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BULLETIN

## TOGETHER WE PRAY!

On Aug 9, 2018 Singapore will be celebrating her 53rd birthday. I believe it will be another great celebration as preparations are underway for the NDP 2018.

As a church, we are thankful for God's blessings upon our country all these years. This small red dot had achieved great success in many ways beyond our wildest imagination. Indeed, we are grateful for dedicated and righteous leaders who have given so much in leading this nation.

As we look forward to the coming celebration, I'm reminded of the words of Timothy, exhorting us to pray for 'kings and all those in authority.'

### **1 Timothy 2:1-2 NIV**

*<sup>1</sup> I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— <sup>2</sup> for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.*

Paul here singles out prayers for those in positions of authority in government.

There are three important things we need to take notice.

Firstly, we are exhorted to pray.

Secondly, we are exhorted to pray for our leaders.

Thirdly, we are exhorted to pray so that our lives might be peaceful and that others might come to the knowledge of the truth

Indeed prayer is of first importance.

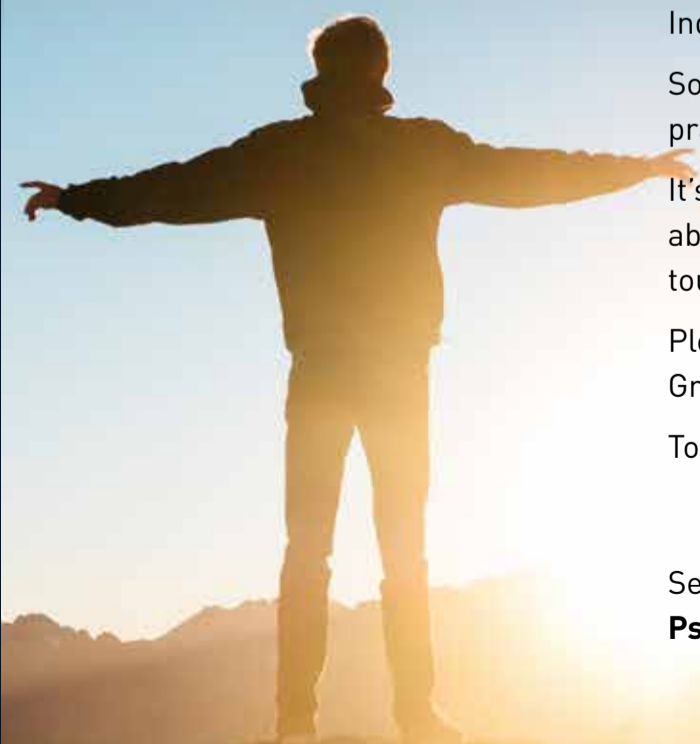
So I'm calling the church to come together on 8 Aug at 7.30 p.m. for a time of prayer and intercession for our leaders.

It's an important time set aside to lift up Singapore before the throne of Grace. It's about touching heaven with our prayers and believing the God of Singapore will touch our land in a special way.

Please mark 8 Aug in your calendar and I want to see the Bethel Hall filled with Gracians lifting up their hands in prayers.

Together we pray!

Senior Pastor  
**Ps Calvin Lee**



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***Dr Jerry Horner**, received a Th. D degree from 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.*

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***Rev Lee Meng Cham**, received a Bachelor of Theology at the Bible College of Malaysia and Master of Theological Studies in Church Music at the Trinity Theological College. He is an ordained Minister with the Assemblies of God, Singapore and serves on staff in the Senior Pastor's Office of Grace Assembly of God as well as heading the Creative Arts Ministry and Media. He has taught at the Bible College level, "Introduction to Church Music", and "The Theology of Worship", and is a regular clinician at the biannual Methodist School of Music Worship Symposium.*



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- Consecrate ourselves to seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness.
- Cry out to God for salvation among the 80% unsaved in our land.
- Set apart this generation, the next generation, and every generation to fulfill Singapore's destiny as the Antioch of Asia.

SCHEDULE	CENTRAL	NORTH	EAST	WEST
<b>WEEK 1</b> JUL 1-7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Cornerstone Community Church</b> 11 East Coast Rd, L 03, S428722 From Aljunied Interchange: Bus 40</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Victory Family Centre</b> 55 Sembawang Dr, S757614 Nearest MRT Station: Sembawang</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bethesda Bedok - Tampines Church</b> 300 Bedok North Ave 3, S469717 From Bedok Interchange: Bus 14 / 222</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Covenant Evangelical Free Church</b> 10 Jelapang Rd, S677740 Nearest LRT Station: Bukit Panjang</li> </ul>
<b>WEEK 2</b> JUL 8-14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Faith Community Baptist Church</b> 3 Marine Parade Central, S449409 From Paya Lebar Interchange: Bus 134 / 135</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Smyrna Assembly</b> 3 Yishun St 11, S768645 Nearest MRT Station: Yishun</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Christ Methodist Church</b> 597 East Coast Rd, S429082 From Bedok Interchange: Bus 32 / 40</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Aldersgate Methodist Church</b> 98 Dover Rd, S139647 Nearest MRT Station: One North</li> </ul>
<b>WEEK 3</b> JUL 15-21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Church of Our Saviour</b> 130 Margaret Dr, S149300 Nearest MRT Station: Commonwealth</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Living Sanctuary Brethren Church</b> 2 Hougang St 2, S538728 From Kovan Interchange: Bus 113</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Paya Lebar Methodist Church</b> 5 Boundary Rd, S549954 Nearest MRT Station: Serangoon</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>St James' Church</b> 1 Leedon Rd, S267828 Nearest MRT Station: Holland Village</li> </ul>
<b>WEEK 4</b> JUL 22-28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>City Missions Church</b> 2 Kallang Ave, CT Hub 11-16, S339407 Nearest MRT Station: Lavendar</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Lighthouse Evangelism</b> 81 Woodlands Cl, S738909 From Woodlands Interchange: Bus 931</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bethesda Cathedral</b> 30 Chai Chee St, S468979 From Bedok Interchange: Bus 26 / 222</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Renewal Christian Church MANDARIN</b> 2 Tah Ching Rd 04-01, S618744 From Lakeside MRT Station: Bus 49 / 98</li> </ul>
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<b>WEEK 6</b> AUG 5-7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>St Andrew's Cathedral</b> 11 St Andrew's Rd, S178959 Nearest MRT Station: City Hall</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Church of Singapore Bukit Timah</b> 2B Hindhede Rd, S589240 Nearest MRT Station: Beauty World</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chapel of Christ the Redeemer</b> 2 Tampines Ave 3, S529706 From Tampines Interchange: Bus 298</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Grace Assembly of God</b> 1 Bukit Batok West Ave 4, S659125 Nearest MRT Station: Bukit Gombak</li> </ul>

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J333

AUGUST – 01. 15

GI - Emmaus Hall  
GII - Agape Room

AUGUST 8

Thanksgiving Prayer for Singapore 2018  
GI Bethel Hall

AUGUST 22

No J333 (Hari Raya Haji)

AUGUST 29

Combine J333  
GI - Galilee Hall

1 Timothy 2:1-3

"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior..."



# AUGUST PRAYER POINTERS

1. We pray for God's favor to grant us a good government, strong economy and a safe land to live in.
2. We pray for a mighty spiritual awakening across Singapore among believers.
3. We pray for a powerful manifestation of God's Presence in our City.
4. We pray for a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon churches, homes, workplaces and government places.
5. We pray that this generation and every generation will fulfill Singapore's destiny as the Antioch of Asia.



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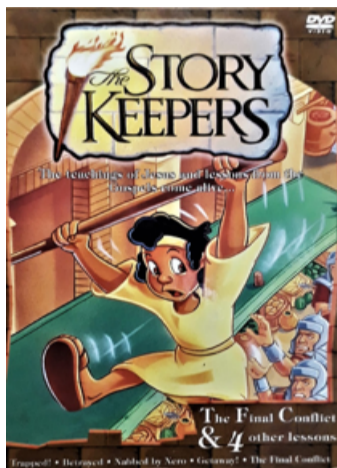
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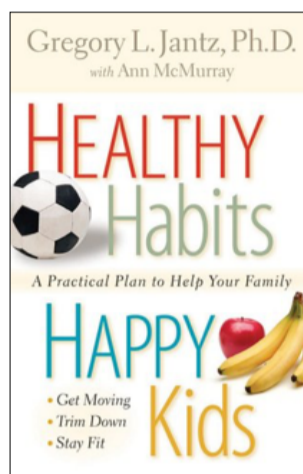
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- MPDP **3rd Run**
- Alpha Marriage
- Alpha Parenting for Teenagers
- Family Bonding Event – "Celebrate National UNPLUGGING day with your family"
- Restored to Wholeness Seminar
- Launching Grace Parents Network – 'Secrets to getting your child to sleep well' Talk

### SEPTEMBER

- Father's Workshop: Establishing Moral Authority

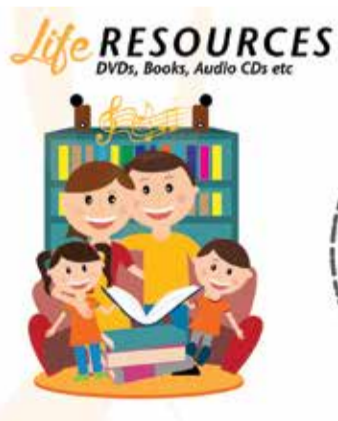
### OCTOBER

- Sexual Wholeness Workshops

### DECEMBER

- Short-Term Mission Trip – Tanjong Pinang

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



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

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# Alpha Marriage

DATE/TIME: **25.08** (10am - 4.45pm)  
**01.09 / 08.09** (12nn - 4.45pm)

VENUE: **GII**

COST: **\$20 per couple**

\*Lunch and Tea-break will be provided

Online Registration: <https://event.graceaog.org>

VENUE FOR PAYMENT: Church Office (GI @ L5 & GII @ L1)

MODE OF PAYMENT: Cheque or Cash

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### EVENT DETAILS

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BY UMA RUDD CHIA @ UMA.TAN@HYPERISLAND.SG

# PREACHING CHRIST TO OUR KIDS.

**Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it. Proverb 22:6**

Has your child accepted Christ? I have found, the younger the child, the easier it is to input God's principles into them.

I was 4 when I accepted Christ. An aunt told me about Jesus. I walked into a room without windows, said the sinner's prayer and felt an invisible force blanket me. I started praying in tongues at 7. I had no clue what tongues was. My Sunday school teacher laid her hands on me and it just bubbled out. I asked the same aunt if I was speaking Chinese. She taught me about the Holy Spirit.

Jesus healed my father of cancer that same year. It was a miracle even the doctors couldn't deny. I am blessed to have grown up seeing and experiencing God, the Miracle Maker. If no one had preached the gospel to me, today with my highly logical mind, voracious appetite for knowledge and copious supply of self-professed atheist Scandinavian friends, I could have become the world's greatest skeptic.

Which is why I ask again, have you preached the gospel to your child at least once? I led Daniel to Christ at age 5, in our home. Sarah accepted Christ at age 6, in a hotel room in Disney World, Florida.

I have bright children. Not in a traditional, "high marks in school" way. My kids can solve their own problems by Googling stuff. They have a strong command of English and can hold their own. They are kind and conscientious. But to me, the most important milestone in their lives was when they accepted Christ as Saviour.

To know their souls were saved and they would experience the unconditional love and mighty grace, destiny and call of God on their lives every day, comforts me. Now I know beyond a shadow of doubt that they can live purpose driven lives and become all they were meant to be.

If your child has not openly done it, it's not too late to lead your child to Jesus. If your child is too big and doesn't want to do it, here are some principles for you to understand and exercise to help your child come to know Jesus.

**1. All God's promises regarding your family are true.** In Acts 16:31 He said, "Believe in Jesus and you and your household will be saved." It's a promise. It's not limited to special circumstances. Stand on it. Proclaim it. Pray it over your children. I did till the day they accepted Christ. Now I pray that they will remain in Christ till they see Him face to face.

**2. Don't compartmentalise God within just the "spirit realm".** Christians today, are famous for this. To a lot of us, God shows up on Sunday, mealtime, bedtime, exam time and at all emergency times. Otherwise, He seems to be a whimsical figure, about as real as the Tooth Fairy.

Don't make God a unicorn. Speak of what He has done for you every day. I always tell my kids of their miraculous birth and how God made it possible. I tell them about what Jesus did at work each day. I pray with them about school. I speak out loud to Jesus loudly and confidently like He's there, especially when my kids are around. And I encourage them to do the same, because He is right there in your home with you.

When they lose something, we ask the Holy Spirit to help us find it. At one point they thought God was my imaginary friend. I told them He's real. Like air. Just because they can't see Him doesn't make Him any less real.


**3. Preach the gospel to them.** I have done this repeatedly since they were just babies, so there is no room for misunderstanding. Don't water down the truths of heaven and hell and God and Satan. Give it to them from the Bible, end-to-end from man's sin to Christ's redemption and return. They may not understand the finer points but they are smart enough to grasp the gist of it - we all have sinned and the only way to God is through Jesus.

**4. Equip your kids to share the gospel and experience the joy of telling others about Jesus.** My kids know the great commission is an important command from God. They invite friends to church. I wrote a gospel tract for kids. It has the full gospel story and ends with a salvation prayer for kids to follow. It's a great tool for kids to hand over to their friends. I wrote it because I realised Christian parents struggle to preach the gospel to their own children.

Of course, teach them to do it the right way, with love not judgement. This also means don't shut your children away from non-Christian friends because you are afraid of their influence. Christ's light shines brighter than the darkest night. Remember your Christian children are the only light of the gospel these non-Christian kids will see. Empower them with empathy so they are prepared to show kindness to others.

No matter what holidays, toys and extra classes you may buy and send your kids to, your greatest investment should be into their souls. You do this through prayer, reading the Word to them, correcting them when they go astray and most importantly, being blatant about your beliefs and principles.

If we as parents fail to do this, our children will be lost to us for eternity. If you are neither indifferent nor ashamed of Christ in your home, or in their presence, they will recognise the importance of Christ in your life and in turn place an importance of Christ in their lives.



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](mailto:uma.tan@hyperisland.sg)



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# MOMENTUM

## GFM 30th Anniversary for GI and 10th Anniversary for GII

BY JEREMY RETUTA; PICTURES BY MATET REANDO



The most awaited event of the year transpired on 24 June 2018, where Grace Filipino Ministry reached 30 years anniversary for GI and 10 years anniversary for GII.

The theme that was chosen by the leadership for this year is "Momentum". According to Webster dictionary, it means the strength or force that allows something to continue or to grow stronger or faster as time passes. This is what we envisioned in GFM, that the ministry of those who have gone before us would continue and inspires momentum in us to grow stronger by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The accompanying verse for this theme is Isaiah 54:2 which say "Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes. It became more meaningful when Senior Pastor Calvin Lee expounded with four main points on his sermon, namely, barrenness is not a permanent condition, it looks desolate but God sees it different, God wants us to move forward and it's time to stretch. Indeed, God's desire is for everyone to step forth, to stretch and to lengthen one's cords to reach out for more Filipinos.

It was a humbling reflection on how the mighty works of God moved to establish GFM in Singapore. It all rooted from a passion, burden and pioneering spirit of former leaders to bring the Gospel to the Filipinos that started the simple bible study at Botanical garden. As the group grew, the need for pastoral care transpired which then the birth of GFM.

The church was grateful to have the previous pastoral team and leaders whom had guided GFM celebrating this momentous day, Senior Pastor Calvin Lee and wife Sis Charis, Rev John Tan and wife Sis Siew Kuan, Ps Eric Yeo and wife Sis Ming, Bro Patrick Chan and wife, Sis Wendy along with our special guests Bro Nelson Lo and his family and Bro Jason Chin and wife, Sis Janette.

The testimonies shared by multi-generational members showed their lives were changed upon journeying their faith with GFM. Sounds of praise roared as the congregation sang "Momentum", by Planetshakers while the GFM Gen-R kids danced enthusiastically. "Find Us Faithful" was sung by the GFM leaders signifying their strong aspirations for the generations to come.

We praise God for the 47 guest who responded to the invitation of GFM members and at the pre-service tracting at Orchard Road few hours prior to the event. It was indeed a clear fulfillment of GFM's tireless and faithful prayers as the guest filled the Galilee hall.

The post service fellowship concluded the celebration with a video of testimonies and a mini carnival with a touch of Filipino native snacks while an unplugged rendition of worship songs was sung. Certificates appreciating those who have stayed with GFM from 5 to 26 years were also distributed.

The leaders whom God has called to fulfil the mission for the Filipinos in Singapore thru Grace Assembly were truly inspiring and passionate. GFM's progression made its headway through these years enabling enable the membership to grow by God's grace. Today, GFM GI and GII have 22 cell groups, with established ministries like prayer, praise and worship, evangelism, discipleship, event, Grace Missional groups, couples, singles, youth and children. Members publicly announced their faith in God through water baptism happens regularly. In addition, missional hubs are now situated in Orchard Road, in Chinese Garden and in Jurong East.

Moving forward, we would like to see GFM create huge impact to the lives of more Filipinos in Singapore by becoming more like Jesus. By training and guiding them to be faithful leaders and members rising up to the call of God in their lives and to sustain the momentum that God had imparted to GFM.

We are grateful to God and to those who came before us that nurture GFM. We thank God for Grace Assembly of God and to our Senior Pastor Rev Calvin Lee, for his continuous support and guidance, to the GFM leadership and to all GFM members that constantly show their love to The Lord and to this ministry.

It is not the end of the journey, it has just begun; tent will be stretched, cords will be lengthened, stakes will be strengthened all for the glory of God alone.

# Grace Filipino Ministry (GFM) Father's Day Celebration

## GOOD GOOD FATHER

BY SHEKINAH LEONARDO CRISTOBAL



Firm yet kind, strong yet gentle. A hero and a friend. Whose rugged hands held you then. Often underappreciated, but never inadequate – A Father.

Just as our Heavenly Father loves unconditionally, so do our earthly fathers. Inspired by the very first father's day founded by Sonora Smart Dodd, a floral twist aptly describes our celebration. Contrary to stereotypical characteristics of masculinity, blue flowers were presented to all fathers as a token of our appreciation. They were pleasantly surprised!

During the service, the speaker, reminded fathers that before they could become a good father, they must be a good husband first. Literally saying, "A good father is a good husband first". To illustrate that point, husbands were instructed to look into their wife's eyes, and lovingly assure them that they will do their utmost best to fulfill their God-given duties to her, and to their children. As the service comes to a close, fathers were surprised with two videos that featured our toddlers, pre-teens and youths. In the first video, toddlers were asked to describe their father in a few words. Hearts melted when one of them sweetly said that her dad was her heart. The second video brought laughter as we witnessed youths asking their father personal questions whilst shining shoes. Comically heartfelt confessions further revealed the fatherly love that we tend to conveniently brush aside.

Celebrations continued with bonding over some food, and post-service games led by the youths in the GII fellowship area. Two games were played. The first being "How millennial is your dad?" - a dance battle of popular songs, followed by lip-sync battle where fathers lip-sync to famous Disney songs such as "Let it Go". Talents unraveled before our eyes as the fathers battled to win three yes-es from our three little judges - Adriel, 9, Yzekiel,

9, and Lorelle Jed, 8. Pleasing these little ones proved to be a challenge. Yet with much persistence and some fatherly charm, the fathers from Group 2 won! What a momentous occasion of fun and laughter!

Being a father is no easy feat. The world expects them to be a steady rock, to bring home the bacon. On the other hand, the bible instructs them to be the spiritual leader of their family, to love their wives as Christ love the church and not to provoke their children to anger but to discipline them with love and be a model to the family of high integrity. Therein lie the struggles and battles they face everyday. Yet their unwavering faith to God motivates them to be the best they can be as a provider, as a protector and as a priest of the family. Just as diamonds are made good under pressure, God uses their fatherly challenges in life to mould fathers into the better man they are about to be. They may not be perfect but perfect enough for their respective families.

To all the dad's out there, know that God is with you for He has promised that those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles. Run and not grow weary. Walk and not be faint. Take heart and stand firm in the Lord, and May God continuously bless the works of your hands, Happy Father's Day!

*But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.*  
Isaiah 40:31 NIV

## Grace Missional Group

# HARVESTING GOD'S FIELD AT BUKIT MERAH VIEW

BY NEO HONGJIE, REGION C, J2117



Taking a break after cleaning the house of Mr and Mrs W (Feb 2017).

Bukit Merah View is one of the many low income rental housing estate in Singapore. These blocks housed the stories of many lonely elderly and the urban poor.

Our GMG, J2117, has been serving the elderly and the poor in Bukit Merah View since 2012. The project was birthed after we participated in the 40-Days Purpose-Driven Life campaign. As a cell, we believed that not only should we get together to worship and study God's Word, but we should also serve together. It was in serving that we could put our faith and beliefs into action.

Initially, there were some resistances from some members of the cell. They were concerned about legality and cultural barriers. The language was another issue as some of us could not speak dialect or Mandarin well. In addition, we were also concerned about our safety during visitation as the residents were far and remote from the social circles that we were accustomed to. As we prayed and sought our Lord, He gave us peace despite all the above uncertainties, thus we decided to step out in faith and birth this ministry.

Next, we identified three potential estates consisting of low income housing located near our cell meeting place and our church in 355 Tanglin Road. After a few scouting trips, with a lot of prayer and seeking the Lord, we decided to serve in Bukit Merah View.

Our cell was split into three teams, consisting of three to four people, to cover twelve floors. We gave away bread, as a symbol of our Lord Jesus Christ, to the residents. We knocked on every door and introduced ourselves as members from Grace Assembly of God. Then we did a brief interview of the occupants to identify if they were suitable for continued visits. In the end, we selected a group of elderly whom we decided to befriend and follow up.

The first visit was especially memorable. We met M\*\*\* and P\*\*\*, an elderly couple in their 70s. M\*\*\* who had just moved into the estate, was suffering from depression. During our interview, she told us that she wanted to end her life. Though this was a shock for us initially, we managed to avert the crisis by listening to her. She spoke about her struggles, about her divorce and broken family, and various other disappointments.

As we visited her repeatedly over a few months, we steered her towards our Lord as He was the only one who could change the situations in her life. All glory to our God when she finally returned back to Him after being a back-slidden believer for many years. She was transformed from one who was angry, disappointed and bitter to one filled with peace and joy. She was also reconciled back to her family and all broken family relationships were restored. She passed away two years later.

During our first visit, we also met Mr and Mrs W\*\*\*. When we told Mr W\*\*\* that we are from Grace Assembly of God, and that we are keen to visit him regularly, Mr W cried. His wife has been paralysed and bed-ridden from stroke for many years, and he has been her sole caregiver. Both of them did not have many visitors and they were lonely. Hence, both of them, especially Mr W\*\*\*, were very touched to see us.

We visited this family faithfully every month for the past 6 years. Besides the monthly visitation, we also helped them to clean their house, sponsored them with new mattresses and visited them when they were admitted in hospital. We even brought them out for outings as well as invited them to an evangelistic meeting in our church.

We have been changed as we served together faithfully every month for the past six years. Most of us started out with doubts in our hearts, but as we boldly took our first step, God grew us in our compassion for the weak, and in our faith and hope in Christ. Our monthly community outreach also knitted all of us closer together as we came together to pray and help the residents. We look forward to our monthly visits.

We thank God that we are used by Him to serve others. We are also thankful that others were inspired to start serving. Three years ago, one of the young adult teams started to serve in the adjacent block alongside us. We also thank God that we can partner another church from a different denomination to pull resources and skills, to serve the residents. Through this outreach, God brought people to work together in unity for His glory.

I want to encourage all of us to do our part in the kingdom of God. We do not need special skills or talents to do community outreach. As long as you have a willing heart and are willing to take a tiny step of faith, you will be able to do wonders with the help of our Lord.

The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Are you willing to take the first step of faith and offer yourself to serve God as His harvester in His plentiful field?



Visiting Gardens by the Bay with our residents and the YAYP members. (Dec 2017)

# IN THE GLORIOUS OR IN THE MUNDANE, MISSIONARY WORK CONTINUES

BY SAMANTHA LIM



When I pictured my life as a missionary, I never imagined I would be doing what I am doing now. I imagined that I would be going from house to house preaching or praying for the sick, and holding Bible studies or teaching songs about Jesus to little children

gathered in village huts. I imagined a kampung life, glorious sunsets stretching over rolling hills, and idyllic long walks with new village friends across their padi fields.

In my present vocation, I serve refugees by teaching in a Christian refugee school. Through education, we build relationships with our students and therein find inroads to share the gospel. It's a slow process that yields results that aren't easy to see with the naked eye. So you can imagine I hardly feel like the missionary I imagined myself to be. On days where I am my most negative self, I even lamented that this feels like I'm working as a teacher but without pay. Yet four months into this work, through my best and worst moments, the good Lord in His patience has often reminded me that I am exactly where He wants me to be. And I'm slowly learning to let go of titles and positions, like trying to live up to the term "missionary", and instead put on obedience as a posture of my heart. How I live my life, how I treat others, and how I go about my daily work — these seemingly mundane moments are opportunities for Christ to be revealed.

I think about the time my student had to have an operation for appendicitis. His family had no means to visit him because they live off aid provisions and do not have money. They do not have a single cent unless my student works and brings money home as and when he finds work. All I did was visit him one time and pray with him before his operation. All I said was, "Don't be afraid. I am praying for you, so God knows and

God will take care of you. Jesus loves you." Ever since that incident, this student has displayed so much gratitude in little ways each day, and he now ends every conversation with me using "Jesus loves you" too.

I think about my co-workers, twin brothers from Pakistan. All I did was visit them at their home once and share a traditional home cooked meal with them. I genuinely enjoyed their food, and that made them so happy that I've been a frequent family dinner discussion topic ever since, so the twins say. Friendship with these twin brothers has blossomed so much that we are now comfortable discussing apologetics — they keep me on my toes and I cannot get "lazy" in theological matters! I have to work hard to study and research so that I know what I am really talking about when I share what I believe. Lately, of their own accord, they have been attending church on the weekends. Of course, they keep it as a secret from their own community, but their parents have given them full blessings to go, which is unheard of in this context!

There have been many doubtful moments in my work as a refugee school teacher so far. Sometimes I catch myself wondering if this slow process is really making any progress at all. It's nothing like those missions trips with GM where we can preach to many people at one time, and they would be receptive. I realise that on all those trips, I've been riding on the hard work of the missions workers who do the daily hard work of ploughing and sowing. Daily mundane moments, but they still keep on. And so will I.

The verses that God has given me for this season are nestled in 2 Corinthians 4. In verse 1, so I do not lose heart. In verse 8, for the moments I feel hard pressed, I know I am not crushed. In verse 18, where I will fix my eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen.

And in the pressing on, there are glimpses of the glorious in the mundane that God shows me. Keep on keeping on, in the glorious or in the mundane.



## 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.

### INDIA

31 July - 13 August  
Ps Matthew Tan

### HYDERABAD, INDIA

06 - 13 August  
Ps Matthew Tan and Team

### WEST KALIMANTAN, INDONESIA

09 - 13 August  
Faith Chua and Team

### BATAM, RIAU ISLANDS, INDONESIA

17 August  
Low Wai Cheng and Team

### TG. PINANG, RIAU ISLANDS, INDONESIA

17 August  
Low Wai Cheng and Team

### HCMC, VIETNAM

20 - 27 August  
Ronnie Lee and Team

### WEST KALIMANTAN, INDONESIA

20 - 27 August  
Wang Zixuan and Team

### TG. UBAN, RIAU ISLANDS, INDONESIA

25 - 26 August  
Oh Myung Duk and Team

### NEPAL

25 August - 01 September  
Dr Lawrence Soh and Medical Team

# “IT WILL BE VERY HOT”

BY JUSTIN AND KIMBERLY WONG

We had been talking about going on a missions trip for the past 2 years, but it was only at the beginning of 2018 that we finally decided that we would take this step of faith and act on it. We signed up for a 9-day trip to a place we have never heard of - Assam - which was, apparently, in India. It turned out that we were the first 2 trippers to sign up, and we wondered what kind of team we would form with other people who might subsequently sign up for the same trip.

After signing up for the trip, friends and family began to express various concerns. They were concerned about our personal safety and our health. Even seasoned mission trippers warned us time and again that the weather would be very, very, very hot. Later on, we were also informed that we were the only 2 people who have signed up, and we will proceed with the trip regardless. This not only made the preparation and planning a lot more stressful, but also further heightened the concerns from our families. However, we were determined to keep our commitment, so we prayed and believed that God will see us through.

The entire trip was filled with His grace and abundance. From navigating airport immigration to transport arrangements of all modes, we were blessed with very smooth journeys. In His grace, God sent rain at just the right moments and the weather, though still hot, was not unbearable or very much hotter than what we are used to back home. We were also blessed with good health throughout the entire trip duration. Even as we left Singapore as a team of 2, we were caringly led by Ps Shwu Eng from the moment we met up with her at the Airport. It was a joy to minister alongside this group of dedicated and zealous servants of God. We were blessed by their joy and earnestness, as well as having learnt a great deal from them.

Our eyes are really opened to the constancy of the presence of God. We saw church gatherings held in a variety of physical conditions. From



the comfortable services of the 'mega churches' in the city, to those churches in the tribal areas with some even being difficult to access. The presence of the Lord and the fervour of the people are all one and the same. Their enthusiasm and warm hospitality touched our hearts even as they welcomed us so readily in their midst. As we worshipped together with them in a language foreign to us, joy filled our hearts and we had a glimpse of what heaven might be like when our Lord returns.

We had embarked on the trip just as we were – not particularly well-prepared, not trained in sharing the Word, not very enthusiastic and even a little worried, not in particularly good health and not really knowing what to expect. But God in His faithfulness protected us, led us, and empowered us to complete the work He had set out for us. This is proof that the trip was about Him, not us.



# R-AGE IN WEST KALIMANTAN, INDONESIA

BY RYAN CHIN



A team of 8 of us just returned from a wonderful time of ministry in West Kalimantan. We had the privilege of serving together with four of the local Bible college students. Language barrier aside, we managed to learn so much from each other — from picking up each other's language, to sharing stories of what our countries are like, and even learning how to do programs like skits together.

Our itinerary for this missions trip was a little different than usual, we had the opportunity to experience village stays! Over the seven days, we had one revival night service at the local Bible college, one 3D2N and another 2D1N village stay. During the village stays, we managed to lead services, children's programs, and workshop sessions catered specifically to men and women.

Two domestic flights and a four hour car ride was what it took to reach the first village. Once we got there it felt as if we travelled back in time! Having heard stories from my own parents on how it was like in their kampungs in the past, it sure felt similar. There was close to no electricity and no clean source of water. There were kids running around playing with sticks and bicycle tires, sitting on trees for shade, chickens and dogs running around the village and we even found ourselves waking up to the sound of the rooster crow. It truly was a great time of blessing and being blessed by the local people.

*"Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us" - Ephesians 3:20*

I believe that this verse really sums up one of the team's biggest takeaways from this trip — it wasn't that it was marked by crazy

moments or miracles. It was at the end of every day, we managed to see how God moved so much more than we could ever fathom, to see his hand present in every little thing that happened. Be it the long arduous (because they were so bumpy!) car rides filled with edifying conversations, to seeing the majesty of the milky way, to bringing half the village to watch a spontaneous sunset together.

*"I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth." - 1 Corinthians 3:7*

And at the end of the day, I believe that we weren't the only one who planted seeds, but we also received so much from the people as well. Be it their tremendous hospitality, the eagerness to serve us, their simple faith and obedience to God's call in their lives, may the seed planted in all of us be faithfully watered, and may we all get the growth, and God to get the glory.



# BOOK REVIEW

**GIVE ME THIS MOUNTAIN** by Helen Roseveare – Available at GI



Told with much honesty and keen spiritual insights, this autobiography by Helen Roseveare reveals to readers the journey of a woman missionary to Africa during the mid-twentieth century. The metaphor of mountains and valleys depicts her experiences of victory and darkness as she chronicled how in serving the people in Congo, she encountered dangers and personal suffering.

Dr Roseveare was not considered to be suitable for a missionary posting by the missionary training institute where she interned at due to her being “proud, always knowing better than others, unable to be told things or warned or criticized, difficult to live with, and so on.” However, the panel gave her the green light when they saw how she was able to laugh in the midst of difficult situations. She went on to spend more than 10 years in Africa.

**Some of her insights are worth noting:**

“Participation in His suffering is necessary to each one if we are to fulfil His will in this world; the pre-eminence of His son is essential that we may know His all-sufficiency at all times; praise through His sacrifice is possible even in the midst of danger and horror, as we rejoice in His working out of His purposes.”

To Dr Roseveare, it was a privilege to be His vessel and He was worthy of it all.

**THE LAST THING I'D EVER DO** by Peter Jordan – Available at GI



“Challenging though it sounds, I loved every minute of it. For the first time in my life I knew for certain that our family....were right in the centre of God’s will. What a contrast to how I had lived my first forty-two years on earth!”

Peter Jordan and his family shocked friends and relatives when, in the 1970s, they left their comfortable lives in Canada to follow God’s call to enrol in YWAM’s discipleship training school. There was no turning back for them since then. Up till today, they are still actively contributing to

missions training and mentoring the younger generations. In this very readable narrative, besides Peter Jordan, his wife Donna and their three daughters also gave their own perspectives of their faith journey. “It wasn’t long before we learned that the foremost attributes we needed were not Bible school or seminary degrees, Billy Graham’s preaching ability, or honed spiritual gifts. Instead, some of the best traits of a good missionary were flexibility, teachability, and a servant’s heart.”

This and many insights pepper the narrative as Peter Jordan recounts the journey that transforms him from merely wanting to be a “faithful churchgoer” to being a missionary, “the last thing I will ever do” he admits.

Reluctant though he was at first to obey God, he now confesses that “we will never know the deep joy of a fulfilling life until we surrender to his will.” We have much to learn from him and his family’s adventure into faith and missions. We realise that it is not about what we do but whether we are walking with him that matters most. This is seen in his succinct summation of the journey: “Through storms and failures, if I and my family have learned anything, it is this: Listen for God. Trust him. Obey him. That’s an unbeatable formula for life.”

## MISSIONS TRIP AVAILABLE

**BANGLADESH**

- 03 - 12 December

**INDIA**

- 03 - 10 December (Assam )

**NEPAL**

- 06 - 12 November
- 22 - 29 November

**SRI LANKA**

- 20 - 26 September (R-AGE)
- 22 - 28 November
- 06 - 12 December (R-AGE)

**VIETNAM**

- 06 - 12 November (Hanoi)

**MYANMAR**

- 21 - 26 October
- 03 - 08 November
- 13 - 19 December

**CAMBODIA**

- 12 - 19 November
- 21 - 27 December

**INDONESIA**

- 01 - 05 October  
W. Kalimantan
- 05 - 11 October  
W. Kalimantan
- 02 - 08 November  
W. Kalimantan (Chinese)
- 06 - 13 November  
W. Kalimantan
- 16 - 23 November  
Java
- 03 - 14 December  
Sulawesi
- 14 - 21 December  
W. Kalimantan

**RIAU ISLANDS, INDONESIA**

**Karimun**

- 24 - 26 November
- 15 - 16 December

**Tg. Pinang**

- 01 - 02 December

**Pekanbaru**

- 07 - 10 December

The dates listed here may be subjected to changes.  
Do send an email to [matthew.tan@graceaog.org](mailto:matthew.tan@graceaog.org) for more enquiries about the missions trips.



# EVENTS CALENDAR 2018

## AUGUST

1, 15, 29 Aug	WOG DBS	GI Gethsemane/GII Praise Room 10am
3 – 5 Aug	YAYP Retreat	Grand Paragon Hotel at JB
3 – 4 Aug	Restore To Wholeness Seminar	GI Sanctuary 3 Aug 7 - 10pm, 4 Aug 9am - 5pm
4 Aug	WOG SBS	GI Zion 10am
4, 25 Aug	Men Bible Study	GI L2 Eden 10am
4, 11, 18 & 25 Aug	Alpha	GI Fellowship Area 12pm-3pm
5 – 7 Aug	2018 Solemn Assemblies	GI Sanctuary, 8-10pm
7 Aug	Healing Room @ GI	GI Emmaus 7.30pm
8 Aug	Thanksgiving for the Nation	GI Bethel Hall 7.30pm-9pm
9 Aug	Celebrate National Unplugging Day with my family	Mount Faber
11 Aug	GPN Combine Meeting	GI Eden 10 -11.30am
12 Aug	GDP\\Water Baptism	GI Chapel 9am
14 Aug	Healing Room @ GI	GI Agape 7.30pm
29 Aug	J333 Prayer Meeting (Combined)	GI Galilee 7.30pm

## SEPTEMBER

1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 Sept	Alpha	GI Fellowship Area 12pm-3pm
4 Sept	Healing Room @ G1	GI Emmaus 7.30pm
11 Sept	Healing Room @ G2	GI Agape 7.30pm
8 Sept – 10 Nov (except 22 Sept & 27 Oct)	Kairos	GI 9am to 12pm
19 - 26 Sept	WOG DBS	GI Gethsemane/GII Praise Room 10am
22, 29 Sept	GDP\\102 FOF Class	GI Zion 9.30am – 12.30pm
26 Sept	J333 Prayer Meeting (Combined)	GI Galilee 7.30pm

## OCTOBER

2 Oct	Healing Room @ GI	GI Emmaus 7.30pm
6 Oct – 10 Nov (except 27 Oct)	Kairos	GI 9am to 12pm
10, 24 - 31 Oct	WOG DBS	GI Gethsemane/GII Praise Room 10am
6 Oct – 10 Nov (except 13 Oct)	Men Bible Study	GI Eden 10am
6 Oct – 10 Nov	WOG SBS	GI Zion 10am
9 Oct	Healing Room @ GI	GI Agape 7.30pm
31 Oct	J333 Prayer Meeting (Combined)	GI Galilee 7.30pm

Event details are subject to changes, please refer to [www.graceaog.org](http://www.graceaog.org) for latest info & updates.

# 10 Essential Truths About Christian Giving



Very often, people ask or wonder "what are the basic biblical principles for Christian giving?" Starting March 2018 and 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 6. The Bible teaches that Christian giving should be done in light of the incarnation.** Many Christians argue about whether the tithe (10% of our income) is still the standard for our giving to the Church (disputants usually want to show that less than 10% is fine). Paul scuttles the whole debate in one verse. He says: "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich" (2 Corinthians 8:9). Christ's self-giving is now the standard for our giving! We begin from the base of the tithe and aim for emulation of His self-sacrifice. Our giving is to be inspired and instructed by Christ's inexpressible gift. In light of such a challenge, who could possibly satisfy himself with asking "how little a percentage is acceptable for me to give?" **Do you try to get by with giving as little as possible to the Lord, or do you give in view of the Lord's costly sacrifice?**

**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:** Electronic Funds Transfer for Tithes & Offerings, Missions Giving Benefit of giving your tithe & offering through internet banking
  - Giving can be anytime, 24 hours daily.
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For more information please go to our website: <http://www.graceaog.org/online-giving/>

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## RECRUITMENT FOR PRAISE VISUAL (GII)

If you have always the desire to serve God in a ministry that serves the congregation in an "unseen" way, the CAMEL's Praise Visual is a ministry you can consider. This ministry helps with all the visual projection of worship lyrics, sermon notes, service announcements and video camera captures. You will be trained to use various equipment that handles static content projection to camera captures to mixing of visual content. If you have a technical inclination, this ministry needs you. Please email to [cam@graceaog.org](mailto:cam@graceaog.org). We look forward to hearing from you. Let's serve one another with God's love.

# An open letter regarding audio volume levels at Grace Assembly of God Church

To all our congregants:

Our audio staff is committed to keep Grace Assembly safe from unhealthy noise exposure. While having accumulated years of experience in the audio field including large-scale shows and events, system design/install and system setup/adjustment they strive to continually stay in touch with the latest sound techniques and trends in all kinds of environments (especially church settings), in different musical styles, and at various volume levels.

Measurements taken and logged in our main services across the different halls and rooms show that we are running at levels averaging 85dBA.<sup>1</sup> According to OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration, USA) this measurement of 85dB is an average exposure equivalent 'dosage' limit for 8 hours per day. As a gauge, a 1-hour service operating at 105dB(A)-slow of uninterrupted music (or noise), would still be in compliance with OSHA guidelines. However, at Grace Assembly we understand that loudness for its own sake does not achieve our purposes. As such, we adhere to even stricter regulations provided by WSH Council, Singapore to limit our SPL at 94dB(A)-slow over 1-hour.<sup>2</sup>

Be assured that it is and will be the goal of our staff to find the BEST volume for our services. There are many parameters that contribute to this "BEST" volume, and these factors change from day to day and even service to service. While we take into account cultural relevance, congregational engagement and expectations on the usage of sound and visual reinforcements we will not operate them to the detriment of the aural health of our congregations.<sup>3</sup>

## "Are we too loud?"

As sound levels may seem subjective, we have objective measurement data to offer a qualified "no". We are operating well within the noise exposure regulations. This enables us to find the BEST volume to support each service.

## "Are we monitoring the volume?"

Each hall that runs levels of 85dB or more is equipped with a Sound Pressure Level (SPL) meter. The Main Auditoriums are logged with industry standard test equipment to give us a complete, detailed and in-depth measurement of the SPL. Periodically, our audio staff will also do the measurement/logging of SPL levels in the other halls.

## "But it is still too loud for me!"

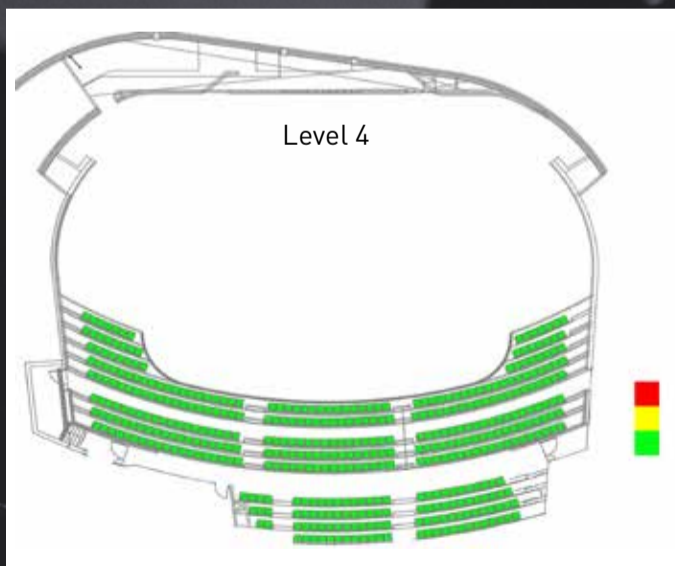
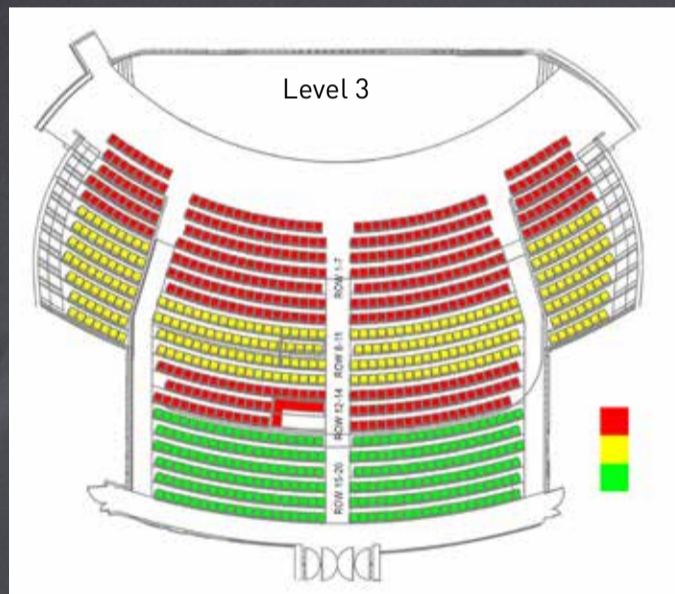
If the volume is still too loud or this explanation does not satisfy your concerns, please know that we do have YOUR safety as our utmost consideration. If you prefer, there is a wide variety of quieter seating options available, yet still have excellent line-of-sight to the stage and supporting screens (See insert – Heat Map). We will be updating this link <http://graceaog.org/audio-policy/> from time to time to keep you updated of the latest SPL changes, seating options, etc.

We sincerely hope that this has helped to address your concerns on noise exposure in our church services and communicate our spirit in this, that we have met your expectations with regards to safety and protection, with real measurements and professional attention.

Sincerely,

**Christopher Soh**

Producer, Grace Media  
Grace Assembly of God  
August 2018



As a pilot project, we are glad to inform you that we are providing industry standard safety earplugs to all who really require one. We will have our audiologist to access your aural health to match the correct earplugs. Please email us at [cam@graceaog.org](mailto:cam@graceaog.org) with your request. This will be on a first come, first-served basis.



<sup>1</sup> Sound Pressure Level (SPL) dB(A)-slow and Level 'exposure' equivalents (Leq) are logged in all our main halls to reflect the actual levels exposure/'dosage', and as an ongoing study, developing a historical report to ensure that we are within the safety compliance as according to guidelines. These logs are obtained with various test equipment including TREND, Smart, and others.

<sup>2</sup> WSH [Noise] Regulations 2011 - <https://sso.agc.gov.sg/SL/WSHA2006-S424-2011>

<sup>3</sup> Go to this link <http://graceaog.org/audio-policy/> to check our "Audio Volume Policy" for our actual Sound Pressure Level (SPL) values that we adhere to.

n.b. the contents and approach to this letter have been adapted and adopted from Willow Creek Community Church

# FREE BUS SERVICE FROM PUNGGOL, SENGKANG TO GRACE I, TANGLIN ROAD

BEGINNING 3 JUNE 2018, those who are attending 9 am Sunday Services (English or Mandarin) at Grace Assembly, can use the free bus transport from Punggol & Sengkang areas to Grace I Tanglin Road.

The location of pick-up points & the timings are listed below:

**POINTS** Pick-Up Point (1)

**BUS STOP CODES \*** Bus Stop BC0020  
Outside Waterway Point

**NEAREST MRT** Punggol MRT

**TIME** 0800 HRS



**POINTS** Pick-Up Point (2)

**BUS STOP CODES \*** Bus Stop B67409  
Outside Compass One

**NEAREST MRT** Sengkang MRT

**TIME** 0810 HRS



**POINTS** Drop-Off Point  
Grace I, Tanglin Road  
0845 Hrs

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# 恩典—福建堂



- 1-2 崇拜
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- 5 查经课
- 6 祷告会





# 见证

王发业与许美华（恩典一 福建堂）

感谢神的恩典与带领，让太太和我得以认识恩典堂，走进恩典堂，在恩典一福建堂事奉。

未到恩典堂之前，我们曾在北区一间教会崇拜，因太太的健康和交通不便的缘故，很多的事奉都无法参与，只是做星期天的基督徒而已。渴望服事的心越发强烈，于是我们便开始寻找住家附近教会，直到去年5月，我们来到恩典一福建堂，在这里感受到牧师、传道和弟兄姐妹洋溢的热情，促使我们继续留下来参加崇拜。

在福建堂第一次的事奉，就是参与招待员的服侍，不久便加入爱心探访组的服侍，虽然只有1年的时间，但却领受了神信实的恩典，让我有机会参与。

我盼望弟兄姐妹能特守在恩典堂大家庭里彼此相爱的见证，接待更多来到教会的朋友，与他们分享这份上帝赐予恩典堂的幸福。

将一切感恩归给我们在天上的父！



## 9月7日（五）

晚上七点半  
恩典一 / 加利利堂  
355 Tanglin Road



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# GRACE SERVICES

## GRACE I SERVICES: 355 Tanglin Road Singapore 247960

### SATURDAY 1.30 PM

Hokkien Service Galilee Level 1

### 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

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

### SUNDAY 5 PM

Khush Khabri Fellowship Emmaus Level 3

## J333

**01, 15 AUG, 7.30pm**  
 @ GI L3 Emmaus Hall &  
 GII L3 Agape Room

**29 AUG - Combined J333, 7.30pm**  
 @ GI L1 Galilee

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

### SATURDAY 2 PM

Elevate @ R-AGE Youth (15-19 Yrs Old) Agape Level 3

### SUNDAY 9 AM

English Service Chapel Level 4  
 Mandarin Service Sanctuary Level 2  
 Shine @ Grace Kids (7-10 Yrs Old) Love Level 2  
 Sparkle @ Grace Kids (3-6 Yrs Old) Kindness Level 4

### SUNDAY 11.15 AM

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

### SUNDAY 1.30 PM

Filipino Service Chapel Level 4

## GRACE ASSEMBLY OF GOD

**Grace I: 355 Tanglin Road Singapore 247960**  
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# Chinese Special Service

with *Li Nanxing*  
*@ Grace*

Bring your mandarin speaking pre- believing loved ones and friends to our special Chinese evangelistic service with celebrity Li Nanxing on 22 September at Bethel Hall.

Nanxing will share how his triple “falls” – career, investment and a literal high-rise fall – led to his miraculously discovery of God.

How the Lord subsequently delivered him from gambling, drinking and smoking addictions and He has led him out from financial ruin.

Mark this date! Allow the Lord to use this powerful testimony to bring His salvation of your loved ones and friends!

DATE Sat 22 September

VENUE Grace I  
(Bethel Hall)

TIME 5 pm

*Note : Li Nanxing will speak  
in Mandarin without any  
interpretation*

