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Rainbow over Grace

According to Genesis, the rainbow in the sky after the flood is a sign of God's promise that He would never again destroy the earth with a flood (Genesis 9:13-17).

Each time we see the rainbow, let us be reminded of its significance.

First, may it remind us of the judgement that we actually deserve and God's merciful character of love that we will not suffer the same judgement.

Second, it also reminds us that He is a covenant keeping God. He stands by His word. He is a faithful God.

May this reminder of His love encourage us to always come before Him with a heart of gratefulness.

Ps Calvin Lee Senior Pastor

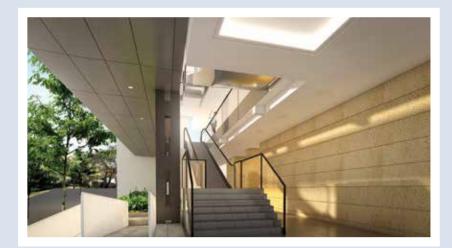


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Perspectives of GII Additions & Alterations

(Artist's Impressions for illustration Purposes)

The A&A shall commence work around May 2018.



Escalator from 1st to 2nd level, and from 2nd level to 3rd level



Pantry at 1st level



Extension of the prayer rooms next to the Chapel, 4th level



Youth Hall at 3rd level.



MAY PRAYER POINTERS **PRAYER FOR GRACIAN FAMILIES:** 1. Pray for families to be united and the bond within the families to be strong. 2. Pray for protection and safety over every family in Grace. Pray that God will lead them with His mighty hand and deliver them from the enemy that seeks to hinder their way. 3. For families going through trials, pray that they will have the strength to persevere through any troubles that they face. 4. Pray that there is forgiveness in the home and that family members will forgive one another for any sins they have committed against one another. 5. For family members in Gracian families who

are not yet saved, pray that they will encounter

Christ and come to salvation.



What's your experience like at J333?

"It's my privilege to come together with the increasing number of GII Gracians to corporately stand in the gap to pray for families, church & missional matters that are God's heartbeat." – Lydia Koh

"It was a powerful J333! Desperation for God = powerful prayer meeting!" – *Irene Cheah*



Introducing Grace Missional College Module in MAY 2018

BIBT325: PNEUMATOLOGY (STUDY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT)

10-12 May

Professor: Dr Jerry Horner

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



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.

REGISTRATION

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

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

Closing date: 7 May 2018

Further enquiries, please email to gmcollege@graceaog.org

UPCOMPING 2ND TERM 2018 MODULES

6-8 September: New Testament Survey by Dr Jerry Horner

17-19 October: Apologetics by Dr Jerry Horner

22-24 November: Missional Worship by Rev Lee Meng Cham



Join our first Alpha in MANDARIN

What is Christianity really about? Why does God allow evil in this world? How can I have faith? If you ever had these questions...then we invite you to try Alpha.

Since July 2012, Grace Assembly has been hosting the Alpha course. Started by the Holy Trinity Brompton church in London, the course is designed to provide a safe and friendly environment for pre-believers and new Christians to explore the Christian faith.

Over the 15 sessions, participants are encouraged to ask any questions they may have about Christianity. No question is considered too simple or hostile. They are also free to leave the course at any time, and will not be pressured to convert at any point.

Each session begins with a meal, where participants and facilitators can relax and get to know each other. This is followed by simple ice-breakers and a live talk or video. After this, participants break into small groups for discussion.

One of the highlights of the course is a weekend retreat, or the Alpha Weekend Away, where participants are given an opportunity to encounter the Holy Spirit in a guided session. Many participants experience powerful breakthroughs during this time.

To date, over 29 million people in more than 160 countries have attended Alpha and come to know the Lord on a deeper level. Some have joined a church, started attending a cell group regularly, or even become Alpha volunteers.











In March this year, Grace conducted our first ever Hokkien Alpha that ran in tandem with the regular English Alpha, at GI. Cell groups IGNITE and New Life from Grace Missional Groups (Region A) were roped in to facilitate the sessions for the first time as well. Together with existing Alpha volunteers, they formed a

60-strong team to support a record of 55 guests on their faith journey. Praise be to God!

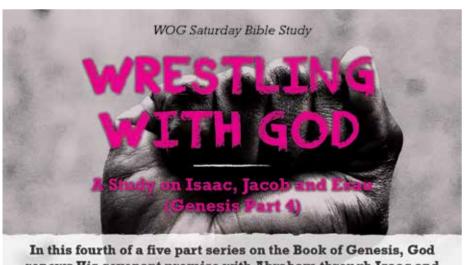
Join us for the next Alpha run in GII. Starting in early July, the sessions will take place every Saturday, 11.30am – 3pm. Due to popular demand, we will be conducting Alpha in Mandarin for the first time — alongside Alpha in English.

For more information, please visit http://alpha.graceaog.org/

To sign up as a participant or volunteer, please contact Andy at alpha@graceaog.org

If you know of someone who will benefit from Alpha, do reach out to them these coming months and invite them as well.

For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. - Luke 11:10



renews His covenant promise with Abraham through Isaac and Jacob. Two struggling nations arise from Isaac's sons, Jacob and Esau. The truths we learn about God in this in-depth study will guide our walk of faith and help us see His purposes in our lives.







Dates: Jun 30, July 14, 28, August 4 & 25 (Sat) Time: 10am - 12nn Venue: GI Eden Hall

Cost: PUP \$14

Register at event.graceaog.org by 17 Jun.

The creation story teaches us much about God and ourselves. Join the Men's Bible Study as we dig into Genesis 1 and 2 using inductive bible study method over four lessons, and discover what the Word of God say about the beginning of the world, of mankind, and of marriage.

Immerse yourself in the Biblical account of Creation, know God in deeper ways, and increase your awe of Him. Gain insight into who you are in relation to Him and have a clearer understanding of your own purpose and marriage.

GRACE NUGGETS

Since February, FamilyLife@Grace has launched "GRACE NUGGETS; a weekly 3 minute video message about Family Life. In our first series on building strong marriages; our speaker, Steven Chan has shared marriage tips from his book, Maximum Marriage. Below are some feedback from Gracians who had tuned in...

- These videos have given us many biblical based tips to build our marriage and other couples' marriages too! — Vincent & Lydia
- Steven's videos are short and provides nuggets of wisdom in each one. If you want to take your marriage to the next level, watch and heed the advice given. — Kenneth Kwan and Janelle Kwok
- On the 3rd episode on "Thou shalt not KILL."
 reviews an enemy we all know so well, and yet
 are unguarded against. As, soldiers of God's
 kingdom, we need to constantly guard our spiritual,
 emotional, physical, recreational and financial
 intimacy. Kenneth Kwa & Piah Ling
- If you need some sparks to rekindle the "passion" in your marriage, the practical tips offered by Steven will come in handy — Frank & Carol Boey

Don't worry if you have missed the earlier series, all the episodes are still made available at our website our FamilyLife@Grace website and Grace phone apps under "Grace Nuggets". For those who have benefited and wanting more, here's the topics for the next coming weeks starting first Monday of May...

- Saying Sorry is an Intense Act of Reconcilation
- Tips to enjoy sex with your spouse
- Lousy Lovers don't make Great Parents
- Intimacy In Money Matters
- Speak well of each other
- Exploit Conficts to build a Maximum Marriage

So, let's learn and grow your marriage and glorify God together with these weekly video messages "GRACE NUGGETS". So remember to catch us on every Monday.

PARENTING TALK

Empowering our Child with Conscious Parenting (Importance of Effective Boundaries)

Date : 2 June 2018 Saturday Time : 9.30am – 12.30pm

Speaker : Mr Kenny Chen (RC Counselor)

Cost : \$15 per pax or \$25 per couple minimum 40 pax

Venue : Eden@GI

Parenting need not be a very painful journey for many of us parents. But many times, we struggled raising our children. Sometimes, it is a struggle between Control and Freedom. Sometimes, it is our own internal struggle of frustration and guilt. We love our children, yet at the same time, we fear losing them. How do we strike a balance of love and limitations?

This talk challenges traditional parenting strategies that focuses on controlling children and asks you to fully engage with them as individuals to foster authentic connection. In order to truly connect with your children, you have to first connect with yourself and become fully conscious.

When we are truly conscious, then we can set healthy boundaries and limitations to help them grow and transit into healthy adulthood and at the same time, be able to accept and love them for who they are. This talk also aims to help parents gain insights and provide guidance you need to help your children take responsibility for their actions, attitudes, and emotions and gain deeper appreciation and respect for both for you and for themselves.

LEARNING OUTCOME:

By the end of the course, participants/parents will be able to:

- 1. Discover a new awakening from our past as parents
- 2. Identify our reactivity towards our child
- 3. Relate to effective boundaries, consequences and limits in parenting skills

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Kenny Chen

Counsellor, REACH Counselling Service

Kenny holds a Masters of Social Science (Professional Counselling) with Swinburne University of Technology, Australia. He is also a certified Prepare & Enrich Facilitator and an ACTA-certified trainer. With these qualification and skills, he has helped couples in preparation for a fulfilling marriage and helped many other couples deal with a wide range of marital issues in their marriages.

He has been developing and conducting training to people from all walks of life such as marriage preparation programme and parenting talks. As a father of two grown up children, he can identify the challenges that parents are facing in different stage of their child's development and able to share some of his parenting experience.



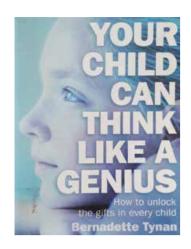
"But as for me and my family, we will serve the LORD." Joshua 24:15

If you need to make counselling appointment, please contact:

Pastor Benjamin Wong 9066-2994

All counselling sessions are strictly private and confidential

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



YOUR CHILD CAN THINK LIKE A GENIUS How to unlock the gifts in every child

In this innovative and exciting book, Tynan, expert in gifted children, explodes the myths about genius.

Parents are given straight answers to tough questions: why 'one size doesn't fit all in learning'; what we can learn from the childhoods of geniuses; why genius is made more than born; how to crack school ability and IQ tests; how our brains think and learn; how to tailor-make learning for exam success, and more.

Children's individual gifts come in many different packages, the trick is to know what to look for and how to nurture them

READ AND SHARE וחעחו

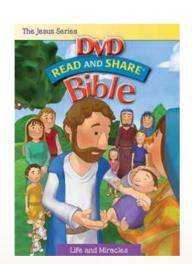
Life and Miracles

Take a wonder-filled journey with Jesus and His disciples.

Animated straight from the pages of the popular Read and Share(R) Bible, The Jesus Series introduces children to the life of Christ.

This DVD is an uninterrupted half-hour presentation of Jesus' ministry along the shores of Lake Galilee and the villages near Nazareth. Children will see Jesus call His disciples, feed 5.000 people, heal the sick, teach about God's kingdom and introduce the Lord's Supper.

Presenting the life of Christ in a way that little ones can understand and build a solid foundation on.





MUMS' NIGHT OUT וחעחו

What could go wrong?

Friends Allyson, Sondra and Izzy desperately need a short break from parenting duties and want to have a girls' night together.

However, in order for them to enjoy dressing up, adult conversation and dining on food served on real plates instead of in paper bags, they have to rely on their husbands to watch the children for three hours.

Naturally, everything that can go wrong, does, resulting in an unforgettable night for all involved.

A fun family movie!

MAY

- MPDP 2nd Run
- ALPHA Parenting for children

JUNE

• Father's Workshop: Setting Foundation of Fatherhood

FamilyLife@

Grace Event

Calendar 2018!

- Short-Term Mission Trip Tanjong Pinang
- Parents' Workshop

JULY

• Couples' Workshop + Dinner

AUGUST

- MPDP 3rd Run
- Alpha Marriage
- Alpha Parenting for teenager
- Family Bonding Event
- Restored to wholeness seminar

SEPTEMBER

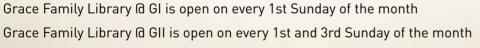
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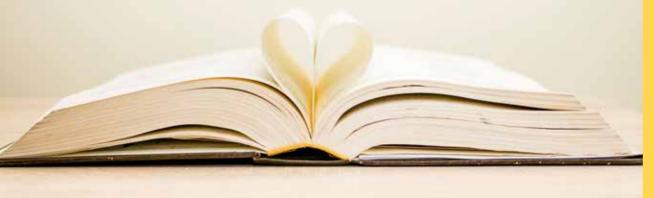
OCTOBER

Sexual Wholeness Workshops

DECEMBER

• Short-Term Mission Trip - Tanjong Pinang





A FATHER'S DIARY -

The uncommon courage of a man: The courage of a FATHER

BY FRANCIS LEE

I was excited for the arrival of my grandniece. We visited her recently and saw the petite girl. So cute!

Everyone crowded around and took turns to carry the baby. However, I remained at my corner. Somehow, there was this hesitation about carrying the baby.

Oh, why am I so reluctant?

Where did the courage that I used to have to carry the babies go to? With the experiences of carrying my three babies in the arms when they were infants, I should not doubt my ability to carry my grandniece.

My nephew attempted to persuade me to carry but I let it pass.

I saw my nephew, just like me when I was a young father. He did not have any issue carrying the baby. I recalled that I did not have any problem carrying my three children when they were infants too. I could rock them, feed them, change them, bathe them and did everything for them. But why the hesitation now?

Aha! The truth is simple.

I am not the father of my grandniece but I am the father of my own. I did what a father would do: love them, protect them, care for them.... and carried them in my arms when they cried for food, comfort and companionship.

This is what Heavenly Father will do and even more! How much more will our Father in heaven love us? How much more will our Father in heaven will do for His children. It will blow our minds.

I know I need to don the courage at every stage of their growth and brace with them in the journey. Unfortunately, sometimes we are setback by their reaction towards us. At times, we are tired and feel that we cannot go on. Sometimes we shed tears at the secret place of our heart.

Continue to be strong and courageous, work with your spouse for two is better than one. Go further and commit everything to the Lord so that there are three in a team in the parenting journey. (Joshua 1:9)

Do not worry, you and I, will make some mistakes here and there. However, we will be fine and the child will be fine too. We will have strength that we know not. When all else fail, fret not for the Heavenly Father is always there.

"Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?" Matthew 6:26 NIV

I believe when the Lord calls, He provides as well. He provides for the resources to meet every physical, emotional, and spiritual needs.

Have fun and enjoy this special moment of uncommon courage and the privilege of being dad and mum.



BY UMA RUDD CHIA

THE GOD OF ANGEL ARMIES & THE MIRACLE CHILD

God blessed me with my son Daniel after 9 years of standing on His promise. But almost every night during the 9 months I carried him, I dreamed that the devil was going to steal him.

I stood on Psalm 91 which I committed to memory and spoke over Daniel every day. I had a miscarriage two years before and was plagued with the fear of losing this child too. The weekly hormone jabs to support my pregnancy gave me bad mood swings. But I chose to remain calm and pray God's word over my life.

During my third trimester, my brother in KL got married. My husband attended the wedding, while I stayed home alone on doctor's orders. That night I dreamed that an old woman had come out of the television to take my baby. I woke up in fright and for a few seconds saw her standing by my bedside. I screamed and rebuked her and she vanished.

I went to the living room, curled up on the sofa and cried out to God. After a while, I felt my body surrounded by warmth and light. When I looked up, I saw luminous silky feathers wrapping me. A large angel with a gigantic wingspan had his wings of protection around me.

I was reminded of Psalm 91:4: "He will cover you with His feathers and under His wings will you take refuge." I knew at that moment, that God was looking after this child.

I went into labour on Sept 24, 2008, at 4am. It was my birthday. It was our first baby so my husband and I spent about 15 minutes googling "labour signs" before rushing to the hospital. I even jumped into my bathtub between contractions to shave my legs because I didn't want to give birth with hairy legs. You're probably laughing - and yes, little did I know this would be the least of my worries.

From the second I was admitted at NUH, everything that could go wrong went wrong. The anaesthesiologist administering my epidural missed 12 times. I had to sit still enduring the contractions for 45 minutes while this was being done. When he finally finished, there was a puddle of blood behind my back.

With pain now made bearable, I rested for an hour while my husband went to re-park our car and sort out the hospital administration stuff. Soon after he left, a hunchback Chinese doctor sneaked into my labour suite. He toyed with the monitors and turned the knobs whilst sniggering. He had dark eye liner on and looked evil. I thought to myself either this was the devil or I was hallucinating. I saw him walk out.

My husband came back and found me shaking from head to toe. It was a reaction to the epidural. My gynaecologist rushed in and discovered I was 8cm dilated. There was meconium in my womb which was endangering the baby. Daniel's heartbeat had become erratic so they had to put in a stent for a more accurate reading. Even that malfunctioned.

All of a sudden, my back felt drenched and the pain increased. The epidural had leaked onto my back as it wasn't inserted right. Now I had no choice but to give birth without pain killers.

The doctor wanted to induce the baby with oxytocin. This took my dilation up quickly to 10cm but the baby's head had not engaged. The midwife started getting nervous. Nurses were walking in and remarking to each other inconsiderately that I would need a C section.

After a couple of hours of unbearable pain, I was ready to throw in the towel. I looked up at my husband in desperation and was surprised by who stood next to him. He was as tall as the ceiling. Dressed in middle eastern armour with tanned skin and dark brown coarse hair, he wore a metal helmet and carried a large leather-sheathed sword. His nose was sharp with a high bridge. His expression was stern as he turned his piercing brown eyes straight at me.

I stared right back thinking the pain must be driving me nuts. I was wondering why my husband couldn't see him. He spoke with authority, "I am Daniel's angel. I have been with him from the day he was conceived and will be with him every day of his life. He's going to be alright. So are you."

Those words just washed over me, filling my heart with faith. The midwife saw my countenance lift and asked me to try pushing to see if the baby would engage. Miraculously, the baby engaged. Without any pain killers, feeling every second of the birth, and with a very frightened husband who was praying hard by my side, I gave birth. My gynaecologist arrived just on time to catch the baby as he was being pushed out.

Daniel was born at 3.33kg - healthy and gorgeous with pixie-like features. My gynaecologist was under the mistaken notion that my epidural was still working. I got 24 stitches without any pain killer - it was excruciating. Despite the exhaustion, pain and high ever, I knew in my heart, everything would be alright. The devil intended to harm me but the God of angel armies was there to deliver my victory.

Today, Daniel is a healthy 9 year old who loves Jesus. He knows he has a powerful warring angel watching over him. When the battle was at its fiercest, the Lord was at His strongest. I learnt that day that God won't put us through anything we can't handle. His grace is sufficient. And for those moments when we need a little extra help, He gives His angels charge over us.



Jurong Street Evangelism: A Fruitful Harvest!

We have just had our March evangelism outreach at Jurong East MRT Station. As the coordinator of the outreach, I listened attentively with anxiety when some groups started to share their testimonies. Their voices were frequently drowned by the rattling sound of an approaching train and that of the ambient noise. When I heard one group report one salvation, my eyes beamed with delight. A while later, another group reported 2 salvations, and I was elated. Finally the last group returned and shared their testimony. Did I hear it wrongly? My heart pounded heavily and my mind went blank for a moment. I requested them to repeat again. Oh my God! They saved another 3 souls! I was stunned. Our team of 19 believers – mostly Gracians who were quite inexperienced and amateurish in witnessing for Christ – had saved 6 souls within a short span of 2 hours! How could this be possible without the invisible hands of our sovereign God!

God has amazed me unceasingly! During our February outreach, God gave a sister a vision to evangelize to a man wearing a black shirt. Together with another sister and me, the three of us approached a

number of men fitting the description but were rejected. As the clock kept ticking, soon it was almost time for us to join the rest of the team for debriefing. As we walked towards the designated rendezvous point, we saw a teenager of another race and faith wearing a black T shirt. Even though our human minds told us not to waste our time to approach him, the Holy Spirit prompted us to make a last-ditch attempt. To our amazement, his heart was so ready that he decided to receive Jesus Christ within 5 minutes of listening to the gospel we shared.

Jesus promised in John 14:21 that, "He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him." Brothers and sisters, I wish to invite you to express your love to our Lord Jesus by partnering Him in our next street evangelism outreach. Those who are interested may contact me at HP number 86147420.

By Cheng Tee Hiang

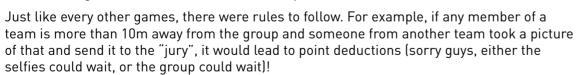
Grace Filipino Ministry: A Good Friday of Amazing (G)race!

Good Friday may be a day to remember how Jesus died so we could all be saved; but we all know how the story ends —we rejoice in the knowledge that Jesus has silenced the boast of sin and grave. After attending the Good Friday service in GI; the Grace Filipino Ministry (GFM) had a fun-filled Good Friday as they spent a day running

around Sentosa Island and completing fun challenges. The event was held to promote fellowship and good family bonding among the members.

The race was set up into 19 challenges equating to 19 different stations. Members were split into 6 teams with every team comprising of different age groups – varying from young ones all the way to the young "once". The challenges involved completing missing words in sentences, finding names of different displays, juggling balls, charades, doing sand sculpture of the Merlion, and, of course, a lot of photo taking involving different poses which is a pre-requisite of moving to next stations. Each challenge came with different number of points.





During the race, the teamwork was really evident among the members. The creativity and the strategies were endless, with every member contributing ideas of their own. Everyone was just having fun. When all the teams were gathered in the final location, the points were calculated to finally identify and declare the winner. The modest prizes gave so much joy to all; what was priceless was the warm fellowship which everyone was after.

The weather had been perfect, and to everyone's delight, it rained only after the event was over! God is never late nor early; He's always on time! It was indeed a Good Friday; and all the glory belongs to God for the success of the event!







GMF Region B:

A Missional Community – Feeding the Body, Soul, and Spirit.

A big part of the MFC (Missional Family Church) thrust is the concept of missional communities. This means that not only do individuals need to be missional in their personal lives, the most effective witness we can be to the world is done as a community of believers. When others see the love shared within the family of Christ, and how that love overflows to touch those outside that group, they are attracted to this "city on a hill". One such Grace Missional Group (GMG) has been demonstrating that kind of missional lifestyle and this is

We are from Faithful GMG (Region B) and have been together for 10 years. During the 40day community campaign, we decided to be missional and to go beyond our fortnightly GMG meetings. We started looking for an outward-focused ministry project with plans for longterm commitment. With Ps. Kenny's help, we were connected with REACH Family Service Centre.

We embarked on their monthly Silver Ration Program where we deliver daily essential items like rice, canned food, cereal, etc. to the elderly and needy families. On second Saturday of every month, 3 to 4 Faithful GMG families gather at REACH in the morning to pack the food items before delivering them to the doorstep of the families. 3 cars loaded with these relief items are then dispatched to cover Bishan, Sin Ming and Shunfu areas.

On a missional note, since we partnered with REACH in 2015, we have met many families. We make it a point to visit the same families every month so we could be riend them. Occasionally, we also share the gospel and pray for their needs. We encourage all Gracians to find their place in serving the Body of Christ and our community at large. And we want to remember Jesus' teaching and live it out as quoted in:

Matthew 25:37-40 (NASB):

- ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You something to drink?
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 m 38}$ And when did we see You a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You?
- ³⁹ When did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?
- ⁴⁰ The King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.

By Michael Lai, Faithful GMG Leader











Would you like to make a difference to the life of a senior?

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Come on this journey to impact the lives of vulnerable seniors

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	Outreach Volunteer	Volunteer Befriender	
Role	Conduct needs assessmen	t Provide regular companionship and support for seniors	
Age Limit	17 and above	18 and above	
Experience	Not applicable. Training will be provided		
Language	Able to converse in Chinese dialects, Malay or Tamil is an advantage		
Commitment	Not applicable	2 phone calls & 2 home visits a month	

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SENSITIVE TO THE NEEDS OF WEST K.

BY TAN SIEW KUAN

What could be a problem when we go on missions trips? Probably, not having enough interpreters. In March, four of us headed in West Kalimantan for a missions trip and the focus was to teach the Word of God to church leaders.

One specific prayer request that we asked of our intercessors, was to have two good interpreters with theological training. Lo and behold, we had two wonderful brothers who studied in a bible school and were proficient and diligent in interpreting. They were so fun to work with, we had much laughter and joy as we worked together. Initially, there was no interpreter, but to have two united with us in the spirit is a bonus from the Lord!

One night, during our stopover towards our destination, haze covered the air. But soon, it rained and clear skies emerged. We are thankful for our intercessors.

One takeaway from the trip was the joy of having a dream fulfilled. My husband, John, and I had always wanted a team that minister as the Body of Christ. Everyone of us, whether by teaching, sharing, praying, leading in worship, playing the guitar, interpreting or debriefing, experienced Psalm 133. As brethren dwelling together in unity, we enjoyed the entire trip. There the Lord commanded dew and life to come upon us. Though we were physically and mentally stretched, we continued to stay fresh as dew upon the morning grass and we were full of vigour and strength throughout the time in West Kalimantan.

One thing we learned was to listen to the Holy Spirit's leading. We all felt that after the first session, we should not give didactic teaching i.e. from the pulpit to the leaders. So, we put aside all our prepared

sermons and had a Question & Answer session to understand the issues faced by these leaders. We then used the Bible as answers to instruct them. The response was electric and there was much boisterous laughter throughout the sessions. At a certain point, two brothers among the leaders were so touched by the Holy Spirit that they repented publicly in front of us with tears for mistreating their wives. One of them, whose wife was present, kissed her. Another, with loud sobbing, promised to apologise to his wife to put things right.

Throughout the entire trip, we felt God's sustaining grace.

We were granted great favour everywhere we went – from Christians, airport, hotel and restaurant staff.

The trip opened our eyes to the great need for sound biblical teaching and for the church in West Kalimantan to grow strong in grace and the knowledge of our Saviour and Lord Jesus Christ, through His Word (2 Pet 3:18).





RAISING UP A HOLY NATION IN TANJONG PINANG BY JOAN ENG



"The team is fully prepared. The window for signing up has been closed." That was Pastor Peck Yin's response while we were frantically looking for people to fill in the numbers that would supposedly make a "full" team. I was wowed by her great faith! There and then, God reminded me that if Gideon's three hundred men-army could defeat the Midianites, we should not underestimate what God could do through us!

Senseless financial planning is a bondage that the local people are trapped in, and more often than not, what they see is their own lack. It must have been Pastor Janu's (local pastor) desire to spur his congregation to look beyond themselves by looking to God and reaching out to others. Hence, our message and sharing focused primarily on service and commitment.

We actually also conducted a financial management workshop and were delighted that one hundred odd participants turned up. This bondage has caused a tendency for them to spend beyond their needs, to the point of going into debt without the intention to pay back. We hope they can free themselves from this bondage, practice good stewardship and reach out to others.

On the ninth anniversary of the youth ministry, we witnessed a celebration in the church! It was encouraging to see the first batch of youths still faithfully attending the church, now, as mothers. The youths responded to the altar call, seeking God's direction and experiencing His loving touch. Their pursuit of God exudes their love and passion for the Lord. We pray that the fire in their hearts will continue to burn brightly, even as they progress in age.

Sadly, it was highlighted that GSJA Anugrah Ministry has stagnated for a while. We believe that Pastor Janu and Ibu Yati already have a heavy burden weighing on their shoulders. We pray that all believers, even us, will rise to the call of The Great Commission!

Indeed, the harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few (Luke 10:2). May God open our eyes to see the great spiritual need and move our hearts to action! Let's not hoard the good news to ourselves. People need the Lord! Will you go and share?

THE LIGHT OF JESUS UPON MYANMAR

BY LIM HUI HOON

Just a week before Christmas, a group of us young and old, set off to the land of Pagodas, meditating upon our missions trip theme, "His

John 5:24 - "Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life

John 4:26 - "Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you - I am he."

So, there were the 12 of us, on our way to carry out our mission to minister at the outskirts of Yangon. Most of us left Singapore not too confident that we could deliver what we have planned - from carnival games, to having to cook with firewood, and preaching and evangelising at village rallies and home visitations - still, we walked in faith to please God.

Indeed, "we can plan but it is God who directs our path", one tripper shared as divine interventions took place throughout the trip. Our ministry started at an orphanage that houses about thirty children. There we presented our skit titled. "Jesus is our best friend and God forever". It is a story about Lazarus who died, was buried and resurrected to life because Jesus loves him. This message on Lazarus was a last-minute change to our program on two occasions. Not only was the story of Lazarus presented at the start in the orphanage but also at the end of our missions trip in a village we were, out of a sudden, invited to visit. From the pre-trip meditation of, "His Assurance", to the process, we received solid assurances from God that, "Jesus is the resurrection and the life. Eternal life with God is through Jesus Christ!"

> That was the very message that all trippers were excited to share at all the ministry locations to adults and children, believers and

pre-believers and in all the activities that were in our plans or otherwise, even while we were waiting or resting.

A tripper ministered to three youths after having her lunch at the church compound and led them into the sinners' prayer with the pastor's twelveyear old son doing the interpretation. Another tripper wasted no time and led our Myanmese driver to Christ while other members of the team were running an outdoor village rally then!

We were overjoyed to be the "beautiful feet" of God and felt so privileged to be the "harvesters of precious souls" into His Kingdom. Over the six days, we ministered to over 500 people, 365 pre-believers and almost 60% of them responded to our altar call or personal invitation to receive Jesus into their hearts. Most of us experienced the gracious loving hand of God and His Spirit's empowerment to do what we started out feeling that it was impossible for us to do. We declare, "God made all things possible for us when we pray and serve Him joyfully, humbly and in unity

As for the land and people of Myanmar, a tripper received a word from the Lord, "Land", and urged leaders, pastors, bible students and believers to be filled with the Holy Spirit and faithful in prayer to ask the Lord to heal their land. They were also challenged to be bold and impact the different arenas of society for the glory of God. A tripper declared,

"The Light of Jesus has come upon Myanmar and darkness shall not prevail!"







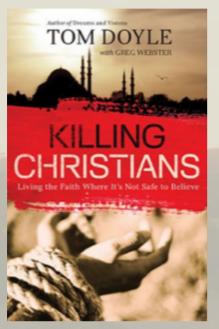




The Missions Libraries at GI and GII Missions Corner stock books on world mission and equipping for missionary work, as well as books on various nations and people groups; there are practical books for ministry, such as preaching and leadership, and many biographical titles that will inspire and motivate you in your faith journey.

From the two libraries are six recommended titles to help Gracians like you get started on Christian mission literature. Check out the libraries to enjoy these titles and more. Happy reading!

GI Mission Corner Located at the Level 2 Fellowship Hall (Koinonia)



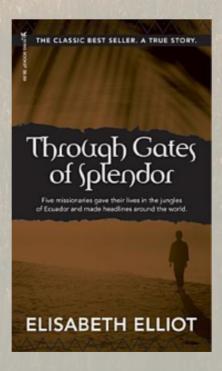
1. Killing Christians Tom Doyle

Killing Christians is a gripping collection of true stories from Christian brothers and sisters in the Middle East. Through narratives and messages from persecuted Christians, Tom Doyle takes readers into secret meetings, torture rooms, grim prisons and even to the executions that are the "calling" of countless Muslims-turned-Christians. Read of a Christian brother who smuggles himself and Bibles under a corpse. Read of young people and whole families brutally killed for their faith. Read about the visions and dreams God reveals to those whom He loves and how He miraculously brings them to Himself. Within this

amazing collection of testimonies, read of a man who boldly vows to bow his knee to only Jesus, with a knife to his throat and a crowd cheering his oppressor on. Light shines brightest amidst the darkest night. The richness of insights gained through these believers' remarkable trials will greatly move and encourage Christian believers of all kinds.

2. Through Gates of Splendour Elisabeth Elliot

Through Gates of Splendor chronicles the events leading up to the death of five young missionaries to Ecuador - Nate Saint, Roger Youderian, Ed McCully, Pete Fleming, and Jim Elliot. Written by Jim's widow, Elisabeth Elliot, the story tells of the passion the five men shared, a passion to share the good news of Jesus Christ, and their goal to make contact with an isolated

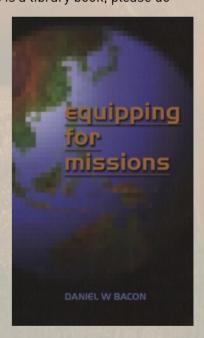


tribe deep in the Ecuadorian jungles. The story was first recorded in 1956 and became the most powerful missionary story of the twentieth century. Pieced together from the husbands' diaries, letters, and other writings and letters, this story of unconditional love and complete obedience to God continues to inspire today's readers.

3. Equipping for Missions Daniel W Bacon

If you sense a mission calling upon your life, *Equipping For Missions* is a must-read! Filled with practical advice and thoughtful questions, this book is a good guide to anyone considering missions as a short-term tripper, missions as a Christian professional living overseas, or missions as a traditional missionary. Designed as a bible study, Equipping For Missions can be used for individual study or in a group. As this is a library book, please do

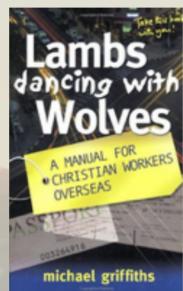
not write in it. However, feel free to note down quotes that speak to you and respond to questions in the book by writing them down in a separate notebook. May the Lord lead you and guide you as you embark on this study!



GII Mission Corner Located at the Level 1 Fellowship Area (Carpark behind the Cafe)

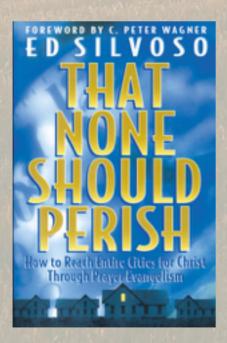
1. Lambs Dancing With Wolves: A Manual For Christian Workers Overseas Michael Griffiths

Lambs Dancing With Wolves: A Manual For Christian Workers Overseas is a comprehensive manual for anyone involved in cross-cultural missions. Dr Griffiths' title "Lambs Dancing With Wolves" is based on Jesus' instruction to his disciples in Luke 10 "I am sending you out like lambs in the midst of wolves." Christ does not send his lambs - us - out to live among wolves to destroy them or to be destroyed, but rather to bond with them and win them over. Covering topics



such as language, empathy, culture shock, quality of life, and much more, the warm and relational approach of this book will be of great help to anyone thinking of crossing cultures for God.

2. That None Should Perish: How To Reach Entire Cities For Christ Through Prayer Evangelism Ed Silvoso

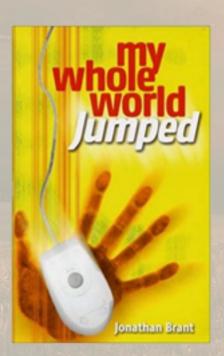


That None Should Perish: How
To Reach Entire Cities For Christ
Through Prayer Evangelism is a
comprehensive book on evangelism
and the importance of praying for
our cities and nations. Writing on the
principles and strategy for spiritual
warfare, the founder of Harvest
Evangelism, Ed Silvoso, presents a
working model for reaching each
city, as he shares his own personal
battle scars and triumphant
victories. Readers of this book will be
challenged and equipped for leading
seekers into the kingdom of God!

3. My Whole World Jumped Jonathan Brant

My Whole World Jumped is a gripping story of sixteenyear-old Dave whose world is turned upside down when a mysterious package sent to him draws him back into his tragic past. Dave's experiences with romance, betrayal and the search for truth lead him to many questions. Who is the sender? What is the truth about his past? As he struggles with finding the answers to these questions, he begins to ask an even greater question: What is the point of life?

Written as a novel, My Whole World Jumped presents the Alpha course in a way that is relevant and digestible. Fast-moving but realistic, this book is highly recommended to anyone looking for a good read or interested in Alpha!





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, Singapore 247960

Course Fee: \$50

DATES

8 Sept to 10 Nov 2018 except 22 Sept &27 Oct (9am to 12 noon)

17 Nov 2018 (9 am to 5pm)

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

CLOSING DATE
31 July 2018

Testimonies from the first batch of Gracians who graduated on 28 April 2018 from Kairos:

- 1. The course gives a really good insight and the purpose for mission so that we can do our part to reach the unreached peoples in restoring the Kingdom of God.

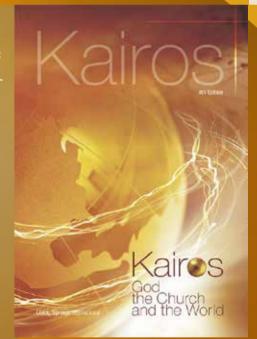
 Hanley Varghese, Missions tripper
- 2. Kairos taught me much more than I have expected. It inspired me to evangelize to the unreached people groups in Singapore and other parts of the world.

 Tee Hiang, Missions Tripper
- 3. Kairos helped me to understand God purpose & mission and our Christian role in mission.

David Tan , Missions Tripper

4. Kairos helps to understand the Abrahamic covenant in context for believers in Christ, trace mission movement after the first century church, sharpen the strategies for missions today and make aware of cross cultural issues for missions trippers. I urged all Gracians to attend the course to learn about God's heart for missions.

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

MAY			
1 May	Healing Room @ GI	GI Emmaus 7.30pm	
2 May	WOG DBS	GI Gethsemane/GII Praise Room 10am	
3 - 4 May	AG 90th Anniversary	Outside Grace	
4 May	Alpha Parenting	GII Agape 6.30 pm	
4 May – 15 June	Alpha Course	GI Eden, 7pm	
5, 12 & 19 May	WOG SBS	Gl Zion, 10am	
8 May	Healing Room @ GII	GII Agape 7.30pm	
10 – 12 May	GMC Pneumatology	GI L2	
12 & 26 May	Men Bible Study	GI L2 Eden 10am	
17, 24 & 31 May	GDP-102 FOF Class	GII Glory 7.30pm	
30 May	J333 Prayer Meeting (Combined)	GI Galilee 7.30pm	
30 May	English Retreat Briefing	GI Bethel 8.30pm	
JUNE			
1 June	Combined Alpha Course	GI 7.30pm	
		Eden Hall L2 (English session),	
		Powerhub Room L2 (Hokkien session)	
5 June	Healing room @ GI	GI Emmaus 7.30pm	
7-11 June	Grace Retreat	Sunway Pyramid Hotel	
12 June	Healing room @ GII	GII Agape 7.30pm	
27 June	J333 Prayer Meeting (Combined)	ombined) GI Galilee 7.30pm	
30 June	WOG SBS	GI 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	
25 July	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 3. The Lord Jesus wants us to practice benevolent or charitable giving. Jesus said "When you give to the poor " (Matthew 6:2-3). Jesus is specifically teaching about "alms" in this passage: aid, charity, or benevolent offerings for the needy. Do you give amply enough to the Church that she can be generous in benevolent giving?

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

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Something's brewing!

BY VICTORIA LIM

"It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.' (Luke 4:4) .. and maybe a little coffee?

GI Cafe Ministry is excited to announce that we are now serving freshly brewed gourmet coffee every Sunday made from an espresso machine.

To prepare for this service, GI Cafe Ministry organised a half-day professional coffee barista coffee course at GI Cafe to train would be baristas. The trainees learnt the art of coffee-grinding, espresso extraction, milk frothing and more. And they are now ready to offer you a selection of long black, latte or cappuccino, available in either hot or cold.

Come taste and see that the Lord (and the coffee) is good!

Through serving good food and beverages, GI Cafe Ministry aims to foster meaningful fellowship and outreach at Grace. If you are keen to serve as a barista, or interested to serve in other areas of G1 Cafe Ministry, please drop by for a chat at GI Cafe from 8.30am to 11.30am on Sundays. Alternatively, you can contact Chet at 9818 2451.





CONGRATULATIONS!

We give thanks to God for the following pastoral staff members who received their ordination credentials from the Assemblies of God of Singapore in May 2018. It is a reaffirmation of the calling God has placed on their lives, and for the ministry He has called them to.

Rev Li Cuixian Rev Alvin Lim

May God empower them with His grace and anointing in the proclamation of His Word and in the consecration of their lives for the ministry in the church and in the Kingdom of God!



Acceptance of membership on 2 April 2018

BAPTISED ON 1 APRIL 2018

- Grace Cortes
- Finn Gan Fuk Fei
- Lee Yu Ling Joanne
- Lee Kian Ming
- Li WenQian
- Liew Yee See Steffi
- Ian Lim
- Bryan Lim Wei Jie
- Lum Jye Ee
- Teo Siew Leng
- Wong Wan Qing, Elizabeth
- Yocelia Yip Lai Peng

TRANSFERRED ON 2 APRIL 2018

- Chua Siew Ling
- Goh Hian Pin
- Wendy Koh Sok Ngee
- Woon Li Ming Rachel
- Yat Siew Lan Maureen





MAY 2018 CHURCHWIDE 19

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.

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.

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.



Interested candidates are invited to submit a comprehensive resume stating qualification, experience, expected salary and contact numbers to hr@graceaog.org by 31 May 2018. Only shortlisted candidates will be notified for the interview.

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2018年,我们来啦~!无论你来自哪里,生于何处,只要您是一位在职场工作的青成年,我们都欢迎你来加入我们的4X团契。

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同时,我们盼望更多对华文事工有负担的弟兄姐妹加入这个团契,一同服事、装备并建立这个团队,让4X团契这个中文青成年事工成为更大的祝福,并完成神的大使命,活出生命的呼召!





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MAY 2018 CHINESE MINISTRY 21

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

Cantonese Service

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

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

Emmaus

Level 3

Level 3

Level 3

SUNDAY 9 AM

English Service

Mandarin Service

Shine @ Grace Kids (7-10 Yrs Old)

Sparkle @ Grace Kids (3-6 Yrs Old)

Eden

Level 3

Level 1

Eden

Level 2

Zion

Level 5

SUNDAY 11.15 AM

English Service

Filipino Service

Emerge @ R-AGE Youth (11-14 Yrs Old)

Shine @ Grace Kids (7-10 Yrs Old)

Sparkle @ Grace Kids (3-6 Yrs Old)

Eden

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SUNDAY 5 PM

Khush Khabri Fellowship

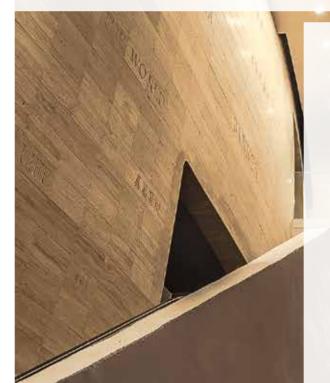
J333

Chapel

02, 09, 16, 23 MAY, 7.30pm @ GI L3 Emmaus Hall & GII L3 Agape Room

30 MAY - Combined J333, 7.30pm @ GI L1 Galilee

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 AMEnglish ServiceChapelLevel 4Mandarin ServiceSanctuaryLevel 2Shine @ Grace Kids (7-10 Yrs Old)LoveLevel 2Sparkle @ Grace Kids (3-6 Yrs Old)KindnessLevel 4

SUNDAY 11.15 AM

English Service

Hokkien Service

Chapel

Level 4

Emerge @ R-AGE Youth (11-14 Yrs Old)

Shine @ Grace Kids (7-10 Yrs Old)

Sparkle @ Grace Kids (3-6 Yrs Old)

Kindness

Level 4

SUNDAY 1.30 PM

Filipino Service

Chapel Level 4

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God has given his people the five-fold ministry gifts apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor and teacher to equip the church. These gifts are not restricted to just clergy or leaders, but everyone is called to exercise them to bring the body of the Christ – the church – to full maturity.

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		EARLY BIRD (12 - 19 MAY)	NORMAL (ENDS 2 JUNE)
STUDENT	GROUP (6 PAX)	\$160	\$180
	INDIV	\$170	\$190
WORKING ADULT	GROUP (6 PAX)	\$180	\$200
	INDIV	\$190	\$210

Registration opens 12 May. Sign up at event.graceaog.org.