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# Serve Him!

On most Sundays when I drive into Grace, often times, I see a wonderful couple from the Mandarin congregation welcoming Gracians into the house of God which greatly warms my heart. They serve in the church as Traffic Controllers.

Like this couple, thousands of Gracians are also serving the Lord in different ways. Many serve before the public eyes, yet at the same time, many others serve behind closed doors, away from the attention of others. Surely the Lord takes notice of each of these faithful brothers and sisters serving Him.

I'm greatly encouraged with what I have seen and I'm very thankful for every Gracian that makes a contribution in one way or another. This has indeed greatly strengthened the church.

However, let us be reminded that serving the Lord is more than the act of what we do. When we say that we serve the Lord, it means through our entire life, which includes how we live, what we think, how we feel, what we do, must be an act of service to God.

Jesus said, "Whoever serves me must follow Me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves Him." John 12:26

This verse depicts what it means to serve.

It is about being a faithful **disciple**, not just a faithful **doer**.

It has to do with **obedience**, not an opportunity to **serve**.

It is about **relationship**, not just a requirement to **serve**.

It speaks of the **posture** of the heart, not a **position** of the ministry. It focuses on the **glory** of God, not just the **goals** to accomplish.

Therefore, as we serve Him, may we grow to know Him more, love Him more and that our whole lives are dedicated to Him as a living sacrifice.

Once again, a word of appreciation to all who are serving Him. Thank you and the Lord richly blesses you!

**Ps Calvin Lee** Senior Pastor

#### Men's Bible Study

## **CELEBRATION OF DISCIPLINES**

"Superficiality is the curse of our age. The doctrine of instant satisfaction is a primary spiritual problem. The desperate need today is not for a greater number of intelligent people, or gifted people, but for deep people."

- Richard Foster (1989), Celebrating the Disciplines.

Do you desire to grow in godliness? How do I become more like Jesus? Like a sportsman who trains in a disciplined manner, we need to be spiritually healthy and fit to win the race God has set before us. Spiritual disciplines are practices found in the gospel that promote growth, increase depth and strengthen convictions of the early believers of Jesus Christ. However, many Christians today are intimidated by these disciplines.

Using Richard Foster's classic book Celebration of Discipline, Grace's Men Bible Study (GMBS) will be studying and exploring the Inward Disciplines. The bible study aims to help us cultivate the four inward disciplines and integrate them into our daily life.

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

Dates: 8, 15 Jul; 12, 19, 26 Aug. Time: 10am – 12nn Venue: GI Eden Hall Cost: \$13

Register at www.graceaog.org/gdp by 30 June 2017.

WOG – Saturday Bible Study



#### **MATTHEW PART 2** The Christ, the Son of the Living God (chapters 14-28)

Jesus the long-awaited Jewish Messiah has ushered in the Kingdom of God. Why was He hated, rejected and crucified? He is risen and He is coming again. Experience the resurrection power in your life as you study Part 2 of Matthew, then go into all the world to share the good news!

Dates: 15 July - 21 October (8 Saturdays) Time: 10am – 12nn Venue: GI L5 Zion Room Cost: \$13

Register at www.graceaog.org/gdp by 25 June 2017



#### WOG – Day Bible Study

LOVING LIKE by Pam Gillaspie JESUS

How do we love like Jesus loves in a world that hates?

This inductive bible study is anchored on 1 Corinthians 13, where God specifically and illustratively elaborates on the topic of love. The study examines real life solutions, as laid out by Apostle Paul, on what love is and isn't and what love does and doesn't. It serves as a poignant reminder that spirituality without love amounts to nothing. Reflect on how we love and allow God's word to do its perfect work in our lives.

Come join WOG in this 9-week study.

Dates of class: 12, 19, 26 Jul; 16, 23, 30 Aug; 20, 27 Sep; 4 Oct 2017 [Wednesdays] Time: 10.00 am – 12.00 pm Venue: GI L3 Lounge & GII L2 Praise Room Cost: \$27 includes material

Register at www.graceaog.org/gdp by 30 June 2017



## WOMEN OF GRACE

The Women of Grace (Day Bible Study) has just finished their study on the book of Malachi. Despite being a short book, the study has its share of difficulty and challenges. Still, we praise God that He spoke in fantastic way when we allow Him to teach us. Below are two testimonies written by our lovely ladies:

#### What I got out of WOG study of Malachi – Mary Tang

Malachi is one of the Old Testament books I am quite unfamiliar with. When it was offered under WOG, I jumped at the chance even though it was a 3 weeks intensive study. The study not only quenched my thirst to understand this book inductively, it convicted me to see the hard truth about my attitude towards God.

The in-depth study unveiled amazing truths that's hard to extract from self-study. I learnt about how the Israelites had progressively lost their first love for God, through their own fault, but was quick to blame God for their problems. I judged them, shaking my head at their irreverence, their audacity and their rebelliousness. The moment I realized that I was no different, I felt sheepish and convicted. I too have failed to see my blind spots.

On a personal level, I am blown away by how my nonchalant and cavalier attitude towards God broke his heart constantly. I was speechless as Malachi showed me God's amazing love. Malachi made it very clear that obedience to His laws yields in abundant blessings that are out of this world (pun intended). I made it clear to myself that with God's grace, I will continue put to practice what I've gleaned from the Bible; the best love story ever written.

I thoroughly enjoyed the format of the WOG class because incorporated learning from different angles; personal study, valuable group discussions with a knowledgeable and an inspiring group leader followed by the lecture component. The fellowship and lunch afterwards meant I am both spiritually and physically fed each time I attended. Who said you can't have your cake and eat it too? Come and join me for the next spiritual dessert at WOG. You will be proud to be spiritually overweight. I am!

#### Malachi reflection – Angela Lee

Some of my non-christian friends could not believe that I actually practiced it as they feel the pinch for me when they learnt that believers tithed 10% of the earnings.

When we studied the Book of Malachi, I felt the word "rob" (Mal 3:8) literally flashed at me. It began to dawn on me that all these years God has led me to tithe faithfully despite being unaware of this verse.

When I was expecting my 2nd child, my husband lost his job and I became the sole breadwinner in the family. We approached the church for interim financial assistance but was denied as the church felt that our home was well-furnished! This incident had crippled his giving to church and my encouragement was futile.

When I learnt of this verse, I shared with him. However, he did not utter a single word. When I proposed to put aside 10 percent of his income for tithing, he remained silent but he did not object. I believed the Holy Spirit has already started working in him.

The study of His Word has allowed me to experience a change of heart in my family. The Word of God has transformation power. Grace has many Bible Study series, Join one and experience that transformation power. Your take away is definitely beyond what you expect.

Last but not least, all glory goes to God!



## SPECIAL Evangelism and Discipleship

Hosted by Grace Missional College in partnership with International Christian Mission and Billy Graham Evangelistic Association

July 13-15, 2017

9 am - 1 pm (15 July)

7 pm - 10 pm (13 & 14 July)

Grace Assembly of God

355, Tanglin Road, Singapore 247960

Dr Coleman is a founding member of

The Master Plan of Evangelism, has

sold multiple millions of copies and is being read in over 100 languages.

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Evangelism. His best known work,

Training Seminar With distinguished professor of **Evangelism & Discipleship at** Gordon-Cornwell Theological Seminary, Dr Robert Coleman

The training seminar gives insight into the Great Commission, traces the strategy of Jesus' personal ministry on evangelism and the practical examples of discipleship present in the Bible.

An emphasis is placed on the basic New Testament principles of communicating Christ, and the engagement of the world with a coherent gospel through the power of the Holy Spirit. Individuals will be challenged and guided to become effective missional witnesses and disciplers in the fulfillment of the mandate. They will be led to a deeper understanding of the coming World Revival

For further enquiries, please email to gmcollege@graceaog.org

Register @www.graceaog.org **Registration cost: \$\$50** Closing Date: 3 July 2017

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**JUNE 2017** 333 PRAYER MEETINGS

GI - Emmaus Hall

GII - L3 Agape Room

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you." Matthew 7:7



Time: 12noon to 1:30pm Venue: GI Level 3 Emmaus Hall



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

## JUNE PRAYER POINTERS

Pray for Caleb, our missionary's work in Singkawang!

Pioneering of a Chinese Church in Singkawang in July 2017 This coming July, Caleb will be partnering with a local Chinese pastor in

Singkawang to pioneer a bilingual Mandarin Chinese & Hakka church. This will be the first of its kind in Singkawang. The town of Singkawang consists of slightly under 200,000 of people, of whom 60-70% are ethnic Chinese.

God has given Caleb and family the vision to start this Chinese service to reach out to the local Chinese. Aside from weekly Sunday Chinese services, they will also conduct other programs to support the services. These include weekly Mandarin Chinese language lessons to two groups of people- adults and students; weekly house visitation, especially to the non-believers' houses; and feeding programs. **Prayer Pointers:** 

- 1. Let's thank God that Grace AOG (Singapore) can co-labour with this Singkawang Chinese church for the advancement of the gospel on the mission field!
- 2. Though the ground there may be hard and steeped in idol and ancestral worship, we pray it will be softened and the peoples' hearts be more and more opened to the gospel of Jesus Christ!

## LAUNCH OF A NEW "GRACE TODDLERS' MINISTRY"!

Grace Family Life and Grace Kids are collaborating to start a new toddlers' ministry for toddlers age 18 months to 3 years old. We are looking for passionate adults to help pioneer and serve in this ministry! The objective of this ministry is to

- 1) Start the toddlers young with worship songs and bible stories
- 2) Foster parent-child bonding
- Create a community for young parents and "mature" parents to interact and support one another

And last but not least,

4) A platform for Family Life to reach out to parents

If you loved toddlers or had experience in play groups for this specific age group; and is interested to help pioneer this ministry, please contact:

Sis Sharmaine

Hp: 93395397 Email: Sharmaine.zeng@graceaog.org OR





## Grace Family Life Ministry Library is proud to present our latest collection:



#### FAITH LIKE POTATOES

Where There's Love There's Hope

This inspiring true story of a rugged South African farmer, Angus Buchan, is set in the turbulent hills of the KZN Midlands. Angus' manic quest for material success is slowly transformed into a wild love for God and people, as he wrestles with faith, hope, natural disasters and tragic personal loss.

A moving life journey of a man who, like his potatoes, grows his faith, unseen until the harvest.

#### WOODLAWN

One Hope, One Truth, One Way

A school and football team combats racism in the 1970's in this religious-based period drama. After racial tensions begin to boil over at a high school, the school's football coach allows a local man preaching a message of positivity, faith and love to speak to his players. Their play begins to improve, and the town begins to heal socially and spiritually in response.

Can one person really make a difference? Is it possible to overcome hostility and hatred with faith, hope and love?

Woodlawn's inspiring answer to these questions is a resounding yes.

#### GOD'S INTENDED MARRIAGE

(Pastor Benny Ho)

Marriage is God's idea and it needs to be conducted and maintained God's way

This practical teaching seeks to explore key areas that can make or break a marriage. Pastor Benny takes us through the important areas of expectation, communication and appropriate actions that can help build healthy marriages. Come and let the Word of the Lord refresh your love, strengthen your hearts and renew your marriage.

Topics in this series include:

- What Makes Marriage Work?
- What Must The Wife Do?
- What Do They Expect? - What Must The Husband Do?



#### "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 05

OODLAWN

## The Wholeness Ministry's 5th 'Restored to Wholeness Seminar'

#### EVENT REPORT





**POWER & AUTHORITY** I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.

Luke 10:19

Forgiveness is a gift you gift yourself ~ Tony Robbins The Wholeness Ministry conducted its 5th 'Restored to Wholeness Seminar' Workshop on the 23rd – 25th of February 2017 with 44 attendees and 12 ministry workers over three days' covering intensive sharing of God's word that opened minds to the realities of the forces of darkness at work in the spiritual realm which in turn affects and impacts our physical, spiritual, and emotional state of being. Often, we wonder why certain traits in us begin to become stumbling blocks that control our actions and force us to think negatively about our situations and ourselves.

Why am I so afraid of the dark? Why do I hate myself? Why do I compare myself to others? Why is there a string of pessimistic thoughts controlling my mind? Why can't I forgive? Why is everyone's marriage in my family broken or breaking? Why do I feel I am in bondage? Do I have hope? These questions may be little foxes but in due time we have in front of us an enormous mountain of complexities.

The Wholeness Seminar commenced with Pastor Benjamin giving us an overview on the primary sources of our wounding and highlighted the areas that would be shared and discussed. Testimonies from speakers as well as previous workshop participants preceded the topics covered which added a thorough understanding on how these patterns and beliefs can manifest in any one's life and through powerful spiritual weapons how they can be overcome. Sister Tricia shared an in depth and detailed study on family patters flowing through generations which was a spiritual eye opener to many.

At the workshop, we learned how to recognise that our thoughts, behaviours, emotions and state of being may arise from demonic oppression. We were taught how spiritual reasons such as our ungodly beliefs, generational curses and patterns from our ancestors could be a source of our current wounding. Ministry workers taught us how to deal with possible ungodly beliefs, recognise generational patterns and their consequences in our lives, curses and their influences and how to break them, the reality of demons and how to battle against such principalities and powers of darkness and finally be set free for all our generations to come. God has made known these mysteries to us from His Word which we were taught in detail over the three days and through prayer and confession and through a time of prayer inner healing was experienced among participants.

On the last day which was Saturday, during a time of prayer, many people received a word of knowledge from ministry workers. The seminar concluded with ministry workers offering to meet (in confidence) participants individually after the seminar over the next months to pray and discuss their specific inner healing processes.

If you are battling any feeling that takes away your joy, hope, peace and if you are struggling with an attitude of defeat, despair or if you need spiritual recognising and cleansing from ungodly family patterns, curses or wounding, the Wholeness Ministry will be holding its 6th 'Restored to Wholeness Seminar' in August 2017 and welcomes you to experience your time of breakthrough!

#### BREAKING GENERATIONAL PATTERNS



We all struggle with issues in life. Some of these issues could be childhood memories, hurts and pain that have affected our lives, unexplained outbursts of anger or constant nightmares and fears. We might have tried various means to deal with these issues but still face with the same struggles and might feel a sense of hopelessness and helplessness.

God desires for us to attain complete and lasting healing in our journey with God. The first step to freedom in Christ is to recognise our need for healing. Our hurts and pain do not go away just because we have come to know Christ. Many of us do not know how to walk in freedom the way that God desires us to.

In the Wholeness Seminar, we will address the four main areas using the Restoring the Foundations (RTF) approach:

- Sins of the Fathers and Resulting Curses
- Ungodly Beliefs
- Soul/Spirit Hurts
- Demonic Oppression

Depending on individual issues, 1-2 sessions of 2-3 hours would be set aside per person scheduled after the seminar. You will be taught the keys to help you walk out your healing and freedom and to receive God's promises for your life throughout the finished work of Christ on the Cross.

#### Date: 10 - 12 Aug

Time: 7 - 10pm (Thursday & Friday nights, Dinner @ 6.30 pm ), 9am - 3pm on Sat Venue: GI L3 Emmaus Hall

#### For registration

Registration is open from 24th June 2017 till 30th July 2017 Cost: \$30 (include materials, Thur & Fri dinners @ 6.30 pm, lunch & refreshments on Sat) Please register online at https://event.graceaog.org

#### For payment

Church reception area at GI (5th floor) and GII (3rd floor – Sundays only) Payment can be made via cheque to 'Grace Assembly of God' or via cash (exact amount) Last date for making payment is 6 August 2017 at GI and GII.

#### **Registration Instructions**

Maximum 40 pax – Registration closes upon reaching 40 pax.

To confirm a place for the seminar, payment must be made by 31st of July 2017 failing which your place will be given to those on the wait list.

Only for Gracians (Minimum requirement - to have attended Grace Assembly of God for at least 3 months).

## **REACH CHARITY** GOLF 2017

On 19 May, the third annual REACH Charity Golf took place at the Seletar Country Club to raise funds for the beneficiaries of REACH Community Services. Despite ominous predictions of storm clouds and thunderstorms, we were blessed with postcard perfect weather and the perfect condition for our golfers to tee off. After bringing their best swings to the table, our golfers then wound down for the night at our after event dinner complete with prizes for our best golfers.

Thanks to our generous donors, sponsors and partners, we managed to sell a total of 33 golf flights, raising up to \$185,000. The funds raised will be channelled to our four services, Family, Counselling, Youth and Senior Service. On behalf of our beneficiaries, REACH Community Services would like to extend our thanks to all participants and contributors of our 2017 Charity Golf event.



## **REACH Story – Our** youths need someone to believe in them!

Haziq, 18, a beneficiary of REACH Youth Service, joined REACH Futbol in 2014. Over the years, through mentoring, he rose up to become a team leader.

Haziq says, "In REACH Futbol, I learnt perseverance and patience. That is the right attitude to have on and off the pitch, regardless whether we win or lose."

Hazig's father had passed away,

under the care of their mother. The family struggled financially with the sole breadwinner gone. They were also in debt and had to shift from place to place living in rental flats.

At times, he felt like giving up. But, he applied the attitude learnt through REACH Futbol and worked part time and extra jobs during school holidays to help support the family.

He aspires to provide for his own family, giving them a stable and comfortable nest by working hard and securing a decent qualification in school.

## LENGKOK BAHRU MINISTRIES Saturdays @ Lengkok Bahru



#### VISION & MISSION

Setting time aside to care for the community on Saturdays. Reaching out to the community at Lengkok Bahru, by alleviating the residents' quality of life, through the demonstration of God's love & power.

#### MINISTRY

In 2011, a small group of volunteers from Grace Assembly started to invite the elderly and poor residents in Lengkok Bahru to come down to the void deck of Block 52 for lunch every Saturday. Over time, more & more elderly started to gather every Saturday where new friendships were formed & strengthened, with volunteers extending their help with the repairs of appliances in their homes.

Currently headed by Bro Raymond Khoo, his team of faithful &

dedicated volunteers continue to serve lunch to 80 residents. After lunch, a private bus brings 30 residents to attend Hokkien service at Grace Assembly. Tuition sessions held at Leng Kee Community Centre, are attended by 40 children. This ministry serves a total of 100 families.

Ultimately, this ministry would like to see more home visitations & residents attend church services at Grace Assembly, where they will find meaning & fulfillment in life through Jesus Christ, so that they in turn will reach out to help others.

- Befriending the Elderly

- Children's Tuition Teachers

#### JOIN US TO SERVE

- Serve 'Makan'/Lunch
- Food Distribution to Homes
- Home Visitations
- Special Celebrations (Good Friday, Easter, Christmas)

#### LOCATION

Block 52 Void Deck, every Saturday, 12.00 pm - 3.00 pm

#### CONTACT

Join us in this meaningful journey with the residents, call Joe Siew at 90229384, email joesiew33@yahoo.com.sg

#### **COMMUNITY PASTOR IN-CHARGE**

Ronnie Lee at 97430067, email ronnie.lee@graceaog.org

#### VISIT FOR MORE INFO

www.thesaturdaymovement.sg www.facebook.com/ saturdaysatlengkokbahru



REACH Futbol is a football programme by REACH Community Services. Youths participate in football training and competitions while learning life skills. Funds raised goes towards meeting the operational needs of the programme.





Fee: \$400/pax Date: 12, 19 and 26 August 2017 [Saturdays] Time: 9:30am - 5.00pm Venue: REACH Counselling Centre

Please contact May Teo at 6801 0730 for any queries and/or registration matters.

Part 4: Asking Question

Exploratory Questioning

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Part 5: Intervention

Goal setting Solutions-Focused in Pastoral Approach

HOPE IS WITHIN REACH

## EARTHQUAKE BY PS SCOTT TEY, MISSIONS DIRECTOR

I was resting on my bed for an afternoon siesta after teaching the church planters on the book of Revelation. It was not an easy book to teach but an essential one when it comes to the end-times.

Awakened by violent shaking of the bed, my first thought was that someone might be playing tricks on me. Within seconds I heard screaming and yelling "earthquake!" People were scrambling to run out of the house. I saw one injured sister struggling to escape and I eventually brought her to safety.

There where many violent aftershocks that shook the building, many things were falling but thanks be to God that the building remained strong and we were all safe.

My first thoughts after the earthquake were about my family back in Singapore for our furlough from the missions field. Thank God I was able to report my safety to them before all communication was cut. The earthquake ended up taking thousands of lives and have left millions more homeless!

After the earthquake, many of the church planters were sent out to the earthquake affected areas. And eventually many churches were planted as God turned the situation around for the gospel to be spread.

The impact of the earthquake brought a significant lesson to the church planters. The Bible warned of calamities coming with increased intensity in the last days found in Matthew's eschatological discourse.

#### Matthew 24: 4-14

"And Jesus answered them," ... For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and <u>earthquakes in various places</u>. All these are but the beginning of the birth pains. "Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake. And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another. And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come."

What are the signs of the end times? Jesus' answers include an increase in wars, famines, earthquake, suffering and persecution of believers, the increase of false prophets and lawlessness; and the heart of many will turn cold. All these signs had been there since Jesus' time until now, but there is one important point that should be the focus of our attention — and that is verse 14, and this verse give prominence to the mission to the nations as an eschatological imperative, and how the conclusion of the mission to the nations is linked with the end of the age.

The missional calling of the Church in view of the end times is found in Matthew 24:14. We are to partner with God in proclaiming the gospel of the Kingdom throughout the world as a witness to all nations. Only when this worldwide endeavour has been completed to the satisfaction of our Lord, then will the end come.

## 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.

**SULAWESI, INDONESIA** 22/05/2017 - 01/06/2017 Roger Tan

**EAST ASIA** 28/05/2017 - 06/06/2017 Ps Benjamin Wong and Team

EAST ASIA 02/06/2017 - 14/06/2017 Eric Seah

TG. PINANG, RIAU ISLANDS, INDONESIA 03/06/2017 - 05/06/2017 Katherine Wong and Team

#### BANGLADESH 19/06/2017 – 25/06/2017 Rev Scott Tey and Team from CAM

**CAMBODIA** 21/06/2017 – 26/06/2017 Rev Au Wai Ching

**JAVA, INDONESIA** 26/06/2017 – 30/06/2017 Roger Tan

**VIETNAM** 28/06/2017 – 04/07/2017 Ronnie Lee

#### WEST KALIMANTAN,

**INDONESIA** 28/06/2017 – 05/07/2017 Ryan Chin and Team from R-AGE

## TRIPS STILL AVAILABLE FOR SIGN UP

**BANGLADESH** 15 - 23 December

INDIA

08 - 14 August, Hyderabad (Medical) 08 - 16 December, Odisha

NEPAL 07 - 13 December

**SRI LANKA** 02 - 10 September 01 - 08 December

**VIETNAM** 21 - 27 November, Hanoi

**JUNE 2017** 

MYANMAR 30 November - 06 December 13 - 19 December

**CAMBODIA** 18 - 24 November 24 - 30 November 01 - 06 December

INDONESIA 01 - 05 September, West Kalimantan (Chinese Team) 05 - 12 December, West Kalimantan (YAYP)

RIAU ISLANDS, INDONESIA

PEKANBARU 22 - 27 September 08 - 13 December BATAM

25 August 14 - 15 October 02 - 04 December

KARIMUN 09 - 10 September (Chinese Team)

27 - 29 October 09 - 10 December

**TG. PINANG** 12 -14 August (CAF)

04 - 06 November

TG. UBAN

- 26 28 August
- 07 09 October

16 - 17 December

The dates listed here may be subjected to changes. Do send an email to **matthew.tan@graceaog.org** for more enquiries about the missions trips.

# EXPANDING INTO THE WORLD

## DIFFERENT TONGUES, DIFFERENT PEOPLE, SAME GOD by dylan kok

Our hearts expect, our God delivers. With majority of our team members being either first-timers on a mission trip or having hectic schedules, feelings of unpreparedness, stress and anxiety filled the team days before we were set to depart but we believed our God is faithful.

Our purpose was simply to minister to the kids, youths and leaders of Myanmar through planned programmes, teaching sessions and finally being available to accompany or pray for them as they seek the Lord in the multiple services. In summary, we first visited



the host pastor's church in Yangon before heading to Myitkyina to do children programmes in various churches before conducting a four-day youth conference. We ended our trip with church and house visitations back in Yangon.

As we landed in Yangon, we wasted no time to start our ministry and we were immediately humbled as we entered the first church, seeing first-hand their expectant hearts for God and their willingness to initiate interaction with us despite the strong language barrier. We realized for God to move, our pride had to be laid down before we conducted the youth conference in Myitkyina.

In Myitkyina, the sound of praises echoing from the church halls could be heard even before we entered the church gates. Their energy and hunger helped set the tone for us to be dedicated in the programmes and activities, be confident in conducting our sessions, be sincere in our interactions and finally be able to connect as one body of Christ even in our different languages. Day after day, we basked in God's presence beside our Burmese brothers and sisters and exchanged experiences using our testimonies, dance and skits to build each other's faith which accounted for an unforgettable 7 days for my team.

Through this trip, we know the God we worship in Singapore is the same powerful God who can work mightily in every corner of the earth. I strongly urge you to take this step of faith and embark on a mission trip to encounter God to change your faith forever. I believe that you have read many testimonies about missions, but if you are still doubtful, the countless articles are really testaments that God has, had and will work. God is just waiting for you to boldly step up and say "God use me." As Grace is a missional family church, I strongly encourage everyone to live out the calling God has set for our church! Glory to God!

## BRINGING WHOLENESS TO MYANMAR BY ENG TEONG

Ps Benjamin Wong and his wife, Tricia led a team of us (Linda, Geraldine, Lydia and Eng Teong) on this inaugural week-long missions trip for the Wholeness Ministry.

Upon arrival in Yangon we had the opportunity to minister at Rev Aye Min's church. He is currently the assistant General Superintendent of Myanmar Assemblies of God and we were honoured for him to have him hosting us. Many people were touched by the power of God as we ministered to the people. We later travelled 2 hours to the outskirt village of Yangon (Twantay) and there we held our wholeness seminar. There were more than 100 participants; pastors, church planters, Bible school students and youth leaders.

We were told that our week in Myanmar was supposedly to be the hottest week of the year for the country. The weather was approaching 40°c! Despite the scorching weather, we never failed to see the hunger and zeal in the participants. They were neither deterred by the frequent power failure, nor the resulting heat that follows the power cut. We reinforced our teachings with skits, testimonies and role plays. Through the ministry sessions, we could sense deliverance, liberations and saw tears of both women and men being ministered. On the 3rd night, we had our first night rally. Tricia preached about the Father's Love. Many responded to the altar call and were touched by our Father's love. On the 4th night, we travelled to another village at Hmawbi where Ps Benjamin preached to more than 200 participants. We visited the church, Bible school, prayer house and library. We also visited Rev Aye Min's office that was built out of a jungle!

This was a very fruitful and memorable time for many of us. We saw believers hungry for God despite the harsh environment. Many were set free from oppressions and strongholds. Throughout the trip, our team was in good health. We are grateful for His protection. The frequent power failures, sweltering heat and bumpy roads, none of these mattered in the light of the fruit of our ministry. Praise the Lord for what He has done!



## IGA MISSION IN HO CHI MINH CITY VIETNAM

Our Senior Pastor Rev. Calvin Lee from Grace Assembly of God Singapore received the call from God to expand the work of our Father in Vietnam. During that time, Pastor Andy was the Missions Country Director for Vietnam. When Rev Calvin Lee communicated this mandate to him, after much prayer and conviction, Pastor Andy decided to respond in obedience to the call that Rev Calvin Lee had received.

## Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account Hebrews 13:17

In January 2014, Pastor Andy and his wife Jennifer took a leap of faith. Without any reservation regarding the unfamiliar territory and associated concerns, they moved to Vietnam to pioneer the work for IGA (International Grace Assembly).

IGA in Ho Chi Minh City (HCMC) was established on 13th April 2014. It intends to serve the expatriate community within this cosmopolitan city.

By the grace of God, IGA has indeed become "a home away from home" for all those who desire to connect with the body of Christ in fellowship and worship. Many families and individuals testified that they have found a spiritual home in IGA and continue to keep in touch even after they have been transferred to other countries.

## For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world an against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realm

#### Ephesians 6:12

It goes without saying that challenges have been encountered, but we have every confidence that God is faithful to His own vision and will be our beacon of light at the end of every tunnel.

The first year was indeed a challenging year. After being in service for just about six months, all IGA equipment and musical instruments were practically "stolen" and we were locked out of our worship premises by a sister who held the master lease and claimed that it was her God who told her to act this way. During the following months, IGA's worship services were held at the home of our members. Nevertheless, God showed that He is in full control and can rise above any difficult situation. After more than three months as a "wandering Church", we got back the master lease of the worship premises and began to renovate a second time. God is faithful as love offering of steadfast members funded the purchase of all the necessary musical instruments and the deposit for the lease. IGA was restored double-fold with a more beautiful environment and much better equipped place of worship than before. Praise the Lord!

In addition to being a place for worship and fellowship, IGA has also been involved in several ministerial undertakings in 2015 and 2016. Namely, prayer trips to Dalat province, Hanoi and Haiphong, and one worship conference in Bao Loc City (Lam Dam province). Pastor Andy is actively ministering in revival meetings as well as Leaders and Pastors Meeting in the Assembly of God Vietnam.

Currently, our Sunday Worship Service has witnessed many signs and wonders, such as supernatural healings. Our members experienced life-transforming sermons and gained spiritual maturity to empower them to face the challenges in their lives.

#### Testimonies

Brother Joshua lost his hearing in his right ear for more than seven years after a virus attack. Doctors have told him even surgery will not help as the nerves in his ear are damaged. In one IGA service, as he approached the altar for prayer, God restored his hearing completely!

Brother Alvin met with an accident and his right ankle bone was badly damaged. He walked with a limp. An orthopedic surgeon told him the surgery will be quite complicated and expensive. During one IGA service when Pastor Andy was preaching on healing, Brother Alvin stepped forward for prayer and God totally healed his ankle. Now Brother Alvin can walk, run and jump!

A brother from Canada attended IGA, but his life was in shambles as he was emotionally unstable and addicted to drugs. After attending IGA for about a month, God began to restore and renew his heart and mind. He was turned from running after drugs to running after God. He is now a totally renewed man in Christ!

Brother Michael Tan a faithful brother in IGA who has a pain in the back of his neck for more than six months and doctor are unable to diagnose the problem and he was on pain killer all the while. During one of the Sunday service he step forward for prayer and God totally healed him and he was totally relieved of the neck pain. Hallelujah!



English classes in IGA



**JUNE 2017** 



Lifeskills training in IGA

IGA Friday Prayer Meetings embody all that is learned during our Sunday worship service. It is also a special timeslot set aside for dedicated prayers and intercessions to be made on behalf of our members, Vietnam and Indochina, and the world.

Our Discipleship Classes every Saturday center around building a life foundation based on the word of God, providing guidance on biblical living and expounds on all things in the spiritual realm.

### *Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth. Psalm 46:10*

IGA has also undertaken community outreach projects this April 2017, such as donating bicycles to assist under- privileged students in Ninth Thuan province (the poorest province in Vietnam due to its harsh climate), as well as building library bookshelves for the needy in Vinh Binh Bac (Kien Giang province).

The bicycle donation project truly demonstrates our God as Jehovah Jireh the Provider, and we in IGA are grateful to be a blessing in Ninh Thuan Province to impoverished students there.

At the beginning in July 2016, we received a request to sponsor USD3,000 for a total of 30 bicycles for various schools in the Ninh Thuan Province. It serves as a gift of encouragement to those students who excel in their studies. It is also our fervent prayer that with each bicycle, eternal salvation through Jesus Christ would come to these families who receive them.

On the actual day we were told we do not have to visit every school to distribute the bicycle but we were honored as donors at the Ministry of Education in Ninh Thuan Province instead. We also found out that instead of 30 bicycles, the USD3,000 gift will be able to procure 46 bicycles, all brand new and of excellent quality. It was like the parable of the five loaves and two fishes. God always multiplies what little we give Him.

Each school from various districts sent five of their best students to collect the new bicycles. Some of the students testified in the ceremony that they had to walk 3 to 5 km each way to get to school every day. During the ceremony, the Director of Education from Ninh Thuan Province shared that "a bicycle can change a life" these testify to our prayer that each bicycle will bring the salvation grace of God to each family. May God impact each student and his family to know Him through the bicycle gift.

The six surplus bicycles were then allocated to a nearby primary school. The principal of the primary school was visibly moved. She said this was the first time anyone had tried to help any of her children. God will surely bless these precious students and their families through the bicycle.

Although the entire Ninh Thuan outreach project took over nine months, God showed why it was worth the wait. Five loaves and two fishes He multiplies. Praise and Glory to His Name!

IGA believes that engagement with the local community is vital to demonstrate our Christian love, so we offer free English classes to youth and pre-believers who want to improve their English speaking skills. Through this platform, we have faith that many will come to know and experience the goodness of God.

We also believe local youths will become future pioneers in God's kingdom, so we also conduct Life skills training seminars on quarterly basis that provide youths with fundamental life skillsets in achieving success in the marketplace.

IGA looks forward to transforming worship service based on our unwavering standard of kingdom principles. IGA worship team will be travelling to various provinces to conduct worship conferences in local churches, which will initiate a new wave of worship with contemporary music and praise among the youths of Vietnam.

It is our mission to fulfill our Father's mission. We see each day as an opportunity to expand, develop and reach more pre-believers in Vietnam. We constantly cast our nets into deeper and darker waters with the quest to serve God in excellence with all that we have, even when we only have little.



Ninh Thuan Director of Education



We are IGA (International Grace Assembly), Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam: a body that is still being developed, but a body full of zeal and determination to fulfill the will of God and preach the gospel to this nation using every resource available. Please let us join hands and hearts as we continue to impact this beautiful kingdom for Jesus Christ our Lord!

We sincerely thank our mother church Grace Assembly of God Singapore for making this mission work possible through their generous financial and spiritual support. Hallelujah! All praises, honour and glory to our Lord Jesus Christ!



Ninh Thuan project

## EVENTS CALENDAR **2017**

JUNE - AUGUS

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

DATE	EVENT	VENUE & TIME
	JUNE	
07/06	Lunchtime Fasting & Prayer Meeting	GI Emmaus Hall 12pm
08 - 12/06	Grace Retreat (English)	Pullman Hotel, Bangsar, KL
11/06	Family Life Emphasis Weekend	GI Koinonia Hall, GII café area, Pullman Hotel Foyer
24/06	Grace Party (Combined)	GII (TBC) 7pm
28/06	J333 Prayer Meeting (Combined)	GI Galilee Hall 7.30pm
	JULY	
01/07 – 23/09	Alpha Course for Adult	GII Praise Room 12pm
01/07– 26/08	WOG – Saturday Bible Study (SBS)	GI Zion Hall 10am
08/07 – 19/08	Men's Bible Study (MBS)	GI Eden Hall 10am
05/07	Lunchtime Fasting & Prayer Meeting	GI Emmaus Hall 12pm
06/07	GDP Class 103 – Baptism Class	GII Glory Room 7.30pm
12/07 – 04/10	WOG – Day Bible Study (DBS)	GI L3 Lounge & GII Praise Room 10am
13/07	GDP Class 104: Membership Class	GII Glory Room 7.30pm
26/07	J333 Prayer Meeting (Combined)	GI Galilee Hall 7.30pm
	AUGUST	
02/08	Lunchtime Fasting & Prayer Meeting	GI Emmaus Hall 12pm
10-12/08	Restored to Wholeness Seminar	GI Emmaus Hall, 7pm
13/08	GDP: Water Baptism	GII Chapel Hall 10.45am
30/08	J333 Prayer Meeting (Combined)	GI Galilee Hall 7.30pm



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

3 June 2017

Mr Liew Yee Sheng Jonathan & Ms Gracia Stephanie Chandra Tjen Mr Kwek Wei Siang (Guo Weixiang) & Ms Sandra Yin Zhe-Yi

17 June 2017

Chua Ke Sheng Clement & Ms Lynette Balakrishnan Ho Tze Liang Shaun & Ms Joey Choi Jian Yu



## ANNOUNCEMENT

Pastor Judy Chui, who has faithfully serving God and Grace Assembly for the past 26 years will leave the appointment with the church on 23 June 2017. We deeply appreciate her love for God, and the invaluable ministry contributions to the church. We pray for God's strength, grace and anointing to be upon her in the next step of calling God has placed on her life.

## MULTI-GENERATIONAL FELLOWSHIP & MULTI-FUN FULFILLED



About 600 Grace family members spent the sunny morning of a public holiday with their loved ones within the vicinity of Grace I. Some pushed their toddlers in strollers while others zoomed on their scooters to join a brisk walk along Alexandra Canal Linear Park. A 5km run happened simultaneously, chasing away the Monday blues (still, thank God for clear skies!) by sprinting from Tanglin Road to Robertson Quay.

1 May 2017 also saw young ones and those young at heart, multi-generational pastors and partakers, danced to hip hop songs, grooved to Grace tunes, played several rounds of Rummy-O, put brush to canvas while listening to the latest hits and even tried their green fingers at constructing a terrarium.

For kids, they particularly enjoyed enacting battle scenes with their balloon swords and wearing squeaky, inflated hats, which volunteers lovingly made at Galilee Hall. Learning how to fold origami was also a hit, not only with the kids but also with the adults.

In the afternoon, families congregated at Koinonia fellowship area for lunch. Colourful stalls gave out freshly made satays, crispy fried chicken, porridge, nasi lemak, adobo, fishball noodles, ice cream and more.

God truly blessed the time of fellowship and fun experienced by the organising team, volunteers—from cooks to creative teachers—and all participants.



# 走出阴霾事工

## 目的:医治释放,让人经历神迹奇事

主耶和华的灵在我身上;因为耶和华用膏膏我,叫我传好信息给谦卑的人, 差遣我医好伤心的人,报告被掳的得释放,被囚的出监牢。『赛61:1』















## 天开了,号角响了

赞美主,五月四日晚上,在走出阴霾的敬拜中,当张牧师带领 大家赞美"耶稣复活了"的那一刻,我进入了敬拜当中,看见 天开了,更清楚听见号角响起来的声音。

聚会结束后,看见ALEX弟兄手拿号角,也问他是否有在敬拜 时吹起号角?他先回应没有,接著他再回应同样在张牧师呼 喊"耶稣复活了"的时候,他也有感动想吹起号角。

哈利路亚,神的灵在同时间,在整个会堂,各人的心里自由地运行。

哈利路亚,我们在地上可先尝天上的敬拜。那当然他日天上的 敬拜更是不得了,更大的荣耀。阿门!

马洁莹 (Angela) May 7, 2017



再见一豪

我们这班来自位于林厝港的一所小学的同学,在2016年12月联络上了。也从一位男同学的信息中得知同学张一豪得了第四期的大肠癌。我的心里产生了一股的负担,一直很不安,到底他认识上帝了吗?又不好冒冒然的去找他·毕竟我们已几十年没联络了。

在今年的一月,我们得知一豪因排泄有困难而动手术直入排官,就和几位同学去疗养院探望 他。我感受到他不乾心就这样走完他的一生,他很无助,很失落,医生也救不了他。感谢上 帝的安排,当天早上拿到走出阴霾的传单,讲员是黄约翰牧师。我就拿出传单给一豪,邀请 他来参加。一豪欣然的接受了邀请,而且也愿意让我为他祷告。在二月十日走出阴霾当晚, 他接受了耶稣为他个人的救主。之后的每个星期天,一豪都来恩典二华语堂参加聚会,他也 很期待走出阴霾。即使行动不变,身体不舒服,他都风雨不改的来聚会。我先生也很乐意 的接送他。

记得三月五日,当我和我先生到疗养院接他时,一豪和往常一样坐在疗养院门口等我们。可 是疗养院的医生不肯让他出门,因为他咳得厉害,整晚没办法入眠,血压太低。-豪却一直 说他没事,他坚持要来教会。医生没办法,当场再跟他量一次血压。感谢主,血压还好,他 很开心的又来到教会。可是这却是他最后一次来教会。

隔天,一豪因呼吸困难,没办法化疗,得留院观察。几天后,因情况较好转,被送往护理 所。在这期间,牧师,弟兄姐妹都常到护理所探望他,为他祷告。有一次,他还问我几时可 以去教会。我说"若医生说你可以出门,不需靠氧气筒,我们再去,好吗?"他说医生说可 以带著氧气筒外出。他对神的渴慕,使我感到安慰。我知道他已把自己交托给上帝,没有 了担优。之后的第二天,一豪很安祥的回到天家。他的姐姐也感到很欣慰,知道他已与天父

在一起。

林慕幼姐妹 恩典二

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J333 07, 14, 21 JUNE, 7.30 pm @ GI L3 Emmaus & GII L3 Agape Combined J333 (English & Chinese) 28 JUNE, 7.30 pm @ GI L3 Galilee Hall

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