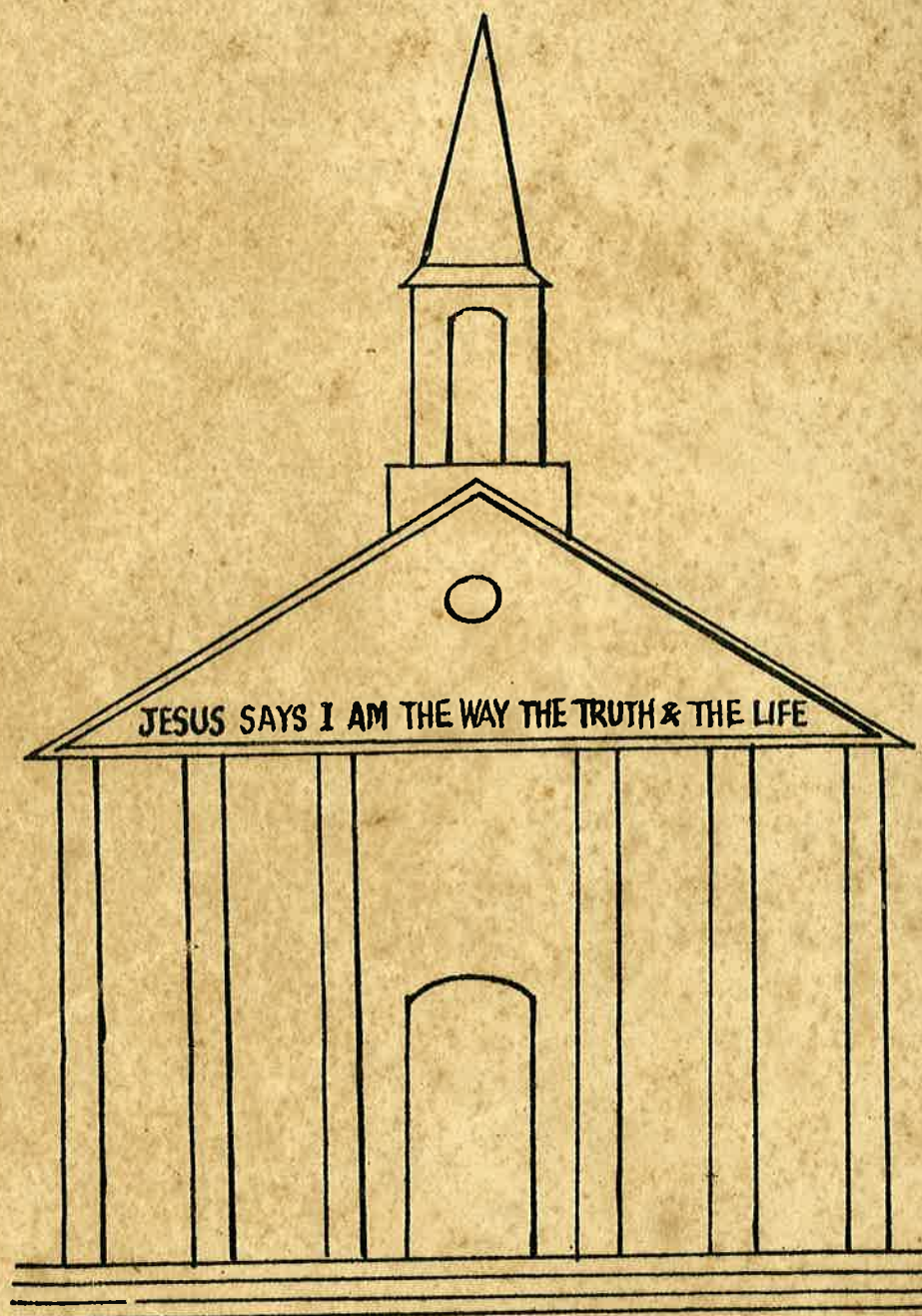


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LIFE CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL is earnestly devoted to TRAINING UP

YOUR CHILD

in order that he (she) will:	\$ find salvation early.
	\$ love God & serve Him faithfully.
Every Lord's Day: 4.30 p.m.	\$ honour parents at home.
5.30 p.m. Worship.	\$ study diligently in school.

# NUNC AUT NUNQUAM

(Pastor's Fifth Anniversary Message.)



NUNC AUT NUNQUAM - NOW OR NEVER! That is the lesson of the failure of God's people to enter the Promised Land.

One year and one month after the going out of Egypt, God was prepared to grant Canaan, the Land of Milk and Honey, to His people. But there was one condition: providing they had the faith and courage to take it. To test them out, God told Moses to send out 12 spies, leaders from the 12 tribes, to prospect the land and give their report. Sad to say, the majority of them came back drenched with discouragement. They said, "No doubt Canaan is a land flowing with milk and honey. But, the inhabitants thereof are giants. They live in great walled cities and we become grasshoppers in their sight!" However, two dissenting voices, from Joshua and Caleb, urged immediate possession. But, they were of no avail.

"The congregation lifted up their voice and cried, and the people wept that night." A sudden paralysis of despair seized a once mighty army.

The result of not having faith and courage was disastrous. The congregation were immediately turned about into the dreary desert to wander for forty years. All males from 20 years upwards, that is the whole 600,000-strong army, perished.

What the congregation should have done was to heed the voice of faith and move with courage, trusting God to provide where they lacked. Had not God showed Himself mighty to save over ten times?

On the eve of our happy Fifth Anniversary, Life Church is also brought to the border of Canaan! Hitherto God has worked mightily in our midst. Today He has shown Himself greater by lifting us from Prinsep Street to a delightful 2-acre piece of land at Dunearn and Gilstead Roads, 200 yards from Newton Circus. He has swept three competing applicants for this land aside. He has moved Government to lease us the land at only \$1.20 per sq. foot.

I am glad to announce, on behalf of Session which convened at an emergency meeting after Church on Oct. 16, that we have unanimously voted to take it. Now or never, it is up to Congregation, every man and every woman, every boy and every girl, to do our part. The success of this great undertaking or failure, which might put us off till 1995, if Jesus tarries, depends on YOU!



When God offers us a Beulah Land, it is important that we pay respect to that offer. The more we take Him at His word and show it with as much of our energy and resources, the more will the Lord bless the work of our hands. This is an immutable law. May my dear brothers and sisters, uncles and aunts, nieces and nephews, in the Lord, unite in one great shout of conquest, "Let us go in and possess it!"

NUNC AUT NUMQUAM - NOW OR NEVER!



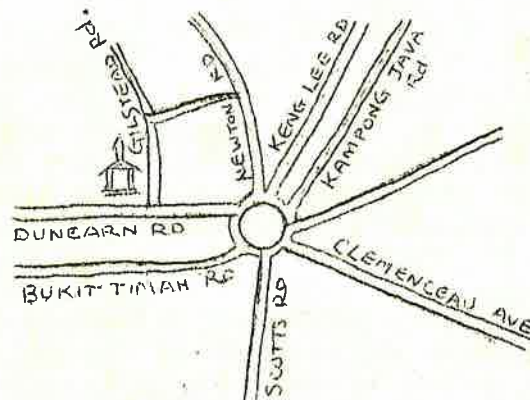
BEFORE WE START OUT, the Lord has already moved Mr.Y.C.Chen to offer a substantial sum from compensation, for loss of daughter killed in CPA plane by communist action. Mr.Ang Kheng Leng, B. Arch., a deacon of our morning congregation, has kindly offered to help us free of charge. \$350, spontaneously offered by a brother and two sisters are deposited with the Bank of Canton.

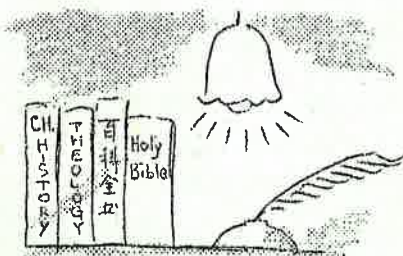
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NEWTON CIRCUS is served by no fewer than six bus lines:

1. Green Bus via Bukit Timah Road.
  2. Green Bus via Dunearn Road.
  3. S.T.C. Bus No.1, Moulmein Road to Keppel Harbour via Newton Road.
  4. S.T.C. Trolley Bus, Newton to Finlayson Green.
  5. S.T.C. Trolley Bus, Newton to Outram Road.
  6. Tay Koh Yat Bus, Braddell Road to Havelock Road, via Scotts R.
  7. Tay Koh Yat Bus, via Thomson Rd., meeting with S.T.C. No.1.
- (And, it is foreseeable that more bus lines will converge on Newton Circus, with the building up of Bukit Timah District)

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# Editorial

IN THE PARABLE of the unjust steward (Lk. 16), our Lord comments on the children of this world as being wiser than the children of light. By this He means to say that Christians who lack initiative should learn it from the more enterprising business people of the world.

The printed page is a unique means of communicating ideas. By it are made, to mention just a few, our daily newspapers, Government bulletins, trade catalogues and, of greater interest to young people, your school magazines. Now if men of the world use it to advance their purposes, why do we not employ it to further God's work?

In answering this question in the affirmative, we launched the Weekly a year ago. And, realising that we could accomplish further along this line in book form, Session also decided to publish a yearly magazine. Hence, this first volume of the LIFE CHURCH ANNUAL.

This magazine has a three-fold purpose:

1. To glorify God and save sinners, by witnessing to the only way of salvation through Jesus Christ His Son.
2. To build up the Church of God by nurturing love and fellowship between our members.
3. To arouse members to a keener sense of their duty to trade with talents God has entrusted them, so that they may not be ashamed to face their Saviour when He comes.

As to Point 1: How often nowadays are we being shocked to read in "Christian" publications denials of the God and Saviour they purport to serve. So-called Christian leaders have become blind guides of the blind. They tell our younger generation that the way to Heaven is paved by all religions. Is this not shameless denial of the very Lord Jesus who died to save them? Is this not sowing seeds of everlasting death in the hearts of the innocent? In this magazine we will endeavour to point the unsaved to the right Way of salvation. We will do it by expounding the Word of God, and also by the testimony of those who have found Christ through the ministry of faithful preaching. These witnesses have different experiences, but the joy of being saved that has flooded their souls is the same. Dear reader, will you KNOW the joy that they will speak? If you still are not sure of being saved, we earnestly beseech you by



God's mercies to call on the Lord while there is yet time. Behold, now is the accepted time; behold now is the day of salvation! (II Cor.6:2.)

As to Point 2: To build up the Church of God by nurturing love and fellowship between members, we shall endeavour to do so also by the articles and testimonies contained herein. As we read what our brothers and sisters have to say about the Lord Jesus, do we not begin to warm in our hearts towards them?

Speaking more about Christian fellowship, it is lamentable, yet so phenomenal, that in a city Church like ours, so many of us should know so little of so few! In this volume, the notes and statistics of members are given with the purpose that we might learn one another's names better at least! Then, kindly pay more respect to this book than you would your telephone directory!

As long as we have no proper place to meet -- our present old building at Prinsep Street has served three big families with over 1000 souls too long -- fellowship with one another must suffer stunted growth. This is one reason why we should build a new church.

Finally, Point 3: To arouse members to a keener sense of their duty to trade with talents God has entrusted them, so that they may not be ashamed to face their Saviour when He comes. Every saved one owes God a gospel debt. Romans 1:14 says, "I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the barbarians; both to the wise and to the unwise." It is not the pastor's debt to preach the gospel to the lost. It is every Christian's. Therefore let everyone in Life Church neglect not this duty. Let us give to the uttermost of our time, energy and money, in order that God's work might go on unchecked.

O, let us be banded together as a team to earn talents for Him, so that when He appears, each one of us may hear Him say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant!" Jesus IS coming SOON! The return of Israel, the mass accumulation of Hydrogen bombs to burn this earth, the clash of nations and the falling away of the Church hasten to bring this age to a close. Why then do we pin our hopes upon this passing world? Let us arise and prepare now to greet that great hour, "Behold, the Bride - room comes!" ~

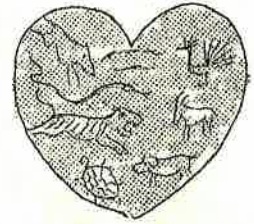


*Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other 5 talents... Then he which had received the one talent came.....*



## *How to be saved !*

-by Dr. R. A. Torrey



No one can be saved unless he is born again by the power of God's Spirit. Christ says, in John 3:7, "Ye must be born again." The necessity is absolute - ye must be born again. Nothing will take the place of the new birth. Baptism will not take the place of the new birth, Confirmation will not take the place of the new birth. No performance of religious rites will take the place of the new birth. A great many people are depending upon the fact that they say their prayers, read their Bibles, go to church, partake of the sacrament, and perform other duties; but all that cannot take the place of the new birth.

Culture and refinement and outward correctness of life will not take the place of the new birth. The trouble is not merely with our outward life: the trouble is in the heart, in the very deepest of our inward life, and merely to perform your outward life will not save you.

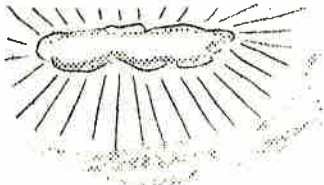
Suppose I had a rotten apple. I could take that apple to an artist, have him put a coating of wax on it, and then paint it till it was the most beautiful looking apple you ever saw; but it would be just as rotten at heart as ever, and one bite into it would be a bite into decay. The trouble is that out of Christ you are wrong in heart, and mere culture, refinement, respectability, morality, is simply a coating of wax on the outside painted up. You must be changed, down to the deepest depth of your being. "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

The Lord Jesus Christ preached, "Repent, ye, and believe the gospel." Repentance is turning from sin to God. The gospel message has power in it to transform your life.

In John 1:12 we read, "As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name. "We are born again by God's Holy Spirit, through His Word the moment we receive Christ. When you take Christ into your heart He transforms you thorough and through in a moment. I care not how worldly you are, how sinful and how hard - anyone today who will throw his heart open and let Jesus come in to rule and reign, God will make that one a new creature in a moment. "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." John 5:12

*"EXCEPT A MAN BE BORN AGAIN  
he cannot see THE KINGDOM of GOD!"*





## *A Country Called Heaven*

-adapted by Dr. Tow Siang Hwa

I am going to tell you of a country where millions and millions of happy people have their homes. The people who live there never grow old. They never fall ill. They never cry. They are never sad, and they are never tired because they do not have to work or carry heavy loads. They are all good and kind and gentle. There are no thieves or robbers, so people don't lock their doors and windows. There are no drunkards and naughty people. Everyone is so loving. There are no cripples to be seen anywhere. No one is deformed or lame. No one is blind or deaf or dumb. There are no such things as hospitals and old people's homes. Leprosy, T.B., cancer, pneumonia, small-pox, chicken pox, polio, and measles are words that are never heard. So there are no doctors or nurses.

The sun never shines in this place, yet it is always bright as day. You never feel too hot or too cold - the temp. is just nice, and cool breezes blow all the time. There are no dark clouds or rainstorms, and lightning and thunder to spoil the weather.

If you go about in this beautiful land, you need not be afraid of accidents, for nothing ever goes wrong. You may travel thousands of miles but you will not see a funeral procession, or any undertakers or graveyards, because the people live for ever and ever. They don't need gravediggers and wreaths and coffins.

Their houses are very beautiful, but there is no need to pay rent or tea money. There are no prisons or police stations. There are no policemen and detectives because you cannot find a single crook even if you search all your life.

I am interested in this wonderful country because my home is there, and I am going there one day. But you ask me, "How do you know all these things? You have never been there!" You are quite right. I have never been there. But there is One Person who came from there and told me a great deal about it, and I know His Word is true.

I have His promise written in a Book. He has now gone to prepare a home for me. He has given me a ticket for the journey to that far-away country. I did not have to pay anything for it. He Himself paid a great price, but gave it to me free of charge. Yes, nobody can buy this ticket. It has no date marked on it. It permits only one traveller and no luggage. There is no return coupon. I am all ready, waiting for that day when I shall go to my new home, in that distant land. Won't you like to come along too? If you have not got your ticket, just let me know, and I'll tell you how to get it. If you have your ticket already, then we shall meet there one day!

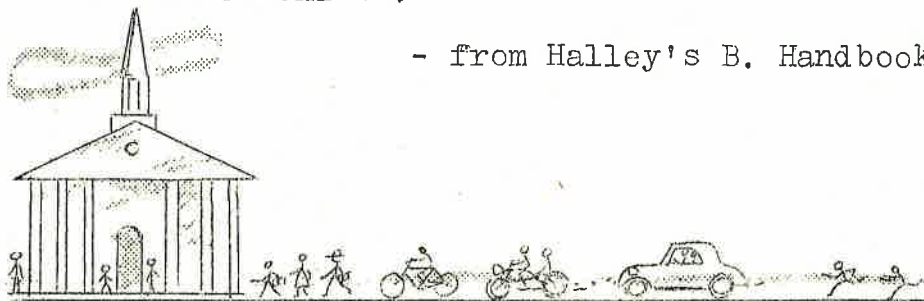
THE HABIT OF GOING TO CHURCH EVERY SUNDAY MORNING  
AS AN ACT OF WORSHIP TO GOD.

ALL Christian people ought to go to CHURCH EVERY SUNDAY MORNING, unless hindered by sickness, or necessary work, or necessity of some kind. It ought to be a matter of conscience, and an act of WORSHIP.

The Churches are the most important institutions in any community. The Sunday Morning Service is the Church's principal way of doing its work; it is THE EVENT of the community life.

Nothing ever happens in any community as important to the life of the community as the regular Sunday Morning Church Services. Every community ought to love its churches, and at this appointed time, turn out, en masse, to honour HIM in whose name the Church exists.

- from Halley's B. Handbook





# The Lord's Day

(From Order of Worship, Bible Presbyterian Church)

I. The Lord's Day ought to be remembered before hand in order that all our temporal and ordinary callings may be so arranged and seasonably laid aside, as not to be impediments to the proper sanctifying of the day when it comes.

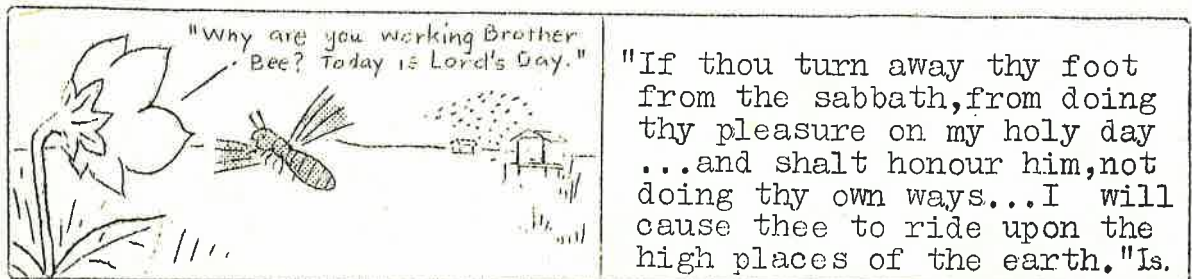
II. The whole day is to be celebrated as holy to the Lord both in public and in private, as a day of divine worship and holy resting. To which end, it is requisite, that there be a cessation all that day from all unnecessary labours; and an abstaining from those sports and recreations which may be lawful on other days; and also from all worldly thoughts and conversations.

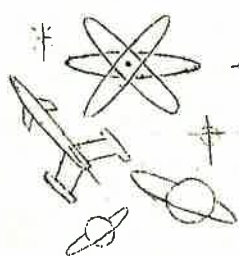
III. Provision for the support of the family on the Lord's Day should be so ordered that servants or anyone else in the household be not unnecessarily detained from public worship or hindered from properly sanctifying the day.

IV. There should be private preparations of every person and family, by prayer for themselves, and for God's assistance of the minister, and for a blessing upon his ministry; and by such other exercise, as may further dispose them to a more comfortable communion with God in His public ordinances.

V. The Lord's people should be careful to assemble promptly at appointed hour, that the whole congregation may be present at the beginning and with one heart solemnly join together in all parts of the public worship; none should unnecessarily depart until after the benediction.

VI. After the public meetings of the congregation have been concluded the time should be spent in reading the Word, meditation upon the sermon, catechising, spiritual conversation, prayer for blessing upon the public ordinances, singing of hymns and spiritual songs, visiting the sick, relieving the needy, and such like duties of piety, charity and mercy,



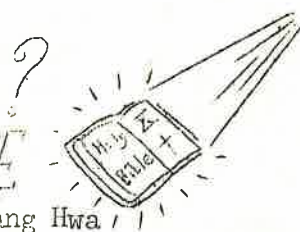


DO SCIENCE

&

THE BIBLE AGREE

by Tow Siang Hwa



This question often presents a real difficulty to young Christians in school. Things they learn in science are in apparent conflict with certain recorded facts in the Bible. Which are they to believe, Science or the Bible?

It is of utmost importance that every Christian boy or girl should have a clear understanding of this vital question, for once the seeds of doubt and uncertainty are sown, the child's faith is in grave danger.

Let us, therefore, set forth as simply as possible for the benefit of every young one, the facts of the case.

The Bible is God's Word, written through His inspiration. In it is vested Divine Authority and absolute accuracy that no other book has. It is God's message to man, and it reflects the mind of One whose wisdom is unlimited. Science has grown out of man's discovery of the marvels of God's creation. It embodies many laws and theories, which are but the product of man's limited thinking and knowledge. It is liable to mistake, and in fact often does.

The Bible was written by various writers, some hundreds of years apart. Yet they all agree in what they write, because there is actually one Author God Himself. Scientific literature also has many writers, but each one is the author of what he has to write. Each scientist only writes what he knows or thinks that he knows. Often they do not know enough. The result is mistake and disagreement among themselves.

The Bible was completed many centuries before modern science came into existence. Yet it has stood every test of time, and its absolute reliability and accuracy have not been shaken. Science is comparatively young, and is continually changing. What is accepted as truth today, may be rejected tomorrow.

In the past, whenever there was disagreement between the Bible and Science, evidence has repeatedly been found to show that the Bible was in fact correct. This has served to strengthen the faith of men in the Bible. In the future, should further doubts arise in any instance, more evidence will be found to prove that the Bible is true in every detail.



For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. . . . But the word of the Lord endureth for ever.

1 Peter 1:24, 25





CONCLUSION: The Bible is God's Word and contains no mistake, whether historical or scientific. Science is the product of man's shallow knowledge and understanding of God's marvellous creation. God the Creator causes things to happen merely by a word of command: storms abate, seas dry up, demons flee, water turns to wine, sick are healed and dead raised - all at His bidding. His creation obeys Him. Who are we, His creation, to question His doings?

When so-called scientific men doubt His works as recorded in His Holy Word, they merely expose a gap, and a very serious one indeed, in their knowledge - the knowledge and fear of the Almighty, who rules over all His creation.

Young Christians, have you any doubts in your mind? Is there any thing you have learnt in school which seems to contradict the Bible? If so, go "search the Scriptures", and let God Himself speak to you through His Word. Then look for the discrepancy, and you'll find it - in some scientific loophole.





"Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces." Psalm 122:7

The house of the Lord is the place of adoration and worship of God, for prayer and fellowship with His children, and for personal testimony and service to Christ.

As an exile and sinner in the devil's domain, the least likely place one would desire to go to is the church. On the other hand, the happiest place which a born-again Christian seeks to go to outside his home is the place which Jesus himself called "the house of prayer." Today this place is commonly called the church.

Upon entering the threshold of the church, one should recall the love and suffering of our Lord in order that we might be reconciled to our Maker and Creator, the Giver of Life. With a heart full of praise and joy that our sins have been washed away through the blood of the Lamb, His peace permeates our souls. With the Psalmist we can sing, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go unto the house of the Lord."

Every phase of worship is centered around the proclamation of God's Holy Word. Life is added unto life and the Holy Spirit seals the heavenly Father's words in our hearts and minds. Whether it be promise, comfort, command, warning, or rebuke in exhortation, we accept it, for "Great peace have they which love thy law." Every hymn and utterance in prayer and preaching reflects the love and law of the Lord.

As we gather at God's house, we also find fellowship with other seeking saints. We recognize each as part of the glorious body of Christ. We rejoice in the meeting together for true Holy Communion, which shall continue for eternity. The spiritual language which becometh the Lord's own, adds sweetness to the days and hours outside the appointed time of worship.

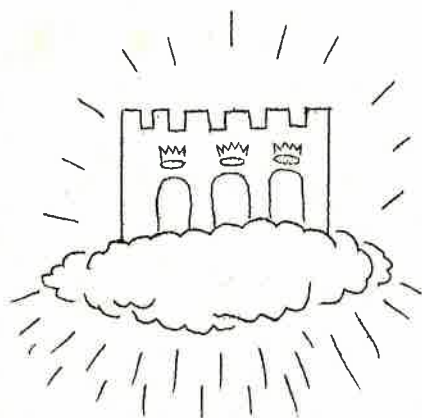
It is not enough simply to worship and find fellowship in the church. As we are taught, so have we a duty and service to perform. "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him, rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith; as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving." (Col. 2:6,7.) The tender in age and young in faith need to be rooted and built up. The Sunday School Department of the church offers the best opportunity for this. Teacher and pupil delight of doing His will in even the lowliest place of service. "For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness." (Psalm 84:10.)



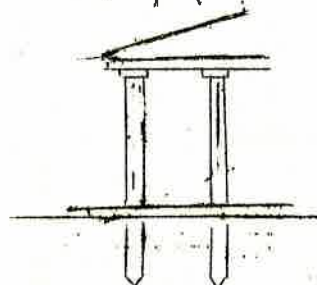
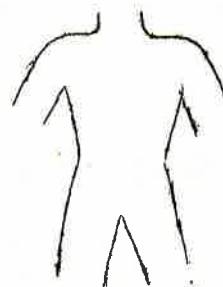
As in apostolic days, it is also through the church that the called and chosen of the Lord are sent to "the regions beyond" and uttermost parts of the earth to preach eternal life in Christ to dying and hell-bound mankind. No church is truly blest until it shines with a missionary vision. To reach the unreached and to love the unlovable for Christ leads soldiers of the cross to bear the banner of redemption blood over mountain, land and sea. To spend and be spent, to suffer and be smitten can be counted as gain when the heathen come to know the way of peace through the Saviour.

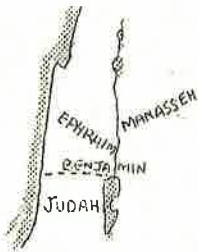
Dear friends of Life Church, congratulations upon another Anniversary in the service of the King. May the Lord give each of you greater faith and grace to live for "The Word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ."

"And let the peace of God rule your hearts, to the which ye also are called in one body; and be ye thankful." (I Thess. 3:15.)



(can you find the text?)





# Why We Are a Bible Presbyterian Church

—by Timothy Tow



As it pleased God in olden days to divide Canaan to the twelve tribes of Israel, so does He appoint to every true church of God a place to witness for Him. Lutheran, Presbyterian, Anglican and Methodist are great names in the Church of Christ, as Judah, Ephraim, Manasseh and Benjamin were noble in the Kingdom of Israel.

We are a Bible Presbyterian Church, according to our confession of faith and form of Church government. Other churches may be called Methodist Bethesda or Baptist according to their confession of faith and form of Church government. Now, such denominations exist because of a different emphasis on minor points of doctrine, but as to fundamentals of the Faith, they do mutually agree, bearing common testimony to the Lord Jesus Christ. Thus it is our duty, while zealously upholding what we believe to be nearest to the revealed truth of God, to exercise brotherly forbearance towards other churches, and it is expected that our brethren in other "tribes of Israel" will so deal with us.

Why we have become known as Bible Presbyterian, let me briefly relate. We are descendants of a "colony" of Chinese Christians who migrated from Swatow to Singapore during the last two generations. Our grandparents, and parents were converts of the English Presbyterian Mission, the overseas work of the Presbyterian Church of England. Now as descendants of a great heritage, making Malaya our home and independently building up the church of God, we might properly be called Malayan Chinese or Malayan, Presbyterians.

But something has happened during the last two decades that has made it necessary for us, we are sorry to say, to disassociate with the English Presbyterians. It is modernism. The present-day missionaries are not like those who preached to our ancestors the old-time faith. Missionaries of the English Presbyterian Mission have denied the precious blood of Christ as being shed for the forgiveness of our sins; One has denied the virgin birth and another the bodily resurrection. (These facts have been earlier published in the Weekly.) Lest we be mistaken for sharing their anti-Christian views, and in order to protest against such unbelief, it behoves us to proclaim ourselves to be "Bible Presbyterian". We believe and uphold every word of the Bible, but modernists, who deny these essentials of the Faith, do not.

"HOLDING FORTH THE WORD OF LIFE" PHIL. 2:16

"HOLDING FAST THE FAITHFUL WORD" TITUS 1:9 ~

Now, modernism has not usurped our Presbyterian churches only. Like an epidemic, it has swept through every denomination of the Church of God - Methodists, Anglicans, Baptists, Brethren, Lutherans, all over the world, are suffering from the same plague. Nevertheless, God still reigns over His church. When modernism had risen to its peak, the Lord began to raise up a standard against it. This standard is a church reformation movement beginning as early as 1927 in China. Dr. A. B. Dodd and Dr. Chia Yu-ming, principal of a Nanking Seminary of which Dr. John Sung was president of the directors, challenged the modernists. In America about the same time, God raised up a young minister to do likewise. Today He is Dr. Carl McIntire, president of the International Council of Christian Churches, which is a fellowship of this church reformation movement. Today this movement has grown to a membership of 54 denominations from 40 countries.

The issue in the 16th century Reformation between Luther and the Roman Catholic Church was whether salvation was by works or faith. The issue today between us and modernism is whether the Bible is the infallible, inerrant word of God. This is a much greater issue, because if the Bible is not to be believed at every point, then it might not be believed at all points. Indeed that is the logical conclusion. Today so-called Bishops and ministers of Christ's Church, have shamelessly eulogised other religions at the expense of Christ. Others go so far as to say that the way to heaven is paved by all religions. We hear missionaries teach our children that the Bible contains myths and fairy tales and that Jesus' miracles are not to be believed. The doctrines essential to our salvation are torn to bits because they have first destroyed the authority of the Bible.

In order to uphold the Word of God and defend and confirm the essential doctrines of the Christian Faith, a doctrinal Statement is issued by the International Council of Christian Churches. To this statement we gladly and unreservedly subscribe, and we reproduce it for your profitable study. This statement reads:

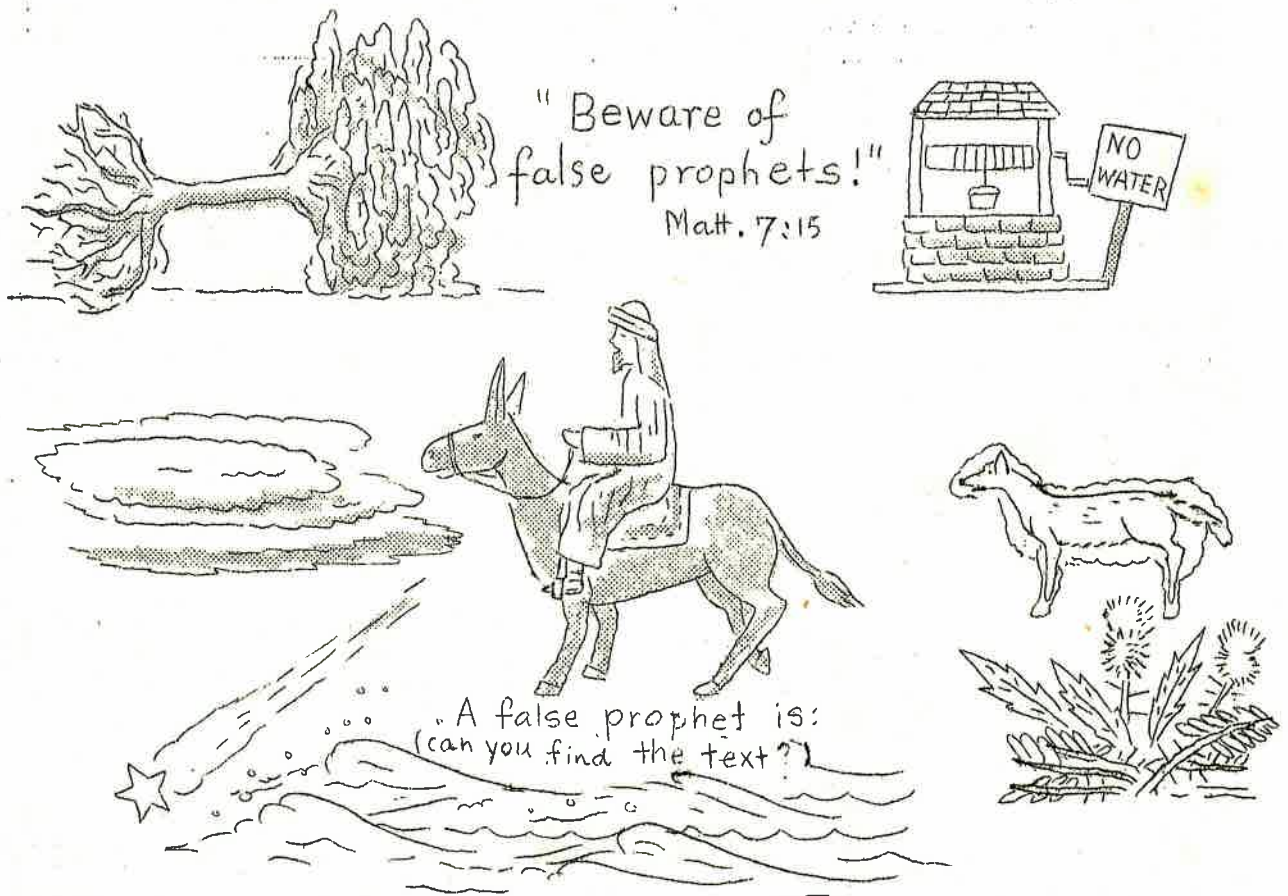
"Among other equally Biblical truths, we believe and maintain the following:

- a. The plenary Divine inspiration of the Scriptures in the original languages, their consequent inerrancy and infallibility, and, as the Word of God, the supreme and final authority in faith and life;
- b. The Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
- c. The essential, absolute, eternal Deity, and the real and proper, but sinless, humanity of our Lord Jesus Christ;
- d. His birth of the virgin Mary;
- e. His substitutionary, expiatory death, in that He gave His life "a ransom for many";
- f. His resurrection from among the dead in the same body in which He was crucified and the second coming of this same Jesus in power and great glory;



- g. Salvation, the effect of regeneration by the Spirit and the Word, not by works but by grace through faith;
- h. The everlasting bliss of the saved, and the everlasting suffering of the lost;
- i. The real spiritual unity in Christ of all redeemed by His precious blood;
- j. The necessity of maintaining, according to the Word of God, the purity of the Church in doctrine and life; and, still believing the Apostles' Creed to be a statement of Scriptural truth, we therefore incorporate it in these articles of faith.

Yes, the reason why we call our Church Bible Presbyterian is that we not only desire to preach the gospel but also to defend and confirm it. - May Presbyterians who want to uphold the truth become "Bible Presbyterians" and may "Bible" churches be formed of other denominations of Christ's Church which are being usurped by modernist leaders today. ~



## DEACON HENG'S MESSAGE

I thank God that my parents had chosen the right way of worshipping God, the Creator of heaven and earth and all living things that appear on earth.

Although I grew up in Church, I was doubtful whether I could be saved, because I had very little knowledge of my Chinese Bible. I thank God for sending His servant Dr. John Sung to Malaya. Thousands rushed to attend the revival meetings held at the Telok Ayer Church, and many who accepted Christ were blessed. When I heard of this salvation, at once I made up my mind to attend the meetings that followed. I heard so touching a message, as if it came from above, that tears came down from every cheek. My heart was greatly stirred because I also found the Saviour.

Before Dr. Sung's departure to China, I told the interpreter that I wanted to confess my sins before Christ through his help and prayer. He promptly informed Dr. Sung and my request was granted. Next morning before 8 a.m. I saw them at the top tower at Telok Ayer Church. I handed them my letter and stated my request for prayer. There were several others who came for prayer also.

Dr. John Sung, moved by our spirit and determination, told us to kneel down and be not ashamed before Christ, because our Lord knew all about us. He told us to pray to God for repentance together with him, and he put his hand on my head. As soon as he called out to God, I felt a spiritual sensation descending upon me. I felt a chill and fear, and began to cry out. At that moment I felt the heaviness in my heart vanish away. I knew and realised our Lord had answered my prayer and had taken away my sins.

Quite a few of our older members have children who do not fully understand the service in Chinese. And so, it was necessary, and indeed a blessing, that this English Service was started.

Our children are now learning to seek the Lord and His way. Many are beginning to love the Bible. Still others improve their English. Thus far our Sunday School attendance has reached 252 and we are looking forward to our Lord's further blessing.

*"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Rom. 10:9*

# 索 Dr. John Sung

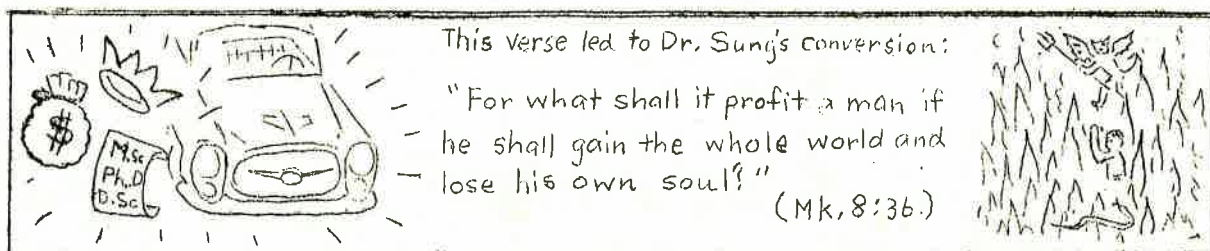
By Dr. Tow Siang Hwa.

-an appreciation of the book by Mr. Leslie T. Lyall

DURING the years 1935-1939, a mighty wave of revival swept the Chinese churches throughout South East Asia. Siam, Burma, Malaya, Sumatra, Borneo, Java, Philippines, and last but not least, our island home of Singapore saw a spiritual awakening the like of which has not been witnessed before or since. For God was pleased to use John Sung, the 'Flame of God in the Far East' for the turning of many from their sins to righteousness, the lighting of a thousand flames of service in Christian lives every where, the re-warming of hearts, long cooled off in years of dead and fruitless ministries. What is more important, God always used him to the glory of His own Holy Name. Today, wherever the word is faithfully proclaimed, there are living testimonies of active workers who had received a lasting blessing from the ministry of Dr. John Sung.

Dr. Sung was the fourth son of Pastor Sung of Hingwha in China. From his early boyhood days he had been in a God-fearing environment. He was endowed with exceptional intelligence and natural talents, and also a fierce temper which accounts for his eccentricities off the pulpit. One other quality which partly accounted for his success was his utter devotion to the task in hand, and his complete disregard for his own bodily health.

From the time he was ten, John Sung used to help his father in preaching tours, and soon he was hailed as the 'Young Pastor'. But he was ambitious, and God opened a way for him to America. There he startled the American public by topping practically every examination, with highest honours. Nothing was too difficult for his marvellous brain. Soon he gained the degrees of B.Sc., and M.Sc., confounding his critics and astonishing the university professors. His fame spread far and wide. Many awards, scholarships and high appointments were offered him. He went on to take the Ph.D., by which time he was qualified to be a professor of Science. As far as worldly achievement was concerned, no one could have wished for anything more. John Sung had 'gained the world' but deep in his soul was an emptiness he could not fill, a hunger the world and all its glitter could not satisfy. In desperation he thought he would study in a seminary, and perhaps find peace in his soul.





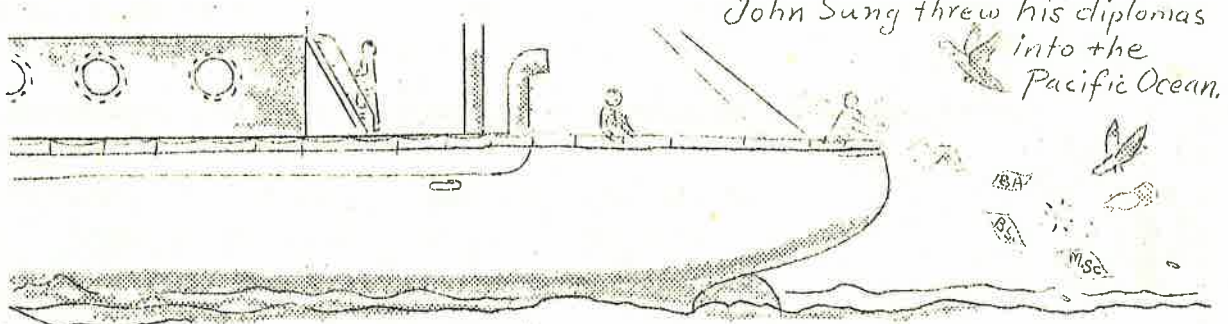
*But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ  
Philip 3:7.*

Accordingly, he joined the Union Theological Seminary, New York. Here he revolted against the Christ-denying, Crossless and Blood-less doctrines of the professors. As a result, he was cast into a mental asylum for 193 days. Imagine his plight as he was confined in virtual imprisonment, away from friends and loved ones, in the company of the mentally unsound. But God knew best. Here the Holy Spirit started Dr. Sung on a theological course, which took him through the Bible 40 times. How we praise Him for His wondrous works. When finally released, Dr. Sung said that he "graduated from Seminary."

The call of God had come to him. So Dr. Sung sailed for China again. Gold medals, honours and distinctions, fame and fortunes were to him things of the past: these were but dung. As he neared the homeland, he threw every award into the sea. For him, it was the way of the cross.

From the moment he set foot on China again, every minute of his life was spent in the service of the Master, Who had said to him as he wept for his sins one day in America, "Little son, your sins are forgiven you. I took them upon myself on the cross at Calvary. You need sorrow no more." O the joy of sins forgiven, the peace of burdens rolled away! From henceforth it was not John Sung who lived, but Jesus Christ in John Sung, as he brought the glorious gospel to the uttermost parts of China and S.E. Asia. Was it any wonder then, that John Sung spared not himself, as he burnt up his earthly frame, blazing a fiery trail of revival wherever he went.

As one who received the new birth at Telok Ayer in 1935, sitting through three meetings daily for days at the feet of John Sung, I have enjoyed every page of Mr. Leslie T. Lyall's book. It brings back old memories and at times one seems to feel the old spirit of revival again. Of one thing I am convinced: anyone who loves the Lord will profit by reading this thrilling biography, the life-story of "the greatest evangelist China has ever known!"





# One Sacred Duty



by Timothy Tow.

ONE sacred duty solemnly committed to a pastor's charge, according to Titus 1:9-11, is to preserve sound doctrine in the Church and warn against deceivers, "whose mouths must be stopped."

Commenting on the above passage of Scripture, John Calvin, a leader of the Protestant Reformation, says, "A good pastor ought therefore to be on the watch so as not to give silent permission to wicked and dangerous doctrines to make gradual progress, or to allow wicked men an opportunity of spreading them. If we mark such person and point them out with the finger, everybody will avoid them, and thus they will be prevented from doing harm. This is what Paul had in eye."

Praise be to God, He has not left Himself without such good pastors in every age. Whilst many evangelical leaders refrain from carrying out this sacred duty of pointing out deceivers, He has raised up in our day a Bible Presbyterian pastor, Dr. Carl McIntire, (President of the International Council of Christian Churches) and the late Dr. T. T. Shields, a Canadian Baptist pastor. They have been used of God in a mighty way to awaken churches to the wiles of the Deceiver. We thank God specially for sending them to Singapore in 1949, so that many churches in Malaya, including ours, were awakened to the soul-destroying unbelief of modernism in our midst. This deceitful unbelief of modernism is operating here through the work of the Malayan Christian Council and Trinity College!

Being aware of this danger, our church has voted not to join the M. C. C., but rather to stand with the International Council of Christian Churches. And during these years your pastor has diligently kept watch, so that evil doctrines might not creep in.

We are glad to report that two cases of infiltration by "Jehovah's Witnesses" or "Watch Tower" into both our English and Chinese Congregations have been successfully eradicated by "The Malaysia Christian" with the cooperation of our young people and the pastors. And we are glad to report a recent victory by our Mother Church against the Malayan Christian Council and Trinity College: Last week, both these organisations requested from our Chinese-speaking congregation one week's offering to promote their work. A member of the session discussing these two requests suggested that a token "offering" be sent to appease them. Believing that such appeasement would amount to giving both material and moral support to the work of deceivers, members from our English Service opposed such a "move". Praise be to God, a couple hundred dollars were saved from falling into the hands of the M. C. C. and its partner.

Honestly speaking, such successful rearguard actions are being won today as a result of the vanguard work of the International Council of Christian Churches. Had Drs. McIntire and Shields and many other stalwarts like Dr. A.B.Dodd refrained from crusading to this part of the world, our English Service could surely have become a cog in the M.C.C. machinery.

In case you might not know the difference between the faith we preach and that of the M.C.C. and Trinity College, here are two samples for your perusal: Bishop Baines, Chairman of the M.C.C., speaking last year on "The Churches' Task in Malaya" at a public meeting in K.L. said, "It is our task at the religious level to do everything in our power to increase understanding among the adherents of different religions both by the respect we pay to their systems and the regard we have for their practice and by the careful and reverent study we make of their doctrines. It has never been part of the Christian way to ignore or belittle the light which shines in other faiths..." (p.4, M.C.C. Bulletin, June-July, 1954.) No wonder a leader of the M.C.C. can take part in the joint-religious service yearly held at the Cenotaph, where Jesus, the name that is above every other name, is equated with Buddha and some other "god." If what the chairman of the M.C.C. says is true, then it is vain for our young people to try win souls, steeped in the darkness of human religions, to the Lord Jesus Christ. Secondly, in a book on "Theological Education on S.E.Asia.." Dr. Stanley C. Smith, principal of Trinity College, defames the good name of Chinese evangelists like our Dr. John Sung, ridiculing them as "foot-loose, free-lance,.....who have come to regard this part of Asia as their happy-hunting-ground, and whose influence has been in many instances, pernicious..." (p.10.) Of course the reason why Dr. John Sung is classed as of the pernicious is that he preached vigorously against the hypocrisy of modernism.

O that we may have more of such good pastors as John Sung and McIntire!

 *Dr. John Sung vs. Modernism.*

(Translated from John Sung Homilies, P.518.)

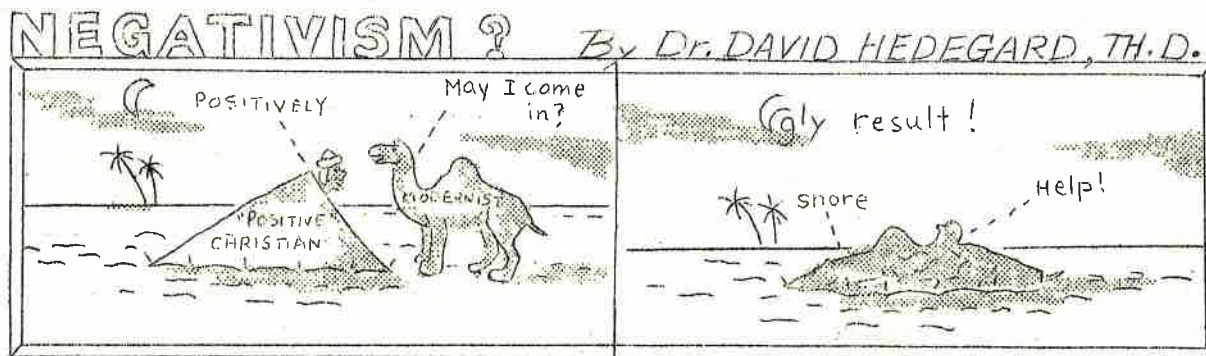
Jesus said, "Beware of false prophets which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves."

Satan's preaching sounds like the truth. But it is powerless. It cannot move a man, nor change his heart.

There are many today who preach a social gospel. They preach themselves hoarse on "good character", "service" and "sacrifice." Have they got a man to repent of and confess his sins and change over? By no means. If a man does not believe in the precious blood Christ, he shall never find forgiveness of sins, nor can his old self be crucified. It is a pity they are blind, and yet they want to show others the way. Shall not both fall into the pit?



These men do not believe the Bible. They do not believe the precious blood. They do not believe that Jesus was born of a virgin, the Word become flesh. They don't believe anything. And why should they preach the gospel? They have a bow and no arrows. They are cheats. They use the name of Christ as a cover for forming councils and sponsoring movements. Whatever be their "movement", the result is nil. ∞



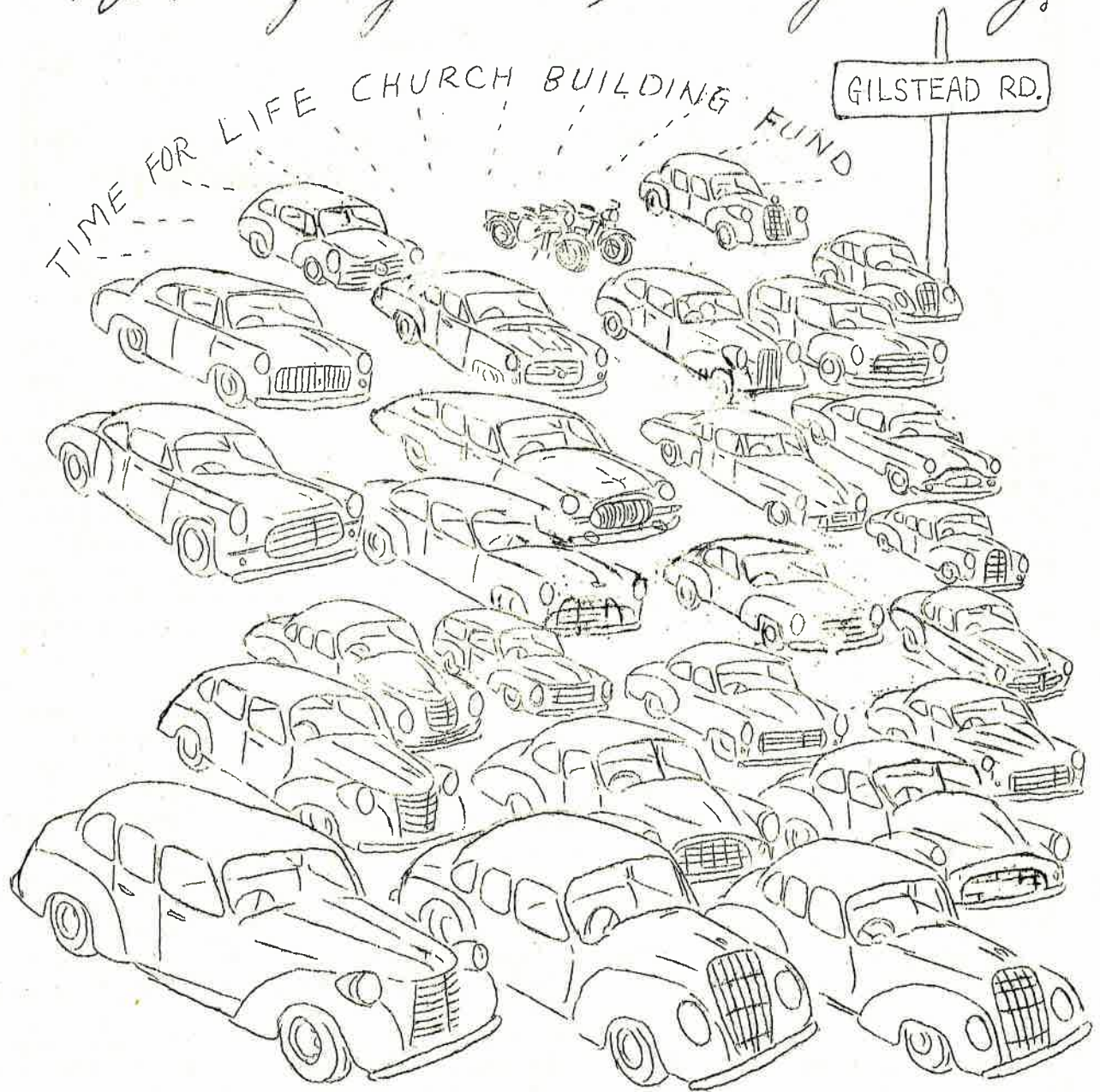
The International Council of Christian Churches is often accused of being negative, a movement which only raises protests against the World Council of Churches and its errors.

It is of course true that our movement opposes the WCC and its attitude to the fundamentals of the Christian faith. It would also be easy to point out that such an opposition is most emphatically commanded by the Word of God. Everyone who knows his Bible also knows that a great part of it consists of polemical statements directed against errors of all kinds. But in connection with such polemical utterances the truth is stated also. Thus it is evident that the polemical parts of the Bible serve to instruction in the truth. This is the line followed by the ICC. It would be sufficient to refer to the resolutions adopted by our Plenary Congresses.

But it should be also stated that the greater part of our work is altogether positive. Let me point out the following:

1. A worldwide fellowship of Bible-believing Christians has been formed. This has meant immensely much for the individuals and churches which still stand for the Bible and for the pure gospel.
2. The fundamental doctrines of the Bible are strongly stressed by our doctrinal statement and by a great number of addresses given in our conferences in different parts of the world.
3. What the ICC has done in order to keep mission doors open has helped to maintain the giving to the heathen the pure gospel.
4. The testimony of the ICC has awakened Christians all over the world to recognise their duty to stand for the faith & to proclaim the Gospel of the Bible. — *The Reformation Reporter*.

"Where there is a 'wheel'  
there is a way!"  
No Mahjong Drive, nor any delay!





## *"And Be Renewed" Eph. 4:23.*

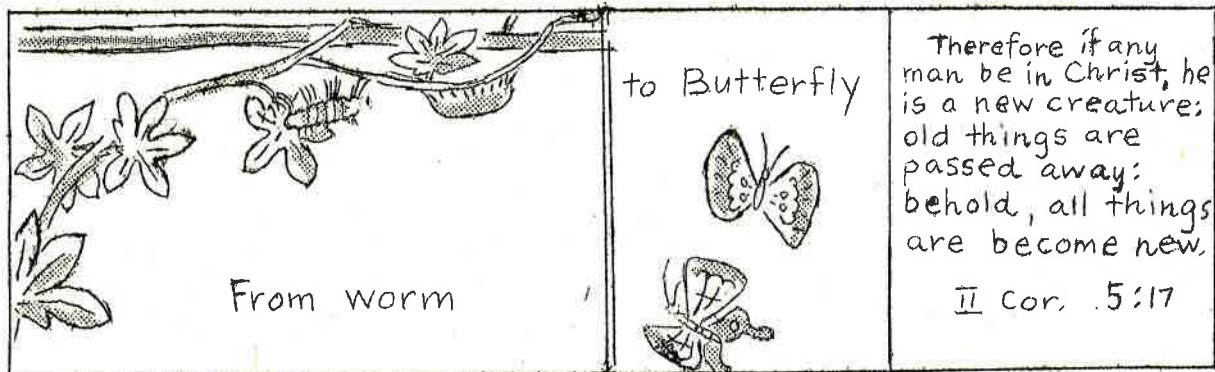
by Mrs. H. Olsen

"JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY AND FOREVER"--thank God for that, for He could not possibly be more perfect than He is! He is the immutable God; He changes not.

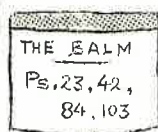
That is not true of God's creation--we all know that in this world things are changing all the time. Everything that has life is constantly changing and, sad to say, the change which takes place in man, as well as in the natural world about us, is one of decay. It is obvious that every moment finds our bodies a bit nearer death, and none are exempt from this process of deterioration.

When we view the moral nature of man, this process of corruption is just as apparent. Had we but eyes to see as God sees, we would instantly be aware that the moral and spiritual part of the unsaved man, though he may look over so nice, is as an apple that has commenced to rot. What a sad picture this truth presents!

But though this sad state of affairs exists, the situation, thank God, is by no means gloomy. THE LORD JESUS CHRIST is not only perfect Himself, but His specific vocation as Saviour of men means that He is living now with the avowed purpose of sharing His perfect life with any and all who realize their need and turn to Him humbly asking for this new life. Yes, He desires that we should have a share of His own Life--and that will make all the difference in us between a corrupt and decaying nature, and a spiritual life which is of the same quality as the life of the Lord Jesus Christ himself. Thus it is possible for us really to be renewed--to be new in our souls, and gradually to produce that fruit of the new life which will make it quite evident to those around us that the well-spring of our life has been sweetened and freshened and that our very nature is different. I have found that this is just what I have needed--and He has not turned me away! Neither will He you! May we, the members of Life Church and Sunday School reveal that renewed life which our Lord wants to impart to us and through us to those about who are so badly in need of it.

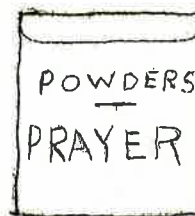






## Rx Sure Cure for Your Troubles

by Timothy Tow



Although Christians are passed from death to life (John 5:24) and now live with a new song upon their lips, it is the will of God to subject them to groanings of this sin-cursed world (Rom. 8:22,23). And though God's special mercies doth henceforth attend their ways, they are not exempt from trials and temptations. The fact that a Christian, too, is required by law to insure his car against accident shows his vulnerability to the exigencies of life.

But we thank God that while He uses pain and sorrow to chastise us, sometimes allowing us to go through fiery trials, He will not suffer us to be tempted above that we are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape that we may be able to bear it (I Cor. 10:13). In so dealing with us, the Lord is like a mother eagle thrusting out her young into some plunging ravine to train them to fly. Such experience is not easy to bear, but it works for us a lot of good.

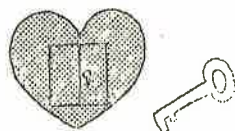
What are we to do in the circumstances? Shall we lose heart, cease striving and sink to rise no more? How often have we sunk into the lowest depths of despair! God's word, however, exhorts us not to lose hope. Ps. 42:5 says, "Why art thou cast down, O my soul? And why art thou disquieted within me? Hope thou in God: for I shall praise him for the help of his countenance."

We have a sure rock to shelter our battered souls amidst seas of fears and troubles. That rock is our living Saviour. Though He does not reveal His strong arm to our naked eyes, yet He does the more surely comfort us through His Word. Thus, it is the promise of Scripture that will ultimately drive away our sorrows and banish our fears. Such pop singing the world has invented for its weary heart, "Pack up your troubles in your old kit-bag", can never cure our ills.

Therefore, when you are beset with troubles, read the Bible! The best book to read from is the Psalms. It is the record of heart-experiences of God's most beloved, their prayers and God's answers to their cries. Almost every Psalm is healing balm for your soul. So you should easily get one at a turn, and if you don't, on the next page or two.

Read it reverently, expectantly. Then commit your troubles to the Lord in prayer. James 5:13 says, "Is any of you afflicted? Let him pray!" But also be sure that your sins are confessed, for verse 16 of the same chapter says, "The effective fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

A recipe of God's sure cure for your troubles is Philip. 4:6,7 "Be careful for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God which passeth all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." ∞



*"Why don't they let Him in?"* ANDREW HENG

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him and sup with him and he with me." Rev. 3:20.

There is a well-known picture portraying the Lord Jesus knocking at a door, waiting patiently to be taken in. I liked the picture when I first saw it because of the colours and life-like features. Since my first glimpse of the picture, I have heard a story about it which has served to enlarge my regard for it. I wish to relate this story for it illustrates how God can work his ways.

The story concerns a father and his child. One day<sup>he</sup> obligingly took his little daughter to an art show. There were many pictures displayed, and the two moved from one painting to another quickly, stopping for a few moments to admire the beautiful ones. The little girl chattered gaily, profitable chatter in this case, for it was destined to save his father. She was inquisitive like most other children, and asked various questions which the father tried to answer as best as he could.

So they proceeded till they came to one particular picture. This was the one I described in the first sentence. They stood there for some time, the father and the daughter. The little girl was strangely silent. Just at the point when they began to move away, the daughter spoke. She asked the father who the man in the picture was. He answered that the man was Jesus. "What is he doing?" she queried in her childish way. He replied that Jesus was knocking at the door. "Why don't they let him in?" was the next question. This the father failed to answer.

That night as he lay on his bed, this same question, "Why don't they let him in?" came to him repeatedly. "Why don't they let him in?" This man came to the Saviour soon enough.

Dear reader, can it be that you are like this man. Maybe you have heard the Saviour at your hearts' door, but you have refused him entrance. "Let me enjoy myself until I am old. I will accept him before I die," was how one of my friends answered me. What if the Lord Jesus should be wearied of knocking and departs? Yes, what will be your hope then? Now is the accepted time. Tomorrow may be too late.



## *If you want to become a doctor.*



by Tow Siang Yeow

You may have been pondering what your future career should be. You may have sought God's helping hand in the matter, and finally come to a decision that you would want to be a doctor. Well and good. But how did you come to this decision? Maybe you have heard that a doctor's is a noble profession, a profession whereby human lives may be saved, pain and suffering relieved. And so it is. Or maybe you have heard that as a doctor one can make "pots of money" and live a life of comfort and ease. That may be so. But you should not let these considerations influence your choice of a career. Heaven forbid that you should become a doctor for the sole purpose of achieving personal enrichment and fame. That would be disastrous to your spiritual well-being as a Christian. Instead, you must ask yourself these questions "What things can I do for Christ when I become a doctor?" and "Will I be a more worthy person to serve the Lord thereby?"

A doctor has many special advantages from a Christian's point of view. To heal the sick and relieve suffering is Christ-like. For did not Christ himself take unto Himself the task of healing the sick wherever he came across them? Remember the ten lepers, the sick of the palsy, and the woman with the issue of blood for twelve years? Who were cured by our Lord Jesus? These are but a few examples.

In Matthew 19:19 Jesus said, "Love Thy neighbour as Thyself." Truly, few there are who have greater opportunities than doctors to put to practice what our Lord has commanded. It may be getting up from bed at midnight to see someone who is seriously ill, a cheerful smile, a kind word to an ailing soul. Or it may be helping the patient in an infinite number of other ways, if needs be. And it all adds up to "Loving Thy neighbour as Thyself."

Many Christians are unable to take a very active part in witnessing for Christ because of the nature of their work or other hindrances. To preach the Gospel unto the uttermost parts would hardly be a workable proposition to most Christians, except these dedicated to the Lord's work. On the other hand, the doctor has the "uttermost parts" brought to his very door in the form of patients who are ever willing to lend an ear to whatever he says. What a great opportunity for the Christian doctor to witness for Christ! Will you become a "soul-saving" doctor, besides being a "body-saving" one?

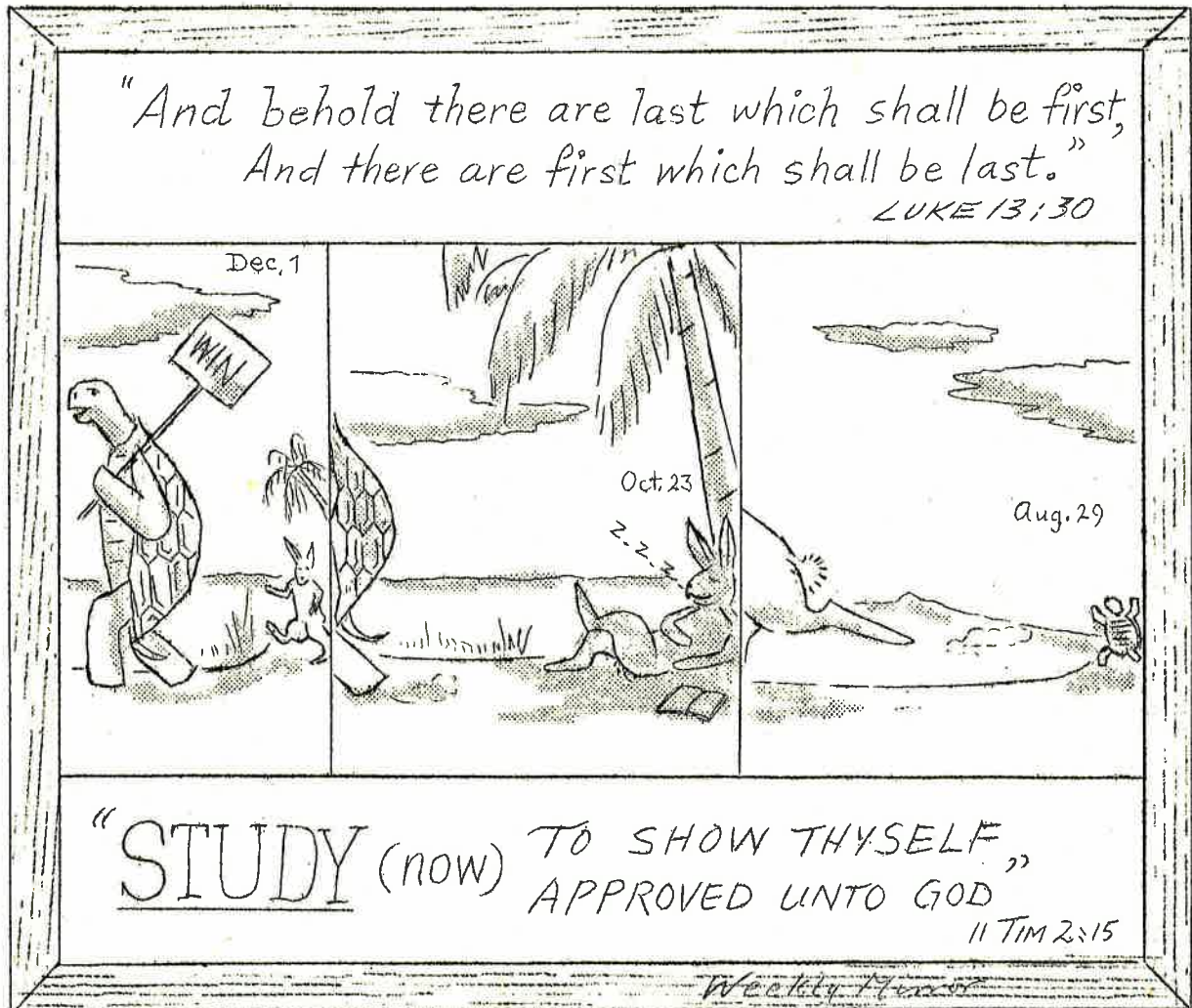
*"Verily I say unto you, 'Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.'"*

MATT. 25:40



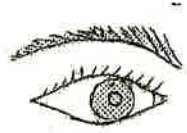
Many doctors earn good salaries, some are wealthy. Such money, however, becomes filthy lucre if used entirely for "self." Jesus tells us to "Lay up treasure in heaven." If you have much money as a doctor, you can certainly lay it up in heaven by supporting God's work and giving to the poor and needy. In Acts 20:35 it says "It is more blessed to give than to receive!"

You may not be entirely aware of the nature of the medical course and the necessary steps to take in order to gain admission to a medical school. Well, here are some pointers: The medical course is very competitive. Hence, be consistently good in all your school work so as to be very near the top of your class. Do well in the school certificate examination, aiming for a first grade certificate with several distinctions at least. Join the post-certificate course and do your level best in the entrance examination. However, admission to the medical college is no panacea to your problems. An indomitable spirit, singleness of purpose, coupled with faith in the Lord Jesus Christ who is able to give wisdom to all that ask Him, will slowly but surely lead you on to success, and to be a better person to serve the Lord.





# BELIEVING IS SEEING.



Dr. Tow Siang Hwa

We are all familiar with the saying "Seeing is believing". During our first Bible Camp, Rev. Wilson Wong told us a story to show that this saying is not always applicable. Once there were three professors who wanted to prove that there was no God, no soul, and no Heaven and Hell. First, the Professor of Astronomy said, "I look into the sky with the most powerful telescopes and I see the sun, moon and stars. But I do not see God. Therefore, there cannot be a God." The Professor of Surgery said, "Some say that man has a soul. In my operations I have opened many bodies. I see all the organs inside, but I have not seen the soul. Therefore, there cannot be a soul." The Professor of Philosophy said, "I have read many books, but there does not seem to be any that tell of Heaven and Hell, or of anyone who has seen these places. Therefore, there cannot be Heaven and Hell." To these three learned men, seeing is believing: if they did not see, they did not believe.

The audience was much impressed by their speeches, and there was loud applause. When the noise had died down, an old farmer stood up and said that he would like to ask a few questions. First to the Professor of Astronomy he said, "When you look into your telescope, do you see the wind?" The Professor said, "No". "Do you believe in it?" "Yes." "But you do not see. How can you believe?" "Well, I see the effects of wind, and its manifestation. Right now I feel it blowing on my face and I can hear it rustling in the treetops." Said the farmer, "That's the same with God. We cannot see Him but we can see the effects of His workings. We can feel His presence sometimes around us. We can see His manifestation everywhere."

Next he asked the Professor of Surgery, "Sir, do you have a wife?" "Yes." "Do you love her?" "Yes." "In all your operations have you found out where love is located in the body? Do you see it in some organ like the stomach or intestines?" "Of course not! How can one see love?" "If not, then why do you say that you have love?" "Well, I feel it. I know that I love my wife and that she loves me. If not we would not be husband and wife." Said the farmer, "That's very much the same with the soul. We cannot see it, but we can feel it: it is in us. Without the soul you would be dead as a doornail."

Lastly to the Professor of Philosophy he said, "Sir, you say that you have read many books, but none tell of Heaven and Hell. Have you read God's Book?" "No. What is it?" "It is the Holy Bible. In it God says that there is Heaven and Hell. We have not seen them, but He has and He is telling us"

This story may sound childish, but it drives home a truth; that seeing is NOT always believing. Many times we cannot believe what we see with our eyes and many times we cannot see what we believe in our hearts. The traveller in the desert sees an oasis in the horizon, apparently a few miles

away. As he travels towards it, he doesn't seem to be making any headway: the oasis remains in the horizon, because he is only seeing a mirage. If he persists in believing what he sees and hurries on, he would be overtaken by the night and be lost, because he believes what he sees at face value. Some years ago a magician by the name of Sorcar, while performing in Singapore, was said to have put a woman into a coffin and cut through it with a saw. To the eye, the woman was cut in two. It was most spectacular and convincing, but seeing again is not believing.

Very often we believe without seeing. Just take the history we learn. We all believe in Napoleon although none of us has seen him. Why? Because we believe in the historians, and we see records and evidences of his existence. So is it with all the other historical characters and events. Take something we all know, electricity. No one has seen electricity, yet we all believe in it. Why? Because we see evidences of its existence. It lights the electric bulb, drives engines, and you feel it if you hold a charged wire. We know how electricity manifests itself, and the laws that govern it. Therefore we believe in electricity as a fact, although we do not see it.

Similarly with God. I cannot see Him, neither can I comprehend His origin. But the evidences of His existence surround me and I am persuaded, indeed compelled to accept His existence. I see His marvellous works and know that there must be a Master Mind, a Higher Intelligence behind them. I feel His nearness when I seek Him. In the Book of Psalms it says, "The Heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament sheweth forth His handiwork." The finished work speaks for its Maker. When we see the orderliness and design of the universe, we can only conclude that there is some great Power and Designer who has set the heavenly bodies in their respective places. When we see the life in animals and plants around us, which we with all our scientific advancement cannot produce, we cannot deny the existence of a Being above all, the Creator who has put life on this planet. We do not know how, because we cannot comprehend His infinite wisdom with our finite thinking. But, we can believe it.

I cannot see the soul, but who am I to deny its existence, when God says that man has body and soul? For God made man and He should know. I have not seen Heaven and Hell, but how dare I deny their existence merely because I cannot see them with my physical eyes? For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him. In these lines from John's Gospel, we see that the important thing is not to see, but to believe. He who will not believe in the Gospel of Jesus Christ will not see life, but, one who believes in Jesus, will see everlasting life. Therefore, where our salvation is concerned, it is a case of "Believing is seeing" and not "Seeing is believing."

This is God's wonderful and free offer to you and me. He promises our souls a place in Heaven, if only we would accept the offer on His terms. One very important condition is this: there is a time limit to it. We must



accept it while we are on this earth, and each one must make the vital decision for himself. I must make up my mind, and you yours. Where is your soul going to when you die? Where are you spending eternity? Are you ready to meet your Creator face to face? Remember, the grave is not the end, but is rather the beginning of endless eternity. May the Holy Spirit of God grant you faith that you will take the Lord Jesus Christ to be your personal Saviour, and that believing on Him, you see everlasting life as a free gift from God the very moment you put your trust in Him. ~9

## *Riches* By HENG GUEK IM

"But my God shall supply all your need according to his RICHES in glory by Christ Jesus."

A lady once told me that she knew of a Christian who so trusted God that he did not care about the small income he earned in his work. He pointed the above verse to her and other friends who rebuked him for his foolishness. How wrong they were! They were the foolish ones and not he. While he was accumulating wealth in heaven, they collected perishable wealth "which moth and rust doth corrupt and thieves break through to steal."

That was not the only reason for their short-sightedness. When they read the verse they thought that God should make all Christians rich - have big houses and cars. Of course, God can do that if he wants, but, first of all, man must give God the glory for what he possesses. There are rich Christians who give even up to 9/10 of their income to Christ. They realise they are stewards of God, not only in money but also in time and service.

God may also give you just enough to live on for He said, "He shall supply all your need." That does not promise great wealth in money. So if God gives you just enough to live on, He is not breaking His promise.

When we read the word "riches" we always think only of money. What about your need of knowledge and wisdom? God will supply you with knowledge and wisdom if you only ask.

I know of a family of limited means, but God has blessed the children with intelligence. People cannot help noticing it. Non-Christians and Christians all recognise the fact that God is supplying their needs.

However, there are times when we in our weakness think that God has forsaken us. He has not made us rich in money or wisdom. I have felt that way at times, but when I meditate on God's word I realise that He has a reason for doing that. Maybe I have not worked hard enough, nor have given glory to Him. The fault is mine, not His. One thing I am sure: He is working things his way. He will surely supply my need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.



# Why Bring An Offering ?

(or "God loveth a cheerful giver" II Cor. 9:7)

A short sketch

By Dr. Tow Siang Hwa.



- Daddy: Hullo Jimmy, you're back from Sunday School?
- Jimmy: Yes Daddy.
- D: How was everything?
- J: Oh everything was fine, except that I forgot to ask you for the collection money.
- D: So what happened?
- J: I had to give from my own pocket money. I'm feeling rather poor now.
- D: You poor chap! You shouldn't be feeling sorry if you know to whom you gave the money. You would be feeling happy instead.
- J: The money goes to the Sunday School, doesn't it?
- D: Yes, but you are half right. The money goes to the Sunday School of Life Church. The Church belongs to God. So your money was offered to God.
- J: What does God want money for? After all He made everything in the world, and He must be very rich. Are you sure He wants my money? It's only 10 cents.
- D: Oh yes. God does want our offering. He Himself says so in Psalm 96:8. It is His command that we should bring an offering when we worship Him.
- J: I see. Maybe God only wants the dollars from rich people. I can't afford to give so much.
- D: You are wrong there. God doesn't look at how big the offering is. But He is more concerned with how we give the offering. The important thing is to give of our own freewill, and cheerfully, with a heart to please Him. God loves a cheerful giver.
- J: But I still don't know why God wants our offerings.
- D: Let me give you an illustration. Supposing I were a millionaire.
- J: How nice that would be.
- D: Now I send you to school. Later on to university. One day you grow up and earn \$1000 a month. What will you do with your money?
- J: Well, it's hard to know what to do with \$1000 a month. But I'm sure I'll even give you part of my salary.
- D: Yes, I know you would. But why do you want to give me money? I am already a millionaire, and you know that I don't need it.
- J: I just want to show how thankful I am for all that you have done for me. Everything that I have came from you.
- D: You are quite right. Now, God our Heavenly Father is like the millionaire father. He has given us, His children, every good thing in life to enjoy. He gives us health and strength, food and clothing, houses to live in, and above all, the fresh air and sunshine. We owe everything to Him. So, in order to show our thanks and gratitude, we worship God with our offerings.
- J: I think I'm beginning to understand now why we offer to God. Can you tell me how much God wants us to give?
- D: The Bible says, we should start with 1/10th of what we get, that is,

if I earn \$100, I should give \$10. Some good Christians give much more than that. One rich Christian in America started by giving 1/10th. God blessed him, and so he gave more. Then God blessed him more and he gave back more to God. Finally, he gave God 9/10ths and kept only 1/10th for himself. Today he is a multimillionaire.

J: So you mean that God blesses when we give Him our offerings?

D: Yes, of course.

J: Does the Bible say so?

D: Yes, if you will turn to Malachi 3:10, you can read for yourself. It is God's promise.

J: (Reads aloud.) Malachi 3:10, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it." This is wonderful. Have you tried it, Daddy?

D: Yes Jimmy. Years ago I did not understand the meaning of offering. Then the pastor explained it. So I gave it a try and started by giving 1/10th. Since then God has prospered our family in a special way. We have all been having good health. I have had one promotion after another. I tried it, and found that God's promise is true.

J: I would like to try it too. Can you please tell me what to do?

D: Start with 1/10th of what you get, whether pocket money or new year and birthday angpows. Save the money you spend on comics, fighting fish, and stamps. Give it to the Church for God's work. Then you'll be surprised how God will bless you. Later on, you can think of giving more.

D: That's wonderful, Son, Believe what God says. Trust in Him. Freely you have received, freely give. You'll never regret it!



*What Have You ?  
Shangar had an ox goad,  
Rahab had a string;  
Samson had a jawbone,  
Moses had a rod;  
Dorcas had a needle —  
All were used for God!*



To have a share  
in building  
GOD'S HOUSE  
is one's own

*Blessing!*

The Bible says, "PROVE me NOW.... if I will not pour you out a Blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it!"

"O Lord, Bless everyone who respects THY WORD to do it. Bless him or her with JOY, PEACE, WISDOM, A HAPPY HOME, HEALTH, & supply richly the daily needs that Thy child may be enabled more to GIVE unto Thee, Amen."





# PRAYER

by William Seah



Prayer is the lifting up of the heart and mind to God. It is one of the most essential and important things in the Christian life. It is the defence against Satan and without it Christian life cannot be successful. God himself had shown us the importance of prayer through His Son, Jesus Christ. Many people think that prayer is the muttering of a few sentences without any meaning at all. Strength of prayer is better than the length of prayer, but if both can be obtained it is so much the better.

I am sure many of us had one time or other wondered what the secret of the life of our Lord Jesus was. He had great power to heal the sick and to raise the dead. If we were to search the scriptures diligently, we will find that He very often went aside to pray to His Father. "And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into the mountain to pray and continued all night in prayer to God." (Luke 6:12) The holy presence of God can be felt when it is quiet ..... upon the mountain or in the wilderness. A prayerful life is a successful life, and like the disciples we should ask the Lord to teach us to pray. "Lord, teach us to pray" should always be our prayer.

How often we find that we do not have time to commune with God through prayer. Never let this happen to you (though I must admit that this happens to me sometimes) for Satan will overcome you if you do. Make sure that enough time is set aside for prayer. "Man ought always to pray and not to faint." (Luke 18:1)

It is wonderful to know that prayer changes things. Many times I have been tempted to sin; many times was I downhearted and sorrowful; many times I was nearly sent out of this world, but PRAYER changed all these things. Sorrow <sup>that</sup> was turned to joy. Prayer is marvellous!

God has promised to give us anything if we ask Him in prayer. "Whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing ye shall get." (Matt. 21:23) How easy and wonderful!

Some people ask but do not receive. This is because of two main reasons. First we must make sure that we ask for good things. "Ye ask and receive not because ye ask amiss." Do you think that God will help you if you ask Him to help you in some evil work? Certainly not! Secondly we must ask all our petitions in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No man cometh unto the father but by me." Therefore God will only grant us our petitions if we ask according to His will and in the name of our Lord Jesus. Most people receive not because they ask not.

Prayer includes adoration, confession, petition, intercession and thanksgiving. A prayer without intercession is a selfish prayer. A prayer without thanksgiving is not complete. Prayer agrees with the Word of God. So we must also read the Bible daily and put in practice what is taught.

# *The Sovereignty of God in Providence.*

by Bishop D. A. Thompson, ICCC, ENGLAND.

The Sovereignty of God in Providence is a doctrine very full of comfort. By this is meant that nothing happens but what the Lord foreknew and fore-ordained. He controls as an absolute sovereign, in the very fullest sense, the earth and all that goes on upon it -- the weather, the warring of nations and everything down to the very smallest detail that affects our lives. TOPLADY, the hymn-writer and theologian, quotes with warm approval the following words of Bishop HOPKINS:-- "A sparrow, whose price is but mean, two of them valued at a farthing, and whose life therefore is contemptible, and whose flight seems giddy and at random; yet it falls not to the ground, neither lights anywhere, without your Father. His all-wise Providence hath before appointed what bough it shall pitch on, what grains it shall pick up, where it shall lodge, and where it shall build; on what it shall live, and where it shall die. Our Saviour adds, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. God keeps an account even of that stringy excrescence. Do you see a thousand little motes and atoms wandering up and down in a sunbeam? It is God that so peoples it, and He guides their innumerable and irregular strayings. Not a dust flies in a beaten road but God raiseth it, conducts its uncertain motion, and, by His particular care, conveys it to the certain place." He had before appointed for it; nor shall the most fierce and tempestuous wind hurry it any farther. Nothing comes to pass but God hath His ends in it, and will certainly make His own ends out of it. Though the world seems to run at random, and affairs to be huddled together in blind confusion and rude disorder, yet God sees and knows the concatenation of all causes and effects and so governs them that He makes a perfect harmony out of all those seeming jar-rings and discords. It is most necessary that we should have our hearts well established in the firm and unwavering belief of this truth, that whatsoever comes to pass, be it good or evil, we may look up to the hand and disposer of all, to God. In respect of God, there is nothing casual nor contingent in the world. If a master should send a servant to a certain place and command him to stay there till such a time, and presently after should send another servant to the same place, the meeting of these two is wholly casual in respect of themselves, but ordained and foreseen by the master who sent them. So it is in all fortuitous events here below. They fall out unexpectedly as to us, but not so as to God. He foresees and He appoints all the vicissitudes of things."

Now this absolute and wonderful sovereignty of our gracious God can no more be exercised apart from the perfections of His attributes and being than it is possible for Him to lie. Many have become the victims of perplexity, misunderstanding, even bad living and infidelity, by overlooking this obvious fact. Rightly considered therefore the sovereignty of God can never be a cruel tyranny or wicked despotism such as is associated with a Nero or a Hitler. It is the unbounded rule of One who is "too wise to err and too good to be unkind"; of Him who "so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son" to be the propitiation for sin, and the Saviour and Friend of the redeemed.

This is a wholly benevolent and beneficent autocracy, and so it is not dreadful but delightful.

Much in this great doctrine is too deep altogether for the human mind to fathom, and we must be content not to know what He has not told us. Happy is that man who still trusts the Lord even when he cannot see clearly the divine wisdom and love in the things which befall him, but is convinced that the Father in heaven rules and over-rules all things, good and bad alike making them to work together for his good; that God cannot be hurried or hindered, but works according to His time-table; and that nothing can cause Him to speed up or slow down His plan.

This great truth brought home to the soul by the power of the Holy Spirit promotes a peace and satisfaction in life which all the trials that come with the years can never destroy.

My times are in Thy hand,  
My God, I wish them there;  
My life, my friends, my soul, I leave  
Entirely to Thy care.



My times are in Thy hand,  
Why should I doubt or fear?  
A Father's hand will never cause  
His child a needless tear.



### *The Blessing of the Lord.*

*The Lord bless thee, and keep thee:  
The Lord make his face shine upon thee,  
and be gracious unto thee:  
The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee,  
and give thee peace. Num. 6:24-26*



# WORLD'S TINIEST BABY

*By Deaconess Ong Soo Kheng.*

"THE WORLD'S TINIEST BABY LIVES A NORMAL LIFE." This news was published by the Singapore Standard in August.

I want to thank the Lord for giving me the privilege of nursing this 1 lb. 15 $\frac{3}{4}$  oz. baby girl. I saw a great deal of God's wonderful work while looking after this baby. It was a great responsibility to nurse such a tiny baby. It was also a hard job. The only thing I could do was to commit the baby into God's hand and pray for her every day.

Baby was quite satisfactory a few days after birth. But she started turning slight blue on the 6th day. On the night of the 7th day at 8 p.m. she was very blue, almost navy blue. She was nearly gone. The sister in charge of the ward informed Baby's doctor, a specialist, and the parents, that she was on the D.I. (dangerously ill) list. I could do nothing but pray earnestly in my heart that God would show forth His glory through this baby that He is a God of the impossible. The parents came to see their precious baby, looking very worried and sad. At this moment God's promise came to me, "And call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me" Ps. 50: 15. There was great calm in me. I told the parents that unless God spared the baby's life, the specialist's care could do nothing. After the parents left, I claimed God's promise, and prayed Him to deliver baby from death. Every day I prayed that God would show forth His glory by keeping Baby alive.

Nursing a baby under 2 lbs. is a hard job. The baby was fed on mother's milk from a medicine dropper - one drop at a time! If an extra drop was given or if the milk flowed slightly faster, she would turn blue.

Baby's condition began to improve after that night's experience. Every time the doctor saw her, she was pleased with the wonderful improvement. The baby's feed was increased nearly every day. She showed signs of great progress at the end of 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  months. She could suck from a small bottle, and gradually learned to suck from a normal baby's bottle and mother's breast. She is now 3 months and 12 days, and weighs about 6 lbs!

Thank God for keeping Baby alive and healthy. A member of the hospital staff told me when I started nursing the baby that she would not survive for more than a few days. Praise the Lord, He does the impossible. My heart's earnest prayer is that Baby may live to glorify God and witness for Him.

# REPORTS

## TUESDAY NIGHT PRAYER MEETING

By Heng Guek Im.

On the 7th of June this year, a group of almost ten people gathered at the house of Elder and Mrs. Lim Hong Hock for prayer. This was the first of our prayer meetings. Our hearts were filled with expectancy as we gathered there for prayer. For, Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there will I be in the midst of them." So we knew that Jesus would be with us, listening to our thanksgiving, praise and requests.

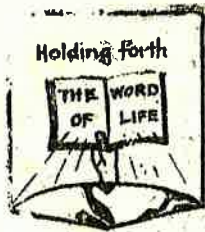
No church of God can grow healthily without communing with God the Father. In the prayer meetings we share each other's worries, sorrow and rejoicing, and our prayers go up as one voice to God. At these meetings all of us learn to speak with God and learn to come boldly to His throne of grace. We are glad to say that we pray sincerely and with faith, and that most of our requests have been granted.

Indeed, our biggest and greatest request has been for the piece of land at Gilstead Road, and you all know that we have asked for God's help at every step. So far God has been very gracious to us. We wish more members could come and join us, especially towards the end of this race, in overcoming the last two and most difficult hurdles: That the land would be granted to us without any snags, and that we have the means of carrying out our plans. This is not any easy task, but if every body genuinely seek God for help, and when He sees us crying in unison, He will surely grant us our requests.

So help us in our task by coming to pray meeting!







# The Life Church Weekly



— by Ruth Lim, Treasurer.

Our Weekly was started in September 1954. We did not have a cent in hand at that time, but through prayer - trusting that the Lord will supply all our needs, a Gestetner machine was bought. We then saw God's hand guiding and moving many hearts to give cheerfully for her purchase. A down payment of \$320, contributed by Session, was made, and monthly instalments of \$55 were regularly paid. From September 1954 to September 1955 the Weekly received \$1337.95 and spent \$1348.80 on ink, stencils, paper, printing blocks and monthly instalments of \$55.

God bless you who helped financially, and by contributing articles. Also our pastor who is the Editor and Mrs. Y.C. Chen our typist.

II Cor. 9:7-9 says, "God loveth a cheerful giver", and God's love is the thing that each one of us needs. There is nothing on this earth that can give you and me satisfaction, everlasting joy and peace, apart from our Lord's love and care. I am sure all those who have given cheerfully have received showers of blessing from our Heavenly Father. One thing I have learnt is that the more we give the more we receive.

One day the Lord moved me to help a servant of God. Well, it was near the end of the month, and all I possessed was a ten dollar note. Here Satan came in tempting me to keep it back for my own use. I was weak in the flesh and nearly gave way to Satan. At that moment I heard the Lord's voice speaking to me through this hymn "Yield not to temptation, for yielding is sin." Immediately I surrendered to Him and did what He wanted me to do. Then joy filled my life. Two days later a note was pinned up on the Nurse's Notice Board asking me to collect a rebate of \$20. Praise God, He will never leave us nor forsake us, and He knows our every need.

Lately we bought a Royal typewriter for \$295 at special discount, to be paid in the next three months. An anonymous brother has been moved to offer \$50, and now we need \$245 more. May the Lord continue to work in each heart and help us to store our treasure in heaven. St. Luke 12:34 says, "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

*For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward His Name. Heb. 6:10*





"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15.) This is the great commission or marching orders to the Church.

Notice the phrase, "all the world." In Matthew 28:19 where the great commission is also recorded, "all nations" is used. In Acts 1:8 it is repeated as "the uttermost part of the earth". The significance of this triple emphasis is that speeding the gospel to unevangelised regions should claim priority in our Church programme. Or as Dr. Oswald Smith vividly puts it, "Why should anyone hear the gospel twice when others have not heard it once?"

In obedience to this command, a missionary meeting of our Session was called in March, 1952. Being moved of the Spirit that there was need to extend the witness of Life Church beyond our Island, we decided to form a missionary society which we named the Malaysia Pioneer Mission. To show our determination to support this much-neglected ministry of Christ's Church, an offering totalling \$241 was taken at close of the meeting amidst much rejoicing. Soon after this our pastor and Deacon Hsu Chiang Tai were sent on a series of preaching trips to the new villages. This enabled them to contact some 60 villages with the preaching of the Word and the distribution of Bible portions and tracts.

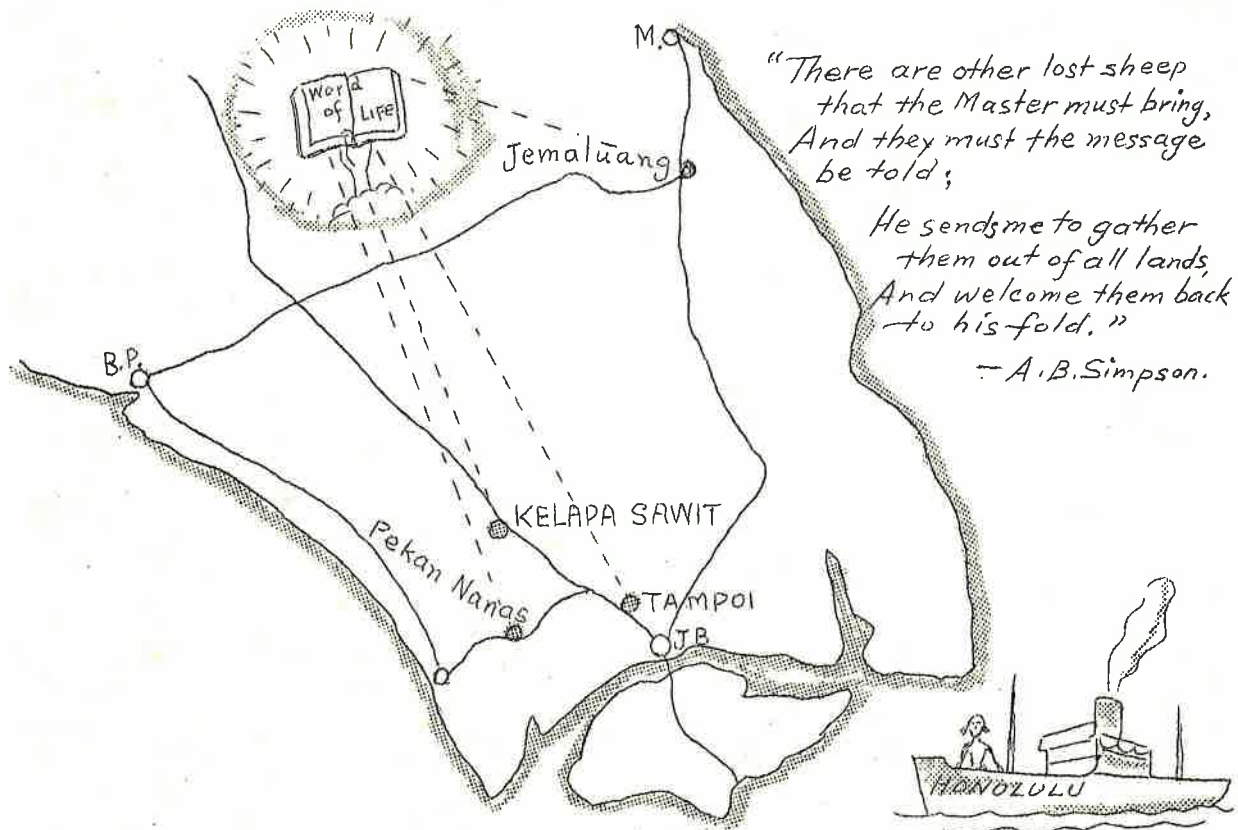
One of the villages contacted from the beginning was Kelapa Sawit. This is a farming centre of 3000 Hakkas, 43 miles north of Singapore on the Kulai Road. Here was a mission newly planted by Dr. Andrew Gih of the Evangelise China Fellowship. December 1953, however, saw the decision of this missionary fellowship to leave the village in order to strengthen their other stations in Tampoi and Pekan Nanas. Thus Kelapa Sawit would need volunteers to take over in January 1954.

Miss Leona Wu of Chin Lien Bible School, which supplied two workers for Kelapa Sawit, approached me if the Malaysia Pioneer Mission might not consider coming in. Being assured that the Lord wanted us to start a work of more permanent nature, we decided to do so. But we were not alone in assuming responsibility for Kelapa Sawit, for that would be too heavy. The Singapore Christian Evangelistic League, of which Miss Wu is president, promised to bear the other half of the burden. We had to supply \$130 per month for our share of work, being \$100 for the support of one missionary and \$30 for rent of the mission church.

One year ago God moved the landlord to sell us the two-storeyed shop house occupied by our mission church. In view of his low price of \$1050 and of much money to be saved from paying rent, we agreed to buy it. Our share of \$525 was speedily over-subscribed which indicated that the Lord's hand was with us. The young congregation at Kelapa Sawit rejoiced to see the work permanently established.

During the last 20 months, the pastor has visited Kelapa Sawit about a 10 times. On almost every occasion the Lord's Supper was served to as many communicants. Eight persons have been united with the Church in baptism, one old lady of 81 was given a Christian burial, and a young woman has been sent to train at Chin Lien Bible School. Behind these cold statistics, however, many warm tears were wept in sowing. Apart from regular work, special meetings with the help of Misses Laing and Duff of the CIM were held, and messages from Rev. Andrew Lu and Mr. Harry Liu of the Pocket Testament League were given. Then there are the faithful contributors, whom the Lord does not forget, who chip in regularly to keep that gospel door open. Nor does this out-station work remain confined within the barbed wires of Kelapa Sawit. It is our privilege to minister also to sister missions - baptising and serving the Lord's Supper in Tampoi, Pekan Nanas and last but not least, Miss Char's work in faraway Jemaluang.

We have not been equal to the task. Only as we willingly "died" in the Lord were we endowed with strength to extend the witness beyond. Praise be to God for His great wisdom in thrice emphasising "to the uttermost part" in the great commission to His Church. Without this emphasis, perhaps our Life Church would never have been born!



Let's also remember Miss Char's work in Jemaluang, established soon after her arrival in Singapore, 1952.

"I AM DEBTOR BOTH TO THE WISE, AND TO THE UNWISE."



# DEBTOR TO THE GREEKS

By Dr. Tow Siang Hwa

Witnessing for Christ is the duty and privilege of Christians in every community. Paul said, "I am debtor both to the Greeks and to the barbarians; both to the wise and to the unwise." Not only must we be concerned for the new village folk and the tribesmen in remote foreign missions fields, but it is also our bounden duty to win the learned people in universities and colleges to the Lord. We are to preach the Gospel to every creature.

The Varsity Christian Fellowship is a union of Christian undergraduates in the University of Malaya which has as its aims:-

- (1) To promote spiritual growth among Christians in the University.
- (2) To maintain a witness for Christ in the University.

Many young and keen Christians fail in their Christian life and depart from the faith after entering the University. If they can be persuaded to join the Varsity Christian Fellowship, they would be brought into contact with a set of live-wire witnessing Christian students who will be able to help them along in their daily walk with the Lord. The second aim is to bring the Gospel to unsaved classmates, for how are they to know the Saviour if those who have been saved refuse to open their mouths to tell others about Him?

The V.C.F. has proved to be an effective witness for Christ. It functions as the evangelical and Bible-believing, Christ-honouring group in the University, along the lines of the Inter-varsity Fellowship and Evangelical Unions of European, Australian and American universities. Its members belong to various Churches and Assemblies in the different denominations, but they are all united in the faith, doctrine and purpose. Every member of Life Church going to the university is strongly urged to make full use of the Fellowship, help and guidance offered by this virile group.

Christians who have left the universities and colleges continue to witness as a body through the newly-formed Graduate's Christian Fellowship. This is an evangelical, inter-denominational union which seeks to make Christ known among professional men and women who are rarely induced to attend Church meetings. As an elder brother, it lends a helping hand to the V.C.F. in the way of supplying speakers and funds when the need arises. All teachers, college and university graduates, in Life Church would derive spiritual benefit by having a part in this growing Fellowship.



# LIFE CHURCH *Youth Fellowship*

TAN SWEE TECK

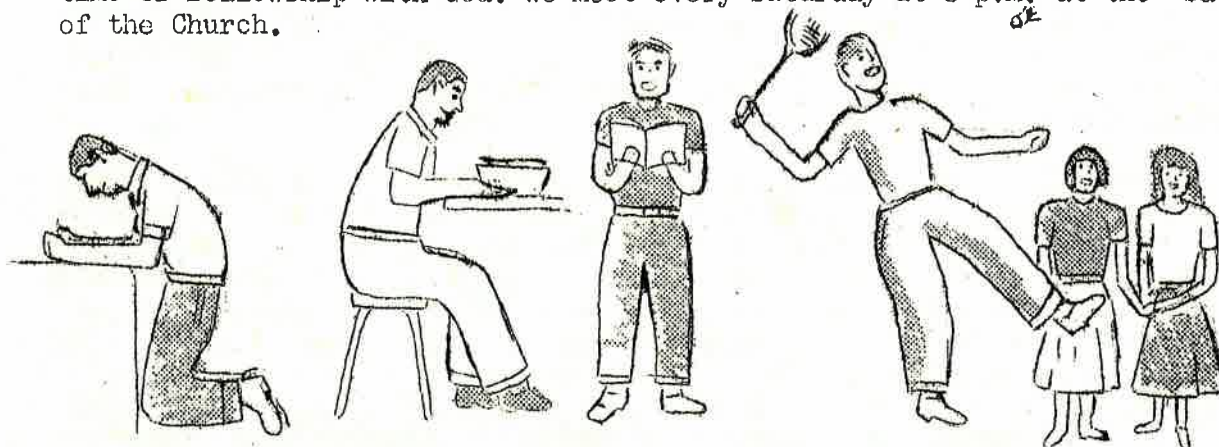
It was on January 3rd, 1953 that a group of enthusiastic young people of our Church gathered together to have Young People's Fellowship. At that time, Miss Jephson of the CIM was with us, and it was she who helped us form this group. From then onward, we met once a fortnight, and we had many wonderful Christian meetings together.

After we had quite a big attendance, we decided to organise ourselves. On July 11th, 1953 we held a Business Meeting to elect officers and set up a constitution. From that time onward, the group came to be known as the "Life Church Youth Fellowship". Its aims are: 1. To Know Christ. 2. To make Him known. Our first president was Dr. Tow Siang Hwa. With his committee he proceeded to arrange programmes for the group.

By this time Miss Jephson had left us, and we welcomed Miss Swarr to be our adviser. About this time we also realised the importance of meeting more often, and so we increased our meetings to one every week.

The meetings that we have had may be classified as devotional, missionary, musical and prayer. In our meetings we usually have a good time of singspiration and reading of God's Word; quizzes, special items and a talk by a servant of God. Of course when we have special nights like "Fun Night" then the programme is quite different. But we do not go to the extreme of having only fun. We have our usual scripture reading, and at the end of the meeting, there is always a message to enrich our souls. In whatever meetings we have, there is the verse I. Cor. 10:31 to guide our actions.

At present we have an average of thirty-five people ranging from twelve to thirty years. Every one who has been joining us, I am sure, can say that he has received great blessings and joy from God. We invite everyone who is free on Saturday night to come and join us in this wonderful time of fellowship with God. We meet every Saturday at 8 p.m. at the back of the Church.





## *A Brief Report* from the CHINESE SECTION Y.F.

By Heng Hwa Kwang

The idea of restarting the Youth Fellowship of the Chinese Section had long been in the minds of our young people. But it was at the end of a number of revival meetings held early this year that we began to discuss the matter among ourselves. We thought that we should first of all pray to God for guidance, for he says, "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." Yes we often err, but he never does.

At the end of April, after we had prayed regularly for about two months, we felt that God had heard our prayers, and that the time had come when the fellowship should be organised. This was fulfilled on the 7th of May.

In the following week, officers were elected, and our activities were determined along three (different but parallel) lines:

1. Spiritual. This included weekly meetings, and from this month, helping out at the Sunday evening worship at the Chinese Y.M.C.A.
2. Literary. Formation of a library and publication of a monthly, "The Life".
3. Witnessing. This comprises open air evangelistic meetings, distribution of gospel leaflets in public places on Sunday, visits to the sick and to those that have strayed from the Church, and work at the Social Welfare Home at Johore Bahru.

Recently, a retreat was held at the 7th mile Thomson Road Reservoir. It was a precious occasion, when we all sat "beside the still waters," uniting our hearts in prayer, reading the Scripture and singing praises to God our Shepherd.

We thank the Lord also for giving us an opportunity to invite Mr. Wu Yung, a young evangelist from Formosa, to lead a series of meetings two weeks ago in our Church. In the meetings we saw many people dedicate their lives to the Lord, and not less than twenty accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour. May God preserve these people and use us all to spread the gospel and to glorify His Name.

這些事都已聽見了,總意就是敬畏上帝,  
謹守他的誠命,這是人所當盡的本分。傳道12:13.

## *From Church Register: Baptism.*

"Repent, and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the Holy Chost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children..." Acts 2:38.

### I. 11th Feb., 1951.

1. Mary Low
2. Eleanor Low
3. Rosalind Low
4. Tow Sin Gek
5. Lee Hoon Song
6. Lee Hoon Kang

### II. 24th June, 1951.

7. Edmund Sim Wee Soon
8. Judy Heng Siew Gek
9. Koh Chong Teck
10. Wong Meng

### III. 20th Jan., 1952.

11. Betty Kam Poh Lian
12. Chan Neo Sim

### IV. 29th June, 1952.

13. Koh Eunice
14. Koh Agnes
15. Koh Eugene
16. Tow Lily
17. Tow Kee Huang, Thomas

### V. 5th April, 1953.

18. Tan Alice
19. Sim Stephen
20. Sim Patricia
21. Sim Victor
22. Sim Margaret
23. Sim Irene
24. Sim Catherine
25. Sim Violet
26. Ong Eng Hai, Robert

### VI. 18th Oct., 1953.

27. Tow Le Anne
28. Lim Mui Sim, Malinda
29. Koh Hock Teck, Danny
30. Tan Lily
31. Koh Ivy

### VII. 18th April, 1954.

32. Tay Siong Beng
33. Peck Geok Eng, Betsy
34. Tay Teck Lye, Louis
35. Tay Teck Choon, Vincent
36. Tay Teck Chiang, Shelling
37. Tay Cheng Han, Lawrence
38. Khoo Peng Kiat
39. Tan Teow Hoe
40. Sim Seng Kim
41. Tan Lucy

### VIII. 17th Oct., 1954.

42. Kee Jenny
43. Tay Bin Tong, Edmund
44. Seah Peng Nam, Willie
45. Quek Swee Kiang
46. Tow Lee Young
47. Heng Juliet
48. Ong Mary

### IX. 20th Mar., 1955.

49. Ang Lee Cheng, Linda
50. Koh Meng Choo, Phoebe
51. Lee Gek Yong, Angela
52. Seow Keng Hooi, Lina
53. Sim Wee Choo, Rosalind
54. Koh Gim Seng
55. Koh Gim Chye



56. Koh Gim Tai
57. Phua Chor Kok
58. Koh Cheng Siong
59. Seah William
60. Tan Helen
61. Lim Rosely
62. Tan Rosalind
63. Tow Siew Yang
64. Song Stephen
65. Tan Swee Tee

X. 19th June, 1955.

66. Chen Yu Chien
67. Chen Jimmy
68. Chen Henry
69. Chen Louis
70. Lim Mary
71. Lim Teck Chye
72. Lim Annie
73. Lim Amy
74. Lim Flora
75. Quek Cheow Chong
76. Chan Bah Chee
77. Yeo Wee Tee
78. Tham William
79. Seah Robert
80. Tan Roland

SPECIAL:

Koh Eng Poh (16.1.52.)  
Chan Moh Kiat (8.4.55.)

KELAPA SAWIT MISSION CHURCH

1. Chou Ah Kuen (24.4.52.)
2. Choi Guan Heng (7.11.54.)
3. Lee Hui Ching ( " " )
4. Chou Kui Min ( " " )
5. Choi Min Fung (3.7.55.)
6. Vong Loi Pou ( " " )
7. Kut Ngee Moi ( " " )
8. Wong Fah ( " " )

*Confirmation*

I. 11th Feb., 1951

1. Tan Cheng Im
2. Jean Wong Benjamin

II. 24th June, 1951.

3. Chia Chung Kwang
4. Chia Lee Eng
5. Tow Siang Pang
6. Tow Siang Kow
7. Tow Siang Kia
8. Tow Soon Kim
9. Tow Soon Lang

III. 21st Oct., 1951.

10. Tan Mui Neo
11. Tow Siang Swee
12. Tan Mui Lee
13. Tan Swee Teck

IV. 20th Jan., 1952.

14. Lim Edmund
15. Chia Chung Hwa, Robert

V. 21st Sept., 1952.

16. Heng Andrew
17. Heng Philip

VI. 5th April, 1953.

18. Tow Sin Gek
19. Chong Ruth
20. Sim Bee Kow

VII. 18th Oct., 1953.

21. Kee Rosalind
22. Goh Dora

*When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.*

II TIM. 1:5.

VIII. 20th Mar., 1955.

23. Heng Swee Hong, Henry
24. Quek Swee Choo, Dolly
25. Quek Swee Hwa
26. Quek Swee Kwang, Ronnie
27. Tan Ai Cheng
28. Tan Siew Beng
29. Tan Siew Tin
30. Tow Lehia
31. Tow Shanton, John
32. Chua Swee Eng

*With the Lord.*

1. Sim Kim Heng (15.1.51.)
2. Chee Ping Liet (3.10.51)
3. Koh Eng Poh (16.1.52.)
4. Baby of Mr. & Mrs. Hsu  
Gi Cheng (2.4.52.)
5. Chou Ah Kuen (1.4.53.)
6. Lim Siak Siang (5.5.53)
7. Chan Moh Kiat (8.4.55.)
8. Lim Giok Kim (16.5.55.)

*Solemnisation of Matrimony*

1. Huang Ee How &  
Wong Lai Har (28.9.51.)
2. Tow Siang Yew &  
Jean Wong Benjamin  
(15.3.52.)
3. Robert Ong Eng Hai &  
Alice Tan Sock Lan  
(11.4.53.)
4. Lee Khim Hock &  
Mary Low (6.3.54.)
5. Tow Siang Hwa &  
Tan Cheng Im (17.7.54)
6. Chia Kim Chwee (&  
Quek Sok Jiu (21.8.54.)
7. Chia Hong Chek &  
Cheng Siu Lin (20.8.55.)
8. Tow Siang Hong &  
Lily Tan.
9. Seow Chong Pin &  
Beh Siew Kiang

*Betrothal*

1. Heng Siak Kwang &  
Lee Wee Chee (25.10.52.)
2. Tow Siang Hong &  
Lily Tan (17.9.53.)
3. Goh Bark Song &  
Chia En Hui (7.6.54.)
4. Edmund B.T. Tay &  
Evelyn Lim (11.6.55.)

*Family Worship*

1. Deacon & Mrs. Lim Khng  
Seng, 3B Winstedt Rd.
2. Elder & Mrs. Lim Hong  
Hock, 24 Hooper Rd.
3. Dr. Tow Siew Ai, 11B  
Queen Astrid Park.
4. Deacon & Mrs. Heng Mui  
Kiah, 18 Hooper Rd.
5. Deacon & Mrs. Quek Khiok  
Meng, 20 Newton Rd.
6. Rev. & Mrs. Timothy Tow,  
10A Kim Pong Rd.
7. Mr. & Mrs. Y. C. Chen,  
29 Angulia Park.
8. Mr. & Mrs. Heng Mui Cheng  
26 Carlisle Rd.
9. Elder & Mrs. Quek Kiok  
Chiang, 9 Beng Wan Rd.
10. Elder & Mrs. Chia Siew  
Koon, 30-32 Lichfield Rd.
11. Mr. & Mrs. Quek Kiok Lee,  
21 Pheng Geok Ave.
12. Mr. & Mrs. Chan Choon  
Kheng, 92 Emerald Hill R.
13. Deacon & Mrs. Ang Kheng  
Kwan, 39 Genting Lane.
14. Deaconess Ong Soo Kheng  
316 Joo Chiat Rd.
15. Mr. & Mrs. Seow Chong Pin,  
338 Changi Rd.
16. Mr. & Mrs. Tan Khoon  
1B Winstedt Rd.
17. Mr. & Mrs. Tay Siong Beng.
18. Mrs. Lim Giok Kim, 109 Kg. Java R.

# *Sunday School Enrolment.*

(up to 9.10.55.)

## BEGINNERS I.

Teacher: Miss Ruth Lim  
Students: Chia Kwee Hwa  
Heng Hwa Hu  
Ho Hong Eng  
Ho Hong Hwa  
Andrew Lim  
Lim Joo Mui  
Peter Lim  
Lim Siew Lee  
Teo Kian Tong  
Teo Kuan Wah

## BEGINNERS II.

Teacher: Miss Ong Soo Kheng  
Students: Louis Chen  
Heng Hwa Joo  
Heng Hwa Miang  
Hia Jit Phong  
Eddy Ng  
Phua Keng Pheo  
Quek Meng Siok  
Quek Tong Heng  
Tan Kai Liang  
Tow Lily  
Tow Siew Hwee

## BEGINNERS III

Teacher: Miss Ivy Koh  
Students: Lily Chua Kah Choo  
Chua Hwa Liang  
Amy Heng  
Janet Heng  
Judy Heng  
Lim Man Meng  
Phua Keng Siang  
Sandra Poulson  
Quek Swee Lin  
Sylvia Quek



## BEGINNERS IV.

Teacher: Miss Tow Soon Lang  
Students: Alan Chan  
Caesar Lye  
Quek Swee Han  
Susan Quek  
Aileen Sim  
Christopher Tan  
Tan Peck Choo  
Tay Soon Eng  
Julia Tow

## PRIMARY I.

Teacher: Mr. Edmund Lim  
Students: Nancy Chua  
Edward Heng  
Edwin Koh  
Koh Kiang Jin  
Lim Joo Lye  
Margaret Sim  
Angeline Tow  
Tow Shen Min

## PRIMARY II.

Teacher: Mrs. Quek Kiok Chiang  
Students: Henry Chen  
Chiam Teck Ti  
Lawrence Chua  
Eunice Koh  
Lee Hoon Peng  
Kelvin Lim  
Sharon Poulson  
Quek Swee Kiat  
Pauline Tan  
Patrick Yeo

## PRIMARY III.

Teacher: Mrs. E.N. Poulson  
Students: Jimmy Chen  
Cheng Wei Hwa  
Chia Chek Kwang  
Chia Yai Khg  
Robert Chua



Donald Heng  
Ruby Heng  
Heng Siang Hoon  
Hia Phuay Meng  
Betty Soh  
Elizabeth Tan  
Pearl Yeo

Doreen Sim  
Tan Hin Seng  
Ronnie Tow  
Andy Yeo  
Samuel Yeo

#### PRIMARY IV

Teacher: Miss Lam Lusan  
Students: Chan Ban Hock  
Chan Gek Hui  
Heng Yew Jin  
Koh Siok Hiang  
Sylvia Lau  
Flora Lim  
Lim Meow Hiang  
Lim Sok Hoon  
Ng Kah Choo  
Murray Samuel  
Sim Beng Peow  
Tan Kim Lin  
Tan Hock Choon  
Tan Lee Siang  
Tow Siang Kwang

#### PRIMARY V.

Teacher: Miss Heng Guek Im  
Students: Stephen Ang  
Ruth Chao  
Chua Siok Eng  
Victor Koh  
Tony Lee  
Lee Yong Song  
Lim Hoa Aik  
Low Chor Hoi  
Betty Phoon  
Victor  
Gary Soh

#### JUNIOR I.

Teachers: Mr. Tan Swee Teck  
Mr. Khoo Peng Kiat  
Students: Lim Joo Lan  
Low Choo Tuck  
Victor Lye Pak Fun  
Phua Chor Kng

#### JUNIOR II Girls

Teacher: Dr. Tow Siang Hwa  
Students: Joyce Chao  
Cheng Wei Soon  
Cher Yong Hui  
Chew Moh Leng  
Chew Siew Tin  
Lily Lau  
Lucy Lee  
Lim Hoa Leng  
Olivia Lim  
Quek Swee Tiang  
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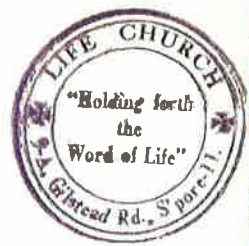
#### JUNIOR II BOYS "A"

Teacher: Mr. Philip Heng  
Students: Hia Chek Phang  
Roland Lau  
Lim Choon Kiat  
Lim Siong Hoe  
Lim Teck Chye  
Oon Ah Bah  
David Samuel  
Johnny Wee

#### JUNIOR II BOYS "B"

Teachers: Mr. Tan Teow Hoe  
Mr. Sim Seng Kim  
Students: Chua Hwa Eng  
Chua Teck Chiang  
Koh Kiang Tong  
Lim Joo Lye  
Sim Beng Cheong  
Michael Tan  
Tow Siang Chow  
Yeo Wee Kwang





#### JUNIOR III GIRLS "A"

Teacher: Mr. Edmund Tay

Students: Jean Chao  
Chia Lee Eng  
Lim Meow Huay  
Lim Meow Lan  
Lim Sai Tiam  
Lim Sock Tiang  
Tan Siew Ngin  
Tow Sow Leng

#### JUNIOR III GIRLS "B"

TEACHER: Miss Tow Siew Yong

Students: Molly Chan  
Caroline Choy Lui Lui  
Lucy Heng  
Shirley Ho  
Amy Lim  
Flora Lim  
Syn Suit Yue

#### JUNIOR III BOYS

Teacher: Mr. Andrew Heng

Students: James Chao  
Chew Gian Peng  
Chew Kiah Wah  
Cheng Wei Ping  
Phua Chor Kok  
Swee Kai Poh  
Tan Piak Chor  
Robert Tan  
Tan Swee Jeng  
Tow Shen Pan  
Yeo Wee Tee

#### SENIOR I GIRLS

Teacher: Miss Helen Heng

Students: Chia Kwee Keng  
Chua Kah Eng  
Nonee Chua  
Kathleen Koh  
Goh Lee Khem  
Lee Gek Kim  
Lim Sai Khim  
Dolly Quek  
Dorothy Tan  
Irene Tan  
Maggie Tan  
Jenny Wee

#### SENIOR I BOYS

Teacher: Mr. Ang Kheng Chiang

Students: Peter Chan

Lee Joon Kwang  
Ronnie Ong  
Seah Guan Chye  
Sim Beng Hai  
Tay Teck Chiang

#### SENIOR II GIRLS

Teacher: Mrs. Chia Kim Chwee

Students: Yvonne Ang  
Cheng Wei Ling  
Doreen Chia Kia Chay  
Irene Chia Teck Eng  
Nancy Heng Kwang Choo  
Lucy Lim  
Lim Meng Choo  
Rosely Lim  
Daisy Sng  
Evelyn Tan  
Tow Lehia  
Tow Siew Yang

#### SENIOR II BOYS

Teacher: Mr. Willie Seah

Students: Chia Hong Kwang  
Chua Hwa Boon  
Ho Yong Seng  
Stephen Sim  
Robert Tan Choon Hee  
Ronnie Tan  
William Tham

#### SENIOR III BOYS

Teacher: Mr. Lim Khng Seng

Students: Chua Hua Meng  
S.K. Sahul Hameed  
Henry Heng  
Chelliah Kandiah  
Danny Koh  
Ronnie Quek Swee Kwang  
Quek Swee Peng  
Quek Swee Hwa  
Tan Toh Kern  
Tang Wee Kee  
John Tow Shanton  
Yeow Yew Den

#### YOUNG PEOPLE I

Teacher: Mr. Chia Kim Chwee

Students: Rosie Chia Chong Chok

Peter Chong Jit Loi  
Lee Kum Choon  
Billy Lim  
Low Choo Kwang  
Herbert Ng  
Ong Ah Keng  
Robert Seah  
Sim Beng San  
Soh Yam Kiat  
Helen Tan  
Lucy Tan  
Tan Swee Tee  
Lawrence Tay  
Wee Eng Tee

#### YOUNG PEOPLE II

Teacher: Miss A.K. Swarr.  
Students: Chan Bah Chee  
Andrew Chao  
John Chao  
Chia Cher Keng  
George Roland Chia  
Mary Chua Swee Eng  
Dora Goh  
Lawrence Leong  
William Seah  
Nancy Sng Luan Eng  
Rosalind Tan  
Vincent Tay  
Dorothy Tow

#### ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Teacher: Mrs. H. Olsen  
Students: Mrs. Ang Kheng Chiang  
Miss Irene Chan  
Mrs. Y.C. Chen  
Mr. Cheong Fung Ching  
Mr. Heng Mui Kiah  
Mr. Koh Cheng Seong  
Mr. Sim Beng Teck  
Mrs. Tow Siang Hui

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS:

SUPERintendent: Dr. Tow Siang Hwa  
Beginners Superintendent:  
Mrs. Quek Kiok Chiang  
Treasurer: Mr. Tow Siang Yeow  
Recording Secretary:  
Miss Rosalind Kee  
Acting Secretary:  
Dr. Tan Cheng Im  
Memory Work: Miss Evelyn Lim  
Mr. Lim Kim Hee  
Pastor: Rev. Timothy Tow  
Elders: Mr. Quek Kiok Chiang  
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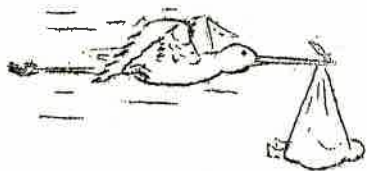
## My Class.

By Tow Shen Pan.

I attend a Sunday School in Life Church every week. The name of my class is Junior IV B. In the class there are 11 other boys. Their names are Kai Poh, Wee Tee, Chor Kok, Wei Peng, Boon Eng, Gian Hwa, Gian Peng, Swee Ghen and Piak Chor. My teacher is Mr. Andrew Heng. He teaches us to be good, and how to be saved and how to pray. We learn about good kings, bad kings and prophets. We have a box for collecting money for the missionaries. Our teacher gives us gospel tracts for passing out to schoolmates. I want to thank the Lord for teaching me the way of everlasting life.

*"Train up a child in the way he should go;  
And when he is old,  
He will not depart from it." Prov. 22:6.*





# OUR CRADLE ROLL

By Mrs. Lim Hong Hock.



Last year we started our Cradle Roll with only 9 members, but with the help of God it has now increased to 47. Praise the Lord who shows His love and mercies not only to adults, but to little children as well, as shown in St. Mark 10:14-16 "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And he took them up in his arms, and put his hands upon them and blessed them." These verses show how much our Lord loves the little children.

When a child is enrolled his or her name together with the date of birth is written on a little white card and attached to a ribbon underneath the Cradle Roll picture in our church. Every now and then this picture is shown to the Sunday School children by our Sunday School Superintendent, Dr. Tow Siang Hwa, to encourage children to enroll their younger brothers and sisters, so as to increase the membership in the Cradle Roll.

A membership card and a scripture tract are mailed to the parents to assure them that their child is already a member.

On the child's birthday, a birthday card is sent to greet him or her. As soon as a child reaches the Sunday School age that is about 5, a letter is sent to the parents inviting them to send their child to our Sunday School.

Though our Cradle Roll membership is increasing steadily, we still extend our invitation to parents whose young children have not yet been enrolled in our Cradle Roll. We urge them to bring their children early to the house of God. We will pray for them and for your as responsible parents.

Ang Lee Cheng  
Ang Yak Meng  
Cheng Welip  
Cheng Wei Sein  
Chia Swee Hoon  
Chua Alice  
Chua Mui Choo  
Chua Hua Chye  
Chua Hua Chiang  
Chua Teck Hong  
Chua Teck Key  
Goh Soo Hwang  
Goh Soo Noi  
Goh Soo Imm  
Phua Kong Siang  
Phua Li Hoon  
Quack Anthony  
Quek Swee Kiang

Goh Chye Teck  
Hong Guek Hiang  
Koh Eugene  
Koh Phoebe  
Koh Gim Sieng  
Koh Gim Chye  
Koh Gim Tai  
Khoo Gew Kheng  
Khoo Geok Lian  
Lee Angela  
Lim Melinda  
Lim Joo Mui  
Ong Mary  
Phua Keng Peow  
Tan Lee Lin  
Tan Ai Lin  
Teo Kian Seng  
Teo Kuan Sang

Sim Beng Piow  
Sim Violet  
Sim Catherine  
Sim Eileen  
Sim Alex  
Seow Keng Hooi  
Tow Lee Cheng  
Tow Le Anne  
Tow Lily  
Tow Lee Young  
Tow Christopher





## Memory Course

EVELYN LIM



This Bible Memory Course was started in order to help the children in the Sunday School to know the Bible better.

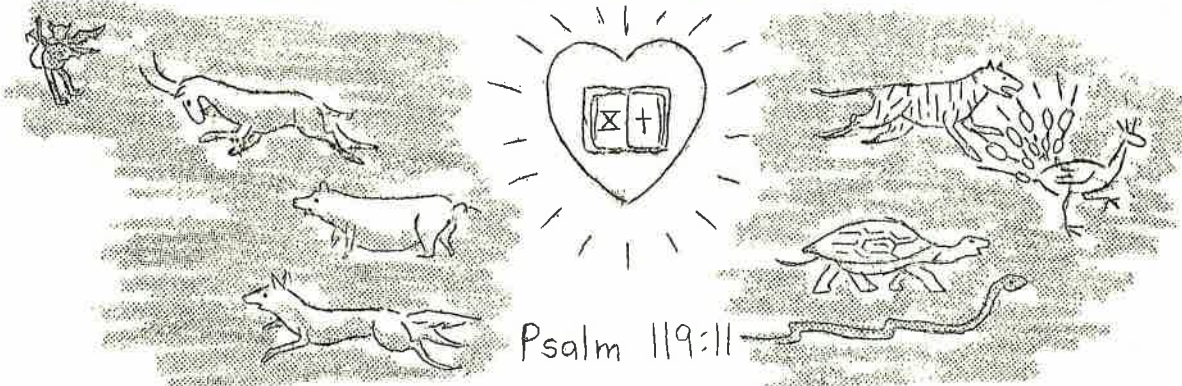
The course was launched on 3rd October 1954. On that day, the children who were eager to learn the Bible were each given a card on which were the verses for Section I. After a lapse of one week, they all returned, eager to recite their verses. For their hard work, they were each given a trophy for completing that Section, stars to paste on each little section on the card and golden text cards, the verses of which they could learn at their leisure. The whole course is divided into 12 sections, and for every section completed, a boy or girl receives a trophy. The half-way prize, that is, the trophy for Section Six, is a Parker Ball Point Pen. The final prize is a gold-edged Bible costing about 13 dollars.

A boy can take three years to complete the whole course. Though this is permissible, the people in charge of this work always urge the children to finish the twelve sections as soon as possible. Special reference is made to Phua Chor Kok and Dora Goh for completing their whole course of 270 verses in a short space of three months, and that was because they could only be tested once a week. Had they been given a chance to be tested everyday they could have finished everything in just one week. Both of them have received their most treasured prize - the gold-edged Bible.

Below is a table showing the number of children who have completed each section.

Section I	33	Section VII	15
" II	33	" VIII	14
" III	23	" IX	11
" IV	21	" X	11
" V	21	" XI	8
" VI	18	" XII	8

From the table above it is obvious that many children have dropped off from this memory course. I suggest that the Sunday School teachers urge the children to continue their memory work as soon as possible.



# Friday Night Family Worship.

EDMUND LIM

Our Friday Night Family Worship was started from the beginning. It originally began as a Prayer Meeting on Wednesday night. Owing to the poor response of our members, the prayer meeting had to be suspended. By the grace of God this Friday Night Family Worship has proved a great success. It has grown from a few families to a total of 18 strong.

Fundamentally the programme of the Family Worship follows that of the Lord's Day Service. The only difference is the inclusion of some refreshments at the end of the service. The service is made up of hymns, choruses, prayer, thanksgiving and Bible Study. We have finished studying the Books of Matthew and Genesis, and at present we are nearing the end of Revelation. Occasionally, lessons were drawn from other books to suit a particular situation.

Sometimes we were privileged to have a brother or sister, usually from a foreign land, come to address us. Miss Adeline Char of Honolulu, Dr. A.B. Dodd of Formosa, Dr. John G. Bremen of Indonesia, Mr. Harry Liu of the Pocket Testament League, U.S.A. and Rev. Boon Mark Gittisarn are some of our distinguished speakers. Several times we had to suspend Friday Night Worship in order that we might take part in some more important meetings of the Church, such as Bible Camp, and revival meetings with Evangelist Newman Shih and Mr. Wu Yung.

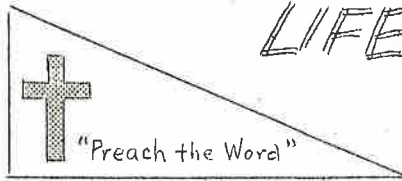
Our attendance numbers from 30 to 60. It fluctuates according to the locality of our meeting. Many of our families are in the Newton-Tanglin District, and there are three families in Geylang-Katong District. But we are happy to hold service at your home even if we have to go up to Changi Point or Johore Bahru. In such a case, those who have cars usually arrange to give a lift to members who have not.

We would surely be happy to hold services in more homes of our big Church Family. Why not claim this extra blessing from the Lord?

The complete list of Friday Night Families is given on p. 48.







# LIFE CHURCH EVANGELISTIC BAND

*Andrew Heng*

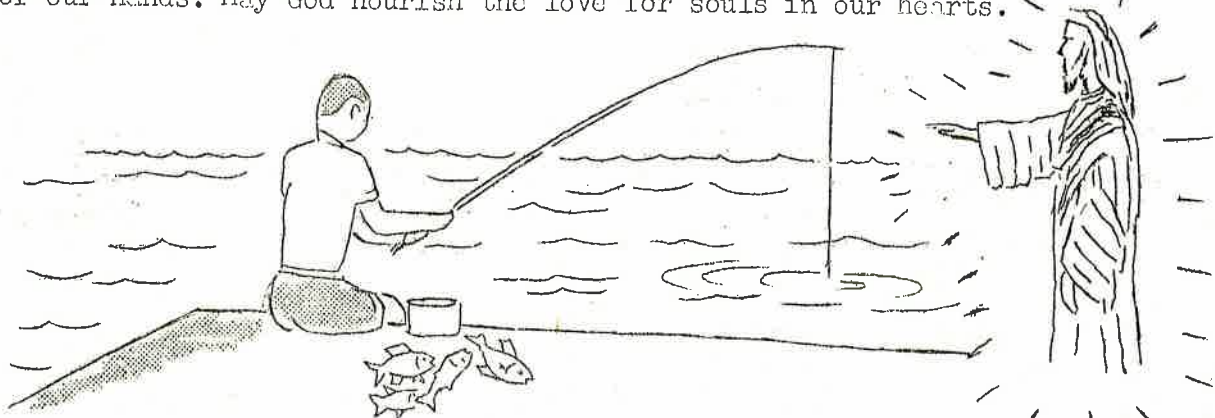
While Christ was on earth, He gave various instructions to His disciples, individually or when they were gathered together. Some of the instructions were meant for Christians of that time. His instruction to His disciples to "tarry till the Holy Ghost is come upon you" is one such example. We can be sure that when Jesus spoke these words in the verse quoted above, He meant it for Christians of every generation. Christ loves sinners and it was this love that prompted Him to commit the sinners, whom He could not personally reach, to His followers.

It was the realisation of this commitment that inspired the formation of the Life Church Evangelistic Band. This band has now a membership of 27 young people, and has been given to the winning of souls since its formation on June 18th, 1955. Our members have gone into their world of classmates and neighbours, telling of what they knew of the Saviour. All of us in the band have experienced the joy of salvation, and it is with the same objective of giving others this joy that has kept us faithful to our work of witnessing.

Not suprisingly, our members have met with rebuffs and discouragements. Our efforts have not been wasted, however. With God's help we have brought three persons to acknowledge Christ and 20 others to Church or Sunday school. We thank God for these three souls who have been saved from the fires of hell.

Up to the present, we have distributed more than a thousand tracts. These tracts have been bought with funds provided by the young people of the Church.

The time and money we have spent have brought us joy in return. we praise God for enabling us to have this privilege of increasing His kingdom. With more prayer and consecration, we know that God will multiply the work of our hands. May God nourish the love for souls in our hearts.

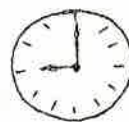


Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. Matt. 4:19



## BIBLE & PRAYER CIRCLE

*Philip Heng*



It was after our 1st Bible Camp; God had worked wonders in our midst, and we all felt the greater need for God's things. Prayers were made for God's direction and God's spirit moved our hearts to band ourselves together to study His Word (II Tim. 2:15) and to seek Him in prayer.

On Dec. 31st at the Young People's New Year's meeting, the suggestion for the formation of this Group was made known. About 20 young people decided to join. Our endeavour was to read God's Word daily, and finish the Bible within a year; we were to meet weekly to have prayer together and to discuss our difficulties. All were of one mind, and some elder Christians also consented to follow our course to give us aid and encouragement. Prayer and Reading partners were planned out, and thus our Group was born!

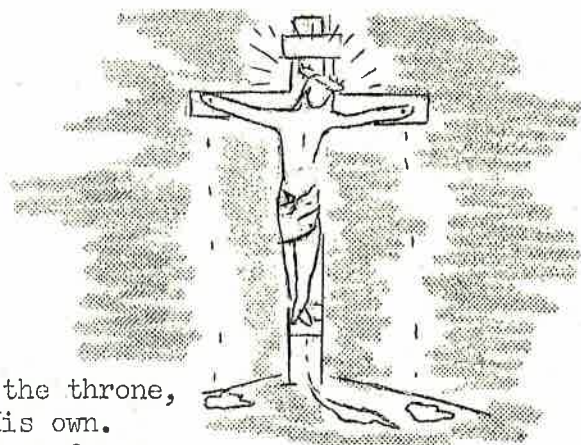
On Jan. 2 we had the first of our Sunday meetings and all were reported well. But on the next day, we suffered our first "casualty" -- someone had dropped out. Nevertheless, we were relying on the Lord and so we pressed on.

Today, we are 15, and our average attendance is 10-12. "We are happy to pray and study God's Word daily, and meet each Sunday" is the testimony from each one of us. We too would like to sincerely acknowledge before all, of God's goodness to us, in keeping us still to our course.

A record of our progress up to Oct. 23 follows: We have covered the whole N. Testament (excl'd. Rev.) and up to Jer. in the old (excl'd. Eccles. and S. of Sol.) -- a total of 46 Books, 989 chaps. and 855 pages out of 1014 pages. ∞

*Jesus*

The sweetest name on earth,  
He's Whom we all must serve.  
He was born in humility;  
Came down to die for you and me.  
To him, we are like dust and dirt.  
Yet, He cares more for us than birds.  
Kind of heart and great of power,  
The Saviour who loves all sinners.  
The wise, almighty Judge who sits on the throne,  
Which He left in heaven to seek for His own.  
He has gone to heaven to prepare a place for us,  
Where we'll stay forever when our journey ends at last.



John Tow.

# OUR CHOIR

by Philip Heng

Our Choir was officially formed on the 23rd. Feb. Before this date, however, our members had already met a few times to sing together.

Early in February of this year, when the Revival Meetings of Newman Shih were to be held in our Church, our Pastor requested some musical number from us. Some of our enthusiastic young people, and a few older ones, responded, and Miss Swarr came to our aid to conduct us.

So, for a week, about two dozen of us met daily at 18, Hooper Road to practise our songs for the Meetings. (We had prayers for the Meetings before our practices.) Each of us did our best, and during the Meetings itself, we rendered 3 songs.

We were congratulated for our efforts -- thanks be to God! But all was not over. Soon a suggestion went round -- to form ourselves into a Choir. A difficult situation arose; we could find no suitable conductor unless Miss Swarr consented to lead us, and moreover, we were doubtful if our members would be keen over the necessary weekly practices.

However, a 'round-up' was made and a fair number signed up. The matter was brought to the Lord, and on 16th, Feb., final discussions were made with the Group itself. The cause was plainly put; each person was to seriously consider his participation in the Choir "as unto the Lord". Therefore it was expected of members that they be faithful in coming for practice. Miss Swarr was unanimously accepted as conductor, and so, duly notified, the entire Choir met on 23rd. Feb. at 18 Hooper Road to begin its first "official" practice.

To date, our weekly attendance averages 15, and though we seem few in number, we experience joy, knowing that our efforts are "unto the Lord". For truly, as one of our songs put it ..... "There is JOY in serving Jesus".





## *Living Testimonies*



"For the life was manifested, and we have seen it,  
and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life.  
And these things write we unto you,  
THAT YOUR JOY MAY BE FULL." I John 1:2,4.



### *Excellent Beyond Praise*

By Peter Chong

I am glad that I know the truth which sets me free from the house of bondage and saved me from Hell.

I have been to many churches, but still I was not saved. This shows that even if you are a regular church-goer, you might still not be saved. I have been to a Roman Catholic Church. It did not help me at all. The Roman Catholics do not worship Christ. They are idol worshippers. I have been to a Seventh - Day Adventist Church and I did not like it. So I stopped going to church for some time, and I turned to heathen ways, being encouraged by my parents.

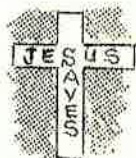
But then I had a Bible, and I decided to read it. I did not read it every day, but I finished it in a year. I found it to be an excellent book beyond praise.

About this time, a friend of mine invited me to Life Church and I readily obliged him. I learnt a lot in this Church, felt the thrill of salvation and learnt how to pray. Finally, I am glad to be saved, not by works, but by the grace of God.

*From*

### *Cinema to Church*

By Rosalind Tan.



Praise the Lord, He saved me through the first Bible Camp and has changed my whole life. Before that I used to spend my time in all that was not right for me to do. I used to go to cinema on Sunday. Oh, how terrible it is to make Sunday a day of enjoyment! Praise the Lord for turning me from such places. Now I can really put my whole trust in Jesus who saved me from going down to hell. I find joy in serving Jesus every day.

### *From Idols to Christ*

By Ronnie Tan



Before I was saved, I was an idol-worshipper. I spent my time enjoying myself without knowing that Jesus died for me, a sinner. During the 2nd Bible Camp I realised how wrong I was. I made up my mind to accept Him as my Saviour and to serve others.

## *From Chinese Moon to Lord's Day* By Mrs. S.B. Tay

Before I became a Christian, I was serving the wrong god. In the evening I used to pray to the kitchen idol. On the 1st and 15th Chinese Moon, I prayed with joss sticks in my hands. I also burnt joss paper. To think of this silly way of worship makes me regret, because for years I never got any benefit. Worst of all, I experienced a lot of troubles during that time. In fact it brought me sickness.

I remember when I was a girl I was once down with a severe illness. My grandmother went to the temple and asked the idols for "Chiamsi". When she got home she said that my soul was imprisoned by devils. This news made me worse and my temperature went up. For I was fearing that the devils would not release my soul, and I would die. If you serve idols the power of Satan will rule you.

After I became a Christian, I found life very bright. Because I now understand the right way of life. Moreover we hear the teaching of the pastor in our Lord's Day Services, and the contents of the Bible make our minds brighter.

In closing we thank our Heavenly Father for blessing us abundantly and for leading us to Life Church.



## *Converted at Revival Meeting*

By T.S. Lang.

I first became a different person from my old self after listening to the sermons at one of the Revival Meetings held in Life Church. The Holy Light shone upon my soul and I became conscious of my many sins. Thank God for His assurance in Act 10:43, "Whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins."

It is a joy to belong to God, to be one amongst those who are saved through the precious blood of our Lord Jesus. It is also a joy to serve our Saviour who gave so much for us. Jesus says in John 14:6, "I am the Way the Truth and the Life." With Him as our example - to light us on our way, we will find strength to do God's will and have faith in Him.

## *Brother Asked Me to Attend Church*

By Seah Guan Chye

Before I was saved my life was dull and sad. One day my brother asked me to attend Church. The next Sunday I went to Church and I liked it very much. I was glad to find a new life coming to me. So I gladly attended every Sunday. I was saved at 2nd Bible Camp. My whole life was changed.

## *From* **BUDDHA** *to Christ* By Robert Seah

I was born in a Buddhist home. I found no joy serving this dead god. I was lost in darkness and sins.

Praise be to God! It was at the revival meetings of Newman Shih that I found my wondrous Saviour. I naturally want to thank the Lord for saving my soul from the deepest pit of Hell to life everlasting. I too want to praise the Lord for the joy of serving Him and the assurance of salvation. Apart from winning friends to Christ, I love to read the Bible too. Whenever troubles confront me, I bring them to God in prayer. He is a Father who listens and answers prayer.

### 人人都有罪 *"Everyone Has Sins."*

By Rosely Lim



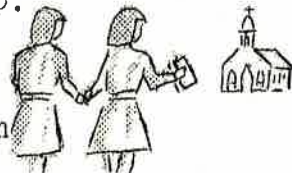
Though I was born in a Christian family, I was very far away from God. I was a lost sheep. I did whatever I liked on the Lord's Day. I was a very naughty girl. I scolded people, told lies and stole.

One day, a friend came to my house. She preached to me about Jesus and she asked me to go to Church. But I said to myself, "Since I am born in a Christian family, I am safe. Then why should I go to Church?"

After a few weeks she came to my place again. She gave me a book called, "Everyone Has Sins". When I read this book, immediately I realised that I was a sinner. On that very week, I went to Church with her. As I drew nearer to God my life began to change. I was born again at the first Bible Camp.

### *Lucy Persuaded Me*

By Annie Lim



I want to thank the Lord for saving me. It was at the second Bible Camp that I was saved.

Before this I used to worship idols. I told lies and cheated. Although I heard from school and from my Christian amah of the great miracles God had done, I did not believe, and said many bad things about Christianity. Lucy my classmate persuaded me to go to Sunday School, but I refused. One day, however, when she asked me, I did not know what made me say yes. Then she brought me to Sunday School and I learnt many things about Christ. Praise the Lord for saving me and my whole family.



## *We are Saved*

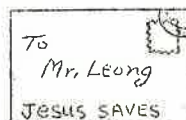
Mrs. Lim Giok Kim



Before I was saved I used to worship idols. Ever since my children went to Sunday School, I began to realise how wrong I was not to worship and serve the Lord. During the Bible Camp my children and I learned a great deal of God's Word. Although I have suffered a great loss over the death of my husband, yet I am happy because he had accepted the Lord as his personal Saviour just one day before his death. Praise the Lord that we are all saved.

## *Postal Evangelism*

By Lawrence Leong



One afternoon, when I got home from school, my brother informed me that a letter was waiting for me in the rack. So I thought to myself, "A letter? Well, what sort of a letter? Is it one from my pen friend, or is it a practical joke of lucky chains?" To my surprise, I found that it contained a tract, and a note - a letter so simple and yet so touching. As I read it I was deeply moved by the questions in it. I came to realise that my life was not pleasing to God.

Although I was a few months ago, I was not living a life that a Christian ought to live. I visited the cinema as usual and kept my collection of popular hits. I did not have zeal to work for the Lord. After reading the letter, a great change came over my life - I decided to leave all the earthly enjoyments, and to really labour for Him who loved me. So immediately I prayed to God for His forgiveness and asked Him to guide me to live a life to glorify Him. After this short sincere prayer, I phoned up the friend that sent me the letter about my sudden change, thanking him for what he had done for me, and inviting him to my house for a short talk. When he arrived I begged him to help me to destroy all my song books and collection of film star photos. After that he told me more about what a Christian ought to do, and quoted a few verses from the Bible including I John 2:15, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the father is not in him" and Matthew 7:21, "Not everyone that saith unto me Lord, Lord shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."

## *Used to Buy Comics*

By Tow Shen Pan.



Before I was saved, I was in darkness. I used to buy comics and tell lies. I did many things that were wrong. When I went to the 1st Bible Camp, I accepted Jesus as my Saviour. I was changed.



## *From "Tua Pek Kong" to Christ.*



My parents were idol worshippers. As for myself, I had no interest in this, and I knew nothing about the rites of serving idols. The only thing I knew was to fill myself with the food that was offered to the idols.

We had several idols in our home. They were painted with gold and black, and their faces looked very fierce. There was a kitchen god named "Chew Hoon Keng". Meat and fruits were offered to him once a month. This god acted as a reporter concerning things in our kitchen to "Tien Kong" (Heavenly Grandfather). Another idol was "Tuah Pek Kong" (Big Granduncle) who was in charge of the ground. This god was placed by the rice jar. At the door of our house we had a god named "Miew Sien". This one looked after the house.

In spite of serving all these gods, our lives were miserable. There was no happiness in the family. Our friends betrayed us. We did wicked things and troubles came to our home. Our faces were downcast and sad. All sorts of sickness came to us, and much money was spent on medicine.

During this time of tribulation I met a doctor in hospital while visiting an uncle. He gave me a gospel book. Besides that he invited me to attend Sunday School and Evening Service. I heartily accepted the invitation. I took home the gospel book and promised to read it. I was a lazy boy and read the verses which were underlined in red ink. All the verses seemed funny and new to me. I had no idea as to what they meant. As I wanted to know what they meant, I attended the Sunday School. I kept on attending regularly, and came to know more of the truth of the Gospel. All my doubts and fears were removed after attending a series of meetings in Church. Now I realised I was a foolish boy serving other gods than the true Living One. Now I found the way of salvation, and I began to take my parents to services. A remarkable verse which I shall always remember is, "I am the way, the truth and the life, no man cometh unto the father but by me." (John 14:6.) It was this verse that gave me no rest until I came to Jesus.

My parents too were moved by the spirit of God. They also realised they were wrong serving idols. So we asked the pastor to come to our house to take away the idols. He came with some members of the Church. After reading the Bible and praying, he took down all the idols and destroyed them in some other place. When the dumb idols were cleared away from the house, I could feel the presence of God everywhere. We were no longer dismayed. After this, sickness in our house also vanished into thin air. We were so happy serving the Lord that we attended every service.

At this time a revival meeting was going to be held in Life Church. It was January 1954. The speaker was Dr. Crawford. I attended the meetings and I was moved by the discourse. So too were my parents and brothers. On January 23rd, while hearing a long discourse on life's problem, my heart was pricked by the message. Tears rolled down my cheeks, and at that moment, life without Jesus seemed useless and hard to live. After a great struggle with Satan, I repented and threw my heart open to let Christ come in and reign. I accepted Christ as my personal Saviour that night. I began to live a separated life from the world. So did my parents and brothers experience my blessing.

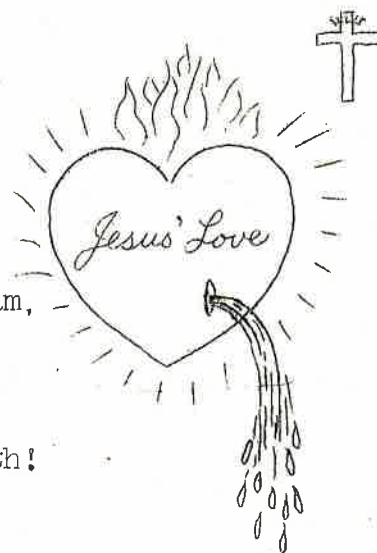
Later on we were baptised in Church. Again we found abundant joy and happiness pouring over us. The hymns and choruses and God's Word brought comfort and happiness to our lives. The more we read the Holy Bible the more we received the Holy Spirit. We are now looking forward to His coming again to take us to His Glorious Land. Do you like to experience the joy and peace of serving Him? Do you want to know that you are on the wrong road serving idols? Do you know that you are on the wrong road of salvation? My dear friends, if you want to go to Heaven you must accept Jesus Christ as your Saviour and serve the true living God. "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near." Isaiah 55:5. I do trust you will.

### *Jesus' Love*

Jesus loves us, though we be small -  
Wonderful is his love for us.  
So let us listen to His call,  
And follow Him on to His task.

Nailed to Calvary's cross was He -  
His precious blood gushed like a stream,  
Such costly penalty for sin was paid,  
That our poor souls might be redeemed.

Then let's serve Jesus, night and day,  
With all our heart and all our strength!  
No matter whether we work or play,  
May we bring glory to His Name!



By Vincent Tay.

*"The blood of Jesus Christ his son cleanseth us from all sin."*  
I John 1:7.



## *"No Future to Look Forward to." By Willie Seah.*



Before I was saved, my life was full of misery. Everything I tried to do right was wrong. There was no future that I could look forward to. I thought this life was the end of me.

But the good Lord was merciful. He sent a friend to help me. This friend once before tried to lead me to Christ, but I turned him down. He was all smiles when he told me how he was saved and was walking in the light with a good future ahead of him. He told me how God helped him. He asked me to accept the Lord Jesus as my personal Saviour and to confess my sins to Him.

"How can the Lord save me from all my troubles?" I asked. To prove it, he showed me a tract, "For if ye believe not that I am He, ye shall die in your sins" (John 8:24). I was scared. I prayed to the Lord from that time and confessed my sins to Him. Then my life was changed. There was no more dullness in me. Instead, I was filled with joy and happiness. Today I am happy to be able to witness for him.

## *How to Find Happiness*



By Willie Seah

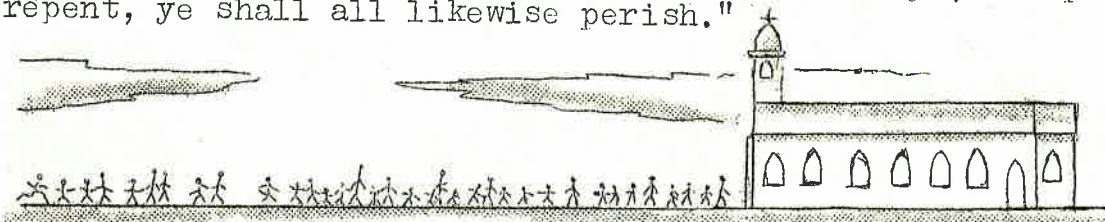
The world today is filled with lots of unhappy people. But Christians are happy because we have faith in God. God wants us to be happy. John 17:13 says, "And these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves."

A happy Christian life is never limited, and there is no mystery about it. To obtain this joy we must follow the Bible "Thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of my heart." Jeremiah 15:16. The voice of God speaks through the words of the Bible to our heart.

## *Brought to Church*

By Yeo Wee Tee.

Before I was saved I was in great darkness. I served false gods instead of the true Living One. At that time I didn't know I was a sinner. One day William brought me to Life Church. I continued coming to Church ever since. I accepted the Lord as my Saviour at Catechism Class three months ago. Now I am much happier than before. In Luke 13:36, "The Lord says, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."



## *Christ on the playing field*

By Lim Teck Chye 吳永

Before I was saved, I was in darkness, and I did many things which were unpleasant before the Lord. One day I was playing in the field. A friend of mine witnessed to me. Later he brought me to Life Church. I found joy going to it, and from that time I have been going. Praise the Lord that I am saved.

## *"Are you saved?"*

By Yeo Wee Kwang



Before I was saved, I was very sad. I was in darkness. One day I went to a shop to buy something. The man asked me, "Have you paid the money?" I told him that I had paid the money, but actually I did not. And I went home very happy for not paying the money.

One day I went to William's house. He asked me, "Are you saved?" I asked him, "What do you mean?" When he explained to me I said I wanted. So he brought me to Church. I was saved at the 2nd Bible Camp.

## *I Want to thank Jesus*

I want to thank Jesus, who died to cleanse me from sin.

I have opened wide my heart-door to welcome Him in.

Before this I was a bad sinner going astray,

But Jesus brought me back and now in my heart he stays.

Jesus came down to earth to die for you and for me.

He was crucified and pierced on the cross of Calvary

I truly thank and praise Him for all He's done for us,

And all we who love Him best must serve Him to the last.

I accepted Jesus as my personal Saviour

At the first Bible Camp in December last year.

And now in my heart is everlasting joy and peace;

He's given me Life Eternal that never shall cease.

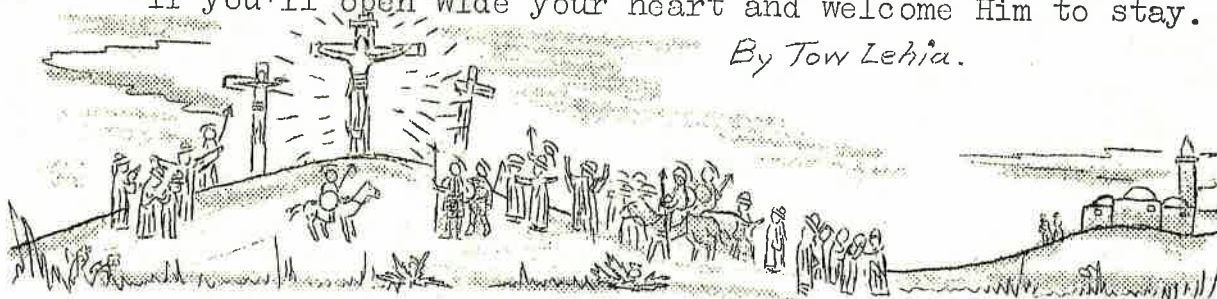
With Him nothing's impossible and all will be right,

For it's Jesus who helps to win all our fights.

He will surely forgive you and will save you today,

If you'll open wide your heart and welcome Him to stay.

By Tow Lehia.



## *I Like Hymns Best*

— Quek Swee Hwa.

The blessings of God are too wonderful to describe. I thank the Lord for His many blessings on me, particularly in my music. When I look back to the day I began to learn music, I am really surprised at the Lord's goodness to me in spite of all my unfaithfulness to Him. Truly, God is merciful and will not keep His anger forever. I can say that the Holy Spirit is guiding me in all the songs I play. Without God I can do nothing. He helps me in my daily practices and in my exams. The songs I like best are the hymns. When I play them, I feel inspired by both the music and the words. They bring my thoughts and me nearer to God. I am thankful to God and grateful to Life Church Sunday School for having the opportunity to be one of the pianists. It is indeed more blessed to serve than to be served. God has given me all these wonderful things. Praise the Lord!

## *"My Childhood's Fairytale Came True." — Rosalind Kee.*

I came from a non-Christian home, but I went to a mission School. Scripture was one of the subjects in our lessons. How I loved to listen to the stories told by our teacher about Jesus Christ! The teacher noticed that I was very absorbed in the stories. So she got me to attend a Sunday School. It was here that my appetite for more stories about Jesus was satisfied.

As I grew older I began to ask myself whether the stories about Jesus were true, like doubting Thomas in the Bible. Were they fairy tales? As time went on and with more attendance at the Sunday School and at the Service, I was enabled to understand and experience the Christian fellowship and how God never fails you when you need Him. Various fellow Christians gave their testimonies to convince me about the living Christ. I dare say the everyone can have joy in his heart and know Christ as his Saviour if he will go to Church regularly and read more about Him in the Bible. The story about Jesus Christ our Saviour is no fairy tale. It is the true old story.

"The old, old story, it is ever new,  
The old, old story, praise the Lord, 'tis true  
That Jesus Christ has died for me, for you.  
I love the old, old story."

## *No Secret About It.*

Tan Toh Kern.

Before I was saved, my life was sad and miserable. I have a friend who is always happy. I wanted to have his happiness and so I asked him what was the secret of it. To my surprise, he said there was no secret about it. All I had to do was to accept Jesus Christ as my Saviour. Then my sins would be forgiven and I would have everlasting life. I followed my friend to Life Church and as I attended the services I began to have some joy. I want to praise the Lord for saving me at the 2nd Bible Camp.



## *I WAS NOT SAVED*

*Sophie Chao.*

I was born in a Christian family. Although my father is a pastor, I was not saved. On the contrary I always felt very proud of myself in a being pastor's daughter. Before I was saved I used to give all sorts of excuse for not attending Sunday School and other church activities. I had an obstinate nature, and my parents just did not know what to do with me. But, they always prayed for me and studied the Bible with me. Every night as the time came for family worship, I always tried to avoid it. I just hated the idea of reading Bible and I thought it was a wasting time. In order to please my parents, sometimes I read it. I should say that I was the "blacksheep" of my family.

I liked to make friends with non-Christians, and I followed the "happy-go-lucky" way they lived. I did not like to have fellowship with Christian friends, whose conversation was always about God and the Bible. When my friends asked me why I should believe such a European God, while we could worship so many Chinese gods, I told them that I agreed with them. As my parents were Christians, I just simply followed them. But after I was saved, I realised that was all wrong. For if I really wanted to be saved, I must take Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour and believe that He died for me on the cross in order to save me from sins. From the time I was saved until now, I know that I have been completely changed, although sometimes I could not live the victorious life. But when I came near Him, He would give me the strength to do it. I have found real joy and peace in my heart.

## *"A Bad Christian."*

*Tow Siew Yang.*

I was born in a Christian family, and my parents took me to S. School when I was very young. I attended S. School every week, but did not pay much attention to what teacher taught me. So I became naughtier and quarrelled with my schoolmates. I lost my temper very quickly, so my friends hated me and did not like my ways. Sometimes they scolded me that I was a bad Christian. But I thought I was perfect, and I was sure I was saved because I attended Sunday School every week.

But God loved me, and gave me the opportunity of going to Life Church Bible Camp in 1954. Rev. Wilson Wang preached to us and told us that we needed salvation and must be saved. He also asked us to stand up if we wanted to be saved. At first, I dared not stand up, but the Holy Spirit worked in me, and I stood up. Then we knelt down and confessed our sins. From that day onward I found joy and happiness.

## MOVED BY HER EARNESTNESS - Lim Kim Hee.

My mother came from a Christian home, but my father was a Buddhist. Because of my parents' religious divergence, I did not have the privilege of going to Church during my early boyhood. It was not until 1948 when I went to live with my relatives that I had the chance to attend a gospel meeting of Life Church.

The first meeting I attended did not impress me very much. Yet, I wanted to know more about Christ. On the second night I was seated near my relative. That evening a different thing happened to me. A sudden change came upon me. The Lord's Spirit began to infuse into my ignorant heart. I was able to appreciate what the speaker preached, and I felt as if Christ was calling me. Towards the end of the meeting the speaker asked those who wanted to be saved to come forward and kneel down. But being new to a big congregation, I had no courage to go forward, though my desire to be saved was burning in my heart. However my relative who was seated close by urged me earnestly to go forward. At the same time she kept praying fervently for my sake. Finally I was much moved by her earnestness. So I went forward and knelt down near the pulpit. There I surrendered to God. What a great moment it was then! As I asked God for forgiveness, I found a great change in my heart. I felt as if tons of burden had been taken away from my body. I then became a new creature as said in II Cor. 5:17; "Therefore if any man be in Christ he is a new creature; old things are passed away, Behold, all things are become new."



Jesus, Captain of our Salvation,  
Ever Thy mercies we must plead!  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil deeds.

Jesus, thou art the Morning Star,  
Shining bright upon our way;  
Sometimes near and sometimes far,  
Turn our darkness into day.

Jesus, best friend that we know,  
In pain, danger and despair,  
Forsake not us in our sorrow,  
Daily all our burdens bear.

By William Seah & Lawrence  
Leong.



## *My Personal Testimony*

*Khoo Peng Kiat.*

As a Christian who has the joy of salvation, I feel that it is my duty to witness for the Lord; and my desire to bring those unsaved to be saved as I have been.

I was born in a non-Christian home, and believe me, I never knew about Jesus Christ at all until I met Dr. Tow. Life before that was meaningless, and like an empty dream. I was spiritually blind.

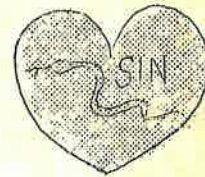
I was born again on Easter Day, April 18, 1953. Ever since that day, I have received not only peace of mind, heart and soul, but also much joy and happiness of His salvation.

Many times the Lord has saved me from serious accident. One night, while working in Ward 41 of the General Hospital, I was suddenly called upon to send a patient suffering from bleeding peptic ulcer to surgical Ward 23. The patient who had a blood transfusion was gently put on to a trolley which was pushed by an attendant, accompanied by me. We had to go up by a lift, to the 3rd storey. After delivering the patient to the care of the Staff Nurse, I was then in a hurry to return to my busy Ward. In doing so I hastily opened the door to step into the lift, unaware that it was then lying stationary on the ground floor. Had I stepped into it, I would have plunged to death into that horrible, hungry dark space! Many thanks, and many praises be to God for saving my life. It was His hand of mercy that prevented me from that painful death.

So, dear reader, if you are not yet saved by His precious blood, I do pray that you will not delay to accept Him now as your personal Saviour. You will then be assured of protection and everlasting life in Heaven. Do it NOW. Tomorrow may be just too late.

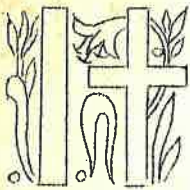
## *From Darkness to Light*

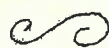
Once I was blind - darkness ruled within!  
The Saviour to me was not known.  
My life was always tainted with sin,  
Nor ever was spiritually grown.  
But once, a meeting I did attend  
On the tenth of February.  
And in the midst I did stand  
To accept Jesus publicly.  
Then was my heart very happy,  
When my burden rolled away.  
This now no longer will I carry,  
Nor follow Satan and his way.



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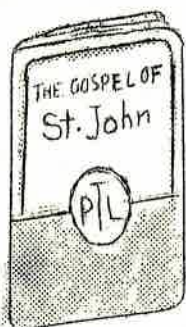
 IS BETTER TO GO  
TO THE HOUSE OF  
MOURNING, THAN TO THE  
HOUSE OF FEASTING : FOR  
THAT IS THE END OF ALL MEN;  
AND THE LIVING WILL LAY IT  
TO HIS HEART. ECCLESIASTES 7:2.



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## *All Things Work Together For Good.*

*Edmund Tay.*

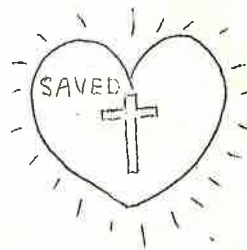
Let the Glory be to God! There is no better way of praising the Lord than by means of a short testimony. Praise the Lord for all that He has done for me in the past, since the time I came to the knowledge of Jesus as my personal Saviour. I thank the Lord for His many faithful servants. Had it not been for them I would still be unsaved.

Although I came from a mission school and had the chance of studying the Bible, I never had the opportunity of knowing the Lord Jesus as my personal Saviour. All that I was concerned with was to study the Bible just for the sake of passing school examinations. So I thought that was all I had to do. But after I had left school, and had joined the Teachers' Training College, something happened. One day, I was given a copy of the Pocket Testament League's Gospel of St. John. I was asked to read it. So I did it and slowly I started coming to church quite regularly.

It was not until the very night Dr. Percy Crawford had his revival meetings at the Life Church, that I really understood the true meaning of "being saved by the precious blood of Jesus Christ." I had a struggling moment, but as soon as I asked Jesus to come into my heart, I experienced a different feeling altogether. From then onwards, my life was different and I found that I had been successful in all my undertakings. I thank the Lord for having saved me and showered numerous blessings upon me. An even greater blessing was bestowed upon me one year ago, when I publicly confessed Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour and was baptised and welcomed into the Life Church Family. All these have happened because I had faith in the Lord Jesus. For Jesus himself said, "If a man abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." John 15:7. We all know that without faith it is impossible to please God. Praise the Lord again! I have found abundant joy in Him.

### FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT

At this meeting saved was I,  
All praise and glory to His Name.  
Were not for Christ I would die  
And suffer burning in the flame.  
From thence my faith began to grow;  
My love for God saw more and more,  
Till one day I began to sow,  
And willingly His cross I bore.  
Thanks and praise be again to God  
For everywhere I went I reaped.  
So to the feet of Jesus were brought,  
And became His obedient sheep.



William Seah.





Bible Camp should be held with the following objectives:

1. To win souls for Christ and for the preaching ministry.
2. To build up Christians in the Faith with systematic Bible teaching, so that they may be enabled to serve God more effectively.
3. To provide an opportunity for closer fellowship between members, so that Christ's church may grow to fuller stature.
4. To provide means of wholesome recreation to refresh their body, mind and spirit.

I am very happy to say that our two Bible Camps have succeeded in attaining all these objectives by the bountiful mercies of God. To those who have devoted themselves to this ministry, may I say with Hebrews 6 : 10, "For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister."

— A Word From Pastor.



Theme: "Christ Satisfies"

### 1st Bible Camp.

Date: Dec. 18 - 24, 1954.  
 Place: Telok Paku School.  
 Speaker: Rev. Wilson Wang.  
 Attendance: 50  
 Saved: Over 10  
 Accident: 0  
 Deficit: 0  
 Food: Plenty  
 Visitors: Many

Hallelujah!



Theme: "Saved to Serve."

### 2nd Bible Camp.

Date: Aug. 11 - 18, 1955.  
 Place: Telok Paku School.  
 Speaker: Mr. G. D. James.  
 Attendance: 100  
 Saved: 23  
 Accident: 0  
 Deficit: 0  
 Food: Plenty  
 Visitors: Crowds.

Praise the Lord!





# MY IMPRESSION

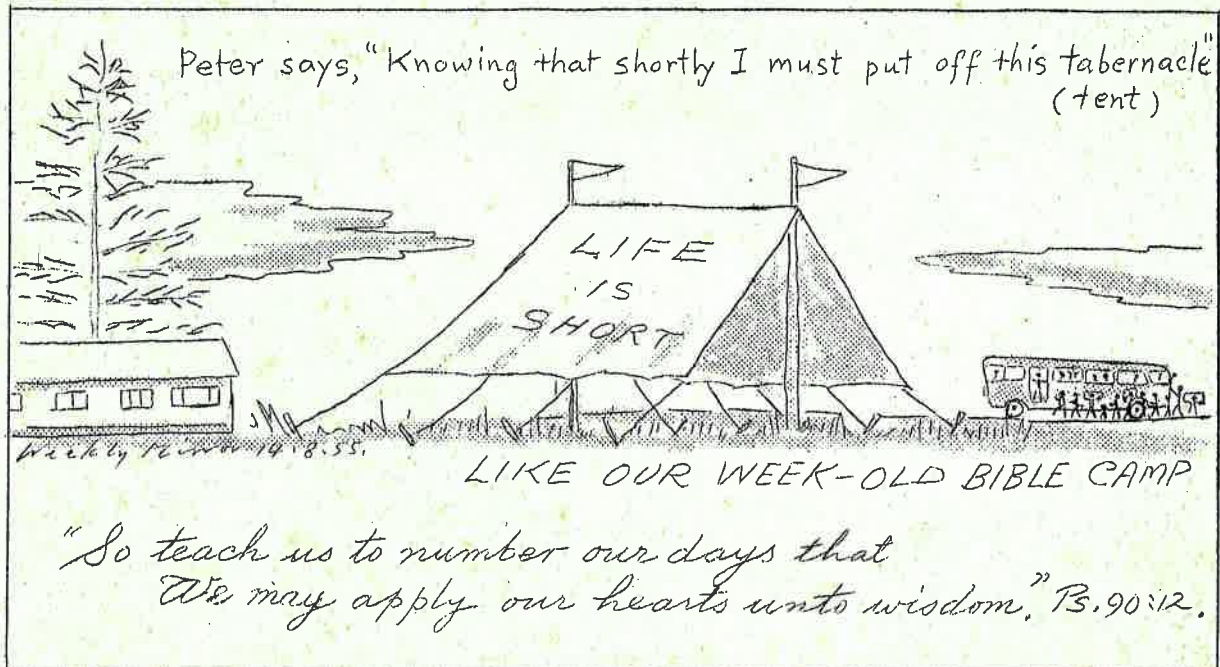
by John M. Thompson

Of Peter and John it was said in Acts chapter four that men took knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus. Of my one day visit to the Life Church Bible Camp I can truthfully say that it was very evident that the Lord Jesus Himself had been in the midst.

The games showed that He was present. There were none hanging back or playing half-heartedly - all played heartily and well as to the Lord and not to men. The conversations with the campers showed that Jesus was in the midst, for the talk was not of the things of the world but of what God had been doing in them. Even the evening meal showed the Lord's presence with happy laughter, giving assurance that the campers were at peace with each other and with God.

However, the presence and work of the Lord Jesus was most evident as the group gathered around the campfire in the evening, singing and demonstrating the reality of their faith. We laughed at things human and were touched by things Divine. When the dealings of God's Spirit in the soul of a man were portrayed, our own souls were moved anew by the wonder of sins forgiven.

Certainly, this was a place where God was speaking to hearts. I know it was because He spoke to my heart while I was there.



## WANG MING TAO ON MODERNIST LEADERS OF THE CHURCH

(Translation of extract from veteran defender of the Christian faith, Mr. Wang Ming Tao's article "We Are For The Faith!", which led to his imprisonment in Peking in 1955).

"For the last 30 years, I have unceasingly been warning the Churches by preaching and in writing to beware of the unbelievers (this is how I call the modernist Church leaders), to resist them and to keep far away from them. I have also warned the Churches never, never to have fellowship with them or enter into union with them. ....I cannot bear to see such people confuse the Truth of the Lord and corrupt the Church of God. I have committed my all in fighting them. For 30 years I have fought them and if the Lord tarries in His return, I will by the mighty power of His resurrection continue to fight them.

"I wish all my readers will understand this: we all have freedom of belief. We must respect the belief of others, as others must also respect our belief. But, this refers to different beliefs. We should not attack those who believe in other religions, nor should we attack those who believe in no religion, just as those who believe in other religions should not attack us Christians, nor should those who believe in no religion attack those who do believe in religion.

"Not so with 'unbelievers' in the Church. These people have no belief. They do not believe in Jesus. They are not Christians but pretend to be Christians, mingling within the Church and preaching some plausible, false doctrines to deceive the believers and corrupt their faith. Such people are thieves in the Church and wolves in sheep's clothing mixing with the flock. It is the duty of every Christian to expose and oppose them so as to prevent them from doing harm to the flock of God. For such people there can be no respect, let alone uniting with them. According to the Word of God, we cannot even receive them into our house nor bid them God speed, for he that biddeth them God speed is partaker of their evil deeds. (II John, 9-11).

## *Dr. E. Stanley Jones.*

"Spiritual Mobilisation Throughout Singapore" - this is the slogan of a handbill distributed by the Malayan Christian Council to rally support for Dr. E. Stanley Jones in the coming "evangelistic" campaign at the Cathedral grounds, April 28 to May 1. "The extension of Christ's Kingdom at this crucial time in Singapore is urgent and vital", is another of its appeals.

An atmosphere of doing something great for Christ is now being worked up. Christians are being impressed with an approaching season of soul-winning in the coming of this "great Christian leader," and are requested to pray and work for its success.

Yes, Christians should take an active part in any work for God. But, we are also warned to examine it whether the same is truly of the Lord. In Luke 21:8, our Saviour says, "Take heed that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and the time draweth near: go ye not after them." An evangelistic campaign may be launched in the name of Christ by the highest Church Council, but if the preacher is found to be disloyal to his Master, we must take heed not to support it. We are sorry to say that Dr. Stanley Jones is such a man, and duty demands that we warn fellow Christians from falling to his teachings.

Dr. Jones's statement on the most vital part of a Christian's faith is plainly contradictory to our Lord's. Discussing it in his book, "The Christ of the American Road", p. 150, Dr. Jones says, "I announce some subject such as 'What May a Modern Person Believe?' and then at the close say something like the following: 'What do you do about it?' Well, if you are a member of the Jewish faith, I would suggest that you go home and talk to your rabbi and say to him, 'I'm committed. I see what I must do; I'm going to give myself to God and the temple.' If you have a Roman Catholic heritage, go home and say to your priest, 'I'm committed. I'm going to give myself to God and the church.' And if you have an evangelical or Protestant heritage, go home and say to your pastor, 'I'm committed. I'm going to give myself to God and to the Church.'"

Surely, this sort of evangelism will not save a single soul! The Jews reject Christ as being the Son of God, and spurn His blood as being shed for the remission of sins. Yet, Dr. Jones advises it is all right for a Jew to continue in his unbelief and serve God. Roman Catholicism makes Mary higher than Christ with all the attending errors. Yet, Dr. Jones asks a Roman Catholic to go back to his church without showing him the true light of salvation. Why doesn't he stress that there is no salvation apart from the name of Jesus Christ, and that such faith as a person has must be personally experienced through the work of the Holy Spirit? Jesus says, "I am the way, the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." Jesus further says, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." (John 14:6; 3:3.)

Indeed, were he speaking to a group of Indian students in the same book, he might advocate that a Buddhist go back to his monk and a Hindu to the Bhagavad-Gita. In another book, "The Christ of the Indian Road," p. 170, Dr. Jones says, "As Christ said of the Old Testament Law, 'I came not to destroy but to fulfil,' so Christ may turn to India and say the same of her religions." Are the religions of India complementary to the one and only appointed Saviour of God, Jesus Christ? The Bible says, "Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved." (Acts 4:12.) "I am the door of the sheep. All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them." (John 10:7,8.)

"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world." (1 John 4:1.)

*Statement in defence of the Gospel (Phil. 1:17), by the Malaysia Bible Christian Fellowship.*





MOUNTAIN-TOP EXPERIENCE  
And at Teluk Paku Bible Camp ?

*By G.D. James*

What a day it was for the three disciples of the inner circle! They were away from the feverish haste and din of city life, enjoying the sweet hush and the cool air of that solitary hill.

They were free from the usual routine of daily duties; they were not crowded by sick people, waiting to be healed -- no hungry multitude to feed - no poor to take care of - no critics asking questions - no distraction of any kind. They were perfectly free from the demands of their calling. It was a real change for body and soul.

And yet it was not a picnic - but something infinitely better than that, because they were in the company of the Lord of glory. Wherever the Lord Jesus is found there is bound to be joy and peace. What a thrill it should have been theirs to be in the presence of such a mighty Person who did so many wonderful miracles and taught eternal truths! On the hill-top He was not surrounded by a large crowd, as He usually was. Peter, James and John were the only ones with Him. Now they could have a quiet and intimate fellowship with Him Who was their beloved Lord. Theirs, surely, was an enviable privilege.

Little did they realize that a unique experience was in store for them yet. As they enjoyed such sweet communion with their divine Master, they were over-awed and enthralled to see a marvellous change come over him. The Lord Jesus was transfigured and they caught a glimpse of His transcendent glory and beauty. The brilliance with which His face shone was so great that the writers of the gospels were at a loss to describe it adequately.

They saw also Moses and Elijah on either side of the Lord, conversing with Him as regards His death in Jerusalem. Were they on earth or in heaven - or were they dreaming? They were lost in wonder. Peter blurted out, rather dreamily, "Lord, it is good for us to be here -- let us make a tent, one for Thee, another for Moses and yet another for Elijah!" Truly, that was a foretaste of heaven.

This, in a sense, was the experience of some of us in the Bible Camp. Like the disciples of old, we were away from the usual activities and attractions of our city life, and spent a week of fellowship with the Lord - in the study of His precious Word. It was there that some of us first surveyed the "wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died" and gave our hearts to Him, while others saw a fresh vision of Him and willingly surrendered our lives to His service.



There it was that the Lord communed with us in a special way and taught us great truths - truths which were unknown to us before. Nevertheless we must not be taken up by the truths, but like the three disciples see "JESUS ONLY". It was really wonderful. It was good to have been there.

How we wished we were there all the time! This, much as we like to, cannot be done. His disciples, after having had this wonderful experience, had to go down to the valley - there to resume their ordinary duties of life. The experience they had was not that they should shirk the responsibilities of their calling - but that they may do their work with a fresh zest and with renewed love for the souls of men. Now that we have come back to face life in all its sins and changes, problems and buffetings, how are we going to react?

We should translate the divine truths that we learnt into daily practice. The Lord expects us to live according to the vision we had on the mount, so to speak. He is waiting to see if we are going to keep the promise we made to Him that we shall serve Him whole-heartedly. Are you going to be faithful? Are you going to keep your word? ~



## GOD PROVIDES

*Dr. Tow Siang Hwa*



When we set out for our 2nd Bible Camp at Telok Paku, it was with the assurance that God would supply all our needs as He has done in the past. We praise Him, for once again we proved Him faithful to those who put their trust in Him. The great majority of campers were in the non-earning category, and it was obvious that a charge of \$12 per camper for 7 whole days was far from adequate. Think of it - three full meals a day drinks and refreshments daily, prizes for sports, games and Bible quizzes, transport four times between Church and camp, boat rides at Changi, and other comforts and enjoyments - all for less than \$2 a day!

How did we manage it? From the beginning, generous friends of the Life Church Family gave towards the good cause. Dollars began to roll in. Altogether, cash donations totalled \$208.28. Thanks be to God and His people who have seen our need and rallied to our support.

The accommodation of over 90 souls as compared with 46 the previous time, threatened to create grave overcrowding. But our good helper Mr. Lim Lam San, the Principal, very kindly opened to us 2 extra classrooms, which were turned into dormitories. This gave us six dormitories in all, and there was no fear of congestion.

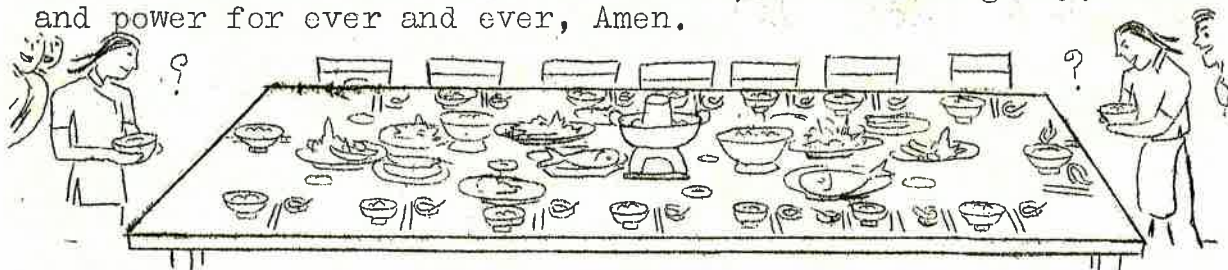
A number of friends contributed gifts of food, which proved to be "life savers" at meal time. Many times our appe-

tites ran wild, and mountains of food disappeared in record time. It was then that these extra items came to the rescue. On the whole, every camper had 3 square meals a day. There were times when service was inadequate to cope with over 100 mouths at a sitting, and if any camper was starved at all, we promise to do better next time!

We are thankful to the Counsellors who were willing to rough it out, living among us in true camping fashion. We certainly enjoyed the spiritual delicacies which they lavished on us many times daily. That week of feasting has only served to whet our spiritual appetites, and most of us are longing for more.

I In the statement of accounts that follows, we have tried our level best to record every gift received. But please note this list is incomplete as a number of gifts were NOT recorded. Perhaps you have helped with free labour, or a donation which is not acknowledged here. Do forgive us for the slip up. But although men may not know it, there is One Who sees and knows all. He will not fail to recompense you for your contribution to this worthy project. God sees your good work in secret, but He will reward openly. (Please read Matt. 6:3,4.)

One question which we should ask ourselves with profit is this: Was it worthwhile spending all the time and energy planning, and staying 7 days away from home, just for a Bible Camp? Couldn't we have spent the money in a better way? I for one who have spent weeks on preliminary planning, 24 out of 26 days' leave fully occupied with the camp and no little expense financially, can testify to the complete justification and necessity of the Bible Camp. Provided God-fearing people are in charge, good counsellors are available, and God's Word is honoured, NO AMOUNT OF TIME, MONEY, AND LABOUR INVESTED WILL EVER BE WASTED. The sweat of many helpers, the hours of BIBLE study, the messages from God's Word, the happy time of fellowship in the dormitories, at meals, or on the playing fields, which we have sown in August 1955 have already brought in rich profits in SOULS SAVED, LIVES CHANGED, CHRISTIANS EDIFIED, AND GLORY TO GOD'S HOLY NAME. We are convinced beyond any shadow of doubt that an even richer harvest will be reaped in the days that lie ahead, through the bountiful mercies and grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, to whom be glory, honour and power for ever and ever, Amen.





We acknowledge with grateful thanks many gift items of food, cooked and uncooked, which greatly helped the food situation. To the following, we say "Thank you very much":- Mr. & Mrs. Heng Mui Kiah, Lim Hong Hock, Quek Kiok Chiang, Quek Kiok Lee, Lim Khng Seng, Dr. Tow Siew Ai. A number of other friends' names were unavoidably missed out and we beg their pardon for the omission. However the Lord will bless them in no less measure.

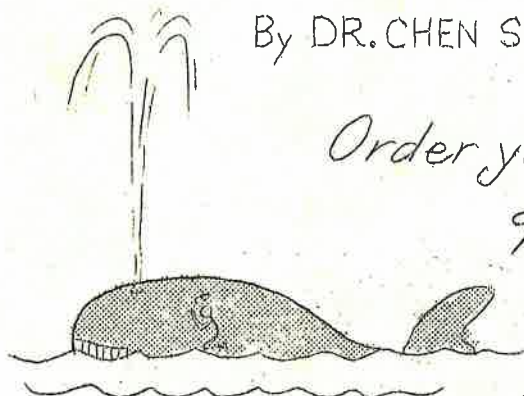
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Receipts.	
Registrations	900.00
Gifts: Mr. & Mrs. Thompson	12.00
Miss E. Sullivan	12.00
Miss Brown	24.00
Miss Ong Soo Kheng	24.00
Miss Ruth Lim	12.00
Mrs. Olsen	5.00
Mr. Quek Kiok Meng	20.00
Mr. G.D. James	30.00
Mr. & Mrs. Lim Khng Seng	21.65
Dr. Tow Siang Hwa	37.63
Mr. Chia Kim Chwee	10.00
Meals sold	3.00
Book sales	84.95
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Expenses	
Provisions, marketting	730.73
Hire of tents	20.00
Menial staff	68.00
Hire of boats	5.00
Hire of buses	60.00
Donation to school	25.00
Electrical repairs	5.00
Making of keys	7.60
Materials for classes	3.00
Prizes to campers	18.50
Books for Bookstore	61.40
Gifts to missionaries	180.00
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## DORMITORY

Monitors: Andrew Heng and George Chia

The increased number of boys at the second camp made it necessary to form a new family of boys called HOPE. All told, this family had 15 boys and 2 men.

The boys behaved themselves very well at dormitory quiet time and at meals. Throughout the time at camp, there was goodwill shown - a clear indication of the Christian spirit prevalent in the dormitory. The conduct of a few, however, was not so commendable at bedtime. These restless few kept the rest awake up to the late hours during the first two nights by their jokes and laughter.

At games, we fared fairly well. Although we had many small boys, we were quite redoubtable at football.

At the campfire, HOPE put up a very original and creditable item. The "War-chant" still rings in my ears.

As to the spiritual side, it is my opinion that everyone of us truly found the Saviour. We had two testimony nights in our dormitory. Almost everyone confessed Christ. It is a fact that gives satisfaction for, after all, the aim of the camp was to lead souls to God.

So far as I can see, it has been a Successful time for our dormitory. This is my frank conclusion.

*By Andrew Heng.*



## DORMITORY

Monitors: William Seah and Edmund Lim

We arrived safely at camp at 10.30 a.m. on 11th August. We gathered together for general instructions and immediately afterwards, we separated to our own dormitories.

The first night, Peace Dormitory could not sleep. The boys were too excited and restless. The next morning, they got up very early too. All boys helped with good spirit in the general cleaning up and in tidying the dormitory.

After a few days, we became used to the camp and the nights found us sound sleepers. And in the mornings, even the bugle failed to wake us up.

Peace Dormitory could be said to excel in everything. We were the best in keeping the dormitory clean and tidy. We were the best in games and in the sports. No doubt, we had the most members and we were the biggest in the camp too but still we could be proud of our achievements.

At the discussions, we learnt a great deal about Christian conduct and faith. We want to thank God for it. Many of us were saved and consecrated our lives to the Lord's service.

We enjoyed the camp very much and we are looking forward to the next camp when we can again have a glorious time of Christian fellowship and blessings from God.

*By William Seah.*

## DORMITORY

Monitors: Philip Heng and Tan Swoe Teck

We were a family of 5 big brothers and 9 small ones. We got on very well though we did have problems.

Each one could say that we enjoyed our stay together. We got to know each better. The Christless found Christ, and all came to know Him more dearly. Mr. James, our camp chief counsellor, talked to some individually where he saw the need. In this way, he led the 'tougher' ones to Christ. We want to thank God for sending him to our camp.

We heartily joined in all the activities of the camp. We must say too that some of the over-active youngsters had bickerings occasionally. It was a family affair, and we settled them in true Christian spirit and were all the better for them after that.

Our memory of the campfire will certainly last a long time. We put up a sketch of the Good Samaritan. We drew much laughter and applause. The credit must go to the younger lads who took part. Our theme song was "Faith is the Victory" and sure it is our theme even now when the camp is over and we are separated to stay together again in the next camp or in the next world.







## *Dormitory*

Monitors: Hong Guek Im and Tow Soon Lang

Eighteen of us, ranging from eight to forty years old, found ourselves in the Joy Dormitory when we reached the Telok Paku School. Our first thought was how we would get along with one another. Then we thought of Christ, and we knew that in Him all would be well.

As monitor, my main worry was where to get desks to make enough beds for everyone. The cold hard floor was not inviting to sleep on. However, before the day ended, we managed to get enough desks for all. We had to squeeze a bit though, but we were happy. We were also fortunate to have two counsellors in our dormitory. They were Miss Oehler and Miss Ong. Miss Oehler led the bigger girls and Miss Ong, the younger ones in the morning quiet time of prayer and Bible reading. At night, before bed, we had prayers together.

Our dormitory lived up to its name. We were ever joyful - a cheerful family in Christ. Everyone gladly did her duty and was eager to help others any time. I also believe no other dormitory had more to eat in between meals than ours. We had sweets, fruits, nuts and many other tit-bits. These were not provided by the camp, of course. We brought them along and shared them among ourselves. That was one reason, perhaps, why we found ourselves invaded by the other campers at times.

My biggest thrill was the night we had testimonies in our dormitory. Practically everyone spoke for Christ and thanked Him for saving her soul and giving her new life in Him.

We were sorry when we broke camp. We were tired out no doubt but we went home happy in the Lord.

HENG GUEK IM



## *Dormitory*

Monitors: Chua Swee Eng and Rosalind Tan

In our dormitory, we had seventeen people. Every morning, we got up at half past six when the bugle blew. The morning quiet time followed in fifteen minutes' time. Miss Swarr and Miss Char, our counsellors, took turns on alternate days to read us the Bible verses during this time. We also had prayers after we had divided ourselves into three groups, each group going into a quiet corner. Both Miss Swarr and Miss Char were very kind and loving to us.

In the afternoons, we had to rest but some of us found it impossible to take a nap. These disturbed the rest too, joking and laughing. At bedtime, it was the same. A few girls insisted on closing the windows and a few others insisted on keeping them open. There was much talking and laughing. Those who wanted to sleep tried to shut off the noise by burying their heads in their blankets. The next morning found those who were unable to sleep, weary and worn.

We wish to thank the Lord that He saved many souls to His glory.

CHUA SWEE ENG & ROSALIND TAN.

## SWIMMING REPORT.

Life Savers: Tan Swee Teck and Robert Seah

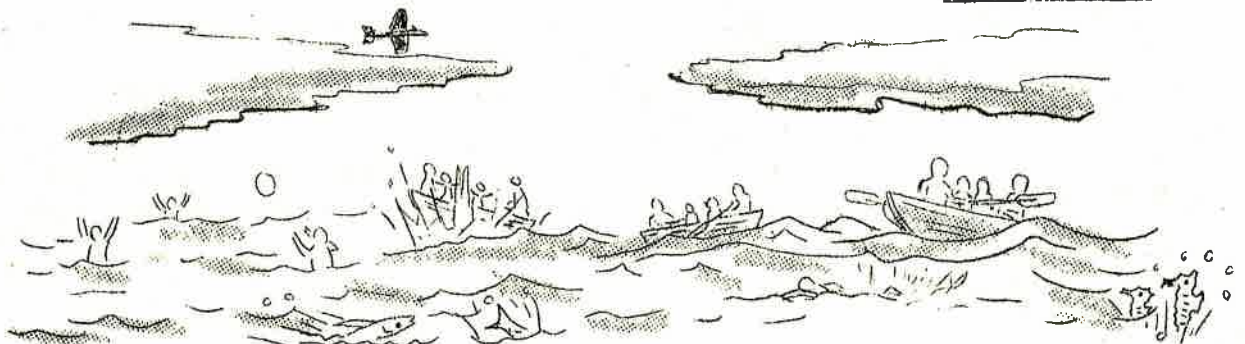
Swimming was one of the most welcomed items in camp, and nearly every camper, including the counsellors, had a dip at one time or another. The day after we had settled down, we went for our first swim, and though the weather was a bit chilly, the water was warm. So no one suffered cramps. We also played "Water-polo!" Mr. James, our chief counsellor in the camp, amazed us by his skilful defence.

On another day, after a tiring game of football, those who had boundless energy made for the sea. They had a jolly time.

One morning, we went boating. We had to hike to Changi Point to hire the boats. It was quite a distance but Mr. Poulson made several trips in his Land Rover picking up as many of the hikers as he could, each time. We planned to have a treasure hunt on the way back but this was found to be impracticable as the campers were too tired after the boating. Of course, we also had a good swim while Dr. Tow, fixing his outboard motor to a boat, cruised around to see that all those in the boats were safe. In that way also, he gave joy rides to those who could not row a boat.

Without a doubt, swimming and boating were two of the very joyous times afforded by the camp, and the campers have need to thank the Lord for having kept everyone safe and well.

TAN SWEE TECK



# GAMES REPORT

Convenors: Andrew Heng and Heng Guek Im

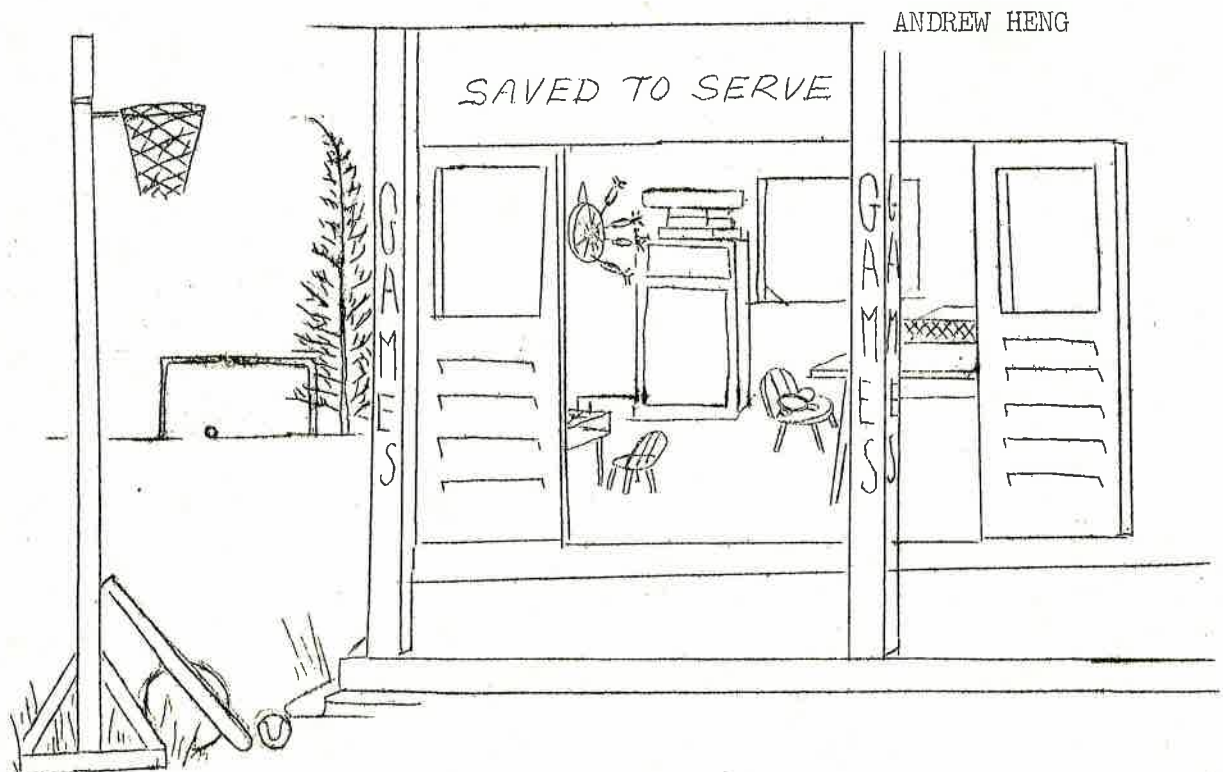
The weather was not as kind as we would have liked it to be. On two evenings, outdoor games had to be cancelled because of the adverse weather. However, on the whole, it was not too bad.

All in all, the boys had three very interesting football matches and a game of rounders. The girls participated in the "gentle" game of rounders more often than the boys. The friendly tussles at games helped greatly in strengthening ties of friendship.

In addition to the above outdoor activities, we had sports. There were ten events. The ladies were a little shy and there was need for much persuasion. Nevertheless, we all had an enjoyable time.

The dart board, checkers and draughts kept the campers joyfully occupied on wet days. We greatly missed the table tennis tournament which we had at the last camp. The table, this time, was available.

The days were well filled with games. The campers conducted themselves well on the field. All this is to be hoped for in the next camp.





# The Conversion of a Chinese Man.

by Vincent Tay  
Andrew Chao



Place: A small country town in China.

Time: In the early days when foreign missionaries first entered China.

Characters: 1. Chinese man, well educated.

A believer of Buddhism, but in no way satisfied with his religion. Like all others, he was interested in Christianity, but had been poisoned with prejudice and hatred against it.

2. Missionary.

## SCENE I

The Chinese man is walking on the street one late afternoon, with a basket in his right hand, hurrying home. The Missionary is also on his way home, with a Bible in his hand. They are walking towards each other.

C. (Avoiding the Missionary)

M. Good afternoon, Mr. Wong! How are you getting on?

C. Good afternoon, Sir. Me? Very fine, thank you.

M. That's good. I am glad to hear that.

C. Where are you going, Pastor? .....

M. Oh! I have been going round preaching.

C. Preaching? About Jesus? (Turning away disgustedly.)

M. Yes, but .....

C. Jesus. (pause.) Jesus, please tell me something about Him.

M. Yes, certainly I will. But first of all, let me ask you this question. What do you eat for breakfast?

C. My breakfast? Why, rice, of course. Well ... but sometimes porridge, Sir.

M. And what do you eat for dinner?

C. Of course, rice. You know me, Sir. (growing impatient.)

M. Yes, but what do you eat for supper?

C. Rice! I tell you. (shouting.)

M. What have you been eating for years?

C. Naturally rice, what else can I eat? Don't be funny, Sir! (walking away angrily.)

M. (putting his hands on his shoulders.) Mr. Wong, now, why do you eat rice everyday? Why don't you eat something else?

C. Because I don't want to die! (a short pause.) You eat bread, something.

M. Well, that's one of the reasons why we preach Jesus. He is life to us Christians, and we cannot live without Him. He is the bread of life, you know. He saved us from our sins. He was crucified and buried, but He arose from the dead three days later and went up to heaven.....

C. Superstitious! (interrupting rudely.)



- M. Because he died for us, all our sins are forgiven.  
 C. Stupid!  
 M. Every one of us is a sinner .....  
 C. You, no I, I am no sinner, No.  
 M. Yes, you are, and the wages of sin is death. And if you do not believe in Him, you shall go to Hell. In order to go to Heaven, let us believe in the Son of God and enjoy everlasting life. For this reason, the early disciples went around to preach about Jesus, and Him alone.  
 C. They preach Jesus, too? Had they anything to eat in their own country? (sarcastically.)  
 M. The reason was that the disciples knew men could not live without Christ. The scripture says that he is the bread of life.  
 C. Bread? Bread of Life?  
 M. Yes, it reads thus, "I am the living bread which came down from Heaven; if any man eat of this bread he shall live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh...".  
 C. Flesh? (really surprised and puzzled.)  
 M. (Ignoring him) "Which I will give for the life of the world", that is you and me. The Lord Jesus loves us and will always love us, now and forever.  
 C. Oh! I see. I will tell all my friends what you have told me. (pause.) But, but, but they will certainly laugh at me. (serious.)  
 M. Please do tell them, and may God bless you all your friends. It is stated, "Whosoever believeth in the Lord, Jesus Christ, shall not perish but have everlasting life." This is written in the book of John, Chapter 3 verse 16.  
 C. Thank you very much for your good advice. But, (looking at his watch) Oh! I will be late for my dinner. My wife will be looking for me, and will be angry. She, she is fierce, you know. See you again.  
 M. Good-bye, but just a moment please. Would you mind keeping this small booklet, please. (Hands over to him the gospel of John) Good-bye!  
 C. (Carelessly puts it in his pocket, and hurries off with his basket.)

## S C E N E II

Place: In the Chinese man's home, in his bedroom.

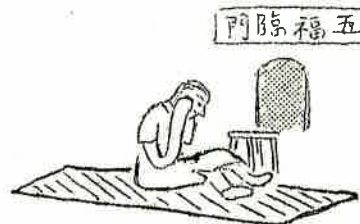
Time: Late in the night.

CHINESE MAN:

He enters the room wearily, throws away the coat on the chair, and drops on the bed. Remains still for a minute or two.

His heart seems greatly troubled, and although he tries his very best is not able to sleep. Rolls on the bed.

Suddenly but softly, he murmurs to himself:  
 "No, Christians are bad people, I don't like them." (pause.)



"But, but the missionary does'nt seem so bad. Good man, Good Christian."  
(sitting up.)

"No, I don't believe in such person. Believe that Jesus, the European God? Our Chinese Buddha is certainly better. Thousand times better." (pause.)

"No! No!" he shouts, "I don't want to be influenced by such people." I don't want Him.....I want to go to sleep ....." (pause.)

"But if I die tonight, ..... I will go to Hell (whispering.) ..... Sinner. I steal and lie. I will go to Hell, (shout) Hell, Hell for me. "Al-me-tor-hoo" "Al-me-tor-hoo!"

"But the missionary said "Believe in Jesus". 'Believe in Jesus and have everlasting life! Everlasting life? Yes, Yes!" (Jumping up from the bed, and sitting down again.)

"Oh, God so loved the world, loved me, (whisper) .....that he gave his... .....his only begotten son, to me, he died for me... Me? a sinner? And me go to Heaven? Not Hell? No Perish? (Jumped up) It's too good, too good to be true. I cannot believe it. I just can't!

Runs round the room to find his coat. Finds the coat and searches it for the gospel booklet. Gets it at last.

"Here, it is," he exclaims, "Let me see, the book of John? This is the book of John he was saying about. The book of John chapter 14, no 13, no, chapter 4. (Opens the book and turns to that page. Yes, chapter 4, verse 16. Where is it? Yes, its here, chapter 3, verse 16. Yes, that's right."

Turns to the right page and reads aloud:

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"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life ..... And here it says,

"He that believeth on him is not condemned, but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And,

"The Father loveth the son, and hath given all things into his hand. He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." (long pause.)

He drops down his head after reading, and sits on the chair, thinking deeply. Then at last,

"Yes, I will give myself to Jesus, my master, and obey his orders. I believe Him now, and I am not condemned, for my sins are forgiven according to this book and the missionary. The missionary, yes, I shall see him to-morrow."



Kneels down beside the bed and whispers a prayer.

"Jesus, my Lord and my master, I want to serve you now, I don't want Buddha or any other Gods. I believe that you died for me even though I am such a sinner. I know I am saved. Please teach me to be a good Christian."

Music sounds from distance and curtain drops.

## *A REAL Blessing* By Rev. CALVIN CHAO.

A real blessing, the summer camp sponsored by the Life Church in August has proved to be to the children of my family.


Two of the children sought the Lord in tears and in trembling and received definite assurance of salvation.

Another one who was a bit lazy in his devotions began to read his Bible and to pray every morning and every night. He testified that he now read his Bible and prayed to God because he enjoyed it, not because he was forced to do so.

Still another one came home from the camp with a love for lost souls. She said to me one day, "I tried hard but I could not convince my classmates that they needed Christ. What can I do?"

In spite of pressure of their studies, the three boys cycled on two bicycles to attend the evangelistic meetings every night for nearly two weeks on their own accord.

It thrills my fatherly heart to see the children so much interested in spiritual things.



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