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EXPANDING INTO THE WORLD

As you know, 'Expanding into the World' is our 4th key thrust as a Missional Family Church. The world is getting more uncertain today and it calls for a greater urgency to fulfil the 'missio dei' that God gave to us.

In Grace Missions, we are thankful for your support - be it going, praying or giving. From January to June, we have a total of 47 mission trips to the 11 countries we are involved in. Also a total number of 133 Gracians participated in missions in the first 6 months. In terms of money, we received an amount of \$1.127m. As compared with the budget for 2016, there's a shortage of \$900k. Let's believe that this amount will come in by the end of this year.

One exciting news I want to share is that we are sending a family to Singkawang, Kalimantan as our missionary.

Caleb together with his wife Su-Lin and daughter Keziah will be in Singkawang in the beginning of August.

While he's there, Caleb will :

- supervise our church planting works
- teach at the missions school
- help the local churches
- coordinate the different teams to Kalimantan.

Please pray for Caleb and his family fervently as it's a big step of faith for them and I'm so thankful for their sacrificial love for the Lord.

With a missionary based there, it will enable us to do even more to expand into the world.

May the Lord continue to use every Gracian in these last days to advance His Kingdom.

Ps Calvin Lee
Senior Pastor



Men's Bible Study

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 : 17 September; 1, 8 October

Time : 10am - 12pm

Venue : G1 Visitor's Lounge (level 3)

Cost : \$13 includes material

Register at www.graceaog.org/gdp-bs by 10 September.

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PRAYER MEETINGS AUGUST 2016

FOCUS ON REACHING OUT IN LOVE

3 August 2016

Prayer Focus: **Our Nation**
One People, One Nation

Venue: G1 L1 Galilee, G11 L4 Chapel

10 August 2016

Prayer Focus: **Our Nation**
God Bless Our Leaders!

Venue: G1 L1 Galilee, G11 L4 Chapel

17 August 2016

Prayer Focus: **Next Generation**

Venue: G1 L1 Galilee, G11 L4 Chapel

24 August 2016

Prayer Focus: **Souls**

Venue: G1 L1 Galilee, G11 L4 Chapel

31 August 2016

Combined J333 (English & Chinese)

Venue: G1 L1 Galilee

MONTHLY LUNCHTIME FASTING + PRAYER

Every **1st Wednesday**
of the month
starting in August!

Grace I
L3 Emmaus Hall

12.00 - 13.30

Introducing Grace Missional College Modules for the 2nd Term of 2016

The counter is open during the weekends; 2/3 July – 13/14 August, at GRACE @ Tanglin and GRACE @ Bukit Batok, for the registration of these modules. The GMC brochure and registration form is available electronically. You may download it from the church website, www.graceaog.org/grace-missional-college. Please refer your enquiries to gmcollege@graceaog.org or call us at 64100805.



BIB726: Kingdom of God

25-27 August

Professor: Rev Peter Tsukahira

A Biblical basis for understanding the Kingdom of God from a practical viewpoint that incorporates principles, concepts, and characteristics of the Kingdom. It also highlights the history and relationship between the Kingdom, Israel and the Church. Emphasis is placed upon Christian's opportunities and responsibilities to help advance God's Kingdom.

Peter Tsukahira is a graduate of Christ for the Nations Institute and holds a Master of Divinity degree from American Christian Theological Seminary. He, a widely-sought after conference speaker, is one of the pastors of Kehilat HaCarmel, the Executive Director of Carmel Communications and Mt Carmel Ministry Center. He has authored 3 books, God's Tsunami, My Father's Business: Transforming Society, and Culture of the Kingdom: A Journey of Restoration.

BIB325: Pneumatology (The Study of the Holy Spirit)

8-10 September

Professor: Dr Jerry Horner

This course examines the Biblical teaching on the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity. Emphasis is placed on the personality and deity of the Holy Spirit, His work in regeneration, sanctification, Spirit baptism and Christian service.

Dr Jerry Horner received a Th. D degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and has served as dean of the School of Theology at Oral Roberts University, and as founding dean of the School of Divinity at Regent University, USA. He is the author of many books and articles in theological and educational journals, commentaries, biblical encyclopedias and dictionaries.

BIPT502: The Biblical Basis & Strategy of Missions

27-29 October

Professor: Dr Khoo Hin Hiong

This course is designed to clarify what the Bible teaches on missionary objectives and explains the relationship of the Trinity to missionary endeavors. It aims to familiarize students with the missionary activities of a New Testament Church. Through the use of case studies, each student will be stimulated to engage themselves for more vigorous mission work. Dr Khoo, with his personal experiences in touching 45 countries, will expound and illustrate the Biblical way of reaching the world with the Gospel.

Dr Khoo Hin Hiong, founder of International Christian Mission and CFNI Missions Fellowship, has taught missions to about 800 students for four years at Christ for the Nations Institute, USA, and missions and leadership skills at Haggai Institute, USA. He received the Kingdom Statesman Award from International Third World Leaders Association founded by the late Dr Myles Munroe, and established the Institute of Missiology in Singapore in partnership with Regent University, USA. Through his legal and business consultancy practice, he established a wide network in Singapore, and in several countries.

BIPT235: Conflict Management & Resolution

17-19 November

Professor: Dr Joseph Umidi

Provides perspectives on the rudiment of leading people through understanding conflicts. This course also focuses on the principles and praxis of the management: relating theory to practice, identifying constructive strategies, developing framework of techniques and processes, formulation of resolution methods and managing communications.

Dr Joseph Umidi received a D Min. from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, is the Executive Vice President for Student Life at Regent University. He has served as a professor of ministry at Regent University for more than 25 years. He is the founder and president of Lifeforming Leadership Coaching, Inc. He has authored numerous articles and books dealing with church and organizational and personal transformation, and currently works in community and international transformation strategies with several ministry organizations in the developing nations.



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

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

A Family in Grace

*Only one life, the still small voice, gently pleads for a better choice
 Bidding me selfish aims to leave, and to God's holy will to cleave;
 Only one life, 'twill soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last. — C.T. Studd*

In Ex 4:10, Moses said to the LORD, “Pardon your servant, Lord. I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue.” But God went on to use Moses, making him one of the great leaders of the Bible.

Fast forward... when he was younger, he stuttered and could not speak well. People made fun of him and teased him. In spite of his weakness, he went on to become a doctor, took 6 months no pay leave to go on medical mission trips and now he speaks with eloquence and confidence, preaching the good news to all he meets. Dr Chow Minyang, who serves in the Mission Department and was recently elected as one of our church board members, shares with FamilyLife@Grace.

FamilyLife@Grace: FLG
Chow Minyang: CMY

FLG: Please introduce yourself to our readers.

CMY: Hello Gracians! My name is Minyang and I am 27 years old this year. I just tied the knot with my beautiful wife, Grace Lum, on 14th May 2016. I am a member of the YAYP Congregation and I attend Kairos cell. It is also my privilege to humbly serve you in the Executive Church Board and in the Grace Missions Committee.

FLG: Your family...

CMY: I am thankful for two wonderful parents. Many of you would know my mum, Bee Lian as a long-serving member of Grace Assembly. She brought me to Christ. My dad is a pre-believer and we pray that one day, he will come to the saving knowledge of Christ. I have a younger sister, Gaomin, who works full time in Cru Singapore and serves actively in the young adults ministry. Her passion for the lost is unparalleled and she is a role model to me.



Minyang and family

FLG: And home is...

CMY: My wife and I am currently waiting for our Built-To-Order flat. We are currently staying at a cozy rented place of our own at Jurong West.

FLG: Can we say that you grew up in Grace Assembly. From infancy to adulthood?

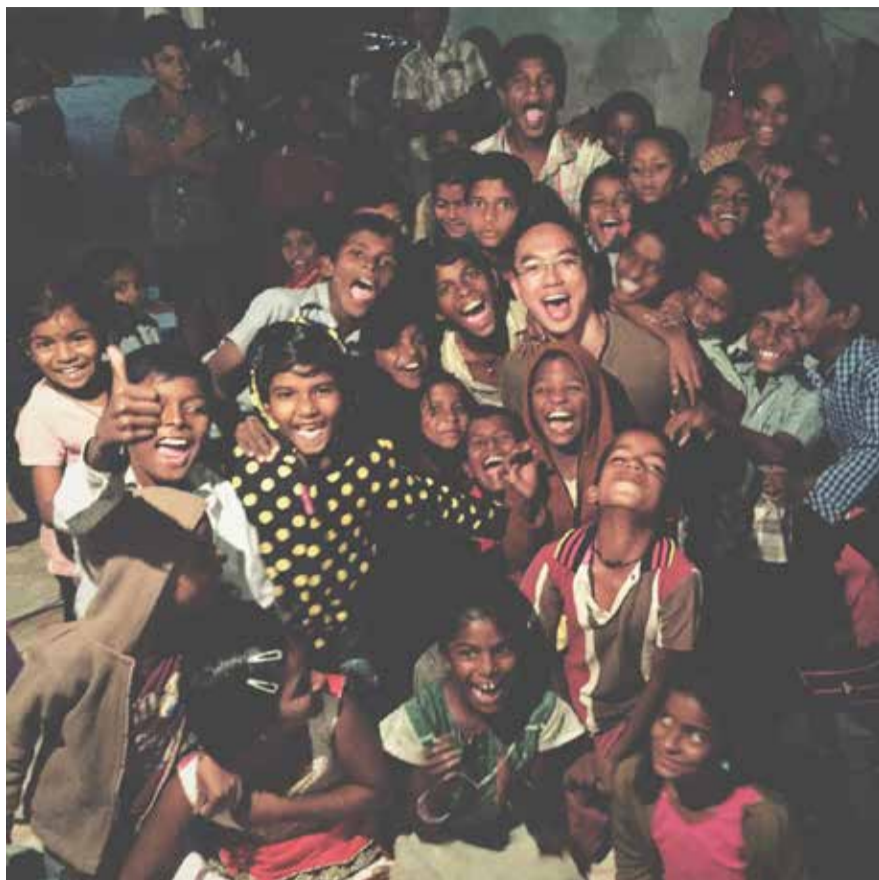
CMY: My mum brought me to Grace Assembly when I was very young and gave me many opportunities to hear the gospel. She demonstrated the gospel through her love for me and our family! I have been in Grace for over 20 years - since the time I was in diapers till now. Sis Poh Suan was one of the nursery teachers who took great care of me when I was still on all fours. Pastor Peck Yin, Bro Joshua Fong, Sis Kim Mui, Bro Lim Nan, Bro Daniel Lim, Bro Clement Yee and Sis Soanne were among my Sunday School Teachers whom I fondly remember.

FLG: Some of us have come to know you at the Watchnight Service where you shared about your mission trips. Could you tell more about this life of yours?

CMY: I took a 6 month no-pay leave to do missions and it was the best decision of my life. In these 6 months, I went to Cambodia, Philippines, Indonesia and headed to India twice. Through these trips, God stretched my faith, taught me tons of lessons, allowed me to meet with inspiring brothers and sisters who spurred me on in my walk with God. He placed in my heart the burden for the lost and gave me a glimpse of how His prophecy to me (received in my R-AGE days) was going to be fulfilled - that I would be His mouthpiece in preaching His Word. There was such indescribable joy doing God's work, knowing that He watches over my every step.

FLG: You mentioned you were recently married. Would you like to introduce your partner to us?

CMY: I have just got married to my beautiful girlfriend of 8 years. We grew up in Grace Assembly but we never really talked to each other until Grace Retreat of 2007. She actually thought that I was way older than her, and was surprised to find out that I was actually her age. I was serving in the Grace Retreat then and asked her if she was keen to be interviewed for the recap video for the retreat. We began talking and got to know each other more. We went through medical school together and graduated in 2013. She has been my constant pillar of support in the many ups and downs of life.



Mingyang at mission trip

FLG: Was it like a long-distance relationship at that time when you went on those Mission trips?

CMy: Although most of my trips were one to two weeks in duration, I went for multiple trips and at certain times, it felt like a long-distance relationship. I remembered a trip where I went deep into rebel territory in the Philippines to do medical missions and share the gospel. Tensions between these armed rebels and government troops were at an all-time high. Before I entered the rebel controlled areas, I messaged Grace to ask her to keep me in prayer. Subsequently, I did not have mobile reception for the next 3 days to update her on how we were doing. She was worried sick! There were moments in my journey that I felt homesick, but knowing that there was full support and encouragement for me when I headed out to serve God was heartening and reassuring.

FLG: How did you cope being away from your love ones?

CMy: With modern technology, it is easier to cope being away. In some areas, Skype, FaceTime and social media allowed us to reconnect on a platform more than just a call or a text message. In areas where reception is poor, my family photos and videos on my mobile reminded me that I am loved. However, the sadness of not being with my loved ones was overshadowed with the abundant joy I got from journeying with God, my true Beloved.

FLG: We live in an affluent society. Most young people like yourself are at the prime time of their lives, where they work hard to earn more money, buy a luxurious house and drive a flashy car. Why do you choose to live a different life? What/Who impacted you to pursue a path less travelled?

CMy: I work as a doctor in Tan Tock Seng Hospital and I thoroughly enjoy my work. God blessed me with many awards during my medical school days and as a specialist trainee. My life was great. I had job satisfaction, recognition and abundant finances. My path for the next decade was set. However, since the start of 2015, there was a sense of discontentment which grew within me. There was something more God wanted me to do with my life. One day, through a book that Wallis Sultan blessed me with, I realized the brevity of my life on earth. We all have only a short moment to live on this earth, and what we do now is going to have an impact on where and how we spend eternity. Many of us work so hard, gain so much money and store up so much on earth, not realizing that we cannot bring what we have earned to heaven. We enjoy our lives on earth, forgetting that we have eternity

Do not waste your time on things that have no kingdom value because our lives are as short-lived as vapours

ahead of us. If I had died that day, I would have regretted how I lived my life. Spurred on by this realization, I decided to forsake myself and my earthly desires and live a life for Christ alone.

FLG: Share with us, what were some of your victories

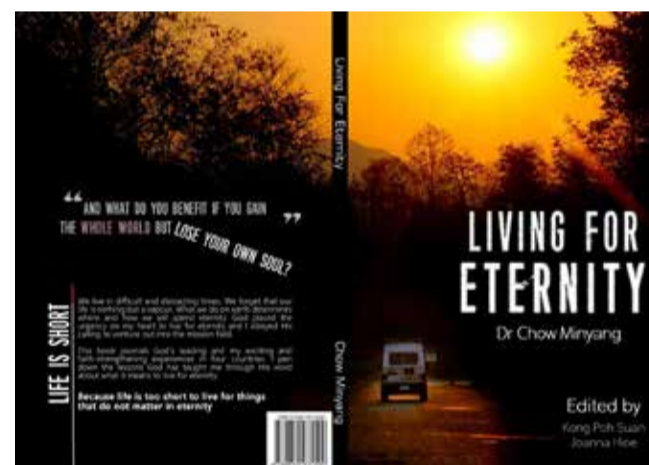
CMy: I have learnt first-hand on what it meant for God's power to be made perfect in my weakness. Stuttering was a big problem for me in Secondary School. I had people ridiculed me and laughed at my speech. However, when I preached in the mission field, there was confidence, passion and a fire that I knew was not from me. As a stutterer, I was amazed at how God gave me the strength and ability to preach His word. A stuttering preacher gives God all the glory.

Since my primary school days, English language had not been my forte. My teacher had to call my parents up to discuss about my poor performance in the subject. When I graduated from Junior College, I scored full points for all my other subjects, but barely passed English. When a friend told me to pen a book detailing the lessons learnt from my experiences in the mission field, I felt incapable. It was only after three months that I finally decided to embark on the project. When I began writing, thoughts and ideas flowed seamlessly into words. I could not stop writing. If I wrote the book with my own strength, I would have never gotten past the first chapter. But with God, His strength is made perfect through my weakness.

FLG: Could you tell us more about this book of yours?

CMy: The book that I have written is entitled "Living for Eternity". It detailed the many lessons God has taught me through the heart-wrenching, harrowing, and adrenaline filled experiences I have had in the mission field. Through my journey and study of God's word, I penned down what living for eternity meant. In 28 chapters, 30,000 words, I recollect

God's faithfulness, His protection, providence through the trials and challenges I faced in the mission field. I hope that this book will spur many to rethink how they are living their lives. I hope it will also lead Christians to step out in faith to do extraordinary things for God and to live life with a sense of urgency because time is short. I will be launching my book in church in due time, so look out for it. If you would like a copy or would like to hear me share my experiences, you could drop me an email at chowminyang@gmail.com.



FLG: How has God played a part in this extra-ordinary journey of yours?

CMy: God has been the author of every experience that I have been through in this journey and in my life. He carefully orchestrated each lesson, timed each to perfection and protected me through every trial. He miraculously opened many doors for me to serve Him humbly. I am tremendously excited about where He will lead me and my wife in the future, for His glory.

FLG: What would you like to tell Grace members.....

CMy: My heart is bursting with so many lessons and stories that I would love to share with you all. Look at your life on earth with the perspective of eternity. Let us be good stewards of our time on earth. Do not build barns to store up earthly treasures, but give these earthly treasures away in exchange for heavenly ones. Do not waste your time on things that have no kingdom value because our lives are as short-lived as vapours. Be faithful in the small things and God will entrust you with even bigger things! Go out and make disciples in Singapore and in all nations and you will experience the reality of what Christ meant when He said, "And I will be with you always, till the very end of the age".

"For we are co-workers in God's service..." 1 Cor 3:9a (NIV)

How To Get Real Face Time With Your Teen

Understanding the differences between our generation and theirs

By Focus on the Family Singapore
21 June, 2016

Teenagers – don't we sometimes wish we understood them a little better, or knew what they were thinking? Why are they always staring at their screens? Why do they keep talking about finding meaning in life? Today's teenagers are growing up in a generation different from ours, facing more societal pressures and challenges than we ever did. We may not fully comprehend or agree with their thoughts or views, but knowing the differences between our generation's thinking and theirs might help us understand them a little better.

Communication Today

Do you find that our young ones have shorter attention spans? Technology likely has a part to play in this. Being digital natives, they are adept at quickly and easily sourcing for new information at any place and point in time. Indeed, a webpage that took two minutes to load in the past now can load in two seconds! However, though they may find difficulty in focusing on something for extended periods of time, they are often better at multitasking and managing several activities at the same time.

Also, gone are the days when face-to-face interaction was the only way to communicate with someone at length. Our teens have communication at their fingertips, keeping in touch with their friends through various forms of instant messaging and social media. Due to this, they may be more comfortable communicating virtually as opposed to meeting face-to-face or making phone calls.

It is still good to make—and guard—face-to-face interaction with them as a family. For example, you can agree as a family to ensure that there's no digital devices at the dinner table, so that everyone can focus on quality conversations. We should also model such behaviour for our teens by being intentional in not checking our phones or laptops constantly when spending time with them.

Engaging on Values

What was considered taboo in the past is now more widely accepted. Youth's attitudes toward things like media consumption, dressing, and sex, among many other areas, have become more liberal. One of the reasons for this is that our culture has changed. For instance, today's culture is markedly more accepting of sexually explicit content, where it can be found from product advertisements to music videos.

Someone once observed that the older generation seems to be the "What" generation: They know what is right and wrong, and they will do as they have been taught. But the younger generation seems to be the "Why" generation: They want to know why something is right or wrong, before they do it.

This mindset can be a productive one to engage with. The benefit is that youths want to know for themselves the compelling reasons behind something, rather than accept it blindly. And once they have thought or wrestled through it, they will likely have ownership over their own convictions.

Engaging with our youths in terms of values can also take the form of inviting them into a conversation about why they think the way they think. How did they come to such a view? Whom or what do they consider major influences in their lives? What do they cherish and what do they dislike? This also helps us to understand them as a person, and what their inner world is like.

The Bottom Line

Your teen may hold vastly different views from you – some may make you squirm or even recoil in horror. Before you start on a "You know in my time, this would never be allowed..." lecture, take some time to truly listen and evaluate your teen's views. Opening up safe spaces for dialogue lets them feel valued because they are being heard, which allows them to express their views more openly. This then creates opportunities for you to learn from them, and also to help them to clarify—and when the need arises, to gently correct—their beliefs and attitudes. Ultimately, our aim in parenting is to teach them how to think, not what to think, and empowering them to make healthy decisions themselves.

In all honesty, youths today share many similarities with you when you were teenagers – they are still finding their way around the confusing world they are in, still desire to be accepted, heard and loved. You may not completely understand (or appreciate) their psyche, but you can be the present and loving parent to them, guiding them as they grow into adulthood. Dads and Mums, may you be your teen's coach and cheerleader so that they can run the race of life well.

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Here are some updates on what the Christ's Ambassadors have been up to

We had a number of former Grace pastors speaking at CA Fellowship meetings – John Tan, George Seow and Oh Beng Khee. In the coming months, let's look forward to hearing Peter Tay and Betty Lin. It is good to catch up with what God has been doing in their ministries and to receive God's Word from them.



In the June Church Retreat, we came together at a Eu Yan Sang restaurant in nearby Mid-Valley Mall for a hearty and comfortable lunch on the free-and-easy Sunday. 40 of us had our fill of good old traditional Cantonese favourites and later took the chance to work out the calories with a bit of shopping at the mall.

It is the durian season again! And our annual obsession with the king of fruit is again the reason for this year's durian party on 17 July. We had a variety of other fruits of the orchard as well. We should be well on the way for a fruitful year.



In August, we will be going to the church in Tanjung Pinang that Grace Assembly has been supporting. The CAF has been going there every year to minister and support the pastor, his family and their congregation. We count it our privilege to have the opportunity to see the growth and

progress of this church and to be alongside them on parts of their journey in the kingdom of God.

Towards the end of the year, we have more plans for social and evangelistic outreach but the biggest is slated for the Christmas season. The Christmas party theme for this year is Shanghai Night. It will be a journey back to old Shanghai with songs, dance and games. Watch out for more details to be made known at a later date.

8th Grace II GFM Thanksgiving Celebration

21 June 2016 – By Sis Jeremy Retuta

What else can we ask for? Blessed with a good church, a dedicated and passionate pastor, committed leaders, and faithful members serving Christ; yes we've gone that far...8 years of enjoying God's presence in GFM all for His glory!

The worship focused; partnered with a prayer of thanksgiving from each of the ministries completed the simple celebration themed, "We love because He first loved us" of 1 John 4:19. An inspiring dance number of God's everlasting love was as well rendered by the Gen-R kids. The congregation was packed by GFM worshippers with 7 responses accepting the salvation of Christ.

The Honorary Pastor David Lim motivated everyone with a message of hope that when God says "No" to one thing; it means another door of opportunity opens for the better. This hope as a church reminds us as well of continually pursuing on sharing God's love to non-believers we encounter and to our vision; "More Filipinos More Like Jesus". Carry on GFM and fulfil God's greatest commission for his Glory!



Lovers Retreat is back again!

Both of you have started your marriage with the intention of God being in the centre of it all. The resolution to build a God-centred marriage and family and fulfilling His purpose remains. Both of you have remained strong and courageous to this call through thick and thin, health and sickness, wealth and not so well to do. It has been an amazing journey with toil, sweat and blood mixed with joy, tears and comfort.

We invite both of you to take a weekend out with us this August to rest, nourish and recharge so that you can continue to grow strong, if not stronger, to fulfill the purpose of marriage through the husband and wife relationship centring around Christ.

Our resident speakers, Steven and Michelle Chan, will share various proven tools they have used to grow and strengthen their marriage of 34 years. These tools will help you to strengthen yours.

More than 130 couples from 3 churches have benefited from Steven and Michelle's sharing.

For couples (married 10 and more years)

27 - 28 Aug 2016

LE Granduer at Johor Bahru 2D1N

Fee: \$340

Online Registration: <https://event.graceaog.org>

Any enquires, please email to Married.Life@graceaog.org



Steven and Michelle Chan are passionate about strengthening marriages. Steven serves as a Board Member at Grace AOG & Director with Focus on The Family Singapore. Many marriages have benefited from their sharing, so come and be blessed!

Community Befriending

Prov 17:17

**A friend loves
at all times,
and a brother is
born for a time of
adversity.**

Need friends, be friends

Most of us are willing to open up to friends, and we are less uncomfortable asking for, or receiving help from friends. Not so with strangers. And so it is with the Community. It is hard to trust people, or be too transparent to those we do not know, or just know as passing acquaintances.

The crucial “door-opening” step for our Church to be successful in Community Engagement is to be successful in Community Befriending.

Community Befriending involves Church members going into the Community intentionally to get to know people, and to build friendships with them, and finding ways to share Christian love and genuine care with the people living near to where our Church is located. It is all about being present.

Geographical Focus

Technically we can befriend anyone and anywhere. However to be effective as a group, we would rather not spread ourselves out too thinly, but instead just focus persistently on the same Communities. Overtime, stronger and more lasting relationships can be built. Hong Kah North where GII is, and Tanglin, Lengkok Bahru, Henderson and Tiong Bahru close to where GI is would be our natural focus areas.



The Least, the Lost and the Lonely

The needs in the Community are many. In the past, we have focussed primarily on the economically needy. That is still correct today, but progressively, our need to also open the envelope to include other needs. For instance, as our population ages, loneliness, particularly for Seniors who are living alone and without the socio-emotional support of their families, are being identified as high risk groups susceptible to depression. People can be lonely regardless of their economic situation. Similarly at-risk youths from dysfunctional or non-intact families need the love, encouragement and support from friends for strength to backtrack from the fringe.

Grace Communities in Synergy with RCSS

RCSS is a very good platform to enable Grace AG Members to meaningfully engage the Community. RCSS works with the needy in the Community, know them and have access

to them, and can act as the bridge to bring the Community and the Church together. The best delivery mechanism the Church can use for this effort is the Grace Communities (Cell Groups).

The synergy comes in that while social work can only go some distance, the human resource in RCSS is limited to spending any appreciable amount of time with each client. On the other hand, the Church with the missional goal to engage the Community can provide ample volunteer resource via the cell groups to carry this hope and warmth in Christ into the needy households, extending the impact of the social work from the outside with the transformational work of the Spirit from the inside. Befriending by a Grace Group is liken to bringing a lighted candle into a dark room, and liken to adding salt that restores the flavour in a life that has lost its hope and purpose.

Community Befriending and Project Neighbour

Community Befriending dovetails perfectly into Grace Assembly's Project Neighbour. In the past, Project Neighbour is a one-day in a year food-ration project. Members come together a day in the year to deliver food rations to the needy. Both givers and receivers are blessed. However, due to the limited contact time and the lack of opportunity to revisit the recipient households, apart from a positive impression, there is little leeway for further development.

Community Befriending cum Project Neighbour in synergy will be different. Lesser households will be selected, but a better match can be achieved and with each household tagged to a Grace Group, will follow the same on a routine basis for a period of time.

A “small gift”, (largely rations, but can be customized to the needs of the specific family) will be brought along on each visit. Since customised, the gift will always be a welcome relief for the family. The focus however is not on the gift, but on building a genuinely caring relationship. Eventually, on the strength of a strong and trusting friendship, evangelistic opportunities may be possible

We can do it

Befriending is not difficult, and it can be learned and polished, just as in our own social circles or in our work, we all make friends and develop friendships.

For reaching the Community, we need however to be intentional, and approach it with a missional goal to stretch out hands ready to help, hearts with compassion, ears ready to listen, and mouths ready to speak kind words. I am sure as needed, the Holy Spirit can give us utterance.

Details are being worked. More information will be announced in the days to come.

THE LION KING COMES TO TOWN

An Evangelistic Meeting with Disney Animator, Davy Liu

What do all-time favorite cartoons “Beauty and the Beast”, “Aladdin”, “Mulan” and “The Lion King” have in common?

They are all endearing classics well loved by young and old. They are all owned by the Walt Disney Company, and created in the Walt Disney Studios. And they all have the same person in the animation team.

REACH Community Services Society, in conjunction with the Network – J, Singapore is very pleased to present to you, Mr Davy Liu, the person in the middle of all these fantasies, and powerful story-telling art forms. Davy has a compelling story to tell that will move your heart - his very own story.

Davy, a world-renowned animation artist, and also the Founder and CEO of the Kendu Film Company in the USA will be in Singapore in late August/early September as part of his Asia tour. While in Singapore he will be giving a motivational talk to students from the Institute of Education (ITE), and will also be the speaker for an evangelistic meeting right here at Grace Assembly (GI).

Also a also popular TED Talk speaker, and well sought after motivational speaker in the USA, Davy has a soft spot for the academically under achieving young people. He was like them in his youth, and struggled with poor self-image and disappointments when compared to his higher achieving siblings. That was before he chanced upon a teacher-mentor who believed in him, and encouraged and empowered him to pursue his God given gift and passion – drawing. Through winning a series of art competitions, he soon caught the attention of the Disney Studio. He became their first Asian in the feature animation team. He was then 19 years old. There his skills were honed, and soon he was a master in creative animation and scriptwriting. Davy also worked a while with George Lucas at Industrial Light and Magic and Warner Bros. Feature Animation, and his illustrations have graced the pages of prominent publications such as Business Week, Time Magazine and Wall Street Journal, of which he was nominated as the most distinctive illustrator in 2000.

Apart from hosting regular animation workshops and motivational speaking, Davy has also been actively sharing how his Christian faith has inspired him to realise his story at churches and Christian events across Northern America and different parts of Asia.

Davy often recalls his father’s words encouraging him to embrace and utilise his gifted talents, and his art teacher would also spur him on with the words of ‘You can do it’. These empowerments instilled in him the confidence and passion in continuing to pursue his dreams of combining illustrations and words, and led Davy to setup Kendu Films in 2004, in hopes of bringing a positive message and mindset to inspire his audience, great content to enlighten children with a ‘Can Do’ spirit and compelling positive parenting through great story telling. Can Do – becomes Kendu ! Currently, he is working on a series of animation and picture books call the “Invisible Tails” series (www.kendufilms.com), retelling historical stories in a brand new perspective

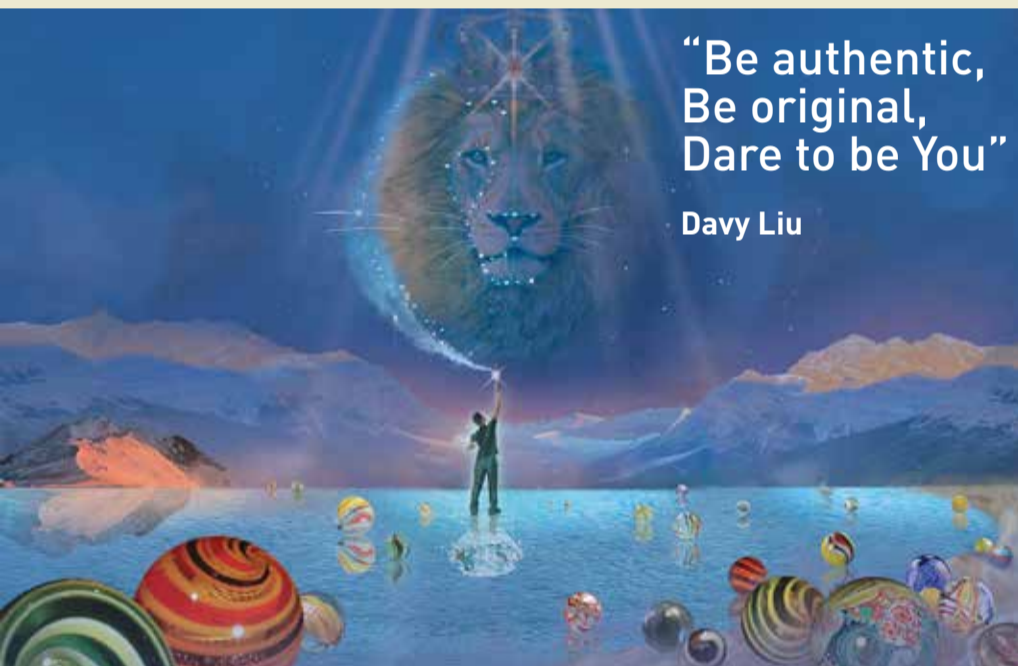
Come and witness the powerful and moving testimony of a man who have experienced the touch of God in his life, found hope and regained purpose lost, and who is now passionately reaching out to young lives in similar situations — to help them see the diamond that God has made them to be, and how the gentle polishing by the Master’s hand can bring out the shine in them.

The session at ITE College West on Aug 30, 2016, is for ITE students, and invited youths from various youth centres only.

The evangelistic meeting at GI is suitable for all audience. In particular, if you have friends and relatives who are ‘uncut diamonds’ today, or are young persons who have low self-esteem because they are currently “under achieving academically” or young persons struggling to find purpose, please invite them to Church to listen to Davy present his story.

“I once thought that I was a worthless marble, but God allowed me to know that in His eyes I am a sparkling diamond”

Davy Liu
Animator of
The Lion King and
Beauty and
the Beast



**“Be authentic,
Be original,
Dare to be You”**

Davy Liu

Evangelistic Motivational Talk

Date : Sep 3, 2016 (Saturday)

Time : 5 - 7 pm

Venue : Grace Assembly of God
GI L3 Bethel Hall

Audience : Open to all Grace members and their invited friends, as well as members from other AG Churches.

Admission: By tickets

(Hard copy to be collected after Church services, Aug 13/14, Aug 20/21. Otherwise, e-tickets on davyliu.graceaog.org)

WE ARE EXPANDING! JOIN US!

A) Programme Executive / Coordinator (Senior Service)

JOB RESPONSIBILITIES

- To make home visits to assess needs of senior residents in receiving befriending service
- To assess suitability of volunteers to become befrienders
- To receive and assess referrals for senior residents residing in Hong Kah North and match them to volunteer befrienders
- To monitor the progress of the befriending service and manage issues and concerns of seniors and volunteers.
- To develop and manage programmes for seniors
- To liaise with grassroots and other organisations to recruit volunteers and match them to seniors in need of befriending service
- To work with partner agencies and refer the senior residents to relevant services that can address their needs such as financial need, healthcare, counselling
- To compile and provide timely submission of reports to the management and relevant external agencies.

REQUIREMENTS

- Higher Diploma or Diploma in Social Service / ITE NITEC in Community Care and Social Services
- A degree in Psychology or Counselling would be advantageous
- At least 2 years of similar hands-on experience in working with the seniors
- Good communications and interpersonal skills
- Has a strong passion in outreach, and community work with seniors
- Outgoing, energetic, self-motivated

B) Finance & Admin Executive

JOB RESPONSIBILITIES

- To manage full sets of accounts and ensure all accounting entries are accurate and in compliance with internal control guidelines, as well as accounting standards
- To assist in the management accounting functions which include generating timely management accounting reports and schedules
- To be involved in the budget and forecast preparation
- To handle the corporate admin support, including donors & IRAS IPC data entry

REQUIREMENTS

- Possess a degree in Accountancy or relevant accounting qualification
- Knowledge of accounting software or ExChequer would be advantageous
- At least 2 years of similar working experience
- Good knowledge in accounting, familiar with the government regulations or legislations relating to accounting
- Organised, meticulous and able to work independently
- A good team player

C) Social Worker (Family Service Centre)

JOB RESPONSIBILITIES

- Information & Referral
- Casework & Counselling
- Community work and outreach
- Groupwork and workshop facilitation
- Programme development and management

REQUIREMENTS

- Possess a degree in Social Work or Counselling
- With at least 2 year of relevant experience
- Conversant in English and any 2nd language
- Dynamic and self-motivated
- Has a passion for reaching out and making a difference in the lives of the needy
- A Higher Diploma in social service can be considered as Social Worker Associate

D) Counsellor (Counselling Centre)

JOB RESPONSIBILITIES

- Providing family and marital counselling
- Conducting Marriage Preparation workshop
- Handling programme development and management
- Handling Outreach & Networking

REQUIREMENTS

- Possess at least a degree in counselling or social work
- With at least 2 years of clinical experience in marital and couples counselling
- Has a passion for reaching out and making a difference in the lives of the needy
- Self-motivated team player with a passion to see individuals and families restored to wholeness and equipped for empowered living

Send your resume to recruitment@reach.org.sg

THE RISING CHURCH

“All nations whom You have made shall come and worship before You, O Lord, and they shall glorify Your name.” - Psalm 86:9

The focus of Grace Missions is to Plant Churches, Prepare Leaders and Propel People. We want to see more people receive the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and to witness God high and lifted up in the nations. For God deserves all glory!

We thank you so much for being prayerful and financially supportive of Grace Missions. As of now, August 2016, Grace Missions has raised \$1,451,192. We would like to thank you for your partnership, and we urge you to continue to actively participate in the great work that God is doing in the nations!

Last year, we had 95 missions trips participated by 362 missions trippers. In this half year mark, we have had 48 missions trips with 141 missions trippers! We are expecting more trippers and more trips in this later half of the year. May the love of God continue to fill us and propel us to move forward together in His Kingdom!

On top of that, our pastors and leaders have been committed to training the local churches in the countries we have church planting work. So far, in 2016, we have 36 trips doing specifically leadership training and these have impacted 1188 leaders.

Grace Missions is involved in 11 countries, and this year we have been supporting 240 churches. Below is the breakdown of the number of churches we are currently supporting in the various countries:

- Myanmar – 4
- Vietnam – 4
- Indonesia – 14
- Bangladesh – 26
- India – 24
- Nepal – 54
- Assam & West Bangal – 14
- Pakistan – 37
- Sri Lanka – 41
- East Asia – 22

God is doing a great work especially in places where the gospel is increasingly hard to access. As we hear of the unrest because of extremist groups in Central Asia, let us keep Bangladesh and Pakistan in prayer. The spiritual strongholds may seem hard to break, but our God is stronger! Jesus is coming back soon, there is no time to waste. Let us as a family, step up in unceasing prayer, launch forward for the kingdom of God is at hand!

Blessings,
Ps Matthew Tan

TRIPS AVAILABLE FOR SIGN UP

VIETNAM
27 August – 28 August

RIAU ISLANDS, INDONESIA
Batam
2 August – 4 August
26 August

Karimun
27 - 28 August

Tg. Pinang
20 August – 21 August

Due to flight schedules and other unpredictable circumstances, these dates are tentative.
Do send an email to matthew.tan@graceao.org for more enquiries about Grace Missions or missions trips.

TO THE ENDS OF WEST KALIMANTAN BY FELICIA TAN, YAYP

11 people. 7 days. One unforgettable journey.



With a total of four days on the road, and only three days' worth of ministry work, the trip was to us — going into the ends of the Earth.

As we set off for our journey into the village, the further we went, the more rural the experience. On our road journeys, the roads were unstable but we soon got used to the common occurrence of pothole incidents. It was also in these moments that we witnessed the power of prayer! Twice we were told that our plans would be delayed because the car was stuck, but immediately after praying, we would receive news that all was well again! Praise God!

Village life required the men to bathe in the river, and the ladies to shower in the dark with a torchlight. Blackouts was a norm. For some of us, we had to overcome our fear of insects and bugs.

In our three days of ministry work, we travelled to three villages and we were often greeted with a "Thank you so much for coming all the way in to visit us." To be on the receiving end of such hospitality and immense gratitude was humbling.

As we minister to them in the different areas — Community Time, Children's Service, Revival Service, and Home Visitations. We saw God's hands in our plans. With every service and home visitation, we saw God's perfect timing as He gave us promptings through affirmations of the Word and through one another.

The time taken to travel into this rural village, from the nearest city was at least 5 – 6 hours long, and so the team wondered, "How did these villagers come to know God?" The local pastor then shared with us that back in the 1970s, there was an American missionary who came to their village and shared Christ with them. So amazing! If our experience was "to the ends of the Earth" for us then what more for this missionary back then? Truly, God always works in amazing ways we could not foresee.

After hearing their stories and praying for them, we went back home blessed and humbled. We were encouraged by their hunger and desire for more of God and His Word. It made us want to have such a desire for God too. We have been tremendously blessed, and so we pray that our sharing would encourage you and go forth to reach the world for God!



Daniel Lee (Fellowsheep)

Going for this trip was a step out of my comfort zone. Before the trip, I felt that I was physically and mentally unprepared. So I asked God to provide me with a training ground prior to the trip. Then God granted me this opportunity. I was asked to help out for a youth camp, which was two days before the trip itself. I seized this opportunity and decided that I would commit the whole trip unto God.

The missions trip was definitely a powerful experience for us trippers, as well as for the villagers in West Kalimantan. Personally, I had learnt to trust more in God. God uses His people for His purpose in His perfect timing. Also, we should never underestimate the power of prayer. God answers them in ways that we can never imagine.

I encourage you to step out of your comfort zone. Find opportunities to let God challenge you. Do not hesitate to go for a missions trip if you've ever considered! Knowing myself, I much prefer chilling at home in the comfort of my air-conditioned room. I was even surprised at myself for signing up for the trip. As we went there as a body of Christ to bless the villagers, God has blessed us with so much more. Whether in an inter-connected city or the remotely populated regions, we serve the same living God that loves and cares for His people.

Claire Wee (Fellowsheep)

God's presence was so strong in even the inner reaches of Borneo! To me, it really did feel like the 'ends of the Earth,' as we had to spend over half the trip travelling, often through muddy and unstable terrains.

The hospitality of the villagers was amazing. Each day, we were provided with abundance – from hearty meals to being driven around by volunteers from the church's congregation. They gave their all, even when they had little. Their love for God prevailed even though they did not have much worldly possessions and to me. The villagers' hunger for God made me reflect on my personal walk.

I realised how complacent I had been in being 'contented' in my relationship with God. It is all too easy to worship Him when things are going smoothly, but will we do the same if troubles occur? For me, it was a reminder to humble myself and rediscover my first love for God.

Even though what we did might not seem a lot, if no one reaches out to these remote areas, then who will? There are so many other villages and cities that need encouragement and evangelism, so I urge you to step out of your comfort zone and impact the world for Jesus!



R-AGE IN WEST KALIMANTAN

Let God. That was something we were constantly reminded of as our team made up of Pastor Joey Asher and 7 R-AGE Youth leaders concluded our week long missions trip to West Kalimantan. From last minute message changes as prompted by the Holy Spirit, to times of ministry where tears flowed freely, we realised there is little we can actually do, but when we let God and His will prevail, that's when hearts are moved, eyes are opened and lives are transformed.

In the weeks leading up to our departure, we were starting to have a better idea of what we were going to be doing in terms of ministry - church visits on the first few days, run a Youth camp for the middle part of the trip and end off with a few children programmes towards the end of our time there. Did it happen that way? I guess you would say yes it did. But boy, oh boy, did God work in a way that none of us could have ever imagined!

Here's a quick run down of the different kinds of ministries that we were involved in:

Church Visits: We visited a few small village churches and had the honour of preaching the Word and sharing our personal testimonies. We were consistently blown away by the kindness and hospitality of our hosts. The passion of the church members was also such a beautiful sight to witness. I remember one night, we were at a village which was a 45 minute car ride from where we were staying and the power cut out before the service started. Where that would have made quite an issue elsewhere, the local congregation took out a small light, plugged it in and turned it towards the pulpit and the service went on as per normal.

"Walking with God" Youth Camp: For many of us, this was the highlight of the trip. Much of our planning time was invested in preparing for this 220 - strong Youth Camp that we would be running for 3 days. It was anchored on the theme of Walking with God. At first glance, we were in for a rough time. Getting to our location on the first day and realising a couple of things, the local committee planned for accommodation for the Youth had fallen through, the hall was too small and poorly lit and there were two other church camps happening in the same beach vicinity! Despite all the initial challenges though, as a team, we pressed forward in a trust that God's plan was far greater than ours. It was. God used us as his vessels and moved in that place through such a powerful way. On the second night, 30 - 40 youth were slain in the Spirit as we prayed for the baptism of the Holy Spirit, people began manifesting as God moved in their hearts, setting them free from bondage and healing deep wounds and hurts buried deep in the depths of their souls. It was an amazing time! Much of the rest of the camp was similar. We spent time running workshops teaching that God can be found in every moment of everyday! In nature, during our personal quiet time and even in encouraging moments between friends. We also ran games that explained spiritual warfare and the importance of unity in the body of Christ. The final morning before we left, we organised a prayer tunnel, and all I can say is that God wasn't done in that place yet. He moved mightily again, transforming lives and changing perspectives, flooding us with His grace and love. Leaving the camp was bittersweet. It had been such a physically and emotionally training time, but at the same time it was such a joy to be part of God moving in these young peoples' lives. As they say in Bahasa Indonesia, Satu Lagi (one more).

Children Programmes: The final few days of the trip were devoted to the running of children programmes. It was such a joy to be involved in these kids lives, some of them, never having ever seen Singaporeans in their village before! We brought sweets and games and distributed water bottles for them to keep. We taught them "Father Abraham" And "Deep Down in My Heart". We acted out the story of Peter walking on water and got all the children to fold their own boats. Praying over the boats together we brought them down to a nearby stream and set them down. Making a declaration that we are going to trust God with our lives, the same way Peter did as he stepped out of the boat. Standing in the stream with the kids, seeing the colourful paper boats flowing down the stream made my heart sing. It was such a beautiful sight. What an honour for us as a team to be part of this moment in these kids' lives.

Much more happened, and honestly, I could go on for ages. There was the rocky truck ride where we had a mango-sized wedge wedged into tire, the time where we forded a river at night, that time when the women of our team began casting out demons praying to the point of tears, when the men of our team began understanding that us moving those slain in the Spirit is as much ministry as praying for deliverance. A time of witnessing lives changed and a time of having our lives changed. God truly reminded us that He is sovereign, He is great and He is good.

1. Final debrief for the team
2. Praying with the kids and their boats in the stream
3. A youth in the prayer tunnel
4. Tiffanie preaching at a small village church



EVENTS CALENDAR 2016

AUGUST - OCTOBER

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

DATE	EVENT	VENUE & TIME
06/08 – 24/09	Adult Alpha Course (Saturdays)	GII L1 Fellowship Area 12pm
06/08 – 22/10	Women of Grace WOG-SBS (Saturdays)	GI Eden Hall 10am
03/08 – 26/10	Women of Grace WOG-DBS (Weds)	GI & GII 10am
04 – 06/08	Restored to Wholeness Seminar	GII L2 Praise Room 7.30pm
19 – 20/08	Conference with Ps Peter Tsukahira (English)	GI L3 Bethel Hall 7.00pm & GI L3 Bethel Hall 9.30am
27 – 28/08	Lover's Retreat 2016	LE Granduer, JB
31/08	J333 Prayer Meeting (Combined)	GI L1 Galilee 7.30pm
03/09	Evangelistic Motivational Talk by Davy Liu	GI L3 Bethel Hall 5pm
10 – 12/09	YAYP Retreat 2016	Harmoni One Convention Hotel, Batam
17/09	Marketplace Ministry: So You Want To Invest!	GI L3 Emmaus Hall 9.30am
17/09 – 08/10	Men's Bible Study MBS (Saturdays)	GI L1 Lounge 10am
28/09	J333 Prayer Meeting (Combined)	GI L1 Galilee 7.30pm
14/10	Marketplace Conference by Ps Benny Ho	GI L3 Bethel Hall 7pm
26/10	J333 Prayer Meeting (Combined)	GI L1 Galilee 7.30pm

//////// STAFF FEATURE //////////

GOH LEE CHOO



I was brought to Grace Assembly of God after accepting Jesus in 1991. I remember vividly how I was confronted with my parents' conditional approval that I "can believe but cannot be baptised" when they first learned about my new found faith. This could not hinder the work of God in my life and in theirs! During a time of prayer for family salvation, I received a vision. It came to pass in 2005 when my parents and my grandmother were baptised on the same day! Now, my family gathers for prayer time at the end of our weekend get-together. How grateful I am to the One who is faithful!

"Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." Ephesians 3:20-21

As for my vocation, the journey is amazing! Having the ambition to be a teacher, it was a natural move to start my career with Ministry of Education straight after I graduated from University. I became a secondary school teacher and was soon promoted to be a head of department. There were many opportunities to develop my leadership potential for greater responsibilities. It is a fulfilling and thriving career to see many young lives touched and changed for the better. I fixed my mind to stay in teaching "until I die". True enough, God caught my attention in a divine interruption and walked with me in the journey of "dying to oneself". I sought the Lord for His plan, not mine. I held on to His promises for divine strength.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," Jeremiah 29:11-14a

I heard the call to full-time ministry during a worship service at the Grace Retreat two years ago. I trembled with fear as it is water uncharted. By the grace of God, my faith arises as I worship Him and seek His face. A part of the song "Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)" stirs deep within me:

*"Spirit, lead me where my trust is without borders,
Let me walk upon the waters wherever You would call me.
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander,
And my faith will be made stronger in the presence of my Saviour."*

It is important for me to receive my parents' blessings as I answer the call. So, I approached them separately to inform them...

Without hesitation, my mother said, in Mandarin, "The Lord provides." She repeated. She releases me with her faith in the Lord's promises. I am blessed.

My father was silent when he heard my intention for the first time. I caught a tint of disappointment in my heart. I was wondering when would be the next time to raise the matter to him. At the end of family get-together that weekend, my father rallied my siblings to pray for God's presence to be with me in this journey. I was pleasantly surprised. Tears of joy flowed down my cheek...

Looking back, Creative Arts Ministry is the place that God has led me into, to grow the gifts that He has given and to use them for His glory for the past 20 years. It is now the starting point of an exciting adventure I have with God!

RECRUITMENT

AV EXECUTIVE

Position Purpose & Objectives

- Provide creative & technical expertise to create & facilitate an engaging event/worship experience;
- Contribute towards successful productions
- Assist the technical director in the technical execution of the strategic programmes/events in supporting the implementation of the church's mission and vision;

Position Scope

- Co-ordinate, facilitate, oversee the operation and upgrading of avl for events & productions;
- Function as a liaison between the technical director & the different technical ministries for the purpose of directing operations to achieve event/production objectives specified by the producer (operations/events);
- Training & development to increase/improve technical volunteers' capabilities;
- Avl design and implementation

Requirements

- Diploma in film, sound & video or related discipline with at least 2 years relevant work experience in production house, or media/event-related company.
- Proficient in operating at least 1 of the following technical areas in both aspects (Live & Productions): Lights, Video, Sound
- Experienced in managing med-to-large scale technical teams/events
- Able to converse in both English and Mandarin (spoken and written).
- Willing to work on flexible arrangements, including weekends and public holidays.
- Possessing Class 3 driving license would be an advantage.
- Enjoy working in a dynamic work environment and providing creative solutions to end users.
- Independent yet able to work well as part of a team and having a "can-do" mindset.
- People oriented at the same time with results driven
- Excel under stress and tight datelines

CHINESE WORSHIP PASTOR

Grace Chinese Ministry is looking for a dynamic and talented individual, who can work independently as a Chinese Worship Pastor, to join the vibrant and growing Grace Chinese Creative Arts Ministry (CAM) as a full-time pastoral staff. If you have a passion for worship, a heart to serve God and His people, and enjoy working in a team filled with dedicated servant hearts, this is your opportunity.

Job Description

- Develop, lead and track the progress of the overall strategy, vision and direction of the Chinese CAM.
- Manage and oversee the Chinese CAM teams, including identifying, developing and training new leaders and volunteers.
- Plan and execute the schedules for worship teams for all Chinese services, and be involved to ensure the overall running of weekly operations during rehearsals and services.
- Provide pastoral care, counseling and mentoring for leaders and volunteers.
- Oversee and execute ministry-related events and initiatives, including coordinating the logistical, administration and publicity needs.
- Form and manage task teams for initiatives planned (e.g. Songwriters, Missions Teams).
- Develop and plan budget and resource needs.
- Oversee the compilation of worship songs, suitable to be used for all the Chinese services and Grace Group Ministry.

Job Requirements

- Degree qualified, preferably in theological and music or worship studies.
- Fluent in Mandarin, both written and spoken.
- Able to understand and converse in simple English, including understand and speak Cantonese or Hokkien.
- Leadership experience, especially in the area of worship leadership in church ministries, with knowledge of worship music and the operations of the worship ministry.
- Demonstrate strong communication and interpersonal relations.
- Possess project management skills and demonstrate strong competence in planning and organizing, including managing project budget.
- Knowledge of other media proficiencies (e.g. sound engineering, stage productions, album production).
- Strong analytical and creative problem-solving skills, with a solution-focused approach.
- Able to work effectively under pressure.
- Demonstrates strong teamwork and servant leadership attitude.
- Counseling and mentoring experience with elderly adults is a plus.

If you are the one we are looking for, please send your details to ivy.teng@graceaog.org. Only shortlisted candidates will be notified.

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我的见证： 苦杯换蜜糖

美香姐妹

信主前：

信主以前我是一个虔诚的拜偶像者。于十多年前，我因先后得过两次的癌症而信了耶稣。我时常与人分享神如何医治我的见证，并带领人相信耶稣，心中充满了喜乐。当弟兄姐妹知道我的经历，都认为我是蒙神极大的恩典，以为从一开始，我就有个单纯信靠神的心，全心爱主的心。其实，我还有一个不为人知的故事，是我一直没有勇气与人分享的。这次决意下笔，内心仍然挣扎，但圣灵感动说：“你要等到几时呢？”是的，倘若我在有生之年都不分享，那么，离世以后我就再也没有机会向人见证神的怜悯大爱了！

每个年轻的男女都曾憧憬会遇上自己的梦中情人。我也不例外。有一天，我终于遇到了他。可能我的思想比较早熟，数年后我跟他的思想逐渐有了差距，最终和他分手了。过后，我为生活拼搏，工作忙碌，虽有结交异性，但无奈只是开了花却没有结果！二十多年后，我和他再次重逢。当时我仍然是单身，但他已经是一个妇人的丈夫和三个孩子的父亲了。由于分手后我们彼此仍旧有想念着对方，加上因他工作的关系，我们有了接触的机会，就这样我们又重新开始了。我们也从此铸成大错！

在我们重新开始不久，其实他的妻子便已察觉到了。只是她为了保护家庭和孩子，便默默的承受痛苦，并且超忍耐的容忍我们的过错，甚至连她的儿女也不知情。就因为我们的自私，她受了将近十年的折磨。这些年来，在这段纠缠不清的三角关系中，我们都活得不快乐，不同的是她是无辜的，而我们却是活该的。

信主后：

感谢主！经历了十多年前的一场病，我在身心受创的日子里蒙主怜悯。主耶稣差派了一位天使（朋友）将福音传给了我。当时我虽然是相信主，但信心不足，便仍旧和他继续约会。然而神并没有放弃我，还透过我的软弱显出奇妙的作为来。首先，你可能无法相信我竟然被圣灵充满，并把福音传给他，而他也竟然接受了主耶稣。不但如此，他还跟我说，他也很想家人能跟他一起来信耶稣。于是不久后，他把家人和公司的员工都带到一个布道聚会去，首先接受主的竟然是他的妻子！

与此同时，神藉着圣灵清楚的向我说：第三者是罪！并要我离开这罪。起初，我并不想顺服，并跟主说：“这段感情是还未信主的时候发生的，倘若可行，求你把这苦杯挪走，祈求换给我一杯蜜糖吧！”我借用耶稣的祷告，加上自己的意愿，以为这样我就可以逃离神的眼目！可是我的内心仍旧感到不安。不久，我又对主说：“凡事总有例外吧！就在这事上求你赦免我的罪。”这一次神不再静默，他说：“就是天使犯了罪，神也没有宽容，曾把他们丢在地狱，交在黑暗坑中，等候审判。”我立时说不出话来，只有痛哭。神又说：“你就先守着两条诫命，爱神和爱人。当时我还是个初信徒，天真的以为神应允了我的祷告。

天离地有多高，他的慈爱向敬畏他的人也有多大。东离西有多远，他使我们的过犯离我们也有多远。（诗篇103:11-12）在我越亲近圣灵的时候，我就越觉得自己是污秽的！有一次，当我们在一起时，他想拉我的手，我马上就避开他，他无奈地回应说：“我现在就好像一个麻风病人一样。”当时我的心里非常难过，但是我真的不敢轻视主的管教！从此，我们只保持友谊和弟兄姐妹的关系。过了两年，他曾一度想要离开信仰，但主的爱感动我和我的好朋友常常为他代祷。感谢主，后来神修补了他们夫妻俩的关系，重建了这个家庭，他的妻子还成为教会布道小组的队长。看见他们得着祝福，我的心深感安慰，内心的罪疚感亦得着释放！

结语：

在写这见证的过程中，我不只一次的流泪痛哭。我为曾经造成他妻子的伤害而哭，也为神如何用他的慈绳爱索牵引我回转而哭。你若爱神爱人，就不会使神伤心，也不会使人痛苦。圣灵还提醒我，主耶稣已经将苦杯换了蜜糖！亲爱的弟兄姐妹，如果今天你也在苦杯的当中，我想对你说，唯有主耶稣能将你的苦杯变成蜜糖！

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八月的活动预告

走出阴霾

2016年
8月11日
星期四

时间：晚上七点半
地点：恩典一加利利堂
讲员：郑福财牧师

任何询问请播：
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讲员
郑福财牧师

林以诺牧师
大型栋笃笑音乐布道会

乜都系假

日期：2016年8月21日
(星期日)

时间：下午3点
(粤语)

晚上7点
(粤语传译华语)

地点：神召会恩典堂
3楼 伯特利礼堂

门票：\$5



GRACE SERVICES

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Saturday 1.30 pm

HOKKIEN SERVICE GALILEE LEVEL 1

Saturday 5 pm

YOUNG ADULTS & YOUNG PROFESSIONALS (YAYP) SERVICE BETHEL LEVEL 3
 CANTONESE SERVICE GALILEE LEVEL 1
 ELEVATE @ R-AGE YOUTH (14-19 YRS OLD) EMMAUS LEVEL 3

Sunday 9 am

ENGLISH SERVICE BETHEL LEVEL 3
 MANDARIN SERVICE GALILEE LEVEL 1
 SHINE @ GRACE KIDS (7-10 YRS OLD) EDEN LEVEL 2
 SPARKLE @ GRACE KIDS (3-6 YRS OLD) ZION LEVEL 5

Sunday 11.15 am

ENGLISH SERVICE BETHEL LEVEL 3
 FILIPINO SERVICE GALILEE LEVEL 1
 EMERGE @ R-AGE YOUTH (11-13 YRS OLD) EMMAUS LEVEL 3
 SHINE @ GRACE KIDS (7-10 YRS OLD) EDEN LEVEL 2
 SPARKLE @ GRACE KIDS (3-6 YRS OLD) ZION LEVEL 5

Sunday 5 pm

KHUSH KHABRI FELLOWSHIP EMMAUS LEVEL 3

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

Saturday 2 pm

ELEVATE @ R-AGE YOUTH (13-19 YRS OLD) CHAPEL LEVEL 4

Sunday 9 am

ENGLISH SERVICE CHAPEL LEVEL 4
 MANDARIN SERVICE SANCTUARY LEVEL 2
 SHINE @ GRACE KIDS (7-12 YRS OLD) LOVE LEVEL 2
 SPARKLE @ GRACE KIDS (3-6 YRS OLD) KINDNESS LEVEL 4

Sunday 11.15 am

ENGLISH SERVICE SANCTUARY LEVEL 2
 HOKKIEN SERVICE CHAPEL LEVEL 4
 SHINE @ GRACE KIDS (7-12 YRS OLD) LOVE LEVEL 2
 SPARKLE @ GRACE KIDS (3-6 YRS OLD) KINDNESS LEVEL 4

Sunday 1.30 pm

FILIPINO SERVICE CHAPEL LEVEL 4

J333 3, 10, 17, 24 August, 7.30 pm @ GI L1 Galilee & GII L4 Chapel
Combined J333 (English & Chinese) 31 August, 7.30 pm @ GI L1 Galilee

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Special Conference with Ps Peter Tsukahira

Israel, the Church and God's Kingdom

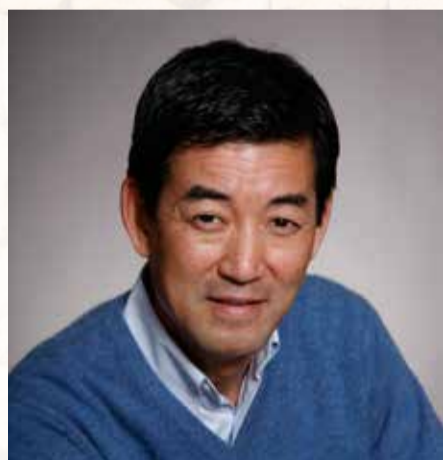
This August, we are privileged to have a special conference with Ps Peter Tsukahira right here at Grace, speaking on – Israel, the Church and God's Kingdom – and their correlation in this end times!

MARK THESE DATES!

Admission Free! Offerings will be collected to defray costs.

For logistic and planning purposes we need Gracians to register at:

<http://TinyURL.com/PsPeter-at-Grace> for this Conference.



Peter Tsukahira, Co-Founder of Kehilat HaCarmel, an Israeli Messianic congregation, and Director of the Or HaCarmel Ministry Center has lived in Israel for more than 25 years. He is a graduate of CFNI (Texas) and Tufts University (Massachusetts) and holds a Master

of Divinity degree. In 2000, he established the Mount Carmel School of Ministry (www.mountcarmelsom.com), which has been instrumental in building strong bridges of relationship between Israel and the nations. Peter's international teaching ministry and his books have impacted many around the world with an understanding of God's heart and purposes for Israel: *God's Tsunami: Understanding Israel and End-time Prophecy* (www.godstsunami.com), *My Father's Business: Guidelines for Ministry in the Marketplace and Culture of the Kingdom* (www.cultureofthekingdom.com).

19 Aug 2016, Friday

4PM – 5:30PM

"New Architecture for the Church"

How and why the church needs to change in order to meet the challenges of the future.

7:30PM – 9:30PM

SESSION FOR MEMBERS

"Israel and God's Kingdom"

Why is Israel essential in our understanding of God's Kingdom and what does it show us?

20 Aug 2016, Saturday

DAY SESSION

9:30AM – 10:45AM

"Law of the Spirit"

Understanding God's law is the key to His kingdom. How do we go from the "letter that kills" to the Spirit of the law that gives life?

11AM – 12:15PM

"Works of Faith"

Are there things I must do to be saved? What does the Bible say?

12:15PM – 12:30PM

Q & A

5PM – 6:30PM

"What's My Name, God?"

How can my identity in Christ be established and make me fruitful in my life?

VENUE

Grace Assembly of God

L3 Bethel Hall

355 Tanglin Road, Singapore 247960



GRACE ASSEMBLY

Marketplace Conference

14-15.10.2016

FRIDAY & SATURDAY

GUEST SPEAKER

Pastor Benny Ho

VENUE

Grace Assembly of God
355 Tanglin Road,
Singapore 247960

Dr Billy Graham once said that the next major move of God is in the marketplace.

This conference examines the relationship between the Kingdom, the Church and the Marketplace. How do these three major components of God's economy work together?

We will also explore the biblical worldview towards our work. Is our work our calling? Where does ambition fit in? How is my work related to God's Kingdom agenda? How do I impact the 9-5 Window?

Come and be blessed with a new perspective towards our work and our ministry in the marketplace. Save these 2 dates!

More information will be provided in the September issue of Grace bulletin. Alternatively, you may choose to log on to marketplace2016.graceaog.org, or email marketplace2016@graceaog.org.

FRIDAY 14.10

7.30 pm – 10pm

- "The Kingdom, The Church & The Marketplace"
- "Impacting the 9 - 5 Window"
- Buzz Groups & Q&A Session

SATURDAY 15.10

9.15 am – 4pm

- "Why In The World Do We Work?"
- "Is My Work My Calling?"
- Marketplace Testimony by Brother Lucas Chow
- "Where Can We Start? by Grace AG Local Church Panel
- "Forming Industry-Related Networks in the Local Church & Beyond"
- "From The Workplace to the Nations"



PASTOR BENNY HO

Benny has seen a lifetime of ministry work, including mission work with World Vision, bible school planting in Asia, and over twenty years in various pastoral roles in local churches.

He founded Arrows College as a teaching ministry to the Body of Christ, and is the Apostolic Leader of D-Net Churches, a network that carries his desire to see churches strengthened to become intentional disciple-making cell churches. He is also the Senior Pastor of Faith Community Church (Perth, Western Australia).

Benny is known for his down-to-earth humour and approachable leadership style. He is happily married to his biggest supporter, Cecilia, and has three children: Joel, Abigail, and Rachel.



TESTIMONY BY BRO LUCAS CHOW

After his graduation from Aston University in 1978, Lucas worked with Hewlett Packard for 20 years before he assumed various chief executive positions. In 1998, he was appointed CEO of SingTel Mobile, Executive Vice President (Consumer Business) and Executive Vice President (Corporate Business). He was instrumental in increasing SingTel's broadband market share and driving regional expansion in the mobile business. Lucas then joined MediaCorp in 2005 as CEO. Under his leadership, MediaCorp launched various digital initiatives. He was also the prime mover of MediaCorp's corporate social responsibility programme. From 2011 – 2014, Lucas served on several high-level executive positions in Far East Organization. Concurrently he was also the CEO of Far East Orchard. Lucas was a recipient of the National Day Public Service Medal in 2015.