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YAYP Retreat

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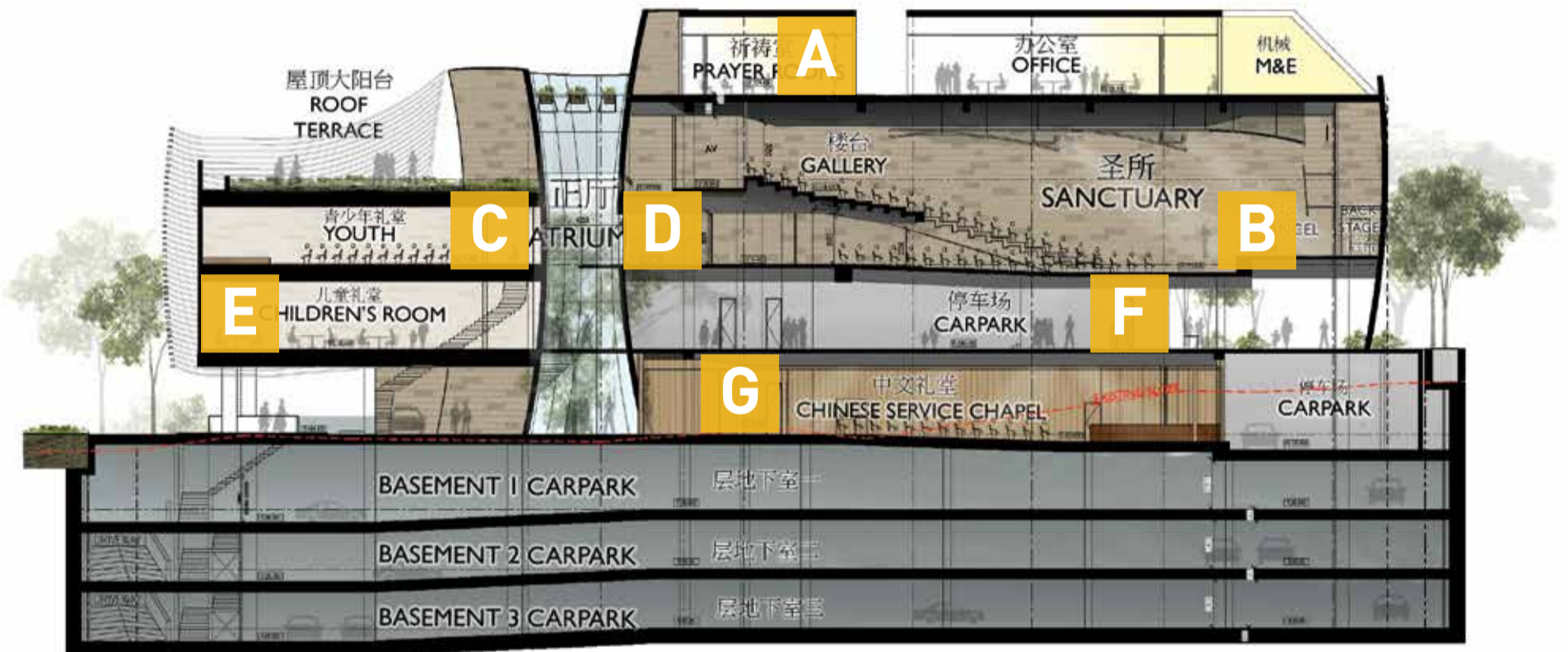
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THANK GOD!
WE ARE
GOING HOME!

GRACE I

Name of Halls



LEVEL	NAME	PURPOSE	
4	Zion	Grace Kids Pre-School	A
3	Bethel	English & YAYP* Services	B
	Emmaus	Youth Services	C
	The Lounge	Visitors, Guests	D
2	Eden	Grace Kids Children's Church	E
	Fellowship area	Gathering, Fellowship	F
1	Galilee	Chinese & Filipino Services	G

*Young Adults & Young Professional (YAYP)

REKINDLE



THIS NATIONAL DAY WEEKEND SAW 165 young adults setting out of Singapore. We braved heavy rain, enormous queues at customs, and 10-hour long traffic jams for the single purpose of reaching JB to spend our long weekend at Rekindle 2015, this year's YAYP retreat. While all the obstacles faced during the journey were unexpected, everyone arrived with eager and open hearts to receive the word of God and fellowship together.

Over the next three days and two nights, everyone gathered experienced an amazing time exploring the life of Jesus of Nazareth, worship-

ing together, and bonding through games and deep sharing. We welcomed wonderful new people to the YAYP family, and to their very first young adult retreat. Through it all, God moved mightily during the services, touching hearts and speaking to all the campers through our retreat speaker, Pastor Terence Ong.

Perhaps one of the best parts of this year's YAYP retreat was the incredible sense of community all of us felt in rekindling our passion for God together. We set out for Rekindle 2015 with the aim of returning back to the foundation of living for God, and found many

people eager to travel with us through this journey in life. Indeed, we rekindled, not as single flickering flames, but as the entire body of Christ.

Rekindle 2015 may have come to a close, but the work that God has done clearly continues to grow on in our lives and in our community. All 165 of us have since headed back to our workplaces and schools, but now as shining lights for Christ. Let's take a look at how God has worked in the lives of some of the campers through their testimonies.

TEXT / HANNAH GOH



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TESTIMONIES

Prior to August 2015, my life was quite mundane, revolving all around work. I would often miss church service and I was not actively involved in cell because of work. I work in the tourism industry, so I found that it was a very convenient excuse because my work hardly allowed me to take off on weekends. I began to feel less guilty about not being involved in church or cell and it became the norm. Rekindle 2015 was the catalyst for rebuilding my spiritual life – and it all started with admitting that it was not okay for me to pull away from church and friends. Through the three days, I went from being as hard as stone to the pastor's message, to bawling my eyes out at the altar call on the last night.

When the pastor called for us to pray for God to impress on us issues in our lives that needs to be fixed so that we can find our identity in Christ, I was confused. I had never experienced God on such a personal level; I didn't know what I was looking for. Was I listening out for a deep voice speaking to me, or was I waiting to see a flashing white vision? Just when I was about to give up seeking, the pastor called for us to be PATIENT. And finally, I started to have a strong feeling about a pressing issue in my life and I started to break down. I knelt down and (literally) begged God for comfort, forgiveness and peace. I did not verbalise any of my prayers, so I was sure no one around me knew what I was praying about, until Sheryl came.

She knelt down beside me and prayed with me, but what shocked me the most was that she started praying about the same issue that I was praying about, although not in detail, but it was still very shocking to me. Right there I knew that I was not looking out for a vision, neither was I listening out for a deep voice speaking to me, but that God used Sheryl to speak to me and comfort me, to tell me that everything is going to be alright as

long as I have faith. More importantly, He has forgiven me.

Through the three days, I've learnt so much more about the graciousness and mercy of our Lord. I believe I'm not the only one that experienced God during the retreat, and my prayer is that this continues to be an ongoing journey of faith, not just for me, but for all of us young adults to grow together.
- JOYCELYN LIM

My journey to rekindle my fire for God began with lots of soul searching, where the Holy Spirit upheaved and guided me to question everything I thought I knew, and more importantly, thought was doing right. It started as a painful, almost shameful process as He revealed to me, still the parts of myself and my life that I lived that was displeasing to Him. But amidst the deep plunging and the inner 'ransacking' I felt I was putting myself through, God has been so gracious and kind. I experienced His mercies and the depth of His patience for me, as again and again throughout the entire process I would first grieve and repent, but then in the same day catch myself struggling with the same thing again. In this it really brought home the fact that change is not easy and it happens with determination and commitment, not just at mere decision. It is a journey, and because of that, it made me appreciate the extent of God's patience much, much more.

At this I am thus immensely grateful for my cell, who is really just like family. Everyone has been supportive and encouraging to each other - being patient, willing to wait for one another; to listen, so as to understand and be a better friend. And this has been very heartwarming and encouraging for me, because finally I am beginning to have the sense

of belonging to a community where not just me, but everybody within it, feels like they are welcomed and truly belong, being gradually accepted and embraced regardless of personality or stage of life. Going forward, this means everybody learning together and growing together, towards Christ.
- TAN PEI EN

1ST JOHN 1:5-7

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

My agnostic friend once told me that church retreats are a drug – it leaves you high for a while but dry after. I was mildly offended when he said that, but, after some thought, he does make some sense. Like what Pastor Alvin said on the first night of retreat after a 5 hour crawl to our destination, no amount of manmade effort, however great, can rekindle us; only God can. And this was the simple, but often forgotten, truth that set the tone for the retreat. For me, this year's retreat was about walking in the light of God together as a Body of Christ. In 1st John 1, John stresses the importance of "we". Having fellowship with God is synonymous with fellowship with one another. We don't walk in the light as individuals, but together as the Body of Christ. I had really great conversations with my roommates, group members and people whom I have not met for a long time. It was also really encouraging to see men of YAYP coming together to strengthen and pray for one another during the men's fellowship meeting. I pray that YAYP will continue to keep and persevere in the things God taught us during retreat as we strive to walk in the light together.

- GABRIEL CHEW

EVENTS CALENDAR 2015

CHURCHWIDE: SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER

27 Jun - 19 Sept	Alpha course (Saturdays)	GII L1 Fellowship 12pm
10-12 Sept	Ravi Zacharias (RZIM) Conference	GII L2 Sanctuary, L4 Chapel
18 Sept	Grace Pioneers	GI L3 Bethel 7pm
30 Sept	J333 (Combined)	GI L1 Galilee 7.30pm
25 Oct	Dedication services (English, Chinese)	GI L3 Bethel
31 Oct - 1 Nov	REACH Emphasis Weekend	GI, GII
7 Nov	Morning Prayer (Combined)	GI L3 Emmaus 7am
15 Nov	Celebration of Marriages	GI L3 Bethel 5pm

MINISTRY: SEPTEMBER

11 Jul - 19 Sept	Youth Alpha course (Saturdays)	REACH Powerhouse 9.30am
23 Sept - 4 Nov	WOG-DBS Women of Grace (Wednesdays)	GII L2 Praise Rm 10am
26 - 27 Sept	GDP Encounter Weekend	Orchard Plaza
27 Sept	CAM Sunday JAM session	GII L2 Sanctuary 2.30pm

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



GRACE KINDERGARTEN AT 355 TANGLIN RD

The church is looking for like-minded church members who already operate a preschool education business, to enter into a possible partnership in starting a Grace Kindergarten at the new Grace building at 355 Tanglin Road.

Church members who are interested, please email your name, contact number and the registered business and brand names of your preschool, to mei.mei@graceaog.org



J333

J333 PRAYER MEETINGS FOR SEPTEMBER

Dates: 2 - 23 Sept 2015 (Wednesdays)
Time : 7:30 - 8:30 pm
Venue: St John's St Margaret's Church (SJSM)

Date: 30 Sept 2015 (Wednesday)
Time: 7:30 - 8:30 pm
Venue: Grace I (Combined J333)

Prayer Focus : A new season for Grace Assembly
Prayer Agenda : Praying & preparing to enter into a new season in Grace Assembly

WEDDING IN SEPTEMBER!

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

19 September 2015
Alex Tan & Reis Koh

Calling all *Grace Pioneers* who have registered with the Church!

A memorable evening of fellowship has been planned for you on 18 September 2015, at 5.30 pm. You will have the first tour of the new church building at 355 Tanglin Road, followed by a specially-designed dinner programme. Our special guests for the evening are Rev Oh Beng Khee and Sis Mary Oh, former senior and associate pastors of Grace Assembly respectively.

By now, you should have received your invitation letter from Senior Pastor Calvin Lee. If you have not received any, please contact Sis Kong Poh Suan at 64100805 immediately.

Don't miss this opportunity to catch up with "old" friends and reminisce the "good old days"!

ACCEPTANCE OF MEMBERSHIP

Water Baptism on 9 August 2015

Cheok Yeok Teng Joyce
Zackary Chua Kerk Hsiang
Elizabeth Liew Xian En
John Ng Kwai Cheong
Yeo Giam Seong Benson

Transfer of membership

Han Chin Huat
Mak May San
Simon Sim Khee Wang
Soon Bee Chin
Dora Tan Beng Choo



Twelve Women of the Bible (Part 1)

Do you know women in the Old Testament days faced trials, failures and successes as we do now?

Eve lost her focus when she craved for the things she didn't have. *Rebekah* had to break free from stereotypes. *Leah* was able to look beneath the surface of her life and discover the love of God. *Hannah* saw her times of waiting as opportunities to grow in faith. *Abigail* is an advocate of healing relationships, even if it calls for confrontation. As a prostitute *Gomer* reminds us of our failures in life and God's extended grace and patience towards us.



Take the step to embark on this study of the first part of the book Twelve Women of the Bible and allow the lives of these women to serve as valuable lessons to our own modern day struggles.

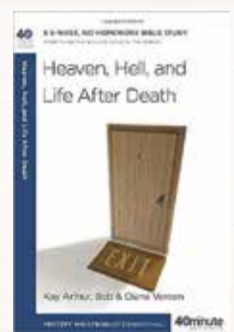
Come join WOG in this part 1 of the study for 7-week and be encouraged.

Dates of class : 23 Sep – 4 Nov 2015 (Wednesdays)
Time : 10am – 12noon
Venue : GII Praise Room [L2]
Cost : \$15 inclusive of material
Registration : 6 & 13 Sept 2015 at Furama L3 Information Counter and GII L3 Office

Heaven, Hell and Life After Death

Many people are intrigued by what lies beyond death's door, but we live in an age bombarded with conflicting views. How can we be sure of what is true?

In this eye-opening study from Precept Ministries, you'll examine the Bible's answer about death and what comes next. As you confront death in the context of the promise of heaven and the reality of hell, you will be challenged to examine your heart. And in doing so, you will find that as you grab hold of the hope of eternal life, the sting of death is replaced with peace.



Dates of class : 3 Oct – 7 Nov (Saturdays)
Time : 10am – 12noon
Venue : Orchard Plaza
Cost : \$11 (includes material)
Registration : 6 & 13 Sept 2015 at Furama L3 Information Counter and GII L3 Office

Restored To Wholeness Seminar: Essential Teachings on Father's Heart

Did you know that 85 to 90% of all people growing up as children have never heard their earthly father says "I LOVE YOU"?

Many Christians have an incorrect perception of Father God because their earthly father did not represent God as Father properly.

Be restored as Father's beloved sons and precious daughters through this teaching session.

Date : 14 November 2015 (Saturday)

Time : 9.30 am to 12.30 pm

Venue : GII, Level 2, Praise Room

Cost : \$5 (include materials & refreshments)

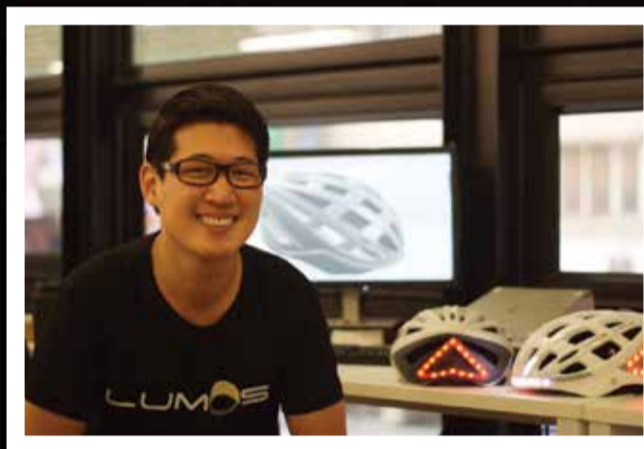
I love you

SALUTING A GRACIAN FOR MAKING AN IMPACT!

Our Gracian Ding Eu-Wen was featured in the Straits Times, with his invention of a special bicycle helmet, called the Lumos helmet, to help cyclists remain safe and visible while they are on the roads.

Read more about his achievements on the ST article "A High-visibility Helmet for Cyclists"

<http://www.straitstimes.com/business/a-high-visibility-helmet-for-cyclists?xtor=CS3-20>



OPPORTUNITIES

POSITIONS AVAILABLE IN FACILITIES DEPT

The church is inviting suitable candidates to apply for the following positions, to assist in the maintenance, operations and upkeep of buildings and premises at 355 Tanglin Road.

FACILITIES ASSISTANT

Responsibilities:

- Assist in maintenance of building, repair work of fixtures, fittings and furnishings
- Perform daily schedule to supervise cleaning and inspection of fixtures, fittings and furnishings
- Assist in opening and closing, securing the building premises before and after office hours

Requirements:

- At least O levels or ITE vocational certificate
- Preferably minimum 2 years of working experience
- Experience in building maintenance and M&E skills would be advantageous
- Attention to details of building assets — fixtures, M&E fittings, furnishings etc

Interested applicants are invited to submit detailed resume (indicating work experience, current and expected salaries, and recent photograph) to: sally.chow@graceaog.org

WE NEED YOU – VOLUNTEER TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS!

We are looking for enthusiastic PEOPLE to help with vehicle traffic management and directing vehicles at carparks of GII Bukit Batok and the new GI at Tanglin Road.

DO you enjoy helping to direct vehicle drivers who are confused about directions or unsure about where to park in the buildings, so that they can have a pleasant experience of attending services promptly, without much hassle?

If your answer is YES, then please email us immediately at facilities@graceaog.org and we will contact you soonest!



FEATURED STAFF

KAREN LIM



Hi! I am Karen Lim, a full time ministry support staff in Creative Art Ministry (CAM). I was born in a family of five members. They are my parents, an elder brother and sister and I'm the youngest in the family. I married in 1994 and have 2 beautiful children, age 20 and 16.

I got to know Jesus Christ during my primary school years. After I left school I often joined my colleagues to church. However, living in a non-Christian family, I was forced to stop attending church. Even since then, I have never given up my faith in God. Years later by God's timing, my sister who had accepted Jesus at Grace Assembly invited me to Grace.

I once again rededicated my life to Christ and was baptised in 2008. I started to serve in the usher ministry at GII Bukit Batok in 2011. Last November, the Holy Spirit called me to write in and apply for the position of ministry support staff in Grace Assembly. By the grace of God, He has arranged for me to fill this position.

My greatest dream is to bring all of my family members to Christ. I have been praying for them, as a daughter, a daughter-in-law, a wife and a mother! I strongly believe in keeping them in prayer, it is most important. By walking faithfully with God, I believe He will do mighty works in my family!

Lastly, I will like to honour all the volunteers in CAM ministry. Their spirit and passion in the ministry have motivated me to keep serving in the ministry. I always feel God's presence and goodness in every worship service. Without their countless support and attitude of serving, our church services will not be such an awesome place to worship. I am so blessed to be part of the team and proud to serve together with them. May God's blessings be always with them and their families. Shalom!



RSVP NOW

Registration deadline:
6 September (booths) | 13 September (online only)

For more information and details of the event, please go to the following website

<http://www.graceaog.org/CoM>



GRACE 1

355 Tanglin Road, Singapore 247960
15 November 2015
5.00pm ~ 7.00pm

Guest-Of-Honour: Ms Low Yen Ling

*Parliamentary Secretary
Ministry of Social and Family Development
Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth*



Nurturing the next generation of believers within the family of Grace to be missional through imitating models of faith in every generation.

NEXUS is the new next-generational ministry that comprises Grace Kids (children), R-AGE (youths), and YAYP (young adults). This Senior Pastor-initiated ministry has been formed since January 2015.

NEXUS stands for “a means of connection” and “a focal point,” both of which aptly describe the ministry that is made up of a significant number of Gracians.

There are three pillars of the ministry that we strongly believe in. These are illustrated in our logo.



CROSS-MINISTRIES

With three ministries now under one roof – as represented by the chain of three links forming the letter ‘N’, we can look forward to:

Seamless assimilations between ministries, smoother transitions from one life stage into another, and greater synergy in our Christian education curriculum and leadership development.

CROSS-GENERATIONAL

We believe that every stakeholder in the life of a child to a young adult plays a vital role in teaching and modeling a life of faith in God.

As such, we see the value of partnering with parents, family members, peers and other influential figures in the believer’s life to better nurture him or her in the ways of the Lord.

This strong inter-connection between the family nucleus, individual believer and church community is represented by the chain links.

CROSS-CENTRED

The middle red link of the logo represents Jesus Christ and His shed blood on the cross for our sins. This is the centre of all that we are and do at NEXUS.

The progression from darker to lighter shades represents the transformed lives we desire to see in NEXUS, made possible through the power of the Cross. The cross inspires us to be dedicated missional believers to bring the good news of the cross wherever we are.

CHANGES IN NEXUS IN 2016

1. MOVING CHILDREN'S CHURCH 1 (CC1) AND PRE-SCHOOL 1 (PS1) FROM SATURDAY TO SUNDAY

The YAYP service on Saturday will no longer have children's ministry support due to the following reasons:

The YAYP service will be increasingly tailored to reach young adults and address their unique life-stage needs.

There is a declining number of children who attend the Saturday children's programmes and this affects critical mass dynamics.

Assembling all the children on Sunday to attend Grace Kids together builds stronger social bonding and batch identity.

Having more children graduate from the ministry with more peers fosters better transition into the youth ministry.

Consolidating the existing Grace Kids leadership and manpower resources further strengthens the children's ministry support on Sunday.

2. MOVING OF THE GI YOUTH SERVICE TO 1700-1830H ON SATURDAY

The existing GI youth service that takes place at 1115h on Sunday morning will be moved to Saturday evening. The new youth service will be designed for 15-19-year-olds. (Note: in 2016, it will include the 14-year-olds, who have already transitioned into the youth ministry.). GI youth cells will take place before service at 1530h. This change is necessary for the following reasons:

Youths will be challenged to take greater ownership of their faith and church life as they will now have to make their own transport arrangements to be a part of the youth ministry. Departing from any unhealthy over-reliance on their parents (who attend the main services on Sunday) will help them to gain the necessary independence for growth.

Having youth ministry on Saturdays presents greater opportunities for evangelism because it is relatively easier to invite friends to church. This can be observed from the newcomers' attendance in past events and the Saturday GII youth service.

The youth ministry is currently a hurried experience and time for prayer, worship, preaching and fellowship is compromised due to high demands on facility usage, and the need to rush to join their waiting parents. Effective youth ministry requires unhurriedness and ample time.

This new service timing frees up youths to serve in Grace Kids and being able to serve the next generation forges greater connection between the age groups, in turn reinforcing the transitions within NEXUS in the medium term.

An earlier exposure to serving and more opportunities to rise up as leaders will strengthen the leadership quality of the church in the long term.

There are no changes to the youth ministry programming at GII. Youth services and cell groups still take place at 1400h and 1600h respectively.

3. LAUNCH OF THE NEW PRETEENS MINISTRY AT GI ON SUNDAYS FROM 1115-1245H

The Preteens ministry is designed for young people aged between 11-14 years old. (Note: In 2016 only, the Preteens ministry will cater to those aged between 11-13 years old so they would avoid a double transition in two years.)

As the Preteens ministry will be led and operated by R-AGE, preteens will be exposed to the youth culture and interact with youth leaders even earlier, and enhance transition success.

The proposed format of monthly ministry programming will be:
-one week of dynamic service (praise and worship, engaging preaching and Spirit-led response times)

-three weeks of intimate cell group sessions (Bible study, round-table sharing, mutual prayer and encouragement).

All preteens are highly encouraged to be a part of the Preteens ministry at 1115h. For preteens who cannot attend it due to legitimate reasons a simplified preteens support at 0900h led by Grace Kids is available.

Children's Church (CC4 and CC5) at GII will still be held on Sundays at 0900h and 1115h respectively. The Preteens ministry at GII will only commence in 2017.

RENAMING OF AGE GROUPS IN NEXUS

3-6 years old:		20-30 years old:	
7-10 years old:			
11-14 years old:			
15-19 years old:			

ORGANISATIONAL CHART



For any queries, feedback or suggestions, please email Pastor Alvin Lim at alvin.lim@graceaog.org or Pastor Joey Asher at joey.asher@graceaog.org.

OUR LORD THAT SENDS US

In Exodus 3:11, Moses was worried. He said to God "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" Indeed, who was he? He was then a 'small fry', tasked by God to command the most powerful ruler in the region to give up some of his power.

However God was not blind. God knew exactly who Moses was. Moses was a murderer and he ran away from Egypt. He was neither confident nor eloquent. The most important point of the passage was not who was being sent, but who the sender was. God was the one who sent Moses to do the job. Similarly for us as a missional church, it is not about you who is being sent. It is about who is sending you. God said to Moses "I am who I am", and that was enough. If it was enough for Moses, it is enough for all of us today.

Let us shift our eyes from ourselves and fix our eyes on Jesus. There is no task too big and no person too far for God to reach. If God has put something in your heart, do not wonder about the impossibility of it. Wonder instead at the impending miracle that God will be doing!

From this month onward, we will be featuring our missions workers in these Grace Missions pages. These are Grace members who are doing missions either on their own or with a missions organization. Here in Grace Missions we want to give them a platform to share their stories and testimonies. It is my prayer that you will be inspired by their passion for missions and immense love of our Lord who sends them out. If you are reading their writing, why not take some time to connect with them and pray for them? They are in our congregation!

I thank the Lord that over the month of August, we saw 5 teams going out from Grace Missions to touch the nations. Now that we are nearing the last quarter of the year, we should be seeing an increase in the number of teams.

While you are at this page do consider signing up for our missions trips at the end of the year. There are some trips which are still open for registration!

See you in the field!

Blessings,
Matthew Tan
Missions Awareness

FEATURED MISSIONS WORKER REV JERALD ROBINSON

I have been an active member of Grace Assembly since December 2009 and a Singapore PR since January 2010. I love durians especially the bitter-sweet D13s! I have eaten them in Singapore, Sumatra and Vietnam. I graduated from RHEMA Bible Training College USA in 2004 where I learned to fulfil God's calling through teaching faith in God's Word and flowing in the anointing of the Holy Spirit. I am a licensed and ordained minister through the RHEMA Ministerial Association International and RHEMA Bible Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

My wife and I have ministered in The Philippines, Nepal, Indonesia, Singapore, Myanmar, Vietnam and the USA. God has graced us with the ministry of preaching and teaching in churches, Bible schools and seminars. We have experienced powerful ministry through the Holy Spirit in our meetings. We quickly discovered that the move of the Holy Spirit is definitely connected to the degree of hunger people have in their hearts. Abundant hunger for the Holy Spirit results in a greater move of the Spirit; indifference in people's hearts results in no move of the Spirit. We have experienced the hungry churches and the indifferent churches. The greatest moves have been in the congregations of the Filipinos, the Nepalese and the Vietnamese. It is an honour and a privilege to help make our Lord Jesus famous in Southeast Asia.

The Bible says "Let him who glories, glory in the Lord." We are boasting in God's accomplishments as we have seen five demons cast out, numerous healings, deaf ears opened, we have helped one hundred plus people of all ages come to Christ, we have helped one hundred plus people of all ages to experience the baptism of the Holy Spirit and we have laid hands on thousands.

On the missions field I have been robbed, poisoned, contacted hepatitis, interrogated by police, and experienced racial discrimination because of my skin colour. These incidents have tried to steal my joy but I endeavour to not let the discouragement cause me to quit. I will never give up; but I will finish my race with joy and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus. The passion and fire within me burns for the desire to see people saved, filled with the Holy Spirit, living the Spirit-led-life and help people to find and to flow in the anointing that is living on the inside us!

Rev Jerald & Chin Choo Robinson
revjerald@hotmail.com



PERSECUTION IS REAL BY SIMON GOH

Having heard from Pastor Dayaratne about what had happened to his Agape Children's Home in Sri Lanka, I felt very sad for the orphans.

Agape is run by Pastor K.A. Dayaratne and his wife, Sister Mala. They take care of over 100 children, of whom many of them had been abused, abandoned, orphaned or were simply destitute when they were left at the orphanage. Despite their various background and religion, all were welcomed and lovingly looked after. So close were their ties and connections that the children even referred to the Pastor as 'father' and Sister Mala as 'mother'.

However, due to jealousy issues, the community of another religious group collected false evidence and submitted them to the authorities. Due to intense pressure from external groups, Pastor Dayaratne was charged for an offence he did not make, Agape Children's Home was told to shut down and officers removed all the children from the orphanage. The traumatized children were packed in a bus. Some were directed back to their guardians, while the others were distributed to various orphanages, many of whom have no means to look after them. So, the children have gone back to the streets to beg.

As 1 Corinthians 4:11-13 describes: "To this very hour we go hungry and thirsty, we are in rags, we are brutally treated, we are homeless. We work hard with our own hands. When we are cursed, we bless; when we are persecuted, we endure it; when we are slandered, we answer kindly. We have become the scum of the earth, the garbage of the world-right up to this moment".

Persecution is very real in many parts of the world. Sri Lanka is one of them. During one of the Pastors' Retreat that I attended, I heard the testimony of how a Pastor's son was kidnapped because he was sharing the Gospel. The Pastor was beaten and told to stop preaching. However, despite the situation he did not succumb to the threat and continued to share the Gospel. God is faithful and in control of all situations. In the end, the kidnappers returned him his son unhurt. I asked, "How can we help?" He replied, "Pray for us. We need God's protection. There is nothing much you can do but God can."



Therefore, brothers and sisters, please keep our brethren in Sri Lanka in prayers. They need the strength of God to persevere in their faith so that they can stand strong through the storms of persecution. Also, pray for the Agape Children's Home that the authority will do the right thing so that the children will be cared for properly in a God-loving environment.

MISSIONS TRIPS AVAILABLE FOR SIGN UP IN 2015

07 Oct - 12 Oct	Myanmar
16 Oct	Batam, Indonesia
27 Nov - 03 Dec	Puri, India
27 Nov - 06 Dec	Bangladesh

Interested trippers can register by sending an email to faith.chua@graceaog.org

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.

01/09/2015 - 08/09/2015	PURI, INDIA	Matthew Tan
21/09/2015 - 28/09/2015	SRI LANKA	Ricky Lui & Trippers
18/09/2015	BATAM, INDONESIA	Rev Chan Peck Yin & Trippers



REACH
COMMUNITY
SERVICES SOCIETY

**REACH Charity
Golf & Dinner 2015**

**28 October 2015 (Wed)
11:30am to 9:30pm
Singapore Island Country Club**

"And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Mark 12:30-31

REACH Community Services Society (RCSS), Grace Assembly's social missions arm, is organizing the above event to raise money to fund RCSS programs and activities, and we are encouraging Grace members to give this initiative your strongest support. Consistent with the mission direction of the church, RCSS is a platform for Gracians to reach out to the needy in the community to enable us to love God by loving His people.

RCSS have today a staff count of 43, and runs 4 services around Singapore – a Family Service out of Bishan, a Counselling Service out of Shunfu, a Youth Service out of Bukit Batok, and a Senior Service out of Jalan Membina.

Our annual operating budget has grown over the years, and is now about S\$4M (2015). On the average, we help about 3000 people in a year (2014). However, only a portion of what we do is funded by the Singapore Government. We have to raise the balance money ourselves. This charity golf and dinner event will go some ways towards raising the \$1M we need in a year.

The charity golf will tee-off at the luscious grounds of Singapore Island Country Club (Island Course) in the afternoon, followed by a sumptuous charity dinner in the evening at the SICCC Club House. Grace members can choose the "Golf with Dinner", or "Dinner Only" options. At dinner, guests will be entertained with performances by homegrown talents from REACH.

It is our privilege to have Mr Tan Chuan Jin, Minister for Family and Social Development, to be our guest-of-honour. An avid photographer, Mr Tan had also generously donated three of his prized original photographs from his personal collection for our charity auction.

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Thank you for supporting the Official Opening of the REACH YOUTH POWERHOUSE!

Our very own REACH Youth Powerhouse at Block 417 Bukit Batok West Avenue 4 (a stone's throw from G11) was officially opened on 22 August 2015!

We want to thank all Gracians who have in your different ways, lived out the missional spirit through sharing your precious time, prayer support and gifts of love with REACH Youth and the Community we're reaching out to.



Thank you for adopting booths, donating cash & kind and for your participation at REACH Youth Powerhouse's official opening.

Our guests have truly been blessed by your generosity and presence. The RCSS team is also greatly encouraged by your display of Christ's love for the local community.

Ho Siew Cheong
Chief Executive
REACH Community Services Society



To help the Least, the Lost and the Lonely, we need volunteers, people who are willing to bless others with the love of God with their Time, their Talent, and their Treasures; gifts that the Lord has bestowed on them.

RCSS need volunteers to help us in the following areas

- a. **Befrienders** – regular visitations and befriending of elderly residents living in the Jalan Membina area
- b. **Videographers / Video Editors** – video recording of events, and post recording editing. Production of publicity videos
- c. **Graphics Designers** – Production of publicity and marketing materials for our program and activities
- d. **Tuition Teachers** – To sustain our Academic Support programs for young persons from low income families

If you are willing, please contact Reuben Siew at:
68010728 (DID), 9685 3316 (mobile) or
email: reuben.siew@reach.org.sg

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REACH CHARITY GOLF & DINNER 2015

Date: 28 Oct 2015 (Wed)
Venue: Singapore Island Country Club

Charity Golf (Island Course)

Registration and lunch: 11.30 am
Shotgun tee-off: 1.00 pm

Charity Dinner (Grand Ballroom)

Time: 7.00 pm

Guest-of-Honour : Mr Tan Chuan Jin
(Minister for Social and Family Development)

Highlights

- Performances by Homegrown Talents
 - Percussion Ensemble
 - Hip-hop Dance
- Live Band
- Charity Auction

Gracians can certainly buy golf flights or buy dinner tables and support the above in their personal capacities.

For Gracians who own businesses, or those who are placed in corporation positions that have influence on their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), this is also a great opportunity for your organization to support a good social cause.

Pricing Summary as follows (email or call us for further details):

GOLF

Diamond Partner : > \$20,000 per flight
 Platinum Partner : \$20,000 per flight
 Gold Partner : \$10,000 per flight
 Partner : \$4,000 per flight

DINNER

Dinner : \$3,000 per table
(for 10 pax)

Care & Share Program and Income Tax benefits

Whether as an individual or as a Corporation, donation to RCSS (which is an IPC), whether via purchase of Charity Golf or Charity Dinner, you are eligible for a 300% taxable income offset.

Also, under the Care & Share Movement, every donation towards RCSS will be matched dollar-for-dollar by the Government from now until December 2015.

For more enquiries, please call 68010724/ 727/ 728 or email rcss@reach.org.sg

We thank you for your kind generous support.

Together, love God, love people.

Ho Siew Cheong
Chief Executive
REACH Community Services Society



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

If you need to make counselling appointment, please contact:

Pastor Benjamin Wong 9066-2994 OR Chang-Goh Song Eng 6301-0730.

All counselling sessions are strictly private and confidential

Dr. James Dobson’s Family Talk - Biblical Approach to Finances

What is the biblical approach to possessions and money?

To answer your question, I will turn to Christian financial counsellor and author Ron Blue. He said there are four principles for money management that are foundational. If they are implemented in your life, you’ll never have a problem with materialism. Let’s look at them quickly:

PRINCIPLE 1: GOD OWNS IT ALL.

Some people have the notion that the Lord is entitled to 10 percent of our income, which is called our “tithes,” and that the other 90 percent belongs to us. Not true. I believe strongly in the concept of tithing, but not because God’s portion is limited to a tenth. We are but stewards of all that He has entrusted to us. He is our possessor — and sometimes our dispossessor. Everything we have is but a loan from Him. When God took away his wealth, Job had the correct attitude, saying, “Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked I will depart. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised” (Job 1:21). If you understand this basic concept, it becomes clear that every spending decision is a spiritual decision. Waste, for example, is not a squandering of our resources. It is a poor use of His.

Expenditures for worthwhile purposes, such as vacations, ice cream, bicycles, blue jeans, magazines, tennis rackets, cars, and hamburgers, are also purchased with His money. That’s why in my family, we bow to thank the Lord before eating each meal. Everything, including our food, is a gift from His hand.

PRINCIPLE 2: THERE IS ALWAYS A TRADE-OFF BETWEEN TIME AND EFFORT AND MONEY AND REWARDS.

You’ve heard the phrases “There’s no such thing as a free lunch” and “You can’t get something for nothing.” Those are very important understandings. Money should always be thought of as linked to work and the sweat of our brow.

Here’s how this second principle has meaning for us. Think for a moment of the most worthless, unnecessary purchase you have made in recent years. Perhaps it was an electric shaver that now sits in the garage or an article of clothing that will never be worn. It is important to realize that this item was not purchased with your money; it was bought with your time, which you traded for money. In effect, you swapped a certain proportion of your allotted days on earth for that piece of junk that now clutters your home.

When you understand that everything you buy is purchased with a portion of your life, it should make you more careful with the use of money.

PRINCIPLE 3: THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS AN INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL DECISION.

There will never be enough money for everything you’d like to buy or do. Even billionaires have some limitations on their purchasing power. Therefore, every expenditure has implications for other things you need or want. It’s all linked together. What this means is that those who can’t resist blowing their money for junk are limiting themselves in areas of greater need or interest.

And by the way, husbands and wives often fight over the use of money. Why? Because their value systems differ and they often disagree on what is wasteful. My mother and father were typical in this regard. If Dad spent five dollars for tennis balls, he justified the expenditure because it brought him pleasure. But if Mom bought a five-dollar potato peeler that wouldn’t work, he considered that wasteful. Never mind the fact that she enjoyed shopping as much as he did playing tennis. Their perspectives were simply unique. This is a common problem for husbands and wives, and they just have to work through it.

Again, this third principle involves a recognition that an extravagance at one point will eventually lead to frustration down the road. Good business managers are able to keep the big picture in mind as they make their financial decisions.

PRINCIPLE 4: DELAYED GRATIFICATION IS THE KEY TO FINANCIAL MATURITY.

Since we have limited resources and unlimited choices, the only way to get ahead financially is to deny ourselves some of the things we want. If we don’t have the discipline to do that, then we will always be in debt. Remember too that unless you spend less than you earn, no amount of income will be enough. That’s why some people receive salary increases and soon find themselves even deeper in debt.

Let me repeat that important concept: No amount of income will be sufficient if spending is not brought under control.

The point is inescapable: There must be a willingness to deny short-term gratification and to live within one’s means. It isn’t easy, but it pays big dividends at maturity.



P.E.A.K Parenting Coach from a Christian Perspectives

WHAT PEAK PARENTING COACH IS?

PEAK Parenting Coach is not about specific goals or results we want to see in the child, nor about demands or expectations on the child, and it is more than a methodology.

It focuses on the **process** — being mindfully present and connecting.

INTIMACY AND CONNECTION

We know that if we do not spend time with God, our relationship with Him suffers. This is the same for our relationship with our children. The lesser the time we spend with them, the less we know about them — their strengths, abilities and struggles. However, this is not the most important. If we do not consciously be there for them, there can be no connection, much less intimacy.

Growing in **intimacy and connection** with your child is not about knowing your child cognitively. It is learning and understanding the thoughts and emotions of both yourself and your child and going through good and bad times together.

It is also about **creating a safe space** where you can connect with your child.

Most coaching models focus on goals and outcomes, but PEAK Parenting Coach focuses on process, reflection and emotional awareness of the child and their parents.

Although 'outcomes' help us to set our goals and measure our "achievements", what happens when we don't get to see the result we expected is a tendency for us to become **frustrated** and more **impatient**.

As a result, we may develop resentment rather than compassion. This runs contrary to what we want.

Instead of focusing on the outcomes, PEAK Parenting Coach focuses on building **emotional awareness, conscience** and **values** with and in our children. The only goal is to spend time and be consciously present with your child and the achievement, a connection.

In short, PEAK Parenting Coach is about shared lives. Being a "**Congruent Parent**" is important when we want to connect with our children. When our children see the congruency in our lives, in what we preach and what we do, they will be more able to trust us and our relationship. This does not mean that we cannot have struggles and failures. It only means that we have to be **authentic** so that they will be able to connect with us, not just intellectually but emotionally as well. Ultimately, we have to be mindful that we are only stewards and that our job is to show them Christ who is at work in us.

DEFINITION OF P.E.A.K

P — Presence (At times, Silence is Golden)

...but few things are needed — or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her." (Luke 10:42)

Just as Jesus desired more of Martha's attention than service, so do our children also desire our presence.

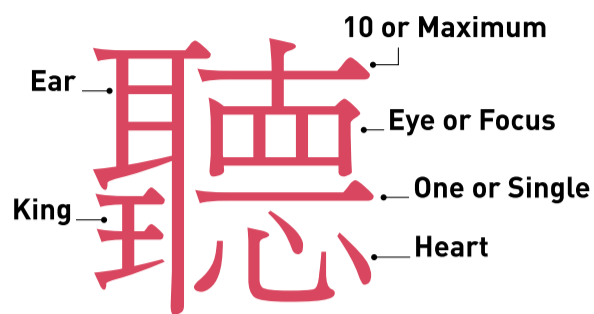
Being present with them is important, and it is even more important that our whole being is with them — our physical body, our mind and our emotions. It is undivided attention. Unfortunately, not many of us can do

that now. Demands of life are making numerous demands on us and it is a norm to multi-task in order to be more efficient. However, more often than not, we sacrifice effectiveness.

Being present also means we don't multitask. Only machines can multitask. You will understand what I mean when your spouse tries to multitask while you talk to him/her.

A good way to learn connection is the Chinese Traditional word "listen".

If we were to listen like the above character, it will have to involve our whole being.



E — Evaluate the Situation & Emotional Awareness

He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls. (Proverbs 25:28)

It is imperative to determine what happen before you engage in deeper conversation with your child, instead of jumping to conclusion in your mind. We should learn to listen to them attentively before making a certain conclusion. Explore the issue together and avoid the talk-down approach with your child.

Having adequate awareness and understanding of our emotion and your child's emotion is important. This is the part that enables deeper connection. It is also fine to be honest about our emotions. Explore together. Not talk down.

A — Advise Versus Command

Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. (Ephesians 6:4)

Once you have created a safe space and trust between you & your child after you evaluated the situation, and attended to their emotions, now you can offer some advices.

Instead of ordering your child on what to do and what not to do, we can advise them to consider some **options**, depending on their age and maturity level. Bear in mind that the decision ultimately still lies with them and that they will have to take the responsibility for it. Do not underestimate your child. A child of preschool age can be making good decisions if you allow him or her to. He/she can assume simple responsibilities such as taking care of their belongings.

Advice is always better received when it is sought. Assess his/her **readiness**. It is also more effective if you (parent and child) both arrive at the conclusion or decision together with you as the facilitator and not the dictator.

K — Keeping Your Priorities in View

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. (Matt 6:33)

Parents need to know and keep their priorities in view because we reap what we sow. Keeping our priorities right will help us to see and seize precious connecting or teaching moments with our child. There is no such thing as wasted time when you spend time with your child. Building connection takes time and conscious effort.

After a day of hard work, remember to shed your work role at your workplace.

CONCLUSION

Finally, I believe that parenting journey is always a challenging task, especially in our current generation and the fast-paced world we are living in. As the scriptures in proverbs said:

Where there are no oxen, the manger is clean, but much revenue comes by the strength of the ox. (Proverbs 14:4)

Of course when there are no 'oxen', there will be no mess to clean up after. However, God blesses us with 'oxen' so that our harvest will be great. Let's trust in Him for His wisdom will lead us and guide us as we raise our family, and our children for the glory of God.



Philip & Clara Ang with their two beautiful girls

Philip is a Behavioral Specialist in private practice

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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:

MPDP4: 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.



2015年中文领袖退修营



在8月9-10日，中文事工于印尼巴淡岛的Swiss-Belhotel举办了两天一夜的领袖退修营。这次共有79位的领袖，教牧以及潜能领袖参加。感谢神，在这营会里，不但让我们更清楚明白教会的异象及明年的方向，也让我们有段难忘的团契时间。

主救了我们一家 龙玉鸾

从小，我就跟着我妈妈到庙堂拜拜，根本就不知道有耶稣这么一位神的存在！

后来，当我长大认识了我的丈夫，他虽然已经信主，但是却并没有带我去过教会，或向我传过福音！

还记得当我的大儿子出世的第二天，他整个身体都是黄色的，嘴巴和手是黑炭色的。医生把他转入加护病房，照灯、抽血，也做了很多检查。到了第四天，我可以出院了，但我的孩子还需要留院。再过了几天，医院打电话给我说，孩子的黄疸太严重了，可能需要换血。我当时听了很害怕和着急，也不知所措！

为了这个外孙，我妈妈帮我去庙里拜拜求平安，而我不知怎么的，竟想起了丈夫所信的耶稣。于是，我就叫丈夫也去求他的神——耶稣，而我的家婆和姑姑却劝说我们俩应该一起去求耶稣。



为了孩子，我和丈夫就去了医院附近的一间教会。进到教会里面，我不知道要怎样去求耶稣。于是，我就跪下来说：“如果祢是真神，求祢医治我的儿子，我就相信祢。”我会这样说，是因为我以为求耶稣，就像小时候和妈妈拜拜她的神一样，认为神所给的是有条件的，我并不知道这位耶稣，其实是无条件地爱我们，愿意施恩救赎我们！

过了两天，医院打电话来说，孩子已经转到普通婴儿房，我很高兴，虽然心里感谢耶稣，却一点感动也没有，只以为是医生把他医好罢了。

两个月之后，我回到我的工作岗位，因工作很忙，没有再把这件事放在心上。到了儿子四个多月的时候，姑姑突然提醒我说，不应该忘记耶稣的医治，于是，我和丈夫就开始带着孩子去参加恩典堂的聚会。

两年的时间过去，我虽然每个星期都参加崇拜，但由于我需要和孩子一起留在婴儿室，隔着玻璃听道，因此牧师的讲道，我无法专注的去听。直到牧师鼓励我把孩子留在婴儿室，自己要到大堂去安静听道，我才开始明白神的话语和认识我所信的耶稣。神的话逐渐吸引了我，使我的信心一天一天的增加，也明白更多祂的真理。

亲爱的弟兄姐妹，我们是蒙福的一群，因为我们有一位爱我们，赐福于我们，救赎我们的主。但祂也要求我们去认识祂，敬拜祂，跟随祂，服侍祂，传扬祂。希望我们信靠祂的人，能在我们的一生中，荣神益人！

再活一次的见证 李瑞芳

感谢神大能的医治和圣灵在我生命中的带领，好让我以新的生命来荣耀祂的大爱。

我在十岁那年患上了脑膜炎，这一场病使我在医院足足住了一年的时间。那时候，由于脑膜炎引发脑积水，必须动手术。过后，我从重症监护病房转到普通病房疗养。这一次的手术，引发了无数的后遗症：眼睛瞎了，半个身体也僵硬，动弹不得。对一个还未认识耶稣的人来说，那时候的我，好像是世界末日！但是最辛苦的人就是妈妈了，因为她天天为我的病而忙碌。每当我回想过去身体逐渐康复的日子，我就很感谢神的怜悯，虽然那时我还未认识耶稣，但祂却默然爱我，医治了我。如今我已经是在基督里新造的人，我从没后悔认识这位爱我的神。



于2013年8月底的那个星期一，我忽然在家中晕倒而没有上班。通常在礼貌上，我若需要临时请病假，都会打电话到公司申请病假及交代，上司多数也会在隔天上班时才给予问候。但当天早上我已经昏迷不醒，根本不可能打电话到公司。然而神奇妙的作为是超乎寻常的！就在当天的早上，我的上司就一直不断地拨打手机找我。由于我一直都没有接听她的电话，她就觉得事情有点不妙，就从人事部那里找到紧急事故的联络电话号码。于是她拨打电话到我大哥的家，通知了我大嫂。大嫂听了电话后，就告诉我妈妈说要过去我家看看，但由于她要预备去教补习的时间也已经快到了，就有些踌躇不定，不知道要先教补习，还是先过去我家看看。正犹豫之间，不知怎么的，她已然朝往我家去了。当她发现我已晕倒在地上时，便立刻呼叫救护车送我到医院抢救。

到了医院，经过电脑扫描后，医生发现原本有两条插在我脑里面，使脑液能流通畅顺的小管已经被塞住了。于是我立刻被送入手术室，医生将新的管子重新插入脑内，恢复脑液顺畅的流通。我不知道手术有多久，但医生很肯定的对妈妈说，明天我就会醒过来。感谢神，第二天我真的醒过来了。

我相信这是圣灵的引领，因为照常理，上司可以等到隔天才问我缺勤的理由，但是神藉着她不断的打电话找我；又奇妙地感动我大嫂先去我家。我想如果没有圣灵的帮助，我可能已回天家，或者会一辈子瘫痪了。感谢神为我安排了一个好的医生，也赐我爱我的家人，他们一直在医院守护着我。我能再活过来，是神那奇妙的恩典和圣灵一直在我生命中的引领。我相信，神一直都与我同在，以便以谢的神，到如今都一直帮助我。阿们！

GRACE SERVICES

GRACE I

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

SERVICES: Saturday 5 pm

YOUNG ADULTS & YOUNG PROFESSIONALS
(YAYP) SERVICE
CANTONESE SERVICE
GRACE KIDS – CHILDREN'S CHURCH
GRACE KIDS – PRE-SCHOOL

JEHOVAH'S SANCTUARY	LEVEL 2
SAVIOUR'S SANCTUARY	LEVEL 3
SHELTER ROOM	LEVEL 2
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
MANDARIN SERVICE
GRACE KIDS – CHILDREN'S CHURCH
GRACE KIDS – PRE-SCHOOL

VENUS I, II, III	LEVEL 3
MERCURY II, III	LEVEL 5
JUPITER I, II; MARS II	LEVEL 3; 5
JUPITER III	LEVEL 3

Sunday 11.15 am

ENGLISH SERVICE 3
FILIPINO SERVICE
YOUTH SERVICE
GRACE KIDS – CHILDREN'S CHURCH
GRACE KIDS – PRE-SCHOOL

VENUS I, II, III	LEVEL 3
MERCURY I	LEVEL 5
MERCURY II, III	LEVEL 5
JUPITER I, II; MARS II	LEVEL 3; 5
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
MANDARIN SERVICE

CHAPEL	LEVEL 4
SANCTUARY	LEVEL 2

SERVICES: Sunday 11.15 am

ENGLISH SERVICE 5
HOKKIEN SERVICE

SANCTUARY	LEVEL 2
CHAPEL	LEVEL 4

SERVICES: Sunday 1.30 pm

FILIPINO SERVICE

CHAPEL	LEVEL 4
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SUNDAY 9 am & 11.15 am

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PRE-SCHOOL
CHILDREN'S CHURCH

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LOVE	LEVEL 2

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Got Testimonies, Ideas, Suggestions?

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Introducing Grace Missional College (GMC)



Grace Missional College (GMC), to be inaugurated in 2016, is a joint-collaboration with Christian Life Educators Network (CLEN) and Oral Roberts University (ORU) in partnership with ICM Plus Ltd (ICM+).

CLEN is a membership network of independent schools, instructors and students providing standardized Bible-based education to equip and empower students around the world for Christian education and ministry training.

ORU establishes the accredited program to complement the educational ministries of the local church for the equipping of saints for ministry.

GMC, in short, organized under the vision and direction of New GRACE, encapsulates core values of the Missional Family Church into the curriculum to realize its desired strategy and outcomes through equipping individuals with the Word and practical ministry skills, to lead an intentional missional life and service in the church and community.

WHO IS IT FOR?

It is for church leaders, lay ministers, interns, ministry staff, those with full-time calling, and Gracians who are keen to be trained and developed.

WHAT ARE IN THE PROGRAMS?

Two specialized and accredited programs, Christian Ministry and Christian Missions, for short-term Certificate and Diploma in Theological Studies.

Short-term Certificate is a 19-credit program (6 modules), including 1-hour practicum. Diploma of Theological Studies is a 33-credit program (10 modules), including 3-hour practicum.

HOW ARE THE MODULES CONDUCTED?

The modules will be held during the 2 academic terms of the year; i.e. from January to May and from July to November, in Grace @Tanglin Road and/or in Grace @Bukit Batok.

Local lecturers are scheduled to teach the modules besides having professors from CLEN and ORU.

The modules are also made available through DVD; facilitated by the instructors, special short courses or seminars.

WHAT IS IN THE CURRICULUM?

Five core modules in Christian Ministry or Christian Missions are to be completed before taking the Ministry, Counseling, or Missions electives.

CORE

BIOT115: Old Testament Survey I

BINT115: New Testament Survey I

BIBT321: Christology

BIBT217: Holy Spirit I/II / BIBT325: Pneumatology

BIBT545: A Theology of Worship / BIBT605: The Philosophy of Worship

WHEN IS THE REGISTRATION?

The registration will be held from 10-11 October to 21-22 November 2015.

Fee per 3-credit module: S\$260

Audit fee: S\$120

Application fee: S\$80

Early bird registration by 24/25 October 2015 will get the following subsidies for the first module enrolled:

First 20 applicants: 50% subsidy

Next 20 applicants: 30% subsidy

WHERE CAN YOU GET MORE INFORMATION ON THE GMC?

More details can be found in the church website and church facebook.

If you have queries, and would like more information regarding the GMC, please email gmccollege@graceaog.org

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:18-19

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asks you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear. 1 Peter 3:15

