

# NEW GRACE

## MOVING FORWARD AND ALIGNING TO GOD'S PLAN IN OBEDIENCE



In January 2016, I was at the Western Wall in Jerusalem when the Lord spoke to me that there would be a major movement in my ministry in the next two years. I knelt before the Lord thanking Him for speaking but never realised that the movement would take me out of my comfort zone of 32 years.

In April 2017, the whirlwind of change took me by surprise when Pastor Calvin approached my previous church leadership for my release to join Grace Assembly. When I was informed of Pastor Calvin's

intent, I agonised over it for a few months because I did not expect the movement to be out of my previous church of 32 years. As Evelyn and I prayed over this impending decision, we knew that the Lord was directing us to Grace Assembly because of my encounter at the Western Wall. The more we prayed, the more we sensed the Lord's affirmation and direction to leave our comfort zone to where He wanted us to be.

In September 2017, we decided to join Grace Assembly with much fear and trembling, and yet with a sense

of destiny awaiting us. After much prayer and discussion, I was released from my previous church at the end of January 2018. God's Word came to pass for me when I joined Grace Assembly as the Executive Pastor in March 2018 – two years after I heard God's voice at the Western Wall.

As I reflected on God's sovereign hand in my move to Grace Assembly and the transition to be the next Senior Pastor, I could see God's divine will and intent as I obeyed His leadership. I am deeply humbled to take over from Pastor Calvin, whose

pastoral legacy inspires me to build on the strong foundations that are laid in Grace Assembly for the last 69 years. I am grateful for the trust and faith that Pastor Calvin and the Executive Church Board have in me, and I will use God's anointing upon my life to lead the church forward to fulfill His agenda and purpose in Singapore and the nations.

**Pastor Wilson Teo**  
Executive Pastor

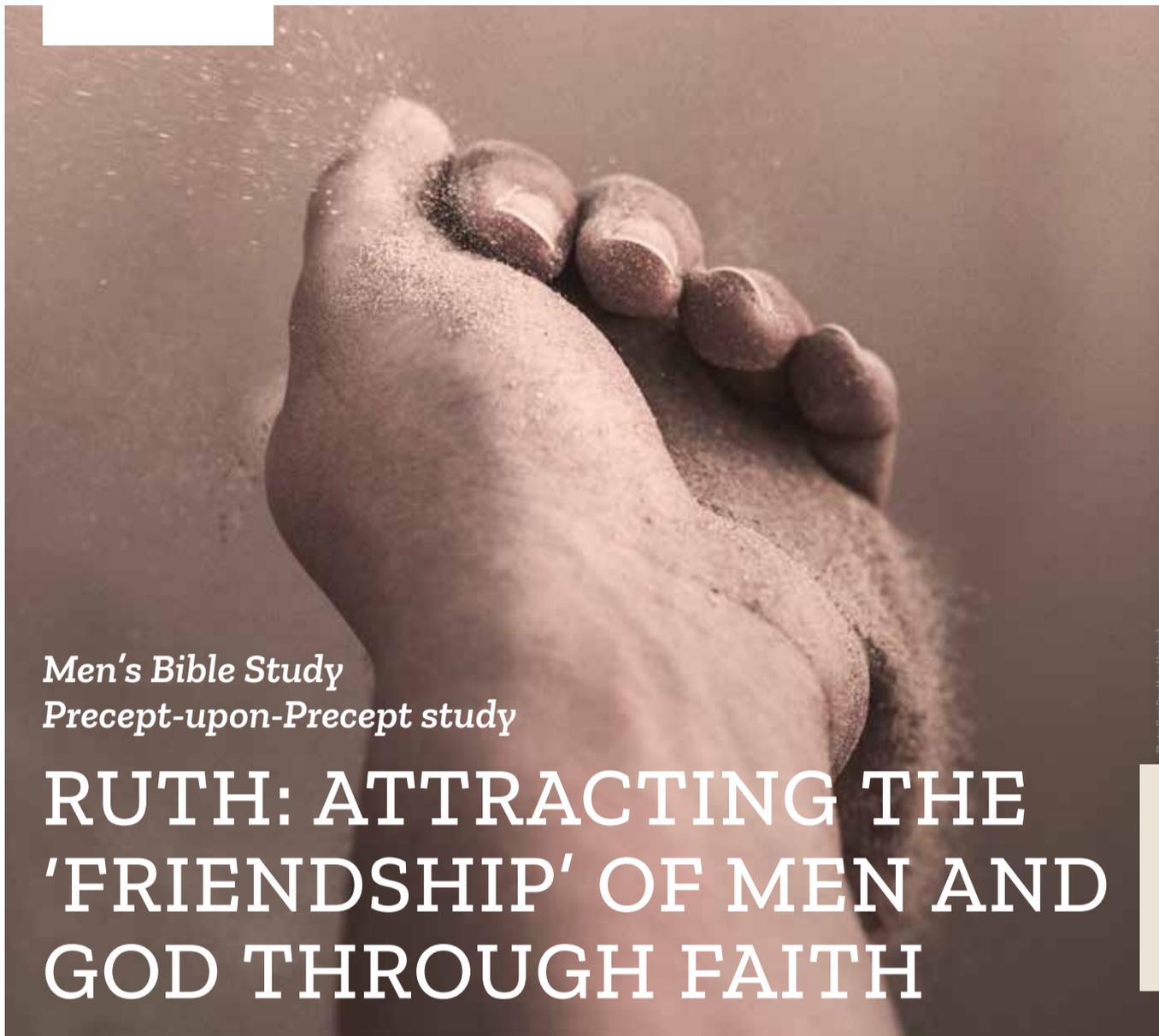


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*Men's Bible Study*  
*Precept-upon-Precept study*

# RUTH: ATTRACTING THE 'FRIENDSHIP' OF MEN AND GOD THROUGH FAITH

The book of Ruth is a short story of God's providence in the midst of difficult circumstances. It is a story for people who wonder where God is when one tragedy after another attack their faith. It's a story for people who wonder whether a life of integrity in tough times is worth it. And it's a story for people who can't imagine that anything great could ever come out of their ordinary lives of faith (John Piper, 1984).

Join Men's Bible Study as we embark on a three-lesson inductive bible study on the book of Ruth. Meet Naomi, Ruth and Boaz and see their remarkable kindness, loyalty and faithfulness in action. Through it all, we will learn how to attract the grace and favour of God in our lives. Be refreshed! Be encouraged!

**Dates:** 12, 26 Oct • 9, 16 Nov

**Time:** 10am–12nn

**Venue:** Grace@Tanglin (GI)  
L5 Zion

**Registration:**  
<https://events.graceaog.org>

**Register by 29 September 2019.**

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## SEPTEMBER *Prayer Pointers*

**For this month, let's lift up our church's leadership transition in prayer:**

1. Pray for the Father's constant presence in the church throughout this season of leadership transition.
2. Pray that as God calls Grace Assembly into deeper transformation and growth, we will unite under His authority in the church leadership transition.
3. Pray for both Pastor Calvin and Pastor Wilson. As each is called into a new season of transition, may they hold fast to God's unending love and mercy and to move where His Spirit leads.
4. Pray that in this season of change, we will pray and look to God as the constant One who holds the plan and future of Grace Assembly in the palm of His hand!
5. Pray that Grace Assembly will be strengthened to be a church that welcomes and embraces His divine purposes in this season, actively supporting the transition as part of God's saving work that Grace Assembly is called to—in the local communities and in nations around the world.

**4, 18 September**  
GI L1 Galilee

**11, 25 September**  
GII L3 Agape

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**7.30pm**

Pentecost didn't come through a preaching service; Pentecost came to a prayer service. From Pentecost to Patmos, God never departs from the pattern.  
—Armin Gesswein

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### Gracians

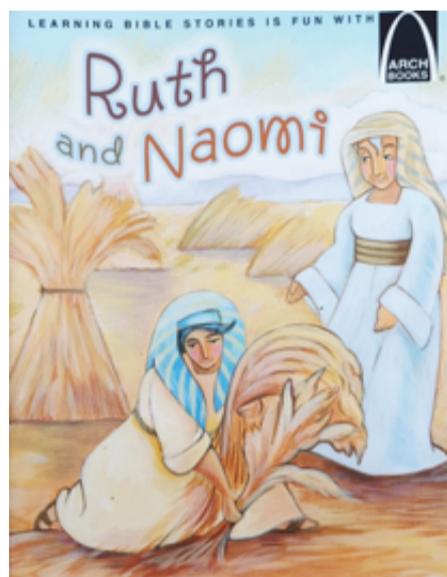
If you have a prayer request and need the church to pray for you, you can write to:  
[PrayerRequest@graceaog.org](mailto:PrayerRequest@graceaog.org)

**WE  
pray.  
WE  
care.**

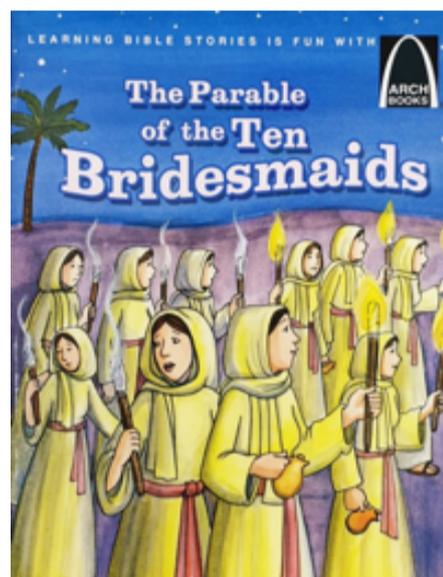
# GRACE FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY LIBRARY IS PROUD TO PRESENT THE FOLLOWING:

Children are captivated by colourful pictures and interesting poems. Each of these books presents a complete Bible story in a fun-to-read way that children ages 5-9 will understand and remember.

Check them out at our Grace Family Library this weekend!



The Old Testament story of Ruth and Naomi (Book of Ruth)



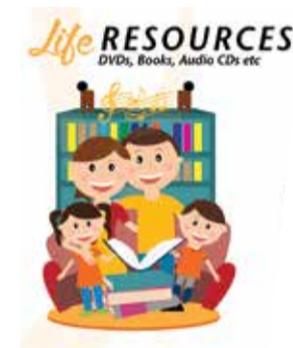
One of Jesus' parables, the ten virgins, as revealed in Matthew 25

*Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.*

Proverbs 22:6



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



## Grace Parents Network (GPN)

# PRAY THEM HOME

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

All parents are welcome to join them for the following dates:

**Date :** 1 Sep, 6 Oct, 3 Nov, 1 Dec 2019

**Time :** 10.45am

**Venue :** GI L2 Fellowship Hall

Room beside the Grace Kindergarten Office  
(Former Youth Powerhouse)

Grace Parents Network (GPN) is a network that provide the needed support for parents as they walk through the different demanding stages of parenting life.

*"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

# THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST VS. THE FEEL-GOOD CULT

Christianity was really popular when I was little. People used to think Christians are saints living by a higher moral conduct.

But this has rapidly declined in the past decade. Today, Christians are seen as an exclusive and self-serving violators of human rights. The Bible says that homosexuality is sin to a world fighting for the right to choose one's gender outside of birth. It also says that Jesus is the only way to God and to a world championing inclusivity of religion and equal merits for all beliefs.

Persecution will come (John 16:33). That's not what scares me. What scares me is how Christians around the world are starting to adopt a politically-correct religious leaning – a feel-good cult of compromises.

Sociologists Christian Smith and Melinda Lundquist Denton coined the term 'Moralistic Therapeutic Deism' after interviewing 3,000 teenagers across America\*. They discovered that many of today's youths view Christianity across three highly compromised core beliefs.

And whether we like it or not, these views are seeping into our world through the Internet and the media to redefine Christianity in an erroneous way to our kids.

So today, I'm addressing these three false beliefs that we, as parents, have to help our kids become aware of and protect themselves against these—mentally, emotionally and spiritually.

### FALSE BELIEF 1. God wants people to be nice and fair to one another.

Jesus was not 'nice'. He was kind, yes. But He cared about righteousness. He spoke up for the truth. Freedom of speech, freedom of voice, freedom of choice, freedom to be—all these need to be looked at through the lens of Biblical truth. Jesus said in John 8:32, 'You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.'

The second half of this scripture cannot exist without the first—know the truth. In John 14:16, Jesus refers to Himself as the truth. So, outside of who Jesus is and what He says, there is no truth, no real freedom.

In John 2, Jesus flipped cages and overturned money-lending tables to enforce God's truth. When He healed people, He often followed it up with, 'Go and sin no more.'

This is one of our constant battles at home. The kids are getting older and they throw 'Christianity' at Colin and me regularly to get their way. We often hear, "Mum, Jesus wants you to show love and be nice to me." I've turned around and told him so many times, "In this instance, correcting you is how I am showing you love. Disobeying God's commandments has consequences and I need you to understand that." I also need my kids to understand that under no circumstances should we compromise on our Biblical beliefs to 'play nice'.

### FALSE BELIEF 2. The central goal of life is to be happy and to feel good about oneself.

No! The central goal of our existence is to know God, bring Him honour by understanding His purpose for our lives and fulfilling it. Psalm 78:7 says, 'Every generation must discover God's purpose for them, so they can set their hopes anew in God.'

"Mom, should I get a job that ensures an easy life?" I looked at Daniel as those

words left his lips. Then I laughed. My husband laughed too. Because if you know me, I am a world-class multi-tasker—holding a full-time job, giving talks, blogging, writing, parenting, serving in Church and more.

Now, don't get me wrong. It's not about how many things you do. And I don't do them because they're easy or hard. I do them because God has deposited in me gifts—presents that only I have. And to use them brings me joy and fulfilment, and it helps me be a positive contributor and brings my Father pleasure.

I know what Daniel loves doing—he does it all the time at home. Building, inventing, drawing designs, making models and testing prototypes. He's brilliant at that, and the piano too. But the last thing I want is for either of my kids to think they need a job because of the money. I don't want them quitting on things either, just because they're hard.

Jesus' destiny was to die on the cross for our sins. If you think life is hard, think about that for a moment.

We live in a society where we want instant gratification and be satiated at a finger's snap. But the pleasure of that vanishes quickly.

Let's help our kids endure what life throws at them and be willing to put their lives through the Refiner's fire to become God's versions of themselves.

### FALSE BELIEF 3. Good people go to heaven when they die.

Now this seems to be the most popular religion of late. And many pastors in America have adopted universalism and are preaching this.

Let's not be deceived. John 14:5-6 says that Jesus is the only way to God. Does this make us an exclusive club? No, it doesn't. In John 6:37, Jesus says, 'Whoever comes to me I will never drive away.'

If anything, I think being good is a harder way to gain redemption than having our sins forgiven by grace.

My pre-believing friends know my stand. I don't judge their lack of belief. I show love, kindness and offer to pray for them in their times of need. And then I preach Christ.

Our kids are taught to do the same. Two weeks back, Sarah, my eight-year-old, told her friend, Sadia, about Jesus. Then, she asked Sadia, "Do you believe in Jesus?" Sadia replied, "Yes, He's like all the other gods." Then, Sarah turned and told her, "No. There is only one true God. It's Jesus."

Sarah came home and told me this, and asked me if she had insulted her friend. I said, "No, you spoke what you believe." Of course, I quickly taught her how she could phrase her statement wisely without compromising the truth. To add the words, "I believe there is only one true God. And it's Jesus."

Did Sadia come to know Jesus? Perhaps not immediately. But I'm sure that girl will lie in bed sometime later and think about what Sarah had shared with her. A seed has been sown.

In conclusion, our kids have been blessed with one beautiful life to live. Let's champion them living it for God's glory in accordance with His word and not with the ever-changing ideologies of this world.

*Give me Father, a purpose deep,  
In joy or sorrow Thy word to keep;  
Faithful and true what e'er the strife,  
Pleasing Thee in my daily life;  
Only one life, 'twill soon be past,  
Only what's done for Christ will last.*

C.T. Studd

\*Source: christianheadlines.com: Moralistic Therapeutic Deism—the New American Religion.



# A DAY WHERE PRECIOUS MEMORIES WERE CREATED

On 20 July 2019, REACH Community Services Society (RCSS) held her annual Flag Day. Around 580 like-minded volunteers consisting of institutional partners and public, as well as a sizeable number of volunteers from Grace Assembly of God, came together to contribute their part for the Least, the Lost and the Lonely.

REACH Flag Day is not just a day where a large number of volunteers are activated to share our cause and receive donations from the public. It is a platform with significant opportunities for inter-generational interactions, the precious communication of values, and the modelling of love and compassion for others. Young children also get to learn that anyone can play a part regardless of age. It was a day where we shared our humanity and heart-warming stories.

Through your efforts, as well as matching grants from Tote Board and Bicentennial Community Fund, the street collections—which was initially around \$50,000—grew to a total of almost \$180,000! The funds raised will help to sustain our services and programmes for the community.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have tirelessly helped to collect the donations island-wide. Your involvement, together with staff of RCSS, has made REACH Flag Day 2019 extra meaningful.

For those who did not manage to join us, we urge you to do so next year! We hope that more of you can be a part of our journey in touching hearts and reaching lives.



1. Thomas Ow Yong, President of RCSS Management Committee, doing his part.
2. Long-term volunteer for REACH Flag Day, Christopher Lim, offering his unwavering support.
3. Participants of REACH Youth programmes and buddies to the younger youths, Jun Yang and Hairul, doing their part, with one continuing his 2<sup>nd</sup> shift thereafter at another station.
4. Gracians gathering together to rally for a good cause.
5. A platform where values are taught and demonstrated to the little ones.
6. Senior volunteers looking radiant as they continue to be purpose-driven by helping others to live better lives.
7. Training starts from young. A family participating in REACH Flag Day.

# UNSUNG HEROES AT THE FRONTLINE: FACES OF REACH COMMUNITY SERVICES

When the phone rings on the general office line, they are the ones who answer. When visitors drop in at our Centres, they are the ones who greet and address their first queries. While many are general enquiries, some are critical life-and-death conversations. RCSS has front-desk operations at our Counselling Centre, Youth cum Senior Centre, and our Family Service Centre (FSC). These are typically manned by our unsung heroes with a client-facing role—our Administrative Executives.

Like the triage nurse at the hospital A&E who makes quick and critical decisions on who gets to be attended to straight away, front desk conversations and decisions are often critical. Someone in severe distress or with a suicide tendency may be calling the centres as a last-ditch attempt. A calm, caring and helpful person receiving the distress call or meeting that distressed enquirer at the door may be that very person who holds out that last ray of hope the client may be reaching for.

But apart from attending to administrative tasks and clients, we know little about an administrative executive's role. Here are some interesting facts from our administrative executives— Maria Tan (M), Jeslyn Chee (J) and Irene Goh (I).

## What are your daily tasks, other than attending to hotline enquiries and walk-ins?

**J:** My tasks include addressing enquiries by explaining the counselling process before arranging for appointments. I also work closely with the counsellors for case-related admin duties. For every client who enters our Centre, I will make them feel comfortable by offering them a drink as they wait for the counsellor.

**I:** Other than taking care of the admin duties of the daily operations, I work closely with the social workers pertaining to FSC casework, like compiling data according to Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF) requirements.

**M:** Apart from admin support, I also attend to the needs of our senior members who participate in our morning activities, as well as assist the youths with drop-in activities such as the loaning of sports equipment.

## Any challenging encounters?

**J:** I encountered unhappy couples who refused to speak to each other as they entered the Centre. To reduce the tension, I would receive them with smiles and offer them a drink. Oftentimes, I am greeted with callers who

are feeling clueless and desperate. I will offer them a listening ear and encourage them to seek help.

**I:** I encountered clients with mental health issues who cursed me over the phone, and I had to continue to handle them in a professional manner. These are the times when I really prayed for God's wisdom for the 'right words' to speak.

**M:** The most challenging encounter is to multi-task while attending to the needs of our members, which at times require me to put aside my own tasks and just be a listening ear to them; to show care and concern when they want to share their stories with me.

## What is the most fulfilling part of your role?

**J:** To see clients walking out of our counselling rooms feeling relieved, wearing a smile of hope after the session. I am also encouraged when they make an effort to return for sessions. I feel fulfilled to be part of this process through my admin support to the counselling team!

**I:** Making a difference to the lives around us. Everyone who comes to the FSC basically has a need or needs help or assistance. Being at the front desk means that I will be their first point of contact to bring a smile or glimmer of light to the situation they are facing.

**M:** The opportunity to serve the community, be it youths or seniors; to be able to show God's love and care for them. Building good friendships with our clients would leave them feeling loved, valued and blessed by God through REACH.

We want to thank all our front-desk staff for the extra mile they have gone in providing excellent service to every person coming to enquire about services at REACH, and leaving a good impression about us in their minds. Your hard work and invaluable contributions are so important to us.



1. Maria Tan (M), Administrative Executive of REACH Youth Powerhouse @Bukit Batok.  
2. Jesslyn Chee (J), Administrative & Programme Executive of REACH Counselling Centre @Shunfu.  
3. Irene Goh (I), Administrative Executive of REACH Family Service Centre @Bishan.



# WE CAN ONLY GO FAR WITH YOUR SUPPORT. COME, GIVE US A HAND...

"From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work."— Ephesians 4:16 (NIV)

While made up of parts, our body functions as one. In missions, some are sent; many others not sent will support by sustaining those sent in their work.

It is similar with REACH, the social missions arm of the Church. Operating a charity to help needy people costs money. The work is carried out by social workers and counsellors working with clients, but many more support the effort through giving and volunteering. The support of the Church is crucial to the sustenance of the ministry.

This year's Charity Dinner, themed Blooms for Hope, will take place on October 25. This is where members can support REACH in helping to plug the shortfall in government funding.

## How Can You Play A Part?

- **Contribute as a Cell Group**
  - Sponsor a table or two. Attend as a cell group or invite friends and family along to do good together.
- **Contribute as a Business**
  - If you operate a business, sponsor a table or two. Invite your staff or clients, and share with them about what REACH does. Make it a thanksgiving and appreciation dinner for your team.

- **Contribute as an Employee**
  - Encourage your organisation to take up table sponsorship as a way of giving back to the community.

- **Contribute as an Individual**
  - Donate generously.

Your support, both big and small, will help us to continue providing and building resilience amongst the Least, the Lost and the Lonely in our community. And may your good work cause others to give glory to our Father who is in heaven (Matthew 5:16).

As REACH Community Services is an Institution of Public Character (IPC), proceeds from the sales of dinner tables, sponsorship and direct donations are eligible for 250% taxable income to offset against the donated sum. The Bi-Centennial Community Fund will further match the amount raised, dollar for dollar. We look forward to partnering with you on this meaningful journey.

Refer to [www.reach.org.sg](http://www.reach.org.sg) for more information.



## APPOINTMENT OF FUNERAL SERVICE PROVIDERS

By Pastor Calvin Lee

As a church, we regularly receive news of Gracians or their family members who pass away. Sometimes, there can be three to four funerals in a single week.

To support our members going through bereavement, Grace Assembly has decided to appoint selected funeral service providers for two key reasons.

The first key reason is that the appointed funeral service providers will assist our pastors in handling the logistics of funeral arrangements so that the pastors can focus on providing pastoral care for the bereaved family.

In addition, we can also ensure that our members will have access to valuable quality, good service and competitive pricing offered by the appointed funeral service providers.

After much exploration and discussion with many funeral service providers over the last few months, we have decided to appoint the following:

1. **Serenity Casket & Funerals**  
Person-in-charge: Mr Elson Chong  
Tel: 96186689  
<http://www.serenitycasket.com.sg/>
2. **Harmony Funeral Care**  
Person-in-charge: Ms Harmony Tee  
Tel: 94892424/96211688  
<https://www.singaporefuneralservices.sg/>

Gracians may contact either of the appointed funeral service providers when the need arises. Concurrently, the Regional Pastor will be looking into providing the necessary pastoral care and advise on the arrangements for the wake service.

Gracians are still free to engage other funeral service providers of their choice, if they wish to.

Please approach any of our pastors for more information.

# SNIPPETS OF THE NATIONS

By Jasmin Low

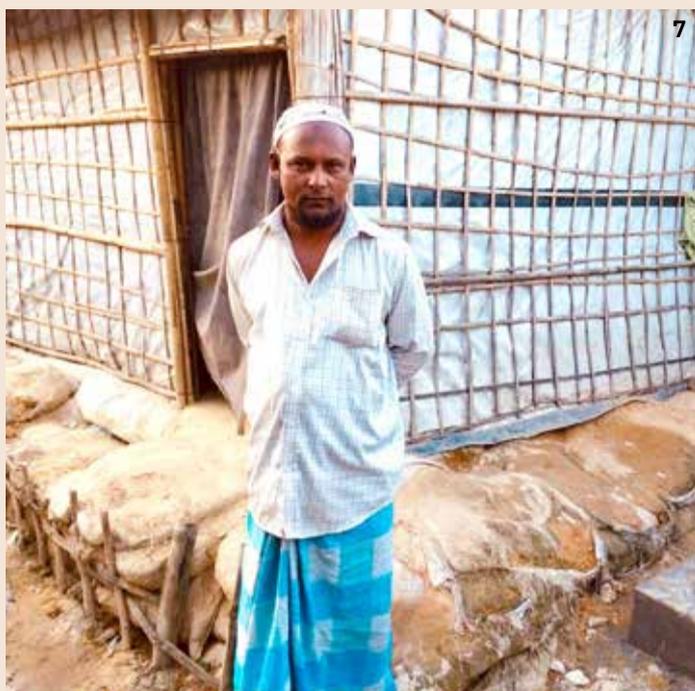
Would you like to go into the nations and personally see what God is doing there? Then sign up for our Grace Missions trips. There are still some trips available for sign-ups so don't miss out!

Grace Missions is currently working in 10 countries and our focus is in building up the local churches. We believe in empowering local church planters to reach out to the unreached through evangelism, discipleship and community outreach. Every year, we encourage Gracians to go into the nations to serve the local church in a variety of ways, be it helping out in the women's ministry, elderly's ministry, children's ministry, youth ministry, etc.

This year, over 220 Gracians answered the call to go. And we need more to join us on this fulfilling journey. Read about the experience of our Gracians who went on a missions trip to Batam this year.



1. Cambodian kids having their tea break. 2. A youth leader hanging out with the kids on a trip to India. 3. & 4. Youths from Myanmar engaged in activities in a youth camp organised by R-AGE 5. A Gracian conversing with an Indonesian elderly during home visitation. 6. Elderly playing a game of bingo that's filled with biblical symbols in an old folks' home in Indonesia.



7. A Rohingya refugee in refugee camp in Bangladesh. 8. Nepali kids enjoying themselves with a game of ice-breakers. 9. R-AGE volunteer having a conversation with a Sri Lankan girl. 10. Sri Lankan kids having their lunch break.

## TESTIMONIES FROM BATAM

We spent many weeks preparing for this missions trip, but the best reward was to see the local people hunger after His word and worshipping Him wholeheartedly. However, it is also only through the planning and this first-hand experience of meeting the locals that I realised how much guidance we need from God to make every trip a successful one.

**Ling Ying Ying**

I thought I was bringing blessings to the children. But the experience brought me more blessings than what I have given them. Despite their harsher living conditions and challenging situations, the simple and joyous faith they placed in God puts me to shame. Upon reflection, God has blessed and provided much for me and my family. Yet, in times of distress or when things don't go according to the way I thought it would, I get angry and my faith in Him wavers. It is said in Matthew 19:24 (NIV), 'Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' I feel ashamed and seek God's forgiveness for my sinful nature. But God is full of mercy and grace. Because He has enabled me and blessed me abundantly, I want to strive to become a more faithful servant of God.

**Chong Cheng Seik**

It was my first missions trip and I was greatly blessed by it. There was unity in love among the trippers as we supported and helped one another. In addition, many brothers and sisters covered the missions trip with their prayers. All these, I am sure, please the heart of our Heavenly Father. The children at the Feeding Programme worshipped with all their hearts in the presence of the Lord. Many of us were moved deeply in the Spirit and shed tears as the Father's love flooded the room. We got to lay hands and pray over the mothers and children who eagerly awaited our prayers even though they couldn't understand English. How much more we ought to love God, for we are more materially blessed than them in Singapore.

**Caroline Tan**



EVENTS CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2019

3 Sep	Healing Room @ GI	GI L3 Emmaus, 7.30pm-8.30pm
7 Sep	Men's Bible Study	GI L5 Zion, 10am-12nn
7, 14, 28 Sep	Women of Grace – Saturday Bible Study	GI L2 Eden, 10am-12nn
7, 14 & 28 Sep	Kairos Course	GII L2 Praise, 9am-12nn
10 Sep	Healing Room @ GII	GII L2 Praise, 7.30pm-8.30pm
12-14 Sept	Grace Missional College – Pneumatology	GI L3 Emmaus
14 & 28 Sep	Fathers' Mentoring Group	GI L3 Visitors' Lounge, 8.30am-11.30am
18 & 25 Sep	Women of Grace – Day Bible Study	GI L1 Gethsemane / GII L2 Love, 10am-12nn

OCTOBER 2019

1 Oct	Healing Room @ GI	GI L3 Emmaus, 7.30pm-8.30pm
12 & 26 Oct	Men's Bible Study	GI L5 Zion, 10am-12nn
5 & 12 Oct	Kairos Course	GII, 9am-12nn (12 Oct, 9am-5pm)
5, 12 & 19 Oct	Women of Grace – Saturday Bible Study	GI L2 Eden, 10am-12nn
8 Oct	Healing Room @ GII	GII L2 Praise, 7.30pm-8.30pm
9 & 23 Oct	Women of Grace – Day Bible Study	GI L1 Gethsemane / GII L2 Love, 10am-12nn
12 Oct	Fathers' Mentoring Group	GI L2 Power Hub, 8.30am-11.30am
11, 18 & 25 Oct	Grace Discipleship Process\\ Foundations of Faith	GII L2 Love, 7.30pm-9.30pm

NOVEMBER 2019

9 & 16 Nov	Men's Bible Study	GI L5 Zion, 10am-12nn
5 Nov	Healing Room @ GI	GI L3 Emmaus, 7.30pm-8.30pm
8 Nov	Grace Discipleship Process\\103 Water Baptism	GII L2 Love, 7.30pm-9.30pm
12 Nov	Healing Room @ GII	GII L2 Praise, 7.30pm-8.30pm
15 Nov	Grace Discipleship Process\\ 104 Church membership	GII L2 Love, 7.30pm-9.30pm
22 Nov	Workers' Appreciation Event (English)	GI, L3 Bethel, 7.45pm-9.15pm
23 Nov	Discerning God's Leading for Life and Ministry – Special Seminar with Rev Ong Sek Leang	GI, L3 Bethel, 9:30am-12.30pm

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



Weddings at Grace

SEPTEMBER 2019

Our heartiest congratulations to the following couples.  
May the Lord continue to bless and guide them with love, wisdom and strength as they embark on their new journey together!

7 September 2019

Lim Hann Khee  
&  
Ng Yu Hui

14 September 2019

William John Stacken  
&  
Ong Tse Woon Amanda

RECRUITMENT OF GRACE MISSIONS SUPPORT EXECUTIVE

Grace Assembly is seeking suitable candidates to fill the position of Grace Missions Support Executive. The primary duty includes providing administrative support to the operations of Grace Missions.

Qualifications/Requirements:

Possess a diploma and above, knowledge of MS Office, and a few years of relevant working experience in administration will be an advantage.

Interested candidates are invited to submit a comprehensive resume stating qualification, experience, expected salary and contact details to hr@graceaog.org by 20 September 2019. Only shortlisted candidates will be notified for the interview.

BE PART OF THE GRACE MISSIONAL FAMILY!

Our walk of faith is never meant to be taken alone. Grace Missional Family is a network of Grace Missional Groups (GMGs) in which Gracians can thrive in a smaller group setting.

GMGs offer Gracians a unique community where a close-knitted group of like-minded people will journey with you through the ups and downs in life, and equip you to grow spiritually in your walk with God.

By joining a GMG, Gracians can worship, fellowship, evangelise together and be equipped to engage

the community and impact the world they live in, for Christ.

Our GMGs are located across the island so no matter where you live or work, there will be one near to you.

Please contact the pastoral staff-in-charge for more information and locate a GMG most accessible to you.



Scan here for more information!

# J333 THANKSGIVING PRAYER MEETING FOR 2019

By Pastor Lim Bee Ngor

8 August – Gracians from the Chinese & English services gathered at Grace@Tanglin (GI) Bethel hall to pray for our nation. Pastor Wilson gave an exhortation based on Proverbs 14:34. He shared that cities in the world that uphold righteousness prosper. And so Singapore must remain righteous for God to receive God's blessings.

In an atmosphere of thanksgiving and praise, different pastors prayed for the Singapore government, protection over our land and for Singapore's economy amid the threats of the trade war. There was also prayer for the 4G government leaders as well as for the Singapore Church.

Pastor Calvin ended the night exhorting all of us to always be praying for our nation and government leaders.



1. Lee Choo & Pastor Zixuan leading Gracians in a time of exuberant praise. 2. Pastor Wilson giving his exhortation on Proverbs. 3. Pastor Kenny leading prayer on Protection & Economy. 4. Pastor Calvin giving his closing address.

# GRACE ON FIRE! – THE POWER OF SOWING

By Pastor Kenny Koh

"I could not get away from this verse for this meeting." Dr John Andrews shared with the crowd of around 600 Gracians at the revival meeting on 16 August at Bethel hall in Grace@Tanglin (GI).

The verse was Proverbs 20:4, which states that 'Sluggards do not plow in season; so at harvest time they look but find nothing!'

He went on to allude to three important principles in the application of verse, focusing on the power of sowing.

1. Regardless of how we feel, we still need to do what is necessary. The sluggard is demotivated to sow as the weather is cold.
2. Sowing is tough work. And it's a process before the harvesting. God wants to build in us, character and a spirit of fortitude that will endure tough times.
3. Have faith in the Lord, when we feel or see that nothing has happened—or even when something is actually happening—as the Lord works in our lives.

Dr Andrews ended with the proposition that if we collectively sow continuously and rigorously, Grace Assembly would indeed be on fire.

Many Gracians received a word in season for them and found that the revival meeting encouraged them in their walk with the Lord.



1. Dr John Andrews sharing the Word of God. 2. Dr Andrews sharing the Word in season. 3. Hungry Gracians seeking the Lord! 4. Altar time with the Lord.

## Getting To Know...

By Yeoh Oon Chuan

# AJINDERPAL SINGH *(Audit and Risk Committee)*

**ALSO KNOWN AS:** Ajinder

**OCCUPATION:** Lawyer and Senior Partner, Dentons Rodyk & Davidson LLP

**MARRIED TO:** Dilpreet

**FATHER OF:** Natasha

**HOBBIES/PASTIMES:** Enjoys reading, especially books on historical fiction, and watching Liverpool FC games

**FAVOURITE FOOD:** Local hawker fare like chicken rice and Hokkien mee

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

I heard about Jesus when I was in primary school, while going home on the school bus. One of the boys in the bus told me about Jesus and gave me some flyers which illustrated the divide between man and God that only Jesus' sacrifice could bridge. I was troubled by this as it meant that the path that I was on at that time was not the right one, and I could not understand why all paths did not lead to God. For this reason, I promptly dismissed what was being shared. But the words that were shared with me, stayed with me.

### When did you decide to give your life to the Lord?

The words that had been shared with me in primary school, especially the fact that Jesus was the one and only way, kept coming back to me during my junior college / army days. I was placed in a scholarship class during my A Levels and I had trouble fitting in. On top of that, my grades started slipping and I was worried that I would not be able to do well for my A Levels. I found myself feeling very anxious about my future and no matter how much I tried, I could not find peace. This restlessness led me to notice that one of my army mates would always be reading his Bible during breaks. I went up to him and shocked him by asking him to hand me the Bible so that I could read it for myself. He gave me his Bible and very nervously told me to start by reading the New Testament. For the next month or so, I read the New Testament. I



Ajinderpal with his wife, Dilpreet and daughter, Natasha

not only found a deep sense of peace, but had an overwhelming sense of 'lightness' when reading the Word. I started feeling calmer and Jesus' words such as '[my] peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be afraid' spoke to me. After reading about Jesus' sacrifice and why He went to the cross, I understood what had been shared with me many years before. I now had a choice to make and

I decided to follow Jesus. My army mate led me to say the sinners' prayer. We remain friends till today.

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

It has not been an easy one but the Lord has been very faithful. I came from a traditional Sikh family and at the time when I became a Christian in the early nineties, it was rare for Punjabis to become Christians. In the early years, it was also difficult for us to go to church, so the church came to us. A pastor from Kuala Lumpur, to whom I had been introduced, went out of his way to nurture my walk in the Lord. As I couldn't go to church, he used to come down to Singapore to meet me at the Pizza Hut in Bukit Timah Plaza

to disciple me in the Word. We would meet on my days off from the army. The Pizza Hut is still there and whenever I walk by it, I cannot help but look in and remember the times we had there. Things definitely improved after I accepted Christ – I found peace and the Lord turned things around for me. I started doing well in my studies again and it was only because of the Lord that I became a lawyer – He made it possible.

In the years that followed after marriage, one of the major hurdles we faced was the lack of a child in our marriage. For more than 10 years of our marriage, we had no children. Then the Lord blessed us with a baby girl and gave us the desires of our hearts.

### 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?

We started attending Grace about 15 years ago. Initially, we were just visiting to get a feel of the church. We wanted to keep our visit as low key as possible and tried to enter the church through a side door in the old Grace@Tanglin premises, but Pastor Calvin happened to be standing there that morning and a short while later, he and his wife visited us in our home .... and the rest is history. It is the warmth of the people in this church that I love the most. Every Sunday, the pastors and the ushers take pains to make all of us feel welcome and I think that on most Sundays, we would have been greeted by no less than five or six people on our way to our seats. This definitely helps to set the tone for the service. I also like the fact that Grace has so many ministries for people to serve in and actively encourages people to do so. The sermon series is also very helpful. The series provides for continuity and gives a clear direction in terms of objectives and takeaways from the series.

In terms of ministries, I served as a cell group leader for more than 10 years, first in Grace and then three years in Khush Khabri Fellowship (KKF), the Punjabi church that worships at Grace@Tanglin (GI). I enjoy leading cells and I think that it is very beneficial to be leading – you have to prepare and to prepare, you have to go through the materials carefully and understand the message. If not, you will not be able to lead. All this means that you have to spend time in the Word, and that only serves to build you up. I have also been on missions trips to Cambodia and Sri Lanka, and I have experienced first-hand the good work that Grace Missions is doing in these places and, no doubt, others.

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

Grace is a church that encourages its people to serve and its people do so very willingly, in multiple ways. There are so many people in Grace who serve in multiple ministries, and serving on the Board is no different. I was asked to serve, and if I can contribute, I should do so.

### How have your family members been supportive in this area?

My family members have been very supportive, and they encouraged me to step forward.

### What is your vision for this church?

I agree with the present vision for the church – 'More people, More like Jesus'. I also like the missional family vision that the church is trying to inculcate in all of us. Separately, I like the fact that Grace is a multi-generational, multi-cultural church where people from all walks of life can come and worship Jesus.

### Just an observation ...

I don't remember the last time I was asked how and when I became a Christian. Christians rarely ask these questions nowadays and I think that if we did more of this, we would be amazed by the wonderful testimonies we would hear from others about how they were led to the Lord. We should do more of this.

## TAN KOK LIN *(Grace Missions Committee Member)*

**OCCUPATION:** Civil servant

**MARRIED TO:** Rina

**HOBBIES/PASTIMES:** Reading, running and music

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

When I was in secondary school, some school friends shared with me about Jesus. As I was an agnostic then, I did not show any interest.

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

In 1998, when I was on an overseas assignment in Australia, I read a book on Christianity that was placed in my hotel room, and what I read aroused my interest. Upon returning to Singapore, I decided to visit a church,

and that was what eventually led me to accepting Christ in my life.

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

It has been a most fulfilling and purposeful walk with God all these years. Challenges came in the form of my father's opposition to my faith and beliefs, even till today. It has also at times caused me to be isolated from my colleagues who know their conversation and activities have to be different in my presence because of my values. However, I see God's blessing in many aspects of my life.



Tan Kok Lin

From having a peaceful soul, to being blessed at work and in my marriage, there are just so many to list.

**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 2013. I love that it's a family church with strong teaching that has helped me to integrate well and grow in my walk with God. I am serving in the Board, Grace Missional Group, Grace Missions Committee and also as a Service Lead.

**What was the impetus for your decision to contribute as a member of the Church Board? What do you like and not like about serving as a Board member?**

I feel it is an honour to serve as a Board member, and am thankful that my family has been supportive of my decision. It is my hope to be able to contribute my expertise as we chart out some of the important decisions for our church.

**What is your vision for this church?**

My vision is that Grace Assembly will build on its strength as a family church that loves the Word of God, teach the Word of God and preaches to the world the Word of God.

**Are there other observations you wish to share?**

The church will face more challenges in the years to come, from social issues such as LGBT, divorces, technological advancement and so on. Yet, at the same time, the growth of Christianity is shifting from the West to the East; meaning there is a great harvest just at our doorstep. Thus, while anchored in our tenets of faith, we must be prepared to adopt new ways to approach issues, and we must position ourselves well for these.

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# 818歌台之夜

这次的818歌台受邀请的知名艺人有郭贤华、方钟桦和施金莲，他们呈献了一场精彩的歌舞表演。

除了这几位艺人，也邀请了小容哥（容浩然牧师），以风趣幽默的形式带出福音。

恩友们邀请未信主的家人和朋友来参加这次的活动，他们除了玩一些怀旧游戏，观赏王沙野峰怀旧电影，还有欣赏现场歌台。

感谢主！这次晚会有905人参加，有26位社区的朋友决志信了主！

非常感恩，在26当中有3位是当晚乐器伴奏的未信者，他们推掉外面七月歌台赚钱的机会，而来帮忙这次的晚会，神没有辜负他们，因为他们得到的是钱赚不到的**永生的生命**！

我们在此要感谢我们的义工、嘉宾和歌手们，因为有他们的付出，才有这样的成果，因为有他们的摆上才能完成这样有意义的活动。

我们将一切的荣耀归于主！





It was a fantastic event. The pre-show activities were like a carnival with food and games and even movies! The getai performance was great with the eloquent artists who brought the house down with their jokes.

The preaching was kept short and simple which worked well for pre-believers. The pastor was tactful when he used "平安" (peace) which many people can relate to. We should encourage more Gracians to bring their loved ones for such events. Well done!

**Josephine Tan, GI English Service**



这是我们第一次在教会打歌台，开始觉得很奇怪，教会也有七月歌台？在那里遇到了老朋友施金莲、郭贤华和方钟桦，原来他们现在是基督徒，难怪在外面的歌台没有看见他们了。教会里的服侍人员很有礼貌，脸总是挂著笑容。风趣的牧师在传教，有点像许冠文很风趣，让不是基督徒的人，听得很舒服。那一首“平安”让我们有平安的感觉。我的两位搭档也接受了主。谢谢教会给我们这个机会，感受到充满平安快乐，跟外面个不一样的歌台。

旅者大乐队 Lawrence Hon

'Praise God! It was an awesome night with great singing, dancing and preaching. The pastor could sing, preach and he is very humorous too! The peace of God was felt, and my 86-year-old mother lifted her hand to accept Christ without me persuading her.'

Amelia Tan, GI English Service



# 我的见证



我是瓦莱丽。家乡拜偶像的传统根深蒂固，小时候我受惊吓喝了符水得医治，更加深了对神明的敬拜，让我信奉他。虽然此信仰一直宣扬向善，但我却无法修心，人前我都是戴著面具图个好名声，但心里却在计较、妒忌，而且脾气暴躁。

在一次拜拜中，当我拜了天和地，转身作例行的自我介绍，看著供著的像，却突然有四个疑问：1) 为什么要

先拜天地？那就是天和地更大？2) 为什么我要向他自我介绍，他是神，不认识我吗？3) 我见庙就进，见神就拜，漫天神佛，到底哪一个才是最大的？4) 俗话说天命难违，那我们拜了还有用吗？

2018年3月12日我去算命，得知这一年是官非、受阻、小人，如果逃避，未来五年都会这样，人生有多少个6年！既然说我命这样不好，所以我5月搬家的时候，赶紧叫风水师来做风水，财位那里什么都不敢放，即使很不方便。觉得不顺的时候，只会想是不是风水出了问题，甚至回家转地球仪就觉得转运了。更糟糕的是，我甚至想去整容，因为有太多关于面相不顺的说法。但这些并没有解决我的困惑与迷茫，反而带来心灵上更多的不平安。

到了6月2日，神安排了一位姐妹带我来教会。当天，神向我说话了，因为祂回答了我拜拜时产生的四个问题：1) 神是独一也是至高的；2) 天和地是他造的；3) 祂与我们是父子关系，祂无所不知，无所不在，所以我们不需要向祂自我介绍；4) 得著耶稣，就能在他的爱里得到一个全新的生命。这才是神啊！所以，当天我就接受耶稣作我生命的救主。

在一次团契中，我提及自己非常怕鬼，神再次借牧师的口，告诉我世上没有鬼，只有魔鬼！魔鬼听到耶稣基督的名就怕了，更不用说会伤害神的儿女。原来这是神提前给我打的强心针。事后第三天我与朋友在巴厘岛遇到了灵异事件。

首先是我和朋友相隔大约50米，她却听到我在她耳后说「走吧」。当天夜里，我被一阵急促且有节奏的拖鞋踩地板的声音吵醒。正怀疑自己是不是在做梦，那声音又清楚地从厕所响起来，但我居然不害怕，直接去厕所查看，却一无所获。回到床上才躺下，那声音又响起来了。当时我只说了一句：神与我同在，我不害怕，奇妙的是我居然睡著了。这就是真正出人意料之平安与信心，要是信主前，不跑去大堂换房间就算好的了，更不用说睡著了。

如今的我把自己完全交托，不再害怕明天，不再迷茫、忧虑、抱怨，因为创造天地万物的神与我同在，神爱我，我又有何惧呢？希望大家都能得著主耶稣的爱与救赎。一切荣耀归于主，阿们！

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**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
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**SUNDAY 5 PM**

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**SATURDAY 2 PM**

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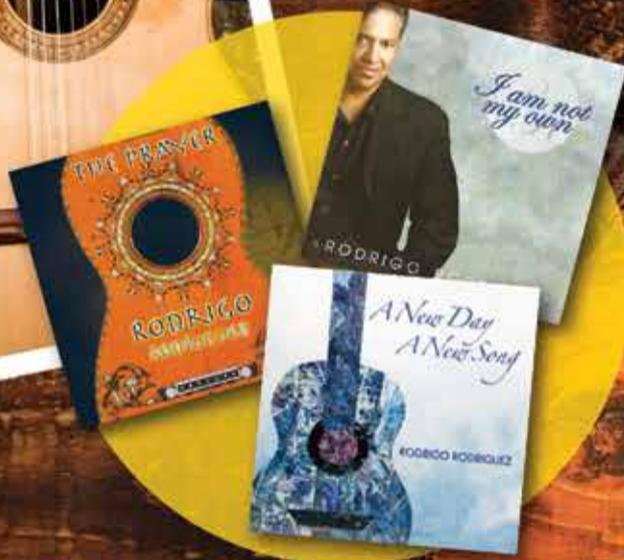
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