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# EMPOWERING THE FAMILIES! We relate with Extraordinary love

This is the 3rd key thrust of the church. In this key thrust, we are focusing on the spiritual family and biological family. Both are very important as they are the building blocks of the church.

As for the spiritual family, the key ministry supporting it is the Grace Missional Family (GMF). Let me briefly outline the scope of GMF.

# **PHILOSOPHY**

Grace Missional Family operates as a spiritual missional family who is on mission together. Gracians are seen and regarded as missionaries in their various spheres of contact; whether it is to those in the same profession, or those whom they live with. Anyone that they come in contact with regularly is seen as a potential convert.

Grace Missional Group (GMG) must be the basic functioning unit of the church. Through GMG, relationships are built, outreach takes place, new Christians are nurtured, pastoral care is given, and new leaders are developed.

GMGs are not an 'end' in itself. They are only the beginning of a process to the fulfillment of the Great Commission. It is a place where people belong as they become.

Therefore, it is important and needful for every Gracian to belong to a GMG.

## **PURPOSE**

Acts 2:42-47 NIV

<sup>42</sup> They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. <sup>43</sup> Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup> They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. <sup>46</sup> Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

# **KEY OBJECTIVES:**

## 1. Missional

The GMGs are not to be inward looking. They shall have an outward focus to the community. An important part of fulfilling the Great Commission is to develop good friendships with people around us. A GMG ensures its openness to the new people. The challenge for every GMG is to reach out to the people around them and show the love of Jesus.

Key word is Compassion

## 2. Relational

A GMG is a family of 8-20 people that exists to relate and build up one another. It is a group of people who embrace and encourage each other with the love of God.

A place where deep bonding takes place. Members relate in such a way that they experience a sense of belonging and caring for one another in tangible ways. Pastoral care is extended to everyone; those in GMG and outside GMG. We see GMG as an operational system in the follow up of the converts and new comers in the church.

# Key word is Care

# 3. Transformational

The emphasis is on life application, not knowledge accumulation. In other words, we want to see transformation in the lives of Gracians as they relate and interact with one another. Meeting regularly with a committed group of believers allows us to reinforce our core belief so that we can live it out, learn more about God and be changed from the inside out.

## Key word is Change

## PLAN

We like every Gracian to belong to a GMG. The important thing is that we all belong to a GMG where we can experience the one another ministry. It's a place where Gracians relate with one another meaningfully and to engage the community missionally.

As for the biological family, the key ministry supporting it is the Family Life Ministry. We all know the importance of the family life. In these days and times, there are many forces that seek to pull the family apart.

Therefore the Family Life Ministry provides support and roll out different programs that seek to strengthen the families. It's our prayer that every family unit in Grace will grow to become a strong missional family.

May we move forward strongly as a Missional Family Church where we relate with one another with extraordinary love.

# Ps. Calvin Lee

Senior Pastor



We are seeing more and more people attending J333 at GI and GII as well as at the Combined J333 this year.

We recall when Solomon dedicated the temple, he prayed:

Now, O my God, let your eyes be open and your ears attentive to the prayer of this place (2 Chronicles 6:40)

Every week as we gather in GI and GII to pray at the J333, we pray too that God's eyes are open and his ears attentive to the prayers of his people!

We encourage Gracians to make time to come and seek the Lord together with others at our J333 prayer meetings.

J333 at GII



# APRIL PRAYER POINTERS

## **PRAY FOR OUR NATION!**

Scripture exhorts us in 1 Timothy 2:1-2, " that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence."

- 1. Pray that God will continue to bless our nation with a good government that can make wise and sound decisions that cater to the longterm well-being of the nation.
- 2. Pray for a strong government that will be empowered to take moral leadership in the nation. For the Bible says, "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." (Proverbs 14:34)
- 3. Pray that God will grant wisdom and guidance to our Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong and his Cabinet as they prepare the next generation of leaders for succession. Pray that the right person will be identified to be the successor to PM Lee.
- 4. Pray that the next generation of leadership will work well with Singaporeans to take the country to new heights in the coming years.
- 5. Pray for God to continue to advance His kingdom purposes through the government, the society, and the Church of this nation.



**GRACE DISCIPLESHIP PROCESS** 

# Class 102\\ Foundations of Our Faith

Most churches belong to a certain denomination. So who are we as Grace Assembly? What do we subscribe to? What are our beliefs & accompanying praxis? What are the fundamental doctrines that make us an Assemblies of God church? What are the foundations of our faith?

"Foundations of Our Faith" helps us to discover, understand and align to the 16 Tenets of our faith.

If you are planning to be baptized or transfer your membership to Grace, you must attend this class.

Date: 17, 24, 31 May (Thu)

Time: 9:30am-12:30pm

Venue: GII Glory Room

Register via

www.graceaog.org/gdp

by 30 April

# INTRODUCING GMC MODULES: CHRISTOLOGY & PNEUMATOLOGY

**BIBT321: CHRISTOLOGY** 

5-7 April

Professor: Dr Jerry Horner

This course is an overview study of Jesus Christ, God's perfect man, man's perfect God.

This study includes His pre-existence in eternity, His birth, His humanity, His crucifixion and His resurrection.

Closing date for registration: 3 April, 2018



10-12 May

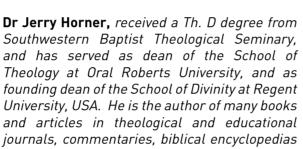
Professor: Dr Jerry Horner

This course examines the Biblical teaching on the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity. Emphasis is placed on the personality and deity of the Holy Spirit, His work in regeneration, sanctification, Spirit baptism and Christian service.

Closing date for registration: 7 May, 2018



Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and has served as dean of the School of Theology at Oral Roberts University, and as founding dean of the School of Divinity at Regent University, USA. He is the author of many books and articles in theological and educational journals, commentaries, biblical encyclopedias and dictionaries.







42 students from Grace and 2 students from ICM Plus attended the Foundation of Christian Counseling in March 2018. Dr Irvin Rutherford's sharing provides the aspects of counseling within the Christian context, the relationship building skills necessary for being an effective peoplehelper and within the community.



# **REGISTRATION DETAILS**

Fee for non-credit or audit students: \$15 Fee for 3-credit module: \$130

Register @https://event.graceaog.org Or, at Grace Bookstores located in 2nd level Koinonia, Grace@Tanglin Road, and 1st level. Grace@Bukit Batok

Further enquiries, please email to gmcollege@graceaog.org

# **BOOK BY GRACIAN**



# Small Steps to Big Changes - Create the Change you want now Price: \$20 a copy

Kenneth Kwan, a Grace member and is currently serving in the Executive Church Board, presents practical principles that encourage and motivate individuals to set and achieve even the smallest goals.

The book demonstrates how these principles can be implemented by taking small, practical and doable steps. You will read the encounters of individuals and teams who have put these principles into practice and are now leading happier, and more fulfilling lives.

Some of the things you will learn in the book are:

- 1. Turning negative conversations into optimistic ones.
- 2. Creating possibilities when none are at hand.
- 3. Identifying quick ideas and forward-moving action steps.
- 4. Improving current results and efficiently solving problems.
- 5. Building winning mindsets and self-belief for others and yourself.

Copies of the book are available for sales in the Grace Bookstores @Tanglin, and Grace @Bukit Batok, on Sunday between 10.30 a.m. and 1 p.m., from 1 April to 30 June 2018.

# And On His farm He Had a CHICKEN! E-I-E-I-O...

(Family Footprints trip: Farm Adventuring with my children)

Forty parents with their children from GI and GII participated in a family bonding day trip to HS Farm in Maur, Malaysia held on 12 March (Monday). The farm we have visited is a unique open farm that encourages appreciation for plants, fruits, animals and the environment through education and interactive activities for the children. The whole farm has a spacious area where children could run around freely, engage in fun splashing time in the kid's playground pool, i.e. a pool built with a playground in the water with slides, bucket splashes and fountains. They have also enjoyed being with animals such as the raccoon, peacock, parrot, chicken, duck, horse, marmoset, porcupine (just naming a few) as well as engaging in activities such as cycling, fishing and horse riding. Parents enjoyed themselves too by dipping their feet and relaxing in a fish spa pool while giving themselves an ice cream treat to beat the heat wave.

"What did you most like about the workshop?" Here are some feedbacks/comments from parent participants:

- Enjoyed bonding with the family & also other families.
- Learning from one another.
- Outing together water play.
- Know more friends.
- The time with kids.
- The trip was planned in a nature environment, which I like my kids to be exposed to.
- Parent-Child involvement.
- Interactive activities.
- Team exercise/bonding.
- Crossing over to a new beginning, leaving our negatives.
- Hands on experience, family participation.
- Philip Ang's presentation is great.
- Informative and authentic sharing.
- The activities with children. I like the simple principles.
- For families handkerchief carry water (values) Good teaching activity.

Families were treated with a sumptuous 8 course seafood dinner at a local restaurant before returning to GI.

To strengthen family bonding, both parents and children were asked to attend a Sunday afternoon family bonding workshop conducted by Bro. Philip Ang, a member of our church and a psychologist in private practice.



# **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:**

Family Footprints Trip cum workshop has been successfully organized by the following Brothers and Sisters-in-Christ. Thank you all for your hard work! Calis Kwok (Admin), Lim Cher Hiang (Programme/ Transportation/Venue), Serene Lee (Admin/Food/ Publicity), Angie Goh (Social Media), Kenneth Kwa (Workshop), Philip Ang (Workshop Speaker/Trainer)

















# Bangladesh Wholeness Missions Trip

BY BRENDA CHELLIAH

A compact team of prayer warriors were invited to Bangladesh to conduct a seminar on inner healing and deliverance. The dry land seemed indicative of the spiritual climate of the nation, and the tough conditions under which the pastors and leaders were operating.

There were close to 50 participants that comprised of village pastors and bible school students. The majority of male attendees were in direct contrast to the majority of women

trippers. It was interesting how the Lord set it up such that the male pastors were learning from women trainers, thereby sowing seeds of cultural mindset shifts that He was likely bringing about in that nation.

It was not easy at first to teach the concepts involved in inner healing and deliverance. Forgiveness seemed like such an easy topic to talk about but not so easy to do in practice. However, on the third day of the seminar, there were significant breakthroughs with the attendees. A number of pastors came forth to testify of how they chose to forgive the ones that have hurt, persecuted or stolen from them.

Examples of testimonies included a young bible school student who was so severely beaten that he lost sight in his eyes and had sustained other bodily injuries. He made a list of more than 100 names that he was going to seek vengeance on. During the session, he chose to forgive his perpetrators and destroyed the list of names.

Another pastor came forth to testify of how his own father cheated him out of the land that was rightfully his because of his faith, and another one spoke of how he lost his church land to a scheming neighbour. In the first case, the pastor was able to recover his land, while in the second case, the pastor has extended forgiveness and is believing that God would vindicate him in His time. A young bible school student was experiencing pain in the heart and was filled with fear. As she was prayed for, she fell under the touch of the Holy Spirit. When she awoke, she said the pain and fear had left her and her countenance changed.

It was a fruitful trip and the team felt blessed to witness how the Lord was restoring and healing the various attendees of the hurt and pain that they had sustained while serving Him.







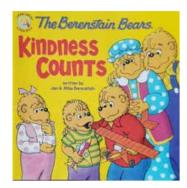
"But as for me and my family, we will serve the LORD." Joshua 24:15

If you need to make counselling appointment, please contact:

Pastor Benjamin Wong 9066-2994

All counselling sessions are strictly private and confidential

# Grace Family Life Ministry Library is proud to present the following books and DVD collections:



# THE BERENSTAIN **BEARS** Kindness Counts

**Brother Bear loves** everything to do with model airplanes, whether it's building, fixing, or flying them.

But when he shares one of his prized planes with a younger cub, will his kindness be returned?

Suitable for children ages 4 to 7

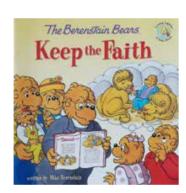
# THE BERENSTAIN **BEARS** Keep The Faith

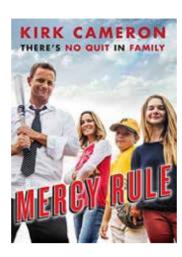
Brother and Sister Bear are faced with a situation where they learn that some of their friends practice different religious beliefs than themselves.

From these differences, they learn that they have faith in God, although uncertain about what that means.

With the help of Preacher Brown, they learn about what faith is.

Suitable for children ages 4 to 7





# **MERCY RULE** (DVD) There's No Quit In Family

Mercy Rule is a baseball adventure for the whole family.

Parents and kids alike will be inspired by the story of the Miller family as they learn life's lessons of mercy, patience, sacrifice, legacy and trusting God.

Written by bestselling author N.D. Wilson, Mercy Rule will teach your family what it means to be a "No Quit Family."

Grace Family Library @ G1 is open on every 1st Sunday of the month Grace Family Library @ G2 is open on every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month



# FamilyLife@ Grace Event Calendar 2018!

## APRIL

• ALPHA Parenting for children

#### MAY

- MPDP 2nd Run
- ALPHA Parenting for children
- Counselling Workshop

## JUNE

- Father's Workshop second quarter
- Short-Term Mission Trip Tanjong Pinang
- Parents' Workshop

## JULY

• Couples' Workshop + Dinner

## AUGUST

- MPDP 3rd Run
- Alpha Parenting for teenager
- Family Bonding Event

# SEPTEMBER

• Father's Workshop second quarter

# OCTOBER

Sexual Wholeness Workshops

## **DECEMBER**

# THE PRAYER OF A DESPERATE PARENT SERIES

BY UMA RUDD CHIA

# THE IMPOSSIBLE PROMISE OF MOTHERHOOD

It took me 9 years to have my first child. For those 9 years, there was one Bible promise I claimed every day. "I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you. And through you all the families of the earth will be established." Gen 12:3

The first year of marriage, my husband Colin and I were a young couple in our 20s. He was a software engineer, and I was a columnist and journalist for Malaysia's leading English daily, The Star, where I championed articles on Christianity in the most widely read newspaper in an Islamic country. This was our honeymoon year. We weren't ready for a baby.

The second year, my father had pancreatic cancer. I quit my job to take care of him, while I freelanced as a columnist and a script writer for a popular children's animation series. It was an emotionally tiring period as I was very close to my dad. Before the year ended, my father went to be with the Lord. Baby plans were put on hold yet again.

The next year, Colin got posted to Singapore. I was happy to leave the pain behind and start afresh. I got a job in advertising. It was here that we intentionally started trying to have a baby. After a few years of trying, we started seeing a fertility specialist at NUH.

Every birthday I would hold Gen 12:3 up to God in tears asking Him to make good on His promise. I hated having to face another year of family gatherings full of "Don't you want any kids?". "Are you too busy to have children?" "You're not getting any younger.. how old are you now?" Every Christmas when people sang about the birth of the promised Child, I would look to heaven and yell at God, "Where is my child of promise?"

Years of fertility medication wasn't just expensive, it was like being on steroids. It had my emotions on a roller coaster and I was putting on copious amounts of weight. I was getting rather frustrated and annoyed with God

Finally one New Year's eve after 7 years of marriage, there was a glimmer of hope. I took my umpteenth pregnancy test and it was positive. Our gynaecologist ran all the necessary tests to ensure everything was good and we gave our families the good news.

Then something terrible happened. At week 12 during a scheduled checkup, we couldn't find the foetus' heartbeat. The baby inside me had died. I felt like the rug had been pulled from under me. And as if this wasn't enough, I had to wait for a month and have a D&C - a keyhole surgery similar to an abortion, to pass out the foetus.

I remember slipping into depression in the months that followed. I couldn't get out of bed. I felt God had played a bad joke on me. How could a good God let this happen to me?

My pain caused a lot of bad memories from the past to resurface of people who had wronged me in so many ways. The Holy Spirit kept prompting me to forgive them and myself - to not blame myself for the loss of my child. Forgiveness didn't mean forgetting. It meant choosing to obey God's word. Forgiveness was this big giant button. I could press it and get out of the cage I was in. Or be mad and stay in my cage. I chose to press that button and be free. I realise now that this was a big part of my recovery and preparation for God's promise to come to pass.

My husband and I started attending Grace Assembly a few months after the miscarriage. God had miraculously brought us to Grace. One Sunday at Grace, Pastor Calvin was preaching about a similar experience he and Sister Charis had. It made him realise that they weren't meant to be parents but were to focus on their ministry.

I went home discouraged, resigning myself to the thought that perhaps this was our fate too. That week, the Holy Spirit rebuked and reminded me, "My promise to you is to be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth. You WILL be with child."

It was December, two years after my miscarriage. I had global campaigns to oversee as Head of Copy in a multinational advertising agency. My husband and I were also part of Singapore's largest Christian acapella group, Agapella, and we were launching our first album. To top it off, I had a key role in a Grace Musical.

In the midst of this packed schedule, I felt in my heart that God's promise of a child was going to come to pass. I called my mom and told her I was going to be pregnant by the end of the month and asked her to pray. A friend dreamed I was pregnant out of the blue. That was my confirmation from God.

True to God's promise, by early January the next year, I was with child! Daniel was born 9 months later on my birthday - 24th September. Two years later, my daughter Sarah was born on 22nd December. God was true to His Word. He gave me my children during the two seasons when my prayers of desperation rang their loudest - my birthday and Christmas.

I don't know why I lost a baby. I don't know why I had to wait 9 years to have a child. But I know that God's plans for me are good. He gave us a child when He knew Colin and I were ready for one. And I know His word is true and His promises are yes and Amen for me and you!

Uma Rudd Chia is an award-winning advertising creative director. She's married to her childhood sweetheart, Colin Chia. Both Uma and Colin serve in the worship ministry at G1, while their children Daniel, 9 and Sarah, 7 attend Sunday School. She'd love to hear if you've been blessed or encouraged by her articles at uma.tan@hyperisland.sg

# Grace Missional Groups

# **GRACE MISSIONAL GROUPS - REGION A**

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GRACE GROUP	MG LEADER / FACILITATOR	DAY & TIME	VENUE	AREA
IGNITE	John Goh, Tan Gim Hoon, Simon Seow	Alternate Friday, 8pm	Nuovo, Ang Mo Kio Ave 9	Ang Mo Kio
Upp Changi	Vincent Ang, Raymond Wee	Every Friday, 8.30pm	Upp Changi Rd	Bedok
Bishan Charity	Grace Puah, Linda Loh	2nd & 4th Fridays, 8pm	Blk 402 Sim Ming Ave	Bishan
Nissi	Rachel Leong	Every Friday, 8pm	Blk 107 Bkt Purmei Rd	Bukit Purmei
Zesty 2	Junnie Ong	Alternate Friday, 8pm	Blk 5 Everton Park	Chinatown
Relax-lah Ladies	Angela Yeo, Serene Tan	Alternate Friday, 8pm	Taman Serasi	Holland
Grace Lite	Philip Che	Alternate Thursday, 8.30pm	Blk 111 Hougang Ave 1	Hougang
Reflections of Christ	Eric Lim	Alternate Saturday, 5.30pm	23 The Reflections, Keppel Bay View	Keppel
Marine East	Edward Chan	Every Friday, 8pm	24 Fernwood Terrace	Marine Parade
Shammah	Andy Tan, Celine Chan	Alternate Friday, 8pm	Cheow Keng Rd	Marine Parade
New Life	Wee Tee Phong, Wilson Chua, Andrew Kong	Every Friday, 8.15pm	Blk 233 Compassvale Walk	Ponggol
Sengkang	Ronnie Lee	Alternate Friday, 8.30pm	Blk 265A Punggol Way	Sengkang
BML EXT	Ronnie Lee	Alternate Sunday, 1pm	Grace I, Lounge Level 3	Sengkang, Punggol
Bishan Hope	Esther Lee, Adeline Lerh	Alternate Friday, 8.15pm	Blk 414 Serangoon Central	Serangoon
Serangoon North 1&2	Ricky Wee, Tommy Tan	Every Friday (except 1st Fri) , 8pm	Blk 535 Serangoon North Ave 4	Serangoon
Stevens	Loke Kah Leong	Alternate Saturday, 8pm	The Equatorial, 151 Stevens Rd	Stevens
Green Pasture	Henry Chia	Every Friday (except 1st Fri), 8pm	Blk 230D Tampines St 24	Tampines
Tingkat	Gideon Lim	Alternate Friday, 8pm	489C Tampines St 45	Tampines
Pleroma 1	Jonathan Lew	Every Friday, 8pm	Blk 17A Telok Blangah Crescent	Telok Blangah
Telok Blangah	Linda Law, Christina Lai	Every Friday, 8.30pm	Teresa Ville, Blk 1007 Lower Delta Rd	Telok Blangah
More Relax-lah	Eric Chong	Alternate Friday, 8pm	Sky at Eleven, 5 Thomson Lane	Thomson
ShunFu	Lim Nan	Alternate Saturday, 7.15pm	Blk 312 Shunfu Rd	Thomson
Toa Payoh 1 & 2	Yap Tat Yeen	Alternate Friday, 8pm	Trellis Towers, 700 Toa Payoh Lor 1	Toa Payoh
Yishun 1	Christine Yap, Thomas Aw	Every Friday, 8pm	Blk 179 Toa Payoh Central	Toa Payoh

# **GRACE MISSIONAL GROUPS - REGION B**

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REGIONAL LEADER: Doreen Chong, Jim Ng, Kay Wei Shih, Kelvin Lee, Michael Lai, Tan Kok Lin, Vincent Tan, William Hioe

GRACE GROUP	MG LEADER / FACILITATOR	DAY & TIME	VENUE	AREA
Cell Alive 2	Vincent Tan	Every Friday, 8pm	Clarence Ville, Clarence Lane	Alexandra
Sozo	Reuben Soh, Philip Ang, James Ong	Alternate Friday, 8pm	Blk 55 Beo Crescent	Bukit Merah
Tabernacle	Dennis Gay, Kenneth Fan	Every Friday, 8.30pm	Various locations - Tabernacle GG	Bukit Merah
Post Alpha One	Ho Lai Ching, Chiang Mun Yee	Various day at 7.30pm	Blk 129 Clarence Lane	Clarence
Faithful	Michael Lai	Alternate Friday, 8pm	Dover Park View Condo	Dover
Cell Alive 1	Goh Lay Fong, Catherine Ang	Every Friday, 8pm	Blk 4 Ghim Moh Rd	Ghim Moh
Hands of Grace	Kelvin Lee, Donatus Yeo	Every Friday, 8pm	Blk 5 Holland Close	Holland
Holland Drive	Magdalene Oh, Kay Wei Shih	Every Tuesday, 8:15pm	Blk 18C Holland Drive	Holland
House of Joy	Goh Ying Nam, Jillian Goh	Every Friday, 8pm	36 Dover Rise, Dover Parkview	Holland
Lovers' GG	Steven Chan & Michelle Chan	Alternate Friday, 8pm	365 Holland Road	Holland
Relax-lah!	Joseph Saw, Francis Ng	2nd & 4th Friday, 8pm	Grove Avenue	Holland
Answers@Mount Sinai	Alex Tee	Alternate Friday, 8.15pm	Mount Sinai Rise	Holland
Lighthouse	Joe Wong, Alexander Koh	Every Friday, 8pm	Blk 118C Jln Membina	Jalan Membina
Contrast Community	Ho Wan Leng, Jacqueline Cham	Twice a month, Saturday, 3:30pm	Blk 9 Jalan Membina Central Green	Jalan Membina
The Vine	Frank Boey, Bernard Lee	Every Friday, 8.30pm	Blk 20 Jln Membina	Jalan Membina
Tiong Bahru	Victor Lee, Rina Hiw	Every Friday, 8pm	Blk 22 Jln Membina	Jalan Membina
Shine for Jesus	Christine Lee	Friday, 8pm	Blk 143 Mei Ling St	Queenstown
Joshua	Victor Yen, Toh Wei Ping	Every Friday, 8.15pm	Blk 75B Redhill Rd	Redhill
Coffee Lovers	Lee Yee Wah, Paul Chua	Every Friday, 8pm	Namly Garden (rotational 3 homes)	Sixth Ave
Strathmore Ave	Doreen Chong	Every Thursday, 8pm	Blk 80 Strathmore Ave	Strathmore
ABC 1	Damian Pang	Every Friday, 8pm	370H Alexandra Road, Anchorage	Tanglin
Alphalikes	Ong Geok Lian	Alternate Thursday, 7pm	L2 Power Hub	Tanglin
Day Cell 1	Patrick Chan, Patricia Lee, Dora Chua	Every Thursday, 11am	GI Church, L1 Gethsemane	Tanglin
Lighthill 4the Precious	Tan Kok Lin, Rina Tan	Friday, 8pm (3 times per month)	Nassim Road	Tanglin
You & Me	Diana Lim	Every Friday, 8pm	Gl Church, L1 Gethsemane	Tanglin
Bereans	Kenneth Kwan	Every Sunday, 2.45 - 4.30pm	Blk 6A Boon Tiong Rd	Tiong Bahru
Havelock	Chia Kiang Sum, Christine Tong	Various days, 8pm	Blk 121A Kim Tian Place	Tiong Bahru
Petra	Tan Siew Poh	Alternate Friday, 8pm	Blk 55 Beo Crescent	Tiong Bahru
ABC 2	Benson Yeo	Saturday, 10.15am (fortnightly)	Kismis Avenue	Toh Yi

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Channels of Blessings	Pak Ooi Tart, Rodney Chang	Alternate Friday, 7.30pm	Blk 201 Clementi Ave 6	Clementi
Parkwest	Lee Lai Mun	Alternate Friday, 8pm	Parkwest, 10 Jln Lempeng	Clementi
Clementi	Lim Cheng Hock, Millie Kan	2nd & 4th Friday, 8pm	Blk 375 Clementi Ave 5	Clementi
Agape	Wendy Loke	Every Friday, 8pm	Blk 101 Jurong East St 13	Jurong East
En Dian	Ng Seh Luh	Every Friday, 8pm	Blk 265 Toh Guan Rd	Jurong East
Immanuel II	Doris Ho	Alternate Friday, 8pm	Blk 265 Toh Guan Rd (rotational)	Jurong East
Koinonia	Jean Gip, Celin Tan	Alternate Friday, 8pm	Blk 286C Toh Guan Rd	Jurong East
Parc Oasis	Chin Soo Fun, Peter Wong	Every Friday, 8pm	Parc Oasis, Jurong East Ave 1	Jurong East
Salt & Light	Raymond Leong	Alternate Friday, 8pm	Blk 522, Jurong West St 52	Jurong East
J. Shammah	John Ng	Every Friday, 8pm	Parc Vista, 452 Corporation Road	Jurong West
JOY Ladies Group	Sharon Tan	Every Thursday, 10am	Lakeholmz, Corporation Road	Jurong West
Jurong Point	Tan Chee Wee, Madeleine Wong	Alternate Friday, 8pm	Blk 661C Jurong West St 64	Jurong West
Jurong West St. 65	Vincent Ong, Janice Koh	Alternate Friday, 8pm	Blk 669A Jurong West St 64	Jurong West
Seekers	Garry Chung	Alternate Saturday, 5pm	Blk 671B Jurong West St 65 &	Jurong West
			Blk 236A Serangoon Ave 2 (rotational)	_
Shalom	Eric Thng, Jeffrey Han, Dora	Every Friday, 8pm	Lakeshore, Jurong West St 41	Jurong West
Upper Room	Madeleine Wong	Alt Thursday, 8pm	Blk 664A, Jurong West St. 64	Jurong West
J21:17	Neo Hong Jye	Every Thursday, 8pm	Buona Vista Gardens	Pasir Panjang
Teban Gardens	Joseph Ng	Alternate Friday, 8.30pm	Blk 47 Teban Gardens	Teban Garden
Pleroma 2	Laurence Chin	Every Saturday, 8.30pm	Lorong Kismis	Toh Tuck
Toh Yi	Tan Hock Thiam	1st Two Friday of every mth, 8.30pm	Blk 2 Toh Yi Drive	Toh Yi
Transforming Together	Steven Ee	2nd & 3rd Friday of the month, 8pm	Blk 13 Toh Yi Drive	Toh Yi
Ichthus	Clement Yee	Alternate Sunday, 430pm	Hundred Trees Residences, West Coast Dr	West Coast
Infiniti	Alex Ngew, Irene Cheah	Alternate Tuesday, 8pm	Infiniti, West Coast Park	West Coast
Joshua Generation 1	Tan Chee Wee	Alternate Friday, 8pm	Carabelle, West Coast Way	West Coast
Kent Vale Ladies	Debbie Chow	Every Wednesday, 9.45am	West Bay Condo, West Coast Crescent	West Coast

GRACE MISSIONAL GROUPS - REGION D

REGIONAL PASTOR: Ps Scott Tey 94751251; scott.tey@graceaog.org

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REGIONAL LEADER: Peter Selvan, Alfred Foong, Edward Ho, Nerina Chong, Ho Pui Chan, Sean Tan, Stephen Auwyong

GRACE GROUP	MG LEADER / FACILITATOR	DAY & TIME	VENUE	AREA
Bukit Batok PCK	Richard Tan & Jacqueline	Alt Friday, 8.30pm	Bukit Batok (various locations)	Bukit Batok
BW BB1	Paul Rahman	Alternate Friday, 8pm	Blk 335 Bukit Batok St 32	Bukit Batok
BW BB2	Nicholas Liang	Alternate Friday, 8pm	Blk 52 Bukit Batok East Ave 5	Bukit Batok
Friemily 2	William Chan, Stanley Wong, Jonathan Chua	Every Friday, 8pm	Bukit Batok Central (various locations)	Bukit Batok
Friemily Tree	Chua Gim Siong	1st, 2nd, 3rd Friday, 8:15pm	Blk 621 / 103 Bukit Batok Central	Bukit Batok
Glow	Nerina Chong	1st & 4th Sunday, 11 am	Blk 394 Bukit Batok West Ave 5	Bukit Batok
New Beginnings	Pansy Chan	Alternate Friday, 8pm	Blk 102 Bukit Batok West Ave 6	Bukit Batok
Psalm 121	Allen Koh, Thomas Yeo	Alternate Friday, 8pm	Blk 289C Bukit Batok St 25	Bukit Batok
ROR	Ho Yixian, Serene Tan, Jackii, Joshua, Celine	Alternate Friday, 8pm	Blk 102 Bukit Batok Central	Bukit Batok
Shining Light	Mak & Lay Khim	Alternate Friday, 8:30pm	Blk 191 Bukit Batok West Ave 6	Bukit Batok
Bigger & Smaller	Steven Ang, Clarence	Alternate Saturday, 7.30pm	Upper Bukit Timah & Pasir Panjang (rotational)	Bukit Timah, Pasir Panjang
Overcomers	Stephen Auwyong	Alternate Thursday, 8pm	Blk 6 Petir Road Maysprings	Bukit Panjang
Abundant Life	Richard Lim	1st, 2nd & 3rd Thursday, 8.30pm	Blk C1, Choa Chu Kang Ave 3, Micasa	Choa Chu Kang
CCK Hope	Aw Yong Leon Gay	1st & 3rd Friday, 8pm	331, Choa Chu Kang Ave 3, Rain Foreast / 2C Hong San Walk Palm Garden	Choa Chu Kang
CCK Hope Extension	Sean Tan, Christina Tan	1st & 3rd Friday, 8pm	331, Choa Chu Kang Ave 3, Rain Foreast / 2C Hong San Walk Palm Garden	Choa Chu Kang
CCK Covenant	Barnabas Lew	Every Friday, 8pm	Blk 236, Choa Chu Kang Central & Blk 32 Windermere (rotational)	Choa Chu Kang
CCK Harvesters	Thomas Kiang	1st, 2nd & 3rd Friday, 8.15pm	Blk 504 Choa Chu Kang St 51	Choa Chu Kang
Reform	Edward Cheong, Harvard Sum	Alternate Friday, 8pm	1 Bukit Batok West Ave 4, GII L1 Hope	Choa Chu Kang
The Living Stone	Richard Loy	Alternate Friday, 8.15pm	Blk 283 CCK Ave 3, GII L1 Glory (rotational)	Choa Chu Kang
Yew Mei Green	Jaffrey Aw, Tony Low	Every Friday, 8pm	56 Yew Mei Green (rotational)	Choa Chu Kang
Haven	David Ang	Every Friday, 8pm	Blk 293D, Bukit Batok St 21 (Skypeak @Bukit Batok)	Jurong East
Sembawang / Woodlands	Edward Ho, Martin Chew	Alternate Friday, 8pm	Blk 352A Canberra Rd	Sembawang
New Life GG	Jack Ang, Eileen Cheong,	Every Friday, 8pm	Blk 589D, Montreal Drive & GII Level 3 Cry room (rotational)	Sembawang, Bukit Batok
Kim Tian	Jonathan Ang	Alt Friday, 8pm	Century Mansion, 2M Jln Remaja	Upper Bkt Timah
Yishun 2	Irvin Wong, Tung Yui Fai, Albert Loo	Every Friday, 8.45pm	Orchid Park, Yishun St 81	Yishun

YOUNG ADULTS & YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

REGIONAL PASTOR: Ps Alvin Lim 96841675; alvin.lim@graceaog.org

REGIONAL LEADER: Peter Lim, Neo Hongjye, Amanda Ong, Joseph Lum, Elissa Tan, Sheryl Teo, Chow Gaomin, Edelia Tan

GRACE GROUP	MG LEADER / FACILITATOR	DAY & TIME	VENUE	AREA
AHH	Rachel Woon & Sarah Chen	Every Saturday, 8pm	GI	Redhill
Cornerstone	Gabriel Chew	Every Friday, 7:30pm	Jurong East St 21	Jurong
DO	Seow Kian Seng	Every Saturday, 3pm	GI	Redhill
Ekklesia	Jonathan Low, Victoria Lim	Every Saturday, 3pm	GI	Redhill
Fellowsheep	Claire Wee & Felicia Tan	Every Friday, 7:30pm	Various Locations	Various Locations
For Love For Christ	Nicholas Wong	Every Friday, 7:30pm	Blk 184 Stirling Road	Queenstown
GTL	Shanna Ng & Michael Ser	Every Friday, 7:45pm	Lentor Walk	Yio Chu Kang
Interlaced	Carlton Chow & Priscilla Kwa	Every Saturday, 2:30pm	GI	Redhill
Kairos	Chow Min Yang	Every Friday, 7:30pm	Blk 485 Choa Chu Kang Ave 5	Choa Chu Kang
LLS	Ong Lixin & James Yoong	Every Friday, 7:30pm	307 Choa Chu Kang Ave 4 & 190 Boon Lay Drive (rotational)	Choa Chu Kang, Boon Lay
Phloem	Nicole Yeo & Claire Carter	Every Saturday, 3pm	GI	Redhill
Xylem	Deborah Liu & Joel Lim	Every Saturday, 3pm	GI	Redhill
ROR	Kong Yiwen & Mei Anne	Every Sunday, 2:30pm	GII	Bkt Batok
Secret Cell	Koh Hui Jun	Every Saturday, 2:30pm	GI, Level 3 Cry Room	Redhill
TBC	David Lee	Every Friday, 7:30pm	West Coast Rd & Bukit Batok St 25 (rotational)	West Coast
The Roots	Bradley Lam & Daniel Liu	Every Friday, 7:30pm	Bukit Batok	Bukit Batok
TUX	Hannah Twoon & Rafael Liang	Every Friday, 8pm	Pavilion Circle	Bukit Batok
United In Christ	Melvyn Ho & Eliza Ong	Every Friday, 8pm	Choa Chu Kang Crescent	Choa Chu Kang
UP	Joey Choi & Lester Choy	Every Friday, 8pm	Jln Jurong Kechil	Bukit Timah
WoW	Isaac Lum	Every Saturday, 3pm	GI	Redhill
X-Cell	Michael Chen & Ng Kah Wee	Every Saturday, 2pm	220 Depot Road	Telok Blangah

# YOUTH MINISTRY (R-AGE) - GI

REGIONAL PASTOR: Ps Joey Tan 9023 0083; joey.asher@graceaog.org

REGIONAL LEADER: Kenneth Yeo

GRACE GROUP	DAY & TIME	VENUE	AREA
EMERGE (11 - 14 years old)	Every Sunday 11.15am	GI, Tanglin Road, Emmaus Hall	Tanglin Road
ELEVATE Secondary (15 - 16 years old)	Every Saturday, 3pm	GI, Tanglin Road	Tanglin Road
ELEVATE Tertiary (17 - 19 years old)	Alternate Friday, 7.30pm	GI, Tanglin Road	Tanglin Road

# YOUTH MINISTRY (R-AGE) - GII

REGIONAL PASTOR: Ps Joey Tan 9023 0083; joey.asher@graceaog.org

**REGIONAL LEADER: Tiffany Tay** 

GRACE GROUP	DAY & TIME	VENUE	AREA
EMERGE (11 - 14 years old)	Every Sunday 11.15am	GII, 1 Bukit Batok West Ave 4	Bukit Batok
ELEVATE Secondary (15 - 16 years old)	Every Saturday, 4pm	GII, 1 Bukit Batok West Ave 4	Bukit Batok
ELEVATE Tertiary (17 - 19 years old)	Alternate Friday, 7.30pm	GII, 1 Bukit Batok West Ave 4	Bukit Batok

#### FILIPINO MINISTRY PASTOR: Ps Rosita Cristobal 98580317; rosita@graceaog.org MG LEADER / FACILITATOR DAY & TIME **VENUE** AREA **GRACE GROUP** Jeremy/Aldwin Retuta Friday, 7:30pm Blk 419 Bukit Batok West Ave 2 **Bukit Batok** D' Ambassador 56 Regent Heights BB East Ave 5 Tuesday, 7:30pm Blk 386 Bukit Batok West Ave 5 **Bukit Batok** My Redeemer Cholo Cruz Blk 385 Bukit Batok West Ave 5 Blessed Hope Hermie /Rose Feril Friday, 7:30pm **Bukit Batok** Teck Whye Flisha Lea Targa / Len Baysantos Saturday, 7:30pm Blk 2 Teck Whye Steadfast Love Carla Cruz Friday, 7:30pm Yew Tee Residences, CCK Chua Chu Kang Agape J316 Angel Cruz Friday, 7:30pm Blk 536 Bukit Batok Steet 52 **Bukit Batok** Friday, 7:30pm Psalms 23 Cholo Cruz TBA My Beloved Imelda Quillopas Sunday, 4:00pm Grace II Bukit Batok, Hope Room **Bukit Batok** Clayjar 2C47 Rosie Abalos Sunday, 4:00pm Grace II Bukit Batok, Glory Room **Bukit Batok** Blk 384/386 Bukit Batok West Ave 5 Gerry Salgado/Mar Abogado Friday, 7:30pm **Bukit Batok** Yeshua Meteor (youth) Shekinah Cristobal/Matet Reando Friday, 7:30pm Blk 411 Bukit Batok West Ave 2 Bukit Batok Morph (youth) Jedidiah Cristobal/Jon Baysantos Friday, 7:30pm Grace II Bukit Batok, Victory Room **Bukit Batok** Sunday, 12:45pm Grace 1, 355 Tanglin Road Hannah Tessie Gagarin Tanglin David Cora Lagahit Sunday, 12:45pm Grace 1, 355 Tanglin Road Tanglin Sunday, 12:45pm Gideon Gina De Vera Grace 1, 355 Tanglin Road Tanglin Daniel Nanding Obliopas/Joey Moralez Sunday, 12:45pm Grace 1, 355 Tanglin Road Tanglin Sunday, 12:45pm Grace 1, 355 Tanglin Road Joel Edith Corpuz Tanglin Tanglin Joshua Jane Moralez Sunday, 12:45pm Grace 1, 355 Tanglin Road Esther Remelyn Dela Cruz Sunday, 12:45pm Grace 1, 355 Tanglin Road Tanglin Grace 1, 355 Tanglin Road Nehemiah Mila Batallones Sunday, 12:45pm Tanglin Arlene Emnace Sunday, 12:45pm Grace 1, 355 Tanglin Road Samuel Tanglin Arlyn Avellana Sunday, 12:45pm Grace 1, 355 Tanglin Road **Jeremiah** Tanglin

Starting this year, we will have a Young Adult gathering every first Sunday of the month. Join us on 6 May as we have our very first ALIVE! SPORTS DAY. We will be inviting YAs in the surrounding blocks to join us when we do our ALIVE! outreach on Easter Sunday. This will be a great opportunity for us to bond as a community and to establish kingdom connections with those outside the church.

Come and be part of our ALIVE! young adult community – a truly missional community. Sign up at https://event.graceaog.org before 2 May 2018. Feel free to contact Issac @ 9788 6345 if you have any enquiries.



# **GMF** Region C: CNY Outreach

During the Chinese New Year that had just past, 3 GMGs from Region C: Shalom, J. Shammah & Koinonia GMGs took hold of the festive season to reach out to their members' pre-believing oikos with God's love & joy. What a missional way for GMGs to celebrate the Chinese New Year!

Below is a write-up from one of the groups on the CNY outreach.

# J. Shammah GMG CNY Outreach - by Chan Lai Chuan

How did it all start? Senior Pastor Calvin Lee, during one of his talks about our church vision on "MRT" which stands for Missional, Relational and Transformational, reiterated that Grace Missional Groups (GMG) are not to be inward-looking but rather to have an outward focus on the community. He challenged all GMGs to reach out to people and show the love of Jesus.

Since some of our GMG members' parents are pre-believers, my J. Shammah GMG decided to make "Home Visitation" our missional project.

Somewhere in the month of January, one of our member's mother Mrs Yeo had a bad fall and fractured her right hip. All of us in our group prayed earnestly to God for her surgery and recovery. We were all amazed when we visited her in the hospital. Not only did she not suffer any pain after her operation, within two weeks of her operation, she could walk by herself without any walking aid! We knew God's miracle was at work in her body. We took the opportunity to share Jesus with her and told her how God had healed her supernaturally.

During the Chinese New Year, we visited Mrs Yeo at her house. To our surprise, Mr and Mrs Yeo not only welcomed us with open arms, they also cooked up a big feast for us. We were so thankful to God that we were able to connect and show God's love to them.





We continued with our CNY visitation to another member's mother Mrs Ng. Initially, Mrs Ng was reluctant to have Christians visiting her. But through our prayers, God softened her heart and we were able to bless her with mandarin oranges and CNY greetings.

We thank God for the seeds sown in the hearts of these parents we had visited. Our GMG will continue with our visitations. We trust and believe that with God's help, we will be able to extend our visitation to the rest of our GMG's pre-believing families and friends.

# **Grace Filipino Ministry:** Empowering the Family

# The Way of The Cross on CNY by Sis Jeremy Retuta

"The Way of the Cross, not just the way of blessing"; this was a word of challenge by Ps Rosita Cristobal, GFM Pastor, to the fathers of GFM to be taught to their children on her Sunday preaching. A sacrifice that a family could offer to the Lord during the peak of Chinese Lunar New Year festive; to reach out to Filipinos at Orchard Road with Mandarin oranges and share the salvation of Christ.

With about 50 GFM members and their families from grandparent to grand children who participated; the outreach was concluded fulfilling. "I enjoyed giving tracts and oranges although there were some whom had rejected it; there were more whom had accepted"; quoted by Lilia Pangilinan, a grandmother.



"People were mostly responsive and more accommodating; they did not feel threatened or intimidated because we approached them as a family with kids around. It was a good experience" shared by Mathet Reando, a mother.

As for the Orchard Plaza Missional Hub team led by Bro Jonathan and Sis Len Baysantos, husband and wife, partnered by Bro Nap Cristobal and Sis Yuet Ho; they were equally blessed with the three guests they accomodated with the sharing of the Word of God. The guests felt ease of sharing their personal struggles while enjoying a simple high tea served. More souls added in the Kingdom of God on that short encounter as they willingly prayed the sinner's prayer.

In our own little ways, no efforts are put in vain; we all can impact someone's life. With that simple oranges and tracts, those sacrifised time, the love of Christ is planted. Let's not all grow weary in sharing the good news and win souls for His glory.



# Dear Friends of REACH Community Services



2018 marks REACH Community Services Society's 20th anniversary of serving the least, the lost and the lonely. Over the years, REACH is privileged to journey with many individuals, families, young and old to better their lives.

As Singapore progresses, our nation faces a challenge common to any developed country - a rapidly aging population. It is reported that by 2050, almost half (47 per cent) of Singapore's total population will be at least 65 years old.\*

Keeping our seniors both mentally and physically healthy is paramount to successful active aging. In October 2017, a café run by seniors volunteers for seniors was conceptualised by our REACH Senior Service; an idea inspired by the Japanese concept of the Ibasho Café. The initiative aims to draw seniors who are "at risk of social isolation" out into a social space to interact, make new friends and enjoy the company of others. Response has been encouraging and positive so far.

The aim of REACH Senior Service is to engage the seniors to live active and fulfilling lives through our programmes designed to meet both their physical and emotional needs. We have served about 400 seniors in the past year with our two senior centres located at Jalan Membina and Bukit Batok. A third centre will begin operations later in 2018 in hope to reach out to more lonely seniors.

As our programmes for seniors remained largely unfunded, we hope to raise sufficient funds through our REACH Charity Golf 2018 to support our existing work and cost of operating our new senior centre. Proceeds from sales of golf flights, dinner and direct donations are eligible for 250% tax deductions on the donated amount.

Together, we can make a difference to bring meaningful living to the seniors living in our community. We look forward to partnering with you.

Yours sincerely,

Ho Siew Cheong Chief Executive REACH Community Services Society

Senior Cafe

\*"Elderly to make up almost half of S'pore population by 2050: United Nations" - https://www.todayonline.com/singapore/elderly-make-almost-half-spore-population-2050-united-nations





# THE LORD IS EXALTED AMONGST ALL THE NATIONS

BY SAMANTHA LIM.

Gracian commissioned to serve refugees in neighbouring country

Psalm 113:4-9 "The Lord is exalted amongst all the nations, His glory above the heavens. Who is like the Lord our God, the One who sits enthroned on high? Who stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth? He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap; He seats them with princes, with the princes of His people. He settles the childless woman in her home as a happy mother of children. Praise the Lord."

Most recently, some headlines have stuck in my memory. The UN stated that Myanmar's Rohingya crisis "bears the hallmarks of genocide." Israel threatened African refugees to face deportation or imprisonment. Eastern Ghouta, yet another city in Syria, suffered bombings. All of this happens so far away, so how do I respond? How should I pray? Is there anything I can do besides pray?

I carried these questions in my heart as I attended The Tent Cities, a three-day conference organised by Interserve Singapore. Held in our very own GI campus from 1-3 March, it was an inter-church event and the first ever of its kind with a specific focus on refugees.

There was so much to glean from guest speakers from the Middle East, neighbouring countries and also Singaporeans Christy and Lim Nan who served in Egypt right through the Arab Spring. Although their experiences were varied, one common factor was evident — they firmly followed the Lord's leading, and in so doing could testify of the Lord's hand upon their ministry and the sweetness of His presence as they relied on Him.

I especially remember how one pastor (Po) shared about an intimate encounter with the Lord. One day, two ladies passing by a bible study session he was conducting interrupted him. They wanted milk powder for their children, but he wanted to dismiss them so not to disrupt the session. Yet the Holy Spirit prompted him not to turn them away. So he obeyed, giving the ladies the supplies they needed. Later that day, he heard God say, "Today, (Po), I met you." He was baffled at first as to what God meant, but promptly recalled the scripture where Jesus said, "Whatever you did for the least of these...you did for me" (Matthew 25:40). This was a turning point for his ministry, because God transformed his way of looking at the refugees. Where he once saw them as needy people, God taught him to see Jesus in every individual: bought with a price, loved and precious in God's sight.

Oh, how we all need a transformation of sight! God's perspective is crucial on the matter of the global refugee situation. We may see

nothing but crisis, yet on the eternal scale, it should be no surprise that the nations rage (Psalm 2), and amidst the scattering of peoples, God is giving us a new wave of opportunities to be Christ's witnesses. In the afterglow of the conference, a friend and I were discussing how we should pray about global affairs. We concluded that it is not enough to conveniently pray for peace, and then expect only God to do all the work. Rather, we must come to God in prayer with the humility modeled for us in Isaiah 6 and say: "Lord, in Your sovereign plan, what will You have me do? Here I am, send me!" At the conference, I saw that many people are already living out this Isaiah 6 heart. Observing the responses of fellow congregants young and old, it is apparent that God is raising up generations for this great work that He is doing in the nations.

May I challenge you, dear reader? To boldly live out Isaiah 6 and Micah 6:8 – to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with the Lord – to the point that you would follow God's footsteps so closely, even if it means leaving your comfort zone. Our Singapore passport gives us visa-free access to a staggering 180 out of the world's 195 countries, and this is surely no coincidence. There are many ways to be involved: go as a longterm missionary, go on short-term trips, give to the work of mission organizations and missionaries, and serve the migrant workers locally. See! God has brought the nations even to our own doorstep, and how His heart is for them! See in Psalm 146:9 "The Lord protects the foreigners among us. He cares for the orphans and widows, but he frustrates the plans of the wicked." Dear reader, how I pray that you and I would become God's hands and feet in His protecting and caring of His beloved.







# A CHURCH THAT EQUIPS MILLENNIALS FOR MISSIONS

BY CLAIRE CARTER,

Representative of Grace Missions Awareness & Panelist of the GoForth Millennial Influencers Gathering 2018

"How can the church get millennials involved in missions?" This has been a buzz topic lately among churches. When I first heard this question, I was admittedly a tad uncomfortable, because the underlying assumption of this question is that millennials are currently not involved in missions, and while that may be true for some, there are many young people in our church community who are using whatever opportunities afforded to them to reach the lost for Christ.

I immediately thought of Esna Ong, who took a gap year to serve Syrian refugees in Jordan. I thought of Ellie Yeo, who brought the gospel to the children in her unreached hometown in Hengchun, Taiwan. I thought of the many teams that R-AGE and YAYP sends out for overseas missions every year. I thought about the plethora of initiatives planned and run by our young people to reach and serve our marginalised local communities. It seems that many millennials in our church are already somehow involved in missions, and that our church has done well to create a culture that encourages missional living wherever we're planted.

As a millennial myself, I have observed that there are some factors that naturally incline us to missions. For many of Singapore's millennials, we are at the top of Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs – we are concerned with transcendence needs, or the desire to live for something bigger than ourselves. Well, what could meet that need better than fulfilling the Great Commission? Moreover, many millennials have a profound understanding of the brokenness of the world. We are constantly exposed to the realities of human suffering through social media and instant news. We know that our world desperately needs hope.

Given this inclination to missions, perhaps a better question to ask would be, "how can the church better disciple millennials to be passionate about and well-equipped for missions?" First, the church can help millennials to see the excitement of partnering God in His redemptive mission. Sometimes, short-term overseas mission trips can feel lacklustre because we're so fixated on the programmes that we essentially limit what God can do. Getting millennials intimately acquainted with the wildness and beauty of the God who endlessly pursues His people is perhaps the best way to sow into the next generation of missional believers.

Furthermore, the church can equip us and journey with us. Young people are sometimes characterised as "reckless" people who like to "chiong blindly" (myself included haha). Many millennials feel deeply for certain causes and want to make a difference for Jesus but may lack the skills and wisdom to do so in a wise and effective manner. We have much to learn from those who have gone before us, and platforms for dialogue and support across generations would be tremendously helpful in bridging this gap.

Ultimately, God's redemptive mission does not exclude anyone. God longs to use each of our unique talents, convictions, callings, and even mistakes in His Kingdom's building plan. For those of older generations reading this, how can you use what God has given you to sow into the next generation? To millennials reading this, what are you living for today? Let us not be wooed by the delusions of the "Singaporean dream". Let us press in to live out the dream that God has for us, one of eternal weight and significance.









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

APRIL		
1 Apr	Water Baptism	GI L2 Baptism Pool 10.30am
3 Apr	Healing Room @ GI	GI L3 Emmaus 7.30pm
4, 18 & 25 Apr	WOG DBS	GI L1 Gethsemane/GII L2 Praise Room,10am
5 – 7 Apr	GMC Christology	GI L2
6 Apr – 1 June	Combined Alpha Course	GI 7.30 pm
•	·	L2 Eden Hall (English session)
		L2 Powerhub Room (Hokkien session)
7 & 14 Apr	Kairos Course	GII L2 Praise Room 9am
7 & 21 Apr	Men's Bible Study	GI L2 Eden 10am
7 – 28 Apr	WOG SBS	GI L5 Zion 10am
8 Apr	International Night	GI L1 Galilee 5pm - 7pm
10 Apr	Healing Room @ GII	GII L3 Agape 7.30pm
6 Apr – 4 May	Alpha Parenting	GII L3 Agape 6.30 pm
25 Apr	J333 Prayer Meeting (Combined)	GI L1 Galilee 7.30pm
MAY		
2 May	WOG DBS	GI L1 Gethsemane/GII L2 Praise Room,10am
3 - 4 May	AG 90th Anniversary	Outside Grace
4 May	Alpha Parenting	GII L3 Agape 6.30 pm
4 May – 1 June	Combined Alpha Course	GI 7.30pm
		L2 Eden Hall (English session)
		L2 Powerhub Room (Hokkien session)
5, 12 & 19 May	WOG SBS	GI L5 Zion Room 10am
8 May	Healing Room @ G2	GII L3 Agape 7.30pm
10 – 12 May	GMC Pneumatology	GI L2
12 & 26 May	Men's Bible Study	GI L2 Eden 10am
17, 24 & 31 May	GDP-102 FOF Class	GII L1 Glory 7.30pm
30 May	J333 Prayer Meeting (Combined)	GI L1 Galilee 7.30pm
30 May	English Retreat Briefing	GI L3 Bethel 8.30pm
JUNE		
1 June	Combined Alpha Course	GI 7.30pm
		L2 Eden Hall (English session)
		L2 Powerhub Room (Hokkien session)
5 June	Healing Room @ GI	GI L3 Emmaus 7.30pm
7-11 June	Grace Retreat	Sunday Pyramid Hotel
12 June	Healing Room @ GII	GII L3 Agape 7.30pm
27 June	J333 Prayer Meeting (Combined)	GI L1 Galilee 7.30pm
30 June	WOG SBS	GI L5 Zion 10am

# 10 Essential Truths About Christian Giving



Very often, people ask or wonder "what are the basic biblical principles for Christian giving?" Over the next 10 issues of Grace Bulletin, we will provide the 10 essential truths about Christian giving, one for each issue of Grace Bulletin. We hope these truths or principles will provide answers to that question as we contemplate our own giving to the Lord's church in response to the clear teaching of His word.

**Essential truth No 2. The Lord Jesus wants us to give for the right reasons** Jesus warned His disciples not to give for the sake of being admired by men. "Beware of practicing your righteousness before men to be noticed by them," He said (Matthew 6:1). When we give, we must be careful to examine our motives. We ought to give for the glory of God and the good of His people. We must desire His approval of our giving, rather than the praise and admiration of people. **Are you giving for God's praise or man's?** 

# TITHES, OFFERINGS AND PLEDGES — could be made through:

- 1. Placing Cash or Cheque in the Offering bag during services.
  - Cheque for Offering to the Church should be made payable to: "Grace Assembly of God"
  - Cheque for Missions Pledge should be made payable to: "Grace Missions"
- 2. Internet Banking to our bank account:

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- Transaction captured on your bank statement, easy record keeping.

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# GETTING TO KNOW Executive Pastor Wilson Teo



## 1. DESCRIBE YOUR FAMILY:

Evelyn and I have three children, namely: Caelyn, Aryn and Nevan. It is our desire to raise each of them with godly values and the fear of the Lord. In truth, this journey hasn't been easy, given that we live in a world that constantly promotes materialism and every form of godlessness. Family time is important to us and like many Christian families, we encounter challenges and concerns in balancing our busy work schedules with family time. So that is why we always aim to do two things every week: having 3 or more dinner meals together as a family, and having family devotion. We strongly believe that a family that eats and prays together, stays together.

#### 2. HOW DO YOU COME TO KNOW THE LORD?

I was nine years old when my sister came to me one day and shared about this remarkable Son of God called Jesus and what he did for me and her. Before long, she was leading me in saying the Sinner's Prayer. No drama at all; it was as simple as that! You see, as a young boy who grew up in a broken family, God's love was very attractive to me. Now I can testify that I have experienced His immeasurable love and healing, both physically and emotionally, ever since the day when I made that life-changing decision.

#### 3. WHY DO YOU COME TO GRACE ASSEMBLY TO BE THE EP?

It was a divine arrangement. I was praying at the Western Wall in Jerusalem in January 2015 when God spoke to me very clearly that in two years' time, I would need to make a very important decision that will result in a major shift in my ministry direction. Fast forward to April 2017, Pastor Calvin approached my previous senior pastor and made an unexpected request for my release to join Grace Assembly. Eleven months later, here I am now, privileged to serve the Grace family.

#### 4. WHAT ARE THE THREE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS IN YOUR LIFE?

The three most important things in my life are my relationship with God, my marriage and family and finally, my calling as a minister.

# 5. SHARE A FEW WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT WITH US.

I firmly believe that God has transplanted me from my previous spiritual community, in which I was nurtured and developed over 32 years, into Grace Assembly for His divine purpose and will to be fulfilled. I am excited to be a part of God's plan for Grace Assembly and will give my best to serve and disciple God's people in this faith community.



Heartiest congratulations to the following couples whereby the Lord continues to bless & guide them with love, wisdom & strength as they embark on their new journey together!

07 APRIL 2018

Wallis Sultan & Joanna Oh Ya Pin

26 APRIL 2018

Seow Wei Peng Jonathan & Yiu Kwun Tone Dorothy

28 APRIL 2018

Hor Guoyong & Leong Kah Leng

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# STAFF MOVEMENT

We are pleased to announce that Vivienne Lim is joining Grace as a Ministry Staff for Grace Kids at GII. She has been actively serving in the ministry in the past 10 years together with her husband, Victor Yeo. She is taking a big step of faith in obedience to the Lord's calling upon her life.

At the same time, we bid farewell to Sharmaine Zeng as she moves on to the next season of her ministry. We thank God for her and deeply appreciate her time with us. May the Lord abundantly bless her and continue to use her for His glory.



# PLMC is looking for suitable candidates to join the staff team in the following positions -

# 1. Operations Executive (Facilities)

## **JOB SCOPE**

 You will assist to ensure operation readiness and support to the church and its ministries with direct responsibility in the areas of facilities management, safety and security, and logistics support.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Responsible for the day-to-day building maintenance by carrying out regular inspections and implementing an effective maintenance program
- Source for, and manage facilities' suppliers and service providers
- Plan, execute and supervise building upkeep and maintenance carried out by term contractors and service providers engaged by the Church and ensure that services rendered are according to agreed standards and timelines
- Ensure compliance with government regulations on workplace safety and health and building code. Respond to fire, building or security emergencies.
- Carry out minor facilities maintenance; and provide logistics support for church-wide meetings
- Assists in preparing and monitoring the Church's budget for facilities management

# REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum Diploma in Estate Management or its equivalent with at least 3 years of relevant experience
- Passionate and dedicated, a team player.
- Proactive self-starter with analytical and creative mind, good organizational, communication, inter-personal and negotiation skills.
- Knowledge of building operations and maintenance and related regulatory requirements. Prior experience in church or parachurch organisation will be advantageous
- Only Singaporeans and PRs may apply

# 2. Operations Executive (ICT)

## **JOB SCOPE**

 You will assist to ensure the church's operation readiness by managing the church's IT systems which include computers, networks, internet access, telephone lines and other technology so that the church experiences as little downtime as possible.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Work with management to develop and implement a successful ICT plan for the Church. This includes establishing guidelines for evaluating ICT systems to determine where and when changes or upgrades should be made; and implementing a policy for repair, replacement or renewal of leases of computers, laptops and other office equipment.
- Source for, and manage the service and maintenance contracts of the Church
- Troubleshoot, diagnose and resolve issues with computers and networks before escalating issues with equipment suppliers and service providers. Liaise with equipment suppliers and service providers to resolve issues expediently
- Assists in preparing and monitoring the Church's ICT budget

# **REQUIREMENTS**

- Minimum Diploma/Bachelor's degree in information technology, computer science or a related field with at least 3 years of relevant experience
- Ability to program computers and software effectively; possessing knowledge of basic computer components and the skills necessary to repair or replace them where necessary
- Proficiency in evaluation of proposals/quotations from suppliers and service providers.
- Passionate and dedicated, a team player
- Proactive self-starter with analytical and creative mind, good organizational, communication, interpersonal and negotiation skills
- Only Singaporeans and PRs may apply

We invite interested applicants to email detailed resume together with current and expected salary and a recent photograph to recruit@plmc.org, or send the information by post to –

Director of Administration Paya Lebar Methodist Church

5 Boundary Road, Singapore 549954 (only shortlisted candidates will be notified)

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# 中文芝ボ事工 Grace Dance Ministry

接触社区,强身健体,活出使命人生。















# GRACE I LOCATION 恩典一据点:

- 1. Blk 166 Stirling Road (Saturday 9am 10am) 大牌166 史德林路(星期六早上9点 – 10点)
- 2. Blk 304 (Firefly Garden) Clementi Ave 4 (Saturday 8am 9am) 大牌304 (萤火虫公园),金文泰4道 (星期六早上8点 – 9点)
- 3. Blk 118 Jalan Membina (Friday 9am 10am) 大牌118 惹兰孟比那(星期五早上9点 – 10点)

# GRACE II LOCATION 恩典二据点:

- 1. Blk 210A Bukit Batok St 21 (Saturday 8am 9.30am) 大牌210A 武吉巴督21街 (星期六早上8点 – 9点30分)
- 2. Blk 233/235 Bukit Batok East Ave 5 (Monday 8pm 9pm) 大牌233/235 武吉巴督东道5 (星期一晚上8点– 9点)
- 3. Blk 163 Gangsa Road (Wednesday 8.30am 9.30am) 大牌163 岗沙路(星期三早上8点30分– 9点30分)
- 4. Blk 419 Bukit Batok West Ave 4 (Saturday 7.30am 8.30am) 大牌419 武吉巴督西道4 (星期六早上7点30分 – 8点30分)
- 5. Blk 417 Bukit Batok West Ave 4 (Thursday 9.30am 10am) 大牌417 武吉巴督西道4 (星期四早上9点30分 – 10点)

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# 中文艺术事工

# 见证

# Irene Ng 姐妹

感谢主的带领让我能参与恩典 操的服侍。刚开始我只是在武 吉巴督大牌417学跳操,后来 有一位姐妹叫我帮忙带操,那 时候的我对带操没什么信心, 但是这位姐妹不断鼓励和帮助 我,就在今年的3月3号我开



始在新的据点带操。我也很感谢真真姐妹和我一起配搭,一起服待神与传福音,主内的弟兄姐妹也常来支持新据点的恩典操,也有好几位居民参与。在社区服侍,难免会听到老人家的诉苦,我也学习去开导他们和聆听他们的心声。感谢赞美主!

# Belinda Ang 洪玉英姐妹

我在恩典操负责带领跳操和服侍那里的居民,跳恩典操能让我们身体健康,它是一个祝福社区的一个管道,让我们可以运动又可以认识居民,和居民互动和交流,居民都很开心。我很享受在恩典操里的服侍,

看到居民开心,我也开心。感谢神,因为透过恩典操,让我这个迷失的羊能再次回到上帝身边,让我对上帝充满信心。 很感恩,感谢上帝一直都在带领和看顾我,我现在唯一要做的就是为主做工,把自己最好的都献给祂,成为祂传福音的器皿。



# 李素丽姐妹

感谢主,让我能在210恩典操服侍主,开始觉得有点不习惯,因为不可以直接分享福音。因为恩典操主要是认识居民,与他们一起做运动做朋友。起初,我看到居民是心里会感觉害怕,因为我是一个跟人沟通交流有障碍的人,直到我来了教会十年了,感谢神!这个障碍才慢慢拿掉了。最近,因为家里发生一些事情,因为害怕被人家知道,所以就有想到退出恩典操的服侍。但是,神给我心里有负担和感动,要我继续不要停止参与恩典操的服侍。



感谢神,神真的很好和慈爱, 现在我们跟居民的关系拉近了,他们也不再对我们排斥, 都很喜欢跟我们一起做运动。 一路走来,也看到有好几位 居民得救信了耶稣,荣耀归 给神!

## Richard Aw

Having joined Grace Dance (GD) since its inception in BBE over 3 years ago, I have two words to describe: 1) GREAT 2) ENGAGING. As an Executive member of BBE RC, I am honoured to be a participant in this dance & exercise group. Throughout the years, GD group has promoted the multi-racial participation. As a IRCC (BBE) member, I hope more residents can participate.



# Mae Lai (BBE resident)

I join Grace Dance through the words of mouth, initially I was quite hesitate to join. I have no confident at all, as this is my first dancing lesson.

Truth enough, my dancing movement was quite stiff, compare to the rest of the participants.



Nevertheless, with good patience of trainer and encouragement. I slow began to pick up the dance momentum.

Now I always look forward to the weekly practice. I look more cheerful as it helps me to destress.

Grace Dance indeed is good form of exercise and suitable for all age group.!









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# GRACE SERVICES

GRACE I SERVICES: 355 Tanglin Road Singapore 247960

SATURDAY 1.30 PM

Level 1 Hokkien Service Galilee

SATURDAY 5 PM

Young Adults & Young Professionals (YAYP) Service Bethel Level 3 Cantonese Service Galilee Level 1 Elevate @ R-AGE Youth (15-19 Yrs Old) **Emmaus** Level 3

SUNDAY 9 AM

**English Service** Bethel Level 3 Mandarin Service Galilee Level 1 Shine @ Grace Kids (7-10 Yrs Old) Eden Level 2 Sparkle @ Grace Kids (3-6 Yrs Old) Zion Level 5

**SUNDAY 11.15 AM** 

Bethel Level 3 **English Service** Filipino Service Galilee Level 1 Emerge @ R-AGE Youth (11-14 Yrs Old) **Emmaus** Level 3 Shine @ Grace Kids (7-10 Yrs Old) Level 2 Eden Sparkle @ Grace Kids (3-6 Yrs Old) Level 5 Zion

**SUNDAY 5 PM** 

Khush Khabri Fellowship

**J333** 

Chapel

Kindness

04, 11, 18 APR, 7.30pm @ GI L3 Emmaus Hall & GII L3 Agape Room

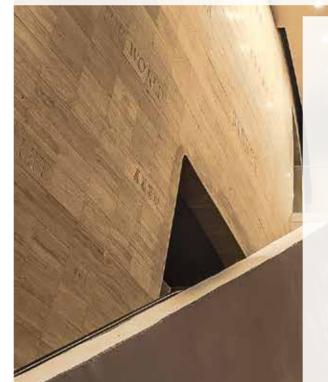
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Level 4

Level 4

Level 4

**Emmaus** Level 3



GRACE II SERVICES: 1 Bukit Batok West Ave 4 Singapore 659125

SATURDAY 2 PM Elevate @ R-AGE Youth (15-19 Yrs Old)

SUNDAY 9 AM **Enalish Service** Level 4 Chapel Mandarin Service Sanctuary Level 2 Shine @ Grace Kids (7-10 Yrs Old) Level 2 Love

SUNDAY 11.15 AM

Sparkle @ Grace Kids (3-6 Yrs Old)

**English Service** Sanctuary Level 2 Hokkien Service Level 4 Chapel Emerge @ R-AGE Youth (11-14 Yrs Old) Agape Level 3 Level 2 Shine @ Grace Kids (7-10 Yrs Old) Love Sparkle @ Grace Kids (3-6 Yrs Old) Kindness Level 4

SUNDAY 1.30 PM

Filipino Service Chapel

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