

REACH Community Services Society moves back to Bishan!



On 23 July, Saturday, we were joined by our stakeholders and beneficiaries at our newly-renovated REACH Family Service Centre. Mr Chong Kee Hiong, Member of Parliament, Bishan-Toa Payoh GRC graced the event as Guest-of-Honour.

REACH Family Service Centre was started in 1999 by Grace Assembly of God to serve the Bishan, Sin Ming and Shunfu community. The Family Service Centre has been operating out of the premise at Block 187 Bishan Street 13 for the past 16 years.

Like how there was a need to redevelop the Grace I building to accommodate our growing church, our Family Service Centre at Bishan also needed to redevelop to reach more people and provide more efficient service to our clients.

As with many old buildings, the FSC had its share of wear and tear with spalling paint, smelly carpet as well as leaky pipes and air-conditioners. The old design conceptualised 16 years ago did not optimise the space available nor cater to the expanding needs of our clients, hence the need for a redevelopment.

Thus, it was with great relief and thanksgiving that the management committee, with the support of MSF Cyclical Maintenance funding, decided that we embark on this major cyclical maintenance in 2015.

	NEW	OLD
Number of Counselling rooms	6	4
Training room capacity	60 pax	40 pax
Multi-purpose hall	✓	X
Activity Room	✓	X

Senior Pastor, Reverend Calvin Lee dedicated the family service centre to the Lord and prayed that it will be used mightily to bless the community. Hallelujah!

2016 3T (third trimester) SERMON SERIES

GOD@WORK

Is God interested in our Work?

Is there Sacred Work and Secular Work?

Must Work be 9 to 5?

This trimester's sermon series seeks to provide a biblical perspective of Work. We long for a thriving professional and personal life. In our current hectic lifestyle, how can we build a missional lifestyle that is both God-pleasing and God-honouring? It is when we have God@Work that we experience excellence, integrity, discipline, creativity, and passion in wherever the Workplace we are called to.

SERMON TOPICS

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| 1. GOD@WORK | 5. LIFE@WORK |
| 2. SUCCESS@WORK | 6. RELATIONSHIP@WORK |
| 3. CALLING@WORK | 7. LEADERSHIP@WORK |
| 4. ETHICS@WORK | 8. GOSPEL@WORK |

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PRAYER MEETINGS
SEPTEMBER 2016

7 / 14 / 21 / 28 September

COME,
LET'S TAKE
TIME TO SEEK
THE LORD
TOGETHER!

Isa 55:6

"Seek the LORD while He may be found; call on Him while He is near."

MONTHLY LUNCHTIME FASTING+PRAYER

Every 1st Wednesday of the month

7 September 2016

12noon - 1:30pm

GI Level 3 Emmaus Hall

SEPTEMBER PRAYER POINTERS

It is so important, Gracians, to pray for the church! It is through prayer that the church is able to fulfill the Lord's purpose for her. As R. A. Torrey has said, "Prayer is the key that unlocks all the storehouses of God's infinite grace and power. All that God is, and all that God has, is at the disposal of the prayer..."

So let's use the key of prayer to unlock all that God has for Grace Assembly. Let's join our hearts to pray for an outpouring of God's grace and power upon our church.

1. Pray we all draw near to Christ and seek His holiness and His presence with more prayer. (Acts 1:14; Jas. 4:7-8)
2. Pray that Gracians will commit to pray regularly for the well-being of our church pastors, staff and missionaries. (Acts 1:14; 1 Thess. 5:17)
3. Pray that Gracians will love God passionately and one another wholeheartedly. (Rm. 12:9; Mark 22:37-40; 1 Pet. 4:8)
4. Pray for the leaders of our church that they will experience spiritual breakthroughs and be more surrendered to the Spirit's leading. (Gal. 2:20-21; 5:25)
5. Pray for a greater outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our church. (Joel 2:28-29, Acts 1:8)

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

By Ps Li Cuixian



The recent study of the MBS ended on the day Joseph Schooling won the first Olympic Gold Medal for Singapore. The mood of the bible study was heightened tremendously. Truly, it seems like an insurmountable thought for the tiny red dot to be champion, but with Christ, we are champions! With Christ, we can conquer every temptation. What a winning message from the study on "A Man's Strategy of Conquering Temptations".

MBS started meeting on Saturday morning since the beginning of the year. We have grown — 7 facilitators and 3 groups of men coming together to study the Word of God. What a joy to see men thirsting for God's Word and setting aside their precious Saturday to come together! Here are some comments from the men...

It teaches me bible study skills and how to build a strong relation within the community.

The sharing among the brothers provides me with different insights / perspectives and allows me to reflect my own thoughts / opinions.

Great sharing of practical tips with strong grounding in God's Word.

Fellowship among the brothers, reminding me I am not alone in our struggles.

Learnt a lot from the honest sharing.

It has given me a greater awareness about the schemes of the devil to destroy our faith in Christ. And more importantly, I learnt tools and strategies to overcome them.

Men of Grace, you do not want to miss the next study we are embarking into.

17 Sep, 1 & 8 Oct	Sat 10:00-12:00 NN	MBS PUP\\Jonah
22, 29 Oct	Sat 9:30am-12:30pm	GDP Class 102\\Foundations of Our Faith
29-30 Oct	Sat-Sun	Encounter Weekend

More information at www.graceaog.org/gdp

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 Sep, 1, 8 Oct
Time : 10am – 12pm
Venue : G1 Visitor's Lounge (level 3)
Cost : \$13 includes material

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

Grace Discipleship Process (GDP)

Class 102: Foundations of Our Faith

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 transferred your membership to Grace, it is a pre-requisite to attend this class.

Date : 22 & 29 Oct (Saturdays)
Time : 9:30am -12:30pm
Venue : G1 Lounge (level 3)

Info & registration via www.graceaog.org/gdp-calendar by 9 Oct.

Encounter Weekend

An Encounter with God happened the moment we accept Him as Saviour.

An Encounter with Jesus appropriates His Lordship and authority over our life, granting freedom over sins!

An Encounter with the Holy Spirit empowers us to live our Christian life to the fullest.

Encounter Weekend provides a safe place for

- renouncing strongholds and footholds of the evil one in your life;
- regaining emotional strength;
- baptism and infilling of the Holy Spirit;

Join us for a time of entering into & encountering the presence of God.

Date : 29-30 Oct 2016 (no over-night)
Venue : Orchard Plaza
Cost : \$40

Register at www.graceaog.org/gdp by 24 September.

BOOKSTORE @GRACE 恩典书店

Grace Bookstore at G1 has started operation since April 2016.

Do come by the bookstore at 2nd level fellowship, where books of different topics, in English and Chinese, are available for developing spiritual disciplines, and equipping for ministry, CDs for edification, and cards for all occasions.

We are looking for volunteers to help out with the Grace Bookstore at G1.

Please email poh.suan@graceaog.org if you are keen to volunteer and be part of this ministry.

REACHING • BUILDING • GROWING

Developing spiritual disciplines • Equipping for Service

“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

“Let us touch the dying, the poor, the lonely and the unwanted according to the graces we have received and let us not be ashamed or slow to do the humble work.” – Mother Teresa

The church is really just brick and mortar. It is the people in there that gives it life. Many ministries are run by men and women of God, who serve faithfully to touch lives and bring glory to His name. It is people that make every corner of the church breathes life. A very prominent spot in Grace 2 has to be the café. Who are the people who work tirelessly week after week, to fill hungry tummies and quench thirsty throats? Family Life goes into the kitchen to sniff out Jenny Chow, who not only serves in the café at Grace 2 but also helps the poor in Batam.

pursued by God, I have to obey. As I needed my husband’s support and encouragement, he also joined the Café ministry together with me.



Jenny (second from left) and family

FLG: Family Life@Grace
JC: Jenny Chow

FLG: Please let us know more about you

JC: My name is Jenny Chow. I have been married to my husband, Ian Chow for 36 years.

FLG: Tell us more about your family

JC: There are five of us in the family, Kimberly, our daughter and her husband, Peter. Kingston, our son and we have a Jack Russell, Kalie.

FLG: Just like running a food stall, it is not an easy task to run the Café. What motivated you to do this week after week?

JC: We wanted to be doers of the word and not hearers only (James 1:22). We also wanted to obey His commandment and loving Him with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind and with all our strength (Mark 12:30). In this ministry, we made a lot of friends and also met a lot of new people. It was through their encouragement and feedback that motivated us to do this week after week.

The Café is not only a place for selling food and drinks but also acts as an information centre, first aid station, lost and found counter, money changer, safe keeping counter, borrowing counter... All these made the ministry very colourful and interesting. We also had opportunities to minister and pray for others while serving in the Café.

FLG: Jenny, we understand that you also go over to Batam to help feed the poor. Share with us this ministry of yours. How did it all begin?

JC: It all started in 2004, after working for more than 24 years in a MNC, my husband was called by the Lord to come out from his comfort zone in Singapore and to start working in Batam. In 2005, he

FLG: Our home is...

JC: A mansionette in Jurong West.

FLG: Could you tell us how did you end up in Grace?

JC: In 1968, as a student in Queenstown Secondary Technical School, my husband attended the YFC meeting in Grace I and accepted the Lord. After his secondary education, he left Grace. In 2000, we came back to Grace and in 2006, we started attending and serving in Grace II.

FLG: We understand that both of you and your husband have been running the Grace 2 Café every week. When did you start serving in this ministry? What made you go into this ministry?

JC: We started serving in the Café ministry since its opening in 2006. I was approached 3 times by the church and it was only on the third time that I agreed to serve in the Café. Like Jonah, I was



Cafe ministry and volunteers

started bringing trippers to Batam. But it only lasted less than a year due to his other church ministries and heavy work commitment.

However, with the help from God, my husband resumed bringing trippers to Batam in April 2012. It was during that time; I was encouraged to join the trip. It was during one of the visits to the slum in Batam that changed my life completely. It was never the same again. When faced with poverty in real life, I knew, I just had to do more.

FLG: Was there someone or an event that impacted you to want to serve God in Batam?

JC: Yes, I would say God used my husband to influence me. He frequently brings trippers to Batam during his off days. So, he guided and trained me to be independent so that I could also lead the trippers myself. He told me to go to Batam with or without the trippers twice a month to feed the children in the slum. He also told me to go in with a purpose, that is, to bless the children and the community in the slum. At the same time, encourage the staff and students of the bible school.

FLG: Serving in places like these has its challenges. What were some of your setbacks?

JC: It was during one of the feeding programme that my husband saw a child throw away a packet of unfinished food. He was very upset as he was brought up from young to finish up every single grain of rice that was in his rice bowl. The Lord comforted him on that day when He sent a hen, some chicks and a dog to "participate in the feeding programme." I guess, it was God's way of telling us that whatever we are doing for Him, will never go to waste.

The feeding programme for the children was first started in the open space in front of a church member's house. Later, the Lord provided a community centre for us to carry out the feeding programme. We wanted to enlarge our territory by buying or building more community centres in the slums. However, all our plans failed. We also started a library, a tuition centre for the children and a project for mothers to make a living. All these did not turn out well. We did not understand why there were so many obstacles but we knew that as we presented these plans to God, He will direct us. All these challenges taught us to rest in God's perfect timing.

Going up the slope.

FLG: Where there are valleys, there are mountains. What were some of your victories?

JC: God heard my prayer when I told Him before my first trip to Batam to lead me to 'a road less travelled'. I wanted to accomplish much more for a big God. He answered my prayer. It was during that first trip, that I was not even able to go down the slopes in the slum. When doing my visitation to the communities, I was so breathless and I felt weak. But it did not stop me from going for my second trip. I knew God was going to do great things in my life. On my second trip, I managed to go up and down the slopes but I was faced with another problem. Due to my body size and weight. I was struggling to sit down inside the house during the home visitation. I came back and prayed to the Lord for strength to do His work. My God is a good God. During my third trip to Batam, I was able to walk up and down the slopes in the slums, sit with ease inside the house and pray for many families in the community.

FLG: In what other ways have God played a part in this journey of yours?

JC: God always provides. He is our Jehovah Jireh. He provided the funds needed for the education and feeding programmes. In the earlier days, the feeding programme was conducted in the open. To prepare for it, the church staff would first need to clean the chicken droppings that were left behind from chickens running around the ground. Next, the staff would then roll out the straw mats on the



Children sitting on the mat and waiting.

ground and cockroaches would run out from the rolled out mats. To us trippers, it was very unhygienic and scary but to the little children they were so used to it. For them, the hunger for food surpassed those little inconvenience. God truly love these little ones, He later, provided a community centre for the children feeding programme. From then on, the food distribution was no longer carried out in the open.

We have seen God's faithfulness in this work of His. In the earlier days when we were conducting the feeding programme in the open, it would only rain before the distribution of food or right after the food have been distributed. In God's work, there is no coincidence, only the perfect timing and the faithfulness of God.

FLG: Thank you for sharing with us this very exciting work of yours. What would you like to say to our people in Grace?

JC: I would like to tell everyone that God's way is not our way. God's thought is also not our thoughts. But that should not stop us from serving Him. Even within the shores of our land and even within Grace itself, there are so much we could do to serve God and to serve one another.

I am very sure the Lord stopped us from enlarging our territory in those slums for a reason. For five years, we have been feeding the people, the local church has now taken over to teach the people to 'fish' for themselves. "Give a man a fish, and you feed him for a day; show him how to catch a fish, and you feed him for a lifetime

For the past 10 months, I have been having a knee problem. I was not so active with the feeding programme. I was slowly recovering. I was listening for His new direction for me to begin my next season in my life and the Lord has spoken.

God has moved us. We are now helping a poor pastor from another slum in Batam. He pastors in a run-down church and we are helping him to build it up.

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" Matt 25:40

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REMOVING FIERY DARTS WORKSHOP

Ephesians 6:16 "In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one."

The flaming arrows mentioned in the above verse are like fiery darts that the enemy uses to attack us. Have you ever felt some inexplicable pain in your body, or maybe a recurring mishap in your life? Fiery darts could be at work in our lives - a weapon that the enemy uses effectively against us to keep us from fulfilling our destiny and calling in Christ.

Often when the devil strikes, his attack can sometimes seem inconsequential with little damage done. But often a minor issue could develop into a fierce, flaming situation with sometimes dire consequences! As followers of Jesus, there is no doubt that the devil will try to shoot his arrows in our direction. Having a shield of faith soaked in the living waters of God's inner healing through Christ gives us protection against these attacks. We learn to deal with the enemy's fiery darts and render them useless based on the finished work of Christ on the cross!

Come and experience God's healing waters that will drown every fiery dart that comes our way ... Sign up today for this seminar.

Date: Sat 22 Oct 2016

Time: 9.30am - 1pm

Venue: GII, Praise Room

Cost: \$5 - early-bird sign-up till 7 Oct (inclusive of materials & refreshments)
\$10 - after 7 Oct till closing date on 16 Oct

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

Payment: Cash or cheque at church information counter @ G1 (L5) or GII (L3).

General enquiries: Jamie Lim at jamie.lim@graceaog.org or 6410 0827

The Grace Groups started studying the book of Genesis. Bro Bernard, a member of Tabernacle GG, meditated on the creation story and was inspired by the Holy Spirit to pen down a beautiful poem. He shares it with us in hope that we may be blessed by it.

"Elohim, Yahweh, Relate, Rule, Work and Rest"

Four simple tenets in creation wrought
by the Creator Himself in Adam's song,
when Breath alighted on nameless dust
to awaken the clod of dreamless cast.

Summoned forth by JOY into being -
as dusty eyes received first light,
beheld ELOHIM's work in great delight;
as dusty ears fathomed first tune
Beheld YAHWEH's word in timeless rune.

Tis' Man, GOD called this dust that woke,
Tis' Adam, HE named for him with hope;
Would Adam arise to HIS design,
obedience in purpose that HE assigned?

God purposed for Adam's tame
to be fruitful and multiply,
to fill the earth with his kind;

To lord over birds and beasts,
that run and move on four or wings,
that swim with fins or swim without,
and crawl on belly or creep on ground;

To care for every plant that grows
that yield seeds or fruits with seeds,
and harvest them for food to eat
that GOD deemed is good
and complete.

Behold! Adam!
The beauty weaves of floral blades,
the quivering ripples of faunal napes,
the migrant flight of feathered wings,
the swarming gales in ocean glades!

Behold! Adam!
The sun is proud as midday nigh,
and colors sparkle in greater light;
The moon is shy as midnight rise,
and stars tread softly in lesser night!

Behold! Adam!
As water gathers in the clouds,
it also fills the ocean troughs;
as thirsty winds hoe wintry lakes,
from them their snowy caps the mountain
rakes!

Behold! Adam!
The seasons that girth the earth around,
in winter shawl or summer call,
ushers by swarms beneath the clouds,
in songs on wings in flighty routs,
singing their longing for summer air
as winter chills their previous lairs;

Or buds aground that seem despair,
has actually tucked their heads in
with proper care;
not forgotten as a sign,
they rise again with vigor sing
when summer return in her fling!

Behold! Adam, Behold!
Yet none of these can compare,
as no other creature can compete,
yourself in HIS image was tenderly knead!
HIS joy in you is complete!

Adam was set above all things made,
his joy in HIS purpose was Adam's cape;
to worked the garden of Eden and keep it neat,
he named every creature that God hath made.

Neither was lack in Adam's want,
for out of Eden flows four caches,
one through Havilah where gold abound,
and precious stones were all around;
one through Cush that tilled the ground,
one through East of Assyria, Tigris now,
and last is called the Euphrates,
the ancient bed in Middle East.

As jewel sparkles on a crown
when catches light that is sound,
so Adam was that jewel piece
whose heart is made with holy lease,
and hands were meant for lasting peace
and mind for words and thoughts for HIM.

Thus rested from work HE first launched
on the seventh day since light first dawn!
HE bid Adam rest his task,
rest ,holy guest, in HOLY bath.

Survey creation in one broad sweep,
GOD rejoices in a simple quip
with joyous lark for all t'was done -
"Behold, how very good is everything!"
as everything is come together,
simply together in HIM proclaim as one!

Written by Bernard Tay

My Testimony – Serving in G1 Cafe Ministry



From Angela Koh It must have been God who sent Pastor Wai Ching to approach me 7 months ago to help set up the Cafe Ministry in G1. I was excited and yet worried about the commitment. My daily chores and work routine have already taken up so much time and energy. Furthermore I'm a single mother with an eight year-old son to take care of. I'm also not an early bird who could wake up early to prepare for Sunday morning cafe sales.

I was wondering, "God are you kidding? Are you sure you want me to serve in this ministry? Do I have time to handle another task? And why me? What if I drop out half way"? While I pondered with all these worries, a thought

arose, "just do it". I never thought God would put me here, although one of my dreams is to have my own cafe one day. "He knows me and loves me so much, and appoints me to serve Him. How do I reject Him?"

Mark 11:22 says, "Have faith in God", Jesus answered. This verse is powerful and valuable to me since 2015. His goodness and love have definitely increased my faith and day by day, I decided to obey His command by doing it! It is a godly privilege to serve, and He gives me strength. I just put my faith in Him. God also brought along a team of volunteers through Pastor Wai Ching within a short period of time and we have been serving well for the past 7 months. I'm very amazed by His works and how he sends His Children for His purpose according to his perfect time. May we continue to pray for the G1 Cafe Ministry to grow and glorify His name. Amen!

From Yew Yee Perhaps, I was called to serve in the Cafe Ministry. It began with a small talk with God, "I will serve you in the Cafe Ministry when G1 had completed the re-building. Will you open a door for this Ministry to be set up?" When we moved back to G1, again I asked, "Will You open the door so that I can serve You?" 2 weeks later, the door was indeed opened – a humble cafe started its first business at Level 2 Fellowship Hall. But I hesitated. One night, I was being reminded of my promise, "The door is opened, where are you?" I made an excuse to God, "How can I just walk in and serve? There wasn't any signboard for serving. Who do I contact?" Amazingly, a week later, I saw a signboard, "Volunteers Needed. Contact Angela." I read and memorized the mobile number. Again, I hesitated. 2 weeks later, I was being reminded of the promise I made to God. I could not hide nor run away anymore and I decided to give it a try. And that started a meaningful and exciting journey in serving the Lord – it's just the beginning!

Intro The G1 Cafe is run by a group of passionate church members who have come together to serve the church community so they can eat to their hearts' content before and after Sunday Services. Every Sunday morning, the Cafe is opened for business to serve our church members and visitors with affordable, sumptuous breakfast. Located at Level 2 Fellowship Hall, we start preparing food as early as 7am. We offer a range of local favourites like Mee Siam and Soon Kueh, finger food for children and weekly specials cooked or baked by our church members.

We are looking for more volunteers to run a second shift after the second service is over. You don't need to know how to cook in order to serve here, just a willing heart with a smile and a spirit of responsibility and team work are all that it takes. From a cashier, to a coffee connoisseur, serving food, or simply washing up at the end of the shift. If you cook or bake and would like to contribute to our spread, please alert us at least 1 week in advance, for our menu planning. Talk to us at the Cafe (non-peak hours) or call Angela Koh on 96252226.

Seeking for opportunity to work in a social service sector but need guidance and affirmation?

Have a passion for the social service sector but not sure where to go?

It's now available right at your door step!

At REACH, we will provide you the exposure to the social service sector and get first-hand work experience in the related field where you can seek personal growth and development.

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Contact us at recruitment@reach.org.sg for more details or check out the internship opportunities on the 'Careers' page at www.reach.org.sg.

GraceKids-REACH outreach!

On the 31st of July 2016, Grace Kids collaborated with REACH in reaching out to the elderly and the community with handwritten cards and goodie bags. A total of 210 children got into groups of 4s and 5s, along with 70 adult chaperons, visited the beneficiaries of REACH Senior. They did 30 home visitations and went door-to-door at 180 HDB units in Jalan Membina and Bukit Gombak.

The children created hand-made greeting cards, prepared small goodie bags and even a song performance for our Seniors. Spending the rest of the 30-minute visit chatting with the Ah Mahs and the Ah Gongs by doing simple surveys and getting to know the residents and their needs better. The Seniors responded to the little acts of kindness with warmth and cheer, bringing joy for both the visitors and the hosts.

Through this experience, they had the opportunity to put into practice the lessons of love and care shared each week at our services. Grace Kids strongly believe in equipping our children with missional hearts so as to impact the future generations for the Kingdom of God, charity and volunteerism start from young – and it is never too early to start.



"I think it was a great team effort by all to plan and string together the many parts to make the outreach a positive and meaningful experience for all involved.

I am personally blessed during the interactions with the residents and see our children play a role in reaching out. From the feedback by the children, and personally from my daughter Verity, they are looking forward to going back to visit the residents." – *Clement Yee*

"My outreach experience is fun! Before the outreach, I felt nervous, happy and excited. I learned that we have to help others when they are in need and sick. It is important to obey the Lord, whenever and whatever He wants. I am happy that God will bless the families in this community. I want to do the outreach again!" – *Zi Ting, Shine 1 P1*

"The experience was good." – *Iris Lim, Shine 2 P3*

"I thank God for the comfortable life I have. I also enjoyed visiting the family and learning about their stories." – *Nissi, Shine 1 P4*



FEATURED MISSIONS WORKER: SOPHIE & NELSON

Sophie became a believer when she was brought to Grace Assembly of God and grew in her walk since. After a short-term missions trip to East Asia with Cru Singapore, she began to seek God's leading to serve in China. In 1997, Sophie made the decision to serve in China for a year. However, one year led to another and the years of serving there added up to fifteen.

Nelson was born and raised in the Philippines with Chinese parentage. With the desire to be used by God, he joined Campus Crusade for Christ upon graduation from college. In the Philippines, he worked with Chinese churches and schools. He then pursued his Masters of Divinity at International Graduate School of Leadership. He later moved to Chengdu, Sichuan, where he served in different ministries.

Sophie and Nelson met in China while they were actively serving in separate cities. Sophie was serving up north in Beijing while Nelson was serving down south in Chengdu. They got married in 2003 and eventually settled in Chengdu where Nelson was already based. They were involved in campus, community, and church-planting ministries. In 2011, the whole family, with the addition of two children, moved back to Singapore. They are currently serving at East Asia School of Theology (EAST).

Nelson has been passionate about training and equipping leaders for the Great Commission. He regularly teaches and mentors a multi-cultural group of students. However, his primary role at EAST is serving as Dean of Administration overseeing operations, leadership development & human resource, and finance.

Sophie is involved in a unique ministry that is not available at many other seminaries. She is a part of the faculty team who plans, teaches and disciples the wives of male students studying at EAST. These men come from different countries such as Korea, China, Mongolia and Indonesia. When the men complete their studies, they will either return to their home countries to be pastors and ministry workers, or go forth as missionaries to foreign countries. Regardless of their future ministry assignments, the wives and children of these men become significant partners in their ministry. Besides taking care of the family, these women evangelize, disciple, and do various ministries alongside their husbands for God's kingdom. That is the reason why this is a unique and significant ministry at EAST. We conduct various courses for them like counseling, missions, marriage and parenting. Sophie plays an active role in this team that prepares these women to be helpers fit for their husbands.

If you are interested to receive their ministry newsletters, you can contact them by dropping them an email. Nelson (nelson@east.edu.sg) or Sophie (sophie@east.edu.sg).

Shalom,
Nelson, Hannah, Joshua, and Sophie



ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Missions Trip to Orissa, India
09 - 18 Dec 2016

Please send an email to matthew.tan@graceaog.org to sign up.

2. Missions Corner @ G1

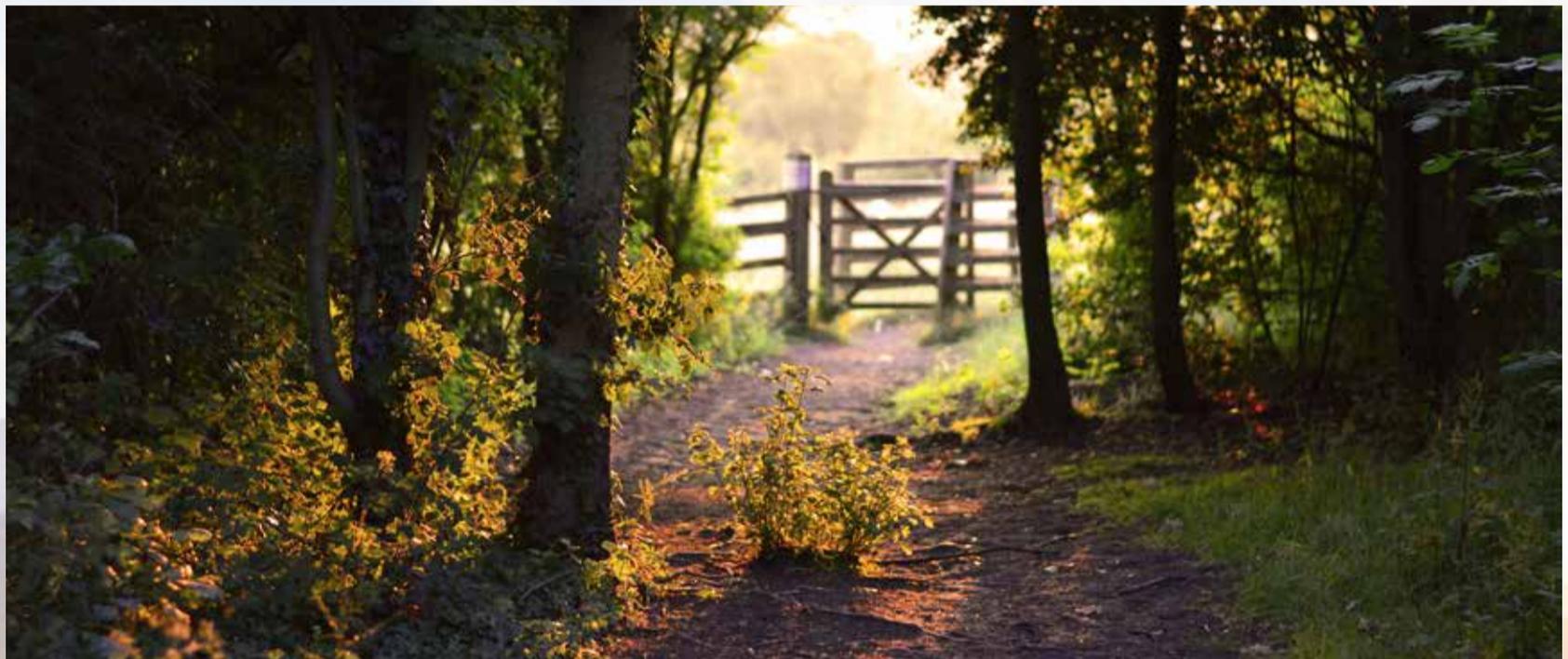
Come and visit the Missions Corner at Level 2, Koinonia where you can borrow missions books and resources! This is also a place where we will gather to pray for the nations, the persecuted churches, and for our missions workers! Come over to grow your heart for the nations!

LET THE YOUNG ARISE BY JASMIN LOW

I don't mean to put things in a negative way, but our young people have been condemned into the box of a "strawberry generation". We are known to be a generation that has to be protected and sheltered. We are a generation known to crumble when hardships hit us. Otherwise, we are a bunch of reckless youths who do not give a good thought before we make life-changing decisions. Wisdom? None. Foolishness? Maybe. But are all these things true about us?

Risk-takers. Adventurous. Bold - are words that I would love for our parents, uncles, aunties and seniors to describe about us. All these fit into a whole new purpose when we are risk-takers for Jesus, adventurous for Jesus and bold for Jesus! It has been such an encouraging sight for me when I see my peers, my brothers and sisters in Christ, having the desire to make unconventional decisions to serve Jesus. To count, I have a friend who is serving in a war-torn country in Central Asia, I've got four young friends who went to serve refugees in the Middle East, I've got a handful of friends breaking out of the norm to give a few months of their lives for missions school. Wow! Praise Jesus! Where would they find their courage and boldness other than in Jesus? Only our Lord Jesus gives us such conviction to follow Him and not follow society's ways.

Matthew 7:13 says, "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it."



On this path to the narrow gate, many people have been supportive of us. Edifying us with godly advice. Adding unto us your nuggets of wisdom. Sharing your experiences. Even providing us with finances to go on missions trips (you know who you are)! And we are thankful, and we hunger for more of your guidance and teachings and support. Our desire to love and serve Jesus is not a lonely journey because of people like all of you whom we look up to!

Global Awareness is a NEXUS initiative where we encourage young people to be global Christians because we are serving the God of all nations. On 3 September, 7-10pm at Zion Hall, young people would be sharing their stories of their overseas outreach at Gap4God. Come and hear what God is doing in the hearts of the young ones!

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.

MYANMAR

06/09/2016 – 10/09/2016

Ps Bee Ngor

SRI LANKA

19/09/2016 – 26/09/2016

Ricky Lui

PEKANBARU

23/09/2016 – 28/09/2016

Ronnie Lee

THROUGH THE EYES OF A THOMAS BY ALEXANDER LIM, YAYP

I'm a sceptic. Don't get me wrong, I'm a Christian too but when it comes to topics about faith healing (i.e. praying for the sick and healing them) I viewed them as no more than parlour tricks. I had a negative experience in a missions trip five years back, (disclaimer: it wasn't Grace Missions, Grace Missions is fantastic) and I decided to swear off going for anymore missions trips ever. Needless to say my missionary gifting in my spiritual gifting test ranks negative.

Ps Matthew Tan has been a friend and a mentor to me for several years and patiently putting up with me. He had also been persuading me to go for a missions trip for a while now. And every time I'd politely reject him like the advances from a girl I just wasn't that into. It wasn't until a personal conviction from God and several nicely timed coincidences, which shook me off my feet and into the missions field.

I was to embark on a missions trip with Ps Matthew Tan and his father, Uncle Phillip, to rural India to conduct faith healing services and pray for the sick. My clause to him was this; I wanted to be the videographer, capturing what I saw there. Whether faith healing was real or not I was going to record it down and make a documentary. Ps Matthew accepted.

The trip was two full weeks in Orissa, Northern India, travelling to the tribal regions of India normally uncharted by regular Grace Missions teams.

One thing I realized in India's villages was that even though they were not as well to do as us Singaporeans, they did not see themselves as poor. No one begged, no one stole.

The first few services in the city areas saw little healing take place, there were not many people who came up to be healed and even fewer felt better after. I would be lying if I said I weren't discouraged and I continued to question the legitimacy of faith healing. It wasn't until we headed deeper into rural India did my point of view change.

The chapels in the villages, though small, were packed to the brim with people even spilling to the outside. When the pastor gave the call to come forward and be healed it was like a Macdonald's Hello Kitty Sale, everyone rushed to the front. In those services, multitudes were healed. I was shocked to see, one after another being cured of their ailments. The crippled walked, those who could barely see now able to read numbers off fingers, even those suffering from back or joint pain being able to leap off chairs laughing and praising God.

This reminded me of Mark 5, where the woman who was subjected to bleeding for twelve years reached out and touched Jesus's cloak.

He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering." – Mark 5:34

I realised that the villagers truly believed that prayer could heal them. It was a do or die situation for them, like the bleeding woman, they were unable to see a doctor. The other gods from nearby temples did not cure them. Jesus was their only option.

I reflected on Singapore, whenever I mentioned about this missions trip to anyone, most of them were equally as sceptical as I was. It occurred to me that maybe the reason we have not seen a healing miracle is due to our lack of faith. I deduced it could not be God, because we all serve the same God. It could not be the church or the services, because we have service halls with screens that'll make your eyes bleed while the chapels in India were no more than bedrooms. It was faith, plain and simple.

I'll still be making that documentary (estimated to be out by December or later). I hope it would convince you that in the 21st Century, healing by faith is still a reality. I hope it can be used as an evangelical tool, to reach out to friends and family members who have not known Christ and need the comfort of a healing touch. I know that some may still be unconvinced, which is fine, no one is without doubts.

My conclusion of the trip was this. It was never about proving to us, Singaporeans, that faith healing is real. In the immortal words of the Internet, "Haters gonna hate." What mattered is that the villagers in India believe and their faith make them well, through Jesus Christ.



EVENTS CALENDAR 2016

SEPTEMBER –
NOVEMBER

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

DATE	EVENT	VENUE & TIME
03/09	Evangelistic Motivational Talk by Davy Liu	GI L3 Bethel Hall 5pm
03/09 - 24/09	Adult Alpha Course (Saturdays)	GII L1 Fellowship Area 12pm
07/09	Lunchtime Fasting & Prayer Meeting	GI L3 Emmaus Hall 12pm
14/09 - 12/10	Women of Grace WOG-DBS (Weds)	GI & GII 10am
17/09 - 22/10	Women of Grace WOG-SBS (Saturdays)	GI L2 Eden Hall 10am
10/09- 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 L3 Lounge 10am
22/09 - 29/10	Class 102 : Foundations of Our Faith	GI L3 Lounge 9.30pm
28/09	J333 Prayer Meeting (Combined)	GI L1 Galilee 7.30pm
05/10	Lunchtime Fasting & Prayer Meeting	GI L3 Emmaus Hall 12pm
14/10 - 15/10	Marketplace Conference by Ps Benny Ho	GI L3 Bethel Hall 7pm
22/10	Removing Fiery Darts Workshop	GII L2 Praise Room 9.30am
26/10	J333 Prayer Meeting (Combined)	GI L1 Galilee 7.30pm
29/10 - 30/10	Encounter Weekend	Orchard Plaza

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17 Sep 2016, Saturday
9:30am to 11:30am
GI L3 Emmaus Hall



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marketplace@graceaog.org

Mr. Alex Tee is the head of a leading US investment bank's short end interest rates trading team in Asia. He joined the bank 3 years ago and with his current team has transformed the revenue profile of the business, growing it by nearly ten-fold during that time. His team results are amongst the best globally, across the industry, in the competitive landscape of investment banking. Prior to joining the present Bank, he worked at Barclays Bank for the best part of nine years, co-heading the short end rates trading business.

THE ANNUAL GET AWAY YOU ARE WAITING FOR!

Grace Retreat 2017
Date : 8 to 12 June 2017

More information to be announced
at a later date...

Wedding in September

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

Mr Clarence Yeo Hong Ye
and

Ms Xia Yue

24 September 2016

CASTING CALL FOR ACTORS & ACTRESSES



The Church is putting together a drama for this year's Christmas evangelistic services.

We are looking for interested Gracians to be part of the team.

If you are aged between 10 to 55 years and desire to serve using your acting skills to share the Good News in this season, email us at christmas2016@graceaog.org



Open House for Academic Year 2017

(For children born between 2011 and 2015)



**Grace House Kindergarten @
355 Tanglin Road**

Date : 1 October 2016 (Saturday)
Time : 9.00am – 12.00pm
Venue : Eden Hall, GI (Level 2)

Come join us for a time of fun and interactive activities!

For more information, please contact: Tel: 6262 3585
Email: evetay@gracehouse.com.sg

2016 2nd batch acceptance of membership on 8 Aug 2016

NAME OF CANDIDATES

Baptised on 7 Aug 2016

Liang Li Chi Ricky
Goh Huishi
Tan Kai Bin Joshua
Cheng Tee Hiang
Joshua Chew ZiHao
Rukumani d/o Karuppayah
Vithiya Narayanan
Anil Kumar Wararas
Samuel Leong Yong Jie
Anna Lin Bee Keng

Chua Ke Sheng Clement
Lynette Balakrishnan
Teo Siew Teen Sally
Han Chin Seng James

Transferred on 8 Aug 2016

Chang Yew Beng
Quek Ting Chye Frankie
Irene Loh Yoke Mui
Chia Mia Kern
Uma Rudd Tan



POSITION AVAILABLE

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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if you have a prayer request and you need the church to pray for you, you can write to:
PrayerRequest@graceaog.org.

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主的恩典

恩典—华语堂
罗雪珍

够我用



我要感谢主让我亲身体会到神话语的信实。林后12:9我的恩典够你用的，因为我的能力是在人的软弱上显得完全。

2015年八月份的身体例行检查报告，医生诊断我得了乳癌。当时的我感觉爽然若失，这消息给我带来极大的冲击，我也不知道如何告诉我的家人。在彷徨无助之下，我与教会的一些姐妹们分享，也请她们为我祷告。她们不只在祷告中纪念我，也用神的话语鼓励了我。因家里还有很多亲人还未信主，我常以我的生命来见证主的美好。面临这眼前的急难，我就求主给我力量和勇气来面对并化险为夷，见证主在我生命中的旨意来把福音传给我的家人。

雅各书1:2-7

²我的弟兄们，你们落在百般试炼中，都要以为大喜乐。³因为知道你们的信心经过试验就生忍耐。⁴但忍耐也当成功，使你们成全完备，毫无缺欠。⁵你们中间若有缺少智慧的，应当求那厚赐与众人，也不斥责人的神，主就必赐给他。⁶只要凭着信心求，一点不疑惑。因为那疑惑的人，就像海中的波浪，被风吹动翻腾。⁷这样的人，不要想从主那里得什么。

在这化疗的过程中，神的话语就常成为我患难中的力量。弟兄姐妹们的祷告和鼓励，也常成为我展望明天的盼望。

从去年十月六号的手术，到化疗和辅射治疗的过程中，我亲身经历了神的神迹和恩典。还没病之前，常听人说，癌症病患者在化疗中会面对各种的副作用。但感谢神，我所经历的副作用是轻微的。我们的天父确实顾念祂儿女的需要，并垂听我们的呼求。感谢赞美耶和華，我的主，我的王。我也感谢教会的牧师和弟兄姐妹们的探访及代祷。

在这病疗的过程中，神让我意识到在安枕平稳的生活中，是不可能体会的真理。例如我们每天当作理所当然的点点滴滴，早上起来有健康的身体、吃得下、睡得饱、逛街购物、去教会、参与事奉等等。感谢主，这次的经历改变了我的人生态度。

马太福音16:24-26

²⁴于是耶稣对门徒说，若有人要跟从我，就当舍己，背起他的十字架，来跟从我。²⁵因为凡要救自己生命的，（生命或作灵魂下同）必丧掉生命。凡为我丧掉生命的，必得着生命。²⁶人若赚得全世界，赔上自己的生命，有什么益处呢？人还能拿什么换生命呢？

这次的经历让我意识到，人不要只单单为着自己生活中的需要而忙碌，忽略了我们的亲人和周围人的需要，尤其是救恩和使命的需要。愿主帮助我，以祂的爱来充满我，让我能多关爱我所接触的人，分享主的爱，为主作见证，荣耀归给主。

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報名截止日期：09月18日

联络人：林牧师 98321904

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 7, 14, 21 September, 7.30 pm @ GI L3 Emmaus & GII L4 Chapel
Combined J333 (English & Chinese) 28 September, 7.30 pm @ GI L1 Galilee

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GRACE ASSEMBLY

Marketplace Conference

14-15.10.2016

FRIDAY & SATURDAY

GUEST SPEAKER

Pastor Benny Ho

VENUE

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

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FRIDAY 14.10

7.30pm – 10pm

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

FREE ADMISSION
(registration required)

SATURDAY 15.10

9.15am – 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"

\$10 inclusive of notes and lunch
(registration required)



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.