

# Bible Presbyterian Weekly

Vol. II, No. 31

Saturday, Jan. 7, 1967

"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." Galatians 6:10

## LETTER TO OUR READERS

My dear Readers,

### The Challenge and Prospects of 1967 to our B-P Church Movement

As the Chinese saying goes, "The Plan of the Year is made in the Spring", it behoves me early to orientate your thinking upon what we in the B-P Church Movement should do for our Saviour Jesus Christ in 1967. 1967 draws us closer to Christ's Second Coming! So while prophets of Man's Kingdom prognosticate peace, we should be armed for war! St Paul says, "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemous, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God.... But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived." (II Tim. 3:1-4, 13.) Onward Christian soldiers! We are called not to a life of ease and pleasure, but to one of constant, incessant struggle against sin, the lust of the flesh and the world.

Our ammunition is the preaching of the gospel, our aim the capture of Satan's territory and to turn it into Christ's possession - this we do by establishing gospel stations, Sunday Schools, branch churches; our duty is to fight the good fight of faith upon every field to which we are called. The Home Front needs succour and protection no doubt, and many whom the Lord has made overseers can help. But what of the Lord's far-flung battle lines to where so few among so many are willing to go? Is the spirit of the Antioch Church stirring our hearts today? Do we feel the urgency of these momentous days and press for a greater outreach of our gospel testimony in every possible way?

Praise be to God there is still a sizeable number who love the Lord's Cause, who have done their best and are keeping it up. The Zionists and Faithfuls, with the support of Suletar Hills, Ling Kwang and Jalan Aman, are feverishly building their new sanctuary. The Sembawang Sunbeams have not waned in their brilliance. The Elijahs of Mt. Carmel are pressing the battle against Baal with greater intensity, now with two Sunday School Sessions and a proposed Lord's Supper Service. Galileans are launching out not a little while Hume Heighters have lengthened their cords by building a new "Church Office". Jurongites are growing up and extending a new work to the Industrial Estate. Lifers especially have cheerfully responded to the Relief Appeal with both cash and kind, and those who have given can rejoice that a portion of the Christmas offerings have been determined by the Session to purchase 1,000 6-oz tubes of Raiya tooth paste and 1,000 brushes for the Korean orphans. Life Church has also given me time off to preach in South India. Thank God, we are meeting the challenge!

But can we be satisfied with doing just this much? As a people blessed of God tenfold we have plenty of reserve strength to advance for the Lord. We should think out every prospect of advancing for Christ's Kingdom. This is what Joel means by young men seeing visions and old men dreaming dreams. Our 1967 prospects are as bright as the divine light shining into our heart and illuminating our mind.

"Let us do good unto all men especially unto them  
who are of the household of faith" (Gal. 6:10)

The divine command to do good to all men is general, but to Christian brethren the injunction is specific. "Especially unto them who are of the household of faith" we are to do good. How well-pleasing to God therefore that we should have responded to relieve Korean Christian orphans and Christian Dusuns of Sabah!

Our blessing is especially enhanced when we note that the Relief goods to Korea will alleviate the sufferings of Korean Christians who are deprived for standing for the Faith. Dr. McIntire, President of the International Council of Christian Churches writes how all this Korean Relief first started:

"Yes, every night we put them to bed. We have more than 600 orphans now. It all started in Korea in 1958, and I am leaving on my annual visit to Korea today. A half million Presbyterians withdrew from the World Council of Churches because of its modernism and the presence of these Communist-controlled churches in its fellowship. Korea was the great battlefield. Eight million refugees fled from North Korea; 500 clergy were slaughtered at one time by the Reds; orphans multiplied, and they continued to multiply. Church World Service, representing the WCC, cut them off when they withdrew. Then it was that we went to Korea, and God led us to take them up for His sake. We picked up the chaplains who had been cut off, who left the WCC. We helped the new seminaries; today we have six of them, and now we are supporting orphans also in Formosa, India,

Africa, Brazil.

Yes, our "terrible" broadcast has become the instrument of mercy, succor, relief. We have become the agent of the Lord in answering the prayers of the saints who stood for Christ alone. No greater ministry could we have than to reach these rejected, expelled, repudiated outcasts of the East. Now we support several leper colonies. Even the lepers cannot stay in the apostasy; "unclean" in the sight of men, they love the purity of God's Word and the fellowship of His saints."

By God's grace may our gifts go to cheer the Leper Christians again this year. Finally it is decided to extend the receipt of Korean Relief to Chinese New Year for we have faith God will send through you to make the target of 4,000 lbs. We have now reached 3,000 by the toothpaste decision. How about any surplus goods from your shops? Why keep your unused clothing?

Yours Sincerely,

T.T.

PSALM FOR THE WEEK - Ps.72

Psalter 198, Hursley.

O God, be Thy Anointed Son  
With truth and righteousness endowed,  
That justice may on earth be done,  
The meek protected from the proud.  
Then over mountain side and plain  
Shall peace spring forth from righteousness  
The poor man's cause will He maintain,  
And save the weak, that none oppress.  
Then shall Thy fear on earth be known,  
As long as the sun and moon shall shine;  
And the endless generations run  
In freedom and glory shall be Thine.  
And copious rain in time of dearth,  
Shall His gracious coming be;  
And gentle show'rs that cheer the earth,  
Shall bring prosperity.  
The just shall flourish in His day,  
And evermore shall peace extend;  
From sea to sea shall be His sway,  
And to the earth's remotest end.  
The desert lands to Him shall bow,  
And all the islands of the sea,  
And kings with gifts shall pay their vow,  
His enemies shall bend the knee.  
In great compassion for the weak  
He ever will maintain their right,  
Will help the poor and save the meek;  
Their lives are precious in His sight.

NEEDED FOR GALILEE : Holy Communion set -  
cost \$90/-. Who would offer towards the  
needs of the Lord's House?

PLEASE PRAY for Bro.Eng Choe of Galilee,  
recovering in Hospital.

IN ORDER TO IMPROVE on our News Column, Dn  
William Seah (Phone:31985) has kindly of-  
fered to edit this section from next week.

The Editor apologises for omissions of "news"  
items fit to print" in the past, and wishes  
the new News editor God's richest blessing.

LIFE CHURCH EXTENDS a cordial welcome to  
distinguished visitors from all parts of  
Asia now taking a special course at the  
IPPF, International Planned Parenthood  
Association. Our Sunday School begins at  
9.30 am and worship service at 10 am. Man-  
gala Service, 4.30 pm.

INDIAN RELIEF. In view of Pastor Tow's go-  
ing to India, a timely gesture of our  
Church's goodwill towards our starving In-  
dian brethren would be a monetary gift.

Many thanks to Mt.Carmel's collection of  
\$18 odd. Any gift for India should be hand-  
ed to Rev.Grauley, Treasurer of MCCC.

THERE IS A SUGGESTION to give to the Flood  
reliefs of West Malaysia.

AS CONTACT for 1,000 tooth-brushes at  
price? The 1,000 6-oz tubes of Raiya

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Jan.9-15)

Mon : Faith prayer mtg. Rev. Quek (Rev.1)

Tues: Prayer mtgs.: Life - Rev.Tow,  
Zion - Rev. Quek (Rev.1).

Wed : Galilee - 7 pm. Sunday School teach-  
ing methods. 8 pm.- prayer mtg. i/c  
Bro. Lee Ming.

Fri : Family worship - Life: home of Deacon  
and Mrs. Khoo Peng Kiat, TTSH.  
Faith: home of Mr. and Mrs. Huang Fang  
Kwei, Brighthill Crescent.

Sat : Life, Zion YF's, ICY-Sembawang.

Lord's Day: Life-Rev.Tow, Zion-Rev. Quek  
(Holy Communion), Faith-Rev. Quek  
Khee Swee, Life Mandarin-  
Galilee - Rev. Heng.

ZION CATECHISM CLASS starts this Lord's Day  
for Baptism and Reaffirmation of faith at  
Easter.

A WARM WELCOME HOME to Deacon Khoo Peng Kiat  
who returned before Christmas after a year's  
training in Nursing Tutorship in Sydney. We  
congratulate him on his high academic suc-  
cesses. In thanksgiving Lifers will worship  
at Deacon Khoo's, TTSH, next Friday.

CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE to the ICY Rally  
at FEBC, Jan.13, 9.30 a.m., lunch provided.

Rev.Tow will speak on the history of the  
ICY movement. A timely meeting before he  
leaves for India for the Reformation Cause.

THROUGH OUR CONTACT 30 Gideon Bibles are  
placed in the hostel of the IPPF as well as  
in the girls' dorm of the FEBC, now tempo-  
rarily relieving the influx of the visitors.

REV NG ENG HOE is heading a gospel team to  
K.L. and Temerloh next week end. On the re-  
turn journey he will substitute for Rev Tow  
to preach at Trinity Church, Muar, as well  
as at the Living Water Church.

MR YU CHUNG MIN is now printer of this paper.  
CONTRIBUTIONS for KOREAN ORPHANS: Mt.Carmel  
\$31.55; Evangel.Chinese Fel. \$20; Individuals  
\$38; Evangel. League \$646 (\$200 for John  
Sung Choruses); Life Church \$500 (for both  
paste and brushes). Others?

NEWLY ELECTED ZION Y.F. COMMITTEE: Pres.  
George Mohan, V-P Selene Kok, Sec. Melina  
Chua, Pray.& Evang.Leader David Ding, Treas.  
Irene Wee, Pianist Catherine Chow, Recept.

Rep. Kathleen Tan, Sports Sec. Syddal Wee,  
Librarian Philip Chua, Pub. Sec. Eugene Heng.

ANY PLUMBING TROUBLES? We recommend Life  
Church contractor, Wong Woon Chan, 116  
Prinsep St., Phone 35377.

"BELIEVE ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST  
AND THOU SHALT BE SAVED  
AND THY HOUSE!"

Acts 16:31.

Tooth-paste are obtained at "donation" price.

# Bible - Presbyterian Weekly

Vol. II, No. 32

Saturday, Jan. 14, 1967.

"Thou turnest man to destruction;....Thou carriest them away as with a flood." Ps. 90:3,5

## FLOOD INVADES FAR EASTERN BIBLE COLLEGE

By Rev John E. Grauley

"My heart leaps up when I behold a rainbow in the sky..." So wrote Wordsworth of the bow that God fixed in the heavens to assure man that He would never again destroy the earth by a flood. Since that day, however, God has used local floods to teach man many valuable lessons.

A few days ago the newspapers were filled with pictures of flood-stricken West Malaysia. Thousands of families along the East Coast were made homeless by the deluge from unusually heavy monsoon rains. During the same period the rainfall in Singapore had been light, comparatively speaking. Surely Singaporeans were not expecting "the worst flood in 30 years", (according to an old resident of Dunearn Road.)

On January 11th the combination of over six inches of rain in eight hours and a nine foot, seven-inch tide produced an inundation that put the Newton area under several feet of water. For a while the Green buses held a regatta on Bukit Timah Road, but after a while even they were halted by the rising water. Both Rev. Tow and I were happy to return to "Life Island" after perilous journeys through a flood of traffic as well as the rising waters.

Those who suffered most in our area were the kampong dwellers behind the Bible College. Early in the afternoon the first refugees began to trickle into the Bible College. During the rest of the day the trickle became a stream, until it swelled to about two hundred people, filling every nook and corner of the College.

It became apparent to all of us who were trying to aid the flood victims that God had perfectly prepared the stage for all that was transpiring. What would we have done without the 3000 lbs. of relief clothing that was neatly stacked in the parsonage awaiting shipment to Korea? The people came in soaked to the skin, some shaking uncontrollably from the damp cold. Dry clothing was the need of the day. The Lord had gone before (John 10:4) and provided for the crucial need.

Also, what would we have done without the aid of the women trainees of the International Planned Parenthood Federation presently staying at the College Dorm? These friends and our Bible College family prepared food for the refugees. Special mention should be made of Dr. Liem of Indonesia who served as the flood physician. She treated at least a dozen people, one of whom had to be taken to the Tan Tock Seng Hospital in Rev. Heng's Mini Minor.

Rev. Heng and several Bible College students helped to occupy the time of a large group of restless children. They enjoyed an afternoon filled with happy songs, stories, and tuition in various subjects.

Late in the afternoon several of us waded over to the kampong to see if anyone else was still stranded. The water was nearly waist high on Dunearn Road and when we made the descent into the kampong we found ourselves chest-high in swirling, muddy water. Working beside Siang Kwang, Lay Seng, Hon Sen, the deaf carpenter and myself were two university students and none other than the Professor of Law from the University of Singapore. On one occasion when we were almost up to our necks in the water the distinguished professor informed me that he could not swim. Thankfully there was always something near at hand to hold onto. On two occasions, however, members of our party stepped into the much deeper water of the drain alongside the pathway and had to be hauled out with a helping hand or two.

It was surprising to find that some of the people who were marooned in their houses did not want to leave. We did convince them to let us take the children out and a few older people. These were either carried or floated out on improvised rafts.

Rev. Tow had the responsibility of directing the whole relief program. Many decisions had to be made in regard to the distribution of clothing, the provision of food for the hungry, the arrangements for settling the people for the night and countless other matters. Truly a pastor's life is full of unexpected tasks that, added to the regular responsibilities, make for an extremely busy life.

The day after the flood the college was in a shambles. The Bible College family spent the holiday cleaning up. "Hari Raya" turned out to be "Hari Bersih".

We all learned some valuable lessons from this experience. We saw again the wisdom and grace of God in providing everything that was needed for the flood victims. We learned that Christian love must be shown toward all who are in need with no expectation of return. Some said "Thank you", but like the story of the ten lepers, the thankful were about ten per cent of the whole group. We must pray that the effort will bear fruit in that many of these who were helped will come to know our wonderful Saviour and Lord. Finally we learned that in giving of ourselves for the needs of others there is a wonderful sense of fulfillment and happiness that we can never know when we live unto ourselves.

Charles Haddon Spurgeon once said: "Never try to save out of God's cause; such money canker the rest. Giving to God is no loss; it is putting your substance in the bank. Giving is true having, as the old gravestone said of the dead man: 'What



**SALM FOR THE WEEK - Psalm 46**  
 Psalter 126, Materna  
 "is our refuge and our strength,  
 Our ever present aid,  
 And, therefore, though the earth remove,  
 We will not be afraid;  
 Though hills amidst the seas be cast,  
 Though foaming waters roar,  
 Yea, though the mighty billows shake  
 The mountains on the shore.

A river flows whose streams make glad  
 The city of our God,  
 The holy place wherein the Lord  
 Most High has His abode;  
 Since God is in the midst of her,  
 Unmoved her walls shall stand,  
 For God will be her early help,  
 When trouble is at hand.

The nations raged, the kingdoms moved,  
 But when His voice was heard  
 The troubled earth was stilled to peace  
 Before His mighty word.

The Lord of Hosts is on our side,  
 Our safety to secure;

The God of Jacob is for us  
 A refuge strong and sure.

O come, behold what wondrous works  
 Jehovah's hand was wrought;  
 Come, see what desolation great  
 He on earth has brought.  
 To utmost ends of all the earth  
 He causes war to cease;  
 The weapons of the strong destroyed,  
 He makes abiding peace.

Be still and know that I am God,  
 O'er all exalted high;

The subject nations of the earth  
 My Name shall magnify.

The Lord of Hosts is on our side,  
 Our safety to secure;

The God of Jacob is for us  
 A refuge strong and sure.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:** Life-243, Zion-201, Faith-101, Galilee-75, Sembawang-58, Jurong-26, Hume Hts.-40, Chia Heng-30, Mt. Carmel-AM23, PM40, Jn. Aman-28.

**WELCOME HOME** to Dn. Seow Chong Pin from K.L. where he spent about a fortnight on official business.

Also a warm welcome to sisters Tan Peck San and Chow Shaw Lan, and bro. Tan Toh Kern who are home from Australia for a holiday. Bro. Toh Kern has graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Commerce and employed with MSA. Praise God for journey mercies!

**THE SUNBEAMS OF SEMBAWANG** have set a target of \$3,000/- for their Building Fund for 1967. At present the fund stands at \$3500. Mt. Carmel building fund is \$521/-.

**PRAY FOR** Miss Ong Soo-Kheng that she may fully recover from her recent illness.

- Our young people who are sitting for their various University examinations.

- The work of our branch Sunday Schools.

#### **ELECTION RESULTS:**

##### **Galilee Church Youth Fellowship:**

Pres.-Seow Tiang Huat, Vice/P.-Stephen Kwan  
 Sec.-Tan Yang Kwang, Asst./Sec.-Irene Yam,  
 Treas.-Nancy Fong, Com.members-Tay Seng Nam, Johnny Lim.

##### **Me Heights Sunday School:**

Ent.-Moses Tan, Hon.Sec.-David Quah, Hon. Asst.-William Choo, Organist-Mrs.Chee S.L.

#### **APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Jan. 16-22)**

Mon: 8.00 pm. Faith prayer mtg. Rev Quak Khee Swee (Rev.1:12-20).

Tues: 8.00 pm. Prayer mtgs.- Life:Dn.Chee Ah Chai, Zion:Sis.Peggy Yeo (Rev.1:12-20)

Sat: 4.00 pm. Life, Zion YF's,  
 5.00 pm. ICY-Sembawang.

Lord's Day: Life-Rev.Peter Ng, Zion-Rev. Grauley, Faith-Rev.Tan Sia Yang, Life (Mand.)-Mr.Yu.

#### **ELECTION RESULTS (continued):**

##### **I.C.Y. Singapore-Malaysia:**

Ch/Man:William Seah, Vice-Ch.:Dr. Quek Swee Peng, Sec.:Lo Kien Sen, Treas.:Gan Pheng Chye, Com.members: Juliana Seah, Koh Kim Hiang, Tow Siang Kwang.

**MONTHLY PAYMENT** to the Building Contractor for the new Zion and Faith Church has started. First payment of \$15,820/- was made last week.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Miss Doreen Chia Kia Chay of Zion Church for graduating from Melbourne Bible Institute with L.Th. She is due to return to S'pore on Feb.4, 1967 and will serve with the Zion Kindergarten, Zion and Faith Churches.

#### **"FLOOD INVADES FEBC" cont'd.**

spent I had; what I saved I lost; what I gave I have." May our flood experience help us all to give of ourselves more fully in the cause of Christ in these last days.

#### **FURTHER FLOOD NEWS:**

"This flood is the highest in 30 years", said an old refugee from one of the nurse-ries at Dunearn Road. At its zenith, it covered our Church car park up to a foot of water. A few more inches, the flood had entered the Grauley apartment.

200 changes of clothing, including sweaters not a few, were freely given to each water-soaked victim, old and young. Instant hot tea and biscuits were served, bread and jam brought in by special delivery. In the evening, 40 katies of rice, sweet potatoes, vegetables, were cooked and many tins of sardines and pork opened to feed the hungry people.

The 200 taking shelter at the College consisted of Chinese, Malays, Indians and Sikhs in almost equal proportions. But at least another hundred of temporary shelterers found succour here in one way or another. Eleven girls and two boys of Nanyang Girls' School, whose school bus "gave up the ghost" outside Dunearn Road came in late to eat and then were put to bed in the last remaining room.

Through the kindness of Mrs.P.H.Lim contact was made with the Social Welfare Department for Relief the following morning. The van brought hot coffee and biscuits and for tiffin a big tub of rice, fried kangher and cabbage. The prompt relief by the Government was deeply appreciated most of all by the College family.

This flood has taught us to be more concerned for those who have lost their meagre yet precious possessions. If relief is to be given to flood victims here are worthy ones deserving our personal attention.

Then on behalf of the Korean orphans may we plead with you to give more, since their stock has been depleted by the needs of of the kampong victims. - T.T.



"And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them."  
- Ephesians 5:11.

### THE MARCH TO ROME

(A commentary by Rev. John E. Grauley on the Service of Prayer for Christian Unity, held at the National Theatre, Singapore, Jan. 18, 1967.)

"It is a sad commentary on contemporary Christendom that it shows an overwhelming desire to return to Rome in spite of Rome's evident apostasy from true biblical Christianity. In fact, modern liberalism has far out-done Rome in its departure from the theology of the early Church, thus has little to lose by a return to Romanism. Apostasy, which is seen in its latent form today, will flower in its ultimate form in this future superchurch which will apparently engulf all Christendom in the period after the rapture of the Church." So writes Dr. John F. Walvoord, president of Dallas Theological Seminary, in his commentary on Revelation, chapter 17.

In participating in such events as the recent Service of Prayer for Christian Unity Roman Catholics have everything to gain and nothing to lose. Liberals cannot lose anything because they have nothing. The mystery is, why do evangelicals who have nothing to gain and everything to lose, have anything to do with such meetings? It is sad that some churches that are still preaching the Bible lend their names to the support of the ecumenical movement here in Singapore, such as the Chinese Presbyterian Synod.

The Roman Catholic Church still views itself as the body outside which "there is no salvation", still practises religious tyranny, and still clings to an assortment of doctrines which include the Mass, the infallibility of the Pope, the immaculate conception, purgatory and others. These tradition-based teachings nullify every truth taught in the Bible. The Roman Catholic spokesman at the Wednesday night Service of Prayer for Christian Unity gave the third sermon. In it he made Rome's position clear when he used John 10:16 out of context and quite apart from its intended meaning. "Other sheep I have, which are not of this fold...." To the Roman Catholics the "fold" is the Roman Church and the "other sheep" are the Protestants and anyone else yet outside Romanism. The Pope does not intend to sacrifice anything in order to get Protestants back to Rome. He does not have to because so many are willing to go without coercion.

From the standpoint of the Bible-believing Christian the most difficult part of the service to witness was the section wherein the congregation was given the opportunity to confess their sins against unity. The words of the liturgy at this point were: "Before thee, O Lord, we are ashamed: We have brought division into thy great work of unity." Are we ashamed of the great 16th-century Reformation? Are we to be ashamed of Luther, Calvin, Zwingli, Knox, Wesley and hundreds of others who saw it necessary to separate themselves from these who were hindering the work of Christ? What the liturgy is asking us to do is tantamount to confessing that we are ashamed of Jesus Christ and His Gospel. In reply, we must say with Paul: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth...."

Just before the final Blessing by the Bishops (Roman Catholic, Methodist and Anglican) all were asked to repeat the Apostles' Creed in unison. This creed is a wonderful statement of apostolic doctrine. It might even be a firm basis for doctrinal unity. However, liberals read this creed with tongue in cheek. The words of Horatio Bonar apply to their regard for its truth: "No faith in God, but faith in man is pilot now, and sail, and oar: The creeds are shriveled, cold, and wan; the Christ that has been is no more." The Roman Catholic may believe the creed to be an accurate statement of the doctrine of the early Church, but he must also confess faith in the numerous non-biblical doctrines that have been added since the days of the Apostles. These make the "commandment of God of none effect" by their tradition. (Matthew 15:6b)

The last hymn sung was "Onward Christian Soldiers." Imagine marching to Rome singing, "One in hope and doctrine, one in charity." This is exactly what the ecumenical movement is not. Evangelical Protestants, liberals, and Roman Catholics are as far apart in "hope and doctrine" as any three groups could possibly be. They constitute three different religions with three different ways of salvation. To give the impression that this is not the case, when it most surely is, is a deception that true Christians ought to shun and expose.

### Indiagram No. 1.

My dear Readers,

### "There is a River"

"There is a River, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God..." (Psa. 46:4). It is the River of Life, of Reviving to the Church of God. A name of this River is "Reformation."

By God's grace, the Reformation that brought salvation, life and Revival to a corrupt Roman Catholic church in the 16th century continues to flow in the 20th century! The reviving waters of this Reformation have flowed to many parched lands and India is one. It came in the Reformation to the Mar Thoma Church resulting in the forming of the St. Thomas Evangelical Church in Jan. 1961. It came in the Reformation to the CSI (Church of South India) resulting in the forming of the C.M. S. Anglican Church in May 1966. These re-formed, Bible-believing churches each number several tens of thousands. Being at in doctrine and spirit with the ICCO they have joined ranks with us.

We who are blessed more liberally of God in Singapore should help them in a land of

with spiritual and physical famine. This you have done by sending me to Kerala, South India last year and this year. Not only am I sent to preach the Living Word but also to convey along a love gift, as Titus was so doubly sent by the Apostle (II Cor.8:23.)

#### Indian Relief

When I went to India last year you offered about \$700. Further sums were given after my return which raised it to \$816.60. This time you have added another \$361.20, raising the total to \$1177.80. I wonder if there be any Reader who would give another \$54.20 to make up \$1232.00, the equivalent of U.S.\$400. Then we could give U.S.\$200 each to the CMS Anglicans and the St. Thomas Evangelicals for the relief of their poor. This is not much, but the goodwill it delivers is atomic!

Bishop Oommen writes:

"We are delighted to learn that Mr. Eicher and you have agreed to come and speak at our Annual Convention, January 22-29. Dr. McIntire arrives only on 24th (Tuesday) evening and he has to leave on the 28th (Saturday). Mr. Eicher and you will have to arrive on Saturday the 21st and take charge from Sunday (22nd) afternoon when the Convention begins. You will have to be with us till Sunday the 29th afternoon. That means you will be able to leave Cochin only on the 30th morning.

Our Convention Committee met yesterday and have made a tentative programme for the week. Any change in the programme can be made after consulting Dr. McIntire. You will have to take six or seven addresses. Our people would love to hear gospel truths expounded to them. People from other Church denominations will also attend the Convention."

Apart from the six or seven addresses to the multitudes there is also an early morning Pastors' Bible School to consider. Please pray that "utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel" (Eph.6:19).

Yours sincerely, T.T.

#### PSALM FOR THE WEEK - Psalm 2

Psalter 4, Uxbridge.

O wherefore do the nations rage,  
And kings and rulers strive in vain,  
Against the Lord of earth and heav'n.  
To overthrow Messiah's reign?

Their strength is weakness in the sight  
Of Him who sits enthroned above;  
He speaks and judgments fall on them  
Who tempt His wrath and scorn His love.  
By God's decree His Son receives  
The nations for His heritage;  
The conqu'ring Christ supreme shall reign  
As King of kings, from age to age.

Be wise, ye rulers of the earth,  
And serve the Lord with godly fear;  
With rev'rent joy confess the Son  
While yet in mercy He is near.  
Delay not, lest His anger rise,  
And ye should perish in your way;  
Lo, all that put their trust in Him  
Are blest indeed, and blest for aye.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:

Faith-110, Galilee-82, Hume Hts.-48, Jn. Aman-33, Jurong-30, Kg. Chia Heng-12, Mt. Carmel-78, Sel. Hills-22, Sembawang-71, Zion-210.

DR. TIMOTHY TOW leaves for Kerala, South India on 21.1.67 at 7.30 pm, God-willing, for a preaching mission with two other members of the ICCC. He will be away for about a week. May the Lord grant him journey mercies.

MR. AND MRS. Y.C. CHEN send greetings to friends and members of our B-P churches. Their address is 2055, St. Marc Street, Apartment 10, Montreal 25, Canada.

BRO. TEO SOON HOCK sends greetings from Glasgow, Scotland to friends and members of the Life Church. He is at present in the final year of his course in Naval Architecture. He covets our prayers.

MRS. LIEW HON SEN, wife of one of our FEBC students will serve as Bible-woman with the Malapa Sawit Mission church as from Feb. 1, '67.

GALILEE CHURCH will be launching their new building fund drive during the Chinese New Year Season.

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Jan. 23-29)

Mon.: 8.00 pm. Faith prayer mtg. Elder Lee.

Tues.: 8.00 pm. Prayer mtgs.- Life; Zion - Dn Heng Yow Tong.

Thurs.: 9.30 am-4.30 pm. Life YF Camp-Echo.

Fri.: 8.00 pm Faith family worship at the home of Dness. Choo Hui Yong, 19 Lorong Paya Lebar.

Sat.: 4.00 pm, Life, Zion YF's.

5.00 pm. ICY-Sembawang Elections.

Lord's Day: Life- Rev. P. Heng, Zion-Rev. Quek, Faith- 7th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service (Baptism and re-election of Hon. Pastor, some elders and deacons.)

BELATED CONDOLENCE to Mr. and Mrs. Kwan Choon Foon for the home-going to be with the Lord of the mother of Mrs. Kwan. May the Lord comfort their hearts at this time of human sorrow.

GALILEE SUNDAY SCHOOL welcomes Mr. Lim Kim Hoo as a member of their staff. He is also a member of the Church committee. The S.S. has voted a sum of \$30 for Indian relief through Dr. Timothy Tow.

ELECTION RESULTS: - Galilee Sunday School: Supt. Dn. Chia Hong Chek; Sec., Leong Lee Lin; Treas. Swee Thian Hoe; Organist Irene Yam.

#### Life Church Youth Fellowship:

Pres. Edward Heng; Vice-Pres. Lieu Kok Kwong; Sec. Lee Soon Ngee; Treas. Diana Wee; Pub. Sec. Fred Lai; Com. members Koh Kim Seng and Tow Siang Kwang.

CONTINUE TO PRAY for our young people in College and University during their days of examinations.

ANOTHER 200 lbs of clothing have come in for Korean Relief making a total of 3,200 lbs. Further sums received: Faith Church \$76.15; Life Y.F. \$30; Galilee Church \$50; Total \$691.70.

To CONTACT Rev. Tow in India: C/o Bishop K.N. Oommen, St. Thomas Evangelical Church, Tiruvalla, Kerala, South India. Rev. Tow is scheduled to return to Singapore on Monday evening, Jan. 30.

JESUS SAVES



"...As the rain....watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud.....so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper..." Isa. 55:10,11.

INDIAGRAM No. 2

St. Thomas Evangelical Church  
Tiruvalla, Kerala, S. India  
23rd January, 1967.

My dear Readers,

May I say thank you to each one of you who so kindly sent me off last Saturday night. The dew of brotherly love from Hermon settling on the hills of Zion brings life refreshing (Ps. 133), and by your prayers the burden upon my heart has been borne on eagles' wings. As the speedbird winged its three-and-a-half hour flight over 1,860 miles of the Indian Ocean to Madras, the Lord seemed to give me two themes - for two series of messages I was expecting to give. At any rate, I was scheduled for one series of "six or seven messages", so that if I was not required to give the Bible lectures to the Pastors School, I could concentrate on just one.

"He giveth His beloved sleep" (Ps. 127:2)

As soon as I landed at Madras, 9 p.m. local time, I checked with Indian Airlines if my request for the 6 a.m. flight next morning was available. Despite my booking a month ahead, the answer, as I got in Singapore, was NO! So I was obliged to take the 2 p.m. aircraft. This gave me time for a good sleep and rest at the hotel. When I arrived finally at Tiruvalla at 10 p.m. it gave me great relief to know my late arrival was compensated by Mr. Eicher's coming on time. The enforced rest at Madras was from the Lord! And since Mr. Eicher came before me he and not I was requested to teach the early morning Bible School. God is the Master of the Vineyard. How I thank Him for a lightened load.

"Who through faith.....waxed valiant in fight" (Heb. 11:33,34)

Taking this text to be the theme of my series of messages, I shall present six biographical sermons from the lives of Gideon, Barak, Jephthae, Samson, Samuel and David. Incidentally these are familiar territory which I have recently covered in Old Testament History at the Bible College, and incidentally they are a sequel to the series I gave in 1964 on the Exodus under Moses and Joshua. That the Lord has given this appropriate theme is confirmed by the freedom of delivery I experienced this morning.

The Programme for the Day extends from 7.30 a.m. to 9 p.m. The early morning Bible School takes one hour. The three sermons following up to the night occupies a two-hour period each (with singing by drum, tambourine and harmonium included). So we have 28 sessions in 7 days. This is like a John Sung marathon, but though we have so many meetings with half-a-dozen specialised for women, youth, evangelism, Sunday School, etc., the spirit of meeting this year is markedly below that of 1964. I can't say how it will gather in intensity, but the start of it is definitely cool. Is it because Dr. McIntire not come on the scene? But we do not look to a human leader. We should not be discouraged. The Jonathan spirit would rather say, "For there is no restraint to the Lord to save by many or by few" (1 Sam. 14:6). "Through faith...." we must wax valiant in fight in the most adverse circumstances. If the preacher is downhearted it will be confusion trying to preach on a fighting theme! Beloved, let's not be weary in this heavenly warfare. Paul exhorts Timothy, "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life..." (1 Tim. 6:12). This is what is meant by Jesus' statement on "the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force" (Matt. 11:12). May I compare this struggle for God's Kingdom to our present economic struggle for survival in Singapore? With jobs so few and the unemployed so many, woe to the man who makes no attempt to seek a job. To say, "It is so difficult", is not excuse. All the more should the jobless try. So in our great struggle in the Faith against the forces of evil and unbelief we must be dauntless.

A Cow Story with a Moral

You have read in the press about Hindhus rioting to ban the killing of the cow. An interesting article in "The Hindu", a daily newspaper, tells how the cow through the centuries has come to be deified. It tells the story of a cow with a moral.

"The Kathopanishad has this story. Ambitious Gautama performed a sacrifice to gain his ends. His son Nachiketas, young, immature and emotional, saw that the gifts given were poor and he was worried in the father's account.

"These cows which my father is giving away can only drink water and eat grass but they yield no milk, nor can they calve. He who gives such will go only to worlds where no joy dwells."

So he wished to offer himself as a gift and said to his father, 'Tell me, pray, to whom you will give me as a gift.'

He asked repeatedly, till the father said in anger, 'I shall give you to Yama the God of Death!' - harsh and cruel words, and irrevocable."

The Israelites were told not to offer any bullock or lamb that had any "blemish" (Leut. 15:21) and those who did (Mal. 1:8) or withheld from offering (Mal. 3:8) were "cursed with a curse." God cannot prosper those who offer to their gain or those who try to gain by not offering.

Yours Sincerely,  
T.T.



# PSALM FOR THE WEEK (Psalm 84)

Psalter 227, St. Edith.

O Lord of Hosts, how lovely  
Thy tabernacles are;  
For them my heart is yearning  
In banishment afar.  
My soul is longing, fainting,  
Thy sacred courts to see;  
My heart and flesh are crying,  
O living God, for Thee.  
Beneath Thy care the sparrow  
Finds place for peaceful rest;  
To keep her young is safety  
The swallow finds a nest;  
Then, Lord, my King Almighty,  
Thy love will shelter me;  
Beside Thy holy altar  
My dwelling-place shall be.  
Blest they who dwell in Zion,  
Whose joy and strength Thou art;  
Forever they will praise Thee,  
Thy ways are in their heart.  
Tho' tried, their tears like showers  
Shall fill the springs of peace,  
And all the way to Zion  
Their strength shall still increase.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE : Faith-105; Gali-lee-68; Hume Heights-37; Jn.Aman-33; Jurong-32; Kg.Chia Heng-25; Life-221; Ling Kwang-26; Mt.Carmel-79; Seletar Hills-21; Sembawang-78; Zion-206.

FAITH BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH holds 7th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service on Sunday Jan.29, 1967, with Baptism and A.G.M. Re-election will be held of the Hon.Pastor, 3 elders and 2 deacons whose 2nd term of office has expired. Elder Heng Mui Kiah of Life Church and Elder Chia Kim Chwee of Zion Church will represent the Presbytery and assist in supervising the re-election.

SEMBAWANG SUNDAY SCHOOL will celebrate her 10th Anniversary on Sunday, 29-1-67. There will items in song and testimony. Rev.and Mrs. Grauley will speak to the Upper and Lower Departments respectively.

SELETAR HILLS SUNDAY SCHOOL needs a teacher and a pianist urgently. Will those who love to serve the Lord there please contact the Superintendent, Dn.Heng Yow Tong.

CALLING ALL HUME HEIGHTERS to a special get together satay party on Sunday 29-1-67 at 7.45 p.m. Charge - 50 cts per person.

REV.QUEK KIOK CHIANG will speak and conduct Holy Communion at the Kelapa Sawit Christian Church this Lord's Day (Jan.29) in the absence of Dr.Timothy Tow who is away in South India.

CONGRATULATIONS to Bro. Lee Sam Hong and Miss Tan Chor Meng of Faith Church on the occasion of their engagement on Saturday, 28-1-67. Rev.Quek Kiok Chiang will officiate the service.

RELATED CONGRATULATIONS to Mr.and Mrs.Chan Hon Ming for the gift of a baby daughter on 10-1-67 at K.K.M.H.

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

- needy members of our churches,
  - members as they sit for their exams in College and University,
  - members who are sick in the body,
  - members abroad in different countries,
  - FEBC students and staff.
- ray without ceasing." I Thess.5:17.

# APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Jan.30-Feb5)

Mon.: 8 pm. Faith prayer mtg and Bible Study  
- Mrs.Ang Thian Seng.  
Tues: 8 pm. Life Prayer mtg.  
Fri.: 8 pm. Zion Family Worship at 6 Llyod Gardens, home of Mr.and Mrs.Benny Fang.  
Sat.: 3.55 pm. Zion YF  
4.00 pm. Life YF  
5.00 pm. ICY-Sembawang.  
Lord's Day: Life- Dr.T.Tow, Zion- Rev.Ng Eng Hoe, Faith- Rev.Quek Kiok Chiang (Holy Communion), Galilee- Rev.Heng.

~~~~~  
Friends and members of our B-P Churches are cordially invited to attend the presentation of the Missionary Cantata entitled "The Greatest Story yet untold" by the Life Church Choir on Sunday evening, Feb.12,1967 at the Life Church! Be sure to be present for a great treat!  
~~~~~

## BROTHER JOHN'S IDEA

There once was a monk named Brother John who had a great desire to preach. One Sunday the Abbot gave permission for John to preach in the monastery chapel. But when the would-be preacher got to his feet to deliver his sermon his mind went blank, and all he could stammer was, "D-do you know w-what I am going to preach about?" "No," said the other monks. "Neither do I," said poor Bro.John and that was the end of his sermon.

However, a few weeks later John was given another chance. Again when he got up to preach he couldn't think of anything to say. So again he asked, "D-do you know w-what I am going to preach about?" The last time the other monks had said, "No," so this time they said "Yes." "Well," said Bro.John, "if you know what I am going to preach about, there is no need for me to tell you, is there?" And he sat down.

The monk still felt, however, that he was called to be a preacher, and some time later the Abbot gave him a third chance, but again the same thing happened. Well, once the monks had said, "No", and once they had said "Yes," so this time all those on the right-hand side of the chapel said "No," and all those on the left-hand side said "Yes."

Then the preacher had a wonderful idea. "Now," he said, "if all those who know what I am going to speak about will tell all those who don't know, then there will be no need for me to say anything."

And he was right! For if those know about Jesus and his Gospel would tell those who don't know, they would be the most effective preachers possible. Every member of the Church a preacher - this was the way Christ meant it to be.

- John Dunford, in  
"The British Weekly"

~~~~~  
He that falls into sin is a man;  
He that boasts of sin is the devil;  
He that grieves over sin is a Christian;  
He that forgives sin is God.  
~~~~~

"They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.  
He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."  
- Psalm 126:5,6.

"Thou rulest the raging of the sea: when the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them." Psalm 89:9.

## LETTER TO OUR READERS

My dear Readers,

Flood Hits Bible College Again

"Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment. And a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest...." (Isa.32:1,2). Jesus Christ, the King of Righteousness, is also the Son of Man. He is mindful of our human woes and human needs. He has given succour to the poor and needy from the low-lying kampong behind our Bible College as recently as a month ago when the worst flood in thirty years denuded Singapore. He who is the same yesterday and today has become a hiding place from the wind and tempest to the kampong people again when a greater flood hit Far Eastern Bible College yesterday.

Could such a flood happen so late in the Monsoon season? No one expected it, least of all we complacent Singaporeans. Least of all we at the FEBC! But the waters kept on coming, rising, so much so that the high grounds of Church and College came under water completely. Water crept two feet into the kitchen of the Grauley apartment. Water ascended to the road of the higher IPPF next door, water might soon leap into the Church hall! Water was threatening to overflow the Bible College itself where 150 refugees came to shelter from the Monsoon blast. "Quick!" the captain's order went out, "put the Church carpet up on the pews, in case the flood waters invade the Church!"

An S.O.S. was nervously presented by two young ladies whose parents were marooned in the submerging kampong behind the College. Rev. Grauley, head and shoulders above any one of us, was the logical recipient. With two students he gallantly launched into the muddy vortex. Water came up chin deep! But the aged denizens of the coconut kampong, precariously perched on stools, over chairs and tables, preferred to cling on to their nests. Love's labour lost? We were thankful however that no one was hurt.

By the kindness of Mrs. P.H. Lim the Social Welfare Department was contacted. In the dead of night a Relief van brought in gallon-tanks of hot coffee and biscuits, a welcome night-cap to the huddling refugees. The Social Welfare brought breakfast the next morning. But the havoc of the night did not depart yet. As we looked out of the verendah, what a sight of floating beds, kitchen utensils, husbands and wives wading through to rehabilitate their little home sweet homes. One old couple complained, "It did us no good to worship Tee Kong on the ninth of the moon. He has not given us the peace we prayed for, nor averted this flood." Our answer: "But here you are in Jesus' House, safe and sound. Jesus is the living and true God to whom you must turn!" (I Thess.1:9). "A Man shall be as a hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest." (Isa.32:2).

Incidentally, while the flood was rushing outside and around us, the Bible College family were assembled to sort and pack the 3,000 pounds of Relief clothing for Korea and Sabah. We thanked God for the loving hearts and worshipful hands who had brought this Relief in the Name of Jesus....for "a hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest."

"Go and Tell!" (Isa.6:9)

The gospel, if it is truly believed, must be on the go! Thank God for the widening vision of our Churches. We have begun to see the privileged part we can play in the work of extending the Kingdom of God to the ends of the earth.

The Relief goods form a part of our gospel ministry to nearby Sabah as well as to distant Korea. The Relief contribution of cash, though not very much, is extending to India. And then, through the spontaneous efforts of the Life Church choir an offering of \$644 odd was received at last Lord's Day's presentation of the Cantata, which sum will be despatched to the Holy Land! This gift will go towards the support of one of the most effective means of Arab evangelisation - the Baraka Sanatorium, a Mission Hospital founded by the late Dr.Lambie. This work is presently expanded and maintained by the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions. Well done, young people of Life Church Choir. There's no work we can't do for the Lord Jesus Christ!

But we must yet answer that recurring call, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then said I, "Here am I; send me." Then He said, "Go and tell....!" (Isa. 6:8,9.)

"ONLY ONE LIFE 'Twill SOON BE PAST,  
ONLY WHAT'S DONE FOR JESUS WILL LAST."

Yours sincere!  
T.T.

# SALM FOR THE WEEK - Psalm 87

Psalter 237, Zion.

Zion, founded on the mountains,  
God, thy Maker, loves thee well;  
He has chosen thee, most precious,  
He delights in thee to dwell;  
God's own city,

Who can all thy glory tell?  
Heathen lands and hostile peoples  
Soon shall come the Lord to know;  
Nations born again in Zion  
Shall the Lord's salvation show;  
God Almighty

Shall on Zion strength bestow.  
When the Lord shall count the nations,  
Sons and daughters He shall see,  
Born to endless life in Zion,  
And their joyful song shall be,

"Blessed Zion,  
All our fountains are in thee."

\*Sunday School Attendance: Faith-97;  
Galilee-66; Hume Hts-?; Jn.Aman-25; Ju-  
rong-35; Kg.Chia Heng-12; Life-228; Ling  
Kwang-22; Mt.Carmel-59; Seletar Hills-  
19; Sembawang-57; Zion-195.

\*Congratulations to Bro.Lawreance Leong  
of Life Church (now studying at Faith  
Seminary, USA) and sister Leong Lee Lin  
of Galilee Church on the occasion of  
their engagement on 14-2-67.

\*Congratulations to the following for  
examination successes: (H.S.C.)

Faith - Teo Kian Tong,  
Life- Heng Edward, Lim Kelvin, Tow  
Angela; Galilee- Tan Swee Lan;  
Sembawang - Wee Roland, Wun Shirley.  
Zion - Chee Stephen, Heng Eulian, Lee  
Johnny, Tan Wee Choo, Low Aik  
Meng, G.Baskaran, Ding Yew Soong.  
University: Life- See Sin Chong, Tsao  
Sun Paul.

\*Praise the Lord for the successful ren-  
dering of the Missionary Cantata last  
Sunday evening by the Life Church Choir.  
The whole church was packed to the full  
and an offering of over \$600/- was col-  
lected which will be sent to the Baraka  
Mission Hospital for the outreach of  
the gospel in the Holy Land.

\*A sum of \$100 is needed for lighting up  
the courtyard of the FEBC quadrangle.  
Any one moved to give please contact  
Rev Tow or bro. William Seah.

\*All adult members and friends of Zion  
Church are invited to attend a short  
meeting next Lord's Day, 26-2-67 at 10.  
30 am immediately after the morning wor-  
ship service to discuss the formation of  
an Adults' Fellowship. The meeting will  
be held in the Z.K.hall. Tea will be  
served by the ladies.

\*During the past week, contributions to  
the Faith Church B-F included one of  
\$2,000 from a friend of an elder and  
\$200 from another friend. Praise the  
Lord for these gifts and may He richly  
bless these who have given so freely and  
cheerfully!

\*Do pray for Rev Peter Ng Eng Hoe and his  
work, the Jesus Saves Mission. This  
has presented great avenues of ser-  
vices especially in MacPherson Estate

## APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Feb.20-26)

Mon: 8 pm. Faith Prayer Mtg and Bible Stu-  
dy - Rev Quek Khee Swee.

Tues: 8 pm. Prayer mtgs: Life, Zion-Miss  
Doreen Chia.

Wed: 7 pm. Child Study (Galilee), 8 pm.  
prayer mtg. -Samuel Fong.

Thurs: 2.30 pm. Galilee catechism class.

Fri: 7.30 pm. ICY-SM and affiliated groups  
- buffet dinner at 344-D Clemenceau  
Ave.

8 pm. Faith family worship at 40,  
Lorong A-Leng, home of Mr. and Mrs.  
Shao (Na Ping and Shiao Fei).

Sat: 3.55 pm.-Zion YF, 4 pm.-Life YF,  
5 pm.-ICY-Sembawang, 8 pm.- Faith YF.  
Lord's Day: Life- Rev.Tow, Zion- Rev.John  
Grauley, (Adults mtg. at 10.30 am)  
Faith- Mr.Yu Chung Min.

where the 3rd Mission Station has been  
established. Through the medical service  
and the flourishing kindergarten there,  
the Gospel has gone into many homes. The  
mission has 2 other full-time workers,  
Miss Lai of the Craig Rd.mission and Mr.  
Goh of the Balestier Rd. Mission.  
\*The Life Church Budget Committee met on  
Monday evening, 13-2-67 to discuss the  
budget of the church for 1967. After the  
long discussion, the committee set a sum  
of \$55,000 as the target for 1967 with  
\$25,000 for running expenses; \$10,000 for  
the new B-F, and \$20,000 to repay out-  
standing loans. May each one of us be chal-  
lenged to give as unto the Lord!  
\*Condolences to bro.Roland Wee of Sembawang  
for the recent home-going of his uncle.  
May the Lord comfort the hearts of the  
loved ones in this time of human sorrow.

## A HYMN OF STEWARDSHIP

Tune: Marlow or St. Columba.

- E.Urner Goodman, 1961.

O God of love, who gavest life,  
What shall we give to thee,  
Whose wealth is all the universe,  
Whose time eternity?

Take thou, O Lord, our humble hearts,  
Devoted to thy praise,  
Our very selves - in gratitude  
To serve thee all our days.

Thus we would give our precious time,  
Each dedicated hour  
To be an offering blest of thee  
To make thy church a power.

And all the talents that we have  
We pray thee use, O Lord,  
To magnify the glorious name  
And spread abroad thy word.

So then with heart and time and skills  
All given in love to thee,  
We gladly share our earthly goods  
To bless humanity.

AMEN.

"...FOR GOD LOVETH A CHEERFUL GIVER...."  
II Cor. 9:7.



"Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." Mark 12:17.

## LETTER TO OUR READERS

My dear Readers,

"Isn't Tithing a law for the Jews only?"

Those who ask this question are influenced by what is known as "dispensational" teaching. They are under the notion that being saved by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ in New Testament times, they are no more under Old Testament law. Thus, to tell the congregation from Malachi 3:10 to tithe is preaching an abrogated Old Testament law. "Tithing is a Jewish law no more binding on Christians," so say these "dispensational" teachers.

Now our answer from a more integrated study of Scripture. It is true that Tithing is a Mosaic law given to the Israelites (Lev. 27:30-34). So are the Ten Commandments (Exod. 20:3-17), and the Ceremonial Laws like circumcision (Exod. 12:48) and the animal sacrifices (Lev. 1-7). Now we all know that the Ceremonial laws of Moses like circumcision and the animal sacrifices are abrogated after Christ comes. But the Ten Commandments which are moral and unchangeable, remain for our correction and guidance.

Now tithing, which is giving proportionately and adequately to God, comes under the Eighth Commandment, the withholding of which is declared to be "robbing God" (Mal. 3:8). It is a standard of giving for any age or "dispensation". Before Moses Law Abraham gave tithes (Gen. 14:20). So did Jacob his grandson (Gen. 28:22). When Jesus came He kept the Law of Moses to fulfil every righteousness for our sake. He spoke on tithing, and while He stressed the importance of greater things of the Law such as judgment and mercy, He nevertheless declared that they were "not to leave the other (tithing) undone" (Luke 11:42, Matt. 23:23). Jesus' exhortation, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35) certainly supports tithing and does not abrogate it. And inasmuch as giving is loving, it is a standard set to measure our love for God. Giving less than the tithe falls short of that minimal loving expression God rightly expects of us. Giving \$5 a month out of a pay packet of \$800 or \$1000 to feed an aged father would be condemned by any standard of filial piety. Giving nothing beyond putting a dollar in the Sunday collection by one earning hundreds or thousands a month falls short of the standard of giving, viz., the Tithe.

Because the Jews neglected to tithe, God commanded Malachi to call them to their godly duty. Because Christians neglect to tithe, hence the universal practice of Bible-believing churches in sending Annual Stewardship letters to their members. Issuing a letter is merely a modern means of communication which brings quicker results. And in view of the response figure being kept to the knowledge of the Treasurer, the question of ostentation in giving is entirely ruled out. As members of the Body of Christ, who love to see His Kingdom extended, we would want to see our Church's Annual Budget grow year by year. Such an yearly exercise is conducive to the growth of faith and love of our members.

If you want increment,  
put God first in your monthly Budget!

The widow of Zarepheth made a cake first for Elijah the Man of God, and thereafter she and her son had food to eat for the remaining days of famine. If you want increment, prosperity, give God first His due in your monthly Budgeting! (Or do you give Him haphazardly, and only the odd dollars and cents left over?) A small number only in each Bible-believing church practise Tithing, but this small number are the most well-off spiritually, mentally, materially. If you want, to be so blessed, try Tithing! Malachi 3:10 says that He will open windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing, that He will keep the fruit of your labours from being eaten up by the "devourer".

Unwholesome offerings

Nor let us offer to God the blind, lame and sick (Mal. 1:8). "But cursed be the deceiver which hath in his flock a male, and voweth, and sacrificeth unto the Lord a corrupt thing..." (Mal. 1:14). Do we vow to give God our best, and then substitute with the worst? Let me retell the Indian cow story.

Once upon a time an Indian father made an offering of cows to his gods, hoping thereby to obtain divine favour, but these cows were sick. His devout son said to him, "These cows that you offer to the gods can eat grass and drink water, but yield no milk nor give birth to calves. Those who will offer such gifts to the gods will go to a world of sorrows." Continuing, the son pestered his father, "Let me offer myself in the stead of the sick cows. Tell me, to whom you'll offer me?" Angered by the sons' remonstrance, the father rashly replied, "I'll offer you to Yama, the god of death" - harsh and cruel words, and irrevocable. And so the son died.

The Israelites were told not to offer any bullock or lamb that had any blemish

(Leut. 15:21), and those who did (Mal. 1:8) or withheld from offering (Mal. 3:8) were cursed with a curse. God cannot prosper those who offer to their unrighteous gain, or bless those who try to gain unrighteously by not offering.

Yours sincerely,

T.T.

PSALM FOR THE WEEK - Psalm 40

Psalter 111, Dunstan.

I waited for the Lord most High,  
And He inclined to hear my cry;  
He took me from destruction's pit  
And from the miry clay;  
Upon a rock He set my feet,  
And steadfast made my way.

A new and joyful song of praise  
He taught my thankful heart to raise;  
And many, seeing me restored,  
Shall fear the Lord and trust;  
And blest are they that trust the Lord  
The humble and the just.

O Lord my God, how manifold  
Thy wondrous works which I behold,  
And all Thy loving, gracious thought  
Thou hast bestowed on man;  
To count Thy mercies I have sought,  
But boundless is their span.

Not sacrifice-delights the Lord,  
But he who hears and keeps His word;  
Thou gavest me to hear Thy will,  
Thy law is in my heart;  
I come the Scripture to fulfill,  
Glad tidings to impart.

\*Sunday School Attendance: Faith-105;  
Galilee-79; Hume Hts.-37; Jn. Aman-30;  
Jurong-39; Kg Chia Heng-25; Life-241;  
Ling Kwang-18; Mt. Carmel-80; Seletar  
Hills-14; Sembawang-69; Zion-203.

\*Hume Hts. Sunday School welcomes Mdm.  
Teo Cheng Hoe who will take the Adult  
Class from March '67.

\*Seletar Hills Sunday School celebrates  
her 5th anniversary this Lord's Day,  
5-3-67. Praise God for another year of  
blessing.

\*Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Kwan  
Choon Foon for the birth of a baby  
daughter on Sat. 25-2-67. Thanks be to  
God for His precious gift!

\*Congratulations to the following for  
exam successes:

School Certificate:

GALILEE: Boh Chit Pang, Fong Lai Chun,  
Gan Yeow Lin, Kam Siew Eng, Lim John-  
nie, Ong Ah Lek, Yam Irene, Yeo Ngak  
Hong.

LIFE: Cheng Belinda, Chua Lucy, Khoo  
Wah Ann, Koh Kim Seng, Lee Soon Meng;  
Lim Irene, Ng Gek Choo, Teo Hock Ann,  
Tan Karen, Thio Arnold, Tow Ju Julia,  
Heng Amy, Chua Yeow Cher, Koh Geok Eng,  
Lee Mei Ling, Mau Sock Khim, Tan Poe  
Hoon, Lim Chor Hua, Chang Lye Yoong,  
Cheah Phui Leng.

MT. CARMEL: Ang Richard, Chiang Hock  
Seng, Chan Kin Keong, Chng Bee Teck,  
Chua Choon Lan, Eng Chwee Tiah, Lai  
Tshun Lay, Lee Lian Fong, Lee Sook  
Cheng, Lee Kwai Chan, Lee Lay Hwa, Lee  
Lian Fong, Tom Lee, Lim Chong Teng,  
Lim Hwee Choo, Lim Meng Kin, Ng Chay  
Keng, Ng Seng Thiam, Kok Kam Sah, Mary  
Liew, Pang Eng Soh, Alice Pooi, See

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Mar. 6-12)

Mon.: 1 pm. Packing for Korea and Sabah at  
FEBC, Dn. Heng Yow Tong.

Tues: 8 pm. Faith Bible study and prayer  
mtg. (instead of Mon.) Mr. Ang T.S.  
Life Prayer mtg.-Bro. Koh Kim Seng.  
Life Church Session mtg.

Wed.: 8 pm. Zion prayer mtg. and Bible Stu-  
dy (instead of Tues.) -Miss P. Yeo.  
7 pm. Galilee- Child Study, 8 pm.  
prayer mtg- Jeremich, 9 pm, Church  
committee mtg.

Fri.: 8 pm. Family worship- Life, at Kg.  
Java Rd. home of Mrs. Lim Giok Kim;  
Faith, at 38 Bridport Ave, home of  
Mr. and Mrs. Peng Hai Chen.

Sat.: 3.55 pm Zion YF Gospel mtg. 8pm-Faith.  
Lord's Day: Life- Rev. Tow, Zion-Rev. P Heng,  
Faith- Miss Tay, Mt. Carmel-Rev. Tow,  
Galilee- Rev. Heng, Life (Mand.)-Mr. Yu.

(CAMBRIDGE RESULTS- contd.)

Kay Soh, Tan Sze Chye, Teo Chiew Hiah, Teo  
Chor Hiang, Teo Keng Seng, Billy Tong,  
Tommy Woo, David Wong, Elizabeth Yee, Yip  
Soh Moy.

SEMBAWANG: Lim Sandra, Quek Samuel, Thio  
Enoch.

ZION: Ang Choon Joo, Chin Ruth, Chou Pat-  
ricia, Chua John, Chua Ivan, Chua Melina,  
Heng Eugene, Low Mui Kheng, Low Mui Kim,  
Fong Christine, Ng Beng Geok, Susan Pang,  
Quah Helen, Quek Sylvia, Kok Selene, Tan  
Charlie, Tan Lik Kiang, Tan Irene, Tay  
Boon Siew, Teh Seck Eng, Syddal Wee, Yap  
Lili.

\*Dn. Chee Ah Chai has been appointed as  
Clerk-of-Session of Life Ch. at the Feb.  
session mtg. He replaces Dn. Edmund Tay who  
has served in that capacity faithfully  
for many years. The Session meets every  
first Tues. of the month. Members of the  
Session would covet your prayers!

\*Zion Church Adult Fellowship committee  
elected last Lord's Day: Pres.-Dn. Gan  
Pheng Chye, V. Pres.- Mr. Chia Meng Ann,  
Sec.- Miss Eunice Heng, Treas.- Mrs. Chia  
Kim Chwee, Com. members- Miss Doreen Chia  
Mrs. Alice Fang, Miss Peggy Yeo. Ex-offi-  
cio- Rev. and Mrs. Quek.

Adults joining in March to be founder  
members.

\*Zion and Faith Building progess- first  
floor re-inforced concreting all ready to  
begin.

A former Zion YF member now in Australia  
has sent A\$40 (M\$135.96) to Zion Ch. B-F.  
The Lord bless him for this sacrificial  
"first-fruit" offering.

A Faith Ch. members has offered to pay for  
some pews in the new church and a friend,  
a set for Holy Communion.

Statement of Zion B-F for Jan.: Refund fr.  
FEBC - \$500; Special contributions-\$1000;  
Church members-\$702; S.S.-\$115.76. Total  
-\$2,318.76.

\*Do you have a good second-hand piano for  
sale? Please contact Bro. Wm. Seah (31985).



"Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Matthew 16:16.

## LETTER TO OUR READERS

My dear Readers,

Jesus, "the living and true God"

In 1951 when Tampoi, Johore Bahru was becoming a "New Village" under the Communist uprising, the Evangelistic League went there to hold street meetings for the newly compacted villagers. A gospel station was established which soon came under the support of the Evangelise China Fellowship. Today Tampoi is an industrial satellite town of Johore Bahru with a doubled population. The gospel station has matured into a thriving Church. A Chin Lien graduate, a product from our Kelapa Sawit church is its present "minister".

During the week an old member of Tampoi Church was called home. A request came to me to minister to the bereaved family. A Christian coffin arrived at this idolatrous village, transported by a serene and dignified Christian hearse. There were sobs and subdued weeping, but no mourning and wailing which would otherwise accompany a Chinese funeral. As soon as the pastor arrived, there was a little stir among the neighbours. On the bereaved family's right a woman quickly took some zinc plates and wooden boards to cover her idol shelf. For, Jesus the Christian God had come! True, Jesus had come to His own. In His Name we sang a hymn. In His Name we prayed to call for His Peace and Salvation. In His Name we proclaimed the good news that Death is conquered by the Prince of Life who gave Himself to die for our sins that we might live. A hundred relatives, friends and curious neighbours could not help but listen to the gospel. The offer of salvation was made again to whomsoever would humbly believe in Jesus' Name, and come under the protection of the living and true God.

As to idols the Psalmist has declared, "They have mouths, but speak not: eyes have they, but they see not: They have ears, but they hear not: noses have they, but they smell not: They have hands, but they handle not: feet have they, but they walk not: neither speak they through their throats. They that make them are like unto them. So is everyone that trusteth in them." (Psalm 115:4-8).

What is your vocation or calling?

(A word from John Calvin, Institutes, Book III, chap. 10, paragraph VI.)

"The Lord commands every one of us, in all the actions of life, to regard his vocation. For he knows with what great inquietude the human mind is inflamed, with what desultory levity it is hurried hither and thither, and how insatiable is its ambition to grasp different things at once. Therefore, to prevent universal confusion being produced by our folly and temerity, he has appointed to all their particular duties in different spheres of life. And that no one might rashly transgress the limits prescribed, he has styled such spheres of life vocations or callings. Every individual's line of life, therefore, is, as it were, a post assigned him by the Lord, that he may not wander about in uncertainty all his days. And so necessary is this distinction, that in his sight all our actions are estimated according to it, and often very differently from the sentence of human reason and philosophy.

There is no exploit esteemed more honourable, even among philosophers, than to deliver our country from tyranny; but the voice of the celestial Judge openly condemns the private man who lays violent hands on a tyrant. It is not my design, however, to stay to enumerate examples. It is sufficient if we know that the principle and foundation of right conduct in every case is the vocation of the Lord, and that he who disregards it will never keep the right way in the duties of his station. He may sometimes, perhaps, achieve something apparently laudable; but however it may appear in the eyes of men, it will be rejected at the throne of God; besides which, there will be no consistency between the various parts of his life. Our life, therefore, will then be best regulated, when it is directed to this mark; since no one will be impelled by his own temerity to attempt more than is compatible with his calling, because he will know that it is unlawful to transgress the bounds assigned him.

He that is in obscurity will lead a private life without discontent, so as not to desert the station in which God has placed him. It will also be no small alleviation of his cares, labours, troubles, and other burdens, when a man knows that in all these things he has God for his guide. The magistrate will execute his office with greater pleasure, the father of a family will confine himself to his duty with more satisfaction, and all, in their respective spheres of life, will bear and surmount the inconveniences, cares, disappointments, and anxieties which befall them, when they shall be persuaded that every individual has his burden laid upon him by God. Hence also will arise peculiar consolation, since there will be no employment so mean and sordid (provided we follow our vocation) as not to appear truly respectable, and be deemed highly important in the sight of God."

Yours sincerely,  
T.T.

"And they that use this world, as not abusing it: for the fashion of this world passeth away." I Corinthians 7:31.



PSALM FOR THE WEEK - Psalm 122  
Psalter 348, Harvey's Chant

With joy and gladness in my soul  
I hear the call to prayer;  
Let us go up to God's own house  
And bow before Him there. (2)  
We stand within thy sacred walls,  
O Zion, blest for aye,  
Wherein the people of the Lord  
United home pay. (2)  
They come to learn Jehovah's will,  
His mighty deeds to own,  
For there is judgment's royal seat,  
Messiah's kingly throne. (2)  
O pray that Zion may be blest  
And have abundant peace,  
For all that love thee in their hearts  
Shall prosper and increase. (2)  
I pray the Lord that peace may still  
Within thy walls abound,  
And ever in thy palaces  
Prosperity be found. (2)  
Yea, for the sake of friends and kin,  
My heart desires thy peace,  
And for the house of God the Lord  
My care shall never cease.

- \* Sunday School attendance: Faith-103;  
Galilee-85; Hume Hts.-35; Jn.Aman-26;  
Jurong- ; Kg.Chia Heng-?; Life-265;  
Ling Kwang-14; Mt.Carmel-?; Seletar  
Hills-28; Sembawang-64; Zion-193.
- \* Belated congratulations to the following:  
H.S.C.- Miss Margaret Tan (Life); Univer-  
sity- Ng Victor (Final yr.Science), Miss  
Loh Chee Seen, Amy (2nd yr Pharmacy),  
~~Phua Chor Kok (Final yr Law), Tsao Huei~~  
(1st yr Dental Surgery), all of Life.  
and others whose names were not available  
to the News Editor at the time of printing.
- \* Zion B-P Church received a sum of \$2,000  
as contribution from a sister of Life  
Church. Praise the Lord for this very  
liberal and cheerful offering.
- \* Attention all Life Church car-owners.  
The car park at the IPPF premises (next  
to the church) is available to our mem-  
bers on Sundays. Do make use of this  
parking facility to prevent over-parking  
in the church car-park. Please park your  
car properly so that others will be least  
inconvenienced.

\* Introducing our Sunday Schools (cont'd.)

Name	Address	Time	Supt.
Life	9 Gilstead Rd.	8.30 am.	Deacon
Ling Kwang	5 Tavistock Ave.	2 pm.	Mrs. Chiang
Mt. Carmel	411-9 Jalan Rumah Tinggi		Li.
Seletar Hills	14 Jalan Ketumbit	10.45 am.	Dn. Robert Ong
Sembawang	95 Nemusu Ave.	9.30 am.	Dn. Heng
Zion	5 Tavistock Ave.	8 am	Dn. William Seah
			Elder Chiame Kim Chwee

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK  
March 13 - 19, 1967

- Tues: 8 pm. Prayer mtgs.- Life; Faith -  
Rev. Quek Kiok Chiang.
- Wed.: 8 pm. Zion Bible study and prayer mtg.  
-Rev. Quek Kiok Chiang.
- Fri.: 8.30 am. FEBC exams. begin.  
8 pm. Zion Adult Fellowship at Zion  
Parsonage, message by Rev.Jn.Grauley.
- Sat.: 3.55 pm. Zion and Life YF's combined  
meeting at Zion Church.  
5 pm. ICY-Sembawang.
- Lord's Day: Life- Rev. John Grauley,  
Zion- Rev. Quek Kiok Chiang (Holy  
Communion); Faith- Rev. Quek Khee  
Swee; Hume Hts.- Mr. Liew Hong Sen;  
Gawang and Muar- Rev. Tow; Galilee-  
Rev. Heng; Life Mand.- Mr. Yu.

AUGUSTINE AND THE DRUNKEN BEGGAR

Augustine, strolling through the streets  
of Milan, in a depressed state of mind, is  
moved to consider how vain is the search for  
happiness, through worldly success and repu-  
tation, by meeting a drunken beggar who ap-  
peared to be completely happy in his intoxi-  
cation.

In his "Confessions" he says,  
"I panted after honours, gain, marriage; and  
Thou didst mock me. I suffered through these  
desires most bitter trials. Thou being the  
more merciful to me, in not allowing anything  
to grow sweet unto me, which was not Thyself..  
How wretched then was I, and how didst Thou  
deal with me, that I should have a sense of  
my wretchedness on that day when I was pre-  
paring to recite a panegyric of the Emperor,  
in which I was to utter many lies, and thus  
lying, to be applauded by those who knew  
they were lies; and my heart panted with an-  
xiety, and was heated by a fever of consum-  
ing thought. For, passing through one of the  
streets of Milan, I observed a poor beggar  
who had just had, as I suppose, a good meal,  
and who was joking and light-hearted. Fetch-  
ing a deep sigh, I remarked to those friends  
who were with me how many sorrows were the  
creation of our own follies; for in all such  
efforts as I was then making, I was dragging  
behind me a load of unhappiness, driven on-  
wards by my desires, and making my load  
heavier, by dragging it, and seeking after  
all only to secure the joy, in which the  
poor beggar had forestalled me, and which I  
might, perhaps, never attain. For what he  
Edmund Tay had obtained by means of the few pence, for  
Mrs. Chiang which he had begged, the same was I toiling  
to get by many a winding and circuitous path-  
the joy of a passing pleasure.

His joy was not a true joy; yet it was much  
more true than the one that I, in my ambi-  
tion, was seeking. And certainly he was joy-  
ous, and I was anxious; he had no care, and  
I was trembling. And if anyone should ask  
which I preferred, to rejoice or to be  
feared, I should answer, to rejoice. If any-  
one should further ask me whether I would  
rather be myself or the beggar, I should reply myself, notwithstanding all my anxie-  
ties and fears. Let them depart from my soul who cry, "There is a difference in joys  
because of their source. That beggar's joys came from drinking, you desire yours to  
come from glory." But what glory, O Lord? which was not in Thee. For as his joy was  
not true, so neither was my glory, and it turned my head even more. And he was indeed  
happier for he by wishing a blessing upon other, had gained the wine, whilst I,  
telling lies, was hunting after vanity."

"We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do." Luke 17:10.

# LETTER TO OUR READERS

My dear Readers,

## "Unprofitable Servants"

Jesus told forty parables. One parable he told is "Unprofitable Servants". Suppose you are a farming towkay. Suppose your servant comes into the house after ploughing or feeding cattle in the field. Will you ask him to go and eat before he has done his other job of first cooking your supper? Will you not rather be served by him before he takes his food? And will you be obliged to your servant for doing all this work? You say, "Of course, not!" So likewise our God and Master has a right to our dutiful service. Whatever we do for God is our bounden duty, for He is our Lord and Master, and we are but "unprofitable servants." (Luke 17:7-10.)

Recently we have given Relief to Korea and Sabah. Some gave their services like sorting out the clothing and packing them in boxes. We did all this for Jesus' sake, for the One who paid to save us with His life-blood, and now is our Lord and Master. Can we claim credit for doing this? Can we feel superior to others who have not given? Certainly not! We were doing what was our bounden duty. We are after all "unprofitable servants."

Talking about servants, we're further exhorted by the Apostle Paul to be humble before God and man. We being "unprofitable servants" are not to criticise other Christians in their service of the Lord. "Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth" (Rom.14:4). On the contrary we should rather solemnly examine our own selves, for what we see in others to be a terrible sin may in God's judgment be smaller than what we regard to be trifling shortcomings in ourselves. Jesus says, "And why beholdest thou the mote (sawdust) that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?" (Matt.7:3). The Chinese equivalent to this saying is, "To blow open the fur to find the blemish." (Ch'ui mao chliu t'zu).

## Expansion through Construction

Our Church Movement made most rapid advances in establishing branch churches and Sunday Schools from 1957 to 1960 - Sembawang, Zion, Faith, Galilee, Jurong, Mt.Carmel, Tekong were founded during this period. Later came Seletar Hills, Jalan Aman, Hume Heights, Temerloh, Ling Kwang, Life (Mandarin), Taman Jurong. Some of these earlier branches have grown up. As young people coming of age will need to establish their own homes, so these branches must needs build a house of their own for worship. This is a healthy sign indeed, of spiritual growth. The building of a house for worship should signify not only consolidation but expansion. Let those who begin to possess a new home sit not down to enjoy themselves in their new-found complacency, but rather consider the advancement of God's Kingdom that should proceed therefrom. Expansion through construction!

In this connection, we are thrilled to note the speedy progress of the construction of the new Zion-Faith Church Auditorium with Kindergarten Hall. Although \$100,000 has been found, there is still a need of some \$70,000. How can we all help?

Two other branches needing a regular place of worship and therefore are vigorously pressing on with their Building Funds are Sembawang and Mt.Carmel. Give to Sembawang, give to Mt.Carmel!

Of late Galilee Church has received notice to quit from the present seaside premises. Government has need of the land to develop the harbour. There is no doubt Galileans will have to find a temporary house elsewhere, but surely the scouting for a piece of land to build more permanently is in the will of the Lord.

Temerloh Gospel Centre, in the heartland of Pahang is an independent church with a flourishing youth work and kindergarten. Her Building Fund tops \$4,000. Very soon the construction of the new church should commence!

Life Church has a \$150,000 three-storey extension for a Bible Kindergarten, Sunday School rooms, quarters for Church workers and more dorms for the FEBC. To date \$18,500 has been deposited with the bank accruing six percent interest. The Building plans, finally approved by the Session, are being submitted to Government.

## Q.1. What is the Chief end of man?

The word "end" according to the Oxford dictionary, means "purpose"; "object for which a thing exists". So what is your life's purpose? Do I hear someone say, "Enjoy yourself"? A young man when asked this question therefore recited the usual steps any other ambitious young people would take - study hard, pass exams, get qualified, get a good job, marry a wife, build a house, procreate children and live happily ever after. Then, "after all these? There's an end - death, and after death judgment (Heb.9:27)! How successful we might be in life, how much we might drink from the sweetness of this earthly life, the taste that lingers is bitterness! For, because of our sin and condemnation before a just and holy God, "we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousness are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities like the wind, have taken us away" Isa.64:6).

The answer to Q1 of the Shorter Catechism of the Westminster Confession, which is the standard of our Church, says, "Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever." God who made us is greater than our father. He it is "with whom we have to do"



4-13). Life without God is like a falling star, like the earth going off its orbit around the sun! When God is the goal of our life's journey and His salvation our present possession, we live a happy life indeed! Without God, vanity of vanities!

Yours sincerely,

T.T.

PSALM FOR THE WEEK - Psalm 139

Psalter 383, St. Crispin.

All that I am I owe to Thee,  
Thy wisdom, Lord, hath fashioned me;  
I give my Maker thankful praise,  
Whose wondrous works my soul amaze.  
Ere into being I was brought,  
Thy eye did see, and in Thy thought  
My life in all its perfect plan  
Was ordered ere my days began.  
Thy thoughts, O God, how manifold,  
More precious unto me than gold!  
I muse on their infinity,  
Awaking I am still with Thee.  
The wicked Thou wilt surely slay,  
From me let sinners turn away;  
They speak against the Name divine,  
I count God's enemies as mine.  
Search me, O God, my heart discern,  
Try me, my inmost thought to learn;  
And lead me, if in sin I stray,  
To choose the everlasting way.

+ SHIP AHoy! The Relief Goods for Korea and Sabah were shipped during the week through the good offices of Deacon Heng Yow Tong \* and Mr. Lim Eng Siang.

+ Congratulations to Rev. Quek Kiok Chiang honorary pastor of Zion Church for his promotion to the Singapore Administrative Service in October last year and also for his appointment as Registrar of Citizens, Singapore, in January this year. Praise be unto the Lord!

\* Brother Chia Chek Kwang of Zion Church and former president of the Zion Youth Fellowship left by air on Wednesday, Mar. 8, 1967, to join the Melbourne Bible Institute. He hopes to be away for 3 years. May the Lord bless this young life which is dedicated to Him for full-time service.

\* Congratulations to Deacon and Mrs. Chee Ah Chai for the gift of a baby boy, Mark, born on 18-3-67 at K.K.M.H. Praise the Lord for the precious gift to this young couple.

\* Dr. Quek Swee Peng of Zion Church and vice-president of ICY-SM has been appointed as assistant lecturer in the Faculty of Anatomy, University of Singapore. Our hearty congratulations to him and glory be to our God.

\* The three new doctors from Life Church have started their housemanship. Doctors Ang Beng Chong and Patrick Tan are attached to the General Hospital while Dr. Tan Kim Ping to the Thomson Rd. Hospital.  
\* New members will be received both at Zion and Faith Churches by baptism, re-affirmation of faith and transfer of membership. Will parents who desire their children to be baptised and members of other churches worshipping at Zion and Faith, who now desire closer fellowship with the two churches, please inform the honorary pastor immediately!

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Mar-20-26)

Wed.: 10 am. Hume Heights S.S. Staff mtg.  
(Lunch will be served.)

Thurs: 8 pm. Zion Good Friday Eve Holy Communion Service, Speaker: Rev. Grauley.

Fri.: 8 pm. Good Friday Services: Galilee; Faith -

Life Service : Rev. Tow, Life (Mand)

- Mr. Yu (In FEBC hall, combining with the English service for Lord's Supper),

Sat.: 4 pm. Zion-Sembawang Combined Sunset service at Kranji War Memorial.

8 pm. Hume Hts. prayer mtg, chairman-Kuah Kian Hwa.

4 pm. Life YF- re-election of President.

Lord's Day (Easter Sunday): 6.30 am - Combined Sunrise Service at MacRitchie Reservoir, Rev. Grauley speaking.

Life- Rev. Tow, Zion- Rev. Quek,

Faith- Rev. Quek, Galilee- Rev. Heng.

\* Sunday School Attendance: Faith-103; Galilee-78; Hume Hts-44; Jn. Aman-35; Jurong-?; Kg. Chia Heng-?; Life-240; Ling Kwang-18; Mt. Carmel-?; Seletar Hills-28; Sembawang-62; Zion-198.

Zion and Faith Church Building Fund has received several increased pledges including one of \$10,000 from one family in the session, another sum of \$10,000 from another session member and yet another sum of \$4000 from another session member. As the work on the new building is progressing fast, offerings must also be sped up. Zion and Faith members and friends, have you all given of your best?

Correction: Sembawang Sunday School starts at 8.30 am every Sunday instead of 9.30 am as reported in last week's Weekly.

Congratulations to bro. Edward Heng, president of Life YF for his appointment as trainee pilot with MSA. He will leave for Perthshire, Scotland for his training some time in April '67.

FEBC Second term closes this Thursday afternoon. Third term begins May 2, 1967.

A WORD TO DOUBTERS (John 3:36, 5:24  
Acts 13:38-39)

If all the shalls in Scripture meant perhaps,

And all the haths meant simply hope to have,  
And all the ares depended on an if,

I well might doubt;

But since our Saviour-God means what He says,

And cannot lie,

I trust His faithful word, and know that I Shall surely dwell throughout eternity With Him whose love led Him for me to die, E'en Christ Himself.

"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."

John 3:36.

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE:

MACRITCHIE RESERVOIR....

6.30 a.m.

"He lives!"



"Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee." Psalm 119:11.

## LETTER TO OUR READERS

My dear Readers,

## Q3. What do the Scriptures principally teach?

The Bible is a diamond of truth with many facets. It glitters with a light on many branches of knowledge - history, geography, archaeology, philosophy, psychology, literature, poetry, law, etc., etc. But its main subject is theology!

The Bible is God's Book to man. It tells him how he came (not from a worm or a tree-swinging ape-man), why he is in his present misery, and how he can be saved from it. The Bible's main topic is Jesus Christ the Messiah, the Son of God, who came from God's abode into this world to save us from our sins. The Bible tells us the mysteries of heaven, of earth and of hell, of the life to come, and what we should do in our duties towards God and man.

The Bible, while charting for us the course from this sin-cursed world to a blissful future life in Heaven, also teaches us the divine wisdom, so that we might live a happy, successful life. In this respect it is known as the law of God. It promises blessing upon those that follow it. It threatens curses on those who flout its authority. The law is summarised in the Ten Commandments, and the Ten Commandments are summarised in Jesus' famous saying, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the laws and the prophets." (Matt. 22:37-40).

"What do the Scriptures principally teach?" Rightly does the Shorter Catechism reply, "The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man."

Westminster declaration on the Holy Scripture

Although the light of nature, and the works of creation and providence, do so far manifest the goodness, wisdom, and power of God, as to leave men inexcusable; yet they are not sufficient to give that knowledge of God and of his will, which is necessary unto salvation; therefore it pleased the Lord, at sundry times, and in divers manners, to reveal himself, and to declare that his will unto his Church; and afterwards, for the better preserving and propagating of the truth, and for the more sure establishment and comfort of the Church against the corruption of the flesh, and the malice of Satan and of the world, to commit the same wholly unto writing: which maketh the Holy Scripture to be most necessary; those former ways of God's revealing his will unto his people being now ceased.

Under the name of Holy Scripture, or the Word of God written, are now contained all the books of the Old and New Testaments (39 in the Old Testament, 27 in the New). All which are given by inspiration of God, to be the rule of faith and life.

The books commonly called Apocrypha, not being of divine inspiration, are no part of the canon of the Scripture; and therefore are of no authority in the Church of God, nor to be any otherwise approved, or made use of, than other human writings.

The authority of the Holy Scripture, for which it ought to be believed and obeyed, dependeth not upon the testimony of any man or church, but wholly upon God, (who is truth itself), the author thereof; and therefore it is to be received, because it is the Word of God.

We may be moved and induced by the testimony of the Church to an high and reverent esteem of the Holy Scripture; and the heavenliness of the matter, the efficacy of the doctrine, the majesty of the style, the consent of all the parts, the scope of the whole, (which is to give all glory to God,) the full discovery it makes of the only way of man's salvation, the many other incomparable excellencies, and the entire perfection thereof, are arguments whereby it doth abundantly evidence itself to be the Word of God; yet notwithstanding, our full persuasion and assurance of the infallible truth, and divine authority thereof, is from the inward work of the Holy Spirit bearing witness by and with the Word in our hearts.

The whole counsel of God, concerning all things necessary for his own glory, man's salvation, faith, and life, is either expressly set down in Scripture, or by good and necessary consequence may be deduced from Scripture: unto which nothing at any time is to be added, whether by new revelations of the Spirit or traditions of men. Nevertheless we acknowledge the inward illumination of the Spirit of God to be necessary for the saving understanding of such things as are revealed in the Word; and there are some circumstances concerning the worship of God and government of the Church, common to human actions and societies, which are to be ordered by the light of nature and Christian prudence, according to the general rules of the Word, which are always to be observed.

All things in Scripture are not alike plain in themselves, nor alike clear unto all; yet those things which are necessary to be known, believed, and observed, for salvation, are so clearly propounded and opened in some place of Scripture or other, that not only the learned, but the unlearned in a due use of the ordinary means,

may attain unto a sufficient understanding of them.

The Old Testament in Hebrew, (which was the native language of the people of God of old), and the New Testament in Greek, (which at the time of the writing of it was most generally known to the nations,) being immediately inspired by God, and by his singular care and providence kept pure in all ages, are therefore authentic; so as in all controversies of religion the Church is finally to appeal unto them. But because these original tongues are not known to all the people of God who have right unto and interest in the Scriptures, and are commanded, in the fear of God, to read and search them, therefore they are to be translated into the vulgar language of every nation unto which they come, that the Word of God dwelling plentifully in all they may worship him in an acceptable manner, and, through patience and comfort of the Scriptures, may have hope.

The infallible rule of interpretation of Scripture is the Scripture itself; and therefore, when there is a question about the true and full sense of any Scripture, (which is not manifold, but one), it may be searched and known by other places that speak more clearly.

The Supreme Judge, by whom all controversies of religion are to be determined, and all decrees of councils, opinions of ancient writers, doctrines of men, and private spirits, are to be examined, and in whose sentence we are to rest, can be no other but the Holy Spirit speaking in the Scripture.

#### Galilean Lights Still Burning

Jesus Christ the same, yesterday, today, forever,  
His love to us never shall sever  
We who now also have been saved by His precious blood  
Must tell the glad news of His Word!

These concluding words of the Galilee Theme Song prophetically witness to God's saving grace upon this seven-year-old congregation in Government's extension of the lease (previously withdrawn) to "one or two years". Christ has not changed in His power to keep His people going. Let Galileans therefore, in gratitude, redouble their efforts in witnessing, consolidating and in giving. The Galileans have about \$1,000 to their Building Fund. Isn't it time to launch it in earnest to scout for a piece of land, and to plan building the first Church edifice on the West Coast? There's golden onion-dome of a mosque on a hill off Clementi Road, but there's yet to be a church spire to witness to the true and living God.

#### PSALM FOR THE WEEK - Psalm 51 Psalter 142, Refuge.

God be merciful to me,  
On Thy grace I rest my plea;  
Plenteous in compassion Thou,  
Blot out my transgressions now;  
Wash me, make me pure within,  
Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.  
I am evil, born in sin;  
Thou desirest truth within.  
Thou alone my Saviour art,  
Teach Thy wisdom to my heart;  
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow,  
Wash me whiter than the snow.  
Gracious God, my heart renew,  
Make my spirit right and true;  
Cast me not away from Thee,  
Let Thy Spirit dwell in me;  
Thy salvation's joy impart,  
Steadfast make my willing heart.  
Sinners then shall learn from me  
And return, O God, to Thee;  
Saviour, all my guilt remove,  
And my tongue shall sing Thy love;  
Touch my silent lips, O Lord,  
And my mouth shall praise accord.

WEDDING BELLS! The holy matrimony between Mr. Quek Hon Yan and Sister Tan Siok Eng will be solemnised at Life Church, Sat. April 8, 2.30 p.m. Rev. Tow officiating. FEBC BOOKING. April 24-28 by the Bible Church for Church Conference. LIFE CHURCH MANDARIN SERVICE every Lord's Day afternoon, 4.30 p.m. will have Hokkien interpretation henceforth. Bring your mahs along!

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Apr. 3-9)

Tues.: Faith prayer mtg. and Bible study  
- Rev. Quek Khee Swee.  
Life - Rev. Grauley, Session mtg.  
Wed.: Zion prayer mtg. Rev. Quek Kiok Chiang; Galilee prayer mtg. and Bible study.  
Fri.: Zion Family Worship cum Adult Fellowship mtg. at home of Mr. and Mrs. Chia Meng Ann, 19 Newton Road.  
Sat.: Zion, Life, Galilee YF's; ICY-Sembawang.  
Lord's Day: Life-Rev. Grauley; Zion-Rev. Tow; Faith-Miss Tay; Galilee-Rev. Grauley.

PRAY FOR MT. CARMEL: Under the auspices of Life Church we have tendered for an ideal corner shophouse with big sidefield and front courtyard at 446 Lengkok Bahru. The minimum monthly rental is \$240. FREIGHT CHARGES for 8 big cases of Relief Goods for Korea amount to \$310 odd. This is \$60 more than the freight offered. SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE: Zion 184; Faith 94; Jalan Aman 30; Seletar 20; LingKwang 20; Life 259; Galilee 96; Jurong 38; Hume Heights 46.

FAITH CHURCH SESSION have contributed a total of \$30,080 to the Building Fund. BRO. QUEK SWEE HWA sends a tape to the B-P family c/o Swee Kiat. He appreciates the B-P Weekly. FEBC male students are making gospel contacts during the vacation. From this Lord's Day they will visit Kelapa Sawit, Jemaluang and Endau. PRAY for Bro. Sim Bee Kow still at G.H.



"Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes." Isa. 54:2

## LETTER TO OUR READERS

My dear Readers,

Those at Temerloh are fulfilling one point of the Great Commission we aren't....

The Great Commission is Jesus' command to the Church to preach the gospel "unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8). It is the duty of our church to be mindful of every gospel outreach and its needs, particularly those that are witnessing in the uttermost part of the earth. In this respect, we who enjoy salvation in such a metropolitan surrounding as Singapore cannot compare with our Christian brethren at Temerloh, in the heartland of Malaya. Those at Temerloh are fulfilling one point of the Great Commission we aren't, and that is: witnessing in an "uttermost" part of the earth. Don't we owe them the gospel debt of helping them in an hour of great need?

Last week I reported the glad tidings of Temerloh Gospel Centre's lightning action - to build in two months. I asked you to give towards this mission project as the Lord laid it upon your heart. Let me follow up this week with the official request from Temerloh as presented by this letter from Mrs. Eng Kee's hand, dated April 2, 1967:-

"Greetings from Temerloh Gospel Centre. Enclosed are several copies of our April Newsletter which gives an idea of our proposed Church building. We expect to build in a month or two. I wonder if you can do us the favour of passing the newsletters and also our financial needs to Christians who may be able to help us either in terms of interest-free loans or gifts. Perhaps Eng Hoe would have informed you of the difficulty of our position. Thus, we would appreciate any help you can give us.

Recently (end of March) we had a campaign with Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Chew followed by another with a VCF-KL student team. Response was good, but limited by sitting capacity. Our Youth meetings on Saturdays now average 40-50 and the hall just can't hold them! Adult work is not so encouraging. We do look forward to your next visit if you can spare the time. Thank you."

Temerloh Tidings, the monthly newsletter of Temerloh Gospel Centre further presents these urgent facts:

## PROPOSED BUILDING FOR TEMERLOH GOSPEL CENTRE

On the opposite side of the page is a ground plan of Temerloh Gospel Centre.

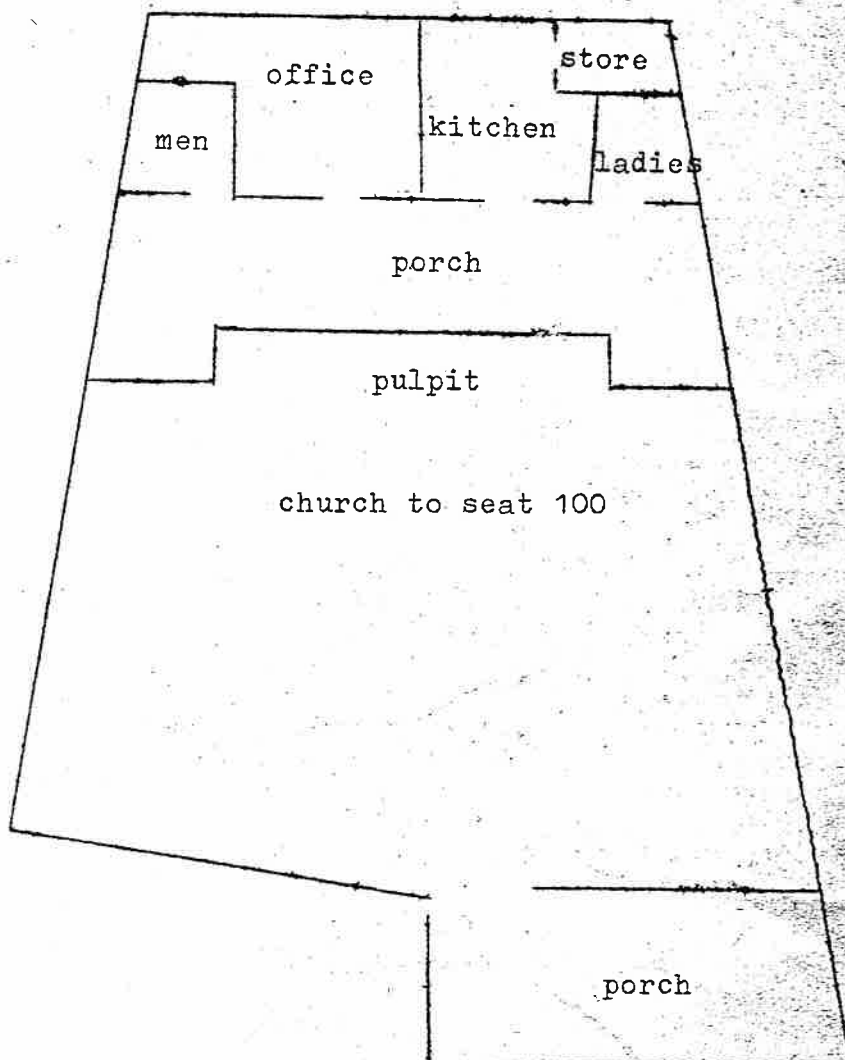
The architect is at the moment preparing final plans and as soon as these are approved by the Town Council building will commence.

The Gospel Centre will be situated on half an acre of level, flood-free land at Taman Bahagia.

Need for the building is urgent as we are regularly faced with people having to sit outside TMC 1. Youth and Sunday School work is particularly difficult through lack of space.

Sunday School classes under the car-ports on the roadside is not conducive to good teaching. We are not building an ornament, nor a status symbol, but a place where the Lord may be glorified. We believe that through this place of worship more will be enabled to hear of Him who died for them.

Cost of the land (\$10,000) has been met by Christians meeting in Temerloh. The total cost of the building plus furnishings and all extras is estimated at \$30,000 of which about \$5,000 is to hand. For the remainder we look to the loans and gifts of those interested in the work of God at Temerloh.



## How Can We Help?

Every local church, Sunday School and Y.F. can take a collection. Or, a sum can be apportioned from your Treasury. But I want to appeal to the individual Reader especially whose heart is touched by Christ's loving command. You are grateful to

Lord for saving your soul, and that was due to someone going out of his or her way to find you. Today, you are moved to give in order that the less fortunate in Malaya might be brought to the Saviour through the Temerloh Gospel Centre. I suggest that you give through the pastor of your church, or Sunday School Superintendent, or Y.F. president. Someone who has lately been blessed with promotion or profit - give your thanks to the Lord through the gospel work of Temerloh!

#### A Fuller Westminster Definition of God

"There is but one only living and true God, who is infinite in being and perfection a most pure spirit, invisible, without body, parts, or passions, immutable, immense, eternal, incomprehensible, almighty, most wise, most holy, most free, most absolute, working all things according to the counsel of his own immutable and most righteous will, for his own glory; most loving, gracious, merciful, long-suffering, abundant in goodness and truth; forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin; the rewarder of them that diligently seek him; and withal most just and terrible in his judgments, hating all sin, and who will by no means clear the guilty.

God hath all life, glory, goodness, blessedness, in and of himself; and is alone in and unto himself all-sufficient not standing in need of any creatures which he hath made, nor deriving any glory in, by, unto, and upon them: he is the alone fountain of all being, of whom, through whom, and to whom, are all things; and hath most sovereign dominion over them, to do by them, for them, and upon them, whatsoever himself pleaseth. In his sight all things are open and manifest; his knowledge in infinite, infallible, and independent upon the creature, so as nothing is to him contingent or uncertain. He is most holy in all his counsels, in all his works, and in all his commands. To him is due from angels and men, and every other creature, whatsoever worship, service, or obedience, he is pleased to require of them."

Yours sincerely, T.T.

#### \* SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Faith : 96	Jurong : 42	Mt. Carmel : ?
Galilee: 77	Kg. Chia Heng: ?	Seletar : 16
Hume Hts.: 37	Life : 256	Sembawang : 58
Jn. Aman : 20	Ling Kwang: 25	Zion : 202

#### \* ZION AND FAITH BUILDING PROGRESS. Zion and Faith Bldg.

Funds have received another refund of \$2000/- (Balance \$15,000). A Faith Session member has offered an additional month's salary of \$325. FIRST FLOOR COLUMNS ARE COMING UP!

#### PSALM FOR THE WEEK - Psalm 43

P.H. 85, Lux Fiat

lead me;

2 (Send out thy light and thy truth, let them lead me; O let them bring me to Thy holy hill. O let them lead me, O let them lead me, O let them bring me to Thy holy hill.

2 (Lead me, O Lord, in the way everlasting; O lead and guide me to Thy holy hill. O do Thou lead me, O do Thou guide me, O lead and guide me to Thy holy hill.

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Apr. 17-23)

Tues.: Faith prayer mtg. Elder Lee; Life prayer mtg. (Deacon Chee Ah Chai).

Wed.: Zion prayer mtg. Rev Quek.

Fri.: Family worship, Life, at 51 Greenfield Drive (15), home of Dr. and Mrs Wee Joo Huat.

Zion Adult Fellowship at 74 Upper Paya Lebar Rd., home of Miss Doreen Chia.

Sat.: Life YF, ICY-Sembawang;

7.30 pm. Zion YF (slides to be shown)

Lord's Day: Life-Rev. Heng, Zion-Rev. Quek,

Faith: Mr. Yu, Galilee-Rev. Tow, Hume

Hts.: Mdm. Chong Ching Ho

\*BELATED NEWS: Life Church Session and Members beat Life Church YF in the badminton match played on April 6. Score: 3-2.

\*FAREWELL TO BROTHER EDWARD HENG. A big turn up of friends and relatives were at the Airport last Monday. Edward is sponsored by MSA to do pilot training in Scotland.

\*PRESBYTERY AND SMCCC will hold their Annual Meeting on May 1st at Zion Kindergarten. Zion and Faith Churches will be host.

\*RENDER FOR 446 Lengkok Bahru on behalf of

Mt. Carmel S.S. has been successful. Praise

the Lord! Initial payment amounts to \$619

inclusive of one month's rent for deposit.

month's salary of \$325. FIRST FLOOR COLUMNS ARE COMING UP!

\*MRS ALFSEN (Head of Malaysia Faith Mission) is arriving this Sunday from America to resume work in Penjom, Kuala Lipis. Miss Quek of Chin Lien will be working with her.

\*BRO. CHARLES YEO of Zion Church has written to the Zion Prayer Group and other friends. He is taking an active part in the ICY-Adelaide, South Australia.

\*WEDDING BELLS - Between Bro. Ng Tock Sinn of the Chinese Church, London and Sis. Belinda May Boon Leen of Zion Church on Saturday, April 22nd, 2.30 p.m. at the Telok Ayer Methodist Church.

\*GLORY CHURCH booked FEBC for Bible Camp from 17th to 20th April.

\*GALILEE- former sub-tenant finally moving out. Praise the Lord.

\*Bro. TAN YONG KWANG has received employment in textile industry. Will soon leave for Taiwan for further training in this connection.

\*Bro. JAMALUDDIN soon to leave us to attend Bible School at Lawas, E. Malaysia.

\*BIBLE CAMP at Galilee Church, Apr. 24-28, mattresses needed, please contact Pas. Heng - 643948.

\*FEBE RE-EXAMINATION: Students who have failed the 2nd term exam will be re-examined on May 2nd., i.e. at the school re-opening.

\*FEBE: booked by Jesus Saves Mission, Apr. 22.

\*LIFERS, serve the Lord with your tithes! Our target for 1967 is \$55,000. To date, just under \$10,000 has been brought in.

\*LIFE CHINESE SERVICE will hold picnic at Mr. Lim Eng Siang's, 61 m.s. Pasir Panjang Road, Tuesday, April 25.

\*IT IS SUGGESTED that a special meeting of the Mt. Carmel Committee be held on Tuesday night after prayer meeting.



"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Psalm 126:6.

## LETTER TO OUR READERS

My dear Readers,

Ormeo Campaign Scheduled

We thank God for a prosperous journey (Rom. 1:10) last week to Muar and Batu Pahat, whereby the dates for the Ormeo Campaign were scheduled with the concurrence of their elders. Here's the Campaign Calendar for your perusal:-

SUN. July 30: 9.15 a.m. Zion Church; 10.30 a.m. Faith Church.  
7.45 p.m. FEBC Second Graduation.

MON. July 31 - SUN. Aug. 6 : MUAR (with Hokkien interpretation).

TUES. Aug. 8 - Sat. Aug. 12 : Evening and Morning sessions at Life Church  
(Hokkien interpretation at night).

SUN. Aug. 13, 10 a.m. : Life Church; 5 p.m. Galilee Church.

MON. Aug. 14-19 : ICY Camp (Somewhere by the sea.)

SUN. Aug. 20: 10 a.m. Life Church; 3 p.m. Kelapa Sawit.

MON. Aug. 21-25 : Batu Pahat (with Hokkien interpretation.)

Time to seek the Lord

The prophet Isaiah exhorts, "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found: Call ye upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his ways and the unrighteous man his thoughts and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon!" (Isa. 55:6,7). Is this exhortation for the drunkards and opium smokers, thieves and adulterers only, and not to us all? Have we been so righteous these days that we can afford to pay no heed to this cry to seek our God? Let the Ormeo Campaign be a time for solemn heart-searching, and let us pray that God might show us anew His will for our lives, and for the direction of the whole church movement. In this connection, let us first prepare our hearts and beginning with attendance at the Weekly Prayer Meetings. Unless we draw nigh to Him, how can He draw nigh to us? The initiative to ask for His help is ours to take! (Matt. 7:7.)

Now, it is said that the popularity of a preacher is in the weekly Sunday attendance, and the popularity of the Saviour is in the Weekly Prayer Meeting. The Weekly Prayer Meeting to many is a burdensome affair. But is it? Let me sign off now and plead with you to read what a recent prayer partner has experienced - the following article in Lively Stones by Bro. George Tan.

Yours sincerely,  
T.T.

\*\*\*\*\*

THE CHURCH PRAYER MEETING  
by George Tan

Like many young people in our Sunday School and Church I thought that the Church Prayer meetings are dull and boring. I also thought that I would feel out of place among the adults and would not know how to say a proper prayer in their presence. I never realised how mistaken I was.

For many years since I became a Christian I have not attended a single Church prayer meeting. Recently I read a book called "Prayer" by the late Professor Hallesby, a well-known evangelical leader in Norway. Professor Hallesby stressed the importance of individual prayer as well as group prayer. He pointed out that group prayers are even more important, especially when we want a spiritual revival. Because of this, I decided to attend the Church Prayer Meeting.

On the second Tuesday of March, I took courage and went. The many young people present outnumbered the adults. There were fifteen of us that night. There would have been more if not for the Church Business Session going on at the same time. I was told that sometimes the number of people present may be as much as twenty or twenty-five. Most of the young people were either Y.F. members, S.S. teachers and students or students from the F.E.B.C.

The meeting started promptly at 8 p.m. The chairman led us in a joyful fifteen minutes of hymn singing. A short passage from the Bible was read, after which a request for prayer items was made. Slowly but continuously the prayer items increased for we remembered the many things we wanted to tell our Heavenly Father about.

After we had finished listing all the prayer items, we went on our knees and we humbled ourselves in prayer. We prayed for our church and the various branch churches. We also remembered the various administrative staff and the Sunday School students. We praised and thanked the Lord for the good examination results our young people had obtained, and prayed for the Lord's guidance on those who were choosing careers for their lives. We also prayed for the FEBC and the students who were going to take their examinations and later to serve the Lord. We prayed for our young people studying abroad, especially those training for full-time ministry, and also for our physically and spiritually sick brethren. We humbly asked the Lord for forgiveness of our sins and many short-comings. We further prayed that He would continue

to bless His children.

Each of us present in our simple language opened our hearts to the Lord. As we prayed I could feel the presence of the Holy Spirit and there was joy and gladness within my heart. As we arose from our bended knees, we knew that our Heavenly Father would hear our prayers because we had asked all in the name of Jesus Christ.

I was glad that I attended the Prayer Meeting and I silently promised to come again every week. After the meeting was over there was light refreshments and as we ate we shared our daily experiences with each other. There was sweet and warm Christian fellowship. Many of you are missing this blessing. Why not come to the parsonage this Tuesday at 8 p.m. and see what you are missing?

The Lord will surely bless those who pray together and wait on Him on bended knee. Satan trembles when Christians are on their knees in prayer. Christ promised that He will answer prayers if we pray together. He said that where two or three are gathered in His Name, then He will be in their midst (Matt.18:20).

PSALM FOR THE WEEK - Psalm 2  
Psalter 4, Uxbridge.

O wherefore do the nations rage,  
And kings and rulers strive in vain,  
Against the Lord of earth and heav'n  
To overthrow Messiah's reign?

Their strength is weakness in the sight  
Of Him who sits enthroned above;  
He speaks, and judgments fall on them  
Who tempt His wrath and scorn His love.

By God's decree His Son receives  
The nations for His heritage;  
The conquering Christ supreme shall reign  
As King of kings, from age to age.

Be wise, ye rulers of the earth,  
And serve the Lord with godly fear;  
With rev'rent joy confess the Son  
While yet in mercy He is near.

Delay not, lest His anger rise,  
And ye should perish in your way;  
To all that put their trust in Him  
Are blest indeed, and blest for aye.

Q8. How doth God execute his decrees?

A. God executeth his decrees in the works of creation and providence. As to creation it was completed with the creation of man. As to providence, it began with the completion of creation and is still going on today that the whole creation might be properly maintained.

Q9. What is the work of creation?

A. The work of creation is God's making all things of nothing, by the word of his power, in the space of six days, and all very good. Note: of nothing. This phrase "of nothing" is founded on Heb.11:3, "Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which appear." This statement refutes the materialistic philosophy that matter is eternal. The doctrine of creation refutes the theory of evolution. As to the time taken to create, the space of six days could mean 6x24 hours or man-days and if longer, God-days.

\* SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:

Zion	: 192	Jurong	: 43
Life	: 187	Hume Heights	: 27
Faith	: 87	Jalan Aman	: 26
Sembawang	: 70	Kg.Chia Heng	: 20
Mt.Carmel	: 60	Seletar Hills	: 18
Galilee	: 59	Ling Kwang	: 7

\* Life Church S.S. Staff Retreat will be held on the 19th June at Mr.Lim Eng Siang's residence. Details will be given later. It is hoped that all staff will pray and plan to attend.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (May 29-June 4)

Tues.: Prayer mtgs. Life- Bro.George Tan;  
Faith- Mrs.Ang Thian Seng.

Wed.: Galilee Bible study and prayer mtg.-  
Ambrose, and Meng Luang.

Fri.: Family Worship: Life- at 111 Amber Rd.  
home of Mrs.W.P.Loo; Zion- at 6 Llyod  
Gardens, home of Mr.and Mrs.Benny Fang.  
Hume Hts. prayer mtg.- Moses Tan.

Lord's Day: Life-Rev.Tow; Zion-Rev.Quek;  
Faith-Rev.Quek (Holy Communion);  
Galilee- Anniversary, Rev.Tow; Hume  
Hts.- Rev.Quek.

\* Zion and Faith Church Bldg. Progress:

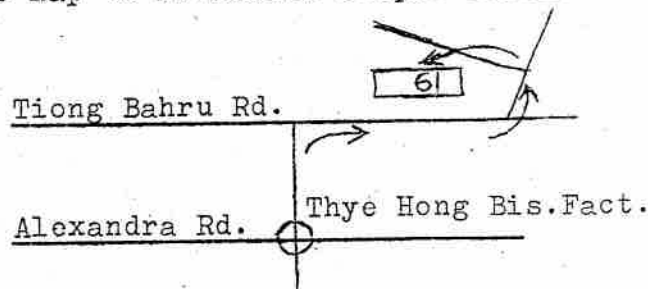
An elderly member of Faith Church has handed in her additional pledge of \$1000. The Contractor and the Architect spent a considerable time with the Pastor last Tuesday inspecting the site and studying details. Concreting of the roof beams is soon to start.

\* Congratulations to Mr.Lo Kien Sen of Zion for passing the Engineering Course from the Singapore Polytechnic, and for employment as engineer with Fraser and Neave.

\* Mr.and Mrs.Quek Kiok Lee (of Zion) leave for the U.K. on Sunday night. Mr.Quek is taking part in a trade conference.

\* Transport leaves Zion and Faith at 7 p.m. for Mt.Carmel Gospel Mission, Lengkok Bahru, tonight.

Guide map to Mt.Carmel Gospel Mission:



\* Galilee Church and S.S. cordially invite our Readers to their 7th Anniversary next Lord's Day, June 4, 5 p.m.

\* Miss Loo Keng Eng, LRSM, has kindly responded to FEBC's call to teach in the Music Dept.

\* The Land Office has just notified Galilee Church to another appointment on Tues.30th May, 3.30 p.m.

\* Deacon Seow of Life Church reports the immediate need to pay three years' quit rent. 3 x \$1036.80 = \$3,110.40. Your pledges at this juncture will be much appreciated.

\* Mr. and Mrs.William Packer send greetings to Readers and friends. They are now settled at 20, Isabella Street, Moorabbin S20, Victoria, Australia.



"They that sow in tears shall reap in joy." Psalm 126:5.

## LETTER TO OUR READERS

My dear Readers,

Ormeo Campaign Groundwork Laid

The increased attendance at the Life Church Prayer Meeting last Tuesday night was laying the cornerstone of the Ormeo Campaign, to be sure! Over twenty gathered in earnest at the Upper Room of the Parsonage. But much of the groundwork must be done by you! Please pray for us, pray for some individual unsaved loved one or friend, pray for the evangelist, pray that 1,000 will attend the meetings each night, and plan to bring 10 friends!

Indeed, Ormeo campaigners are warming up not only in prayer but also in plans. Plans have been made for publicity, transportation, visitation, ushering, choirs, music, selected songs, testimonies, counselling, follow-up, literature, etc. A spontaneous offer was made to have a daily newspaper published as was done in the Ormeo Campaigns at Life and Galilee, Aug. 1960. Shall we call this daily "Word of Life Bulletin" according to Phil.2:16? Or do you have a better name?

The Lord gave us 400 souls in one month's campaign, Singapore and Batu Pahat, in 1960. Last week we asked the Lord for the same number. I think this is too timid a request. Bro. Seng Fong remarked, "One thousand!" Well, I think I have my faith lifted 250 per cent by my student! Let's pray for 1,000 souls throughout the whole Ormeo Campaign, Life Church, ICY Camp, Muar, Batu Pahat - to the honour and glory of God, amen! There are signs indeed of God's powerful working. A brother has already promised \$350 towards Campaign expenses! With William Carey let us resolve:-

"Attempt great things for God  
Expect great things from God!"

By His Spirit and with your group support,  
We can attain to 1,000 attendance each night!

When the Lord blessed Batu Pahat in the Ormeo Campaign of 1960, we had 600 out every night. If He is gracious to our Singapore campaign this time there is no problem bringing out 1,000! May we appeal to each of the following groups to pray for this Campaign, and to support with your attendance: (have I left out any?):-

Life Church	Z.C.A.F.	Sembawang S.S.	Hume Hts Gospel Centre
L.C.S.S.	Seletar Hills S.S.	Sembawang ICY	H.H.S.S.
L.C.Y.F.	Jn.Aman S.S.	Nee Soon S.F.	Kelapa Sawit Church
L.C.(Mandarin)	Kg.Java Bible Class	Mt.Carmel S.S.	F.E.B.C.
Chia Heng S.S.	Faith Church	Mt.Carmel T.S.	IBfPFM, Grauley & Co.
"Seng Fong & Co."	F.C.S.S.	Galilee Church	M.C.Med.Fellowship
Zion Church	F.C.Y.F.	G.C.S.S.	ICY-SF
Z.C.S.S.	F.C.C.L.F.	G.C.Y.F.	Pulau Tekong
Z.C.Y.F.	Ling Kwang S.S.	Jurong S.S.	Taman Jurong

Please help faithfully distribute 10,000 handbills (not forgetting to couple with gospel tracts). Please pray for Ormeo at your group prayer meetings. Editors of Lively Stones, Challenge, Zionlite, Hope, Sembawang Sunbeams, Life(Chinese)Weekly, Galilean Lights, English and Chinese Malaysia Christian please write about Ormeo and remind your readers to come. S.S.Superintendents, please announce to your S.S. each week the coming of Ormeo. "Ormeo is coming!"

Another prophecy fulfilled this week!

We're living in exciting days. Prophecies on the fateful events of the end-times, particularly in regard to Israel's Restoration to prepare for Christ's Return, are being fulfilled before our eyes one by one. Each fulfilment brings us one step nearer to meeting Christ in the air! Now, here's our Lord's prediction that "Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled." (Luke 21:24). The first clause of this prediction was fulfilled beginning from A.D.135 when the Jews were expelled by the Roman rulers. In A.D.636 Jerusalem was overrun by Arabs, in 1099 by Crusaders, in 1250 by Mamelukes, in 1517 by Turks, in the First World War 1914-18 by the British, who finally handed the Palestinian Problem to the U.N. in 1947. Though the U.N. partitioned the Holy Land between Israelis and Arabs in 1948 and would internationalise Jerusalem, war broke out and Israel occupied the modern part of Jerusalem while the ancient sector was seized by Jordan. Jerusalem still remained trodden down of the Gentiles. The time-honoured farewell, "Next year in Jerusalem", on the lips of Jews for nearly 2,000 years, was more fervently said.

Now, the latter clause of Jesus' prediction, "until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled" began to be fulfilled when Israel took Old Jerusalem in 47 hours and Gen. Moshe Dayan said of its Old City on its capture, "We have returned to our holiest of holy places, never to depart again." Jerusalem's Mayor asked his Municipal Council to approve a \$50 million fund "to rebuild the Eternal City". The times of Gentiles treading down Jerusalem officially ended, however, on June 28 when Israel annexed the City by Parliamentary action. The Old City of Jerusalem is Israel's henceforth, to prepare the throne of David for the coronation of his Greater Son Jesus Christ, King of

and Lord of lords. No earthly power can take it, let alone internationalise it. The Pope who suggested internationalisation shows a poor understanding of Bible prophecy.

Yet another Jerusalem prophecy being fulfilled

The prophet Zechariah says, "Jerusalem shall be inhabited as towns without walls for the multitude of men and cattle therein: For I, saith the Lord will be unto her a wall of fire round about and will be the glory in the midst of her" (Zech.2:4,5). This prediction was being fulfilled when the wall that Israel had built to keep out Arab snipers was torn down upon capture of Old Jerusalem. Time magazine, June 23, shows "bunkers and blockhouses dividing the City's two sectors bulldozed and levelled" With today's Straits Times report of blasting open the Jaffa Gate, walled up by Jordan since 1948, "all barriers dividing Jerusalem were lifted". Thousands of Israelis and Jordanians crossed into the City from which they were barred for 19 years. It is wonderful to see yet another Jerusalem prophecy fulfilled according to Zechariah: "Jerusalem shall be inhabited without walls." But ominous is the fulfilment too, for it brings us yet another step to the Coming of the Messiah to judge the earth. Reader, are you saved?

Yours sincerely,  
T.T.

PSALM FOR THE WEEK - Psalm 40  
Psalter 112, Flemming

Before Thy people I confess  
The wonders of Thy righteousness;  
Thou knowest, Lord, that I have made,  
Thy great salvation known,  
Thy truth and faithfulness displayed,  
Thy lovingkindness shown.  
Withhold not Thou Thy grace from me,  
O Lord, Thy mercy let me see,  
To me Thy loving-kindness show,  
Thy truth be still my stay;  
Let them preserve me where I go,  
And keep me every day.  
Let all who seek to see The face  
Be glad and joyful in Thy grace;  
Let those who Thy salvation love  
For evermore proclaim,  
O praise the Lord Who dwells above,  
And magnify His Name.  
Although I poor and needy be,  
The Lord in love takes thought for me;  
Thou art my help in time of need,  
My Saviour, Lord, art Thou;  
Then, O my God, I pray, I plead,  
Stay not, but save me now.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (July 3-9)

Tues.: Prayer mtgs. Life-Lieu Kok Kwong;  
Faith- Elder Chuang Shih Ie.  
Wed.: Galilee Ch.Im.Com.-Tiang Huat and  
prayer mtg.Khoon Hock.  
Fri.: Zion Church Family Worship at home  
of Deacon Ma Lin Hang, 16, Lorong  
Selangat (13).  
Hume Hts.Fam.Worship at home of Mr.  
and Mrs.B.S.Sim, 63E Clementi Rd,21.  
8 pm.FEBC showing: "Churches and  
Revolution."

Lord's Day: Life-Rev.Tow, Zion-  
Faith-Miss Tay Swee Lan,  
Hume Hts.-Mr.Yu Chung Min.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:

Life	:242	Jurong	: 29
Zion	:190	Jalan Aman	: 28
Faith	: 85	Kg. Chia Heng:	21
Sembawang	: 71	Seletar Hills:	20
Galilee	: 71	Ling Kwang	: ?
Hume Heights	: 40	Mt.Carmel	: ?
Kelapa Sawit	: 40		

Hume Heights Y.F. will celebrate her 3rd  
Anniversary on Sun.July 2, 1967 at 8 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Rev.Phil. Heng.

\*Zion Church last Lord's Day re-elected Rev.  
Quek as Hon. Pastor. Deacon Heng Yow Tong  
was elected Elder, and Messrs.Peter Leong  
Kuo Sing, Peter Ma Lin Hang and Tay Chye  
Huat as Deacons. The Church Session will  
meet next Lord's Day at 2.30 p.m. for re-  
distribution of duties.

\*Zion and Faith Church Building Progress:  
Concreting of the first floor pillars and  
intricate roof has begun. The Omnibus Ser-  
vice Licensing Authority has decided to  
demolish the bus stop and shelter outside  
the new Church premises without re-siting  
it. The Authority has determined that the  
bus stops at Serangoon Garden Way and Ber-  
wick Drive junctions with Tavistock Ave.  
and the one a little down Tavistock Ave.  
near its junction with Portchester Avenue  
should be sufficient. An advantage of this  
should be that Church services will not be  
disturbed by starting buses. An elderly  
member of the Christian Evangelistic League  
who is herself in need has cheerfully  
pledged \$20 to the Faith Church Building  
Fund. Two cheques were received for the  
two Funds after prayer meeting last Tues-  
day, from a friend.

\*On Fri., July 7, 8 p.m., the FEBC will  
show a latest film-strip made by Dr.J.  
Philip Clark on "Churches and Revolution"  
with a commentary by the Dean, Rev.Grauley.  
All welcome! Be up-to-date, learn Church  
history in the making.

\*"Ormeo is Coming!" stickers are available.  
Please display this first ad on your car,  
church notice board, or any conspicuous  
place. Trade with your talents!

\*First \$100 is received for the Life Church  
New Building Fund since the announcement  
of the new extension plan approval last  
week. Who will be next?

\*FEBC Final examinations will be held July  
10-14. College reopens for the 6th Aca-  
demic year, Sept.18, 1967. Enrolments  
from new students will henceforth be re-  
ceived. Rev.Ormeo will be Graduation  
Speaker on July 30.

\*Life Church Session, attention! The monthly  
meeting for July will be held at FEBC Hall,  
Tuesday night!

\*Mr. Charles Tsao will be the Lord's messeng-  
er at the Life Mandarin-Hokkien Service,  
next Lord's Day.

O R M E O I S C O M I N G !



"They that sow in tears shall reap in joy." Psalm 126:5.

### LETTER TO OUR READERS

My dear Readers,

#### Ormeo Campaign Groundwork Laid

The increased attendance at the Life Church Prayer Meeting last Tuesday night was laying the cornerstone of the Ormeo Campaign, to be sure! Over twenty gathered in earnest at the Upper Room of the Parsonage. But much of the groundwork must be done by you! Please pray for us, pray for some individual unsaved loved one or friend, pray for the evangelist, pray that 1,000 will attend the meetings each night, and plan to bring 10 friends!

Indeed, Ormeo campaigners are warming up not only in prayer but also in plans. Plans have been made for publicity, transportation, visitation, ushering, choirs, music, selected songs, testimonies, counselling, follow-up, literature, etc. A spontaneous offer was made to have a daily newspaper published as was done in the Ormeo Campaigns at Life and Galilee, Aug. 1960. Shall we call this daily "Word of Life Bulletin" according to Phil. 2:16? Or do you have a better name?

The Lord gave us 400 souls in one month's campaign, Singapore and Batu Pahat, in 1960. Last week we asked the Lord for the same number. I think this is too timid a request. Bro. Seng Fong remarked, "One thousand!" Well, I think I have my faith lifted 250 per cent by my student! Let's pray for 1,000 souls throughout the whole Ormeo Campaign, Life Church, ICY Camp, Muar, Batu Pahat - to the honour and glory of God, amen! There are signs indeed of God's powerful working. A brother has already promised \$350 towards Campaign expenses! With William Carey let us resolve:-

"Attempt great things for God

Expect great things from God!"

By His Spirit and with your group support,  
We can attain to 1,000 attendance each night!

When the Lord blessed Batu Pahat in the Ormeo Campaign of 1960, we had 600 out every night. If He is gracious to our Singapore campaign this time there is no problem bringing out 1,000! May we appeal to each of the following groups to pray for this Campaign, and to support with your attendance: (have I left out any?):-

Life Church	Z.C.A.F.	Sembawang S.S.	Hume Hts Gospel Centre
L.C.S.S.	Seletar Hills S.S.	Sembawang ICY	H.H.S.S.
L.C.Y.F.	Jn. Aman S.S.	Nee Soon S.F.	Kelapa Sawit Church
L.C. (Mandarin)	Kg. Java Bible Class	Mt. Carmel S.S.	F.E.B.C.
Chia Heng S.S.	Faith Church	Mt. Carmel T.S.	IBPFPM, Grauley & Co.
"Seng Fong & Co."	T.C.S.S.	Galilee Church	M.C. Med. Fellowship
Zion Church	F.C.Y.F.	G.C.S.S.	ICY-SF
Z.C.S.S.	F.C.C.L.F.	G.C.Y.F.	Pulau Tekong
Z.C.Y.F.	Ling Kwang S.S.	Jurong S.S.	Taman Jurong

Please help faithfully distribute 10,000 handbills (not forgetting to couple with gospel tracts). Please pray for Ormeo at your group prayer meetings. Editors of Live!y Stones, Challenge, Zionlite, Hope, Sembawang Sunbeams, Life (Chinese) Weekly, Galilean Lights, English and Chinese Malaysia Christian please write about Ormeo and remind your readers to come. S.S. Superintendents, please announce to your S.S. each week the coming of Ormeo. "Ormeo is coming!"

#### Another prophecy fulfilled this week!

We're living in exciting days. Prophecies on the fateful events of the end-times particularly in regard to Israel's Restoration to prepare for Christ's Return, are being fulfilled before our eyes one by one. Each fulfilment brings us one step nearer to meeting Christ in the air! Now, here's our Lord's prediction that "Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled." (Luke 21:24). The first clause of this prediction was fulfilled beginning from A.D. 135 when the Jews were expelled by the Roman rulers. In A.D. 636 Jerusalem was overrun by Arabs in 1099 by Crusaders, in 1250 by Mamelukes, in 1517 by Turks, in the First World War 1914-18 by the British, who finally handed the Palestinian Problem to the U.N. in 1947. Though the U.N. partitioned the Holy Land between Israelis and Arabs in 1948 and would internationalise Jerusalem, war broke out and Israel occupied the modern part of Jerusalem while the ancient sector was seized by Jordan. Jerusalem still remained trodden down of the Gentiles. The time-honoured farewell, "Next year in Jerusalem", on the lips of Jews for nearly 2,000 years, was more fervently said.

Now, the latter clause of Jesus' prediction, "until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled" began to be fulfilled when Israel took Old Jerusalem in 47 hours and Gen. Moshe Dayan said of its Old City on its capture, "We have returned to our holiest of holy places, never to depart again." Jerusalem's Mayor asked his Municipal Council to approve a \$50 million fund "to rebuild the Eternal City". The times of Gentiles treading down Jerusalem officially ended, however, on June 28 when Israel annexed the City by Parliamentary action. The Old City of Jerusalem is Israel's henceforth, to prepare the throne of David for the coronation of his Greater Son Jesus Christ, King of Kings.

and Lord of lords. No earthly power can take it, let alone internationalise it. The Pope who suggested internationalisation shows a poor understanding of Bible prophecy.

Yet another Jerusalem prophecy being fulfilled

The prophet Zechariah says, "Jerusalem shall be inhabited as towns without walls for the multitude of men and cattle therein: For I, saith the Lord will be unto her a wall of fire round about and will be the glory in the midst of her" (Zech.2:4,5). This prediction was being fulfilled when the wall that Israel had built to keep out Arab s was torn down upon capture of Old Jerusalem. Time magazine, June 23, shows "bunkers and blockhouses dividing the City's two sectors bulldozed and levelled". With today's Straits Times report of blasting open the Jaffa Gate, walled up by Jordan since 1948, "all barriers dividing Jerusalem were lifted". Thousands of Israelis and Jordanians crossed into the City from which they were barred for 19 years. It is wonderful to see yet another Jerusalem prophecy fulfilled according to Zechariah: "Jerusalem shall be inhabited without walls." But ominous is the fulfilment too, for it brings us yet another step to the Coming of the Messiah to judge the earth. Reader, are you saved?

Yours sincerely,  
T.T.

PSALM FOR THE WEEK - Psalm 40  
Psalter 112, Flemming

Before Thy people I confess  
The wonders of Thy righteousness;  
Thou knowest, Lord, that I have made,  
Thy great salvation known,  
Thy truth and faithfulness displayed,  
Thy lovingkindness shown.  
Withhold not Thou Thy grace from me,  
O Lord, Thy mercy let me see,  
To me Thy loving-kindness show;  
Thy truth be still my stay;  
Let them preserve me where I go,  
And keep me every day.  
Let all who seek to see The face  
Be glad and joyful in Thy grace;  
Let those who Thy salvation love  
Forevermore proclaim,  
O praise the Lord Who dwells above,  
And magnify His Name.  
Although I poor and needy be,  
The Lord in love takes thought for me;  
Thou art my help in time of need,  
My Saviour, Lord, art Thou;  
Then, O my God, I pray, I plead,  
Stay not, but save me now.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (July 3-9)

Tues.: Prayer mtgs. Life-Lieu Kok Kwong;  
Faith- Elder Chuang Shih Ie.  
Wed.: Galilee Ch.Im.Com.-Tiang Huat and  
prayer mtg.Khoon Hock.  
Fri.: Zion Church Family Worship at home  
of Deacon Ma Lin Hang, 16, Lorong  
Selangat (13).  
Hume Hts.Fam.Worship at home of Mr.  
and Mrs.B.S.Sim, 63E Clementi Rd,21.  
8 pm.FEBC showing: "Churches and  
Revolution."  
Lord's Day: Life-Rev.Tow, Zion-  
Faith-Miss Tay Swee Lan,  
Hume Hts.-Mr.Yu Chung Min.

\*SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:

Life	:242	Jurong	: 23
Zion	:190	Jalan Aman	: 28
Faith	: 85	Kg. Chia Heng	: 21
Sembawang	: 71	Seletar Hills	: 20
Galilee	: 71	Ling Kwang	: ?
Hume Heights	: 40	Mt.Carmel	: ?
Kelapa Sawit	: 40		

\*Hume Heights Y.F. will celebrate her 3rd  
Anniversary on Sun.July 2, 1967 at 8 p.m.  
Guest Speaker: Rev.Phil. Heng.

\*Zion Church last Lord's Day re-elected Rev.  
Quek as Hon. Pastor. Deacon Heng Yow Tong  
was elected Elder, and Messrs.Peter Leong  
Kuo Sing, Peter Ma Lin Hang and Tay Chye  
Huat as Deacons. The Church Session will  
meet next Lord's Day at 2.30 p.m. for re-  
distribution of duties.

\*Zion and Faith Church Building Progress:  
Concreting of the first floor pillars and  
intricate roof has begun. The Omnibus Ser-  
vice Licensing Authority has decided to  
demolish the bus stop and shelter outside  
the new Church premises without re-siting  
it. The Authority has determined that the  
bus stops at Serangoon Garden Way and Ber-  
wick Drive junctions with Tavistock Ave.  
and the one a little down Tavistock Ave.  
near its junction with Portchester Avenue  
should be sufficient. An advantage of this  
should be that Church services will not be  
disturbed by starting buses. An elderly  
member of the Christian Evangelistic League  
who is herself in need has cheerfully  
pledged \$20 to the Faith Church Building  
Fund. Two cheques were received for the  
two Funds after prayer meeting last Tues-  
day, from a friend.

\*On Fri., July 7, 8 p.m., the FEBC will  
show a latest film-strip made by Dr.J.  
Philip Clark on "Churches and Revolution"  
with a commentary by the Dean, Rev.Grauley.  
All welcome! Be up-to-date, learn Church  
history in the making.

\*"Ormeo is Coming!" stickers are available.  
Please display this first ad on your car,  
church notice board, or any conspicuous  
place. Trade with your talents!

\*First \$100 is received for the Life Church  
New Building Fund since the announcement  
of the new extension plan approval last  
week. Who will be next?

\*FEBC Final examinations will be held July  
10-14. College reopens for the 6th Aca-  
demic year, Sept.18, 1967. Enrolments  
from new students will henceforth be re-  
ceived. Rev.Ormeo will be Graduation  
Speaker on July 30.

\*Life Church Session, attention! The monthly  
meeting for July will be held at FEBC Hall,  
Tuesday night!

\*Mr. Charles Tsao will be the Lord's messeng-  
er at the Life Mandarin-Hokkien Service,  
next Lord's Day.

O R M E O I S C O M I N G !



"For I, saith the LORD, will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and will be the glory in the midst of her." Zech.2:5.

## LETTER TO OUR READERS

My dear Readers,

Once in a century!

Is building God's House a burden or a blessing? It is a burden to those who love their money more than God, a blessing to those who love God more than money. The classic example of those who deem it a blessing is David. David had an overflowing abundance of wealth, the fruits of his military conquests. But, he felt life was empty with all this until he had seen God's House built. He was prevented, however, from actually building it, because his hands had shed blood. For this reason he set his heart the more to amass the gold, silver, precious stones and exquisite timber his son Solomon needed to accomplish the great work.

Solomon's temple was the centre of blessing to all Israel. It continued for 400 years until its destruction by Nebuchadnezzar in 586 B.C. It was rebuilt, but not until 70 years afterwards when Zerubbabel returned from Babylonian captivity. "Once in a century" did this opportunity arise to the returning Jews. The Second Temple of Zerubbabel was rebuilt and enlarged by Herod in Jesus' day, but was destroyed by Roman General Titus in 70 A.D. Since then the Temple has remained levelled to the ground, so that not "once in a century", but "for 19 centuries", the children of Israel have not had a chance to build. It is a rare privilege that we should be enabled to build God's House! "Once in a century" does such an occasion come our way. Is that not so with you Zionists and Faithfuls at Serangoon Gardens? With such a substantial building before you, the building of another will not occur in your children, or even your children's children. Is it not so with you Lifers? Your hands have built the Sanctuary and College at Gilstead Road - but not your young children's. May those who engage in building God's House be the recipients of David's inheritance: "Also the Lord telleth thee that He will make thee an house." Do you feel a surge of joy within you as you offer to the Church Building Fund? That's confirmation of God's blessing upon your house already, to establish and prosper it! But such occasion come "once in a century".

In line with Zion, Faith and Life, may I urge Galileans to give systematically the tithe. Who knows God might not grant us a suitable piece of land - and where's the money? Making preparations ahead is according to the will of God.

An 18-year Tip

Eighteen years before the fall of Jerusalem, the prophet Jeremiah gave his secretary and good friend Baruch a tip. Ambitious Baruch had made plans for himself, most probably to get rich and big in the swirling society of the capital city. Counselling Jeremiah, "And seekest thou great things for thyself? Seek them not, for behold I will bring evil upon all flesh, saith the Lord: but thy life will I give unto thee for a prey in all places whither thou goest." War came. The people, rich and poor, high and low, were reduced to the same level of POWs or refugees. Life was more important than the gold and positions.

Today we have life. Why don't we use our life to serve Him? The time will come in less than eighteen, yea, perhaps eight years, when Christians will sigh, "Why didn't we give our lives and resources to His service?"

Jerusalem shall never be internationalised!

The tussle is going on in the U.N. for the internationalisation of Jerusalem. The Pope is one of those who hypocritically suggested it. Perhaps this is due to his ignorance of prophecy on End-time Jerusalem.

Does he know that no force in the whole world can take Jerusalem now, until, of course, the last hour of history when it will be taken - but then the Messiah lands on the Mount of Olives to crush Israel's enemies (Zech.14:1-4)? Meantime, "the Lord will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and will be the glory in the midst of her... for he that toucheth you touch the apple of his eye....for lo I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the Lord." (Zech.2:5-10). Not the Pope to sit on his chair in Jerusalem, nor the U.N. Secretary to give orders there. The Lord is returned to the City He has chosen. "Thus saith the Lord; I am returned to Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth; and the mountain of the Lord of hosts, the holy mountain" (Zech.8:3). Jerusalem is rather the future capital City of United Nations!

"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces. For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now say, Peace be within thee. Because of the house of the Lord our God I will seek thy good." Psalm 122:6-9. But do we just argue for Israel, or point out prophecy's fulfilment for curiosity? Jerusalem's restoration is a warning to Christians - the Lord (Messiah) is soon to descend from Heaven! Are you prepared to meet Him?

"Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else." Isa.45:22.

Yours sincerely,

PSALM FOR THE WEEK - Psalm 122  
Psalter 348, Harvey's Chant.

With joy and gladness in my soul  
I hear the call to prayer;  
Let us go up to God's own house  
And bow before Him there, (2)  
We stand within thy sacred walls,  
O Zion, blest for aye,  
Wherein the people of the Lord  
United homage pay. (2)  
They come to learn Jehovah's will,  
His mighty deeds to own,  
For there is judgment's royal seat,  
Messiah's kingly throne. (2)  
O pray that Zion may be blest  
And have abundant peace,  
For all that love thee in their hearts  
Shall prosper and increase. (2)  
I pray the Lord that peace may still  
Within thy walls abound,  
And ever in thy palaces  
Prosperity be found. (2)  
Yea, for the sake of friends and kin,  
My heart desires thy peace,  
And for the house of God the Lord  
My care shall never cease. (2)

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (July 17-23)

Tues.: Prayer meetings: Life- Rev Heng;  
Faith- Elder Lee.  
Wed.: Zion prayer mtg.- Rev. Quek.  
Galilee C.I.M.-Boon Hoe; prayer mtg-too!  
Robert Yeo, 9 pm Ch.Com.Mtg.  
Fri.: Zion Adult Fellowship mtg.(FORUM)at  
8 pm. Panel: Rev Quek, Rev Grauley  
and Elder Chia. Venue: Church hall. Galilee, Mt. Carmel, H. Heights and Life, Mr.  
Life Family worship at home of Mr Goh's Group, Faith and Life Mandarin, and  
and Mrs Yu Chung Min, 63 Holland Rd. individuals who can counsel or wish to learn.  
Hume Hts. prayer mtg.- Mr. Sim Tian Please come, we'll learn together. By then it  
Chin. would be only three days before the Evangelist  
arrives. So please let's all rally readily -  
Lord's Day: Life- Rev Tow; Zion- Rev Grau-  
ley; Faith- Rev Tan Sia Yong; Life 8 p.m. at FEBC. - Phil Heng.  
Mand.- Mr Yu; Galilee- Rev Heng (Ho-  
ly Communion); Hume Hts- Mr Charles  
Tsao.

\*Sunday School Attendance:

Life	: 244	Hume Heights	: 38
Zion	: 194	Kg. Chia Heng	: 35
Mt. Carmel	: 118	Jalan Aman	: 32
Faith	: 84	Jurong	: 31
Galilee	: 78	Seletar Hills	: 23
Not known: Ling Kwang, Sembawang, K. Sawit.			

\*Life Church New Building Fund. The hono-  
rary architect, Mr. Ang Kheng Leng, esti-  
mates that building of the new three-sto-  
rey extension could begin after Chinese  
New Year, 1968. The Fund has received  
\$167 during the week, including a sum from  
the Deans in Australia. Total just under  
\$27,000! Our target: \$150,000.

\*ORMEO RECEPTION: A Chinese dinner to  
welcome Rev Ormeo will be held at FEBC,  
Saturday July 29, 7 p.m. at \$4/- per head.  
Lifers please see Mr. Eib Eng Hua, Sec-  
Treasurer of Ormeo Campaign. Immediately  
after dinner the FEBC faculty and students  
will rehearse for the Graduation Service  
to be ehld the next night, July 30.

\*10,000 Handbills for the Ormeo campaign  
Aug. 8-12, are ready for prayerful and di-  
ligent distribution. Paste or pin them up  
at your bulletin boards. Continue to pray  
the Lord's messenger.

Q.15. What was the sin whereby our first par-  
ents fell from the estate wherein they were  
created?

A. The sin whereby our first parents fell from  
the estate wherein they were created, was their  
eating the forbidden fruit.

The forbidden fruit was not an "apple",  
the mistaken notion among so many whose idea  
of Christianity in other respects is just as  
hazy. The forbidden fruit has a long name:  
"The fruit of the tree of the knowledge of  
good and evil," like a long string of degrees  
after the name of some big shot today!

There was nothing essentially evil in the  
fruit itself. The evil lay in man's eating  
it against God's command. Then as to the  
notion that an intemperate appetite brought  
Adam's downfall, Calvin resolutely refutes it.  
Man ate rather out of pride and unbelief.

ORMEO CAMPAIGN: Praise God for the response  
thus far from the Lord's people. 45 yellow  
forms have been returned by Life Church and  
25 by Galilee. My apologies to the other  
churches, Y.F's for late delivery. Nonetheless,  
anticipating your replies. Thus far the res-  
ponse has been tremendous from the Y. People  
but only a few adults have volunteered as  
counsellors. Surely we anticipate more  
adult decisions for Christ than our present  
half dozen adult counsellors. How about more  
volunteers, older brothers in the Lord? Uncles  
July 24, Monday night, 8 p.m. Just for prayer,  
then for instructions. Let's all get together,  
brothers, sisters from Zion, Sembawang, Jurong,  
Galilee, Mt. Carmel, H. Heights and Life, Mr.  
Goh's Group, Faith and Life Mandarin, and  
individuals who can counsel or wish to learn.  
Please come, we'll learn together. By then it  
would be only three days before the Evangelist  
arrives. So please let's all rally readily -  
8 p.m. at FEBC. - Phil Heng.

Thanks to Bro. Edward Heng's contact with  
the Scripture Gift Mission in London, we  
have received several parcels of gospel tracts  
and other Christian literature, most timely  
for the Gospel Campaign.

Zion and Faith Church Building Progress:  
During the week, the 4th payment (\$12,500)  
has been made to the Contractor. Other pay-  
ments: Electricity cable connections \$502;  
Electricity deposit \$100; 13 large wall fans  
at \$123.50 each. One sample pew (12 ft. long)  
is on display for comment (cost about \$180)  
Who will give for fans or the pews. Pledges  
for four pews have been made by those who have  
already given liberally. It is time to step  
up offerings. Dedication date on Sat. Dec. 2  
following by two 5-day series of gospel meet-  
ings for Faith and Zion. Brick laying and  
plastering of the ground floor is due to be-  
gin this coming week and should be completed  
by first week of August to facilitate a  
wedding reception. The fencing at the middle  
portion of the compound is also being extend-  
ed by some two feet.

WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME to Mr. and Mrs. T.  
G. Jones our Sabah friends now visiting  
before returning to England. Mr. Jones  
brings greetings to Life Church from Major  
Long who kindly donated the Badminton Court  
lights to our Y. People sometime ago. We also  
extend cordial welcome to Mr. Ben Asher our  
Israeli friend worshipping at Life this  
Day.



"Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits." Psalm 103:2.

## LETTER TO OUR READERS

My dear Readers,

ORMEO IS COMING, ML663, July 27, 2345 hrs.

Ormeo is coming by the above schedule, according to our pre-paid ticket (\$702) from Singapore. To be safe, let me add "D.V." or "Deo Volente", the Latin phrase for "God-willing". For, Ormeo has not written me of late, and this makes me a little anxious. Please pray for the Evangelist that nothing might hinder his path, that the Lord will grant him a prosperous journey (Rom.1:10) to Singapore.

Ormeo is coming - so rings the announcement from many up-country pulpits. During the FEBC Gospel Team's Muar visit last week, we're glad to get four churches in the Muar district to come together in sponsorship. So as we pray for 1,000 to attend the meetings in Singapore, let us seek the Lord to send as many there. The meetings in Muar will be held at Trinity Church and interpreted into Hokkien. O Lord, send a Revival!

Ormeo is coming - so the information is sped forth on the wings of 10,000 handbills. Believe it or not, the young people have taken them all without leaving any for Life Church! Fortunately, another 6,000 have rolled off the press, ready for immediate action. Ormeo is coming - so also announce 2,000 copies of the Chinese Malaysia Christian.

Ormeo is coming, but he is only a man. He cannot save souls by his eloquence. The results depend entirely on God the Holy Spirit Who alone draws men to Christ. While we give out handbills and invite friends, let us pray fervently to the God of Heaven to have mercy on us all.

FEBC Second Graduation Service, July 30, 8 p.m.

Next Lord's Day Evening at eight, it is foreseeable that Life Church, Gilstead Road will be packed as FEBCers, members of our Churches, wellwishers and friends will meet in colourful convocation at FEBC's Second Graduation Service. The honoured speaker will be Rev. Ormeo who needs no more introduction.

It is with humble thanksgiving that we shall gather for such an historic occasion - the conferment of a degree on Sister Peggy Yeo of Zion Church and the award of a Diploma to Bro. Chan Lay Seng of Life Church and Hume Heights, after four years of hard study. It is with humble thanksgiving that we confess our inadequacies for the College has no guaranteed backing from anywhere, but the Father Almighty has been our Rock. He has wrought a miracle in providing us a campus out of the Gilstead Road grounds, in calling together a faculty devoted to the same cause, in sending us a student body each with a high purpose.

It is full five years since the FEBC opened her first class on September 17, 1962. The embryonic days of a young school were not without her birth pangs and teething troubles. Hence there were dropouts and walkouts and there were those who made use of the College as a stepping stone to their private ambitions. Nevertheless, we can praise God that of those who have accelerated overseas after a year's study at the FEBC, we have received filial remembrance and gifts from Sister Ng Sang Chiew and Bro. John Tow. Sister Ng, being Chinese-educated, transferred to Hong Kong after the first year, and today is ministering at a Presbyterian Church at Chong Pang Village, Naval Base. Bro. John Tow is completing his theological training at Faith Seminary.

Mrs. J.S.Packer who obtained a Certificate of Religious Knowledge last year is returned to Australia. She intends to pursue further study through a correspondence course. Mrs. Ivy Tow has since given her services in every way possible to the programme of the College. She will be Librarian and Dean of Women for the new academic year.

Sister Peggy Yeo is looking forward to taking a two-year course in Christian Education at Talbot Theological Seminary, Los Angeles, leading to a Master's degree. May her higher training fit her into a sphere of useful service. Bro. Chan Lay Seng will continue for another term at College while waiting upon the Lord to thrust him forth to some new field in the Federation. Bro. Lay Seng is being equipped in both English and Chinese, a tremendous asset for any part of the Lord's vineyard. Pray for him.

After five years, the FEBC is still a young plant, like the rubber tree, not yet yielding latex. But it is growing up and new shoots and branches are fast appearing. to-date the College has received half-a-dozen enquiries to join the sixth academic year and these are under prayerful processing.

As far as the Faculty is concerned we're thankful to God for a fine Music Department under Mrs. Grauley. The addition of Miss Loo Keng Eng, LRSM to her Department is a strengthening and lengthening of the cords. "Music is next to theology," so says Martin Luther. We're happy with the prospect of more than half of the College students becoming adept on the keys of some village organ.

Bro. Quek Swee Hwa, now at Manchester is preparing hard to return to Zion Church, as well as to the FEBC. Such spirit must set aglow any dejected heart, who is yet to see God's grace outpoured on the FEBC.

Yours sincerely, T.T.

PSALM FOR THE WEEK - Psalm 92  
Psalter 251, Ellesdie.

It is good to sing Thy praises  
And to thank Thee, O Most High,  
Showing forth Thy lovingkindness  
When the morning lights the sky.  
It is good when night is falling  
Of Thy faithfulness to tell,  
While with sweet, melodious praises  
Songs of adoration swell.

Thou hast filled my heart with gladness  
Thro' the works Thy hands have wrought;  
Thou hast made my life victorious,  
Great Thy works and deep Thy thought.  
Thou, O Lord, on high exalted,  
Reignest evermore in might;  
All Thy enemies shall perish,  
Sin be banished from Thy sight.  
But the good shall live before Thee,  
Planted in Thy dwelling-place,  
Fruitful trees and ever verdant,  
Nourished by Thy boundless grace.  
In His goodness to the righteous  
God His righteousness displays;  
God my rock, my strength and refuge,  
Just and true are all His ways.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (July 24-30)

Tues.: Faith Bible Study and Prayer mtg.  
Mr. Ang Thian Seng, Life prayer mtg  
Bro. Paul Tsao.

Wed.: Prayer mtgs and Bible Study:-  
Zion-Sis. Doreen Chia; Galilee- Sis  
Yick Hay (Jude), and Felicia.

Fri.: Faith Family Worship at 53 Blanford  
Drive, home of Mr. and Mrs. Chua Eng  
Tin. Galilee Choir practice.

Sat.: 4.30 p.m. FEBC Directors meet.  
7.00 p.m. Reception Dinner at FEBC  
to Rev. Ormeo.

Lord's Day: Life-Rev. Tow; Zion and Faith-  
Rev. Ormeo; Life Mandarin- Mr. Yu;  
8 p.m. FEBC Graduation.

\*Sunday School Attendance:

Life	: 267	Kelapa Sawit	: 50
Zion	: 204	Hume Heights	: 34
Mt. Carmel	: 100+	Jalan Aman	: 30
Faith	: 91	Seletar Hills	: 23
Galilee	: 88	Kg. Chia Heng	: 23
Jurong	: 50	Ling Kwang	: 12
Not known : Sembawang.			

ORMEO CAMPAIGN

10,000 handbills printed. 10,000 hand-  
bills gone! Quite a shock for the organi-  
sers and especially as several kept ask-  
ing for more. Cheer up, the printers pro-  
mised 6,000 more by today.

Thank God for the youthful zeal. Zion pro-  
mised to distribute 1000, Sembawang 2000,  
Galilee 1000, H.Hts. 1000. Life took 1000  
and Mt. Carmel 1000. 2000 were distributed  
at the YFC Rally last Saturday night at  
NTUC Conference Hall. The rest were con-  
sumed most rapidly by Mr. Goh Seng Fong's  
group when 16 of the "attacked" Raffles  
Institution, St. Joseph's and the Convent  
last Monday. Amen. Thank God for all your  
efforts.

This Sunday, Prayer Reminders in the form  
of bookmarks will be available. Get one  
from your leader. Take, keep and PRAY.  
Meanwhile, I am calling for a Counsellors  
meeting this Monday night, July 24, 8 p.m.

at FEBC Hall - as many as can come - big or  
small, old and young, trained and untrained,  
English or Chinese speaking, members of our  
Churches or not, but all with one common de-  
sire to serve the Lord during this Campaign.  
Let's meet to know one another better, to  
pray together. - Phil Heng.

\*Zion and Faith Building Progress:

Roof reinforcement has been completed and  
concreting begins in earnest this coming week.  
The bell-tower will then go up higher. A Zion  
member in U.K. has sent £30 as a 'thank-offer-  
ing. A leading member of the Life Church Ses-  
sion has given \$100. A missionary friends in  
Johore has pledged a pew. Several more pews  
are promised. A medium 6'6" Bechstein grand  
piano with excellent tone has been bought  
from a concert pianist. A Serenade Conn elec-  
tric organ has been ordered from USA. Both  
piano and organ are gifts from a family con-  
nected with Zion and Faith.

FAR EASTERN BIBLE COLLEGE

cordially invites

OUR READERS

to the

SECOND GRADUATION SERVICE

Life Church, Gilstead Rd.

Sunday July 30, 8 p.m.

Rev. ANTONIO ORMEO SPEAKING.

\*Rev. John Dorsey, American missionary to  
India, will be a special speaker at the ICY  
Camp. His air-schedule: Arr. Singapore Aug 14  
AI112 2005 hrs; Dep. S'pore Aug. 17, CX979  
0800 hrs. Will the Camp Committee kindly  
write him direct about the subjects assigned  
to him: 8/25 East Patel Nagar, New Delhi 8,  
India.

\*Good news to Retired male English-trained  
teachers. Opportunity to earn \$400-500 p.m.  
Please contact Lieut. Lim Kim Hee or Pastor  
Tow immediately!

\*Have you booked a seat at the Banquet to  
Rev. Ormeo, next Saturday, July 29, 7 p.m.  
at FEBC? Please contact Bro. Eio Eng Hua  
(Life) and Deacons of respective churches.  
Only \$4/- per head (\$1 discount!) FEBCers  
N.B.! Graduation Rehearsal after Dinner.  
\*Correspondence with Mt. Carmel should  
henceforth be addressed to "The President,  
Mt. Carmel Gospel Mission, 446 Lengkok Bah-  
ru, 3. c/o Mr. Robert Ong, and not to the  
Y.F. or S.S.

\*The March of Building Funds:

Zion and Faith	: \$120,000
Life	: \$27,000
Sembawang	: \$4,000
Galilee	: \$2,000.

\*Thank God for the T.O.C. for our present  
premises which finally came this week.  
Meanwhile, do continue to pray as we look  
out for a suitable site for our future  
church building. Our Building Fund pre-  
sently stands at \$1,949.55.

\*A 16-page special Graduation Issue of the  
Malaysia Christian will be yours, free of  
charge! Read the latest news, thrilling  
testimonies, theological articles, and  
reviews, etc.

\*The new Board of Directors of FEBC will  
meet at FEBC, Sat. July 29, 4.30 p.m.  
After that makan!

\*\*Bring a friend to the Ormeo Campaign!  
August 8-12, 7.45 pm, Aug. 9-12, 9 a.m.



# EVERLASTING LIFE

A daily news-sheet for the Gospel Campaign at Life Church, Gilstead Rd.

No. 2

Wed., Aug. 9, 1967

## A MANSION IN HEAVEN FOR YOU - MAKE YOUR RESERVATION NOW !

In John 14: 2 & 3, Jesus says, "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

Do you have a home in Heaven? Peter calls this "an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you" (I Peter 1:4). A place in Heaven can be reserved for you - while you are here on earth! And unless you have made a reservation, you cannot go in. If you are not found in God's home, you will be in Satan's home - Hell. When all the mansions are fully reserved then Christ will come again.

Pastor Ormeo intimates to us that there are very few mansions left, as Christ's coming is very near. So he suggests you make your booking early to avoid disappointment.

Pastor Ormeo's message revealed God's plan of salvation both in Old Testament times i.e. from Adam to the Cross of Christ, and in New Testament times from the Cross to the present time and on to the end. When Adam and Eve sinned against God by eating the fruit forbidden by God, their hearts became black with sin. They were separated from God spiritually. God rightaway promised them a Saviour who was to be recognised by the following signs: (1) He will be born of a virgin; (2) He will be sinless; (3) He will be nailed to a cross; (4) He will shed His blood; and (5) He will be a male. God gave a command that a lamb was to be sacrificed to cover the worshipper's sin each time he came to worship God. This lamb was compared to Christ as it had to be without blemish, its blood had to be shed, and it was to be a male. Thus Pastor Ormeo points out that all female gods are disqualified! Even Jesus Himself tells us pointedly that He is the way, the truth and the life - John 14:6. Further, He said, "I am the door; by me if any man enter in, he shall be served, and shall go in and out and find pasture."

Those who came by God's appointed way in sacrificing a lamb were acceptable to God, as exemplified by Abel. But those who refused this God-appointed way, as Cain who offered a bloodless sacrifice, were considered wicked.

In the Old Testament, when the righteous died, his body went to the grave and his soul went to a place called "Abraham's bosom" which was the Old Testament paradise - Luke 16:22, the reason being that his sins were covered but not removed - Hebrews 10:4. When the wicked died, his body likewise was put in the grave but his soul would go straight to Hell which is a place of torment - Luke 16:23. In the story of Lazarus and the rich man we are told that there is a big gulf between paradise and Hell - those who end in Hell can never get out. When Jesus died on the cross, His soul went to Abraham's bosom, together with the thief to whom He had said, "Today shalt thou be with me in paradise." Christ was there 3 days and 3 nights. There, His blood cleansed all the Old Testament saints who were there: Ephesians 4:8 & 9. And when Christ ascended on high He brought all these saints with Him to Heaven, so that we see paradise was transferred to Heaven. This Heaven where God dwells is called "the third Heaven" - II Corinthians 12:2,4.

During the New Testament times when a person who has received Christ as his personal Saviour dies, his soul goes immediately to Heaven, the reason being that Christ's blood has cleansed his heart from all sin. Condemnation has been removed - John 5:24. There is no mention in the Bible of further cleansing in purgatorial fires whatever. By contrast, for a person who refuses to accept Christ, when he dies his soul goes immediately to Hell because being in sin the person was under condemnation.

Pastor Ormeo then went on to thrill us with the fact that the person who has accepted Christ may never see death, for the Bible tells us that when Christ comes again, the living shall be caught up to meet the Lord Jesus in the clouds: I Thessalonians 4:17 - with body and soul intact. The unsaved will be left behind. Will you be taken up when the Lord Jesus comes again - or will you be left behind to suffer on this earth? Will your loved ones be taken up too? Remember make your reservation in advance!

## WHAT IF IT WERE TODAY?

1. Jesus is coming to earth again,  
What if it were today?  
Coming in power and love to reign,  
What if it were today?  
Coming to claim His chosen Bride,  
All the redeemed and purified,  
Over this whole earth scattered wide,  
What if it were today?

### Chorus

Glory, glory! Joy to my heart 'twill bring;  
Glory, glory! When we shall crown Him King;  
Glory, glory! Haste to prepare the way;  
Glory, glory! Jesus will come some day.

2. Satan's dominion will soon be o'er,  
Oh, that it were today!  
Sorrow and sighing shall be no more,  
Oh, that it were today!  
Then shall the dead in Christ arise,  
Caught up to meet Him in the skies,  
When shall these glories meet our eyes?  
What if it were today?

3. Faithful and true would He find us here,  
If He should come today?  
Watching in gladness and not in fear,  
If He should come again?  
Signs of His coming multiply,  
Morning breaks in eastern sky,  
Watch, for that time is drawing nigh,  
What if it were today?

\*\*\*\*\*

### TESTIMONY by Sng Teck Leong

It is indeed a privilege to stand before you to testify how I came to know the Lord Jesus and to receive Him as my personal Saviour.

I come from a non-Christian family. My parents are ancestral and idol worshippers. I was brought up in that manner too - to worship my ancestor and idols, and to believe that if I do good works on earth I will have the privilege of going to Heaven.

As the years went by my doubts began to accumulate. I began to search for the truth. I wondered why there were so many types of Gods and idols, if God be one. I also asked myself where I would be when I die, and also such questions as why I had to die. Meanwhile as life went on I could not find a satisfactory answer to my questions.

One day back in 1961 at Victoria School I was given a handbill by a school-mate. It announced the Ormeo Campaign that was to be held at the Life Church at Prinsep Street. I received the handbill without any concern. I even gave excuses for not going to the Campaign. I went home forgetting the campaign altogether. That evening a distant relative of mine called. He encouraged my brother and me to attend the campaign, for curiosity's sake. After much persuasion I finally went.

That night at the campaign the preacher, Rev. Ormeo, preached to us by the Word of God, the Bible, that each individual is a sinner, and all sinners must die. He preached that it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this comes the judgment. All at once I realised that I was a lost sinner and there is no doubt that I had committed many sins and was a condemned sinner in God's sight.

Rev. Ormeo proceeded to say that God's greatest love was to provide a way for us to escape judgment as He had sent His only begotten Son Jesus Christ to die for our sins and to teach us a way to heaven by first receiving Jesus as Lord and Saviour. It was then that I made up my mind to give up myself to the Lord Jesus, asking Him to be my Lord and Saviour and to cleanse me from all sins by His precious blood. From then on my life became meaningful and wonderful for me, though I encountered much persecution. I receive it with joy.

Friends, if tonight the Lord is calling you, harden not your hearts. If this Lord and Saviour can do wondrous things for me in my life He will also save you to the uttermost. I have never regretted that I received Him as my Lord and Saviour.

若今日來

1. 榮耀基督快要再降臨，若今日來如何？  
祂來是要審判衆罪人  
那日世界要被火燒焚  
一切沒有接受主的人  
都要滅亡永遠沉淪，若今日來如何？  
副歌：

榮耀榮耀我要歡樂歌唱  
" " 主戴冠冕為王  
" " 快預備大道  
" " 願主早日來到

2. 榮耀基督快要再降臨，若今日來如何？  
祂來是要分開衆信徒  
凡沒有重生的假信徒  
要像稗子被主人拋棄  
惟有麥子收入倉裏，若今日來如何？

3. 榮耀基督快要再降臨，若今日來如何？  
祂來是要試驗各工程  
為自己作的要被燒焚  
為主又靠主所作工程  
在天國中永遠長存，若今日來如何？

+++++



# EVERLASTING LIFE

A daily news-sheet for the Ormeo Campaign at Methodist Church, Gilstead Road.

No. 4

Friday, August 11, 1967

## THE TRUE SAVIOUR IDENTIFIED

There are many false "saviours" in the world today - they are not qualified! How can we find out who the true Saviour is?

Back in Genesis we are given certain signs by which the Saviour will be identified. Our first parents Adam and Eve sinned against God when they disobeyed Him by eating of the forbidden fruit. In doing so, they listened to the voice of the devil. They tried to cover up themselves from God but they could not. They became separated from Him - they were to die. The voice of God which called to Adam, "where art thou?" is today calling to you!

Yet at the same time that God punished them, He also promised a way of salvation, and this is found in Genesis 3:15 - "and I will put enmity between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." God spoke thos to Satan, signifying how He would destroy him. He promised a Saviour who will destroy the Devil, sin and death. We must be saved from these three. The signs given in Gen. 3:15 are confirmed in Isa. 7:14. There can be only one Saviour and we can distinguish Him from the Bible.

The signs are as follows:

1. The Saviour must be virgin-born (note "her seed" - the seed of a woman but not the offspring of man).
2. The Saviour's heel must be bruised - this happened to Christ when He was nailed to the Cross.
3. His name shall be called "Immanuel" - "God with us", i.e., He will be God incarnate, or God in the flesh. Jesus fulfilled this. John 14:1, 14. God by way of demonstration killed a lamb. The lamb died as a substitute for Adam - the lamb shed its blood. From its skin, God made clothes to cover Adam and Eve. From this further signs emerge:-
4. The Saviour must die.
5. The Saviour must shed His blood.
6. The Saviour must be sinless (as further identified by the Passover Lamb of Exodus 12:5f, being without blemish).
7. As the lamb must be of the first year, so the Saviour must die in the prime of life. Jesus died at the age of 33.
8. As the lamb must be male, all female "saviours" are automatically disqualified.

The Saviour must fulfil all the eight signs above, and Jesus is the only one who fulfils them all and He is therefore the true Saviour. John the Baptist proclaimed Him as "the Lamb of God."

+ + + + +

## TESTIMONY by Yee Keong Hui

I am very happy to be with you tonight at the Ormeo Campaign. This is a special occasion because it was at the Ormeo Campaign in 1957 that I accepted the Lord Jesus. I am very thankful that it took place. The Lord made use of Rev. Ormeo so that I could be saved. What the Lord has done for me, He can also do for you. He will give you not only a happy life, but also eternal life.

I was born in an ancestor-worshipping family. My parents did not know Christ and neither did I. Jesus meant nothing to me. I was not interested in Him, but in myself only.

I was sent to a Roman Catholic school. The Catholic teachers taught me many things, but not that Christ is the only way to eternal life.

When I finished school in 1957 I found a job in a bank, but was not happy there. I left to join an accountant's firm but again I was not happy. I left and joined the General Hospital. As a nursing student I found out that the real giver of life is God. I saw people dying and the question came to me - what would become of me when I leave this world? I had no answer to this.

At the Ormeo Campaign I realised I was a great sinner, urgently in need of God. When the preacher asked that those wishing to accept Christ raise their hands it was a very difficult decision for me to make. Satan blocked the way. But Christ is stronger than Satan - I raised my hand and accepted Christ as my personal Saviour.

Believe me, for one great moment the saving grace of Jesus filled my heart. Darkness was turned to light. Then came the momentous year 1959 when I was baptised and received the Lord publicly. From then on I had no more doubts. After accepting Christ, what happens? It is a difficult life, but it is safe, happy, meaningful and satisfying. If you are worried, frustrated, unhappy, why not accept the Lord as your Saviour?

## LETTER TO ORMEO CAMPAIGNERS

Dear Campaigners,     How you can help fill the auditorium

According to the parables of the Great Supper (Lk.14:16) and the parable of the King's Wedding Feast for His Son (Matt. 22), many of the seats that were prepared for the invited were empty and unoccupied. If there were a thousand seats laid for the big occasion, perhaps less than half were ever taken, for orders were issued to go to the highways (Matt. 22:10) "streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor and the maimed, and the halt and the blind." (Lk.14:21).

For the Ormeo Campaign we have prayed and worked to get our Church Auditorium filled. We estimated our hall with the U-balcony could cram in 1,000 seats. A Thousand we can really take if we have platforms built for the balcony. Without, we can accommodate eight hundred, and about 750 we have actually installed. But, as foreseen from the light of Scripture we have mustered between five and six hundred all these nights. We have not a few empty seats to be filled. However, we're not discouraged. We'd not blame the National Day celebrations for distracting. We should blame ourselves for not coming in full support by personal attendance and by bringing in some friends. We can fill the auditorium - how? Prayer? Yes, certainly. But after prayer - action! To go out of our way to bring someone in is better than praying in the armchair!

### Happy Importunity

In connection with bringing the outsiders in some young people are to be congratulated. Night before last Pastor Ormeo saw a young girl crying. He asked her what her trouble was. Her reply: "No motorist would help me bring in a cousin staying at Thomson Road." I asked Bro. Alan who happened to be around to help her find an in-coming car and "compel" the driver to go on the Lord's errand to Thomson Road to bring in the girl's cousin. Praise the Lord, His business was speedily executed. The cousin came in. There were three big smiles. The third was the Lord's upon the willing motorist.

### Read the Eastern Sun

The Eastern Sun has carried news of Pastor Ormeo three times to date - of his whole campaign, of the Far Eastern Bible College Second Graduation and of the Muar meetings. I've requested Rev. Grauley to send a report of the Life Church Campaign which I'm sure will be published (this Saturday or Sunday?) So, why not get a copy for the thrill of it? We're grateful to the Eastern Sun also for advertising every Saturday and Sunday the worship services and Sunday schools of Life, Life Mandarin, Zion, Faith, Galilee and Mt. Carmel. Look the ad up!

### Bro. Kim Hiang pre-views the ICY Camp.

"This year the ICY Camp will be held at Kampong Tengah Holiday Camp from 14th to 19th August. The main speaker of the camp is none other than Rev. Ormeo. This Camp is in his month-long programme in Singapore and Malaya.

The theme of the camp is "The Way of the Cross." The aim first of all is to show the way of salvation and then to challenge young people to give their all to Him. Great things are expected at camp, your prayer support for it is therefore most coveted. Do pray especially for the speaker Rev. Ormeo. His schedule here has been a very tight one. Let's give him all the prayer-support he needs, so that he will be able to continue from strength to strength and be able to bring forth God's Word with power.

Much planning has been given to the camp, and all things are about set. It must be stressed again that your prayers are needed to run the camp without any hitch.

Do you like to hear Rev. Ormeo again after the campaign? Well, you are most cordially invited to visit the camp to hear him." - Kim Hiang.

Yours sincerely, T.T., pastor.

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:** In response to popular request, the Life Church Campaign nightly meetings are extended to Sunday Night, August 13. Read also Eastern Sun news on this matter.

The Batu Pahat Campaign will commence also on a Sunday night, Aug. 20, and not on 21 as previously planned.

IF YOU desire to have a share in the blessings of financially supporting the Ormeo Campaign, you may do so by dropping your offerings in the BOXES at the doorway of the Church.

**NEWS:** To date over 150 old and young have publicly received Jesus as Saviour at both the night and morning meetings, praise the Lord!

THE FAR EASTERN BIBLE COLLEGE will re-open for the new academic year on Sept. 18. Several enrolments have been made.

Young people who have taken the Bible knowledge test at the morning meetings will know their results which will be announced at the Life Church Sunday School on Sunday, 8.30 a.m. Prizes (Ormeo's Book of Bible Truths Illustrated) will be given out (to follow by post.)



# EVERLASTING LIFE

A daily news-sheet for the Gospel Campaign at Life Church, Gilstead Rd.

No. 3

Thurs., Aug. 10, 1967

## CHRIST'S SECOND COMING IS IMMINENT! BE PREPARED!!

The Gospel is this: that Christ died for our sins, was buried, rose again the third day, ascended to the right hand of God - and is coming again.

When Christ comes, at the first stage, He will appear in the clouds and the bodies of believers who have died will be resurrected, and believers who are living will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air. They will be with Him in Heaven for seven years.

At the end of this period, they will return with Christ - this is the second stage of His return - to reign with Him on the earth for 1000 years.

When will all this take place? Nobody knows the exact time. If it were known, then everyone could afford to ignore God now and repent at the last moment. We are warned: "Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come" - Matthew 24:42.

But God has given us signs to indicate the nearness of Christ's return. "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." Luke 21:28. There are ten major signs of His coming:-

- (1) Post-millennial scoffers. People will ridicule the idea of Christ's return. This attitude has already been shown by certain leaders of the World Council of Churches.
- (2) Apostasy. There will be a falling away from the faith, from the true doctrine. See II Thessalonians 2:3.
- (3) False teachers will lead many astray.
- (4) Spiritualism. People will dabble with seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. I Timothy 4:1. Pastor Ormeo tells of a true incident in his homeland where devils actually possessed a man.
- (5) Perilous times. As depicted in II Timothy 3:1-5, men will be utterly depraved.
- (6) Heaped treasures. This is the age of materialism. Men will love money more than God.
- (7) The Laodicean Church. This church is described in Revelations 3:15 as "neither cold nor hot". It is a picture of those who pretend to be God-loving Christians but live like the devil, taking pride in their riches and self-sufficiency.
- (8) The Fig Tree Sign. This is the symbol of the Jews, and is borne out by the return of the Jews to Palestine and the rise of the nation of Israel.
- (9) Distress of nations among the gentiles. There will be turmoils and unrest in the world, as foretold in Luke 21:24-27.
- (10) Sign of Noah's days. As in the days of Noah, people will be eating, drinking, marrying, etc. without a thought of the impending judgment - Luke 17:26-30.

There will be war in Heaven between Satan's evil forces and the angels of God. Revelation 12:7-9. Satan is doomed to defeat and will be cast down to earth. Following this, the inhabitants of the earth will go through a period of tribulations - hardships and sufferings.

In Matthew 25:1-13 Jesus gave the parable of the ten virgins to warn us to be ready for His coming. The five foolish virgins who took no oil in their lamps typify those who merely profess to be Christians but do not have the Holy Spirit in their hearts. They profess but do not possess. The five wise virgins who had their lamps filled with oil represent true Christians who have the Holy Spirit. When the bridegroom came at midnight, the wise virgins were ready for marriage feast, but the foolish ones, without oil and without light, were refused admission. True Christians will be ready, waiting and watching for Christ's coming. On the other hand, professed "Christians" who do not care about His return, will be caught sleeping and unprepared. Which type are you? You can make sure that you will be ready by receiving Christ as your personal Saviour.

1. In response to popular request Pastor Ormeo will extend the night meetings at Life Church to Sunday night, August 13, 8 p.m. For details please read the Eastern Sun.

2. The Campaign at Batu Pahat will be held one day earlier, from Sunday, Aug. 20 and end one day earlier, to Aug. 25. Pastor Ormeo flies back to Manila on Aug. 26, MSA 662, 2 p.m.

Details of Campaign Schedule:

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 1. Life Church Campaign<br>Aug. 8-13 nightly.<br>9-12 morning English sessions<br>from 9 a.m. | 2. Life Church Worship<br>Aug. 13, 10 a.m.<br>Galilee Church Worship<br>Aug. 13, 5 p.m. |
| 3. I.C.Y. Camp, Kg. Tengah<br>Aug. 14-19  | 4. Life Church Worship<br>Aug. 20, 10 a.m.<br>Kelapa Sawit Worship<br>Aug. 20, 3 p.m.   |
| 5. Batu Pahat Campaign<br>Aug. 20 to 25, 7.30 p.m. nightly with Hokkien interpretation.       |   |

OFFERINGS FOR ORMEO CAMPAIGN

Your freewill offerings for the Lord's work may be dropped into the offering boxes at the church door. "God loveth a cheerful giver." II Cor. 9:7.

DECISIONS MADE FOR CHRIST

The latest count of decisions made to receive Christ as Saviour at this Campaign so far is as follows:

Tuesday Night: 15. Wednesday Morning: 29. Wednesday Night: 23

Thursday Morning: 26 Total so far: 93.

PRAISE THE LORD!

TESTIMONY ....by SNG TECK HOCK

I was brought up in a non-Christian home. My brother and I are the only Christians, while the rest are Taoists and ancestor worshippers. They believe in the transmigration of souls, and we were led into this belief. The theory is that a person will be re-born from one form of life into another, either for better or for worse, depending on his deeds. The question why people had to die and their interest in consulting fortune tellers about their future puzzled me.

But God had planned the way for me. A cousin came to pay us a visit. He told us that a campaign was going in our vicinity and persuaded me to go along but I was reluctant. Only after much coaxing, I agreed to accompany him for curiosity's sake. I went to the campaign without any intention to become a Christian. That very night I heard the Rev. Ormeo speak on the topic of sin and make mention that all men are sinners and that included me. Nobody had ever told me I was a lost sinner. I knew that I was bad in my ways, but surely this did not mean that I am a sinner, for I do good at times. He continued and said "There is none righteous, no, not one." Indeed I was amazed at the words he put forth for they were new to me and very strange too. I confess I did not understand what he meant when he said that I must be saved.

But my doubting was over when the Lord finally came into my life. What an experience, for in the twinkling of an eye I was changed. The load of sin that bound me binds me no more. Even at the very last moment of the battle for the truth, Satan did his level best to subdue me by causing doubts in my mind. Thanks be to God who paid it all for me on the Cross of Calvary!

My sinful nature soon slowly withered away to give room to the new Christian life. Christ became the central figure in my everyday movements. He broke down every idol in my heart and cast out every foe, and He gave me a new life that is whiter than snow. I sincerely hope you have made your wise decision in choosing my Saviour today. Hurry up! and don't delay until Satan fills you with doubts and lead you astray.

STOP PRESS! Mrs. Elder Tan Kim Pang, aged 67 years, was called Home to be with the Lord today at 5 p.m. (She is the mother-in-law of Rev. Quek Kick Chiang. Memorial service will be held at 19 Newton Road, Friday 8 p.m. Cortege leaves on Saturday 3 p.m. for Life Church, Gilstead Road for funeral service at 3.30, thereafter to Bidadari. No wreathes, please. Any condolence gift should be directed to Treasurer, Zion Church for charity and respective B.F's of our churches. Jesus said unto her, "I am the Resurrection and the Life, he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." (Jn. 11:25.)



"...I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself....." John 14:2b,3a.

## LETTER TO OUR READERS

My dear Readers,

Campaign Latest

For those of you who have missed out the week of gospel meetings with Pastor Ormeo, if you wish to keep up with the church times, we've a full set of the Campaign daily paper, "Everlasting Life" for you. Please get them from Bro. Eio Eng Hua, Campaign Secretary.

Praise the Lord for His saving grace, the Muar Campaign ended with rejoicing to the whole church with about 70 giving their hands to the Lord in public confession. Of course the Lord alone could count the hearts.

At Life Church the Campaign started off ahead of time with an impromptu meeting on Tuesday morning. Eight came to the Lord. During all these mornings and nights about 200 have openly received Jesus Christ. The Lord bless each who has come with humble and contrite heart.

CAMPAIGN EXTENDED to Sunday, Aug.13, 8 p.m.

The packed balcony of the last two nights are a request for the Lord's messenger to speak to us further. The Campaign is therefore extended to this Sunday evening, 8 p.m. What are you doing this Sunday evening? See you in Church!

10 Major Signs of Christ's Coming

From a comprehensive study of the Bible, Rev. Ormeo has found at least ten major signs of Jesus' soon second coming, as follows:-

1. Post-millennial scoffers. People will ridicule the idea of Christ's return. This attitude has already been shown by certain leaders of the World Council of Churches.
2. Apostasy. There will be a falling away from the faith, from the true doctrine. See II Thessalonians 2:3.
3. False teachers will lead many astray.
4. Spiritualism. People will dabble with seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. I Tim.4:1. Pastor Ormeo tells of a true incident in his homeland where devils actually possessed a man.
5. Perilous times. As depicted in II Tim.3:1-5, men will be utterly depraved.
6. Heaped treasures. This is the age of materialism. Men will love money more than God.
7. The Laodicean Church. This church is described in Rev.3:15 as "neither cold nor hot". It is a picture of those who pretend to be God-loving Christians but live like the devil, taking pride in their riches and self-sufficiency.
8. The Fig Tree Sign. This is the symbol of the Jews, and is borne out by the return of the Jews to Palestine and the rise of the nation of Israel.
9. Distress of nations among the gentiles. There will be turmoils and unrest in the world, as foretold in Luke 21:24-27.
10. Sign of Noah's days. As in the days of Noah, people will be eating, drinking, marrying, etc. without a thought of the impending judgment - Lk.17:26-30.

There will be war in Heaven between Satan's evil forces and the angels of God. Rev.12:7-9. Satan is doomed to defeat and will be cast down to earth. Following this, the inhabitants of the earth will go through a period of tribulations - hardships and sufferings.

In Matt.25:1-13 Jesus gave the parable of the ten virgins to warn us to be ready for His coming. The five foolish virgins who took no oil in their lamps typify those who merely profess to be Christians but do not have the Holy Spirit in their hearts. They profess but do not possess. The five wise virgins who had their lamps filled with oil represent true Christians who have the Holy Spirit. When the bridegroom came at midnight, the wise virgins were ready for the marriage feast, but the foolish ones, without oil and without light, were refused admission. True Christians will be ready, waiting and watching for Christ's coming. On the other hand, professed "Christians" who do not care about His return, will be caught sleeping and unprepared. Which type are you? You can make sure that you will be ready by receiving Christ as your personal Saviour.

Yours sincerely,  
T.T.

2 Ency. 4 75¢ each

**PSALM FOR THE WEEK - Psalm 72**  
Psalter 198, Hursley

O God, be Thy Anointed Son  
With truth and righteousness endowed,  
That justice may on earth be done,  
The meek protected from the proud.  
Then over mountain side and plain  
Shall peace spring forth from righteous-  
ness;  
The poor man's cause will He maintain,  
And save the weak, that none oppress.  
Then shall Thy fear on earth be known  
Long as the sun and moon shall shine;  
While endless generations run  
Kingdom and glory shall be Thine.  
Like copious rain in time of dearth,  
So shall His gracious coming be;  
As gentle show'rs that cheer the earth,  
So He shall bring prosperity.  
The just shall flourish in His day,  
And evermore shall peace extend;  
From sea to sea shall be His sway,  
And to the earth's remotest end.  
The desert lands to Him shall bow,  
And all the islands of the sea,  
And kings with gifts shall pay their  
vow,  
His enemies shall bend the knee.  
In great compassion for the weak  
He ever will maintain their right,  
Will help the poor and save the meek;  
Their lives are precious in His sight.

**IT'S NOT AN EASY ROAD**

It's not an easy road we are trav'ling  
to Heaven,  
For many are the thorns on the way;  
It's not an easy road but the Saviour is  
with us,  
His presence gives us joy every day.  
**Chorus:**  
No, no, it's not an easy road, (2)  
But Jesus walks beside me  
And brightens the journey,  
And lightens every heavy load.  
It's not an easy road, there are trials  
and troubles,  
And many are the dangers we meet;  
But Jesus guards and keeps so that no-  
thing can harm us,  
And smooths the rugged path for our feet.  
Though I am often footsore and weary  
from travel,  
Though I am often bowed down with care;  
A better day is coming when Home in the  
glory,  
We'll rest in perfect peace over there.

- Jn. W. Peterson.

- \*The Holy Matrimony between Mr. Yeo Ning Hong and Miss Janny Zee Hong Shien was solemnised at Life Church, Gilstead Rd., Saturday, August 12, 1967, 1 p.m., Rev. John Grauley officiating.  
\*FEBC Bookings: Aug. 14-19 by CNEC Bartley Road Congregation.  
Aug. 19, 3-8 p.m. by the Sunday School Teachers Conference (Miss Beryl N. Eks-teen, Sec.)  
Aug. 21-26 by Nanyang University Chris-  
tian Fellowship.

\*The Fellowship of Evangelical Students (FES) presents A VOCAL CONCERT OF SACRED MUSIC by Miss Virginia Botkin, Professor of Music, North Texas State University, U.S.A., on Thursday, 17th August, 1967, 8.00 p.m. at the Life Church Gilstead Rd. Admission free, all are welcome.

\*Owing to his mother's illness, Rev. John Dorsey who was to come to us on Aug. 14 has cancelled his appointment. Revs. Grauley and Tow will speak in his absence at the ICY Camp.

\*Mrs. Elder Tan Kim Pang went peacefully home to be with the Lord on Aug. 10, 5 pm deeply mourned by her children and loved ones. Funeral service was held at Life Church, Gilstead Road on Saturday Aug. 12, Revs. Khoo Siaw Hua, Cheng Shen Chu, Timothy Tow, David Yang and Miss Leona Wu officiating. Condolence gifts are distributed for charity and the BF's of our churches. Rev. Quek Khee Swee expressed deep gratitude on behalf of the bereaved family to all who attend the funeral and express further sympathy with various helps and gifts.

\*ICY Camp at Kampong Tengah Holiday Camp is not near Tengah Aerodrome but via Upper Thomson Road beyond Tay Koh Yat Bus Terminus. Watch for big signboard: "Kampong Tengah Holiday Camp". Campers apart from Sembawang Sunbeams and Zionists are to meet at FEBC, leaving 8.15 am. Bro. Goh Seng Fong is Camp-Master and Koh Kim Hiang Asst Master. Members of our churches are cordially invited to visit.

\*Sunday Aug. 20, 7.30 pm. Ormeo campaign at Batu Pahat begins (with interpretation in Hokkien). Limited space in the "Jesus Saves" Wagon, leaving S'pore, 1.45 p.m.

\*Zion S.S. Staff Mtg. at 2.30 p.m. at church this Lord's Day.

\*Zion Adult Fellowship will join campers for their meeting on Friday night. Transport leaves church at 7.00 pm. Those who wish to join the campers for dinner on Friday, please notify Dn. Gan after Worship Service.

\*Two "Beatles" received Jesus Christ is Saviour at Ormeo Campaign! It happened this morning that six young men, several with long hair, passed by our church while the gospel meeting was on. Whereupon a brother went to the road to "compel" them to come in. This persuasion brought them into the Church but they were willing to sit aloof in the last pew. Nevertheless the Spirit gripped two of them, and when the invitation was given these two openly received Jesus to be their Saviour.

**APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Aug. 14-20)**

Tues: Faith prayer mtg.- Elder Lee.

Wed, Fri.: Transport leaves Zion for camp at 7.00 p.m.

Thurs: Transport leaves Zion for camp, 6pm.

Fri: Hume Hts. prayer mtg: Sis Sue May.

Lord's Day: Life- Rev. Ormeo, Zion-Rev. Quek  
Faith-Elder Lee, Kelapa Sawit-Ormeo.

\*S.S. Attendance: Life-251, Zion-186, Mt. Carmel-150, Faith-91, Sembawang-65, Jurong-45, Jn. Aman-36, H.H.-33, Chia Hong-16.  
Not known: Galilee, Solotar Hills, Ling Kwang, Kelapa Sawit.



# EVERLASTING LIFE

A daily news-sheet for the Gospel Campaign at Life Church, Gilstead Rd.

No. 5

Sat., Aug. 12, 1967

## THE THREE EVENTS IN HEAVEN

"It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgement". (Hebs. 9:27.) Rev. Ormeo brought it to our minds that we have to face three judgements. The first judgement is at the Cross. If we accept Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour, we are no longer guilty.

When we become the children of God, we have to face judgement daily for the sins we commit. However, when we confess our sins to God, He forgives us.

The third judgement will take place in Heaven before The Judgement Seat Of Christ. All believers in Jesus Christ will be judged as servants. What good works have we done for Him? "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad." (II Cor. 5:10). What crowns are we expecting to receive? Will it be a soul-winners' crown or a crown of rejoicing or what other crowns there are in Heaven? But the unfaithful servants "which knew His Lord's will and prepare not himself neither did according to His will shall be beaten with many stripes." Luke 12:47. So dear brothers and sisters, which category are we in?

The Second Event - The Call to Worship. The redeemed will be seated around the Father's Throne; which will be encircled by an emerald rainbow. Around the throne there will be four Beasts and there will be seven lamps of fire burning before the throne which are the Spirits of God. And before the throne there will also be a sea of glass like unto crystal. The redeemed will be of 2 kinds - those of the Old Testament and those of the New Testament. When all have taken their seats, there will be the Call to Worship, by the Four Beasts, who will say day and night without resting "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty which was, and is, and is to come." The 24 elders will then fall down before Him, and present their crowns before the Almighty, who is the only One worthy "to receive glory and honour and power."

The Call of Worship will be followed by Announcements by a Strong Angel, who will proclaim with a loud voice "who is worthy to open the Book and to loose the seals thereof?"

Who else other than Jesus Christ Himself - the Lamb of God.

After the announcement, Christ will be introduced, all the redeemed will fall down before the Lamb with their harps ready. After this, the choir which consists of all the redeemed will sing the redemption Song. After this, heavenly music is rendered. Every creature in heaven and earth and under the earth will pronounce the Benediction, "Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto Him that seateth on the throne and unto the Lamb forever and ever." The four Beasts will then respond "Amen". And the four and twenty elders will fall down and worship the Lamb.

The Third Event - the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. The grandest dinner will take place in Heaven. What can be more grand and glorious than the celebration on the occasion of the Marriage between the Lamb and the Church? Will you be there to partake of this dinner? Yes, you have a place book there if you have received Christ as your Saviour

+++++

\*\*\*\*\*

A dollar spent on "kuay teow" lasts for an hour.

A dollar spent on make-up lasts for a day.

A dollar spent on the Lord's work lasts forever.

SUPPORT the Ormeo Campaign with your love offering.

\*\*\*\*\*

TESTIMONY..... by ALBERT SEE

Hello, friends, I am glad to have this privilege to speak to you. I would like to tell you a little story. The story is called "The Three Encounters".

There was a little boy who, when in his Primary School, read about Jesus Christ in a History Text Book. The book was written in a simple and straight forward manner and the little boy liked what he read. But then, at his age, who wasn't easily pleased. To him Christ was nothing more than a figure of History to be studied in text books along with other figures of History. This was the first Encounter.

As the little boy grew up, he enrolled in a secondary school. One day he was brought to a fellowship meeting in the school. At the meeting he heard a speaker talk about Christ, but he only knew vaguely the meaning of the talk. He enjoyed the refreshments and the fellowship after the talk far more. It was for this reason that he attended the meetings frequently. He did not care for the talks because they held no meaning for him. So ended the second encounter.

While he was still in his secondary school, this boy and a friend began attending Sunday Services in a local church under the friendly persuasions of a classmate. However their attendance at the church was irregular; if either the boy or his friend did not feel like going, both stayed away. One week the church held a gospel campaign and the boy promised a classmate that he would go to a meeting. So one night he went, sat himself down in an obscure corner and resigned himself to a dull evening, or so he thought. He listened half-heartedly to the Minister's opening words and then suddenly sat up straight. Didn't he hear the Minister say "Salvation"? There it was again, coming through loud and clear ".... Salvation through Christ...." All at once he realised what was bothering him before. With this realisation all doubts were cleared up in his mind; he felt that he now understood all the past talks and sermons which he never did before. He listened attentively to the Minister throughout the talk. It was so simple, he told himself. There he was, a lost sheep and he had only to call on Christ to bring him back to the fold. Is anything simpler? He wanted to know more so he went forward at the request of the Minister and was counselled by a person his age. That night after he went home, he opened his heart to the Lord and received Him as his personal Saviour. He laid awake a long time, thinking of many things. This third Encounter had brought him the answers.

Today years have passed since that decision was made, but the boy never regretted one moment of it, or he would not be standing here telling you so.

Yes friends, I was that boy and I am glad to say that Christ is no more just History. More important He is also My Story and I pray that after tonight He may be Your Story too.

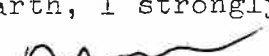
MY TESTIMONY.....by Mr. Lim Eng Siang

One evening in 1961 I visited a lady near where I stay in Pasir Panjang Road. After I left her she called me back and said that there was someone preaching at Galilee Church. I did not know where this Church was although I stayed in Pasir Panjang since 1958. This lady's simple statement contained no persuasion, no coaxing nor any pulling. This statement started me on the road to God and I was present at the Gospel meetings with none other than Pastor Ormeo as the speaker. Mind you, I left a Roman Catholic school in 1931 and this was the first time I entered a church after 30 years of working life, of business life and a most shameful life. Why shameful? Because I worshipped money and wanted to make more and more money - there was no limit to my ambitions.

At Galilee Pastor Ormeo dealt with the false teachings of the R.C. religion and the absolute, alas urgent necessity of my recognising Jesus Christ as my Saviour Who alone can forgive my thousands of sins as committed by me over a period of 30 to 40 years. It was only then that I came to know that confession to a R.C. priest in a R.C. church was not correct. I put up my hands and recognised Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour. The direct and indirect results of my coming to God were:

1. God healed my Acute Arthritis on which I had previously spent over \$10,000 and had never got a cure. I went to the meetings to hear and not to get a cure but God's mercies on my bad health enabled me to be a very strong and fit man today. I now know that God is both a Healer of the body and a Healer of sick souls.
2. My free-thinker son Roy Lim came to the Lord many months later, stopped his studies at the local "U" and gave up his life and his all to the Lord. He is preparing for the ministry in any part of the world.
3. My very old mother came to the Lord about 1½ years ago.
4. My life today is many times more satisfying than it was before 1961.

My beloved friends, if you want to meet a living God who can work miracles, and then go up to Heaven after this very short life on this earth, I strongly urge you to to the Lord tonight.





"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." II. Tim. 2:15.

### THE IMPORTANCE OF BIBLICAL EDUCATION FOR THE LAITY Dr. Patrick Tan

The growth of the Island State of Singapore from marshland and fishing kampongs to a thriving metropolis and self government is an object lesson for the Christian Church. The Christian Church in Singapore began when foreign missionaries and pastors brought the Christian faith. These were the days of colonial rule. Many Churches were supported by British pounds or American dollars. Today, while British tradition and American influence remained, the Church must learn to be self-supporting. We must have our own missionaries and pastors.

As the church grows there is an increasing need of more fulltime workers, evangelists, pastors and Bible teachers. I see in addition also an increasing need for voluntary workers, lay people who see the need of the church and give their talent and time to fill this need. What can the lay people do? The Sunday School is an important movement of the Church. Ideally the Sunday School teacher should be someone from our local church who volunteers to teach. Christian groups in schools and the university are organised by Christian students. They take the initiative in evangelistic outreach. What I am pointing out is that the growth of our national church today depends a great deal on the laity.

The laity therefore must be an intelligent, well-informed group of Christians. Going to church on Sundays only will not make us effective and useful members of the church. The church will certainly stagnate if such is our laity. On the contrary our laity needs Biblical education. Every Christian must be educated in the Word of God. If in our secular world literacy is important, to a Christian a sound knowledge of his faith is even more vital. I am particularly interested in the potential capability of an educated laity. The quality of lessons in the Sunday School will be improved. Laymen can take to the pulpit and preach a good sermon. Christian youth organisations will increase their efficiency. The church can then become an effective instrument to advance the angelic chorus of "peace on earth, goodwill towards men."

The laity forms the overwhelming percentage of the Christian Church. Every Christian should purpose in his heart that he should be effective in the Lord's service. Effectiveness can be achieved by education and training. The Far Eastern Bible College, while yet in its infancy, offers a means of sound Bible-centered education. I have enrolled as a student not for the reason of entering fulltime ministry but, as I have tried to suggest in the above article, that today's Christian Church needs an educated laity.

### LETTER TO OUR READERS

My dear Readers,

In response to such enlightened understanding of the importance of Biblical Education for the Laity, as expressed by Dr. Patrick Tan above, the Far Eastern Bible College is offering two courses of study to our church members, GCFers (as suggested by Paul Phua) and friends - particularly, to Sunday School teachers! Often have I wondered about the S.S. Teachers' Training in which methods mainly are taught. All very well. But what makes a rat catcher is a cat. If you know your Christian doctrines well, you automatically know how to teach. You are a good Christian cat. If you do not know them well, the best methods learnt won't help very much.

Systematic Theology, offered by Rev. John Grauley, is key to understanding the deeper truths of the Bible. This is S.S. Teacher Training par excellence. Church History, offered by Rev. Tow, is Theology in action, or as someone has said, His Story. Our first lessons will be Church History of Singapore and Malaysia - the trials and triumph of the Gospel in these uttermost parts of the earth - perhaps visited by St. Thomas? Church History is a thrilling subject one can spend a lifetime to investigate and a study of it is to challenge you to action, to contribute to a completion of His Story.

It is proposed that Systematic Theology and Church History be taught Mondays and Thursdays, 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. Kopi<sup>o</sup> will be served, half-time to keep you awake - but no cake! We hope to see Dr. Patrick, both evenings! Credits will be given part-time students who pass the examinations. A Certificate of Religious Knowledge will be awarded to those who have accumulated credits equivalent to one full year's study in a prescribed field.

The FEBC reopens for the 6th academic year Sept. 18, 10 a.m., Rev. John Grauley speaking. Registration: 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Part-time students, please see the Dean

before Sept. 18 at any convenient hour. ( For further report, read Sunday Eastern Sun)

### On Building a House for the Lord

1. Do you thrill to respond to the call to build a House for the Lord? As Nathan had said to King David, "Also the Lord telleth thee that He will make you an house," so may this blessing be your portion. (Your pure motive is presupposed, since you're giving your best and, not niggardly, the leftovers.)

2. The Leaders in this part of God's work must have clean hands and pure hearts (Psa.24:4). We must administer all funds with meticulous care (no uneconomic spending), and with the sole desire to glorify God. Nathan said to David of Solomon, "He shall build an house for My Name" (II Sam.7:13). There are those who build for a Name to themselves. The result is a repetition of Babel. For that matter, any work undertaken to show off oneself is doomed to failure.

3. Tithing merely measures up to God's standard of giving. To withhold the tithe is robbing God (Mal.3:8,9). God said to those who lived luxuriously in Haggai's day but cared not to respond to build His House, "...and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag of holes." (Haggai 1:6). But to the tithers in Malachi's day, God promised, "And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field" (Mal.3:11).

4. David's philosophy of giving: "For we are strangers before Thee, and sojourners, as were all our fathers; our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there is none abiding. O Lord our God, all this store that we have prepared to build thee an house for thine holy name cometh of thine hand and is all thine own (David says positively what Malachi says negatively). I know also, my God, that thou triest the heart, and hath pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of mine heart I have willingly offered all these things, and now have I seen with joy thy people, which are present here, to offer willingly unto thee..." (I Chron.29:15-17).

SS ATTENDANCE: Life 284; Zion 183; Carmel 135; Galilee: 96

Yours sincerely,  
T.T.

### PSALM FOR THE WEEK - 47 (130)

All nations, clap your hands,  
Let shouts of triumph ring,  
For mighty over all the lands  
The Lord Most High is King.

Above our mighty foes  
He gave us power to stand,  
And as our heritage He chose  
The goodly promised land.

With shouts ascends our King,  
With trumpet's stirring call;  
Praise God, praise God, His praises sing  
For God is Lord of all.

O sing in joyful strains,  
And make His glory known;  
God over all the nations reigns,  
And holy is His throne.

Our fathers' God to own  
The kings of earth draw nigh,  
For none can save but God alone,  
He is the Lord Most High.

### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer meeting: Faith,  
Elder Chuang. Life: Deacon Chee.  
Life (Chinese) Session Meeting.  
Wed. 7 p.m. Galilee Bible study &  
prayer meet. Zion: Miss Doreen.  
Fri. 8 p.m. Zion AF at Parsonage.  
Galilee Malay Class.  
Sat. 4 p.m. Life & Zion Y.F.  
7 p.m. ICY Camp Echo at FEBC.  
Lord's Day. Zion: Rev. Quek (H.Com.)  
Faith: Rev. Kuo Chao Pin  
Life: Dr. G.D. James.  
Life (Mandarin) Mr. Yu  
Pulau Tekong: Rev. Quek. Muar: Rev. Tow

REV. PAUL CONTENTO of Saigon has replied accepting Zion & Faith invitation to be the Evangelist for gospel campaigns following dedication of the new Church on Dec. 2 (Faith Dec.4-8; Zion Dec. 11-15) Both congregations are requested to remember the campaigns in daily prayers. MISS PEGGY YEO's departure for US is delayed until Monday morning.

ELDER TEO SEE YAK's new phone: 664970. MISS DORIS THAM, Australia and Mr. Teo Tiong Kheng send greetings to Zion, and request prayers and news from S'pore. WELCOME HOME to Deacon John Tow of Life Church who is due to arrive Monday noon to visit with the old folks.

FINANCIAL REPORT by Bro. Eio Eng Hua, Sec.-  
Treasurer of Ormeo Campaign, Life Ch:

Expenditure		Income	
Literature	\$203.55	Sundry don.	\$852.00
Printing & publ.	332.40	Church Off.	817.85
Transport & allow.	120.00	Contribut.	75.00
Postage	48.20	Dinner	420.00
General	73.00	Deficit	230.00
Telegram	11.00		
Dinner	504.00		
Air Ticket	715.00		
Photos	10.95		
Tea-party	55.75		
Love gift to Ormeo	321.00		
	\$2394.85		\$2394.85

BRO. PHUA CHOR KOK, LL.B., is new sub-editor and typist of this Weekly, from next week.

Rev. MARVIN DUNN is in Singapore to attend the OMF Council meetings. We appreciate his visit with us at Life Ch. The Galileans held family service at the home of Sis. Gan Sai Lin, last Friday. Next family service at Sis. Leong Lee Lin's, Oct. 13.



"By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went." Heb. 11:8

## A GLIMPSE OF SOME PIONEER MISSIONARIES IN SINGAPORE AND MALAYSIA, PART 2

### TAN SEE BOO

It is interesting to note that Tan See Boo was supported as a catechist by the Orchard Road Presbyterian Church from the outset, in 1856, the same year the European congregation was organised. It is interesting also to note that Tan See Boo was instrumental in the conversion of a Hakka brother who returned in 1859 to Swatow and served as a "helper" in the English Presbyterian Mission. Tan See Boo also cooperated with Keasberry to maintain a service for a little congregation of Teochew immigrants settled at Bukit Timah, seven miles north of the City, then known as "The Horse Cart Road Terminus."

When Raffles founded Singapore in 1819 it was a swampy fishing village with a population of about 500 Malays plus "a number of small Chinese settlements inland, engaged in working gambier plantations." In June 1819, Raffles wrote of the phenomenal growth of his Newfoundland,

"My colony thrives most rapidly. We have not been established four months, and it has received an accession of population exceeding five thousand, principally Chinese, and their number is daily increasing.... You take my word for it, this is by far the most important Station in the East, and, as far as naval superiority and commercial interests are concerned, of much higher value than whole continents of territory."

How Raffles' prophecy has come true! Today, Singapore has a population of two millions and is ranked the world's fifth port.

### JOHN A.B. COOK

Early in the second half of the nineteenth century we see how Tan See Boo, a convert of William Burns (first English Presbyterian missionary to China, 1847) emigrated to Singapore. Other converts of English Presbyterian missionary labours in Amoy and Swatow were also coming to this southern Canaan in twos and threes, a Christian rivulet mingled with that stream of emigration flowing down since Raffles' day. As this number grew, a need for some missionary to minister to their needs in a new land was felt, and more so after Keasberry's death in 1875. Accordingly, appeal was made through the Session of Orchard Road Presbyterian Church to the Foreign Missions Committee of the Presbyterian Church in England. This appeal naturally was supported by the Mission Councils of Amoy and Swatow who were concerned for the welfare of their spiritual children. Consequently the Rev. John A. Bethane Cook was appointed to Singapore in 1881.

Cook went to Swatow to learn the language for a year, and when he returned to Singapore he brought a young man with him - the father of Elder Lim Khng Seng of Life Bible-Presbyterian Church! He took over the charge of the Bukit Timah congregation which consisted then of 39 members worshipping in an attap house. By 1886 a move was made to build a brick edifice which was paid for in no small part by the early congregation. Today, the Bukit Timah Church, now called "Gloria", is housed more eminently on a hillock together with a flourishing church school. The old brick church is carefully preserved for a testimony to posterity. (Mr. Lim Khng Seng's eldest brother is presently elder of the Bukit Timah Church.)

Apart from the Bukit Timah congregation, not a few of the early immigrants were scattered in other parts of the Island. These were quickly gathered to serve the Lord together under the benign rod of the missionary-shepherd. In 1883 the Life Church at Prinsep Street was organised, simultaneously with Jubilee at Tanjong Pagar and Bethel at Upper Serangoon. Incidentally, my grandfather had ministered under Rev. Cook to the congregations at Bukit Timah, Prinsep Street and Upper Serangoon. It is with gratitude to the Lord and the mission that we record the blessings of a strict Presbyterian upbringing while boarding at the Bethel Manse with Grandfather during our student days, 1927-1935.

In 1885 Cook organised the Holy Light Presbyterian Church across the Straits at Johore Bahru and obtained several acres of land from the Sultan of Johore for a site. In the same year the Malay Mission Chapel built by Keasberry in Prinsep Street in 1843 came under his care. Since then this independent church was brought into the fold of English Presbyterianism and became the Straits Chinese Presbyterian Church.

1892 saw Cook advance to Muar, 128 miles north of Singapore, where the Living Water Church by the River was founded. How he yearned that from here "a string of outstations between Penang and Singapore" might be established! The proof of this zeal is reflected in the founding of Batu Pahat Church in 1921, three years before his retirement. Looking up Mr. Khoo Sek Teng, then resigned from teaching in Muar to join a commercial firm in Singapore, he exhorted his "Timothy" to undertake a more noble work. His persuasion resulted in the latter's giving up a lucrative offer for Christ's sake, by whose consecration the church at Batu Pahat is today strongly established and further augmented with an English congregation since 1954.

The only regret in Cook's day, as in ours, was the shortage of consecrated labourers for the Lord's vineyard. The gospel advance envisaged by the intrepid pioneer was halted on this side of the Muar River. Nevertheless, twenty years after Cook's coming to Singapore and Malaysia, the Chinese Presbyterians were organised into seven or eight churches. These were further organised into a Synod in 1901. The vision of the English Presbyterian Mission to establish a self-supporting, self-governing and self-propagating Church in Malaysia was beginning to be realised through the almost single-handed labours of John Cook.

Today the Chinese Presbyterians number almost 6,000 in 47 churches and mission stations. They are concentrated in Singapore, the States of Johore, Kelantan and Trengganu, with a sprinkling in the chief towns of Penang, Ipoh and Kuala Lumpur. There is an appreciable increase of membership during the last five years as the result of a Five Year Movement to double membership. Incidentally, the moving spirit of this membership increase movement has originate from Rev. Yap Kok Hu, the present pastor of the first church organised at Bukit Timah by John Cook. (To be continued).

#### PSALM FOR THE WEEK: 42 (116, Spohr)

- 1 As pants the hart for cooling streams,  
When heated in the chase,  
So longs my soul, O God, for Thee  
And Thy refreshing grace.
- 2 For Thee, my God, the living God,  
My thirsty soul doth pine;  
O when shall I behold Thy face,  
Thou Majesty Divine?
- 3 Why restless, why cast down, my soul?  
Trust God, Who will employ  
His aid for thee, and change these sighs  
To thankful hymns of joy.
- 4 Why restless, why cast down, my soul?  
Hope still, and thou shalt sing  
The praise of Him Who is thy God,  
Thy health's eternal spring.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCES: Life 291, Zion 204, Mt. Carmel 158, Faith 93, Galilee 86, Sembawang 59, Seletar Hills 50, Hume Hts. 35, Jal. Aman 30.

SELETAR HILLS SUNDAY SCHOOL requires 2 more teachers. Please contact Superintendent, Deac. Heng Yeow Tong. S.S. begins 10.45 am.

ZION CATECHISM CLASS starts next Lord's Day, Oct. 8 at 5.00 p.m.

CONGRATULATIONS to Elder Chia Kim Chwee for his promotion as principal of Aroozoo Integrated Primary School, as from 1st Oct. Praise the Lord!

ZION AND FAITH CHURCH BUILDING PROGRESS: It is now only 2 months to Dedication Day, Dec. 2. Brick work is done and roof tiling is being completed these few days. Ceiling and wiring for the church auditorium have begun. The bell is now at the site ready for use. Window frames will be put in as from Monday. The expanded Building Committee and the Zion Kindergarten Committee will hold joint meeting this Lord's Day at 2.30 pm, among other things, to hear a progress report from the Architect and to decide on dedication of the new church, re-decoration and re-conditioning of the existing ZK building and layout of the compound. Extra and greater efforts will have to be made if the building is to be completed in time and without shortage of

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

- Mon. 7.30 pm. FEBC Classes.  
Tues. 8 pm. Prayer Mtg: Life, Sis. Suvana; Faith, Rev. Quek Khee Swee; Life Church Session Meeting.  
Wed. 7 pm. Bible Study, Pastor Heng i/c.  
8 pm. Galilee Prayer Mtg - Bro. Thian  
Thurs. 5 pm. Galilee Church Catechism Hoe. Class; 7.30 pm. FEBC Evening Classes.  
Fri. 8 pm. Zion Family Worship at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Chia Hong Kuan, 518C, Joo Chiat Rd. Hume Hts. Family Worship at home of Mr. & Mrs. Lim Soon Nghee, 39 Jal. Udaya. All Consecrators' Meeting at FEBC combined with Life Church Family Worship service.  
9.00 pm. Hume Hts choir practice, conducted by Miss Lucy Chia.  
Sat. 4 pm. Life, Zion YF's.  
5 pm. Sembawang ICY.  
Lord's Day: Zion, Rev. Grauley; Faith, Miss Tay; Life, Rev. Tow; Life Mandarin, Mr. Yu; Galilee, Rev. Heng; Hume Hts, Deacon Robert Ong.

.....  
Please pray and share the burden and blessing of building God's House, perhaps only once in a life time. (Rev. Quek).

CONGRATULATIONS to Dr. Cheng Wei Nien for passing the exam to Primary Fellow of the Royal Australian College of Surgeons.

READ THE EASTERN SUN for Bible-Presbyterian news and Sermons!

CONGRATULATIONS to Dr. Tan Kim Ping and Sister Chor Swee Sin on their engagement at 4B Mt. Emily Rd., Sept. 30, Revs. Paul Hang and T. Tow officiating.

ORMEO CAMPAIGN AWARDS: The book prizes promised by Rev. Ormeo for the mornig youth rallies, Aug. 9-12, have finally arrived. Will the winners kindly collect from their respective S.S. Superintendent. Sr. Sect 1. Diana Wee (Life), 98%; 2. Lily Tow (Life), 94%; 3. Lau Sock Khim (Mt. Carmel), 91%; 4. Lau Chin Kwee (Life), 91%; 5. Eng Chwee Ploh, 90%; 6. Fan Kwai Sang (Life), 90%; 7. Han Teng Fang (Life), 89%; 8. Quek Swee Kiang (Zion), 88%. Jr. Sect 1. Lillian Chua (Life); 2. David Lim (Life); 3. Irene Chua (Life); 4. Stephen Tow (Life).  
Congratulations!

: : : : : : : : :



"But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting upon them that fear Him, and His righteousness unto children's children." Ps. 103:17)

### THE PHILOSOPHY OF THANKSGIVING

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not his benefits." (Ps. 103:2.)

Giving thanks to God is characteristic of Christians. If it is the practice of Mohammedans to pray five times a day, it should be the Christians' to thank God as often.

We thank God the first thing in the morning for His safe-keeping of the night. We say "grace", i.e. "thanks" before our three meals. When we go to bed at night, we thank the Lord for His day's provision, and we also ask for forgiveness of sins. Christians are a people indebted to God their Provider, and the more, their Redeemer. For this reason St. Paul exhorts: "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." (Eph. 5:20.)

Now, if it is our daily duty and joy to give thanks, why observe an annual Thanksgiving? As far as Life Church is concerned, we observe an annual Thanksgiving on the occasion of the Church's anniversary. This has become a tradition for seventeen years and it was started after the devout example of the Pilgrim Fathers. Those Puritan pioneers who were sustained by God's Hand through harrowing hazards to found a freedom colony instituted Thanksgiving to show their gratitude to Him. That spontaneous worship in the year after the sailing of the Mayflower is perpetuated by a national observance in the United States on the fourth Thursday each year. We in Singapore are not ashamed to follow in the English Pilgrims' footsteps in observing Thanksgiving for our Church Family.

What is the philosophy of Thanksgiving?

According to Psalm 103, Thanksgiving should, first of all, arrest our forgetfulness. "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not His benefits." (v.2.) How human it is to forget - not the wrong of others, but their good! And as to God's goodness? How many a vow uttered in groaning illness, in the throes of writhing pain, in dark moments of grim danger or haunting fear are forgotten on the morrow of deliverance! How many a Calvinistic Christian is obviously slumbering in his armchair of salvation! Forgetfulness of God's mercies is a sin of omission.

Secondly, Thanksgiving is a rebuke to the ungrateful. These are they who take the blessings of God for granted. These belong to the "familiarity-breeds-contempt" class. Once, there were ten lepers cleansed as they were on their way to see the priests according to Jesus' Word. (Luke 17:11-19.) Only one, a Samaritan and an alien, returned to thank the Lord at His feet. "But where are the nine?" asked the Saviour. "Were there not ten cleansed? There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger." Ingratitude occupies not a few pews in every church today! And it seems she is harboured in the hearts of oldtimers more than in the newly converted. The ungrateful serve the Lord with their pout than with their purse. Truly, none of us can escape from the sin of unthankfulness. Let us heed the Chinese saying, "Let those who drink the water think of its source."

Thirdly, Thanksgiving should isolate the downright insolent, nominal members of the Church. These are they who have grown rich and powerful under the aegis of devout parents, like Esau under the benignity of his father Isaac. These who have never thanked the Lord from the heart upon an occasion for Thanksgiving demand rather that the Lord thank them! What travesty of Christian logic! Once, a poor country pastor approached a big town elder for a donation to his church building fund. Because this servant of God did not flatter and fawn, the self-esteeming elder told him off, "Here's \$50, for that's all you are worth. Take it or leave it." Did the elder realise that in so doing he was not insulting man but God? "He that heareth you, heareth Me; and he that despiseth you despiseth Me" (Luke 10:16.) "Thus saith the Lord, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich glory in his riches: But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth Me, that I am the Lord which exercise loving-kindness, judgment and righteousness in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the Lord." (Jeremiah 9:23,24.)

But Thanksgiving is the delight of the humble. He worshipfully brings his gift into the Lord's storehouse. He also hears the Lord pronounce blessing upon his children and children's children, since He trusts in the Lord with godly fear and has striven to keep His covenant and commandments. Since the day that the Lord gave him a job he has not forgotten to budget the tithe first for his God. He gives Thanks not once a year only, but upon every occasion of receiving goodness at His Hand.

T.T.

"Teach us, Lord, thy wisdom, While we seek men's lore,  
May the mind be humble As we know thee more;  
Let the larger vision Bring the childlike heart,  
And our deeper knowledge Holier zeal impart."

PSALM FOR THE WEEK: 85/232 Melita

Lord, to us Thy mercy show,  
And Thy salvation now bestow;  
We wait to hear what God will say;  
Peace to His people He will speak,  
And to His saints, but let them seek  
No more in folly's path to stray.

His saving help is surely near  
To those His holy Name that fear;  
Thus glory dwells in all our land.  
Now heav'nly truth unites with grace,  
And righteousness and peace embrace,  
In full accord they ever stand.

Truth springing forth the earth shall  
And righteousness from heav'n look <sup>down</sup> crown,  
And God on us His goodness shed;  
Our land shall then with plenty flow,  
Before Him righteousness shall go,  
And cause us in His steps to tread.

LIFE CHURCH celebrated her 17th Anniversary last week with a 15-table dinner and with Thankofferings (including a big pledge) amounting to \$7,200 for the New Building Fund, Hallelujah! BAPTISED at the Service were: 1. Marcus Chee Heong Weng, son of Deacon and Mrs. Chee Ah Chai; 2. Richard Leong Kwek Keong; 3. Chia Geok Kheng; 4. Fan Kwai Sang; 5. Lee Theng Kiat; 6. Ho Kim Chye Chye; 7. Peter Hong Chow Koon; 8. Stephen Khong Yew Meng; 9. Roland Tan Ming Kwang; 10. Michael Cheang Kum Meng; 11. Wong Thu Jack; 12. Han Teng Fan; 13. Low Sock Eng; 14. Lau Sock Khim; 15. Betty Shun Sock Chan; 16. Reter Tong Choon Pheng; 17. Joseph Foo Wah Ciang. Confirmed: 1. Jane Fu; 2. Koh Gim Ho. Items of praise were offered by the children of the Sunday School (on to 400!) who had practised hard for the Talentime.

LIFE CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL cordially invites our readers to TALENTIME at the FEBC Hall, Sat. Nov. 4, 2.30 p.m.

LIFE CHURCH MANDARIN-HOKKIEN SERVICE: At her 2nd Anniversary Thanksgiving last Lord's Day the following were baptised: 1. Lim Boon; 2. Sim Lim Chuan; 3. Choo Hock Cheong; 4. Annette Tan Tat Jong. Confirmed: Cheng Wei Lip.

BRO. EDWARD HENG sends \$5 in Thanksgiving to the Life Church New B.F. and requests prayer for his exams now and in Jan. next year. Young Lifers, why not write him at: School of Aviation; Airwork Services Training, Perth, Scotland.

WEDDING BELLS! The holy matrimony between Mr. Lim Ek Hong (son of Mr. Lim Tai Chuan) and Miss Lim Siew Kiat will be solemnised by Rev. Tow at Gilstead Road, Sat. Nov. 4, 3.00 p.m.

DEACON JOHN TOW preaches at Batu Pahat this weekend, returning Sunday evening via Kelapa Sawit with Bro. Lay Seng.

BRO. TOW SIANG KWANG is elected by ICY to represent Singapore at the India Conference of the FECCC, Jan. 1968. As he will pay for half of the air ticket, support for his travel is reduced to \$450.

ERRATUM: "the fourth Thursday each year" at end of 3rd paragraph, front page should read: "the fourth Thursday of November..."

FEBC BOOKINGS: Dec. 4-9: S.U. (English); Dec. 11 - 15: S.U. (Chinese); Dec. 26 - 29: Kam Yan Church, Queen St.

The VCF Singapore celebrated its 15th Anniversary with a buffet dinner for 130 at the FEBC, Fri. Oct. 27 (with Bro. Teck Chye as Programme Chairman).

MRS. J.S. PACKER: Thanks for your gift to FEBC through Mrs. Davis.

BRO. SWEE THIAN HOE now joins FEBC as full-time student.

FEBC DAY OF PRAYER at Galilee Lawns, Monday Oct. 30: Cars leave College 8.30 a.m.

ZION and FAITH BUILDING PROGRESS: Praise God for more skilled workers for the ceiling work. All windows are in place and Shanghai plastering has begun. Mosaic flooring for the groundfloor will be done next week.

The new Kindergarten Hall downstairs will be declared open on Sat. Nov 18 at 3 p.m. at the Z.K. Parents Day and Annual Concert. Dedication Day will be Sat. Dec. 9 instead of Dec. 2 followed by Concert of Sacred Music by the Zion Church Choir on the Lord's Day - Dec. 10 at 8 p.m. Combined Zion and Faith Gospel meetings will be from Mon. Dec. 11 to Sat. Dec. 16, with Rev. Contento of Saigon speaking (in English and Mandarin on alternate nights with interpretation).

If all pledges come in and the two congregations and friends will give just an additional \$10,000 or so, all bills will be accounted for on Dedication Day. Can we do it? Give and pray. (Rev. Quek)

CONGRATULATIONS to Dr. and Mrs. Christopher Fones of Zion Church for the birth of their second son, Melvin, on Wed. Oct. 25 at Gleneagles.

PRAY for a series of three Revival meetings to be conducted by Rev. Tow at the Gawang Church, Nov. 17 - 19.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE: Life 294; Zion 189; Mt. Carmel 140; Faith 102; J. Aman 39; Jurong 35; Sel. Hills 28; ....

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. 8.30 a.m. College Day of Prayer...

7.30 p.m. FEBC Classes!

Tues. Life Ch. Prayer Meeting. (8 p.m.)

Zion and Faith Gospel Meeting Counselors' Class. Prayers led by Doreen Chia

Wed. 7 p.m. Galilee Bible Study, Prayer,...

Thur. 7.30 p.m. FEBC Classes.

Fri. 8.00 p.m. Consecrators' Night at FEBC Life Church Family Worship, combined with the Chinese Sec. at the home of Mr. Chew Kiam (Paris Tailor), 8 Jalan Merah Saga, off Holland Road.

Sat. 2.30 p.m. Life Church S.S. Talentime.

3.00 p.m. Wedding of Lim and Lee

Lord's Day: Zion: Mr. John Tow (5 p.m. Catechism Class); Faith: Rev. Quek. Life: Rev. Tow. Life Mandarin: Mr YU Galilee: Rev. Heng.

LIFE CHURCH MANDARIN-HOKKIEN SERVICE: The 2nd Anniversary Thanksgiving offerings amounted to over \$1,050.

DR. TOW SIANG YEOW who is presently worshipping with the Evangelical Free Church, Malacca writes of their buying a \$30,000 property which is dedicated this Lord's Day for service



"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee." Psalm 122:6

### JERUSALEM, JERUSALEM!

By Dr. J. Philip Clark,

Gen. Secretary of the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions

(Editor's Note: This article published in the Aug.-Sept. 1967 issue of Biblical Missions describes the re-united Holy City and Land as seen through missionary eyes. The Baraka Hospital is of particular interest to our Readers who have contributed to its support.)

God so loved the world, and He expressed that love in Jerusalem. He wept over the hilltop capital of a people which had foolishly and petulantly rejected His divine love. He longed to gather them as a chicken gathers her brood, but they would not be gathered. They chose a thief and rejected their King, sending Him to His death.

Jerusalem, though presently united, is still in rebellion. Its values are distorted. A national boundary, a temple wall and ancestral tombs still blind it to its true heritage, the suffering Servant, the Lamb of God, the Messiah. The present fragile peace will be hard to preserve in this schizophrenic city, split between Arab and Jew, Moriah and Zich. We pray for peace in the Holy City, knowing the while that peace will only come with the Prince who "shall inherit Judah his portion in the holy land, and choose Jerusalem again." (Zechariah 2:12)

Tremendous changes are now being made within the old city, and within the "west bank" which is its unique setting. The borders of the unified city are still not permanently determined. Presently, the southern border reaches down into Bethlehem to embrace the tomb of Rachel and stretches out to the east to encompass the whole of the Mount of Olives and Bethany. In the north, the Jerusalem airport is included, but the city stops short of Ramallah. If the town fathers of Bethlehem, Beit Sahour and Beit Jala - triplet cities in the Judean hills - have their way, they too will become a part of the Jerusalem metropolis. The time seems near when "Jerusalem shall be inhabited as towns without walls for the multitude of men and cattle therein." (Zechariah 2:4)

Jordanian pounds must now be exchanged for Israeli pounds in order to do business in the enlarged city. Vehicles must be registered again and must carry Israeli plates. Shops in the old city have passed through inventory and the Israeli government has collected its tax. Prices have been raised and in many cases doubled. Socialized medicine and other "benefits," as well as controls, of a welfare state now accrue to Arab subjects in newly occupied territory. Life promises to be very different, but hardly a utopia and far from a millennial kingdom.

It can now be said, though carefully, that the war caught Christian Jordanians on the horns of a dilemma. While loyal to their king they recognized that in the end the king of Jordan could not protect them from the hatred of Muslim fanatics (largely from the desert wastes of the "east bank") who hate the Christians, even of their own countrymen, only slightly less than they do the Jew. The Jewish armies, while recognized as foreign invaders who threatened their national existence, were almost at the same time recognized as those who had, in the providence of God, been sent for their deliverance. It is therefore difficult to find many Palestinian Arab Christians who wish to be returned to the wiles of an Egyptian potentate or a Muslim fanatic who still, in the twentieth century, plots death for the infidel, whether he be Arab or American.

The missionary too faces an unrevealed future. As never before he must trust his God who knows the end from the beginning. Baraka Hospital is now on a large island. The River Jordan now isolates that island from its Arab fatherland in the east while the much more nebulous boundaries to the west have been thrown up through twenty years of frustrating misunderstandings and now continue to isolate occupied Jordan from its Jewish conqueror. The missionary must be sympathetic with his Arab neighbour. He must recognize the burden of the Arab Christian, and, bearing his burden, fulfil the law of Christ. At the same time the missionary must recognize his responsibility to witness in this time of confusion to all who pass by. He must also train the Arab church to recognize and grasp its new opportunities. When the first Israeli tourists invaded their newly acquired territory to the west they were met by Arab boys hawking postcard pictures of the Wailing Wall. Such commercial enterprise should not surpass Christian love when there is opportunity to speak to those, with whom there has been no conversation for twenty years, concerning the Messiah who was rejected centuries ago.

Baraka's peculiar problem is that fifty per cent of its patients have come from the deserts across the Jordan River. T.B. patients from Israel cannot be expected since Israel has practically eradicated T.B. in its land. Still, we are bending every effort, with government cooperation, to continue as before. Other possibilities have been explored, possibilities in both medicine and teaching. Our chief need at the moment is for prayer that we may know from day to day what is His calling.

The people of the land are presently our great concern. The economy of this Palestinian "island" is at a standstill. The people are cut off from the world beyond the river to the east and the sea to the west. Communication is difficult. Even the west bank is now divided. One form of money is needed in the former chief city of the west bank, Jerusalem, whereas in Bethlehem another is necessary. Money is scarce, however, for there is little employment. The people, many of them Christian people, are in need. Missionaries, with the advice of their national co-workers, are almost always in the best position to understand a genuine need and respond to it. We have made funds available, largely through International Christian Relief, and missionaries are carefully dispensing these funds to alleviate the distress of these victims of war.

Our missionaries have themselves been under stress, and in some distress. The reports of those three days at our Mission Station on the edge of Bethlehem when it seemed that the church itself, and the apartments above it, were under bombardment, make us thank God the more for missionaries who would stay with their people and suffer with them. There was also some distress to the missionaries and the Baraka staff since they had not had funds for several weeks and were completely out of money. National staff members had stayed with the hospital even though they recognized that it might be some time before they could be paid for their services, and in fact they might not ever be paid. It was with real joy that I announced to the missionary staff that all funds were in the bank with which they could pay their bills, meet the salaries of the nationals and relieve their own distress. We praised God together and remembered with thanksgiving His faithful people in the United States who had made many personal sacrifices in order to relieve the suffering of the saints.

Despite the uncertainties, we look with joy to the future. Without doubt the days that lie ahead will demand a great deal of us all, but as the day of our reward draws nearer we work with greater abandon and the joy of expectation makes every sacrifice a pleasure. We dig more deeply into God's Word to discover the pattern of things to come, but our trust is not in our analysis but in the One who has promised to be with us even unto the end of the world.

#### PSALM FOR THE WEEK - 23 (56 Lux Benigna)

- 1 My Shepherd is the Lord Who knows my needs,  
And I am blest;  
By quiet streams, in pastures green, He leads  
And makes me rest.  
My soul He saves and for His own Name's sake...  
He guides my feet the paths of right /to take.

- 2 Tho' in death's vale and shadow be my way  
I fear no ill;  
For Thou art near, Thy rod and staff my stay  
And comfort still.  
My table Thou dost spread before my foes,  
My head Thou dost anoint, my cup o'erflows.

- 3 The goodness and the mercy that have ayed  
Upon me shone  
Shall surely follow me thro' all the way  
Till life is done;  
And evermore Jehovah's house shall be  
My dwelling-place thro' all eternity.

#### ZION & FAITH CHURCH BUILDING PROGRESS:

Four more offerings amounting to \$620 have been received, four Holy Com. sets, electroplated, ordered. A Faith Deacon has offered 20 Chinese Bibles and 30 Hymnals. More are needed for the new church as are Eng. Bibles and Broadman Hymnals. The B. Commit. would appreciate handing in of all contributions, if possible within November. The monsoon has set in and work is affected. Overtime work at higher wages is considered. Please pray for good weather and the workers. - Rev. Quek

FAITH CHURCH will conduct a 1/2-hour service through Radio Singapura on the Lord's Day Nov. 19, 3.30 - 4 p.m. Rev. Quek will speak, the Zion Choir will sing a Cantata while a Faith member will sing solo. Recording will be done at the Studio next

Lord's Day at 2 p.m. sharp. - Rev. Quek.

LIFE CHURCH: WEDDING BELLS - The holy matrimony bet. Bro. Eric Lim Khek Kah and Sis.

Yuen Mei Ling of the Bible Church will be solemnised by Revs. Tow and Goldsmith at Gilstead Rd., Nov. 25, 1 p.m. CONGRATULATIONS to SIS. CAROLINE LOO KENG ENG on her coming marriage to Mr. Jacob Wen Kuang Huang in USA. Her address: 2800 Maryland Ave., Baltimore, Maryland 21218, USA. SIS. TOW LEHIA is married to Mr. Edward Paauwe, a senior at Faith Seminary. Her address: 107 Lori Circle, Exton, Pa. 19341, USA.

MR. & MRS. YU Chung Min's new phone: 649923.

S.S.S. Sends S.O.S. Urgently needed a senior teacher for Sembawang Sunday School - Dn. Seew.

GALILEE: Congrats to James Ambrose, Maureen Leong, Vincent Leong, Lim Kim Hee, Ng Thiam Chua, Sim Boon Hoe for being elected to the Diaconate last week.

SUN. SCHOOL ATTEND: Life, 263; Zion 208; Mt. Carmel 128; Faith 96; Gal. 76; H.H. 48; J. Aman 40; Clementi 35; Sel. Hills 25.

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

Tues. 8 p.m. Life Prayer Meet., Sis. Sai Lin

" Life Ch. Session Meet. @ FEBC

" Zion S.S. Staff Meeting.

Thu. " Z & F Counsellors Class, prayer led by Elder Lee.

Fri. " Faith Family worship at 26 Broc-hampton Dr., Mrs. Lo Kai. Life

Family worship at 498G J. Bunga Jarom, home of Mrs. Kam Shen Khoon.

Sat. 2 p.m. E. evang. League Com. meeting at Faith Parsonage.

Lord's Day: Zion, Rev. Quek; Faith, Miss Tay Life, Rev. Tow; Galilee, Rev. Heng. Life Mandarin: Mr. Yu.

FEBC final exams for 1st term, Dec. 4 - 8.

The College reopens for the 2nd term on 15/1/



"The God of heaven, he will prosper us; therefore we his servants will arise and build." Nehemiah 2:20

## LETTER TO OUR READERS

My dear Readers,

"Rejoice with them that rejoice" (Rom. 12:15)

Next Saturday, Nov. 18 will be the official opening of the new Zion Kindergarten Hall. Dec. 9 will see the dedication of the new Church for Zion and Faith congregations. What a time of rejoicing by our brethren at Serangoon Garden, especially when their \$180,000 project is almost all paid for! What an illustrious example of cheerful, concerted giving to sister churches of our movement! Let us rejoice with them that rejoice on the dates of opening of the new Kindergarten Hall and of Church Dedication. Let us pray for the Gospel Campaign with Rev. Contento following the Church Dedication, that God's Name will be exalted and His Kingdom extended.

Life Church's New Three-Storey Extension

No sooner is the new Zion-Faith Church completed than ground-breaking at Gilstead Road will signal the beginning of construction of Life Church's new three-storey Extension. Our new building plans are expected to be approved early next year!

What is the Life Church new Extension? It is an economical, utilitarian three-storey block parallel to the Church, 120 x 30 ft., connected to the Church by a 20 x 60 ft. covered way. It will house a Bible Kindergarten for 100 to 120 children on the ground floor, five big rooms for Sunday School, Y.F., etc. on the first floor, a parsonage (or missionary's quarters) plus more dorms for the growing Bible College on the top floor.

How much will this Extension cost? Over \$150,000. How much is the Life Church ne Building Fund? About \$35,000. How will the rest of the money come? By our free-will offerings and tithes!

Let it be understood that this new Extension will lay no burden on any unwilling, murmuring heart. The project is the Lord's, and only the cheerful giving of the Lord's own can build it strong for the furtherance of His Kingdom. Hence we appeal only to the faithful and humble to bring in their tithes (that's enough!) as the Lord commands, "into the storehouse". Here is an example of a tithe well-acceptable to the Lord: A young earner has just sent in a money order with this humble presentation, "Do accept \$15 from my fiancée and \$30 from myself for the King's Business."

The Life Church Session at beginning of this year sent members a "Serving the Lord with our Tithes" Budget letter with a target of \$55,000 for 1967. To date Deacon Seow has received \$40,000, but not all at Lifers' giving. With \$15,000 still to be brought in to attain our goal, here's an exhortation to those who have little tithed, before the year is out. "Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High: And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee and thou shalt glorify me" (Psalm 50:14,15).

An Invitation to Life Church Mandarin-Hokkien Congregation to take part

Just as Faith Church has joined hands with Zion to build their new church, may we invite our Mandarin-Hokkien speaking brethren to join the English-speaking in this sacred work. The whole premises at Gilstead are available to the Mandarin-Hokkien speaking as much as to the English-speaking, not only now, but in the future, and inclusive of the new Extension. This invitation is humbly and respectfully presented in the bonds of brotherly love.

An Economic Investment

While the main objective of the new Extension is spiritual - the extension of God's Kingdom - from the business view-point, it will be an economic investment too.

1. The buried talent of the presently little-used car park (only a few hours a week) will yield a hundred fold dividend by being thus built over. (A ready-made car park is always available next door by courtesy of our good neighbour.)

2. The Kindergarten will provide jobs for members.

3. The legitimate earnings of the Kindergarten will help support our missionary outreach.

4. Increased quarters for workers and students are obviously a valuable asset.

5. Dorms vacated during College holidays can be further put to good use for Bible Camps, etc.

Not to develop this valuable land at Gilstead Road would be like the third man in the parable of the pounds saying to his lord, "Here is thy pound which I have kept laid up in a napkin." (Luke 19:20). O the folly of Christians hoarding

their wealth, of not putting their pounds to productive work!

### A Chat with the Architect

I have just returned from a long discussion with our honorary architect, Mr. ng Kheng Leng. As the plans should be approved very soon he has worked over the drawings with me in detail in respect of the specifications. We wouldn't have parquet or mosaic to be sure! Our emphasis is economy. Another way of saving is to contract only the labour while we buy our own materials and be our own kepala. If such a proposition is feasible, perhaps Elder Heng can serve as Manager-in-Chief. Perhaps, as we order bricks and sand, cement and steel, the members will thrill to come forward to offer them, lorry by lorry!

There is no reason why we should go perlahan-lahan about this project when jets **must** spur on to super jets. The King's business requires haste!

T.T.

#### PSALM FOR THE WEEK - 89 (241 Maryton)

- 1 My song forever shall record  
The tender mercies of the Lord;  
Thy faithfulness will I proclaim,  
And every age shall know Thy Name.
- 2 I sing of mercies that endure,  
Forever builded firm and sure,  
Of faithfulness that never dies,  
Established changeless in the skies.
- 3 Behold God's truth and grace displayed,  
For He has faithful covenant made,  
And He has sworn that David's son  
Shall ever sit upon his throne.
- 4 The heav'ns shall join in glad accord  
To praise Thy wondrous works, O Lord;  
Thy faithfulness shall praise command  
Where holy ones assembled stand.
- 5 Who in the heav'nly dwellings fair  
Can with the Lord Himself compare?  
Or who among the mighty shares  
The likeness that Jehovah bears.
- 6 With fear and reverence at His feet  
God's holy ones in council meet;  
Yea, more than all about His throne  
Must He be feared, and He alone.
- 7 O Thou Jehovah, God of Hosts,  
What mighty one Thy likeness boasts?  
In all Thy works and vast designs  
Thy faithfulness forever shines.
- 8 The swelling sea obeys Thy will,  
Its angry waves Thy voice can still;  
Thy mighty enemies are slain,  
Thy foes resist Thy power in vain.
- 9 The heavens and earth, by right divine,  
The world and all therein, are Thine;  
The whole creation's wondrous frame  
Proclaims its Maker's glorious Name.

=====

**ZION & FAITH Building Progress:** The monsoon has again affected the progress of work - two days of Shanghai-plastering lost. All efforts have to be made to speed up the work. During the week \$5000 loan refund has been received from Life Church, \$3056.49 refund from Bus Stop Demolition Deposit and about \$1000 additional contributions have been received or pledged. The \$7500 electric Conn organ has been delivered to the Church. Gifts of more fans, Bibles and Hymnbooks are invited. The new Kindergarten Hall will be officially declared open at a

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK:

- Mon. 7.30pm FEBC Classes  
Tues. Zion & Faith Gospel Meetings Counsellors Class. Prayers led by Elder Chia. Life Church Prayer Meeting, 7.30pm. - Rev. Tow.  
Thurs. FEBC Classes  
Fri. Hume Heights Family Worship at home of Sim family - 8 pm.  
Sat. 3pm. Official Opening of new Zion Kindergarten Hall.  
Lord's Day: Zion, Rev. Grauley; Faith, Rev. Kuo Chao Pin; Life, Rev. Heng; Galilee, Rev. Heng; Muar, Rev. Tow. Hume Hts., Mr. Chan Lay Seng.

=====

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCES:** Life 265, Zion 199, Mt Carmel 172, Faith 111, Galilee 74, Sel. Hills 25, Hume Hts 38, Clementi 16.

Parents Day/Annual Concert this coming Saturday, Nov. 18 at 3pm. by Miss P.K. Mah, Inspector of Kindergartens. Admission by tickets, available on request (Tel 81733). Zion & Faith YF members are requested to help in ushering. (A TV Children's programme is being arranged out of selected items from the Concert.)

**LIFE CHURCH Christmas Celebrations:**  
Sat. Dec. 23, 2pm. S.S. Party. Sun. Dec. 24, 10 a.m. Xmas Service; 7.30 S.S. Concert and Carol Service, Refreshments. Baptism on Dec. 31, Watchnight Service.

We need another 20 copies of Inspiring Hymns at the cost price of \$5.25 ea. Any offerer?

**FEBC:** Sis. Doreen Chia has joined the Hebrew Class. The Gospel Team leaves next Friday for Gawang for three meetings. Pray for us! Have the churches forgotten FEBC?

**DR. PATRICK TAN** as FES Missions Sec. is visiting Christian Graduates in Malaysia next week, including Temerloh with a gift from Life Church for the new Church.  
**REV. & MRS. MARVIN DUNN's** new address from Dec.: 3A Jalan Nipah, Jalan Ampang, K.L.  
**CONGRATULATIONS** to Bro. Andrew W.C. Tan for editing Didasko, a Christian magazine for teachers and thanks for quoting our Weekly.  
**DOES YOUR CHURCH** appreciate the Grauleys' ministry these 3½ years? Why not a Xmas gift for the Mission Board that sends them to be presented personally to Dr. Clark the Gen. Sec. visiting us?  
**LIFE CHURCH NEW BUILDING FUND:** Rec. thru pastor another \$155!



"Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation...." Isaiah 28:16

My dear Readers,

# LETTER TO OUR READERS

## Two Kinds of Building

In the days of Noah, and of Lot, "they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded" (Luke 17:28), until the Flood and the Fire came and destroyed them all. But the Ark which God commanded Noah to build rose above the Deluge, and became a means of the righteous man's salvation.

Now, our Saviour predicts that before His Coming back to Earth, many will be building their own castles, but consigned to a nuclear holocaust. However, there will be God's own like Noah who will engage in building for God's salvation purposes. In this connection, building the Church of Jesus Christ, whether by consolidating the members or in constructing a house of worship, is towards the worthier end.

Thus, the Zionists and Faithfuls have built more excellently. The newly-opened Kindergarten Hall and Church Auditorium will henceforth do an enduring work for the Master. Likewise, may the Life Church new three-storey Extension be built for the same persevering purpose.

However, any work for the Lord, be it by trowel or sword, mouth or pen, must be undertaken with clean hands and a pure heart, and by him "who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity nor sworn deceitfully" (Ps.24:4), or else it will be brought to nought. Therefore, let us purify our hearts and clean our hands. Let us humble ourselves to the dust before the Almighty God. Let us speak the truth, in brotherly love, one to another. Then will the Father grant us success: "The Lord shall bless thee out of Zion" (Ps.128:5).

## A "new" phenomenon in evangelism through the printed page has arisen...

A "new" phenomenon in evangelism through the printed page has arisen auspiciously over the "Eastern Sun". This young but getting-more-popular English daily has a "Church at Home" page each week, in whose columns the words of everlasting life, in the form of a concise sermon, are printed - without cost of one cent to any Christian contributor. And, if I am not mistaken, between 67 and 80 thousand issues per week are disseminated throughout Singapore and Malaysia (including Sabah and Sarawak). Without cost of one-cent and numbering tens of thousands!

Taking advantage of such an offer, we have encouraged the faculty and students of Far Eastern Bible College to write good, crispy sermons, and such a one as Bro. Grauley's "Gospel Durian" was par excellence in taste! To date, by God's grace, we have been enabled to contribute twice seven articles. Now, on behalf of the Eastern Sun, may we encourage Readers to write. If your soul is touched by His Word, and you have a message of salvation, of comfort and cheer, to give this sick world, please put it down on paper and mail it to me. Please limit your message to 1,000 words. A "new" phenomenon in evangelism through the printed page, indeed, has arisen over the eastern sun!

## "Gather up the fragments that nothing be lost" (John 6:12)

Thus commanded our Lord the disciples to pick up, bit by bit, twelve basketfuls of crumbs left of the eating of the miracle bread by the five thousand. Commenting on this act of our Saviour, Dr. Ellicott in his famed Bible Commentary says, "The marvellous display of creative power was not to supersede forethought, thrift, economy in the use of gifts it had bestowed. It is probable, from the language of the disciples in Mark 6:37 and from John 13:29, that they were in the habit of distributing food to the poor in the villages and towns in which they preached, and the fragments were, we may believe, reserved for that use." What an example of economy our Lord has set us! What a rebuke to those who squander the Lord's money on lavish and extravagant projects, who, instead of picking up the crumbs, throw away whole loaves in bundles into the waste paper basket!

In this connection may we humbly advise users of Church property especially to economise: Gestetner duplicating ink is \$9 a tube, e.g. So, please print only what is absolutely necessary. Please turn fans off, oh ye forgetful, and the lights too! And please don't twist the spine of our much-battered hymn books! What more can I add? Positively, we should keep the Lord's House clean and tidy at all times.

In case some one might argue: "Picking crumbs is not for this fast-paced modern age," the principle of a test of our humility and obedience still holds. Jesus says, "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much."

Yours Sincerely,

T.T.

# PSALM FOR THE WEEK: 48 (134 Diademata)

- 1 Within Thy temple, Lord,  
In that most holy place,  
We on Thy lovingkindness dwell,  
The wonders of Thy grace.  
Men sing Thy praise, O God,  
Where'er Thy Name is known;  
By every deed Thy hand hath wrought  
Thy righteousness is shown.
- 2 Let Zion now rejoice,  
And all her children sing;  
Let them with thankfulness proclaim  
The judgments of their King.  
Mount Zion's walls behold,  
About her ramparts go,  
And number ye the lofty tow'rs  
That guard her from the foe.
- 3 Observe her palaces,  
Mark her defenses well,  
That to the sons that follow you  
Her glories you may tell;  
For God as our own God  
Forever will abide,  
And till life's journey close in death  
Will be our faithful guide.

NEW ZION Kindergarten Hall was declared open this afternoon by Miss P.K. Mah, Inspector of Kindergartens. A full house enjoyed the 2-hour Parents Day/Annual Concert, followed by an Exhibition of Children's Handwork and refreshments.

ZION & FAITH Building Progress: With the new ZK hall downstairs now completed, work is being concentrated on the Church Auditorium upstairs, shanghai-plastering of the external walls and bell tower, and the compound. We thank PWD for making a survey of the whole compound and giving us valuable advice on the planting and re-planting of trees. A few thousand dollars more, and the costs of building and furnishing will be fully met. To Jehovah-jireh be praise for His wonderful providence. Prayers are requested for the December programme:

1. Dedication on Sat. Dec. 9 at 4 pm., followed by Thanksgiving Dinner at 6.30 pm.
  2. Combined Zion & Faith Holy Communion Service, Lord's Day, Dec. 10 at 10 am. and Concert of Sacred Music at 8 pm.
  3. Gospel Meetings, Dec. 11-16 at 7.45 pm. nightly and Youth Rallies, Dec. 13-16 at 9 am. (Rev. Contento as Evangelist)
- Second joint meeting of Bldg Com'tee and ZK Com'tee to be held this Lord's Day, Nov. 19, at 2.30 pm.

16mm PROJECTOR NEEDED for Consecrators' Gettogether, Dec. 1st 8pm. Projectionist needed too. Film: "Love Outpoured".

WEDDING BELLS! The holy matrimony: (1) between Sis. Loo Keng Eng and Bro. Jacob Wen Kuang Huang will be solemnised at the University Baptist Church, Baltimore, Maryland, USA, Dec. 2, 2pm. (2) between Bro. Kong Chang Chen and Sis. Peggy Zing (of Neil Road Anglican) at Life Church, Dec. 2, 3pm., Rev. Tow officiating.

# APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

- Tues. Zion & Faith Gospel Meetings  
Counsellors Class. Prayers led by Elder Chuang.
- Wed. Galilee Bible Study - Yick Hay;  
Prayer meeting - Yong Kwang.
- Thur. 5pm Galilee Catechism Class
- Fri. Faith Church Family Worship at 81A Serangoon Garden Way, home of Deaconess Tan. Galilee Family Worship at home of Deacon & Mrs. Ng Thiam Chua, 84 Jal. Girang (13). Hume Hts Prayer mtg 8pm. - Sis. Lee Ai Eng; Choir practice 9 pm.
- Sat. Y.Fs.  
Lord's Day: Zion, Rev. Quek; Faith, Mrs. Tan Sia Yong; Life, Rev. Tow; Life Mandarin, Mr. Yu; Galilee, Rev. Heng (Holy Communion).

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCES: Life 277, Zion 196, Faith 103, Galilee 85, Hume Hts 36, Sel. Hills 32, Clementi 16.

INSPIRING HYMNS: A Lifer has offered 10 copies in response to last week's request. Who'll offer the remaining ten at \$5.25 per copy?

LIFE CHURCH welcomes back from Port Dickson Deacon and Mrs. William Seah to worship this Lord's Day. Deacon Seah returns to work in Singapore with Jar-dine Waugh the middle of December.

READ Elder Tow Siang Hwa's sermon in Eastern Sun next week!

LIFE CHURCH New Building Fund: Received last week and this week, a total of \$280.

GALILEANS are recipients of a Gestetner duplicator which is to be temporarily housed at Deacon Ambrose's.

"THE FIELD IS THE WORLD" (Matt. 13:38)  
We are to be global-minded. We are to be world-caring people. Boundaries that don't take in all men are too small for us. Ours must be the global spirit.

1. In the first place, consider that science and technology have made the field to be the world.

2. Consider that the unity of mankind compels us to see that the field is the world. In the New Testament we read, "All nations he has created from a common origin." There are differences among us, but they are superficial as over against our unity and basic likeness.

3. Consider that the field is the world because it is in the charter of our Christian faith. It is the teaching of the Christian faith that "God so loved the world" that he came in his agape incarnated in Jesus of Nazareth to save the world - not to save a few out of the world. He told us to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations.

(H. Richard Rasmusson)

"But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."

THE MESSAGE OF NOAH FOR TODAY

Matt. 24:37

"There were giants in the earth in those days, and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown. And God saw that the wickedness of men was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of the heart was only evil continually.... And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created.... But Noah found grace in the sight of the Lord." (Gen. 6:4-8)

Notice that the generation that lived before the Deluge were "giants", "mighty men" and "men of renown". They belonged to what we would call "the affluent society". In the arts of living, they should have developed to a high degree the housing, animal husbandry, music, copper and iron metallurgy invented several generations before (Gen. 4:19-22). Assuredly they had extended their domain beyond the seas, and attained an expert knowledge in naval architecture and technology, as evidenced by the ocean-going tanker of an Ark Noah had built.

But, morally, they were "fallen ones", as the Hebrew word for "giants" connotes. Hence, God indicts them for their "great wickedness", whose "every imagination of the thoughts of the heart was only evil continually". "The earth also was corrupt before God and the earth was filled with violence." Does not this truer picture of Noah's generation starkly reflect the times in which we live?

For, though mankind today is advancing technologically by leaps and bounds, soaring upward and moonward, morally are we not sinking in the ocean depths of degradation? What newspaper does not daily echo the wails of sin and crime - rioting, racial hatred, murder, rape, sodomy, adultery, divorce, incest, abortion, infanticide, suicide, swindling, embezzlement, apostasy from the Faith, pillage, arson, war and rumour of war? As in Noah's day when that wicked generation was due for judgment by a Universal Flood, so in our day the world is consigned to a global holocaust! Who says this? No less an authority than Jesus Christ, the Son of God! Incidentally, Tengku Abdul Rahman recently declared his belief, in the light of this generation's rebellion, of the end of the world. In this connection, he was acknowledging the words of Him who prophesied: "And as it was in the days of Noe (Noah), so shall it be in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark and the flood came and destroyed them all."

Indeed, another global flood is coming, but this second and last time will bring not a deluge of water but of fire (II Pet. 3:1-10). What Scripture has prophesied 2,000 years ago is remarkably confirmed today by Science. For two decades scientists have been warning that in "an exchange of nuclear compliments," to borrow Mr. Lee Kuan Yew's phraseology, one third of mankind would be wiped out. (Revelation Chapter 8 tersely describes this horrible consummation of history.)

Now, God who hates sin but loves sinners is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance (II Pet. 3:9). Therefore He gave Noah's generation one hundred twenty years to turn to Him. Did this probation of mercy yield any result? None - save Noah and his family! (Praise God, at least Noah got his family saved.) Today, God is even more gracious, though His longsuffering is misunderstood for tardiness (II Pet. 3:9). For more than a hundred and twenty years, theologians and Bible students have been heralding Jesus' second coming - to judge the earth by fire. Their warning is amplified a billion times by repeated atomic blasts since Hiroshima, August 6, 1945, while we live in the shadow of that hideous mushroom cloud that Revelation 9 describes as "smoke out of the pit". However, the whirl of a merry society, of wine, women and song soon lulls us to slumber. Christians, cooled off from the warmth of their first love for the Saviour, return to the ambitions and pleasures of the world.

However, there are still some wise ones who see that Day coming. But where can they run to escape God's wrath? Then there are the rich but preciously fragile ones, who can afford to run but find no peace, hither or thither. Reader, have you found "an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest"? (Isaiah 32:2). "Thus saith the Lord, that created thee....when thou walkedst through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee" (Isa. 43:1-2). Let us return to God! There is a safe hiding place in the Rock of Ages!

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee;  
Let the water and the blood, From Thy wounded side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure, Save from wrath and make me pure.

Being saved in the Rock of Jesus Christ is the safest hiding place from every stormy blast. Today, as you stumble along life's weary way, with many a fear and burden of care, won't you come unto Him who alone can give you rest (Matt. 11:28)?



And when you have at last found the Saviour now, won't you tell the good news to your loved ones and friends?

As for those who are assured they are abiding under His wings, let them follow in Noah's footsteps in building for God's salvation purpose. Let us leave off building castles that will crumble by water or fire. Let us conscientiously so spend our time, energy and money that none will be wasted on things transient. Let us, like Noah, spend our all to save souls into the eternal Kingdom of God. Let us cease not to tell others the gospel message as did Noah, a preacher of righteousness (II Pet. 2:5), while the Ark was a-building.

=====

PSALM FOR THE WEEK 51 (140 Ajalon)

- 1 God be merciful to me,  
On Thy grace I rest my plea;  
Plenteous in compassion Thou,  
Blot out my transgressions now;  
Wash me, make me pure within,  
Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.
- 2 My transgressions I confess,  
Grief and guilt my soul oppress;  
I have sinned against Thy grace  
And provoked Thee to Thy face;  
I confess Thy judgment just,  
Speechless, I Thy mercy trust.
- 3 I am evil, born in sin;  
Thou desirest truth within.  
Thou alone my Saviour art,  
Teach Thy wisdom to my heart;  
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow,  
Wash me whiter than the snow.
- 4 Broken, humbled to the dust  
By Thy wrath and judgment just,  
Let my contrite heart rejoice  
And in gladness hear Thy voice;  
From my sins O hide Thy face,  
Blot them out in boundless grace.

=====

ZION & FAITH Gospel Meetings & Youth Rallies. Invitation handbills and booklets in English are ready for distributions. Gospel meetings from Mon. to Sat. Dec. 11-16 at 7.45pm. Youth Rallies from Wed. to Sat. Dec. 13-16 at 8.30 to 10.00 am. Please pray and bring your families and friends.

ZION & FAITH CHURCH Building Progress - Mosaic flooring for the new Church Auditorium has been completed and lights are on. Window panes are being fitted and the pulpit platform made. Over 20 pews have been delivered. Some trees are to be cut down and others trimmed before fencing of the compound. Re-decoration of the existing building with conversion of the existing ZK Office and adjacent room into a new kitchen is to start next week.

A DEDICATION SOUVENIR is being prepared for use at the Dedication Thanksgiving Service on Dec. 30. Group photographs, to be included in the Souvenir, will be taken after the combined worship service next Lord's Day. Elder Chia will take the photos separately in this order: Church Sessions, the 5 Trustees, Sunday School teachers, Senior and Junior Choirs (in gowns), Zion Adult Fellowship and Faith Christian Ladies Fellowship.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK.

- Mon. 8pm. Life Church Session Mtg at Parsonage. N.B.!
- Tues. 8pm. Galilee Church Session Mtg. Life Church Prayer Mtg, Bro. Kok Kwong.
- Wed. 8pm. Final Gospel Mtg Counsellors' Class & Prayer mtg: Zion in Church Hall led by Elder Chia, Faith at Parsonage led by Rev. Quack.
- Sat. 2pm Evangelistic League Com'tee Mtg at Life Church Parsonage.  
5.30pm All Zion & Faith Gospel Mtg Counsellors to meet Rev. Paul Contento for final briefing on counselling. Welcome dinner at 7pm, (\$5 per head).
- Lord's Day: 10am Zion & Faith combined Holy Communion Service at new ZK Hall. Speaker, Rev. Contento.  
Life: Rev. Tow.  
Life Mandarin: Mr. Yu.

=====

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCES: Life 210, Zion 156, Faith 93, Galilee 88, Jal. Aman 29, Sel. Hills 25.

=====

Additional offerings: During the week over \$1000 have been received or pledged. More Bibles, Hymnbooks and fans have been offered.

THE LIANG KWANG Mission Committee to advance and coordinate evangelistic work in the kampongs adjacent to Zion & Faith Churches met last Lord's Day and decided 1) to establish a Kindergarten class in the afternoon exclusively for the kampong children at \$1 per month, from Jan. 2) to call for volunteers to give free tuitions to the kampong children from Jan. 3) to start a free medical clinic as soon as possible, 4) to appoint a part-time Missioner.

ZION & FAITH thank Mrs. Ng Eng Hoe for instructing our pianists on the use of the electric Conn organ. Mrs. Ng will play the organ for the Dedication Service.

PASTOR and Mrs. Ivy Tow thank the Lord and readers for their prayers for the safe delivery of a daughter, Jemima Tow Li Mi, Nov. 29, 1967, at K.K. Hospital.

WEDDING BELLS! The holy matrimony between Bro. James Chan and Sis. Alice Low of Hume Hts. will be solemnised at Life Church on Sat. Dec. 30, 2pm.

RECEIVED \$200 Thankoffering for the Life Church New B.F.!

MANDARIN Bible-Reading Class by Mrs. Lee Cheon Ngee, every Sun. 3.30 pm.

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth..." Romans 1:16

## MUAR MESSENGER

My dear Readers,

Thursday, Dec. 7, 1967.

Here am I, send me!

I am writing from the "prophet's chamber" in the new house of Madam Lim Siew Guat, of the Tay Beng Guat family, pillars of Trinity Presbyterian Church. I've just got up after a brief siesta while the monsoon is frolicking over the coconut tree-tops underneath a grey drizzling sky. But, in the solitude of oneself, one seems to hear beneath the rustling wind the still small voice of God. Isaiah 6:8, "Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me!'"

I'm here by invitation of Trinity Church to speak to her Youth Retreat, with the concurrence of my elders and deacons, but what makes one buoyant with confidence is one's persuasion of the Lord's personal commission. But not only to preach the Word in Muar, or more regularly at Gilstead Road. Lord, I am prepared to go wherever Thou wouldst send me. Let me not be weary of feet or fearful of heart before the faces of men. Let me speak as Thou wouldst want me speak, Amen.

Missions for Youth (of Muar)

It is interesting that Trinity Church is one up on us. Such a young fellowship as its English Service (only 2½ years) has chosen for itself an advanced subject - Missions for Youth. They have lined up four mornings for me to give an hour's Bible study on Missions, after which they would hold another hour's workshop to answer three leading questions by the speaker. Then they report back and the speaker will sum up the findings.

Here's the Bible study material I've programmed for the Youth Retreat which I hope might offer you some lead in preparing talks.

I. The Missionary Message. Isaiah 53. Key verse: v.1, Who hath believed our report?

Questions for Workshop:

1. What is the subject of the missionary message?
2. What is the object of the missionary message?
3. Is the missionary message in the O.T. the same as in the N.T.?

II. The Missionary Outreach, Isaiah 54. Key verse: v.2, Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thy habitations: spare not, lengthen they cords, and strengthen they stakes.

Questions for workshop:

1. What is the extent of the missionary outreach?
2. What is the progressive order of the missionary outreach?
3. What is the purpose of the missionary outreach?

III. The Missionary Invitation. Isaiah 55 .... Key verse: He, everyone that thirsteth.

IV. The Missionary Commission, Isaiah 6. Key verse, v.8, Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, here am I, send me.

Questions for workshop:

1. What are the three essentials of the Great Commission (Matt. 28:19-20).
2. List as many young people as you can who are called to the Lord's service both in the O.T. and N.T.
3. Who apart from the 12 apostles in the N.T. are also sent?

In the evenings I have been requested to present the salvation message to the "campers" themselves. So far, in four appeals, 17 young people have publicly given their hands to the Lord, including the camp leader himself! Allelujah, Jesus saves!

Evangelism is Every Christian's Business

Evangelism is every Christian's business. Every pastor should preach the message of the Cross. Every Sunday school teacher should teach the way of Salvation. Every Christian can save souls by speaking personally to someone about his soul, or by giving out a tract. Don't wait for some big crusade to come and then say, Hurrah, here's our chance to save souls! Jesus is with two or three gathered together in His name. 'Burdens are lifted at Calvary, Jesus is very near.'

December is Evangelism Month!

In this connection, please remember in prayer the Lord's messengers who are being engaged in one way or another:-

1. Rev. Philip Heng at Galilee Discipleship Camp, Dec. 11-16; at Mt. Carmel, Dec. 18-23.
2. Rev. John Grauley at Life Church Camp, Dec. 11-16.
3. The S.U. Camp (English) just completed and the S.U. Camp (Chinese), Dec. 11-15, at FEBC; the Kam Yan Y.F. at FEBC, Dec. 26-29.

4. Last but not least, Rev. Paul Contento at Zion and Faith Churches, Dec. 11-16, with youth rallies, Dec. 13-16, 8.30 am. Also, for the sake of Lifers, our missionary friend will preach in English at the afternoon Mandarin Service this Lord's Day, Dec. 10, 4.30 pm. (to be translated into Hokkien) so that both English-speaking and Chinese-speaking might benefit together. Bring a friend.

Abraham's example

Wherever Abraham settled in the Promised Land - at Sechem, Bethel, Hebron (Beersheba) - there he built an altar to the Lord. Wherever we shift about in this transient life (there are many Lifers, Zionists, Faithfuls, a Sunbeam or two, a member of Hume Heights scattered in all parts of the earth), let us remember Abraham's devout example of worship.

Dr. Tow Siang Yeow, who in the last few years was transferred to Temerloh and Malacca, and now is leaving for Ipoh, is one who follows Abraham faithfully. We thank God for the Temerloh Church recently built, and now for the Evangelical Free Church of Malacca in her recent purchase of a \$30,000 bungalow. Siang Yeow, their Treasurer, is appealing for some Readers' help through a Church letter. Your response, big or small, is a sweet-savour sacrifice before Abraham's God! (Read the Eastern Sun for further news.)

Yours Sincerely,

T.T.

PSALM FOR THE WEEK: 102 (276, Mercy)

- 1 Thou, O Lord, art God alone;  
Everlasting is Thy throne;  
Through the ages men shall sing  
Praise to heaven's eternal King.
- 2 Thou, enthroned above the skies,  
Wilt for Zion's help arise;  
Let Thy grace to her appear,  
For the promised time is near.
- 3 If with love compassionate  
We, Thy servants, mourn her state  
Wilt not Thou, O gracious Lord,  
Help in Zion's need afford?
- 4 Lord, Thy glory shall appear,  
Kings and nations then shall see  
And Thy Name shall be adored  
When Thy Zion is restored.

*This spine was laid  
an extended witness  
Church of Christ  
June 17, 1968*

ZION & FAITH Churches desire the prayers and cooperation of all readers in making the Gospel Meetings and Youth Rallies during the coming week a great success in the saving of souls for Christ. If you have some friends and relatives living in the Serangoon Garden and nearby areas, please invite them to the meetings to hear Rev. Contento. Members of Zion & Faith Churches, SS children and YF members are particularly reminded to come, and to invite their parents, brothers and sisters to come.

WELCOME back from Australia Miss Chow Shaw Lan, Miss Doris Tham and Messrs. John Yeo, Charlie Yeo, Chee Yan Pong (all of Zion) and Tan Toh Kern. Except for John and Toh Kern, all the others are back home for a holiday. Mr. John Yeo will take charge of the Youth Rallies at Zion and has been invited to become part-time Missioner for the Ling Kwang Mission. All volunteers offering to give free tuition once a week in mathematics, English or Chinese, please report to Mr. Yeo.

FAR EASTERN BIBLE COLLEGE reopens for 2nd Term, Jan. 15, 1967. Applicants please contact Rev. John Grauley.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

- Mon. to Sat. 7.45pm. Zion & Faith Gospel Meetings.  
Wed. to Sat. 8.30 to 10 am. Youth Rallies.  
Tues. Life Church Prayer Mtg.  
Sat. 3pm. Wedding at Zion between Mr. George R. Gaspar and Miss Foo Lee Eng.  
Life YF - no mtg.  
Lord's Day. Zion, Rev. Quek; Faith, Mr. Yu Chung Min; Life, Rev. Tow; Galilee, Rev. Heng.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCES: Life 244, Zion 188, Faith 93, Jal. Aman 33, Sel. Hills 30, Hume Hts 34, Clementi 20.

HUME HEIGHTS: Fri. 8pm, Prayer Mtg.; 9pm, Choir practice. Lord's Day, Rev. Koh Chee Chong. Y.F. will celebrate Christmas on Sunday 17 Dec. at 7.30pm. Rev. Koh will be Guest Speaker.

ON BEHALF of Life Church S.S., the Y.F. presented a cash gift in honour of our Saviour's birth to the Spastic Children this afternoon. The Lifers also sang a carol to the 105 spastic children. THE ENGAGEMENT between Sis. Loo Ee Ping (daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Loo Kien Sing) of Life Church and Dr. William T.F. Lau of Australia will be solemnised this Lord's Day evening at 6 Lorong Pisang Udang, Rev. Tow officiating.

LIFE CHURCH CATECHISM CLASS: Preparing for Baptism and Confirmation on Xmas Sunday, Dec. 24. Last chance to join, immediately after service this Lord's Day. Members from other Churches wishing to unite with Life Church in public reception at the above service should inform the pastor beforehand. THE DATES of the India Conference of the FECCC are re-confirmed, Jan. 7 - 14, 1967, at Hubli. The Evangelistic League has voted to collect a Xmas offering for India Relief. THE GOSPEL WEEKLY, now in its 5th issue, is a four-page Chinese religious "newspaper" published by Elder Tow Keng Hee, edited by Mr. Yu Chung Min. Get yours from Life Church Mandarin-Hokkien Service.



"Lord, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am." Psalm 39:4

My dear Readers,

Tempus fugit - Time flies!

This Latin maxim on time rings like a bell on the conscience of many who have not grasped time by the forelock. We have let opportunities slip. We have not wisely used the time allotted us, as a result of which, we have failed.

We are constantly being reminded by God's Word to make the fullest use of time - not in the pleasurable pursuits of the world, but in the service of the Lord (Rom. 13:11-14).

Alas, another year is dying out - in a matter of hours. These hours are momentous! Spend them not in gay and thoughtless parties. Spend them in solemn ponder, in the quiet sanctuary of your heart. Spend them in prayer with God's children at the Watchnight Service, at the feet of the Lord's Table. Spend them reflectively, repentently, whereby your faith and hope in Him might be renewed. Resolve, with God's help, to catch up in 1968, what has been lost in 1967.

"O teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom" (Ps. 90:12).

"The church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth" (I Tim. 3:15)

This is a historic day in the growth of our Bible-Presbyterian Church movement - the dedication of the new \$200,000 Sanctuary of Zion and Faith Churches. The Zionists and Faithfuls have given of their best to build such an ornate house for God. But more beautiful, it must be remembered, is the truth which is being uplifted all these years by the testimony of these two congregations. The souls that are steadily added to these two churches of Jesus Christ are the rubies and jewels to adorn the true temple of God. We thank God that in ten years both Zion and Faith are developed into full-fledged churches, yea, even sending churches. Its inaugural project of a Ling Kwang Mission to beam the gospel light to the dark kampongs is expressive of the wider vision of our brethren.

Zion and Faith churches are established by the further reason of earnestly contending for the Faith once delivered unto the Saints. You are sons of the Reformation, you have upheld the glittering truths of the Reformation. May you stand firm for these truths, like your bell-and-beacon tower, over a dark sea. May you tell one and all the perils that await those who are basking in the seas of ecumenism, of cooperating with modernists and reuniting with Romanists. In this connection the faithful labours of your honorary pastor for the Faith must be recognised to be a foundation stone of your beautiful church.

The Testimony of Separation

"Be not unequally yoked with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? ...or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? ...Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you" (II Cor. 6:14-17). Obeying the injunction of the Lord, our Church movement has been one for the testimony of separation. This testimony needs to be strengthened in these darkening days of apostasy when evangelicals in increasing numbers are fellowshiping with modernists and Romanists. Even the Bible Society in Singapore is talking of a Common Bible with the Roman Catholics. Cooperative Evangelism draws no distinction between sending converts to Bible-believing churches and liberal churches. What communion hath light with darkness?

From under these circumstances let our churches rise to contend more earnestly for the faith (Jude 3). Let us support the separation-from-unbelief testimony in the convening of the 6th Assembly of the Far Eastern Council of Christian Churches in Hubli, India, Jan. 7-14. Pray for your delegation comprising Revs. Quek, Grauley and myself, that our contribution to the Assembly might be used of God to His glory. From next week I shall write my Indigram again.

Yours Sincerely,

T.T.

THE LORD SITTETH UPON THE FLOOD (Ps. 29:10).

The high flood that invaded the Far Eastern Bible College twice early this year has struck again! Our downstairs Hall and lecture rooms are filled to the brim with the suffering kampong people. The flood has overwhelmed our whole church grounds! The power of the Lord who sits upon the flood!

Despite the flood the anauguration of the new Zion-Faith Church has been attended by about 500, according to Rev. Quek. Messages were brought by Rev. Quek Khee-Swee, Miss Leona Wu, Rev. Yap Un Han and Rev. Tow. Telegrams were received from Rev. Contanto Elder Quek Khiok Meng and Bros. Swee Hwa and Kiat from London. After the service the whole congregation were invited to dinner, the fifty tables almost being filled. Praise God for the spirit of dedication....The Lord sitteth upon the flood.

O LOVE OF GOD, HOW STRONG AND TRUE  
(Hymns of the Kingdom 125, St. Gregory)

- 1 O love of God, how strong and true,  
Eternal and yet ever new,  
Uncomprehended and unbought,  
Beyond all knowledge and all thought!
  - 2 O heavenly love, how precious still,  
In days of weariness and ill,  
In nights of pain and helplessness,  
To heal, to comfort, and to bless!
  - 3 O wide-embracing, wondrous love!  
We read thee in the sky above;  
We read thee in the earth below,  
In seas that swell and streams that flow.
  - 4 We read thee best in him who came  
To bear for us the cross of shame,  
Sent by the Father from on high,  
Our life to live, our death to die.
  - 5 We read thy power to bless and save  
Even in the darkness of the grave;  
Still more in resurrection light  
We read the fullness of thy might.
  - 6 O love of God, our shield and stay  
Through all the perils of our way;  
Eternal love, in thee we rest,  
For ever safe, for ever blest.
- =====

**CHRISTMAS** Baptismal Service at Life Church: Infants Baptised: 1) Lena Chan Swee Leng, daughter of Bro. & Mrs. Chan Hon Ming; 2) Lynette Chua Kwee Lin, daughter of Bro. & Mrs. Chua Hua Meng. Baptised: 1) Toon Jin Kin, clerk, 108C Lor. 6, Toa Payoh Blk 50, 12. 2) Christopher Tan, student, 56 Gardenia Rd, 20; 3) Tan Siew Khim, student, Blk 82, 155J Commonwealth Close, 3; 4) Goh Lin Seng, student, 164 Orchard Rd, 9; 5) Tan Ah Moi, student, 7 Cavenagh Rd, 9; 6) Sally Tan Sok Eng, student, 366 Lengkok Bahru, 3; 7) Peter Sim Swee Meng, student, 86 Emerald Hill Rd, 9; 8) Peter Goh Yew Teck, student, 43 Seng Poh Rd, 3; 9) Ng Tian Wee, 6 South Buona Vista Rd, 5; 10) Lee Song Yong, student, 83 North Bridge Rd, 6. Confirmed: 1) Chua Teck Key, 871 Upper Serangoon Rd, 19; 2) Chua Teck Hong, student, 871 Upp. Serangoon Rd, 19; 3) Lena Seow, student, 95 Nemesu Ave., 20; 4) David Chua Hua Lee, student, 366 Serangoon Rd, 8. By Transfer: 1) Eleanor Chua, 2) Nancy Chua, 366 Serangoon Rd, 8. May these names be written in the book of Life in heaven!

LIFE Church Christmas offerings total \$1,417.10 plus \$200 for new B.F.

THE TTC Christian Fellowship (through Bro. Andrew W.C. Tan) held Christmas night party at FEBC.

FEBC BOOKING: By Life Church Y.F. Jan. 1-3 for Discipleship Camp. (postponed).

KELAPA SAWIT Church sent her Christmas offerings of \$17 to Life Church for missions. Her S.S. has now increased to 100!

TESTIMONY by Lena Seow of Life Church and Sembawang Sunday School

I come from a Christian family. My parents are all earnest Christians. I had been in Sembawang Sunday School since I was young, because it was very convenient. When I was older, I became very inattentive during the lessons, so my mother sent me down to Life Church Sunday School. At that time, it was just removed to Gilstead Road from Prinsep Street. There, I was behaving the same until, one day, the teacher talked about salvation and about Jesus Christ saving us from our sins. I realised I was showing myself a bad Christian to the newcomers in our Sunday School class. So I prayed about it, when I went home, that the Lord would save me from my sins. I asked Him to come into my heart. From then on, I began to show more interest in the lessons. I also went to Bible camp and there I was really blessed by the messages. I am very happy to be a Christian, because I can witness for the Lord and He always answers my prayers. I really thank the Lord for dying on the cross to save us from our sins. I shall never forget that the Lord is always near me.

=====

Bro. Peter Tow speaks at Kelapa Sawit this Lord's Day.

REV. Philip Heng and Uncle Win plan to celebrate the Lord's Supper at Kelapa Sawit, Jan. 21 and preach at Trinity Church, Muar, the same evening.

GALILEE NEWS: Sunday School attendance = 115. Wed. Bible Study, Pastor Heng; Prayer meeting, Lee Yen.

Fri. Consecrators Meeting, 8pm. at Life Church - Rev. Goldsmith. Calling consecrators from all camps/groups - Zion, Life, Galilee, Hume Hts, I.C.Y., Jurong, Mt Carmel, Sembawang, YFC, etc.

PRAY for Galilee Church Youth Fellowship Elections on Jan. 6..

HUME HEIGHTS S.S. attendance 42, Clementi 33; Fri. Prayer mtg, 8pm.

PRAY for GCF (Graduates Christian Fellowship) Evangelistic Meetings. Speaker: Rev. Denis Lane, LL.B. Place: Kandang Kerbau Maternity Hospital Lecture Theatre. Time: 8pm. Dates: 8,9,10 Jan. 1968.

LIFE CHURCH: S.S. attendance 286. The combined Carol Service had 500 out. The Xmas play under Dr. Patrick Tan's direction was a great success.

LIFE CHURCH SESSION MEETING, Tues. Jan. 2, 1968 at FEBC!

HEAR ZION CHURCH CHOIR sing "No Greater Love", a Cantata, New Year's Eve at the new church.

BEGIN NEW YEAR WITH GOD: Attend Watchnight Service at Life Church, 10.45 p.m., Rev. Grauley speaking, with the Lord's Supper served. Baptism of Carmelites.