

NEW GRACE

Dear Gracians,

We give thanks to God for each of you and we are so grateful to God for giving us 30 wonderful years of ministry in Grace Assembly.

We will always be praying for God's mighty hand to continue to rest upon you and the church.

We move on with many precious moments and great memories from our wonderful time in Grace Assembly.

We encourage you to keep looking up, around, out and ahead, to know the Lord is with you.

LOOK!

We look UP!

The face of Abba Father is shining upon us. Indeed, we are grateful.

Humbled by His goodness showered on us.

Our hearts are filled with gratitude.

We give God all the glory for His gracious hand upon our lives.

We look AROUND!

The faces of Gracians smiling at us.

Indeed, we are thankful.

Touched by the love shown to us.

Our hearts are filled with joy.

We give God the glory for blessing us with such a wonderful spiritual family.

We look OUT!

The faces of many watching us.

Indeed, we are mindful.

Given a mandate from the Lord to us.

Our hearts are filled with compassion.

We give God the glory for empowering us to live life missionally.

We look AHEAD!

The faces of many spurring us on.

Indeed, we are purposeful.

Reminded that the Lord goes before us.

Our hearts are filled with trust.

We give God the glory as He leads us step by step.

By Calvin & Charis



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Grace Assembly turns **70** in 2020!

恩典堂将在2020年 庆祝**70**岁周年!

Join us for the special weekend services on 8 and 9 February 2020 as we kick off our year-long 70th Anniversary Celebrations!

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for more information coming your way!

2月8日和9日特别主日聚会启动整年庆典活动!

欢迎大家参与!

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<https://www.instagram.com/graceag1950/>



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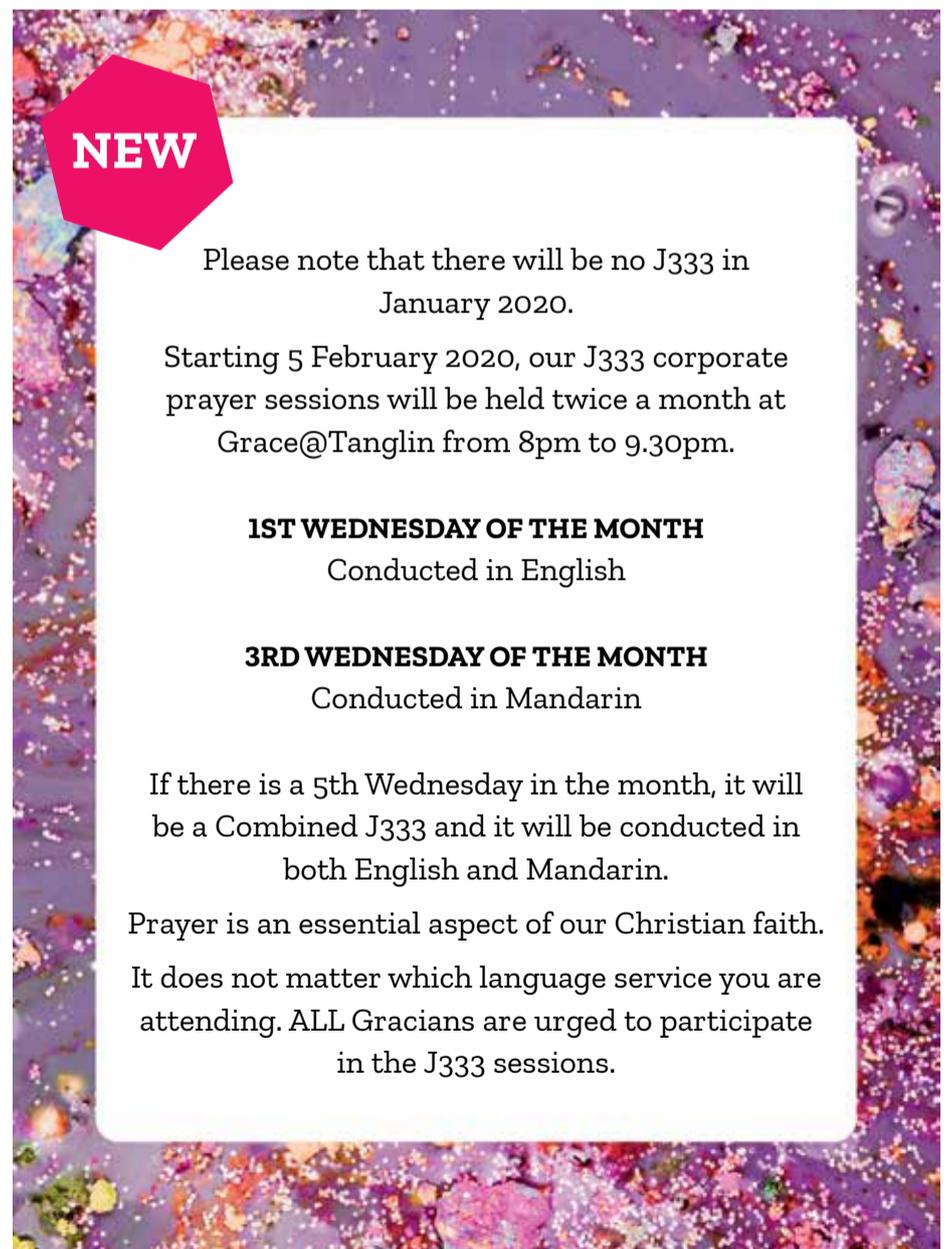
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4, 18 DECEMBER
GI Galilee

11 DECEMBER
GII Agape

25 DECEMBER
No J333

MATTHEW 9:38
Ask the Lord of the harvest,
therefore, to send out workers
into his harvest field.



NEW

Please note that there will be no J333 in January 2020.

Starting 5 February 2020, our J333 corporate prayer sessions will be held twice a month at Grace@Tanglin from 8pm to 9.30pm.

1ST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH
Conducted in English

3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH
Conducted in Mandarin

If there is a 5th Wednesday in the month, it will be a Combined J333 and it will be conducted in both English and Mandarin.

Prayer is an essential aspect of our Christian faith. It does not matter which language service you are attending. ALL Gracians are urged to participate in the J333 sessions.



Who do you believe Jesus to be? In the Gospel of Mark, you will have no doubt about who He claimed to be. Jesus' miracles show His dominion over every aspect of human experience that has been touched by the effects of sin, including sickness and infirmity, spiritual darkness, dead religion, threats from nature, and even death itself.

Come join the Saturday Bible Study (WOG-SBS) and be transformed by this 10-week study.

Women of Grace – Saturday Bible Study

GOSPEL OF MARK

DATES OF CLASS:

18 Jan • 1, 15, 29 Feb • 14, 28 Mar • 11, 25 Apr •
9, 23 May 2020 [Saturdays]

TIME: 10.00am–12.00pm VENUE: GI L2 Eden

COST: \$22

Register at event.graceaog.org
from 23 November–15 December 2019



DECEMBER *Prayer Pointers*

For this Christmas season,

1. Pray against the spirit of materialism in you and in the body of Christ. Repent of any idols you've made out of material or superficial things. Ask God to give you a true Christmas spirit—one full of joy, peace and hope.
2. Pray that in this season of Christmas, the delight of God and the hope of Jesus will shine brightly in and through you. Pray that your life will be a beacon of hope that draws people to Jesus. Ask for the Holy Spirit to let his joy be seen in you and through you.
3. Pray for God to reveal specific ways you can live out Christ's caring concern for those people during this Christmas season and into the New Year. Ask the Lord to show you ways so that you can be His hands and feet to reflect His caring heart toward those who need Him this Christmas season (and always).
4. Pray that God will equip you with all the "readiness" you need to share His truth with others. Pray for an opportunity to share your testimony with someone this Christmas season.
5. Pray for a season of harvest of souls for yourself and the church this Christmas season.

Gracians

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

WE
pray.
WE
care.



*Season's
Greetings*

FAITH ABANDONMENT

Session with Jason Wong, Joni & Joseph Oh and Johanan Choo

By Shirley Woon, GI English Service

On 2 Nov 2019, Grace Assembly was privileged to have Pastor Jason Wong who shared with us how we could help ourselves, to help our children who have left church or left the faith. 67 parents were present to listen and learn from this great man of God. Pastor Jason Wong needs no introduction. A man full of compassion for the incarcerated and a huge passion for building families. Before the start of the session, Pastor Jason commented that we were probably the first church to confront this issue.

Matthew 18:12 - 14

"What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off. In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should perish."

"It is not about having a lot of ra ra activities. It is about teaching Biblical world views."

The Bible talked about leaving the ninety-nine to search for the one lost sheep, why then are we not bold enough to face this issue? Pastor Jason Wong aptly put it. "It is not about having a lot of ra ra activities. It is about teaching Biblical world views."

Through this session, we discovered that many parents are hurting silently. As parents, we may do all that we could do right but our children may still choose to leave the church. However, we can pursue our children through our prayers and provide support for each other. Plunder hell and populate heaven. We do not fight our children, our battle is grappling them back from the hands of the evil ones. And it can only be done on bended knees.



QUOTES WORTH REMEMBERING

"God will send out the best to save them (our sons and daughters)" – Jason Wong

"The end of man's way is the beginning of God's way" – Joni & Joseph Oh

"My parents' friend invited me to join their cell" – Johanan Choo



Left: Pastor Jason Wong Centre: Joni and Joseph Oh Right: Johanan Choo

What the participants say...

I attended the seminar on Faith Abandonment by Pastor Jason Wong and found myself strengthened and wiser when dealing with our children who have gone astray from the Lord. He shared seven pointers how we may respond in such situation

- Pray together
- Don't blame yourself
- First things first
- Be aware of the elder brother syndrome
- Eat from the Tree of Life
- Father the fatherless
- Prevention is better than cure

The testimony by Joseph and Joni Oh of what they have gone through with their younger son touches our heart too. In fact I shared with

a sister that I don't think many of us have gone through any worse situation. With much seeking and prayer of the parents, their son came back to school after a layoff of two years. He has returned to the faith journey and is now pursuing his studies again.

We also heard the testimony of a 'prodigal' son, a member of our church. He shared his parents were missionaries in Bangladesh when he was young. He was caught up in the rat race when back in Singapore and eventually dropped out of church in his junior college days. Then NS days were no better, neither did the NUS days. Like the prodigal son in the bible, one day he felt that if without God he can do

rather well what more if he has God. He then decided to look for a church and found Grace.

Finally I love the song 'Lord, I want my kids to know' that was shared by Joseph and Joni. Extract from the song:

"The world is waging war against their soul
I can't control the choices that they make
Hold their hearts, when I'm not there
Hold them close, when I can't."

In conclusion, I felt we were blessed because we came!

Priscilla Thong

The sharing by Pastor Jason Wong was very helpful, aptly reminding parents to pray together, not blaming ourselves and to first set our relationship right with God, followed by our relationship with our spouse and then the parent-child relationship will be ordered right. The part about fathering the fatherless where we were also urged to reach out to others' children even when our children are not following the faith also stirred my heart to think beyond ourselves. The sharing by Joseph Oh and his wife really touched our hearts reminding us that we are not the only ones struggling with the situation. Those choice words on the presentation were comforting and reassuring that our children will someday return to the faith—"It is not that they never knew the Lord, it is just that they took a different path and He is wooing them back...when he, the prodigal son came to his senses, he said, "...I will set out and go to the father...". Johanan's sharing of his 10-year period away from his family church and then settling into Grace Assembly was a true testimony that God will turn the hearts of the children back to him. He reminded us that our children could be in

a stage of their lives where they are struggling with their faith, distracted by many priorities, and asking many unanswered questions but in the end, they will come out of the wilderness and will be convinced that our God is the only true God that loves them unconditionally. Finally, I wish to thank the church for organising this workshop so parents could get together (and not feel alone in their struggles) to learn from the pastor on how to deal with the issue in a God-driven way"

Felix & Eng Eng

We are encouraged by what Pastor Jason shared. One of the points was "Eat from the tree of life". Personally, it reminds us to obey and anchor our thoughts back to God. We should not eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil—by dwelling on the vicious cycle of who has done right or done wrong that caused our child to turn cold towards the faith. Let's continue to pray together for our children to return to the Father.

Another point was 'First thing first'. In Gen 1:27-28, the scripture

shows us how to build a healthy relationship in the family of God.

^{27a} So God created mankind in his own image; in the image of God he created them.

As a child of God, we must first and foremost build our relationship with God, our father.

^{27b} male and female he created them.

Then we'll work on our relationship between the husband and the wife.

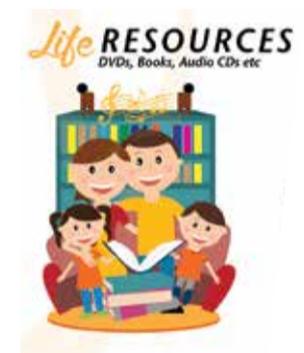
²⁸ And God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, fill the earth and subdue it.

Once our relationship with God and our spouse is firmly rooted, this good relationship will flow continually to our offspring.

Casey & Sharon

Grace Parenting Network (GPN) is looking to start Restoring the Faith, a parent support group for those whose children have left the faith in Grace@BukitBatok.

If you are keen, please contact Karen Lim
Email : karen.lim@graceaog.org
Phone : 6410 0821



Do you know that a group of parents gather together on every 1st Sunday of each month to pray for our sons and daughters?

PRAY THEM HOME

Date : 1 Dec 2019, 5 Jan 2020, 2 Feb 2020, 1 Mar 2020, 5 Apr 2020

Time : 10.45am

Venue : Level 2 Fellowship hall
Room beside the Grace Kindergarten Office
(Former Youth Powerhouse)

This is a group for parents whose children have left the faith. However, it is still open to all parents who would like to give their prayer support.

"Prayer is the way we take our hands off and place our children in the hands of God."

– Mark Batterson, Praying Circles around Your Children

"As for me and my family, we will serve the LORD."

JOSHUA 24:1

If you need to make a counselling appointment, please contact:

Pastor Benjamin Wong (HP: 9066 2994)

All counselling sessions are strictly private and confidential.

The Prayer Of A Desperate Parent Series

By Uma Rudd Chia

TIS THE SEASON TO RAISE GIVING KIDS

Growing up, I thought people who had a lot were the biggest givers. Then I saw my parents in their greatest moments of need, give generously. You see, my mum and dad grew up with plenty when they were very young. Then due to unfortunate circumstances, they each lost one parent along the way (my dad lost his dad and my mum, her mum), and this cause them to struggle to make ends meet.

Things got better as I was growing up and God prospered my family. But I remember days when we didn't have enough to eat. Yet, my parents would still set aside food and supplies from the little they had for people with greater needs. When funds were raised for the poor in church, my parents gave generously—not out of plenty, but sacrificially.

It reminded me of the story of the widow with the two mites (Mark 12:41-44). Many rich and affluent people walked in and out of the temple, donating out of their abundance. Jesus zoomed in on this one woman—the most insignificant of the lot and applauded her giving. It made me think of my mum and dad who worked hard to give faith to hands and feet, and somehow managed to give it wings.

They taught my brothers and me that generosity is not born out of plenty, but out of gratitude for what's been given to us by God. Till today, my mother generously and sacrificially gives to God in every way she can. Despite being slowed down by age, she cooks for church events, invites the hungry home and feed them, and gives regularly to missions.

During this Christmas season, let us as parents pray for and instil a spirit of giving in our kids. Here are three key principles to do this.

1. Make giving a habit

Every few months, I clear my kids' rooms. And I ask them to look at the things they have and set some aside for the poor. A lot of the stuff was given to the workers in our condo or our Filipino helper to send home to her family. When my mother and mother-in-law visit us, we set aside things for the orphanages they volunteer at. The kids have to pick things from their precious book and toy collections, ensure they are in working condition and are cleaned up, and set them aside as gifts. We do this regularly. Sometimes I can see the look in their eyes, as they part with

brand new, unopened toys. They know the rule—If you haven't used it for the past six months, you're not going to need it. Someone else out there will have better use for it. It's not easy for them, but they know it is more blessed to give than to receive. It helps me clear out the home, while teaching my kids that giving is something we do consciously and consistently.

2. Teach them to give their best, not their leftovers

It's easy to give things that are broken and ugly. But to give something you love takes a big heart. God gave us something He loved more than anything else—His Son (John 3:16). I want my children to have the same spirit.

This is a hard lesson to teach, especially when my son has an emotional attachment to everything he owns. When it was time to pick the best Nerf guns and give them away to kids who didn't have any, Daniel picked up each one and started recalling the stories behind them and how precious they were to him. I sat with him and reminded him of Jesus who had to give up all the best things of heaven, including His own precious life to die for us. He teared and started packing the things he loved because he wanted to be like Jesus.

Sarah constantly amazes me by her generous ability to give away what matters to her. To her, buying something commercial has very little value compared to making something precious with her own hands and giving it away. Even when we give stuff to the poor, she always wraps them beautifully and writes a personal note. The very act of giving means so much to her. She's always buying gifts from her own pocket money for her teachers and friends, just because she enjoys giving.

3. Teach them to give in every season

We often think that giving is something kept for times of plenty, when we get our bonuses or a pay rise. One of my favourite portion of the Old Testament is found in Leviticus 19:9-10. God commanded the Israelite farmers, when harvesting their fields, not to glean from the edges of the fields. The yields from these areas were left for foreigners and the poor, so they'd have something to harvest and eat. Surely, during a famine, the supply must be sparse for the farmers and I'm sure they'd wish that they could take from the edges of their fields. But they had to obey God's commandments, irrespective of whether the season was favourable or not, and leave the edges untouched for the needy.

When I was doing my degree in Theology, I chose not to take money from my parents, but to live by faith. There were a few times when I attended seminars where the missionary on stage was taking up an offering for tribal villages. I have a great love for people in foreign places where the gospel hasn't reached them. And each time without fail, I would reach into my pocket and empty my wallet, not knowing how I was going to pay for my meals for the rest of the month. Many times, God came through for me and I was blessed abundantly. But even when I wasn't, my heart still rejoiced because I could give towards His cause.

Our kids must not be taught to give and expect something in return—where is the spirit of giving if your motivation is getting? Teach them to give out of love and sacrifice in every season to a good God who gave so freely and unconditionally.

We are in a season where we celebrate the generous gift of God's Son to this world. Let's create opportunities for our children to apply the principles above and extend that same love to those in need this Yuletide.



GIVING THANKS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART



1. Donors & Volunteer Appreciation Lunch 2019 attended by close to 160 guests
2. Fringe Activity: Silhouette Cutting
3. Guests with hand-drawn paper bags by REACH Seniors
4. 3-Year Long Service Award – Programme Esperenza (Raffles Institution)
5. 4-Year Long Service Award – Women of Grace
6. 5-Year Long Service Award – Food Ration, Michael Lai
7. Thomas Owyong, President of RCSS presenting token of appreciation to Rev. Calvin Lee
8. RCSS Chief Executive, Ho Siew Cheong, expressing his gratitude through a Chinese oldie

“Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.”— Psalm 103:1 NIV

The year is drawing to a close. Time passes swiftly with multiple reasons to thank God for.

2019 marks REACH Community Services’ 21st year of impacting the community; a significant year with the official opening of the fifth and sixth Community Touchpoints, namely, the Senior Centre @ Bukit Gombak Vista and Family Service Centre @ Sin Ming.

With the additional facilities, we were able to launch our 2nd Community Café project in January, serving an additional 200 seniors. The opening of Family Service Centre @ Sin Ming helps cater to the needs of the Sin Ming residents more effectively.

To meet the needs of a rapidly ageing population, our Senior Service introduced a couple of new programmes this year. Supported by Agency for Integrated Care (AIC), Silver Station @ Bukit Gombak Vista (SS@BGV) was set up as a one-stop resource centre in the local community to drive Dementia-Friendly Community efforts. In September, SS@BGV kickstarted a Caregiver Support Group that facilitates self-care and helps caregivers of loved ones with dementia or depression.

In addition, SS@BGV saw a successful pilot run of Bistro 1-3-5 in October. The initiative trains and empowers senior volunteers to engage with the community meaningfully through offering a premium omakase experience in a café atmosphere. It provides opportunities for beneficiaries to interact with volunteers and be inspired to give back to the community. Held only every Wednesday currently, the programme will eventually be extended to run on Mondays and Fridays too, befitting the name “Bistro 1-3-5”.

The launch of these additional Community Touchpoints, new programmes and initiatives spell the need for more volunteers to support these plans. More and more Gracians are volunteering their time and talents as volunteers. They help keep our programmes going and extend the impact of our services to the community. They share their time and talents without financial compensation. Instead, they are rewarded with the joy of being able to touch lives—sharing the unconditional and compassionate love of God who cares for the needy and the vulnerable.

On 2 November, REACH Community Services held her annual Donors & Volunteers Appreciation Lunch (DVAL) to recognise and appreciate this group of dedicated people who are supporting this social mission of the Church. RCSS also took the opportunity to appreciate Reverend Calvin Lee who has been instrumental in REACH’s growth and development since its inception in 1998.

Come 2020, REACH Senior Service will initiate a new volunteering platform called Centre Ambassador. Under this platform, a group of volunteers will be trained to make connections with community seniors and integrate newcomers at the Senior Centres. They will also be trained to recognise symptoms of depression and dementia, acting as the eyes and ears as they play host. Please email Esther Teo at esther.yeo@reach.org.sg for more details if you are interested to serve in this area.

To sustain these new operations, we are counting on our dedicated donors and volunteers even more to journey with us. We call for your continuous support of REACH to help fulfil its role as the social mission arm of the Church. As the year comes to an end, let us commit to playing a part through giving of our time, talents and treasures in 2020.

To sign up as a volunteer, visit our website www.reach.org.sg/volunteer or email volunteer@reach.org.sg.

THE TIME TO GO IS NOW

By Jasmin Low, Missions Support Executive

Language barriers and endless perspiration under the scorching sun were two of the many challenges that Felicia Tan faced when she was on her first missions trip. But that did not discourage her. She embarked on the trip, curious to know what a missions trip was about. She hoped to learn how to share the gospel with people who were vastly different from her. And eventually, she found herself in Cambodia, speaking to the locals without the help of a translator!

Felicia fondly remembers the night when the gospel and testimonies were shared, as well as the relationships she built with the locals on her very first missions trip. Gradually, Felicia travelled to different parts of Indonesia and even East Asia, absorbing lessons of God, faith, others and self like a sponge. "I had to learn the basics of the local language to connect with the locals. I had to be like them. I also remembered the gospel by heart, since it was unsafe to carry a gospel tract in some places," she said.

With each new trip, Felicia saw how people everywhere needed to know God, even those in Singapore. Her heart became more open to her fellow countrymen back home as she became more intentional in being that "Christian friend" who desires to bring people closer to Jesus. She appreciated the fact that she could proclaim her faith and have open discussions about it freely here. And she saw God's faithfulness in opening doors for Singaporeans to be messengers to people everywhere, be it to the foreign workers or expats here, or to others overseas.

Felicia hopes that more people can go forth and see what God is doing in the nations now. With the persecution of Christians on the rise, more nations are turning away from God. She believes that the time to go is now, and we shouldn't wait until the doors are closed and then have to question God, "Why?"

WHY I SERVE IN LOCAL MISSIONS

By Madeleine Wong, Migrant Workers Volunteer

Here at Sungei Tengah Lodge, a lodge that houses up to 22,000 migrant workers, I can reach out to a consistent group of workers who return again and again for Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) or physiotherapy treatments. Relationship-building is a key factor in our outreach to pre-believing migrant workers who are often homesick, undergoing work stress or experiencing physical pain due to work injuries. Oftentimes, workers who come for treatment have lost their jobs because of work injuries that made them ineffective. Most of their cases are pending as they seek workmen's compensation. During this waiting period, when they are not allowed to work and income is not coming in, our befrienders offer friendship, support and comfort, working alongside social workers, counsellors and medical professionals from SG Cares.

But of course, as humans, we have our limitations and we very much want to point them to God who can satisfy all their needs. To create a platform for the love of God to be shared, various programmes such as movie nights and outings are being planned to engage the community of migrant workers at Sungei Tengah Lodge.

Our very own young adults from Grace@Bukit Batok (GII) Upper Room GMG and YAYP have bonded well with our brothers at Sungei Tengah Lodge as they equipped them with English-speaking and basic computer skills. Certificates presented added a proud moment for the learners as they gathered for a graduation outing to Jewel Changi Airport. A keen observation made by volunteer Brother Vernon was, "Outside the classroom setting, teachers and students mingled as friends!"

For those of us who seek to serve in a very practical way in the TCM/Physiotherapy outreach efforts, all aspects of service including registering



1. A group picture with our migrant workers after the movie night
2. Gracians having fellowship with the migrant workers at Sungei Tengah Lodge
3. Migrant workers filling up their contact details to stay in touch

patients, taking blood pressure, and assisting the TCM and physiotherapy professionals go a long way in providing the excellent medical treatment that our migrant workers seek!

As local missions draws volunteers from both the English and Chinese congregations of Grace@Bukit Batok (GII) and Grace@Tanglin (GI), we are praying for a steady stream of migrant workers to attend our activities on a weekly basis. As such, the harvest is plentiful and more workers, especially brothers, are needed to participate regularly or help out in individual evangelistic activities and events.

May the Lord richly multiply what each volunteer can give to this work, so that with the sowing and ploughing, we will see in due time the seeds of faith take root as migrant workers voluntarily give their hearts to Jesus!

MOBILISING FOR THE NATIONS (KAIROS)

By Pastor Chan Peck Yin, Grace Missions Pastor

About two years ago, with the encouragement of some passionate Gracians who have reaped the benefits of the Kairos course, I contemplated on whether to run this course in Grace Assembly.

One Saturday, as I was seeking the Lord for His direction, He showed me six Gracians who have attended the course to approach them to start a team to serve as facilitators. Praise be to God, these six willing individuals went on to be trained as facilitators and, shortly after, Grace Assembly—with the help of facilitators from other churches—ran our first Kairos course with 27 participants. To date, we have run 4 courses and equipped 79 Gracians.

I am encouraged that Kairos equips Christians to see the holistic picture of God's heart for the nations. Kairos is for all believers and aims to awaken the sleeping church to the calling of God in reaching out to many unreached people groups. At Grace Assembly, Kairos is now conducted by a team of dedicated facilitators who take turns to prepare devotions, lessons and recaps for nine sessions. They also mentor Growth Point groups formed among the participants. Our facilitators walk the talk as they also serve in different areas in reaching out to unreached people groups.

I encourage all Gracians who are keen to understand God's purpose for each believer to join Kairos as we discover His will. You do not need to have a call for missions to be reaching out to other nations. It should be a way of life as we meet people of other cultures.

Feedback from past Kairos participants:

"Kairos clarifies and puts into perspective the responsibility and calling of a Christian in light of God's Great Commission."

—Pui Chan, Grace Missions committee member

"For typical Christians, this is a great course to run through and refresh the faith and great calling from God in our life. The emphasis on reaching out to the LRP (least reached people) is also a new idea to me."

—Melody Leung, Gracian



Top: The Kairos team.

Centre/bottom: Participants attending the Kairos course.

KAIROS COURSE

Transform your view of the world and align it according to God's heart for the nations!

This course is for all Christians and not just for those wanting to go on missions trips.

First half of 2020 at Grace@Tanglin

VENUE: Level 3, Emmanuel

DATES: 7, 14, 28 Mar • 4, 11, 18, 25 Apr • 2, 9 May

TIME: 8am–12nn

9 May > 8am–5pm (Integration & Graduation)

SIGN UP DATES: 1 Dec 2019 – 15 Feb 2020

Second half of 2020 at Grace@BukitBatok

VENUE: Level 2, Praise

DATES: 15, 22, 29 Aug • 5, 12, 19 Sep • 3, 10, 17 Oct

TIME: 8am–12nn

17 Oct > 8am–5pm (Integration & Graduation)

SIGN UP DATES: 1 Jun – 25 Jul 2020

All participants to pay \$70.

Need more information? Find out more at the Missions Corner at Grace@Tanglin or Grace@BukitBatok after Sunday services or email to kairos@graceaog.org.



Sign up at <https://event.graceaog.org/>

Kairos
God, the Church and the World

EVENTS CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2019

3 Dec Healing Room @ GI
 5-6 Dec GraceKids ONE Camp
 7 Dec GraceKids ONE Camp
 10 Dec Healing Room @ GII
 10-13 Dec Emerge Camp Fisherman – Grace@BukitBatok
 24 Dec Chinese Christmas Service
 25 Dec English Christmas Service

25 Dec Grace Discipleship Process\\ Water Baptism
 31 Dec Thanksgiving & Installation Service

JANUARY 2020

3 Jan Combined Leaders' Meeting
 4 & 5 Jan Vision Casting Weekend (English Services)
 7 Jan Healing Room @ GI
 11 & 12 Jan Vision Casting Weekend (English Services)
 14 Jan Healing Room @ GII
 18 Jan Women of Grace – Saturday Bible Study

FEBRUARY 2020

1, 15 & 29 Feb Women of Grace – Saturday Bible Study
 4 Feb Healing Room @ GI
 8 Feb Men's Bible Study
 11 Feb Healing Room @ GII
 12 & 19 Feb Women of Grace – Day Bible Study
 13, 20 & 27 Feb Grace Discipleship Process 100 – Foundations of Faith 1-3
 21 Feb Restored to Wholeness Seminar
 22 & 29 Feb Restored to Wholeness Seminar
 22 Feb Men's Bible Study

GI, L3 Emmaus, 7.30pm-8.30pm
 GII, 9.30am-5.30pm
 GII, 9.30am-1.30pm
 GII, L2 Praise, 7.30pm-8.30pm
 GII
 GI, L3 Bethel, 7.30pm-9.30pm
 GI, L3 Bethel, 9am / 11.30am
 GII, L2 Sanctuary, 9am / 11.30am
 GII
 GI, L3 Bethel, 7.30pm

GI, L3 Bethel
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 GI, L3 Emmaus, 7.30pm-8.30pm
 GII
 GII, L2 Praise, 7.30pm-8.30pm
 GI, L5 Zion, 10am-12nn

GI, L2 Eden, 10am-12nn
 GI, L3 Emmaus, 7.30pm-8.30pm
 GI, L5 Boardroom/Love, 10am-12nn
 GII, L2 Praise, 7.30pm-8.30pm
 GI, L1 Gethsemane & GII L2 Love, 10am-12nn
 GI, L5 Zion, 7.30pm-9.30pm
 GI, L1 Gethsemane, 7.30p-9.30pm
 GI, L2 Eden Hall 9.00am-5pm
 GI, L5 Boardroom/Love, 10am-12nn

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Grace Leadership Summit
 Fraser Place Puteri Harbour
 Johor Bahru, Malaysia

If you serve in a leadership capacity in Grace Assembly, please take note.

This summit is for YOU and your family.

Save the date and more details will follow in the coming months!

恩典领袖峰会
 布蒂港辉盛坊
 马来西亚新山

若您在恩典堂担任领导职务，请留意此信息。

这次的峰会是为您和您的家人而准备。

请预留这个日期，接下来几个月会有更多详情!



Our annual Grace Retreat will resume in 2021. 我们的年度家庭退修会，将于2021年恢复。

SOMETHING NEW AND EXCITING IS COMING...
 美好的新事即将来临.....

As we enter into a new season, we will be bidding goodbye to our monthly bulletin, New Grace, with this issue.

Starting 2020, a new exciting quarterly magazine will be coming your way!

Look out for more exciting coverage on the happenings in Grace Assembly and the many stories as told by our very own Gracians!

We would love to hear from you!

We are always on the lookout for stories about Gracians and what you love about our church. If you have anything to share or any feedback for us, do drop an email to gacomms@graceao.org.

当我们即将进入新的一年之际，我们将停止分发每个月的恩典月刊。

从2020年开始，我们将向您呈现全新的季刊杂志！

新的季刊将记录更多有关恩典堂的精彩瞬间以及恩友美好的生命的故事！

我们期待听到您的声音！

我们一直都在寻找恩友分享生命的故事以及对我们教会的爱。如果您想与我们分享，请发送电邮至gacomms@graceao.org

RECRUITMENT

FACILITIES ASSISTANT

Grace Assembly is seeking suitable qualified candidates to fill the position of the Facilities Assistant for the church.

OVERALL JOB DESCRIPTION

The Facilities Assistant helps the Facilities Team to manage the day-to-day operations of the church building. These operations include building maintenance, housekeeping, and upkeeping of the facilities, supporting the set-up for bookings of halls/rooms ensuring that safety and security measures are being adhered to and complied with, performing first-level troubleshooting of electrical and mechanical work defects, liaising/supervising contractor during maintenance work and repair services, and handling building services/logistics during weekend and special event services.

QUALIFICATIONS & REQUIREMENTS

Minimum qualification: Possess NTC 3 in M&E and above, knowledge of MS Office. A few years of relevant working experience in facility and security will be an advantage. Preferably PR or Singaporean, and with good communication skills, flexibility and physical dexterity for the job. Be prepared to work on split shift and normal shift schedule.

Interested candidates are invited to submit a comprehensive resume stating qualification, experience, expected salary and contact number to hr@graceaog.org by **31 January 2020**. Or, you may send in your application to the Human Resource, Grace Assembly of God, 355 Tanglin Road, Singapore 247960. Only shortlisted candidates will be notified for the interview.

HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGER

Grace Assembly is seeking for suitable candidate to fill the position of Human Resource Manager whose responsibilities involve managing human resource policies and procedures, handling employee-related issues and conducting human resource activities such as compensation and benefits, payroll administration, claims, recruitment, employee relations, performance management, training and development.

PRE-REQUISITES

- Possess good written and verbal communications
- Prepared to work under pressure, be time-conscious, meet deadlines and changing priorities.
- Ensure confidentiality of highly sensitive information.
- Demonstrate team management skills.

- Able to build and effectively manage inter-personal relationships at all levels.
- Highly motivated team player with a positive attitude and mindset.
- Well-organized, meticulous and attentive to details

QUALIFICATION/REQUIREMENT

- Minimum Degree in Human Resources
- At least 5 years of relevant experience
- Possess good knowledge of the Singapore Employment Act and the HR best practices

Interested candidates are invited to submit a comprehensive resume stating qualification, experience, expected salary and contact details to hr@graceaog.org by **31 January 2020**. Only shortlisted candidates will be notified for the interview.

CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER

Grace Assembly is seeking suitable candidates to fill the position of Corporate Communications Manager.

ABOUT THE JOB

You will lead the development and implementation of publicity support and effective communications strategies and collaterals that are aligned with the church's goals and objectives to engage internal and external stakeholders to keep them abreast of the happenings in church. You will work cross-functionally and with volunteers on content curation for all platforms, including crafting internal and external communications materials such as messaging guidelines, articles for the church magazine, content for social media and website, as well as engaging in media and public relations.

You will also manage and safeguard the corporate identity and branding of the church, as well as pre-empt and mitigate issues and crises.

PRE-REQUISITES

- Possess strong writing, editing and proofreading skills.
- Possess sound analytical, organisational and planning skills.

- Possess a wide degree of creativity, and passion for innovative ideas.
- Possess a good knowledge of communication practices and techniques.
- Possess a reasonable knowledge and understanding of current trends in digital/social media.
- Self-motivated with a positive mindset and professional approach to the management of the communications.
- Able to build and effectively manage interpersonal relationships at all levels.
- Able to multi-task and work well under pressure.

QUALIFICATION/REQUIREMENTS

Bachelor's degree in communications, journalism or relevant field.

Minimum 5 years' experience in a similar position.

Interested candidates are invited to submit a comprehensive resume stating qualification, experience, expected salary and contact details to hr@graceaog.org by **31 January 2020**. Only shortlisted candidates will be notified for the interview.

THANKFUL FOR THE SPECIAL GIFT GOD HAS GIVEN

By Kua Ling, GII English Service

17-year-old Ethan was diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) when he was two years old. Ethan is currently a senior student at Eden School, a special needs school for ASD students. He has an immense interest in Lego, loves to watch YouTube videos about carparks, trains and cartoons, and is almost inseparable from his iPad. Like most typical people with ASD, he prefers to stick to a routine, but as he grows older, Ethan is more receptive to changes to his daily routine.

When Ethan was young, he was very rigid and had limited speech. Life was not easy because our entire world was turned upside down. We let Ethan



Ethan (centre) with his parents

try all kinds of therapies that we know of, hoping to find a "cure" for him. We even went all the way to Germany to try out stem-cell therapy. But nothing really worked.

Our walk with God then was not smooth-sailing as well. There was a lot of anger, disappointment because we were fully dependent on our own strength. But God is faithful. He carried us through the deepest valley and He walked the journey with us. It was when we surrendered all to God, that the idea of getting Ethan "cured" was shelved. Upon our surrender, we started to see the "cure" that God has provided for Ethan. From someone who cried for hours

and had endless meltdowns that left us clueless and helpless, Ethan has blossomed into a calm and bubbly young man. Life is still not easy, but much better.

We are grateful for God's unfailing love, mercy and grace. Ethan has grown to be the happiest person on earth! If you see a tall, smiley, self-talking young man in Grace@BukitBaok (GII) on any Saturday or Sunday, generously giving out hugs and handshakes, that is Ethan! Despite his limitations, he serves in two ministries – Grace Missions Corner and the Café Ministry at GII.

Ethan attends the GII Special Needs Ministry on Sundays. We really appreciate the great work that this ministry is doing! We are especially thankful to all the lovely volunteers and teachers who serve faithfully every week! Thanks to their patience and teaching, Ethan is able to sing praises and worship the Lord during the services. Since attending the Special Needs services, he has shown more empathy towards others and he always remind us that Jesus loves us!

Indeed, we are thankful to God for Ethan is the best special gift that He has given us.

The Special Needs Ministry is held at Grace@BukitBatok every Sunday at 9am at L4, Gentleness.

For more information, please contact Soo Wei at soo.wei@graceao.org or 64100855.

Besides being thankful to God for bringing my family into His Kingdom, I feel even more blessed and grateful when I know that Cheryl can also join us every Sunday at Grace Assembly in this Special Needs Ministry.

I am very certain that this is God's perfect plan for my family. Praise the Lord!

In the Special Needs Ministry, the wonderful volunteers help to engage Cheryl in a safe environment so that the rest of the family can attend services with peace of mind.

Every Sunday, Cheryl joins the Children's Church in their worship, and is taught bible truths through a customised programme.

Being able to attend church together with my autistic daughter weekly will not be possible without this ministry. I am very happy and thankful that our church has this support.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers and teachers, for your sacrifices and great love to care for our special needs kids.

A BIG hug to all of you! :))

Love,
Wai Yee
Cheryl's mummy



Cheryl (third from left) with her family at Gardens by the Bay



Hai Ting (third from left) celebrating her birthday with her family

I am thankful for the Special Needs Ministry in Grace Assembly. Because of this ministry, my daughter and other children with special needs are given the opportunity to be part of the Children's Church to learn about our loving God.

Thank you, Teachers, for your never-ending guidance and patience towards my daughter, Hai Ting. She has changed a lot since the day she first stepped into this church. Every weekend, she looks forward to interacting with her friends in Children's Church and participating in all the activities.

Thank you, and God bless.

By **He Sheng Yan**
Mother of Hai Ting

Getting To Know...

By Yeoh Oon Chuan

SIMON BAY

OCCUPATION: In transition; was previously country tax head in a bank
MARRIED TO: My lovely wife of 25 years, Jing Siew
FATHER OF: My special gifts from God, namely Jo-el, Jo-lene and Jo-hann
HOBBIES/PASTIMES: Sleeping, watching TV
FAVOURITE FOOD: Fishball noodles
OTHER FAVOURITES YOU WISH TO SHARE: Liverpool, with due respect (ahem) to the teams supported by Pastors Joey and Kenny

When did you first hear the Good News, and how were you discipled?

I attended a missionary school ever since primary one and was exposed to the gospel through chapel and devotions, and subsequently Religious Knowledge lessons in the upper secondary years.

When did you decide to give your life to the Lord, and also why and how?

The first time I really cried out to the Lord was during a moment of desperation when I was in secondary 3.

What has your Christian journey been like since? Share any challenges that you have encountered and also how you have been blessed.

I came from a Taoist family that practised ancestral worship. Looking back, I guess in that time of desperation, I might have been looking for additional 'help'. But it also got me started praying to the Lord. In school, we were doing the Books of Mark and Matthew for Religious Knowledge, and this Jesus they wrote about started to become more real in my life. Because of family opposition (you know, the type that throws you out of the house), I initially remained an 'undercover Christian'.

This continued until my second year in junior college, when a couple of friends then prayed for me to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The enthusiasm and fire were, however, quickly quenched when my dad confronted me shortly after, and under pressure, I denied the Lord by taking the pragmatic (but now knowing to be wrong) approach that I could still be an 'undercover Christian'.

This remained through National Service until university when God placed me in an NTU hostel where I met Peter Lim (currently the church's Honorary Secretary). We were 'toilet mates', i.e. next-door neighbours in the hostel and sharing a common toilet. Peter started proper follow up with me and invited me to Grace Assembly of God. He also encouraged me to make my stand, which I did – the logical side of me tells me that if I get thrown out, I could still stay in the hostel. But God is good and faithful. While it was very tense with my dad then, my late grandma helped to mediate and things worked out over time. God also restored me just as He restored Apostle Peter after his denials.

So, thanks again to my Christian-brother Peter for discipling me and imparting into my life.

This also prepared me to take a stand for God when faced with other decisions points. For example, before I dated and eventually married Jing Siew, I had to decide if we should start, given she was a pre-believer then. God has been so good to us over the years and has blessed us greatly in many ways!

When did you start attending Grace Assembly, and what do you like or love about this church? What ministries have you been involved in over the years?

I started attending Grace Assembly in 1988. Though we were smaller then, it was already a multi-generational family church. This is the local church God has planted me in where I have grown and been blessed tremendously. As God blessed the church in numbers, the importance of having a Grace Missional Group (GMG) became more important as that was where we could share lives in a smaller setting. A shout-out to the Coffee Lovers – thank you for loving me and supporting me all these years! I love you folks.

I have had the privilege of being involved in various ministries over the years, including ushering, as a praise singer, doing praise visuals (from the overhead projector and transparencies days), as cell group/worship leader, and various Board and working committee appointments.

What was the impetus for your decision to contribute as a member of the Church Board?

As an accountant by training, I guess I responded because there was a perceived need. I supposed the nomination committee then was very short of candidates for the post of Honorary Treasurer, and they reached out to me in 1995/1996 when I was fairly new to the church. Since then, it really has been a privilege to serve on the Board over the years, with occasional breaks in-between.

How have your family members been supportive in this area?

They have been most understanding and accommodative of those times I had to be away either at meetings or during weekends when we were assigned offering counting duties, and for that I am very thankful.

What is your vision for this church?

Let us not take our forthcoming leadership transition for granted and continue to work together to support the new leadership under Pastor Wilson. In addition, my hope is for a new and younger generation of members to arise and make themselves available to take over leadership roles, both for the Board and ministries succession.



Simon (second left) with his wife Jing Siew, and his children

Getting To Know...

ANDY TAN

OCCUPATION: Director and partner of a proprietary trading company

MARRIED TO: Celine

FATHER OF: Jolene, Jermame and Janelle

HOBBIES/PASTIMES: Travel and food.

FAVOURITE FOOD: Japanese and local food; too many to name.

ALWAYS LOOKING FORWARD TO: Having weekend breakfast with my wife as not only do we get to enjoy my favourite food, it's a great time to catch up with what's going on at home and in our lives as well. And also our annual family holiday where we get to visit places and spend quality time together.

When did you first hear the Good News, and who shared it with you? What was your response?

I grew up in a Buddhist family. Nevertheless, my mother placed my brother and me in a Catholic school. I even took Bible Studies as one of my subjects for GCE O-level. Since I started Bible Studies, I thought that maybe I should go to church for the experience. When I was 15 years old, I went to a church near my home, but it didn't end well. After the service, as I was a newcomer, someone shared the four spiritual laws with me and was trying hard to convert me, telling me that if I didn't believe in Jesus, I would go to hell. I didn't like the approach and the pushy attitude, and that scarred my impression of Christians. Since that bad experience, I would challenge anyone who tried to convert me or share the gospel with me. I would even smirk at Christians, thinking "such behaviour also can go to heaven?"

Then, in 2002, at the funeral of my wife's grandmother who was a Christian, many friends from her church came to comfort the grieving family members. They would come in bus loads and though we didn't know any of them, their presence and prayer gave us so much comfort and peace. After the funeral, both my wife and I wanted to find out more about Christianity, and why Christians show so much love to others whom they are not acquainted with. That weekend, we went to the church near our home. In a few months' time, my wife gave her life to Jesus. Although I was touched during the service, my bruised pride and hurt stopped me from accepting Jesus. I gave the excuse that I wanted to find out about other religions as well, and started reading books on Buddhism and also the Bible. As I was searching, I ceased all ancestral worship as well as visiting and praying at temples. This continued for six years.

When did you decide to give your life to the Lord, and also why and how?

In 2008, the start of the global financial crisis saw job cuts across investment banks. At that time, I was working as a trader and director in a US investment bank. Being the sole breadwinner, I was deeply concerned about my job security, as banks were cutting jobs across the world by the thousands. There were also challenges at home with the growing children. The year 2008 was one of the lowest points in my life. My wife was upholding every situation in prayer and even her home missional group members were there supporting us. At that point, I realised that though I had been attending church for six years, I still did not have a relationship with God and I didn't even know how to pray. Being the one in control both at work and at home, helplessness crept in and that's when I knew I needed God in my life. On 5th of June that year, I shared with my brother about my situation and he led me in the sinner's prayer. The next day, our family departed to the Gold Coast for our annual holiday and the first thing I saw when we checked in to the hotel was a rainbow, which reminded me of God's promise. What went through my mind was how I had wasted the past six years going to church and not having a relationship with Jesus.

On the weekend upon returning to Singapore, I said the sinner's prayer again in church and was connected to my wife's missional group. I started joining their meetings and also attended the Encounter Weekend for new believers. For the first time, I encountered God and my emotional hurts were healed and restored. I continued with a series of leadership training and baptism along the way. By March 2009, after completing the last session, I was relocated to Hong Kong.

What has your Christian journey been like since? Share any challenges that

you have encountered and also how you have been blessed.

Being a new Christian and moving to Hong Kong, I missed the nine months of intense 'feeding' and I would spend hours listening to sermons, and reading the Bible and books daily. I was also connected to a home group in Hong Kong. After a year there, I decided to step out to serve. As I was praying which area I would serve in, the Lord impressed upon my heart of absent father, as I lost my dad when I was six. That was about the same time when the Fathering Movement started to birth in Singapore. So then, my first ministry was to connect fathers to children and family. As I started to interact with the children, I also served in the pre-teen section.

After two and a half years in Hong Kong, I was retrenched. As I was making plans to return to Singapore, I was asked to help out in running the Alpha course. Initially, I was reluctant to serve especially in leading a small group as I felt I was trying to overcome my emotion of losing my job and finding a new one. Two weeks after the Alpha course started, I was told by the coordinator that he needed me to step up to be one of the group leaders, citing that both the leaders were unable to attend the Alpha Weekend Away. I reluctantly agreed, after much prayer. God is good as He knew I was coping emotionally. I witnessed to a Singaporean friend who was in Hong Kong for a year, and I invited him to Alpha. He gave his life to Jesus during the Weekend Away. This lifted my spirit. We parted in December as I returned to Singapore and he went to Japan. God's timing was perfect.

When did you start attending Grace Assembly, and what do you like or love about this church? What ministries have you been involved in over the years?

Upon returning to Singapore in December 2011, we were looking for a church to settle into. We attended the Christmas service but didn't want to settle in immediately, and continued to look at other churches. We finally settled in Grace Assembly in March 2012. What drew us to Grace was that we felt so at home in the church, and the focus on being a family church was a big draw for us.

In April 2012, Pastor Calvin approached me about helping out in the church-wide Alpha as he had heard about my experience in Hong Kong. I was a little hesitant initially as I was new in Grace and also still looking



Andy (second left) with his wife Celine, and his children

for a job. One week later, I told Pastor Calvin that I would help and since then, I have been serving in the Alpha course. I have served in Alpha for eight years, and grew the running of one English a year to two English and two Chinese in 2019. I continue to plan and train the volunteers.

In January 2013, I started a Grace Missional Group and named it 'Shammah' as we wanted a cell that is focused on family. We also included Bible study for both the adults and children. My wife and I served as both host and leader.

What was the impetus for your decision to contribute as a member of the Church Board?

Sometime around end 2017, Pastor Calvin asked if I would avail myself to stand in the Board. I told him that I did not feel adequate and might not be able to contribute much. After a week of prayer and discussion with my wife, I agreed to stand for election in 2018. What swayed my decision was that since I had been engaging various ministries, including the GMG as well as staff and volunteers from both the English and Chinese congregations, I could be their mouthpiece and even look at how to improve on processes.

How have your family members been supportive in this area?

I am thankful that Celine has been supportive in many areas. We serve together in Alpha — she takes care of the admin, from registration to preparing the group attendance, ordering of food and setting up. She is also my prayer warrior and constantly keeps me in prayer.

What is your vision for this church?

My vision for our church is that we will continue to grow as a missional family church, in which all Gracians love God and love people, to be the light for those who have yet to come to know Jesus.

PASTOR LARRY LEE

MARRIED TO: Pauline Se

HOBBIES / PASTIMES: Reading a book in a cafe/ listen to inspiring and good reflective bible teachings or sermons.

FAVOURITE FOOD: Japanese, Korean and good beef tenderlion steaks.

When did you first hear the Good News, and who shared it with you? What was your response?

I was invited by my camp mate to attend the Sunday service in his church. He became a transformed man after becoming a Christian. I wanted to find out more. I enjoyed my first visit to church. I returned for the second visit and I gave my life to Jesus as a young adult in 1985. It was not very difficult to receive Jesus into my life because I have been seeking for the purpose of life in my early years as a young person.

How has your Christian journey been like since?

It was not an easy journey in the beginning because my childhood friends were non-Christians. Gradually, I saw some of them became Christians. And I had the privilege to connect them to a local church and baptised one of them in the baptismal service.

When were you called into full-time ministry?

I have been in full time ministry since 2001. Primarily, I provide both leadership and discipleship of the adult small groups in the church. I thoroughly enjoy the small group ministry because it is the place where individuals experience encouragement, edification and comfort in the community of faith. It is also the place where we experience life change, hope restored, and faith deepen in the Lord.

Tell us more about your family

I am happily married for 28 years. My spouse, Pauline, is my greatest ministry supporter and prayer partner. She had also deployed her gift of administration to serve the church for many years.

What's your role in Grace Assembly? And what's your vision for your ministry?

Currently, I am the Head of Grace Missional Family. I am very thankful to God for the opportunity to undertake this new role and to serve with a reliable and ministry-rich experienced regional pastors. Together with the regional pastoral team, I hope to see that our Grace Missional Groups (GMG) will become one of the effective platforms for the transformational discipleship of missional believers. Every member will experience deep and permanent change of values and behaviours towards missional living; becoming like Christ in every area of one's life and to live out the gospel of Christ where God sends them to be.



Pastor Larry and his wife, Pauline



"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

GRADUATION CEREMONY

Heartiest Congratulations to our Grace Missional College graduates on receiving their Diploma in Theological Studies from Oral Roberts University!

- William Hioe
- Kenneth Kwan
- Wendy Lam
- Lo Wei Shih

The Grace Missional College Graduation Ceremony will be held on 1 December 2019 (Sunday) at 11.15am at Grace Assembly of God 355, Tanglin Road, S(247960).

GII SUNDAY CAFÉ

The Café at Grace@Bukit Batok (GII) on Sundays is closed from 25 November 2019 to 26 January 2020. It will reopen on 2 February 2020.

CLOSURE OF GI SUNDAY GRACE BOOKSTORE

The Bookstore at Grace@Tanglin (GI) will be closed on 29 December 2019 and 26 January 2020.

STAFF UPDATES

NEW STAFF

Shirley Mak
Missions Support Executive

RESIGNATION

Sandra Yin (with effect from 2 December 2019)

WE ARE WITH YOU IN TIMES OF GRIEF

When someone close to our heart passes on, we can be overwhelmed by a complex array of emotions. As a Church, we want to be there with you to share and support you and your family through the difficult times of grief.

What to do when someone in your family passes away:

- a) Contact either of the two funeral service providers appointed by the Church:

Serenity Casket & Funerals (宁静殡葬礼仪馆)
Person-in-charge: Mr Elson Chong (庄先生)
Tel: 96186689
<http://www.serenitycasket.com.sg/>

Harmony Funeral Care (和谐殡葬礼仪)
Person-in-charge: Ms Harmony Tee (郑小姐)
Tel: 94892424/96211688
<https://www.singaporefuneralservices.sg/>

While the appointed funeral service providers look into the logistical arrangements, our pastors will focus on the needed pastoral care for the bereaved family.

- b) If Gracians prefer to engage other funeral service providers of their choice, they can keep the church informed of the bereavement by calling the Church Office at 64100800 during office hours (Mon–Fri, 9am–6pm).

Please check out our Grace Assembly app or our website at <https://www.graceag.org/funeral-service-providers/> for more information. You may also approach any of our pastors to seek further clarification.



TITHE VIA PAYNOW

Great news! For greater convenience, you can now present your tithes and offerings via PayNow.

Simply follow the instructions below:

Step 1: Launch your bank app, select "Scan & Pay" and scan the respective QR codes.

Step 2: Login with your User ID and PIN.

Step 3: Ensure the payee name is "Grace Assembly of God" for Tithes and Offerings or "Grace Missions" for Mission Pledges.

Step 4: Enter the amount you wish to give.

Step 5: Enter "G1" for Grace@Tanglin or "G2" for Grace@Bukit Batok in the bill reference to indicate your usual venue.

Step 6: For bank app, tap on "Pay Now". For Paylah!, tap on "Next" and "Let's Go".

Alternatively, you may give with the bank app's PayNow function by entering the church's UENs.



中文联合慰劳会



1. 迎接恩友的到来
2. 抽取号码, 安排座位
3. 恩友们合照
4. 李兆明牧师与Charis姐妹在慰劳宴上分享
5. 黄美莲传道和王紫璇传道台上的即兴表演
6. 赵克文牧师和家人一起分享

今年中文事工慰劳会午宴在星期天主办, 主日聚会后大家匆匆地乘坐巴士到酒楼。抵达餐厅后领取桌号入座与不同堂会的弟兄姐妹一同坐席, 大家互相沟通拉近彼此间的距离; 这是一个很好构想和安排。

往年都是恩友精心排练节目然后上台表演。今年是牧师们被邀请上台作即兴表演, 让会众猜谜。美莲和紫璇传道表演横行无阻的螃蟹, 箫牧师交叉双臂斜站着扮演莱佛士, 唯妙唯俏真有莱佛士爵士的风采。陈牧师不顾身上穿的是白上衣直接斜躺在台上, 摇起他的鱼尾(脚)当美人鱼。这样精悍短小的表演, 使大家一猜即中, 乐在其中。

欢声笑语吃喝饱足后, 结束了今年的慰劳会。感谢幕后辛苦用心负责策划的牧者们和台上口齿伶俐的司仪, 让我们度过一个欢乐愉快的周末下午。

感谢主! 感恩!

沈赛娥姐妹

十月十三日中文事工慰劳聚餐是一项难忘的活动。幽默的司仪加上多项有趣的节目安排, 使这一顿午餐增添不少色彩! 最难得的是每位出席的牧师传道都愿意上台参与即兴表演, 把弟兄姐妹逗得不亦乐乎。感谢牧者付出真诚的准备工作, 让大家度过愉快周末时光。

周丽芬姐妹

感谢爱我们的阿爸父, 所赐的恩赐让我们来荣耀祂, 并服事主内的弟兄姐妹和祂的百姓。

今年的慰劳会晚宴与众不同, 几处值得我感动要学习的风范。

首先活出爱~大家愿意顺服主席说抽签入座, 因为大家来自不同堂会, 彼此不认识, 而愿敞开心和不熟悉的家人共享晚宴, 实在不容易。

再来勇于接受挑战~每位上台表演的牧者, 他们都勇于不怕司仪给的挑战, 尽全力服事台下每位服事人员的欢心, 如同我们服事是为了蒙神喜悦。

感恩阿爸父使我看见, 祂已赋予我们独特的恩赐, 并求祂教导我们如何用恩赐去服事更多有需要的人, 愿让这份从阿爸父而来的爱, 温暖他们的心, 一起来爱祂。

让我们一起加油! 明年的服侍更加殷勤。耶稣爱你, 我也爱你!

刘真真姐妹

回首感言

2019年已经进入尾声，又到了数算神的恩典的时候。静下心来细细算算，从信主到今年刚好十个年头。回首这十年，我的人生已经完全变了样。

在我刚开始我的招待服侍时，我觉得这对我来说很有挑战性，因为我不擅长跟人打交道，我打算做一、两年招待就要退出的。感谢主！每次我准备要放弃时，都有不同的兄弟姐妹来到我的面前对我说谢谢我的服侍！这些声音每次都感动到我，那就是我继续服侍的力量来源。至今我已经在招待组服侍了八年，现在是招待第三组的组长助理。

我原是一个自卑的人，这使我在做任何决定时会优柔寡断。因此，几年前当我的上司要委任我重任时我拒绝了他，因为我没有信心自己可以做好那份工作。渐渐的我更多地认识了主耶稣，再加上我在教会的招待服侍，使我明白了，靠着那加给我力量的，凡事都能做。我现在已经是有个自信的人。

今年是特别忙碌的一年，我在国大的学业也已经到了最后一年，工作、家庭和学业虽然使我感到非常的累，但是只要我来到耶稣的面前，卸下一切重担，我就能继续坚持。

感谢主！荣耀都归给他！

恩典二华语堂，仁爱小组
林碧芳姐妹



愿神使用粤语堂 开创新未来！

感谢神让我从学生时代就在恩典堂这个属灵的大家庭里。在教会的这些日子里，我经历了教会的转变。每一任的主任牧师，他们都尽责去推动教会往前走，以完成从神而末的使命。感谢他们全心的付出未牧养教会。

我为粤语堂感谢神！粤语堂可以说是开创恩典堂中文事工的基础和先锋。没有粤语堂，就没有闽南语堂和华语堂。经过了快70年的历史，粤语堂付出了许多的心血和贡献，感谢主使用我们成就祂的使命。

今天，粤语堂面对新的挑战，就是年龄的老化。我们已经进入青黄不接的情况里。有好多年老热心、忠心的会友都相继安息主怀，有些也因行动不便，已不能来教会。小组组长与各岗位的服侍人员也面对老化的问题，因此，我们最需要年轻与中年人来接棒，使堂会更新活力，但找接棒人并不容易。

另一方面，我们新加坡的政府也鼓励大家讲华语。因此，可以预期粤语堂未来需要朝向这个方向改变是必然的。我们在情感上都舍不得看到粤语堂需要面对这样的转变，但无论如何，神的心意是要我们使万民作祂的门徒。祂要我们扩展祂的国度。为此，无论粤语堂将来如何转变，我会求主继续使用我，参与祂为粤语堂未来发展的远景。但愿我们能同心一起为粤语事工祷告，协助教牧们完成福音的使命。求主帮助我们继续营造一个爱的团契，一起来面对未来的挑战。深信神必会赐恩予我们，使用我们去开创另一条又新又活的路。

愿祝恩典堂圣诞蒙福，新年蒙恩！

感谢主！荣耀归于主

何雪玲姐妹

见证 1

我应该是在2005年受洗的。当初是透过我姐的见证，觉得信耶稣很好，就这样信了并且受洗。

洗礼过后因工作是轮班制，就没什么注重去教会聚会。正所谓在约伯书42:9说“从前风闻有祢，现在亲眼遇见你。”因为轮夜班的煎熬和兼顾家庭的挑战，才真正体会到主耶稣的存在。我的人生虽没大起大落，不像有的人经历生命大见证，但原来平凡也是福。

上帝的安排都是最好的。我不需烦恼吃的方面，祂安排了我母亲为我们准备美好的食物。工作上碰到难题，靠着祷告，祂就是赐我力量胜过，祂也是我的安慰者。这也让我明白，我所经过的每个高山低谷，也许是上帝要磨炼我，让我成为祂合用的器皿。

诗篇144:3主耶和華啊……人算什么；祢竟认识他，世人算什么；祢竟顾念他？

我不是精明的人，不会什么大道理、也不会怎么教导孩子，可是他们在叛逆期却没有学坏。因为他们是在教会长大的，教他们做正直人的是教会。教会也给我有归属感。

很感谢主让我在教会里学会做人道理，改变我处事的态度。也让我有机会在教会里服侍，让我能够不断学习。

以前我是独孤一族、以自我为中心。自从参加小组后，成员们带来的喜乐和互相的关怀，使我感到很温馨。去祷告会能使我重新得力，而第一次参加启发课程的活动，也让我有机会见证上帝的大能，拯救灵魂。让我能活出精彩人生，实在太感动了！如果你也想要有精彩的人生，鼓励你踊跃的参与教会及教会不同的活动吧！

黄淑菁姐妹

见证 2

感谢上帝，我来了恩典堂福建部已经快三年了，因着过去在母会服事的期间受到很大伤害的缘故，因此对教会的牧者兄弟姐妹是抱着一种失望的心态的，所以当我来到恩典堂福建部的时候，我就告诉我自己到教会敬拜只是履行基督徒的责任而已就不愿与其他的兄弟姐妹打交道，但是当我每个星期天踏入教会，看到在门口做招待的兄弟姐妹们真诚笑容的欢迎和陈牧师与美莲传道不时的问候与关怀，渐渐的我发现这教会的兄弟姐妹与牧师传道真的是以神的爱来服事的，所以我也开始放下我的防线与福建堂的兄弟姐妹们建立了友谊也接受了福建部的两位牧者的探访，更把藏于我心中多年的伤害告诉了他们，我要感谢上帝，当陈牧师与美莲传道知道了我过去的伤害，他们两人都很有爱心的鼓励我帮助我走出过去的阴影，让我可以在他们的身上看到神的爱，虽然我因着要照顾孙女在福建堂不能参与服事，但是我要在此感谢福建堂的两位牧者还是对我的关怀有加，使我感受到福建堂这个大家庭如同家的感觉，从而令我对教会重新建立了信心，我也要在感谢招待部的兄弟姐妹们真诚的的笑容与爱心的服事，使这个对教会失望的我对教会从新燃起希望，更在今年参加了教会的使命家庭小组，2019年将要结束了，愿在来年耶和華祝福满满，不但赐福于服事教会劳苦功高的兄弟姐妹和牧者也赐福福建堂人丁旺盛，天国的子民因着您们甘心乐意的服事而日益增加，新年蒙恩！

Tammy Tham



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李科宏牧师



潘紫希



林益民

平安夜@
十二月二十四日
恩典堂@东陵

讲员：
李科宏牧师
新加坡灵粮堂

特别节目：
呈现：**潘紫希**
《黄金年华之
斗歌竞艺2019》
见证：**林益民**
Moses Lim

5PM
游戏摊位和照相亭
二楼活动空间

6PM
晚餐 每人\$5
二楼活动空间

7.30PM – 9.30PM
圣诞庆祝活动
三楼伯特利堂

晚餐
(请向柜台购买晚餐券)
11月30日开始售票
圣诞节庆祝聚会
(免费入场)

提供来回巴士

出发	回程
起点：恩典二	起点：恩典一
终点：恩典一	终点：恩典二
时间：4PM / 7PM	时间：9:30PM

中英农历新年 感恩聚会 (初二)

*Chinese New Year
Thanksgiving Service*

讲员/Speaker：李兆明牧师
Ps Calvin Lee

26.01.2020
星期日 / Sunday

早上九点至十点三十分
9am-10.30am

恩典@东陵 3楼 伯特利礼堂
Grace@Tanglin L3 Bethel

中英农历新年 感恩聚会 (初二)

*Chinese
New Year
Thanksgiving
Service*

讲员/Speaker：
陈鸾卿牧师
Ps Sophia

26.01.2020
星期日 / Sunday

早上九点至十点三十分
9am-10.30am

恩典堂@武吉巴督
2楼圣所
Grace@BukitBatok
L2 Sanctuary

Grace@Tanglin (GI) Services**SATURDAY 1.30 PM**

Hokkien Service	Galilee	Level 1
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SATURDAY 5 PM

Young Adults & Young Professionals (YAYP) Service	Bethel	Level 3
Cantonese Service	Galilee	Level 1
Elevate @ R-AGE Youth (15-19 Yrs Old)	Emmaus	Level 3

SUNDAY 9 AM

English Service	Bethel	Level 3
Mandarin Service	Galilee	Level 1
Shine @ Grace Kids (7-10 Yrs Old)	Eden	Level 2
Sparkle @ Grace Kids (3-6 Yrs Old)	Zion	Level 5

SUNDAY 11.15 AM

English Service	Bethel	Level 3
Filipino Service	Galilee	Level 1
Emerge @ R-AGE Youth (11-14 Yrs Old)	Emmaus	Level 3
Shine @ Grace Kids (7-10 Yrs Old)	Eden	Level 2
Sparkle @ Grace Kids (3-6 Yrs Old)	Zion	Level 5

SUNDAY 5 PM

Khush Khabri Fellowship	Emmaus	Level 3
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Grace@BukitBatok (GII) Services**SATURDAY 2 PM**

Elevate @ R-AGE Youth (15-19 Yrs Old)	Agape	Level 3
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SATURDAY 5 PM

English Service	Chapel	Level 4
Grace Kids (4-10 Yrs Old)	Praise	Level 2

SUNDAY 9 AM

English Service	Chapel	Level 4
Mandarin Service	Sanctuary	Level 2
Shine @ Grace Kids (7-10 Yrs Old)	Love	Level 2
Sparkle @ Grace Kids (3-6 Yrs Old)	Kindness	Level 4

SUNDAY 11.15 AM

English Service	Sanctuary	Level 2
Hokkien Service	Chapel	Level 4
Emerge @ R-AGE Youth (11-14 Yrs Old)	Agape	Level 3
Shine @ Grace Kids (7-10 Yrs Old)	Love	Level 2
Sparkle @ Grace Kids (3-6 Yrs Old)	Kindness	Level 4

SUNDAY 1.30 PM

Filipino Service	Chapel	Level 4
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Thanksgiving and Installation Service 2019 感恩暨交接聚会

31 December 2019
Tuesday | 7.30pm
Grace@Tanglin
L3 Bethel

2019年12月31日
星期二 | 晚上7时30分
恩典堂@东陵
3楼 伯特利堂

As 2019 comes to an end, a new season with new leadership awaits Grace Assembly!

Let us gather to give thanks to the Lord for the current leadership under Pastor Calvin Lee, and what He has done for us in 2019!

On 31 December, be part of a milestone event when we come together as a church to witness and pray for the new leadership led by Pastor Wilson Teo who will be installed to steer Grace Assembly on her journey towards the future!

2019年即将过去，恩典堂将迎来新的领导层，谱写新篇章！

让我们一同聚集，为李兆明牧师所带领的现任领导层以及神在2019年为我们所成就的一切向祂献上感谢！

12月31日，让我们作为教会一同聚集，共同见证这一里程碑并为赵克文牧师将带领的新的领导层祷告，愿恩典堂在耶稣基督里继续向前迈进！

THIS CHRISTMAS

Place To Belong

Those who *seek* shall find ...

SHOWING AT BOTH LOCATIONS

DECEMBER 25

GRACE@TANGLIN - 9AM | 11:30AM

GRACE@BUKIT BATOK - 9AM | 11:30AM

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMME

HAPPENING SIMULTANEOUSLY

FEATURING MAGIC SHOWS, GAMES & CAROLS