dark places. Pray with us, for our trippers to be used mightily by the Lord as they minister with the power of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew Tan

"greater things will they do in my name"

By Elva Xia

Mission trip to Butwal, Nepal (17-24 June)

From 17th to 24th June, a team of us from the YAYP went on a mission trip to Butwal, Nepal. It was my first time on a mission trip and it was my first time witnessing God revealing Himself to me and using me to minister to people in supernatural ways.

Together as a team, we saw people receiving salvation through preaching of the Gospel. There were healing and the casting-out of demons right in front of our eyes. It was a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit as if God was putting everything that He can do right in front of us and telling us "I am God".

For me, this experience was life changing. I am a 9-month old Christian. When I signed up for the mission trip in response to the Holy Spirit's prompting, I wondered how God could use me for ministry, because I am so inexperienced and have so little knowledge of who God is. I prayed earnestly to God that I would surrender myself to Him and let the Holy Spirit lead me. Whatever God ask me to do, I will obey.

God answered my prayer. God used me to heal others. After a church service, a woman came to me and asked me to pray for her throat. I was caught off guard because I had no idea how to pray for healing and there was no way I could run away then. So I quickly prayed in my heart and asked God to use me to heal her. Then I put my hand on her throat, and said a very simple prayer: "in Jesus' name I command the illness in her throat to leave her now!" Immediately she fell backwards, sat up a few seconds later and the pain in her throat was gone. I was lost in amazement! After that, I prayed for another woman for her throat, arm, back and leg pain. Again, she was healed instantly! She even showed me how she could bend down with her both legs that were still in pain a moment ago. She was praising the Lord with so much joy!

Jesus is alive. He is still performing miracles today just as He did thousands of years ago. When we surrender 100% of ourselves to Him, and let Him use us, Jesus can use us mightily in His ministry. It is all about Jesus, never about us. There is nothing we could do in our strength. All ministry that we do is in His name, in His power, to glorify His name!

"I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing.

He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father." - John 14:12



“greater things will they do in my name”

missions trips' schedule 2014

BANGLADESH (S\$600)

06 - 14 December

PURI, INDIA (S\$750)

14 - 23 Nov

ASSAM & WEST BENGAL (S\$1200)

8 - 16 November

NEPAL (S\$1200)

7 - 14 December

SRI LANKA (S\$900)

14 - 22 September (R-AGE Only)

15 - 24 November

MYANMAR (S\$750)

28 November - 4 December

CAMBODIA (S\$500)

19 - 24 November

08 - 13 December

WEST KALIMANTAN, INDONESIA (S\$700)

4th-11th September

PEKANBARU, INDONESIA (S\$500)

15th-17th November

13th-17th December

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

16th-17th August

13th-14th December

KARIMUN, RIAU ISLANDS (S\$130)

13th-14th September

6th -7th December

upcoming missions trips: august 2014

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

KAZAKHSTAN

12th July 2014 to 11th August 2014

Ps Ben Koh

EAST ASIA

3rd August 2014 to 09th August 2014

Rev Richard Wee

CAMBODIA

19th August 2014 to 24th August 2014

Rev Matthew Wai and Soon Kim Tat

TANJONG PINANG

23rd August 2014 to 24th August 2014

Ronnie Lee with Team

SALATIGA, INDONESIA

23rd August 2014 to 28th August 2014

Rev Chan Peck Yin and Matthew Tan with Team

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 for more enquiries about Grace Missions or her missions trips.

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

恩典堂中文事工

粤语堂事工

恩典堂的粤语工作可以追索到我们的开荒先锋毕师母的时代：1950年！当时，她以粤语传讲福音，并以粤语向30-40位儿童讲说圣经故事。

今天，恩典堂拥有300人的粤语崇拜聚会。每逢星期六的下午五点正，一班可爱、忠心、热心的年长弟兄姐妹，或乘搭教会巴士，或乘搭公共巴士，或驾车，或步行，欢欢喜喜的来到这属灵的大家庭里，一齐同心的敬拜神，彼此团契，互相服侍。他们都是神赐予恩典堂的宝贵信徒。

粤语的祷告会是在崇拜聚会前的一个半小时进行。我们确实为着这班祷告的勇士们感谢主！他们恒心为教会的需要祷告，为个别信徒的需要互相代求，渴慕圣灵的工作和神的动工。粤语堂能持续至今，祷告的勇士居功不小！

目前，我们有十九个粤语的小组，超过一半的会众都参与小组的活动。小组的进行地点，有的在家中，有的在教会；各小组的进行时间也不一样，分别在周三、周四、周五或周六，或下午，或晚上。粤语小组的强处在于关怀和团契。信徒通过小组学习到神的话语，也学习互相服侍。看到年长者在小组中建立归属感，和通过小组与教会同心同行，真的是一件很美的事！

我们鼓励你，如果你家中有长者，或你有朋友、邻居听得懂粤语，请邀请他们来参与我们的活动吧！我们也向你发出邀请，如果你对粤语事工有兴趣，有负担，有呼召，请过来参与我们的服侍行列，我们需要你的协助，一起向听粤语的群众传扬主耶稣基督的美好福音。

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GRACE I

MY SAVIOUR'S CHURCH: 2 Prince Charles Crescent, Singapore 159011 | Tel: 6474 2823 | 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

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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