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"WHEN THE SPIRIT COMES, we will definitely be changed." At this year's Grace Retreat, we saw 945 Gracians, young and old, come together at Palace of the Golden Horses.

We are honoured to have Ps. Dr. Philip Lyn and Ps. Julie Khoo to speak at the adults and youth services respectively. The speakers were Spirit-led and engaging, and as much as the services were spontaneous, many were immensely blessed by the speakers' message.

The Holy Spirit's mighty move was evident in both the adult and youth services. Many were baptised in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues, and many also received visions as well as experienced the power of the Holy Spirit.

We had the chance to pray for our pastors and their spouses, as well as our fellow Gracians in one of the services, ministering and lifting each other up in prayer. We were also able to spend extended time in the presence of the Lord, worshipping in abandon and allowing the Holy Spirit to speak to us.

This is but the beginning of the mighty move of the Holy Spirit in Grace Assembly. Let's be witnesses of God's love and power, so that more may come to know Christ.

All glory to our Risen King, who has given us the Holy Spirit that convicts, comforts, and counsels.

By Elaine Tan



* Go to Retreat 2014 website at <http://graceretreat.graceao.org> for more pics and Retreat matters.



God is Good!

I stand amazed at the goodness and faithfulness of God upon Grace Assembly. The more I consider the church, the more I see the gracious hand of God.

Let me just highlight two areas that I'm very grateful to Him.

Firstly, His amazing provision for the Redevelopment of Grace Assembly. It's a miracle by itself that we have \$4 million in savings from various tenders. Now, the cost of the Redevelopment is \$62 million instead of \$66 million. Praise the Lord! The shortfall now stands at \$5.3 million. The figure is slowly but surely coming down.

As I have mentioned, we want to believe God that we will step into the new building debt free. It has been a journey of faith and let's continue to commit this journey to the Lord. My prayer is that this shortfall of \$5.3 million will be fully met by the end of this year. Let us look to God that He will provide and will use each one of us as the conduit of His provision.

This Redevelopment journey has been a miracle in itself and I'm thankful to God that we are all part of this miracle.

Secondly, I'm so thankful for the turnout of both the Chinese and English Grace Retreats. We had a total of 1,271 Gracians at both Retreats and it's the highest attendance in all these years.

The Holy Spirit moved powerfully at both of these Retreats. I saw upraised hands, fervent intercession, liberated worship, bended knees and tearful eyes at the Retreats. Many were also baptized with the Holy Spirit. Most of all, there were many surrendered hearts, renewed commitments to the Lord, powerful breakthroughs and different ones experiencing the power of the Holy Spirit as the Spirit touched them.

There's a great renewal and revival taking place and it'll bring about a powerful impact to the church at large.

I'm thankful for what the Lord has done in the hearts of Gracians at the Retreats and what He is going to do in Grace in the days ahead.

All glory to the Lord!

Ps Calvin Lee
Senior Pastor

breaking news: July is Prayer and Fasting month!

We are calling every Gracian to take the time and seek God in prayer and fasting this July. Together let's press in to greater breakthroughs for individuals, families and our church.

There's a lunch time prayer session every Wednesday in July at GII chapel from 12pm to 2 pm, please come and join the church staff for this precious time in seeking the Lord together.



Clothed with Power

J333 (jul)

Dates: Jul 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 (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!

**Special World prayer @ J333
30 July 2014**

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

jul: Spirit's Empowerment

GRACE REDEVELOPMENT UPDATES

(AS AT 31 MAY 2014)



\$11.7 MILLION
AMOUNT PAID

\$50.3 MILLION
TO BE PAID



\$45 MILLION
CASH AVAILABLE



TARGET
2200 BRICKS (\$11m)

PLEDGES FULFILLED
1140 BRICKS (\$5.7m)

Jul - sep corporate calendar

JUL

- 2-30 (Weds) Prayer&Fasting (Combined)
- 10 (Thur) GDP Mbership class (Eng) 'Life in a New Family'
- 25 (Fri) Holy Spirit Revival Mtg Dr Ong Sek Leang
- 26 (Sat) GDP Seminar (Eng) Dr Ong Sek Leang

AUG

- 10 (Sun) Water Baptism (Eng)
- 16 (Sat) Morning Prayer (Eng)

SEP

- 6 (Sat) Project Neighbour (Combined)
- 13 (Sat) GDP Seminar (Eng) 'Spirit-Empowered Life & Ministry'
- 19 (Fri) Special Prophetic Mtg (David McCracken)

saturdays @ Lengkok Bahru with Raymond and Justin Khoo

Many of us who had visited the 3rd world country's poor would be moved by their predicament. The irony is that here in clean and rich Singapore, we have our own version of the poor and needy right in our own backyard.

Saturdays@Lengkok Bahru is a small volunteer group started by our own Gracian, Raymond Khoo, and it comprised mainly friends and relatives. They spend Saturday afternoons befriending lonely older folk in one of Singapore's poorest housing estate, Lengkok Bahru. They regularly contribute food and other necessities that they pay from their own pockets. Volunteers also hold tuition sessions for children in primary school from the same blocks.

It's an endeavor that also involves young children. Raymond's primary one son Justin and his classmates have visited and distributed food at the block.

We want to applause the missional spirit exhibited by them and pray that their efforts will be felt significantly by the needy in that area.

** Raymond and Justin were featured in the Straits Times on 8 June for their good work at Lengkok Bahru*





Ps Ong Sek Liang and wife, Ps Nancy Ong

Holy Spirit Revival Meeting with Rev Ong Sek Liang

Come and receive your word in season from God's prophet, Rev Ong Sek Liang as he comes bringing the Spirit's fire to Grace!

Expect the Spirit's visitation in your life and be Clothed with Power.

Date : Friday, 25 July 2014

Venue : Grace II

Time : 7.30 pm

Grace Discipleship Process

GDP Seminar with Rev Ong Sek Leang

LIVING A SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE

Rev Ong Sek Leang is the Senior Pastor of Metro Tabernacle, a fast growing and dynamic church in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. He has traveled extensively throughout different parts of the world and ministers with a powerful prophetic anointing for breakthrough, raising up a new generation of leaders with apostolic authority and prophetic clarity; and releasing the church to live in intimacy and to manifest the Power of God in signs and wonders.

Have you ever wondered, "What's next after being filled by the Spirit? How should I live as one being filled with the Spirit? How does the infilling affect the way I live?" Come and learn from the servant of God who lives and moves in the Spirit.

Please register at the GDP Counter. Registration closes on 20 Jul.

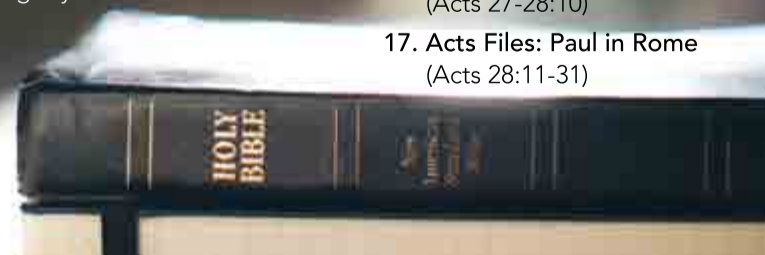
For further information, please visit www.graceaog.org/gdp.

sermons for 3rd quarter 2014

ACTS OF THE MISSIONAL SPIRIT: Expansion of the Church on His Mission Acts 9-28

As the early church continued to grow, the apostles faced the challenges of taking the gospel beyond the shores of Israel. The way they followed the leading of the Holy Spirit and persevered in trials and opposition are powerful examples and lessons for us as we embrace the mission of God in our lives. We discover that we are all part of His story and the Acts of Missional Spirit is continued in us as we seek to live our lives missionally for His glory.

9. **God Breaking Through:** Peter and Cornelius (Acts 9:32—11:18; Acts 2, 8, 10, 19)
10. **Ends of the Earth:** The First Missionary Journey of Barnabas and Paul (Acts 11:19-30; 12:25-14:28)
11. **The Big Picture:** The Jerusalem Council (Acts 15:1-35)
12. **Global Positioning Spirit:** The Second Missionary Journey of Paul and Silas (Acts 15:36-18:22)
13. **The Last Goodbye:** The Third Missionary Journey of Paul (Acts 18:23-20:16)
14. **To go or not to go?:** Paul's trip to Jerusalem (Acts 20:17-21:40)
15. **My Life, His Story:** Paul's testimony and faithfulness (Acts 22-26)
16. **Eye of the Storm:** The Journey to Rome (Acts 27-28:10)
17. **Acts Files: Paul in Rome** (Acts 28:11-31)



the promise of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit

Every Christian is to be a witness. We are not all evangelists, but we have a responsibility to evangelize. We are to live the Christian life in front of people and tell them about the gospel of Jesus Christ. "The baptism in the Spirit means that people, saved by grace, and born again can have new experiences and become Spirit-energized witness for Christ."

After Jesus Christ was resurrected He told His disciples to "wait for the gift my Father promised" (Acts 1:4). This gift is for every believer in the world today. You may disagree with us on some points of terminology and perhaps some theology, but we hope that we all hold this one thing in common—namely, that we want a deeper, richer, more powerful experience of God's Spirit. You might call it "baptism", "fullness," or the "infilling of the Holy Spirit." Whatever your terminology, we pray that you experience it.

Some, like the house of Cornelius (see Acts 10), received the experience within seconds after their conversion. Others may have been Christians for decades without ever having heard that there was such an experience. The point is not so much *when* you hear of this tremendous promise or *how* you receive it; it is that you take advantage of all that God has for you.

Some people have tried to say that the baptism in the Spirit with signs following was only for the early disciples who needed the extra "charge" or unique gifting to get Christianity started. Well, we need it too! It is critical that we utilize every available bit of energy and supernatural strength to do God's work in an evil world.

God's power is for you and me today. His wonderful gift is available to us just as it was to the early church. You can receive the same power with signs following that the early church received. There simply is no biblical support for the opinions of some who say this experience is not for us. It is for today, and it can be a part of your life. D.L.Moody said, "God commands us to be filled with the Spirit; and if we aren't filled, it's because we're living beneath our privileges." Peter said to the thousands of onlookers, "The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off - for all whom the Lord our God will call" (Acts 2:39). Let us examine Peter's words.

1. The promise us "for you." The people whom Peter was talking to were the same ones he had accused of putting Jesus to death by "nailing him to the cross" (Acts 2:23). The very people responsible for all killing Jesus were being offered the gift of the baptism in the Holy Spirit. God wanted them to know that he would forgive them if they repented, and he would give the same experience that the 120 had received in the Upper Room. (See Acts 1:13; 2:1.)
2. The promise is for "your children." It is to be passed on from generation to generation. Christianity is not a one-generation religion. God has no grandchildren, only children. Also, God does not want us to think that this experience was only for people many generations ago. Peter was telling his listeners that this promise was for their children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and so on. Paul prayed for a group of Ephesian disciples to receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit approximately twenty years after the original disciples had had the experience. (See Acts 19:1-7.) The word "children" not only means our immediate families, but also our descendants. We are descendants of the early church. Their experience can be ours.
3. The promise is for "all who are far off" (Acts 2:39). Perhaps he was prophetically speaking about the Christians who would be alive when the rapture of the church occurred. Looking down through the ages, Peter's spiritual eyes may have had a glimpse of today's church. We are "far off" in time and space.
4. The promise is "for all whom the Lord our God will call" (Acts 2:39). God's call to salvation is for everyone. He "wants all men to be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth" (1 Tim. 2:4). Jesus said, "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him" (John 6:44). He later added, "No one can come to me unless the Father has enabled him" (v.65). The Father draws us to Jesus, and the Father has given the guarantee that not only would those who come to Christ receive salvation, but "the promise" would be available to them too. We who have salvation are the ones the "Lord our God will call" (Acts 2:39). You can have your own personal experience. In fact, God does not want to watch those who have had powerful experiences in the Lord. He wants this baptism for you just as much as he does for anyone else.

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For enquiries, please contact Sis Jamie at 64100827 or jamielim@graceaog.org OR register at the upcoming Prison Ministry Recruitment on 13 & 14 July, after church service.

Creative Arts Ministry recruitment month

If you have an innate desire to let God use you creatively as an instrument of worship, **NOW'S YOUR CHANCE!** For the whole of this month, you can sign up for the various roles in the Creative Arts Ministry. We invite you to sign up @ www.graceaog.org

STORIES OF OUR CAMELS:

ELAINE TAN (KV, Youth)

I have been serving in the ministry over the past year in R-AGE as a KV. Being in this ministry has allowed me to grow in many ways. I never knew what it really means to 'sing a new song onto the Lord', until one day the Holy Spirit placed a melody in my heart and I sang it out in faith. It felt different, but in a wonderful way. You must know that anyone can sing in the Spirit, it is not limited to just the people serving in the worship team.

I still come to the Lord in fear and trembling every time that I serve, but there is an added excitement in my heart, knowing that I can encounter with God through worship leading. There is a joy that fills my heart, a joy that I wished I could transfer to everyone around me, every time I serve the Lord in this manner. But you have got to experience it for yourself. If the Lord has given you gifting's (be it playing an instrument, percussion or simply singing) in these areas, join us!

THERESA LEONG (Praise Singers, Choir)

Looking back, I am thankful to God for using me in the choir ministry.

Initially, I was doubtful that I could make such a commitment. As joining the choir meant that I needed to make adjustments to my weekend plans with my family members as well as working hard on singing correctly, stretching my memory power.

However, God opened the door for me to serve not just once, but twice in 2 different occasions so that I could respond. What I enjoyed most is seeing things work out through God and experiencing God, who enabled me time and time again through many circumstances.

Every rehearsal is a challenge, but also a blessing. It is especially so when there are parts to learn and lyrics to memorize and arising very early in the morning and travelling down to GII in preparation for the morning services. But the challenges are nothing when compared to the surpassing joy and blessings I received in singing for Him.

I would like to thank CAM for scheduling good training programs and workshops that have helped us improve in our singing skills and Bible study and admonishing us to draw closer to God even in our personal walk with Him in worship.

The church has also specifically prayed over us, the Worship ministry team, in a J333 meeting in Sept 2012, and I experienced His anointing in worship. These experiences are something I will always treasure for the rest of my life.

DAVID TAN (Praise Audio)

Personally, I find it a privilege to be called into serving and especially the Praise Audio ministry. I am always reminded of the Levites in the Old Testament who were set aside by God and given the task of ministering to the people in the sanctuary. They were also making sure the tent of meeting is ready for the people to worship and fellowship with God.

Through serving, I learnt that all my effort and knowledge is meaningless until it is directed towards bringing believers closer to God and laying claim to the atmosphere in Jesus' name, so the sounds from every voice and every instrument will be used by the Holy Spirit to minister to the people and draw them to God. This helps create worship that rises like sweet incense to the Lord. Like the song says, "Better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere". There is nothing better than worshipping God, and having the privilege to play a role in it.

LIN WEI BIN (Praise Band, Electric Guitar)

Being able to serve in CAM as a guitarist has been one of the greatest privileges from God and from the ministry in my life. After serving for 13 years, God renewed my passion to play for him because I draw nearer to Him with my instrument. The song 'Endless Hallelujah' by Matt Redman speaks of my heart because worship is what we will be doing forever in heaven, and it is His irresistible grace that draws me to Him. Worship on earth is merely a small continuation to, or as what Pastor Lim used to always say, 'rehearsal' for eternity. This keeps me really excited!

As I looked back, it was CAM that helped develop my gift. Far better than that, it was CAM that deepened my walk with God. These two outcomes are what I have to be more than thankful for. God never short-changes our service to Him!

MINISTRY ROLE'S AND DESCRIPTIONS:

These descriptions below are to furnished you with a little information about what the ministry is like and what is the commitment level required

PRAISE SINGERS

Choir

The choir is the extended arm of the congregation that is trained to support the worship with vocal presence that symbolizes and anticipates the multitude of worshippers in Revelation. The choir rehearses weekly for both the weekend services and for special worship occasions throughout the year.

Choir's member's requirements and commitments are as follows:

- To attend a simple audition and interview to ascertain vocal range and ministry commitment capacity
- Faithful in attending weekly choir practice on Saturday and project rehearsals as required
- Serves in the Sunday worship backup team on alternate weeks in GI/II at 9am and 11.15am services
- Participates in all special projects/ presentations undertaken by the choir
- Possesses a humble and teachable spirit and faithful in prayer
- Possesses some degree of musical singing ability and to learn to sing in parts
- Diligent in spending effort and time in memorizing and internalizing the worship songs
- Good stewards of resources entrusted to the choir such as attire/accessories, score sheet, song booklets, practice CDs and music tracks for ministry purposes

KV (Key Vocalist)

The Key Vocalist is an important element in the worship team, supporting the Worship Leader alongside the musicians in leading worship lyrically.

Key Vocalists requirements and commitments are as follows:

- Possess an exemplary servant attitude
- Good vocal technique in Tone & Expression
- A good ear for harmonies, and blending
- Preferably music theory knowledge
- Attend Band rehearsals adequately prepared with lyrics memorized

PRAISE AUDIO

Praise Audio is a dynamic team where you will experience worship like never before. You will go through a structured training program covering modern audio equipment, mixing techniques and to support the worship leaders/ musicians in creating the right ambience so the congregation can draw closer to God during worship and ensuring the spoken word is delivered with clarity.

Praise Audio's requirements and commitments are as follow:

- To attend band rehearsal for scheduled weekends on Tuesday (GI), Wednesday (Youth/YAYP) or Thursday (GII)
- Serve on scheduled weekend services at GI/ GII and other events

PRAISE VISUAL

Praise Visual team provide visual support for worship and sermons during regular services and events. With the use of computers and cameras, multimedia content (song lyrics, powerpoint slides, videos) are projected behind the scenes by these dedicated team.

Praise Visual Roles: Video Switcher, Camera Operator, Projectionist and more.

Praise Visual's requirements and commitments are as follow:

- To attend band rehearsal for scheduled weekends on Tuesday (GI) or Thursday (GII)
- Serve on scheduled weekend services at GI/ GII and other events

PRAISE PRODUCTION

Praise Production is the ministry that join the dots between various ministries (Visuals, Audio, Lights, Emcees, Worship Team, etc.) to ensure smooth operations and running of regular services and events. These individual plays the role of managing, coordinating and executing productions effectively.

Praise Production Roles: Stage Manager, Production Manager, Production Assistant, Crew Member and more.

Praise Production's requirements and commitments are as follow:

- A good communicator and organizer
- Possess a spirit of excellence, detailed, dependable and solution-minded
- Serve on scheduled weekend services at GI/ GII and other events

Creative Arts Ministry recruitment month continued...

PRAISE BAND

Praise Band is the ministry of musicians that are there to support the congregational worship singing for all services. These bands of musicians form the core foundation to our ministry of worship to God through their music every weekend and in most of our services.

Band member's requirements and commitments are as follow:

- To audition with two songs of different genres and demonstrate the ability to learn and play current worship songs
- To understudy (for approximately a period of 3 months) someone to learn and understand the culture and commitment of serving in the worship team.
- To attend band rehearsal for scheduled weekends on Tuesday (GI), Wednesday (Youth/YAYP) or Thursday (GII)

- Serve on scheduled weekend services at GI/GII
- Have the ability to play in a contemporary modern music band situation
- Possess some ability to know and learn the reading of notes and scores
- To be committed to be good stewards of God's resources (church instruments, scores, etc.)

Musicians needed: Keyboardists, Electric Guitarists, Acoustic Guitarists, Bassists, Drummers or any other instruments that are relevant in a contemporary music setting

INSTRUMENTALISTS

This is a new ministry to gather church musicians who are adept in playing instrumental/orchestral music. The ministry desires to creatively learn and develop instrumentalists to complement musical dynamics in worship to demonstrate the marvellous God we worship.

Instrumentalist requirements and commitments are as follow:

- Church members who possess relevant orchestral/ensemble instrumental music skills
- Instruments that are relevant: any String, Brass, Woodwind instruments
- Pass audition, consisting of a choice of your own selected piece and a given sight-reading
- Music will be sent in advance to members to practise individually, so that they can be prepared to play, not learn, during rehearsal
- Fortnightly practices (suggested timings: Tues 7.30-10pm / Sat 9.30am – 12pm) at GII
- Playing for special services (i.e. Easter, Christmas etc.) or as needed for weekly worship services



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Freda serves as a vocalist and keyboardist at Grace Assembly of God. She is a vocal coach and a piano accompanist for choirs. She is so blessed to be the wife of Peter Lim and mother of Linus Mark.

introducing our pastoral staff:
PS CHAN PECK YIN



My name is Chan Peck Yin, I live in two worlds. In Singapore, I pace with the fast, task-orientated society and when in missions, I adjust to people in the towns and villages. I am in charge of missions' and teaching trips to Indonesia especially to Riau islands.

I see the affluence of our country and I see the poverty of the developing nations. My world view changed when I was send out by Grace Missions in 2003 to India for one and half years and to Timor Leste in 2005 for three and half years. I want to live simply so that I am prepared to be where God send me. It was with other passionate teachers that I went for my first missions' trip to Segamat, Johore Bahru. .

In a trekking trip to Nepal in 1992, I met Ps Tan Shwu Eng. She influenced me to seek God for a calling in missions. Ps David Lim's message on "No reservations, No retreat and No regret" resonated with me about missions. The door to step out came after 6 years of seeking, Grace Missions sent me for missions' training with Youth With Mission. The rest is history and my life is more fulfilled now.

I was born to parents who were tailors. My father sent all of his children to an English speaking kindergarten which happened to be run by missionaries. I heard the name of Jesus when I was a child and gave my heart to Jesus at the age of 14. My classmate, Jennifer Koh brought me to Grace Assembly. My parents objected strongly as all five children came to Christ around the same time. But, today my whole family, which includes my siblings and their children are Christians. I am very grateful to God for the transformation of my family with my eldest brother, William, the first to believe in Christ.

I believe that the blessings that I have in this present life must be shared with others. This world is temporal but eternity is forever, thus I choose to place my investments of time and resources there.

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27 JULY
1:15 PM TO 4:30 PM @ GII
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CLOSING DATE IS 20 JULY

Grace Kids PreSchool outing – sunday 9am service @ GI Furama

Dear parents, please note that there will be no PreSchool sessions (ages 3-6) on the following services as the children will be going for their annual outing that weekend:

GI Preschool Sun at 9.00am service – Praise Kids - 20 July(Sunday),
9.00am to 12.30pm: TOTT Store

Children who are going for the outing are to report according to their given reporting time. Please refer to the outing consent form from the PreSchool for further details.





when the Spirit comes to R-AGE

John Low, R-AGE retreat committee

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Quotes by R-AGERS

“Retreat was a time of meeting God, learning and realising His faithfulness and assurance for me.”
— Sean Sin, 17

“When the Spirit comes, He is irresistible!”
— Jasmin Low, 20

“The Spirit moved so powerfully, yet so subtly, that what we’re facing now is not a spiritual high, but a preparation for revival.” — Yu Wanhui, 16

“Retreat was a precious time of rediscovering intimacy with God, and being filled spiritually!”
— Foo Huishi, 18

“God heals, loves and frees.” — Elvin Lim, 18

“This retreat was an eye-opening experience for me as God revealed how much he loves and cares for me, that he’ll never leave or forsake me, and always be there to guide me.” — Daniel Lek, 16

“spiritually renewing & real.” — Persis Lok, 16

“I have a restored and new life!” — Baohui, 16

“This retreat brought about a new and refreshing perspective of God, that further affirms my faith in the Lord.” — Samuel Lee, 17

“When the Spirit comes, we are empowered, equipped, and renewed.” — Timothy Soepadmo, 14

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I believe Grace Retreat 2014 has been a significant spiritual milestone for the youths of Grace Assembly. Over five days, 220 youths descended upon Malaysia’s Palace of the Golden Horses hotel, to meet God and bond as a body.

When we come with expectant hearts, God never fails to show up; His presence was tangibly evident at every service, and we experienced spiritual revival, as many youths received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, saw visions, and experienced spiritual restoration.

Rev. Julie Khoo, from Glad Tidings AG, Petaling Jaya, was such a blessing to us. She always moved spontaneously in the Spirit and delivered prophetic words when led to; at one service, she was led to give a response call for those with full-time calling, and 23 youths of all ages received, and responded to God’s call! No words can encompass the great work He has done in R-AGE; we can only thank and praise God!

Retreat also brought youths from our GI and GII communities together to form new bonds, as we underwent an experience unique only to R-AGE: boys were made to put on make up, while girls donned camouflage cream, as their war paint, to play a series of exhilarating, vivacious games – we drenched each other using just a sponge, and ran laps just to collect sweat – which climaxed with a mass dog-and-bone game, where teams fought an all-out battle of speed and wits to be the first team to collect cards and complete a mystery phrase.

I am certain that R-AGE walked away with fresh revelation of God, and new friendships that will last. All these were accomplished not by the efforts of the leaders, but by the grace and love of God, and it is my prayer that the youths will walk away from this retreat remembering having encountered God, and being transformed by Him.

What is important from here on, is that we apply what we have learned during this retreat, taking steps daily to enrich our relationship with God. We must continue to be consistent in prayer, and press into His presence daily, that we will be renewed by the Spirit, and transact the fire to the rest of R-AGE, and the rest of our nation.

I believe that when the Spirit comes, we WILL redeem a generation for eternity.



FamilyLife@Grace

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

Restored LIFE (Clinical Counselling)

Are you trapped in your conditions?
 Stressed, confused, fearful, worried, unloved, low self-esteem...
 Are these your questions which have been left unanswered?
 Why did my spouse leave us?
 Why can't my parents get it?
 Why can't my kids just listen?...

The FamilyLife@Grace Ministry has a counselling arm which reaches out to anyone who needs support. We have a group of fully trained volunteer counsellors who will guide these people in need of help. Using professional therapies strengthened with Biblical principles, they will help you to achieve a victorious life in Christ.

These associate counsellors (volunteer counsellors) are our church members, professionally trained under the close supervision of the REACH COUNSELLING - Community Services Society (RCSS) which is the community outreach arm of our church.



Left to Right:
 Jeanne Liew, Ps Walter Lim, Ps Benjamin Wong,
 Yui Shum, Alicia Poon (RC Full-time counsellor),
 Chang Song Eng (Head of RC) & Yew Wai.

Chang Song Eng, the head of Reach Counselling wrote a testimony of how a young lady walked out of her entrapped life through counselling

The Girl at the Corner

It was a Sunday evening. Su Min felt like running away. Even though her parents were discussing about financial matters on an amicable note, it stirred up a great turmoil within her heart.

The past image of her parents embroiled in escalating conflict flashed past her mind. The flashback paralysed her. Su Min realised that her old fears were still haunting her.

Su Min was 13 years old when she knew that her family was different. Her parents had been quarrelling over her father's infidelity. On several occasions, her mother had threatened suicide. This was a secret she could not share with anyone. Fear was her faithful companion that would usher her to hide at a dark corner. Now at 25, she thought she had grown out of this fear since her parents' issue was largely resolved and they have been relating well over the last four years.

Su Min was still terrified over the prospect of her mother killing herself and her father abandoning the family. Fear had crippled her in her own relationships. She realized that her rejection of her former boyfriend due to punctuality issue, arose from her need to protect herself from impending disappointment and hurt. Just as she felt that her father had not taken good care of her mother and her, she could not bear the thought of being vulnerable to another relationship that might let her down. Whenever someone lets her down, fear would lead her to cut off the relationship prematurely. She would then retreat to that safe and familiar dark corner.

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Hearts that listen

Question

My husband and I have been married for many years now. We love children and would very much like to have one. We were very happy when we found out that I was pregnant. Like all first-time parents, we were shopping for the baby's things and were looking forward to having this baby. However, our joy was cut short. In one of our visits to the doctor, the baby's heart-beat was not detected. I had a miscarriage. We were both devastated. How could we move on from here?

Pastor Walter Lim replies

We are so sorry to hear about your loss. Losing someone we hold dear or care about is always painful and difficult. It is not what we would normally choose to go through, yet it is part and parcel of life's journey that we can never fully understand. I would like to answer your question with a two part answer.

How do I manage what I am feeling now?

Generally, I would see this as a situation of grief as you had lost someone dear to your heart. There are generally five stages of grief that a person may experience. Though not in the order of sequence or all the stages listed below:

- ◆ Denial : "No, this is not happening ..."
- ◆ Anger : "Why me...why?"
- ◆ Bargaining : "If only I have done this or that ..."
- ◆ Depression: "I don't feel like doing anything ..."
- ◆ Acceptance: "Ok! How can I move on from here?"

As you go through the grief process, know that there is always healing as you allow yourself to look beyond the current situation. If you find yourself stopping at any of the above first four stages, go talk to someone who can hear you out and share your emotions. He or she can be a friend or a professional counsellor. You do not have to go through them all alone. As a Bible-believing Christian, you can always bring your grief to God in prayer. The Book of Psalms is full of such prayers for you to identify with. Once you come to accept the situation that he cannot change, you are now ready to move on to the next stage.

Moving Forward

1 Corinthians 13 gives us the definition of what love means and in verse 13, it says: *"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."* Faith, hope and love are strong motivational forces that invigorate us into facing our tomorrows. There must be good reasons why you want to start a family. Think of your loved ones that are still with you. Think of the God you believe in. His plans are not to harm you, though you may not understand them now. He wants to bless you. There are much teachings in the Bible to tell us that that is true. No one chooses to go through difficult moments, but they always make us a better person once we overcome them. Many of the important turning points of our lives are shared by challenging moments. Let the faith, hope and love in our God and the people around you and yourself be the very strength you can tap on to move on beyond where you are. There is a better tomorrow awaiting you as you leave your present and move towards a new future that awaits you.

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...Cont' "The Girl at the Corner"

Su Min took courage to step into the unknown by seeking help through counselling. She recalled, *"The idea of undergoing counselling seems rather intimidating to me"*. It was not easy for Su Min to be in touch with her emotions and to confront her fears. Yet, she took the risk and became gradually aware of the link between her past and her fears. Therapies helped her to express her childhood injury, appreciate the "girl at the corner" and eventually to bid goodbye to her. In doing so, new companions could come alongside her. Courage and compassion are now her companions that light up her heart.

"I began to undergo a transformative process by allowing myself to first reduce my guardedness, be vulnerable, then to explore the past unresolved hurts and fears and eventually to make deliberate and resolute changes – albeit carried out in small, baby steps. I was able to shift the manner in which I think and react to differing situations, and I find myself being better able to relate to myself and my loved ones. I am now more able to get in touch with my own feelings and emotions, and am more effective in managing them. Through my experience, I have discovered that counselling is essentially a very important process which everybody may need to undergo at one point or another in their lives, in order to face one's fears and hurts, confront them, and to defeat them."

Su Min courageously faced her fears and took practical steps to relate better with her parents and her loved ones. She also learnt to nurture a compassionate and encouraging voice, and to reduce the critical voice within her. From a girl at a corner, she is growing to become a woman of courage and compassion.

the international outpouring of the Holy Spirit

The month of June was one of the hottest months for countries we have church planting works in. Some countries are experiencing temperature upwards of 40°C in the shade. Despite the sweltering heat, last month we sent off 3 short-term missions trips, we have conducted 4 leadership training sessions in our partner countries. More so, I am glad to see 9 first time trippers, going out into the field. Join me as I applaud these trippers for their willingness to step out of their comfort zone. During good times, bad times and even uncomfortable times, the work of Grace Missions must still carry on.

"I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions."

- Joel 2:28 -

In the Old Testament we can observe that the Spirit of the Lord rest only on specific people. It was never for everybody. It wasn't until God spoke through the prophet Joel and poured out His Spirit during Pentecost (Acts 2). This was how

Christendom began. Not by might, not by power, but by the Spirit of the Lord.

There was a time when I was preaching in Nepal and I felt the Lord telling me to pray for the people to be baptized in the Holy Spirit. I obeyed the Lord. All of a sudden, the Holy Spirit filled the entire room. Like a tide rushing in, breaking at the shore, everyone started to burst out in tongues from the back all the way to the front. Even those nursing mothers at the back of the room started bursting out in tongues!

This must be a work of God! I was the first foreigner they ever saw and they have never heard what tongues sounded like. Yet back there, everyone was praising God just like how we are experiencing it here in Grace Assembly.

My experience in Nepal tells me that what the Bible recorded in Acts 2 is not just a thing of the past. That experience is still available for us today! God is real, and God is pouring out His Spirit on all people in all nations. 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
Grace Missions

hyderabad, india

By Tay Yi Qing

From 25th May to 2nd June, a team of us from R-AGE went on a missions trip to Hyderabad, India. Over that short week, we conducted a leaders' training workshop, a youth camp, children programs and helped out with their weekend ministries.

"You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all of your heart." – Jeremiah 29:13

We had the privilege of witnessing the truly remarkable passion these Indian youths had for Christ. There was an unmistakable hunger for a greater intimacy with God; to have His Word and His Spirit set their lives ablaze for the glory of His Name. In response to the hunger of God's people, we saw the Lord pour out His Spirit unto His people. Many repented and recommitted their lives to God and many received the gift of speaking in tongues for the first time.

However, for me, the most incredible of all was the strong impression among the team members that God had not yet finished His work in Hyderabad. Rather than an incredible one-time outpouring of the power of the Spirit, we felt the Lord's power focused more on transforming the inner lives of these Indian youths. What God revealed to us during the camp was amazing, but it was nothing compared to what He had in store for the Hyderabad church after the youth camp.

The team too was not left out of His Holy Spirit's move. As we availed ourselves to the work of the Holy Spirit, many of us were blessed with words of wisdom as we prayed for others. We too grew in faith after receiving the affirmations of the people we prayed for. However, it was not because of our experience or expertise that the Spirit moved, but rather because God wants to bless His children. All we did was to act as obedient messengers and release the words that He has for His children. God knows what His Church needs to grow and by aligning ourselves with His plan for His Church, we gained the ultimate privilege of watching Him move in the lives of His children.



upcoming missions trips: july 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:

BATAM

11th July 2014 to 12th July 2014
Jenny Chow, Sheryl Teo with YAYP

TG UBAN

12th July 2014 to 13th July 2014
Ps Peck Yin, Bro Michael Tan and Team

KAZAKHSTAN

15th July 2014 to 04th August 2014
Ps Ben Koh

TG. PINANG

19th July 2014 to 20th July 2014
Bro Michael Tan with CAF

HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM

19th July 2014 to 27th July 2014
Ps Matthew Wai and Sis Lydia

BATAM

29th July 2014 to 31st July 2014
Ps Matthew Wai, Ps Peck Yin and Bro Kenneth Kwan

missions awareness volunteer recruitment

We are looking for volunteers who are passionate about missions to serve in the below capacity:

WRITERS

Writers will approach mission trippers for interviews regarding their trips. They would then write testimonies for the bulletin. We are especially looking for writers who can interview people in Mandarin and write in English.

PRAYER COORDINATORS

Prayer coordinators will be involved in the planning for the monthly "World Prayer" meetings.

EVENT PLANNERS

Event Planners would be part of a team planning for mission booths outside the service locations.

Interested persons can email matthew.tan@graceaog.org for more details.

missions trips' schedule 2014

BANGLADESH (S\$600)

06 - 14 December

PURI, INDIA (S\$750)

01 - 08 October

PAKISTAN (S\$2000)

01 - 08 October

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)

06 - 11 August
01 - 06 September
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

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.

BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING

"...I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing." Gen 12:2

AN EARNEST INVITE

REACH CHARITY FUND-RAISING DINNER DINNER

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)

Cost : \$3,000 per table

Highlights

- Be entertained by veteran deejay and host, The Flying Dutchman
- Be enchanted by the sounds of music maestro, Jeremy Monteiro
- Be enthralled by world renowned artist, Brad Blaze
- Be there for the auction of Brad's paintings

NB: The cost of the entire dinner has been covered by a donor. Every dollar paid for the tables at the Fund-Raising Dinner goes to REACH



Under the Care & Share Movement, every donation towards REACH will be matched dollar-for-dollar by the Government in 2014. The Government has pledged to match up to \$1 million for REACH if we raise \$1 million by December 2014. The funds will support our new counselling centre at Blk 307 Shunfu and our new youth centre at Blk 417 Bukit Batok West Avenue 4.

Only 25 tables are left for our Charity Dinner!

For table booking, please proceed to our registration counter after service on these dates (5, 6, 12, 13 Jul).

All proceeds are eligible for 2.5 times tax exemption.

All monetary donations to REACH Community Services Society are eligible for 2.5 times tax exemption of the amount donated when you furnish your NAME/NRIC/FIN/UEN/Company Registration number.

Like our Facebook page www.facebook.com/rcsssingapore to keep in touch with REACH or simply log on www.reach.org.sg.

CARING & SHARING IN ACTION

We want to thank some Gracians who have in different ways live out the missional spirit through sharing your precious time, words of encouragement, prayer support and gifts of love with REACH.

A big thank you to the 30 Gracians who spent an entire morning on 28 June at the REACH Family Bonding Day at the Zoo. Thank you for helping the parents and children from the 100 low-income families to bond through games and activities.



We want to especially show our heartfelt appreciation to Success Resources who has adopted REACH as the beneficiary in their Corporate Social Responsibility initiative. Thank you for organising an auction and a donation drive that raised \$60,000 for REACH in May 2014. Thank you for being missional in the marketplace!

JOIN US TO CARE & SHARE THROUGH

- Prayer support
- Volunteerism / Corporate Social Responsibility
- Donation

For enquiries on volunteering/CSR, contact Rachel at 6252 2566 or rachel.leong@reach.org.sg

For enquiries on donation, contact Tze Wei at 6252 2566 or tzewei.teo@reach.org.sg



grace services

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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Every Wednesday, 7.30 pm, GLORY SANCTUARY, LEVEL 3

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中文事工家庭退修会

感谢主的恩典，在六月份中文事工家庭退修会中，我们切实地看到了神的荣耀与能力彰显在这个五天四夜的营会中。

今年中文部退修会的主题是“与灵共舞”。我们的目标是每一个参与退修会的弟兄姐妹都能够与圣灵有亲密的接触，能够亲自经历圣灵的光照与能力。感谢神，借着大会的两位讲员，聂彼得牧师和杨天恩牧师的讲道与服事，三百多位弟兄姐妹从中受益匪浅，许多人经历了圣灵的触摸与浇灌，我们也见证了圣灵的大能。

在其中一场特别的交流会中，两位讲员与萧牧师现场解答弟兄姐妹所提出许多关于圣灵的问题。通过对问题的分析及真理的教导，使会众在有关圣灵的一些问题上有了更清晰的认识。

除此之外，我们也看到会众在每一场的敬拜都全情投入其中，我们在神的面前欢呼、赞美、跳跃、起舞、挥旗.....，专注在祂的里面，全心献上最美的敬拜。神的同在就在当中彰显并将圣灵浇灌在我们中间。

在整个营会中，神借着讲道、敬拜赞美、分享和游戏，使弟兄姐妹们经历祂的美好，并感受到从圣灵而来的新油、新酒、新能力的膏抹。

在这营会中，我看到了不同堂会的弟兄姐妹能在神的爱中彼此团契、互相认识、一同用餐、共同学习、一起配搭事奉，这是何等美好的见证。但愿我们能够继续在主爱中成长，并将这份爱传递下去，分享给更多的人。

一切荣耀归于神。



中文事工洗礼

