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PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

This young generation is a very important generation.

In Grace Assembly, the young generation comprises the children, youths and young adults. They form about 20% of the church and they are the leaders of today and tomorrow.

I want to see this precious generation growing in the Lord and rising up to make a difference to their own generation. As a church, we want to focus and give more attention to them. We want to invest more in them to ensure that every young person in Grace Assembly will become all that God wants that person to be.

To make this happen, we cannot do it alone. We need the parents to come alongside with us. In fact, I must say, the parents are the majority stakeholders and we are the minority! The key reason is that the young generation spends more time at home than in the church. On the average, they spend about 3 hours every week with us in the church - attending services as well as Grace Groups.

On our part, we will do our level best to nurture the young generation. That's why I have put in place a new structure that will help to strengthen this process intentionally.

Now, the young generation comes under the whole umbrella of Nexus, headed by Pastor Alvin Lim and assisted by Pastor Joey Asher. In all, we have eight full time staff under Nexus serving the young generation. I'm thankful for the staff of Nexus as they serve with a sense of destiny in reaching and nurturing the young generation.

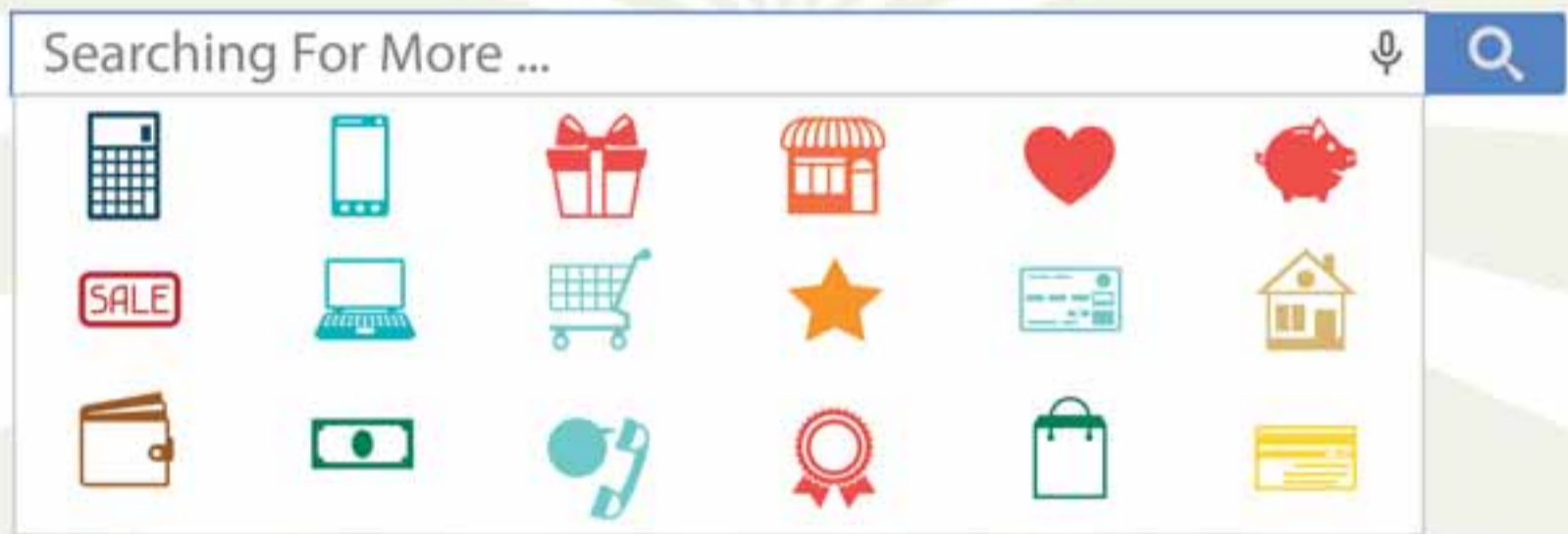
We have an important role to play and the parents have an even more important role to play. I believe this partnership with parents is vital.

We are making some significant changes from 2016 onwards, with the whole objective to further strengthening the overall direction of Nexus. We have started sharing with the leaders and parents about the new direction. I believe the new direction is crucial to the overall growth of our young generation, but it will come with some inconveniences. There is a degree of adjustments on the part of the church's staff, leaders, parents and the young ones. But through it all, I believe the whole young generation will emerge stronger.

Let us be in much prayer as we commit this exciting partnership to the Lord.

Calvin Lee
Senior Pastor

Life



Find out at The Alpha Course

The Alpha Course is specially for pre-believers, unchurched and new believers to explore Christianity. Invite them for the introduction talk! Invitation cards will be placed at the posters and booths.

Talk: Is There More To Life Than This
Date : 27 June (Sat)
Venue : GII (Praise Room)
Time : 12 noon - 3pm
Lunch is provided

Registration Booths will be open on 30/5, 31/5, 6/6, 7/6
Find out more and register at alpha.graceaog.org



THE HOLY LAND TOUR

An Israel & Jordan Biblical Tour (12 Days 10 Nights) is planned from 5-16 December 2015!

The estimated cost* per person is as follows:

Adult @ S\$3,730* (twin sharing)

* includes airfare, majority of meals, local transport/transfer by coach buses & accommodation, excluding airline fuel surcharge & airport taxes (approx \$650).

We are left with a few more vacancies. If you are interested do email your name and contact details to jacilia.ong@graceaog.org



EVENTS CALENDAR 2015

Churchwide Events: Jun - Aug

8-11 Jun	Grace Retreat (Chinese)	Equatorial hotel, Melaka
18-22 Jun	Grace Retreat (English)	Putrajaya Marriott Hotel KL
13-14 Jun	Official Launch: Family Life @Grace	MSC*, Furama, GII
13-14 Jun	Father's Day celebrations	MSC*, Furama, GII
27Jun -19 Sep	Alpha Course (Sats)	GII L1 Fellowship, 12pm
1-29 Jul	Lunchtime Prayer & Fasting (Weds)	GII L4 Chapel, 12pm
1 Jul	J333 SJSM (combined)	SJSM^, 7.30pm
5 Jul	Jubilee Day of Prayer (JDOP)	SportsHub, 4.14pm
22 Aug	Official launch: REACH Youth Powerhouse	Bukit Batok

Ministry Events: Jun

4-11 Jun	GDP: Foundations of Faith (Thurs)	GII L1 Glory Rm, 7.30pm
10 Jun	Grace Retreat Briefing	GII Sanctuary, 8.30pm
28 Jun	CAM Sunday JAM session	GII L2 Sanctuary, 2.30pm
14 Jun	GFM service - 7th Year Anniversary Thanksgiving Celebrations	GII L4 Chapel, 1.30pm

* My Saviour's Church (MSC)

^ St John's St Margaret's church (SJSM)

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

BIBLICAL TOUR OF TURKEY AND GREECE 2015

'On his third and longest journey Paul went overland through present day Turkey then across the Aegean Sea to Greece. This was a pastoral journey revisiting the churches he had founded to strengthen them and give them further instruction'.

Besides the Holy Land tour, a Biblical Tour to Turkey & Greece (12 Days 10 Nights) is planned from 29 Nov-10 Dec 2015!

The estimated cost* per person is as follows:

Adult @ S\$3,450 (twin sharing)

* includes airfare, majority of meals, local transport/transfer by coach buses & accommodation, excluding airline fuel surcharge & airport taxes (approx. \$590).

If you are interested and would like to join us to embark on apostle Paul's missionary journey ...

Step 1: jot down & save these dates in your calendar!

Step 2: email your name and contact details to jacilia.ong@graceaog.org

Note that due to limited spaces, reservations are on a first-come-first-serve basis. More detailed information will be emailed to you.

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... a time
with family

GRACE PARTY

Food
Fun
Family

Calling all new friends of Grace!

If you are new in Grace and started attending our services any time since January this year, you are invited to our Grace Party!

Come for a nite of food • fun • family.

The party is on 4 July, 7:00pm, GII Level 1 Fellowship Area.

Please RSVP with Zixuan at zixuan.wang@graceaog.org / 64100835 by 28 Jun.

RSVP
FOR CATERING



J333 PRAYER MEETINGS FOR JUN

DATES PRAYER FOCUS

3 Jun World Prayer – Praying for India

10 Jun Great Retreat 2015

17 Jun Healing @J333

24 Jun SG Jubilee

Venue: St John's St Margaret's Church (SJSM), L3 Glory Sanctuary, 30 Dover Avenue, Singapore 139790

Time: Wednesdays, 7.30 – 8.30pm



J333

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 **INDIA**.

India is a country dominated by Hinduism. Christianity only stands at 2.3% of the entire population. India is increasingly becoming aggressive towards Christianity. Recently, Hindu activists organised mass 'reconversion camps' all over India to force-convert Christians back to Hinduism. There are also increasing reports of attacks upon the churches. Against all odds, the Christians are going strong for the Lord. It is the prevalent prayer of the Christians in India, for their city to be called the 'city of the light' — that they, as a community of believers, would continue to shine brightly for Jesus. Let us as a church come together to support them in prayer, lifting them up before the Lord.

Focus: **Grace Missions Partners in India**

3 June 2015 (Wednesday)

7:30pm - 8:30pm

St John's St Margaret's Church

For enquires, please send an email to matthew.tan@graceao.org

SERMON SERIES: APR – JUN 2015

2015 Q2 SERMON SERIES – SOUL BUSINESS NOT SHOW BUSINESS

"Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" Luke 2:49b, NKJV



The Lord Jesus has sent each one of us on a mission: to be and to take the gospel to where we are. It is an exciting and worthwhile challenge to do that as individuals and as a church, but sometimes we all can become discouraged and feel unmotivated to share our faith. This second quarter's sermon series will answer the question: why should I embrace the missional life? The series comes in three main parts: Saviour, Souls and Salvation. We will discover the father-heart of our Creator God, the precious value of each soul, the dire consequences of sin, the sacrifice and love of our Saviour Jesus to free us from that, and the utter delight and joy when we see each person in heaven! Throughout each sermon, let us ask God to help us recapture the passion of sharing our faith. That is our calling and purpose of being His church. Let's be His missional family church and be about our Father's soul business!

- Sermon 1 – The Glory Of God
- Sermon 2 – The Father's Heart
- Sermon 3 – Reality Of Hell
- Sermon 4 – If I Were The Devil
- Sermon 5 – A Glimpse Of Heaven
- Sermon 6 – Cost Of The Soul
- Sermon 7 – That None Should Perish



GRACE ASSEMBLY OF GOD INTER SCHOOL CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS 21-10-72 — 2-11-74

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WERE YOU IN THIS PHOTO?

If you were and are still attending Grace Assembly, you qualify as a Grace Pioneer*!

Please email the following details to GracePioneer1975@graceao.org before 30 June 2015:

Name in full (Chinese if applicable):

Year started attending Grace Assembly (must be 1975 or before):

Mailing address: Email (if available): Contact no:

Service attending now: [For example, English services at GI or GII/ Cantonese Service, Mandarin GI or GII service, or Hokkien service]

Hurry – don't miss out on this opportunity to stand alongside other Grace Pioneers who are our history makers!

*You are a Grace Pioneer if you were attending Grace Assembly since 1975 (the year before the demolition of the bungalow, which was the first church building), and are still in Grace today.



Grace Assembly (GA) is calling all artistically talented Gracians to take part in an important and exciting project: GA logo design competition. The winning design will become the official logo for Grace Assembly of God.

Who is Eligible

- * The competition is open to all members of Grace Assembly. Participants may compete as individual or as a team. Participants can submit multiple entries.
- * Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian is required on the Entry Form for participants under 18 years of age.
- * GA reserves the right to accept or to reject any or all submissions that do not meet the stated requirement(s).

Design Objective

- * To reflect the new phase of Grace Assembly as 'The New Grace'.

Design Briefs

To illustrate and amplify the Grace mottos:

- * Live life missionally
- * More people, more like Jesus
- * A family church
- * Love God. Love people.

When to Submit

The competition opens on 7 June and closes on 9 August 2015.

All design entries must be accompanied with a completed entry form and submitted by 1pm on 9 August 2015.

How to Submit

The entry form can be downloaded at GA website www.graceaog.org

Submit your entries via email to: Ms Karen Lim at comms@graceaog.org

Entry Requirements

- * Colour: 2C colours (must be able to apply in Black & White)
- * File Format: JPG (winning entry must submit final artwork FA in Adobe Illustrator AI format)
- * Resolution: 300 dpi
- * File Size: not exceeding 1.5MB - 2MB
- * Design Rational: Optional but will be an advantage

Selection Process

- * A panel of judges will select the top three designs, and the winning logo will be decided.
- * Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 designs.
- * For entries submitted by teams, the prize will be awarded to the Team Leader.

Rules and Conditions

- * *By participating in the competition, participants agree to abide and be bound by the stated rules and conditions.*
- * *The rules and conditions may be amended at any time by the Competition Committee, if deemed necessary.*
- * *GA reserves the right to publish on its website, bulletin, poster or/ and any other publicity media of any submitted entry at any point of time and at its discretion. The submitted entries will become the property of GA. The participant waives the copyright and ownership of Intellectual Property rights in their submitted entry.*
- * *The logo must not be used or have been used by any other organization(s).*
- * *Logo design for this competition cannot give rise to any claim for financial compensation.*
- * *Entry must not infringe the rights of any third party and is not in violation of copyright laws.*

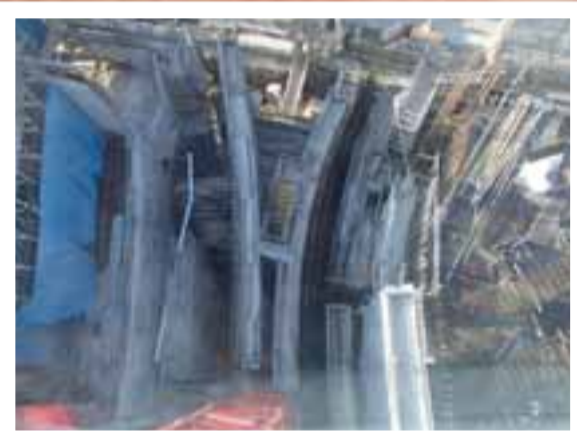
PROGRESS OF GRACE REDEVELOPMENT @ TANGLIN



Truss Installation



Truss Installation



Feature Wall Aerial View



Tanglin Road View



L1 Chinese Worship Hall



L1 Lift Lobby



B1 Carpark



B2 Carpark

FEATURED STAFF

RICKY LUI



I am Ricky Lui, and currently a fulltime staff in Grace Missions, taking the role as Missions Coordinator. Besides my core responsibilities of managing the daily operations, I am also the Country Director for Sri Lanka, looking after our

Missions work with our partners and church planters there.

I am married to my lovely wife Judy for 26 years, and our son Joshua is 25 years old. We are currently attending services at GI.

Before coming on board as fulltime staff in mid-December 2014, I was already involved in missions work for about ten years, frequently going for missions trips to Sri Lanka, India, Myanmar and Bangladesh. During that period, I was also serving in the Grace Missions Committee. Perhaps because of all these, when I was given the opportunity to serve fulltime in Missions, it was almost like a dream come true for me! As the saying goes - "Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life." Well, for the past few months that I have been working here, I finally get to experience what that feels like and I really thank God for this privilege given to me. Because Missions is my passion, I do not feel like I am working at all, but rather, it is like a great freedom has been granted me to focus on doing what I am most passionate about.

Looking back at my working life, I can't help but be amazed at how God had led me. I have been through quite a few contrasting changes in my career, but I am grateful to God for all of them. I appreciate the valuable experiences gained at each stage, experiences that helped me serve Him better today. The journey of my career (not in sequence) looks something like this - I was a Disc Jockey for about 10 over years and during those times, I learnt confidence in speaking to large crowds of people. I was a salesperson for about 3 years and that taught me to easily converse with strangers. I had been a wet market fruit merchandiser, and also an IT engineer in a major financial company in Singapore, and I learnt to work and communicate with people at different levels of society, from blue collar workforce to white collar management. In the financial industry, I also learnt the importance of good governance. I even worked in an electronics factory before, and there I learnt the importance of good organisational structure and teamwork.

Although these are all precious experiences I can now count as blessings, I am by no means saying that the journey was smooth and rosy. But this I can testify, as it is written in the bible, in the book of Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 29:11 ~ "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

He has given me those priceless experiences and a bright future to serve Him and I just want to use them where He has put me now, to serve Him and glorify His name. What better way to show my gratitude for all He has done for me.

LOVERS for LIFE

Marriage Preparation & Discipleship Program 2015

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

Dates:

MPP3: 15-29 Aug & 5-12 Sep 2015 (Sats) Closing date: 2 Aug (Sun)

MPP4: 31 Oct, 7-28 Nov 2015 (Sats) Closing date: 11 Oct (Sun)

Venue & Time:

To be confirmed

Registration for MPDP

Please visit our website at www.graceaog.org/mpdc

Or email jamie.lim@graceaog.org or call 64100827

MPDP is a pre-requisite for all couples who wish to be solemnized in Grace Assembly of God.



WOG -DAY BIBLE STUDY

Are you living in darkness or experiencing chaos and bondages in your life?

The book of Judges recounts the history of the Israelites' repeated disobedience to God, which resulted in a cycle of blessings and curses. The Israelites kept turning away from the Lord, which led to God raising foreign oppressors to discipline his people. As the Israelites cried out to the Lord in their distress, God sent 'deliverers' or 'judges' to rescue them.



Through this study, you will discover our God is merciful and patient, despite the sins of His people. You can be assured that when you repent of your unfaithfulness and return to God, He will drive out your enemies.

Come join the Women of Grace in this 8-week Precept Upon Precept study and experience the mercy of God!

Dates of class : 1-29 July, 5-19 August 2015 (Wednesdays)

Time : 10.00 am - 12.00 pm

Venue : GII L2 Praise Room

Cost : \$21 per person (includes notes & material)

Registration : 7, 14 June 2015 at Furama L3 tables and GII L3 office

— UPDATES FROM CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS FELLOWSHIP (CAF) —

AN EVENING WITH THE CARPENTERS BY MICHAEL TAN

The CAF event on 25 April 2015 was a wonderful showcase of the many great talents we have in Grace Assembly! It was a special evening for members of the CAF and fans of the brother and sister team to enjoy their evergreen songs. A record number of people came for the fellowship and to hear our Senior Pastor talk about the Jewish Carpenter. We had a good program of sing-a-long songs, led by our music team and special performances by invited members from Grace Assembly.

Lee Lai Mun - we know her as the church's Honorary Secretary but not many knew that she is also an accomplished pianist. That night, she played Something in your Eye and Yesterday Once More, she led the congregation to sing along. It was well appreciated by the audience.

Samson Chung - he is part of the Creative Arts Ministry's worship team. His speciality is playing the electronic wind instrument. For the evening, he played the popular Sing on flute and the rousing Jambalaya on saxophone.

Freda and Fabia - the sisters team put up a medley of Carpenter's songs with a style that are unique to themselves. Freda recently produced an album of inspiring songs and has been busy performing at churches and events. Her repertoire for the evening with Fabia is simply beautiful and endearing, just as Carpenter's songs are meant to be.

Pastor Meng Cham - we know he is a very talented musician (he is, by the way, our Pastor for Creative Arts Ministry). He provided the accompaniment for Freda and Fabia and at the close of the evening, he gave a wonderful guitar rendition of I Won't Last A Day Without You.

All these performances can be seen at our Facebook page. Check out Christ's Ambassadors and 'friend' us 😊



CAF ANNOUNCEMENTS

A round-up of coming events for the CAF:

SPEAKERS FOR THE COMING QUARTER:

June: Rev Peter Chng, missionary, church planter.

July: Rev Dr Patrick Lau, a veteran AG minister with 40 years of ministries experience.

11 July: Durian Feast! Join us to get the details

26 Sept: CAF special service for the Autumn Mooncake festival

THE WOMEN OF GRACE (WOG) by Oh Myungduk

A Women's Ministry, focusing on studying the Bible together, building each other up and serving Jesus together!



Women's Ministry

Women's ministry is not quite commonly seen in local churches. This is a real pity. In fact, many of the women, the home-makers, are highly capable for being missional. They are available, they have the ability to connect, which is the unique gift of women.

Furthermore they have a broad social network through their schooling children, in their neighbourhood, etc.

Recognizing such potential of home-makers, the Multi Level Marketing (MLM) companies have been engaging home-makers as their strategic marketing arm over the decades. If home-makers are able to market and sell vitamin pills and Tupperware for MLM successfully, they would be able to do the same for Jesus, thereby fulfilling the greatest commission at their sphere of influence.

My childhood memories of growing up in Dr Cho Yonggi's church, then the fastest expanding church in Korea, is the neighbourhood aunties, who were nick-named "Crazy aunties for Jesus". Tasting the amazing grace of Jesus, they went around spreading the Good News. These women were ordinary home-makers, empowered by the Holy Spirit, brought Jesus to their neighbourhood and thus played a significant role in the growth of the church.

Loren Cunningham once mentioned that the success of this world-largest church in Korea is said to be the result of releasing the women

into the ministry. I hope that more Christians in Singapore will start to recognize the tremendous potential of home-makers, the often forgotten group of people in the church.

Heartbeat of WoG

Inspired by Ephesians 4:12-13 "to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ."



Our vision is simply "more women, more like Jesus" and our mission is to nurture the Women of Grace to fulfil their God-given potential through empowerment by the Holy Spirit to Walk in Faith, Obey the Truth and Glorify His Name.

Our key program is weekly Bible Study, either topical or

book study. We have just completed a Beth Moore series on the Fruit of the Spirit, through which many of us were richly blessed. Our next study in July will be on the book of Judges. During the study breaks, we plan activities like local outreaches and mission trips to provide an avenue for every woman to live out the Word. Such activities help each woman to discover her spiritual gift and encourage her to live missionally.

Join us and experience the dynamics of our ministry. We have ministry leaders who are caring, prayerful, fun-loving, but serious for Jesus! We would love to have you in this exciting journey of studying and living out His Word together.

WOMEN OF GRACE'S OUTREACH Testimony by Jasline Chong



When I knew that Woman of Grace (WOG) is organizing an event for the children in Lengkok Bahru, my heart was filled with joy. My immediate reaction was to check my calendar, whether it will clash with my children's school schedule. When I know it did not, I was overjoyed and signed up immediately.

Later, I was asked to be in-charge of the program, I was very worried as I had no experience at all. But, with our Lord and the encouragement and guidance from the sisters, I took up this task. The process of the preparation was not easy, we went through a lot of brain storming on all areas like logistics, safety, meals & drinks, programs, guardians for the children, and the routes in the zoo, weather, etc. With such a big group and children that we don't know, my heart was both worried & excited. However, our mission of this trip was clear—to pour God's LOVE for the children.

When the day came, I couldn't sleep. I was at the meeting point an hour earlier, just to make sure that we were there before the children arrived. But, out of my surprise, there were two of them waiting already. They were sooooo excited about this outing! I started to talk to them and got to know a few of them. I understand from them that most of their parents

do not have the time or extra money to bring them for any outing. Therefore they longed for this zoo trip. I could fully identify with them since I came from a poor family too.

On the bus ride, sister May shared the story of 'How God created the earth' using illustrations, and the children were very engrossed in the story. Unfortunately the time we had in the zoo was very short, and we were not able to see all the animals. I felt bad to have disappointed some of the children, as we were not able to bring them to see their favorite animals. Not only that, most of the children did not want to go home so soon, as they will be all alone upon returning home.

Through this trip, I personally felt that these children not only lacked materials, they lacked LOVE, and were lonely. Deep in my heart, I prayed for them, for God's LOVE to surround them, that people around them will pour LOVE to them, and fill their heart with LOVE.

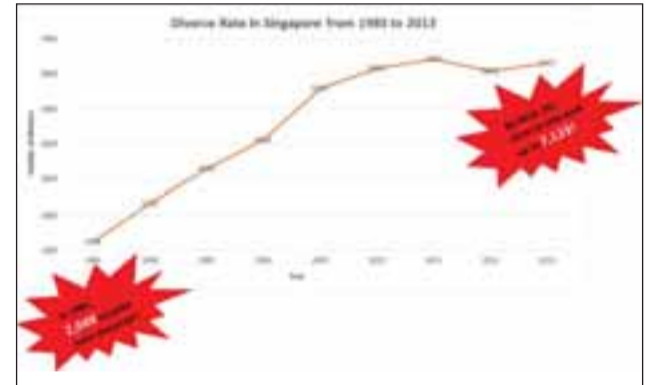
If there is another opportunity, we would like to bring the children out for another outing. Till now, I can vividly remember their laughter and the joy in their eyes. Children are the treasure of God, may our Lord bless them.



**“But as for me and my family,
we will serve the LORD.” Joshua 24:15b**

Pastor-in-charge: Ps Benjamin Wong

Today, these are some of the challenges families are going through in our society ...



However, the church can rise up to build families to influence the world and Grace Assembly, is one of them. With our pastoral leadership and vision, FamilyLife@Grace was birthed as a ministry dedicated to restoring and empowering families to fulfill their God-given purpose. God has called families to be the salt and light of the world. Every family in Grace Assembly is called to become a Missional Family. We seek to see the fulfillment of this God-given purpose by: • Restoring wholeness to broken marriages, families and individuals • Enriching marriages and empowering parents • Challenging families to touch their communities. FamilyLife@Grace is made up of four components...



We seek to strengthen marriages by building a movement to transform couples from simply being husband and wife, to become lovers for life.

**Email: Married.Life@graceaog.org
Ministry Leader: Bro Steven Chan**

From L to R: Joan & Kim Tat, Steven & Michelle, Tricia & Ps Benjamin, Vincent & Lydia, Grace & Antony



We are dedicated to restoring parents to fulfill their God-given role by empowering them to be passionate and effective in teaching faith to their children at home.

**Email: Parenting.Life@graceaog.org
Ministry Leader: Bro Frank Boey**

Front from left: Angie, Katherine, Lynde, Carol, Jessie.
Back from left: Frank, Samuel, Sir Kiang, Ps Benjamin, Kenneth, Albert, Amos



We seek to provide holistic healing to individuals and families. We have the wholeness ministry and clinical counselling to address deep issues with families, couples and individuals.

**Email: Restored.Life@graceaog.org
Ministry Leader: Sis Tricia Poon**

From L to R: Ps Benjamin, Madeline, Linda, Tricia, Lydia, Mei Leng, Seh Luh



We help to nourish the Spiritual Life of individuals and families through a wide range of Christian literature and tools made available to us.

**Email: Life.Resources@graceaog.org
Ministry Leader: Sis Joan Low**

From L to R: Joan, Alex and Keith. (Missing in the photos are Angela and Sharon)



Make a date with us on 14 June 2015 and be part of this important ministry!

Testimonies from our 1st 'Restored to Wholeness Seminar

Participant A

The wholeness ministry session was originally meant for my son. But the Holy Spirit prompted me to go instead.

I had my fair share of inner healing sessions and teachings in the past. This round, through the Wholeness Ministry, it was different. I was given a Receiver's Guide, which was something new to me. With an open mind, I found the steps quite logical and they helped me to have a structured approach towards a holistic healing process. I began to appreciate it. It guided me on the areas I needed help and I could learn to walk in freedom instead of running from one healing camp to another.

Due to my travelling schedule, the gap between my sessions was quite long, sometimes, 2 to 3 months. God always have His perfect timing in everything. The long gap allowed things to fall into their places. When I got things right with the Father God, I was blessed with businesses that I didn't even think I could receive and a relaxing home with a beautiful view.

Little by little, my relationship with my pre-teen son improved. What strikes me most is that my Dad above has been protecting him and providing him with so many loving uncles and aunties, teachers and school mates to care for him. This is especially comforting for a single mum who travels frequently.

There were days that I encountered overwhelming situation, or felt emotionally stressed, I would go to Him and reminded myself of His promises. I have learnt to walk in victory as a Christian.

Participant B

Thank you for praying for me. Through the Wholeness Ministry, I have the courage to move on in this new chapter of my life.

I came from a dysfunctional family and I often heard my parents quarrelling when I was a child. One night, I witnessed my dad hitting my mom and I was too scared and shocked. Over the years, I became insecure, fearful, and over-sensitive.

I hate the fights, the quarrels, and the shouting. I don't feel loved by my parents. At one point, I wanted to end my life but was not successful. It was a miracle that I'm alive.

Also, I fell into depression and became despaired. I even sought help from a professional counsellor. My pastor suggested that I go for Wholeness Ministry. It never crossed my mind but I was determined to go through this process to be healed.

It was tough reopening my wounds to allow the Holy Spirit to do a heart and mind surgery. In fact, there were many obstacles and spiritual warfare. My ministers encouraged me and asked me not to give up because Satan would try to prevent me from receiving my healing and being set free.

Through the ministry, the Holy Spirit revealed the root causes of some of my problems. Finally, the truth has set me free. God has broken every bondage and curse. I don't have to live with guilt, regret or shame anymore; I am now set free.

2ND RESTORED TO WHOLENESS SEMINAR

16 July (Thur): 7.30 – 10 pm
17 July (Fri): 10 am – 4 pm, Public Holiday
18 July (Sat): 9.30 am – 1 pm

Register at Restored Life (Wholeness Ministry) Booth after the service on the 14th June.

Cost: \$20 (Materials, Tea breaks & Lunch)

Limited to only 20 participants!

Last day of registration : 5th July 2015

(if we have more than 20 participants, you will be put on the waiting list)



GRACE LOVERS' RETREAT

15 - 16 AUG 2015
LE GRANDEUR PALM
RESORT (JOHOR)

Who should attend?

Couples who have been married for
7 days up to 7 decades!

\$320 per couple

- 2D/1N's stay in a deluxe room
- All meals, including candlelight dinner-for-two
- Return transportation to Resort from GII

Early bird fees: \$300 per couple
(first 20 couples, with payment by 14 Jun 2015)

Registration and payment
GI Furama and GII booths

31 May - 14 Jun 2015 after Sunday services

For more information, visit www.graceaog.org
or contact **Jamie Lim at 64100827**

Erratum

Due to file corruption, the Mother's Day message from Francis Lee to Lindai did not appear the way it should be. We sincerely apologise to both of them for the error. We reproduce the corrected version here and wishing Lindai a very Happy Mother's Day!

Francis Lee to Lindai

Dearest Lindai,

ONE can be expressed in many forms:

$$1 = 1^2$$

$$1 = 2 - 1 \text{ or}$$

$$1 = \frac{2}{2} \text{ or}$$

$$1 = 2^0 \text{ or}$$

$$1 = \cos^2 x + \sin^2 x.$$

Thank you for being there for each and every one of us. You mean so much to each of us and to each one of us, you mean so differently. I thank God that He has made you the perfect ONE for me and the children.

Happy Mother's Day to our Special ONE!



UPDATE FROM KATHMANDU, NEPAL BY REV. TAN SHWU ENG, MISSIONARY TO NEPAL

25 April 2015 will be remembered in the history of Nepal as a very sad day when the earthquake of 7.9 Richter scale struck around noon.

The earthquake brought down many historical palaces, monuments, temples that were the landmarks of Kathmandu, capital city of Nepal. Houses all over Nepal that could not withstand the shaking collapsed, along with people inside them. Many were injured, trapped and buried in the debris. In Kathmandu, the schools and offices were closed and many buildings were deemed unsafe to return to.

Updates on my family and my church in Kathmandu

My family in Kathmandu is safe. When the earthquake struck, all the network and telephones were down and we were not able to make any internal communication. We were all in different places during the time of the earthquake but we managed to get back together.

On that day, the third service at our church was going on when suddenly the floor started to shake. Outdoors, there was a strong twirling wind and the sky was dark. The birds were flying restlessly and crashing into each other in panic. Some of our young people carried the sick and the elderly from the Old People's home next door and the children from the Sunday School ran out to the open ground. The back boundary wall of the church leaned forward and fell to the ground with a loud thud.

Inside the church building, the service was at the end of worship time. The church members were crying, praying, praising, and hugging each other for moral support. We thank the Lord that there was no stampede and no one was hurt. We were able to evacuate more than 500 people in just a few seconds. The hall shook from left to right at such speed that some people became nauseous and dizzy.

Throughout that day there were many tremors. The government warned people not to return to our homes but to sleep in open areas. Members of the church and the surrounding neighbourhood stayed inside the church compound because people were too afraid to return to their homes. The tremors continued for the next few days and the villages in districts like Dhading, Sindhuli, Nuwakot and Rasuwa were badly affected. In Sindupalchowk, near the Nepal-China border, there were even landslides that washed away whole villages.

A Devastated Nepal

Just as we thought that life was returning to a certain normalcy, another earthquake struck on 12 May 2015 with the epicenter in Dolakha. It brought greater damage, shocks and disappointments.

Nepal is devastated not just by the collapsed homes, parted hills and disappearing villages, but also by the lack of fundamental facilities and systems in disaster management. Relief aid from the international communities and experts from international Disaster Response Teams arrived in Kathmandu only to be bottlenecked at the one-and-only international airport. Panic-struck tourists were all trying to leave the country. Relief of food and tents cannot be dispatched to the affected areas on time. Rescue was a big challenge in many remote places.

Today many of the people are still living in tents, in open grounds, in school premises and along the footpaths, all of them waiting for someone to bring them some relief. In some part of the affected areas, food has not reached them and they are suffering. Patients from the hospitals were moved to open fields and public grounds became an instant emergency care unit. Those in the ICUs were left in their wards without electricity, lights and nurses. Some of the hospitals in Kathmandu are beyond repair and have to be demolished.

Thank you for your support

We would like to thank Grace Missions for immediately sending us money for relief work. We were able to buy and deliver rice, oil, dal, salt and tents for the affected people. Our first relief was dispatched two days after the earthquake to Gorkha through some friends from Pokhara, while Kathmandu was busy with rescue work. We would like to thank Dr Lawrence Soh and the Nepal Medical Mission team for their advice and communication with us throughout the crisis. They also provided us with Katadyn filters, purification tablets and tents and the emotional support that we needed. We would also like to thank many friends for your prayers and donations to help us through this crisis. We are still sending the daily food ration to the villages affected by the earthquake.

Please continue to pray for us that God will fulfil all His purposes for Nepal. Even though we are still experiencing tremors everyday, we will not fear but stand on the promises of God's protection and love. We pray that through this natural disaster many will come to experience the love of Christ through every possible means. The road to recovery and restoration will be long and we need God's strength and grace to face the future ahead.

Thank you for standing with us during these challenging and difficult moments.



HIS IMAGE, HIS GLORY BY JASMIN LOW

I believe the end goal of missions isn't the salvation of souls, but displaying the glory of God through the salvation of souls. God's ultimate purpose and mission for mankind, since the creation of Adam, is to illuminate His glory through us, simply being human.

We are unique, made in His image and in His likeness! Being made in His image refers to the immaterial part of our being – mind, emotion and spirit. We rationalise and make wise decisions because we are intellectual beings. We laugh, cry and get angry because we are emotional beings. We know that it's right to be kind and it's wrong to kill; our moral benchmark is a reflection of God's morality. Whether believers or not, we have the idea of 'heaven' and 'a higher being'. That's because we are spiritual beings. We are set apart from the rest of creation, given dominion over the earth and granted the privilege to commune with God. When we live out our identities as human beings, we display the image of God.

Today, despite bearing His image, we suffer the consequences of sin, affecting our mental, moral, social and physical being. That is why the Gospel is good news! When redemption takes place, God begins restoring His glory in that person. So, remember that those who are still living in darkness are indeed made in His image but are still fallen from His glory. When I think of missions, I think of the redemptive work that will bring about restoration in a life that will reflect the glory of God! And as children of the living God, we ought to use our God-given creativity and intelligence to communicate the Gospel and build redemptive relationships that will bring about restoration of mankind to the glorious image of their Creator!

In the month of May, God has blessed Grace Missions greatly in the work of redemption as we have sent workers to East Asia, Cambodia, Vietnam and Indonesia! We also gathered for J333 World Prayer to pray for the country of Pakistan! God has been using Grace Missions to plant thousands of churches across our borders, souls have been restored to God and even our overseas missions partners are multiplying! I seek your prayers and participation for His mission and as we live out to shine God's glory, let us also desire to redeem souls to shine His glory as well!

GOD LOVES CAMBODIA BY DAPHNE CHUA

Ever since I accepted Christ when I was 12 years old, the thought of embarking on a missions trip never occurred to me. I was contented with being a frequent church-goer and a member of the body of Christ, but never in the engagement of missions work that was beyond my comfort zone. Until one day when God impressed upon my heart the desire to go forth in spreading His word and to accomplish His will that I decided to obey. And indeed, during this trip, I felt like I had learned more from the Cambodians, than I had sought to teach them.

Philippians 2:13 says that "for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfil His good purpose". Truly, there were times when I felt insecure, inadequate and uncertain about my own abilities. I was unsure of what to expect, especially when I have never gone on a missions trip before. My "competence" in preparing for this trip seemed to pale in comparison to that of other trippers who looked like they had more experience and knowledge in the word of God than I did. But God is faithful. During the trip, He worked in each of us mightily, expanding on our talents and skills and allowing us to shine forth His glory to the people of Cambodia, hence fulfilling "His good purpose". Interestingly, I ended up being the lead actress for a skit that we were to perform during our time in the prisons and in the church services. While acting, I felt I was used as a vessel to share His goodness and mercy, so much so that tears welled up in my eyes when I saw how much the people desired and craved for God's love and mercy. Ultimately, He taught me to love them just as He loves us, and I did that by praying for them earnestly. All the while, He reminded me that even in dire circumstances, God still loves. He still reigns, He still protects, and He still strengthens!

Perhaps the highlight of the trip was our time in the Cambodian prisons itself. Being the first of its kind for our team to be involved in Prison Ministry, it was only by God's grace that our programme went smoothly, along with the defining moment during the altar-call when most of the prisoners expressed their interest in wanting to accept Christ as their Saviour and to lead a Christ-led life from then on. When I saw the hands that shot up with little reservations, but with courage and boldness, I felt touched beyond words. I could see the Holy Spirit sweeping across the field, embracing the lost souls that were running back into the arms of Father God. I cried then because I knew that these people believed in the power of His salvation and they were clinging on to the hope that God provided through His promises.

If I had one word to describe this trip, it would be 'love'. Certainly, the Father's heart was revealed to me through the Cambodians and I learnt a very important lesson of how God is always there for us. He desires to be our main source of strength, hope and security. With Him, nothing else matters. Thus, Cambodia opened my eyes up to His world of mercy and reminded me of just how much God loves me, as He does the Cambodians. All Glory to God!

UPCOMING MISSIONS TRIPS

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

EAST ASIA: 29/05/2015 – 06/06/2015 - Rev Richard Wee

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VIETNAM: 13/06/2015 – 14/06/2015 - Rev Matthew Wai



ACTIVATING STRENGTHS, REACHING POTENTIAL

BY JOE CHAN, HEAD (REACH YOUTH)

"Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you, LORD, are good."
Psalm 25:7

In my work with youths, I have found the Solution Focused Approach helpful in identifying and integrating their interests together with the agency and programme's agendas. Resistant, defiant and inexpressive are common adjectives used on youths and dealing with such behaviours and responses requires a certain amount of insight into their world and perspectives.

My team and I need to constantly be attuned to the changing needs and expectations of our youths, the stakeholders that we work with, and the national landscape of policies and trends. As many of our youths are involuntary, one of their unique characteristics they display is the lack of recognition for the need for help. These youths are often perceived as uninterested, unmotivated or even resistant to change.

While some practitioners will exercise patience and engage the young people, others may just end up in a 'tug of war', which can cause the youths to be more set in their ways.

Using the Solution Focused Approach, we have come a long way in understanding what works with our group of youth clients. We don't see ourselves as the experts of their problems and issues, but always remind ourselves that the youths' perspectives are more crucial. We do not want to breed a whole generation that is labelled as needy and problematic, and have had professionals solve their problems for them. This is disempowering, it can result in a reliance on professionals and experts to resolve issues and help them meet their needs as they transit into adulthood.



Danny and Johnny are youths who had previous brushes with the law, were involved in youth gangs and were notorious in their respective schools. As we journeyed with them, we stayed focus on the things which were really beneficial for them in this helping relationship. This is the essence of the Solution Focused Approach.

Danny and Johnny's Rites of Passage

Danny and Johnny were 16 and 15 respectively when they were referred to us because of their gang affiliations and risky behaviours. Danny had previously been arrested for various petty crimes, violence and even sentenced to court probation order. Towards the end of his secondary school years, all his school leaders were happy and relieved that they are finally able to get rid of a highly disruptive and non-compliant student. Danny's family members were highly concerned yet helpless. He was already out of their control as he wouldn't follow any rules set by them.

Johnny, who was also involved with

the same gang as Danny, was at the other end of the spectrum. He didn't create many problems in school because he simply lost interest in his studies. He would instead be spending a lot of time gaming and hanging out with friends at LAN gaming shops. Sometimes he would spend the night playing LAN games for days and only return home to sleep in the day. Johnny's family only earns enough to make ends meet and he'd take on ad-hoc part-time jobs during the day to pay for his long hours of gaming. This makes it even more difficult for him to focus on his education and lead a normal life.

By the time Danny and Johnny were referred to us by the police for their gang-related activities, they have already been put through many of the frontline interventions like school

counselling, school support programmes and even court probation orders. The mandate from the police for them to complete the programme with us just made them compliant but still resistant to change. In fact, during the initial stages of the programme, they were very apt at putting up a compliant front. They were actually trying very hard to skip the sessions as they felt that they have no problems.

The Solution Focused Approach has definitely helped set the tone and clear expectations from the start. It recognises that the client is the expert in deciding what he would like to do to achieve the outcomes of this programme and that we are not the specialist in fixing his problems and behaviour. Therefore, whenever there are incidents where the youths breached certain rules of the programme, we would just go right back to the goal formulation and rapport building process. We see ourselves as facilitators of change, together with the youths, to co-construct a goal and outcome that would be helpful not only to them but also to fulfil the police's expectations. During the goal formulation stage, I would often find myself asking them a variety of questions like:

- "How can I help you to get you what you want?"
- "What would it take for you to complete this programme successfully?"
- "Why is it important to you that you complete this programme?"

Another challenge I face as a caseworker of such mandated youths was that I had to run the programme within a community agency setting, where I had been delegated authority from the police to ensure that the youths stay within the requirements of the programme so that they can successfully complete it. This was a difficult position to take because it required me to play a dual role of a counsellor and an enforcer. But because of Solution Focus' collaborative stance, I was able to let the youth choose which role I should play. I was able to communicate clearly to them that I can be a counsellor but I can also be an enforcer based on how they choose to act in the programme. This freed me from the dilemma of choosing between the roles because I was just managing my roles according to the context.

When I was working with Danny and Johnny's parents during the course of the programme, I also sent a clear message to the youths that we will not be able to continue with the programme because the youths hadn't been able to identify a thing which they think will be helpful for them to work on. Informing the parents in the presence of the youths sent a clear and strong message that nobody else is able to choose their paths except for the youths themselves. We also saw how that brought about a sense of empowerment for the parents as their feelings of helplessness shifted to a position of collaboration and being good role models for their children.

During the programme, I also tapped into the Danny and Johnny's strengths. I explored with them exceptions where they were not their typical non-operative, uninterested selves. I was able to draw out lots of hidden interests, positive behaviours and useful attitudes that can be built on. For Danny, cooking for his family is where he finds enjoyment. For Johnny, there were some lessons in school where he was not disruptive but engaged.

These were definitely powerful information that could be used to propel their momentum for change. In the remaining time they had in the programme, we no longer focused on their problematic areas. Instead, we spent the time talking about their hidden hopes and dreams, miracle picture of the fulfilment of those dreams, the impact that they will have on those around and how baby steps could be taken towards it, starting from where they are.

To me, working with youths is like kite flying. The harder we tug at the strings, the more tangled they become. Many-a-times, there will be sudden bursts of wind from different directions. And these are the times when we would have to learn how to let go of our control as parents, educators, counsellors and social workers to simply watch where the wind is taking them. We often just have to hold on tight to the strings of connection and trust them as they go through the process of growing up.

Danny's thoughts:

"The impetus for me to change was when I realised how my actions have upset my loved ones. I remember how it was during an OBS camp that I told myself I will strive and do my best to achieve what I want. I feel that it will be helpful for adults to really listen when communicating with teenagers and to know what they want. Joe is like a big brother, a teacher, a really good friend to me and I'm really thankful that he has pushed me to go for my dreams."

Danny is currently a 21-year-old pursuing his diploma in Culinary Arts at At-Sunrice GlobalChef Academy Singapore.

Johnny's thoughts:

"One thing that Joe has helped me is to lead me back to school after I had dropped out for 2 years. He made me understand what I want for my future and guided me along the way. He was there during my difficult times."

Johnny, 19 is currently pursuing his diploma in Accountancy at Singapore Accountancy Academy.

There are many more people like Danny and Johnny in our community. Surely, REACH Youth Powerhouse @ Bukit Batok is built for a purpose. Together with my team as change agents, we desire to spark transformation in youths, and our promise is to always affirm their identities and unique strengths.

Do look out for our REACH Youth's official opening in August. It'll be a celebration of God's grace and faithfulness, as well as the youths' successes. Stay tuned and find out how you can be a part of this joyous occasion!

JOB OPENINGS

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The church is inviting suitable candidates to apply for the following positions, to assist in the maintenance, operations & upkeep of buildings & premises at Tanglin Road or Bukit Batok locations.

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Interested applicants are invited to submit detailed resume (indicating position applying for, work experience, current and expected salaries, and recent photograph) to Sally Chow at sally.chow@graceaog.org

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If you are the one we are looking for, please send your details to christopher.soh@graceaog.org. Only shortlisted candidates will be notified.

中文事工

闽南语堂 Wendy 姐妹的见证



嗨！我是Wendy，朋友都叫我开心果，但开心果未信主前，曾有些不开心的事，在此见证与大家分享。

之前我是公关经理，常在娱乐场所应酬，烟、酒常伴我，曾受过人生挫折，自杀3次，也得过严重忧虑症，住院还想寻死，被医生绑在病床上。听母亲说，每晚睡前须母女手绑手睡，不然半夜醒来就找不到我了。在母亲的照顾下，我好转了，但心理还是有问题，还是要回去复诊。后来，朋友带我来恩典堂饮早茶，认识了主耶稣。我感到喜乐，从此认定主耶稣是我个人的救主，我也脱离了心理医院的复诊，阿门。

信主后，我的性情转变了但自己却没发觉，直到有一天我和那分居的先生碰面，他骂我“三字经”，我竟然很平静，还叫他小心走路，地上滑，不要只顾骂人。当时我女儿对我说：“妈咪，你信主了真不一样！”因我女儿知道我之前的脾气，以前凡以“三字经”骂我的人，都会被她追打，想不到信主后的我有这么大的转变！感谢主！阿门。

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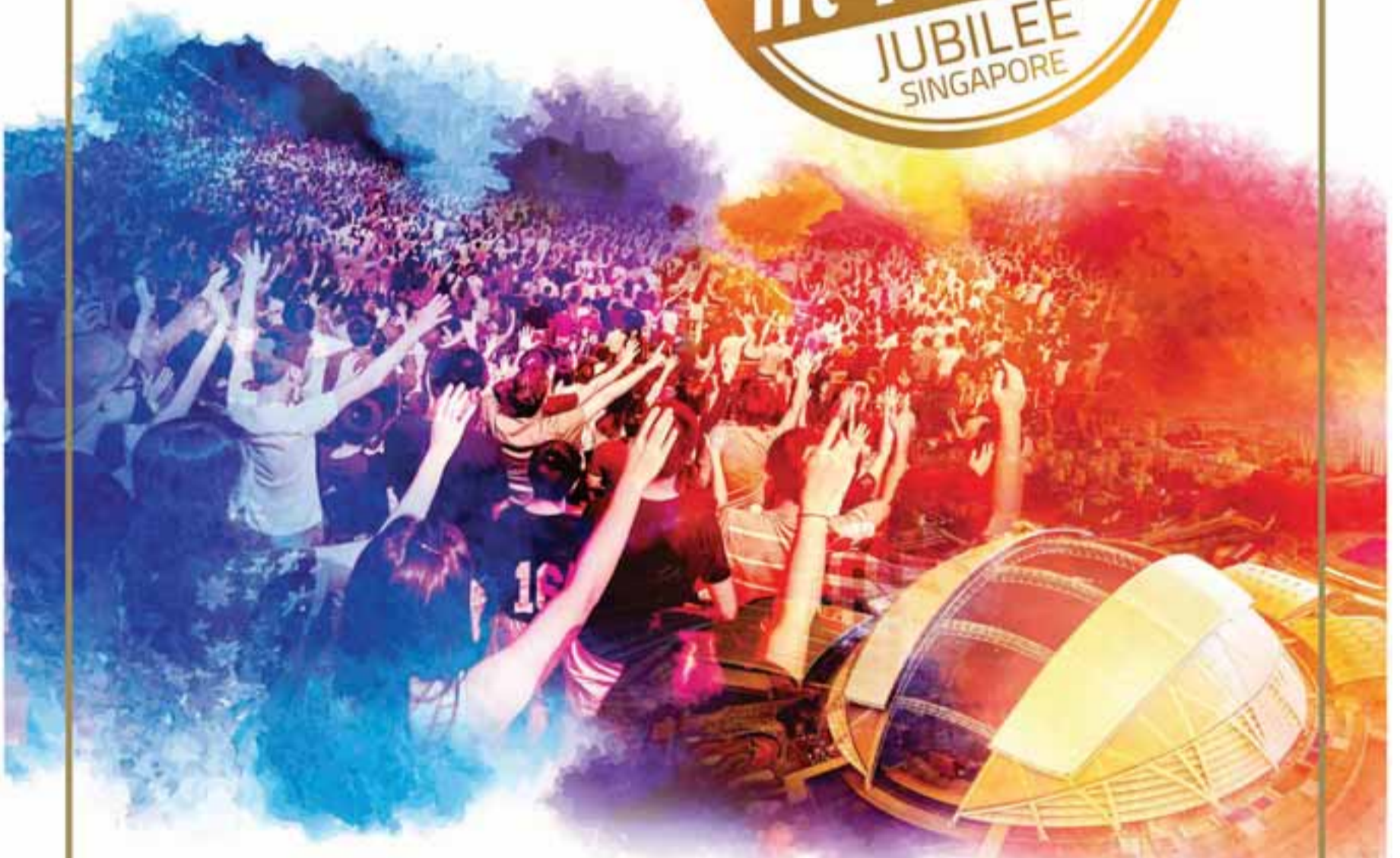
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Dr. Zacharias has spoken all over the world in scores of universities, notably Harvard, Dartmouth, Johns Hopkins, and Yale, as well as in numerous government settings including the United Nations, the White House, the Pentagon, and The Cannon House. He has authored or edited over twenty books including the Gold Medallion winner *Can Man Live Without God* (1994), and his latest *Why Suffering?* (2014).

RZIM is headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, with offices in Canada, India, Singapore, the United Kingdom, the Middle East, Hong Kong, Romania, Turkey, Austria, Spain, and South Africa. Dr. Zacharias and his wife, Margie, have three grown children and reside in Atlanta.

Dr John Lennox is Professor of Mathematics at the University of Oxford, Fellow in Mathematics and the Philosophy of Science, and Pastoral Advisor at Green Templeton College, Oxford. He is also an Adjunct Lecturer at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford University and at the Oxford Centre for Christian Apologetics and is a Senior Fellow of the Trinity Forum. In addition, he teaches for the Oxford Strategic Leadership Programme at the Executive Education Centre, Said Business School, Oxford University.

Prof Lennox has written over seventy published mathematical papers, as well as being the co-author of two research level texts in algebra in the Oxford Mathematical Monographs series. He has also produced a number of books on the interface between science, philosophy and theology. Furthermore, over the past six years, Prof Lennox has debated a number of the world's most famous atheists, including Richard Dawkins (in 2007 and 2008), Christopher Hitchens (in 2008 and 2010) and Peter Singer (in 2011).

John is married to Sally, they have three grown up children and seven grandchildren and live near Oxford.

Dr John Dickson started out as a singer-songwriter, and now works as a writer, speaker, historian of religion, media presenter, Anglican minister, and director of a multi-media think tank. With an honours degree in theology from Moore Theological College Sydney, and a PhD in history from Macquarie University, John is also an Honorary Fellow of the Department of Ancient History, and teaches on the Historical Jesus at the University of Sydney. He lives in Sydney with his wife and their three children.

Amy Orr-Ewing is Director of Programmes for the Oxford Centre for Christian Apologetics (the OCCA) and EMEA Regional Director for RZIM. Amy is a passionate exponent of a rational Christian response to many of the pressing cultural issues of the day, bringing her formidable theological knowledge to bear on a wide variety of subjects. She gained a first class degree in Theology at Christ Church, Oxford University, before receiving a Master's in Theology from King's College London. Amy and her husband Frog reside in the UK with their two children.

Jose Philip is the Director of Itinerant Development with RZIM Asia-Pacific. Born in India, he graduated from Loyola College in 1992 and completed his Masters degree in Zoology there in 1994. In 2005 he left the corporate world and pursued his theological studies in Singapore. He completed both his Masters of Divinity in Biblical studies and Masters of Theology from Singapore Bible College in May 2008. He also lectures at Singapore Bible College, Baptist Theological Seminary and Bible College Malaysia. Jose and his wife, Cinu, reside with their two children in Singapore.

Tracy Trinita is an itinerant speaker and apologist for RZIM. Originally from Bali, Indonesia, she was the country's first-ever supermodel and modeled for top designers in Paris, Milan and New York. In 2002, Tracy became a believer and studied theology and apologetics at RZIM's one-year OCCA program. She has since served as an apologist and teacher at Yayasan Pengembangan Apologetika Indonesia (YPAI) and at International English Service (IES) Church in Jakarta. Her current work at RZIM focuses on the fashion, arts, media and entertainment industries.

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SCHEDULE

Time	Thursday Kickoff
19:00	"Our Father, The Grand Weaver", Q&A

Time	Friday - Day 1
13:30 - 14:00	Worship / Intro
14:00 - 15:00	Has Science Buried God
15:00 - 15:10	Break (10 min)
15:10 - 16:10	Who is Jesus and Why it Matters?
16:10 - 16:20	Break (10 min)
16:20 - 17:30	Is Faith Really Blind?

Time	Evening Session I
19:30 - 21:30	Where is God When it Hurts, Q&A

Time	Saturday - Day 2
9:30 - 10:00	Worship
10:00 - 11:00	Can the Bible be Trusted?
11:00 - 11:15	Break (15 Min)
11:15 - 12:30	Workshop Session I: (Select A, B, C)
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch Break (60 min)
13:30 - 14:30	Workshop Session II: (Select A, B, C)
14:30 - 14:45	Break (15 min)
14:45 - 15:45	God of Love and Judgment?
15:45 - 16:15	Q&A Session

Saturday Workshop Sessions

- A. One God, Many Paths?
- B. Is Religion a Crutch for the Weak?
- C. Why Did Jesus Have to Die?

* Participants are responsible for their own meals.

Special Outreach Rally

There will be a special evangelistic outreach rally "Why I am a Christian" on Sat, Sep 12 at the same venue by Dr John Lennox starting at 7pm. Bring your pre-Christian friends and family to this free rally! Come early as seats are limited!