

GRACE ASSEMBLY OF GOD MICA (P) 036/02/2014

## The Baptism in Holy Spirit

### WHAT IS BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT?

In Acts 1, before Jesus returned to heaven, He instructed His disciples to wait in Jerusalem to receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon them. And they would be His witnesses to the ends of the earth. The baptism in the Holy Spirit is accompanied by a supernatural experience of utterance (speaking in tongues) as experienced by the early Christians in Acts 2:1-4. While all believers have the Holy Spirit within at the point of salvation, the baptism in the Holy Spirit is an empowering experience that Jesus promised.

### WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT?

Believers are empowered with power for witness and ministry. Jesus commanded in Luke 24:48-49 that disciples are to tarry in the city until they are clothed with power from on high.

The Apostle Peter spoke of the anointing on Jesus with the Holy Spirit and with power that He went about doing good, and healing all who were oppressed by the devil (Acts 10:38). It speaks of the anointing of the Holy Spirit upon believers for the work of God.

### HOW DO I RECEIVE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT?

First, become a believer in Jesus Christ. In Acts 2:38, it speaks of the repentance and the forgiveness of sins before receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Second, you have to recognize that the promise of the Holy Spirit is for you (Acts 2:39).

Third, pray earnestly. God will give to those who sincerely seek Him for the gift of the Holy Spirit. "If you being evil know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!" Luke 11:13

Fourth, ask pastors and others to pray with and for you. In Acts 8:17-18; 9:17; 19:6, we read that hands were laid on prospective recipients such as the Samaritans, Saul of Tarsus and the Ephesians.

Fifth, understand that the gifts are not just an experience to bless you, but for the empowerment on your lives to become channels of ministry and blessings to others.

### IF A PERSON CAN RECEIVE ETERNAL LIFE WITHOUT THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, IS THERE A NEED FOR THE PERSON TO BE BAPTIZED IN THE SPIRIT?

Receiving eternal life does not depend on being baptized in the Holy Spirit; for salvation is by grace through faith alone (Habakkuk 2:4; John 6:28-29; Galatians 3:6, 5:6; Ephesians 2:8). It is a gift purchased for us by Christ when He was crucified. All we have to do is accept the gift. Just as the repentant thief on the cross next to Jesus was assured of entering paradise that very day, we too are assured of a place in heaven with the Father if we believe in Jesus Christ.

However, Christ commanded His followers to wait for the Holy Spirit to come upon them (Luke 24:48-49; Acts 1:8). This personal encounter with the Holy Spirit should be sought and cherished by every believer. With it come a new and fuller dimension of spiritual understanding and a flow of spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians 12:8-13).

### IS THE PERSON AWARE OF WHAT IS HAPPENING WHEN HE/SHE IS FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT?

Christians are aware of what is happening when he/she is filled with the Holy Spirit. On the Day of Pentecost, Peter addressed the crowd that those who were filled with the Spirit were not drunk as it was still nine in the morning. The disciples were not in the state of ecstasy, but experiencing the fulfillment of God's prophecy as spoken through the prophet Joel. Occasionally we may be so overwhelmed with God's presence that we are less aware of what is around us and we are caught up in the presence of God.





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

Attention all Campers!

Counting down the days before we encounter His Spirit in a life-changing way! The Committee has been in earnest prayer for you/family that you will receive the Spirit's fire like in the days of the 120 in the Upper Room!

Before that, we need to advise that the Retreat Briefing will take place right after J333 on Wed 4th June at GII Level 2 Sanctuary.

We need your attendance at this important briefing. Bussing and hotel rooming information will be advised at the briefing.

### Grace Retreat Theme Song - Breathe Life

The Grace Retreat 2014 theme song, Breathe Life was written by our very own David Choo and Nell Shen. Here is David's thoughts on his inspiration and prayer for Grace as he penned the song.

Breathe Life was inspired from the scripture in Ezekiel 37:1-14. Birthed through times of private worship and interaction with fellow leaders, this song echoes a cry for God to breathe His Breath of Life onto the dry bones and into the dead places of our lives. A desire for His presence and the Spirit's work coming forth from the awakening of a hungry and surrendered heart of repentance. Only He can breathe life in us, and only He can cause a revival in our hearts and in our Church, drawing all man to Him for His glory through His own. When we truly seek Him and desire His renewal, the life we live would be changed and revived for His redemptive purposes. Let His Holy Spirit and Word start and continue a good work within us.

#### BREATHE LIFE

Verse 1:  
We know You're here  
Lord we draw near  
Spirit of God, draw close

Verse 2:  
Don't pass us by  
This is our cry  
Lord we desire You

Pre-chorus 1:  
Lord only You can breathe life again  
Let Your Spirit move us within

Chorus:  
We call on Your name  
We're seeking Your face  
Spirit fall on us fall on us  
Revive our hearts we pray

We lift up our hands  
In Your presence we stand  
Come breathe on us  
Renew us Lord once again

Verse 3:  
Consume our lives  
All that's inside  
All that we have is Yours

Pre-chorus 2:  
Lord only You can breathe life in us  
Let Your Spirit cause us to rise

Refrain:  
Spirit, wake us within from slumber  
Stir in our hearts, we desire  
Your Holy Fire upon our lives  
Spirit, move in this place  
Come like a rushing wind  
To You our hearts we will raise  
We seek Your face

Bridge:  
You gave Your life completely  
That all may know Your glory  
We stand in awe and wonder  
Your presence's our desire  
We come with hearts abandoned  
To You, our lives surrendered  
We long for nothing more than  
For You to breathe life

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### Clothed with Power



apr - jun: **families revived!**

### J333 (june)

Dates: June 4 (GII Sanctuary)  
June 11, 18 & 25 (SJSM)

Time : 7:30 - 8:30pm

Prayer for the sick is on every 3rd  
Wednesday of the month.

Invite your friends and relatives to  
come and experience God's  
healing power!

## june corporate calendar

1	(Sun)	GLOBAL DAY OF PRAYER
7 & 8	(Sat & Sun)	FATHER'S DAY 2014 SERVICES (Note: The celebration services for Father's Day 2014 have been brought forward)
8-12	(Sun-Thu)	CHINESE CHURCH CAMP (Chinese)
12-16	(Thu-Mon)	GRACE RETREAT (English)

**GLOBAL DAY OF PRAYER**  
 Sunday 1st June 2014 • 7:30pm  
 Happening Right Here!

**GRACE II SANCTUARY**



Ps Ong Sek Liang and wife, Ps Nancy Ong

## Holy Spirit Revival Meeting with Rev Ong Sek Liang

Come and receive your word in season from God's prophet, Rev Ong Sek Liang as he comes bringing the Spirit's fire to Grace!

Expect the Spirit's visitation in your life and be Clothed with Power.

Date : Friday, 25 July 2014

Venue: Grace II

Time : 7.30 pm

# GRACE REDEVELOPMENT UPDATES

(AS AT 30 APRIL 2014)



**\$11.5 MILLION**  
AMOUNT PAID

**\$54.5 MILLION**  
TO BE PAID



**\$45.2 MILLION**

CASH AVAILABLE



TARGET

PLEDGES REC'D

PLEDGES FULFILLED



## BUILDING FUND PLEDGE GIVING

### 1. CHEQUE PAYMENT

Please make cheque payable to "Grace Assembly of God" and indicate behind the cheque "Building Fund", and drop into the offering bags during service.

### 2. INTERNET BANKING

We encourage the more IT savvy members to use the Electronic Funds transfer (EFT).



There will not be any charges from the bank. Simply set up your payee profile with the following information:

Name of Account : GRACE ASSEMBLY OF GOD  
 Bank : DBS  
 Bank code : 7171  
 Branch code : 006  
 Account No : 0069016094  
 Type of Account : Autosave

Please do not leave spaces or dashes for account number. There should be 10 digits only.

### 3. CASH

You may give cash by using the "building fund" envelope and drop into the offering bags during weekend services.

# what happens when we speak in tongues?

BY PS WAYDE GOODALL

Many sincere people have asked, "Why speak in tongues? What good will it do me?"

There are at least four benefits we want to point out:

## 1. Worship and Praise

The gift of speaking in tongues will enable people to worship and praise God from the depths of their spirit. On the Day of Pentecost, the onlookers commented, "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans?... we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" (Acts 2:7, 11). The word *wonders* comes from the original Greek word *megaleios*, which means "conspicuous, magnificent, splendid, majestic, sublime, grand, beautiful, excellent, favorable." The onlookers heard the disciples speaking in their own languages about the majestic greatness of God and His magnificent deeds. Giving thanks and praise to God is a wonderful habit to acquire. Christians who pray in their prayer language can know they are uplifting the Lord and offering heartfelt praise to Him.

## 2. Personal Edification

Paul informs us that "he who speaks in a tongue edifies himself" (1 Cor. 14:4). All of us need personal edification. The edification that Paul mentions here is not arrogance, pride, or self-centeredness. It is a pure edification that strengthens and promotes our spiritual beings, encouraging maturity and godly characteristics in our lives. It will deepen our love for God, give us a greater concern for others, and encourage us to keep our hearts and consciences clean before the Lord.

## 3. Spirit Prayer

First Corinthians 14.2 says, "For anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God. Indeed, no one understands him; he utters mysteries with his spirit."

Often we cannot think of the words to say or cannot communicate to God thoroughly how we really feel about something.

The late Episcopalian pastor Dennis J. Bennett said:

Speaking in tongues enables a person to speak or pray to God without interference from any human source, including himself; without the mind, emotions, or will intruding into the picture. The indwelling Spirit says in effect, "I know what you need to express to God the Father. Trust me to

guide you as you speak." Thus confession can be made of sins that the mind does not even know about and would not acknowledge, or would soften and rephrase if it did. On the positive side, love for God can be expressed with a fullness and freedom otherwise impossible to the person because of inhibitions and fears of expression. Intercession can be made for others, expressing their deepest needs, without the intercessor knowing what these needs are.

"We know not what we should pray for as we ought," says Paul, "but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us..." The *Basic English New Testament* version of this quotation is "The Spirit puts our desire into words which are not in our power to say..."

The *Living Bible* paraphrases it thus: "The Holy Spirit prays for us with such feeling that it cannot be expressed in words, and the Father, who knows all hearts, knows of course what the Spirit is saying as he pleads."

## 4. Sense of Assurance

When we experience speaking in tongues, we have a sense of assurance that we have received the baptism in the Holy Spirit of which both Jesus and John the Baptist spoke. In times of doubt, we can remind ourselves that God gives this gift only to those who have been baptized in the Spirit. As the "stones" served as the reminder to the children of Israel that they finally crossed the Jordan River into the Land of Canaan (Josh. 4:1-7), so this experience with the gift of speaking in another language can remind us of what God did for us when we received the promised baptism.

### THE PROMISE IS FOR YOU

As Peter finished his powerful message on the Day of Pentecost, he said, "The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off - for all whom the Lord our God will call" (Acts 2: 39).

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## position available

The church is looking for someone who has the passion to serve and join the administrative team as:

### ACCOUNTS ASSISTANT

#### Key Responsibilities

- Manage full sets of accounts including AP, AR, GL & FA
- Generate management accounts for review
- Manage petty cash
- Process payments to vendors
- Monitor bank balance & Fixed deposit placements
- Prepare audit schedules

#### Requirements

- Diploma in Accounting/Finance (minimum requirement)
- Knowledge of Excel & Word
- Bilingual in English and Mandarin
- Knowledge of Navision software an added advantage
- At least few years of working experience

Interested applicants are invited to submit detailed resume indicating work experience, current and expected salary and a recent photograph to:

Grace Assembly of God  
1 Bukit Batok West Avenue 4 Singapore 659125

Or email to [sally.chow@graceao.org](mailto:sally.chow@graceao.org)

## marriage preparation programme 2nd half of 2014

Going steady or planning to get married?

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

Dates : MPP1 – Aug 16, 23, 30 & Sep 6, 13  
MPP2 – Nov 8, 15, 22, 29 & Dec 6

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

Time : 1.00pm – 4.00pm (Saturdays)

#### Registration for MPP

Please email to [jamie.lim@graceao.org](mailto:jamie.lim@graceao.org) or call her at 64100827.

Please note MPP course is a pre-requisite for all couples who wished to be solemnized in Grace Assembly of God



## Grace Discipleship Process

### BAPTISM & MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

Dates : 3rd July 2014 (S1-3: Baptism – The Key to a New Life)

10th July 2014 (S1-4: Membership – Life in a New Family)

Time : 7.30pm-9.30pm

Venue : GII Glory Room

Water Baptism will be held on 10th August 2014, 9am at GII.

Sign up for this course if you would like to be baptized and belong to the church as an official member.

For those of you who would like to transfer church membership, you are only required to attend the Membership class.

Please visit [www.graceao.org/gdp](http://www.graceao.org/gdp) for the registration form. Registration closes on 29th June.

## traffic safety

Attention: All Grace Drivers, please drive in and out of the church slowly and watchfully.

When driving out of the church, please use the existing curve mirror at the right gate to watch out for pedestrians or cyclists across the pathway.

Let's drive safely and be extra watchful. Thank you.

## Grace party

Calling all new friends of Grace!

If you are new in Grace and started attending our services any time since January this year, you are invited to our Grace Party!

Come for a night of Food | Fun | Family.

The party is on 28 June, 7:00pm, GII Level 1 Fellowship Area.

Please RSVP with Lay Har at [cheong.layhar@graceao.org](mailto:cheong.layhar@graceao.org) / 64100823 by 22 June.



## CAF

On 19 April, the CAF organised a kite-flying picnic at Marina Barrage. The objective of this event is for the fellowship between our brothers and sisters. 21 of us sat on the lush ground of Marina Barrage rooftop with our picnic basket of sandwiches and fruits, all ready to enjoy ourselves. The second objective was, of course, for us to go and fly kites. Which we did as the wind came later in the evening. The picnic ended in the typical Singaporean style – those who wanted more food went to Satay @ the Bay for satay... what else!

The 'Malacca Non-Stop Eating' tour vacancies were quickly snapped up within 2 weeks since registration started. As of now, 42 members are going to spend the weekend of 17 -18 May tucking into the culinary delights of Malacca. There will also be a competition to crown the group that eats the most and survives the quest. The trip costs \$75 that includes accommodation at a hotel by the Malacca River as well as meals.

A good number of CAF members have signed up for the June church camp. We look forward to a time of refreshing anointing from God and a time we can spend time in fellowship with one another. If you want to join us and to know more about the CAF, you are more than welcome to join us.

We will release more information about our upcoming events, among them is our annual mission weekend on 17-18 July, during

June CAF meeting. We are going back to Tanjung Pinang to bless and to minister to the church there. In the past, our members were blessed when they put their hearts to helping out in the church and youth services and to interact with church members during home visitations. We hope you can join us and be blessed on this coming trip.

In April, our speaker Pastor Feztus Lim, gave a sneak preview of a weekend seminar that he is going to conduct for CAF. It is about reviewing our lives and planning how we are going to complete the rest of our life journey. We are still finalising the best deal for the weekend getaway and will give more information soon.

The speaker for June's CAF meeting will be Pastor Jadene Ng. She teaches in the Assemblies of God Bible College and leads the Children's ministries in Grace. She will be sharing about the Holy Spirit and what He can do for us. It will be a time to learn more about the person of the Holy Spirit as well as a time to allow the Holy Spirit to minister to us. It is a rare treat to hear her preach.

We have lined up the speakers for the second half of year. Included in the list are Rev Dr Patrick Lau, a veteran leader of the Assemblies of God community and Rev Dr Alfred CH Yeo, author of the book 'Noah's Ark - The relevance in our time'. Hope you can join us every last Saturday of the month. We always start with dinner at the GII level 1 car park at 6.30 pm.

## F.R.U.I.T. family outing

Calling all families !!!

**Date :** 28 July 2014, Monday (Public Holiday)

**Time :** 9.15am to 12.15pm

**Venue:** Henderson Waves

Come and enjoy a time of Family Bonding with exciting activities and games using our 5 senses.

Registration begins on 28/29 June at Grace Kids Children's Church!

This event is brought to you jointly by Family Life @ Grace and Grace Kids Children's Ministries.

For families with children (aged 7-12) attending Children's Church only. For further enquiries, please email:

Laura at [laura.low@graceaog.org](mailto:laura.low@graceaog.org) (GI) or Sharmaine at [sharmaine.zeng@graceaog.org](mailto:sharmaine.zeng@graceaog.org) (GII).

## introducing our ministry staff: LAURA LOW



I have been in Grace for 20 years and throughout all these years many godly people have contributed to my growth.

Those great friendships often touch my heart time and again. My favourite ministry is among the children. The Children's Ministries is always special in my heart because it is a place where I see myself grow and many opportunities were given to me to explore my unknown potential. Until we do it, we will never know!! I believe in children as we can see our future through them. When we inspire them with good examples at their young age, its strong foundation will lead them to strive in the right

direction. So when God called me into ministry, Children's Ministries is the natural transition.

I thank God for everything He has given me. My family loves me and respects my choice in life. I live with a lot of freedom to do what I desire and my career in the Republic of Singapore Navy prior to my work in Grace is also one of my happy moments in life. Being a marketplace Christian in the Navy is both exciting and meaningful when I see how I can minister to people whichever department I am posted to. One of the most challenging parts of my life when I am in Navy is to work and study a theological degree at the same time. Imagine juggling these while doing ministry, cell group and my hobby, dancing, all at the same time. This is when I understood the verse 2 Cor 12:9 - "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness". If we walk in His plan, His grace will bring us through indeed.

In this journey of working in Grace, I pray there will be a greater Holy Spirit-engaged ministry. I hope the children in Grace catch the vision of being a prayer warrior, that they will be sensitive to the move of God and live out God's purposes especially in this End Times. When this generation of children encounter God and know the power of God, they will see the relevance of living for God.

Laura Low



## FamilyLife@Grace

If you need to make counselling appointment, please contact:  
 Pastor Benjamin Wong ✦ 9066-2994 ✦ benjamin.wong@graceaog.org  
 Chang-Goh Song Eng ✦ 6252-2566 ✦ rc@reach.org.sg  
 All counselling sessions are strictly private and confidential

### Inner Life — Wholeness Ministry

2 Corinthians 7:1

Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, **let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.**

We know that Christians should live a victorious life. But in reality, many Christians are living in bondage, feeling trapped, wounded, helpless and even hopeless. Therefore, it is crucial for the church to address these issues that Christians are struggling with if we want to see greater breakthroughs in families, marriages and individuals' lives, as well as in the church.

From generational bondages to issues of rejection, anger, unforgiveness, bitterness, evil influences, sexual sins and childhood hurts in our lives, homes and marriages, there is such a great need to minister to these hurting marriages & individuals in the body of Christ.

- ◆ There is nothing mystical in Grace Wholeness Ministry. I would like to share with you the four elements in our ministry:
- ◆ The ministry is centred on the finished work of Christ on the Cross and His redemption for us.
- ◆ The ministry is based on the application of God's Word in our lives.
- ◆ The ministry depends heavily on the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us in the ministry and healing of individuals.
- ◆ The ministry moves prophetically, so we listen to and hear the voice of the Lord to minister.

In addition, my vision for the Wholeness Ministry is two-fold:

- ⇒ Every Christian can be trained with the fundamental truths of our Christian faith to minister and walk in freedom. I would compare this to the idea of a General Practitioner (GP). All Christians can be empowered to deal with their day-to-day issue.
- ⇒ For those who are hurting, and have been hurt at a deeper level, we will have a team of trained ministers who will release healing at that level. This would liken to the concept of Specialists at the hospital. Christians who need more help in their lives will be referred to the "Specialists" in Grace Wholeness Ministry.

Let me share with you one of the many testimonies in closing. One thing you could do for us in the Wholeness Ministry: Pray for us! If you are passionate about ministering to people and have a desire to see them being set free for Christ, please email me at [triciapoon@gmail.com](mailto:triciapoon@gmail.com). Come and talk to us and find out more.

**Sis Tricia Poon**  
 Head of Wholeness Ministry



**...because you care**

"I came from a dysfunctional family. My parents constantly quarrelled when I was a child. Because of their quarrels and shouting, I have grown up feeling insecure, fearful and over-sensitive.

I was also holding ungodly beliefs that bad people could get away easily and good people were always the ones suffering. I tried many ways of coping but to no avail. I also fell into depression and despair. At one point, I wanted to end my life but was not successful. It was a miracle that I remained alive. I knew God had preserved my life.

I was advised to receive inner healing. It has never crossed my mind. I knew I had to go through this process in order to be totally free. It was not easy for me to reopen my wounds to allow the Holy Spirit to do the heart and mind surgery. Initially, I struggled to share the issues and I kept breaking down in tears.

I thank God for my two ministers who kept me in prayer and encouraged me. In every session I went through, the Holy Spirit revealed the root causes of my problems. Finally, when God's truths came to light in my life, He broke every bondage and curse in my life. I did not have to live with guilt, regret or shame anymore. I am now set free! Thank you for ministering and praying for me. You (the Wholeness Ministry) have given me so much love, comfort and support, and I have the courage to move on in this new chapter of my life."

**15th June 2014 is Father's Day. A day often over-looked, sometimes, forgotten... So here is looking at you, dad!**

**My Earthly Father**

Father is the typical traditional Chinese man. He does not help out with the house chores but he cooks a mean Hainanese mutton soup and sliced fish soup. When I was younger, I did not like Father a lot because he was the strict and authoritarian type. It was only when I grew older, have my own family that I began to understand and admire him a lot. Father dropped out of school at eight years old, (only primary two!) By 12 years old, he was already working at Shenton Way, serving the office clerks their daily coffee. He was a kopi-boy. From there, he found his niche, like what they always said, "the rest is history".

In my opinion, Father is like the rich dad in the book, *Rich Dad, Poor Dad* by Robert Kiyosaki. He has a very sharp mind and he counts faster, I dare say, than some of the great Mathematicians. It is amazing, without even completing his primary school education, Father could raise all of us.

Although Father was fierce, he did not deny any of us a proper education, a roof over our heads and three decent meals everyday. In every way, he is a very responsible father although his idiosyncrasies sometimes, do get on my nerves. Father's greatest virtue is his punctuality. He cannot tolerate tardiness. I think I am the only one who has inherited his genes. But, I am more gracious. I will wait till you turn up. My longest waiting time was three hours! For Father, he is not just punctual but he is early. If the appointment is 6pm, he will be there at 5.30pm. If you are late, he made no apologies in telling you off.

Now Father spends most of his time taking walks, playing a little mahjong and fetching his favourite grandson from school. Always wearing his Indiana Jones' hat. It was a Christmas gift from my brother. A leather cowboy hat which

looked very much like the one Harrison Ford wore in Indiana Jones. Father does not smoke at all even among his brothers who are all smokers, he has never picked up the habit. He is a great father in his own way.

**My Heavenly Father**

Words cannot describe how He is like. It takes a personal experience with Him to know Him. When I said, it is a personal relationship with Him, others who have not experienced Him said things like, "all are religion". Oh how myopic are the thoughts of some people. But really, no point arguing because what do I gain in winning an argument about my Heavenly Father. It will only draw them away from this experience. I have known Him for 30 over years, and that is a long time. Some friends have given up the relationship along the way, some have built even stronger love relationship with Him. As for me, I cannot see myself without Him. He has always been there, not seen but always felt.

**My Children's Father**

The spouse is my children's father. The greatest father to them. I remembered on his birthday, my son was very busy with his homework that night that he did not have time to do the birthday card for his father, he started crying. That was how much his father meant to him. Since my son was a toddler, he would run to his father to give him a big hug when he came home from work. Today, at 14, he still does that. He no longer run to him like a toddler but he would go to the door and give his father a big hug. When the kids were infants, he would bathed them, he cleaned them up and he spent time with them. The children loved to climb all over him. He was everything to them, a swordsman, a super hero, a doctor, a teacher... everything. That is my children's father, my husband.

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!**

*Adapted from "Nomads for now but mum forever.blogspot"*

## 恩典堂中文事工

# 长青乐园

## 恩典二中文长者事工

长青乐园是开放给社区居民和弟兄姐妹带未信主的朋友参加的一个福音性活动。我们透过不同类型的户内与户外活动，不同的节目内容来吸引社区居民参加，让他们藉此机会接触教会。

与此同时，这也为教会会友提供一个帮助和服侍他人并传福音的机会，以提升他们的生活素质和遵从传扬福音的使命。

我们欢迎大家或你们家中的年长者能够参与以下“长青乐园”的任何一项活动。

### 《喝早茶》

时间：每逢第一和第三个星期六，早上9点至12点  
地点：神召会恩典堂

节目内容是《共享美味早茶》，《生活讲座》，《卡拉OK》，《手工制作》，《游戏》，《舞蹈》等等。我们借着这些节目与居民建立关系。

### 《乐龄歌唱班》

时间：每逢第二个星期三，下午1点30分至3点30分  
地点：神召会恩典堂

节目内容是《歌曲教唱》，《歌唱比赛》等，目的是营造一个欢乐无压力的空间，让乐龄朋友们能轻轻松松学唱歌，透过这个平台来建立自信心，享受充实的乐龄生活。

### 《修发与剪发》

为社区居民提供剪发服务，我们也透过教会举办的《社区关怀日》，《探访老人院》活动为居民提供义剪，以便把福音传给他们。

### 《乐龄烹饪班》

时间：每逢第四个星期三，下午1点30分至3点30分  
地点：神召会恩典堂

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# faithfulness in every way - Need Life? 2014

I was involved in planning for the Easter Service, Need Life?, and we had difficulty coming up with the initial direction, but God had other ideas. As we brainstormed, inspiration just began to flow. As we ran the service, there too were setbacks, and we managed to find solutions. Some solutions came as random thoughts, but everything eventually led to one cohesive service. Talk about divine appointment!

It was also a beautiful and amazing sight to witness God's faithfulness in the form of people He sent to labour alongside us – the dancers, who put up an inspiring item despite the short rehearsal time; the testimony sharers, who worked hard in presenting their stories; the emcees, who always strived to improve on what they did; Steffi and Rachel, who gave their best in designing the materials; Gabbi, who dreamt up and executed all our décor; Sis. Andrea, Jolene and Zheng Fen, who lent us much-needed helping hands, and everyone who helped us in one way or another.

Their work and effort testifies God's goodness in their lives, that they are able to give because of what God gave them. It was really edifying to see how God used all of them with their various capabilities to contribute to the body of Christ. Some may think it's crazy that we put in so much into something of little perceived value, but I thank God for these people who are compelled to labour for the sake of the Gospel.

While we planned all we could, God was the only one who could move hearts and change lives, and He certainly did – R-AGE's combined attendance was a whopping 465! I also invited friends, and never before did so many of my friends agree to come for a Christian event. Without God moving in the hearts of R-AGERS and their friends, there would be no newcomers at the service. Thank God for that! It was a demonstration of God chasing His children fervently.

After Saturday's service, I admit I felt disappointed at the small number of salvations. But by His grace, God sent people to encourage me: the number of salvations is secondary to the fact that many heard about Jesus and His love for them, some for the first time. I was reminded that this is just a small part of a person's salvation journey.

In 1 Corinthians 3:6-7, Paul reminds us, "I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So neither the one who plants nor the one waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow."

For those who brought their friends and are disheartened that they didn't receive Jesus, take heart, knowing that it is already a step forward for them to have heard the Gospel. There will be other opportunities for God to continue the good work you have started. For now, the more important task lies ahead of us: continuing to live in a manner worthy of Christ, earnestly interceding for our friends, and seizing every opportunity to talk to them about God.

By Ho Yun Ying, from Tertiary cell group, Jag älskar Dig



The months of April-May seemed to be the busiest month for Grace Missions. Right after the Missions Conference in early April, we saw a spike of missions trips going out to places like East Asia and Indonesia. Of particular highlight is the official launch of our IGA (International Grace Assembly). Rev Calvin Lee was there preaching for their Easter service. We are excited to see how that church will grow under the leadership of Ps Andy Sim.

**Planting Churches | Prepare Leaders | Propel People**

Leadership Training is one of the three core focuses of Grace Missions. Grace Missions do not just seek to offer monetary support to our partner churches overseas, but we want to offer a holistic kind of support that goes beyond the monetary.

As part of the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20, Jesus told us to make disciples of all nations. We believe that preparing leaders is key to the fulfilling of the Great Commission. In supporting the leadership development of our partner churches, we can pave the way for the grooming of higher quality leaders and in turn they would produce higher quantity of disciples.

Just in 2013 alone, Grace Missions conducted 54 of such leadership trainings in the countries we are involved in. Many of these trips involved our church members who are workplace professionals in Singapore. Their commitment to bring their skill-sets into the missions field is admirable.

Going forward, we hope to send out more teams to conduct leadership training so that more leaders can be equipped for the Kingdom of God. Pray with us for open doors that we can step through and be a blessing to the nations.

**Blessings,**  
**Matthew Tan**  
Managing Editor,  
Grace Missions

## missions awareness volunteer recruitment

We are looking for volunteers who are passionate about missions to serve in the following capacity:

**WRITERS**

Writers will approach mission trippers for interviews regarding their trips. They would then write testimonies for the bulletin. We are especially looking for writers who can interview people in Mandarin and write in English.

**PRAYER COORDINATORS**

Prayer Coordinators will be involved in the planning for the monthly "World Prayer" meetings.

**EVENT PLANNERS**

Event Planners would be part of a team planning for missions booths outside the service locations.

Interested persons can email [matthew.tan@graceaog.org](mailto:matthew.tan@graceaog.org) for more details.

## NEPAL AND BHUTAN

By Rev Matthew Wai

I was in Nepal and Bhutan from 25 April to 7 May with my wife and Terence. It was an eventful trip. Everywhere we went, we found believers hungry for the teaching of the Word and the power of the Spirit.

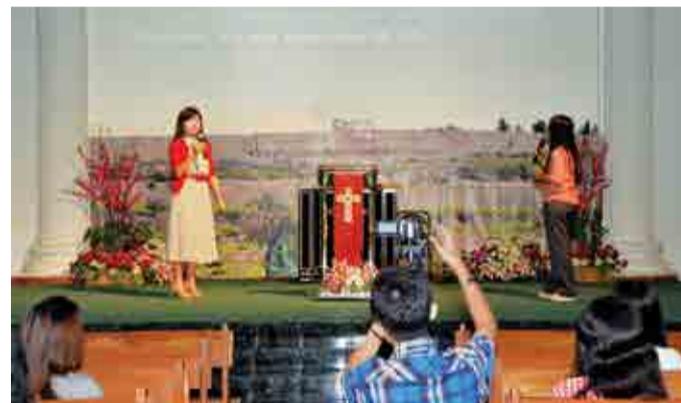
We conducted our Pastoral Leadership Training in both places. There were more than 200 pastors, leaders and their wives in these trainings. We taught on pastoral pitfalls, the ideal man and woman of God and the principles of healing in the day sessions and concluded each night with a revival meeting, where we preached, healed and delivered.

By the grace of God, we witnessed many healings among the leaders. At least four were healed of their partial or near deafness. Some even had their eyesight restored. One pastor testified that she was healed of an excruciating pain from her hip down to her heel.

Despite the sweltering heat in Nepal and the religious restrictions enforced on the Bhutanese Christians, both cities thrived with their unique opportunities. We thank God for providing the Nepalese with greater freedom of worship and a stable government and pray the same for Bhutan.

This region is one of great potential for the gospel, with strong churches rooted in the Word, with strong faith and passion to multiply themselves and spread the Kingdom of God throughout the country. The harvest field is ripe in these countries. The challenge remains that the labourers are few.

I urge anyone who has a heart to minister cross-culturally to avail themselves in both of these countries. We hope to see more Grace members to take up the challenge to go forth into these mission fields to do the works of the Kingdom!



Leaders teaching in Madiun, East Java



Leaders teaching in Nepal

## world prayer (a grace missions initiative)

*"My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations."  
- Isaiah 56:7*

There is no higher calling than to be found at the feet of Jesus and to intercede for people worldwide. Come and learn about issues confronting the Church, hear about persecution around the world, and allow God to impress His heart upon yours as we pray for the nations. Come and be a 'World Christian' as we come together and pray for a world outside what we see here in Singapore.

21 June 2014 (Every 3rd Saturday of the Month)  
1:00pm - 2:30pm  
GII, Level 2 Praise Room

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## missions trips' schedule 2014

### BANGLADESH (S\$600)

06 - 14 December

### INDIA (S\$750)

01 - 08 July  
01 - 09 November

### PAKISTAN (S\$2000)

01 - 08 October

### ASSAM & WEST BENGAL (S\$1200)

8 - 16 November

### NEPAL (S\$1200)

7 - 14 December

### SRI LANKA (S\$900)

14 - 22 September (R-AGE Only)  
15 - 24 November

### MYANMAR (S\$750)

28 November - 4 December

### CAMBODIA (S\$500)

18 - 23 June  
07 - 12 July  
06 - 11 August  
01 - 06 September  
19 - 24 November  
08 - 13 December

### INDONESIA

12 - 15 November (Pekanbaru) (S\$500)  
17 - 24 June (West Kalimantan) (S\$700)

### BATAM, RIAU ISLANDS (S\$60)

11 July  
08 August  
24 October

### KARIMUN, RIAU ISLANDS (S\$130)

19 - 20 July  
13 - 14 September  
06 - 07 December

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

23 - 24 August

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

21 June  
16 August  
13 December

## upcoming missions trips: june 2014

Please pray with the mission trippers for God's protection to rest on them and that they would be sensitive to the Holy Spirit's leading:

### INDIA

25th May 2014 to 3rd June 2014  
Ps Ben Koh and Matthew Tan

### NEPAL

16th June 2014 to 24th June 2014  
Ps Alvin Lim and YAYP

### BATAM, RIAU ISLANDS

20th June 2014 to 22nd June 2014  
Rachael Choo and R-AGE

### EAST ASIA

25th June 2014 to 14th July 2014  
Rev Richard Wee

### MYANMAR

26th June 2014 to 30th June 2014  
Rev Lim Bee Ngor, Rev Tan Shwu Eng and May Chua

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@graceaog.org](mailto:matthew.tan@graceaog.org) for more enquiries about Grace Missions or her missions trips.

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

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REACH Community Services Society is proud to be one of the VWOs selected for the Care & Share Movement.

## CARE & SHARE THROUGH GIVING

You can show your care for the troubled and disadvantaged by your financial giving. Our target for 2014 is S\$1 million for the building of our new centres.

A Counselling Centre at Blk 307 Shunfu

A Youth Centre at Blk 417 Bukit Batok West Avenue 4

## AN EARNEST INVITE

Join us at the REACH Charity Fund-raising Dinner

Date: 3 Sep 2014 (Wed)

Time: 7pm

Venue: Marina Mandarin Singapore

Guest-of-Honour: Mr Chan Chun Sing (Minister for Family and Social Development and Second Minister for Defence)

Cost: \$3,000 per table

To book a table or purchase tickets, please contact Rachel at 6252 2566 or e-mail [rachel.leong@reach.org.sg](mailto:rachel.leong@reach.org.sg).



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careandshare.sg

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Show care and concern for the less fortunate

**\$1 FOR \$1**

Help meet rising needs by donating to Community Chest and participating charities. Your donation will be matched dollar-for-dollar by the Government from now till 31 December 2014.

Make a difference by volunteering.

Find out more at [careandshare.sg/volunteer](http://careandshare.sg/volunteer)

**Care & Share Movement!**  
Care & Share is a national fund-raising and volunteerism movement led by Community Chest for the social service sector, as Singapore approaches its 50th year of independence in 2015. It aims to bring our nation together to show care and concern for the needy and recognise the contributions made by voluntary welfare organisations. The matched amount will go towards building the capabilities and capacities of the social service sector to meet rising needs.

REACH COMMUNITY SERVICES SOCIETY

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Cheque donation: Make cheque payable to "REACH Community Services Society" and send it to RCSS with your name, NRIC/Company Registration Number and contact for tax-deductible submission.

For enquiries on modes of donation, please contact Tze Wei at 6252 2566 or e-mail [tzewei.teo@reach.org.sg](mailto:tzewei.teo@reach.org.sg)

*All monetary donations to RCSS and contributions to the REACH Charity Fund-raising Dinner are eligible for 2.5 times tax exemption of the amount donated made only when your NAME/NRIC/FIN/UEN/Company Registration number is provided.*

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# grace services

## GRACE I

**MY SAVIOUR'S CHURCH:** 2 Prince Charles Crescent, Singapore 159011 | Tel: 6474 2823 | [www.mysaviours.org](http://www.mysaviours.org)

### 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](http://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 2 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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**Every Wednesday, 7.30 pm, GLORY SANCTUARY, LEVEL 3**

ST JOHN'S ST MARGARET'S CHURCH: 30 Dover Avenue, Singapore 139790 | Tel: 67770934 | [www.sjism.org.sg](http://www.sjism.org.sg)



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## Find out at The Alpha Course

The Alpha Course is specially for pre-believers, unchurched and new believers to explore Christianity. Invite them for the introduction talk! Invitation cards will be placed at the posters and booths.

**Talk: Is There More To Life Than This**

Date : 28 June (Sat)

Venue : G11 (L1 carpark area)

Time : 12 noon - 3pm

Lunch is provided

Register with Andy Tan at [andy.tanel@hotmail.com](mailto:andy.tanel@hotmail.com) by 22 June with your name, age, religion and Hp. Registration at booth on 7/6, 8/6, 21/6, 22/6. Find out more at [alpha.graceao.org](http://alpha.graceao.org)

