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MISSIONAL FAMILY CHURCH

As we begin 2015, I want to share with you the direction we are taking for Grace Assembly.

When I came back to Grace, my one prayer to the Lord is "What's your calling for Grace and how best can we describe Grace?"

The more I prayed and pondered over it, the more I'm convinced and convicted about where the Lord is taking us as a church. On the onset of talking about New Grace, I highlighted the need to be missional and also the importance of loving God and loving people. For Gracians who have been in Grace for some time, they would readily testify that Grace is a family church. Then one day, it just dawned upon me and immediately I sensed the Lord's calling for Grace and that is to be a Missional Family Church.



Let me briefly define each phrase to give us a better understanding of why we are to be a Missional Family Church?

(A) Why Missional? PURPOSE

We need to understand the theological underpinnings of being missional:

- It's about the missional nature of God (John 3:16)
- It's about actively participating in the *missio dei* or mission of God (Matthew 28:18-20)
- It's about the incarnational ministry as demonstrated by Jesus (Philippians 2:6-8)

Being missional is a lifestyle where we intentionally live out the gospel wherever we are.

(B) Why Family? PERSPECTIVE

- We are a family of God, brought together as brothers and sisters in Christ. *'Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers'* (Galatians 6:10)
- We are a multilingual, multicultural and inter-generational family.
- We believe every family unit is important and has a God-given mission.

(C) Why Missional Family Church? PRODUCT

A Missional Family Church lives out the church's three dimensional calling:

- To be upwardly focused on worshiping God with passion.
- To be inwardly focused on building community among believers that is demonstrated in a relationship of love.
- To be outwardly focused on reaching a world that needs the gospel of Jesus Christ.

In short, as a Missional Family Church, we are 'Gracians who love God and people wherever we are!'

I will be sharing more about Missional Family Church, and how we intend to move forward strongly in this direction. Please pray for the leadership, that the Lord will continue to grant us wisdom as we lead the church.

Wishing all of you a blessed New Year!

Senior Pastor
Pastor Calvin Lee



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<p>CASH SHORTFALL</p> <p>\$2.40 MILLION</p>	<p>\$19.6</p> <p>MILLION</p> <p>AMOUNT PAID</p>	<p>\$42.4</p> <p>MILLION</p> <p>TO BE PAID</p>	
<p>\$40.0 MILLION CASH AVAILABLE</p> <p>(As of 15 Dec 2014)</p>			

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING (ABM) MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Please note that the 54th ABM will be held at the following:
 Date: Friday, 20 March 2015
 Venue: GII L2 Sanctuary

Thank you to those who have updated their membership details online or have returned the hardcopy forms to us. Even if you do not have any changes/updates on your particulars, you are still required to visit the website, and activate it as part of the updating process.

If you have not received your letter about updating your membership details, please proceed to the church office at:
 Grace Assembly of God, Admin Office Level 3
 1 Bukit Batok West Avenue 4, Singapore 659125
 Phone 64100800; Email cms@graceaog.org
 and provide us details of your name, NRIC no, home address, contacts and services that you attend.

Please note that in accordance with the Church Constitution, you will be eligible to be a Voting Member (entitled to vote for those who are 18 years and above), if you have done your update at least 2 weeks before the ABM. Therefore, members who have not done their update before 5 March 2015, will not be eligible to vote during this coming ABM.

For those who wish to find out whether you have updated your particulars successfully, please log on to <http://www.graceaog.org/register> and click on "ABM Status"

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Weddings

IN JANUARY!

Heartiest congratulations to the following couples, **may the Lord continue to bless & guide them with wisdom & strength as they embark on new journeys in their lives!**

3 Jan Paul Chen & Charissa Wong	
17 Jan Roy Chee & Luvenne Lim	
31 Jan Joseph Tang & Lynn Tang	
31 Jan Clement Chow & Abrey Yeo	

GII ADMIN OFFICE CLOSED FOR STAFF RETREAT 2015

Staff Retreat is from 19 to 21 January 2015, the Admin Office will be closed.

Room bookings & usage remain open. For enquiries & emergencies, please contact Kwai Bee Lian (Ms), at DID 64100804.

We apologize for any inconvenience caused.

2-Friday Seminar on *End Times* with *Rev Dr George Westlake*

- Will Christians face tribulations?
- Significance of End Time prophecies

- The End Times: Biblical truth or story?
- How to live in light of the End Times

Registration Deadline: 6 January 2015

January 9 & 16, 2015 Elim Church
 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm 1079 Serangoon Road S(328182)

Register at GEndtimesseminar@gmail.com (to confirm materials to be printed for the registrants). Call 64100800 for more details of the seminar.

CHURCHWIDE EVENTS FOR JAN-MAR 2015

3 Jan (Sat)	Morning Prayer mtg (combined)	GII Chapel 7am
7 Jan (Wed)	J333 Prayer mtg (combined)	SJSM 7.30pm
19 Feb (Thu)	Chinese New Year svc (combined)	GII Sanctuary 9.30am
20 Mar (Fri)	Annual Business Meeting (ABM)	GII Sanctuary
28 Mar (7 Suns)	Operation GO!	

MINISTRY EVENTS FOR JAN 2015

3 Jan (9 Sats)	R-AGE Leadership Trg 'EQUIP'	GII
14 Jan (7 Weds)	Women of Grace WOG	GII Praise Rm 10am
22 Jan (Thu)	GDP class 102	GII L2 Praise Rm 7.30pm
24 Jan (6 Sats)	Women of Grace WOG	Orchard Plaza 10am
24 Jan (Sat)	YAYP, Grace Kids svcs	3rd Space, B1 China Sq Central 5pm
24 Jan (Sat)	Cantonese svc	Queenstown Lutheran Church 5pm
31 Jan-1 Feb	Grace Kids P1 'Meet The Parents'	MSC, Furama & GII

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

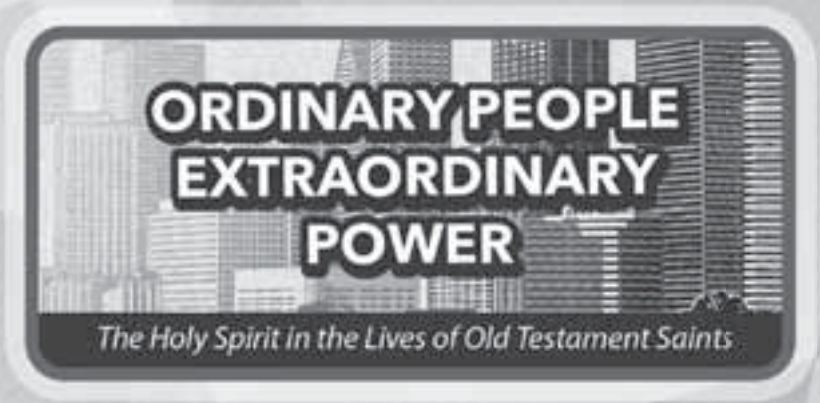
SERMON SERIES: JANUARY-MARCH 2015

ORDINARY PEOPLE, EXTRAORDINARY POWER

- THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE LIVES OF OLD TESTAMENT SAINTS "... David had served God's purpose in his own generation ..." Acts 13:36

They were prime ministers, craftsmen, captains, builders and kings – ordinary men transformed to extraordinary leaders through the gifting and power of the Holy Spirit. Whether it was in administrative or creative work, in prophetic action or words, and in times of peace or war, they depended on the power of the Spirit of God. How can the stories and journeys of Joseph, Bezalel, Gideon, David, Elisha, Daniel, Zechariah and Solomon, speak to us today? What relevant lessons can we learn from the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of the Old Testament characters? Old is gold. Come and be inspired by these timeless tales in the first quarter of 2015 to live the extraordinary life that God has called us to live.

- (1) Lead with Extraordinary Influence: Joseph, Moses, Joshua
- (2) Work with Extraordinary Gifting: Bezalel, Oholiab
- (3) Battle with Extraordinary Courage: Othniel, Gideon, Jephthah
- (4) Defend with Extraordinary Strength: Samson
- (5) Walk with Extraordinary Guidance: David
- (6) Minister with Extraordinary Power: Elijah, Elisha
- (7) Speak with Extraordinary Insight: Balaam, Amasai, Daniel, Ezekiel, Micah
- (8) Build with Extraordinary Grace: Zechariah



GRACE PASTORAL STAFF UPDATES -NEW ROLES WITH EFFECT 1 JAN 2015

- Pastor Calvin Lee: Interim Head of Grace Missions
- Pastor Lee Meng Cham: Pastor-In-Charge of Grace I
- Pastor Ronald Yow: Pastor-In-Charge of Grace II
- Pastor Alvin Lim: Head of Nexus Ministries (Grace Kids, Youth R-AGE and Young Adults YAYP) at Grace I and II
- Pastor Matthew Wai: Head of G.R.A.C.E. Communities at Grace I

NEXUS MINISTRIES

Nexus is the exciting new name for the generational ministry, representing Grace Kids, R-AGE ministry and YAYP ministry, headed by Ps Alvin Lim, deputized by Ps Joey Asher Tan. Nexus means connection or centre, which aptly describes the ministry, as it is a cross-generational ministry whose goal is to be Christ-centred. It highlights the importance of every generation in the family of Grace Assembly, playing their part in nurturing the next generation to be Christ-centred and missional.

Definition of nex·us

- n., pl. nex·us·es, nex·us.
1. a means of connection; tie; link.
 2. a connected series or group.
 3. the core or center, as of a matter or situation.
 4. a specialized area of the cell membrane involved in intercellular communication and adhesion.

Save the Dates!

GRACE RETREAT 2015

SPEAKER // PASTOR BENNY HO
18 - 22 JUNE 2015

SATURDAY SERVICES ON 24 JAN 2015

On Sat 24 Jan 2015, Saturday services at My Saviour's Church (MSC) will be moved to the following locations (see maps provided):

Services	Location	Services timing
YAYP service	The 3rd Space, China Square Central	5.00-7.00pm
Grace Kids Children's church	The 3rd Space, China Square Central	5.00-7.00pm
Grace Kids Pre-School	The 3rd Space, China Square Central	5.00-7.00pm
Cantonese service	Queenstown Lutheran Church	5.00-7.00pm

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The 3rd Space
18 Cross Street #B1-05, China Square Central
Singapore 048423
<http://www.chinasquarecentral.com/getting-here>



Queenstown Lutheran Church
709 Commonwealth Drive
Singapore 149601
<http://www.qlc.org.sg/about-us/service-times-and-location/>



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GRACE DISCIPLESHIP PROCESS (GDP) CLASSES

Most churches belong to a certain denomination. So who are we as Grace Assembly? What do we subscribe to? What are our beliefs & accompanying praxis? What are the fundamental doctrines that make us an Assemblies of God church? This class, "Foundations of Our Faith" helps us to discover, to understand and to align to the 16 Tenets of our faith. This class is a *pre-requisite* for those planning to sign up for water baptism & membership classes.

Class 102: Foundations of our Faith

Date: 22 Jan, 29 Jan, 5 Feb 2015 (Thursdays)

Time: 7:30- 9:30pm

Venue: GII L2 Praise Room

Register via www.graceaog.org/gdp-calendar by 18 Jan 2015

WOMEN OF GRACE (WOG) SATURDAY BIBLE STUDY

"Don't become a spiritual statistic. Any type of sin can undermine a believer's effectiveness, but certain sins can become so deeply rooted in our lives – even without our realizing it – that they become fatal to our spiritual growth!

This 40-minute study without homework by Precept Ministries looks at six of the "deadly" sins. The sins of Pride, Anger, Jealousy, Gluttony, Slothfulness and Greed can threaten spiritual progress. You'll learn to identify the subtle ways in which these fatal distractions can invade your life and you'll be equipped to conquer these destructive temptations, so you can mature in your journey with Christ.

Series: Fatal Distractions: Conquering Destructive Temptations

Date: 24 Jan – 14 Mar 2015 (Saturdays), except 14 & 21 Feb

Time : 10.00am – 12.00pm

Venue: Orchard Plaza

Cost: \$11 (includes study material)

Registration: 4-18 Jan 2015 (Sundays) at Furama L3 Counter and GII L3 Admin Office



Wed 7 Jan 2015 **New Grace – A People Clothed with Power!**
(Combined English & Chinese)

Wed 14 Jan **World Prayer – Praying for Myanmar**

Wed 21 Jan **Healing @ J333**

Wed 28 Jan **Missional Living – Gracian families looking outward**

**Venue: St John's St Margaret's Church (SJSM),
L3 Glory Sanctuary,
30 Dover Avenue, Singapore 139790
Time: 7.30 – 8.30pm**

THE HOLY LAND TOUR 2015



Grace Assembly will be organizing a Holy Land Tour -
12 Days 9 Nights Jordan & Israel in early December 2015.

Please register your interest to Jacilia Ong (Ms) at jacilia.ong@graceaog.org

More details and information (eg exact dates in Dec), will be released in subsequent issues of New Grace Bulletin.

Redeem One Conference: Redefining Redemption

Redeem One Conference, held at GII on 12-14 December, proved to be a prelude to an exciting new chapter in the history of R-AGE. Serving as a primarily preparatory and equipping experience for its 188 delegates, the conference kick-started the Redeem Movement for the ministry, aspiring to be set apart from usual camps and events by its momentum and radical consistency next year.

Through the various messages delivered by R-AGE's youth pastor, Pastor Joey Asher, the R-AGERS were able to unpack the immense meaning of redemption by understanding the 5W1H of redemption, namely:

“What is Redemption?”, “Why Redeem?”, “Who needs Redemption?”, “How can we Redeem?”, “Where can we Redeem?” and “When should we Redeem?”

Through these messages, delegates were provided compelling answers to each of these questions. All these plenaries finally arrived at the conclusion that redeeming the forgotten, lost and wandering in our generation is a divine process that we are privileged to partake in, and the redemption process needs to happen right now; anywhere and everywhere.



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In addition, we had afternoon master-classes. Various para-church and social service organisations such as Interserve, Habitat for Humanity, Campus Crusade for Christ, Youth With A Mission, Singapore Youth For Christ and our very own Grace Missions, were invited to share and setup booths to encourage delegates to take action and to cement their convictions with tangible participation within these para-church organisations.

Before signing up at the booths, the delegates first heard the representatives from these organisations on their various missions and methods of advancing the Kingdom, by means of a talk-show facilitated by Pastor Joey. This aided delegates in understanding how they could partner in God's work, by meeting tangible needs with these organisations. This broadened their exposure to a myriad of channels, where the delegates could put into action Biblical instruction for redemption, for His glory.

Another major highlight of the conference was **“Be a Blessing”**, where delegates moved out to share God's love to strangers through an organic, dynamic process, and in the process, experienced how obedience also built faith within themselves. After a short message outlining the fact that redemption can take place anywhere and everywhere, delegates were surprised to learn that they could immediately go forth to various parts of Singapore to be blessings.

Cell groups then bought packets of snacks, with accompanying Christmas cards that said, “you are loved.” Delegates were to give this card to strangers and simply bless them and tell them they are loved. Delegates were also encouraged to pray for the people they distribute the cards to expose these strangers to God's power in their lives. As the delegates gathered back at the GII Sanctuary two hours later, heartwarming stories of people from all ages receiving acts of love with overwhelming gratitude, began pouring out from each cell.



On the last night of the conference, delegates donned uniforms, even military ones, and flooded the hall as they worshipped, representing the mission fields they all were placed in. The Sanctuary was transformed into a house of prayer that night, as parents and Shepherds anointed and commissioned each and every youth to go forth.

Prayers started from individual level, to focus on families and loved ones yet unsaved, then moved to schools and the organisations delegates were in, and finally, a global prayer for the redemption of nations. In a symbolic act of accountability and faith, delegates each wrote on cards three names of people they wished to redeem for Christ, and deposited them, along with their school crest, into a glass bowl. Each delegate then retrieved randomly a card from this bowl, to keep accountable to one another regarding the redemption of the three names written on the card.

In what seemed like an act of poetic, glorious conclusion, an R-AGER, Benjamin Png was completely healed of chronic deafness in his left ear on the final night of the conference, after a parent prayed for him. Having had to cope with this disability for years, Benjamin often struggled with the reality of his disability; which also led him to question God's love for him by making him seemingly lesser abled than others. Yet that night, God answered Benjamin's prayers with an astounding healing touch!

Akin to Benjamin's miraculous experience, what marked this conference as a major turning point for the ministry was not its novelty— but its reality. How fitting it was that at the start of the Redeem Movement, God would show His hand through a tangible miracle, as if to redefine redemption, as a real, pressing mission, can only be achieved by His hands and power. We are indeed blessed to partner with God in such an important mission.

by Eugene Lim

R-AGE Revival Service: Full Volume III

I'm Elmer and I serve with the R-AGE youth worship team. On the first weekend in November, we had Pastor Josh Yeoh, worship leader from Penang House of Prayer, to guest-lead worship with us in our third Full Volume Service of 2014. Full Volume is a service where our young people encounter the Lord through worship. This service started with an extended time of praise and worship, as Pastor Josh moved and ministered in prophetic worship. We were privileged to have him share a word in season to encourage the congregation.

Although it was the congregation's first time being led in worship by an entirely new worship leader, the worship sessions were very impactful and everyone had an amazing time singing praises out unto the Lord. I learnt through this experience, even though R-AGE may be unfamiliar with the worship leader, this does not stop them from giving their all in worship; and this was incredibly inspiring and motivating for me!

Serving in the worship team for this service was one of the most challenging yet enriching experiences for me, as Pastor Josh had a unique way of leading worship that I was not used to. Pastor Josh's style of leading was free-flow and spirit-led, and this involved fully trusting in the Holy Spirit to lead the congregation to worship the Lord. During rehearsals, I was always unsure of the direction that Pastor Josh wanted to take with the songs, and that affected my confidence about serving on the actual day. That was when I realized, that I should also lay down my worries and let the Holy Spirit guide me through the worship session, just as He also guided Pastor Josh. I was reminded again, that the main focus of worship should not be in our own strengths and abilities, but rather let it be an expression of how much we love God and all that He has done in our lives.

I am so blessed to have had this experience. In serving with Pastor Josh, I observed that he was passionate and truly an all-out lover of the Lord. I was able to learn more about what it means to really worship in Spirit and in truth. All in all, this was a truly unforgettable worship encounter. I thank God that I had this opportunity to serve Him in a fresh and fulfilling way, and that R-AGERS had a wonderful experience worshipping Him!

By Elmer Tiangsing



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R-AGE Preteens Camp

The Youth Preteens Camp, held at GII on 3-5 December, was targeted at the Primary 6s and Secondary 1s R-AGERS. For the P6s, the camp served as a 'rite of passage' before joining R-AGE, to ensure that they would integrate better into their new environment. As for the Sec 1s, it allowed them a chance to be the 'older siblings' for the incoming P6s, and to bond with them.

In addition, we invited the incoming Sec1 Grace Group/Cell Leaders to join us at the camp, which enabled them to get to know their 'sheep' better before their new year of leadership starts!

The camp featured many unconventional, yet fun-filled activities that set this camp apart from the previous Youth Camps in R-AGE. From ZORB-ball to Laser Tag, to a movie screening that led to a surprise Mass Room Escape game, and to top it all, we had an epic game of Waterbombs! These activities contributed to an overall experience of bonding the campers together.

There was also an induction service organized during the camp, which paralleled what normally happens in an R-AGE youth service. During the induction service, the campers were led into praise and worship, after which they were introduced to R-AGE and what we do as a community.

The preparation and the execution of the camp itself served well as a bridge to connect the GI and GII youths. It was an opportunity of getting to know each other more, even within the Planning Committee. It was indeed heartwarming to see our Sec 1 youths step-up to take care of the P6s! One of the ways they did was through a hands-on experience of flipping pancakes for the P6s on their last day of camp.

Looking back, I'm humbled to realize that although the planning process started out from scratch - but it's by the grace of God, that we managed to execute the camp smoothly and successfully. I recalled fondly the Mass Room Escape activity, which the committee put in so much effort into planning it. I believe I speak for the program in-charge (ICs) when I say that we felt inexplicably so contented just with the 'mere' execution of the game itself without expecting any rewards. This brought to my mind the essential 'heart' of our service, which I believe God wants all of us to possess and demonstrate!

By Priscilla Seong-Koon



LAST CHRISTMAS, A NEW YEAR

What's the greatest mission accomplished in all of history? What would your answer be? Whether it be the season of Christmas or the ushering in of a New Year, the greatest mission that was ever accomplished stands strong. Luke 2:11 declares, "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord." This birth of the Saviour is the pivotal Message to the greatest mission of world redemption for every season and occasion.



Last Christmas, we were given countless outreach opportunities to carry out our missions as Christians. But let us remember that the epitome of Christian missions isn't the Christian, but the Christ. Jesus, who became flesh and dwelt among us, is not merely the best model for missions, but also the cornerstone of eternal worship. As John Piper explains, "Missions exists because worship doesn't. Worship is ultimate, not missions, because God is ultimate, not man. When this age is over, and the countless millions of the redeemed fall on their faces before the throne of God, missions will be no more." Hence, the very heart of why we, Christians, are doing missions is to bring the Message into the nations to redeem fellow worshippers into His glory.

In the Christmas season, Grace Missions sent out 5 teams in the work of world redemption. The ones who send are doing their part to cover the world in prayer too. During World Prayer, the church gathered to pray for 'church planting' works of Grace Missions in four regions- Indochina, South Asia, Central Asia and East Asia. Church planting is at the core of what we do in Grace Missions and we have over 1,500 church planting works thus far. All glory to God, as our church planters keep going forth in the power of the Holy Spirit, to rally more worshippers into the kingdom of God!

So let us remember, even in the year 2015, that we are first worshippers, then missions pastors, ministers, missionaries, leaders or laypeople. As worshippers, it is our calling to rally fellow worshippers into His kingdom through missions. Do check out the Grace Missions trips schedule and give back a portion of your time to God for His continuing missions work since the time of Jesus.
Sign up now!

By Jasmin Low

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WORLD PRAYER @ J333

"My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations." - Isaiah 56:7



This month we will be praying for Myanmar.

Myanmar was once closed to the outside world. But in 2011, God opened the doors for our church to serve in children's and women's ministries, to preach in churches and to teach at local Bible schools. Even today, Christians in Myanmar face discriminations and persecutions. However, Myanmar is increasingly open to the gospel, with stadiums packed with people, eager to listen to foreign gospel singers and preachers. Indeed, the Holy Spirit is moving, let's work in prayer alongside the Holy Spirit!

Focus: Grace Missions Partners in Myanmar

Date: 14 January 2015 (Wed)

Time : 7:30- 8:30pm

Venue: St John's St Margaret's Church (SJM),
Glory Sanctuary, 30 Dover Avenue, Singapore 139790.

For enquires, please email to matthew.tan@graceaog.org

UPCOMING MISSIONS TRIPS IN JANUARY 2015

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

9-16 Jan
26-30 Jan

East Asia
Salatiga, Indonesia

Rev Richard Wee
Rev Chan Peck Yin with 7 trippers



Incredible India in God's Hands

On 14 November, I went on my first missions trip to Puri India, with 11 amazing individuals. We carried out three ministries- children's programmes, pastors' conferences and healing services.

Pastor Ben shared with us that the place was a jungle 15 years ago. When we witness the development of Puri, it puts into perspective the contribution of missions work. From a place where fishermen resisted sending their children to school, to more than 600 students receiving education now – a testament of God's amazing and continuing work in Puri.



Acts of healing were abound during this trip. I saw a skeletal, bedridden woman rise up and walk for the first time in three years. Another elderly lady, known for not being able to sit, was able to do so after prayed for. A blind and mute woman heard and spoke for the first time in her life. It was incredible seeing the faces of these people filled with gratitude, and hearing the shouts of "Amen!" from the crowds, growing louder with each healing. I was filled with an awe of God's greatness, touched by the crowd's faith, and inspired to take my own leap of faith to pray for more people to be healed!

I also watched as God healed broken hearts and responded to the passionate cries of local leaders in their 'dry seasons' of ministries. They left the pastor's conference refreshed, equipped and ready to continue their ministries in local churches.

The children's programmes were no less exciting. Our team was pushed to rely on God when we were told to organise a programme for 200 children, not knowing the actual number attended was almost 600! Everyone was challenged in different ways, and we can only thank God for pulling us through, using us in ways we never thought possible! I was incredibly impressed by the faith of young children there. Even the most 'rowdy' child would pray earnestly with eyes firmly shut and focused on God!

What a show of God's unfailing love throughout this trip! I am incredibly thankful to have been on the front row seat of this experience. Yet, what is all this to you, if you do not experience it yourself? These experiences are not a one-act show. Go forth into the field and you'll be able to see how God can use you to impact the world!

By Sophia Wee



Joyful Hearts Are Good Medicine!

'A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.' – Proverbs 17:22

All glory to God when the Nepal medical team, sent by Grace Missions in October, had a fruitful trip and even appeared on the local news! Hungry to watch the hand of God move among people, seven Gracians teamed up with our Grace Missions partners in Nepal to provide free healthcare support to the locals of Tikapur, a town on the far west of Nepal. Given the town's highland living conditions, its constant exposure to strong UV rays have not been beneficial to the locals, who suffer from malnutrition and lack essential nutrients.



Locals from many towns, miles away from Tikapur, heard about the medical camp and travelled by foot to receive treatment from our team doctors. Within four days, the faithful trippers touched more than 2,000 lives as they tended and treated them – even performed 80 minor surgeries! On top of providing healthcare treatment and distributing medicine for free, the team gave educational talks to the locals about proper food nutrition, hygiene and body-stretching exercises. Apart from medical issues, local church planters also readily offered prayers to those in need of spiritual healing.



As doctors, medical volunteers, pastors and interpreters served God with eager and joyful hearts, they played crucial roles in making a difference in the lives of the locals. When the local news people heard about the medical camp, journalist Bhuwaneshwore Adhikari expressed his gratitude, "May it be in the name of religion, organization or person, it always sends out a positive message when the local people gets these services." Indeed as the people received healthcare support, the seeds have been sown and the Lord's name will reach the masses. Dr Lawrence Soh, leader of the medical team, shared, "God's hand in the medical camp is shown through the care we give, in a loving caring manner, through counseling and prayer by the local church planters, for those in need and empowering the church leaders in the eyes of the community."

A medical missions trip has revealed God's loving hand upon the people in Nepal and even touched the lives of the medical team. God uses different people from various occupation, most importantly, those with joyful hearts that yearn to serve the Lord!

by Nicole Yeo

MISSIONS TRIPS SCHEDULE 2015

Below are the missions trips that are open for sign up. Dates are tentative.
To sign up, send an email to matthew.tan@graceaog.org

Please sign up early to avoid disappointment.

**“Open your eyes and look at the fields!
They are ripe for harvest.”
(John 4:35)**

Nearby Riau Islands, Indonesia (By Ferry)

Dates	Place	Estimate Cost	Ministries
13 February	Batam	S\$ 80	Adult, Youth and Children Ministries in Town and Village Settings
13 - 14 March	Tg. Uban	S\$ 130	
27 - 28 March	Karimun	S\$ 130	
23 April	Batam	S\$ 80	
16 - 17 May	Tg. Pinang	S\$ 130	
23 - 24 May	Tg. Uban	S\$ 130	
28 May	Batam	S\$ 80	
04 - 05 July	Karimun	S\$ 130	
25 - 26 July	Tg. Pinang	S\$ 130	
20 August	Batam	S\$ 80	
29 - 30 August	Tg. Uban	S\$ 130	
24 September	Batam	S\$ 80	
22 October	Batam	S\$ 80	
24 - 25 October	Karimun	S\$ 130	
05 - 07 December	Karimun	S\$ 130	
19 - 20 December	Tg. Uban	S\$ 130	

Dates	Place	Estimate Cost	Ministries
23 - 28 January	Indonesia, Central Java	S\$ 550	Young Adult Ministries in City Settings
01 - 10 March	Assam & West Bangal	S\$ 1200	Adult and Children Ministries in Village Settings
05 - 12 March	Pakistan	S\$ 2000	Adult and Youth Ministries in Town and Village Settings
01 - 05 May	Bhutan	S\$ 2500	Adult and Children Ministries in Village Settings
02 - 07 May	Cambodia	S\$ 500	Adult and Children Ministries in Village Settings
30 May - 05 June	Indonesia, W. Kalimantan	S\$ 600	Youth and Children Ministries in Town and Village Settings
08 - 12 June	Cambodia	S\$ 500	Adult and Children Ministries in Village Settings
07 - 11 August	Indoneisa, Pekanbaru	S\$ 450	Adult and Children Ministries in Village Settings
21 - 27 August	Indonesia, Central Java	S\$ 550	Young Adult Ministries in City Settings
03 - 09 September	Indonesia, W. Kalimantan	S\$ 600	Youth & Children Ministries in town and village settings
12 - 19 September	Sri Lanka	S\$ 900	Adult and Children Ministries in Town and Village Settings
23 - 30 September	India, Hydrabad	S\$ 750	Adult, Young Adult and Children Min. in City Settings
07 - 12 October	Myanmar	S\$ 750	Adult and Children Ministries in Town Settings
20 - 27 November	India, Puri	S\$ 1000	Adult and Children Ministries in Village Settings
26 Nov - 06 Dec	Bangaldesh	S\$ 600	Adult and Children Ministries in Village Settings
26 Nov - 03 Dec	Myanmar	S\$ 750	Adult and Children Ministries in Town Settings
27 Nov - 06 Dec	Nepal	S\$ 1200	Adult, Youth and Children Ministries in Village Settings
07 - 11 December	Cambodia	S\$ 500	Adult and Children Ministries in Village Settings
11 - 14 December	Indoneisa, Pekanbaru	\$450	Adult and Children Ministries in Town and Village Settings



FamilyLife@Grace

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Chang-Goh Song Eng ♦ 6252-2566 ♦ rc@reach.org.sg
All counselling sessions are strictly private and confidential

Pastor Benjamin Wong, pastor in-charge of *FamilyLife@Grace* shares his heartbeat for the ministry in the new year...

WALK THE TALK WITH US THIS YEAR

This year marked the second year since I took over *FamilyLife@Grace*. It has been a journey of faith and some sleepless nights...I meant prayer nights. I have been carrying mixed feelings since I started this journey. I am feeling elated and at the same time overwhelmed by the needs in the ministry.

I am elated because God has been showing me His providence and guidance in every step of the journey. It was amazing to see how God has provided the resources when we have to build the ministry from scratch. We have seen God raising workers who are passionate about building and restoring marriages & families. Men and women have stepped out of their comfort zone to serve Him in different ways. Since my early days in the missions field, I have always been familiar with the slow and arduous process of pioneering work. Though every step was a step of faith powered by prayer, we have never been disappointed. God has always proven Himself to be faithful. The growth of the ministry brought about a "snowballing effect" which required more workers and resources in order for the ministry to continue to grow and touch more lives. It has been such a joy to see the *FamilyLife@Grace* slowly establishing itself.

I am praying for more people to be willing to step out to serve God.

When we looked at the discouraging statistics on broken marriages and dysfunctional families in our nation, we were well-aware of their rippling effect on the families in our churches today too. This erosion of the social fabric of families in our society has also contributed to the gradual loss of a Biblical understanding of marriage and family in churches. Hence, churches must rise up and answer the urgent call to restore the institution of marriage and family.

My vision for 2015 is to see a greater move of God in restoring and building God-believing families in Grace, restoring and empowering families to fulfill their destinies in God. God has called families to be the salt and light of the world. My desire is to see families experiencing breakthroughs:

- ♦ Family bonds to be deepened
- ♦ Estranged family relationships to be healed
- ♦ Fathers to take up their spiritual leadership at home
(Remember you are the only one who shares the same title as God our Father)
- ♦ Parents to take their responsibilities to raise Godly kids
- ♦ Marriages to be strengthened
- ♦ Lives to be restored to wholeness.

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All these can only happen when more of you come on board with us in this journey. All of us come from a family and we belong to a family. We all have an important role to play. *Family Life @ Grace* is not just a ministry catering to a few passionate people, it has to be a movement whereby all Grace members recognise and play their part in this big family. This involves recognising the need in a receiving ministry as well as the need of ministering to others. In short, we need to receive and serve.

This year, I challenge us to walk in this journey of building families and marriages. As we seek God first in our life and family, we will begin to see His mighty hand at work in restoring families and marriages. Nothing in this world can give us the joy, contentment, and fulfillment we receive, walking alongside with the One we call 'Abba Father', and taking our families along in this journey!

Mum's driving...

God has blessed me in both tangible and non-tangible ways last year. I am able to recount many but one that I would like to share is a trivial but precious routine – that is my daily chauffeuring of my daughters to and from school.

It started out with a simple prayer to live out Deuteronomy 11:19 where I was reminded to fix the Lord's Word in my heart and mind and to teach the Word to my children, talking about them when I am at home and when I walk along the road, when I lie down and when I get up. I pondered upon the 'creative' ways to get closer to my daughters, especially my eldest one. She is stepping into her pre-teen years and I was concerned how her personality would be moulded as she was beginning to form her own opinions – she is at the season where opinions of friends outweigh those of her parents'. I had also found it especially difficult to engage her in conversations after returning home from school as she would be deluged by mountains of schoolwork while I had to coach the younger daughter, above that I had to take care of the household chores. We would both be tired out before bed time. This simple routine provided a simple solution of sorts. I finally made the decision to chauffeur my daughters late last year. It was out of the norm as they had been taking the school chartered buses since Nursery 2, an arrangement I preferred as it freed me to do a lot of things. I was deeply convicted of this after hearing sis Michelle shared about how she jealously guarded the time she chauffeured her children to school every morning and I had wondered about it. I now know why.



Every trip we make together, for that duration of time, we are captive audiences to each other, literally! I had to think hard ahead of how to use the time purposefully and subtly weave in topics and stories without appearing too pretentious and deliberate. In the short 15-20 minute car ride, we took to the Lord our prayers and thanksgivings. We asked for God's wisdom and knowledge as well as His guidance to walk in ways pleasing to God. We shared about our struggles in school, about our friendships - from BFF (Best Friends Forever) to Not Friends Anymore, about the lousy feeling we felt after an ill-prepared test or exam, about decisions we have to make or had made, tips on how to be street-smart, we giggled on gossips and jokes, we did quick revisions before a test or exam papers, we tossed quick pointers on days leading to oral or composition exams and drawing learning points from a particular Bible character or story. Well, the other way is true too, I had to limit my nagging quota as well. But most importantly, I assured my girls of my love for them regardless of their school performance or whether they have fallen out of favour with their friends. I think it had worked for us. A friend reminded us that the much coveted quality time with children turns up unexpectedly in the short stretch of precious moments.

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As we make a deliberate choice to partner God in raising our children through prayers, we gain immediate access to the immeasurably rich and vast resources God has gladly placed at our disposal. ~ *Sis Tan Wee Feng*

Going steady or planning to get married?

If so, the Marriage Preparation & Discipleship Program (MPDP) is for you. This programme geared to provide you with a Biblical understanding of what constitutes holy matrimony and the practical aspects of building a successful marriage.

MPDP1 - Feb 21, 28 & Mar 7, 14, 21 (Sat)
Closing date: 8 Feb (Sun)

Venue: Grace Assembly of God Gilt, Level 2 Praise Room
 Time: 2.00pm - 5.00pm (Saturdays)

Please email to jamie.lim@graceagg.org or call her at 64100827.

Please note MPDP is a pre-requisite for all couples who wished to be solemnized in Grace Assembly of God



竭力向前的中文事工

中文事工带着兴奋与期待进入崭新的一年。

今年，我们除了期待新堂的建成，能回到自己的“新家”聚会以外，还有一件重要的事情，就是我们要动员所有恩典堂的会众，积极和具体的活出父神托付我们的呼召和使命。

作为一间爱神和爱人的教会，我们为自己定位为一间“使命家庭教会”。“爱”是我们的特征。向上，我们爱天父；向内，我们爱家人；向外，我们爱亲友。造就每一个信徒成为在日常生活中荣神益人的福音使者；建立每一个家庭成为健康坚固的灯台，照亮我们的社区！

随着这大方向的确立，许多的策略和计划、教育和运作、细节和活动，将会循序渐进，按部就班的适时推出，使教会可以上下齐心，同步同速的进入转型的过渡期。这不是我们另外一个五年计划，这是主给我们的呼召和使命，是我们作为恩典堂会友的责任和骄傲！

今年，我们的主题是：披戴能力。要成为一间有使命的家庭教会，我们一定要记得神曾说过的话：“非势力、非才能，乃靠我的灵方能成事！”主耶稣也是这样的嘱咐门徒说：“要等候父所应许的，...但圣灵降临在你们身上，你们就必得着能力...作我的见证。”

中文事工为大家预备了许多有益生命成长和见证福音的节目。以下是一些活动栏目，欢迎您来电咨询，更希望您能积极参与。

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在此恭祝大家新年蒙福、每日蒙恩！

1) 家庭生活讲座(Family Life Program)

情感管理与辅导培训：1月18, 25日；3月8, 15日，星期日，下午1点30分，恩典二

2) 恩典一长者事工(Grace I Elderly Ministry)

乐龄缤纷，每逢星期三，下午1点，暂时借用女皇镇信义教会场所活动
(Elderly Ministry: Every Wednesday, 1pm, Queenstown Lutherans Church)

3) 恩典二长者事工(Grace II Elderly Ministry)

饮早茶，每逢第一个星期六，早上9点
(Morning Tea Time: Every 1st Saturday of the month, 9am)
歌唱和烹饪班，每逢第二和第四个星期三，下午1点30分
(Singing & Cooking class: Every 2nd & 3rd Wednesday of the month, 1.30pm)

4) 特别节目(Special Program)

走出阴霾：2,3,5,6,8,10,11月的第一个星期四，晚上7点30分，恩典二，四楼礼堂
(Power Encounter Service: 1st Thursday of Feb, Mar, May, Jun, Aug, Oct & Nov, 7.30pm, GII level 4 Chapel)
中文青年团契，每逢星期六晚上7点，恩典二，赞美课室
(Chinese YA Fellowship: Every Saturday 7pm, GII, Praise Room)

5) 社区活动(Community Activity)

社区乐龄活动，每逢星期二，下午1点，荷兰弄大牌2号一楼
(Elderly Program: Every Tuesday, 1pm, Block 1 Void Deck, Holland Close)
恩典操(Grace Dance):
每逢星期日，下午2点，恩典二 (Every Sunday, 2pm, GII)
每逢星期六，早上7点，大牌419武吉巴督
(Every Saturday, 7am, Block 419 Bukit Batok)
每逢星期五，早上9点，麟谷巴鲁公园
(Every Friday, 9am, Lengkok Bahru Park)
每逢星期三，早上9点，大牌478A实加路
(武吉班让)
(Every Wednesday, 9am, Block 478A Segar Road)



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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 4	CHAPEL	LEVEL 4
MANDARIN SERVICE	SANCTUARY	LEVEL 2

SERVICES: Sunday 11.15 am

ENGLISH SERVICE 5	SANCTUARY	LEVEL 2
HOKKIEN SERVICE	CHAPEL	LEVEL 4

SERVICES: Sunday 1.30 pm

FILIPINO SERVICE	CHAPEL	LEVEL 4
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SUNDAY 9 am & 11.15 am

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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THE GOSPEL PEOPLE



On 7 Dec 2014, Grace Assembly hosted a special evangelistic event at GII Sanctuary, featuring a team of talented musicians from the USA by the name of The Gospel People. There were two shows, one at 4pm and the other at 7pm, both of which were wonderfully executed on that Sunday evening. The Gospel People team consisted of seven people – lead singer Owen, vocalists Jennifer, Diedre and Shadale, keyboardists Charlie and Brandon, and drummer Ernest – and they brought the house down with their energetic gospel numbers as well as soulful ballads.

The evening started off with an African flavour with songs “Hlonolofasa” and “Kumbayah”, followed by highly energetic songs “Ain’t-A Got Time To Die”, “Rocka My Soul” and “Wade In The Water”. The evening then slowed down with smooth jazz numbers “Summertime”, “Fly Me To The Moon”, “I’ve Got The World On A String” and “God Bless The Child”. During the next segment, The Gospel People brought an authentic African-American church flavour to the GII audience, with classic gospel songs “Oh When The Saints” and “I’m So Glad”. A typically reserved and dance-shy Singaporean audience can be seen getting up on their feet, clapping, singing and even dancing along!

During the intermission, Grace Assembly’s own singing sisters Freda and Fabia sang “Have Faith” from their own album “Gratitude”, released earlier this year during an album launch concert held at GII. They also performed “The Promise”, written by Pastor Lee Meng Cham, a Christmas worship song that is about how God’s promises to man were fulfilled in Jesus.

After the intermission, the audience were treated to familiar pop hits such as “Man In The Mirror” and “Around The World”. Soulful renditions of “Break Every Chain”, “You Are Holy” and “Amazing Grace” followed, which made a visible impact on the audience. As Owen, the lead singer spoke about the amazing grace of our Lord - in whom we are found when we were once lost, the manifest presence of God was palpable as hands began to be lifted up in worship. After the final number, the audience was further treated to encore songs “Oh Happy Day” and “We Are The World”, which by then, all present in the GII Sanctuary were already singing along!

That night, more than 600 attendance with 20 response cards received.

by Samantha Lim

Wishing everyone a BLESSED & FRUITFUL NEW YEAR 2015!

-From Pastors, Staff & Executive Church Board of Grace Assembly of God