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A FATHER'S DIARY Be a real protector

BY FRANCIS LEE

Superman, Spider-Man and other Marvel or Justice League characters are great superheroes because of their strength, might and the sense of justice. These superheroes always appear at the right time to save the people or their girlfriends. They are also called the protectors of the city.

As fathers, we play the role of a hero and the protector very often.

Imagine a cockroach flying or a dog charging to the young child. Then Ta-da...the father, the hero, came to the rescue. His hero has appeared, exterminated the cockroach, and chased the dog away. The child is safe in the arms of the father. The father will usually teach what the child what to do to protect himself. Perhaps the father will even try to ensure the environment is rid of any evident danger for the child.

However, the superheroes are not all powerful and like our Heavenly Father. Each of them has a weakness. The most infamous superhero, Superman's weakness is the kryptonite. His enemies will find ways to ensure that Superman's weakness is exposed while he will avoid the kryptonite so that he will be effective as a protector.

Fathers have weaknesses too. We must also gear up to protect ourselves so that we can be the protector of the family.

I always remember the preacher who preached in my church. She said, "Men are susceptible to these 3G: Gold, Glory and Girls."

The first G- Gold: Have we protected the finances by not investing wrongly, gamble the money away, spent unwisely or have we devoted too much time for a bigger pay packet; at the expense of time with our children?

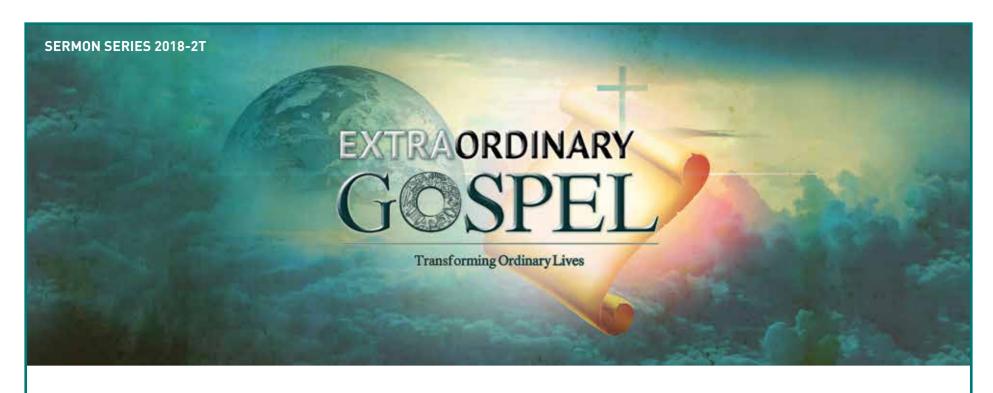
The second G- Glory: Have we been pursuing the corporate ladder, enlarging our businesses to be recognised, fighting for more power at the expense of spending time with our children and knowing what our children are doing?

The third G - Girls: Have we been involved in an unhealthy relationship or having the third party in the marital situation that would rock the whole household.

What do the 3Gs do? They draw the fathers away from home and thus causing the fathers to be absent from the child. An element critically important for a protector or a superhero. If you are not the child's superhero, nobody will.

As we honour the fathers on this Father's Day, let us reflect on how our Heavenly Father has been a superhero to us. Let us ask Him for the wisdom to play this role to the best of our potential by protecting ourselves and being present for our children. Our children love us and adore us

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY.



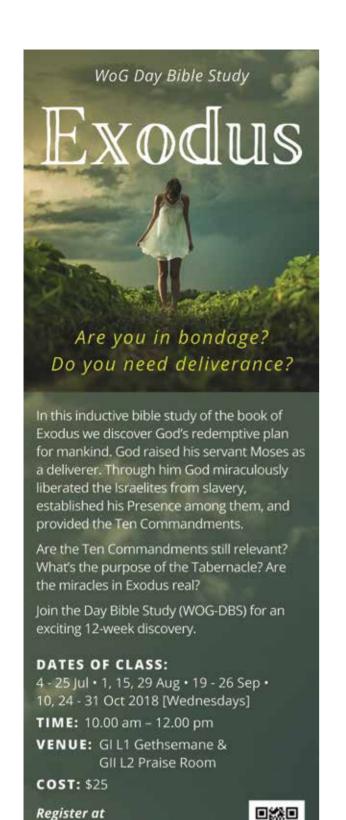
What do we think of when we hear the word, "Gospel"? Often, we would think of it as the good news we heard and received at the point of our conversion, and thereafter we would not give it much more thought. That is, until we are introducing Christ to another person or when we are inviting someone to go to an evangelistic event to hear the gospel message. In actuality, the true gospel doesn't just save us but it transforms our entire Christian life. In his letter to the Galatians, Paul vigorously defends the need to hold onto the true gospel and not be distracted by other versions that would affect their faith and life. Indeed, when we understand the powerful truth of this Extraordinary Gospel, we will grow in unity, grace, security, freedom and love. From July to August, invite your friends and family to Grace Assembly to experience the Extraordinary **GOSPEL: Transforming Ordinary Lives!**

SERMONS:

- 1. Truth, and nothing but the Truth
- 2. Major on the Major
- 3. Live the Life
- 4. Purpose behind the Purpose
- 5. Secure as Sons
- 6. Faith that brings Freedom
- 7. Relate to Restore

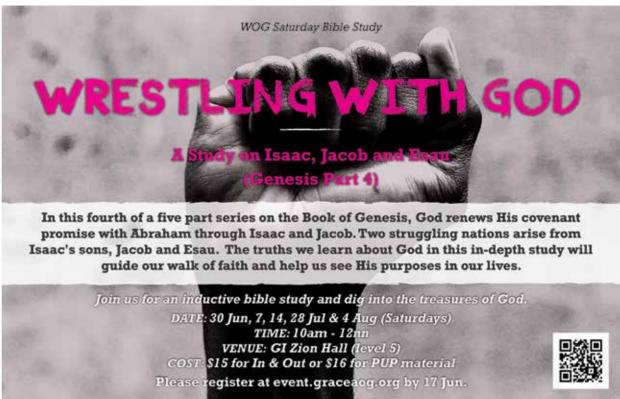


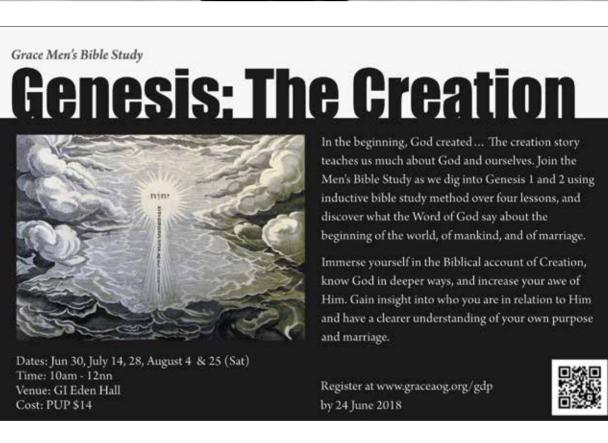


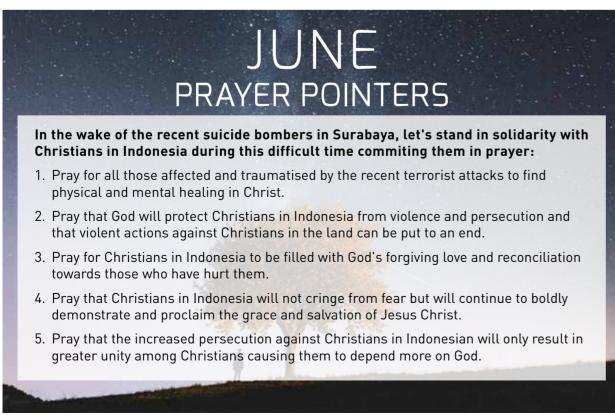


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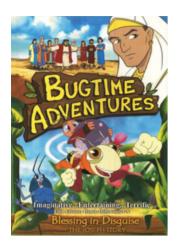








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BUGTIME ADVENTURES Blessing in Disguise - The Joseph Story

Joseph was sold into slavery by his own brothers and then spent years in jail.

Through it all he kept his faith and eventually found himself in position of authority in Egypt.

Joseph now holds power over his brothers and is faced with the choice of forgiveness or revenge.

The value of forgiveness

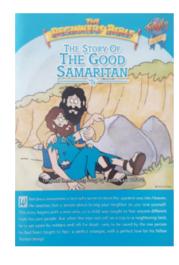
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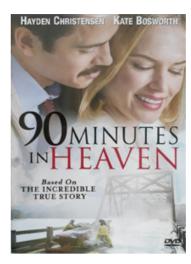
When Jesus encounters a man, who wants to learn the quickest way into Heaven, He teaches him a lesson about loving your neighbour as you love yourself.

The story begins with a man who, as a child was taught to fear anyone different from his own people.

But when the man sets off on a trip to a neighbouring land, he is set upon by robbers and left for dead - only to be saved by the one person he had been taught to fear; a perfect stranger, with a perfect love for his fellow human begins!

Love your neighbour as yourself





90 MINUTES IN HEAVEN

(DVD)

Based on The Incredible True Story

Pastor Don Piper died January 18, 1989 when a semi-tractor truck crashed his car. Declared dead by the first rescue workers to arrive on the scene, Don's body lay under a tarp for the next 90 minutes.

Don's soul, meanwhile, was experiencing love, joy, and life like he'd never known before. He was in Heaven!

When another pastor's prayers helped bring Don back to life, he became a living miracle! Yet this is one miracle Don wished never happened.

Was there a purpose to his return to earth?

Hope and encouragement

FamilyLife@ Grace Event Calendar 20181

JUNE

- Father's Workshop: Setting Foundation of Fatherhood
- Short-Term Mission Trip -Tanjong Pinang
- Parents' Workshop

JULY

• Couples' Workshop + Dinner

AUGUST

- MPDP 3rd Run
- Alpha Marriage
- · Alpha Parenting for teenagers
- Family Bonding Event "Celebrate National UNPLUGGING day with your family"
- Restored to wholeness seminar

SEPTEMBER

• Father's Workshop: Establishing Moral Authority

OCTOBER

• Sexual Wholeness Workshops

DECEMBER

• Short-Term Mission Trip -Tanjong Pinang

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"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

Celebrate National **UNPLUGGING** day with my family

DATE: 9 August 2018 (Thursday - National Day)

TIME: 8.30 am - 12.30 pm

VENUE: Mount Faber Park / Henderson Waves (Meeting point: Meet at Habourfront MRT station -Exit D)

FEE: \$15* for 1 parent & 1 child (child's age: between 5 to 14)

*Fee includes \$10 McDonalds voucher and

2x goodie bags

Additional participant: \$4 (includes 1x goodie bag)

REGISTRATION: Sign up at https://event.graceaog.org/ by 31 July 2018

For any enquiries, please email AskFamilyLife@gmail.com

"Twelve-year-olds here spend almost 46 hours a week - or over 6½ hours daily - glued to a screen. Even nine-year-olds are spending over 24 hours a week, or about 3½ hours daily, doing the same." (Source: 'Digital habits in Singapore', Straits Times, 2 April 2017)

Are you communicating with your children through mobile phone SMS, whatsapp, facebook, instant messaging or e-mails most of the time? Are your children eating their meals and looking at their mobile phone at the same time? Parents are culprits too. Parents are often too "plugged in" to their smart phones and digital devices to pay attention to their own children. Not having enough quality interaction and being digital distracted has affected parents' relationship with their children. A US survey conducted in 2014 called the "State of the Kids Survey," which found that "62 percent of kids think parents are too distracted to listen." Another study published in Pediatrics observed that 40 out of 55 caregivers used their mobile device during meals at fast food restaurants and 16 used the device almost continuously. Today, children are watching what their parents are doing and copying that behaviour. In a research study by Dr. Sherry Turkle, a clinical psychologist and a professor of Social Studies of Science and Technology at MIT, she found that children felt that their parents paid less attention to them than to their smartphones, especially at mealtimes, in the car, during sporting events and even sometimes during bedtime stories.

Quoting from Dr. Turkle in an interview:

"Conversation is the most human and humanizing thing that we do. It's where empathy is born, where intimacy is born - because of eye contact, because we can hear the tones of another person's voice, sense their body movements, sense their presence. It's where we learn about other people. But, without meaning to, without having made a plan, we've actually moved away from conversations in a way that my research was showing is hurting us".

We need to engage in face-to-face interactions with our children because it lets them know that you are interested in what they say and do. Face-to-face interactions between a parent and child are the building blocks of the child's emotional, social, and cognitive growth. "For a child, being face-to-face with you adds a special quality to the interaction. It brings you closer to her, physically and emotionally, and makes her feel that you're really with her" (Weitzman & Greenberg, p.75).

Family needs an unplugging day to DISCONNECT their TV, computers, smart phones, electronic gadgets and RECONNECT with each other offline. To create opportunity for this family bonding time, Family Life @ Grace is inviting you for a Family Fun, Relaxing, Unplugging, Interactive Trail (F.R.U.I.T.) trip at Mount Faber. Do join us on National Day for a morning breeze walk which includes fun activities and family interactions as we visit Mount Faber Park and Henderson waves.

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PARENTS ARE CHILDREN TOO

Giving birth is NOT the toughest thing about having a baby. My emotional struggle was what almost swallowed me up.

For 9 years I desperately wanted a child. Now that he was here, I wasn't sure I could do it. Post natal blues were as real to me as the child I was holding in my hands. My bubbly happy self vanished under the weight and burden of trying to be a good mum and failing at every step.

Breastfeeding was a killer. Some mums take to it like fish to water. I felt like a cow every single time. The World Health Organisation stipulates moms should breastfeed their babies for a minimum 6 months to give them immunity and nutrition. I did the mandatory months but crossed out each day in a calendar.

Prior to Daniel's arrival, I was a highly organised, driven individual with weekly goals I strove to hit. With a baby in the house constantly throwing a spanner in the works, I lost all control.

How did I get through it? God used my mother. The same one drove me nuts most of my growing years. I was always closer to dad than mum. Mum seemed to value boys more due to her Sri Lankan heritage. She drove me hard and expected perfection with little affirmation. My Eurasian dad on the other hand looked at me like I was an angel from heaven. I was his little girl who could do no wrong. I went to him with crazy ideas and problems, and he always gave me Godly counsel. He passed away a year before my husband and I came to Singapore. I really felt the loss when Daniel was born.

Daniel was my mum's first grandchild. She came to stay with me for the first 3 months after his birth. The mum whom I had kept at a distance became my greatest encouragement, a true gift from God. As she saw me sink under the weight of depression and fear, it was her prayers and Godly words that lifted me. Every day, she spoke God's Word into my life and ministered to me. I can only imagine how tiring it was for her to be there by my side doing this while handling my confinement duties and looking after her grandchild.

There were three very powerful truths she spoke into my life that helped me rise above my emotions.

1. It's ok to make mistakes. Your child doesn't know any better.

She told me not to worry about Daniel. He doesn't know any better. He's a child for the first time just as I am a mum for the first time. Just as I don't judge him for the way he behaves, he won't judge me. We're in it together. We fail and succeed together. Every day, I made a choice to enjoy it and not be so hard on myself.

2. You're the best parents for your child because God chose you.

She reminded me that parenting was a call. If God waited 9 years to prepare us for this child and gave him to us at this destined moment, no matter how unprepared and lousy I feel about myself, God has equipped Colin and I with everything we need to raise Daniel. We are the perfect parents for him. There's no other parents out there who are more right than us. We have the strength, grace, power and anointing from God to do this job. I wasn't going at it alone. God's always with me.

3. You're a child too.

When my mum told me this, I felt waves of love washing over me. She reminded me that I'm not just a parent. I'm also a child. I am her child. She loves me. I can go to her for help and advice anytime and she'll be there for me. But more importantly, I am God's child. If I'm scared, alone or make mistakes, He's there by my side, rescuing me, loving me and wanting the best for me just as I want what's best for Daniel.

The Holy Spirit reminded me of Luke 12:29-31 ... do not keep worrying. For all these things the nations of the world eagerly seek; but your Father knows that you need these things. But seek His kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

It was the point of my breakthrough. And with that, I knelt in my bedroom and surrendered all control. I told God I didn't care how messy the house was, how much Daniel cried, or laughed or how well he hit his milestones. I knew that nothing I can do compares to God's care and love for him. So I was going to give it my best shot with God's help, trusting my Father to help me raise his child.

It's funny - I've heard parents say that after having kids they can't seem to find time to pray. After having my son, I became more desperate to pray. I am reminded every day, how helpless I am and how much I need him. I started praying differently for sure - making my way from the outer court to the holy of holies, many times I tripped over Thomas the Train. But I definitely pray more. And He answers - not always in a way I expect. But always in His own special way.

Uma would love to hear if you've been blessed or encouraged by her articles at uma.tan@hyperisland.sg

Grace Filipino Ministry: Couple's Night LOVE & CROSS







GFM's Couple's Night themed "Love & Cross held at a romantic ambiance where gaze of yachts and the sea of Raffles Marina was just one of the take away of the sixteen couples on the 30th April. The sky might have forbidden the sun to show off but it had not hindered the event to carry on. The theme for the night was 1950, it perked up with the sweet love songs serenades of the GFM Singles Ministry that made the couples feel the love when they just started as husband and wife.

Many asked why love & cross? An alarming survey of divorce rate comparing Christian and non-Christian marriages lately showed that there is not much of difference. Seeing this trend is a reminder to all couples on how to safeguard their relationship. Marriage is not always a bed of roses, however, we can be assured that whenever we put God at the center of our marriage, we will be amazed on how God can orchestrate the tangle of "love and suffering"; the truth in every marriage can't let off the hook.

The event was graced by a Marriage Coach, author of marriage books who had been obedient on God's calling to help people's relationships in the line of marriage; Bro Steven Chan with his wife Sis Michelle. After having been married for more than 36 years and knowing each other for 42 years, had experienced challenges as couple yet they overcame by the grace of God. Likewise, the participating couples were quoted as those who were "interested in their marriage" for taking time to the event and listening profusely to the sharing. Bro Steven shared his views on how to achieve "Maximum marriage"; a marriage that can be enjoyed fully by the couples.

What can make marriage challenging is when intimacy is lost and this has to be regained for the marriage to reach its maximum. Intimacy between couples releases the power of God over marriage. The 5 areas of intimacy as shared by Bro Steven are Physical, Recreational, Emotional, Financial and Spiritual Intimacy. Regaining Spiritual Intimacy by "praying with each other" was the one given emphasis. "Praying with each other as couple is a powerful tool to build marriage; which Bro Steven believes that it is far more important than praying "for each other." As couple prays with each other; it sets forth hedge of protection over marriage; as quoted from Ephesians 4:2-3 that we have to be in unity of the Spirit through praying together. He concluded with a great encouragement from 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 to pray continually as this draws us closer to the presence of the Lord thus protecting our marriage.

A demonstration of Recreational Intimacy was the finale of the event when couple's hit the dance floor giving delight, awe and surprise to some who had unveiled great hidden talents. The unquenchable laughter of the couples was the testimonial of the night's grand slam.

It was indeed a fulfilling night of great message and reminder on how every couple could safeguard and how the sacred unity could give glory to the designer of this magnificent bond of marriage; our Lord Almighty!

All went home with big smiles and with hearts filled with rekindled love for one another. All Glory to God!

By Sis Jeremy Retuta



ALPHA a GRACE WITH REGION A GMGs!



This year 2018, Alpha course began in March and will end in June, it is held at Grace I on Friday evenings. For the first time, it is run concurrently in English and Hokkien. Invitations were opened to both English and Hokkien services. A record 50 pre-believing guests signed up (30 from English, 20 from Hokkien)! Dinner is a combined communal gathering, after which the English and Hokkien groups will have separate sessions, starting with 'icebreakers', 'sing-alongs', 'live' talks or video introducing various topics about Christianity, and ending with small-group discussions.

GMGs in Region A were encouraged to support and be involved in this outreach program. Two GMGs – New Life and IGNITE signed up as leaders, helpers and volunteers. Led by bro Andy Tan and main coordinator for English group, sis Tan Pei En, the Alpha Core Committee encouraged, briefed and prepared the GMG volunteers for the exciting tasks ahead. All the planning and hard work came to fruition on Alpha Weekend Away on 28-29 April at City Beach Resort, West Coast.

Up until and including the Weekend Away, there were total 9 salvation cases (4 from English, 5 from Chinese) and 12 received the baptism in the Spirit (6 from English, 6 from Chinese). We are praying for more souls to enter the kingdom of God by the end of the program. We give God all the glory for His everlasting love, gracious mercy and powerful supernatural work!

Testimonies from New Life GMG

"Am thankful that I have facilitated a group. At the end I was so blessed to see salvation and members were growing in maturity in the Lord from the day Alpha started." Wee Tee Phong (GMG Leader)

"My eyes have seen the mercy and salvation that is given to those who call upon His name. I am blessed to witness the lives that are impacted. The smile and joy on their faces." Wilson Chua (GMG Asst Leader)

"It has been an awesome time serving in Alpha as a GMG. Friendships were made and through Alpha, it brought me back to the simplicity and basis of having a relationship with God." Eileen Cheong

"Benefitted from the video and safe environment to discuss very personal questions like, 'Is there more to life than this? and Does God heal today?' Great experience as we humble ourselves and allow the Holy Spirit to search and heal our hearts once again." Susan Ling

"Being part of this Alpha program made me realize how great a treasure Christ is to me personally & to those who are spiritually lost & dry. It's been a joyful yet humbling journey as I walk with dear friends to share this Treasure of infinite value to pre & new believers! Joyful to see the transformation and growth of those who just began their journey of faith. Humbled to know all that we are and have, we owe it to our Lord Jesus! Christ in us is the Hope of glory!" Bu Kian Hui

"I am blessed and encouraged to see all of us serving together and playing a part in fulfilling the Great Commission regardless of our role in Alpha. It is amazing to see how we can be used by God for His glory. Even as I served food to our guests behind the buffet tables or lead them in games, I am thankful that I am also participating in

glorifying Him." Sophie Quah

"I learned that I may not be able to personally impact & care for the guests, I can care by cooking a personal dish for both guests & helpers. In turn, some helpers helped me resolved some resentment issues with practical applications from God's Word (Rom 12)." Chris Loke

"I am humbled by how amazingly God brought the visitors to Alpha. In my own finite mind, I cannot comprehend who would come to Alpha course. Yet, faithfully, the Lord brought His treasured people to Alpha week after week and ministered to them. Indeed, His ways are higher than ours. It is my privilege to witness His greatness at work in the hearts of every one of us." Clarissa Fong

"Serving in Alpha has been a humbling experience. The cell group members went with a simple mission to avail ourselves, whether in knowledge, skills (cooking/PA) or just be of help. But we came away

awed upon witnessing the powerful move of the Holy Spirit in the midst of the pre-believers. I felt blessed to have served alongside my fellow brothers and sisters and to have gotten to know them at a deeper level." Tan Wee Feng

Testimonies from IGNITE GMG

"The videos by Nicky Gumbel were interesting and clear in terms of the topic presentation. The videos and small group discussion helps to build my basic Christian foundation. An excellent approach to reach out to pre-believers, new believers and back slided Christians. My faith strengthened especially during the Weekend Away where I received the baptism of the Holy Spirit." John Goh (GMG leader)

"The Alpha program has reminded me of the fundamentals of my faith. It has also deepened my relationship with God and renewed my commitment to Him." Tan Gim Hoon (GMG Leader)

"Gave me an opportunity to serve. It also refreshes me on the foundation of our faith and provide fellowship with cell members and new comers." Simon Seow (GMG Asst Leader)

"The contents covered in Alpha were very good. However, there are too many sessions which resulted in the cell group not being able to meet for almost 3 months." Amy Jen & Jek Long

"We learnt a lot from the video teaching and the sharing during group discussions. Attempting to answer pre-believers' questions also helped to consolidate our thought process. Am now better equipped to share the gospel!" Sebastian Yap & Celia Chong









RURAL CHURCH PLANTING — BUSINESS IN MISSIONS

BY CALEB KHOO, Missionary in West Kalimantan

Freshly harvested corn. Fragrant white rice. Savoury, crunchy keropok.

We sat down at our dining table and tucked in to a hearty lunch. A special prayer of thanksgiving was said to remember where a part of it had come from. The local church planters that we have been training here in West Kalimantan have all started small businesses such as farming rice or corn, selling durians, and making kueh-kueh and keropok for sale. These are supported by Grace Missions both financially in the form of a 'seed fund', as well as practically in the form of training to run and sustain a successful business.

So what does running a business have to do with planting churches? Why don't we just concentrate all our efforts on equipping them spiritually in matters relating specifically to their churches?

In a church planting situation, Church Planters do not receive a fixed salary, but rely on the tithes and offerings of their congregations. In rural settings where most people are poor, the amount of money collected through tithing and offerings are simply insufficient for them to make a living. Whatever little they have are usually given to meet the numerous needs of their churches, from paying rents to building toilets, acquiring chairs, guitars and Bibles. Most of the Church Planters are pastors with families, with children who needs to be fed and to be sent to schools. Their hearts may desire to serve the Lord in a full-time capacity, but if they cannot even make ends meet, many will inevitably give up.

During the two years of training that the Church Planters undergo with Grace Missions, we give them an allowance to keep them going. The

seed fund
(to kickstart
the business)
and business
training will help
them to continue
independently
after those two
years of training
are completed
and allowance



stopped. We want them to not only start businesses but succeed in their businesses, so that they can keep their gospel work going strong.

Over the years our pool of Church Planters in the region have been growing. This is heartening news for Grace Missions as we are now seeing the fruits of our labour. This tells us that much ground can be won for the Lord when people are able to plant, grow and harvest in both the physical and spiritual aspects! Indeed, the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.

Join us in praying this physical and spiritual fruit into being. Pray that their faith and businesses will flourish, so that their churches will also flourish and many more souls will be welcomed into the Kingdom of God.



JUN 2018

ARISE / DEPEND / SHINE

BY MOK XIN MUN

In the first week of April 2018, a group of ten people from R-AGE embarked on a mission trip to Yangon, Myanmar. Over there, we organized a three-day youth camp and a children camp, both centered around the theme 'Arise and Shine' (Isaiah 60:1). We conducted various workshops, games and bible stories to bring across the theme. Throughout the trip, God was with us, guiding us and growing us in different areas.

A recurring lesson that we learnt through the trip was to depend on God rather than our own abilities. We were limited in our time, experience and communication - planning two camps in a little more than a month, impromptu changes in our schedules, stepping up to lead and run programmes for the first time, and language barriers. But it is in our limitations where we are forced to depend on God alone, not our skills, amplifying God's glory. He pulled us through the two camps, gave us courage to run the programmes, and also provided us with leaders and translators who helped us to communicate with the campers and patiently taught us their language. Truly, all glory goes to God.



My personal highlight was when I was tasked to preach a sermon during the youth camp. I remembered being very anxious at the start of the day, wanting to tell my trip leader to get someone else to preach instead. However, God was with me throughout the process, calming me down and giving me the words to say when I had to restructure the sermon just hours before service. God had also used this opportunity to grow me and guide me back to Him. While preparing for this sermon (which is based on Psalm 1), He convicted me of how there are only two ways of living, no in-between, meaning that I

cannot claim to follow Him but my actions and how I live my life does not show that I am a follower of Christ. Rather, I need to follow Him wholly.

Furthermore, the community formed among us is something that I am thankful for. Even though some of us came into the



trip knowing almost no one, eight consecutive days with every waking hour spent together, from morning devotions to debriefs at night, has built relationships between us. Having a Christ-centered community is important as we can sharpen each other, growing together. We are also able to keep each other accountable even after the trip as we shared one thing we are going to do back in Singapore and whether or not our lives had changed in the few weeks after the trip during the post trip debrief.

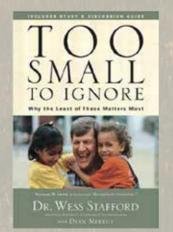
Right before we boarded the plane back to Singapore, our trip leader shared with us a word from Luke 9:23-27, reminding us that if we want to follow God, we must first deny ourselves, take up our cross daily and follow. The trip was great and all, but what counts is how our lives have changed even when we are back in Singapore, back to our daily routines. Some may find it difficult to continue serving God with the same fervor as during the trip maybe because of all our responsibilities or the fear to step out of our comfort zones. However, our mission field is not only in Myanmar or whichever country we went to, but also in our workplaces, our schools and our homes. When we fix our eyes on the ultimate goal which is to lead people to God, it will be easier for us to lose sight of our distractions, to follow and to serve Him like how we did during the mission trip. It is a challenge for us to take up daily.

MISSIONS CORNER

Have you visited the Missions Corner in GI (At Fellowship Hall, L2) or GII (behind the café, L1)?

If not, come on Sundays after the service to:

- Pray with others for the nations with updated Grace Missions prayer request
- Sign up for a missions trip to bless the nations
- Sign up for a course on missions Kairos
- Borrow a book to read about people and events on missions
- Watch the videos of recent missions trips
- Hand make something that will be given to the places where missions teams go
- Donate a book on missions



Here is a book that you can check out -

"For 32 years, I have fought for little ones who have no voice and no choice. The passion that gripped me at age 10 still rages within me today."

Authored by *Dr Wess Stafford*, founder of Compassion International, the book "Too Small to Ignore: Why the Least of These Matters Most" unravels the heart-breaking story of his journey as the son of a missionary couple in Africa. Grossly mistreated at the boarding school, even as his spirit was nearly consumed by the flame of the candle he was forced to hold in his little fingers, another flame ignited in his heart. Later on as an adult, God redeemed his experience, enabling him to find an NGO to reach out to children in vulnerable circumstances. Dr Stafford found meaning in igniting hearts to shine the light of God's compassion into the otherwise dark circumstances of little children across the world.

As a reader, I was very much captivated by his account, which is as honest as it is heart-wrenching. It compels readers to see children with God's eyes of compassion, and brings home the message that seeds sown into these little lives have vast potential to impact society at large for they are the future generation. It is a good read that will shape how we view children's ministry.

A STEP OF FAITH, INTO JOY

BY AMELIA CHONG

"He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing. And you are to love those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt." - Deuteronomy 10:18-19

Six of us, in a team from the YAYP led by Peter Lim, embarked on a missions trip to Bangladesh in March 2018. Our work in Bangladesh was divided into three sections: a gospel rally and prayer sessions in two villages, a workshop with local and tribal pastors, and a visit to the huge campsite of the Rohingya refugees.

At the pastors' conference, it was a time of learning about the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and

spiritual gifts. Many of the pastors travelled long hours from their villages near the country borders, and shared victorious accounts of overcoming intense trials and persecution.

We also had the chance to pray with them and intercede for the young adults in their communities for an increase in numbers, growth, and the raising up of leaders. It was a powerful end to the day of teaching. Indeed as Psalm 89:24 says — "My faithfulness and My steadfast love shall be with him, and in my name shall his horn (a symbol of strength) be exalted."

We will never forget the incredibly powerful move of the Holy Spirit we experienced. As we embraced the leading of the Holy Spirit, we felt the presence of the Lord resting tangibly among us. The day after Peter preached on the healing of the man on the mat in Luke 5; we prayed over a sickly man lying on a mat, and witnessed him pick up his mat, danced around the room, and later go on to accepting Christ declaring "Joy Jishu!" "Joy Jishu!" This is a powerful declaration often made by Bangladeshi Christians, and translates directly to "Win, Jesus!", or "Jesus is Victorious!" These words are often uttered with great conviction, as an "amen". Throughout our time in Bangladesh, it was a constant reminder that we were simply partnering with God in the work that He was already doing in lives and communities there. It was an encouragement for us to be bold and courageous!

Our encounter with the Rohingya refugees was eye-opening. We had the chance to serve the refugees in simple ways - we handed out aid, helped the children cut their fingernails and brush their hair. We sang and prayed over the beautiful children. While it was heartening to see bright smiles from many of them, we met others who had sadness and despair etched into their young faces. Please join us as we continue to pray for the Rohingya who are facing uncertain futures in these camps.

Through our interactions with the Bangladeshis, we were reminded of how heavy-handed judgments, preconceived perceptions and misplaced assumptions of others, even an entire people group, can cause us to miss out on opportunities to show love and graciousness, and to even share the Gospel with them. As Christians, how are we treating the foreigners in our own backyard? At the end of the trip, we found ourselves aching to stay on, among a people and place we had grown to love. Thank you, Jesus!







REFLECTION ON KAIROS AFTER GRADUATION DAY ON 28 APRIL 2018 BY MYUNG DUK

In the past, my contribution to missions was issuing a cheque to Grace Missions during the Missions Convention week, and a few weekend trips to Riau islands. I did it merely as a part of my Christian duty. Then, a few years ago, I heard a speaker from the pulpit saying: "Great Commission is not just a great suggestion, but God's mandate for all believers." God began to challenge my heart. He started to remove a deep-seated fear within me about missions. I wanted to do something but I didn't know where to start. I communicated my vague desire for missions to Pastor Peck Yin, and she advised me to enrol in Kairos course, assuring me I would benefit much from it. And I did! It was hosted in another venue. I told Pastor Peck Yin how I wished we, at Grace Assembly, could host the course.

Indeed, God heard me. The first Kairos course was held in Grace II in February this year; and on 28th April, the first batch of 25 Kairos participants graduated with certificates handed out by Ps Wilson Teo. Ps Scott shared a short message exhorting the Gracians to follow up upon what they have learn and get involved in missions especially among the Least Reached People groups.

We have experienced God's faithfulness in opening the door to Kairos, and in raising willing and able facilitators from our church to serve.

What is so GOOD about the Kairos course?

It is GOOD, because it helps us to embrace the global vision of God for the cause of Christ. To some, this may sound somewhat too 'big and heavy'. But the course content and structure are highly engaging and versatile. Through the various course components (worship, prayer, devotion, small group discussion, video, lectures, special hand-on activities, and tea time for bonding), God does His wonderful work of revealing His global vision for All Nations.

What is the GOOD work that God did in me through this course?

The pattern of my praying and giving has changed. My interactions with foreign nationals has become more intentional. Mission trips are no longer programme-centred, but built on prayer and connection with the host community. Also through the course, I am motivated to learn the language of the host culture, so as to be better connected for the work of mission. All in all, God effected a shift from a paradigm of 'I-centredness' toward that of 'God-centredness'.

Come on board, Gracians, on this exciting journey. It will certainly be a GOOD journey to catch the fire from our Father's heart for the nations.

Envisioning the day... every nation, tribe, people, and language standing before the Throne worshipping in unison the Awesome God who is the Lord of all.

God's mission to reach all peoples of the earth starts in Genesis and is the common thread all the way to Revelation. Kairos will help you take a fresh look at scripture and understand it, and all of history, from God's perspective. It will call you to a truly biblical worldview, challenge you to embrace God's vision, and equip you to find your place in God's mission.

Kairos is for all Christians at any point in their journey with God. It is not a missions course for missions people, but an opportunity for all God's people to have their worldviews transformed and aligned with God's heart for the nations. He has called us all to play a part in His mission, and there are many different roles to fill. Kairos wants to help you catch that vision and find your place.

This course is suitable if you have been on a missions trip or are thinking of going for a missions trip. In the course, you will have a bigger picture of what God is doing in the world and what part you play in what He is doing in history.

VENUE

Grace Assembly of God / Grace I 355 Tanglin Road, S247960

COURSE FEE: \$50

DATES

Session 1-8 (Sat, 9am-12pm) 08 Sep, 15 Sep, 29 Sep, 06 Oct, 13 Oct, 20 Oct, 03 Nov, 10 Nov.

Session 9 (Sat, 9am-4.30pm)
17 Nov (Integration Day)

INTEGRATION DAY

17 Nov 2018 (9 am to 5pm)

Register at GI & GII Missions Corner or email to kairos@graceaog.org

CLOSING DATE: 31 July 2018



UPCOMING MISSIONS TRIPS

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

WEST KALIMANTAN, **INDONESIA**

01 June - 08 June Caleb Khoo and Team

18 June - 24 June Ryan Chin and Team from R-AGE

29 June - 06 July Eugene Chan and Team

TG. PINANG, RIAU ISLANDS, **INDONESIA**

02 June - 04 June Katherine Wong and Team

EAST ASIA

07 June - 16 June Rev Richard Wee

17 June - 25 June Rev Walter Lim

24 June - 01 July Rev Richard Wee

ASSAM, INDIA

09 June - 18 June Justin Wong and Team

CAMBODIA

16 June - 22 June Rev Au Wai Ching and Team

JAVA, INDONESIA

18 June - 23 June Roger Tan

KARIMUN, RIAU ISLANDS, **INDONESIA**

23 June - 24 June Alex Ngew and Team

MYANMAR

23 June - 29 June Cheng Tee Hiang and Team

30 June - 05 July Rev Lim Bee Ngor and Team

MISSIONS TRIP SCHEDULE 2018

BANGLADESH

• 03 - 12 December

• 03 - 10 December (Assam)

NEPAL

- 25 August 01 September (Medical Camp)
- 06 12 November
- 14 20 December

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

- 08 12 August
- 12 19 November
- 22 25 November (Healing Crusades)
- 21 27 December

INDONESIA

- 09 14 August W. Kalimantan
- 20 27 August Singkawang, W. Kalimantan (Chinese)
- 01 05 October W. Kalimantan
- 02 08 November Singkawang, W. Kalimantan (Chinese)
- 16 23 November Java
- 03 14 December Sulawesi
- 14 21 December Singkawang, W. Kalimantan (YAYP)

RIAU ISLANDS, INDONESIA

17 August

- 24 26 November
- 15 16 December

Tg. Pinang

• 01 - 02 December

Tg. Uban

25 - 26 August

Pekanbaru

07 - 10 December

The dates listed here may be subjected to changes. Do send an email to **matthew.tan@graceaog.org** for more enquiries about the missions trips.



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

JUNE		
1 June	Combined Alpha Course	GI 7.30pm
		Eden Hall L2 (English session)
		Powerhub Room L2 (Hokkien session)
5 June	Healing room ଢ GI	GI Emmaus 7.30pm
7-11 June	Grace Retreat	Sunway Pyramid Hotel
12 June	Healing room ଢ GII	GII Agape 7.30pm
27 June	J333 Prayer Meeting (Combined)	GI Galilee 7.30pm
30 June	WOG SBS	Gl Zion 10am
JULY		
3 July	Healing Room @ GI	GI Emmaus 7.30pm
4 – 25 July	WOG DBS	GI Gethsemane/GII Praise Room 10am
5 July	GDP 103 Baptism Class	GII Glory 7.30pm
7, 14 & 28 July	Men Bible Study	GI L2 Eden 10am
7,14 & 28 July	WOG SBS	GI Zion 10am
10 July	Healing Room @ GII	GII Agape 7.30pm
12 July	GDP Membership Connect	GII Glory 7.30pm
19 – 21 July	Ong Thing Conference	GI Bethel 8.30am
25 July	J333 Prayer Meeting (Combined)	GI Galilee 7.30pm
AUGUST		
1,15, 29 Aug	WOG DBS	GI Gethsemane/GII Praise Room 10am
3 – 5 Aug	YAYP Retreat	Grand Paragon Hotel at JB
4 Aug	WOG SBS	GI Zion 10am
4, 11 Aug	Men Bible Study	GI L2 Eden 10am
5 – 7 Aug	2018 Solemn Assemblies	GII Sanctuary
7 Aug	Healing Room @ GI	GI Emmaus 7.30pm
8 Aug	Thanksgiving for the Nation	
12 Aug	GDP\\Water Baptism	GII Chapel
14 Aug	Healing Room @ GII	GII Agape 7.30pm
29 Aug	J333 Prayer Meeting (Combined)	GI Galilee 7.30pm

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 4. The Lord Jesus reminds us that our giving is ultimately to the all-seeing heavenly Father. Jesus said "When you give . . . ; your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you" (Matthew 6:3-4). When we give, we are not simply adding to the Church budget, we are giving up a thank offering to the Father Himself. Thus, we must all give "as unto the Lord." Our ultimate goal in giving is to please Him. Are you conscious of the fact that your giving is to the Lord and seen by the Lord?

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.

For more information please go to our website: http://www.graceaog.org/online-giving/



Chew Shu Yin

14 CHURCHWIDE JUN 2018

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 BUS STOP CODES * NEAREST MRT TIME

Pick-Up Bus Stop BC0020 Punggol MRT 0800 Hrs

Point (1) Outside Waterway Point



Pick-UpBus Stop B67409Sengkang MRT0810 HrsPoint (2)Outside Compass One



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

* NOTE:

Bus stop codes are displayed at the top of sign posts with bus numbers Alternatively refer to website for bus stop codes $\rightarrow \rightarrow$ http://www.streetdirectory.com/

STAFF RECRUITMENT

FACILITIES ASSISTANT FOR GRACE ASSEMBLY @ TANGLIN ROAD

The Facilities Assistant helps the Facilities Team to manage the day-to-day operations of the church building. The day-to-day operations cover maintenance, housekeeping, and upkeep of the facility, support the booking of hall/room facilities' set-up, follow-up/update on the compliance and practice of safety and security measures, perform 1st level trouble shooting of the electrical & mechanical work defects, liaise/supervise contractor during maintenance work & repair services, and handle building services/logistics during weekend & special event services.

QUALIFICATIONS/REQUIREMENTS

Minimum qualification: Possess a minimum NTC 3 in M&E or equivalent, knowledge of MS Office, minimum 1 year working experience with facility & security will be an advantage, preferably a PR or Singaporean, and with good communication skills, flexibility and physical dexterity for the job.

PRODUCTION MANAGER

Grace Media has a vacancy for the position of a Production Manager who will be responsible to organise and execute events and productions.

PREREQUISITES

- Able to work independently with minimum supervision, and multi-task in a fast-paced, evolving and highly people centric environment.
- Possess good written/verbal communication, and interpersonal skills
- Excel under stress and tight datelines.
- Possess basic design and video editing skills.
- · Well-organized, creative, meticulous and attentive to details.

QUALIFICATIONS

Diploma in Film Sound Video (FSV), Mass Communication or related discipline and have at least 2 years relevant experience in a production house or event company.

AV EXECUTIVE

Grace Media has a vacancy for the position of an AV Executive who will be responsible to provide technical, media and logistical support for events and productions.

PREREQUISITES

- Highly motivated team player with a positive attitude and mindset.
- Able to multi-task in a fast-paced environment with constant change.
- Possess good written/verbal communication, and interpersonal skills.
- · Excel under stress and tight datelines.
- Possess basic electrical knowledge and skills.
- Well-organized, creative, meticulous and attentive to details.

QUALIFICATIONS

Minimum NITEC in Media Studies, Film studies or related discipline. Fresh graduates may apply.

Interested candidates are invited to submit a comprehensive resume stating qualification, experience, expected salary and contact numbers to hr@graceaog.org by 30 June 2018. Only shortlisted candidates will be notified for the interview.

简介「JC恩典团契 |

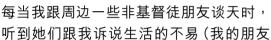
「JC恩典团契」是中文事工于2017年为著向本地的中国人分享福音而开始成立的一个组织和活动平台,是专注于向中国人家庭的外展事工。新加坡的发展引入大批外国人士,其中又以来自中国的群体占有很大的数量。这是一个很大的禾场,也是一个传福音的契机。然而大多数的社交圈通常都局限于本身相同文化背景的人,导致向中国人传福音的事工往往都碰到了困难。本著关爱灵魂的异象,我们致力建立适合联系中国新朋友的聚会和活动方式。经过一年多的尝试和努力,JC恩典团契成功接触许多的中国人新朋友。所主办的活动包括中秋晚会,亲子讲座,圣诞福音聚会,跨年烧烤露营等等,尤其是吸引了有小孩的年轻家庭。

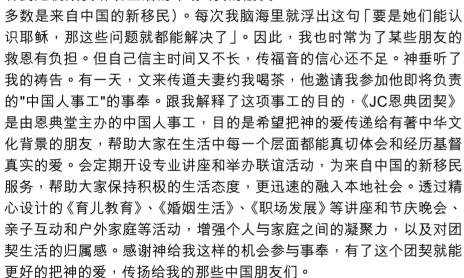
目前,事工面对其中一个的挑战,就是新朋友对定期的聚会反应不是很积极。这也导致2018年的事工进展并没有达到预期的效果。经过核心团队的讨论和调整后, JC恩典团接下来将会专注在两方面。第一,透过建立美好关系和关怀需要,让新朋友们认识和感受到神的爱。第二,继续主办新朋友感兴趣的活动,使他们慢慢适应聚会的方式,并且有机会与他们分享福音。请继续为中国人事工和核心团队祷告,让福音的种子透过这个事工播撒在中国人新朋友的心中。

我的见证

张燕

2009年我随丈夫从中国携家来到新加坡。2014年因为家庭变故而信主。在家庭变故期间,虽然周边有好多的亲朋好友给予扶持和关怀。但神给予我的安慰和爱,是我从人那边体会不到的。我非常明确的知道,耶稣基督就是我的救主。





在神的仆人文来传道的带领下,核心成员们开始为著事工组祷告。不久后,为来自中国的新朋友们开设的活动接二连三的开始了。有贴近生活的"亲子讲座","跨年亲子露营"以及传讲福音的"中秋团契"等。一系列活动下来,福音传扬的进展并没有我们预期的效果。对于这些无神论的群体,要把耶稣带进他们的生命,要改变他们关于"宗教"的所有看法实在不易。非常感恩,我们虽然没有马上收割,但是相信我们的播种是有效的。他们对我们这一系列的活动并不排斥,有些朋友也愿意把他们各自在生活中,遇到的一些困难跟我们分享。有些因在婚姻关系中挣;自些因孩子的管教艰辛;有些因工作的压力所困等等。持续半年以来统行没有感受到收割的快乐。就在其他组员信心不足时,文来传道继续带领大家向神祷告。神垂听我们同心合一的祷告,神也添加组员的信心,明别智慧给文来弟兄又重新规范,打造一套希望更适合新朋友的新课程。这次是以比较轻松小范围的聚会方式,跟新朋友们建立更好亲密的人际关系,使新朋友能放松的适应这个团队的团契。让他们通过这些活动感受到神的爱,感受到爱神和被神爱的人,生命是不一样的。

正如耶稣在约翰福音4章36至38节所说的:「收割的人得工价,积蓄五谷到永生,叫播种的和收割的一同快乐。」参与这个侍奉以来,我发现,不要因为我们不能为神做什么而感到气馁。我们的才能并不是基本条件,而是他在掌管著我们的手指,我们所依靠的才是重要的。将我们的才能和恩赐献给神吧!









16 CHINESE MINISTRY JUN 2018





母亲节

- 1. 186位母亲出席粤语堂 聚会聚
- 2. 恩典一华语堂 小朋友 把礼物送给众妈妈们
- 3. 恩典二福建堂
- 4. 恩典一粤语堂母亲节节目
- 5. 恩典二华语堂母亲节短剧











JUN 2018 CHINESE MINISTRY 17

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

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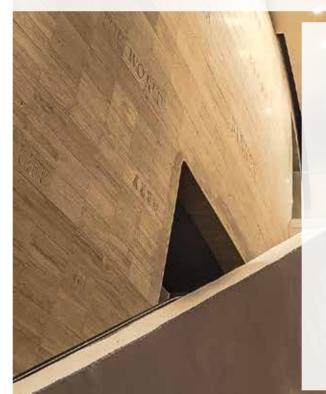
Chapel

06, 13, 20 JUNE, 7.30pm @ GI L3 Emmaus Hall & GII L3 Agape Room

27 JUNE - Combined J333, 7.30pm @ GI L1 Galilee

Level 4

Level 4



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

Level 3

SATURDAY 2 PM

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

Emmaus

SUNDAY 9 AM **Enalish Service** Level 4 Chapel Mandarin Service Sanctuary Level 2 Shine @ Grace Kids (7-10 Yrs Old) Level 2 Love Sparkle @ Grace Kids (3-6 Yrs Old) Kindness Level 4

SUNDAY 11.15 AM

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

Chapel

Filipino Service

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