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## ANOTHER YEAR OF GRACE!

2017 is coming to an end soon and we are on the brink of another year.

### **How would you describe your 2017?**

*It is a good year because generally, nothing bad happened to me. It is a bountiful year because I experienced God's amazing provision. It is a successful year because my career had taken off. It is a sad year because a dear friend of mine had passed away. It is an exciting year because I faced many new challenges. It is a horrible year because everything that could go wrong did go wrong. It is a great year because I got married, and moved into my new home.*

In whatever ways you have described your 2017, I pray that through it all, you have grown in your faith and have encountered Lord Jesus in a special way. In looking back, you know the grace of God has been upon your life.

### **God's Grace in My Own Life**

Personally I am very thankful for His grace upon my life in 2017. I am grateful for the privilege He has given me to lead Grace Assembly. This is something I do not take lightly. I stand in awe in the way He has continued to bless the church. From time to time, I am just amazed at how His gracious hand has led us through the different challenges this year.

I am limited in so many ways. Sometimes, I wish I am more competent, more capable, more charismatic, and just more. I realise I could keep on wishing but at the end of the day, I am me. The more I see myself, the more I deeply appreciate the grace of God upon my life. Two words describe my life and it is 'Grace Alone'!

Therefore, I can boldly say that truly it has been another year of Grace.

### **God's Grace in Your Life**

No matter how you feel and what you have gone through this year, I pray you have seen His grace upon your life.

May you know His grace has been upon your life whether it is in your success or in your sadness.

When we see the grace of God, we begin to realise that God has been good and faithful. That's what happened to Barnabas when he saw what the grace of God has done.

### **Acts 11:23 NIV**

**[23] When he arrived and saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts.**

He saw the grace of God and was glad. In this situation, he saw how God had turned persecution into the preaching of Jesus Christ. As a result, many turned to the Lord Jesus Christ.

We can also begin to realise that there are outcomes we do not deserve but yet in His goodness, He has blessed us. Maybe there were moments we found hard to go through but we went through it because His grace has been sufficient.

### **God's Grace in Grace Assembly**

As a church, we can testify the grace of God at work. There were many good things and also many challenges but through it all, the Lord has brought us through.

May we realise that truly it has been another year of grace and His grace will lead us into 2018.

My fellow Gracians, let's look back and be grateful for His grace and look forward with confidence that His grace will lead us on.

***Let me wish all Gracians a blessed Christmas!***

**Ps Calvin Lee**  
Senior Pastor

# GRACE RETREAT 2018

SAVE THE DATE  
7-11 JUNE



Dec 6, 13, 20  
GI - Emmaus Hall  
GII - Agape Room

Dec 27  
NO Combined J333

# J333

*prayer meetings*

*Prayers does not fit us for a greater work;  
prayer is the greater work. ~ Oswald Chambers*



WOMEN OF GRACE (DBS)

# You are Free

BY Rebekah Lyons

Have you been striving to achieve your worth?  
Who actually determines your worth?

Many live under the bondage of legalism, are often driven by performance or seek approval of others to earn our love and acceptance. Discover our true freedom, and learn to live as we already are, to fulfil our God purposed life. Join us for this 7-week study and experience a journey to freedom in Christ and kingdom power.

**DATES OF CLASS:** 28 Feb; 7, 28 Mar; 4, 18, 25 Apr; 2 May 2018 [Wednesdays]

**TIME:** 10.00 am – 12.00 pm

**VENUE:** GI L1 Gethsemane & GI L2 Praise Room

**COST:** \$16

Register at [event.graceaog.org](http://event.graceaog.org) from 2 Dec – 21 Jan.



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

# CELEBRATION OF DISCIPLINE OUTWARD DISCIPLINES

Using Richard Foster's classic book *Celebration of Discipline*, Grace's Men Bible Study (GMBS) explored and practised the Inward Disciplines in 2017. Join us for round 2 to work on the Outward Disciplines of **simplicity**, **solitude**, **submission** and **service**. Even if you have missed the Inward Disciplines, you are greatly welcomed.

We invite you to join us to sharpen our spiritual axe through consistent study and practice of the spiritual disciplines.

**Dates:** 20 Jan,  
3 Feb – 3 Mar  
(5 Saturdays)

**Time:** 10am – 12nn

**Venue:** GI Eden Hall

**Cost:** \$16

Register at [event.graceaog.org](http://event.graceaog.org) from 2 Dec – 14 Jan.

GRACE DISCIPLESHIP PROCESS

CLASS 102 \\

# FOUNDATIONS OF OUR FAITH

11, 18, 25 Jan (Thu)

7:30 - 9:30pm

GI Zion Room (Level 5)

Register via [www.graceaog.org/gdp](http://www.graceaog.org/gdp) by 31 December

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 transfer your membership to Grace, you must attend this class.

# CONGRATULATIONS to our Gracians who graduated from ACTS & TCA Colleges



**Chan Boon Lye Isaac**  
Master of Divinity  
TCA College



**Wan Wai Lan**  
Master of Divinity  
ACTS College



**Lim Siew Ghee Jamie**  
Diploma of Christian Ministry  
ACTS College

*"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth."*

2 TIMOTHY 2:15

## DECEMBER PRAYER POINTERS

Let's pray for all our Christmas outreaches in December.

- I. On Christmas Day, there is a special Combined English evangelistic service called "Christmas Extravaganza 2017: Hope Has Come!".
  - Let's keep this event in prayer that God will use it to usher in a great harvest of souls this Christmas season!
  - Let's keep the planning committee in prayer that they will have the Holy Spirit's empowerment to plan in His wisdom, anointing and leading!
  - Let's pray that our members will have a strong burden for souls and will reach out with boldness to invite their pre-believing friends to the event.
  - Let's pray that many pre-believers will turn up for the event and that many would receive Jesus as their Lord and know Him as their HOPE this Christmas!
- II. Let's also pray that there will be a mighty harvest of souls this Christmas season through all the other Christmas Outreaches in our church!



06.12.2017

LUNCHTIME

Prayer  
+  
Fasting

Time: 12noon to 1:30pm

Venue: G1 Level 3 Emmaus Hall

*Gracians,*

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

WE  
pray  
WE  
care.

# Grace Family Life Ministry Library is proud to present the following books and DVD collections:

## THE TREASURE INSIDE YOUR CHILD

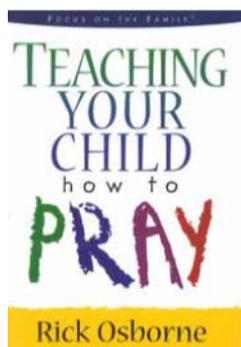
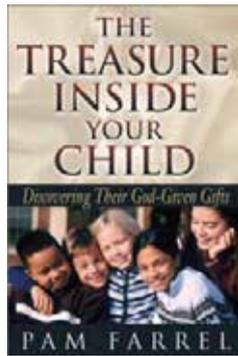
*Discovering Their God-Given Gifts*

In addition to the daily concerns of child-raising, this book offers innovative ideas for loving and nurturing special needs, strong-willed, and prodigal children.

Understanding that God has a plan for every life, the author helps readers to unlock the unique gifts inside their children in areas of:

- temperament
- spiritual development
- goals
- leadership abilities
- talents

*For parents who want their children to become everything God designed them to be*



## TEACHING YOUR CHILD HOW TO PRAY

*One of the most important tasks parents have*

We show them how to swim, skate, and ride a bike. But have we forgotten the most basic and necessary skill of all? Have we taught them to pray?

Prayer is the foundation for communicating with God, growing as a person, and receiving help and wisdom for every other part of life.

*Teach them to communicate with the Savior. It will make an eternal difference*

## WORTHY IS THE LAMB (DVD)

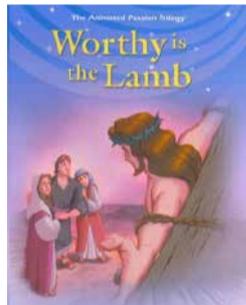
*His Betrayal and Crucifixion*

Experience the Passion of the Christ! Witness the fulfillment of ancient prophecies, and pray with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane as He pleads, "Not my will, but Thy will be done."

Feel the betrayal of Judas' kiss, and endure the trial and crucifixion as Jesus willingly submits.

In the end, you'll rejoice in knowing that Jesus' death and resurrection provides pardon for our sins!

*This wonderful treasury of timeless truths will spark discussions and guide a child throughout the early years and into the future*



Grace Family Library @ G1 is open on every 1st Sunday of the month  
 Grace Family Library @ G2 is open on every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month

# ART BADGES FOR SALE!

Prison Fellowship of Singapore will be selling Art Badges drawn and painted by the children of PFS Care Club, a support group for children and youth with a parent or close family member in prison. The children created these art works, with coaching by Rus Art Studio, for submission for the Bible Society's 2017 Colours of the Bible art competition. Of the 10 art pieces submitted, 5 were chosen for exhibition by Bible Society and they are the 5 that are included in the 5-pack. 100% of proceeds from the sale of these badges will go to PFS to support inmates, ex-offenders and their families.

The badges will be on sale at Grace Bookstore in G1 at Koinonia Fellowship area on level 2 and Grace Bookstore in G11 at level 1.



**LION OF JUDAH**  
 Total Quantity: 20  
**\$5 each**



**THE ARK HOTEL**  
 Total Quantity: 20  
**\$5 each**



**A MIRACLE WAS BORN**  
 Total Quantity: 20  
**\$5 each**



**AND THE ANOINTED BIRTH!**  
 Total Quantity: 20  
**\$5 each**



**BABY IN A MANGER**  
 Total Quantity: 20  
**\$5 each**



**SET OF 5**  
 Total Quantity: 20  
**\$22 each**

**MARRIED Life**  
From Husband & Wife to Lovers for Life

**Life RESOURCES**  
DVDs, Books, Audio CDs etc

**Family Life**  
@ GRACE

**RESTORED Life**  
Counselling & Wholeness

**PARENTING Life**  
Faith Begins at Home

**“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**  
 All counselling sessions are strictly private and confidential

# Bukit Gombak Vista – another platform for Grace Assembly to engage the Community

BY HO SIEW CHEONG



We are pleased to share with the Congregation that come the 2nd quarter of 2018, REACH community Service (RCSS), the social service arm of Grace Assembly, will begin operations of another Senior Activity Centre (SAC). This will be a brand new Senior Service facility, and located just 950 metres, and a 11 minute walk from GII.

This brand new SAC which is at the void deck of Blk 377 Bukit Batok Street 31 (also called Bukit Gombak Vista) is being built, with expected T.O.P in 1Q2018. This will be the 6th community touchpoint for RCSS.

We want to thank God for favour that REACH was selected from among several competitive bids to be the operator. The SAC will provide yet another strategic engagement platform for the Church to better out reach and engage the Community in the Hong Kah North, Bukit Batok, Bukit Gombak and Choa Chu Kang Communities.

RCSS currently operates her Senior Service from two locations. The first is at the void deck of Blk 26B Jalan Membina, which is about 2.3km from GI. The second is at the void deck of Blk 417 Bukit Batok West Ave 4, which is 300m from GII. These locations near to GI/GII provide good entry points for the Church to engage the Communities.

At these locations, many of the programs are coordinated by Staff, but largely executed by volunteers. Volunteers mingle with the Community. Many of the volunteers are also members of Grace Assembly. Through the collaboration with other ministries in the Church, several in the Community has received the saving grace of the Lord.

Quite unlike the models in some western countries where elderly people spend their golden years in institutions away from their families, and cared for by professionals, such as in nursing homes or retirement villages, the Singapore National Action Plan for Successful Ageing features active in-place ageing. Seniors stay where they are, they look after themselves, and they look after each others in Community. The Community provide support to their own Seniors.

In land scarce Singapore, we simply do not have enough land to build many nursing homes. And even if land can be allocated, we also cannot produce enough health care professionals to operate such homes without further increasing our dependence on imported foreign health care workers.

Instead we exploit the compactness of our environment, and put in place systems, community networks and install critical shared facilities that will help our seniors continue to live where they are, and to stay socially active and engaged with their community, and in so doing lower the risk of social isolation, which is a trigger for many other negative issues associated with getting advanced in years. SACs then become

key enabling facilities that will aid effective active in-place ageing. With the SACs, Seniors have a vibrant place to go to, that they will feel identified with and feel belonged to.

Whereas as ageing progresses, and so the tendency for people to stay isolated in their own homes and detached from the rest of the Community, and the world around them becoming progressively smaller, SACs are like oasis where Seniors can congregate daily. The frequent engagement with

fellow Seniors, volunteers and Staff establishes and maintain mutually caring and supportive friendships. Seniors can also make new friends to replace those lost to illnesses and death. In this way, the world of the Seniors can remain vibrant and positive.

At the SACs, senior-centric programs and activities are planned to help Seniors live actively that are beneficial to their physical, social and mental wellbeing facilitating a mindset of confident healthy and independent living

The SAC also act as a one-stop shop for Information and Referral (I&R) to point Senior residents and their families to other social welfare agencies (FSCs, Youth Centre, Community Club, Grassroots organizations etc) operating in the vicinity to provide a community network of help for the Seniors

Seniors can use the SAC as a convenient Community drop-in place in the neighborhood to congregate and have social exchange, and establish a network for mutual support. Doing activities together helps.

With the rapidly ageing population, and people generally live longer lives, the incidence of dementia will likely go up in the coming years. The SAC can then be a safe dementia friendly “Community Go-To place” where dementia sufferers found lost in the Community can be brought, and to be attended to while their next-of-kin is being located, or arrangements are being made to return them to their homes.

The SAC is a hub for Community Befriending where the volunteers (including Senior volunteers) are roped in to keep in contact with vulnerable Seniors and to track their wellbeing over time. Stronger and deeper caring relationships are built with the Seniors, their caregivers, and their families. Lives are touched and ministered to. Needy and vulnerable Seniors are referred for further support through professional Case work and Counselling and other appropriate forms of intervention and assistance.

*Mat 25:35-36*

*For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'*

Whereas engagement through activities at the SAC are therapeutic and can help the Seniors out of social isolation and member of the Church can be involved, a greater platform for impactful outreach is through befriending.

The new SAC that REACH is going to operate will embrace a some very interesting concept and features. It will have a flexible “shop front” to that can function simultaneously as a) A book shop cum Library b) A florist cum floral display and gift shop c) A western styled Café. Floristry and gift making will provide the creative space where Seniors can express themselves and continue to be creative and have the important sense of achievement and satisfaction. Such facilities are blended in with and complementary with the programs and activities we plan to run so that they flow seamlessly.

As with the 2 other SAC's we operate, this new venture will be a Staff coordinated, but largely volunteer-run. Operation, and will synergistically flow with the ministry directions of the Church. More will be shared with the congregation as plans are further refined and developed.

IF you have interest to know more about the new SAC, or feel called into this kind of work, please feel free to drop us a mail (Ho Siew Cheong: [siewcheong.ho@reach.org.sg](mailto:siewcheong.ho@reach.org.sg), Ivan Ho : [ivan.ho@reach.org.sg](mailto:ivan.ho@reach.org.sg))



God's mission to reach all peoples of the earth starts in Genesis and is the common thread all the way to Revelation. Kairos will help you take a fresh look at scripture and understand it, and all of history, from God's perspective. It will call you to a truly biblical worldview, challenge you to embrace God's vision, and equip you to find your place in God's mission.

Kairos is for all Christians at any point in their journey with God. It is not a missions course for missions people, but an opportunity for all God's people to have their worldviews transformed and aligned with God's heart for the nations. He has called us all to play a part in His mission, and there are many different roles to fill. Kairos wants to help you catch that vision and find your place.

This course is suitable if you have been on a missions trip or are thinking of going for a missions trip. In the course, you will have a bigger picture of what God is doing in the world and what part you play in what He is doing in history.

	FIRST HALF OF 2018	SECOND HALF OF 2018
<b>Dates:</b>	24 Feb – 14 Apr, Saturdays	8 Sep – 6 Oct, 20 Oct – 3 Nov, Saturdays
<b>Time:</b>	9a.m. – 12p.m.	9a.m. – 12p.m.
<b>Integration Day:</b>	28 Apr, 9a.m. – 5p.m., Saturday	10 Nov, 9a.m. – 5p.m., Saturday

**VENUE:**

**Grace Assembly of God (Grace II), 1 Bukit Batok West Avenue 4, Singapore 659125 Level 2, Praise Room**

**COST:**

**\$50**

**Sign up at the Missions Corner at GI (L2 Fellowship area) or GII (L1 behind the Café). Alternatively, you can write to [kairos@graceaog.org](mailto:kairos@graceaog.org)**

**DEADLINE FOR SIGN UP:**

**31 December 2017**

**Testimonies from previous batches of participants:**

1) Through Kairos, God's heart for all Nations became real to me. Since then, my desire has been growing. It brought me closer to God's heart (Habakkuk 3:3).

***Myung Duk, Riau Trip Team leader***

2) Kairos has both widened and deepened my understanding on missions. It has taught me to understand missions through what God has said and what He has done!

***Joselyn Lock, participant of Kairos***

3) Through Kairos, I learnt that the church has been blessed with the knowledge of who God is and we are to bless the nations. God's desire is for us to reach the unreached people groups.

***Cythnia Paulchamy, participant of Kairos***

4) I get to understand that missions is God's main objective and direction to bless mankind since the Old Testament, and is consistent with the great commission in the New Testament.

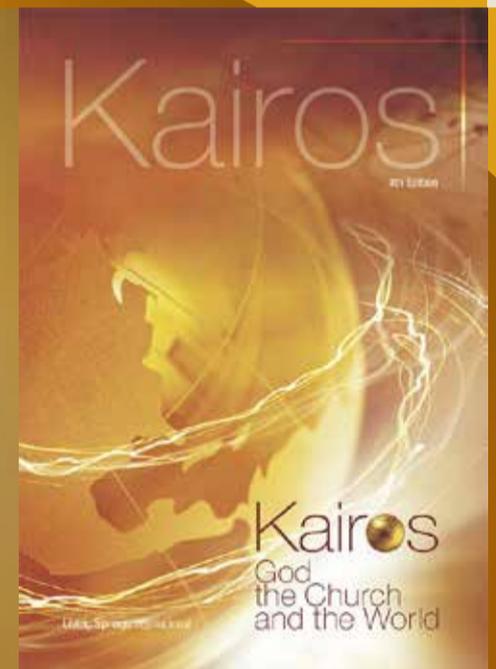
***Teo Sir Kiang, participant of Kairos***

5) The Great Commission serves as a double edged sword; the unreached get reached and the reached get perfected. God is perfecting me as I continue to serve Him missionally.

***Katherine Wong, Riau Trip Team leader***

6) The Kairos course transformed my view of missions. I learned of God's great redemption plan, and understood the crucial role of missions to fulfil it.

***Tan Pei En, participant of Kairos***



# THE SONG OF SINGKAWANG BY KONG YI WEN

CAM Missions Trip to Singkawang, 24-30 October 2017

The sound of rain permeated the stagnant and humid air, a constant drone interrupted occasionally by the passing traffic outside. Sunlight from a stormy sky filtered into the small house of worship through glass doors, unaided by momentarily un-powered lights during the day-long blackout. In that unlikely place, hearts were opened, tears shed, and a small piece of the puzzle fell into place.

Going back two days, the six of us arrived at our pleasant-looking hotel in the otherwise humble town of Singkawang, West Kalimantan, where we made contact with our full-time missionary host. Even before we unpacked our bags, we jumped right into unpacking our programme for the next few days: a worship workshop for the worship team of a young church supported by Grace Assembly. We had each spent many weeks planning for the programme and were well pleased with the final iteration. Hopes were at an all-time high; everyone was excited to take on tomorrow.

Tomorrow did come, and that was when all our plans went right out the window.

9 participants were present for the workshop. At any given moment, almost all of those 9 faces registered confusion, frustration, or total blankness. With all our hearts, we taught worship principles and music techniques, but it all went over their heads like clouds in the Borneo wind. There was an invisible wall between the Singapore and Singkawang teams. A wall of language, culture, knowledge or something else, we didn't know.

That night, we plodded into debrief feeling exhausted and defeated. Our cups were empty as we sought after God for an answer. His reply: to painfully abandon our painstakingly crafted programme and trust Him to lead us one session at a time.

The very next day, as we shared life stories, God delivered the breakthrough in the uncomfortably warm and dusky room right in the middle of a thunderstorm. The glass wall cracked ever so slightly as a small but significant connection was made. This pivotal opening made way for the impartation of biblical teamwork, important technical skills, and a deeper touch from God.

Faith strengthened, we cranked up our dependence on God for the rest of the week – for the children's programmes, the leading of worship and preaching of the word. Some of us had never preached a sermon before; had never sang or prayed in Bahasa Indonesia before; had never worked with kids with such fractured childhoods before. Yet, each of us can testify of God's providence in our weaknesses.

There was a desire for a deeper understanding of life in Singkawang, and the home visitation ministry became our platform for exploration. When we walked through the doorways into each house, we entered portals that offered glimpses into the lives of the people. Through our interactions with locals like the elderly residents and a widow with four children, we discovered that we were able to relate to each other's experiences even though they were gathered from quite contrasting societies.

The tempo escalated quickly at our final destination. It was an eerie little house, its walls seemingly draining light and life out of the room. Wary eyes watched as we interceded for the family's patriarch. The man was wheelchair-bound after a stroke, but God miraculously restored movement in his arms right before our eyes. At that point, a small crowd had materialised outside the house, encircling a teenage victim of demonic oppression. Anticipating a heavenly crescendo, we geared up to pray for complete healing for the man and deliverance for the girl. Then, unexpectedly, the leaders told us to wrap up with haste and exfiltrate. Alas, the song had ended before its crescendo.

We were left with a mixed bag of emotions. That morning, we had dipped our toes into the murky local pond that harboured dark undercurrents of cultural/traditional strongholds and churning with demonic influence. And just when we were about to dive in to do spiritual battle, we were abruptly pulled out.

However frustrating it was, we realised that our short-term actions had far-reaching repercussions for those doing the long-term work over there, especially for Caleb and his wonderful family. The precious moments spent with the Khoos had opened our eyes to the intricacies of the ministry. We would never want to jeopardise their safety nor their good work, so it is only right to humble ourselves and submit to godly authority.

There was a game we played that captured our key take-away. An Artist revealed a drawing one line at a time. Participants took turns being blindfolded and then guided to replicate the developing picture. No one but the Artist knew the final picture. All we could do was to follow line by line. Likewise, on the canvas of time, no eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has conceived what God has already painted. Short-term missions trips like ours are but single lines in a very complex work-in-progress.

From this side on the South China Sea, we too can do our part in His picture by raining down volley after volley of potent prayers to lay siege upon the enemy. Let us intercede for the people of Singkawang and the labourers of the harvest field. Let us bind the works of the enemy in Jesus' name. Let us proclaim the revelation of Christ in their land!



The Great Artist's piece is far more beautiful than the best of our human imagination. Often times, we try to run ahead of Him to actualise that which we think should be the final picture. But when we surrender our ideals and trust Him one line at a time, no matter how small the act of faith, another piece of the puzzle falls in place. And we will be one step closer to the glorious reveal on that final day.

# HARVEST PLENTIFUL, WORKERS FEW

BY KENNETH ENG

*In Mathew 9:36-37, when Jesus saw the crowds, he was deeply moved with compassion for them, because they were troubled and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he told his disciples, "The harvest is vast, but the workers are few."*

*In John 21:17, Jesus asked Simon "do you love me?" Simon said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep."*

God has led our missions team into the forest of Indonesia. After two hours of bumping between first and second gear along a narrow, pit-filled mud track, we stopped at one of many small clusters of villages. Here lived about 40 families, simple farmers, tending to rubber, palm oil or paddy, aside from whatever is edible they can grow or animals and fowls they can tend to.

Ibu Hana lives here with her husband, Uri, and their two young children. Thirteen years ago, when Uri was in Bible school, he asked if a pastor could come and reach out to some of the villagers in this area. God had a better plan. Came Ibu Hana who was to also become his wife. Together they built a church and next to it, a home. The church's presence had helped to attract new families to the number we see today — around 40 adults and 30 children.

## What has Grace Missions (GM) done?

Grace Missions has opened a bible school in the main city two hours away. We have started work with the first group of pastors and evangelists who would go to these outposts, preferably to live there. They will provide spiritual support and minister to the people there. Many are hungry and in need of the word of God. They need encouragement and spiritual support constantly. They need prayers and know that God is with them.

To help these pastors sustain their livelihood in these places, GM offers financial assistance as well in the form of 'seed money'. We will encourage them to grow and multiply the seed money for their own and family sustenance to continue living there and also to outreach to other places which Ibu Hana has already started to do.

In the case of Ibu Hana who has no experience in running a business, even a small one, GM hopes to enlist members' help in whatever areas they can to lend ideas and help plant the first seeds. This can range from running a small grocery store with all its peripheral operational needs, however simple it may be, to planting vegetables and fruits, to simple cooking and baking, or even to run a tuition and basic education centre, as the appropriate and respective needs and opportunities offer.

Be a part of Grace Missions. Let us be the Antioch for Christ and His Kingdom reaching out to our neighbours in the many less fortunate countries and their people around us. Like Peter, if we love the Lord, we shall feed his sheep. Let not one be lost because we stood by and did nothing.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Missions Convention** in 2018 will be over the 20 - 21 January weekend. Prepare your hearts to be challenged for the cause of missions as you hear about what God is doing in the nations through Grace Missions.



# WORSHIP FROM THE HEART BY ESTHER ONG FUNG YEN



A resounding 'Shalom' echoed through the hall as the children responded to our team leader, Eugene Chan's greetings. The enthusiasm was astounding.

This is my first trip to Batam with Grace Missions. After hearing the sermon series on 'Objects of Service', I decided to take up the challenge and step out of my comfort zone and sign up for my first missions trip. Before setting off for the trip, I was apprehensive about interacting with the children given the obvious

language barrier and cultural differences. However the warm greeting and the smiles on the children's faces melt away my many concerns.

The setting worship service was not elaborate. With just a single guitar and the humid heat as the background, the children worshiped God with all their heart. The lyrics to the songs were memorised by heart and the children were singing at the top of their voices. I was humbled by their worship and I believed God was truly pleased. Their simple faith reminded me of Mark 10:14-15 - "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."

Additionally, I do not think it was a coincidence that the message we prepared for the children was "Worshipping from the Heart". The message spoke to me as I must confess that I was often distracted by impressive drum beats, the guitar solos or the serene atmosphere created by the keyboardist. As I was watching the children worship, God reminded me to return to the heart of worship, where it is all about Jesus, not the songs and the instruments.

I set out with the intention to minister to the children, but the Lord blessed me so much more instead. I thank God for this opportunity and I look forward to many more of such trips to come.

I pray that these children and youth will continue to grow strong in their faith and bring the gospel to the many in Indonesia!



## MISSIONS TRIP SCHEDULE 2018

### BANGLADESH

09 - 13 March (*Rohingya Refugee Camp*)  
03 - 12 December

### INDIA

05 - 11 February  
(*Hyderabad, Medical Camp*)  
10 - 18 June (*Assam*)  
06 - 12 August (*Hyderabad, Medical Camp*)  
03 - 10 December (*Assam*)  
12 - 19 December (*Chennai*)

### NEPAL

25 August - 01 September (*Medical Camp*)

### SRI LANKA

05 - 12 July  
20 - 26 September (*R-AGE*)  
22 - 28 November  
06 - 12 December (*R-AGE*)

### VIETNAM

09 - 15 August (*HCMC*)  
06 - 12 November (*Hanoi*)

### MYANMAR

12 - 18 April (*R-AGE*)

18 - 23 June

04 - 18 September

21 - 26 October

03 - 08 November

13 - 19 December

### CAMBODIA

22 - 26 January (*Healing Crusades*)  
09 - 15 March  
08 - 12 August  
19 - 23 November (*Healing Crusades*)  
21 - 27 December

### INDONESIA

23 - 29 March  
(*Singkawang, W. Kalimantan*) (*Chinese*)  
17 - 24 July (*Singkawang, W. Kalimantan*)  
20 - 27 August  
(*Singkawang, W. Kalimantan*) (*Chinese*)  
07 - 14 September (*Sulawesi*)  
01 - 05 October (*Sintang, W Kalimantan*)  
02 - 08 November  
(*Singkawang, W. Kalimantan*) (*Chinese*)  
16 - 23 November (*Java*)  
14 - 21 December  
(*Singkawang, W. Kalimantan*)

### RIAU ISLANDS, INDONESIA

#### Batam

13 April  
17 August  
12 October

#### Karimun

21 - 22 April  
23 - 24 June  
01 - 02 September  
15 - 16 December

#### Tg. Pinang

10 - 12 March  
02 - 04 June  
17 - 18 August  
01 - 02 December

#### Tg. Uban

31 March - 01 April  
28 - 29 July  
25 - 26 August  
13 - 14 October  
08 - 09 December

#### Pekanbaru

18 - 23 April  
07 - 10 December

The dates listed here may be subjected to changes.

Do send an email to [matthew.tan@graceao.org](mailto:matthew.tan@graceao.org) for more enquiries about the missions trips.

# EVENTS CALENDAR 2017-18

DECEMBER 2017 - FEBRUARY 2018

Event details are subject to changes, please refer to [www.graceaog.org](http://www.graceaog.org) for latest info & updates.

DATE	EVENT	VENUE & TIME
<b>DECEMBER</b>		
1 - 2 Dec	Spiritual Awakening Meetings with Ps Julius Suubi	GI L3 Bethel Hall 1 Dec 7.30pm / 2 Dec 10am
6 Dec	Lunchtime Fasting & Prayer Meeting	GI L3 Emmaus Hall 12pm
24 Dec	GDP: Water Baptism	GI L2 Pool 10.45am
25 Dec	Christmas Services	GI L3 Bethel Hall 10am
31 Dec	Watchnight Service	GI L3 Bethel Hall 10pm
<b>JANUARY 2018</b>		
5 Jan	GDP 200 Series	GI L2 Eden 7pm
6, 13 & 20 Jan	WOG SBS	GI L5 Zion Room 10am
11, 18 & 25 Jan	102 Foundation of Our Faith	GI L5 Zion Room 7.30pm
20 & 27 Jan	Men Bible Study	GI L2 Eden 10am
20 -21 Jan	Missions Convention	GI & GII
27 Jan	Special Marketplace Talk by Philip Ng	GI L3 Bethel Hall 10am
31 Jan	J333 Prayer Meeting (Combined)	GI L1 Galilee Hall
<b>FEBRUARY 2018</b>		
2 Feb	GDP 200 Series	GI L2 Eden 7pm
3, 10, 17 & 24 Feb	Men Bible Study	GI L2 Eden 10am
3 & 24 Feb	WOG SBS	GI L5 Zion Room 10am
6 Feb	Healing Room	GI L3 Emmaus 7.30pm
13 Feb	Healing Room	GII L3 Agape Room 7.30pm
16 Feb	Chinese New Year's Thanks Giving	GI L3 Bethel Hall 9am
22 Feb	GDP 103: Baptism Class	GI L5 Zion Room 7.30pm
24 Feb	Kairos Course	GII L2 Praise Room 9am
24 Feb	MPDP	GI L3 Cry Room 1pm
28 Feb	WOG, DBS	GI L5 Zion 10am
28 Feb	J333 Prayer Meeting (Combined)	GI L1 Galilee 7.30pm



## WEDDING IN DECEMBER

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

9 DECEMBER 2017

**Cheung Jun Jie &  
Tan Zhi Ai**



## Christmas Comes Early! Buy a Meal, Bring a Buddy!

Gracians who have purchased the coupons for the meal, please come punctually with your guests:

### THE CHRISTMAS MEAL:

Date : Sun, 10 Dec 2017  
Venue : GI Level 2 Fellowship Hall  
Time : 10am to 12pm

Show your coupons and we will serve you the meal of your choice

**1st service attendees and guests** - you could start your meal after the service. Collect your meal between 10:45am and 11:15am.

**2nd service attendees and guests** - you could come early at 10am for brunch, followed by your service at 11.15am. Collect your meal between 10:00am and 10:30am.

### Drivers' Alert:

Gracians attending 2nd Service might experience a full car park situation. You will be directed to park at the Salvation Army or Clarence Lane by our friendly Traffic Controllers.



## GI/GII CAFÉ CLOSURE



GI Café will be closed on the following dates:  
**24 Dec 2017 / 31 Dec 2017**  
We will resume our operations on 7 Jan 2018.

GII Café will be closed in **December 2017**  
We will resume our operations on 7 Jan 2018.

## CHRISTMAS @GRACE BOOKSTORES

Let's share the love of Christ during this season of giving. Come by the bookstores @Tanglin and @Bukit Batok where you will find books, novelties, cards, bookmarks, and calendars as Christmas gifts for your loved ones and friends.

The Grace Bookstores will be closed on 24 December, 31 December and 7 January. It will be reopened from 14 January 2018 onwards.

### Looking for Volunteers to serve @Grace Bookstores

We are calling on Gracians who have desire and passion to see fellow believers to be strengthened in their devotion, spiritual disciplines and faith in their journey with God, to be involved with the bookstores.

Come by the bookstores to give us your name and contact, or email at [poh.suan@graceaog.org](mailto:poh.suan@graceaog.org), if you are keen to volunteer and to be part of this ministry.



## BRACELET OF HOPE @CHRISTMAS

The beautifully hand-made bracelet will be for sales as contribution towards GEM in their restorative ministry with the young women on 17 December 2017.

Do come by the Grace Bookstores @Tanglin, 2nd level Koinonia, and @Bukit Batok, 1st level lobby to look at the bracelet and purchase one for gift and in support of the ministry.



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

# STAFF RECRUITMENT

## PERSONAL ASSISTANT TO THE SENIOR PASTOR

Grace Assembly has a vacancy for the position of a Personal Assistant who will be fully responsible for providing a full spectrum of secretarial services and administrative support to the Senior Pastor.

### PREREQUISITES

- Able to work independently with minimum supervision, and multi-task.
- Possess good written/verbal communications, and interpersonal skills.
- Prepared to work under pressure, be time-conscious, meet deadlines and changing priorities.
- Develop a good level of co-ordination between Senior Pastor and ministries.
- Highly motivated team player with a positive attitude and mindset.
- Maintain a degree of tact, diplomacy, discretion, and with pleasant disposition.
- Ensure confidentiality of highly-sensitive information.
- Well-organized, creative, meticulous and attentive to details.

### QUALIFICATIONS

Minimum Private Secretarial Certificate/Diploma or Degree in Business Administration or equivalent, and have at least 5 years of secretarial experiences.

## PRODUCTION MANAGER

Grace Media has a vacancy for the position of a Production Manager who will be responsible to organise and execute events and productions.

### PREREQUISITES

- Able to work independently with minimum supervision, and multi-task in a fast-paced, evolving and highly people centric environment.
- Possess good written/verbal communication, and interpersonal skills.
- Excel under stress and tight datelines.
- Possess basic design and video editing skills.
- Well-organized, creative, meticulous and attentive to details.

### QUALIFICATIONS

Diploma in Film Sound Video (FSV), Mass Communication or related discipline and have at least 2 years relevant experience in a production house or event company.

## AV EXECUTIVE

Grace Media has a vacancy for the position of an AV Executive who will be responsible to provide technical, media and logistical support for events and productions.

### PREREQUISITES

- Highly motivated team player with a positive attitude and mindset.
- Able to multi-task in a fast-paced environment with constant change.
- Possess good written/verbal communication, and interpersonal skills.
- Excel under stress and tight datelines.
- Possess basic electrical knowledge and skills.
- Well-organized, creative, meticulous and attentive to details.

### QUALIFICATIONS

Minimum NITEC in Media Studies, Film studies or related discipline. Fresh graduates may apply.

*Interested candidates are invited to submit a comprehensive resume stating qualification, experience, expected salary and contact numbers to [hr@graceaog.org](mailto:hr@graceaog.org) by 31 December 2017. Only shortlisted candidates will be notified for the interview.*



# 教牧感恩和圣诞祝福语



萧师母和我恭祝大家在这个  
圣诞佳期里平安喜乐，  
在来临的新年中  
蒙恩蒙福! 愿天父藉着圣灵把  
他的大爱，厚厚满满的、  
源源不绝的浇灌在你们身上。

爱你们的萧牧师、师母



如果人的一生可以选择“做事”或“做人”，  
我想绝大多数的人可能会选“做事”。  
所以，我们可以察觉到在我们周边的人，  
会“做事”的人会比“做人”的人来的多。  
在我们的信仰生活中，能事奉神对我来看  
永远不是因为神需要我们的事奉。  
我们伟大的神，要我们参与祂的事工，  
是要藉着不同的挑战和环境来使我们更成圣。  
很快的一年又要过去了。谢谢大家对人  
和对神的事奉。事奉神本来就有它的挑战，  
但是，有了你们和神的同在我们凡事都能。  
加油!

林系水牧师



您对上帝敬畏的心、  
忠心的摆上、热诚的服侍，  
是我服侍的推动力。  
能服侍上帝都是恩典!!!  
荣耀归主。

张玉璋牧师



时间过得很快，  
转眼间我们已踏入了2017年的  
最后一季。赞美主、感谢主，  
闽南语事工不但靠主迈进，  
也由於大家的忠心爱主，  
热忱服侍，使到堂会的事工得  
以顺利进行，这要谢谢大家的  
付出和努力。  
愿主亲自报答大家的辛劳。

陈成今牧师



谢谢您的爱与服侍，  
与我们一起度过这恩典满满  
2017年。展望新的一年也愿您  
与我们并肩前进，进入主恩  
满溢的新一年度。祝福你我的  
主内家人，祝圣诞蒙恩，  
新年进步!

姜莲传道



各位弟兄姐妹，2017年即将过去了，  
我感谢神在这年里面带领我们，  
特别是在社区的工作，看见你们所付  
出的努力，因着你们的爱心，  
有些居民都来到教会了。  
谢谢你们愿意的摆上。愿神大大的报  
答你们。让我们在2018年继续努力，  
把更多神的百姓带到神的国度，  
愿你健康。神赐福您。

向阳传道



张清秀姐妹

## “战胜野猪”的见证

大家好，我是张清秀。感谢主，我和丈夫在恩典堂聚会已有三个月的时间了，也加入恩典二华语堂的“关爱小组”。我的孙子在儿童事工的“闪耀儿童”上课，小儿子也在“登峰青少年”聚会。我发现我的小儿子比以往更加懂得信靠耶稣、祷告、凡事交托给祂。小儿子的华文成绩一向很差，令他很失望，尤其是作文令他很伤脑筋。然而，最近一次的考试成绩却是我们家人万万都没想到的，他的中三华文作文在这次的年终考试在全班得了第一名！罗马书10章11节说：“所有信靠他的人，必不致失望。”哈利路亚！一切荣耀归给主！

今年10月19日的早晨，我送孙子到附近的学校，我的邻居刚巧也送女儿上学，我们一起往回家的方向走时，我走在他的后面。突然，有一只野猪朝我们的方向冲来，它像老虎一样大。我的邻居试图避开野猪，但野猪却扑向他，咬着他的腿不放。我的邻居痛得叫苦连天，血流不止。我当时好害怕，很想逃跑却无路可逃。我的左边是马路，来往的车辆很多，又没有交通灯。野猪咬完我的邻居，便准备朝我方向跑来。我在那时候，告诉自己这次死定了，可是我喊了“耶稣救我”这四个字！

结果，野猪真的朝我的方向跑来，却在我的身边经过了！感谢主！它没咬我！这时，我心里有个感动，一定要跑过马路。我双手举起，深信车辆必会停下，让我可以在没有交通灯的地方冲过马路。感谢主，每辆车都很顺利地停在我面前！靠着神给我的信心，心里不怀疑，相信神必定为我成就。我平安地过了马路。这时，我目睹野猪又跑回我站的那一带。感谢主！若当时我没顺利过马路，一定被这只野猪给咬了！之后，我打电话叫救护车和警察，也跑回公寓通知伤者的太太。

感谢主救了我！诗篇121章7-8节说：“耶和华要保护你，免受一切的灾害。他要保护你的性命。你出你入耶和华要保护你，从今时直到永远。”阿门！一切荣耀归给主！



# 中文堂领袖营

2017年11月5日



12月22日 / 星期五

游戏摊位: 傍晚6点

欢庆聚会: 晚上7点半

聚会后有茶点招待

# 笑看人生 渡圣诞

神召会恩典堂  
三楼伯特利堂  
355 Tanglin Road



林万兴牧师

任何询问请拨6410 0835

# GRACE SERVICES

**GRACE I SERVICES:** 355 Tanglin Road Singapore 247960

**SATURDAY 1.30 PM**

Hokkien Service

Galilee

Level 1

**SATURDAY 5 PM**

Young Adults & Young Professionals

(YAYP) Service

Cantonese Service

Elevate @ R-AGE Youth (15-19 Yrs Old)

Bethel

Level 3

Galilee

Level 1

Emmaus

Level 3

**SUNDAY 9 AM**

English Service

Mandarin Service

Shine @ Grace Kids (7-10 Yrs Old)

Sparkle @ Grace Kids (3-6 Yrs Old)

Bethel

Level 3

Galilee

Level 1

Eden

Level 2

Zion

Level 5

**SUNDAY 11.15 AM**

English Service

Filipino Service

Emerge @ R-AGE Youth (11-14 Yrs Old)

Shine @ Grace Kids (7-10 Yrs Old)

Sparkle @ Grace Kids (3-6 Yrs Old)

Bethel

Level 3

Galilee

Level 1

Emmaus

Level 3

Eden

Level 2

Zion

Level 5

**SUNDAY 5 PM**

Khush Khabri Fellowship

Emmaus

Level 3

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

**SATURDAY 2 PM**

Elevate @ R-AGE Youth (14-19 Yrs Old)

Chapel

Level 4

**SUNDAY 9 AM**

English Service

Mandarin Service

Shine @ Grace Kids (7-10 Yrs Old)

Sparkle @ Grace Kids (3-6 Yrs Old)

Chapel

Level 4

Sanctuary

Level 2

Love

Level 2

Kindness

Level 4

**SUNDAY 11.15 AM**

English Service

Hokkien Service

Emerge @ R-AGE Youth (11-13 Yrs Old)

Shine @ Grace Kids (7-10 Yrs Old)

Sparkle @ Grace Kids (3-6 Yrs Old)

Sanctuary

Level 2

Chapel

Level 4

Agape

Level 3

Love

Level 2

Kindness

Level 4

**SUNDAY 1.30 PM**

Filipino Service

Chapel

Level 4

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**J333 06, 13, 20 DEC, 7.30 pm @ GI L3 Emmaus Hall & GII L3 Agape Room**  
**NO Combined J333 (English & Chinese)**

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# *Working and Doing Business* WITH GRACE

Sat, 27 Jan 2018  
Grace I Bethel Hall  
10 am to 12 pm

## CALLING ALL GRACIANS!

We are privileged to have Mr Philip Ng (CEO of Far East Organization) come and share with us his journey as a follower of Jesus in the marketplace.

Mr Philip Ng will share about business and grace in the context of Christians operating in the marketplace and workplace.

Following his talk there will be a time of Q & A. Bring along the question that's been on your heart and have it enlightened by a man God is using greatly in the marketplace.



**PHILIP NG** is the Chief Executive Officer of Far East Organization which is a family-owned property development and investment group operating in Singapore, Malaysia and Australia. Far East Organization operates as a Christian enterprise which seeks to be a community of love and a workplace of grace doing business guided by the eternal truth of Jesus Christ. Mr Ng is a Director of Hong Kong-based Sino Group, which is Far East Organization's sister company, engaging in real estate activities in Hong Kong and China.

He holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering with First Class Honours from King's College, London University, UK and two Master degrees from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA, which are:

1. Master of Science in Technology & Policy specialising in Geotechnical Engineering and Policy Analysis
2. Master in City Planning specialising in Urban Economics

Mr Ng is a member of MOH (Ministry of Health) Holdings Healthcare Infrastructure and Planning Committee. He is also a fellow of King's College and a member of the MIT Corporation (USA).

Mr Ng and his wife, Vy-vyen, have six children and worship at the Church of The Holy Cross.

CHRISTMAS  
EXTRAVAGANZA  
2017

Hope

HAS COME

25 DECEMBER 2017 (MON)  
10.00AM  
(FELLOWSHIP FUN AFTER THE SERVICE)  
GILBETHEL HALL  
355 TANGLIN ROAD

*"The people who walk in darkness will see  
a great light. For those who live in a land of  
deep darkness, a light will shine."*

*"For a child is born to us, a son is given to us.  
The government will rest on his shoulders.  
And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty  
God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."*

**ISAIAH 9:2, 9:6**