

GRACE ASSEMBLY OF GOD | MICA (P) 044/02/2013

Clothed With Power

Let me wish every Gracian a blessed New Year and that God's abundant favor be upon you in 2014.

The theme for 2014-2015 is 'Clothed With Power'.

The focus is not on the word 'power' but rather on the person of the Holy Spirit. It's when we have a deeper knowledge and experience of the Holy Spirit that we are empowered by the Holy Spirit.

We have four important objectives in mind:

1. To educate Gracians to have a greater understanding of the Person and the work of the Holy Spirit.
2. To emphasize the importance of a daily infilling of the power of the Holy Spirit for effective living.
3. To encourage those who have not received the baptism of the Holy Spirit to seek after it.
4. To experience and exercise the gifts of the Holy Spirit for the edification of the Church.

We all have a good understanding of God the Father, God the Son but not so about God the Spirit. Oftentimes, the person of the Holy Spirit is being neglected in our teaching or emphasis in one way or another. It's time that we place a greater emphasis and importance on the Holy Spirit.

Normally the emphasis of the theme is only for one year but we have decided to move it to two years so that we have more time to focus on it.

It's my prayer that every Gracian will have a better understanding of the person and the work of the Holy Spirit. This understanding will lead us to a deeper relationship and enable us to experience the empowerment of the Holy Spirit.

As we are 'Clothed With Power', we will rise up to live life missionally and face the challenges of life with the power from on high.

Let's pray that it will lead to greater breakthroughs in our lives, in our families and in our Church.

Come, Holy Spirit, we need You!

Senior Pastor
Ps Calvin Lee



Blessed Lunar New Year

Chinese New Year Combined Service Date: 31.01.2014 Time: 9.30am - 11am Venue: Gill Sanctuary

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grace retreat 2014 – when the Spirit comes... (acts 1:8)

Date : Thurs 12 June to Mon 16 June

Venue: Palace of the Golden Horses

Dear Gracians,

Like many of you I look forward to attending the yearly Grace Retreat for a time with God, and fellowship/fun. However, on returning to our daily grinds the heavenly deposits received somehow “dissipate”, faster for some than for others. Only things that remain sadly are our shopping! Can we change that? Obviously so!

For Grace Retreat 2014 (GR14) the Committee and I look forward to us having a great time with God, Jesus, and the Spirit – with good times of fellowship/fun thrown in. And this time let’s plan for the heavenly deposits to be vaulted in our lives thereafter.

GR14 is definitely a spiritual event. In line with this year’s Church’s theme of Clothed with Power, GR14 has been bathed with prayers for us (individuals, families and Church) to have God encounters and be Clothed with His Power. Our speakers Ps Dr Philip Lyn and Ps Julie Khoo are exponents in ministering in the person and power of the Spirit. Like the time when the 120 gathered obediently at the Upper Room and were met by the Holy Spirit in a Rhema fashion, we are gathering together in obedience - adult, youth, children - for the Spirit to rain down on us. You will be changed and renewed!

Get ready to register early, real early. We are expecting an overwhelming response again this year with spaces limited. Registration (online) begins in February!

Come 13 January, have a visit to our website :
<http://www.graceaog.org/graceretreat>

Blessings,
Ps Kenny Koh
(Pastor-in-Charge, GR14)



abm membership update

Please note that the 53rd ABM will be held on 21st March 2014, Friday.

Thank you to all who have updated your membership particulars online or have already returned the hardcopy forms. Even if you do not have any changes/updates to be made, you still need to return the form or go into the system and activate it as an update process.

Please note that in accordance with the Church Constitution, you will be eligible to be a Voting Member (entitled to vote for those who are 18 years and above) if you have done your update at least 2 weeks before the ABM on 21st March 2014. Thus, members who have not done their update by 6th March will not be eligible to vote during the March ABM.

For those who wish to check if you have updated successfully, please log on to <http://www.graceaog.org/register> and select “ABM Status”.

january to march corporate calendar

JAN

8	(Wed)	J333 (Combined)
17	(Fri)	HOLY SPIRIT REVIVAL MEETING (English) - Dr Chew Weng Chee
18-19	(Sat-Sun)	LEADERS' RETREAT (English) - Dr Chew Weng Chee & Dr Lew Lee Choo
19-21	(Sun-Tue)	STAFF RETREAT (Combined)
31 (PH)	(Fri)	CHINESE NEW YEAR SERVICE (Combined) - Rev Oh Beng Khee

MAR

7	(Fri)	HOLY SPIRIT REVIVAL MEETING (English) - Ps Bob Sorge
21	(Fri)	ABM
29-30	(Sat-Sun)	WORSHIP ENCOUNTER (English)

staff retreat 19th-21st january 2014

There will be a staff retreat from the 19th-21st January 2014 and the church office will be closed on the 20th and 21st (Monday and Tuesday). For emergencies, please contact Eric Chow at 91053187. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.



J333 (jan)

Dates: 8(combined), 15, 22 & 29 Jan
Time: Wed, 7.30pm - 8.30pm
Venue: St John's St Margaret's Church, Glory Sanctuary



jan - mar: church on fire!

personal data protection act and do not call registry

The Government has established the Personal Data Protection Act (PDPA) that comprises various rules governing the collection, use, disclosure and care of personal data. The PDPA also provides for the establishment of a national Do Not Call (DNC) Registry. The DNC Registry will allow individuals to register their Singapore telephone numbers to opt out of receiving marketing phone calls, mobile text messages such as SMS or MMS, and faxes from organisations. Provisions relating to the DNC Registry will come into force on 2 January 2014 and the main data protection rules will come into force on 2 July 2014.

The DNC Registry does not affect non-profit organisations like Grace Assembly as its scope applies mainly to commercial organisations making marketing calls or sending marketing messages/faxes to individuals.

Grace Assembly will continue to use pulpit/video announcements, bulletins and our web-site as the main avenues for sharing information on upcoming activities/programmes/events. However, the Church may occasionally contact members directly via their telephone numbers which had been provided to the various ministries and the Church administration.

For other areas under the PDPA, where relevant, the Church will be implementing policies and processes to ensure that the personal data of our members are properly safeguarded and used strictly for ministry-related and Church-related administrative purposes.



the holy land tour

We are organizing a 12 Days 9 Nights Israel tour. Travel Date: 05-16 December 2014

If you are interested, mark these dates in your calendar! Look out for more details and information in the subsequent issues in the New Grace bulletin.

children's ministries

Come join us in raising the next generation of bold, loving Christians.

Come join the Children's Ministries.

Please contact Ps Jadene at jadene.ng@graceaog.org or Sis Laura at laura.low@graceaog.org for more information.

Teachers, musicians and helpers needed. No prior training required.

marriage preparation programme 1st half of 2014

(PART 1 MPP (PRACTICAL HANDLING FOR A SUCCESSFUL MARRIAGE))

Dates: MPP1 – 15 & 22 Feb, 1 & 8 Mar

MPP2 – 15, 22 & 29 Mar & 5 Apr

MPP3 – 26 Apr, 3, 10 & 17 May

MPP4 – 24 & 31 May, 14 & 21 Jun

Venue: REACH Counselling, Blk. 187 Bishan Street 13, #01-475, Singapore 570187.

Time: 2.00pm – 5.00pm (please allow an additional hour if required)

(PART 2 MPP (BIBLICAL FRAMEWORK FOR A SUCCESSFUL MARRIAGE))

Dates: 12 Apr, 19 Apr Sat

Venue: Grace Assembly of God GII, 1 Bukit Batok West Avenue 4, Singapore 659125. Level 1 Hope Room

Time: 1.30pm – 4.30pm

Registration is on first-come, first-served basis.

GOING STEADY OR PLANNING TO GET MARRIED?

If so, the Marriage Preparation Programme (MPP) is for you. This programme geared to provide you with a Biblical understanding of what constitutes holy matrimony and the practical aspects of building a successful marriage.

Registration for MPP

- MPP course fee is \$320 per couple
- Please email to jamie.lim@graceaog.org or call her at 64100827

Please complete registration form and return it to the church office together with payment three (3) weeks before course commencement. All cheques to be crossed and made payable to "REACH Community Services Society". No receipt will be issued, unless specifically requested for.

Cancellation made prior to commencement:	Charges
More 30 days prior	\$50.00
More than 14 days but less than 30 days prior	\$100.00
30 days or less prior	Full Fees



congratulations!

Our heartfelt best wishes to Jonah Tang & Amanda Tan on the occasion of their marriage on Saturday 4th Jan at GII Sanctuary.

May the Lord's blessings and goodness be upon them abundantly.

grace missions

I. Those who are going to sign up for a mission trip for the first time:

1. 15-16 February, Tg Uban
2. 21-22 February, Batam
3. 15-17 March, Batam (R-AGE)

Please attend the mission trippers course on 'What trippers need to know' on 25 January, 2-4pm. Venue at GII.

And follow up with 3 virtual lessons. Details to be advised.

Write to Ps Peck Yin at peck.yin@gmagnet.com with your name and contact number to register for the training sessions.

II. Sign up is opened for Grace Groups and others for the following Riau mission trips:

1. 19-20 April, Tg Uban
2. 26-27 April, Karimun
3. 23 May, Batam
4. 24-25 May, Tg Pinang

For enquiries and sign up, please write to peck.yin@gmagnet by 3 February 2014.

MISSIONS TRIPS

Please pray for God's protection, Holy Spirit's leading, strength & good health for the trips:

East Asia – Teaching Trips
29/12/2013 to 05/01/2014
Rev Richard Wee

W Kalimantan – Teaching and Supervisory Trips
12/01/2014 to 17/01/2014
Rev Peck Yin, Bro Ronnie Lee and 2 trippers
- Pray for fruitful discussions with missions partners

grace prison ministry



OUR TEAM

Pastor I/C: Ps Wai Ching

Executive Committee Leader: Bro. Winston Tang

Executive Committee members: Bro. Joseph Saw, Bro. Donovan Wu, Bro. Edwin Sim, Sis. Tessa Chan

Our vision is to bring God's love and Christ's redeeming grace to the prisoners through the preaching of His Word, so that they will repent and lead transformed lives for His glory.

Our motivation comes from Isaiah 42:3 "...a bruised reed He will not break, and a faintly burning wick He will not quench; ..."

Our Lord Jesus is full of compassion and patience towards the broken and contrite in spirit, longs to draw them to Himself, so that they may repent and find new life in Him.

He exhorts us to help the poor and the needy, to visit the sick and the prison inmates, for He says in Matthew 25:40, "... whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

OUR MINISTRY

Our volunteers conduct morning chapel services on the 1st, 3rd Sunday and 5th Sunday of every month for 59 prison inmates in Changi prison. We also have small group sharing and prayer at the end of the service.

OUR STRATEGY: THE FIVE S'S

SET UP through screening to ascertain suitability
SUSTAIN passion through training and mentoring
STEP UP by preparing new team leaders
SUCCESSION takes place when teams multiply
SPIN OFF into overseas Prison Missions

Our criteria for volunteers:

- At least 25 years old and above
- Has been a Christian for at least three years
- Official member of GAOG
- Attending worship services regularly at GAOG for the past one year
- Attending a Grace Group regularly
- Have served with good track records in a church ministry for at least a year
- Have 2 character referees, one of which has to be a pastor in Grace Assembly
- Team player who displays godly character
- Able to interpret and explain the Word of truth accurately
- Be able to commit to 48 hrs of chapel service in a year
- Preferably serving in only ONE other ministry
- Be willing to abide by rules and regulations of Prison Fellowship of Singapore and Grace Prison Ministry leadership.

Volunteers are trained in the following areas:

- Sermon preparation and delivery
- Worship preparation and worship leading
- Public speaking
- Basic counseling
- Understanding psychology of inmates
- Guitar class

We created numerous opportunities for fellowship and bonding through:

- Car-pooling from Redhill MRT to Changi Prison
- Regular fellowship over breakfasts and lunches in the Prison Canteen
- Bonding time through gathering and retreat

Grace Prison Ministry volunteers will have the opportunity to:

- Be an emcee for the chapel service
- Lead worship
- Preach a sermon
- Pray for inmates

Below are some of the testimonies from our volunteers:

Tessa Chan (Changi Women Prison)

I saw friends entering prison and was happy that they received Christ in prison. However, when they were released, they often backslide and fall back to their old ways. I felt very disappointed but did not know how to help them. Through prison ministry, I hope that I can be God's vessel to show support, lend a listening ear and be an encouragement to them.

I have just started preaching and I still feel nervous. I also feel the need to build up trust with the inmates. I still have a lot to learn but it has been good so far. I hope to see this ministry grow beyond in-care and have an after-care program as well. In addition, I also hope to have a strong team and to see more fellow church members join this ministry.

Jasmine Tay (Changi Women Prison)

I am impressed by the dedication of the brothers and sisters who have been in the ministry for many years. They have set a good example for us to follow. It is challenging and enriching for my spiritual life to prepare sermons. I appreciate the training that has been lined up for us.

The testimonies of the inmates reminded me of the book of Acts. Each time they testify, my heart is stirred with excitement at the way God is working in their lives. It thrills me to see God's grace and love in action. In 3 years' time, I pray that more housing units be opened for us to minister so that more lives can be touched.

Donovan Wu (Cluster A2 Men Prison)

My first thought of joining GPM was to serve the Lord as He has richly blessed me. I also thought I could bless the inmates but the experience has far exceeded my expectations. I felt refreshed and energised after serving every chapel service.

Testimonies from inmates have been very encouraging and I see God doing a mighty work in their lives. In 3 years' time, I hope GPM will become the hallmark of Grace Assembly. People will be attracted to Grace Assembly because of GPM.

If you feel a call to serve, email your particulars (Name / Age / Contact) to Pastor Wai Ching at wai.ching@gmagnet.com.

We will invite you to attend a sharing session by the Grace Prison Ministry volunteers.



“ It is such a privilege to partner with God when He works!” ”

missions trips' testimonies

NEPAL 01 - 08 DECEMBER
BY SIMON SHEN

God really does work in mysterious ways. I did not expect to be using my chiropractic expertise on my missions trip to Nepal. I went mainly to be a guest teacher at the local schools to teach children about their heart and how to keep it healthy. It just so happen that someone asked us to pray for his son who has problems on his body with neurological problems. I was able to adjust his spine and encourage him to get back on his feet. Sometimes things just do not happen on its own. You have got to first step out in faith and let God do the rest. It is such a privilege to partner with God when He works!

CAMBODIA 26 - 30 NOVEMBER
BY PS. AU WAI CHING

Tunle Batie is a happening church! They have English classes and a feeding program. Math, Khmer and Bible classes will start next month. Srey Lak, the church planter shared that drunkards would come in the night and drink at the church compound, and sometimes they destroy the tables. As one of the church members is prepared to move her family to the church to take care of the premises, Srey Lak also proposed to start a project for the church to rear pigs. This would then function as a project to tighten up the security of the church as well as to move the church towards financial independence.

We were very excited as we listened to the church planter's plans. God stirred in our heart to invest in this church. They shared that transport was their greatest need as they wanted to do house visitations, to share the gospel and pray for the sick. Hence our team pooled resources and bought 4 bicycles for 4 leaders in this village church.

missions trips' schedule 2014

BANGLADESH (\$\$600)

06 - 14 December

INDIA (\$\$750)

01 - 08 July

01 - 09 November

PAKISTAN (\$\$2000)

01 - 08 October

ASSAM & WEST BENGAL (\$\$1200)

8 - 16 November

BHUTAN (\$\$2000)

26 - 30 April

NEPAL (\$\$1200)

7 - 14 December

SRI LANKA (\$\$900)

14 - 22 September (R-AGE Only)

15 - 24 November

MYANMAR (\$\$750)

30 April - 5 May

28 November - 4 December

CAMBODIA (\$\$500)

15 - 20 March

07 - 12 May

18 - 23 June

07 - 12 July

06 - 11 August

01 - 06 September

19 - 24 November

08 - 13 December

INDONESIA

12 - 15 November (Pekanbaru) (\$\$500)

17 - 24 June (West Kalimantan) (\$\$700)

BATAM, RIAU ISLANDS (\$\$60)

21 February

23 May

11 July

08 August

24 October

KARIMUN, RIAU ISLANDS (\$\$130)

26 - 27 April

19 - 20 July

13 - 14 September

06 - 07 December

TG. PINANG, RIAU ISLANDS (\$\$130)

24 - 25 May

23 - 24 August

TG. UBAN, RIAU ISLANDS (\$\$130)

15 February

19 April

21 June

16 August

13 December

Due to the availability of flights and other unpredictable circumstances, these dates and cost are at best tentative. Do send an email to matthew.tan@graceao.org for more enquiries about Grace Missions or her missions trips.

* Trips to Vietnam and Laos are unavailable at the moment until further notice.



Grace Christmas outreach 2013

This was the journey of Grace Assembly's Christmas Outreach program, from its conceptualisation to its execution.

We were given the opportunity through the work with the community to do a Christmas program for Lengkok Bahru and Hong Kah North. Through the theme of "Christmas is love", we brought across the message that God and the church loves them. Grace Assembly lived out its call of being missional through the extraordinary concert performance.

In addition to the performance, the church also came together to pack and give out food packs. 220 food packs were distributed to the community in November as an invitation to the Christmas event. A choir of 120 Gracians was also assembled from every congregation in the church. They rehearsed a repertoire of songs that was to be sung in Cantonese, English, Mandarin and Malay. It was encouraging to see the body of Christ working in unity, without any complaints and instead were praising and thanking God for the opportunity to serve Him.

The performances were slotted on the 14 and 21 December 2013 to Lengkok Bahru and Hong Kah North respectively.

At Lengkok Bahru, we had a pre-dinner event which allowed us to befriend those who came. Despite the rain, we were able to reach out to a total of about 300 people. The audience were entertained by diverse performances done by Praise Danxercise, and some other members from the Mandarin congregation. The main event with the clear message of Christmas being God's love for us was then performed by the choir accompanied by CAM's Dancers. The choir also took part in the opportunity to bless Orchard Road with their singing at CCIS on the 20th of December. Miraculously, God stopped the rain just seconds before they were to sing!

At Hong Kah North CC, Grace Assembly took the main stage bringing the Christmas Cheer, the story of Joy, Good Tidings and most importantly love in for this season. There were also games stalls, flea market and other offstage events happening concurrently. The audience was eventually bedazzled through the choir performance of songs like Joy to the World, Love Will Save the World, Ring the Bells and Angels We Have Heard on High! The choir also sang old time favourites like O little Town of Bethlehem and Silent Night in Cantonese and Malay. Accompanied by our own awesome emcees, a stellar live band, our line-up of dancers, and a dedicated Production and Logistics team, the program turned out to be a spectacular event. Needless to say we are extremely grateful to each and every one of them for their unceasing and tireless help rendered for these outreach events.

All Glory be unto God Almighty for His grace and love to us through the finished work of our Lord Jesus Christ, that we could celebrate Christmas, We are thankful to be able to glorify His Name and to serve Him with all the talents and giftings that God has given.

首先，要感谢主让我们渡过了一个有意义的圣诞节。今年的圣诞节与往年不一样，因为不只麟谷峇鲁居民委员会再次邀请我们与他们联办圣诞节的活动，丰加北社区委员会也同时邀请我们参与他们的圣诞节活动。我们组织了一支百人合唱团，他们来自各个堂会，同时也有40多位的中文部的舞蹈员参与此活动。

弟兄姐妹不单只参与表演，同时也奉献了食物礼包给那些有需要帮助的家庭。藉着弟兄姐妹爱心的付出，我们总共收集了290包的食物礼包。在11月23日，大约有70多位的弟兄姐妹参与分派礼包给麟谷峇鲁的居民。虽然当天下着雨，但是并没有影响弟兄姐妹的爱心。当天的早上，他们把220包食物分给了那里的居民。其余的70包食物也分配给丰加北的居民。

透过大家爱心的行动，我们相信那些居民都会感受到神的爱。希望在这个圣诞节里，他们可以更了解到神的救恩。

我们衷心感谢大家的爱心，让我们继续努力，用我们的生命，把神的爱传到社区每一个角落。

愿神赐福你们。

向阳传道

社区圣诞活动小计

	麟谷峇鲁	丰嘉北
参与义工人数	78	28
诗班人数	83	83
其他节目参与者	45	40
收集礼包数目	220	70
居民的参与人数	300	800



the Holy Spirit makes the difference!

BY PS DAVID LIM

As the Church embarks on the theme of *Clothed with Power* for this year we would like to publish articles pertaining to the Person and the Ministry of the Holy Spirit. This month to kick-off this series is Ps David Lim writing on the Holy Spirit making a difference in our lives! Have a read...

What was the difference between the Jewish rituals and systems in the first century and the dynamic, growing, empowered Early Church? People had weaknesses (Peter), personalities clashed (Paul and Barnabas), churches needed new wineskins (temple structure? Synagogue structure? Evolving church structure?), wrong decisions could have devastated the young church (Acts 15- how to let the Gentiles into the church?). In short, from a people or organizational standpoint, nothing had changed. But the Early Church moved in the power of the Spirit of God. Paul declared that the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you also! At the heart of church growth in Singapore, Korea, China, India, Latin America, and Africa, is a hunger for the move of the Spirit, a realization that it is not by might, nor by power, but by the Spirit of God.

The Holy Spirit anointing means missions is the heart of God. The purpose of the anointing is that we would be witnesses for Christ to the ends of the earth. It is far more than an emotional experience. It is not so much how much we have of God because He dwells within us. It is how much God has of us.

According to Dr. George Wood, Superintendent of the USA Assemblies of God, every 39 minutes a new church has begun and every 25 seconds someone comes to Christ through the ministries of the Assemblies of God! The Pentecostal movement was born in missions. Grace Assembly has planted 1300 churches in the past 23 years!

The Holy Spirit anointing means changed lives. The effect of the anointing is that we would "become" his witnesses. It is life change that is at the heart of the gospel, not just religiosity! Cowardly Peter becomes the bold preacher of Pentecost and the one who brought down huge barriers to the Gentiles by going to Cornelius' house. Tradition tells us that Thomas (known as the doubter) became a missionary to India and China. Most of the apostles willingly died for their faith in God.

The Holy Spirit anointing means the releasing of the gifts of the Spirit. Every believer is important. Each must proactively open his/her heart to all that God may do. Each seeks to find God given ministries and to have the Spirit's touch upon all. Signs and wonders followed the ministry. All could reach out by faith to the Spirit's divine intervention, His healing and miracles. Hans Kung, the maverick Roman Catholic theologian wrote a huge volume on the church and declared boldly, you cannot understand the church without understanding the gifts. We are interdependent, gifted, and empowered to be the church that touches the world!

The Holy Spirit anointing means counsel, comfort, compassion and divine control in our lives. It means we have surrendered our tongues, our minds, our bodies, our talents, our ministries to the mighty plan of God! Our experience is real and renewable daily. We are no longer satisfied to look to a past experience. We are not just righteous before God (positional righteousness), we are passionate to serve. True sanctification is to be set apart for ministry.

Open your life to the Spirit of God. This may be the greatest year of your life!



Holy Spirit

preaching series 2014 (first quarter)

In the first quarter of 2014, Grace Assembly will embark on an exciting journey of GETTING TO KNOW THE PERSON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. In this series, we will explore three main questions: Who is the Holy Spirit?, What does the Holy Spirit do?, and How can I experience the Holy Spirit? Through a study of the names and the roles of the Holy Spirit, the aim is to understand His personhood, get to know Him more intimately, allow Him to transform us to be more like Christ and learn how to allow our Senior Partner to bring victory over every area of our lives.

1. The God We Hardly Know:
The Spirit of God
2. The God Who Dwells In Us:
The Spirit of Sonship/Adoption
3. The God Who Sets Us Free:
The Spirit of Life
4. The God Who Teaches Us Truth:
The Spirit of Truth
5. The God Who Comes Alongside Us:
The Spirit Our Helper
6. The God Who Defends Us:
The Spirit Our Advocate
7. The God We Can Know:
The Spirit Our Friend

CHURCH THEME FOR 2014/2015

CLOTHED WITH POWER

LUKE 24:49; ACTS 1:8

clothed with power – creative rationale

Our Church's theme for 2014/2015 is Clothed with Power reference to Luke 24:49 and Acts 1:8. The emphases would be on the Promise of the Holy Spirit to be obtained by us, the Person of the Holy Spirit as the third person of the Godhead and the purpose of the Power of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

The icon that embodies these emphases comes in the 2-in-1 image of the "Dove and Fire" descending on us His people. It is a reflection of the Person and the Workings of the Holy Spirit.

As shown are the collaterals that you will see in and around the church to remind us to be Clothed with Power from on high as we live our lives missionally.

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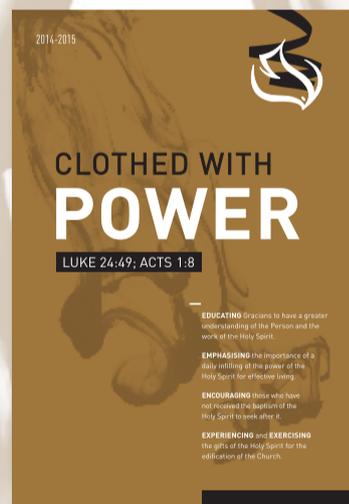
COLLATERALS



BANNER AT GII FOYER



GRACE WEEKLY



POSTERS



WEBSITE BANNER



2014 CALENDAR

CLOTHED WITH **POWER**

JANUARY

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- 1 Jan - New Year's Day
- 31 Jan - Chinese New Year

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- 1 Feb - Chinese New Year

MARCH

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- 21 Mar - ABM

APRIL

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- 18 Apr - Good Friday

MAY

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- 1 May - Labour Day
- 13 May - Vesak Day

JUNE

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- 8-12 June - Chinese Retreat
- 12-16 June - English Retreat

JULY

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- 28 Jul - Hari Raya Puasa

AUGUST

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- 9 Aug - National Day

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- 25 Dec - Christmas Day
- 31 Dec - Watch Night Service

missions trip

Date: 18 to 25 June
 Closing Date: 15 March
 Country: Nepal
 Age: 18-30 years old
 Cost: Est \$1000

To register, please email Ps Alvin Lim at alvin.lim@graceaog.org by 15 March with your name and Hp.



workshops

Young adults are sifting through five majors issues in life and navigating each of these issues well is critical in helping them form their true spiritual identity. Pastor Alvin Lim will be the speaker.

DATE	DAY	TIME	VENUE	TOPIC
Jan 11				The Search for Identity
Jan 18				The Search for Meaning
Jan 25	Sat	3 – 4:30 pm	My Savior's Church	The Search for Truth
Feb 8			Stars Room	The Search for Intimacy
Feb 15				The Search for Pleasure



Introducing Our Grace Ministry Staff

PETER LIM

Hey Gracians! My name is Peter Lim and I am a ministry staff attached to the YAYP ministry. When I started in August 2013, it felt like I crossed a significant milestone in my life, but that was not without special, defining moments along the way.

One of those defining moments happened on 30 June 2006, at a Reinhard Bonnke Fire Conference in Singapore. I sat there, tired from a long week at work, and was not particularly inspired during the sermon. However, as the speaker started to pray and give the altar call, a stirring so strong rose up from within me, that I began to weep uncontrollably. I couldn't even make it down to the altar as compassion for the lost gripped my soul and utterly broke my heart. After perhaps 20-30 minutes of bawling, I heard the words: "You have been asking for a confirmation of your full-time calling. This is it." From that moment, I began my journey towards fulfilling that call and it has been an incredible journey.

I am incredibly blessed with a gentle and understanding wife, Jamie, who tirelessly supports me in my ministry, often at her own expense. She is a trained counselor and dreams of opening up orphanages and shelters for abused women. My little 21-month-old girl, Zivia, is exceptionally smart and annoyingly adorable. I may be (only)

slightly biased, but I think she is some sort of prodigy and destined for greatness. Every time I see how perfectly God has created her, it blows my mind to imagine how beautiful my God must be.

I enjoy many kinds of sports, but I am most passionate about badminton. I religiously go for my weekly badminton fix every Monday night and sometimes feel so energetic after the game that I can hardly sleep! Badminton has a magical effect on me and when I get to heaven, I will spar with Lee Chong Wei (and beat him). I also enjoy listening to jazz and playing the guitar. Some day in the distant future, I hope to go deep sea fishing and experience tackling a marlin at least once in my life.

Philippians 3:8-9 is my life verse, so I try to do everything to "gain Christ and be found in him..." I believe that gaining Christ means to be one with Him and everything that He stands for. Since the poor always have a special place in His heart, I dream of starting and running halfway houses, drug rehabilitation centres and homes for women forced into prostitution all around Asia. I have no clue how to go about doing that, but I will start with living missionally wherever I am placed. Let's journey together and I know God will surprise us with the great things He will do through us!

acts programme 2014

The YAYP ACTS programme is a one month missions exposure programme for young adults (18-30 years old) to experience the different facets of cross-cultural missions. Training and equipping will be provided before young adults spent one month in Nepal experiencing the life and ministry of a missionary. Take the step of faith to make a difference in the land of Nepal!

YAYP ACTS PROGRAM

Date: 18 June – 18 July

Venue: Nepal

Cost: \$1100

Closing Date: 28 Feb

To sign up, please email Matthew.Tan@graceaog.org with your name, age, and mobile number.

Criteria: Those interested will need to have been on a mission trip before under Grace Missions. There will be a selection interview for sign ups.

Priscilla Chan's testimony (an ex-acts participant)

When I was 19 years old, I made a promise to God to go on an extended mission trip.

That decision came after years of thinking of myself as an active Christian: writing essays and songs that preach God's love, I realize I was still a slumbering Christian and that sympathy is no substitute for action.

ACTS gave me the opportunity to see God's promises fulfilled in His beloved people in Nepal. It was a time of unrest, politically and more importantly, in people's heart.

What we did through our outreach sought to bring praise to the lips of the believers and confession to the lips of the unbelievers.

Be it walking the many miles to a village to share the gospel, living and interacting with the local church or spending afternoons with the often unnamed orphans and underprivileged souls, my heart and mind was focused on one thing - throwing all the strength I was given into the work of faith.

I would like to read you a small portion of my journal, thoughts penned down while I was in Nepal.

2nd June 2006

"2 events to conquer the streets of Kathmandu-- the festival of rain and a Maoist rally. Both brought equal concern. But the Lord watches over His sheep.

To say that no fear lingered in my heart would be making a false statement. Yet to say it propelled my

whole being would discredit the faith I had in my Heavenly Father.

As we made our way from Sister Yuet Hoe's house to Pastor Shwu Eng's home, the taxi we were in drove us along the heated streets of Kalopur, meaning Black Bridge. The colour red in full force on the streets alongside banners and supporters of the Maoist party.

With my camera in one hand, and my life in the other, I began snapping shots of supporters with wary eyes and weary hearts. The periodic shouts well up from despondent lives."

That experience has remained with me ever since. 7 years later, the people are still weary from the turmoil. But we know that lives change when people put their hearts to knowing the Word of God and embrace His will. And that's why we step out to minister the word.



A \$10 000 Testament of God's provision



The following is a reproduction (edited for space) of a testimony that highlights another miraculous provision of the Lord for us in our journey of faith, as we press on to rebuild Grace I for His Glory.

Dear Pastor Calvin

Enclosed please find a cheque for a \$10k love offering to Grace Assembly Of God.

How does this come about?

I run a children art studio since November 2006. God had been blessing the studio in many ways. One of it was having great landlords who gave very affordable rental rates and did not increase rent for 5 years consecutively!

In September 2012, the seventh year since the studio was started, the premise was sold and my lease was to end by November 2012. I was told that the new owner, a Singaporean based in Hong Kong, wanted the unit vacant. That meant the studio would have to move and I was sad to go because it was this very place that God had blessed me right from the first day. I prayed and asked God to continue to grant me a good landlord.

As it was nearing the local school year-end holiday, the studio was at its busiest period. Moving would be tough. I spent a week urgently hunting for a new place, but none were favourable. So I requested to extend my lease until the end of December.

Good news came and I was able to extend my lease. I took the chance to express my desire to continue renting the place, and turns out that the new owner liked the idea of a children art studio and would continue the lease!

Rental was higher than what I could afford. Also, after a few rounds of negotiation, we were not able to come to an agreement. After which, I did not hear from the owner for a couple weeks, and I was worried that he might be offended. All I could do was pray!

Eventually, the owner's agent got back to me and requested that I filled out a form that would reveal my personal details, including the place of worship that I go to, and told me to wait for a call from the owner in Hong Kong. I was puzzled as no tenant would be required to fill in such a form with regards to a renting a place.

The owner called from Hong Kong and asked me a few questions, including questions like 'How long have I been a Christian?' and 'Where do I worship?'. I told him that I attend Trinity Christian Centre and he said, "Yes and your senior pastor is Pastor Dowdy."

He went on to give me two options for the lease – to rent the premise at market rate, or rent the premise for FREE.

I was shocked at the offer, and I confirmed with him again. He said yes, but there are three conditions I must fulfill:

1. I was to give a specific sum to his property agent in June 2013 as his agent has worked very hard for him.
2. I was to pay the monthly management fee of the premise (which was a few hundred dollars)
3. I was to give 10K to my church or to a charity organization of his specification by December 2013 under his name.

I was told to consider the options and inform his agent soon. Before he hung up, he said, "By the way, Pastor Dowdy preached at my church in Hong Kong two Sundays ago." I was so stunned by the offer and all I could respond with as "Oh!"

I was deeply touched by God, and words cannot describe this awesome placement. Out of deep gratitude, I offered to double the pledge amount intended for the church or the charity organization by faith.

As 2013 comes to a close, a brother who worships at International Christian Assembly (ICA), Hong Kong, has given me the specific instruction to give \$10,000 to Trinity Christian Centre, and \$10,000 to Grace Assembly of God Church.

Up until today, I have yet to meet the owner and even though I do not know why exactly did he propose this offer, I am sure it is God's awesome blessing and I am deeply thankful to God for the privilege to be a part of His amazing plan.

All Glory to God!

God bless you & Grace Assembly of God.

A member of Trinity Christian Centre

testimony by Annastazia Tay

I have 4 sicknesses in my body. I have cysts in my ovary, many big lymph nodes, and Primary Biliary Liver Cirrhosis.

In 2006, I was diagnosed with Primary Biliary Liver Cirrhosis. Doctor told me that my liver will stop functioning in 5 years' time.

"For we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and your love for all of God's people, which come from your confident hope of what God has reserved for you in heaven". (Col 1:4-5)

I would like to thank God for His faithfulness because 6 years have passed, and my liver is still functioning well. 31 May 2013 is my 6th baptism anniversary and I am alive, again.

"For the Spirit we eagerly await by faith the righteousness for which we hope. (Gal 5:5).

In 2010, the doctor found a cyst in my ovary and many big lymph nodes. One year later, in April 2011, the cyst in my ovary about 3cm suddenly disappeared. I really thank God for this miracle.

In the same year, 2011, I was also diagnosed with lymphoma. God never left me. I had to see the doctor every month, and each time he would tell me that my lymph nodes are big but they are not getting bigger even though there are new ones. But in June 2012, when I went for my review, the doctor mention there were some more new nodes growing and surgery was required. Initially, my heart was at peace but the need for surgery soon affected me. God is so good; He always comforts me at the right time. A week before the news of the surgery the Lord spoke through Rev. Calvin that I should not be fearful but to trust in His promises. God indeed comforted me at the right time. In July, I went for a surgery and took out lymph nodes for examine. The test result came out and the doctor told me that there was no cancer in my body. God was surely there for me during these difficult times.

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort," 2 Corinthians 1:3

When 2013 started, I thought things would be different since the doctor declared that I did not have cancer. I carried on with my daily life, praising God everyday for His goodness. I know God really loves me! I even went for the mission trip in Bangladesh in Dec 2012. After I came back, I was sick and the joints in my whole body are in pain. Each week the pain gets worse. Till February, 2nd day of CNY, I couldn't bear with the pain anymore and went to the A&E. I was admitted to the hospital immediately after the check up. The doctor found another sickness in my body and it was SLE, Systemic lupus erythematosus. My blood level and platelets counts were all very low. My body was so weak that I couldn't get up from the bed. Doctor kept me in hospital for many days. That moment I am quite worried about the hospital bill and requested to stay home to rest. Thank God I was discharged after a week. Doctor gave me 2 weeks MC. I had to rest and to stop working. When I was in the hospital, I prayed, "God, I'm sick again, can you quickly tell me what you want me to do, don't keep away from me. After my prayer, I had high fever on and off that I couldn't think much. I believe that mention God doesn't wants me to think too much rather than sleeping and eating.

After I left my job, I did nothing much other than stay at home for 3 months, eating and sleeping - part of the treatment for Lupus is rest. My body is too weak to move around. I only can eat, sleep everyday and attend doctors appointments. In a week, I need to visit hospital for 2-3 times. I asked God, how I am going to pray or eat that will helps me to increase my blood levels and platelet count.

During the next 6 months, I have adjusted my lifestyle and just walked by faith. Initially, I didn't have confidence to do anything because the medicine caused me to have fluctuations in my energy and emotional levels. I nearly stopped taking them because they had such a strong effect. But I thank God that He enabled me to persevere taking the medications. God also enabled me to start my personal Bible study during this time. It was challenging at first, trying to study the Bible while experiencing emotional and physical pains. I had to also go for many doctors' appointments during that first 3 month period. Sometimes their reports were not very good. But I held on to God during those times. But I thank God that I started home bible study at the right time.

In these 3 months of being unemployed, I'm learning what it is called live by faith every day.

3 months later, my body regained strength and I started to do some work. In July, I joined in women of Grace Bible study on every Wednesday morning.

When I joined in, we started on the book called "Lord, Where are You, when Bad things happen?" by Kay Arthur.

At first I'm thinking, Why am I going through this book? As times went by, I realised this bible study helps me during the period of the difficult days. In this few months, God has performed lots of miracles and helped me in difficult times. In Sept, I went to see my Lupus Doctor, doctor says my blood test is "Normal" & my lupus is CONTROLLED! What great news & great thing God has done! I didn't expect in few months time, "while awaits an appointed time; i wait for it;" Habakkuk 2:3

Before the news was told two weeks ago, I prayed, "God, I am ok if You(God) can't heal me now. Please heal those who are serious, I am willing to wait & go through this sickness slowly. "

"I rejoice in our sufferings, because i know that suffering produces perseverance;" Romans 5:3

"God, I know Healing in Your time, not my time!"

"All glory back to The Lord! God, are my glory and joy" 1 Thess 2:20

After lupus appears in my body, most part of my body got problems, my breasts, menses, bones, bones joint were all affected! Before I saw the lupus doctor, I got my ovary report on a Tuesday that week, and there is only one very tiny cyst, about 1cm. But it's harmless... Praise God!! It's Normal. But Doctor says I have thyroid & it's very high! One follows another thing. I always remember that I still have "the Joy of The Lord is my strength." Nehemiah 8:10. I still have Peace to go on! I was prepared that this few months till end year, I have to full check all parts of my body and I believe I should be discharged very soon.

After further checking on other parts of the body, my breast, menses, bones, bones joint and thyroid. I was refers to ENT check on my throat. I told the doctor my throat often not well & I can't sing nowadays. He laughed! He says gastric might cause my throat to be not well. I'm so happy and not worried so much God knows I love to sing and praise Him! I believe the medicine might have affected too. Doctor says normal in my throat & there is no thyroid.

Now I know the reason when I went for audition in June in church and I got rejected!

"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see" Hebrews 11:1

God really cleared all my medical check one by one. I'm sure that I will be recovering very soon.

I'm awaiting for complete healing.

"When I have faith & willing to walk with God, I believe God will accord His will, His plan & His time" Romans 1:10

Thank God for His love.

"I'm so in love with Him! Because He loves me so much" John 4:19

In these few months I'm facing three things that normally a woman will worried. When I started taking my medicine, my hair dropped a lot more than usual. God put a verse in my heart "and even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than sparrows." Matt 10:30-31

Wow.. Why must I be worried, God knows how much hair I have. I did not worry about my hair, I even cut my hair very short so that it is easy to maintain. After three months, my hair dropped less than before I had lupus and grww some more. My hair now is healthy and pretty.

2nd thing, for lupus patient, the face will have red and butterfly rushes but my face is still fine till now.

WOW, this is really amazed me!

The last one is, I put on weight within 4 months. This is really a nightmare to me as I had put on more than 10 kg! I did not expect it as a side effect of taking the medicine. I was so upset till I do not wish to face or see anybody. But when that moment, one of my friends sent me a verse "Watch my life and focus on God's word closely. Persevere it. 1 Tim 4:16

After I received this, I felt so loved by God, God knows my thinking, and I turned my focus back to Him immediately.

When my view turns to Him, I believe things will be changed. I do not need to focus and worry much on the matter but rather enjoy His love for me.

I could say, three basic elements: faith, hope, and love

"Faith, hope, and love are a powerful trio. They make up the essence and fruit of the good news" of Jesus Christ" Col 1:3-6.

Working together, they sum up what life in Jesus is all about.

I, Thank God for His faith, hope, and love.

恩典堂中文事工简介

恩典中文事工基本上是由三个不同语言事工所组成，既粤语事工、闽南语（福建话）事工和华语事工。

中文事工的主要使命，就是要透过这三种语言去传扬福音，接触社区，吸引未得之民归主。我们有各自的语言崇拜聚会和事工活动。在恩典一，我们有粤语崇拜和华语崇拜；在恩典二，我们有闽南语（福建话）崇拜和华语崇拜。

天父很恩待和赐福恩典堂的中文事工。我们看到神的带领，使我们不断的茁壮成长。虽然遇到许多的挑战和困难，尤其在人力资源上的挑战，我们却经历到天父的大能和帮助。他把得救的人加给我们，为我们兴起信徒起来服侍，呼召领袖起来带领。目前，我们共有九位中文教牧同工和一位平信徒事务同工。我们要将一切的荣耀归给主！

中文事工的会众多数是属于中年人和年长者。为此，我们的乐龄事工也成为一项重要的事工。它为教会提供了牧养、教导和关怀长者的机会；也为长者信徒提供了团契、服侍和传福音的机会。我们也进入了社区，为社区的长者提供活动，从而与他们建立良好关系，并邀请他们参加我们的崇拜和福音性的特备活动。你若对我们的长者事工有负担或兴趣，可以联络我们，与我们一起并肩事奉主。

近这一年来，中文事工也开始在不同的社区里展开了恩典操的活动。这项活动吸引了不少的中年妇女加入，除了我们的义工之外，全都是社区的居民，总参与人数近百人。通过恩典操活动，我们与居民建立关系，并邀请他们出席我们的崇拜或其他活动。如果时间允许的话，我们邀请你来一起与我们作体操。

中文事工也有一班青少年，他们都是我们中文事工未来发展的重要成员。我们正在努力的通过中文青少年小组来培育他们灵性的成长，以及培养他们对中文事工的归属感和负担。我们也藉此小组的活动吸引未信主的青少年和青年来听信福音。我们的青少年活动是于星期六晚上七时，恩典二的赞美室进行。

为未来的需要，我们也将开始中文的家庭生活和辅导事工。这是配合教会新恩典堂(New Grace)的方向而成立的，也是中文事工极需要的一环。这事工的委员会将探讨事工在这新的一年内所应达成的目标和节目，好叫中文事工的会众能在家庭生活的需要上，以及在生活和生命问题的辅导上，得到应有和适当的帮助。

我们期待中文事工在未来的日子能够继续为主发光和成长，也继续的为主建立门徒。请大家在祷告中记念我们，更希望你能参与我们的服侍，用你的恩赐来祝福更多属于中文背景的会众和社群。

神赐福予你！

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中文事工2014年的一些主要活动

月份	日期	活动
一月	31/1(五)	中英联合-农历新年初一感恩聚会
二月	8-9/2(六/日)	新年崇拜捞鱼生
三月	5/3(三), 7/3(五)	研讨会: 圣经中的圣灵
	6/3(四)	走出阴霾
四月	3/4(四)	走出阴霾
	18/4(五)	联合受难节聚会
六月	5-6/6(四至五)	中文事工‘圣灵’研讨会
	8-12/6(日至四)	家庭退修会
七月	3/7(四)	走出阴霾
九月	4/9(四)	走出阴霾
	6-7/9(六/日)	中秋崇拜聚会
十月	2/10(四)	经历圣灵培灵会
十一月	6/11(四)	走出阴霾
十二月	20-21/12(六/日)	庆祝圣诞崇拜

恩典一社区事工 GI Community Outreach

活动(Activity): 乐龄缤纷

我们通过乐龄缤纷的活动，邀请教会和附近居民前来参与一些特备的节目，藉此与他们建立关系，并在适当的时机下，邀请他们参加教会的崇拜聚会或特别福音活动。

日期(Date): 每逢星期三 (Every Wednesday)

时间(Time): 下午十二点至三点(12noon - 3pm)

地点(Venue): 女皇镇信义会 (Queenstown Lutheran Church)

如有任何询问，请拨电李传道: 96781370了解详情。

For further enquiries, please call 96781370 (Ps Patrick Lee).

活动(Activity): 飞跃乐龄

我们通过飞跃社区家庭服务中心合作，在荷兰弄社区的飞跃活动室进行社区乐龄活动，我们不但提供各样的节目给社区的居民参加，也提供茶点供参与者享用，藉此与他们建立关系，并在适当的时机下，邀请他们参加教会的崇拜聚会或特别福音活动。

日期(Date): 每逢星期二 (Every Tuesday)

时间(Time): 下午十二点至三点(12noon - 3pm)

地点(Venue): 荷兰弄, 大牌2号地层 (Block 2 Holland Close)

如有任何询问，请拨电李传道: 96781370了解详情。

For further enquiries, please call 96781370 (Ps Patrick Lee).

恩典二社区事工 GII Community Outreach

活动(Activity): 喝早茶派对(Tea Corner)

我们通过喝早茶的活动，邀请附近居民前来参与一些特备的节目，藉此与他们建立关系，并在适当的时机下，邀请他们参加教会的崇拜聚会或特别福音活动。

日期(Date): 每个月的第一和第三个星期六

(Every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month)

时间(Time): 早上九点至十一点(9am - 11am)

地点(Venue): 恩典二 / 二楼赞美室 (GII / L2 Praise Room)

如有任何询问，请拨电陈牧师: 9152 8787了解详情。

For further enquiries, please call 9152 8787 (Ps Joey).

活动: 长青乐园

我们通过歌唱、教唱、卡拉OK、游戏、喝茶、理发服务等节目，吸引附近居民参与我们的长青乐园活动，藉此彼此认识，与他们建立关系，在适当的时机下，邀请他们参加我们的崇拜聚会或福音特备活动。

日期(Date): 每个月的第二个星期三 (Every 2nd week of Wednesday)

时间(Time): 下午二点至三点三十分

地点(Venue): 恩典二 / 二楼赞美室 (GII / L2 Praise Room)

长青乐园也于每个月组办一次欢乐美食烹饪班。这是一个教导居民如何制作与烹煮美味糕点与菜肴的节目，藉此与参与烹饪班的居民建立关系，并在适当的时机下，邀请他们参加教会的崇拜或福音特备节目。

日期(Date): 每个月的第四个星期三 (Every 4th week of Wednesday)

时间(Time): 下午二点至三点三十分

地点(Venue): 恩典二 / 二楼赞美室 (GII / L2 Praise Room)

活动(Activity): 恩典操(Grace Dance)

我们通过体操运动，吸引附近居民前来参与学习音乐操和作运动，藉此与他们建立关系，并在适当的时机下，邀请他们参加教会的崇拜聚会或特别福音活动。

以下是进行恩典操的地点和时间:

恩典二: 一楼

每逢星期日; 下午2点- 3点

武吉巴督社区 (Bukit Batok): Blk 419 Bukit Batok West Ave 4

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JOURNAL

Hi Gracians, hope you have a great year of journaling & memorising scripture in 2013.=) Journaling & scripture memorising are definitely great tools to help us cultivate our devotional life. They are great means to draw us closer to God and know His will for our journey. I pray that last year's journal has created a hunger in you to desire for more of God and His Word, and I hope you have developed the spiritual habit. However your journaling has been, do not give up! Press on and start again.

Once again, Grace is producing a two-year quarterly journal for 2014-2015. May you enjoy your journey of intimacy with the Lord through the use of the journal. Journal is available in both English & Chinese for all services. Get a copy for YOURSELF, while stock lasts. The journal is meant for 13 years old and above. Please go green by writing to GDP@graceaog.org for a softcopy. =)



WHY I JOURNAL? ~ CHAN LAI CHUAN

Before the church gave us a copy of journal, I remembered Ps David Lim preaching about journaling our thoughts as we read the bible. However I never started until the church gave every one a copy of the journal. Since I got a copy, I decided to give it a try.

Before I started any journaling, I just read the bible and try to understand what was written, but I don't give much thought to it. Then I would start praying, and through prayer, allow God to speak to me. My spiritual growth was very superficial. Most of the time it is a one way communication, I talk and God listen.

On 1st January 2013, I started to journal after reading the bible. Every day I read a chapter of scripture. The simple method of "SOAP" helps me ponder over the scripture I read. I begin to ask myself what I observe in this scripture and how it can be applied in my life or what God has spoken through the scripture.

The journaling was not all smooth-sailing, more breakthroughs came after 40DITW. I apply what I learnt in 40 DITW by using the "Paraphrase it" and "Personalize it" methods. In order to paraphrase, I have to really understand the scripture. Therefore journaling help me grow deeper in the words. It also helps me grow my prayer life by "Personalize it" using the scripture.

Now every morning, I look forward to my quiet time. It is a time where I quiet myself, read His Words and mediate on it. Then I write down my thought before praying. As I take time to read, mediate and journal what God has said to me, I no longer pray over some issues of life, because He spoke and assured me through His words. Journaling helps me to remember what I have read and also bring me closer to God. Journaling is like writing love letter to God or vice versa.

GOLDEN VERSES ~ PS MAY LIM

I enjoy doing quiet time with "Deeper in the Word" Journal, especially in memorizing the weekly Scripture verses. Every Sunday night I would look up the new memory verse and start my memorizing process. Usually I memorize both the Chinese (Mandarin and Cantonese) and English versions of the verses. In my home church in Hong Kong, we called them "Golden Verses 金句." I would dictate the verse and recite it until I can

remember it. I meditate on the verses everywhere, since I bring the memory verses with me in my purse.

To memorize the Word is like "hiding God's Word in my heart, so I might not sin against Him." Also, it helps me to activate my Faith in Him. Even in the midst of big decisions and difficult circumstances, I was able to appropriate God's Word to help me through. Praise God for empowering me to be over-comer through studying the Word and memorizing the Word.

DEEPER IN THE WORD ~ KHIM LOW

I have been a follower of Jesus for many years. Whilst the Bible is meant to be a living word with truths speaking through the generations, but in recent years I found myself with a read it, seen it and done it attitude. I tried different daily devotions books to help me to be more discipline in my quiet time but with little success.

In 2013, I decided to try journaling using the Grace Journal. I have never written down bible verses despite numerous testimonies of its benefits. Underlining the bible verses is easier, quicker and definitely more productive. Writing down the key daily verses in the journal was different. It slowed down my thinking process and allows me to ponder deeper into the verses. I started noticing words that I usually skipped.

God's word became alive to me once again as I saw new truths. The journal was also great to write down the Sunday sermons and to write down God's promises and word to me. It's now towards the end of the year and I'm excited that I managed to stay true to my commitment to be "Deeper in the Word".

BERNADETTE LEONG HONG TIM

Through my daily devotions, I have grown closer to the Lord as He showed me how He has led me through this year of blessings. Every day I look forward to my quiet time with the Lord and this precious journal has helped me to grow deeper in the Word. I am trying my best to be still, observe, apply and pray according to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. I have been much enriched this year through this journal and it has given me much insights, ideas and thoughts that have filled my heart with much joy, hope and encouragement. I am able to overcome my daily struggles when my soul is filled with the Word.

psalmmarising God's goodness in *Be PsalmOne*

A record-breaking 197 youths (inclusive of 28 pre-teens) attended the annual youth camp held at the MOE Jalan Bahtera Adventure Centre from 13-16 December. Themed after Psalm 1:1-3, "Be PsalmOne" was organised by Sis Rachel Choo, Sis Adora Tan and 10 other youths in the camp committee.

Three things stood out for us during those four days in Lim Chu Kang:

God's provision. Be it the surprisingly clear weather from Gll to the campsite, or the perfect timing of the rain that stopped just before we commenced the waterbomb "war game"; we knew that a sovereign God who cared for our needs made this possible!

God's presence. Hearts were already stirred during the pre-service intercession initiated by some youth leaders, but the spiritual breakthrough of *Be PsalmOne* came when Ps Joey challenged all of us to confess our sins in God's presence, for "repentance must come before renewal". It was a memorable sight to see young people kneel in reverence of God in that old, non air-conditioned multi-purpose hall!

God's power. As the original camp speaker pulled out at the thirteenth hour, Ps Ronald and Ps Joey had less than a day to prepare each of the five messages. For every sermon to feel like a practical Word-in-season, God certainly used the last-minute appointed camp speakers to usher in His life-changing Word.

The most significant change among the young people took place during worship at the final service. Worship leader Bro David Choo led us into an unplanned chorus after the closing song:

Set a fire down in my soul // That I can't contain // And I can't control // I want more of You, Lord

And what happened next caught everyone by surprise.

As the worship team led the congregation towards the end of that chorus (intending to conclude it), the congregation took the lead and led the worship team instead. The youths belted out that same chorus on their own accord with such volume and intensity that the band just had to follow along -- there were 197 worship leaders that night!

Be PsalmOne reminded us of how much God values intimacy with us, not just during these five services but every day of our lives. May God transform us to *Be PsalmOne* He's calling us to be!

ANDRE CHUA (12)

"I love the youth camp and everything about it, the worship and sermons were great and the games were fun. Most importantly, I want to thank God for everything; the Holy Spirit was guiding everyone in the camp. Glory be to God!"

ELLIOT VIRK (12)

"It seemed like every sermon, God speaks to the speaker and the speaker knows exactly what to say so that it will touch everyone listening. So I think everyone who attended camp, knowingly or unknowingly, met God."

JODELL SNG (13)

"I could feel that God had spoken to everyone there in the camp. For the first time in ages, I'm really looking forward to going to church, not just to see my friends, but because I really want to hear from God and worship Him in His presence. Be PsalmOne is by God's grace, the best and most meaningful camp I've ever been to."

GLENN NEO (13)

"During the part where they sang 'Stir it up in our hearts, Lord', I felt something raising in my heart, like the barrier between me and God became weaker and I could hear God speaking to me. I know from the bottom of my heart He was speaking out to me and so I just raised up my hands and gave everything up."

ANDRE TAN (15)

"The first thing God spoke to me about is really how I acted the past few years! I was conforming to the patterns of this world, shouting at my parents and getting into trouble very often in school. But during this camp God reminded me to really turn my focus back to Him... I committed my whole life [to Him] all over again."

DANIEL LEK (15)

"It's not often that we see the whole service hall filled with youths all lifting their hands up and singing their hearts out to God... My knees just dropped to the ground and I broke down. When I looked around me, I realised that everyone else had also knelt down in God's presence."

GABBI VIRK (16)

"I can't get over the fact that we have nothing worth giving, nothing perfect to offer, nothing pure to show, and yet He's still here, taking what we have and giving us a place in His Kingdom. He's still loving us, patiently guiding us."

ZAKHARY KWIK (16)

"For the services, what both the pastors said all spoke to me in a serious tone, and that gave me a wake up call of not to be just slacking in an armchair doing nothing, but be on fire for Him and be a child of God that is always moving everyday."

CHARIS KAY (17)

"Can you imagine if all of us worshipped and fed ourselves with the word of God on our own everyday? Just replace those four days with 365 days we have in a year. Wouldn't every worship sessions during normal services be just as powerful?"





SHAWN POH (17)

"[This camp was] a time for me to set my priorities right, be renewed by the Lord, enjoy His presence, and reignite that first love for God and His people."

KELVIN TAN (17)

"I was on-stage for two worship sessions and off-stage for three, and God's presence was so strong, especially the last [worship session]. It was the strongest set I have ever encountered -- everyone was singing really loud and worshipping really hard!"

JOLENE SOH (17)

"[The reason why] God has opened doors for me to serve is to see how R-AGE can be so united -- how every single R-AGEr is important in the eyes of the Lord. My faith definitely grew stronger because I saw how God moved in Jalan Bahtera."

NATALIE LIN (18)

"[The last worship session] was the best worship we've given to God as a youth ministry and also as an individual. The most amazing thing during that worship session was all of you led the worship team. Nothing was holding you back and you just gave your all to God."

DERRICK GOH (20)

"As we listen to God, as we spend our time with Him, we build intimacy with Him, and God wants that, he wants us to reach out to Him as He reaches out to us."

SHAVINN YEO (21)

"I might forget the fire, the lessons learnt, the experiences, the presence, the worship, the relationships, the miracles, the passion and hunger, the power and victory and the emotions and thoughts. But He never will."

DOMINIC CHIA, 17, CELL LEADER OF PB&J CELL.

For me, the best part of the camp was having the Primary 6s joining us. It is truly amazing and inspiring to see them worshipping God wholeheartedly. Their child-like faith and earnest attitude serves as an apt reminder of how much we can offer God.

Here are some examples:

Andre always dressed his best, shirt and jeans, for all services, even though it was camp. Eve did not complain throughout the entire course of the camp. Melvin and Elliot were so enthusiastic for God's word, they memorised Psalm 1.

Are we really giving God our best? Shouldn't we, as R-AGErs, set the example for the next generation? Watching them participate so earnestly spurred me on to want to stand firm in my faith, be a good example to my kids and offer God my best.

I want to urge R-AGE, as one body of Christ, to spur each other on in obeying God wholeheartedly and seeking Him daily. He paid the ultimate price for our sins; let's not give back any less than our best.

JUSTINE LAM, 14, AGAPE CELL

Initially, I came to camp feeling negative; I felt far from God, guilty, and insecure. Just like some, I came without knowing what to expect, but I was given new life!

I'm not the type of girl who misses her family when I go for camps, but during this camp I somehow missed my family a lot more than usual. I was responding to an altar call, when all of the sudden, I smelt the smell of my house and a warm feeling came over me. It was mind-blowing and so overwhelming. My heart sank and I kept tearing.

God reminded me of how I was falling away from Him. It was really difficult, confessing all of my disobedience to Him. One of my leaders prayed for me and it struck right in my heart. God spoke through him, telling me my sins were already forgiven, and that I can hold onto Him even when the world judges me. This was exactly what I needed and wanted to hear from God.

My response was to surrender all of myself to the one and only mighty King, in response to His love and grace. I yearn to be PsalmOne (someone) who puts my trust in God and not walk backwards, no matter what. His grace will be sufficient for me!

"My Grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." - 2 Corinthians 12:9



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GRACE I

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SERVICES: Saturday 5 pm

YOUNG ADULTS & YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

(YAYP) SERVICE	JEHOVAH'S SANCTUARY	LEVEL 2
CANTONESE SERVICE	SAVIOUR'S SANCTUARY	LEVEL 3
GRACE KIDS – CHILDREN'S CHURCH	SHELTER ROOM	LEVEL 2
GRACE KIDS – PRE-SCHOOL	PARADISE ROOM	LEVEL 2

FURAMA RIVERFRONT HOTEL: 405 Havelock Rd, Singapore 169633 | Tel: 6333 8898 | www.furama.com/riverfront

SERVICES: Sunday 9 am

ENGLISH SERVICE 2	VENUS I, II, III	LEVEL 3
MANDARIN SERVICE	MERCURY II, III	LEVEL 5
GRACE KIDS – CHILDREN'S CHURCH	JUPITER I, II; MARS II	LEVEL 3; 5
GRACE KIDS – PRE-SCHOOL	JUPITER III	LEVEL 3

Sunday 11.15 am

ENGLISH SERVICE 3	VENUS I, II, III	LEVEL 3
FILIPINO SERVICE	MERCURY I	LEVEL 5
YOUTH SERVICE	MERCURY II, III	LEVEL 5
GRACE KIDS – CHILDREN'S CHURCH	JUPITER I, II; MARS II	LEVEL 3; 5
GRACE KIDS – PRE-SCHOOL	JUPITER III	LEVEL 3

GRACE II: 1 Bukit Batok West Ave 4 Singapore 659125

SERVICES: Saturday 3 pm

YOUTH SERVICE	CHAPEL	LEVEL 4
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SERVICES: Sunday 9 am

ENGLISH SERVICE 1	CHAPEL	LEVEL 4
MANDARIN SERVICE	SANCTUARY	LEVEL 2

SERVICES: Sunday 11.15 am

ENGLISH SERVICE 2	SANCTUARY	LEVEL 2
HOKKIEN SERVICE	CHAPEL	LEVEL 4

SERVICES: Sunday 1.30 pm

FILIPINO SERVICE	CHAPEL	LEVEL 4
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SUNDAY 9AM & 11.15AM

GRACE KIDS		
PRE-SCHOOL	GOODNESS & KINDNESS	LEVEL 4
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	LOVE	LEVEL 2

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