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SHALOM GRACIANS!

Many things have happened since the beginning of the year until now.

Since mid-January this year, I was already giving leadership with the Leadership Team to put in place the various preventative measures against the COVID-19 virus for the church. In the same week that we finished the commencement of our 70th Anniversary Celebrations Launch services on 8 and 9 February, an outbreak of the virus took place among us. The outbreak was so severe that Grace Assembly (GA) became the largest cluster at that point in time in February. Excluding those who are not church staff or Gracians, there were 17 of us who were infected, including me. I was not prepared for the personal, family, and church crisis that followed where I had to lead the church out of this crisis from the National Centre for Infectious Diseases

(NCID). During my initial few days of isolation in NCID, I could not see God's purpose through this crisis and cried many times when I received news of new confirmed cases among our staff and Gracians every day. However, God began to move where I saw online prayer meetings borne out of Gracians' initiatives, from the young to the old across different ministries. When all the staff members were served Home Quarantine Order (HQO) to ringfence the spread of the virus, Gracians took to the streets to buy and deliver food and groceries for those who were affected. Gracians demonstrated the true biblical meaning of community living by meeting the needs of those who were immobilised in their houses. Acts of grace were seen and demonstrated in many different ways during this crisis, which made me very grateful for the generous and fearless spirit of Gracians.

After spending 10 days in NCID, I was thankful to be discharged without any further medication or treatment. By 13 March, all 17 Gracians were discharged, and GA began our journey towards full recovery!

Previously, many have requested our services to resume when we suspended them for close to two months. That period was almost twice the incubation period of the virus. As the largest religious cluster of this virus in Singapore then, we wanted to be socially responsible to our family, friends, and colleagues in the workplace. We understand the stigmatisation that Gracians experienced among our social contacts during the initial outbreak of the virus. By not resuming our services, we wanted to express the Greatest Commandments of loving God and our neighbours through directly addressing

the concerns of our neighbours because of the community transmission among us. We wanted to go beyond our own spiritual and relational needs of having church services by continuing the suspension of our weekend services. GA will do our part in fighting this pandemic together with the rest of Singapore and alleviating fear and concerns that we have caused through our practical actions.

While many were asking when we will resume our weekend services, I sought the Lord on this question. I sensed that it was the wrong question before the Lord. The question is not WHEN, but WHAT.

What is God doing among us through this crisis?

What is God speaking to us about our faith and church life?

What is God's desire for us through this crisis?

What is really crucial for the discipleship of individuals and families, as seen through this crisis?

I believe that God is doing something very deep and significant in the life of GA. Through this crisis, God is deconstructing our understanding of church and reconstructing what He desires for us as we move beyond our 70th year. As we rise again from the rubbles, GA will never be the same again after this life and death crisis. We will not be the same GA before the 8 and 9 February weekend.

The crisis has shown us that GA is not a building but a group of audacious and Spirit-filled believers who love God deeply so as to love others radically. Without large gatherings and our premises, we can still strengthen our resilience and continue with our Christian disciplines and discipleship. God is showing us that Christian living is dynamic and it takes place every day and anywhere. Without our usual Children and Youth Ministries, parents are arising to fill the gap to disciple their children, which is the biblical model and mandate. God is reshaping and shifting our understanding of church to what took place in the first century early church, where faith and religion are lived and expressed evidently in the marketplace and society.

We cannot allow this crisis to come and go without understanding what God's purpose is.

We should not rush to resume our church life without learning what God wants to achieve among us.

We should not waste what God has intended this crisis for GA.

Yes, there may be financial ramifications because we are not meeting regularly in our weekend services. But I believe that faithful Gracians will continue their giving because they understand God's principle of stewardship and support what God is doing among us.

Let's arise to rebuild GA to what God wants this church to be.

Grace Assembly will RISE again – in God's purpose and destiny!



Rev. Dr. Wilson Teo
Senior Pastor

Vision Casting: **FUTURE IN GRACE**

BY Selina Esther Lim

Pastor Wilson shared his vision for the church over two English services in January this year. He introduced the mission statement for the church as follows:

To raise Spirit-filled Gracians who love God, love people, and make disciples of Jesus Christ within and beyond the church walls

To actualise the mission statement, Pastor Wilson shared about the 5 key pillars or areas of focus for the church in the next 5 years (the “5:5 Strategy”). Moving forward, the church will focus on and channel its resources and time towards the five key pillars.

Sharing from Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV), Pastor Wilson reminded the congregation that every believer of Christ should fulfil the Great Commission, which is the divine mandate given by God and it is still very much relevant today.

Therefore, the 5:5 Strategy will be formulated to harness the strength and tradition that Grace Assembly has built over the years, to achieve the Great Commission.

PILLAR 1 Missional Disciples

Discipleship is clearly part of the Great Commission (Matthew 28:20) and in Grace Assembly, it is defined as “the process of becoming like Jesus Christ in every area of one’s being”.

Pastor Wilson also defined missional as “being God’s called and sent people”. Missional disciples are therefore believers who are called by God and sent into the world to reach people locally and globally, to restore relationships, to bring healing into families and creation, and to call them into a covenant relationship with Jesus Christ.

To equip Gracians to be the salt and light of the world, and assist them to grow spiritually continuously, Pastor Wilson has set up the Grace Discipleship Institute (GDI) to focus on raising missional disciples in Grace Assembly. Led by Pastor Lee Meng Cham, GDI aims to develop and strengthen a roadmap for leaders, new Christians and mature believers through a step-by-step discipleship track.

PILLAR 2 Next Generation

Next Generation refers to those who are aged 30 and below.

Pastor Wilson alerted an urgent need to bring down the average age of the congregation and he warned of the danger of having Grace Assembly age without renewal as the church will only get smaller with natural attrition.

Given the importance of renewal, it is paramount that more emphasis be placed on the youth and young adult ministries to build a vibrant and dynamic environment to attract more young people and young families to join our church.

He also expressed concern for the young people who have left the church, and even the Christian faith and he voiced his determination to reduce the attrition rate of young people leaving Grace Assembly.

To do this, the church needs to invest in resources to reach the young people through a proper discipleship process and build authentic relationships to help them transit seamlessly through the different stages of their lives.

To raise Spirit-filled Gracians who love God, love people, and make disciples of Jesus Christ within and beyond the church walls.

PILLAR 3 Family & Marriage

Family life is a vital component of church life. What happens in our marriages affects our family and children. In turn, healthy and strong family relationships are pivotal to creating a strong spiritual church life. It is thus important that couples learn to embrace and guard the concept of “growing old together”.

Pastor Wilson also emphasised that discipleship must begin at home and the church must not be the only source of discipleship for our children. However, the church will partner the parents, and empower and support them in raising the Next Generation.

In the world today, there are many alternatives that challenge God’s idea of traditional family and marriage structures. Christian parents therefore play a critical role in teaching and making sure that our children adhere to and preserve God’s idea of a traditional family for generations to come.

This pillar is also applicable to the singles who have families made up of parents, siblings, and extended family members. As believers, they can be that Godly voice and assert a positive influence on the family.

Pastor Wilson also encouraged those in the Silver Force (aged 55 years and above) to serve by sharing their experiences and using the gifts and talents that God has given them.

The church will set up a Family & Marriage discipleship track to journey with and help Gracians navigate through the different stages of their marriage and family life, especially for couples. As a church, we will also impart knowledge God’s idea of sexuality and marriage to our children from a young age.

PILLAR 4 Missions

This refers to Grace Assembly’s ministry in fulfilling the Great Commission beyond Singapore to make disciples of all nations (Matt 28:19).

The church has been involved in missions for the past 40 years and we currently have works in 10 nations. We have planted more than 2,000 churches, sent missionaries, worked with the locals to plant churches and raised leaders in these countries.

Besides all these, Grace Assembly also helps the poor and needy through various projects such as providing toilets and clean water and building proper buildings for worship for the communities living near the churches we have planted.

Through partnerships with non-governmental organisations (NGOs), Grace Assembly is also involved in local missions (“missions at our doorsteps”) whereby we reach out to migrant workers of different nationalities who are working in Singapore.

While much has been done for missions, more can be done, locally and overseas.

PILLAR 5 Community

In our context, “community” refers to the marginalised, poor and needy, staying around Grace Assembly in Tanglin and Bukit Batok.

Pastor Wilson believes that God has placed Grace Assembly in Tanglin and Bukit Batok so that Gracians can be a blessing to those living in the vicinity.

As God’s people, Gracians need to align ourselves with His heart for the needy by providing the help to those who need it.

By taking care of our community, Grace Assembly is demonstrating God’s love and His command to use what we have, to “*look after orphans and widows in distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world*” (James 1:27).

Reach Community Services and Grace Community Outreach are the church’s arms in helping and blessing the lost, the least and the lonely. Let us continue to sow into the community.

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” (Gal 6:9)

As a parting note, Pastor Wilson called for Gracians to serve and journey with the church to build this house for the Lord to bless the people around us so that the Lord’s name can be glorified.

“FORWARD” SONG STORY:
 Moving forward
 in His
Faithfulness

BY Samantha Lim

The evolution of “Forward” is a testimony of how the Lord has led Grace Assembly in the past months. This is a song that has been several months in the making. We began working out a rough concept of it in August of 2019 as the leadership began to talk about the phrase, “anchored in God’s faithfulness, moving forward strongly” as the church looked to commemorating our 70th anniversary in 2020.

Verse 1
Our fathers testify of Your goodness
Of the waves of Your favour poured upon
on our lives
Lord, we’ve seen how You’ve clothed us
with power
How You’ve been our provider
Our Shepherd and our guide

Verse one was the very first part of the song to be completed. We wanted to start the song with a mention of “our fathers” so as to give priority to honouring what the Lord has done in the generations before us. Grace Assembly has a rich history, and we have seen the hand of the Lord in His provision, leading and protection over the years. We wanted the song to carry a strong sense of remembrance, whilst also carrying a conviction that we are now the generation that God will use to fulfill His kingdom purposes, if we are willing to lay down our lives for His cause. The heart cry of our generation is carried in the pre-choruses, where we sing that the Lord is faithful, and faithful to Him we will remain!

Pre-Chorus:
Holy is the Lord our God almighty
Holy is His name
Faithful is the Lord our God,
and to Him
Faithful we remain

The second and third verses were written last, in late January 2020. Little did we know at the time of writing how timely the words of the verses would be for the trials that the world, our nation, and our church would face when the COVID-19 situation hit. Indeed, the second verse stands as a prophetic declaration that “from here to all the nations /over every situation” the Lord is sovereign! The third verse kicks the song into its forward-looking essence, which coupled with the choruses talks about laying down our lives in surrender to the Lord’s purpose.

Overall, “Forward” is an anthem of our church. Let us remember our faithful God, and let every generation commend the mighty works of the Lord to another. By the grace of God, Grace Assembly would shine His glory from here to our community, and to every nation, amen!

To listen to our
 Grace Songs,
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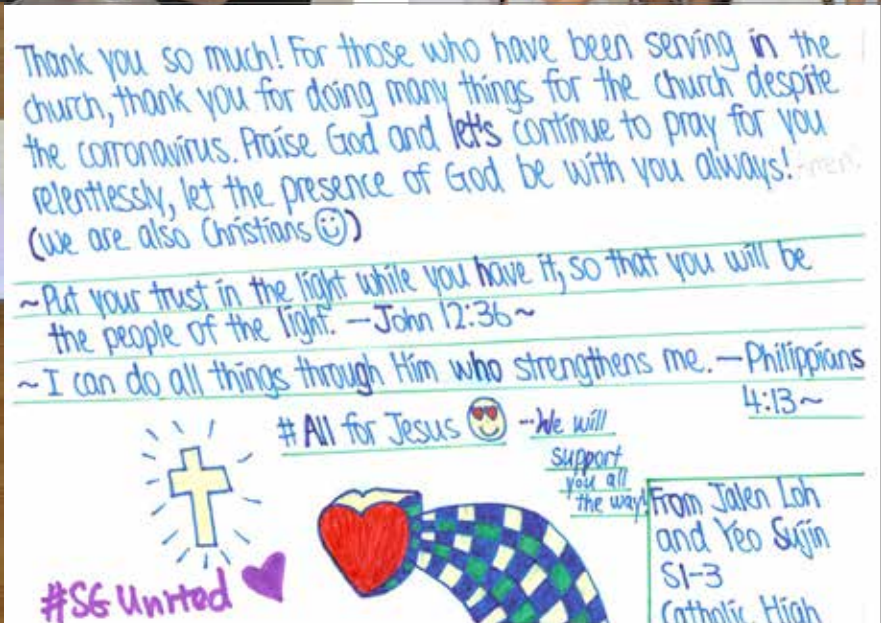
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IN CHRIST
(GRACE AOG)



Thank you
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感谢您的
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The last couple of months have been a challenging period for Grace Assembly. Church services and activities were suspended and the church premises had to close while all church staff served Home Quarantine Orders (HQO).

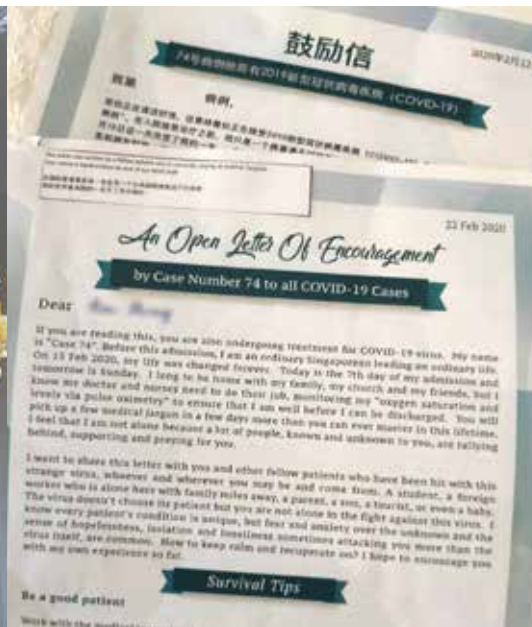
While we may have felt lonely in this arduous journey, we were far from alone. We received and were blessed by the prayers, the many encouraging messages and gifts and even offers of practical help from Gracians, our neighbours, other churches, and even strangers!

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you to all who have reached out to Grace Assembly and for cheering us on during this difficult time!

恩典堂在过去几个月经历了许多挑战。我们停止了在教会中的聚会和活动，当所有教会同工执行居家隔离令的同时，我们也关闭了两处聚会所。

尽管我们在这段艰难的过程中感到孤独，但我们并不孤单。我们收到了许多祷告、令人鼓舞的信息和礼物，还有来自恩友们、我们的邻舍、其他教会，甚至是陌生人那里得到的实际帮助！这都成为了我们极大的祝福！

我们衷心地感谢所有向恩典堂伸出援手，并在这个困难时期为我们加油的人！



The Call
And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. (Romans 8:28)
Acrylics on canvas [18 x 18 inches]
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"It was the best of times. It was the worst of times." (Charles Dickens)
Your Call is made clearer and louder in such a time as this.
Let your voice be heard: lead and prepare the way of His coming.

RECAP

70th Anniversary Celebrations Launch: All for His Glory and by His Grace

BY Samantha Loh





Much has been anticipated about Grace Assembly's 70th anniversary in 2020 and we kicked it off one February weekend across combined services held at our two locations. With "Anchored in Faithfulness" as the theme for the entire celebration, there was no better testimony of God's faithfulness to Grace Assembly than the sight of our young and old filling up our service halls to praise and thank our God. It was an exciting moment in the services as balloons flew up to unveil the commemorative fixtures for this entire year of celebrations. The crowd in the

fellowship areas also swelled and there was a palpable sense of festiveness as Gracians gathered together after service for ice cream and popcorn.

Senior Pastor Wilson Teo and Pastor Lee Meng Cham delivered the sermons throughout the weekend with an emphasis on the significance of seventy in the Bible. In the Bible, seventy years is seen as the completion of one chapter of God's assignment and the start of a new season, often under a new leadership. What an apt description for the new season our church is in! Our 70th anni-



versary represents the renewal of hope within the legacy of Grace Assembly and the lives of Gracians in our faith journey with God—even more so with the global outbreak of the COVID-19 and the uncertainties it brought to daily life. Our hope in Christ will be tested but it must be sustained and lived out. While we can count our years and days, it is only God who can make our years and days count. Of course, when we had our 70th Anniversary Celebrations launch services on 8 and 9 February, we had no inkling of the crisis our church would soon face but the COVID-19 episode certainly helped to crystallise God’s faithfulness to His church as He leads us into a time of refining.

The preachers also emphasised that the next 70 years for our church would require a new generation of leaders from this House to be raised. Just as God placed His Spirit upon the 70 leaders whom Moses appointed to assist him in leading the Israelites after their departure from Egypt (Numbers 11),



so would Grace Assembly. The current generation of leaders were not forgotten as well and would still play an important role in the growth and maturity of our church and the next generation. Pastor Meng Cham likened this to the passing of the baton in a relay race. He

encouraged the current generation of leaders to run well at their best speed so that the next generation could pick up the baton smoothly in any leadership transition within the various ministries.

The call for intergenerational unity was also reflected in a song presentation where our Creative Arts Ministry debuted a new Grace song entitled ‘Forward’. It was accompanied by a dance presentation bringing together dancers from both the English and Chinese congregations. The song’s chorus epitomises the direction our church would be following for the next 70 years:

We’re moving forward into
 Your promise
 Into Your will
 Teach us to walk in step with all
 of Your ways
 Send us out by Your Spirit,
 all for Your glory and by Your grace



"The preachers also emphasised that the next 70 years for our church would require a new generation of leaders from this House to be raised."



Are we **TO HALT** missions with the invasion of *COVID-19?*

BY Pastor Steve Tan
Head, Grace Missions

DORSCON Orange was declared by the Ministry of Health on 7 February. It was just less than two weeks to our Grace Missions Partners Conference (GMPC), which would supposedly take place over 19–22 February 2020.

As part of Grace Assembly’s 70th Anniversary celebrations, Grace Missions had started planning for the GMPC since July last year. This conference aimed to unite the hearts and minds of our missions stakeholders, key partners and church planters across ten nations in Asia, as we come together for a time of fellowship and empowerment. Regrettably, for the safety of our partners, as well as considering the needs of the greater community at large before our own, we made the painful decision to cancel this conference. All the planning and preparations, speakers’ arrangements, hotel and flight bookings, as well as meal reservations had all been in vain. Grace Missional Communities were disappointed too, as they were anticipating the partners’ arrival and looking forward to playing host to them, many of whom they have connected with during missions trips.

Grace Missions’ focus then quickly shifted to the Missions Convention 2020 weekends, scheduled for 15–16 February and 22–23 February. With only a few days left, the team gathered all the Country Directors on 11 February for an online meeting to tie up loose ends for the two weekends. The church had already been operating with heightened precautionary measures in response to the COVID-19 situation.

However, midway through our online discussion, we were surprisingly interrupted by our senior pastor, Rev Dr Wilson Teo. “Hi guys, we have our first confirmed case of the COVID-19. So we will shut down all church operations and services for the next two weeks,” announced Rev Wilson. That announcement caused a deafening silence, and everyone did not know how to respond or proceed with the meeting. All our plans were abruptly put to a halt again. Two major missions events were cancelled in a span of five days.

“I can’t stand your religious meetings. I’m fed up with your conferences and conventions. I want nothing to do with your religious projects, your pretentious slogans and goals. I’m sick of your fund-raising schemes, your public relations and image making. I’ve had all I can take of your noisy ego-music. When was the last time you sang to me? Do you know what I want? I want justice—oceans of it. I want fairness—rivers of it. That’s what I want. That’s all I want.”
—The Message, Amos 5:21–24

When the above scripture was first read, we were taken aback. We have never seen Amos 5:21–24 in this light. The Message version of this scripture was written in such a relatable, modern-day context that it could not be ignored. For many weeks, the Missions Convention team sought the Lord for direction and this scripture convicted the team’s heart. We were awfully delighted that the Lord had spoken. That was the start of a spiritual



Indonesia church praying for Singapore.

Nepal Church praying for Singapore.



awakening in the planning process for Missions Convention 2020. We needed to go back to the basics of why we do missions in the first place. And it all starts from His love and justice for the nations.

Missions Convention is an annual affair where the church gathers to learn and be inspired with what God is doing in the nations. It is a time where the church is called to pray, give and go. Hence, the event would revolve around sharing and praying for the work of Grace Missions and a call for faith pledges to continue

opportunity to quieten our hearts and seek Him. Although the sudden turn of events has caused much confusion compounded with the complications that COVID-19 has for the church, we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28).

We acknowledge that unless He builds the house, those who build it labour in vain (Psalm 127:1). Hence, let us be reminded once again that nothing is about us. Everything is about Jesus.

you!” “We fasted and prayed today for Grace Assembly!” “We’re standing with Grace Assembly!” Messages of encouragement and prayers from our partners weekly have deeply blessed our hearts and spirits.

Both of our missions events might have involuntarily come to a halt, but our work in the nations continue. The partners press ahead and they are more united and connected than ever. We humbly embrace this disruption knowing full well that the Lord is sovereign and He is in control. What

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funding the works. Beyond the call-to-actions, the team wanted to refocus the heart of God to be in the centre of all these activities.

From planning to filming, logistics and liaison with volunteers, each ministry was busy with the preparations for the big day. Work started in early 2019, reaching out to overseas preachers from India, Sri Lanka and Israel to come and preach on God’s heart for the nations. But with the rude invasion of COVID-19, months of hard work felt as if they had been taking place in a bubble which has been burst. Grace Missions had already suspended all overseas trips the day DORSCON Orange was declared. With all these cancellations and disruptions, are we to halt missions?

Outwardly, we were disappointed and frustrated, but inwardly, we trust that the Lord has bigger plans. His ways are higher than our ways, and His thoughts higher than our thoughts. The many days of isolation was a divine

Therefore, the works in the nations still continue. Our overseas missionaries and lay country directors continue to train and support the church planters on the ground. Our pastors continue to connect with their partners from their homes through technology. Our church planters are still evangelising and discipling the pre-believers. Our community service projects in the various nations are still being carried out to touch the lives of the young and old. The training centres that we are supporting are still teaching and equipping future pastors, missionaries and ministers that will reach the unreached. Nothing can stop the work of God from moving forward. No men, no virus; not even our own limitations and inadequacies.

During this challenging season, our Grace Missions partners and invited speakers have been gracious in accommodating the inconveniences caused by the cancellations of the Missions Convention and GMPC. They have even rallied the churches to pray for us continually. “We’re praying for all of

might seem ‘wasted’ in the eyes of men, God will use for His glory. The work of the Lord goes on, and we have full faith that He is the One who provides for and sustains His ministries. I borrow from a passage that Rev Wilson shared to exalt Gracians:

We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.

—2 Corinthians 4:8–10

Our plans may have been disrupted but Grace Missions forges ahead and we will move from strength to strength, from glory to glory! And we will rise again!

The UNREACHED is right here

BY Jasmin Low

What comes to your mind when you think about unreached people? According to Joshua Project, unreached people groups refer to people that lack enough Christ followers and resources to evangelise to their own people. And out of over 17,000 people groups in the world, there are over 7,000 people groups which have yet to be evangelised to. Bangladesh and India are two of the many countries which made little progress in outreach, with 90.4% unreached groups in Bangladesh and 90% unreached groups in India. All these may seem to be just numbers and percentages but they represent societies, communities and individuals who have yet to be touched and transformed by the power of the gospel.

The good news is, they are right at our doorstep. And Grace Missions, together with Grace volunteers, have been faithfully serving the Bangladeshi, Indian and even Chinese migrant workers since 2019. Grace Missions is working with SG Accident Help Centre to support migrant workers with Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) and

physiotherapy services. We also organise outreach events to share the gospel message with them. Considering the cultural and religious backgrounds of these foreign workers, we are mindful to reach out in a non-threatening and genuinely loving manner. After all, they

are not just numbers to be added into the kingdom, but individuals who could experience the never-ending grace and everlasting love of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Last year, Grace Assembly organised a Christmas outreach event attended by almost 270 foreign workers. The Indian community in Grace Assembly put up songs in Tamil and Gracians from the English services also organised fun games for the workers. A total of 110 Gracians were involved! The workers could relax and spend time meaningfully, together, as the message of Christmas was shared with them.

This year, Grace Missions has plans to continue our conversational English lessons, as well as TCM and physiotherapy services for the migrant workers. Do join us as a volunteer!



Singing Christmas carols in Tamil

Answering **THE CALL** in a time of chaos

BY Jasmin Low

I sat under the sunset, listening intently to the story of Pastor Lil as he shared about how the Lord called him to move to another town to start a church. It has been 16 years since he received the call and stepped foot on unfamiliar grounds. In a tumultuous time, when his country was facing an insurgency, Pastor Lil took his own savings and—with no support from any church or parachurch organisation—started on a journey to fulfil God's calling in his life.

That was 1998, a season where Pastor Lil's people witnessed all sorts of crimes against humanity—executions, kidnappings, massacres and purges. 17,000 lives were lost. In such a time of violence and hopelessness, the shimmer of light that gives off even a glimmer of hope must come from the Church of Christ.

In his mother church, Pastor Lil had served in the Sunday school ministry for five years, evangelising and discipling the little ones of the nation. But there was an urgent need to spread the gospel, so Pastor Lil was asked by his mother church to reach out to other parts of the country. However, he felt burdened to build up his mother church at the time. So, he decided to stay.

Eventually, his family moved with him to the unreached place. In 2006, Grace Missions also stepped in to give Pastor Lil support in his church planting works. Nine people were touched and transformed by Jesus in that place, marking the first three months—and start—of a new church planted by Pastor Lil. The church he set up is now independent and has 200 members. By God's grace, it even expanded into two more branch churches and two house churches.

As Pastor Lil recounted the days of answering the Lord's call, there beside him was Pastor Rick, a faithful disciple of his, who would continue in the legacy of planting churches and seeing more souls discipled in Christ.

Grace Missions partners with local church planters to reach the unreached for Christ. Oftentimes, these people received a clear calling from the Lord to focus on doing His work but lack the necessary resources to grow. As a church, we have been called to support our brothers and sisters in the nations to fulfil the Great Commission. Your giving to Grace Missions supports these local church planters.



Pastor Lil, Pastor Rick and his wife in front of their church.

*Faces are covered for security purposes.

You are a woman. YOU CANNOT DO ANYTHING.

BY Jasmin Low



TOP: Going into the village for ministry

BOTTOM: Pastor Choin's church members

“You are a woman. You cannot do anything.” These words would resound in the ears of Pastor Choin whenever she hit a wall in her ministry. While words have the power to give life or death, these words were definitely weapons of the devil to kill Pastor Choin’s passion. In a coastal

village teeming with fresh seafood and fishermen boats, Pastor Choin, a widow, lives with her three sons and fixes nets for a living.

One fateful day in 2015, a village witch cursed Pastor Choin with a terrible illness. She suffered for three days in misery until a pastor came to pray for her healing in Jesus’ name. As she received healing, she felt the chains of bondage break and a sense of freedom! Like many others, Pastor Choin struggled to find her calling in life. But she knew in her heart that she enjoyed evangelising and her eyes always light up with excitement whenever a lost soul comes to the Lord. Because of this and her experience being healed, she decided to give her life to Jesus and made a firm resolution to share the gospel and plant churches.

Being a church planter has not been easy for Pastor Choin. As a woman and single mother, she faces many cultural risks and restrictions when travelling and preaching. Fortunately, she has lay leaders who can travel with her to do ministry. Pastor Choin also does not

come from a well-to-do family and sometimes feels torn between working and spending more time with her sons. On top of that, she faces persecution from her neighbours and the pre-believing families of her church members.

However, no trial or persecution can overwhelm her love and passion for souls. She has witnessed many lives transformed by the love of Christ, as well as how her church members grew to love one another. Many of the youth in her church are actively serving and inviting their pre-believing friends to join the spiritual family. They even join the adult church members in door-to-door evangelism.

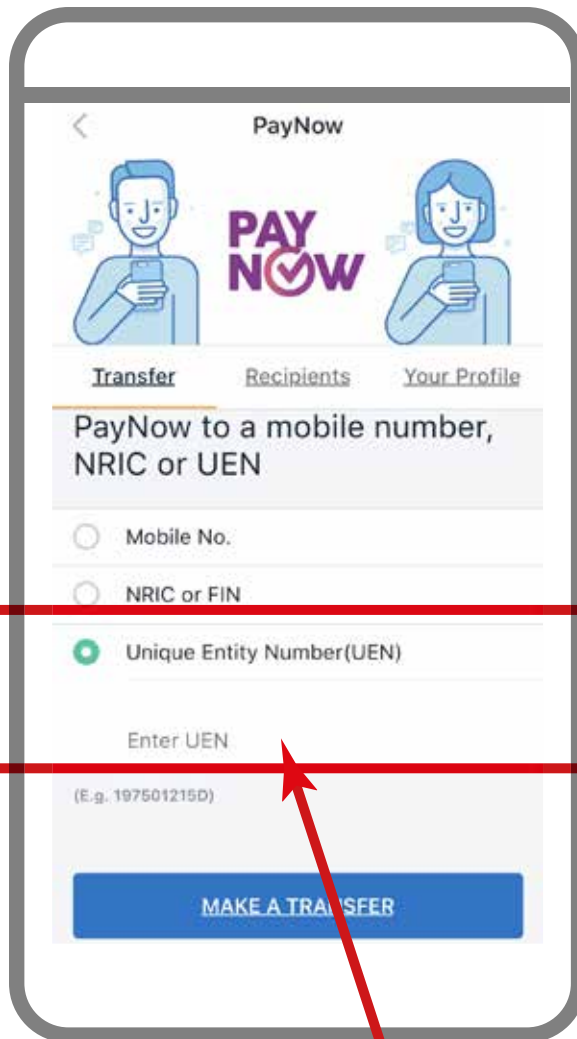
Grace Missions stepped in to support Pastor Choin in 2016. This has brought great encouragement to her in terms of prayer and financial support. She felt that the support and empowerment by Grace Missions push her to go the extra mile to share Christ and conduct outreaches. She has planted three churches and will continue doing the work of an evangelist.

“I want to see more churches planted. I want the people in my area and country to know the goodness of Christ. I want to reach more places and plant more churches. And I am praying that my leaders will continue to serve.” These were the words uttered

“I want to see more churches planted.”
– Pastor Choin

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Healing Room Ministry— **STILL MINISTERING TO THE SICK**

BY Pastor Matthew Tan

For the past three years, the Healing Room Ministry (HRM) of Grace Assembly of God has been operating primarily through physical sessions in the church itself. Gracians, young and old have been bringing their family and loved ones to these sessions. At times, cell groups have also reached out to the public and attended these sessions together with them, as part of outreach efforts. As the HRM team ministers to both believers and non-believers, it is extremely heartening to see non-believers getting healed and accepting Jesus, and later coming back to attend the various weekend services in church.

By the grace of God, the HRM team has been receiving testimonies of healing at almost every session. These testimonies range from the healing of minor and persistent body pains to more serious ones like eczema and deafness. In some cases, various cysts and tumours have disappeared, and people have experienced God's healing touch for even critical conditions like late-stage cancer.

In January 2020, during a session at Grace@Tanglin, the HRM team received a testimony from a lady who was suffering from Stage 4 lung

cancer for the last four years. She had undergone chemotherapy and many other treatments before she came for two HRM sessions in September and November 2019.

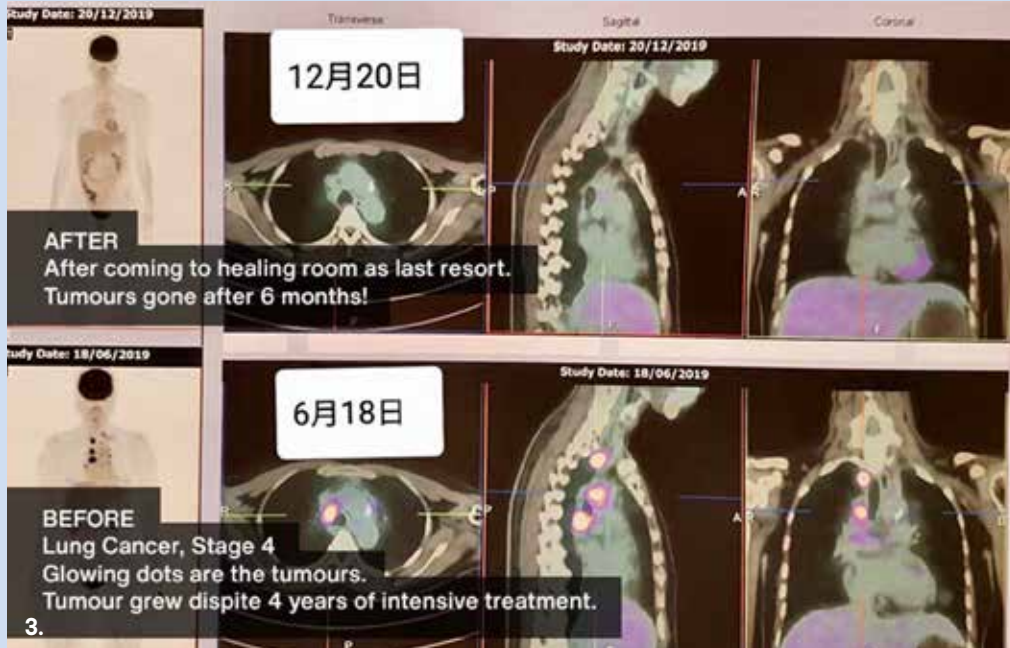
When she returned in January 2020, the lady brought along photos of her PET scans. Her most recent PET scan results showed that the glowing tumours have diminished as compared to six months ago! Her doctors were all very excited, and they said the tumours were either completely gone or they were too small to be picked up by the machine.



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1. First Session
2. Team praying for people
3. PET scan comparison

Healing Room Ministry

To safeguard everyone's well-being, there will be no face-to-face Healing Room sessions until further notice.

For the time being, we will be adopting a new format.

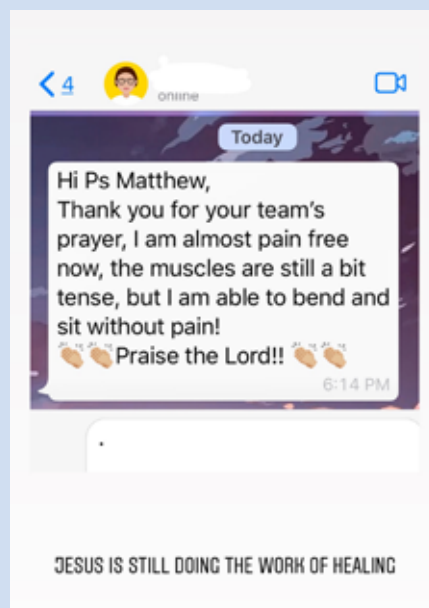
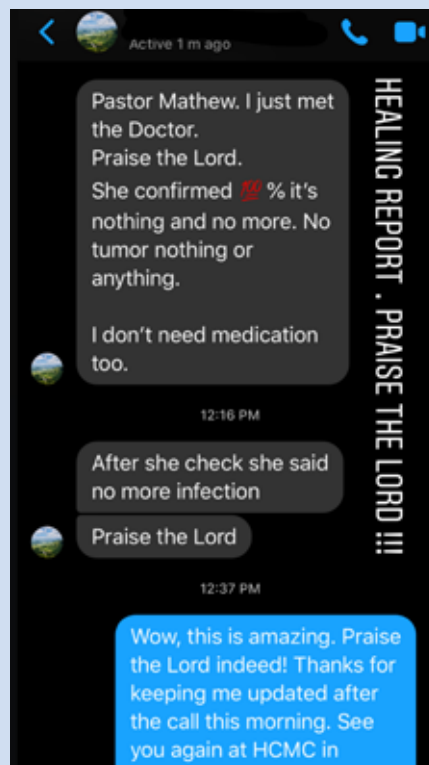
- Send your prayer requests for physical healing via our online form or via email.
- Our Healing Room team will then call and pray with you over the phone.

It was indeed a time of rejoicing for the HRM team! This lady has been through so much but has experienced the healing touch of our Almighty God!

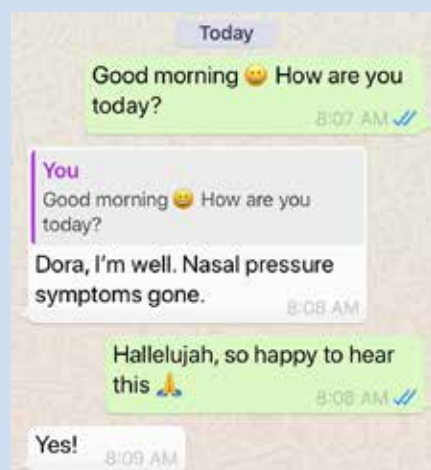
In February 2020, due to the COVID-19 situation, the church decided to shift our HRM operations online. Face-to-face sessions were suspended and a dedicated webpage was created. Those who are seeking physical healing simply have to fill up an online form and the HRM team will contact you and pray with you through voice or video calls.

Physical distance and the change in format do not diminish the healing power of Jesus. The church still receives many encouraging testimonies of people being healed. From back pains being relieved to tumours disappearing, Jesus' healing power is still evident and experienced, even across Wi-Fi networks!

The HRM team is committed to praying for the sick. If you are experiencing any form of illness or if you know of anyone who is unwell, you can submit prayer request using this link: www.graceaog.org/healing-room The team looks forward to resuming face-to-face sessions when appropriate.



Testimonies of healing over phone



Scan for more info.
<https://www.graceaog.org/healing-room>

SPECIAL GUESTS from Japan

BY Betty Asher Tan

Over the weekend of 11 and 12 January, more than 60 Gracians across Grace@Tanglin and Grace@BukitBatok participated in hosting some Japanese students. The students came to Singapore for an immersion programme to practise their English language, and over that weekend, our church partnered with them for a family hosting programme on Saturday as well as a church visit on Sunday.

My family and I hosted two 13-year old Japanese female students on Saturday. Initially, I was quite apprehensive about meeting them because I thought that there was going to be a language barrier, which would make it hard for me to talk to them. However, I was surprised when I met them at Zhongshan Park and they greeted my family in perfect English! After we introduced ourselves to each other, we went to our first destination, Chinatown, for lunch. My parents decided to let them try some food that were common to us yet unique to them. So we ordered mala (spicy stir-fry), fish soup, carrot cake and teh bing (iced milk tea) to help 'wash down the spiciness'.

After the full meal, we toured the streets of Chinatown to let them have a feel of what a festive Singapore was like, as it was nearing Chinese New Year. My parents generously offered to get the girls souvenirs too, and we got a variety of them—from magnets to mini fans to help them cool off in the Singapore heat. Before heading to our second destination, Gardens by the Bay, we introduced the girls to bubble tea, to which both of them chimed with excitement as they were both already familiar with the ever-popular drink.

At Gardens by the Bay, we entered the Flower Dome first. I was equally awed like the girls by the Chinese New Year decorations that were put up on display. We walked leisurely through the garden and took many pictures together with the zodiac statues. Then, we moved on to the Cloud Dome. As soon as we entered the dome, we were greeted with a burst of cool air and mist from the grand waterfall. With hesitation, the girls politely asked us to take pictures of them, but we were most willing to do so. We then went up to the top of the waterfall before slowly making our way down via the sky walkway. The girls were amazed



at the flora around the area and the spectacular view from high above the ground. We could even see the Singapore Flyer and Supertrees from where we were in the dome. We concluded our tour with a visit to the souvenir shop.

Due to time constraints, we had to rush to bring the girls back to their hotel. My family and I were slightly disappointed because we really enjoyed

“I am glad that my family and I were able to show them a glimpse of what being Christian mean...”

our time with the girls and felt that the outing was too short. But I was delighted knowing that I would be able to meet them again the next day.

The next day, the Japanese girls and their teachers were split up to visit Grace@Tanglin and Grace@BukitBatok separately. My brother and I were at Grace@BukitBatok to host the girls along with a few other Gracian youths. We went to the Emerge service with them and had lunch together after that. During a short programme after lunch, they taught us how to play a Japanese game called Sugoroku, while we taught them how to make the gospel bracelet and shared the gospel with them using the bracelet that they made. I was also given time to write letters to them which I am thankful for because I wanted to convey my gratitude towards them for the warm kindness they showed my family and me. Through the experience on Sunday, I forged new friendships with the other Japanese girls and got to know them more.



As the programme came to an end, the girls gave me special cards with origami yukata (a casual version of the kimono) on them. I'm grateful that I'm able to keep in touch with them through technology. I really hope they felt the same way that I had during the time spent with them, as it was truly a pleasure to host them. Through these two days, I also learned quite a bit about my Japanese friends, from their culture to the hobbies which I never knew they had. I would definitely like to host them again!

I'm glad that my family and I were able to show our Japanese guests a glimpse of what being a Christian means, and were able to love them through hosting them and spending time with them. I thank God for the opportunity we had to sow seeds in the hearts of these girls and I pray that they will one day come to know the Lord Jesus Christ just as I do.

1. Together with her family, Betty (second from right) hosted two Japanese female students.
2. Betty and the two Japanese students enjoying their bubble tea at Chinatown.
3. The gospel bracelets that the Japanese students learnt to make.
4. Group photo at the Grace@Tanglin Emerge Service.
5. Group photo at the Grace@Bukit Batok Emerge Service.
6. Happy faces during the small group activity time.



Awakening the Next Gen in Grace Assembly

NEXUS *By Pastor Joey Asher Tan*

As a pastor serving in Nexus, I paid close attention to what our senior pastor said regarding our church's next generation during his church-wide, vision-casting sermon in January. At that time, I pleaded with the Lord to go before us as we set in motion our grandiose plans for 2020. There were many things we were going to embark on to awaken the children, youths and young adults in Grace Assembly.

Together with the Nexus staff team, eight of us had budgeted for an end-of-year family camp, a children's carnival to reach out to the community, a pre-teens camp, and an island-wide combined pre-teens and youth outing. We also anticipated our second overseas youth camp, an inaugural combined polytechnic and university campus camp, a brand new marketplace initiative for young adults, as well as multiple missions trips to reach the nations.

Along with the 70th anniversary celebrations, many things were riding on 2020 as a breakthrough year. We were positioning ourselves to disciple young Gracians in the faith, as well

as to reach out to our cousins, classmates and colleagues, and welcome first-time visitors as they assimilate into our community.

However, we had the ultimate first-time visitor in February—COVID-19. It was an unprecedented disrupter to church life and Nexus activities like never before. We could not attend Grace@Tanglin or Grace@BukitBatok services, meet in homes for cells, or plan for any of the aforementioned events. “Church”, as we knew it, was cruelly and suddenly yanked away from us. How then were we, as Nexus, going to cope with this unwelcome newcomer who seems set to stay for the foreseeable future?

At the end of March, with so many Nexus activities forcibly shut down, my teammates and I are pleased (and proud!) to testify that God has awakened Grace Assembly’s next generation to fervently rise up to take their unique place in the church. We have seen parents using Grace Kids resources to take ownership of discipling their children; pre-teens hanging out online and looking forward to every virtual fellowship; youths initiating an online prayer movement, and our young adults going out of their way to bring gro-

ceries to those who were quarantined (and I was among the blessed recipients of this initiative!).

My colleagues and I in the Nexus staff team also actively reached out to any young person whom we know were directly (e.g., hospitalised, serving a Quarantine Order [QO], or put on Leave of Absence [LOA] from school) or indirectly (e.g., stigmatised by friends who found out they were from Grace Assembly) affected by this outbreak. As for me, as soon as my own QO was lifted, I headed to the supermarket with my wife to purchase groceries for care packs, which were then delivered to Gracians who were affected by the outbreak, including those who were hospitalised, quarantined in a university hostel, or had a parent who was hospitalised.

At the request of the young people who were part of the online prayer movement, I preached a short sermon on Isaiah 40:28–32 when we gathered to pray together on a Saturday afternoon. We also had some young people put together an appreciation video for our senior pastor and the church’s leadership team. Starting 22 March, we began mobilising young people to “bring

church” to elderly Gracians from the Chinese ministries (who had limited access to technology) by going to their houses to assist them, and attend church online together with them.

In a crisis, we see who Christ really is. I am so moved by how the next generation of Grace Assembly is truly setting an example for all believers, and letting fellow Gracians see who Christ really is in them. Faith Lek, one of the leaders in Nexus, recounts: *“In this period of disruptions and disappointments, God gave me a renewed heart for prayer and for the people around me, and opened my eyes to His grace by the love that Gracians have extended to my family and others. This has been, by far, one of the greatest encouragements as my peers and I have a fresh desire to seek the Lord like never before. I’ve always believed that God has always been working and I know for sure that God is moving.”*

The Nexus staff team and I are so proud of our children, youths and young adults. As a Gracian, how can you not be filled with so much hope for the future when you see how they are rising up to love God and serve people within and beyond the church walls?

“...God has awakened Grace Assembly’s next generation to fervently rise up to take their unique place in the church. ”

“God has blessed me so much during this period and I want to continue to be a blessing to others!”

YAYP MARKETPLACE COMMUNITY *By Pastor John Lin*

Through this very difficult season for our church, we have been hard-pressed on all sides because of COVID-19. Though we were hard-pressed, we were not crushed because we saw the church stand stronger in Christ through love and unity for one another.

One of the main things I did was to engage in close communication with the YAYP regional leaders. We had daily conversations to check in on one another and regular video calls to pray together for the church. I encouraged and empowered these leaders to take ownership of the people in their regions and to lead them through this storm. They were engaging with their leaders and encouraging them to pray and meet online together regularly while our physical services had stopped.

During this period, a member from the YAYP Marketplace community stepped forward to volunteer and began writing a daily prayer devotional with a key bible passage, reflection, and prayer pointers. It was sent to the Regional Leaders and was a massive source of encouragement for all of us. This devotional was released every night to the other marketplace cell groups to rally our members to pray.

On top of this, members were coming together to meet physical needs. We saw different cell groups reaching out to the church leadership to offer help

to deliver food and groceries to affected members or staff under Quarantine Order.

An incredible story that unfolded was when one of our YAYP members tested positive for COVID-19 and was admitted into an isolation ward. During his lengthy stay in the hospital, he did not once grumble or complain. Instead, he was very positive about the whole experience and shared with me that God had encountered him personally in the ward. He was inspired to do something good so he went on to reach out to various authorities to assist him in blessing every COVID-19 patient with a flower and personal written letter of encouragement. This gesture of kindness was featured across the mainstream media, encouraging many Singaporeans.

Our brother-in-Christ said, *“I’m grateful to Pastor John and his team for reaching out and offering to help buy supplies for my family! I’m also grateful to how Pastor Wilson reached out to me personally while I was in the isolation ward! God has blessed me so much during this period and I want to continue to be a blessing to others!”*

TOP: Chinese news article featuring a YAYP member who was admitted in hospital for COVID-19, yet chose to bless fellow patients in the isolation wards with a flower and letter of encouragement

BOTTOM: A daily prayer devotional sent by a member from the YAYP Marketplace community to rally others to pray together



**74号病患康复出院
买卡点心谢医护员**

本地第74名新冠病毒患者在经历病情反复痊愈后，住院20天在周四（5日）康复出院。

继日前住院期间写信和送花鼓励其他病友的善举，74号病患出院后做的首件事是到书局买卡片，亲手写感谢卡给期间照顾他的35名医护人员。他也在出院隔天，拿着一叠卡片和两盒甜甜圈回到亚历山大医院，当面向医护人员道谢。

第74号病患（29岁）跟本地最大的神召会恩典堂感染群有关，于2月15日确诊。他在2月28日首次检测病毒为阴性，不过隔天又变成阳性，这样的情况辗转出现两次后，他在3月4日确定完全摆脱病毒出院了。

他昨天接受电话采访时，非常佩服医护人员的勇气，感谢他们在他住院期间无微不至的照顾。

谈到出院的感受时，他笑说自己最初得知可出院时还有些“失望”。因为在过去20天的隔离环境中，他获得内心的平静，过得安守自在，不舍得离开那种状态。

Hi friends! As a YAYP Community, let's commit this time to prayer :)

2 Corinthians 5:7
for we walk by faith, not by sight.

Here are some pointers:

- Echoing what was shared, let's continue to press on in faith. Let's watch the situation through spiritual lens.
- Pray for all those affected. Especially those in critical condition. Let's pray and believe in faith that they will be healed by Jesus.
- Pray for the Church and the families and loved ones of our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. May they rise up in faith despite of what they see before them!
- Pray that the outbreak will be controlled as soon as possible.

Once u have prayed, send a 🙏 to encourage others to pray!

9:54 PM



this is grace



1. One of the Nexus members received food and encouragement card at her doorstep, delivered personally by church friends
2. Wileen and Winna received food, flowers and encouragement card from R-AGE leaders who delivered to their doorstep
3. Young adults visiting elderly Gracians from the Chinese ministries to assist them with tuning in to watch the online church service together

YAYP CAMPUS COMMUNITY

By Pastor Rebecca Yong

It has been an unusual February and March when Grace Assembly had to suspend all weekend services, as well as group meetings and activities in church.

At that time, when our church became the largest COVID-19 cluster in Singapore, the young adults in the YAYP Campus community immediately initiated going online to meet with fellow cell members to pray, and to continue having cell by checking in on each other and encouraging one another with God's Word. It was extremely encouraging to see the ownership of the young adults in doing this without direct instructions from any of the pastoral staff!

While the pastors and church staff were serving their Quarantine Orders (QO), several young adults texted them, and also their family, to ask if they needed anything. I had young adults offering

to deliver food to my doorstep and some who actually came personally to my house to deliver my favourite black fried carrot cake, papaya, Toast Box coffee, Super Supreme pizza and BreadTalk chocolate loaf. Others called me to pray over the phone with me or sent voice messages including their heartfelt prayers. It has been a tremendous three weeks of receiving so much love, care, support and prayers from those whom we shepherd and pastor.

The pastors and staff were not the only ones affected; we also had young adults who were on Leave of Absence or QO. Even though we could not meet in person, it did not stop us from reaching out to the affected young adults. I took time to call them personally to check in on them; cheer and encourage them, as well as pray with them over the phone. This crisis gave me the opportunity to care for those affected via technology, to let them know that they are not alone and are deeply loved by their pastors and leaders.

They were also deeply blessed by other young adults who also called them, encouraged them, prayed with them and delivered food and gifts to them. A team of youth leaders actually went to the homes of these young adults to bring them food, necessities, encouragement notes and even flowers!

I am so thankful to God for raising these young adults who love Him and His church, going the extra mile to love, care, support, bless and help others in times of need! I share these quotes from Winna Tan (university student) and Wileen Tan (polytechnic student) who were recipients of these blessings: *"We were so surprised to see the Elevate leaders at our door with food and flowers! We felt so blessed to have such a wonderful community that cares and loves us, exemplifying the grace of God to us in a difficult time."*



1. First online meeting with Elevate@Tanglin leaders
2. Elevate@Tanglin Regional Leaders with their usual online meet-ups to coordinate how to reach out to youths
3. Elevate@Bukit Batok key leaders meet online to discuss how to engage the youths

R-AGE ELEVATE YOUTH COMMUNITY *By Sheryl Teo*

During this time, the staff team and I made keeping in contact with the key ministry leaders our priority. We felt that it was important to keep communication lines open so that they can get first-hand information and updates from the church leadership.

We met online at least once a week, and prayed together as well. These virtual meet-ups have been crucial in helping to keep the other leaders and members connected during this time when cell groups and services are put on hold, and also to pass on timely information and encourage one another to find creative ways to meet and maintain their relationship with God.

One of the ground-up initiatives that took place during this time was the “10:15” prayer movement, where youths and young adults gathered online every night at 10:15pm to pray together for the church and the entire COVID-19 situation. It even expanded into two sessions of 3:33pm online Saturday sessions, where people gathered for a time of worship and prayer. The Nexus staff team also joined these sessions, to touch base with members and share words of encouragement with them. I was personally and tremendously blessed by these online sessions, and witnessed how standing united with the body of Christ looks like.

One of our Elevate youths, Anne Ng, shared: *“Joining the 10:15 prayer movement has taught me the importance of seeking God in my own personal time. The journey of faith is not being dependent on a church to seek God but to build a relationship with God on a daily basis through personal prayers and quiet time. Coming together to pray in unity has shown me that church is more than a building; that we are a group that lifts one another up and stays connected to each other spiritually even though we have lost our physical home.”*

R-AGE EMERGE PRE-TEENS COMMUNITY *by Tiffany Tay*

During the past weeks of church closure, I saw many things happen at many levels—from the staff level to ground level. While many people saw this as doom and gloom for Grace Assembly, I saw the hand of God in our church when this happened to us.

Many heartening ground-up initiatives took place during this time and two of them that I personally experienced was having Emerge leaders coming to my house to deliver fruits to me and my family. Even though we could not meet physically, young Gracians also got creative and met online with whatever forms of technology they could find. I saw Emerge leaders initiating online cell meetings with their pre-teens. The Nexus staff team rode on this initiative and decided to make it official for all pre-teens to take part in online cells every weekend for as long as there are no Emerge services.

On a Sunday morning, I gathered all the Emerge leaders to pray for the ministry. I also delivered food and groceries to a couple of families whom I know were on Quarantine Orders.

A pre-teen, Aryn Teo, shares her experience during this period: *“I’m thankful for the nurses and doctors, and thankful that the virus is not so deadly! I’m thankful that dajie (elder sister) is so amazing and that she can take care of my younger brother alone! I am also thankful for everyone who have been praying for us and blessing us with food and supplies!”*

1. & 2. Care packs delivered by Ps Joey Asher to young people personally affected by COVID-19 quarantine or hospitalisation
3. Emerge@Tanglin preteens meet online for cell



“Coming together to pray in unity has shown me that church is more than a building...”

GRACE KIDS

By Sim Soo Wei, Benjamin Ang and Vivienne Lim

The outbreak of COVID-19 shook Grace Assembly overnight when we became one of its victims. The virus caused all staff to be quarantined, and our children and spouses had to be on Leave of Absence. As a result, Grace Kids could not have physical services for many weeks. There were many inconveniences caused and we turned to online meetings to maintain communications and connections.

However, we know that the Lord must have allowed this to happen for a reason; weeks into the dire situation, we began to see the silver linings across all age groups and stakeholders in Grace Kids. The following testimonies by some of our children and their families remind us that God is with us during this time:

Jayne Lim, a mother with children in Grace Kids, says, “[Thankfulness] is the single common theme for my family as we stayed home for one and a half weeks. As a staff member of Grace Assembly, I was put under Quarantine Order by MOH during this period. My children were then automatically put on Leave of Absence by their schools by virtue of relation.

As soon as the news about Grace Assembly was released, friends texted us to check in on us and offered their help in any way needed. Surprise food deliveries became a regular affair. We were blessed beyond measure.

One of our greatest concerns during this time was for our children. Wondering if I had been infected and if I had passed it on to my family, I quarantined myself in a room. So my husband had to care for our three children on his own, on top of working from home.

Despite being quarantined herself, Sister Soo Wei reached out to my family, checking in on our physical health and praying with us. Prior to their return to school, she also shared some of the preparations she went through with her own child so that we could do the same.

Sister Soo Wei also went the extra mile in calling my home and talking to my children. She assured them several times that what is happening is not their fault, and taught them ways that they can help around the home. She would text my daughter daily, asking how she was doing and if she had faced any negative responses from friends in school.

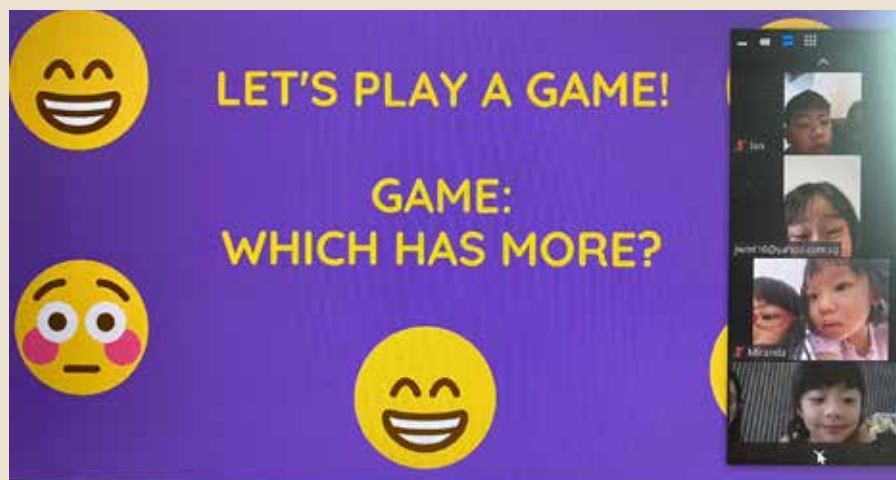
Even after the end of the quarantine period and we resumed our normal lives,

she still checked in on our children—whether they faced any stigmatisation or were ostracised by friends upon their return to school.

We’ve been greatly blessed by Sister Soo Wei’s heart for the children and her encouragement to us and our children during this time, even when she had to deal with her own concerns about herself and her family. It was a stressful period but her love acts are a tangible reminder that God’s love surrounds us and is watching over us.”

Jayne reciprocated to Sister Soo Wei’s love and favour and took their blossoming friendship to a higher level when she returned the gesture with a rack of lip-smacking Balinese pork ribs after her quarantine was over.

Sister Simin from GraceKids@Tanglin had an online Zoom session with Primary 1 children, teaching them how to pray for the COVID-19 situation and what family devotion is all about





Another child in Grace Kids who was blessed, Ethan Liew shares, “Like a few of my other friends, I have special needs. I was sad to be quarantined as I missed my friends and going to church a lot. But at the same time, Mummy made staying home easier for me by teaching me to bake and help with chores at home.

During the time when we were quarantined, Sister Vivienne had a FaceTime session with me and walked through my feelings with me about having to stay at home. I felt happy to hear from her and I told my mummy that I like to talk to her!”

Ethan’s mother revealed that Ethan prayed on his own for the virus to go away as he really missed going to church. She then suggested for the Special Needs ministry to meet online to catch up. Ethan’s wish came true on the morning of 8 March when we gathered on Zoom for a meeting. Aptly, Ethan was the one who closed the session in prayer, and specifically prayed against the virus outbreak! The Grace Kids staff team all concluded that it was one of the most beautiful online meetings they have ever been a part of.

TOP: Children with special needs meet their GraceKids@BukitBatok teachers online to catch up

BOTTOM: Online prayer session with all Grace-Kids leaders

Pastor Peter’s children were also recipients of unexpected blessings. Pastor Peter Lim, a father with children in Grace Kids, said, “Christmas came incredibly early this year as my children woke up to find ice cream, Vitamin C and snacks at their doorstep during the time when their daddy was quarantined.

Gracians generously poured in and delivered the comfort food to bless me and my children in our time of need. It reminded us that we are loved and there is a wonderful community of believers

“The inconveniences caused by COVID-19 are perhaps blessings in disguise...”



out there supporting us through this crisis. Brother Benjamin also called a few times to check on the kids and reminded us to teach them how to respond to questions posed to them by their friends in school, and prayed for us.”

Pastor Peter is thankful for Grace Kids and the pastoral care that his children received. His eldest daughter remarked that she “enjoyed the gifts from others” and “the prayer [she] received from Brother Benjamin”. She also “learnt (from some devotionals) how God fights [her] battles and that [she] can look to God for help”.

As a staff team, we are reminded that it is indeed more blessed to give than to receive. The inconveniences caused by COVID-19 are perhaps blessings in disguise, because all these encounters became experiential lessons for both the children in Grace Kids and their parents as we all learn to thank God for our manifold blessings in this season.



Counselling & Pastoral Care Ministry

An **ENCOUNTER** with God ...

By Wendy Lam

While growing up, have you ever been told not to depend too much on your feelings? Over the forty years of being a Christian, I have learnt to suppress my feelings and avoid difficult people and circumstances. However, occasional outbursts of emotions still occur at home and at work. Over the years, I developed my coping mechanism and learnt how to get out of the depressed state. It could mean a denial of my needs, redefining my purpose and goals, and at the same time changing my attitudes towards people and circumstances. Unfortunately, the outbursts reoccur, and emotional upheavals repeat itself, and I often wonder why I do things that I sincerely feel I do not want to do.

In March last year, I attended the course “Foundations of Christian Counselling” by Pastor Benjamin. I was encouraged to read a book entitled “Effective Biblical Counselling” by Larry Crabb. It became clearer to me that I need to understand myself more and my motivation to meet my needs for significance and security. Unconsciously I hold a



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reservoir of underlying wrong assumptions. As I prayed about the hurts and disappointments, God by His grace revealed truths to me. I often caught myself thinking about what others think about me, especially my bosses and colleagues at work. I often had wrongly construed what they felt about me. I would then behave and respond to them according to these thoughts. It led me to act defensively and many times avoided them. Now I recognise them as underlying wrong assumptions that I had. I realised even as a Christian; I was evaluating my world and events around me from false perspectives.

I have since learnt to put effort to evaluate my life from God's perspective, I became more aware of my thoughts leading me to surrender and recognise that my significance and security can only be in God. In obedience I took the step to live for Christ, exercising what Paul wrote in Philippians 4:8 about "...whatever is true, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things". I noticed a breaking down of my pride and a growing attitude of humility within me. Now I feel more compassionate towards the irrational behaviour of people around me. I started becoming more understanding and accepting to people around me.

...led me to follow in His foot steps

After my breakthrough, I realised many people come to church week after week without encountering the deep life-changing power of God's love. Many instead fall deep into bondage to hopelessness, guilt, addictions, depression, bitterness, and other heart-numbing problems. They are crying for help; torn between their burdens and experiencing God's freedom. At that time, I found out about the Counselling and Pastoral Care Ministry. They were recruiting Pastoral Carers; a group of compassionate believers who have a desire to support those going through life challenges and seeking for a spiritual breakthrough. I felt the tug in my heart and I signed up. Serving alongside associate counsellors, I'm walking with those in need to lead them to experience God's pardon, purpose, and power so they become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. Jesus listened to the cry of souls and was filled with compassion; offering hope and healing. I'm glad that I'm walking in His footsteps now.



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THE PRAYER OF A DESPERATE PARENT SERIES

Raising a resilient family

BY Uma Rudd Chia

Covid-19 hit our church hard. By the grace of God and the wisdom of our church leaders, we can say we have seen the goodness of God despite the adversity.

My husband, Colin, was quarantined at home for coming in contact with a church member who was infected. The whole family ended up being on leave of absence. Of all the weeks, it happened when I was supposed to go to South Korea for work.

The trip was cancelled. I had to simultaneously make arrangements for my kids' schools and activities amidst back to back meetings on every online platform available. I was so stressed, my blood pressure shot up. In a dizzy state, I reversed my car into a wall on my way to the doctor. At that point I realised I was counting on my own strength and stopped to hear God's voice for my family – funny how we let our fear and stress takeover until something like this happens.



What did God say to me? 2 Things that every parent needs to do at troubled times.

1. WORSHIP ME. There's nothing you can do. But a lot I can do.

Psalm 91:7-16 came to me. After seeing the doctor, I picked up my guitar and raised my hallelujah despite feeling sick. It took a few minutes but my faith kept rising with each chorus. I felt the atmosphere changing and joy physically entering my home. As parents, sometimes the only way to break the shackles of stress and fear in our homes, is to praise. Even when it demands a sacrifice, praise. My kids started walking by and humming along and I knew God was there.

2. WALK THROUGH IT, NOT AWAY FROM IT. Whatever has to happen, will happen. But I will be there with you.

I know many parents are worried about stepping into public places, even coming back to church. We want to keep our families safe.

But in times of uncertainty, we must choose. Do we infect our kids with fear, or stand in faith, covering them with the blood of Jesus, claiming His Word in prayer. Faith isn't the absence of fear, it's the courage to trust God's Word irrespective of circumstances.

When we choose to stand in faith, we pattern a behaviour for our kids – our actions prove to them that the God we serve is greater than any virus.

I returned to Grace@Tanglin on 4 March for a meeting. When Sarah heard I was going to church, she asked if it's safe. I replied, "I walk with God. It's the safest place to be. Even if I fall sick He'll see me through."

When they were about to be thrown into the fire, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego said, "Even if He doesn't deliver us, we will only worship Him." (Daniel 3:16-20). As Christian parents, this is a testimony we need to uphold – extolling Him as God, even when things get scary around us.

And in case you're wondering how we fared healthwise, my family came out of our quarantine and leave of absence, healthy and grateful that we serve the living God.

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FIVE SIGNS Of God's Grace

BY Agnes Yeo



We persevered in prayer as a family and the Lord was with us throughout the journey.

Sometime in August 2019, my daughter noticed that a lump on her neck had grown bigger and it was very prominent on a photograph that she took recently. When she pointed it out to me, I immediately made an appointment at the polyclinic to get a referral letter for her to see a specialist. The doctor at the polyclinic referred her to the Ear Nose & Throat (ENT) Centre at Singapore General Hospital (SGH) and the earliest appointment available was two weeks later. **This was the first sign of God's grace, in giving us an early appointment which usually takes months.** Meanwhile, my husband and I committed her into God's hands and we prayed for wisdom for the doctor to give an accurate diagnosis.

At SGH, they did a fine needle aspiration biopsy on her neck as well as an ultrasound scan. We were told to wait for three weeks for the results. However, on the second week, my daughter received a call from the hospital that

the doctor wanted to see us. The uncertainty of what was to come prompted us to mobilise our family members to pray alongside us.

That morning, before going to SGH, the verse that showed up on my mobile Bible verse app was Proverbs 18:10—"The name of the Lord is a fortified tower; the righteous run to it and are safe." With this verse, I felt the Lord's assurance that, whatever the outcome, He will protect my daughter. **A second sign of God's hand in this journey.**

When we entered the consultation room, the doctor told us the biopsy result was out and the diagnosis was papillary thyroid cancer. A surgery was recommended. We were shocked by the news and were momentarily at a loss for words. Then, the doctor, who is also a Christian, told us that he would be the surgeon to operate on her. We were thankful to God for this comfort in knowing that our surgeon shares the same faith as us. This helped to alleviate the fears that quickly surfaced in our hearts. **A third sign of His presence with us.**

Our family, together with our Grace Missional Group members, assured us of their prayer support. We received prayers and bible verses daily to proclaim God's promises over our daughter and hold on to the goodness of God. The Lord sent many people to help us in one way or another. We were very touched by the love shown to us by our family members, pastors, as well as the brothers and sisters in Christ who took time to visit and prayed for us.

It was a difficult journey while waiting for God's complete healing upon our daughter, but the Lord has never failed to encourage and enable us to go through each day. I encountered moments of God's revelation in many ways, especially during my quiet time with Him.

My daughter went through a four-hour surgery to remove her whole thyroid gland. We thank God that her voice was not affected at all and she was able to eat without much pain after the surgery. When she was stable, she was transferred from the high-dependency unit to a four-bedded ward, but at six-bedded ward charges! **A fourth favour from God.** Many of her friends and colleagues came to support and cheer her on. Certainly, our hearts are thankful to God for sending people to help her through this journey.

When the pathology report came out, the doctor explained to my daughter that she had to go for a Radioactive Iodine (RAI) treatment. She also had to be on a low-iodine diet for two weeks prior to the treatment. Again, God's goodness and grace manifested amazingly in how He sent us relevant resources on a low-iodine diet through the Internet and knowledgeable people.

My daughter went through the RAI treatment with God's strength and was discharged three days later. A full body scan done the next day showed that the cancer was contained and did not spread to other parts of her body. **The fifth sign of God's protection.** We give God the glory! Surely, He has been faithful and good to us and we are very thankful for His grace and goodness throughout this journey. Praise the Lord indeed.



The radiant look on my daughter's face after the surgery testifies of God's favour and goodness.

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FISHERS of men

BY JOYCE



Friends who attended Grace Christmas Lunch in 2018.

I came to know the Lord after I was invited by a friend's niece to an Alpha introduction dinner in 2015 at Wesley Methodist Church. I did not know her niece and had rejected her invitation to attend her church a couple of times previously. Through her perseverance, she "caught" me this time. I attended the Alpha course and accepted Christ during the course. I was subsequently invited to Grace Assembly of God to attend Women of Grace (WOG) classes and the church services. I like the church's missional belief and decided to worship there regularly.

From the time I accepted Christ as my Lord and Saviour, I have experienced the mighty works of His hands and His goodness. He has blessed me so much and protected me on countless occasions. I have never received as precious a gift in my entire life as this gift of salvation. I am very thankful to my friend's niece for bringing me to know the Lord. In the same way, I also want to share this good news with those who have yet to know Him. I was and am still zealous to share his goodness through my life testimonies. In my first two years in Christ, I responded to altar calls to step out in faith and for God to use me as a vessel for His purpose.

I started sharing my life testimonies with family members, friends and colleagues, at home, at

work and at social gatherings. Most of the time, my conversations were not pre-planned. They were natural and spontaneous. There was no stress and no need for any preparation. Unknowingly, God would lead me to talk about Him in the midst of our conversations. He is just amazing and I marvel at His greatness. He would put the right words on my lips.

Whenever there is an opportunity, I will also invite my family members and friends to church. I remember in 2018, I bought some tickets to invite friends to my church's Christmas lunch. However, I had no idea who to invite. I bought the tickets in faith that God would point me to friends to invite. Four friends (three pre-believers) came. They were pleasantly surprised by the invitation. The event left them with a good impression. One of them started to attend church after that and brought along her husband and sister (all pre-believers). In Mar 2019, another two close friends (husband and wife) came to my church after many invitations. I also brought them and others to the Celebration of Hope event. The couple accepted Christ in Sep 2019. I was so overjoyed for I know that heaven was also rejoicing. For it is written in Luke 15:7, "I tell you in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent." This verse clearly shows how each person is precious to God and it has kept me going even when I face rejections. For the two success stories that I have shared, I know that God is behind them and I give all honour and glory to Him. I am only a vessel used for His purpose.

I am sure there are many Gracians who are great fishers of men and have many stories to share too. I hope that my stories will encourage those who have yet to step out in faith to allow God to use them as fishers of men. God will teach us how to fish for people if we are willing to follow Him. In Matthew 4:19, Jesus called out to them, "Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!" The joy of one soul saved, especially our loved ones and friends, is unspeakable.

Let us go forth to be fishers of men!

GOD IS GOOD All the time

BY Priscilla Tan

“I learned that if we are aligned with God’s plan in what we do, He will give us the resources and energy to fulfil them.”

When I joined Grace Assembly four years ago, I came with emotional baggage. That is why I am greatly blessed by Pastor Calvin Lee’s Chinese New Year message: Get the Monkeys Off Your Back. I have asked God to direct me to the church He wanted me to attend. Indeed, it is His will for me to be in Grace as the church’s theme on love and the sermons are exactly what I need.

I joined the Saturday Bible study for women and over the years, I understand God’s Word better, especially through the study of the Books of Genesis and Exodus, and also through our Grace Missional Group (GMG) discussions. 1 Thessalonians 1:5 teaches us to share with full conviction and this can only come through by having a good understanding of the Word. In this church, I have also found many brothers-in-Christ and sisters-in-Christ whom I look up to and whom I can model after (1 Thessalonians 1:6).

I was reading the book “Too Busy Not to Pray” that was given to me by Sister Peggy, and found strength through it too. I learned that if we are aligned with God’s plan in what we do, He will give us the resources and energy to fulfil them.

I often ask God for divine appointments after hearing one of Pastor Calvin’s sermons. A few came by but with no fruition. However, recently, I made it a point to have breakfast with a neighbour from another block. I invited her to our church’s Christmas lunch and services but she was often tied down with caring for her sick parents. However, one morning, I decided to share the Gospel with her at the hawker centre where we met. I shared the four spiritual truths of man being a sinner, that God is just but also merciful, and also about saving faith. When it came to the sinner’s prayer, I was hesitant to carry on because of a lady who came and sat at our table without asking for permission. The Holy Spirit prompted me to go ahead. Hallelujah! My neighbour said the prayer after me.

One of the many blessings I would like to share is how God can bless us when we are obedient. In order to declutter my life so as to be able to focus more on my spiritual walk, I made the decision to let go of an overseas asset Down Under two years ago. Today, the price has fallen drastically. Indeed, when we hear God’s prompting, the time is right to act. I always thank God and remember His goodness!



We are called to be in such a time as this

Testimony of a COVID-19 survivor linked to the Grace Assembly cluster

27 February 2020

Dear Gracians,

As one of the COVID-19 survivors, I live to tell my story. Even though it is not as dramatic as someone who had missed near death in a natural disaster, accident or serious illness, nevertheless, these past two weeks had been distressing for me. The experience is also very precious and dear to me and my family.

This virus which hit Wuhan last December did not reach catastrophic scale till early January this year. Even then, I was complacent as it was still so remote to me, living in the comfort of Singapore. It was not until the news broke out that two of our Gracians had contracted the virus that it hit me hard. It was much closer than I had thought! It was a quick downhill spiral after that. I felt like Job when he received bad reports one after another.

When I found out which Gracian had been tested positive, I was alarmed because my daughter was in close prolonged contact with the person's daughter a few days ago. My daughter could be at risk! I imposed a voluntary quarantine on my family and restricted my outside contact (with a mask of course) as much as possible as I still needed to take care of my household and run errands.

Unfortunately, news of more Gracians being infected followed and one of them was someone whom I had met to collect masks that she had so kindly bought for my cell group. I was the most at risk in my family now. Wow! It was not till eight days later that I developed mild symptoms of fever and body aches. I checked into the National Centre for Infectious Diseases (NCID) together with my wife who had also developed similar symptoms. The rest was history.

While in my "high security isolated comfortable cell" in NCID, I had all the time to myself which I never had before. For those people who could not be still like me, they would easily go nuts! However, that one week of isolated retreat had been the most enriching and blessed moment in my life. I had the time to worship, pray, reflect and wait upon God. I did not even watch a single programme on TV or YouTube on my iPhone 8. The other thing that kept me busy was responding to the well wishes of my colleagues and friends over the phone after they had learned about my condition.

I am not someone who likes to write or keep journals. In the first place, I do not write well. However, during the time in the confined cell, God had inspired me to write my reflections to share with everyone. Our God is a God of acceleration. In this brief one week, what God had done far exceeded my efforts in trying to reach out to my colleagues and friends in the past 17 years. I took the courage to set up a big group chat for my colleagues and friends (despite MOH's confidentiality rule to protect confirmed patients from ramifications) and granting them administration rights to add anyone they wished. I hope that the updates and personal reflections of sharing my innermost thoughts will be an encouragement to anyone who may face similar anxieties and experiences. My daughter had also created a blog for me to collate all my reflections so that no one in the group will miss out on any of my past updates.

Throughout my stay in NCID, I was in the pink of health—no fever, flu or breathing difficulties. My energy level was good like normal days. Looking back, I understood why. God had allowed me to go through this ordeal and in His grace, protected me from negative effects of the virus so that I could be inspired to write and encourage as many people as possible, not only in Singapore but also in the world! It's all about Him, not me!

Our honorary pastor, David Lim, used to preach that our God is an economical God. God will never waste any move. One masterstroke of His hand is going to change lives in and through us. I am so honoured and privileged to serve Him in the frontline literally. It was not by choice; He chose me, like many of our afflicted Grace brethren. He is the One in control. I am sure that there are countless amazing testimonies from them waiting to be shared.

Gracians, we as a church is in the limelight not by chance. It is God's Kairos moment that may only happen once in our lifetime. Just like the Israelites led by Moses out of Egypt to the Promised Land, are we allowing God to open our spiritual eyes and hearts to see what He is doing in our midst? Or are we going to be like the Israelites who, after witnessing His mighty miracle of parting the Red Sea and consistent provision of manna and quail, still murmur and grumble at our current sufferings of anxieties due to the virus? Do we adopt an attitude of self-preservation and blame our government and the church for not doing enough in being transparent with the identity of the suspected and confirmed cases so that we can avoid these people like plague in order to protect our family members from the virus? Or are we adopting the attitude that God, in His perfect and sovereign will, had allowed this to happen, especially to Grace Assembly for a reason even though we may not understand the reason now? Are we adopting the attitude and faith of Daniel's three friends, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who refused to bow down to idols, only to be thrown into the fiery furnace even to the obvious point of death, and yet trust and praise God regardless of whether they will be delivered eventually? Or are we going to pray like Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane that not my will but Thy will be done?

Gracians, for all you know, we are called to be in such a time like this. To be the salt and light, to inspire hope and courage to people around us in Singapore and around the world. Let's raise up a Hallelujah and be the Joshua and Caleb generation who believe steadfastly despite the odds, and live to enter God's promised Land.

Yes, I am deeply convicted. We are called to be in such a time as this. To God be the glory! Amen.

The wife's perspective

I was so blessed to be part of this crisis together as a family. With the peace of God that surpassed all understanding, knowing that Jesus was in the storm with us was so assuring and liberating.

While my husband fought at the frontline, I was supporting the backline, praying and taking care of my household back home. Imagine if I were tested positive too, it would be a nightmare where my whole family would be locked down at home under a quarantine order. God is so good and faithful!

“To be the salt and light, to inspire hope and courage to people around us in Singapore and around the world. ”



Grace: Something given that we all don't deserve

By a family member of a COVID-19 survivor linked to the Grace Assembly cluster

Grace is a word that is commonly used, but when it comes down to the act of it, people often struggle. We usually show love, claiming that we wish not for anything in return. Deep down, however, we all yearn for recognition and reciprocity – being the imperfect creatures we are. However, in these past few weeks, I believe that Gracians had been challenged to show grace unconditionally, just like how Christ had modelled for us.

When the news reported that our church had two cases of COVID-19, and more were reported on subsequent days, Gracians were moved and motivated to love their fellow affected Gracians.

Over the past few weeks, I witnessed Gracians taking time off their busy schedules to remember the staff and others who were serving quarantine orders, by travelling right to their doorsteps just to drop off practical gifts, food, supplements and even offered to get groceries for them. This amazes me. Why? Because, before one chooses to display such kindness, one has to acknowledge that even after travelling out of their way to the houses, they are unable to see their friends' faces and it will only be a matter of seconds before they will have to leave. I am so encouraged that Gracians will still go that extra mile (literally) to show grace to such an extent.



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“During this period, I have seen God’s grace flowing through others like never before. Many say we live in a culture of vanishing grace, but I say we can change that.”

Interestingly enough, it was not long after that when I became a recipient of such grace myself. As my own father was tested positive for COVID-19, my family had to serve a home quarantine order as well. Over a span of two days, my aunt came to our house thrice to deliver home-cooked food and freshly-bought fruits to feed us! My own youth pastor, Pastor Joey Asher Tan, even travelled to my house to deliver snacks personalised for me (the many cans of Ayataka clearly shows how well he knows his sheep). I even had leaders serving alongside me, whom I just saw over Skype in the morning, turning up at my doorsteps to bless me with food. The thought and effort put into each delivery were so personal and it warmed my heart.

Other than physical support, I cannot discount the emotional and spiritual support that Gracians have given to one another. To have people remembering you despite the countless things on their mind, dropping a text to check on you daily without fail and to even voice record a prayer, that in itself is grace.

I believe that this past month, both the givers and recipients of grace have grown spiritually. The giver learns to love others without expecting anything in return; the recipient learns to accept the undeserving grace humbly.

When I think and reflect as I watch Gracians extending a hand to those around them, I marvel at God’s grace. We have nothing to offer, yet He still went out of His way to send Jesus down to Earth, to be among us, to die on the cross, just so we can be with Him in heaven. Grace is given free – but it is not cheap. Just like how every delivery comes with a financial cost, every text comes with an emotional cost, God’s grace comes at all cost. The real question arrives once

this crisis has died down and life returns back to normal – will this exhibition of grace remain ingrained in the way we live? After we have ‘seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth (John 1:14)’, will we, Gracians, return to being passive in extending His grace?

These past few weeks have made it evident that we are all capable of showing grace to a fellow family member, friend or even stranger despite our busyness. It is commonly argued that such times of chaos bring out the worst in people, but I beg to differ. During this period, I have seen God’s grace flowing through others like never before. Many say we live in a culture of vanishing grace, but I say we can change that. For our 70th anniversary this year, we had planned to campaign for #ActsofGrace in July to encourage Gracians to demonstrate God’s love and grace by blessing and loving someone. However, God never ceases to amaze – He has already kick-started this movement without the church’s official initiation!

If you are struggling to find the motivation to show grace to someone today, I encourage you with Hebrews 12:15. Let all those around us experience God’s grace through our interactions with them. No one should miss out on the grace of God!

Hebrews 12:15 (NIV) ‘See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.’

We are Grace Assembly of God. A people who represents God, assembled together to show grace to both within and beyond the church walls. Go forth and show grace!

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恩友们，平安！

从今年年初开始到现在，许多事情接二连三的发生。

自今年一月中旬以来，我已经在带领教会的领导层，针对2019新冠病毒的疫情，设定各种预防病毒在教会中传播的措施。2月8日至9日，即在我们结束70周年庆典启动聚会的同一周，该病毒竟然在我们中间暴发。此病毒的传播如此严重，以至神召会恩典堂（GA）在2月份，就已成为当时最大的感染群。当时，除了那些不是教会同工或恩友的病患者以外，在确诊被感染的病例中，包括我在内，已有17人。我当时也没有为个人、家庭和教会的危机做好准备。在那之后，我不得不从国家传染病中心（NCID）带

领着教会去摆脱这一场危机。在NCID被隔离的最初几天，我看不到神在这场危机中的目的，每天当我收到我们的同工和恩友中有新确诊病例的消息时，我都难过得哭了好几回。但是，神已开始动工。在那里，我看到了来自各个事工的恩友，从年轻人到年长者，自发性地带动在线祷告会。当所有同工都被居家隔离（HQO）以预防病毒的传播时，恩友却外出为受病毒影响的人购买和运送食品和用品。恩友通过协助那些被隔离在家中有需要的人，展示了圣经中对群体生活的真正含义。在这次的危机中，人们以许多不同的方式展示了恩典行为，这使我对恩友的慷慨和无畏的精神充满感恩。在NCID呆了10天

之后，我很高兴终于能在不需要进一步的药物治疗下出院了。至3月13日，所有17位恩友都已经出院，神召会恩典堂开始了我们全面恢复的旅程！

在我们已经暂停两个月时，许多人都在要求我们恢复聚会。那段时间几乎是病毒潜伏期的两倍。作为在新加坡感染此病毒的最大宗教团体，我们希望能对我们的家人、朋友和职场的同事承担社会责任。我们了解到，在病毒初次暴发期间，恩友在他们的社交往来中所遭受的误解。暂时不恢复我们的聚会，是因为我们想遵行最大的诫命——爱神和爱我们的邻舍，并且借此直接回应我们的邻舍所关注的问题，

那就是病毒在我们当中造成社区传播。我们想超出我们自己的属灵和关系上的需要，继续暂停我们的聚会。面对这场大流行疫情，神召会恩典堂将尽我们的本分与其他新加坡人民一起并肩作战，并通过我们的实际行动，舒缓人心中的恐惧和担忧。

当许多人在问我们将在何时恢复周末聚会，而我就这个问题去寻求主时，在主的面前我却觉得这是一个错误的问题。我该问的不是「何时」，而是「什么」。

在这场危机中，神在我们中间做了什么？

有关我们的信仰和教会生活，神向我们说了什么？

在这场危机中，神对我们的期望是什么？

从这次危机中来看，对于个人和家庭的门徒训练，真正至关重要的是什么？

我相信，在神召会恩典堂的生命中，神正在做着一些非常深刻而有意义的事情。在这场危机中，神正在解构我们对教会的理解，并按着祂的心意来重建我们，使我们能迈向第70年后的未来。当我们从废墟中兴起时，神召会恩典堂在经过这场生死危机之后，将不再一样。我们跟2月8日至9日周末之前的神召会恩典堂将会全然不同。

这场危机向我们展示了，神召会恩典堂不是一个建筑物，而是一群勇敢并被圣灵充满的信徒，他们深深地爱神，也全心地爱人。在没有大型聚会和使用教会场地的情况下，我们会增强韧性，并持续我们的基督教纪律规范和门徒训练。神在向我们表明基督徒的生活是充满活力的，并且它每天都在发生。我们暂停了例常的儿童和青年事工，父母就被兴起来，担任为他们的孩子提供门徒训练的角色，这也是圣经的模式和使命。神正在重塑我们对教会的理解，并回归到第一世纪初期教会的情况。在当时，人们把信仰和宗教在职场和社会生活中明显地表露出来。

我们不能让这场危机就这样过去而不知道神的旨意是什么。

我们不应该在不了解神要在我们中间成就什么，就急着恢复我们的教会生活。

我们不应浪费神原本打算为神召会恩典堂经历这场危机的心意。

是的，我们可能会因为没有定期的聚会而面对财务的问题，但是我相信忠实的恩友将继续奉献，因为他们了解作神管家的原则，并支持神在我们中间所做的事。

让我们一同兴起重建神召会恩典堂，使之成为神要这所教会成为的样子。

神召会恩典堂将在神的旨意和命定中，再次兴起！



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异象分享： 未来的 恩典堂

萧和杰牧师笔记

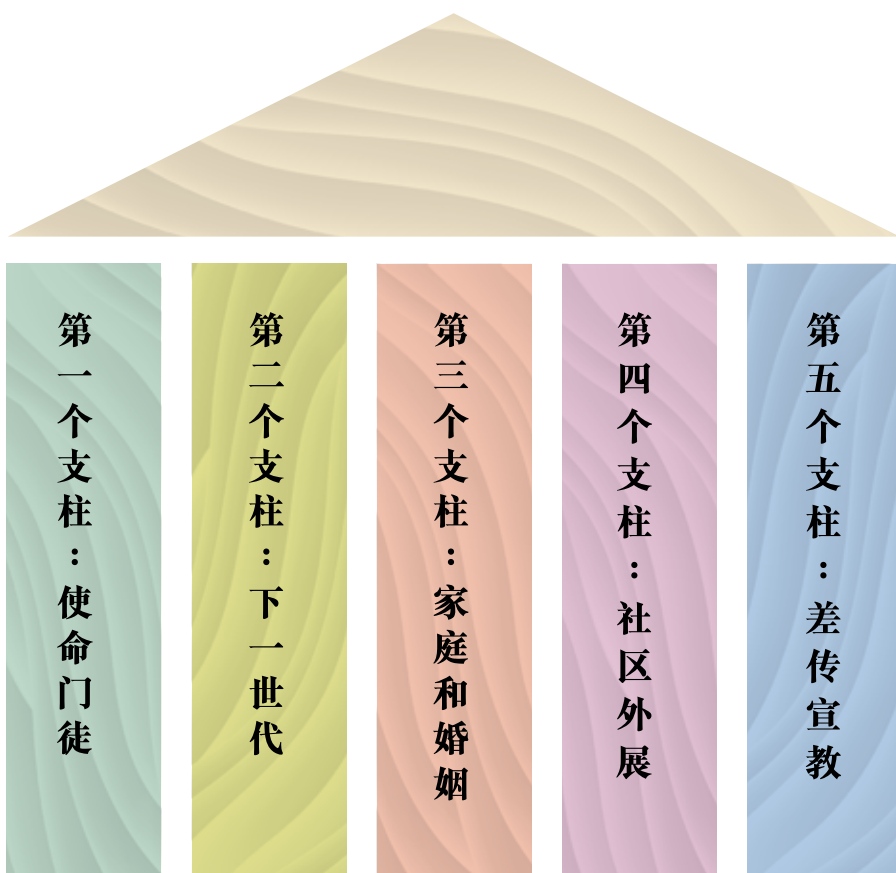
在神召会恩典堂的每一位恩友都会知道我们的异象就是：更多人，更像耶稣。这异象告诉我们，恩典堂不单是要讲求人数的增长（更多人听到福音），也追求生命素质的成长（更多流露耶稣基督的生命）。

至于我们的使命宣言，就是：兴起被圣灵充满的恩友，爱神、爱人，并在教会内外使人作耶稣基督的门徒。这使命宣言包含了我们的五句宗信仰部分、大诫命和大使命的部分、社区与宣教的部分，以及门训的部分。它清楚阐明我们每一位恩友在其个人和教会生活中的特色和使命。

要实现我们的使命，教会将推出一项称为「5-5战略」的计划。这「5-5战略」的计划是指，我们在未来的5年里，将会展开的五个主要战略方向。这5个主要战略方向是：

1. 使命门徒
2. 下一世代
3. 家庭与婚姻
4. 社区外展
5. 差传宣教

我们必须让所有的恩友都知道未来教会的方向，是因为这些主要战略方向将会在一方面或多方面影响到每一位恩友的生命，并且需要大家一起来参与和推动。让我们简略的跟大家分享。



这五个战略方向也称为五个支柱：

第一个支柱：使命门徒

「门训」很清楚是属于大使命（马太福音28:20）的一个重要部分。所谓「门训」是指一个过程，既是在一个人的生命中，他在各个方面都逐渐转化得越来越像耶稣基督的过程。与此同时，他也成为神所呼召和差派的门徒，去接触本地和全球各地的人，去恢复人与人之间的关系，去为家庭和所造之物带来医治，并引领他们到基督耶稣的面前领受恩惠的福音。

恩典堂已经成立了恩典门训学院（GDI），主要是专注于培育恩典堂使命门徒。恩典门训学院也着手拟定一个发展和强化领袖的路线图；设定给初信徒与成熟信徒逐步成长的门训途径。

但这并不是说，教会将替代家庭的角色。我们要向恩友强调，门训是从家里开始。我们也不会取代父母教导孩子的角色。

第二个支柱：下一世代

所谓「下一世代」是指那些在30岁及以下的一代。

我们除了要维系和牧养这一代和上一代，我们更要着重和栽培教会的下一代。除了理解到教会也会面对老化的危机，我们更需要为教会带来更新，否则教会只会因老化而变得越来越小。为此，我们必须把更多的注意力放在年轻人的身上，并防范青年人脱离教会。

然而话虽如此，这并不是说我们不会关注和顾及到这一代并上一代恩友的牧养和需要，只是我们更专注于年轻人的培育和发展。其实，教会的整体成长，需要这一代和上一代的恩友共同来协助教会的需要，除了参与服侍，也可以给年轻人立下好榜样，鼓励他们，传承经验，使在教会中的恩友得以在心、身、灵方面获得更好的发展和成长。

第三个支柱：家庭和婚姻

每当谈及家庭与婚姻时，许多单身者都会觉得这与我无关。其实，单身者也必须要了解他在这方面的重要性，教会需要他的参与和投入。他虽然是单身，没有自己组织的家庭，但单身者有父母、兄弟姐妹、阿姨和叔叔。他可以在这里扮演一个重要的角色，就是帮助亲人拥有一个健康和快乐的家庭。甚至是他的邻居、朋友或同事，神也可能使用一个单身者去帮助他们，成为神恩典的桥梁，带给他们希望和方向，成为耶稣福音的美好见证人。圣经中有不少的例子，让我们看到我们对婚姻的背叛是可以影响我们个人和家庭的。例如记载在撒母耳记下11-13章的大卫事迹，大卫至终必须面对他犯罪的结果：家庭的悲剧，与孩子的关系变糟等。由于婚姻是神所设立的，我们必须委身于神对婚姻和家庭所设立的价值和理念。

我们并不是要与世界的价值抗争，我们乃是要站稳立场，这个立场是通过我们的生命见证，通过我们如何教育我们的下一代，以及通过我们下一代的成长见证，向世人呈现出来。我们要为神旨意中的家庭和婚姻坚守立场。我们需要坚固这个「传统」的家庭价值观，好叫我们的价值观可以从这一代传承到下一代，再传承到下一代。

为此，我们需要按照家庭与婚姻的成长过程，展开一项婚姻家庭历程的教育系统，去帮助和指引在不同阶段下的婚姻家庭生活。从婚前辅

导，到婚后的十年，再到另外一个十年；当孩子还小，到孩子成为青少年，我们能够如何协助大家解决在婚姻生活中不同阶段所面临的挑战。我们会主办婚姻课程、讲座、婚姻退修会、婚姻督导等，让大家可以在不同的阶段中寻求到辅助。与此同时，我们也要帮助我们的下一代明白神对婚姻的旨意和教导。

第四个支柱：社区外展

社区是指一班居住在恩典堂@东陵和恩典堂@武吉巴督附近地区的边缘人、穷困或有需要的居民。

我们相信神把恩典堂放置在东陵和武吉巴督，是有祂美好的旨意。教堂不应该只是让我们有个地方可以一起敬拜神，更重要的是，神要我们成为住在这两个区域之居民的祝福。圣经中有许多关于神顾念孤儿寡妇、贫穷和有需要的人的经文。例如利未记19:9-10，神透过祂的百姓供应贫穷人的需要。第10节更强调了这是神的吩咐，而不是一项选择。又如雅各书1:27，展现出一个虔诚的信仰，就是需要照顾贫穷和有需要的人。当恩典堂服侍社区的时候，我们就是在向社区显露神的爱，也是我们向社区彰显我们所信的神是一位怎样的神的时候。我们要让社区的居民知道，在这里是要成为他们的祝福。或许我们在服侍的过程中，没有即刻看到好的回响或果效，但加拉太书6:7,9告诉我们，我们将收我们所种的。并且鼓励我们说，如果我们不灰心放弃，时候到了，就必看到收成。

第五个支柱：差传宣教

恩典堂一直都在奉行主耶稣颁布给教会的大使命(马太福音28:18-20)。使徒行传1:8，告诉我们，福音宣教要在耶路撒冷、犹太、撒玛利亚，乃至整个世界去进行。这经文若用于今天的解释，耶路撒冷就是我们所住的地区；而犹太和撒玛利亚就是我们住区以外的其他区域，然后到全世界。主的大使命吩咐我们从家人开始，甚至到新加坡以外的国家人民，都是我们传福音的对象。

恩典堂在差传宣教方面，都不断的在加强。我们在不同的国家建立超过2千间本土教会，培训和建立他们的领袖。我们的宣教据点分布在10个国家当中。我们也有宣教士安置在一些的国家里头。为要栽培、训练当地的领袖，督导和提供建议来协助他们进行牧养和福音工作。我们也探访植堂的同工，了解他们在当地的工作状况。并且也帮助那些穷困的，有需要的地方教会，例如在教会周边为他们设置厕所，提供卫生教育，挖井提供水给乡村需要，教导他们如何建立教堂的建筑，使他们无论在何种天气和季节底下，都有瓦遮头，提供保护。至终，我们乃是希望看到我们所植的堂会，有一天能在他们自己的国家中茁壮成长起来。

近这一两年来，我们也在接触新从其他国家带进来新加坡的外国公民，我们称这事工为「本土宣教」。我们跟一些非政府组织合作，展开了一些工作，接触不同国籍的公民，给他们提供一些实际帮助等，从而引领他们认识耶稣的福音。

总结：

请让我们一起并肩携手建立神的教会，我们呼召大家一起参与和服侍，让神召会恩典堂成为荣神益人的刚强教会，叫自己蒙福，也让自己成为别人的祝福。阿们！

歌曲《迈进》的故事： 在祂的**信实** 中向前迈进

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《迈进》这首歌正是神在过去几个月中带领神召会恩典堂的见证。这是一首酝酿了几个月的歌曲。我们在2019年8月已经开始有了一个大致概念，当时领导层开始讨论在2020年纪念教会成立70周年之际，使用「锚固主信实，坚定向前」作为标语。

主歌1：

天父 我们纪念祢的良善
祢恩宠的浇灌，保守祢所爱
哦主，祢能力与我们同在
祢是我们供应者
牧人和盾牌

最先完成的是第一段主歌。我们想以「我们的列祖」（此为英文歌词直译，与中文版歌词不同）作为开始，为神在我们列祖中所成就的而感谢祂。神召会恩典堂有着悠久的历史。许多年来，我们见证了神大能的供应、带领与保护。我们希望这首歌带有强烈的纪念意义，同时也带出一种信念，那就是若我们这一代愿为神献上我们自己的生命，神就会使用我们去成就祂国度的旨意。导歌部分是我们这一代心中迫切的呼求，我们要歌唱神是信实的，我们要忠心跟随！

导歌：

圣洁圣洁哦主我们的神
配得受赞美
信实信实哦主我们的神
祢信实广大

我们在2020年1月完成了整首歌的最后一个部分，就是第二和第三段主歌。在写作之时，我们根本不知道这两段歌词在回应2019新冠病毒影响全世界、我们的国家和我们的教会后的情况。的确，第二段歌词中有一句预言性的宣告：「在列国列邦之间/在任何情况下」（英文歌词直译），主仍掌权！第三段主歌歌词具有前瞻性，结合副歌一起表达我们为完成神的旨意愿意降服并献上我们的生命。

总体而言，《迈进》这首歌代表着我们的教会。让我们纪念神的信实，让每一代人都颂扬神大能的作为。因着神的恩典，神召会恩典堂能够向社区以及列国彰显出祂的荣耀。阿门！

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70周年庆祝启动会： 靠着祢恩典荣耀祢名

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今年，恩典堂满怀期待要庆祝教会成立70周年！我们在二月份的一个周末，于两个聚会点举行了联合庆祝启动会。启动会以「锚固主信实」为主题，我们的年长和年轻的弟兄姐妹坐满了礼堂一起敬拜神，这正是体现主是我们教会信实的主的最佳见证。我们也在崇拜中启动了这一整年庆祝活动的纪念装置！崇拜结束后，恩友们也欢聚在团契区一起享用冰淇淋和爆米花。

赵克文主任牧师与李明湛牧师的证道都是以「70」在圣经中的意义为重点。在圣经中，「70」年被视为完成了神的任务的时间段，并且通常由新的领袖开启新的篇章，正如我们的教会一样！我们的70周年纪念代表着恩典堂与恩友们在跟随神的信仰之旅中，充满新的盼望。随着新冠病毒（Covid-19）的全球性暴发，我们的日常生活受到影响，我们在基督里的盼望也将受考验，但



我们必须持守并活出盼望的生命。我们虽然能数算我们的年日，但只有主才能使我们的年日变得有价值。当然，我们在2月8和9日举行我们的70周年庆祝启动会的时候，我们并不知道恩典堂即将面临的危机与考验。但是，这次新冠病毒事件绝对验证了当神带领我们进入被炼净的时刻，祂对祂教会的信实。

讲员们也强调，我们教会未来的70年需要在教会中培养出新一代的领袖，就像以色列人出埃及之后，神将祂的灵充满70位领袖协助摩西带领百姓（民数记11章），恩典堂亦是如此。现在这一代的领袖们在培养出成熟的下一代领袖上扮演着重要的角色。李明湛牧师将这比作接力赛中接力棒的传递。李牧师也鼓励现在这一代的领袖要保持最

佳状态，以便下一代领袖可以在各事工的任何领袖过渡中都能够顺利接棒。

我们的创艺事工也推出了一首新歌——《迈进》，表达出了几代人之间的共鸣。歌曲的呈现伴随着舞蹈表演，舞蹈汇聚了来自中文及英文堂会的舞者。歌曲的副歌表达了我们教会在未来70年的方向：

我们跟随祢进入祢应许

祢的心意

指教我们一生一世顺服祢

圣灵来充满带领，靠着祢恩典
荣耀祢名





我坐在夕阳下，专心聆听Lil牧师的故事，他分享神如何叫他搬到另一个城镇去开办教堂。从他接到神的呼召，到他踏进那片陌生的土地上，相隔了16年的时间。在动荡时期，他的国家面临叛乱时，在没有任何教会或教会组织的支持下，Lil牧师用自己所有的积蓄，踏上了回应神对他生命之呼召的旅程。

1998年，与Lil牧师一起的人目睹了各种危害人类的恶行——处决、绑架、屠杀和杀戮。一万七千人就此丧命。在这样一个暴力和绝望的时刻，必须要从基督的教会发出一道希望的光。

Lil牧师已经在教会里的主日学服侍了五年，向这个国家的下一代宣教并装备他们。但是，当时Lil牧师被他的教会要求到该国其他地区去传福音。然而，他感受到神的旨意是要他建立起自己的母会。于是，他决定留下来。

Lil牧师和他的家人最终一起搬到了陌生之地。2006年，恩典差传也介入，支持Lil牧师植堂的工作。在三个月内，九个人被耶稣感动与触摸并接受主。就这样，一个新的教会就这样开始了。他建立的教会现在已经独立，并拥有两百名会友。在神的恩典下，他的教会甚至扩展到了另外两个分支教会和两个家庭教会。

当Lil牧师回想回应主呼召的那些日子时，Rick牧师正坐在他的旁边。Rick牧师是他忠心的门徒，他将继续继承植堂的使命，带领更多门徒在基督里成长。

恩典差传与当地的教会植堂者合作，帮助他们把福音传给更多人。这些教会植堂者从神那里领受了明确的呼召去做祂的工，但常常缺乏必要的资源。因此，作为一个教会，我们已被呼召去支持我们各国的兄弟姐妹，以实践神的大使命。您的认捐将帮助支持这些当地教会的植堂者。

在混乱中回应神的呼召

撰文 刘晓慧 翻译 Sandy Low



Lil牧师，Rick牧师和他的妻子在他们的教堂前。
*出于安全考量，遮盖脸部。

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2019冠状病毒疫情 之 我们不一样

撰文 萧和杰牧师

自从2月9日之后，神召会恩典堂开始与以前不一样。

我们的生活习惯跟以前不再一样

我们面对从来都没面对过的全球大流行病（世卫组织于3月11日宣布将2019新冠病毒肺炎疫情定性为全球大流行）。政府预测这场疫情可能会延至年底。每个人都为之改变了自己的一些生活习惯。例如经常用肥皂洗手，使用消毒液、改变握手的习惯、使用口罩、测量体温、保持社交距离、避免人多拥挤的地方……相信恩友也正在适应这样的改变。

我们工作的模式跟以前不一样

许多的公司、企业，尤其是大型的公司和企业都因这场疫情改变了他们工作的模式。例如，更多的居家工作、更多的错开时间让员工上班、隔开员工工作的位置、减少甚至停止差派员工出国公干，除非迫不得已。

恩典堂的同工也是一样，我们也已经开始居家上班、分开同工的上班时间和地点、取消一切同工的出国公干行程、所有会议都尽量在线上举行，除非非不得已、限制同工之间以及跟恩友当面见面的人数等，一系列的防范措施。

对我们来说，与同工和恩友的距离，看似很近，其实很远。人际关系似乎被拉远，牧养恩友成为新的挑战。

我们教会事工进行模式将与以前不再一样

正如刚刚所提的，我们牧养方式已经不再一样。不再像以前，见面时可以握手寒暄两句、拥抱祝福、按手祷告、聚会前后到茶座聚一聚团契、偶尔散会后跟恩友聚餐、安排活动预备自助餐、安排社区的各样

活动等，现在都停止了。现在，我们有的是网上崇拜、网上小组、网上祷告、网上开会、网上教导……，就不知道网上谈天、网上团契会不会变成牧养的常态；网上一起喝茶、网上一起吃饭、网上探访、网上一起购物、网上布道，这些会不会成为恩典堂这段时间牧会的常态呢？求主赐我们寻求祂旨意的心，得知祂的心意、用各样的智慧去牧会、传道和接触社区。

祈愿主带领我们平安度过目前的疫情，也祈愿主让我们明白祂要藉着这次的疫情，如何来转化我们牧养教会的方式和重心。亲爱的恩友，请为我们每一位教会同工祷告，让我们能按主的心意一同建立主的教会，让恩典堂再次的兴起，比过去的恩典堂，更蒙主所宝贝、所疼爱、所喜悦，更荣神益人。阿门！



左：期待我们可以再次接触社区居民
右：期待我们可以再次排队吃自助餐





还有病患及他们的家属祷告。感谢神，让我们深深感受到教会同为一个肢体的爱。

在这个疫情里，口罩也变成是必需品。除了市场缺货，也很难买到，价格相对提高；加上一些不正确的使用的方法，浪费了很多口罩。因此我们恩典堂有一班姐妹们，决定自己缝制口罩，送给社区有需要的居民。虽然缝制的口罩没有医疗口罩的功效，但这些口罩在必要的情况下可以短暂代替医疗口罩的使用，它可以清洗，循环再用。

在姐妹们的协助下，用了三个多星期的时间做了1000个口罩送给500位居民，每人有两个口罩。她们为社区做出贡献，也把上帝的爱带到社群里。盼望社区的居民在这个冠状病毒爆发的期间，虽然心里或许有些惊慌，但从姐妹们小小的爱心行动里，他们可以感受到上帝的爱临到他们当中。

愿上帝掌管整个世界的疫情，掌管所有人的生命，让我们把神的爱从我们的生命里面彰显出来，愿上帝的平安再一次赐下给祂的百姓，让他们在这段时间里面感受到从神而来的喜乐。

神赐福你们！

一针一线的爱心

撰文 李向阳传道

2020年是一个很特别的年份，今年是我们神召会恩典堂的70周年庆，同时我们也正在经历一场从未有过的冠状病毒的疫情。

冠状病毒带给整个世界一个很大的冲击，但我们还是相信神的恩典是够我们用的，神的平安是世界上没有一样东西可以取代的，我们感谢上帝给我们这个恩典，让我们可以面对种种的困难，我们知道祂依然与我们同在。

在疫情发生的这段时间，我们也看到在社区里也有很多的需要，从心灵的需要到外在的需要。因此我们有很多弟兄姐妹在目前教会暂时关闭的时候，同心合一为社区、教会、世界，在前线的医疗团队，

教牧分享(一)

撰文 吴丽珍传道

二月份开始恩典堂成为新冠病毒的感染群。这可能是恩典堂成立70年以来所面对最大的挑战！在短短的时间内恩典堂成为新加坡新冠病毒最大感染群，在短短的时间内恩典堂所有的教牧同工都被要求个别在家里隔离，在短短的时间内教会必须停止所有的聚会与活动，在短短的时间内教牧同工及恩友们要面对家人、亲友、甚至雇主的询问与压力。

这期间非常的不容易，每天会收到卫生部打来的电话检查我们的状况，每天都要量几次的体温，每天

要确保有没有感冒的征兆，为了家人的安全起见，还要与他们保持距离（我女儿每天早上只能站在房门外给我飞吻时，我心里很不好受），除此之外，每天尽可能的联系与关怀恩友并安抚他们的心。还要承受来自各方面的压力与责问，甚至要面对自己可能也被感染的情况。

这期间，虽然恩典堂面对非常艰难的时期，但我们看到上帝自己在我们每个人的生命里成就更美好的事！我们看到有许多的恩友在面对信仰的考验但仍然坚定不移的站稳，他们设立祷告网络同心为教会及那些有需要的人祷告，甚至为那些受居家隔离影响的人购买食物及需用品。我也收到了恩友们发出的

满满祝福，他们送来食物、补品、水果、祷告和鼓励的信息！谢谢你们对我们的关爱！

就如哥林多后书4:8-10所说

⁸我们虽然四面受压，却没有压碎；心里作难，却不至绝望，
⁹受到迫害，却没有被丢弃；打倒了，却不至死亡。

¹⁰我们身上常常带着耶稣的死，好让耶稣的生也在我们的身上显明出来。

在重要的时刻恩典堂不但没有被打倒，反而更同心一起祷告、彼此守望、成为神荣耀的见证！

恩典堂加油！上帝的信实永远长存，祂施慈爱直到万代！在过去的70年，我们经历了上帝的信实，在未来的70年，也必如此！

“我们看到有许多的恩友在面对信仰的考验但仍然坚定不移的站稳，他们设立祷告网络同心为教会及那些有需要的人祷告……”

教牧分享(二)

撰文 王紫璇传道

“在我们经过这场战“疫”之后，我们都体验到神对恩典堂以及对我们的信实与恩典，在患难中我们依然有祂的平安相伴。”

回顾与恩典堂的同工在这一次受新冠病毒被影响而一起被隔离期间的经历与感受，我愿数算神的恩典。

记得当时相关部门的工作人员在清晨五点钟来到家中向我派发居家隔离令。工作人员在我测量体温之后离开，我也按照要求，「霸占」了主人房。从接到联系追踪电话直至收到隔离令，中间只隔了十几个小时，当时觉得事情发生得太突然，房东一家人也因为我被隔离的缘故被他们的雇主要求留在家中，让我感到很抱歉。

开始隔离的一两天，非常不适应。除了空间上的不便，更多的是我们已经准备要进行的事工、正安排的事情突然全部搁置。看着新闻和接到确诊病例增加的消息，也担心着是否会有更多恩友和同工受影响。我们随时相见的同工，突然间只能以网络会议和手机通信沟通；我们随时可以去的教会，突然间需要关

闭。但是，也是这样突如其来的事件，使我感受到神爱的真实。被隔离期间，几乎每一天我都需要用一段时间回复从兄弟姐妹发来的问候和关心，这使我备受鼓舞。虽然我们停止了聚会，但是我们却开始更加紧密连结，随时随处一起同心为各人与教会祷告。在这样看似艰难的过程中，神的平安与恩典却从未离开。

确实，我们知道许多恩友因为恩典堂的缘故受到不同程度的影响，但我相信在我们经过这场战「疫」之后，我们都体验到神对恩典堂以及对我们的信实与恩典，在患难中我们依然有祂的平安相伴。我也相信，通过这一次的经历，我们能够

在主的爱中更加同心，并肩前行。

恩友见证

MY REFUGE AND FORTRESS

By Sister Lee Suet Mui,
Grace Dance (Outreach)

On 17 February, I was admitted to National Centre for Infectious Diseases (NCID) due to my high fever and cough. On arriving at NCID, I was taken to a different station in the hall for screening and to have my X-ray taken. I was admitted to the isolation ward at 2.30pm on the same day. A team of doctors came into my ward in full protective gears and masks to conduct various tests on me. During my five-day stay in the hospital, I had five nasal swabs, two throat swabs and two X-rays due to my lung infection and constant fever.

Thank God for giving me negative results for all COVID-19 tests. I was overjoyed to know that I was free from the virus and discharged on the sixth day, 22 February. I believe God has fought the battle with me. Psalm 91:10 says, “no harm will overtake you, no disaster will come near your tent”. God is my refuge and fortress. He has given me peace and fearlessness through the darkness at all times.

Besides the treatment of my lung infection during my admission, God also gave me the opportunity to take a complete rest from work and have plenty of quiet time to be with Him. The Lord listens to my silent prayer. He is my strength and my shield. I have faith and trust in Him.

Thank you to all the Grace Missional Groups, church members and pastors for their prayer support and encouragement.

不必担心, 只要有信心

刘洪贤姐妹, 社区外展

疫情不可怕, 可怕的是自己没信心, 就拿本人来说吧! 当时我听到疫情发展到我们教会的一刹那, 我的心立刻紧张沉闷下来; 特别担心, 此时此刻我在想这可怎么办? 我又是拿工作准证的会不会影响到我? 病情会不会感染到我的身上, 当时我焦虑极了。每天就好像心脏病犯了似的, 控制不住自己的心情。有一天下班回到家我就跪在自己的床边痛哭流涕向神说:「神啊, 你是赐平安的神, 而不是降灾祸的神」。我是神的宝贝女儿, 也是神重价赎来的, 一切灾祸不会临到我头上, 那段时间几乎天天都向神宣告、求主保守。

随着疫情的发展我们教会突然间一天出现九个新冠肺炎病例, 其中一名又是主任牧师, 一下子在新加坡就成名了, 当时有社区的居民和朋友们都问我是哪个教会的? 我的心在想这下可完了, 我向我的公司怎么交代? 又听说教会好多弟兄姐妹被老板赶回家居家隔离, 此时的我心中又被引出许多的忧虑? 不料事发当天晚上, 我的上司也发信息问我是哪个教会的? 当时我整个昏了头, 可我还是硬着头皮勇敢的说出实情。主管最后说一句让我明天听从安排吧, 我说好。此时的我放下电话又开始迫切地和我的天父说话, 我没有惧怕只有坦然无惧把我的问题交代给了我天上的父, 不知怎么那时的我心里显出格外的平安, 心也不跳了也不惊慌了。我还继续慰问有些恩典操的姐妹们, 她们不但没有排斥我是恩典堂冠状病毒的恩友, 而且还安慰我说一切都交给你们的上帝吧! 并且希望我们

的恩典操能够早日恢复正常运动, 当时我真的又激动又开心, 我顿时想起一段经文就是以赛亚书41章10节说:「你不要害怕, 因为我与你同在; 不要惊慌, 因为我是你的神。我必坚固你, 我必帮助你, 我必用我公义的右手扶持你。」我就翻来覆去的用这段经文宣告、宣告再宣告。

在星期天下午我又接到另外一个上司的电话, 再一次向我调查我教会的情况, 我还是报告实情; 实话实说, 我就直接问她说我需要隔离吗? 我的大上司说:「不用, 你星期一可以照常上班。」当时我的心就在想我的神是信实的神, 是垂听我们祷告的神。相信就有奇迹, 相信就有恩典! 真的也很感恩, 到了学校看到天天和我一起吃饭的同事也没有担心我会带病毒给她们, 我还说我比你们还健康呢! 这都是神赐我力量赐我信心, 而不是出于我自己。我要坚心依赖耶和华, 耶和华必保守我十分平安, 因为我必依靠他。感谢主的恩典够我用。

恩典堂经历冠状病毒对我的启发

白倩倩姐妹, 社区外展

2020年冠状病毒开始在中国武汉肆虐, 多人被传染及死亡人数也激增, 真是来势汹汹, 震惊世界。当我还没回过神去思考怎么回事时, 病毒悄悄进来新加坡了。当我还没意识到严重性时, 病毒已经慢慢地开始传播了。

当我们刚在2月8日、9日庆祝完恩典堂的70周年欢庆而依然沉浸在欢乐感恩中时, 晴天霹雳的一声雷

响，我们都吓呆了！恩典堂有牧师和同工确认感染冠状病毒。哇！糟糕啦！我9日有参加恩典武吉巴督的70周年启动崇拜啊！我会感染吗？教会几百人的聚会会有恩友中标吗？是哪位牧师哪位同工呢？为什么会发生在我们教会呢？记得聚会前，我们量体温，清洗双手，不要握手，身体不适有发烧的不能参加聚会，要回家好好休息！这一切都做到位啊！小组和社区朋友也来电询问怎么回事？教会应该很安全嘛，怎么也出问题了呢？为什么？为什么？在这乱无头绪担惊害怕之时，我们的主任牧师赵克文信心无惧，毫不隐瞒的站出来公开他的身份与名字。我敬佩他！我看到了他的公义，看到了他的大爱。他敢背起了所有人的十字架，承担一切。所有问号都有答案了。

虽然教会暂停一切活动，但是我们却更积极的以手机互相问候关怀，也召集所有认识的弟兄姐妹们为恩典堂所有感染和隔离的牧者同工恩友们每天祷告祝福他（她）们早日康复。

哈利路亚！感谢赞美主！牧者和同工恩友们都康复了！

这时，约伯记42章5节突然涌上心头：

人生在世必遇患难，
如同火星飞腾。
祂行大事不可测度，
行奇事不可胜数。
我知道你万事都能做，
你的旨意不可拦阻。
我从前风闻有你，
现在亲眼看见你。

阿门！

同心合力

Sister Belinda Ang, 社区外展恩典操

2020年新春期间，新型冠状病毒扩散到世界各地，过后也蔓延到新加坡。我心中感觉恐慌的同时，也为着这个疫情不住祷告，也一直注意新闻的报导，突然听到神召会恩典堂有人被感染，起初的我感觉惊讶，心想为什么神所掌管的圣殿也会受影响？这到底是居于什么原因？是我们得罪神了吗？没遵行上帝的旨意吗？还是一直在顺从人，没顺服神呢？这种种的问号在我脑海中浮现，更伤心的是神召会恩典堂竟然成为最大的感染群，自己也有点担心会中招吗？

因着这病毒风暴，让我心中伤痛，连做工也提不起劲，一直很关注教会及被感染者的事，因此让我与神更亲近，读经祷告求神拯救与医治，并相信主也垂听我的呼求，祷告当中总是泪流满面，上帝也看到了。我相信恩典堂因这灾难使牧者同工与恩友们都醒悟过来，合一地祷告。我们透过小组群组一起祷告、一起灵修、一起敬拜，并行走在上帝的旨意中，让教会再度兴起，再度发光，也更加复兴。牧者与恩友们将会更加团结同心合力，并彰显上帝的荣耀，让全世界人都看到恩典堂在神眼中是极为珍贵，因我们靠主战胜了病毒。

哈利路亚，荣耀归给爱我们的天父！

继续时刻信靠上帝

黄玉珠姐妹, 社区外展恩典操

当灾祸临到我们时，我们总是期盼上帝能立即令一切好转，但上帝却赐给我们信心，让我们能够忍耐并且成长，所以我们可以相互鼓励并在艰难的时刻继续信靠上帝。

在这段时间教会因新冠病毒感染事件停止所有聚会和活动，当人们听到恩典堂有人被传染的报道时，就开始害怕我们，甚至邻居、社区居民，连自己的亲姐妹都怕我，不许我去探望年迈的母亲，也不许我和她们见面。当知道教会牧者同工有人被新冠病毒感染的时候，我也很害怕又担心，所有牧者同工被居家隔离，再加上主任牧师也被感染病毒的时候，我心里很难过，自己在家流泪祷告，我求主耶稣赐下平安，保护恩典堂每人渡过难关。在主日崇拜不能去教会敬拜的时候，我有跟老公和弟兄姐妹们一起透过手机视讯一起敬拜祷告，也为教会守望。

在教会和恩典操停止聚会的当儿，虽然我心里有难过，但是我因此而感谢主！因为在我遇到患难时，让我懂得学会包容忍耐以及祷告。

有一天，当我祷告时，看到约翰福音16-33节，主耶稣说：「我将这些事告诉你们，是要叫你们在我里面有平安。在上世，你们有苦难；但你们可以放心，我已经胜了世界。」我的服侍是在社区带领恩典操，因着疫情的缘故，教会所有恩典操据点都暂停了，虽然暂时不能跟居民一起做运动，也很想念居民们，但是我们透过手机分享跳操视频，鼓励居民在家里继续做运动，相信很快我们就会恢复运动。

我感谢主的救恩永不离开我们，求主兴起恩典堂的每一个人来见证祂奇妙的作为，让主的福音大大的传扬开来。荣耀归给神！

打赢这场仗

Sister Jasline Chong, 社区外展恩典操

步入2020年，正月就是华人的农历新年。在这时候，家家户户都忙着打扫除、办年货。恩典操的姐妹们也暂停两周的活动。与此同时，恩典堂也忙着筹备我们的70周年庆典仪式。

虽然，大家都忙于庆典的筹备工作，但对于新冠病毒的感染，我们不敢掉以轻心。恩典堂更提高警戒，关注会友们的身体状况。除了体温测试，洁净双手，我们也停止互相握手和近距离接触。同时也一再的提醒会友们多多注意个人卫生。

我们Jalan Membina恩典操的姐妹们在二月六号当天也一起欢度新年。我们同样的保持所有的卫生条例。不分享同一份食物和饮料，不用手去拿食物，不共用餐具。大家都不亦乐乎。

但是，当卫生部在二月十一日宣布第一起恩典堂会友感染病例时，大家都惊讶和担心，都希望不会在恩典堂扩散。可是，当我们的主任牧师告知我们他自己也受到感染时，真是晴天霹雳。整个恩典堂顿时陷入了不安与焦虑之中。恩典操的老师也一一的打电话问候所有的恩友和居民，确保大家都平安。

虽然如此，我们坚信爱我们的神会保护和看守着我们渡过这个难关。这七十年来从没有发生过的事情，也一幕幕呈现在眼前。恩典堂大大小小，老老少少都不约而同地禁食祷告。就像我们的Betty姐妹说的，她在恩典堂服侍已有五十六年了，她把生活的一切都当作理所当然，没有多大的心情起伏。可这冠状病毒的侵略，却把所有恩典堂兄弟姐妹给唤醒了。大家仿佛回到了甘榜精神，一起来为我们教会祷告、为我们的领导层祷告、为我们受感染

的兄弟姐妹祷告、为医药人员和全世界祷告。弟兄姐妹们也积极的伸出援手帮助那些被发布隔离令的恩友。我们坚信爱我们的神会听到我们的呼求，怜悯我们，打赢这场仗。像我们主任牧师说的一样，「虽然我们遍体鳞伤，但我们是不会被打倒的」。因为我们的神就是我们的希望，我们的力量，我们的守护者。

这次的经历，我们都深深地感受到主耶稣对我们的爱是如此的深。祂在召唤我们每一个人回到祂的身旁，与祂亲近。唯有祂是我们的一切。

我们恩典堂不只是人们眼中的教会，我们是个大家庭。恩典堂是我们的家，我们都希望可以早点回家。身为恩典堂的一份子，我们都感到非常骄傲。

「We are proud to be a Gracian !」

一起为恩典堂祷告

蔡美香姐妹，粤语堂

在2月15日那天，教会呼吁大家在第二天的早上9点一起为恩典堂祷告。我习惯若遇到重要又可公开的事情都会转发给不同教会有祷告负担的基督徒一起代祷，其中一位回复说已知道并说这是李兆明牧师呼吁的，我就解释是中文部牧者呼吁的，但对方直接就发给我看李兆明牧师在脸书上的呼吁。我看完后就想起在9个月前所做的一个梦。

梦中内容：有一位牧师在教会盖顶上插香，我问她说，我们是基督徒为什么你在这里插香？她回说是李牧师叫她插的，我感到不解，跟着又看见李牧师在远处好像还在叫人插香，后来我离开并站在远处举目观看恩典堂，发现全教会的盖顶都是香，当时非常惊讶并充满疑问，基督徒为何要在教会插香？忽然有一个声音在我耳边说了几遍，「旧约」！我醒来后思想这梦就出现诗篇141:2「愿我的祷告如香陈列在祢面前…」我把这梦存在心中，要看李牧师会否召聚全教会祷告；但不久他就宣布卸任。我就想这只是一个梦吧，即使有呼吁也应该不是李牧师了，因他已经卸任。直等到那天看见李牧师在脸书的呼吁我才如梦初醒！这事也给我学习到一个功课，必须要求问神并祷告等候，不是单单观望等事情发生。

主啊！求赐予我们在属灵事上更加敏锐警醒祷告，甚愿我们恩典堂的祷告如香陈列在祢面前永不止息！阿门。

回顾疫情期间的感受

蔡少雯姐妹，粤语堂

在一个清晨时分，忽然被一阵急促的小鸟叫声吵醒了，我先生告诉我原来有一只小鸟直冲到我家里底层的天井里，没办法向上飞出去，就一直在那里团团转，要飞上去又跌下，没办法飞高，有好几次母鸟飞下去也无法救它，母鸟只好飞走，小鸟只有不停吱吱的叫着求救，后来就由我先生把它捉了放它飞走。

当我把这小插曲与我的祷告同伴分享时，她说其实信徒就像这小鸟一样，在患难中要不断的呼求神，神必会伸出援手来施行拯救。当这疫情在全球发生时，恩典堂也首当其冲。有17位恩友及6位有关连的人都被感染了。当我从新闻中听到恩友以及牧师也遭感染时，的确感受到惊吓。但后来连续的收到亲戚和朋友们的问候：你们好吗？有没有事等关心的话，心里感受到安慰。

哦！这是祷告的时候了，牧师鼓励我们组成祷告小组迫切的祷告。是的，我们要像那只小鸟一样不断的呼求神，因为我们的援助是从神而来。

赵牧师借着神的话说：万事都互相效力叫爱神的人得益处。没错，是该审察的时候了，是我们少了祷告吗？是我们少了聚会，像那些停止了的人一样吗？帖撒罗尼迦前书5:3说：「人正说平安稳妥的时候，灾祸忽然来到。灾祸的临到就像警钟，提醒信徒要警醒祷告。」

疫情来了，也迫使我们停止了聚会。曾几何时，我们会想到教会竟然连续四个星期没有聚会，我们想去崇拜，却不得其门而入！做梦也没有想到我们会有那么一天，像受逼迫的教会一样：教会的门关闭了！唉！冠状病毒-19真把我们给害惨了。

感谢主！这是我们应该反思的时候，因为神使万事互相效力，是神的提醒，神爱恩典堂，爱我们的牧师恩友们，让我们因为这场疫情的发生而改变我们祷告的生命。做醒吧，再次兴起吧，我亲爱的恩友！

主掌管一切

王发业弟兄，福建堂

这一切始于1月23日新加坡报道第一宗感染新型冠状病毒的病患后，立即我想到新加坡与武汉相距如此之远，病毒也会传播到我国。赞美主，我国各相关政府部门马上实行各种措施以防止病毒传播。在2月7日当天，我正在想教会是否可以延迟在明天举办的农历新年捞鱼生晚宴……第二天即2月8日上午，所有教会同工包括我在内都被安排并指示佩戴口罩，手持温度计、洗手液和手套，以协助所有要从教会乘搭巴士去餐馆的兄弟姐妹。感谢主，就在当天中午之前，教会发出紧急通知，取消了当天的晚宴。

2月8日下午5点照常举行70周年联合庆祝启动会，我与我的好朋友（一位恩友）曾有接触过，后来我得知她在医院接受检查，证实她感染新型冠状病毒。当晚我还安排开车载另一位恩友的母亲去餐厅，而这位恩友的母亲也在医院被隔离。我的家人在疫情爆发时也受到影响。我的女儿告诉她的雇主她是恩典堂的恩友之后，就被通知在家工作。2周前，她因为身体不适，去了一家医疗诊所看病，当他们知道她是来自神召会恩典堂的恩友时，诊所的工作人员立即把她锁在厕所里，并通知卫生部。不久一辆救护车来到诊所，把她送到陈笃生医院。感谢主，经过医生检查后证实她没有被新型冠状病毒感染，医生给她两个星期病假，她现在已经返回公司上班。

亲爱的主，在我们一生中，将会面临许许多多的暴风雨。风暴使我们感到自己不断往下沉，但是主掌管一切，虽在风暴中，但祂仍然带给我们和平与安宁；因为主与我们同在，并掌控整个局势，在风暴中夸胜！奉耶稣基督的圣名祷告，阿门！

喜宴

文燕 / 文娜，福建堂

几个月前，我们蔡家大大小小开心地准备侄女的婚事，这是我们蔡家第三代第一次办大型的喜事。婚礼前刚好发生冠状病毒的事件。在婚礼前两个星期，冠状病毒得病的人数一直上升。我们开始担心恐慌了，想要延迟或取消宴席但酒楼说不可以延迟，取消呢就得要赔偿他们的损失。在婚礼的前个星期，大哥开始接到一些会友通知他，他们不能来参加婚礼了。陈牧师和师母知道后都愿意补上这些人的位子。美莲传道过后也答应要出席。（之前没有邀请他们是因为他们需要出席爱以色列的讲座，讲座后来取消了）。星期天晚上，我们一家大小聚集在一起祷告，求神带领。我们天天的祷告，无时无刻的祷告。那个星期真的度日如年，非常压力。怎么知道2月12日星期三傍晚，我们接到消息恩典堂有两人感染到冠状病毒，我们的手机纷纷响了。亲戚朋友们都问是不是你们的教会啊？我们一一答他们……是。那晚睡梦惊醒，没有一晚好眠。

星期四早上我们禁食祷告，傍晚又传恩典堂加多几起，亲戚和会友一个接一个的通知我们他们不能来了，给了很多理由。牧师和传道也需要居家隔离。我们都陷入了

低谷，想到明晚的宴席将会冷冷清清，大家顿时都失去了信心，眼泪直流，但我们还是不断的祷告。感恩侄女的态度非常的积极，她安慰我们只要至亲好友会出席就好了。那晚彻夜难眠，问神为什么这么多间教会在新加坡，祢选中恩典堂呢？

星期五婚礼的早上接到会友的短讯说我和小侄女好像有和一位感染病毒的会友有近距离接触，那时头脑一片空白，语无伦次，不会用言语来表达，心里一直喊耶稣。后来才知道误会，虚惊一场。这时候我接到小组组长的短讯，她和先生都有感动在没有邀请帖的情况下愿意来参加，接着一些没有受邀请的会友也都传短讯来说他们会来参加婚宴。听祷告的神，奇妙的作为派天使来参加婚宴。之前说不来的亲戚不知怎么也打来说他们会出席。哈利路亚，神知道一切。祂要我们经历作为祂的见证。那晚的宴席，神与我们同在，在这非常时期出席率竟然有90%，感谢神。没有信心的我们，之前祷告跟神讲只要80%的出席率就好，后来更软弱到只要求50%就好了。但爱我们的神把人数加倍，祝福和喜乐充满了整个场所。在这里除了赞美，还是赞美我们全能的神。义人呼求，耶和華听见了，便救他们脱离一切患难（诗篇34:17）。

上帝是信实的

谭姐美姐妹，福建堂

当2月11日我被告知教会发生教牧和同工感染新冠肺炎时，我觉得很震惊。虽然在一月初已经从报章得知这个疫情，但是却从没想过恩典堂也会有人被感染。当时我很担忧在教会感染的人，也担心自己是否也会被卫生部确认为隔离者，但是与美莲传道在电话中沟通后，已确定疫情在恩典堂爆发的时段我没有到过教会，我的心情就安定下来。过后又被告知教会有些同工和会友被确定为感染群后，我的心里又开始产生恐慌和不安，夜间不能入睡。我不明白为什么上帝要我们经历这么大的考验，也不明白上帝为什么会应许这样的事情发生在地球上。

在不安与恐惧中我向上帝祷告，在祷告中我求上帝挪走这个令人恐慌的病毒，我求上帝保守恩典堂的牧者、同工和弟兄姐妹。我祷告求上帝保守我的家人和那些还没有被感染病毒的国家。当我在祷告时，上帝启示我诗篇121篇，我急忙翻开圣经来阅读，诗篇121篇说神是我们的保护者，我们的帮助是从造天地的耶和华来的，当患危急时祂必不叫我们的脚摇动；日夜保护我们必不打盹！祂必在右边荫庇着我们，无论白天与黑夜都保护我们免受一切的灾害；保护我们的性命，无论我们出我们入，耶和华要保护我们直到永远。当我读了这段经文，我心里就突然觉得很平安，也不再有什么恐慌和不安，因为上帝的话语给了我应许，我深信恩典堂被新冠病毒感染的牧者同工和弟兄姐妹，必因着上帝的应许化险为夷，而事实果真如此。过了几天，我陆续的听到教会病毒感染的牧者同工和弟兄姐妹治愈出院的好消息。哈利路亚！上帝是信实的，祂所应允的祂必实行必成就，感谢赞美主！

最后我要感谢上帝在这个疫情中祂保守看顾恩典堂的每一位牧者同工和弟兄姐妹，也要在这里鼓励弟兄姐妹：虽然上帝在这个疫情中保守我们免受灾害，但是我们跟随上帝的脚步是绝对不可以松懈的。在疫情还在蔓延的时刻，作为上帝的子民，国家的一份子，我们要遵行上帝在圣经的教导，为主做美好见证，也要尽作基督徒的责任，为国家祷告，遵行国家卫生部的防疫措施，防止疫情扩散，让所有的基督徒可以重新回到教会一起敬拜上帝！愿主赐福于大家！阿门！

NCID之留院感言

陈少梅姐妹，福建堂

恩典堂70周年的庆典过后，心情挺轻松和开心。过了三天，得知冠状病毒的确诊者其中包括了恩典堂的成员，心里有些震惊和不安，因为这段期间我们都在恩典东陵练习70周年的敬拜舞蹈，也参与了2月8日和9日的舞蹈呈现。

2月14日，感觉身体有些发热，傍晚时分体温介于37.5-38.0°C。心里有些忐忑不安，彻夜难眠。隔天早上，测量的体温大约37.5°C，去了诊所想确认是否发烧；医生得知我是恩典堂的会友及和确诊病患有近距离的接触后，即便当天的体温只有37.1°C，还是安排把我送去NCID看诊。到了NCID，拍了X光片，肺部没感染。体温正常。血压超高，是否因焦虑失眠造成？回答一些相关的问题，最终NCID的医生坚持我必须留在隔离病房，做进一步鼻拭纸测试和观察。

在NCID这两天里，有些惆怅和茫然。在心情很失落的时候，收到教会牧者和弟兄姐妹关怀的短讯，致电慰问，为我祷告等；这一切就似

一股暖流注入我的心田，我眼眶湿了。很感恩，非常感谢大家的关怀让我感觉非常的温馨。

NCID的医护人员都很亲切，友善和贴心，他们尽全力让我放松自己，缓和郁闷的心情。他们无私的站立在前线，医治和照顾病患，他们良好的服务态度，令人肃然起敬。我要向他们致以万二分的敬意和谢意，谢谢他们的照顾。NCID的医护人员，神赐福于你们。

在2月17日，在通过两个鼻拭子纸测试后，我出院了。在这段期间，我不是孤军作战，在面临困境，走在黑暗里的时候，我看到了一道曙光；许多人都在关心我，为我祈求，为我加油，令我觉得很温暖和欣慰，谢谢你们。

我要感谢天父的保守和垂听我们的祷告，谢谢阿爸天父。我也要为疫情向天父祈求：阿爸天父，认识祢名的人要倚靠祢，因祢没有离弃寻求祢的人（诗篇9:10）。求天父保守全人类，使疫情得到控制，病毒得以消灭，恢复子民们的健康。求天父保守所有病患尽早得以痊愈。求天父保守所有医护人员的健康，赐给他们智慧和能力战胜病毒的侵袭。奉主耶稣的名求，阿门。

更强壮的得胜者

义媚姐妹，华语堂

新冠疫情的传染从2020年初到今日已经差不多感染整个世界了。所带来的影响远远超越人们的预料。疫情的爆发可以说是从二月份的70周年庆典启动后开始。在短短的时间内恩典堂出名了，我们成为新加坡疫情最大的感染群，包括我们的主任牧师。为了安全起见，传染中心命令教会同工们都个别在家里隔离14天。教会也被逼停止所有的活动，包括主日崇拜。这是恩典堂立堂以来前所未有的。聚会停止不只是一个星期，一停就是五个星期。这五个星期带来了好多好多的感想。以下是一些东陵恩友们的感想和见证。

…信仰生活突然间被打断让我很失落，主日崇拜去不了，小组也去不了。教会也不鼓励我们在外面个别见面。很期望聚会快点恢复。

…我的雇主，听说我是恩典堂的会友，就命令我回家隔离。因为我和教会的关系而被拒绝的感受确实是有点复杂，让我有时间反思我的情绪。

…看到教会的牧师和同工们都被隔离，我们唯一还可以做的就是祷告。我们就个别动员在网上或定时一起祷告。这是前所未有的启动祷告会。

…被隔离的人都不能出去，我们感谢神，有一些的弟兄姐妹自告奋勇组织了支援队伍把一些生活用品送到被隔离者的家。

…这次的祷告和往常的不一样让我深深体会圣经里林前12:26「若一个肢体受苦，所有的肢体就一同受苦；若一个肢体得荣耀，所有的肢体就一同快乐。」住院的、被隔离的、认识的和不认识的，都是主里的弟兄姐妹。他们沮丧、徬徨、压力和无奈在祷告时，我都能同感受，我会心痛，我会流泪。感谢神，让我能经历圣经的话语。我相信神是信实的。撒上25:6「愿你平安，愿你家平安，愿你一切所有的都平安。」

…3月4日回到教会的领袖会议，踏入教会的感受让我发觉，原来平时我把来教会的时间当做是理所当然。这几个星期让我珍惜能来教会的恩典。

这次的疫情让我们患难见真情。好多的弟兄姐妹都显出爱心，彼此关爱。我们的信仰也受到了考验。有人软弱，有人坚定。在这非常时刻里，让信、望、爱，继续成为我们的凝聚力，信神仍然掌权。我们能胜过这疫情的风波成为更强壮的得胜者。

「我们晓得万事都互相效力，叫爱神的人得益处，就是按祂旨意被召的人。」罗8:28

华语堂恩友们的见证和自发性行动

当我知道教会有几位牧者与同工得了新冠病毒，我第一时间想到了张牧师，因为二月九日崇拜她帮主任牧师翻译，我很担心她，便联络她，要把维他命C交给她，希望她能补充足够的维他命C，能有健康的身体战胜这个病毒。

恩友

神说：「你们要彼此相爱，我就在你们当中。」感谢主给我们这个机会能彼此关怀。当我想到被隔离的教会同工们，我想能做的就是煮点白木耳梨甜点拿去给他们润肺，让他们不觉得孤单，没有人关心。让我们经过这次的苦难，变得更加爱神爱人，我相信神有祂的美意在当中。阿门！

林美金姐妹

我是一名业余的私驾司机。来自恩典武吉巴督华语聚会的恩友。我的工作到处行的，去到哪里，吃到哪里。

当时我就在牛车水那一带就想到芳林熟食中心有一档老字号很好吃的欧南路炒果条。那天也就是恩典堂的牧者需要在家隔离的第一天。我就想起我们一群恩友也经常和牧者一起去吃好料。当我在排队要买我的食物时，就想起在家隔离的牧者的心情会是如何，吃午餐没有？我就发短讯给一位牧者问她吃了午餐了吗？想要买炒果条给她吃。就这样没想她的家离牛车水有多远，就打包送去给她。希望这包好吃的炒果条能使她暂时忘记她在隔离。

符致煌弟兄