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GLORY TO GOD!

We had a wonderful Thanksgiving and Dedication Service on 25 Oct 2015. It was a night that the Lord Jesus received all the applause and adulation.

An invited guest commented, 'It was really a wonderfully anointed service last night. Both Irene and I can testify that God was pleased with all the praises given to Him. We both sensed and felt His presence and approval upon Grace. No flattery but just genuine comment.'

Indeed we give God all the glory!

The words on the Dedication Plaque read
**This Church is Dedicated to the Glory of God
on 25th October 2015
For the Fulfillment of the Great Commission**

Firstly, we dedicated the church 'to the Glory of God'. In other words, in all that we do in Grace Assembly, we want to do it for the glory of God. It is all about Him and He must always be at the centre of Grace Assembly.

Secondly, we dedicated the church 'for the fulfilment of the Great Commission'. As a Missional Family Church, we must obey the Lord by fulfilling the Great Commission given to us. He said, 'Go into all the world and preach the Gospel.' It was His Last command. It must become our first priority.

In this new season, may Grace Assembly continue to rise up as a lighthouse shining brightly and every Gracian living their lives missionally for Him.

Ps Calvin Lee
Senior Pastor



THANK YOU, Pastor David & Sis May Lim!

On 22 November 2015, the church gathered to show their appreciation to former Senior Pastor David Lim and his wife May, through an evening of heart-felt sharing by members, pastors and staff, and song and dance presentations by various church ministries. Ps David was also conferred the "Honorary Pastor" title in honour of his 25 years of service to Grace Assembly.

Ps David summed up his feelings about the evening:

Dear All

Appreciation Day

22 November was a very special day for Ps. May and myself. Grace Assembly set aside Sunday evening for special appreciation for our years of service. I want to personally thank all who were involved. I was so touched by the songs, the comments, the sharing, that I was in tears most of the evening.

Freda sang "The Holy City", the very first song May sang solo when we first got to know each other — and I "played the piano" at the time! The choir sang, "To dream the impossible dream" — how could they know it was my theme song, my favourite song — that inspired me to dare to dream dreams for Grace Assembly? And now we get to live that dream — for Grace, and for our future ministries in training leaders.

Gurmit and Melissa exceeded the programme — we felt so honoured. We have watched them grow in the Lord and become a powerful blessing to so many. And then the video presentations — of our life and ministries going back to the beginnings in San Francisco, our ministries in Canada, the Philippines and most specially — in Grace Assembly — I bow before the King of Kings for allowing us such incredible privilege. And then the kind, gracious words of both pastors, lay leaders and members — we will treasure every moment!

Grace Assembly is a special church. In my mind, GRACE has the greatest people of any church in all the world. God's favour is upon this church. We are walking on holy ground.

You are always on our hearts, you are always first place. Now I challenge you: thank God for the past (it has been great beyond words), stand strong and united in the present (for unity is the key to Holy Spirit power), prepare to fulfill the future destiny of Grace Assembly! Everything in the past is preparation — to impact our world for Christ!

Pastor David Lim
Honorary Pastor



Sis Wendy Wong, a Grace Pioneer, spoke at the Appreciation Service for Ps David Lim, and this is the transcript of her sharing.



My husband, Freddie and I are pioneer members of Grace Assembly Church and have had the privilege of seeing the physical church move from a small derelict bungalow into a modern purpose built church complex; built up to the maximum plot ratio of 1.4 no less. In the course of the time we have been worshipping at Grace (which is close to half a century), we have been shepherded by two dedicated pastors whose respective tenure as pastor spans a quarter of a century and more. Pastor David is one of the two.

We have been taught many lessons from the pulpit on the characteristics of a good shepherd; I remember three distinctly. The shepherd provides, the shepherd protects and the shepherd lays down his life for his flock.

As our shepherd, Pastor David has provided us with a constant supply of God's Word to nourish our souls.

As our shepherd, Pastor David has protected us by committing the Church to the discipline of strict compliance of law and adherence to authority I know, because I have been consulted often by Pastor David and the church board on compliance issues and constitutional matters.

As our shepherd, Pastor David has laid down 25 best years of his life for this flock of sheep in Grace.

In the fashion of David Letterman of the American late-night talk show, I list:

10 Reasons Why I Love May and David Lim

1. Pastor David has an amazing talent for delivering God's message in an easy, succinct and clear manner, always infused with youthful energy the intensity of which appears oddly to be increasing as the years passed.
2. He is skilful in preparing sermons which relate God's Word to the happenings and events in our everyday life (remember the sermon on 'sex as a form of worship', the sermon on 'sexuality and singlehood' or the sermon on 'spouses' submission and love'?)
3. He is a spirited and passionate pastor, shepherd and proclaimer of the Gospel remember the weekly email blasts: Shepherd Calling his Sheep?
4. He is so predictable when he is about to crack a joke at the pulpit.
5. He is more nerdy than I will ever be with his addiction to news on the internet, his proficiency in keeping abreast with information on the e-platform, his ability to remain a sportsman just by watching the prowess of other sportsmen on the small screen.
6. Pastor David and May are gracious in affirming me as a part time cook. They have been guests at my residence for Christmas and New Year lunches/dinners over the past 20 years. No matter how the turkey or the salmon or the vegetables or the poh-piahs or the noodles were presented at the dining table at these lunches/dinners, they would not fail to heap profuse and generous compliments on the food and the cook.
7. They are relentless in pursuing a healthy lifestyle. I have witnessed their changing opinion on coffee — from their resolute stand not to consume caffeinated coffee, to their compromised stand to sip decaf coffee diluted with milk, to their delighted stand to drink full bodied black coffee — the changes being in tandem with the literature they were reading at the relevant time, on the detriment or benefit of coffee to health.
8. They are open in sharing with me their experiences with their own family members so as to help me become a better mother, mother-in-law and grandmother.
9. They are an exemplary pair of lovers for life (I admit plagiarising the phrase 'lovers for life' — credit to be given to Steven Chan).
10. They are our friends — our immediate family friends and our church family friends.

Pastor David and May,

Tonight, we want to show our appreciation to you, for the blessings which God has given us through your ministry over the past 25 years. Thank you for all the yesterdays, todays and especially for all the tomorrows when you will (note that I have used the future definitive tense) come back to be with us for some length of time.

While we acknowledge the past, we, all the more, anticipate the future and the greater work which God has planned for both of you to further His Kingdom. I know 'retirement' is not a word in your vocabulary. There is a stanza in one of my favourite poems which should aptly describe your intention for the next stage in your life. In the last stanza of his poem "Stopping by the Woods on a Snowy Evening", Robert Frost (a 20th century American poet) wrote:

**"The woods are lovely, dark and deep,
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep."**

Pastor David and May, thank you for being our gracious, loving, and faithful shepherd. Thank you for loving us and leading us so faithfully and never letting us forget the gospel of Jesus Christ!

We love you both!



55TH ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING (ABM): Membership Update

Dear Members*,

By now you would have received the membership update letter requesting you to update your particulars in preparation for the 55th Annual Business Meeting in March 2016. If you have not received, please proceed to the Church office at Grace I for assistance, or call 6410 0800, or email cms@grace.org and provide us with the following particulars:

- Your Name
- Your NRIC Number
- Your Address & Telephone Contact Number
- Weekend service that you are attending

To submit your completed form, please drop it into any of the boxes labeled "Membership Update Forms" located at the following locations:

Grace I : Main entrances at L1 Galilee and L3 Bethel
Grace II: Main entrances at L2 Sanctuary and Level 4 Chapel

However, if you have internet access we encourage you to submit online by logging in to the church website at <http://www.graceaog.org/register>

* *Members here refer to those who have been baptized in Grace Assembly or have officially transferred their membership to Grace Assembly.*

WATCHNIGHT SERVICE 2015

Wow! What a year 2015 has been for us at Grace. Come, and celebrate Father God's goodness and grace upon Grace Assembly at our year-end Watchnight Service 2015.

This year we have the whole family of Grace Assembly (English/Chinese/Youth) coming together at G1 looking back in praises to Him with heartfelt gratitude, and looking forward to 2016 with heightened anticipation for His continued goodness to us.

Date : 31 Dec 2015 (Thursday)
Venue : Grace I, L3 Bethel Hall
Time : 10 pm - 12 am
9 pm (Refreshments will be served)



WEDDING IN DECEMBER

Heartiest congratulations to the following couple, may the Lord continue to bless & guide them with wisdom & strength as they embark on their new journey together!

Yoong Liang Zhi & Melissa Goh Shue Li
5 December 2015

GRACE PARTY!

Calling all new friends of Grace!

If you are new in Grace Assembly and started attending our services any time since January 2015, you are invited to our **Grace Party!**

Come for a nite of **food • fun • family.**

The party is on 2 Jan 2016, 7:00pm, G1 Fellowship Area (Level 2).

Please RSVP with Esther Koh at esther.koh@graceaog.org / 64100841 by 26 Dec 2015.



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J333 PRAYER MEETINGS FOR DECEMBER

Dates : 2, 9, 16, & 23 December 2015 (Wednesdays)

Time : 7:30 - 8:30 pm

Venue : G1 L1 Galilee

Prayer Focus : Grace Ministries

Prayer Agenda : Prayer for different ministries in the church

EVENTS CALENDAR

CHURCHWIDE: DECEMBER 2015 - FEBRUARY 2016

24 Dec	Christmas Service (English)	GI L3 Bethel 7pm
25 Dec	Christmas Service (English)	GI L3 Bethel 10am
31 Dec	Watchnight Service (English)	GI L3 Bethel 10pm
6 Jan 2016	J333 Prayer Meeting (Combined)	GI L1 Galilee 7.30pm
22 Jan 2016	Special Meeting with Dr Vincent Leoh	GI L3 Bethel 7.00pm
8 Feb 2016	CNY Service (Combined)	GI L3 Bethel 9am

MINISTRY: DECEMBER 2015

5 Dec	Water baptism (Youth R-AGE)	GI L2 Fellowship
20 Dec	YAYP Christmas Wish	East Coast Park
27 Dec	Water baptism (English svc)	GII L4 Chapel GI L2 Fellowship

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

Twelve Women Of The Bible (Part 2)

Do you have the courage to do what God ask of you? As a woman, have you ever been treated as an outcast?

What is the most valuable gift you can present to Jesus? Have you experienced a life changing encounter with Jesus?

Continuing from Part 1 of six Old Testament women in 2015, in this part 2 of the book 'Twelve Women of the Bible', we will study the lives of six women from the New Testament who had significant encounters with Jesus. These women overcame all odds to be transformed into women of faith. In the midst of their pain they found courage and boldness through their identity in Jesus.

Come join Women Of Grace (WOG) in this 6-week study and be transformed!

Dates : 20, 27 January;
17, 24 February;
2, 9 March 2016
[Wednesdays]

Registration : 3, 10 January 2016
@ GI L5 Office and
GII L3 Office

Where are you going? A study of the book of JONAH

Have you ever tried to run away from God? Can a mere man hide from the presence of an all-knowing, all-powerful God? God used a reluctant prophet to tell an evil city of His compassion for them. When God calls you to deliver a message to someone you don't love, will you run, or get angry, or comply? Would it take a great calamity, an earthquake, or flood for God to get your attention?

This study from Precept Ministries will equip you to lead a missional life as you take in God's truths and live them out accordingly.

Dates : 16, 23, 30 January
2016 (Saturdays)
Time : 10.00 am - 12.15 pm
Venue : GI Eden Level 2
Cost : \$11 (include material)
Registration : 19 Dec 2015 -
3 Jan 2016 @
GI L5 Office and
GII L3 Office

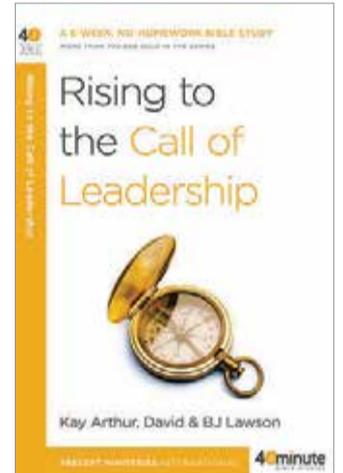
More information at
www.graceaog.org/gdp

Grace is starting a new Men's Bible Study group on Saturdays! Let the men of Grace come together — LEARN from the WORD and LIVE out the powerful TRUTH. The first series we will be doing is an important topic:

Rising to the call of leadership The making of a leader – God's way

God calls every one of His people to positions of leadership and influence — in our homes, communities, churches, and ultimately the world. But true leadership involves more than simply being the person out front; it means living a life worth following.

In this study of four important leaders of Israel — Eli, Samuel, Saul, and David — you'll explore key leadership principles, including how to make wise decisions under pressure, deal effectively with mistakes, and set a course that others will follow. Most important, you'll learn what God expects of you—and how you can rise to the call of effective leadership.



Dates : 16, 23, 30 Jan; 13, 20, 27 Feb; 5 Mar 2016
Time : 10.00 am - 12.00 pm
Venue : GI L1 Gethsemane
Cost : \$11 (material included)
Registration : 19 Dec 2015 - 3 Jan 2016 @ GI L5 Office & GII L3 Office
Website : www.graceaog.org/gdp

Grace Discipleship Process (GDP)

Most churches belong to a certain denomination. So who are we as Grace Assembly? What do we subscribe to? What are our beliefs & accompanying praxis? What are the fundamental doctrines that make us an Assemblies of God church? What are the foundations of our faith?

"Foundations of Our Faith" helps us to discover, understand and align to the 16 Tenets of our faith.

If you are planning to be baptized or to transfer your membership to Grace Assembly, it is a pre-requisite to attend this class.

Class 102: Foundations of Our Faith

Dates : 14, 21, 28 Jan 2016 (Thursdays)
Time : 7:30-9:30pm
Venue : GI Gethsemane Room

Register via www.graceaog.org/gdp-calendar by 31 December 2015.



Image courtesy of The Sunday Times

GRACIANS IN THE NEWS!

Raymond Khoo and his son, Justin were featured in The Sunday Times, 22 Nov 2015. The newspaper article wrote about their community work in food distribution to the needy residents in Lengkok Bahru, organized by Grace Assembly.

Read more in <http://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/hooray-for-saturdays>

There is still much that could be done.

Come and join us on Saturdays@Lengkok Bahru.

Areas of involvement include:

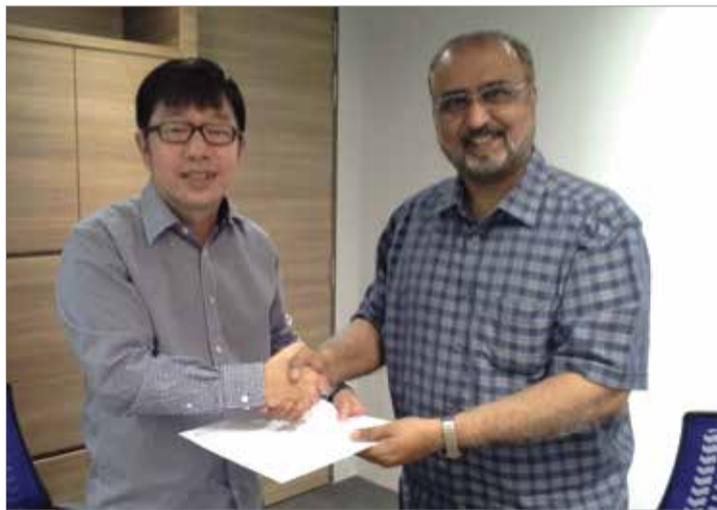
1. Befriending/tea party/food distribution
2. Home visits
3. Tutoring for primary school students

Contact: Whatsapp – 9069 8800; raykhoo22@gmail.com

KHUSH KHABRI FELLOWSHIP AT GRACE I

Grace Assembly is delighted to partner with Khush Khabri Fellowship (KKF) in their outreach to the North Indian Community both locally and internationally. From January 2016, KKF will hold their services at GI, as follows:

Service : Khush Khabri Fellowship (English)
 Date : Sundays, from 3 January 2016
 Time : 5.00 pm
 Venue : Emmaus Hall (GI, level 3)
 Pastor in-charge : Pastor Santar Singh



Senior Pastor Calvin Lee with Pastor Santar

GII Café closed 22 Nov – 27 Dec 2015

GII Cafe Ministry has been serving faithfully by providing breakfast for the congregation every Sunday. We appreciate the brothers and sisters serving in this ministry. But in view of the lack of manpower and also the need of rest for those serving in the month of December, please be informed that the GII Café will be close from 22 Nov until 27 Dec 2015.

Let us appreciate their good work as a family when you see them serving.

Café Ministry @ GI is looking for volunteers. Those interested can contact Angela Koh at 96252226.

POSITION AVAILABLE

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

HR & ADMIN MANAGER

Key Responsibilities

- Manage a full spectrum of human resource functions covering manpower planning, recruitment and selection, compensation and benefits, training & development and performance management
- Review, recommend and facilitate the implementation of HR & administrative policies, procedures and processes
- Process payroll & prepare monthly salary journal, CPF/ IR8A e-submission
- Oversee the administrative functions in the Church office.

Requirements

- Diploma or Bachelor degree in HR management or equivalent
- At least 5 years of HR/Admin experience
- Analytical, meticulous and resourceful
- Familiar with Singapore Employment Act and HR best practices
- Good communication, interpersonal and organizational skills

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

Grace Assembly of God
355 Tanglin Road
Singapore 247960

Or email to sally.chow@graceaog.org

FEATURED STAFF

SANDRA YIN

Hi there! I'm Sandra from Grace Media. I was called to ministry since May 2013, and it's been an amazing journey ever since.

In my family, there's the two of us rascals, my brother and I, and my loving mum and dad. They are the first generation Christians in our family. If not for the journey they took to stand up for their faith, I wouldn't have found Jesus at a young age. And it was the need to constantly rely on Him that got me through and led me to where I am today.

I have always loved stories. I would dream of being a storyteller, but God had a plan of His own. So when I was lost on what to pursue in life, He showed me the path He wanted me to take. I began to see how once I was willing to let go and trust Him, He would align my life with His plan and purpose, with the people and the resources needed to make His plans a reality.

God sent me to art school. There, I experienced His supernatural favour, and for what I lacked in terms of skills and experience, He provided. I used to wonder why God accelerated my path so quickly in such a short span of years. Even my studies were accelerated, and I received my honors in a year. Launched into the workforce, it almost seemed like He strategically placed me in areas where I could learn the most, before directing me to the next path. Over the years, my skillset expanded in breadth and depth. From branding to advertising, web, print, design, social media, campaigns, broadcasting and even to business, it took me awhile before God began to reveal how each of it was intricately connected, and how there was a reason to be humble to learn, even when it did not make sense at that time. At each position, He planted people who would shape my knowledge of the industry, and some who would even offer to mentor. Yet, each time I thought it was time to settle, God would call, and I would have to move.

Until one day, I asked God about His plans for me. I felt the prompting that it was the last days, and I struggled with the conflict – if God was to call today, I wouldn't have been satisfied with living my life, because I did nothing for His Kingdom. I thought about the people around me, my loved ones who were pre-believers, and questioned if I could have done something about it. I told God I didn't know what to do and where to go. I considered Bible School, and prayed for His leading. I even joked with my boyfriend, who was a young Christian then, and asked him how he would feel if today I gave it all up to work in a church. To my surprise, he said, "Go for it, I will support you."

In response, God made a move that night. Pastor Calvin and his wife visited my parents, came across a hidden poster of me in a small room, and asked if I would like to join the media team. I was uncertain when I received the news, and asked for a clear sign. In two weeks, God shook up my workplace so much, that I came to Him and said, "God, I have no backup plan, so I leave it in your hands", and submitted my resignation the very next day. The storm died instantly. I applied for the job even though I had no idea what the job scope was. And God's hand allowed the process to be so smooth.

Only after I entered Grace Media, did I realize how all these experiences that He was leading me was such a valuable part of my ministry here at Grace Media. Although my primary purpose here is as a post-production executive, my mentor has been so humble in sharing and guiding me as an apprentice, and that has allowed my role to expand and grow. From scriptwriting to directing, art direction, designing, creating websites, building sandcastles, creating the stage props, banners, flyers, doing voiceovers, audio engineering, branding the sermon series, and even getting the opportunity to be an part of the latest Grace Songs CD album, it's been an incredible journey. I love this part of the experience as I really enjoy learning and trying new things. Even though I'm exhausted after a long day, but after some rest I'm excited and raring to go. It's like a day well lived. The best part is that I have the most supportive and loving team, and a church family that is so anointed and dedicated. They work long hours with such passion and dedication, and make each day seem like an adventure together.

I always thought God led me to art school to just become successful in that industry, but I had never expected Him to say that all these experiences, was to mould my character, and to acquire all the skills needed to expand His Kingdom, grow the next generation, and to empower His people for His Gospel. I now pursue my craft of storytelling by supporting His ministry alongside our team who is led by our producers, Robin & Chris. From the videos we make, to the announcements, testimonies, event experiences, music and outreaches through the media platforms, God, the Master Storyteller, is shaping the way we share His story today. Indeed, today I live each day with no regrets.



DEAR GOD, SEND ME

In January 2015, Pastor Joey Asher started Global Awareness in R-AGE. They have been raising awareness of global issues aimed to inspire and develop young people into global Christians, simply because we serve the God of all nations, not just of Singapore.



During the last meeting, the youths in R-AGE learnt about the worldwide refugee situation. As they were sharing their reflections, a young man said, "things are just going to get worse, this world is doomed for destruction. Our only hope is in Christ." Wow! What a revelation by this young man! Who then shall go and tell these people that their only hope is in Christ? Dear God, send us!

When we look at the world we live in today, we see evil and corruption everywhere. Jesus already warned us, that we are not to be surprised by these. All these things are prophecies being fulfilled. The end is near; the urgency shall increase. The earth is fading away and God's people shall arise!

We thank God that through Grace Missions, the gospel is being sent out to some of the most dark and remote areas of the world, places where the gospel is not popular, where pastors get threatened at knife-point, and all these stories go unreported by the media. These are places so remote that few NGOs, or churches in Singapore know of. I dare say that these are places where the presence of Grace Missions shine the brightest. Our commitment in these areas has helped make these places shine for Jesus.

With your support, Grace Missions is able to help plant more than 1,500 churches around Asia. Many of them are in remote areas where the presence of the gospel is absent. As you are reading this, there are 10 teams going out to the missions field this month alone. This just goes to show how much Grace Assembly is committed to the cause of missions. I thank the Lord for you!

As this year comes to an end, let us remember the mission of Jesus — that He came to seek and save the lost. Let us keep it front and centre. If we lose sight of this, we lose one of our main purposes as a gathered body of believers.

Blessings,
Matthew Tan (and Jasmin Low)
Missions Awareness

A PRICELESS JOURNEY WITH JESUS

BY CHOW GAOMIN, CRU SINGAPORE

The call to serve full-time came when I was 19. I was on an R-AGE REAL programme (a two-month programme designed by R-AGE to help train youths in understanding God's Word and grow in the areas of discipleship and evangelism) missions trip to Sri Lanka. I remembered receiving the call feeling confused. I have always had a heart for Singapore's education system and I thought I was going to be a teacher. If this initial call of being a teacher was not yet fulfilled, how then could I answer this next call? However, at an ordinary youth service that very year, I responded to an altar call, calling for those who wanted to be a revolutionist for Christ. God spoke extraordinarily, that I would be "a revolutionary teacher across borders". That put together both calls nicely!

Having to give up possible attractive salaries and not meeting well-meaning expectations of a university graduate progressing into adulthood - this walk into full-time was not easy. But it has been one of the BEST decisions in my life! I have learnt SO much on this journey. I am growing in intimate knowledge of who God is — a personal Dad who loves me for who I am. My character is being moulded, my ministry skills being refined.

I am currently posted to the campus ministry of Cru Singapore in National University of Singapore. Cru is an organisation, which desires to connect people to Jesus Christ through building up believers in their faith and sending them out to share the saving love of God. This step was a partial marrying of my passions — Jesus, missions and students. The harvest is PLENTIFUL as students are hungry to know about God. I also have the privilege to disciple three groups of girls. So precious they are to the Lord! I thank God also for the support and release I have from my parents, it has not been an easy journey for them as well. The Lord is faithful. He is my share and inheritance. I love Him, my job, my family and Grace Assembly for their support.

You too, are a full-time worker of the Lord's harvest field — in your job, school, home and family. May the Lord grant you a vision bigger than yourself, so big that only He can fulfil it. God bless your heart! If you would like to partner with me in this ministry or have any questions, you can contact me at chowgaomin@gmail.com



In honour of my family, who is more courageous than me, allowing me to undertake this journey.
From left: Gaomin, her parents, and brother Ming Yang

PRAY FOR MYANMAR BY EDWIN ANG



Being a first time missions tripper to the land of Myanmar, I really did not know what to expect and was rather apprehensive. But I was blessed with experienced team members and a capable team leader.

On the first day when we landed at Yangon, we visited our church planter's home. There awaited a small number of adults and children, majority of whom were pre-believers. Our team presented a song item and two team members shared their testimonies. Praise God, four people were added unto the Kingdom!

Thereafter, we embarked on a 15-hour coach journey to this town called Lashio. Our team is the first Grace Missions team to visit Lashio. Rev Bee Ngor preached during the Sunday service while we ministered in the children's ministry. We also had the privilege to minister to about 20 youths in a Baptist church and the Holy Spirit moved very strongly as we prayed for the youths to re-dedicate their lives back to God. The following two days, we organized a leadership training seminar for about 50 ministry workers from different churches in Lashio and witnessed the unity in the body of Christ when we prayed for the Christians in Lashio to be passionate for God.

Finally, we headed back to Yangon. We were overjoyed to be able to minister to 100 pre-believing pre-school children there, many of them were from Buddhist families. We thank God for the principal who is a Christian, who has specially opened up his childcare centre to allow us to minister to these children. Besides sharing songs of God's love to these children, the gospel was shared through colour books. The children were excited and we had so much fun making colourful bracelets to signify God's salvation plan.

During this trip, we had wonderful fellowships with the believers, especially the pastors who have generously fed us with much Myanmar delicacies. They also shared with us the prayer needs of the churches – to have more young adult Christians be willing to attend church and to be on fire for God. Even now, the team also senses the need to pray for God's fresh fire and the baptism of the Holy Spirit to be upon the believers in Myanmar. That ultimately, they would be able to reach out to the pre-believers with 89% predominantly practicing Buddhism. Would you join us in prayer?



ONE-LINERS FROM TRIPPERS FROM INDONESIAN MISSIONS TRIPS

While painting the house, I observed that not all houses are like ours – neat, tidy, nicely painted.

Megan Fan, Karimun

I am in a mess but I am happy to help them.

Mathias Neo, Karimun

Most enjoyable and funniest missions trip.

Michael Tan, Bintan

My greatest moment is to visit our fellow Indonesian brethren in their humble housing and get to know their lives and their struggles and needs.

Jason Chin, Bintan

MISSIONS TRIPS SCHEDULE 2016

BANGLADESH

01 - 11 December

INDIA

24 - 29 August (Medical Camp, Hyderabad)
25 November - 03 December (Orissa)

Assam

19 - 24 March

West Bengal

06 - 12 September

BHUTAN

01 - 06 May

NEPAL

18 - 24 November

SRI LANKA

10 - 20 June
15 - 28 September

VIETNAM

15 - 22 March
05 - 11 July
10 - 17 October
26 December 2016 - 02 January 2017

MYANMAR

25 - 31 March
05 - 10 October
30 November - 05 December

CAMBODIA

23 - 28 March
29 April - 05 May
03 - 07 Oct
18 - 24 November
02 - 07 December

INDONESIA

26 - 30 May (East Java)
23 - 28 June (West Kalimantan)
30 - 05 July (West Kalimantan)
12 - 19 July (South Sulawesi)
23 - 28 August (Pekanbaru)
09 - 14 December (Pekanbaru)

RIAU ISLANDS, INDONESIA

Batam

11 March
22 April
13 May
26 August
13 October

Karimun

30 April - 01 May
27 - 28 August
28 - 30 October
26 - 27 November
03 - 04 December

Tg Pinang

16 - 17 April
13 - 14 August
10 - 11 December

Tg. Uban

05 - 06 March
07 - 08 May
01 - 02 October

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

UPCOMING MISSIONS TRIPS

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

ORISSA, INDIA

27/11/2015 - 03/12/2015
Matthew Tan and Team

MYANMAR

28/11/2015 - 03/12/2015
Brenda Chelliah and Team

CAMBODIA

02/12/2015 - 07/12/2015
Rev Au Wai Ching and Team

SRI LANKA

03/12/2015 - 10/12/2015
Ricky Lui and Team

CAMBODIA

03/12/2015 - 10/12/2015
Jasmin Low and Team

EAST ASIA

04/12/2015 - 14/12/2015
Eric Seah

KARIMUN, INDONESIA

05/12/2015 - 06/12/2015
Rev Chan Peck Yin and Team

TG PINANG, INDONESIA

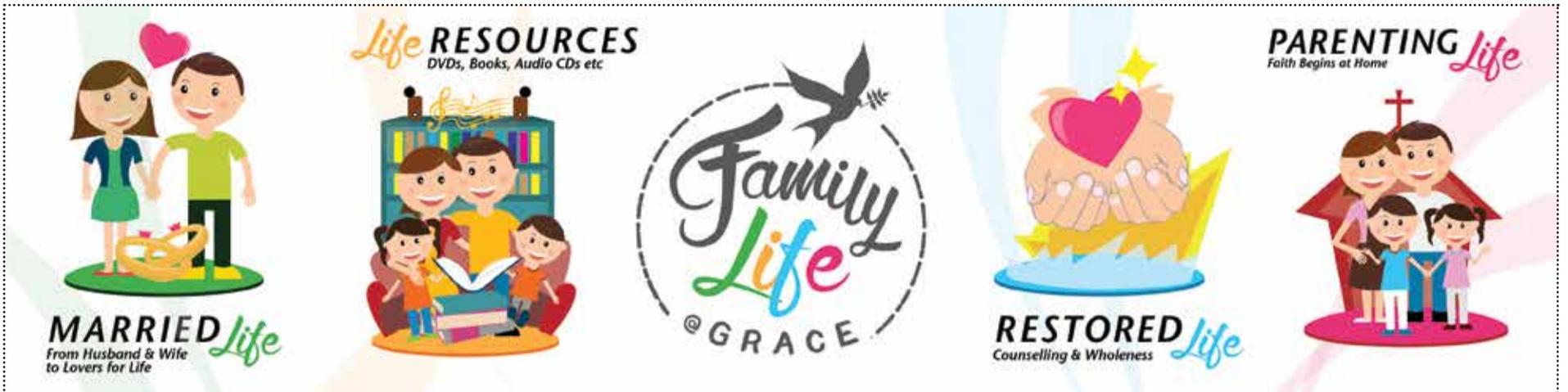
12/12/2015 - 13/12/2015
Rev Chan Peck Yin and Team

IGA, VIETNAM

12/12/2015 - 13/12/2015
Ps Scott Tey

VIETNAM

26/12/2015 - 31/12/2015
Caleb Khoo and YAYP Team



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



As we wrapped up the year, we at Family Life@Grace are filled with gratitude and thanksgiving. This past year has been a fruitful one. From nothing to something and it was made possible by God who made use of people who were willing to allow Him to use them.

Each and every one of us belong to a family. We are all part of one family. And each of our family is part of the church and the church is part of our society. We want to strive, not just to provide good programmes and activities to our church members but also to form the pillars for families in Grace Assembly to lean on. We recognise the challenges families have to face. We are not able to provide all the solutions for all the families but we can be here to lighten each others' load as we aspire to live out **Galatians 6:2** *“Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”*

Family Life@Grace has greater expectations from God in the new year. Come back, same time, same page. Follow us as we reveal them to you in our January issue.

A very happy Christmas and blessed New Year from us to you!



Have you ever compared yourself to another individual, or wished that you were better looking, smarter, richer, had better grades, and the list go on? Or have you been on the receiving end of someone’s comparisons and all the negative emotions that follows?

“Comparisonitis” is a common phenomenon in our society and it often leads to envy and jealousy. Jealousy is an emotion that we may encounter in our daily lives, but we struggle to acknowledge. It hits us more often than expected.

Come and hear more on this common emotion but not as widely-taught teaching cum ministry session on jealousy.

RTF Essential Teaching ON Jealousy *Organised By the Wholeness Ministry*

Jealousy is a very common emotion experienced by many of us. But do you know that God addressed this in the Ten Commandments?

Come and find out how to deal with jealousy through this teaching cum ministry session to both victims and sources of jealousy.

21 January 2016 (Thursday)
7.00 – 10:00 pm
G2 Praise Room

Registration: jamie.lim@graceao.org / 64100 0827 (0)
Cost: \$10 (inclusive of materials & dinner)
Dinner starts at 6pm

Last Day of Registration: **17 Jan 2016**

If you need to make counselling appointment, please contact:

Pastor Benjamin Wong 9066-2994 OR
Chang-Goh Song Eng 6801-0730

All counselling sessions are strictly private and confidential

The church is not a building where people gather to perform weekly ritual. It is a place where we bring the highest praise to God, it is a place where we allow God to speak words of wisdom into our lives. For some of us, it is a place we can call home when home is a little less than ideal.

Peter Lim, one of our church board members, reminisced his younger days in Grace Assembly and how coming to Grace Assembly changed his life.

My Other Home

Anyone who has “grown up” in Grace Assembly would have fond memories of the church — be it our first location at Odin Square (the bungalow that was demolished in 1975) or the church building with the orange walls and the very recognisable cross on the facade, completed in 1978.

When I first came to Grace in 1980 as a teenager, I did not know that the church building at that time was just two years old. My cousin Sandra had invited me to the hugely popular Inter-School Christ Ambassadors (“ISCA”) service that would mark the start of my lifelong journey with Grace.

...I went to the ledge a broken person, but left peaceful and assured that without fail, God’s grace had found me yet again.

The weekly Saturday ISCA gathering was at the “Upper Social Hall”, one of two big function halls of the church, which were subsequently partitioned to create more “rooms”. Coming out of the main entrance of the hall, one would find the parsonage to the

right (where then Senior Pastor Oh Beng Khee and his family resided); and the tiny church office to the left, where just two administrative staff worked.

There was no air-conditioning in the chapel, yet the good old hard pews felt homely. Sunday service was at 7.45 am — and did not change even when Singapore adjusted its clock back by 30 minutes to synchronise with Malaysia on 1 January 1982. Waking up early for church was never an issue, even if it meant starting half an hour earlier.

Church was home to me in my teenage years. Then living at Alexandra Road, and coming from a fairly dysfunctional family, I spent most of my non-school hours at church: apart from services and ministry involvement, church was also a place for completing homework and studying for exams,

meeting my ISCA pals for fellowship, and basically just the place to hang out. It was the era of the famous Centrepoint kids, but we were too cool to waste time at Orchard Road.

Not surprisingly, my mentors and best friends were from church. They were instrumental in shaping my spiritual, mental and emotional growth and I attribute who I am today to their years of wise counsel and friendship.

Every part of the church building held special memories for me. I was baptised by Pastor Oh in the small pool at the back of the chapel. We had camps in church and I had slept in the multi-purpose room that was located behind the chapel. When the educational block was built in 1989, I had attended bible study and ministry meetings in those rooms. Ten years later, I got married in the much loved chapel, and soon after, our son Linus Mark arrived, and was also dedicated in that chapel. Of course, I had spent many of my adult years as a worship leader on that very stage.

But my favourite spot was not located within the church building. It was an unnoticeable ledge to your right, overlooking the petrol station, if you walked up the slope towards the upper car park. On that ledge I had sat through many difficult moments of my youth; sometimes with the closest of friends, but most times it was a meeting place just between me and the Lord. Whenever I was down, I would find myself walking down Alexandra Road which would eventually lead me to this place of solace. There, with God, I battled over painful family situations, cried over broken relationships, and prayed over youthful uncertainties.

I always knew that I went to the ledge a broken person, but left peaceful and assured that without fail, God’s grace had found me yet again.

And that’s why to me, Grace is more than just a church — it is home.



If you think you are not good enough, WE NEED YOU!

I want to do something but...
I am too shy.
I have no time.
I am not good enough.

Then **YOU** are the one.

Pre-requisite ... Possess weakness/es

~ Abraham was too old
~ Isaac was a daydreamer
~ Jacob was a liar
~ Moses had a stuttering problem
~ Gideon was afraid
~ Elijah was suicidal
~ Jonah ran from God

~ Naomi was a widow
~ Job went bankrupt
~ Peter denied Christ
~ David was a shepherd boy
~ Zaccheus was too small

Kindly submit your application to :
familylifegrace@gmail.com

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGES!



On 24 March 2013, 107 couples walked down the aisle at the old Chapel Tanglin Road, to renew their marriage vows before the building was demolished.



Fast forward to 15 Nov 2015, 170 couples walked down the aisle in the new Sanctuary Tanglin Road, to celebrate their many months and years of their marriages. It was a joyous occasion not because everyone was decked in their Sunday best, it was a celebration of their faithfulness towards one another and the marriage vows they have made to each other before God.



Pastor Benjamin Wong and his wife, Tricia (Pastor Benjamin is the pastor in charge of Family Life@ Grace, Sister Tricia heads the Restored Life division)

Bro Steven Chan and his wife, Michelle. Bro Steven is the chairman of the Celebration of Marriage event. He heads the Married Life division.



Our example to follow...
Brother Kwan Hua and sister Ah Chin married for 53 years!



Season to REACH

by Teo Tze Wei, Finance & Admin Manager

This is my journey of how I joined REACH as a full-time staff in April 2014.

I believe nothing happens by chance and God is in control of all things. My life journey so far can be broken down into "seasons".

Season 1 was the season of "Sufficiency and Equipping". My National Service vocation as a tank mechanic exposed me to handle typical "blue collar" tasks, imbuing in me a "hands-on" work ethic.

Upon graduation with an accounting degree, I was blessed to work at KPMG, ST Engineering and Chevron, and to be able to develop my professional accounting skills in these great organisations. Financially, my wife and I were earning enough to support our two aged parents and our two young kids in 2005. Life was smooth until mid-life crisis hit me on my 36th birthday in November 2005.

A thought came to mind: God has given us an average of 70 to 80 years to live. Is there anything I want to do before I die? I was happy to perform as a finance professional at a senior managerial level, but was this what I wanted to do for the rest of my life? After some soul searching, I decided to switch to a career in the pre-school sector as I believed I could add value as a male educator. I took the plunge in May 2006 and enrolled in a full-time early childhood education specialist diploma course.

My eight years in the pre-school industry was a season of **"Suffering and Enlightenment"**. I worked as a childcare teacher for more than 2 years. In between, I started my own preschool business from 2009-2012. The switch to the childcare industry was a big change from the corporate world. It was physically and mentally more demanding - as a childcare teacher who is responsible for the well-being of the young ones for almost a whole day. I lost weight and often had to work on alternate Saturdays and over the weekends to prepare for lessons. Despite the "suffering", I was rewarded with the satisfaction of seeing the meaningful development of the children under my care. I learnt valuable lessons from my preschool business in the areas of human resource and customer service that impacted the livelihood of my staff. Although I suffered financially and physically, managing a business enlightened me in my personal development. During this period I was introduced to the social service sector through my work at a VWO childcare centre and involvement with REACH as a Management Committee member between 2007-2010 and 2013-2014. This helped me to get a glimpse of the needs in the community.

In April 2014, I decided to answer the call to take up the Finance & Admin Manager position which REACH had been trying to fill unsuccessfully for six months. It was God's timing as I decided to return to do finance work, to seek more family time and also to alleviate the financial burden on my wife, who was the main breadwinner in our family of five dependents. Working in REACH has reaffirmed a calling I reflected in Matthew 25: 31-40, where we live out our faith in a practical manner as Jesus exhorts us to reach out to the "least" amongst us.

This current season of my life is one of **"Strategy and Enjoyment"**. It reminded me of God's purpose in my life. In my past one and half years with REACH, I enjoyed my work as I applied those experiences gained in earlier 'seasons'. I witnessed God's provision, as God led REACH to grow from a single family service centre to a four services ministry. There are many needs in our community where Jesus had exhorted us in Matthew 25, to be aware of and not to ignore. Together with Grace's vision to live life missionally, I invite Gracians to step forward to partner REACH and to serve in the different ways the Lord has prompted you to.

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

By Rachel Leong, Manager, HR & Community Partnership

“Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms. For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.” Psalm 95:2-3

As 2015 draws to a close, we want to remember His faithfulness, His providence, and His favour upon REACH.

HIS FAITHFULNESS AND PROMISES

The Year of Jubilee for Singapore is also a significant milestone for REACH. One is that of its premises. Last year, RCSS operated from one centre in Bishan, and this year, we operate four centres - namely REACH Family Service Centre Bishan, REACH Counselling Centre Shunfu, REACH Youth Powerhouse Bukit Batok and REACH Senior Centre Jalan Membina. Our physical presence have spanned from the Central to the West. We are grateful to our partners and members of Grace Assembly for your faithful support in giving your time, your talents, your treasures, and most importantly your prayers.

As I reflect on the blessings of the Lord for REACH, I am reminded of Philippians 4:6 “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God”. I am in awe and humbled by how the Lord has led us and what He has done for REACH, and how the Lord has brought REACH to face our giants and turn our “mourning” into joy. It is a journey of faith, holding on to His promises.

HIS PROVIDENCE AND FAVOUR

Gammon-REACH Charity Golf & Dinner 2015

It is the first Charity Golf event that REACH has organised – a momentous occasion in the history of REACH. With a grateful heart, we thank Gracians, partners and stakeholders for your support that has made this event a success. Your support and contributions to this fund-raising initiative have helped us raise \$390,000, an amount that has exceeded our target of \$350,000. Most of all, we want to give God the glory for His favour upon REACH by providing us a wonderful weather on that day. Nothing is impossible for Him. Thank you, once again!

RCSS DAY 2015

We are heartened by your words of encouragement, volunteer sign-ups and help in spreading news of our good work via Facebook likes during the recent RCSS Day held on 31 October and 1 November.

Like us on Facebook to spread our work and find out how you can be involved!



WE HAVE MOVED TEMPORARILY

REACH Family Service Centre (FSC) has been operating at Bishan for the last 16 years. Since 6 Nov 2015, the Centre in Block 187 Bishan Street 13 was closed for cyclical maintenance. We have moved and are operating from different locations. Our phone numbers and email addresses remain unchanged.

REACH Family Service Centre:
Blk 307 Shunfu Road #01-137 S(570307)

REACH Community Services Society - HQ:
No. 1 Bukit Batok West Ave. 4 S(659125)

RCSS Day 2015



Rare “Visitor” at GI

The Staff of RCSS were at Grace I for Group Devotion session on 12 Nov 2015 (Thursday morning). A young eagle was found flapping its wings nervously at Level 3 around the glass barrier. It seemed to be disoriented, after flying against the transparent glass window, thinking it could fly through it. Thankfully it wasn't injured. When lifted up, the little bird complained profusely and it was making loud screeching noises.

Debra Chua, one of RCSS' Youth workers, lifted the bird up, went down to Level 2, comforted it for a while, and then tossed it up above the glass barrier. It took off immediately and flew towards the trees.

Eagle teaches us to be courageous, face our fear of the unknown so we are then able to soar like an eagle.

The eagle, though full of potential and magnificence, still learned precious lessons in life in the process of growing up. This one learned that “eagles cannot fly through glass!”. This one complained profusely, as if trying to explain and vindicate itself, to redeem its bruised ego.

It is so true in life. We all learn precious lessons, sometimes very humbling ones. Still the Lord is watching, and His helping hands are always there to redeem us, and get us out of trouble, sometimes life threatening ones.

Ho Siew Cheong
Cheif Executive, RCSS



Gammon-REACH Charity Golf & Dinner 2015

A Gracian REACHes Out

An interview with Mdm Chng



Mdm Chng Soo Kiang has been volunteering with RCSS since 2012 and is one of the founding members of Blooms of Hope (BOH), a project initiated by REACH Family Service Centre to empower and promote self-reliance among women from low-income families.

Q: Why did you decide to volunteer your time and talents with REACH?

A: I was told by a Gracian that REACH is looking for a volunteer to teach flower arrangement to their clients. It resonated with me as I enjoy doing the

craft and I want to be a doer of the Word (James 1:25) to help the widows and orphans (James 1:27). At the same time, I'd like to fulfill my friend's dream of helping REACH's clients, before she became wheelchair bound. I knew God has called me. I also wanted to share in the growth of a social enterprise, through REACH, Grace Assembly's social mission arm.

Q: What is your involvement in the BOH programme?

A: The trainers and programme executives will plan the syllabus and workplan for the year, and I meet the ladies every Monday evening for classes. When there are sales events or projects, that teaching slot is set aside for production of the sale items and flower arrangements. I am very much involved in buying the flowers and materials.

Q: What kind of fulfilment do you gain from your voluntary experience?

A: I am struck by their eagerness and passion to learn. I witnessed how the programme empowers innovative, hard-working and intelligent individuals to achieve their full potential, whilst maintaining dignity, pride and self-esteem. It's a joy, when they recognise my sincerity, when they confide in me with their problems, when they request for prayer and when they agree to my invitation to the church service. It's also a joy to see them getting paid for their work.

Q: Having been a long-time volunteer with REACH, what kind of challenges do you face?

A: As the ladies earn their keep from the sale of their handiwork, a lack of sales will affect their income.

Q: Despite the challenges, what is the driving force that keeps you going?

A: The programme helps to build the individuals' confidence and give them invaluable, practical skills so that they can build a future. It is evident how strong a bond they had formed as a group. Coming together has been so much fun and I cannot bear to leave them.

Q: Have there been any clients who you have journeyed with, or have the opportunity to grow with?

A: There are 2 ladies I would like to applaud – JM and RT. When JM joined the programme, she came with brokenness, frustrations and no knowledge of the English language. Now, she is able to communicate with the group, teach and guide the newer ones and she takes leadership in all the projects we are involved in. If she's given the opportunity, she plans to study floral design.

RT was a very shy lady with low self-esteem when she first joined BOH. Today, she has so much confidence that she can teach, sell the BOH products and even counsel others! She was the happiest woman on earth when she received her first cheque from product sales, she shared with me that she bought a gold bracelet and ring for herself and gave some money to her husband, son and mother-in-law. Both of us shed tears of joy.

Q: How would you encourage others to serve with REACH?

A: You might have a full-time job, but it only takes 2 hours every week, which will otherwise be spent playing games on the computer or phone, or watching Korean dramas! There is a lot of satisfaction and joy which comes from volunteering. You need to experience how income-generating projects can create lasting economic growth for the needy.



“Word from the Heart”

A big thank you to all our wonderful Gracians who have given their personal time and money, and used their skills and talents to support us in serving the elderly in the love of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We could not have done it without all of you. Deepest appreciation from the bottom of our hearts.

Francis Foong
Head, REACH Senior and Auxiliary Services

Your belief and foresight in marriage and counselling birth REACH Counselling Centre. Thank you for celebrating love and embracing growth with us and our clients. Let's walk the journey to reflect our Master together. With heartfelt thanks.

Chang-Goh Song Eng
Head, REACH Counselling

Thank you for taking these steps of faith with RCSS. Your kindness and compassion have given our clients hope again!

Joe Chan
Head, REACH Youth

I am touched by the Gracians' kindness and willingness to reach out to the poor and needy in our society. I look forward to serving with more cell groups to spread the love of Christ to the families we serve. I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Alicia Lam
Head, REACH Family Service Centre

恩典二华语堂见证： 奇妙恩典的一天

廖丽婷

今年8月31日弟弟Dennis进入了鹰阁医院做检查，当我去探访他的时候，才知道他已经有一段时间不能好好睡觉，因着背部脊椎疼痛，有时还要趴着睡觉，听了心疼。

做了各项应该做的检查后，在9月3日早上9点半，弟媳Linda打电话给我说：医生报告里三高正常，肾脏、肺部都健康，但是却出现两个问题：一是颈椎骨第四至第六节受损，二是50%心脏部分显示斑塊鈣积聚指数高达300以上，正常指数是10-20。

医生忠告需要马上动心脏手术后再处理颈椎问题。这晴天霹雳的消息，难以形容我们当时的心情，我们通过电话一起祷告。祷告时一个意念告诉我，寻求其他意见暂缓手术，我把这个意念告诉了Linda。她发短信给她的教会组员代祷，而我也立即拨电给牧师发动祷告。

弟弟Dennis打开诗篇91章宣读神的话语使他心里有平安，並在上午11点37分把91章1-16节传发信息到家庭群组 and 面簿，相信大家一起宣读神的话语是大有能力的，因为祂是信实的，是我们的保护者。

上午11点45分Linda告诉我因手术房没空档把原本1点改为5点半，这时医院也特别安排Dennis转到高依赖病房。

在这段时间，我们继续寻求神，祈求祂的医治。Dennis也勇于拒绝来自英国专科医生为他预备的手术台。医生问为什么，弟弟回答说我是基督徒，通过祷告已经被上帝医治了！但医生不能接受这么不医学的答案，非常担忧地劝告不动手术后果的严重性，因Dennis的坚持，医生最后要求再做一次深入血管摄影。



晚上6点21分，报告使我们雀跃万分，医生也呆了，心脏血管没有所谓的斑塊鈣点，手术免了，Dennis的身体完全被修复了。哈利路亚！将一切荣耀归于全能的创造主，这整个奇迹过程相信耶稣让我们家未信主的家人，弟妹们都亲眼看到，亲耳听见这好消息，见证耶稣是复活的主，最大的医生，祂的应许是实实在在的，永恒不变的。阿门！

最后，衷心感谢弟兄姐妹们同心合一代祷代求。

神赐福大家

廖丽婷

好消息!

从2016年1月份起，
每逢星期六下午1点半至3点正，
将于恩典一（一楼加利利礼堂）
举办闽南语团契。
更多活动等您来参与!



GOD HELPS!

Ezra was an adorable, happy and responsive baby. He met all the milestones of his age. I went around giving testimony of how great and merciful our God is and how He had miraculously restored Ezra from an initial scare before his birth. Then we noticed some developmental behaviours that were different from his older sister Esther, and that led us to seek professional child assessment. Ezra was diagnosed to be mildly autistic with 50% deafness. Over the years, we learnt and understood more about autism. We sent him to speech and occupational therapy sessions. Our younger son, Eleazar, who is four years younger, became a role model, and helped Ezra to pick up many critical and daily living skills which we had found very difficult to teach. Being visual, Ezra simply followed what Eleazar did. Other experiences like dental treatment and haircut were challenging but God sent gentle pediatric dentists and kind-hearted barbers to patiently help Ezra overcome his fears.

Throughout Ezra's schooling years, God prepared the schools and teachers for Ezra. He intervened at the right time and sent the right people to help us to make the right decisions. After a long search, we enrolled him into Pathlight School. When Ezra's academic results in the upper primary were worrying, we wanted to switch him to the vocational track where he will be equipped with practical life skills and be prepared for employment. God sent Ms Loy Sheau Mui, the Senior Vice-Principal, to assure us that their passion is to help each child succeed. Ms Loy encouraged us to support Ezra to complete his PSLE before switching him to vocational track. We thank God as we learn to let God take charge of Ezra's life, we see how Ezra enjoys and excels as a person. As a student, Ezra has received numerous awards over the years. This year, he is given the Most Competent Pupil Award and Outstanding Trainee in General Vocational and Office Skills. All glory and honor to God!

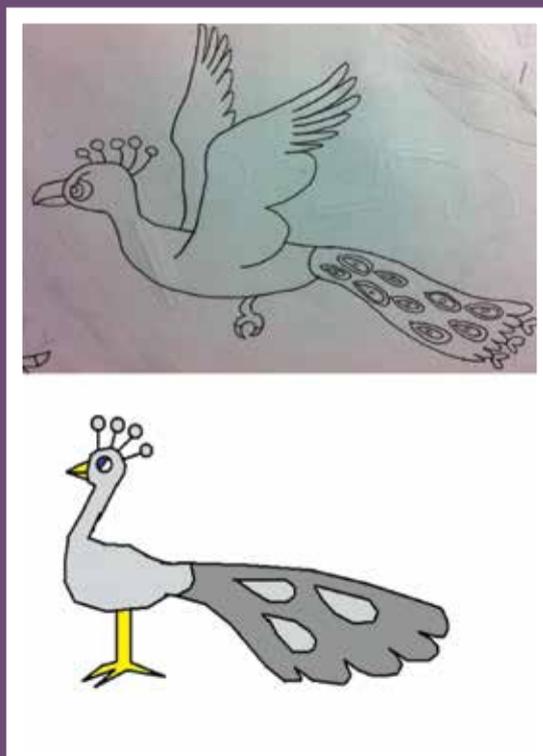
Since young, Ezra has been able to capture his favorite images on paper and computer. Ezra's development and growth are clearly seen through the progress of his artwork. Ezra animated his digital pictures without any guidance and he had more than a thousand of such, in just over 3 years. He also independently created 3D replicas of his drawings; bring his unique creativity to life. All these are self-taught skills. We took Ezra's artwork to Very Special Arts Singapore (VSA) for assessment. Nine months into joining VSA, Ezra created a unique limited edition canvas bag @ Ogilvy Singapore "Bags of Creativity" Project, to support and raise awareness of VSA. He also represented VSA to paint on a life-sized

elephant statue which was exhibited at Marina Bay Gallery for the Elephant Parade. Since 2012, Ezra has been invited to exhibit his artwork (e.g. acrylic on canvas, animation artwork) at the Voices - Expressions of young VSA artists, located at VSA Art Space @ Changi on a regular basis. His art pieces were also selected to be a showcase cover page for Ministry of Children & Youth Services' Facebook (currently known as Ministry of Social and Family Development).

In 2013, Ezra was given a chance to join the Artist Development program in Pathlight School. In 2015, Pathlight School submitted Ezra's acrylic-and-oil painting (0.91m by 1.22m) to enter the UOB Painting of the Year open competition under the emerging artist category. The contest was judged by a 12-member panel. Ezra's artwork entitled "Play", won him the first prize - the Most Promising Artist of the Year Award! One of the judges said of his work: "The painting is inventive and vivid, executed with conviction for a youth ... It gives the viewer (of the painting) the privilege of exploring the mind of the artist." We were overwhelmed with joy and thanksgiving as we witnessed Ezra walking up to the stage to receive the award from Deputy Prime Minister Teo Chee Hean.

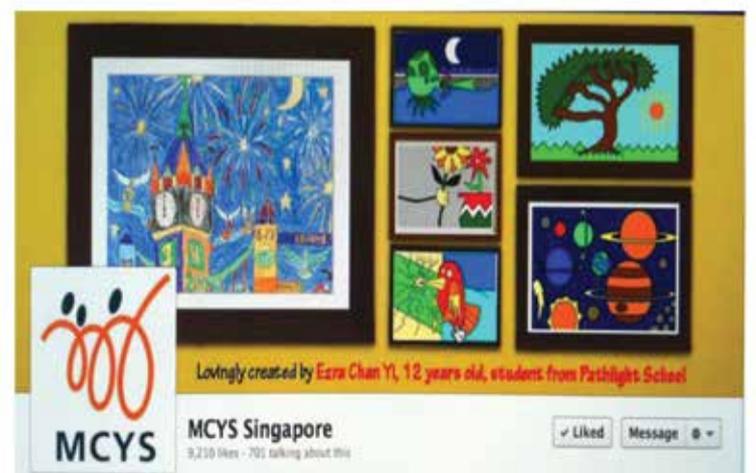
We have been attending Grace Assembly since 2005, where we met many people full of God's love who care for and help Ezra. God sent Sis Dorcas and Bro Eugene to nurture and teach him God's Word and led Ezra pray the sinner's prayer. The youths are also very tolerant towards him and always create social space for him. What more can I ask? But to give thanks to God! It is exciting to see how God will unfold his future and we know God has the best for him and for all who trust Him. In Grace alone!

In His Majestic Service
Emily Lee



◀ Whatever Ezra can draw on paper, he is able to reproduce something similar on Microsoft Paint.

[3] Showcase cover page for Ministry Children & Youth Services' Facebook





INTERNATIONAL GRACE ASSEMBLY (IGA): FIRST ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS!

BY JOSHUA LEE

Praise God that we celebrated IGA's first anniversary on 11 October 2015. On hindsight, we cannot help ourselves but to praise God for his Almighty hand was upon IGA.

IGA started with a very humble beginning in April 2014 and people ask why celebrate her first anniversary in October 2015? After IGA started, members found their worship sanctuary locked up one day, and they had to worship elsewhere every Sunday (moving from one member's house to another), but the worst was yet to come. In subsequent months, everything in the sanctuary was emptied literally - from musical instruments, tables and chairs, wall partitions, even the 12 memorial stones and 50 kg wooden crosses that were hung at the centre of the stage! Praise God, what was intended to be detrimental to IGA, God turned it to be a blessing instead. With contributions from members, IGA was refurbished with better equipment, and by then it was already October. So, this became the new beginning for IGA from October 2014!

Ps Andy informed sometime in July 2015, to all leaders and the whole congregation that IGA's first anniversary celebration will be held on 11 October 2015, so that we have sufficient time to make preparations for it. There were just too many things to prepare for - who to invite, what's the program for that day (sermon, testimonies, ushers, Sunday school children program, etc), door gifts, food menu, transportation logistics, stage and flower decorations. After Pastor announced the date for the first anniversary celebration, this became an important prayer item during our Friday prayer meetings for the next couple of months. Just like the preparation of many items for the celebration itself, there are many things to pray for.

The door gifts chosen were a bookmark and a small clay vase with "God's vessel" inscribed on it. Three months earlier, we placed an order for 300 pieces of these vases, the supplier promised to deliver them on time. However, after many rounds of inspection, rejection and modifications, we only received 118 pieces of satisfactory quality, just a few days before the event! Four days before the event, Pastor Andy was cleaning and washing the vases in the sanctuary in when he saw the water in the pail had turned red. He realized his fingers were bleeding from all the washing! Pastor Andy shared this incident with us during the evening prayer meeting. Pastor told us that God showed him the 118 vases referred to Psalm 118, to describe what IGA has gone through for the last one and half years, and the miracles and wonders our Almighty God has performed.

On celebration day, Pastor and all leaders arrived in IGA in early morning, while people started coming in from 10 am. The service started at 10.30 am, with songs of worship and praise to our Lord, followed by a video clip testimony by Sis Efte and a personal testimony by Bro Joshua. The intercessor team also presented a thanksgiving song dedicated to our Lord. Grace Assembly's Senior Pastor Calvin was short but yet impactful - we must remain in God's plan to be used by Him powerfully. After that the ceremony started with the dedication of IGA to the Lord, and also prayers for Pastor Andy and all the leaders as well. All praise and glory to God for He had made this celebration possible, just as His words in Psalm 118:29 declares "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, His love endures forever!" Amen.

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Saturday 5 pm

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GRACE KIDS – CHILDREN'S CHURCH (7-12 YRS OLD)

GRACE KIDS – PRE-SCHOOL (3-6 YRS OLD)

BETHEL

GALILEE

EDEN

ZION

LEVEL 3

LEVEL 1

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Sunday 9 am

ENGLISH SERVICE

MANDARIN SERVICE

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Sunday 11.15 am

ENGLISH SERVICE

FILIPINO SERVICE

R-AGE YOUTH (13-19 YRS OLD)

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GRACE KIDS – PRE-SCHOOL (3-6 YRS OLD)

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LEVEL 3

LEVEL 2

LEVEL 5

GRACE II SERVICES: 1 Bukit Batok West Ave 4 Singapore 659125

Saturday 2 pm

R-AGE YOUTH (13-19 YRS OLD)

CHAPEL

LEVEL 4

Sunday 9 am

ENGLISH SERVICE

MANDARIN SERVICE

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GRACE KIDS PRE-SCHOOL (3-6 YRS OLD)

CHAPEL

SANCTUARY

LOVE

KINDNESS

LEVEL 4

LEVEL 2

LEVEL 2

LEVEL 4

Sunday 11.15 am

ENGLISH SERVICE

HOKKIEN SERVICE

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GRACE KIDS PRE-SCHOOL (3-6 YRS OLD)

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LOVE

KINDNESS

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Sunday 1.30 pm

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NO ORDINARY Christmas

Have you ever wondered if your prayers really work? Have you been praying for years for a dear family member or friend to know the Lord? Are you getting discouraged?

Ecclesiastes 3:11 states: "He has made everything beautiful in its time... (NIV)."

This year, our Creative Arts Ministry is putting up a short Christmas play to depict how with our love and unceasing prayers, and in His time, our loved ones come to know Him as Lord and Saviour.

Is there a loved one that you have wanted to share Christ with?

Bring him or her to this year's Christmas Service.

We have the privilege of inviting Pastor Carl Butler, an evangelist and pioneer of "Fan the Flame Ministries". Pastor Carl's heartbeat is to build up local churches and ministries to strengthen them in every situation, to win the lost, build faith, bring healing, inspire, equip and release people to serve the Lord.

In 2005, he received a vision from the Lord – to win five million souls during his lifetime. From then, Pastor Carl began to conduct crusades where it is typical for thousands to be saved and healed during these meetings. Now, he is developing a network of evangelists to join in, reaching the multitudes who are desperate for the Good News.

Do not miss this opportunity to bring your loved ones, families and friends to hear the Good News.

Brother Gurmit Singh will be making an appearance on stage to share a song.

So come! Bring someone along too for our special Christmas services that will be held at our new GI Bethel hall. Let's celebrate this special day remembering that God, in His perfect time, had sent His Son to us.

GRACE I, BETHEL HALL

**24 December 2015 | 7pm – 9pm
and**

25 December 2015 | 10am - 12pm



Pastor Carl Butler
Guest Speaker



Gurmit Singh
Special Appearance