

NEW GRACE



Equipping The Gracians!

In February's issue of the *New Grace*, I highlighted a few key things we want to work on for the first key thrust of this year.

Let me mention some of the things we are working on for the second key thrust which is "Equipping the Gracians".

There are already different platforms where we seek to equip Gracians in the Word. The sermons on Sunday, cell materials at the Grace Missional Groups, Men's Bible Study, Women of Grace, occasional classes or seminars are all meant to deepen the understanding of the God's Word.

In addition to the above, there are a few important initiatives for Gracians in this year.

Firstly the Grace Apprentice Program (GAP).

This is an intensive 9-month equipping for Gracians who sense the call of God into full time ministry or people who seek to take time off from their work just to deepen their walk with the Lord.

Here is a brief description of the GAP.

IGNITE – Reflect. Realign. Rekindle

Commit yourself to a 3-month discipleship programme that will help you discover God's Word and reach out to others with godly compassion.

IMPACT – Recognise. Rely. Release

Immerse yourself in the 9-month internship programme that facilitates the discovery of God's calling in your life through the local church to impact the world for Jesus.

Secondly, the leadership renewal of the church.

We thank God for the many leaders who have been serving faithfully in the many different ministries of the church. As such, it's crucial that we have a constant process of raising new leaders. One of the most effective ways in doing this is to have the present leaders take time and mentor a younger person. So we are asking present leaders to identify someone and hopefully be able to spend time mentoring this person.

Thirdly, the role of Lay Ministers.

We recognise that there are Gracians who have been going through some theological training or in the process of doing so. They have a heart to serve the Lord and

also have time at hand to be more involved in the ministry. Therefore, we are identifying such people who can come along side with the different pastors to assist them in the ministries. In this way, we create a platform for such people to express their gifting and experience where they can add strength to the church. Surely, we hope to raise more of such Lay Ministers in the days to come.

Please pray along with the leadership as we continue to strengthen this very important key thrust of the church.

Ps Calvin Lee
Senior Pastor



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A Marriage that goes from Good to Better

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Ripe Durians and a Bountiful Harvest

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Spiritual Parenting for the Chinese Ministry

6, 13, 20 March

7.30pm GI – Emmaus Hall / GII – Agape Room

27 March – Combined J333

7.30pm GI – Galilee Hall

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"True prayer is neither a mere mental exercise nor a vocal performance. It is far deeper than that – it is spiritual transaction with the Creator of Heaven and Earth." **CHARLES SPURGEON**

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MARCH *Prayer Pointers*

This month we pray for the 2nd key thrust of our church:

EQUIPPING THE GRACIANS.

We pray ~

1. We will not stop at being saved but desire to grow in the Word unto maturity in Christ.
2. We will know Him & grow in relationship with Him as He speaks to us through His Word. We will let this relationship overflow outwardly into acts of love towards others.
3. For the Living Word to bring healing, restoration & wholeness to our spirit man, transforming us.
4. As we become changed for His glory, we have a burning desire to share Christ & His salvation.
5. For clarity & passion to embrace the vision of Grace Missional Family to be a missional, relational, transformational community (MRT).



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.

By Freya Jones

INTRODUCING GRACE MISSIONAL COLLEGE MODULE IN MARCH 2019

DPRM317: FOUNDATION OF CHRISTIAN COUNSELING

28-30 March 2019

DESCRIPTION

This course provides a biblical perspective of Christian counselling and equips believers with basic counselling skills to be an effective people helper in the context of a church community.

1. Understand the goal, the heart and the requirements of an effective people helper from a biblical perspective.
2. Learn to build healthy helping relationship by understanding the roles, the helping process and the usage of spiritual resources effectively.
3. Learn to employ basic counselling microskills of active listening, asking questions, reframing, confrontation and influencing to access feelings, thoughts and bring changes effectively to the person needing helped.

Pastor Benjamin Wong

Pastor Benjamin Wong Yew Fei, received a Bachelor of Arts in Pastoral Ministries, & a Master of Arts in Intercultural Studies & Master of Arts in Clinical Counseling at Theological Centre For Asia College. He is also trained in Emotionally Focused Couple Therapy under Caper Institute. He is a licensed minister with the Assemblies of God, Singapore and serving full time pastor overseeing the Family Life and counselling Ministries in Grace Assembly of God. He is also an associate counsellor with Reach Counselling and a member of the executive committee in ACCS (Association of Christian Counsellors of Singapore).



Pastor Benjamin Wong

REGISTRATION

Fee for non-credit or audit students: \$15

Fee for 3-credit module: \$130

Register at <http://www.graceaog.org/missional-college>

Or, at Grace Bookstores located in 2nd level Koinonia, Grace@Tanglin, and at Church Reception, 3rd level, Grace@BukitBatok.

Closing Date: 25 March 2019

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

UPCOMING MODULES – 1ST HALF OF 2019

BIBT321: Christology, 11-13 April 2019, Professor: Dr Jerry Horner

Closing date for registration: 8 April

DBIB110: Old Testament Survey, 30 May – 1 June, Rev Wendy Ching

Closing date for registration: 27 May



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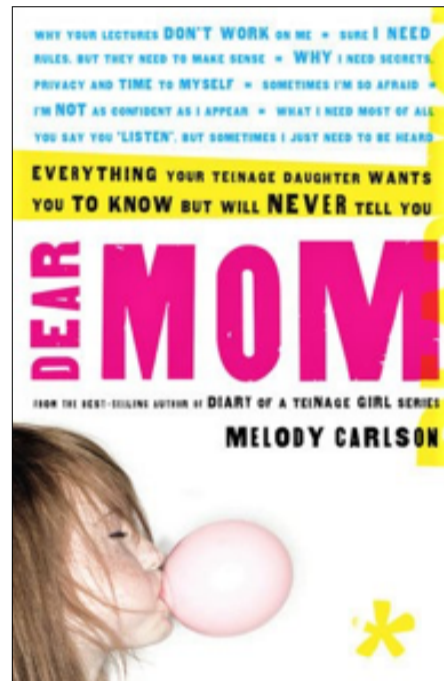
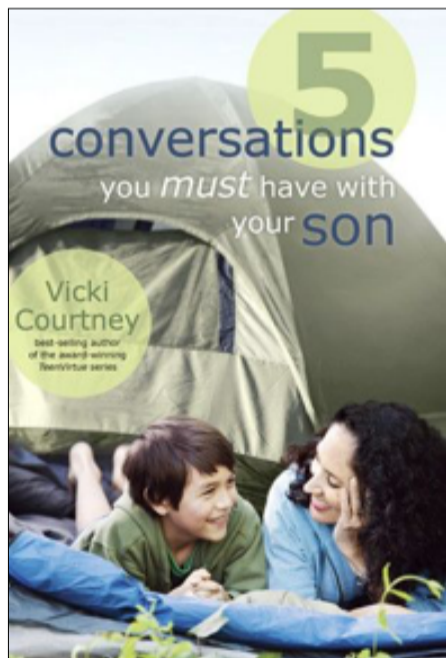
The Berenstain Bear series helps children learn how God wants them to live every day. When the Bear family practices going to church, praying, being kind, and remembering how much God loves them, their lives are much more joyful.

5 Conversations You Must Have With Your Son

From the crib to college, tell your sons the truth about life before they believe culture's lies.

For parents with boys (aged 1–18 years), this book will be as much a part of their boyhood journey as those Legos you're still finding under the sofa cushions.

Helping moms and dads pinpoint and prepare the ongoing discussions throughout a boy's formative years.



Dear Mom

Raising a teen daughter can be like trying to chart a course underwater. You can drown in an ocean of one-word answers, defensive conversations and unpredictable outbursts, and never get anywhere.

Teen fiction novelist Melody Carlson helps you cut through murky, deep, uncharted and seemingly unsafe waters so you can hear what your daughter's really trying to tell you through her anger, silence and mixed messages.

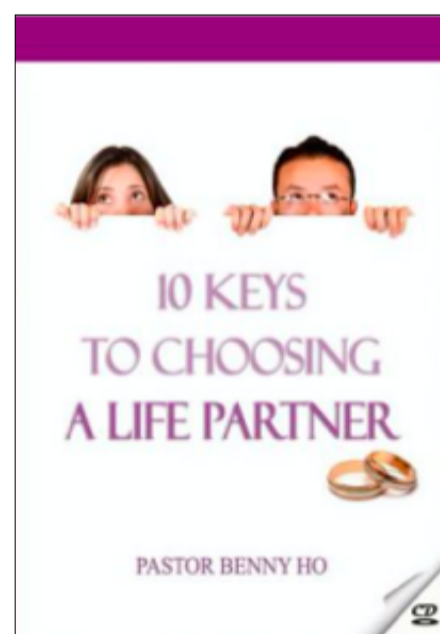
Hear your daughter's heart without the angst, arguments and arm-wrestling.

10 Keys To Choosing A Life Partner (CD)

In a world where prenuptial agreements are gaining popularity, we are reminded, as Christians, that God views marriage as a sacred covenant between man and woman.

Pastor Ho shares useful tips on how we can uphold the sanctity of marriage by choosing the right life partner, and preparing ourselves to be a good life partner as well.

Gain biblical insights into how you can prepare for the lifelong commitment of marriage.



"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.



Grace Family Library @ GI is open on every 1st Sunday of the month

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

THE PRAYER OF A DESPERATE PARENT SERIES

by Uma Rudd Chia

SMALL WINS FOR A BIG VICTORY

In life there are victories to be had. But unlike a marathon where we train for a flagship win, the Christian walk is made up of little wins that culminate in a final victory.

Deuteronomy 7:22 says, "The LORD your God will drive out those nations before you, little by little."

Each little win makes us better, sharper and stronger than the last one.

And as parents, we're responsible to teach our kids to identify opportunities for these little wins and not pass them up as insignificant. How faithful they are in recognising and winning in the little tests in life, will slowly add up towards their final victory.

Here are some principles to help your children recognise these small wins towards leading a victorious life.

1. Never ignore a chance to do good.

As parents we want to keep our kids safe, so we teach them to be non-confrontational. To walk away from trouble. To turn a blind eye to an uncomfortable situation. To lay low.

But James 4:17 says, "If anyone knows what is good and doesn't do it, this is sin."

In the book of Joshua, a harlot became part of the lineage of Jesus because she risked her life and helped the Israelite spies escape Jericho. In her heathen society, Rahab was a woman of ill-repute. She took a chance with the two spies, helped them hide and sent them off to safety.

They responded in kindness and promised to spare her life and that of her family. She got more than she bargained for, as her descendants became famous and well-respected and her lineage was blessed by God.

Teach your kids to cherish every opportunity to do good because it always leads to something bigger than what's in front of them. Help your kids seize the good in every opportunity. Many times, this requires seeing beyond the obvious.

2. Never ignore the urge to respond to God's voice.

When I was little I asked a visiting prophet, how do you hear the voice of God and get it right every time?

He replied, it starts as a niggles that something is wrong. Or an idea, sometimes a tiny urge to say something. It feels so natural, you think it's your own voice. But each time you trust that it is the voice of God and respond, the better you get at it. The trick is to obey or respond as quickly as you can and not allow doubt to steal your opportunity to do what He is saying to you.

Remember in the Bible when Samuel heard God's voice. He didn't even know it was God at first. He thought it was Eli, the priest. Eventually he got the hang of it and became one of Israel's greatest prophets.

When we did a road trip along the West Coast of Australia last year, we had to drive for hours through a remote area where there were no proper roads or street lights except for our headlights. Out of the blue, Sarah our little girl who was fast asleep, woke up alarmed and started panicking. She felt uncomfortable and this put my husband in full alert.

As we slowed down and continued our drive, we saw a kangaroo on the side of the road, getting ready to leap out. Fortunately my husband spotted it, flashed his lights and sent the kangaroo back into the bushes. At the speed we were traveling in pitch darkness, if the kangaroo had leapt onto the road, I won't be alive to tell this story.

God used our daughter to warn us. She felt uneasy and voiced her protest.

Teach your kids that when they feel uncomfortable or uneasy, to always speak up. It could be the Holy Spirit giving them a signal. And the more they listen and respond, the more they become sensitive to God's leading and are able to overcome, accomplish God's purposes and experience a mini win. And parents, when they voice their concerns, it's our responsibility not to dismiss them but to listen.

There are many times when my son and daughter have been the voice of God to us, telling us to forgive someone, or to give to someone in need or reminding us that God loves us. Tell your kids they're not too young to hear from God and be His mouthpiece.

3. Never dismiss a seemingly insignificant act.

In John 6:9 a little boy responded and gave up his lunch of five loaves and two fish. I doubt he knew what the outcome would be when he gave it up. But he must have had a great story to tell his mum when he got back - the five loaves and two fish she packed him fed 5,000.

Thank God he responded when the disciples went around looking for food. Thank God he obeyed without question. And his insignificant act led to a huge win. Today the great miracle of what happened is spoken of in every church around the world. Who knows what insignificant act by your little ones could become the spark of revival that changes the world?

Truly our children have the capacity to shake heaven and earth for God's glory. The power is in their hands. They don't have to perform a world changing act. Something seemingly insignificant like giving up the content of their lunch boxes, is all it takes.

As parents, we have to pray with them for courage, strength and faith to do good, to respond to God's still small voice and use every act no matter how small, to glorify Him. Because, when our children win in these little moments, they will be able to lead a victorious life in Jesus.

Uma Rudd Chia is an award-winning creative director. She's married to her childhood sweetheart, Colin Chia. Both Uma and Colin serve in the worship ministry at GI, while their children Daniel, 10 and Sarah, 8 attend Sunday School. She'd love to hear if you've been blessed or encouraged by her articles at uma.tan@hyperisland.sg





A MARRIAGE THAT GOES FROM GOOD TO BETTER

BY FRANCIS LEE

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"Good sex in a marriage is as important as good communication between husband and wife."

VINCENT & LYDIA ONG

The Married Life ministry goes missional! In August 2018, we conducted our first Alpha Marriage workshop. Over three weekends, we journeyed with a few couples as they spent uninterrupted time together in fun activities, private conversations and lessons that equipped them with the tools for a stronger marriage—all in a safe space! The couples and the facilitators walked away with new skills and a renewed desire to make their marriage go from good to better.

After a heart-warming experience and many encouraging moments in our first run, Alpha Marriage is returning in April! All couples are welcomed, be it those who are attending a Grace Missional Group, your friends at the gym, colleagues or family members. So be missional, be creative and invite them to Alpha Marriage.

ALPHA MARRIAGE

DATE: 6, 13 & 20 April

TIME: 1030–1700 (6 Apr) , 1200–1700 (13 & 20 Apr)

VENUE: GII Level 4, 1 & 2 John

COST: \$20 per couple

VENUE FOR PAYMENT:

Church Reception (G1 @ L5 & G2 @ L3)

MODE OF PAYMENT: Cheque or Cash

ONLINE REGISTRATION:

<https://event.graceaog.org>



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Friday 10 May 2019
Sembawang Country Club

REACH COMMUNITY SERVICES SOCIETY

presents

CHARITY GOLF 2019

**To raise awareness and funds
for vulnerable elderly**

Entry : \$3,500 Foursome
(Includes lunch & dinner, goodie
bag, buggy fee and green fee)

Hole-in-One prize:
\$100,000 Cash

Prayer Walk

By Shekinah Cristobal



"Let Your Kingdom come, Let Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

—Matthew 6:10

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

—1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

On the 5th of February this year, Grace Filipino Ministry took to the streets during the Chinese New Year holiday and conquered Tanglin Road (Tanglin Mall) and Dhoby Ghaut (Plaza Singapura) on a prayer walk.

A prayer walk is about going out into the city, communities, homes, or workplaces, and praying for God's Kingdom to come. Joshua 6 records how God directed the Israelites to march around the city of Jericho seven times. Their obedience brought about their victory, and the walls of Jericho came tumbling down. We were led by God to choose Orchard Road as it is a hotspot for many Filipinos. Going there, then, would help to fulfil the vision of Grace Filipino Ministry—'More Filipinos, More like Jesus'.

Our whole team of 52 was divided into four groups. Two groups conquered the streets of Tanglin, while the other two covered Dhoby Ghaut. The day began with us gathering at our designated meeting points for a time of prayer. Each route had prayer stops, and at each stop,

different individuals were appointed to pray. The presence of God was overwhelming as each one of us yearned for the salvation of pre-believers in unity. It was a powerful and victorious time of prayer-walking. After the walk, we reunited at Lucky Plaza for a time of fellowship and refuelling.

We thank God for blessing us with beautiful weather and a safe journey. It was an awesome experience because as we pray, God opens our eyes and prepares our hearts to see the community through His eyes. In alignment with God's desire, we would like to see hearts softened to God's touch, ears opened to His calling, and eyes opened to the miracle of salvation. We believe our God hears and honors our prayers, and we claim victory in every prayer in Jesus' name! All glory and honor to our God!

"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him."—1 John 5:14-15



Pigs can fly

By Michael Tan



'Pigs can fly' is an English expression that is often used sarcastically to put down suggestions or plans to do something. Like, for instance, you can say, 'This year I plan to lose 10 kg by July' and then you might add '... and pigs can fly.' It's a kind of disclaimer to safeguard yourself if it did not happen.

We are in the new year but upon reflection of what has been happening to the ministry of the Christ's Ambassadors Fellowship (CAF) in the past few months, it really felt like, yes, pigs can fly!!!

Let's start with last December. For 2018, the CAF planned an intimate Christmas party for our members to celebrate the Lord's birthday with ourselves (theme: Christmas with Friends). While looking for a venue, we wanted to use REACH's Youth Powerhouse at Bukit Batok. When we approached REACH's chief, Bro Siew Cheong, he offered us a brand new facility at Bukit Gombak. It should be ready by end of November, which is 2 weeks before our event. We were all excited and made the event publicity with the premise.

On the 5th of December, the committee went on site to check the progress of the renovation works. It was disheartening to note that the centre's renovation work was badly delayed. The ceiling, flooring and furnishing were still very much work in progress. The centre staff present was shaking his head and declared that there is no way the centre will be ready by 15 Dec. With this, we had no choice but to revert to the original plan to use Youth Powerhouse. Should we inform the caterer and those that signed up for the

celebration of the change in premise? We decided to pray for a miracle and set 10 Dec as the deadline before we officially announce the change of venue. The day before 10 Dec, Bro Siew Cheong called to inform us that the centre can be ready for the 15 Dec Christmas event. We thanked God and kept the original plan. We had a great Christmas celebration on that day as we reaffirmed one another and enjoyed each other's company. Pastor Daniel Ng gave us the Christmas message

In January, the CAF service was just one week before the Chinese New Year weekend. The question we asked ourselves is whether we should go ahead with the CAF service. We expected a drop in attendance but could not estimate how many will actually come. The F&B team was then building up a truly auspicious dinner menu for the Year of the Pig. Someone volunteered to buy the yu sheng packages, one person prepared pen cai for everyone and 2 members sponsored, not one, but two roasted suckling pigs. On 26 Jan, we had 25% more than our average number in attendance in the CAF service. Praise the Lord!!! It was a great service that night. The speaker for the night is Rev Wilson Teo and we were blessed with his testimony on how God led him to Grace Assembly and the sharing of his vision for us.

Through the whole of 2018, the CAF had been using the Agape room at G2, Level 3. It is of a good size but the audio-visual facilities were actually terrible. Because of the upgrading works in G2, we were not able to use it anymore. So from February onwards, we will be using the newly created room next to the chapel for our CAF services. It is not really new for CAF because, in 2015, the CAF celebrated the Mid-Autumn Festival at the same place when it was just a veranda then. This new place for the CAF service will be serving us well for 2019 as G2 is introducing a Saturday service at 5 pm in April. So if you are attending the Saturday service, have dinner with us after the service (at the Fellowship area carpark) and the CA Fellowship later. We will be looking out to welcome you. We are meeting once a month, on the last Saturday of each month. Be part of our ministry as we look forward to a truly bountiful year as we use our talents and resources to serve God, learn to grow with God and to minister to one another.

LENT?

By Christy Lim, served as a campus social worker and life coach to NGO workers in the Middle East for 6 years

6 March marks the start of Lent this year.

Lent (Latin: Quadragesima or 'Fortieth') is an old English word that means 'lengthen'. It is a solemn religious observance in the Christian liturgical calendar that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends approximately six weeks later, culminating in the Easter week. The last week of Lent is called Holy Week. During the 40 days of Lent, Christians remember the time when Jesus went into the desert to fast and pray before beginning the work of God.

My husband, Lim Nan and I were first exposed to Lent more than ten years ago when we spent six years from 2007 to 2013 in the Middle East, living among—and serving—the natives and refugees of a really ancient land. We had plenty to learn from the people in that part of the world.

One of the first things Lent did for us was to slow us down. In Singapore, Good Friday and Easter come and go at lightning speed. It's also the only time when we ponder more seriously about Christ's suffering for us. In the Assemblies of God circles, we tend to fast forward to the resurrection on Easter Sunday quickly, focusing on the victory and life that we now have. What my husband and I really relished in those six years was how we meditated—as an intentional missional community, with the rest of the international church, and especially with the local church—on Christ's life and death and the high call it beckons us to follow.

My most vivid memory of the image of Christ hanging on the cross was on the television on 1 January 2011. It was on TV not because it was reel, but real. On that fateful night, just after a watchnight service, two bombs went off right outside a busy church as throngs of believers were leaving the church. Dozens were killed. On TV, we saw families wailing as bodies in coffins were brought into the church. In between those real images were images of Christ on the cross. My heart ached painfully and tears started rolling uncontrollably. "Lord, the Church in Singapore needs to see this. Where is our theology of risk and suffering? It cannot be only in the Holy Week leading to Good Friday and Easter Sunday."

Right there in the home of our beloved local brothers and sisters, we had no appetite for food but could only pause and cry out in prayer for those who had lost loved ones—simply for bearing the name of Christ. This episode marked the beginning of us being brought into the Arab Spring experience. Less than a month later, a nationwide revolution began. We were privileged to remain in the land with the people in that tumultuous time. That experience presented us with precious opportunities to demonstrate God's steadfast love, and sealed our hearts for the long haul for the region and its people.

In December, our Executive Pastor, Wilson Teo, will be leading a group of Gracians on a Holy Land tour in Israel. Whether or not you are among those who have signed up, let us now enter into a time of Lent and meditate on the life and death of Christ, and what it beckons us to be and do. May those who go to Israel meet the living stones in the ancient land and have a more mature understanding of the times. May we keep our eyes peeled for the privilege of being led to co-suffer with Him for the sake of the gospel, so that we may co-reign with Him.

This is what missions is about.



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RIPE DURIANS AND A BOUNTIFUL HARVEST

By Gladys Lee, YAYP

Durian trees lined the roads of our 4-hour drive from the airport to our destination. 'How full the harvest is this season,' I thought to myself and wondered if the locals could even finish consuming all these durians.

Our missions team was excited to partner with a Grace Missions team based in Indonesia to build upon the work that had been done there over the past two years. I wasn't sure what to expect on this trip. I simply wanted to help fill the needs of the ministry there.

Of the many places and ministries that we visited, I was particularly encouraged by our home visitations, where I witnessed the power of God in transforming hearts. An 88-year-old lady who had eleven children shared that many of her children do not care about her. Hence, she felt lonely and grieved. Being an idol worshipper, she wasn't quite interested when we told her about Jesus. However, after we shared a little more and sang some songs, tears welled up in her eyes and she received Jesus as her Lord and Saviour. Despite our cultural and language differences, the same God—our comforter, provider, friend and father—demonstrated who He was to her, and touched her with His power and spirit. It

was clear to me that we did not win her over that day by our own strength or words, because we did not say anything particularly eloquent. We only shared simple truths about our Lord. Her countenance visibly lifted and she said she felt as if a stone in her heart had been removed.

We then prayed for healing for various parts of her body—for her hearing and sight, and for the pain in her back and knees. She had such simple faith, and as each body part was healed, she asked for the next to be prayed for as well. All glory to God, for He healed our sister and truly cemented her faith! She declared that she would no longer worship her former idols because Jesus is the only Lord. Apart from her, there were many other cases of healing and salvations during our ministry there. Truly, what a privilege it is to be able to partner with God and witness His great power at work.

Growing up as a Christian, I've always known that God is all-powerful. But on this trip, I saw His power manifested in the lives of many unbelievers and believers, and it increased my faith. There is nothing that is impossible for God! As I return to Singapore, I want to see situations and people through eyes of faith and trust in our miracle-working God.

Like the durian harvest this season, I also saw that the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. There are so many unreached people, but so few pastors and ministry workers. Even though our time in Indonesia was short, we offered manpower and support to the workers there to reach even more for God's kingdom, and to encourage the believers and show them that they are not alone in their Christian journey.

If you doubt the value of a short-term missions trip, do take heart in knowing that it can contribute greatly to continuing and expanding ministry efforts, especially through partnership with the local churches. Our team was assured knowing that the new souls that were added to God's kingdom would receive follow-ups from a local pastor, as part of the local church's monthly house visitation programme. The harvest is plentiful and the power of God is real, so let's go in faith as His vessel for His glory!



HERE I AM, FATHER. LEAD ME.

By Sarah Lam



I always thought that mission trips were meant for those who are righteous in their walk with the Lord. And I was obviously nowhere close, given that I had only returned to God from a spiritual exile two years ago. Hence, my trip to Tanjung Uban was God's divine arrangement in His time. I am a sinner restored by His grace and I soon realized that it is not a PhD in spirituality that He requires, but a simple, "Yes, God. Here I am," that He delights in. And so, He took me on a two-day, experiential journey with Him, enabling me to see His work beyond my usual familiar grounds. Hallelujah!

In the weeks leading up to the trip, we were introduced to the local families whom we were to minister to, and came to know their backgrounds, names and needs. We began to prepare and pray over these families fervently. We waited in anticipation for the day of our mission trip so that we could minister to—and meet—these families whom we have been praying for. Amidst the preparations, we experienced the amazing leadership of the Holy Spirit. Despite our different backgrounds, experiences, knowledge and skills, our team stuck together closely and yielded ourselves to the Lord's guidance.

There was no strife, squabbles or gossip. We had one mind and spirit in our good Lord Jesus. Our goal was to be His vessel and minister to the local families. Indeed, our God is a good God and the greatest teacher of all time, showing us the way we should go, in intuitive and creative ways. He had intended much more for each of us in this team. We thought we were just there to bless and give, but His greater purpose was such that we were blessed in return—not just a little, but immensely. His desire was to have us 'Sit Up, Be Awakened' from our slumber and 'Shake Up' our inner man to experience Him in a whole new manner. Hallelujah!

It was only an overnight trip, but the experiences we had touched us in the most profound way. We saw faith that transcended language and culture. We heard unfeigned worship that rose from the very hearts of adults and

children alike. We witnessed tears streaming down the cheeks of the young and old during worship, and felt their desperate and deliberate seeking of the Lord's countenance as one people coming before His presence. Then, there was the roaring praise led by a petite worship leader with a deformed hand. Her eyes were fiery as she led the congregation. Her voice was not perfect, but it resonated with such confidence that it seemed to cry out in the wilderness, moving us all into the heart of worship. And how can one forget the little boy with the most beautiful pair of brown eyes racing to the front to declare with such conviction, "With God, nothing is impossible!" Oh, how all these must have risen up to the heavens with such aroma and fragrance, and delighted our Heavenly Father.

For a moment, I thought we had come for a fragmented congregation. Yet, in their imperfection, the locals offered the most wholesome sacrifice of praise to our Heavenly Father. They poured forth their all at the feet of Jesus, and this stirred my spirit and lifted my soul. They knew that God deserves to have their all and nothing less.

My eyes looked to heaven and I understood, at that very moment, what the Lord intended for me to see.

It was never about me being perfect and ready for His kingdom's work and it will never be. It is about Him, the perfect and just one, the great I AM, and the one who is the same, yesterday, today and tomorrow. It is He who perfects His works on earth as it is in heaven through humble and broken vessels. And all He requires of me is that I enter into His will with a heart of worship.

Thank you, Father. Let me enter the heart of worship once again, that I may dwell in Your presence forever and ever. Amen.

MARCH 2019 (Month of Ministry Recruitment)

1 Mar	GDP 105 – Building Faith At Home	GI Zion, 7.30pm
1 – 15 Mar	Alpha Parenting for Teenagers	GI Emmaus Hall, 7.30pm
2 Mar – 13 Apr	Karios	9 am – 12pm
2 & 16 Mar	MBS	GI Zion, 10am
5 Mar	Healing Room @ GI	GI Emmaus Hall, 7.30pm
6 Mar	Lunch-time Prayer & Fasting	GI Emmaus Hall
6 & 27 Mar	WOG DBS	GI Lounge / GII Love, 10am
8 Mar	GDP 106 – Centred Missional Identity	GI Zion, 7.30pm
9 – 23 Mar	WOG SBS	GI Eden, 10am
9 Mar – 25 May	Fathers' Mentoring Group	GII Hope Room, 8.30am
9 Mar – 15 Jun	MPDP	GI Cry Room, 10am
12 Mar	Healing Room @ GII	GII Agape, 7.30pm
15 Mar	GDP 107 – Be My Witnesses	GI Zion, 7.30pm
22 Mar	58th ABM	GI Bethel
27 Mar	J333 Prayer Meeting (Combined)	GI Galilee, 7.30pm
29 Mar	GDP 108 – Missions for All Believer	GI Zion, 7.30pm
28 – 30 Mar	GMC: Foundation of Christian Counseling	GI Emmaus Hall
30 Mar – 4 Apr	Festival of Thought	

APRIL 2019

2 Apr	Healing Room @ GI	GI Emmaus Hall, 7.30pm
3 Apr	Lunch-time Prayer & Fasting	GI Emmaus Hall
3 – 24 Apr	WOG DBS	GI Lounge / GII Love, 10am
5 Apr	GDP 104 – Church membership	GI Zion, 7.30pm
6 – 20 Apr	Alpha Marriage	GI Power Hub, 9am
6 & 20 Apr	MBS	GI Zion, 10am
9 Apr	Healing Room @ GII	GII Agape, 7.30pm
11 – 13 Apr	GMC: Christology	GI Emmaus Hall
11 – 25 Apr	201 Emotionally Health Spirituality	GI Zion
13 & 27 Apr	WOG SBS	GI Eden, 10am
19 Apr	Easter Service (English)	GI Bethel, 11.30am / GII Sanctuary, 9.30am
	Easter Service (Chinese)	GI Bethel, 9.30am / GII Sanctuary, 11.30am
19 Apr	Water Baptism	
24 Apr	J333 Prayer Meeting (Combined)	GI Galilee, 7.30pm

MAY 2019

2 – 20 May	201 Emotionally Health Spirituality	GI Zion
8 May	WOG DBS	GI Lounge / GII Love, 10am
4 & 18 May	MBS	GI Zion, 10am
7 May	Healing Room @ GI	GI Emmaus Hall, 7.30pm
11 & 25 May	WOG SBS	GI Eden, 10am
14 May	Healing Room @ GII	GII Agape, 7.30pm
17 – 19 May	City-Wide Celebration of Hope	National Stadium
29 May	J333 Prayer Meeting (Combined)	GI Galilee, 7.30pm

Event details are subject to changes, please scan this QR code or go to Grace App for latest information & updates.



Notice Of 58th Annual Business Meeting (ABM)

Please be informed that the 58th ABM will be held on:

Date: 22 March 2019, Friday

Time: 7.30 p.m. sharp

Venue: Grace I, 355 Tanglin Road, Singapore 247960
Bethel Hall, Level 3

Those who have requested for a hard copy of the ABM Annual Report, please collect from March 9 & 10 onwards at the following location:

- **Grace Assembly, Tanglin Road:** Main Entrances of Level 1 Galilee Hall and Level 3 Bethel Hall
- **Grace Assembly, Bukit Batok:** Main Entrances of Level 2 Sanctuary & Level 4 Chapel

Those who have requested for a soft copy of the ABM Annual Report, it will be sent to you via email.

Please bring along your NRIC or other Identification Card and the Annual Report to the meeting. You will need your NRIC/Identification Card to register your attendance at the ABM.

Registration begins at 6:30 pm.

If you have questions relating to the documents in the Annual Report, please feel free to email us at ecb@graceaog.org or fax us at 64100801 by 12 March 2019. Alternatively, you may hand in your questions to Sis Kong Poh Suan at the Church office on Level 5 of Grace Assembly, Tanglin Road.

Lastly, please note that in the Church Constitution, membership update must be done 2 weeks before the ABM, i.e. by 7 March before 12 midnight. Those who did not manage to update the membership by this date and time, then you are not eligible to vote, and to sit in the meeting as an Observer.

We look forward to seeing you at the ABM.

Recruitment

AV EXECUTIVE

Grace Media is looking for a dynamic and dependable individual, with a minimum of 1-2 years' experience as an audio visual technician, to join the Grace Media family as a full-time AV Executive. Candidates must be able to work independently, have knowledge in handling professional sound, lights, video and/or other production tools commonly used in the industry. If you have a passion for digital media technologies, a heart to serve God and His people, and enjoy working in a team of dedicated and fun professionals, this is your opportunity.

JOB REQUIREMENTS

- Min. NITEC in Broadcast Media, Broadcast Technology, Electrical, Electronics Engineering or Computer Networking skills.
- Strong customer service with good interpersonal and communication skills
- Ability to manage various tasks in a fast-paced environment and meet deadlines.
- Proficient in both English and Mandarin.
- Must possess a Class 3 Driving Licence.
- Motivated team player with a positive attitude, desire to learn and ability to deliver high-quality work.
- Preferably able to start immediately.

If you are the one, please send your details to christopher.soh@graceao.org. Only shortlisted candidates will be informed within 4 weeks from the date of submission.

AV SPECIALIST

technical teams to greater heights? We are seeking keen candidates to join the Grace Media family as a full-time AV Specialist. You must have strong knowledge in handling professional sound, lights, video and/or other production tools commonly used in the industry as well as AVL design and implementation. If you have a passion for digital media technologies, a heart to serve God and His people, and enjoy working in a team of dedicated and fun professionals, this is your opportunity.

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POST-PRODUCTION EXECUTIVE

Grace Media is looking for an independent yet flexible Post Production Executive who can excel under stress. He/she must be a motivated team player with a positive attitude and ability to work in an unstructured environment where change is a constant. The successful candidate will be working in a team responsible for the entire post-production process from editing to coloring, motion graphics production, audio post and delivery.

JOB REQUIREMENTS

- Fresh grads are welcome.
- Must possess a Diploma in Film, Sound & Video, mass comm or related discipline.

- Must be fluent in English and Mandarin (spoken and written).
- Knowledge in Adobe Creative Cloud; basic knowledge of 3D is a plus.

If you are the one, please send your details to robin.wong@graceao.org. Only shortlisted candidates will be informed within 4 weeks from the date of submission.

HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGER

Grace Assembly is seeking a suitable candidate to fill the position of Human Resource Manager whose responsibilities include 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.

QUALIFICATION & REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum Degree in Human Resources
- At least 5 years of relevant experience
- Possess good knowledge of the Singapore Employment Act and HR best practices
- Able to build and effectively manage interpersonal relationships at all levels
- Demonstrate team management skills

Interested candidates are invited to submit a comprehensive resume stating qualification, experience, expected salary and contact numbers to hr@graceao.org by 28 February 2019. Only shortlisted candidates will be notified for the interview.

**BEGINS
6 APRIL 2019**

**SATURDAY
SERVICE**

Grace@BukitBatok

GRACE KIDS
Children's Programme
(4-10 yrs old)

**Starts at
5PM**

If you are currently attending the Sunday English service at Gil, we want to hear from you!
Help us complete a simple survey online at <https://tinyurl.com/y8rboq7q> or by scanning the QR code here.

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讲员: 柯松柄牧师

中文事工的属灵家长

Spiritual Parenting for the Chinese Ministry

上帝创造亚当和夏娃的时候，他们本是神家里成员之一。神给予他们的诫命是要两人要成为一体，生养众多，充满这地，让神的计划能一代一代的传承下去。所以，人起初存在的目标和上帝的目的是需藉着家的动态和关系来实现的。

因此，我们不该视为稀奇，家本来就是一个安全和充满爱的环境，让人可以成长，学习和培养的天地。但是亚当和夏娃却犯了罪，使人从神的同在和神家的环境中被逐出来。然而，罪仍然不能取代家对生命的栽培和延续神目的的必要管道和功效；尽管现在的家已分成两种性质，属灵的家和生理的家。

历史，社会和我们的经历也证实了家对养育子女的有效关键作用。因此，人人都必要属于一个家的环境和结构来领受栽培，并培养他人。

教会的家庭生活事工是要强化生理家庭，属灵家长的战略（中文部），旨在藉着小组架构建立属灵的家或教会。每个人都可以，并需要，成为一个家庭的成员，有意义和目的地为己和神成长和生活。

林秀水牧师

When God created man, Adam and Eve, they were supposed to be part of His family. God's direct commandment to Adam and Eve was to become One, multiply and fill the earth with their descendants so that God's plan could be passed through the generations. Therefore, in the beginning, man's existence and God's purposes would have to be accomplished through the dynamics and relationships within the family.

It is no surprise then, to see the beginning of life starting within the confine of a safe and loving family as the perfect environment to grow, learn and be nurtured. But Adam and Eve sinned and Man was casted out of God's presence. Yet, sin cannot replace the need and efficacy of a family's importance to beget life and continue the purposes of God, though there is now a divide of spiritual and biological part of the family.

History, societies and our experiences have also confirmed the critical roles of parenting within the family. Therefore, it would be imperative for us to be part of a family to be nurtured and to nurture others for the purposes of God.

While the Family Life Ministry of the Church endeavors to build Strong Biological Families, the Spiritual Parenting Strategy (Chinese Ministry), within the GMG (Small Groups) intended to build Strong Spiritual Families, or the Church. Everyone can and should be part of the family to grow and live lives meaningfully and purposefully.

Ps Walter Lim





2019年中文家庭退修会

日期：6月16-19日（星期日至三）

主题：我们不一样

地点：巴淡岛

RADISSON GOLF & CONVENTION CENTER BATAM

主要讲员：
• 蔡蕙秋博士
• 林万兴牧师

会友费用（每人）：

单人房：	\$430.00
双人同房 / 三人同房：	\$320.00
儿童加床(4-12岁)：	\$190.00
儿童不加床(4-12岁)：	\$140.00
婴孩不加床(4岁以下)：	\$ 90.00
年长者从60岁以上 (1959年出生)	\$280.00

非会友费用（每人）：

单人房：	\$570.00
双人同房：	\$430.00
双人儿童(12岁以下)同房：	\$380.00

* 80岁以上的年长者（1939年出生）需要付费 \$5.00 的保险费用。

讲员简介：

蔡蕙秋博士

来自台湾，蔡博士先后毕业于远东神学院，中台神学院，和新加坡三一神学院。

持有神学学士、道学硕士、神学硕士以及神学博士学位并曾担任新加坡新亚学院神学系中文部的教务主任与副教授。

蔡博士不单在台湾和新加坡牧养教会并于神学院任教三十余年，是一名资深的传道及老师。

许多人从蔡老师的牧养与教导中受益良多。



林万兴牧师

自小在赌博世家长大，25岁随同父亲以国际职业赌徒为生，专门向赌场行骗。

后来转向从事盗版光碟，以及多项偏门行业，还染上摇头恶习。认识了耶稣后，他从老千转化为牧师。

林牧师毕业于马来西亚圣经学院，持有神学文凭。他也持有辅导心理学，和嗜赌心理辅导专科文凭。

林牧师是吉隆坡大复兴神召会创建牧师，也是马来西亚信心戒赌会共同创办人。

他不单能以华语、广东、福建、客家话讲道，他也曾被新马港和加拿大多家电视、电台、杂志访问。



儿童聚会老师

丘慧莹牧师

来自马来西亚，丘牧师曾在八打灵喜信堂儿童教会全职服事了10年，以及吉隆坡加略山堂中文部服事了6年。

丘牧师在2005年以《神学学士》毕业于马来西亚圣经学院，目前正在修读《领袖发展硕士》课程。

丘牧师的负担是4-14之窗，为要赢得这群人，门训和装备他们成为基督精兵，使神的国度藉此得以扩展。



热枕于宣教事工，丘牧师也经常到东南亚一带，比如尼泊尔、孟加拉、越南、泰国、柬埔寨等国家宣服侍。

若需要更多的详情，请到以下网址查阅：

<http://www.graceaog.org/chineseretreat/>

GRACE I 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 II SERVICES

SATURDAY 2 PM

Elevate @ R-Age Youth (15-19 Yrs Old)	Agape	Level 3
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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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RZIM Evangelistic Week

Ravi Zacharias International Ministries (RZIM) is launching a week-long Festival of Thought workshops and preaching sessions here in Singapore. We are privileged to have them here at Grace Assembly on the dates below. This will be a great opportunity to invite your pre-believing loved ones to explore God's truth for themselves. For workshops and talks, please register at <https://event.graceaog.org/>.

DATE	DAY	TIME	VENUE	SERVICE	SPEAKER	TOPIC
30 Mar	Sat	2 – 4 pm	GII Agape	GII Elevate Youth Svc	Tracy Trinita	Mirror, mirror, on the wall, who is the truest of them all?
30 Mar	Sat	3 – 4:30 pm	GI Zion	Youth/YAYP Workshop	Jordan Thyer	Who am I in an Age of Social Media?
30 Mar	Sat	5 – 7 pm	GI Emmaus	GI Elevate Youth Svc	Tracy Trinita	Mirror, mirror, on the wall, who is the truest of them all?
30 Mar	Sat	5 – 7 pm	GI Bethel	YAYP Svc	Jordan Thyer	Is it worth believing in Jesus if I'm already happy?
31 Mar	Sun	9 – 10:30 am	GII Chapel	GII Adult Svc	Jose Phillip	Beyond Significance
31 Mar	Sun	11:15 – 12:45 pm	GII Sanctuary	GII Adult Svc	Jose Phillip	Beyond Significance
31 Mar	Sun	2 – 4 pm	GI Galilee	Chinese Workshop	Luna Wang	儒、释、耶的救赎观 (Chinese)
3 Apr	Wed	12 – 1 pm	GI Emmaus	Talk (Lunch provided)	Stephen Lam	God, Politics and Purpose
4 Apr	Thur	12 – 1 pm	GI Emmaus	Talk (Lunch provided)	Andy Moore	Markets, Volatility and Identity
7 Apr	Sun	9 – 10:30 am	GI Bethel	GI Adult Svc	Dan Peterson	Finding truth in a pluralistic world
7 Apr	Sun	11:15 – 12:45 pm	GI Bethel	GI Adult Svc	Dan Peterson	Finding truth in a pluralistic world

For more information on speaker profiles and topics, please visit www.graceaog.org/RZIM

WORKSHOP/TALK TOPICS (REGISTRATION NEEDED)

Who am I in an Age of Social Media?

This talk considers the fluidity of identity in the postmodern world, age of social media and the pressure it brings, and will contrast with the freedom in identity in Christ.

儒、释、耶的救赎观 (Buddhism and Confucianism through the Lens of Christianity)

As traditional Chinese, we are very much influenced by the philosophies of Buddhism and Confucianism knowingly or unknowingly. Which aspects of these traditional influences are aligned with biblical values and which needs further reflection? How do we then form common bridges with them through the Gospel?

God, Politics and Purpose

As a former Public Servant of the Hong Kong Government, Stephen Lam will share about integrating his faith with his work in the government. He will share lessons learnt in his leadership journey and future trends.

Markets, Volatility and Identity

The growing uncertainty of economic and market fluctuations points to the need for a more stable foundation for our personal identity and a deeper sense of meaning-purpose. What can the intrinsic volatility of markets tell us about ourselves?

SPEAKER PROFILES

Jordan Thyer grew up in the Perth hills and spent most of his time outdoors with his brothers and playing sports with mates. Seeing genuine Christian faith displayed in his parents helped Jordan recognise that Christianity was good but the question came later if it was exclusively true. Studying Chemical Engineering at Curtin University further prompted him to consider if Christianity was intellectually credible. The outcome of his subsequent investigation was the discovery that Christianity was not only credible but also gave satisfying answers to the deeper questions of life. Jordan worked as a chemical engineer before moving to the UK to study at the Oxford Centre for Christian Apologetics and upon completion joined the Asian speaking team in 2014, basing himself out of Perth, Australia.

Luna Wang is an OCCA Fellow with the Zacharias Trust. She comes from China where she did her undergraduate study in Law and Economics in Beijing. After working in the real estate industry for several years, Luna travelled to Oxford to study for a Master's degree in Sociology. She became a Christian in that year and subsequently joined the St Ebbe's Church staff team, working with postgraduates for three years. She has recently completed the program at the Oxford Centre for Christian Apologetics and speaks internationally across Universities and businesses into questions of ethics, philosophy, faith and culture.

Stephen Lam is an adjunct speaker with Ravi Zacharias International Ministries. He was formerly Chief Secretary of the Hong Kong Government. Prior to this, he was Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs; for almost ten years, he was responsible for elections, human rights, and Hong Kong's relations with Mainland China and Taiwan. After retiring from the Hong Kong Government in June 2012, Stephen read theology at Wycliffe Hall, University of Oxford, and the Oxford Centre for Christian Apologetics. He was graduated with the Certificate in Theological and Pastoral Studies in June 2013 and joined the Asian speaking team in 2014, speaking occasionally into the business and governments communities.

Andy Moore co-founded Festival of Thought at Canary Wharf, London and continues to share its leadership globally. Andy is a former advisor to Private Equity houses in London and also worked in Financial Operations for a NASDAQ-listed multinational. He continues to serve on the Board of Trustees for several charities in London. Andy is a Chartered Accountant in England and Wales and has recently completed his Master's Degree in Philosophy. A keen sportsman and business savvy, Andy speaks keenly into themes of integrity in the workplace, corruption and morality.

