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# 59th ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING (ABM)

DATE:

20 March 2020 (Friday)

TIME:

7.30pm sharp

**VENUE:** 

Grace Assembly of God, L3 Bethel, 355 Tanglin Road, Singapore 247960

#### MEMBERSHIP UPDATE EXERCISE

All registered members of Grace Assembly of God would have received the membership update letter, via email, SMS or post, in November 2019. Registered members refer to those who are baptised in Grace Assembly or have officially transferred their membership.

All registered members are to submit their membership update by 2359hrs, 5 March, 2020. Those who did not update their membership details by this stipulated deadline will not be eligible to vote, and they would only be allowed to attend the ABM as an observer.

a) Please update your membership details at https://www.graceaog.org/register, even if there are no changes. Your User ID will be your **DATE OF BIRTH** (ddmmyy) plus the last 4 alphanumeric of your **NRIC number**, and the Password can be found in the membership update letter which you have received from the church.

For example, if your date of birth is 12 Jan 1999 and NRIC number is S1234567X, your User ID will be 120199567X.

b) Physical hard copies of the membership update form can be deposited into any of the boxes labelled "Membership Update Forms" at the following locations:

**Grace@Tanglin:** Main entrances at L1 Galilee

& L3 Bethel

Grace@BukitBatok: Main entrances at

L2 Sanctuary & L4 Chapel



To update your membership, please scan this QR code https://register.graceaog.org

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We would love to hear from you!

Drop us an email at gacomms@graceaog. org if you have anything to share or any feedback for us.

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# Years of God's Faithfulness





Grace Assembly of God has entered into a very significant year where we celebrate her 70th Anniversary. As the new Senior Pastor, I am greatly honoured for this opportunity to lead our church into this historic milestone.

The Bible has many records of significant events that involve the number 70.

Here are some of them:

- Jacob went with 70 others to join Joseph in Egypt and begin a new life of God's provision (Genesis 46:26–27), and the beginning of a new nation (Deuteronomy 10:22).
- Moses appointed 70 elders of Israel to help him govern and lead the nation when they came out of Egypt (Numbers 11:16–17).
- The Israelites ended their captivity in Babylon after 70 years of exile and returned to Jerusalem to rebuild the Temple (Jeremiah 29:10).
- Our Lord Jesus appointed 70 disciples and sent them out to preach the gospel (Luke 10).

All these biblical events symbolised a new beginning, new leadership, as well as new hope and purpose in God's Kingdom agenda. The biblical number 70 speaks of the overcoming of great odds in an arduous journey. Yet, it also points to an exciting faith journey that has yet to unfold in God's divine plan to prosper His people.

As a local church, we remember God's enduring faithfulness over Grace Assembly in sustaining and growing the congregations from one generation to another.

Grace Assembly is stepping into a new season with a new leadership team, and I believe that the faith journey will be an exciting and fulfilling one. We will build on the strong

foundation of the past, and forge forward together to realise God's mandate and purpose to make missional disciples in Singapore and beyond.

In this new chapter, the new leadership team will focus on the following areas:

- To strengthen the equipping process of discipling missional believers,
- To empower the next generation of youths to know and encounter God,
- To establish strong and godly marriages and families,
- To engage the community where the poor and needy will experience God's love tangibly, and
- To participate in God's plan to build growing local churches in the nations.

All these endeavours will require prayers, resources, and leadership to make them a reality in Grace Assembly. As your new Senior Pastor, I seek your prayers and participation to build the future together.

We have experienced God's faithfulness for the last 70 years. Let us continue the legacy to inspire future generations of Gracians to believe God for their generation, in the same way we have been inspired to believe in God for ours.

Our faith and unity today will become the next generation's model and inspiration.

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**Rev. Dr. Wilson Teo**Senior Pastor

The tagline, 'Anchored in Faithfulness', refers to God's faithfulness towards His people of Grace Assembly. It also refers to Gracians' acknowledgement that God is our anchor and our hope is anchored in His Word and His promises.

God's faithfulness is evident through His provision and favour bestowed upon Grace Assembly as she grew from strength to strength. We started with just a small group of about 40 children listening to Bible stories in a single-storey terrace shophouse. Today, we have over 25 services in multiple languages, held at two locations which are attended by Gracians of all ages, seeking and worshipping God every week.

It does not matter if you have been with Grace Assembly for as long as you can remember, or if you have just joined us recently. WEARE

We want YOU to be part of our 70th Anniversary Celebrations!

Here's what you can look forward to:

#### 8 & 9 FEBRUARY 2020

#### 70th Anniversary Celebrations Launch

#### 8 FEBRUARY, SATURDAY, 5PM

Grace@Tanglin

Combined Service for Cantonese, Hokkien, Young Adults & Young Professionals (YAYP) and Elevate@R-AGE\* services

\*Includes English and Elevate@R-AGE congregations from Grace@BukitBatok

#### 8 FEBRUARY, SATURDAY, 5PM

Grace@BukitBatok

No English and Grace Kids services

#### 9 FEBRUARY, SUNDAY, 9AM

Grace@Tanglin

Combined Service for English and Mandarin services

\*Sparkle@Grace Kids and Shine@Grace Kids services will continue as usual

#### 9 FEBRUARY, SUNDAY, 9AM

Grace@BukitBatok

Combined Service for English and Mandarin services

\*Sparkle@Grace Kids and Shine@Grace Kids services will continue as usual

#### 9 FEBRUARY, SUNDAY, 11.15AM

Grace@Tanglin

Combined Service for English and Filipino#

\*Emerge@R-AGE, Sparkle@Grace Kids and Shine@Grace Kids services will continue as usual

#Includes Filipino congregation from Grace@BukitBatok

#### 9 FEBRUARY, SUNDAY, 11.15AM

Grace@BukitBatok

Combined Service for English and Hokkien services

\*Emerge@R-AGE, Sparkle@Grace Kids and Shine@Grace Kids services will continue as usual





#### ACTS OF GRACE

#### Acts 20:35, NIV

In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

#### March to September 2020 Acts of Grace – Community Outreach

While we rejoice in our anniversary celebrations, let us not forget those who have yet to hear of the Good News.

Join us in our community outreach activities as we demonstrate God's love and grace for His people!

#### 20 July to 27 September 2020 #70DayActsOfGrace

Gracians, start putting on your thinking caps and plan how you can extend God's grace to bless someone else through #70DayActsOfGrace!

Start writing encouragement notes to your colleagues, commit to visiting an uncle or an aunty that you have not contacted for a while, offer to chauffeur your neighbour's kid to church...You can do so much more!

Share with us your ideas and/or how you have blessed someone by:

- 1. Committing to practise an act of grace
- 2. Posting a photo or video on Facebook or Instagram
- 3. Tagging #70DayActsOfGrace

Let us be God's vessels as we extend His love and grace to others wherever we are!

### 27 September 202070th Anniversary Celebration Banquet

#### **Acts 2:44, NLT**

And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had.

What's a celebration without food, right?

Everyone's invited! From the youngest to the oldest, as long as you are a Gracian, we want you at the 70th Anniversary Celebration Banquet!

Our year-long celebrations will culminate with a 70th Anniversary Celebration Banquet on Sunday, 27 September at Singapore Expo.

This will be a uniquely Grace Assembly style kind of banquet because we want you to come as you are, give what you can, and and bless as many as possible!

#### Throughout the year...

You may see some people armed with video cameras and microphones approaching you but please don't run away!

Because all we want is to give you an opportunity to send your well wishes to your favourite church, in front of the camera!

In case you can't wait for the camera crew to reach you, or if you prefer to write, you can pen your well wishes for Grace Assembly via an email to gacomms@graceaog.org!

#### Stay tuned!

With such an exciting line-up of activities planned for our 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations, you won't want to miss any bit of it!

To be in the know for the latest updates, follow us on our social media accounts!













# EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT / COURSE	TIME	VENUE		
JANUARY 2020					
18 Jan	Women of Grace – Saturday Bible Study	10am-12nn	GT, L2 Eden		
26 Jan	Combined Chinese New Year Thanksgiving Service	9.00am-10.30am	GT, L3 Bethel GBB, L2 Sanctuary		
FEBRUARY 2020					
1, 15, 29 Feb	Women of Grace – Saturday Bible Study	10am-12nn	GT, L2 Eden		
4 Feb	Healing Room @ Tanglin	7.30pm-8.30pm	GT, L3 Emmaus		
8, 22 Feb	Men's Bible Study	10am-12nn	GT, L5 Zion/Love		
11 Feb	Healing Room @ Bukit Batok	7.30pm-8.30pm	GBB, L2 Praise		
12, 19 Feb	Women of Grace – Day Bible Study	10am-12nn	GT, L1 Gethsemane GBB, L2 Love		
14 Feb	Love Isræl Seminar	7.30pm	GT, L3 Bethel		
14, 21, 28 Feb ^	Combined Alpha Course	6.30pm-9.30pm	GT, L2 Koinonia / L2 Eden / L3 Emmaus		
14, 21, 28 Feb ^	Grace Membership: Foundations of Faith* Register by: 7 Feb	7.30pm–9.30pm	GT, L5 Zion		
15 Feb	Marriage Preparation & Discipleship Programme	9.30am-12nn	GT, L2 Eden		
15–16 Feb	Missions Convention Weekend		GT / GBB		
21 Feb ^ 22, 29 Feb ^	Restored to Wholeness Seminar Restored to Wholeness Seminar Register by: 13 Feb	6.30pm–9.30pm 9am–5pm	GT, L1 Gethsemane GT, L2 Eden		
22 Feb ^	Fathers' Mentoring Group Register by: 13 Feb	8.30am-11.30am	GT, L2 PowerHub		
22–23 Feb	Missions Convention Weekend		GT / GBB		
MARCH 2020					
1–13 Mar	Pilgrimage Trip to Israel Registration period: 15–22 Feb				
3 Mar	Healing Room @ Tanglin	7.30pm-8.30pm	GT, L3 Emmaus		
4, 11 Mar	Women of Grace – Day Bible Study	10am-12nn	GT, L1 Gethsemane GBB, L2 Love		
5, 12, 19, 26 Mar ^	Grace Discipleship Institute – Emotionally Healthy Spirituality <i>Registration period: 5 Feb–1Mar</i>	7.30pm-9.30pm	GT, L1 Gethsemane		
6 Mar	Water Baptism —The Key to a New Life#	7.30pm-9.30pm	GT, L5 Zion		
6, 13, 20, 27 Mar	Combined Alpha Course	6.30pm-9.30pm	GT, L2 Koinonia / L2 Eden / L3 Emmaus		
7, 14, 28 Mar	Kairos Course	9am-12nn	GT, L3 Emmaus		



^ Scan to register or visit www.event.graceaog.org

<sup>\*</sup> If you are considering water baptism, please attend all the 3 lessons. Water baptism will be on 5 April at Grace@Tanglin.

<sup>#</sup> If you are transferring membership to Grace Assembly and is already baptised, 6 March is not compulsory.

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MARCH 2020			
7, 21 Mar	Fathers' Mentoring Group	8.30am-11.30am	GT, L2 PowerHub
7, 21 Mar	Men's Bible Study	10am-12nn	GT, L5 Zion
10 Mar	Healing Room @ Bukit Batok	7.30pm-8.30pm	GBB, L2 Praise
12-13 Mar ^	Grace Missional College: Book of Jeremiah	7–10pm	GT, L3 Emmaus
13 Mar	Church Membership—The Life in a New Family	7.30pm-9.30pm	GT, L5 Zion
14 Mar ^	Grace Missional College: Book of Jeremiah  Register by: 5 March	9am-12:30 pm	GT, L3 Emmaus
14, 28 Mar	Women of Grace – Saturday Bible Study	10am-12nn	GT, L2 Eden
20 Mar	59th Annual Business Meeting	7.30pm-9.30pm	GT, L3 Bethel
21 Mar ^	Grace Discipleship Institute – The Lordship of Christ Register by: 14 Feb	9.30am-12.30pm	GT, L1 Emmaus
22 Mar	Baby Dedication	11.15am	GT, L3 Bethel
APRIL 2020			
2, 9, 16, 23 Apr	Grace Disciple Institute – Emotional Health Spirituality	7.30pm-9.30pm	GT, L1 Gethsemane
4, 11, 18, 25 Apr	Combined Alpha Course	6:30pm-9:30pm	GT, L2 Koinonia / L2 Eden / L3 Emmaus
4, 18 Apr	Fathers' Mentoring Group	8.30am-11.30am	GT, L2 PowerHub
4, 25 Apr	Men's Bible Study	10am-12nn	GT, L5 Zion
5 Apr	Grace Discipleship Institute – Water Baptism		GT, L2 Baptism Pool
7 Apr	Healing Room @ Tanglin	7.30pm-8.30pm	GT, L3 Emmaus,
8, 22 Apr	Women of Grace – Day Bible Study	10am-12nn	GT, L1 Gethsemane GBB, L2 Love
10 Apr	Good Friday English Service	9am–10.30am 11.30am–12.45pm	GBB, L2 Sanctuary GT, L3 Bethel
11, 18, 25 Apr	Kairos Course	9am-12nn	GT, L3 Emmaus
11, 25 Apr	Women of Grace – Saturday Bible Study	10am-12nn	GT, L2 Eden
11-12 Apr	Resurrection Weekend		GT / GBB
14 Apr	Healing Room @ Bukit Batok	7.30pm-8.30pm	GT, L3 Emmaus



Event details are subject to changes, please scan this QR code or go to Grace App for latest information & updates.

Christmas, to the world and the church alike, is a season of love, joy, peace and hope. We take this opportunity to gather with loved ones over feasts, carols, games and laughter. The world has commercialised Christmas and more often than not, took out the 'Christ' in Christmas. But the Church continues to remember the very purpose why the Saviour of the world was born.

## A Place to **Belong**

**BY** Jasmin Low

'A Place to Belong' was the anchoring theme for Christmas at Grace Assembly this year. Grace Media, together with some faithful volunteers, did a production about a family whose brokenness has caused the children to feel lost, alone, empty and unbelonged. The eldest daughter in the family eventually vanished and looked for love and belonging in the wrong places. Too ashamed to go back home, she suffered in silence before

finally returning home after a childhood memory triggered her as she remembered how her mother reminded her that everyone has a family where they belong and a home to go back to.

We also had Brothers Joel Chow and Isaac Lim who shared their testimonies of how God has always been pursuing them and welcoming His children back into His embrace. This is a timely reminder to the Church that this is the kind of God that we worship and follow – One who is in constant pursuit of His own people.

- 1. Worship team leading congregation in songs that focuses on Jesus Christ 2. Congregation worshipping together during Christmas service.
- 3. Pastors welcoming Gracians into the Christmas decorated service hall. 4. The cast from 'A Place to Belong' 5. A testimony by Brother Joel Chow who shared about how he came back to God.



Just as how Jesus has faithfully come into this world and faithfully bore the cross, we know that He is still working in this present day. More than 2,730 people were blessed by the English Christmas services at both Grace@Tanglin and Grace@BukitBatok. There were close to 100 new guests who joined us and amongst them, some have decided to receive Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Saviour.

May the spirit of Christmas continue to follow us as we live our day-to-day lives. Let us live out and share this Good News not only during Christmas, but let our lives be an embodiment of the Gospel.





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# A New Day is Pawning!

About New Day from the GraceSongs 70th Anniversary Edition album

**BY** Samantha Lim

This song started out as a series of musical experiments, to step outside of my comfort zone of writing worship ballads. I took my ideas to Caleb Ng, from the Young Adults Young Professionals (YAYP) worship team, who built upon them and that sparked the development of a full-length song!

In the context of the Creative Arts Ministry's 70th year anniversary album project, I was thrilled that this had the potential to be the first song. Its upbeat mood carried the expression of hopeful anticipation of what God is going to do as we all turn a new page together: entering into a new year, transiting into new leadership, and crossing our seventh decade.

However, for months the song remained as music without words. I would write a section, Caleb would write another, and when we put the parts together, we never felt that the song flowed or that the parts fit. The words were clumsy and cliché. They worked, but the song was not fully alive. I would pray, "God, help us. Give us words, breathe into this song and show us what You want to say."

Finally, during one particular writing session, breakthrough came. New words were inspired, and replaced the older, clunky ones. One part flowed into the other to form a cohesive whole, with a clear message: as one body of Grace Assembly, we can declare boldly that God is moving in our midst, and He is making all things new!

This song has since evolved from its conception as just an experimental idea in two people's heads, to something that many more people have now joined in to contribute, and making it so much better! Our hope is that this song will inspire faith-filled anticipation of God's plans and His hand over our future, collectively and individually. A new day is dawning!





#### LYRICS:

#### Verse 1

We've come together as one to sing Your praise Jesus we desire to seek Your face Hearts united, undivided Our praise is breaking through

#### **Pre-Chorus**

God we can see that You're moving Spirit come, overflowing With our hearts open now Oh Lord, we're ready now Your light is breaking through

#### Chorus

It's a new day dawning, we're holding on to You We believe You're making all things new We're moving forward, heaven-sighted We will place our hope and trust in You

#### Verse 2

No matter what comes our way, Your love remains

Let our lives now declare that our God reigns From generation to generation Your love is breaking through

#### Bridge

We will go wherever You send us out Nothing can stop us now Fear cannot hold us down Let faith arise Renew our hearts and lives It's a new day It's a new day













To listen to our Grace Songs, go the link below or scan the QR Code



**YouTube** https://youtu.be/MyC2PQpoXY8



**Grace Songs** http://gracesongs.graceaog.org/ NEW-DAY/







- 1. Youth team on their way to the next location for ministry
- 2. Installing toilets for the community's use
- 3. A typical bamboo church in South Asia
- 4. A typical everyday meal for South Asians

Grace Missions has been involved in planting churches, preparing leaders and propelling people for many years, and we thank God for His faithfulness through the work of our hands in the nations. In 2020, we will be inviting our key missions partners for an upcoming Grace Missions Partners' Conference to celebrate our church's 70th anniversary. We have been working alongside these faithful and humble servants to reach the nations, and we want to praise God for such relationships and partnerships with them.

Moving forward, we will continue to strengthen our relationships with our partners and work towards supporting our overseas church planters in a

# Going STRONGER in the Missions Field

BY Pastor Steve Tan Head, Grace Missions deeper manner. Our key focuses include holistic trainings and making an impact in the communities.

Last year, Grace Missions was involved in the building of bamboo churches, as well as toilet and water pumps, bible distribution, medical missions and feeding programmes, among many other programmes. It is our intention to respond to the needs of the Church and the community to love people in a holistic manner.

We hope to see more Gracians stepping out in love and take part in the global redemptive work of our Lord Jesus Christ. May we, as the Singapore Church, stand together to pray, to give and to go, in love.





# KAIROS COURSE

Transform your view of the world and align it according to God's heart for the nations! This course is for all Christians and not just for those wanting to go on missions trips.

#### Grace@Tanglin

**VENUE**: Level 3, Emmaus

DATES: 7, 14, 28 Mar

4, 11, 18, 25 Apr

2, 9 May

9am-12nn TIME:

> 9 May > 9am-5pm (Integration & Graduation)

#### SIGN UP DATES:

1 Dec 2019 – 15 Feb 2020

Need more information? Find out more at the Missions Corner at Grace@Tanglin or Grace@BukitBatok after Sunday services or email to kairos@graceaog.org.



Sign up at https://event.graceaog.org/

# Grace Classes

14, 21, 28 Feb • 6, 13 Mar Fridays 7:30-9:30pm Grace@Tanglin L5 Zion

#### Water Baptism: 5 Apr, Grace@Tanglin

For more information, please call 6410 0804 or email to gdi@graceaog.org







# For Strong **MARRIAGES** Cambodia

**BY** Eugene Lim Missions Awareness Writer (Grace Missions)

Grace Missions (GM) has been actively involved in Cambodia for several years. In accordance to the Great Commission, our work includes church-planting, leadership grooming and organising short-term missions trips to other countries.

As Grace Missions' regional coordinator for ASEAN, Brother Soon Kim Tat has been involved in leading missions trips, as well as conducting leadership trainings in Cambodia. He ensures that the needs of our local Cambodian partners are met, and brings in the necessary expertise to formulate training courses. Brother Kim Tat has conducted trainings in church leadership, marriage workshops, and other ministry courses like Emotionally Healthy Spirituality and inductive Bible study.

In the last two years, members of Grace Assembly's Married Life Ministry have conducted the Marriage Enhancement Workshop for over 30 couples, including church planters, pastors and church leaders. They have also conducted training sessions on how to mentor and minister to other married couples in church.

There is a great need to strengthen the marriages of pastors and leaders first, as they minister to other married couples in their congregation. The devil is always seeking to steal, kill and destroy but Christ has come so that we may have life, and have it to the full (John 10:10); this applies to marriages as well. If a church leader's marriage is damaged, then the ministry and the people in these ministries will be affected. After all, church leaders and pastors are only human and they too suffer from the same temptations as all of us. By fireproofing the marriages of pastors and church elders, we ensure the devil has no foothold in this area of our lives.

growing ministry. More couples also shared that they had learnt how to love each other better after knowing each other's love languages.

While we thank God for the work He has already begun in Cambodia, the work is far from finished. Being a relatively young country burdened with a difficult past, Cambodia is at a critical crossroad today. Cambodia's leaders and its people are still very much trying to negotiate what Christianity means to

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From these workshops, many wonderful testimonies emerged. The wife of one of the church planters confided that she was initially very resentful of the fact that her husband had to spend so much time away from her. Through communication sessions and joint couple prayer, she came to understand her husband's work even more and now plays an active supporting role to aid him and his

the country and the state. We praise God for the open access we currently enjoy that allows inroads for the Gospel. And we are heartened to witness a deep hunger for God as the Cambodian Church grows with many people being touched by the Lord. We will continue to partner local church planters and churches as we hold fast to the hope of all Cambodians eventually coming to hear and know of the Gospel.





**TOP:** The local pastors and their wives worshipping together during the training **BOTTOM:** A marriage-life seminar training conducted by Brother Kim Tat and team

# Planting Churches - MY INHERITANCE

**BY** Jasmin Low

Missions Awareness Writer (Grace Missions)

Imagine coming from a tribe of people where you were denied all rights to land ownership, forced to leave your home at gunpoint and had to witness your house getting burned down. Pastor Bhoi Chodi was part of such a community with a hard history. Growing up as a farmer boy from the Tharu tribe, Pastor Bhoi understood what poverty and hardship felt like. Fortunately, he was one of the rare few who got the opportunity to complete his education and move to another town. That was when he got to know Jesus Christ.

Pastor Bhoi slowly walked out of spiritual darkness when he received a gospel tract. After reading about the life of Jesus, his hunger grew and he started to read the Bible. He also started visiting a church that was located near his home, and there, he started on his journey of knowing God.

In 1988, he received a clear calling from the Lord. At that time, he was already integrated into his church community and a faithful follower of Jesus. Isaiah 6:8 would be a verse that normally propels us forward to go on missions trips. However, for Pastor Bhoi, it was this verse that propelled him to make a decision to give his whole life for God's kingdom purposes. The words in the verse touched the recesses of his heart:

#### Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"

### And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

There and then, God brought to his mind his own people from the Tharu tribe. He thought, "Who will share the gospel of Christ with my people? Who will preach to my parents? If not me, then who? How will I answer to Jesus when I meet Him face to face if I don't answer this call?"

This deep conviction compelled Pastor Bhoi to step into ministry. He knew that his heart was not just about serving within church walls; he had a strong desire to go back to his village



Ps Bhoi with his church elders in front of the church building

<sup>\*</sup>The names in this article have been changed to protect the identities of our church planters.

to bring love and light to his people. Henceforth, without any theological training, Pastor Bhoi went back to share the gospel by faith to different ones. He was uncertain if he was doing things correctly and he had no idea where this would take him. But he kept going.

Eventually, through the years, Pastor Bhoi went to study at a Bible School and graduated to become one of Grace Missions' (GM) supported church planters. Even after the end of GM's support, Pastor Bhoi continues to plant churches. Today, he has planted 5 churches with a total of 200 people who has come to know the Lord. With a big smile, Pastor Bhoi said, "Planting churches is my inheritance. Seeing people come into the kingdom of God is my greatest joy."

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- Pastor Bhoi Chodi



There are separate rooms for children's ministry during the weekend service



The first church that Ps Bhoi planted



The hall that the congregation gathers in

For more information on our Missions Schedule for 2020, please email to missions@graceaog.org or call 64100800 during office hours. 若要查询更多有关2020年差传行程,请发电邮到 missions@graceaog.org或在办公时间内致电64100800







FEB 15/16 & 22/23 | USUAL SERVICE TIMINGS GRACE@TANGLIN & GRACE@BUKITBATOK



# Region B Christmas **OUTREACH** 2019

**BY** Koh Swee Kwang

Christmas started early for Region B. Deck the Halls and Holy Night, a Christmas outreach organised by a Regional Leader's (RL) grouping of Grace Missional Groups (GMGs), was held on 16 November at a café downtown. A total of 55 adults (of whom 12 were pre-believers) and 18 kids attended the event.

From 16 November to 15 December, six outreaches took place under the leadership of six RLs, and several other individual GMGs ran their own outreaches. Each RL's level outreach headed by an RL saw anywhere from two to five GMGs coming together to share the love and good news of the season to oikos (an ancient Greek word referring to the family, family's property and the house), friends, colleagues and the community.

It was exciting times as we reached out via different programming platforms. From a movie screening of The Pilgrim's Progress, to dramatic skits, creative Gospel messaging from an award-winning photographer, door-to-door house visitations, and partnering with REACH Senior Centre, the love of Father God was translated into tangible expressions felt by many pre-believers. One outreach saw Region B members inviting the parents and kids of Grace Assembly's Lengkok Bahru tuition scheme to a special appreciation and thanksgiving party held in Grace@Tanglin. We were glad to see parents of a different faith (who ordinarily would not visit churches) attending.

Overall, attendance for the various outreaches was almost 400, of which 40% were pre-believers. Indeed, missional Gracians shared the heart of Christmas with those who truly needed to know that Jesus is the reason for the season. May we continue to reach out constantly with caring hearts beyond the year-end season.











- 1. Families sharing Jesus with door-to-door visits
- 2. Seniors in attendance at the outreach
- 3. Missional Gracians mingling with seniors
- 4. Missional children
- 5. Individual GMG outreach
- 6. GMG's Lengkok Bahru outreach
- 7. Ps Kenny sharing the meaning of Christmas.
- 8. Deck the Halls at a cafe with award winning photographer sharing the Gospel via photography
- 9. Individual GMG outreach
- 10.The Pilgrim Progress Movie outreach

























# **FREEDOM** for the Season

#### A GFM Christmas celebration

**BY** Marinel Hizona



- 1. GFM Christmas lunch fellowship
- 2. The emcees for the Christmas celebration
- **3.** Rev. Calvin Lee preached about Freedom for the Season
- **4.** Glory to God for the 17 salvation cases
- **5.** GFM family exchanging gifts as part of Christmas tradition
- **6.** Kids getting ready for their Christmas carolling
- 7. GFM usherettes showcasing their best smiles
- 8. Pastor Rosita giving thanks to Rev. Calvin and his wife Sister Charis

On 8 December 2019, the Galilee hall at Grace@Tanglin was filled with jubilant singing as the Grace Filipino Ministry (GFM) celebrated with songs of praises and joyful Christmas carols aligned with this year's Christmas celebration theme "Freedom for the Season". GFM kids danced joyfully as they joined the music team in leading the congregation in worship.

Together with his wife Sis Charis Leo, Rev Calvin Lee blessed GFM Family with his sermon that addressed the way to experience freedom through Christ, 'Then you will know

the truth and the truth will set you free—John 8:32.' God's Word was tangible during Rev Calvin's sermon and it was a heartfelt profound message, leaving everyone encouraged with 17 salvation cases (glory to God!).

Pastor Rosita Cristobal took time to thank Rev Calvin and his wife for their continuous love and support for GFM Family.

The Christmas festivity continued with the exchange of gifts and feasting, which were part of the Christmas tradition.

Christmas is also the season of giving. GFM kids were delighted to receive their gifts and they opened their Christmas presents with excitement.

After the kids collected their Christmas presents, they went from one table to another as they performed live and sang their best Christmas carols, bringing the warmth of Christmas to everyone present.

In the Philippines, Christmas carolling is a tradition where kids or kids at heart would fill the streets or visit houses with their musical instruments like tambourines, guitars, or their customised or handmade drums made from empty milk cans and topped with plastic sealed with rubber bands.

Carollers will be rewarded with money or gifts and they will end their singing with words of thanks such as "Thank you, thank you, ang babait ninyo, thank you". (Thank you, thank you, you are very kind, thank you.)

It's the season to be jolly! But more than just gift-giving, feasting, joyful singing and gatherings, during this festive season, GFM Family commemorates the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Indeed Jesus is the reason for this season, the Giver of Freedom for the Season.

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### REACHING OUT Earnestly As Christ Heals

New year, new season, new beginning.

Embracing and celebrating the good memories of last year, we bade farewell to 2019 and welcomed 2020 with anticipation and hope.

What are some of the things you want to do to make a difference in the new year? Will you consider getting more involved in the local mission of the church, REACH Community Services (RCSS)?

Have your ever wondered why "REACH" is spelt in capital letters? Are you surprised that it is actually an acronym? R-E-A-C-H stands for Reaching Out Earnestly As Christ Heals.



Looking at the logo of RCSS, have you also wondered why there is an orange bridge connecting the "A" to the "H" and passing through the "C"? Yes, embedded with the outreach to the needy,

there is the desire to help them transit from Anxiety to Hope through the love of Christ!

While we see our mission as doing God's work, we also need to help the needy get to know Christ and experience the unconditional and compassionate love of Christ in the process. As such, we frame our organisation tagline as "Hope is within REACH".

To start this new year, let us take a closer look at RCSS. Join us in our mission by living out RCSS's mission statement through the four main services.

- · Rekindling Hope
- · Enhancing Social & Emotional Well-being
- · Assisting Personal Growth
- · Caring for the Hurting
- · Helping the Needy

When Jesus Christ was on Earth, there was no one He was unwilling to reach out to, no one He was unwilling to heal. Today, Christ our Lord wants His disciples to do the same—reaching out earnestly just as He heals. Hence, the Great Commandment:

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' - Matt 22: 37-39 NIV

"Then the King will say to those on his right,
'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take
your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for
you since the creation of the world. 'For I was
hungry and you gave me something to eat,
I was thirsty and you gave me something to
drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I
needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick
and you looked after me, I was in prison and
you came to visit me.'

"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

Matt 25: 34-40 NIV

How then can we live out the spirit of REACH?

This year, REACH Senior Service is launching a new volunteering platform.

We are recruiting volunteers to be trained as Centre Ambassadors to make connections with the community seniors and to integrate the newcomers at our Senior Activity Centres (SACs). We seek to make SAC a welcoming place for seniors with different physical or mental disabilities, letting them know that they are accepted in our community. The Centre Ambassadors will also be involved in engaging activities for people with Mild Cognitive Impairment (MCI) and mild dementia. Thus, the Centre Ambassadors will be the vital bridge for integration.

If you want to reach out to the seniors and are able to commit to volunteering twice a month (two hours each), we would love to have you join our Ambassador team!

Training will be provided twice a year on a Saturday from 9am to 12pm. To volunteer, please contact Esther Yeo at 6801 0876 or email esther.yeo@reach.org.sg for more details.

A new year is like a blank book. The pen is in your hands. Take this chance to write a beautiful story for 2020. Let us REACH this year!

A good marriage is built on more than just love. Although what is considered to be good is often subjective, in this case, it refers to the process of strengthening marriages through better management of conflicts and strengthening the relationship bond.

The fundamentals of a good marriage start with A.B.C. What does ABC stand for?

A represents **Acceptance**. It means accepting your partner for who they are. B represents **Bond**. The bond between husband and wife, which is needed for two people to experience closeness and intimacy, is one of the most crucial factors needed for a lasting marriage. C represents **Commitment**. Commitment is the basis of every relationship. Commitment here does not simply refer to loyalty only, but also a commitment to understanding, forgiveness, love and communication.

While these ABCs are part of the fundamentals of a good marriage, it also requires trust, security and the ability to compromise.

Trust is essential in any type of relationship. If there is no trust between a couple, it would be prudent to take a step back to work on that before walking down the aisle. Trust is

# Essentials of a **GOOD** Marriage

required to free oneself from any form of doubts or speculations, and will help both parties to get through tough times.

With trust comes security. The feeling of trust will inevitably develop a sense of security in the relationship, the marriage and in each other. This trust and sense of security allow one to know and believe with certainty that our partner will not leave us regardless of the situation, but will stay to work things through. It also gives us the assurance that one can continue to rely on the other person emotionally, physically and mentally.

Most importantly, every couple should learn to compromise. Every marriage is bound to face conflicts. Regardless of our similarities, disagreements will occur. When face with disagreements that do not have a clear solution, do not give up. Instead, work towards making compromises. Often, compromises are seen as our partner changing us. It is not always the case. A compromise is when both parties choose to lose something in order to gain something in return, where a solution is derived without personal attacks on each other.

Attempting to change someone is unhealthy, especially when it is our spouse. Making the decision to marry our partner signifies our acceptance of them in their entirety. Trying to change our spouse will only bring unhappiness, cause cracks in our relationships and open the door to multiple problems.

While having the above-mentioned components in our relationship is vital for a good marriage, every situation a couple faces is different. Solutions are not always easily attained and they can differ accordingly for each couple. If need be, do not hesitate to seek professional help by reaching out to experts such as counsellors. They will be able to offer professional advice and guidance in an unbiased and nonjudgemental way.

REACH Counselling Service aims to build enduring marriages through marital counselling and marital work. Refer to RCSS website for more details.





# Stretch out thy hand! **BY Lim Soo Eng** Grace@Tanglin Sunday Cafe Ministry

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On Sunday, 8 December 2019, Gracians stretched out their hands to invite their relatives and friends to Sunday service and a sumptuous Christmas meal prepared by the Grace@Tanglin café. We welcomed 260 patrons, including about 100 guests where the event could have been their first visit to Grace@Tanglin. During the meal, Sister Li Wei from Young Adults & Young Professionals (YAYP) shared her testimony on how God had protected her even before she accepted Christ, and her journey of faith and transformation after she accepted Christ. The Alpha team also went to each table to share with our guests on our upcoming Alpha course in 2020. And praise the Lord! 17 guests indicated their interest to sign up for the course.

We received feedback from several Gracians on how the event had made it easy for them to invite their pre-believing relatives and friends to church. Sister Josephine Tan invited her dance group at her residential block and seeds were sown as they heard the sermon of salvation before they came down for the meal. It is for this reason that Grace@Tanglin café is committed to organising the Christmas meal event before Christmas annually for Gracians to stretch out their hands to their pre-believing relatives and friends, and lead them to the saving grace of God!

"Thank you so much for the wonderful one-star meal! Our guest loved the lamb. We enjoyed the beef and fish too." "Whole atmosphere is so welcoming. Thank you for serving!"

#### Bernard and Kate



1. Serving coffee cheerfully

- 2. Serving food attentively
- 3. Alpha team in action
- 4. Focused on plating the appetiser
- 5. Gracian chefs
- 6. Gracian baristas
- 7. Doorgift for guests - recycled bottles painted by our Grace





#### Some fun facts and figures:

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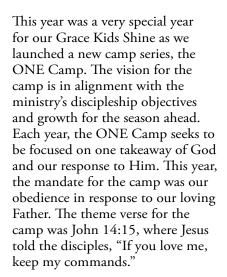
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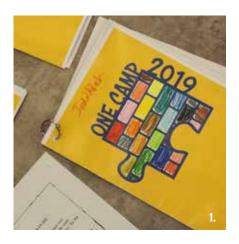
1 blistered hand arising from cutting too much beef

# ONE Camp 2019: Walking in OBEDIENCE

By Samantha Loh



The camp was held from 5–7 December in Grace@BukitBatok. A total of 80 children and 50 volunteers attended. At the camp, the children were constantly engaged in activities that challenged their perspectives on obedience. Yet, they were also reminded of how biblical characters had exhibited radical obedience to God without questions. Like Ioshua, they marched around the first floor of Grace@BukitBatok 7 times. Like Abraham, they took a long (bus) journey to Changi Airport, before slowly making their way back to church by overcoming various station missions situated throughout the island. And, like Noah, they created an ark from recyclable materials. Symbolically, we rewarded the children's obedience with ice cream and a trip to Kiztopia, an indoor playground. The children's senses were engaged in all ways to help them understand what obedience means.



















#### Participants' reflections

"The key to successful parenting is to view things from the child's perspective. From there, it is easier to be more intentional, more observant, and more understanding."

#### Agnes Tan, mother of two

"The parenting seminar made me more aware of my parenting style. It taught me how parents need to change to make our home a haven for our children."

#### Sherlyn Tan, mother of three

"The parenting seminar was biblically rooted and very applicable to all parents, regardless of their kids' age!"

Vincent Lee, father of two

- 1. The ONE Camp logo for 2019
- 2. Do you like my paper crane?
- 3. Children making use of their creative skills for the Noah skit
- 4. The ONE Camp volunteers
- **5.** Children exhibiting teamwork for one of the challenges on Day 1
- **6.** Children learning to trust their teammates for one of the challenges on Day 1
- 7. Children's Ministry Head, Soo Wei , with participants Somang and Jeremy
- **8.** Elizabeth Chang dressed in army fatigues for one of the games
- 9. Children designing their group's banner
- **10.** Camp volunteer Kim Soon dressed up as an elephant for the Noah skit



The new camp series also brought about new partnerships. We collaborated with the Family Life Ministry and Focus on the Family to launch a parenting seminar held alongside the children's camp. Entitled "Parent's Makeover," we had parents of all ages come together to glean a fresh perspective on the needs of parenting by being centred on one's own growth before their child's. The intentionality required in raising and engaging children was also a point impressed upon the attendees, particularly in the fastpaced nature of the world today.

The two programmes culminated in a joint family service for parents and children on the last day of ONE Camp 2019. It was beautiful to see an inter-generational worship session as all danced along enthusiastically to old favourites and later, making a commitment to having the fathers lead their families in communion. Several families also made a commitment at the end of the

service to serve their community in and outside of church in obedience to the Father's love, which beckons each of us to love Him and our neighbours.

All participants also went home with a special 3D-printed memento of the ONE Camp logo—a puzzle piece shaped like a brick wall to symbolise the uniquely different individuals within a family unit. Incredibly, each puzzle piece can be joined to another, serving as a visual reminder of how the church community is formed through unity among all the various family units. The vision for 2019 was to answer the call of the Father and walk in obedience. How will the Lord call us in 2020? We hope you are just as excited for us to find that out! See you then!

If you would like to be part of Grace Kids Shine and/or ONE Camp 2020, please contact Sister Sim Soo Wei at soowei@graceaog.org



**BY** Felicia Chen and Simin Seah

Gift a Christmas is a Christmas project initiated by Grace Kids (GK) in collaboration with REACH Community Services. A total of 210 senior beneficiaries from Jalan Membina, Bukit Gombak and Bukit Batok were involved. Each child was paired with a senior beneficiary who had indicated what he/she wanted for Christmas. The children were then challenged to source for and purchase the gift together with their parents. During this period, parents were encouraged to hold meaningful conversations with their children regarding this project to help them think, process and reflect. On 15 December, all the children brought the gifts to church, wrapped them and wrote cards for the senior beneficiaries together as one body of Christ, reaching out and loving the community.

Our children today are blessed abundantly, and Christmas is a time of the year where they are blessed with more—gifts, food and love. We want the children to learn and grow from apathy to empathy through our Gift a Christmas project. What could be more meaningful than to be a blessing to someone during this season of love? GK wishes to inculcate in the children a habit of giving during Christmas. We wish to nurture children to be more outward looking and also to be an









There were children who sacrificially used their pocket money and savings to buy a gift for their senior beneficiary. Apart from the children, there were also GK leaders who volunteered to sponsor a gift for the elderly. We also received overwhelming responses from some parents who willingly sponsored more than one beneficiary. We thank God for the zealous response from all the children, their parents as well as our very own leaders.

Ultimately, we want our children to remember that just as we show love to the REACH beneficiaries with a gift and a card this Christmas, Jesus was born on Christmas as a gift to us from God, redeeming us by paying the price of sin.

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord —Romans 6:23

Indeed, Jesus is the greatest gift to us and the reason we celebrate this season.

Let's read what some children, parents and GK leaders have to say about the event.

"I learnt that we should give what we have to those who need it more. I would like to help those in need and have a chance to make a difference in their lives."

#### Keziah Lim

"I would like to participate in such an event again in the future so that more people will know about Jesus and His love for them." Charis and Caleb Tan

- 1.-4. Choosing the right size of wrapping papers, and wrapping the gifts with the guidance of their
- **5.-6.** Writing a personalised card for their beneficiaries.
- Joel Koh sharing about his experience taking part
- Adding some creativity to his wrapping!











## Becoming **FISHERMEN** of Christ







**BY** Caelyn Teo

In December, more than 140 preteens from Emerge@R-AGE took part in a four-day camp at Grace@BukitBatok, which was filled with fun activities and many learning opportunities to become fishermen of Christ!

#### Day 1

On 10 December, with steps of anticipation, the preteens gathered at the bustling registration booth to collect their name tags and camp booklets. The camp started with some orientation games to break the ice among the groups. Every group was also tasked to create a group identity - a one-of-a-kind fishing net built from scratch. Next up, we had station games! As the preteens were still feeling unfamiliar with their groups, the group leaders took the initiative to gather everyone to participate actively in the games. One game that the preteens really enjoyed was "Balance the Moolah", which tested each group's teamwork and it certainly helped to break the ice!

After lunch, the participants engaged in another set of station games which taught the preteens that knowing Jesus gives us the confidence to follow Him. After completing each station, the groups obtained clues which will lead

them to guess the 'Mysterious Person X' who had been assigned to their respective groups.

The entire process of finding the Regional Leader who was assigned to their group was not an easy task for the preteens as it required them to know the characteristics and qualities of that person as described in the clues. In the same way through this game, they learnt that they must first know who Jesus is by honing the heart of wanting to experience Him and read His Word, in order to follow Him confidently. This helped to serve as a reminder to the preteens to think about how they can encounter and interact with God in order to know Him better and in a more intimate manner.

Day 1 ended with a night sermon preached by Brother Joel Lim on what it really meant to follow Christ - to put His plans and thoughts above ourselves. The preteens were prompted to think about what they really see as priority at this milestone of their growing-up phase. Everyone, including the leaders, was reminded that we follow Jesus because of who He is, out of a relationship with Him, and because He is worth living for!

#### Day 2

Day 2 started with much excitement with a series of station games called "Fisherman see, fisherman do". However, during the games, tension grew when some of the participants started arguing. During the debrief, the preteens were guided to reflect on how to follow God's commandment of loving our neighbours. Instead of retaliating, they were taught how to show love to those who are mean to them, and the importance of being more Christ-like, as a follower of Jesus.

After lunch, the preteens were all pumped up for the afternoon's activity because it was their first activity out of the church premises! And off we went for prawning at ORTO!

After a short prawning and safety demonstration by the ORTO staff, the eager preteens started prawning away as they competed to be the team with the biggest catch!

Through the prawning experience, the preteens learnt that being fishers of men (bringing people to Christ) requires patience and willingness. Similarly, when the preteens share the good news of Christ to their friends,



- 1. Pre-teens posing for the camera as Commissioned Fishermen, ready to be fishers of men for the Lord to mark the end of camp!
- 2. Pre-teens having an exciting time of prawning at ORTO!
- 3. Pre-teens using a bow and an arrow to shoot down their targets a variety of different plastic bottles.
- **4.** A heart-warming time of pre-teens gathering around their leaders to pray for them on the last day of camp.
- 5. Pre-teens showing off their chopstick skills to pick up as many bread clips as possible into the plastic bottle.
- 6. Pre-teens balancing a coin on the ice cream sticks that they are holding, making sure it does not drop while performing tasks together as a team.



it may not bear instant fruits whereby they will accept Jesus into their lives immediately. They were taught not to be forceful with their friends but instead, to pray for their pre-believing friends' hearts to be softened. Patience and trust in God are essential.

The participants were also reminded that in Matthew 4:18-22 (the theme verse for the camp) the disciples left their nets and followed Jesus. In the same way, we encouraged and prayed that every Emerge preteen would have the same heart of willingness to want to fish for men.

Later that evening, a sermon was preached by Brother Ang En Ming on why we should be fishers of men – the importance of sharing the Gospel. We have experienced God's love and goodness upon us, and as God's disciples, we must share the Good News! The preteens were also taught to believe and rely on God's help and they were encouraged to share the Gospel to pre-believers in their schools and families.

#### Day 3

The camp continued with more fun and games, ranging from

unconventional ones like flinging their shoes as far as possible to earn more points, to memory and carnival games. Through the many games, our participants were taught that there were different ways to fish for men. Similar, there are many ways to preach the Gospel to their friends!

A treasure hunt in the afternoon got our participants racking their brains to solve mathematical equations and searching for bottles of kuti-kuti to match their answers. Their observation and decision-making skills were also put to test as they combed the church grounds for a mysterious, colourchanging "mermaid" in order to gain more kuti-kuti. The take-away from this game was that when it comes to sharing the Gospel, our preteens must be observant and sensitive to their friends' readiness and comfort level, so that they know when the time is right to broach the subject.

Sister Tiffany Tay ended the day with a sermon, "Give Up All to be Given More". The sermon encouraged everyone that as true followers of Christ, they should give up their distractions and love Jesus with their entire being and seek Him. It was heartening to see many preteens taking a step of faith and responding to the altar call when they were asked if they were willing to dedicate their lives to Jesus and allow His light to shine through them, wherever they go.

#### Day 4

The last day was for everyone to reflect on what they had learnt from the camp and share with their groups. An award cum graduation ceremony was also held to present awards to the winning group and the one with the best team spirit. The group leaders also distributed stickers and congratulated the preteens on their "graduation" to become fishermen for Christ!

After the leaders prayed for their newly minted "fishermen" as they go into the world to fish for men, the tables turned, and the preteens started laying their hands to pray for their leaders! It was indeed a heart-warming sight that marked the end of yet another memorable camp.



# **AWAKENED** and In Pursuit of God

ву Winna Tan





On 17 December, 130 youths from Elevate@R-AGE from both Grace@Tanglin and Grace@BukitBatok packed their bags and embarked on a 4-day/3-night camp at Kulim Eco Resort in Johor Bahru. Escaping from the bustling life in Singapore, away from good data connection and Wi-Fi, was the perfect environment to welcome the Secondary 2s into Elevate, and to seek and hear from the Lord together.

The theme of the camp was AWAKEN and was based on Romans 13:11-14. We had the privilege of having Brother Calvin Hong, Senior Leader and Co-founder of Awaken Generation, preach in our services about waking up from our spiritual slumber and pursuing God. He reminded all of us of our identity as children of God who have a loving and intimate Heavenly Father and encouraged us to live out a life of servanthood and honour.

A highlight of the services was when Brother Calvin illustrated to us the significance of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples as an act of humility, and later offering us the opportunity to do that for others. It was such an emotional sight witnessing siblings washing each other's feet and the youths initiating to wash the feet

#### **LEFT TOP**

Welcoming the break of dawn during the sunrise campfire on the final day of camp

#### **LEFT BOTTOM**

52 campers headed out on Day 2 for an early morning hike!

#### **RIGHT TOP**

Mass group photo of all the campers of Elevate Camp 2019: Awaken! of their leaders and vice versa. This sacred act allowed us to catch onto Jesus' heart of servanthood; it was such a powerful experience!

The camp committee planned an exciting three-day programme which included a Cluedo-like game on the first night with the shepherds role-playing characters from the medieval times. We also participated in fun and wet station games to earn points for our groups on the second day, and finally a structure-making game on the third day. Before the sun rose on the last day, we gathered at 5.45am to attend a campfire where Pastor Joey Asher Tan spoke of how the campfire will burn out, but the fire inside of us should grow brighter and bigger after the camp!

We were in awe as we witnessed the sunrise together, a timely reminder of how God's mercies are afresh for us every morning.

Praise God for waking us up from our slumber and empowering us to live in righteousness and holiness.

See you at Elevate Camp 2020!



Parents often wonder or ask one another what they should do to teach, mentor or discipline their child in a given situation or time.

Deuteronomy 6:5 states that Christians are to "love the Lord our God with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our strength". We need to first have a loving and close relationship with God, finding time and exercising discipline every day to be in His joyful presence. This includes worshipping Him, meditating on His Word and praying to be transformed into His likeness and obeying His commands. Many of us fail to recognise the importance of—or neglect—this area, leads to ineffective discipleship and growth.

In a biological family, it is said that the greatest gift a father can give his children is to love their mother. Ephesians 5:25 instructs husbands to love their wives, "just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her", while verse 22 exhorts wives to submit themselves to their own husbands as they do to the Lord". Personally, finding and applying the love language of my wife (acts of service like washing dishes and vacuuming/mopping the floor at home) helped to boost our relationship. How I have

# PARENTING STARTS

**BY** Jim Ng Parenting Core Group of Family Life Ministry

communicated with her daily, gone out with her alone regularly and resolved disagreements intermittently (especially in my tone and words used) were key. The children in our families are watching us each day in an environment where we, as parents, model God's love and discipline to them in a transparent and consistent manner. Strong marriages lay the foundation for godly parenting.

Parents are to "impress God's commandments on their children" (Deuteronomy 6:7) and "start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it" (Proverbs 22:6). Only then can children learn at a young age to "obey their parents in the Lord, for this is right" (Ephesians 6:1). Broadly, we can set up a family altar each day to read the Bible to our children, teach them how to pray, inculcate in them godly truths and values, and, at the earliest opportune time, lead them by faith into a relationship with our Lord Jesus. In this ecosystem, our children also understand that there are inevitable consequences and face discipline when they infringe stipulated boundaries.

Practically, my wife and I have embraced open channels of communication with our two daughters, including moral and sex education, as we realised that if we did not teach them, the world's media and their peers would influence them. We did not spare the rod but used it

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sparingly on them, since we found that withdrawal of their privileges (no television viewing previously or handphone usage in this era) can be an equally effective correction method. As we noticed that the personality and talent of each of our daughters were different, we have tweaked our parenting styles for each daughter, so as to allow her to develop to the full potential God has for her. No parent or child is perfect, but we can both learn from our mistakes and improve our parenting skills or behaviour respectively.

Our families, if put in order or strengthened, can only serve to impact and "do good to all people" (Galatians 6:10), including other biological families in Grace Missional Groups and the wider church. We mentor and assist one another in the journey of life and faith, building on one another's strengths and supporting one another's weaknesses. Single-parent families, families with special needs children and divorced/widowed individuals can also receive support from trained counsellors if needed.

Local community outreaches and even overseas missions trips (Matthew 28:19-20) can be planned and undertook throughout the year by families or groups of individuals in our Grace Missional Family Church. Families may embark on these initiatives, blessing others and be blessed themselves. It can serve as an eye-opener too for our children who hitherto may not be exposed to diverse conditions or cultures.

It all starts with us individuals.

Besides his role in Family Life Ministry, Jim is also a Regional Leader, overseeing Grace Missional Groups in Region B. Although retired after 35 years of medical practice, he continues to serve as a lay volunteer in these ministries. He is married to Joan for 35 years and has two grown-up daughters.

## **Building Family** Altars

Last November, Grace Kids collaborated with Family Life Ministry to run a parents' workshop on 'Building Family Altars' at both Grace@ Tanglin and Grace@BukitBatok. While their children from Sparkle@ Grace Kids went on an outing, 74 parents attended the fruitful sessions conducted by Pastor Alvin Lim. Here's what some of them have to say after attending the workshop:

#### Esther and Benson Yeo, parents of four-year-old Mikaela, and two-year-old **Nathaniel**

We were so blessed and inspired by Pastor Alvin's sharing. It was good to hear real life examples and learn practical tips on how to disciple our children from a young age. We immediately went to buy a toddler's bible that very day to get our children started on God's Word!



#### Lucas and Pui Fun Chia with their children, Kaelyn, 6 and Kylie, 3

An inspiring and encouraging session; a timely reminder for both Lucas and myself that we can be good role models to our kids and we should start the journey of faith building when they are still young. Through sharing our experiences with other parents, it helps to encourage and assure one another that the 'roadblocks' we

are facing are perfectly normal and we just need to persevere and let His Words will be our guiding light in this parenting journey.

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

Yuliyan and Annie Stoyanov, with their children, Evelyn and Ivan, aged 5 and 3 We've learnt so much from the workshop. After the session, we started a daily routine of reading bible stories with the kids at night before they sleep. We have also downloaded Our Daily Bread and look forward to building our family with

faith in God.





We all struggle with issues in life. Some of these issues could be childhood memories, hurts and pain that have affected our lives, unexplained outbursts of anger, or constant nightmares and fears. We might have tried various means to deal with these issues but still face the same struggles, and feel a sense of hopelessness and helplessness.

God desires us to attain complete and lasting healing in our journey with God. The first step to freedom in Christ is to recognise our need for healing. Our hurts and pain do not go away just because we have come to know Christ. Many of us do not know how to walk in freedom the way that God desires us to.

In this seminar, you will learn to:

- · Break the negative generational patterns
- · Break the lies of the enemy through your ungodly belief system
- Heal your wounded soul
- · Assert your authority in Christ
- · Deal with abandonment and rejection issues

Topics on dealing with abuse, trauma and sexuality issues are also included in the Seminar. You will be taught the keys to help you walk out your healing and freedom and to receive God's promises for your life throughout the finished work of Christ on the Cross.

# Restored to Wholeness Seminar

#### **Grace@Tanglin**

21 February 2020, Friday 7:00pm – 9:45pm L1 Gethsemane

22 & 29 February 2020, Saturday 9:00am – 5:00pm L2 Eden

Register online today @ https://event.graceaog.org

Must attend Grace Assembly of God for at least 3 months.



**Deadline for Registration:** Maximum 30 pax or by 13 February 2020. Registration will only be confirmed when payment is made. Individual ministry sessions are held at Grace@BukitBatok only.

You are required to attend the teaching sessions for ALL 3 DAYS to have a proper understanding of the ministry before receiving it.

Event Fee: \$40 per pax



Welcoming A New Senior Pastor for A New Season 为新的时期迎接 新的主任牧师

By Lim Han 撰文 林晗







Grace Assembly has a tradition of holding a Watchnight Service every New Year's Eve to usher in the new year together as a church. But it was a little different for 31 December 2019.

The last service of 2019 was a Thanksgiving and Installation Service, marked by the monumental handover of leadership from Rev Calvin Lee to Rev Dr Wilson Teo. Special guests, such as former Senior Pastor of Grace Assembly, Rev Oh Beng Kee, Rev Dr Naomi Dowdy, and many others were invited to witness the procession.

The service kicked off with praise and worship to honour God for all that He has done for Grace Assembly. With tambourines flying and spirits high, the worship team led the congregation in a time of bilingual worship. This was followed by a recap video to highlight the key happenings in Grace Assembly in 2019.

In Pastor Calvin's final message as Senior Pastor, he shared three key "M"s to sum up the succession – Moment, Method, and Mission. Affirming the congregation of God's sovereignty in the leadership succession, he rallied all Gracians to anticipate God's future work in Grace Assembly under the leadership of Pastor Wilson. As Pastor Calvin so eloquently put it, "Pastors come and pastors go, but the presence of God will be in Grace Assembly forever."

A tribute video was also screened in appreciation of Pastor Calvin and Sister Charis' contributions to Grace Assembly over the 30 years they have been with the church.

During the handover ceremony, Pastor Calvin presented Pastor Wilson with a symbolic shepherd's staff, which serves to remind the new senior pastor of his responsibility to guide, protect and herd the sheep of Grace Assembly. Pastor Calvin jokingly added that the staff could be used to "beat the black sheep" if necessary, as he waved it in demonstration to much laughter from the audience. Pastor Wilson's family, the church pastors as well as the Executive Church Board members

神召会恩典堂有一个传统,就是在 每年的新年除夕夜都举行儆醒夜聚 会,让教会可以共同迎接新年。但 是2019年12月31日却有些不同。

2019年最后一场的聚会是感恩暨交接典礼,隆重的领导层交接仪式是聚会的焦点,从李兆明牧师传给了赵克文博士牧师。当晚,恩典堂前主任牧师胡民气牧师、拿俄米·道蒂牧师,以及许多被邀请嘉宾一同出席见证了这典礼的过程。

聚会以赞美敬拜尊荣神作为开始, 因祂为神召会恩典堂成就了一切。 随著铃鼓的飞舞和高涨的情感,敬 拜团带领会众进入双语敬拜。随后 是通过视频来回顾神召会恩典堂在 2019年的重要活动及事件。

李兆明牧师在他作为主任牧师的最后一次证道中,以三个关键词来分享此次接任:时刻、方法和使命。他向会众肯定神在领导继任中的主权,他召集所有恩友,在赵克文牧师的领导下,一起期待神在神召会恩典堂未来的工作。正如李兆明牧师所说的:「牧师会来也会离开,但神召会恩典堂永远会有神的同在。」

之后,聚会播放一段致敬视频以感 谢李兆明牧师和师母在过去三十年 对神召会恩典堂的贡献。

在交接仪式上,李兆明牧师将一个具有象征性的牧羊人的杖交给赵克文牧师,作为提醒新主任牧师的责任是引导、保护和牧养神召会恩典堂的羊群。李兆明牧师还开玩笑说,若有需要,牧羊人的杖那天「击打黑羊」,他同时挥舞声中的杖以作示范,逗得会众笑声时,起克文牧师的家人、教会教事会都被邀请上台围绕著他连同会众一起为赵克文牧师祷告。





were then invited on stage to surround him as the church prayed over Pastor Wilson.

As the newly installed Senior Pastor of Grace Assembly, Pastor Wilson shared his bold vision and plans for the church. "I want to build future generations who will be missional and live out the Gospel in this nation and the rest of the world," he declared. In his sharing, Pastor Wilson also noted that the church's annual Grace Retreat would be replaced with a Grace Leadership Summit in June 2020 to unite the leaders of the church to expound on plans and directions for future of the church. Grace Retreat will resume in 2021. Pastor Wilson proceeded to extend his heartfelt thanks to his family, friends and Gracians for their ongoing support and love as he steps into this new chapter.

The service concluded with the showcase of a new GraceSong, aptly titled New Day, composed by our very own Gracian, Samantha Lim.

With 2019 behind us, let's get ready for all that God is going to do in 2020!

作为刚被按立成为神召会恩典堂的 主任牧师,赵克文牧师分享他对教 会的愿景和计划。他宣告说:「我 要建立将来的世代,他们将在本国 和世界其他国家中成为有使命感和 活出福音的人。」在他的分享中, 赵克文牧师也提及教会每年6月进 行的恩典堂退修会,将在2020改为 恩典堂领袖峰会。这是为了要团结 教会的领袖,阐述教会未来的计划 和方向。家庭退修会将会在2021年 恢复举办。赵克文牧师接着向他的 家人、朋友和恩友们致以衷心的感 谢,在他踏入这新的篇章之际,他 们持续给予的支持和关爱。

聚会也以首播一首新的《恩。曲》 作为结束,该诗歌的歌名是《新的 一天》(New Day),创作者是我们 的恩友,林慧芬姐妹。

2019年已离我们而去,让我们为神 将会在2020年所要成就的一切做好 准备!

You may review the live broadcast of our Thanksgiving and Installation Service on our Facebook feed on 31 December 2019. 您可以通过于2019年12月31日的脸书贴文,重温感恩暨交接 聚会的录影实况。





# Grace Discipleship Institute Seminar — The Lordship of Christ

SPEAKER: Pastor Lee Meng Cham

**DATE:** 21 March 2020 **TIME:** 9:30–12:30pm

**VENUE:** Grace@Tanglin, L2 Eden

cost: \$5

SYNOPSIS: One of the principle themes of the Bible is the Kingdom of God. Jesus, in His Incarnation, Crucifixion, Resurrection and Ascension is the fitting Lord of creation, and coming Judge of humanity. By His redemption we are saved to be restored as subjects of His Kingdom. This course will help us understand the nature of the Kingdom and the call to serve His Kingship in every aspect of our life.

Register at https://event.graceaog.org/ from 21 February to 15 March. For enquiries, pls email gdi@graceaog.org



07-09 June



GRACE LEADERSHIP

SUMMIT

Fraser Place Puteri Harbour Johor Bahru, Malaysia



#### **Grace Leadership Summit 2020**

Registration details for Grace Leaders

#### REGISTRATION DATES

Online registration opens on 8 February and will close on 23 February.

Leaders who are registering or making payment over the counter may do so on the weekends of 8-9 February, 15-16 February and 22-23 February.

#### REGISTRATION WEBSITE

Please register and make payment at event.actxplorer.com Registration terms and conditions are available on the website.

#### REGISTRATION VENUE

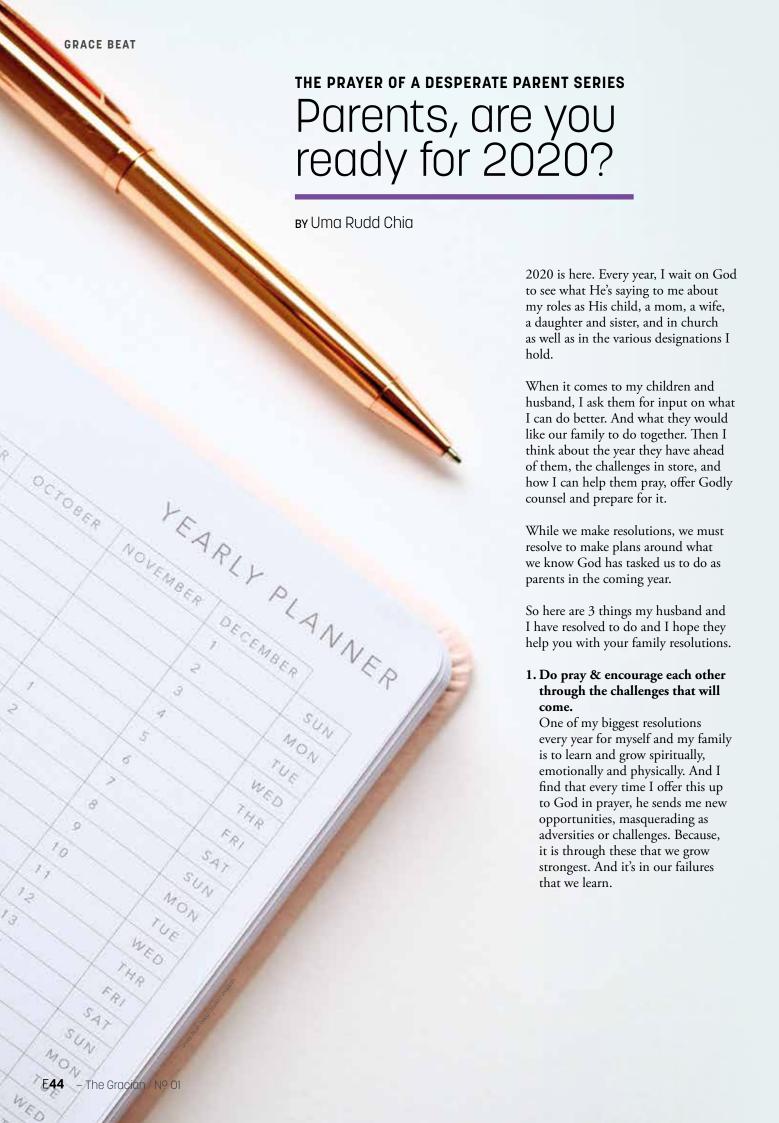
For leaders who are registering or making payment via the counter, please do at the following locations

**Grace@Tanglin** – Level 2 (at the open area near the escalator to Level 3)

Grace@BukitBatok - Level 2 (at the open area near the escalator to Level 3)

#### QUESTIONS?

If you have further questions on the registration process, please contact the organising committee at graceretreat@graceaog.org



"While we make resolutions, we must resolve to make plans around what we know God has tasked us to do as parents in the coming year."

So don't just pray for blessings and peace. Pray for strength of character (Romans 5:3-5) and the ability to grow in—and display—the fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22–23) for yourself and your kids in the midst of every challenge you will face in the coming year. And when your kids falter and fail (even if it's a result of them blatantly disobeying you), withhold the "I told you so" and replace it with, "Now let's see how we can fix this together". Or, if your child is older and too proud to ask for help, let him or her know, "It's ok. We all make mistakes. Let me know if I can do anything to help."

#### 2. Make plans for—and with—your

While we pray and wait on God, the waiting isn't passive. Even Jesus made very careful arrangements for His life to fulfil God's will. Think about it. He went to visit His cousin, John, so He could be baptised in water and receive the empowerment of the Holy Spirit and a confirmation of His calling (Mark 3:13-17). He chose 12 very specific disciples (Matthew 10)—each having a role to play in the fulfilment of prophecies pertaining to His death and resurrection and the spreading of Christianity after. He even made detailed arrangements from venue to accommodation for the Lord's Supper to be instituted (Luke 22:7-23).

This year, Sarah goes into Primary 4 and Daniel will be doing his PSLE. He's nervous about it. But he's been studying hard. Last term, he was the third boy in his class and scored the highest among his peers for Mathematics. But his English wasn't great. So we just got him an English tuition teacher—a good Christian one. I've also bought him assessment books and devised a plan and schedule for him to work with. Sarah is a little trickier. While focusing on my son, I don't want to neglect my daughter, so I made a schedule for her. Getting her to keep the schedule will be a challenge, because where Daniel is conscientious, Sarah takes everything lightly, except baking, which she loves.

But I've made plans to the best of my ability. Now I offer them up to God for His direction. Because, while we make plans, it is God who directs and prospers them (Proverbs 16:9). And when you feel a plan's not working and God's guiding you to do something new, no matter how much investment and effort you've put into the plan, be willing to pivot and trust His hand.

#### 3. Take time to play.

While typing this, I am suffering from a sprained and bruised left lumbar. I was playing Ninja Whale, a game I invented with the kids and fell hard on my back off the bed two nights back. So I'm partly

laughing at the irony of typing this and aching with each chuckle at the same time.

I'm sharing this because if you read the Old Testament, you'll find a God who loves to "play". He ordained 7 feasts in a year. Some went on for days with dancing and celebrations. Yes, every festivity had a religious aspect, reason and lesson. But a key factor for all the feasts but one (the day of atonement) was celebration and joy. It was a party. God sings and dances over us. Shouldn't we as parents celebrate, sing and dance with our children? So while you're doing 1 and 2 above, don't get caught up in the dos and don'ts of life and forget to take time to play with your loved ones. And don't feel guilty about it either because all you're doing is simply behaving the same way God acts with you.

Finally, from my family to yours, we wish you your best new year yet! May 2020 bring your family closer together and closer to Jesus.

Uma Rudd Chia is a Keynote Speaker and Creative Director. She's married to her childhood sweetheart, Colin Chia. They actively serve in the worship ministry at Grace, while their children Daniel, 11, and Sarah, 9, attend Sunday School. If you've been encouraged by her article or have any feedback, please write to her at uma@umaruddchia.com

## What I learnt from SERVING in Alpha@Grace

Reflections from an Alpha helper

**BY** Tay Huizhen



#### You'll never be fully ready

I still recall the first time my Alpha leader asked me if I would like to serve in Alpha, a 13-week course designed to introduce prebelievers to the Christian faith. My immediate response to her was, "But I don't know much about the Bible myself. What if I confuse these pre-believers?" She assured me kindly, and told me that, as helpers, we are not expected to be perfect. Then, she encouraged me to brush up on my Bible knowledge, and serve as a way to grow my faith at the same time. It made sense, so I said, "Yes," and since then, I've served in five Alpha runs. In every run, I learn something different. Here's what I discovered:

#### God knows us well

And he knows I love variety! With the varied tasks available in Alpha, I could try out different roles each run—from being on the

'frontline' as a helper and leader facilitating the small group sessions, to assisting with the 'back-end', helping with hospitality, AV, logistics and set-up. I believe that when God calls you to serve, He always provides, not just in terms of time and resources, but sometimes even providing the excitement you need as well, to keep you going.

#### Community strengthens our faith

Alpha provides the wonderful opportunity to know more Gracians. Every Sunday, we can go in and out of church without so much as saying "Hi" to other churchgoers. But serving with Alpha helpers consistently, on a weekly basis, allowed me to know them on a deeper level.

On certain weeks when I had to serve but didn't feel at my best, their simple sharing, testimony, or even quiet support gave me strength to keep on going. Indeed, the Christian journey is not a solo one. And Alpha lets me experience Romans 1:12 in action-"that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith."

In the past two years, we also started Alpha sessions in Mandarin, alongside the English sessions. And I got to serve alongside brothers and sisters from the Mandarin congregation. Gifted with talents like dancing, balloonmaking and singing, many of them inspire us to serve creatively, and with enthusiasm.

#### God works in us as we serve

God works in really unexpected ways too. Like how He also used Alpha to mould me on





- 1. Alpha admin and set-up team
- 2. Guests enjoying a time of fellowship over the pre-video meal.
- 3. Alpha@Grace English group
- 4. Alpha@Grace Chinese group

a personal level. Many years ago, I struggled with an obsessive compulsive disorder, and my condition was so visible that I would get harsh stares from people on buses and trains. Because of the hurt and trauma that I felt, I made a bitter root judgment then, to not love people ever again.

So for God to lead me into Alpha, a ministry where our key role is to love, and to love excellently, is such a great transformation for me. The love that I develop for the guests is so overwhelming at times that I know it cannot come from any source other than God himself.

#### The trials are worth it

Like any other ministry, serving does not come without its set of difficulties and frustrations. The amount of logistics and work involved in Alpha is sometimes startling. But many hands make quick work. And we are all also a work in progress. Knowing that we serve Him and no one else, and being patient with others and ourselves goes a long way.

I also constantly remind myself of the end goal—that serving God is a privilege, and even one soul saved is worth the effort of such a large group of people coming together to pray and encourage one another over 13 weeks. These are fruits that are hard to see with human eyes, but fruits that will last for eternity.



#### Join us for the next Alpha@Grace in February

The previous combined Alpha run from July to October 2019 in Grace@BukitBatok had a total of 51 helpers (including volunteers from Region D) and 72 guests. We praise the Lord for 9 salvations and numerous healings, as well as manifestations of the Holy Spirit!

The next Alpha course will begin on 14 February 2020 in Grace@Tanglin, every Friday, from 7pm-10pm. The course will be conducted in English and Mandarin. Dinner will be provided too. Do invite your pre-believing relatives and friends! If you are already a believer, you can also attend the first few sessions with your guest, then leave them to the care of the course facilitators for the rest of the sessions.

Visit alpha.graceaog.org to sign up now.

#### **GRACE DISCIPLESHIP INSTITUTE**

# Emotionally Healthy Spirituality Course

Learn the keys to love oneself, others and God well through discovering how our past experiences, emotions and spiritual disciplines affect our lives.

Dates: 5, 12, 19, 26 March; 2, 9, 16, 23 April 2020 (8 Thursdays)

Time: 7.30-9.30 pm

Venue: Grace@Tanglin, L1 Gethsemane Cost: \$25 (For textbook and workbook)

Register at https://event.graceaog.org/ (5 February to 1 March)



#### Testimonies of Past Participants:

"EHS had helped me to understand myself better. The reason I behave in certain ways in particular situations was mainly due to my past. I saw myself previously as emotionally fragile, inadequate, full of flaws and feeling useless. These thoughts caused me to have low self-esteem and feel insecure. But through EHS, I learnt that God says, "It's ok, I see you are beautiful even in your brokenness". God can work in me and through me if I willingly surrender my heart and life to Him. EHS has also taught me to take His yoke that is light and to rest in Him as the Lord of the Sabbath. Apart from the lesson itself, the open sharing of all the ladies in the group had blessed me tremendously. Glory to the Lord and thank you."

"The EHS course has certainly awakened and changed my thoughts about my own emotional life. It had challenged me to understand that it is impossible to be spiritually mature, while remaining emotionally immature. These two elements must go hand in hand. The course has done a great job with anchoring the issue of emotional health and maturity into a bigger picture by giving me more food for thought, clearer understanding about dealing with my emotions in a fundamental and biblical way!"

#### Michelle

"EHS has helped me not to fear emotions, and to understand that God is able to use emotions to transform me when I honestly acknowledge them before Him. I have also learnt to embrace my limits and to rest in God and have greater trust in Him. The course has given me new insight into what it means to be emotionally and spiritually mature, and has deepened my walk with God"

#### **Poh Peng**

"The course helps me to identify, avoid and eliminate the hidden mines on the path to a much closer relationship with God. These obstacles are so subtly embedded in my thinking and way of life that I did not even know they were there! It provides practical baby step guide to hold God's hand and objectively, constructively and intentionally overcome and remove these blockages to spiritual growth and living the life that God intended."

#### Soo Hoon

Nonie

"I have learnt that emotions are very important for my spiritual growth and feelings should never be suppressed. I need to come to reality and face the facts rather than try to hide it. Rest in God is important as we reflect on life and God Word. That way we become more productive also."

#### Serene

"Hi all. I'm thankful for the opportunity to attend EHS. Great insight on the real truth of discipleship: Know who I am, discover the hidden layers beneath, move out of comfort zone and embrace it truthfully. Clean up inner self and adopt the right habit(s).

The group discussions and sharings during each session reinforced the teachings and made it easier for me to grasp. It also helped to spur one another on.

I'm still in the process but I look forward to see the unique pattern of my brokenness before God."

Melody

"The reason that I signed up for EHS is that I do not want my emotions to have unrestrained control over me.

I have learnt that to be in control of my emotions does not mean having emotions trapped or suppressed somewhere inside of me and then trying my best to put up a nice behaviour.

I have encountered very emotional people in direct ways and I do not want to respond in the same manner. During the course, I learnt to be less self critical. Emotions are put in by God. I want to be more mindful of how I talk and how I act.

I have learnt that taking little pockets of time to talk and thank Him during a busy day helps to keep the peace and joy within me. A walk or an exercise in the park can be time spent with Him."

#### Lay Keng

"The EHS program has helped me discover things I brush off as unimportant in my Christian walk and discovering how it affects my walk and how to work on them to be closer with God"

#### Shaun Aw

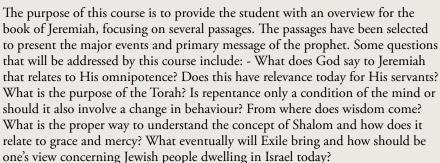
## **Book of Jeremiah**

#### Course Lecturer : Rabbi Baruch Korman

DATE & TIME: 12-13 March: 7–10pm 14 March: 9am–12.30pm

VENUE: Grace@Tanglin, L3 Emmaus

The purpose of this course is to provide



Rabbi Baruch Korman is the senior lecturer at the Zera Avraham Institute based in Israel. He also appears on the Israeli Television program Pdut L'amo where he teaches each week from the Bible (This program is in Hebrew).

A similar Bible Study programme in English is broadcast on numerous television networks across the United States, Europe, and Africa. Many of his lectures are available in the forms of video, audio and written on Pdut.org (Hebrew) and LoveIsrael.org (English).

Baruch holds a PhD in Jewish Studies. His dissertation was in the translation techniques of the Septuagint. Baruch has been married for 30 years to his wife, Rivka, and they have three adult children. The Kormans live in Israel.



#### **REGISTRATION:**

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

Fee for 3-credit module: \$130 (with assignments)

Register @https://event.graceaog.org by 5 March

Or, at Grace Bookstore, L2 Koinonia, Grace@Tanglin

Or, at Church Reception, L1, Grace@BukitBatok

For queries, please email gmc@graceaog.org





I had always wanted to visit Israel, also known as the "Holy Land"; but told myself that I would go only if the focus is on worship and encountering God through the Bible.

Imagine my joy when this "condition" was fulfilled in the December 2019 pilgrimage. Led by Pastors Wilson Teo and Lee Meng Cham, the itinerary included several sessions of devotions and worship so that the pilgrimage, as we called it, would be firmly rooted in the Word and worship of God.

Over 10 days in Israel, we visited many historical biblical sites, but it was at two specific places that I experienced the touch of God, received deeper revelations of the truths in the Bible, and was humbled at the glory of His grace and power.

## What God showed me in the **HOLY LAND**

A reflection by Lee Han, who went on a pilgrimage to Israel in December 2019 organised by our church.

The first was at Via Dolorosa in the Old City of Jerusalem, often translated as "Way of Suffering" and believed to be the path that Jesus walked on the way to His crucifixion. I experienced a deeper revelation and conviction of the weight of sin as I thought about Jesus being publicly humiliated just before He was crucified; and how lonely, physically challenged and heavy-hearted He must have felt, as He carried the cross along the steep, cobbled stone path. Walking along this street convicted me of my shallow understanding and attitude towards sin.

The other biblical site that tugged at me was the Western Wall – the last remnant of the second Jewish Temple – the same temple that Jesus would



have walked and taught in. Here, God shed more light to me on the severity of sin through visions.

I saw how demons were being released on earth, yet people were

oblivious to the evil dwelling among them. They continued going about their lives with hardened hearts that dismissed the reverence of God. Then one day, God spoke – and the entire earth was destroyed.

These revelations of the weight of sin and the lack of reverence for God deeply burdened me, not just to continue interceding for the unsaved, but also to reflect on my own submission to God's authority in my life.

A year before the Israel trip, I had experienced severe pain on the right side of my body. As a result, I was unable to continue serving as a keyboardist. At that time, I felt injustice and helplessness towards my situation, which I could not reconcile with my understanding of God's power and sovereignty. The revelations that God showed me in Israel strengthened my faith in Him and brought rest and peace to my doubting mind and heart.

If you are contemplating a trip to Israel, may I encourage you to seek and ask God to open your spiritual eyes and ears, to see beyond the ruins and hear above the noise, as you witness the Bible come alive.

- 1. Worship and devotion at Mount of Beatitudes
- 2. Holy Communion at Garden Tomb
- 3. Renewal of wedding vows at Cana
- 4. Atop of the world at Masada







The 49 Gracians on the trip were arranged into seven groups. We asked the Group Leaders for their impressions about Israel 2019:

"At the Wedding Church at Cana where we had the renewal of marriage vows, God showed me that the next phase of my marriage will be better than before, just like the new wine that Jesus turned from water was better than the wine that was served before the miracle."

Clarence Cheong, Group 1 Leader

"I learnt that water flows into the **Dead Sea** but does not flow out. It impresses upon me that as followers of Christ, it is not about just receiving 'head knowledge', but we also need to give - to continue to serve the Lord and impact His people for His glory."

Audrey Cheong, Group 2 Leader

"Being baptised in the Jordan River was both a privilege and humbling experience, to obey the Lord's command in His Land!"

BJ Chan, Group 3 Leader

"During the boat ride at the Sea of Galilee, God showed me that He is in control of everything, that even nature has to follow His command. We just need to let go and let Him take charge." Kenneth Chow, Group 4 Leader

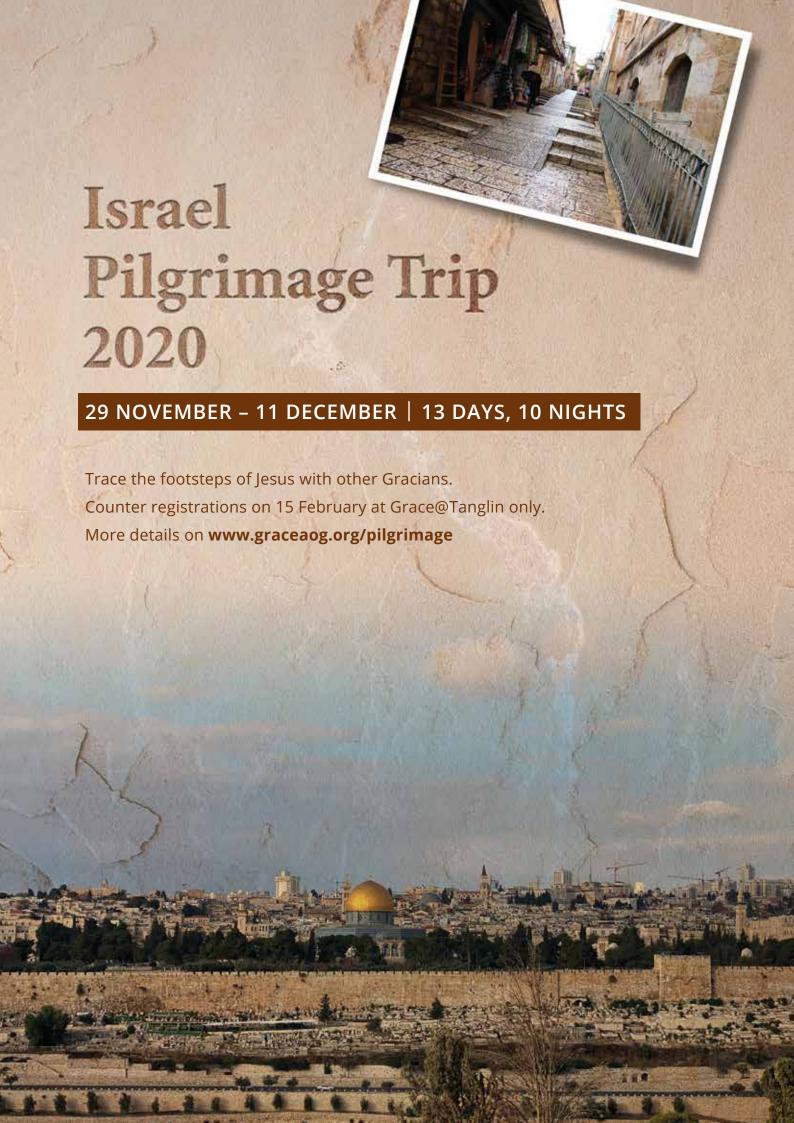
"As I viewed the many different translations of 'The Lord's Prayer' at the Church of Pater **Noster**, I was given a new perspective of the prayer that Jesus taught His disciples, and was encouraged to pray this prayer daily in my life." Janice Koh, Group 5 Leader

"The Bible comes to life on this enriching journey through the many biblical sites in the holy land .... everyday is an eye opener!"

Tan Wee Kee, Group 6 Leader

"At Caesarea, God showed me that His salvation is indeed for all people, because Cornelius and his Gentile household converted here and opened the Gospel message to the nations (Acts 10)!"

Tony Kam, Group 7 Leader



# Grace Apprenticeship Programme







www.graceaog.org/gap

Considering a gap year from studies or work?

Wondering what it is like to serve God full-time?

Wanting to confirm God's call in your life and ministry?

Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to take a GAP in Grace!

GAP is a 9-month internship programme that facilitates the discovery of God's calling in the lives of Gracians through the local church to impact the world for Jesus.

Programme starts in July. Please visit the www.graceaog.org/gap for more details. Registration opens in April and closes on 31 May.

Isræl is the end-time signpost. If the end-time prophecies in the Bible will be fulfilled in and through Isræl, how do we support this nation? Come find out at the Love Isræl Seminar.

以色列是末日的标识。如果神将透过以色列成就圣经中关于末日的预言,那么我们能够如何支持这个国家?让我们一起在**愛以色列**讲座中了解更多。

Registration is not required. Headsets provided for Mandarin translation.

无需报名。将提供耳机同步华语翻译。



愛心色列讲座

14.02.2020 7.30pm

Grace@Tanglin, L3 Bethel 恩典堂@东陵, 3楼 伯特利堂

# Living Our **SHARED** Life

Workers' Appreciation Dinner 2019

**BY** Annabel Koh





1.-2. A warm welcome from the night's traffic wardens and ushers.
3. Laksa!!!
4.-6. Special presentations by the Creative Arts Ministry and Nexus team.
7. A heartfelt thank-you.
8. Guest speaker, Rev Ong Sek Leang
9. Praying for Pastor Calvin and Sister Charis.
10.-12. It's fellowship time!
13. A special time for all the family to worship together.

On the evening of 22 November, 550 Gracians who had served in the different English ministries gathered together to rejoice in our shared life. And what a night it was. The Workers' Appreciation Dinner kicked off with a huge family feast. Laksa! Kueh pie tee! Cream puffs! Need I say more?

What a luxury and simple joy it was for us to have ample, unhurried time to fellowship, not only with BFFs from our Grace Missional Family (GMF) groups, but also to catch up with familiar faces—old friends and fellow servants of Christ whom we have not seen in a while.

Next, we were treated to an appreciation video from the organising committee, and presentations by different ministries. What an awesome show they put on for us!! For those who were not there, you certainly missed a good show! When was the last time you heard our beloved worship leader Samantha sing about diarrhoea? "Hey

CAMels.. I gotta tell you something tonight... my love for you is like diarrhoea...I just can't hold it in..."

This was followed by a beautiful reminder from the graceful dancers of the Grace Filipino Ministry that "we serve, because You first served us". And our evening's entertainment concluded with artistic musings by the Nexus staff. Pastor Joey Asher Tan had us in stitches with his masterful impressions of our revered Senior Pastor and Executive Pastor. I do really hope to see this again soon.

With this, we were all thoroughly warmed up to welcome our guest speaker, Rev Ong Sek Leang, to the pulpit. And what a great message he prepared for us! He reminded us that, as servants of God, we are all part of His indispensable team. And part of our job is to work on strengthening and uniting our team by developing relationships and a shared life with our team members (even if it means having prata at midnight).

We thank Rev Ong for his inspirational words to continue serving God with our best, with what we have, keeping our spirit sweet while managing fatigue. We were also reminded that with our service, we will inspire our children, and future generations to serve God. Rev Ong also reassured us that God appreciates our service.

Our evening concluded with a prayer of empowerment, and we were also privileged to pray with Pastor Wilson for Pastor Calvin and Sister Charis' next adventure. What joy it was to hear Pastor Calvin's heartfelt words of appreciation and his compelling encouragement to continue serving our God in the exciting year ahead as Grace Assembly of God celebrates her 70th anniversary. 2020 will be a great year indeed to serve God and God's people!

# Baby Dedication

"You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise."

Deuteronomy 6:7 (ESV)



Baby Dedication is a ceremony whereby parents make a commitment before the Lord to submit their child to God's will and to raise their child according to God's Word and God's ways.

For 2020, Baby Dedication will be conducted during the English Adult Service at 11.15am on the following dates:

DATE	VENUE	REGISTRATION DEADLINE
Sunday, 22 March	Grace@Tanglin	Friday, 21 February
Sunday, 24 May	Grace@BukitBatok	Friday, 24 April
Sunday, 23 August	Grace@Tanglin	Friday, 24 July
Sunday, 22 November	Grace@BukitBatok	Friday, 23 October

#### **Pre-Requisites:**

- 1. At least one parent MUST BE a born-again Christian and worships regularly at Grace Assembly.
- 2. Both parents must attend an interview with the Regional Pastor.
- 3. Both parents must agree to the Parents' Covenant as found at https://www.graceaog.org/baby-dedication.

To register or for more information, please visit https://www.graceaog.org/babydedication. Please call 6410 0800 or email to baby.dedication@graceaog.org for enquiries.



## J333

Please note that there will be no J333 in January 2020.

Starting 5 February 2020, our J333 corporate prayer sessions will be held twice a month at Grace@Tanglin from 8pm to 9.30pm.

1st Wednesday Conducted in English 3rd Wednesday Conducted in Mandarin 5th Wednesday\* Conducted in both English and \* when applicable Mandarin

Prayer is an essential aspect of our Christian faith. It does not matter which language service you are attending. ALL Gracians are urged to participate in the J333 sessions.



#### Mark down the following dates:

- 5, 19# February
- 4, 18 March
- 1, 15, 29 April

\*For Missions Convention 2020

# Pray Them

"Prayer is the way we take our hands off and place our children in the hands of God."

- Mark Batterson, Praying Circles around Your Children

Do you know that a group of parents gather together on every 1st Sunday of each month to pray for our sons and daughters?

Date: 2 February, 1 March, 5 April

Time: 10.45am

Venue: Level 2 Fellowship hall

Room beside the Grace Kindergarten Office

(Former Youth Powerhouse)

This is a group for parents whose children have left the faith. However, it is still open to all parents who would like to give their prayer support.

# Tithe via PayNow

Great news! For greater convenience, you can now present your tithes and offerings via PayNow.

Simply follow the instructions below:

**STEP 1:** Launch your bank app, select "Scan & Pay" and scan the respective QR codes.

**STEP 2:** Login with your User ID and PIN.

**STEP 3:** Ensure the payee name is "Grace Assembly of God" for Tithes and Offerings or "Grace Missions" for Mission Pledges.

**STEP 4:** Enter the amount you wish to give.

**STEP 5:** Enter "G1" for Grace@ Tanglin or "G2" for Grace@Bukit Batok in the bill reference to indicate your usual venue.

**STEP 6:** For bank app, tap on "Pay Now". For Paylah!, tap on "Next" and "Let's Go".

Alternatively, you may give with the bank app's PayNow function by entering the church's UENs.

For more giving options, visit https://www.graceaog.org/giving/ .









# Grace Missional Groups

Our walk with God need not be a lonely one. Join a Grace Missional Group (GMG) where you can find like-minded Gracians who will journey with you through the ups and downs in life, and equip you to grow spiritually in your walk with God.

Check out https://www.graceaog.org/grace-missional-family/to locate a GMG nearest to you and contact the pastoral staff-in-charge for more information.

## Healing Room Ministry

#### Grace@Tanglin

1st Tuesday, 7:30pm, L3 Emmaus

#### Grace@BukitBatok

2nd Tuesday, 7:30pm, L2 Praise

We will be there rain or moon-shine, except on Public Holidays

Grace@Tanglin	Grace@BukitBatok
04 February	11 February
03 March	10 March
07 April	14 April



Scan for SMS updates of our future sessions at event.graceaog.org Contact us for more information at healingroom@graceaog.org

#### **GETTING TO KNOW...**

By Yeoh Oon Chuan

## Clement Yee

**OCCUPATION:** Defence analyst in the SAF

MARRIED TO: Soann Chng

FATHER OF: Cavan, Verity and Vesper

**HOBBIES/PASTIMES:** High-Intensity Interval Training (HIIT),

basketball and reading

**FAVOURITE FOOD:** My mother's pork porridge

OTHER FAVOURITES: Braised duck noodles from Redhill hawker centre. I have been eating it since I was young, for

almost 35 years!

#### When did you first hear the Good News, and who shared it with you? What was your response?

When I was in Secondary Two, a Christian classmate shared Jesus with me. At first, I was not interested in hearing about the gospel. However, this classmate did not give up and regularly invited me to church.

#### When did you decide to give your life to the Lord, and also why and how?

The same classmate who had been sharing with me about God's work in her life left a deep impression on me. She had poor vision and was physically weak, but she always had a smile on her face and never felt angry about her condition. Instead, she often shared with me how Jesus gave her peace to accept her condition, and to use her to bless others. At that time, I was struggling with self-identity and had difficulty managing my emotions. So, when my classmate asked me to receive Jesus into my life, I agreed. I was 14 years old then.

#### What has your Christian journey been like since? Share any challenges that you have encountered and also how you have been blessed.

My Christian journey has been very exciting. I first attended a Presbyterian church where I was rooted in the foundation of the Christian faith. And amazingly, it was also there that I met a radical youth leader who led me to be baptised in the Holy Spirit within six months of my being born again. Who could conceive such a transformation, if it was not the work of the Lord? Then, at 15 years old, I was invited to Grace Assembly by another classmate and I made Grace Assembly my spiritual home ever since. I met my thengirlfriend and now my wife, Soann,

in Sunday School. I am blessed with a wonderful wife and we have been together for 25 years, and married for 18 years. We have three lovely children—Cavan (14), Verity (12) and Vesper (9). God has been really good to me—whether it is in my family or career. God has always given me so much to be thankful for. And it is this gratitude that motivates me to serve.

#### When did you start attending Grace Assembly, and what do you like or love about this church? What ministries have you been involved in over the years?

I have been attending Grace Assembly since I was just 15, and what I love about this church is the people. I always remember fondly of Pastor Lily Wong, our former Children's Minister. She served tirelessly and loved the children unconditionally. She was also like a spiritual mother to us who served in the Children's Ministry, caring and praying for us. She is my spiritual role model and made an impact on my life and ministry. And Grace Assembly has many pastors and lay people like Pastor Lily who serve faithfully.

I started serving in the Children's Ministry when I was 19 years old, teaching and leading the worship. Today, my family serves in one of the worship teams at Shine@Grace Kids at Tanglin.

#### What was the impetus for your decision to contribute as a member of the Church Board?

It was really a call to obedience. Knowing how much God has blessed me, I owe it to God to give back what little He asks me to do. So when God called me to serve in the Board, I prayed about it and took up the call. I always remind myself that it is not



Clement with his wife Soann, and children.

about my abilities, but my availability. When Pastor Calvin Lee approached me about joining as a Board member, I said "Yes" as an act of faith and obedience to God.

#### How have your family members been supportive in this area?

They understand that I have to be away on some Saturday mornings and weekday evenings for meetings, and to spend time preparing for meetings, as well as to serve in other Sunday services as part of the Board duties. My wife will make arrangements around my ministry commitments and take care of the family. With her support, I am able to serve with freedom.

#### What is your vision for this church?

My vision for Grace Assembly is to be a church with our heart always for God and the lost. Without the heart to love God and the lost, our church may become cold and also lose our faith in the last days. We may then also become self-serving, which is what we should avoid.

#### **GETTING TO KNOW...**

By Yeoh Oon Chuan

# Neo Hongjie

**OCCUPATION:** Doctor

HOBBIES/PASTIMES: Running, photography, travel,

meeting people

**FAVOURITE FOOD:** Anything carbohydrate

# When did you first hear the Good News, and who shared it with you? What was your response?

I first heard the gospel in Primary Two from a classmate. She was a member of Grace Assembly of God but has left for another church after getting married. I started going to church at her invitation when I was in Primary Two or Three. I was very fascinated by the testimony of God in the Bible and was very drawn to God.

#### When did you decide to give your life to the Lord, and also why and how?

When I started going to church around eight or nine years old, the Sunday school teachers assigned me to a follow-up class. It was a one-to-one teaching by a young lady. Though I could not attend the class regularly, she would always be there to continue the lessons each time I went. She shared the gospel with me and asked me to follow God. I was so amazed at this God who came across as real and loving, and thus, believed in.

As I grew older, I started wondering if the God of the Bible is real and true indeed. I was like many Chinese people who continued to believe in many gods. I found myself praying to idols in shrines that I would come across, for my studies. Thankfully,

when I was 14 years old, my Sunday school teacher challenged me to follow God. She did what Moses did for the Israelites. She told me, "If you believe God is true, follow Him." It was a big transition for me as I decided to give my whole heart to following the Lord.

# What has your Christian journey been like since? When did you start attending Grace Assembly, and what ministries have you been involved in over the years?

I started attending Grace Assembly when I was around eight or nine years old, through Sunday school. Over the years, I have been involved in the Cell Ministry, the Intercessory and Praise Visual Ministries, as well as the YAYP Ministry.



Neo Hong jie

# What was the impetus for your decision to contribute as a member of the Church Board?

One day, Pastor Calvin Lee shared that it was increasingly difficult for the church to find willing members to step out to serve on the Church Board for various reasons. Therefore, years later, when I was asked to serve on the Church Board a second time, I knew that I could no longer decline serving the Lord in this capacity.

#### What is your vision for this church?

I believe a lot in inter-generational ministry because I came to Lord through the ministry of the church. My desire is for the young and old to bless one another, and also serve one another and the Lord together.

#### Other comments and observations?

About 10 years ago, my young Sunday School teacher shared with me that the church now comprises many more older people. I looked around the services and noticed that people who are in their 30s and below are in the minority. It was very different in the past when the young people formed the majority. As a result of this, I started to pray for the young people, that the Lord would draw them to Himself, and I served in the YAYP Ministry for a number of years for this reason.

#### **GETTING TO KNOW...**

By Yeoh Oon Chuan

## Neo Kim Teck

**OCCUPATION:** Retired in 2017 after about 37 years with a multinational oil company working in Singapore, Brazil, Hong Kong, Belgium and the USA.

MARRIED TO: Amy Ho

**FATHER OF:** Two adult daughters — Michelle (31 years old) and Melissa (30). Grandfather of three.

HOBBIES/PASTIMES: Surveying financial investments, avid golfer (playing two to three times a week), helping to take care of grandchildren

**FAVOURITE FOOD:** Fish, as sashimi or cooked in almost any way OTHER FAVOURITES: Reading a good novel or economics and current affairs books

#### When did you first hear the Good News, and who shared it with you? What was your response?

The Good News came to me when I was in primary school, around Primary Five level, in Malaysia through a correspondence course by an organisation based in Singapore. I grew up in a small town in Johor, across the Causeway. I remember taking the correspondence course which awarded various completion certificates for lessons I completed about the creation, man's downfall, the exodus, various prophets, the birth and life of Jesus on Earth, His miracles, healing power, care, love, crucifixion, resurrection and the promise of His second coming. The course left a deep impression on me. I did not accept the Lord because there was no prompting then. However, the seed has certainly been sown.

I was further exposed to the Good News later during my high school years, in the university and at work. There was no decisive attempt to accept the Lord, partly due to my fear of upsetting my parents who believe in and subscribe to Taoist practices.

#### When did you decide to give your life to the Lord, and why and how?

My family (wife and daughters) and I gave our life to the Lord in 1996 in Hong Kong, about 30 years after my first exposure through the correspondence course. Our daughters were then seven and eight years old. My wife and I often struggled to explain the idea of God to them. We were practising Taoists but had our doubts and difficulties explaining our beliefs to our children. While my wife and I believe in Christ at heart, we had not said the sinners' prayer. Finally, my wife and I decided to start attending church. I approached a believercolleague regarding our interest, and he then brought us to the International Christian Assembly (ICA) church in Hong Kong. Shortly after, we accepted Christ and were subsequently baptised in the same church.

#### What has your Christian journey been like since? Share any challenges that you have encountered and how you have been blessed.

I have been a believer for 23 years. It is the best decision that I have ever made. After accepting Christ, I became more humble, less hot-tempered, more empathetic of others, less judgmental of others' behaviour, more willing to help others, and more generous with my resources and time. In our prebelieving days, we were doing well as I had a good career with reasonable financial means and a close-knit loving family. There were no traumatic life events to cause us to seek religious shelter. Still, we were quite lost over the



Kim Teck

higher purpose of life on Earth, unsure of what would happen to us after death and had serious doubts of our then religious beliefs.

I also had a lot of fear about the uncertainties to my family when I die. My salvation has provided clear answers to those anxieties. I am forever grateful for His grace, provision, protection and love. My career continued to prosper after my salvation. Gradually, I grew in faith and became more confident to spread the Good News to family, friends and colleagues. I am now bolder about weaving in the Good News during conversations with others in all circumstances.

We still face some challenges in our health and relationship with others from time to time. Fortunately, we can count on His reign and care over us.

#### When did you start attending Grace Assembly, and what do you like or love about this church? What ministries have you been involved in over the years?

We got to know Pastor Calvin Lee and Sister Charis during their stint at the ICA church in Hong Kong. We did not have a home church in Singapore until then. Upon our return from our Hong Kong job assignment in 2011, we started to attend Grace Assembly and grew to enjoy the fellowship and blessings. We became members of Grace Assembly shortly after. There is much warmth and family spirit in the church. I am really proud to be a Gracian.

My wife and I are members of a Grace Missional Group called More Relaxed Lah. Our home has been co-hosting

the cell group meeting for the past eight years. I help with some activities of REACH, e.g., golf charity fundraising events.

#### What was the impetus for your decision to contribute as a member of the Church Board?

I am retired, so there is no more excuse not to serve! This role gives me the opportunity of Doing Good and Giving Back. Besides, my experience in corporate governance and business management would be handy to help steward the church resources. I am impressed by the many people who toil and serve cheerfully in the church activities. I have done little in comparison to many others. When the call came to offer my service in the Board, I hesitated on my suitability. After praying about it, I finally found the confidence and peace to respond positively. I have no good excuse but to step out.

#### How have your family members been supportive in this area?

Definitely, my wife has been very supportive. She encourages me to step out and "not waste" my talents.

#### What is your vision for this church?

Contribute to our "More People, More like Jesus" vision. If I may add, greater focus on strengthening faith and doing more good works. Many of us have done well, but we must also do more good.

#### Other comments and observations?

God is good. I am humbled by the opportunity to serve in the Board. I thank our God for everything. In everything, never lose faith and never lose hope. Let me share this one favourite verse that I treasure...

Habakkuk 3:17-18 (NIV)

Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord,

I will be joyful in God my Saviour.

ву Yeoh Oon Chuan

**GETTING TO KNOW...** 

## Johann Tay

**OCCUPATION:** Estate Planner MARRIED TO: Rachel (former R-AGE ministry staff) FATHER OF: Noah and newborn twins Eva and Sophia! **HOBBIES/PASTIMES:** Travelling, road trips, playing the guitar, singing, bonding over coffee **FAVOURITE FOOD:** Roasted meats

#### When did you first hear the Good News, and when did you decide to give your life to the Lord?

My parents would hold weekly devotions with my brother and me. That's when we learned about Jesus on a regular basis. The firm decision to give my life came at a Sunday school camp (VBC as it was called). I was in Primary Two and I could go only on account of my brother also being there. Ho Kok Peng was conducting the altar call and made it simple enough for me to understand, so I accepted Christ then.

#### What has your Christian journey been like since? Share any challenges that you have encountered and also how you have been blessed.

Definitely the biggest challenge is to remain disciplined and faithful over the years. Some of the problems that I face include being easily distracted often, but I can always count on my friends and pastors who walk alongside me on my journey of faith and commitment. It helps that I consider my closest friends to be those whom I grew up with in church.

#### When did you start attending Grace Assembly, and what do you like or love about this church? What ministries have you been involved in over the years?

I've been attending Grace Assembly of God from the time I was born. My parents married in this church, so did my in-laws, my brother and myself. I guess we epitomise the ethos of a family church! I've been active in the ministry, both in R-AGE and also YAYP. However, my main ministry has been that of Creative Arts, in which I've served for 18 years.



Johann with his wife Rachel, and son Noah

#### What was the impetus for your decision to contribute as a member of the Church Board?

When I was first asked two years ago, I turned it down, so Pastor Calvin Lee would not take another no for an answer when he asked me again last year! However, I also wanted to get an insight into how the church functions at the decision-making level, and open my eyes to new perspectives.

#### How have your family members been supportive in this area?

My father and brother had served on the Board before, and they were quick to encourage me to give it a go. Meetings are on Saturdays, so Rachel has been very kind to spend alone-time with Noah on those mornings.

#### What is your vision for this church?

That the church will always be united in obedience towards God's agenda.



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# 第**5**9届 常年事务 大会

#### 日期:

2020年3月20日 (星期五)

时间:

晚上7时30分

地点:

神召会恩典堂 伯特利堂,3楼 355东陵路 新加坡247960

#### 会籍更新

所有已在神召会恩典堂注册的会友应已在 2019年11月通过电子邮件、手机短信或邮寄 的信件收到会籍更新信函。已注册的会友是 指所有已经在恩典堂洗礼或已经正式转会来 到恩典堂之信徒。

所有已经注册的会友需要在2020年3月5日,晚上11时59分之前呈交会籍更新资料。所有未能在截止日期内更新会籍资料者,将被取消投票资格,他们也只能够以观察者的身份出席常年事务大会。

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# 神信实的

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对于神召会恩典堂来说,今年是意义重大的一年,因为我们要欢庆她成立70周年! 作为新的主任牧师,我感到无比荣幸,能够有这样的机会带领我们的教会迈向这个 历史性的里程碑。

圣经中记载了许多重要事件都与「70」这个数字有关。让我们列出其中几个:

- 雅各带70人一起去埃及找约瑟,在神的 供应下开始了全新的生活(创46:26-27), 并且创建一个新的国家(申10:22)。
- 当以色列人出埃及的时候,摩西设立了 70位长老帮助他管理与带领这国(民 11:16-17)。
- 以色列人结束了被巴比伦俘虏70年的 流放时期,返回耶路撒冷重建圣殿(耶 29:10)。
- 我们的主耶稣设立了70个门徒,差遣他 们去传福音(路10章)。

所有这些圣经事件都标示著在神的国度计划中一个新的开始、新的领导、新的盼望与目的。圣经中的数字「70」讲述了在艰难的旅程中如何去克服巨大的困难。然而,它也是一个振奋人心的信心之旅,是神尚未揭示使祂子民兴盛的神圣计划。

作为本地教会,我们记念神长存的信实, 使恩典堂的会众一代代持续成长。

恩典堂正开启新的篇章,拥有新的领导团队。我相信这将是一个既兴奋又充实的信心之旅。我们将在过去的坚固基础上继续努力并共同向前迈进,以完成神的使命与旨意,就是在新加坡及其他各地使人作有使命的门徒。

在这崭新的篇章中,新的领导团队将重点 关注以下几个方面:

- 强化使命门徒训练的装备过程,
- 使下一代年轻人更认识神并经历祂,
- 建立坚固并敬虔的婚姻与家庭,
- 接触社区中贫乏和有需要的人,让他们 经历神的爱,
- 参与神在各国建立地方教会的计划。

这所有一切的努力都需要祷告、资源以及 领导,才能使之在恩典堂实现。作为大家 新的主任牧师,我恳请您一起祷告并参 与,共建未来。

我们在过去的70年经历了神的信实。让我们继续传承,激发未来一代的恩友能够像我们信靠我们的神一样继续去信靠祂。

我们今日的信心与合一将成为下一代的榜 样与鼓舞。

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赵克文牧师(博士)

主任牧师

标语「锚固主信实」是 指神对祂的子民神召会 恩典堂的信实。它亦指 恩友们认定神是我们的 锚,并且我们的盼望是 锚固在祂的话语和祂的 应许之中。

神的信实可以从神召会 恩典堂的成长和壮大中 蒙受神的供应和恩宠得 到印证。从过去召集约 40个孩子聆听圣经故事 的单层店屋,到如今我 们拥有两个聚会点,超 过25场不同语言的崇 拜,聚集各个年龄层的 恩友每周一起寻求与敬 拜神。 无论您已经参与恩典堂多长时间,也许已经长到自己都记不 清了,或是最近才加入,都没有关系!

我们想邀请您成为我们70周年庆典的一份子!

以下是您将可以期待的日期与活动:

# 我们

#### 2020年2月8至9日 70周年庆典启动会

#### 2月8日 星期六 下午5时 恩典堂@东陵

联合崇拜(粤语、闽南语、青成年与专业人士,以及登峰青少年\*)

\*包括恩典堂@武吉巴督英语成人聚会及登峰青少年聚会

#### 2月8日 星期六 下午5时 恩典堂@武吉巴督

无英语成人聚会及儿童聚会

#### 2月9日 星期日 上午9时 恩典堂@东陵

中英联合崇拜 (英语和华语)

\*闪耀儿童和光耀儿童聚会照常进行

#### 2月9日 星期日 上午9时 恩典堂@武吉巴督

中英联合崇拜 (英语和华语)

\*闪耀儿童和光耀儿童聚会照常进行



#### 2月9日 星期日 上午11时15分 恩典堂@东陵

联合崇拜(英语和菲律宾语<sup>#</sup>)

\*崛起青少年、闪耀儿童和光耀儿童聚 会照常进行

#包括恩典堂@武吉巴督的菲律宾堂会

#### 2月9日 星期日 上午11时15分 恩典堂@武吉巴督

联合崇拜 (英语和闽南语)

\*崛起青少年、闪耀儿童和光耀儿童 聚会照常进行



#### 恩典行动

#### 使徒行传20:35 (和合本)

我凡事给你们作榜样,叫你们知道应 当这样劳苦,扶助软弱的人,又当记 念主耶稣的话,说:「**施比受更为有** 福。」

#### 2020年3月— 9月 恩典行动 — 社区外展

当我们为周年庆典而欢欣之际,让我们不 要忘记那些尚未听到好消息的人。

加入我们的社区外展活动,作为神的百姓向人群展现出祂的爱与恩典!

#### 2020年7月20日 — 9月27日 #恩典行动70天

恩友们,让我们一起思考并计划,借著神的恩典以行动去祝福他人!

写下鼓励的话语给你的同事,联系一位已 经有段时间没有联系的叔叔阿姨,送你邻 居的孩子去教会……还有更多!

请透过以下方式,跟我们分享你的想法或你祝福人的方式:

- 1. 委身实行一项恩典行动
- 2. 在Facebook或Instagram上发照片或视频
- 3. 使用 #恩典行动70天

让我们成为神的器皿,随时随刻将神的爱 与恩典传出去!

#### 2020年9月27月 7**0**周年庆宴

#### 使徒行传2:44

信的人都在一处,凡物公用。

要庆祝就一定少不了美食!

我们要邀请所有人!从年幼到年长,只要您是恩典堂的恩友,我们想邀您参加70周年庆宴!

这是我们一整年庆典的最后一个活动。庆宴将于9月27日假新加坡 博览中心举行。

这将是一个以恩典堂的特别方式所举行的庆典,因为我们想有您的参与,给所能给,并祝福许多人!

#### 这一年……

可能会有一些手持摄像机和麦克风的人接触您,请您不要跑!

因为我们想请您借著这样的机会,在镜头前向我们所深爱的教会 送上祝福!

如果您已经迫不及待想和摄制组联系,或者想把祝福写下来,您可以将您对恩典堂的祝福以电邮的形式发送至gacomms@graceaog.org!

#### 请继续关注!

您绝对不会想要错过如此精彩的70周年庆典安排以及一系列 活动!

请在我们的社交媒体账户上关注我们,了解最新动态!















# 新的一天

关于"恩·曲"70周年纪念版单曲《新的一天》

撰文 林慧芬 翻译 王紫璇传道

创作这首歌源于一系列的音乐尝试,突破了我写诗歌的舒适圈。 我把我的想法告诉了青成年创艺事工的 Caleb Ng,他在此之上谱写了整首歌曲。

我很欢喜能看到这首歌作为在创艺事工70周年的单曲项目中的第一首。这首歌振奋人心的节奏表达出当我们一起开启新篇章之际,对神将要成就之事的盼望:进入新的一年,新领导层的过渡,并跨越我们的第七个十年。

然而,几个月以来,这首歌一直是没有歌词的乐曲。我写了一个部分,Caleb写了另一个部分,但当我们把歌词组合在一起时,总觉得歌曲不够流畅,陈词滥调。歌词可以用,但整首歌却不够活跃。我祷告:「神,帮助我们。赐给我们词句,使用这首歌告诉我们祢的心意。」

最终,我们在一个写作会议中有了突破。我们写出了新的歌词, 取代原有的、不理想的词句。一个部分的歌词连接另一个部分, 形成了一个整体,强调出了一个明显的信息:作为恩典堂,我们 可以勇敢地宣告神就在我们当中,祂使一切都更新!

就这样,这首歌从最初在两个人的脑开中尝试性的构想,发展成为已有更多人参与并做出贡献的事,使其变得更加出色!我们希望这首歌将激发我们对神的信心,对祂将在我们个人和群体中所有的计划充满信心与盼望!新的一天即将来临!

若要听取"恩•曲",请到以下网址,或扫描二维码



**YouTube** https://youtu.be/ QKHVFcGOumU



http://gracesongs.graceaog.org/ NEW-DAY-CN/

#### 歌词:

#### 主歌1

我们同心聚集来敬拜祢 耶稣我们寻求祢的荣面 同心合一 全心全意 我们要赞美祢

#### 导歌

看见祢的大能彰显 圣灵来 充满这地 敞开我们的心 我们已预备好 愿祢的光照耀

#### 副歌

新的一天来临,我们要信靠祢相信祢使一切都更新 我们宣告,为主奔跑 信靠祢是何等的美好

#### 主 歌 2

称的信实长存直到永远 齐来宣告我们的神掌权 世世代代 千秋万载 祢无止尽的爱

#### 桥段

我们要去祢所差遣之地 祢与我们一起 我们就有能力 信心升起 转化我们的心 新的一天

新的一天





#### 有心的愛

星加坡的华文,是用简体字的,然而在教会常见的爱字,却很坚持 地用繁体字,一个「有心的愛」。在「不一样的愛」晚会中,感 谢主赐与恩友们一颗肉心,在彼此服侍上活现这一个有心的爱。

在二楼团契区,我看见一个银发的姊妹 手持饭票,穿梭人群,细微观看 谁没有票的,马上送上饭票

在三楼大礼堂,我看见一个谦卑的牧者 手持纸杯,走向后台,默默无声,用心去服侍讲员

在后台走廊上,我看见一个能干的导师 这一刻变成一位温柔的妈妈般 替将要出場的小女孩打理头发

在我的心房内,我看见一个不一样的婴孩 祂在艰难时刻降世,却在困苦中带来安慰 祂手无寸铁与权贵,却以爱改变了全世界

Angela 2019 平安夜











- 1. 精彩的开场圣诞舞蹈 2. 李科宏牧师 不一样的爱
- 3. 黑马夺冠的潘紫希姐妹 4. 风趣真实的林益民弟兄
- 5. 场面热闹的游戏摊 6. 紧张兮兮瞄准目标
- 7. 敞开心门接受耶稣

#### 《不一样的爱》

2019 年12 月24 平安夜 神召会恩典堂

平安夜来相逢,因著主爱情浓; 时乃良辰美景,位如人杰地灵; 游戏妙趣横生,礼物万紫千红; 处处圣诞歌声,听后福至心灵; 长者笑脸盈盈,青年佳偶天成; 家人甘苦与共,夫妻琴瑟和鸣; 相聚众志成城,事业虎跃龙腾; 品格因信称义,关系更上一层。

在平安夜的下午,每一个人都带著喜乐的笑脸。大家交换礼物, 拍照,游戏,团契、聚餐。在基督里我们一同欢庆,一同蒙福, 满有喜乐平安。

聚会开始,座无虚席。开场是从儿童,到青少年,到成年不同年龄层的舞蹈表演,表达了耶稣在我们人生不同时段的祝福,也看到不同年龄层都在感恩敬拜我们的神,更看到了教会对不同年龄层的鼓励与支持。不同的人生,不同的时段,主的爱亘古不变,是何等奇妙!

之后,潘紫希姐妹分享主对她的不离不弃。从人生低谷,到参加 2019年的《黄金年华》;从菜鸟歌手,紧张担忧;到以把唱的每 一首歌都献给神的心态而黑马夺冠。之后她用"活出爱"和"我愿 意"这两首歌,唱出了主的爱与一颗愿意为主的心。

林益民弟兄的见证风趣且真实。他提醒我们,所有的礼物,都不长久。唯有耶稣的爱,无比珍贵,是唯一的,不单单陪伴我们一生一世,更会在永恒里持续。他也通过一些幽默小故事,通俗易懂地传达了救恩的可贵并感恩上帝是我们随时的帮助。

他在医院的切身经历,感受到耶稣说:「就是有我,你才能渡过难 关。」大腿的伤口,医生诊断需6到9个月才能恢复,然而他两个 半月就恢复了,非常深的伤口却不痛,他深知没有耶稣的爱,他 无法胜过。

最后是李科宏牧师证道,他以一张著火的木屋图片开场,说大家只想灭火,但有一个男人把水泼在自己身上,冲了进去,因为他的孩子在里面,他只想要救人。在圣经中赛63:16,林后6:18,太6:9也提到,神与我们正是这样父与子的关系。神看重的是关系,与华人家和万事兴的观念一致。人在神眼中极其宝贝,在我们还做罪人的时候,神就爱我们,神的爱就在此向我们显明了。最后他具体分享了,耶稣的爱是如何彻底改变他与父亲的关系。他宣告耶稣来了,是要叫人得生命,并且得的更丰盛。

高奇

#### 12月15日

# 《让爱围绕您》

#### 412欢庆派对!

#### 撰文 陈玉兰姐妹

感谢神!虽然是一个细雨纷飞的星期天下午,但我们的心情却是 充满著喜乐和期盼。

在过去近一个月紧锣密鼓的筹备和策划,弟兄姐妹非常期待在这一天与居民朋友见面,一起欢庆圣诞。感谢神!赐我们力量,爱与热诚。

大约200多户家庭参与这次的活动,节目的开始是由Alyson姐妹主持,她向大家介绍恩典堂的社区活动和聚会。然后,带领大家一起唱歌:小人物的心声,Beautiful Sunday, Chan Mali Chan,Munnaeru Vaalibaa, Silent Night, Joy To The World,信主的人真是有福等歌曲。

与此同时,居民也带领大家唱马来歌曲和 印度歌曲,大家不单单是唱歌也一起欢庆 跳舞。

当天,我们预备有圣诞礼包、汽球、拍照 角落共大家拍照留影,以及排长龙的游戏 摊位,茶点和蒙福抽奖,居民都非常尽兴 的参与在当中。

有一些居民有对恩典堂社区活动很感兴趣 的,他们期待能报名参加。

我们期待在2020年能再跟居民有互动并且 活出爱,分享耶稣基督福音的好消息。









# 现在就行动, 邀请新朋友/ 初信者参与!

日期: 2月14日 - 5月29日

时间: 每逢星期五,

晚上7时 - 10时

地点:恩典堂@东陵,

2楼团契区

课程免费,提供晚餐

报名截止日期: 2月11日

若要询问详情, 请致电6410 0853

#### 3月6日

星期五 晚上7点30分 恩典堂@东陵 讲员:庄良貌牧师

#### 4月12日

星期日 下午2点 恩典堂@武吉巴督 讲员:陈智明牧师



# 洗礼照片



11月23日 恩典堂@东陵 粤语堂与福建堂洗礼



11月24日 恩典堂@东陵 华语堂洗礼



11月24日 恩典堂@武吉巴督 华语堂洗礼



11月24日 恩典堂@武吉巴督 福建堂洗礼

# J333

请注意,2020年1月没有J333祷告会。

从2020年2月5日开始,我们会在每个月举行两次J333祷告会。地点在**恩典堂@东陵**,时间是晚上8时至9时30分。

第1个星期三: 以英语进行 第3个星期三: 以华语进行 第5个星期三\*: 中英文联合

\*如当月有第5个星期三

祷告是我们基督徒信仰必要的一环。无 论您参加哪种语言的聚会,我们都鼓励 所有恩友出席[333祷告会。



#### 记下以下目子:

- 2月5, 19#日
- 3月4,18日
- 4月 1, 15, 29日 #差传大会

# 医治事工

#### 恩典堂@东陵

第一个星期二,晚上7点30分 3楼 以马忤斯堂

除了公众假期, 我们风雨不改。

#### 恩典堂@武吉巴督

第二个星期二,晚上7点30分 2楼 赞美课室

恩典堂@东陵	恩典堂@武吉巴督
2月4日	2月11日
3月3日	3月10日
4月7日	4月14日



**回** 若要收取最新的会期信息,请扫描二维码。

event.graceaog.org

**面外** 联络我们:healingroom@graceaog.org

## 2020年6月7-9日



恩典领袖峰会

布蒂港辉盛坊国际公寓 柔佛州, 马来西亚



#### 恩典领袖峰会2020

恩典领袖们报名详情

#### 报名日期

网上报名:2月8日开始,并将于2月23日截止。

领袖们也可以在周末到柜台报名或付款, 日期: 2月8至9日、15至16日及22至23日。

#### 报名网站

请通过 event.actxplorer.com 报名并付款。 报名条款和细则可从网站查阅。

#### 报名地点

通过柜台报名或付款的领袖们,请前往以下地点: **恩典堂@东陵** — 2楼(位于通往3楼自动扶梯附近的开放地方) **恩典堂@武吉巴督** — 2楼(位于通往3楼自动扶梯附近的开放 地方)

#### 若有疑问?

若对报名过程有任何疑问·请与峰会委员联系 graceretreat@graceaog.org

# 中英农历新年感恩聚会(初二)

Chinese New Year Thanksgiving Service

讲员/Speaker: 李兆明牧师

Ps Calvin Lee

26.01.2020 星期日 / Sunday

早上九点至十点三十分 9am-10.30am

恩典堂@东陵 3楼 伯特利礼堂 Grace@Tanglin L3 Bethel

<sup>讲员/Speaker:</sup> 陈鸾卿牧师 Ps Sophia

> 26.01.2020 星期日/ Sunday

早上九点至十点三十分 9am-10.30am

恩典堂@武吉巴督 2楼圣所 Grace@BukitBatok L2 Sanctuary

# 平英 农 质 积 异 c 品 思 是 c 品

Chinese New Year Thanksgiving Service

# 新年祝愿

#### 萧和杰教牧祝语:

愿圣经里那位圣洁慈爱、公义良善主的应许 — 将祂美好的应许兑现 在您的生命里;

愿主应允我将祂满满的恩福放进这 祝语里 — 让读到的人都能兑现在 他的生活中;

愿您在细读这些祝贺词的时候可以 感受到 — 您就是我们最在乎的肢 体。耶稣爱您!

#### 恩典堂@东陵粤语堂恩友 祝愿:

祝福大家在新的一年里身、心、灵 都旺盛;在主的恩典里享有神所赐 的平安和亨通。

恭祝大家:新年蒙恩!

#### 何晋钦弟兄

祝各新朋老友喜乐常常,同心同行 同工同享恩,新年蒙福!

#### 詹巧娥姐妹

祝大家生活有力,行路有亮光,作 工得息,试炼得恩助。

#### 何志磊弟兄

#### 林秀水牧师祝愿:

新年是迎接新的到来还是忘记或放下将要过去的?新年可代表新的。即是新的,也是新起点,我们就可以从将要过去的一年所吸取的经验和功课,带著盼望迎接新的一年。再说我们有神同伴。祝大家新年新能力和新创艺。

#### 恩典堂@东陵华语堂恩友 祝愿:

祝福大家在新的一年:主恩满溢, 力上加力,恩上加恩!

#### 黄顺兴弟兄

新的一年,新的盼望,愿使人有盼望的上帝,因信,将诸般的喜乐平安充满你们的心,使你们藉著圣灵的能力大有盼望,永世无尽,阿门!

#### 谢玉枝姐妹

2019年走的不平凡,酸甜苦辣样样全。但感谢神的恩典,生活也算圆满。2020年快到了!在此赐福大家在新的一年里,喜乐和平安都伴随您。

#### 吕佩琼姐妹

在新的一年里祝福我们恩典堂,每个堂会,都坐满人,使更多灵魂得救归向主,祝福我们恩典堂复兴,哈利路亚!

#### 蔡慧甄姐妹



#### 恩典堂@武吉巴督华语堂恩友 祝愿:

祝福大家:

承载天父满满的爱与恩典, 散发出耶稣基督馨香之气。 携带著圣灵的恩膏和能力, 一起迈进2020年活出非凡!

#### 廖丽婷姐妹

在新的一年, 我们有新接任的主任 牧师,期待他的领导。求上帝在新 的一年里,更多地祝福恩典堂,也 有更多人得救,尤其在国内的事工 上,要看到更多人信主。让我们一 起加油!

#### 林慕幼姐妹

愿耶稣除去我们前方一切的障碍 与惧怕,洁净我们的道路。让我们 在侍奉的道路上力上加力,恩上 加恩。

#### 何尔韵弟兄

#### 恩典堂@武吉巴督福建堂恩友 祝愿:

祝福大家:在新的一年里,领受属 天的新恩膏新能力,传扬福音;为 基督赢得每一个城市,成就新事。

#### 吴尤莉姐妹

在新的一年里,祝福大家都领受从 父神所赐的智慧,能明白主的旨 意,彼此相爱,彼此鼓励,互相造 就,彼此建造,同心同行。遵行父 神在我们生命中的美好旨意。

#### 吴清银姐妹