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The Kindergarten in our Church Movement

Psychologists are just beginning to discover that the training of the young, from their very first days of existence up to the age of four, will give them the handicap by half over the untrained. (Let those parents, who are concerned over their children's development, read "You can raise your child's I.Q." in Reader's Digest, Jan. 1969.)

In the light of this truth, the Kindergarten is coming more and more into its own. In this connection our church has not been behind in fulfilling its role in the training of the very young. For, what psychologists are beginning to stress has been a cardinal doctrine of Christian education from the days of the patriarchs. Abraham was commended of the Lord: "For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do righteousness and justice...." (Gen. 18:19).

The importance of training the very young, assiduously, is a statute laid by Moses to all Israel: "And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart; And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up...And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates..." (Deut. 6:6-8). Solomon further declares, "Train up a child in the way he should go and, when he is old, he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6).

Our first kindergarten, the famous Zion, was an "inheritance" from the Christian Stewardship Foundation headed by Rev. Jason Linn of Hong Kong. Since taking over the Kindergarten property from June 1957, we have seen the Lord's blessing upon this children's work. Evidence of this blessing is the new Church edifice incorporating a Ling Kwang Mission. It is heartening to see the Zion and Faith congregations giving further time to tutoring the young, especially the poor from the adjacent kampong. The work of training the very young finds fruition also in the increase of the church membership. The religious training by Zion Kindergarten particularly is commendable.

The second kindergarten in our church movement unexpectedly has come into being through the initiative of Bro. and Mrs. Chan Lay Seng. Soon after taking over the work at Kelapa Sawit, Johore, Jan. 1968, the couple launched a free kindergarten for the village children. Through their work the Sunday School is further augmented (120 weekly) whilst gospel meetings for the children have also been held. Says Bro. Lay Seng, "Unless we concentrate on the young, our village church has no future."

The third kindergarten has just opened as a nursery class with 12 pupils under Mrs. Seah Siew Yaag at Sembawang. The trading of every talent God has placed into the hands of the Sunbeams is according to the divine economy. (Matt. 25:14-30). This is one more step taken to increasing Sembawang into a church.

The fourth kindergarten, and by no means the last one we pray, is Far Eastern Kindergarten, opening on April 28. In this connection, we have vacancy for two teachers and two helpers whose terms of service are given in this paper. Our desire is that our own members will offer themselves to this holy ministry, that being of one Christian family, the teachers and helpers might strive together for the inculcation of the faith in the young. Let us endeavour to give our utmost for His highest.

- T.T. -

FAR EASTERN KINDERGARTEN has vacancies for teachers and helpers.

(A) Teacher: (i) Must possess School Certificate or Secondary IV (Chinese)
(ii) Should have a knowledge in Music (Piano).
and (iii) Should have some relevant teaching experience.

Preference will be given to those who are bi-lingual.

(B) Helper: (i) Should be conversant both in spoken English and Mandarin.

Starting Salary: (A) \$150.00 - \$300.00) per month.
(B) \$100.00

For (A) point of entry will depend on qualification and experience. Application forms are obtainable from, The Principal, Far Eastern Kindergarten, 9-A, Gilstead Road, Singapore 11.
Closing Date - 19th January, 1969.

"...and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith..." Hebrews 12:1,2.

Is Your Christian Life a Race?

What is your Christian life? Is it a race or a ride? How many an old-timer Christian is simply coasting along, aimlessly, like taking a ride with no particular destination in mind. Or worse still, there are those Christian in name, but not in experience, who like the unsaved are groping in darkness, "having no hope, and without God in the world." (Eph. 2:12).

The Christian life is a race according to the apostle to the Hebrews. St. Paul speaks of the Christian race in regard to the ministry (I Cor. 9:24) and testifies in his second letter to Timothy to his finishing the course (4:7). The race mentioned in Hebrews 12:1 is one that every Christian must run! "Let us run with patience the race that is set before us!"

This race is run not merely by preaching from the pulpit or teaching in Sunday School class. It is to be run by every Christian in his or her job, or whatever station of life. The "cloud of witnesses" the faith heroes and heroines in Hebrews 11, were ordinary men and women, serving God in their times, in their various occupations. Abraham ran the Christian race by leaving Ur of the Chaldees to go to Canaan a Land of Promise. So did Sarah his wife, obedient to her husband, helping him in his work through thick and thin, nonetheless honourably mentioned. Therefore, we are running this Christian race if we, as students, study diligently and pass our exams well, as teachers we teach conscientiously, as doctors and nurses we attend to the sick compassionately, as businessmen, we do not defraud. Of course, there are young people who, realising the futility of life and the vanity of power and fame, should give up all to follow Christ. These run a more perfect race.

Now, the Christian race, as intimated by the word "patience" is a long one! It begins from the day of our conversion and lasts till the day we leave this world. Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress, showing how Christian flees the City of Destruction to go to the Celestial City, vividly illustrates this. Our view of the race track, however, is a few steps just ahead, "for we walk by faith, not by sight" (II Cor. 5:7). Some of us may have the confidence of what God would want us to do for the next year or so, some perhaps only a few months, and some a day at a time. (James 4:13-15).

There are superstitious businessmen who would want to know if they will make good profit for the new year 1969, and they are not slow to consult the fortune-teller. This is consultation with darkness.

I said to a Man who stood at the gate of the year,

"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."

And he replied, "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than a light and safer than a known way." - M. Louise Haskins.

How can we win the Christian race? One obstacle to win is indulgence of the flesh. A sportsman must keep his body in good trim to run fast. He cannot indulge in eating to satisfy his appetite. Now, if the lust of the flesh is a hinderance to the earthly race, how much more is it to the heavenly! The sensuality of Esau in eating of Jacob's "red bean soup" cost him his birthright. Beware lest our worldly ambitions should land us in the ditch!

Another sin that hinders us from winning the race is the sin of despondency. Remember Christian stuck in the Slough of Despond. When we are dissatisfied with the lot of our life, whether in our marital relationships, in our family background, our children, our job, sickness, loss in business, etc. and begin to grumble against God, we lose the joy of salvation. As we sulk and pine we are left behind in the race. Thus the apostle exhorts, "Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees, and make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way, but let it rather be healed." (Hebrews 12:13).

In order to derive strength for the race we are further exhorted to "look unto Jesus," for He is the one to carry us through, "the author and finisher of our faith." (Heb. 12:2). How do we look unto Jesus? Since He does not reveal Himself to our naked eyes, we should not wish to see visions nor satisfy our eyes with Jesus portraits or crucifixes. The appointed way of looking unto Jesus is by reading His Word, the Holy Bible, daily and consistently, and meditating upon it with all prayerfulness. How warm our hearts become as we are brought face to face to the Living Word, as we behold Christ's mighty acts in the Gospels, culminating in his death on the cross, burial and resurrection to pay for the penalty of our sins. How we are moved to love Him,

and to hate sin, to walk uprightly in His path, to run the race with patience that is set before us. We are kept from side tracking into the world with its evils. We press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Jesus Christ. Will your Christian life be a race - unto victory?

- Rev. Timothy Tow -

PSALM FOR THE WEEK: 145 (394, Gerard)

1. I will extol Thee, O my God,
And praise Thee, O my King;
Yea, ev'ry day and evermore
Thy praises I will sing.
Great is the Lord, our mighty God,
And greatly to be praised;
His greatness is unsearchable,
Above all glory raised.
2. Each generation to the next
Shall testimony bear;
And to Thy praise, from age to age,
Thy wondrous acts declare,
Upon Thy glorious majesty
And honour I will dwell,
And all Thy grand and glorious works
And all Thy greatness tell.
3. Thy mighty acts and terrible
Shall men with awe confess;
Of Thy great goodness they shall sing
And perfect righteousness,
Most gracious and compassionate
Is God Who reigns above;
His wrath is ever slow to rise,
Unbounded is love.

ZION AND FAITH NEWS: Zion Church session meets this Lord's Day at 2 pm.

Ling Kwang Mission, Zion Adult Fellowship and Faith Ladies' Fellowship Committees hold joint meeting next Lord's Day, Jan. 26 at 12 noon to discuss organised relief for the poor and needy in nearby kampongs.

ELDER QUEK KHIOK MENG of Faith Church, with Mrs. Quek, returned to Singapore yesterday to attend his father Rev. Quek Khee Swee's 80th birthday. They greet all brethren and friends.

LIFE CHURCH NURSERY CLASS duty roster for next Lord's Day: Mrs. Phang Guek Im and Miss Amy Loh.

FAR EASTERN KINDERGARTEN Crest Design Competition - Calling all artists. Size 8" x 6" with black and white and two other colours. Three prizes to be awarded \$20, \$10, \$5. Submit entries to Deacon William Seah.

GALILEE ONCE-A-MONTH FORUM begins on 24th Jan. at 8 pm. Questions for this meeting will be on "Christians and Society." Speakers will be Dn. Lim Kim Hee, Dns. Sim Boon Ho and Pastor Heng. All are welcome!

LIFE CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL Annual Prize Giving next Lord's Day.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK:

- Tue. Life Prayer Meeting, Bro. Koh Kim Hiang. Faith Prayer Meeting, Elder Chuang.
- Wed. Galilee Bible Study, Bro. Jeremiah Wong, Hosea 3,4. Galilee Prayer Meeting, Bro. Samuel Fong, Zion Prayer Meeting, Elder Chia.
- Thur. Sembawang Bible Study and Prayer Meeting, 7.45 p.m. Romans 8.
- Fri. Hume Heights Prayer Meeting. Life Family Worship at home of Dr. and Mrs. Patrick Tan, 49E, Jalan Arnap, Singapore 10. Faith Family Worship at 26, Brockhampton Drive, Home of Madam Lo Kai.
- Lord's Day: Life: Rev. Heng; Zion: Dr. Lyra; Galilee: Rev. Brumley; Hume Heights: Rev. Tow.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCES:

Life: 243 Mt. Carmel: 187 Galilee
Jurong: 35 Hume Heights: 20
Clementi: 20

LIFE CHURCH SESSION MEMBERS are requested to meet for a short while after Congregational Meeting, 19th Jan. 1969.

LIFE CHURCH NEW BUILDING PROGRESS: Praise the Lord, the hearty response of Lifers during the last two months has raised our credit to about \$6,000. We still need \$4,000 to pay the incoming bill of \$10,000. The Far Eastern Kindergarten has vacancy for two teachers and two helpers. Apply today!

MONK'S HILL YFC will meet at FEBC Hall from next Sat. 11a.m. Sister Tow Siew Liang is their new pianist.

FEBC will hold Day of Prayer, Mon. Jan. 27 at Galilee Lawns. Car leave FEBC 8 a.m.

LIFE YF COMMITTEE for 1969: President: Fred Lai; Vice-President: Lee Theng Kiat; Secretary: Chng Swee Kheng; Treasurer: Lee Soon Ngee; Pub. Sec.: Jenny Lieu; Committee Members: Chee Ping-Kong and Lucy Chua.

SEMBAWANG SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ICY cordially invite our Readers to the Dedication of their Corner House 99 Nemesu Avenue Sun. Jan. 26, 5 pm. and thereafter to a buffet dinner.

"For unto everyone that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance."
Matthew 25:29a.

THE SUNBEAMS OF SEMBAWANG

This Lord's Day, Jan. 26 at 5 p.m., the Sembawang Sunday School and ICY cordially invite our Readers to the Dedication of their newly-acquired corner-house, and thereafter to a buffet dinner. What is our response? Like Hermon's dew descending on Zion (Ps. 133:3) we will come together to congratulate our brethren. We will invoke upon them God's richest blessings that from here a greater witness will shine to the neighbouring housing estates. We will pray that young men and women from Sembawang will hear the Master's call and be trained for fulltime service.

This auspicious occasion is also the 12th Anniversary of Sembawang's founding! During these long years, countless hands have played a part in tending this portion of the Lord's Vineyard. Special mention however must be made of the first Sunday School Superintendent, Elder Chia Kim Chwee and of Deacon and Mrs. Seow Chong Fin, at whose house for the last twelve years, the Sunday School, and since 1963 the ICY, have found a home. There was a period in 1960 when the S.S.S. held its classes at the Government School behind Nemesu Avenue, but only for a short time. Mention must also be made of Deacon's Seow's neighbour, Mr. Teo, who has kindly loaned us the use of his hall, and compound. Also, the house of Mr. and Mrs. K.M. Samuel, obliquely opposite.

This phenomenon of overflowing to two other houses shows the prosperity of the work as well as the congestion. The Lord came to their relief in the middle of last year when the S.S.S. was enabled to purchase the corner-house at 99 Nemesu Avenue for only \$19,000.

At Sembawang, one special feature has been the nurturing of young children from the British servicemen's. Children of other races, mostly Indians, have also been taught. The majority, however, are of Chinese stock.

The formation of the ICY to cater to the spiritual needs of teenagers was a timely step. Through this organisation, supported by the Sunday School, regular prayer meetings and Bible classes were held, apart from the ICY's Saturday afternoon fellowship. As a result, scores of young people have known the deeper things of Christ of whom some twenty have confessed Christ in baptism. The more zealous ones have even gone forth to start an English Sunday School at the Nee Soon Chinese Presbyterian Church.

One rather unhappy development within the Sembawang Sunbeams took place in August, 1968 when a group imbibed the absolute immersionist view on baptism and seceded. These are now holding meetings in a nearby housing estate. Our loss has become the gain of a brethrenistic church. "What then?" asks the Apostle Paul in a similar situation, "Notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretence or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea and will rejoice." (Phil. 1:18). We wish our young dissenting brethren well. We will strive to uphold Christ and preach His saving grace in the purest form, even as Paul to the Corinthians has declared, "For Christ sent me not to baptise, but to preach the gospel." (I Cor. 1:17).

Today we further congratulate the Sembawang Sunbeams for starting in January a Nursery Class with 15 infants. This brisk trading of the Lord's talents is commendable.

Our next step is the prospect of a flourishing little church where Sembawangites can more easily bring their friends to the Sunday service. Evidently, here is a call to some young man to give his life for the service of Sembawang.

One final word: The valuable property, together with legal fees, renovations and new furniture has cost Sembawang \$21,000. Of this sum \$15,000 has been found. How may our brotherly love for Sembawang be better expressed today than by a big Chinese New Year ang-pow? "For unto everyone that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance." (Matt. 25:29a.). - T.T. -

KAMPONG CHIA HENG MISSION

This Sunday, 19th Jan. 1969, a new committee for Kampong Chia Heng Mission was set up. It comprised of a superintendent, Kwai Sang, a vice-superintendent, Peter Goh, and a treasurer, Chin Kwee. The Committee planned to have the Sunday School in Chia Heng divided into two classes. These classes will start functioning in February. Chia Heng wants faithful workers for the Lord, and lady workers are needed very badly.

Here are some reports on the past few meetings. The workers this year seemed to be soul-seeking workers. These workers stayed behind after each Sunday School to speak to the children about the salvation of the Lord. There were some reaping

of course as "the fields...are white ready to harvest." Tuition classes were also conducted after everything was over. There were also Sundays when it rained. Such Sundays were converted into visiting days. These visits gained the confidence of parents; so that they knew their children were going to a right place.

Please pray for Kampong Chia Hong Mission.

PSALM FOR THE WEEK: 69 (186, Balerna)

1. Though I am poor and sorrowful,
Hear Thou, O God, my cry;
Let Thy salvation come to me
And lift me upon high.
2. Then will I praise my God with song
To Him my thanks shall rise,
And this shall please Jehovah more
Than offered sacrifice.
3. The meek shall see it and rejoice,
Ye saints, no more be sad;
For lo, Jehovah hears the poor
And makes His prisoners glad.
4. Let heav'n and earth and seas rejoice
Let all therein give praise,
For Zion God will surely save,
Her broken walls raise.
5. In Zion they that love His Name
Shall dwell from age to age;
Yea, there shall be their lasting
rest,
Their children's heritage.

ZION AND FAITH NEWS: Rev. Quak Khee Swee, advisory pastor to Faith B-P Church, thanks all friends and relatives for their gifts on the occasion of his 80th birthday celebrated last Monday night at Z.K. Hall with a thanksgiving dinner followed by thanksgiving service in Church Hall. All monetary gifts, made up \$2,000, have been devoted half to reduce Zion Kindergarten's old debts through Zion and Faith, and the other half to the Ling Kwang Mission for the new Charity Section being set up. Rev. Quak Khee Swee invites the Faith Congregation to a thanksgiving lunch after worship service this Lord's Day.

The Committees of Ling Kwang Mission, Zion Adult Fellowship and Faith Ladies Fellowship hold joint meeting this Lord's Day to discuss organised relief for the poor and needy in the nearby kampongs. All present at this joint meeting, together with Zion Church Choir, are also invited by Rev. Quak to his thanksgiving lunch. The joint meeting will therefore be held at 1 pm. instead of 12 noon.

Zion Church Session decided last Lord's Day to clear the Church's outstanding debts of about \$10,000 on the old Z.K. property within this year. Pledge forms will be issued this Lord's Day. A Zion member has written of \$500 old

The King's Business

1. I am a stranger here within a foreign land,
My home is far away upon a golden strand
Ambassador to be of realms beyond the sea,
I'm here on business for my King.

Chorus: This is the message that I bring
A message angels fain would sing
"Oh be ye reconciled,"
Thus saith my Lord and King,
"Oh be ye reconciled to God."

2. This is the King's command, that all men everywhere
Repent and turn away from sin's seductive snare;
That all who will obey with Him shall reign for aye,
And that's my business for my King.
3. My home is brighter far than Sharon's rosy plain,
Eternal life and joy throughout its vast domain;
My Sovereign bids me tell how mortals there may dwell,
And that's my business for my King.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK:

- Mon. 8 am. FEBC Day of Prayer at Galilee Lawns. (No evening class.)
Tue. Life Prayer Meeting, Bro. Wah Ann, Faith Prayer Meeting, Mr. Ang.
Wed. Galilee Bible Study, Bro. Jonah Wong, Galilee Prayer Meeting, Bro. Stephen Goh. Zion Prayer Meeting, Elder Heng.
Thur. Sembawang Bible Study Roms. 8.
Fri. Hume Heights Prayer Meeting.
Sat. 2 pm. Galilee Catechism Class.
Lord's Day: Life: Rev. Tow; Zion: Rev. Quak, Faith: Elder Quak Khioh Meng (Poly Communion), Life (Mand.): Mr. Liew Hon Seng, Galilee: Rev. E.N. Poulson (Missionary Sunday), Hume Heights: Mr. Yu.

LIFE NURSERY CLASS: Flora and Amy Lim.

LIFE CHURCH NEW BUILDING PROGRESS: The bill from W.K. Tham is \$15,000! With only \$6,000, we need \$9,000 immediately to pay the bill. Whitewashing is now in progress.

PRAY for gospel meeting on Sun. Feb. 2, at FEBC Hall, 8 pm. Speaker: Dr. S. Lyra. Organised by the Life Church ACF

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCES: Life: 257
Zion: 126 Mt. Zion: 174 Galilee: 112

"And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Matthew 25:40.

VISIT TO A SENOI CHRISTIAN VILLAGE

By Dr. Tow Siang Yeow, Ipoh.

Our local pastor, his wife, the Sunday School Superintendent and I set out for Kampong Cheras, a Christian Senoi village, early on 23rd December, 1968 morning. Our spirits were high, and we looked forward to meeting with the Aborigine brethren with our car-load of "white gifts", little useful items brought by our Sunday School children to a Christmas party organized for them several days previously. Coasting down the main North-South Highway, we soon reached Kampar where we piled into Rev. Andrew Mengka's jeep for the last leg of the journey along a narrow, winding and bumpy dirt-track leading away into the hills. Ferns, lallang and secondary jungle stretched on both sides of the track and we were in nature's garden itself. The rough-ride lasted about half an hour, and lo!, we were suddenly whisked into Kampong Cheras itself, a picturesque little Senoi village, nestled snugly in a green mountain-valley.

A warm welcome awaited us, as Mr. Bah-Pusing, the village headman, Mr. Bah-Chinting, the Lay Leader and other notables of the village gathered around for a round of hand-shaking and introductions. Necks craned from 30-odd split-bamboo huts to see what was happening, whilst hens cackled loudly in fright beneath the nearest houses. Formalities over, Mr. Bah-Pusing invited us into his "parlour", a split-bamboo walled room with creviced floor and mengkuang mats placed neatly all round. On the walls, a few blow-pipes were the only decorations. We sat cross-legged. Soon, we were joined by young and old for the Christmas service with the Lay Leader hailing loudly to the late-comers.

The whispering, jostling and nudging finally ended when Hymn books in the Senoi language were distributed. Quietness reigned as 100 pairs of eyes turned towards the Pastor to the Senois, the Rev. Andrew Mengka, as he stood up to lead in the service. Heads bowed and all eyes were closed, as the opening prayer was said - in Malay. Then, a short and simple message on Christmas and the significance of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ was preached in Malay and translated into Senoi, by Mr. Bah-Rahu, the Christian Senoi worker. Mr. Bah-Rahu then led in singing such old favourites as "Holy, Holy, Holy" and "Silent Night, Holy Night", in the native Senoi language. The singing was lusty. Hymn and chorus singing over, he led in a closing prayer.

Service over, steaming-hot tea sweetened with sugar was served. After chit-chatting for a while, the "white gifts" were formally handed over to the Headman for distribution to the 30-odd families in this all-Christian village. And we were now ready to leave. We got into the jeep, waved a hurried farewell, and soon were on our way back to "civilization". Our hearts went out to these simple folk who have so little in the way of worldly possessions, but worth so much in the eyes of God. We were amazed in the way they have accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour in a "child-like" and trusting manner. And so it should be, for has not Jesus Himself said, "Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein?"

The Senois form the major aborigine tribe in West Malaysia, numbering several tens of thousands. They live, for the most part, in the hills and jungles of Central Malaya. The Methodist Church has been largely instrumental for the conversion of the Senoi Christians and in 1968 alone, 271 were baptised. Places in the Methodist schools in Kampar have been reserved for Senoi boys and girls, and free hostels are also provided. It is hoped that they will become the future leaders, Christian workers and pastors in their own communities in time to come.

There are still many Senois who have not been reached nor exposed to the gospel. "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few". Matt. 9:37. Have you also a concern for the souls of these children of nature, awaiting to be saved? A simple, unsophisticated people that are so ready to accept the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, provided you are ready to be used by Him.

Ed. Note: Dr. and Mrs. Tow Siang Yeow are a modern Aquila and Priscilla couple. Wherever they are transferred in Government service, they have used their time and talents to further God's kingdom. A Sunday School and church service started in their home at Temerloh in 1963 resulted in the formation of a church, now with a new \$35,000 auditorium. In Malacca they helped to consolidate the Evangelical Free Church.

PSALM FOR THE WEEK: 63 (163, Green Hill).

1. O-Lord, my God, most earnestly
My heart would seek Thy face,
Within Thy holy house once more
To see Thy glorious grace.
Apart from Thee I long and thirst,
And nought can satisfy;
I wander in a desert land
Where all the streams are dry.
2. The lovingkindness of my God
Is more than life to me;
So I will bless Thee while I live
And lift my prayer to Thee.
In Thee my soul is satisfied,
My darkness turns to light,
And joyful meditations fill
The watches of the night.
3. My Saviour, 'neath Thy shelt'ring
wings
My soul delights to dwell;
Still closer to Thy side I press,
For near Thee all is well.
My soul shall conquer ev'ry foe,
Upholden by Thy hand;
Thy people shall rejoice in God,
Thy saints in glory stand.

ZION AND FAITH NEWS: At the joint meeting last Lord's Day of Ling Kwang Mission Committee, Zion A.F. and Faith Ladies Fellowship to discuss organised relief of the poor and needy, a "Ling Kwang Mission Home Visitors' Society" has been formed with the following officers appointed: Chairman; Elder Chia Kim Chwee, Secretary: Dn. Benny Fang, Treasurer: Mr. Chang Woon Soo, Storekeeper: Deaconess Tan Mooi Hean, Gen. Affairs Officer: Elder Heng Yow Tong. Plans are being made for visits and investigations of the homes deserving relief, followed by assignment of the homes to specific members of the Society for "adoption". A birthday gift of \$1000 has been devoted to this purpose.

Congratulations to Nursing Sister Lee Soo Yong of Ling Kwang Mission who has been granted one-year scholarship to study Nursing and Hospital Administration in Australia. We thank God for her weekly faithful service at the Mission during the past year and for her replacement by Mrs. Chua Chor Pong, Irene's mother who so cheerfully offers her service.

Pledge forms are being distributed by Zion today to clear Zion's \$10,000 responsibility for the outstanding debt on the old Z.K. property, and by Faith for mission work at Tua Pekoh.

CALLING ALL PRESBYTERS: Meeting at Elder Tow's house, 64 Andrew Road, Sunday Feb. 9, 8 p.m. Welcome back to Elder Quek Khioh Meng.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK:

- Sun. 8 pm. Presbytery at Elder Tow Siang Hwa's house.
Mon. Galilee Bible Study for Sr. Camb. students, 2 pm.
Tue. Life Prayer Meeting, Bro. Lieu Kok Kwong, Faith Prayer Meeting. Life Church Session Meeting.
Wed. Galilee Bible Study, Bro. Steven Lim, Galilee Prayer Meeting, Bro. Seow Tiang Huat.
Fri. Consecrators' Meeting, 8 pm. at Life Church, Hume Heights Prayer Meeting, Zion Family Worship, at 28 Conway Grove, Home of Mr. and Mrs. Kok Ah Kan.
Sat. Galilee S.S. Monitors' Get-together 3 pm., Galilee Catechism Class 2 pm.
Lord's Day: Life: Rev. Tow; Zion: Dr. Lyra; Faith: Miss Tay; Galilee: Rev. Heng, Hume Heights: Mr. John Chang.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCES: Zion: 202;
Life: 257 Galilee: 119 Jurong: 43
Kampong Chia Heng: 27 Clementi: 20
Hume Heights: 18 Faith: 104 Seletar: 21

SEMBAWANG BIBLE STUDY and PRAYER MEETING
7.45 p.m. every Thursday.

ATTENTION! CONSECRATORS!! Very important meeting on Feb. 7th. Come, share your view points. Friday night 8 pm. at Life Church.

GALILEE'S ONCE-A-MONTH FORUM on Feb. 28th. Hand your questions to the Church Session now.

GALILEE'S MISSIONARY SUNDAY in conjunction with launching of Faith-Promise Plan of Missionary Giving for 1969 scheduled for Feb. 2 is postponed to Feb. 16.

CATECHISM CLASS for Easter Baptism every Sat. 2 p.m. at Galilee. SS teachers speak to your students about it.

GALILEE YF would like to thank Miss Rosemary Aldis for inviting them to a Get-together cum Satay Party at her home today.

LIFE CHURCH BUILDING PROGRESS: Received gifts totalling \$1,000 last week. Still needing \$8,000 to pay contractor.

KELAPA SAWIT: Received \$50 and \$100 from two Life Church members for the Building Fund.

FOR NEWS OF GRADY WILSON CRUSADE at National Theatre, read the Eastern Sun.

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

NURSERY CLASS DUTY ROSTER for next week: Misses Jenny Wee and Shirley Ho.

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STATEMENT ON CHRISTIAN UNITY

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A. The Biblical Foundations: Besides other parts of the Scripture that speak about Christian Unity, John 17 especially speaks about this subject. John 17 is to be seen as the chapter of true Christian unity.

That means-

1. True Christian unity is a unity of those who are the children of God. John 17:6, "the men thou gavest me out of the world; thine they were, and thou gavest them to me..."; John 17:9 "I pray not for the world, but for them whom thou hast given me; for they are thine."; John 17:12 "...those that thou gavest me."
 2. True Christian unity is a unity of those who keep the Word of God. John 17:6 "and they have kept thy word."; John 17:8 "For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them."; John 17:17 "Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth."; John 17:19 "that they also might be sanctified through thy truth."
 3. True Christian unity is a unity of those who confess Christ. John 17:8 "and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me."; John 17:10 "...and I am glorified in them."
 4. True Christian unity is a unity of those who are not of this world. John 17:9 "I pray not for the world, but for them whom thou hast given me."; John 17:14 "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world."; John 17:16 "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world."
 5. True Christian unity is a unity that is spiritual in essence. John 17:11 "Holy Father, keep ...those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are." John 17:21-22 "That they all may be one, as Thou Father, art in me and I in Thee, that they also may be one in us...that they may be one, even as we are one."
 6. True Christian unity is a unity that is a gift of Christ. John 17:20-21 "Neither pray I for those alone, but for them also who shall believe on me through their word; that they all may be one." (cf Eph. 3:4, where we are to keep the unity of the Spirit. So the Christian unity is not made by men but only kept by men)
 7. True Christian unity is a unity in the line of the church of all ages. John 17:20 "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also who shall believe on me through their word; that they all may be one." Christian unity is a unity of the church of all ages with the Apostolic Church.
 8. True Christian unity is a unity that expresses itself as such before the eyes of the world. John 17:21 "that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." John 17:23 "and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me."
- . True Christian unity is a unity of those in whom Christ lives. John 17:23 "I in them, and thou in me." John 17:26 "that the love with which thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them."

B. Consequences:

1. There is no Christian unity with those who deny the regeneration by the Spirit and the Word as the only means by which man can become a Child of God.
2. There is no Christian unity with those who do not accept the Word of God and keep that Word truly as it is given to us as God's written revelation.
3. There is no Christian unity with those who do not accept Christ as the only begotten Son of God, Who died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and who rose again the third day according to the Scriptures. I Cor. 15:3-4, also I John 2:23, 4:2, 3 and 2 John 7.
4. There is no Christian unity with those who are of this world. Every unity which is a unity with worldly methods and worldly aims cannot be the unity of those who are called out of darkness into his marvellous light. I Peter 2:9.
5. There is no Christian unity which is not spiritual in nature and in the invisible church, because it is grounded in God Himself and in the communion of the Father and Son.
6. There is no Christian unity as a product of human efforts. Any unity which is the work of men cannot be the Christian unity. As a gift of Christ, Christian unity is not a matter of work, but of faith. Christian unity is not to make, but only to believe. On the other hand, we do know that God is doing His work - also in respect to the unity of His people - as a work in which men may be labourers together with God. I Cor. 3:9.
7. There is no Christian unity in which the line with the Apostolic Church is broken and which a gospel dominates which is another gospel than the gospel of the Apostolic Church. Galatians 1:9.

8. There is no Christian unity which does not express itself as a unity. A unity which cannot be noticed by the world - either within a church or between existing church bodies - is no Christian unity, but only an idea of unity. True Christians and Christian churches are obliged to cooperate and to seek each other as a witness to the world.

9. There is no Christian unity in which the reality of Christ living in us and we in Christ is denied. Where one lives after his own pattern, in a new morality, there can be no Christian unity.

C. Conclusion: Therefore, we as members of the Seventh World Congress of the ICCG call all Christians - both Jew and Greeks - and all Christian churches which live in a false unity, as represented in the W.C.C., out of that apostasy into a Christian unity, as expressed in the fellowship and co-operation of the ICCG.

PSALM FOR THE WEEK: 40 (112, Flemming)

1. 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.
2. Withhold not Thou Thy grace from me,
O Lord, Thy mercy let me see,
To me Thy lovingkindness show,
Thy truth be still my stay;
Let them preserve me where I go,
And keep me ev'ry day.
3. Let all who seek to see Thy 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.
4. 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.

LIFE CHURCH NEW BUILDING REPORT: We invite you to inspect the rooms as they look brighter each day! Praise the Lord for a member's \$10,000-loan in response to our request. With this timely income the contractor's \$15,000 bill is cleared before Chinese New Year!

WEDDING BELLS! The holy matrimony between Bro. Timothy Chew, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chew Hiu Thiam and Sister Pauline Tan will be solemnised at Life Church, Sat. Feb. 22, 3 p.m.

LIFE CHURCH CATECHISM CLASS: (Sembawang Sunbeams, N.B.!) will begin next Lord's Day immediately after service 11.15 - 12.15.

LIFE CHURCH SESSION and members contacted by Dn. Khoo Feng Kiat for the visitation teams will meet immediately after service this Lord's Day.

FAR EASTERN BEACON: Copies of Feb. issue are available for distribution after service this Lord's Day or from ICCG Far Eastern Office, 5 Tavistock Avenue, Singapore 19.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK:

- Mon. Galilee Bible Study for Senior Cambridge students, 2 p.m.
Tue. Galilee Church Session meeting, Life Church Prayer Meeting, Rev. Tow, Faith Prayer Meeting, Mr. Lee Sam Hong.
Wed. Galilee Bible Study, Bro. Kam Seng (Hosea 5) Galilee Prayer Meeting, Bro. Moon Long (Missions), Zion Prayer Meeting, Dn. Gan.
Thur. Sembawang Bible Study and Prayer Mtg.
Fri. Hume Heights Prayer Meeting.
Sat. 2 p.m. Galilee Catechism Class.
Lord's Day: Life: Rev. Tow; Zion: Rev. Quek, Faith: Rev. Tan Sia Yong, Galilee: Rev. Heng, Hume Heights: Mr. John Chang.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCES:

Life: 240 Zion: 202 Mt. Carmel: 189
Galilee: 113 Faith: 99 Jurong: 40
Chia Feng: 24 Clementi: 20 H. Heights: 16

NURSERY CLASS DUTY ROSTER for 16th Feb.
Sisters Eleanor Chua and Lucy Heng.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. Moses Tan on the birth of a baby girl, Joyce Tan on the 4th Feb. 1969.

GALILEE YF will hold a Chinese New Year Barbecue on the 15th Feb. at 7.15 pm.
Charge: Working: \$2, Non-working: \$1.50.
All are welcome!

MT. CARMEL has need of a P.A. system costing \$300. We request your prayer and material support. Kindly contact Dr. Ang, Dr. Tan or our Pastors.

IS NOT THIS THE LAND OF BEULAH?

1. I am dwelling on the mountain,
Where the golden sunlight gleams,
O'er a land of wondrous beauty,
Far exceeds my fondest dreams;
Where the air is pure, ethereal,
Laden with the breath of flowers,
They are blooming by the fountain,
'Neath the amaranthine bowers.
2. I can see far down the mountain,
Where I wandered weary years,
Often hindered in my journey
By the ghosts of doubts and fears,
Broken vows and disappointments
Thickly sprinkled all the way;
But the Spirit led unerring
To the land I hold today.

WORTHY IS THE LAMB

"WORTHY IS THE LAMB". This is the theme of the World Day of Prayer Service of the International Council of Christian Churches (ICCC) to be held all over the world on Friday 21st February, 1969.

In Singapore, this Prayer Service will be held under the auspices of the Singapore Malaysia Council of Christian Churches (SMCCC) on Friday, 21st Feb. 1969 at 7.45 p.m. at the Zion Bible-Presbyterian Church, 5 Tavistock Avenue, Serangoon Gardens, Singapore 19. The Rev. Ng Eng Hoe, Director of Jesus Saves Mission and current president of SMCCC will preside over the service in English, with Rev. Quok Kioh Chiang as co-chairman interpreting into Mandarin. Dr. Timothy Tow will give a short message and Rev. Philip Heng will lead in singing. The International Christian Youth - Singapore Malaysia (ICY-SM) will present a Quartet: "Hallelujah, What a Saviour!", and the Zion Church Choir will sing "There is Power in the Blood of the Lamb." There will be prayer sessions closing with prayers led by designated leaders of the SMCCC.

An offering will be taken for relief purposes through the International Christian Relief (ICR), relief agency of the ICCC. All are welcome to this World Day of Prayer Service.

The programme for this Prayer Service is reproduced in full in English in the FAR EASTERN BEACON and translated into Chinese in the MALAYSIA CHRISTIAN. Copies of both papers will be available at the Service on Feb. 21st. The Singapore Christian Evangelistic League, an associate member of the ICCC, will also hold this Prayer Service in Chinese at its February general meeting this coming Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Glory Church, Bukit Timah, with Rev. Quok officiating.

- Q.K.C. -

"Take heed unto...the doctrine." I Tim. 4:16

At the Friday night (Feb. 21) Prayer Service at Zion Church, the doctrinal statement of the ICCC will be reaffirmed by the participants. This is in accord with St. Paul's injunction to Timothy to "take heed unto...the doctrine."

A true doctrinal statement of the church is none other than a re-statement of the Scripture's teaching. However some words are employed in the doctrinal statement which are not found in the Bible. Yet, they are scriptural in meaning. They are words used by theologians to express in brevity what is otherwise more periphrastically (in a roundabout way) stated.

Here is our reaffirmation of faith according to the ICCC doctrinal statement:

"We believe in the plenary Divine inspiration of the Scriptures in the original languages, their consequent inerrancy and infallibility, and, as the Word of God, the supreme and final authority in faith and life."

Explanation: "plenary Divine inspiration of the Scriptures" - this means that the Bible was every word given by God by the moving of the Holy Spirit upon the sacred writers, and therefore inerrant (without error) and infallible (cannot make mistake).

"We believe in the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit."

Explanation: Triune means Three-in-One.

"We believe in the essential, absolute, eternal Deity, and the real and proper, but sinless, humanity of our Lord Jesus Christ; His birth of the virgin Mary; His substitutionary, expiatory death, in that He gave His life "a ransom for many"; His resurrection from among the dead in the same body in which He was crucified, and the second coming of this same Jesus in power and great glory."

Explanation: "Essential" means "all that makes a thing what it is." "Substitutionary" means "one in place of another." "Expiatory" means "paying the penalty of."

"We believe in the total depravity of man through the fall; in salvation, the effect of regeneration by the Spirit and the Word, not by works but by grace through faith; the everlasting bliss of the saved, and the everlasting suffering of the lost."

Explanation: "The Fall" refers to Adam and Eve's yielding to Satan's temptation and falling into sin. "Total depravity of man" means "man's being and personality becomes totally corrupt" or as the Psalmist says, "They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good, no, not one." (Psalm 14: 1b, 3b).

"We believe in the real spiritual unity in Christ of all redeemed by His precious blood."

Explanation: Christian unity is a result already accomplished, by Christ in His believers.

(P.T.O.)

PSALM FOR THE WEEK: 92 (251 Ellesdie)

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.

JESUS SAVES MISSION: DVBS planned for April 21-26. Helpers requested from all our B-P Churches/groups. A meeting of the DVBS helpers will be held at JSM Craig Road on next Lord's Day at 7-30 p.m.

GALILEE ONCE-A-MONTH FORUM on 28th Feb. Topic: The Christian Boy and Girl Relationship. All are welcome!

ZION AND FAITH NEWS: Rev. Quek exchanges pulpit with Rev. Ng next Lord's Day and will be speaking at Jesus Saves Mission Pesiaran Keliling.

All Sunday School teachers of Zion and Faith are requested to assist the Sessions in Chinese New Year visits.

There will be no Ling Kwang Mission Clinic and tuition class sessions during this coming Chinese New Year week.

From first page:

"We believe in the necessity of maintaining according to the Word of God, the purity of the Church in doctrine and life."

Explanation: The exercising of church discipline to cast out the evil and wished so as to keep the church pure is a commandment to God's people, both in the Old and the New Testament. (I Cor. 6, Epistle of Jude, etc.) The quoting of Jesus' parable of the Tares (Matt. 13:23-30; 36-42) as an excuse for tolerating modernism and ecumenism in church relationships is to miss an important point of Jesus' teaching.

Evil in the world (v.38) is tolerated until He comes, not evil in the church. Further, if the evil cannot be cast out, II Cor. 6:14-18, commanding separation, applies. T.T.

Edited by Dr. Timothy Tow, 9-A Gilstead Road, Singapore 11, for the Bible-Presbyterian Churches in Singapore and Malaysia, "Holding forth the word of life." (Philippians 2:16).

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK:

Wed. Galilee Bible Study, Sis. Joanna Yam (Hosea 6), Prayer Meeting, Dns. Sim Boon Hoe.
Thur. Sembawang Bible Study and Prayer Meeting.
Fri. World Day of Prayer, 7.45 p.m. at Zion Church, Hume Heights Prayer Mtg.
Sat. Life Church Chew-Tan wedding, 3 pm.
Galilee Catechism Class 4 p.m.
Lord's Day: Life: Rev. Heng; Zion: Rev. Ng Eng Hoe; Faith: Mr. Yu; Galilee: Rev. E.N. Poulson (Missionary Sunday and Holy Communion); Hume Heights: Mr. Liew Kelapa Sawit; Rev. Tow

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCES:

Life: 233 Galilee: 98 Kampong Chia
Heng: 26 Hume Heights: 20
Clementi: 18

DUTY ROSTER FOR LIFE NURSERY CLASS for next Lord's Day: Mrs. Ruth Heng and Miss Wun Oi Chun.

LIFE CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL Executive Committee Meeting on Sunday, Feb. 23rd, 1969 at 8 p.m. @ 22-A Sandy Lane, 15.

CONGRATULATIONS to Dn. Joshua Lim for his success in University Exam.

LIFE CHURCH NEW BUILDING PROGRESS: A total of \$85,000 has been paid to the contractor. To settle all bills, we need \$30,000 still!

LIFE CHURCH VISITATION TEAMS, please meet immediately after Church service.

LIFE CATECHISM CLASS commences this Lord's Day immediately after service.

FEBC BOOKING: by Jesus Saves Mission Thursday Feb. 27.

FEBC: Bro. Low Tiang Hock of Galilee has been accepted as fulltime student.

REV. QUEK AND HENG are now on B-P Weekly editorial board.

WHAT IS THE GREAT NEED OF OUR CHURCH TODAY?

- Message by Rev. Timothy Tow to the ICCC Day of Prayer Service, Feb. 21, 1969.

What is the great need of our church today? The popular answer to this question perhaps is Evangelism. Thus, there are evangelicals who are so carried away by the fashionableness of evangelism that they are willing to join hands with modernists "for the sake of soul winning."

Some think it is Missions. With the tide of Asian missions on the flow, a church with no missionary project might be considered backward. Others have stepped into Christian Relief and here, no doubt, we have seen the Lord's blessing upon works of charity like the Jesus Saves Mission, and within our church, Ling Kwang. Yet there are others who think Revival is the answer.

According to Paul's injunction to Timothy, what was the great need of the church in their day? I do not think it is any of the proposals listed above. I believe it is indoctrination. In I Timothy 4:16 Paul says, "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee."

"Take heed unto the doctrine...continue in them"

The word "doctrine" is mentioned eleven times in Paul's epistles to Timothy. If we count the verb "teach" and the concrete noun "teacher", both of which are derived from the same Greek word which is translated "doctrine", we see the apostle's concern for indoctrination of the church mentioned twenty-one times!

No, neither is it revival that will fill the permanent need of the church. It is indoctrination! Dr. John Sung who brought a mighty revival to the churches in China and Southeast Asia in the thirties saw this need. Therefore he held two month-long All-China Bible Institutes after those revivals to indoctrinate the believers in the Word, from Genesis to Revelation. Even then, the Church was far from being indoctrinated! Although I had heard the good doctor preach over 50 sermons, I had no assurance of salvation until I became a theological student of Dr. Chia Yu Ming in Nanking, 1946-47. The cry of the church today is for a surer foundation in the vital doctrines of God.

In this connection there is a prevalent erroneous notion that vital Christianity is not to be found in a set of theological formulae, nor is theology the concern of the lay people. What we need is a lively Christianity, the living Person of Christ in our hearts. Our answer is that the doctrine of the Written Word cannot be separated from the vitality of the Living Word. Doctrine is like the doctor's prescription and the Saviour is like the medicine. The prescription and the medicine go together. The doctrine, first of all, that the church must be well-taught in, is the prescription for salvation of the individual soul. We are to believe that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures in order to be saved - "for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee." (I Tim. 4:16). There is an influx of man's words and ideas into the worship life of the church today, such as the watered-down, jazzy gospel choruses invading our youth. Hence the purpose behind the introduction of Psalm singing in our church services, in which vital doctrine is solemnly chanted to the saving of the soul. Take heed unto doctrine in our Sunday School teaching! Beware lest we speak too much of our own words and ideas and too little of the pure Word of God, O how we also need doctrinal and expository preaching by men of God from the pulpit today!

The doctrine that the church should take heed to uphold not only is a prescription of salvation for the individual souls of men, but also a lighthouse of salvation for many ship-wrecked churches in this dark day of apostasy. For in I Tim. 3:15 Paul refers to the church as "the pillar and ground of the truth." In this connection the International Council of Christian Churches, a 20th Century Reformation Movement, has arisen to lift up the light of the age-old doctrines of salvation. One point that it especially stresses, which is neglected by many churches, is the doctrine of purity of the church. This means that we who have been delivered from Roman Catholic darkness by our spiritual fathers, the Reformers of the 16th Century, should no more return to Rome! We should keep ourselves in the purity of the apostolic teachings in word and life, and not be enmeshed by the Ecumenical Movement, this present trend to reunite with Rome. We should repudiate the false testimony of the modernist churchmen masquerading as under shepherds in many big Protestant denominations. The testimony of the ICCC in the doctrinal standard of a purified church has been used of God to salvaging many churches around the world. Freedom, new life and revival have marked every church which has seen the light of this doctrine, and separated from the ecumenical church. At least 700 churches in Korea have thus been delivered and are rejoicing in their deliverance. The United Presbyterian Church of Pakistan, the biggest Protestant denomination in that country, has also been delivered after they realised what apostasy had gripped their parent body, the United Presbyterian

PSALM FOR THE WEEK: 132 (368 F.S.)

- Arise, O Lord, our God, arise
And enter now into Thy rest;
O let this house be Thy abode,
Forever with Thy presence blest.
2. Thy gracious cov'nant, Lord, fulfill
Turn not away from us Thy face;
Establish Thou Messiah's throne
And let Him reign within this place.
3. Thy Zion Thou hast chosen, Lord,
And Thou hast said, I love her well,
This is my constant resting place,
And here will I delight to dwell.
4. I will abundantly provide
For Zion's good, the Lord hath said;
I will supply her daily need
And satisfy her poor with bread.
5. Salvation shall adorn her priests,
Her saints shall shout with joy divine,
Messiah's pow'r shall be revealed,
His glory in His Church shall shine.

ZION AND FAITH NEWS: Zion Church bids farewell to Mr. David Ding who returns to New Zealand this Lord's Day at 6 pm. Mr. Chia Chek Kwang had returned earlier to Australia to continue his studies at MBI.

Greetings to Zion have been sent by Miss Tay Boon Siew, Mr. Quek Swee Hwa and Mr. Quek Swee Kiat from the U.K., Mr. Mohan from India and Miss Peggy Yeo from the U.S.A. Peggy is due to complete her course in June.

Rev. Jason Linn, founder of the former Christian Stewardship Foundation and Zion Kindergarten, and a noted evangelist having done pioneering work in Indonesia for 25 years, has been invited to come from Hong Kong to conduct gospel meetings at Faith Church, April 14-18. He will be available for other series of gospel or revival meetings for 3 weeks thereafter.

Rev. Quek speaks at ICY Sembawang this afternoon.

FREE GOSPEL TRACTS for prayerful distribution are available from Mount Carmel Gospel Mission. Leaders of Christian groups may either write or come personally to obtain these tracts.

INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN YOUTH - Singapore-Malaysia will be holding its National Assembly on Saturday Mar. 8th, 1969 from 3-6 p.m. at the Zion B-P Church, 5 Tavistock Avenue, Singapore 19. All affiliated bodies are requested to be present.

CONGRATULATIONS to Bros. Ong Hock Lai, Ong Thiew Chai and Anthony Thio for success in University exams.

CONGRATULATIONS to Dr. and Mrs. Ang Beng Chong on the birth of their first son, Benjamin Ang Cheng Koon.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK:

- Tues. Life Prayer Meeting, Mary Low.
Faith Prayer Meeting, Mrs. Ang.
- Wed. Galilee Bible Study, Bro. Kam Seng (Hosea 7); Prayer Meeting, Sis. Esther Poon, Zion Prayer Meeting, Mr. Charlie Tan.
- Thur. Sembawang Bible Study and Prayer Meeting. JSM at FEBC.
- Fri. Hume Heights Prayer Meeting.
Life Family Worship, Home of Dn. and Mrs. Joshua Lim, 32 Monk's Hill Terrace, 9. Faith Family Worship, Home of Dn. and Mrs. Chiang, 41 Conway Grove. Galilee Forum, 8 pm.
- Sat. 4 pm. Life, Zion, Sembawang Youth Fellowship. 7.30 pm. Galilee Youth Fellowship, 6.30 p.m. Zion Adult Fellowship A.G.M. and 2nd Anniversary dinner.
- Lord's Day: Life: Rev. Tow; Zion: Rev. Quek, Faith: Rev. Quek (Holy Communion), Galilee: Rev. Heng, Hume Heights: Mr. Yu.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCES:

Life: 202 Galilee: 84 Jurong: 40
Hume Heights: 20 Clementi: 20

LIFE NURSERY CLASS DUTY ROSTER for next Sunday: Sisters Ruth Phua and Nancy Chua.

GALILEE'S 2nd once-a-month forum to be held on 28th Feb. 8 pm. Topic: The Christian Boy and Girl Relationship.

LIFE CHURCH TEA @ Elder Tow's, Sat. Mar. 1, 4 pm. Invited members, N.B.!

(Cont. from first page.)

Church in USA. Our Bible-Presbyterian Church Movement in Singapore which was precipitated almost two decades ago because of modernism reigning high in the Chinese Presbyterian Synod has been significantly blessed of God. Heeding unto the doctrine has brought salvation, freedom and growth.

When the church is well indoctrinated, then the fruits of revival, of Christian relief, of missions, and of evangelism will be borne. Therefore, let us heed the apostle's injunction to take heed unto the doctrine.

WANTED! Two good pianos, one for Galilee Choir and another for Far Eastern Kindergarten. Also a refrigerator for FEK.

LIFE CHURCH NEW BUILDING PROGRESS: Look forward to Dedication of the new Extension, Sat. April 26, 4 p.m.! Meantime we need to accumulate \$10,000 for the next payment in March. Do Lifers like royal palms to flank the new Extension facing Dunearn Road?

GALILEE thank God for the gift of a new pump organ.

A WIDER HORIZON - AN ENLARGING VISION

By Dr. Tan Kim Ping, Mt. Carmel Gospel Mission

A Carmelite looking at the rather fat trunk of a coconut tree but not seeing its leaves and a huge cluster of coconuts asked, "Is that a coconut tree?" He can be excused for being uncertain, for coconut trees are not a familiar sight in the regions around Mt. Carmel. We were at Kelapa Sawit, in the little mission church and looking out into its small backyard. What cannot be excused, of course, would be if he had never seen a coconut tree before.

The Seed

"No man is an island" says the proverb. But all of us tend to make islands all around us - a church island, a family island, a friendship island, a business island. Mount Carmel was fast becoming an "island".

The Lord's command was world-wide in its embrace. "Be ye witness.... unto the uttermost parts of the world." We want to be interested in missions. We want to actively support missions and missionaries.

The seed was planted in our minds to take Carmelites to see for themselves the labours of missionaries and to break the bounds of insularity. Not only to know that there are Christians in other lands but to see them. Not only to know of spheres of service in other lands but to see them in operation.

The Plant

The seed germinated and a trip was made with Rev. Tow on 23rd Feb. 1969. The first of many - God willing. After one puncture, many minutes of rain and witnessing a car in the ditch, we arrived at Kelapa Sawit.

This is one of the bigger towns in the area and a richer one, too. Population is increasing. The only school, a primary Mandarin school, boasts an enrolment of 700. Many travel to Kulai for their secondary education. Coconut, rubber, rice, pepper and vegetables are the main produce.

The church stood out amidst the other houses not because it was different in architecture but because it was brightly painted while the others wore a drab grey of years of weathering. The church stands out in our minds for hospitality for though uninformed of our coming they whipped up a meal for us in torrential rain.

But I detected a note of despondency. The Youth Fellowship is dead. Not that there are no youths but they are not attracted. After some 15 years labour there are only 2 dozen members. There is no fire of enthusiasm. There is a search for gimmicks but not for the hard work which God blesses.

There is a contrasting picture. Brother Lay Seng and his wife are diligent labourers. They have started a kindergarten and some 40 children come regularly. Last year the DVBS had more than 100. A vision, faith and hard WORK with result in fruit.

The Fruits

It remains to be seen what this trip will eventually achieve. I believe the fruits will be in two spheres. On our part we will begin to pray more faithfully for them and encourage them in any possible way. Perhaps some in our midst will follow Brother Lay Seng's steps. On their part they will be strengthened and activated like a booster dose of a vaccine.

The Lord has given them a piece of land more than an acre in size. Potentialities unlimited in its utilisation, resources unlimited in Jesus Christ but men and women are limited by their shortness of vision, minuteness of faith and carefulness for work. May He deliver us for these sins.

Ed. Note: Kelapa Sawit is 43 miles from Singapore at the 26th mile Kulai Road. The Mission Church there was founded in 1951 and in 1954 came under the mandate of the Singapore Evangelistic League and the Malaysia Christian Pioneer Mission, the missions agency of our Church. The church property that we've acquired and renovated is today worth about \$6,000. There is a desire by the local church to sell this property, a two-storey shophouse, and buy an acre of land from Government in a more residential district of the village for only \$2,000. With such spaciousness for development, the church could build an English schoolhouse. This will be an effective means of bringing a new generation of young people into the fold through education. At present the acquiring of the land is still under legal process. The monthly support of our missionaries, Brother and Mrs. Chan Lay Seng is \$200, of which a third comes from the local church.

Incidentally, may we remind our Readers of a second mission station on Tekong Island, off Changi Point. Started in June 1957 by the Cheun Kwang Prayer Group, it was transferred to the joint management of the Singapore Evangelistic League and our MCPM in 1960. Presently the Pulau Tekong Gospel Centre is maintained by Madam Toh Ah Eng and her daughter, graduates of Chin Lien Bible School.

PSALM FOR THE WEEK: 25 (67, Scymour)

1. Lord to me Thy ways make known,
Guide in truth and teach Thou me;
Thou my Saviour art alone,
All the day I wait for Thee.
2. Lord, remember in Thy love
All Thy mercies manifold,
Tender mercies from above,
Changeless from the days of old.
3. Sins of youth remember not,
Nor my trespasses record;
Let not mercy be forgot,
For Thy goodness' sake, O Lord.
4. Just and good the Lord abides,
He His way will sinners show,
He the meek in justice guides,
Making them His way to know.
5. Grace and truth shall mark the way
Where the Lord His own will lead,
If His word they still obey
And His testimonies heed.

LIFE ADULT CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: The Annual General Meeting will be held on 16th March at 8.15 p.m.

CONSECRATORS' MEETING at Life Church, 7th March, 8 p.m. Speaker: Rev. Philip Heng. Galilee in charge.

TEA for GCYF Executive Committee at Pastor and Mrs. Heng's home, at 4.30 on 8th March.

WANTED! A good second-hand piano for Galilee Choir. Please contact Sis. Joanna Yam at 643642 after office hrs.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following on their success in the HSC exam:

Life: Chang Lye Yoong; Cheng Wai Chue, Belinda; Chua Lucy; Koh Geok Eng; Koh Kim Seng; Fred Lai; Lau Sock Khim; Lee Mei Ling; Lee Soon Meng; Lieu Kok Kwong; Sng Teck Leong; Tan Peck Hong; Thio, Arnold; Julia Tow Ju; Wee Diana.
Galilee: Low Tiang Hock; Low Yuet Keng; P.S. Nathan; Yam Yoke Wah, Joanna.

Mt. Carmel: Chan Kin Kheong; Chan Shirley; Chua Choon Lan; Lee Lian Song; Lee Sook Cheng; Lim Kian Peng; Lim Meng Kin Ng Chey Keng, Priscilla; Poon Shirley; Song Cheng Miang; Tan Tze Chye; Tay Keng Leng; Teo Choo Soo; Teo Keng Seng, Simon; Wong Wee Fatt, David; Woo Miaw Sen, Tommy. Kindly inform us of any omission that we may include in our next issue. Our sympathy to those who were unsuccessful.

CONGRATULATIONS to Paul Tsao, See Sin Chong, Albert, Tsao Huei, Anna Tan for success in their University exams.

CALLING volunteer teachers for JSM DVBS, Apr. 21-26. Training for willing workers begins this Sunday 7.30 pm.

- (a) Those teaching from Kindergarten - Pr. 2 at 39 Pesiaran Keliling, Blk. 71.
- (b) Teachers for Pr. 3-Pr. 6 at Craig Rd.
- (c) Secondary school upwards at Bales-tier Road. Outreach planned for 2,000. Need more teachers.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. Galilee B.St. for Sr. Camb. students.
Tues. Life Prayer Meeting, Bro. Kim Hiang.
Faith Prayer Meeting, Elder Quek
Khiok Meng, Life Session Meeting.
Wed. Galilee B.St. Bro. John Lim, P.Mtg.
Dn. Ambrose James.
Thur. Sembawang B.St. and P.Mtg.
Fri. Consecrators' Mtg, 8 pm. Life
Family Worship at 34 Jalan Labu
Ayer (19) home of Md. Phay. Zion
Fam. Worship. 6 J. Loyd Garden, home of
Dr. and Mrs. Benny Fang.
Sat. 4 pm. Life YF, Zion YF, Sembawang
YF. Mt. Carmel YF.
Lord's Day: Life: Rev. Stephen Hyun;
Zion: Dr. Lyra; Faith: Miss Tay;
Mt. Carmel: Rev. Tow; Galilee: Rev.
Tow; Hume Heights: Mr. John Chang.

LIFE NURSERY CLASS DUTY ROSTER for next
Lord's Day: Mrs. Lim Hong Hock and Mrs.
Yu Soon Kiang.

SPECIAL EVENTS this week: (1) Calling
those interested in Christian writing
Hear Dr. George L. Bird late lecturer in
Journalism at Syracuse University, New
York USA on March 4th and 5th at 7.30 pm
sharp at the Scripture Union H.Q. 36A,
Orchard Road, speak on Writing for Maga-
zines, Newspaper, etc.

(2) Calling all Sunday School Superin-
tendents, teachers! Hear Dr. Clate
Risley, Director of Worldwide Christian
Education Ministries speak on "Making
the Most of the Sunday School Hour." -
on Thursday 6th March at S.U. HQ at
7.45 p.m.

GALILEANS praise the Lord for the launch-
ing of the Faith Promise Plan for Mis-
sionary Giving for 1969 last Lord's Day.
The message by Rev. Poulson was very
encouraging. Over 30 pledges amounting
to over \$60 have been received. More
expected.

PRAY for Dn. Chia's mother who is in
ORGH and Bro. Chit Pang's father in
TTSH.

LIFE CHURCH NEW BUILDING PROJECT: As
the building is nearing completion (by
March 31), we invite members to offer
accessories and fittings to the Lord.
We need a good piano and fridge for
the Kindergarten, ceiling fans, furni-
ture, utensils, crockery, and any good
surplus article from your homes for
both the Kindergarten and Bible College,
Parsonage and Dorms.

FEBC BOOKINGS: April 4 by Mt. Carmel,
April 14-19 by LCYF for Bible Camp.

FEBC 2nd Term Final Exams: Mon. March
17th to Fri. March 21st. The 3rd term
begins April 28th.

MR. TOM HAMLIN, missionary with the Com-
monwealth Forces in S'pore will be speaker
at Easter Sunrise Service in conjunction
with SMCCC.

MY DEAR READERS:

FEBC in her 7th year

When the Far Eastern Bible College was founded on Sept. 17, 1962, we began with two teachers and three students. Today, as we are in the course of completing seven years, the College has six teachers, 12 fulltime students and a half-dozen part-time.

As to the fulltime students, seven are from our own churches, viz:-Siang Kwang and Peter Chua (Life), Charlie Tan (Zion), Thian Hoe, Sai Lin, Tiang Hock (Galilee), Mary Lew (Carmel). From outside of our constituencies have come: Liew Hon Seng (Kuala Lumpur), Lim Tiong Lee (Penang), Trinh Huong Linh (Vietnam), Tow Siew Liang (Singapore), Mrs. Lyra (USA). There is a thirteenth student, Thomas Lee (Penang) joining next term. A fourteenth¹⁵ applying from Bangkok.

Meanwhile there are the graduates, and others who had studied in part, in higher sphere of service: Bro. and Mrs. Chan Lay Seng, missionaries to Kelapa Sawit; Peggy Yoo, completing the M.R.E. at Talbot Seminary, USA; Mrs. J. Packer in Australia, Mrs. Ivy Tow teaching Greek at FEBC; John Tow in USA; Roy Lim completing B.D. at Faith, USA.

With the new Church and College Extension at Gilstead Road rising above the College Annex, providing another hostel for 20 students, is this not a happy augury for an enlarged school of the prophets?

Alas, no sooner is Dr. Lyra all the way from USA with us than he will be gone! But God's grace is noticeably upon the school from year to year, for we've heard good news of Bro. Swee Hwa's return to Singapore in September. That will be just in time for the reopening.

The Prophet and the Widow

Elijah the prophet was told to find shelter and food at the widow of Zarephath's. God's servant learnt to live a frugal and humble life.

Whilst Life Church like the widow is not rich, she has offered shelter to the FEBC sons of prophets. The Bible College has chosen all these years to live frugally under Life Church's roof depending on the Lord. Now that more students are planning to come, we make known our needs again. We will gratefully receive your surplus household furniture, bedsteads, linen, crockery, utensils, fridge, etc., etc., to furnish many empty rooms.

Rev. Jason Linn, student of Dr. R.A. Jaffray

Rev. Jason Linn, whose humorous anecdote of the Dyaks' relish for decomposed hog's head last week had endeared himself to you is of no mean lineage. He is author of several books. One I've read with admiration is his Life of Dr. R.A. Jaffray. Dr. Jaffray was a pioneer missionary of the Christian Missionary Alliance in Southwest China, Indo-China and Indonesia. He was principal of the Alliance Bible Seminary in Kwangsi from 1900. It was under Dr. Jaffray later on that Jason Linn received his training, and was sent to evangelise the Dyaks of Indonesian Borneo. In this connection, Rev. Wilson Wang was his contemporary.

Times changed. The Second World War found Jason Linn pastoring a Chinese flock in Java. Then his coming to Singapore and the founding of Zion Kindergarten, 1956.

A decade after Zion Church's founding, Rev. Jason Linn is coming back to minister to his latter-day friends. What a privilege it is for Lifers too to have him, April 20-22! (Faith: April 14-18).

Hearing of his 25 years of missionary experience in Indonesia, the FEBC has been moved unanimously to invite him for a week of special meetings and lectures April 21-25. Rev. Linn will stay at the College as our guest.

His appointment, no disappointment!

As I conclude this Weekly letter, my heart is exercised for the campaign in India. My appointment to India this time is to join Rev. Maris of Holland to examine certain Baptist Churches applying to join the ICCG. When Dr. McIntyre arrives in Madras on Mar. 20 we would hold special rallies with another group seceding from the CSI (Church of South India).

I've learnt that God's appointment brings no disappointment. Often we stand at life's crossroads. If we're not sure where to turn, it is important to look a second time at the map. Make sure that's the way! Conversely, if we rush in where angels fear to tread, then heartache and disappointment!

Learning from the Brethren

Without learning one cannot teach. Meeting brethren in many parts of the world is a learning process of immeasurable value. It humbles one who might have thought one knew all about the sky by looking through a well's shaft. (Chinese proverb).

Sitting on the floor with Indian brethren, eating rice and curry with bare hands, chanting hallelujah to the tom-ta-ta-tom-tom of an Indian drum is educ-

Yours sincerely, T.T.

Indiagram No. 1

Markapuram,
Nellore District,
South India.
17th March, 1969.

My Dear Readers,

As our team snatches a little rest at the "inspection bungalow" (rest house) of this railway station, I take this opportunity to brief you on our trip thus far.

I left Singapore March 15, 7.45 p.m., and after a smooth flight touched down at Madras 9.30 p.m., (Madras is two hours behind Singapore). Immediately the brethren drove me to the railway station where by night mail we entrained for Nellore, arriving there at daybreak. Breakfast at Mr. J. Edward's over; his son drove me 120 miles to Veligandla, a field headquarters of the Telugu Baptist Church Convention. The ride, more like a gallop, took 5½ hours, for the poor '52 Consul broke down four times. We crossed desert terrain dotted with thorn bushes and palm trees - the heat was 100° F. What a relief to arrive at last at Veligandla to sit in the cool of the mud house. Meanwhile the team under Rev. J.C. Maris arrived. A service was held in Church and below is a typical welcome to our marathon visitation:

"Welcome Address presented to Rev. & Dr. J.C. Maris, Secretary ICCB and Rev. & Dr. Timothy Tow President FECC by the Members of T.B. Church Veligandla affiliated to the Telugu Baptist Convention, Kanigiri Taluk.

Respected and Dear Sirs,

We the members of the above church have assembled here with hearts full of joy to accord you a "cordial welcome" in to our midst and hearts as well.

The above church covering 7 adjoining villages was started in the year 1875 by the old pioneer preacher-pastor Rev. Thathapudi Eliya whose memory we long cherish" It has got a membership of 1200 and it is now under the pastorate of his son Rev. T. Abraham. It is the Head-quarters of Panchayat, Raj Samithi, High School and of the M.L.A. of the Andhra Pradesh Assembly. There are two Boardings separately for boys and girls, most of them being orphans. These are brought up in Christian principles to be the Nursery-bed of the local church. We look forward for the day when these youngsters become the Co-workers in the Lord's Vine-Yard.

We do not wish to bother you with an inventory of our requirements but as the terrible famine prevalent now surpasses the one of the year 1864, your helping hand is always welcome.

You some times were far off, are now made nigh by the blood of Christ. You have now come closer to have more Christian fellowship by your extensive tour in this alien land in this in separate climate spending sleepless nights. We join hands with you with our backs to the wall in the fight against the principalities and powers, rulers of darkness of this world and spiritual wickedness in high places, dominant in "Modernism" We assure you Sirs that in spite of our poverty, there will be no deviation from the path we have taken and that neither tribulation nor famine nor nakedness can separate us from the love we have for fundamentalism. It is not out of place to mention here that under the guidance and leadership of our Lion-hearted, valient soldier Mr. J. Edward, B.A., president of our church we will march forward from success to success against modernism.

We offer our heart-felt thanks to the ICCB for having sent you, holding aloft the Torch-light of Truth may the almighty be with you wherever you may tour for the cause of the truth for which you have suffered the loss of all comforts and count them but dung, that you may show the "Christian Beacon" of Fundamentalism.

We remain

Respected, Dear Sirs,

Yours in His Service,

The Members of the Telugu Baptist
Convention Church: Veligandla."

After Veligandla our two teams combined and kept up visiting from village to village over endless terrain until we hit the rest house 1.30 a.m.!

At the nine villages covered the first one-and-a-half days the issue of the gospel versus modernistic unbelief was raised, but never leaving out Jesus saving grace. In this our godly interpreter happily concurred. He said, "If you are not saved, neither can you save others." A woman at a certain village brought her baby and pleaded with us to pray for him. She offered 3 Rupees to the Church. Oh what a hunger of the sheep - but where is the shepherd? We're taking this opportunity to speak the word of salvation. Over 1,000 have been reached.

Yours sincerely,
T.T.

JOB PROBLEM - Bro. Tan Gim Meng

In January 1965 I was admitted to the Singapore Industrial Training Centre for the Blind. My purpose of going to the Centre was that I could not continue with my education because of age limit. I had completed my Primary education and during that time we did not have Secondary education for the blind in Singapore. Several of my friends were sent to Johore Bahru to further their studies. Unfortunately as I was overaged, I was not included.

Two weeks before my admission to the Training Centre I was told that the training that I would be receiving might help me to find employment outside with the sighted people. I was quite happy when I heard that because I was thinking that if I can ^{work} with the normal people, I would be able to help my father in supporting the family.

On 4th January 1965 I was admitted, and during the first few months I was trained to be a basket-maker. Then I realised that basket making was not a way out for me because there are many sighted people who are more advanced in this type of work. I went to the Training officer and told him about this, he agreed with me and asked me to join the sugar-packing team. In this section, sugar is imported from Hong Kong to be packed into plastic bags. I found packing sugar rather interesting and at the same time, I was able to earn \$50 a month. I was quite happy with that \$50 because I was able to play a little part in supporting the family. I was in the sugar-packing team for almost two years then I was selected to join the telephone-operating class.

The telephone-operating class was started in January 1967 with four blind trainees with the help of two teachers from the Adult Education Board. I joined the class in May and was told that the switch-board had not arrived and we were to concentrate on Typing, English and Braille shorthand. Towards the end of the year we had completed the three subjects, the teachers were satisfied with our lessons but the switch-board was not ready. The teachers had to leave us because they were employed for a limited time only.

Since the teachers left us till now the switch-board is still not to be seen and I am getting worried. I am now in need of a job badly in order to support my family. There are seven members in the family and at present we are depending on \$150 per month. My father is getting very weak and he is not able to support the family any longer, but fortunately my elder sister is working and she is able to earn about \$100 per month plus my mother who tries her very best to earn \$50 by washing and ironing.

After waiting for about four years for the association to get me a job, I feel that they are not doing their best and it is no use waiting. I am trying to find a way to support my family and I need help from members of the church. If you happen to come across a job and you think that blind people are capable of doing, please contact me. Thank you.

ZION AND FAITH NEWS: All adults of Zion are reminded of Zion Adult Fellowship's AGM on Sat. March 29th at 6 pm., followed by 2nd Anniversary fellowship dinner. (Working \$4, non-working \$3) Please inform Mrs. Chia or Miss Eunice Heng.

Mr. Tan Kiat Siong, Pharmacist and Miss Liow Siew Tin, Dispenser, have offered to serve at Ling Kwang Mission. Mr. Tan has started cataloguing and proper arrangement of Mission Clinic's medical equipment and supplies. Cheerful service much appreciated.

Ling Kwang Home Visitors' Society's charity fund has increased to \$1,400. Recommendations of poor and needy families invited. Please inform Elder Chia, president of the Society.

Will parents who wish to have their infants or young children baptised at Zion or Faith on Easter April 6, please inform Rev. Quok.

GALILEE FORUM on 28th March, 8 p.m.
Topic: The Christian and His Career
Chairman: Dn. Chia, Speakers: Dn. Lim, Dn. James, Dn. Chia and Rev. Heng.
NURSERY CLASS DUTY: Mrs. Joshua Lim, and Mrs. Khoo Peng Kiat.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK:

Tues. Life P.Mtg. 8 pm. Lieu Kok Kwong;
Faith Prayer Meeting Mrs. Ang.
Wed. Galilee B. St. 7 pm. Stephen Goh
(Hosea 10), P.Mtg. 8 pm. Anthony;
Zion Prayer Meeting, Mrs. Quok.
Thur. Sembawang B.St. and P.Mtg.
Fri. Hume Heights P.Mtg. Galilee Forum.
Sat. 4 pm. Life, Zion, Sembawang Y.F.
6 pm. Zion Adult Fellowship followed by 2nd Anniversary fellowship dinner. 7.30 pm. Galilee Y.F.
Lord's Day: Life: Rev. Tow; Zion and Faith: Rev. Quok; Hume Heights: Miss Lucy Chia

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCES:

Life: 254 Zion: 188 Galilee: 93
Faith: 89 Sembawang: 61 Hume Heights: 23
Selatar: 15

LIFE CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL General Staff Meeting on Sunday March 30th, 1969 at 11.30 a.m. at home of Elder and Mrs. Tow Siang Hwa. All concerned, please be present!

PRAY FOR Bro. Sng Teck Leong's mother who is in ORGH.

THE ICCC AMONGST THE TELUGU BAPTIST CHURCHES

Recently, on behalf of the International Council of Christian Churches, I had the opportunity of visiting India in company with Rev. J.C. Maris, our General Secretary. From March 15 to 23, 1969 we were taken by Mr. J. Edward to see at first hand the plight of 200 churches and congregations of the Telugu Baptist Convention as exhibited in 30 towns and villages scattered in the districts of Nellore, Guntur, Kurnool and Nalgonda, over 1,000 miles of dusty roads and cart-tracks.

The terrain we traversed was some of the roughest we've seen in all our Indian visits - rainless, rocky, sandy desert country with little vegetation save thorny bushes, scrubs and palm trees, there being little sign of human life.

The villages we visited were found where flowed a brook or springs of well water. Here the people eked a meagre existence by growing desert cereals or rearing sheep and goats. In such circumstances the mud-hut with thatched roof is their dwelling place and the church house where the congregation gathers for prayer and worship would be of similar structure, a little elevated above the others.

In some villages, better off now through the introduction of irrigation, the people are able to build better homes of brick or stone. In several such cases foundations have been laid for more sizeable church houses of a more permanent structure.

Despite the fact that ordained men are few, the majority of ministers are lay preachers, the light of the gospel has been maintained. The church house is swept clean, with an old Telugu Bible lying around somewhere. Over the pulpit, a verse of scripture, such as Ps. 23:1, is manuscripted. Images are banished which are the plague of adjoining Hindu villages, but pictures of the Crucifixion and of Mary adorn not a few walls.

Wherever we went, the issue amongst the Telugu Baptist Churches with regard to Ecumenism was explained, but never without the gospel's fullest exposition. Thirsty souls drank deeply of the words of life. A number of women, with infants in their bosoms, asked for the Lord's blessings on their offsprings. Rev. J.C. Maris had the unique experience of naming a little girl Joanna, whose mother then "paid" three rupees to the church treasurer!

There is a cry for bread to sustain the emaciated bodies of our Indian brethren, long starved in a famine for the last three years. There is a cry for spiritual bread to feed the hungry souls of sheep abandoned in their third and fourth generation!

The Telugu Baptist Churches are the fruit of American Baptist missionary endeavours. Their history goes back to the year 1836 when the Rev. Samuel S. Day landed in Calcutta and immediately proceeded to the Telugu-speaking country. The Telugu-speaking country is roughly the hinterland of Madras, stretching from Nellore to Nalgonda.

The first seventeen years of endeavour practically brought no results. When it was decided by the Board in 1853 to abandon the field, one of the members pointed out on the mission map that the American Baptist Mission at Nellore, though feeble, was shining as a Lone Star. The Rev. S.F. Smith, caught up with the words "Lone Star", penned the following verses which later moved the Board to tears to press on:

"The Lone Star"

Shine on, "Lone Star!" Thy radiance bright
Shall spread o'er all the eastern sky;
Morn breaks apace from gloom and night;
Shine on, and bless the pilgrim's eye.

Shine on, "Lone Star!" I would not dim
The light that gleams with dubious ray;
The lonely star of Bethlehem
Led on a bright and glorious day.

Shine on, "Lone Star!" in grief and tears,
And sad reverses oft baptized;
Shine on amid thy sister spheres:
Lone stars in heaven are not despised.

Shine on, "Lone Star!" Who lifts his hand
To dash to earth so bright a gem,
A new "lost pleiad" from the band
That sparkles in night's diadem?

PSALM FOR THE WEEK: 42 (117, Raynolds)

1. As pants the hart for streams of
living water,
So longs my soul, O living God for
thee;
I thirst for Thee, for Thee my
heart is yearning;
When shall I come Thy gracious face
to see?
2. O Lord my God, o'erwhelmed in deep
affliction,
Far from Thy rest, to Thee I lift
my soul;
Deep calls to deep and storms of
trouble thunder,
While o'er my head the waves and
billows roll.
3. Thou wilt command Thy servant's
consolation,
Thy lovingkindness yet shall cheer
my day,
And in the night Thy song shall be
my comfort;
God of my life, to Thee I still will
pray.
4. Why, O my soul, art thou cast down
within me,
Why art thou troubled and oppressed
with grief?
Hope thou in God, the God of thy
salvation,
Hope, and thy God will surely send
relief.

ZION AND FAITH NEWS: Zion Session
meets this Lord's Day at 2.30 p.m.
Faith Session meets next Lord's Day
at 1 p.m.

Faith and Zion Congs. and SSs are re-
quested to help distribute handbills
inviting recipients to Faith Church
revival and gospel meetings, April
14-18, with Rev. Jason Linn as the
evangelist.

After reading a report of the Ling
Kwang Mission in the Eastern Sun, the
United Nations Fire Safety Adviser in
Singapore gave \$100 to the Mission for
the Clinic and for relief of the poor.
Cheerful offering much appreciated.

GALILEE CHURCH MAGAZINE MONTH: All
articles, reports and testimonies for
our church magazine in time for the
9th Anniversary to be handed in to
Dns. Vincent Leong, Ambrose James or
Bro. Seow Tiang Huat. Competition
for the magazine cover is also on.

CONGRATULATIONS to Dr. and Mrs. Tow
Siang Yeow on birth of a baby girl,
Grace Tow Li Hui on 3rd March, 1969.

PLEASE PRAY for Rev. Heng as he will
be speaking at the Evangelical Free
Church camp, April 13-19.

GALILEE CHURCH SESSION MEETING on
April 7th, Monday at 8 p.m.

S'pore-Malaysia Council of Christian
Churches Annual Conference at FEBC
Sat. April 5th, 2-6 p.m. All welcome!

(Continued from first page)

Shine on, "Lone Star!" The day draws near
When none shall shine more fair than
thou
Thou, born and nursed in doubt and fear
Wilt glitter on Immanuel's brow.
Shine on, "Lone Star!" till earth redeemed
In dust shall bid its idols fall;
And thousands, where thy radiance beamed
Shall "crown the Saviour, Lord of all."

This perseverance paid off. A new
day dawned when the Lone Star Mission
shone as bright as the sun. At the
Gundlaccuma River 2,222 were baptised
in one day on July 3, 1878.

But with the advent of modern times
liberalism and institutionalism have
crept in. Houses of holy worship have
toppled. Mission bungalows are converted
into grain storages. A fight has ensued
over the control of property.

The ICCC's entering the Telugu field
is with the hope that the "tabernacle
of David which is fallen down" might
again be set up. The 20th Century
Movement must go into the abandoned
mission fields to resuscitate the glo-
rious work left by the early godly
missionaries. - Dr. Timothy Tow -

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK:

Tue. Life Prayer Meeting, Fred Lai; Faith
Prayer Meeting, Dns. Tan Mooi Huan;
Life Church Session Meeting.

Wed. Galilee B.St. Bro. Chan Mun Chye;
P.Mtg. Bro. Cho Kam Seng.

Thur. Sombawang B.St. and P.Mtg. Zion &
Faith Good Friday's Eve combined
service, Holy Communion 7.45 pm.

Fri. Hume Heights Prayer Meeting. 1st
SS Teachers' Conference of Mt. Carmel
SS at FEBC. 8 pm. Life, Galilee Good
Friday Service, Holy Communion.

Sat. 4pm. Life, Zion, Sombawang Youth
Fellowship; 7.30 pm. Galilee YF.

Lord's Day: 9 am. Zion Easter Baptismal
Service (Cong. & SS combined)

10.30 am. Faith Easter Baptismal
Service (Cong. & SS combined).

Speakers: Life: Rev. Tow; Galilee:
Dr. Lyra; Hume Heights: Mr. Yu.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCES:

Life: 255 Zion: 184 Galilee: 38
Jurong: 38 Hume Heights: 31 Sectors: 1

GALILEE SUNDAY SCHOOL next Lord's Day:
Rev. Goldsmith will be speaking to Senior
Dept. and Mrs. Goldsmith, Junior Dept.

LIFE NURSERY CLASS DUTY ROSTER for next
Lord's Day: Sisters Lee Li Pier and
Molly King.

ATTEND Easter Sunrise Service, April 6th
6.30 am. at McRitchie Reservoir, Mr. Tow
Hamlin speaking. Breakfast at Life and
Zion centres.

Ring Far Eastern Kindergarten, 51-36761

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OUR EASTER FAITH

Reprinted from Fellowship News of the Manchester Chinese Christian Fellowship, compliments from Bro. Quek Swee Hwa)

The Easter story is the pivotal point in the Christian message. The message of the early Church was based on the 'fact' of the Resurrection, and this 'fact' of the Resurrection was accompanied by an interpretation, "Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures" (I Cor. 15:13), "according to the determinate foreknowledge of God" (Acts 2:23). Through Christ's rising again from the dead, we have been born again into a life full of hope (I Peter 1:3, Phillips). The content of the message and its effectual power in the lives of believers is inextricably bound up with the resurrection event in space-time. If Christ was not raised then neither our preaching nor your faith has any meaning at all... your faith is futile and your sins have never been forgiven (I Cor. 15:16 & 17). The New Testament calls people to faith in Christ through the evidence of his resurrection recorded by witnesses (I Cor. 15:5). Such evidence was not sufficient for the Athenian philosophers, nor for Paul's Jewish contemporaries (Acts 17:22-32, I Cor. 1:22), and so it is not surprising that in the present day the resurrection fact should be doubted. Critical historians and sceptics, supposing a closed universe which rules out all possibility of interference by any force other than those which can be accounted for on mechanistic principles, inevitably interpret the Easter event in terms of human forces and deny Christ's resurrection. To these we can only echo the words of St. Paul, "Why should it be thought incredible by any of you that God raises the dead?" (Acts 26:8). Looked at through the eyes of unbelief the events of those three days are not of special significance. But those who have acknowledged Christ as Saviour and Lord through the knowledge of these events know the power of his resurrection in their lives. It is appropriate that this Easter edition of Fellowship News should carry the testimonies of those who have experienced newness of life in Christ. The Easter event, known and experienced in the lives of believers, is the reason for the existence of the Fellowship and for its aim in proclaiming the Good News to the Chinese in Manchester. (Editor J.N. Soo)

Two Testimonies of Baptism Candidates

Miss Chong Moo Ling (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, studying physiotherapy at Withington Hospital)

Even though born into a Buddhist home, I was educated in a missionary school. I used to attend Sunday School as a child, but dropped out due to strong parental objections, and even more so to the work of Satan. From then onwards, I went to church just a few times to 'oblige' Christian friends. The Bible held no appeal to me. By the grace of God, I came to Manchester to study physiotherapy and was introduced to the Manchester Chinese Christian Fellowship, but I was still not convinced of the truths of Scripture, and that I was a sinner in need of salvation. On September 5th 1968, through the ministry of Rev. Thomas Wang the Holy Spirit opened my heart to His Word, I hesitated no longer to accept Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour. Life now has meaning for me. Peace, joy and hope are reigning in my heart. In spite of the very short time I've been a Christian, I find Him very real indeed. If you have not trusted Him, trust Him now. (Prov. 3:5,6)

Miss Wan Ying Ling (Singapore, undergraduate in Computer Science in Manchester University) Although I have been a Christian for many years, I was not willing to be baptised, because of a wavering faith. However, since coming to Manchester, the Lord has shown Himself more real to me and has greatly blessed me. He has shown me that if I trust in Him completely and not depend on my own understanding, I can have the peace that He had promised to anyone who follows His way for the Bible teaches us to "trust in the Lord with all our heart, and lean not to our own understanding. (Prov. 3:5,6). Through answered prayer and a closer personal experience with God, I now firmly believe that my God is real. As a public testimony to this belief, I wish to be baptised into His Church.

Baptismal Testimony by Ng Siew Gek of Life Church: The year 1967 was of great significance and importance to me. It was the year when I accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Personal Saviour. How glad was I to have the privilege to become a child of God. God stated very clearly that "He so loved the world, that he gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16). Ever since I accepted Christ into my heart, a world full of brightness has belonged to me. Formerly, I was walking aimlessly, groping my way in the dark world. Praise the Lord! I am now free from the bonds of Satan who, in the past had tried to lure me away from the One and only true God. LIFE CHURCH BAPTISM: Tan Tuck Keong, Chow Kok Fong, Francis Lye Beng Wai, Goh Mui Heng, Kandiah Chelliah, Teo Soon Khiam, Yeo Guan Nor, Ng Siew Gek, Ng Siew Choo, Chia See Koon, Sim Shun Ching, Fan Siew Yin, Sophia Yip See Lun, Yip Wan Fatt, Peggy Tan Ah Buay, Lim Wue Foon. CONFIRMATION: Chan Gek Koon, Chan Liang Ping, Handson Fu. INFANTS: Rebecca Swee Lin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

EASTER HYMN: Thine Is the Glory (1367)

1. Thine is the glory,
Risen, conqu'ring Son,
Endless is the vict'ry -
Thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment
Rolled the stone away.
Kept the folded grave clothes
Where Thy body lay.

Refrain: Thine is the glory,
Risen, conqu'ring Son,
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won.

2. Lo! Jesus meets thee,
Risen from the tomb;
Lovingly He greets thee,
Scatters fear and gloom;
Let His Church with gladness
Hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth;
Death hath lost its sting.

3. No more we doubt Thee,
Glorious Prince of Life!
Life is nought without Thee;
Aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conqu'rors
Through Thy deathless love.
Bring us safe through Jordan
To Thy Home above.

LIFE CHURCH NEW BUILDING PROGRESS: Except for finishing touches the new Extension is completed, hallelujah, exactly one year from ground breaking. Paid to W.K. Tham \$3,500. The Far Eastern Kindergarten's new phone is 51-3676 to receive enrolment of pupils for April 28's opening. Registration daily 9-12, Sat. 2-5 pm. Come to New Dedication Service: Sat. April 26th, 4 p.m.!

ENGAGEMENT: The engagement between Bro. Henry Heng and Sister Margaret Phua was solemnised by Rev. Tow at Life Church, Saturday Mar. 29, 6 p.m.

WEDDING BELLS: 1) The Holy Matrimony between Bro. John Tow and Sister Anne Khoo of Batu Pahat was solemnised in Philadelphia by Rev. A. Franklin Faucette

Registrar of Faith Seminary, Sat. Mar. 22, 1969. The bride was given away by Elder Tow Siang Hwa. 2) The Holy Matrimony between Bro. Koh Kim Song and Sister Sim Shun Ching will be solemnised at Life Church, Sat. April 19, 2.30 p.m.

LIST OF PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES OF THE ELECTIONS on 27th April. Pastors: To elect two: Rev Tow, Rev Heng, Elders: (To elect seven) Chia Hong Chek, Heng Mui Kiah, Lim, Joshua, Lim Khng Seng, Seow Chong Pin, Edmund Tay, Tow Siang Hwa. Deacons To elect 10) Chee Ah Chai, Cheng Wei Nien

Choo Peng Kiat, Paul Phua, William Seah, Ang Beng Chong, Goh Seng Fong, Henry Heng, Koh Kim Hiang, Phang Chin Yen, Phua Cher Kok, Tan Kang Pin, Tan Kim Ping, Tan Wai Choon, Yee Keong Hui. Deaconesses Eleanor Chua, Lucy Heng, Lew Li Fah, Amy Boh, Maggie Tan, Jenny Wee, Wun Oi Chun (To elect four)

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK:

Tue. Life P. Mtg. Koh Kim Hiang, Faith Prayer Meeting, Mr. Lee Sam Hong.
Wed. Galilee B. St. Sis. Joanna Yam; P. Mtg. Tiang Hock; Zion Special Prayer Meeting for gospel meetings.
Thur. Sembawang B. St. and P. Mtg.
Fri. Faith Family Worship at 12 Stokesay Avenue, home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Sam Hong; Consecrators' Meeting @ Galilee, Mt. Carmel i/c. Fri. 7.30 pm Sat. 4 pm. Lord's Day 7.30 pm. Zion YF Gospel Meetings.
Sat. 3 pm. Zion Wedding Bells for Sonny K.Y. Sim and Alice Fong.
Lord's Day; Life: Rev. Tow; Zion and Faith: Rev. Jason Linn

ZION AND FAITH NEWS: Zion Baptism (infants): Ong Ai Lin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Ong. (Adults): Chan Siok Choy, Winnie Chia, Chia Wee Koon, Melina Chua, Irene Tan, Chua Siak Seng, Patrick Tang, Raymond Khoo, Sonny K.Y. Sim, Philip Tan, Reaffirmation of faith: Linda Chou, Patricia Chou, Alice Fong, Christine Fong, Susan Fong, Mohan Mathew, Ng Yen Hock, Tony Quek Swee Kock, Faith Baptism (Adults): Sim Kwan Kwan. Reaffirmation of faith: Teo Kian Seng, Chuang Lee Jen, Chiang Shao Soong, Lee Fatt Ping, Chang Chuan Ing.

Rev. McIntosh will conduct gospel meetings for teenagers at Zion, Fri. to Lord's Day, April 10-13. Faith gospel meetings follow immediately Mon.-Fri. April 14-18. Zion and Faith congregations are requested to pray for both series of meetings and to bring and recommend friends to the meetings.

Rev. Jason Linn is due to arrive from Hong Kong by ML639 at 7 pm. this coming Saturday April 12th. Please meet him at the airport if possible. Combined reception in his house on Sat. April 19th at 7 pm. Details to be announced.

Mr. and Mrs. Fong Kim Chwee cordially invite Zion congregation to their daughter, Alice Fong's wedding to Mr. Sonny K.Y. Sim at Zion this coming Sat. April 12th 3 pm. and thereafter to reception in Z.K. Hall.

NURSERY CLASS DUTY ROSTER: for next Lord's Day, Sisters Lee Li Pier and Molly King.

CONSECRATORS' MEETING at Galilee Church. 8 pm. Speaker: Miss Rosemary Aldis, Mt. Carmel in charge.

INTER-YF BIBLE QUIZ: Participants: Life, Mt. Carmel and Galilee. Venue: Galilee. Date: 12th April. Time: 7.15 p.m.

GALILEE - Candidates of Baptism: Mr. Hong Kim Hong, Miss Jennifer Hui Sou Lin, Miss Peggy Leong Choy Wun, Mr. Anthony Tan Siew Tat. We also welcome two new members: Miss Helen Swee Poh Tin and Mr. Lim Khai Mui.

Chan Lay Seng and Audrey Yuen Ling, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Wong.

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RECEIVING GOD'S BLESSINGS ON EARTH

(Message delivered to Life Church

Sunday School by Mrs. Ivy Tow)

Today I am going to speak to you from a well-known verse in Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. In this verse our Lord gives us the principle of receiving His blessings on earth. How can we live a happy and contented life in this world that is so beset with sadness and discontentment? We can obtain His blessings on earth if we set our hearts upon the things above, the heavenly and spiritual. Jesus says, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matthew 6:33).

In this connection, we can find a wonderful example in the Old Testament as recorded in the Book of Ruth. Though many of you know this story well, it is worthwhile telling over and over again.

Ruth and Orpah were two heathen daughters-in-law of an Israelite woman called Naomi. After their husbands died, Naomi the mother-in-law, herself also a widow, decided to return to her home in Bethlehem. As the two daughters-in-law were young, she asked them to remain behind and get married again. Orpah did as the mother-in-law said, but Ruth clung to her. She could never feel safe or happy to be married to a non-Christian man in her heathen country. She preferred to stick with Naomi because she had faith in the God of Israel. Ruth said, "Intreat me not to leave thee or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go, and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God: Where thou diest, will I die and there will I be buried: the Lord do so to me and more also if ought but death part thee and me." (Ruth 1:16,17) So, whilst Orpah remained in her heathen country, Ruth went with Naomi.

The two women arrived back at Bethlehem empty-handed. As they put up in some room in the city, both tried their best to make ends meet. It must have been very discouraging at first to have to borrow pots and pans to cook their meals. As to their meals, none were to be found in the house! For the Bible tells us that Ruth had to go to the fields to glean ears of barley and wheat. Now, the Law of Israel was that after the reapers had cut the grain and bound it in bundles for the landlord, the poor people could go in and glean - pick up what little they found from what was left over. Now when we seek the kingdom of God and His righteousness and when we try to follow Christ and come to church and worship Him, it does not mean that all our troubles are gone overnight. Young Christians have the greatest testings yet to go through before they will find the blessings that God has here promised them.

So Ruth struggled on day by day, week by week. But, it was not a losing struggle. She began to see signs of God's helping hand as she daily sought His help. Not long after they settled down in Bethlehem, the Lord led her to the field of Boaz, a rich and respectable relative of Naomi. A romance soon developed between Boaz and Ruth, but it was the hand of the Lord guiding and rewarding Ruth for her faithfulness to Naomi.

Now according to the custom in Israel in those days, the nearest relative of Naomi should marry Ruth. As Boaz was not the nearest relative, he could not marry Ruth unless that nearest relative gave up his right. It happened that that nearest relative had no liking for Ruth. And so according to the custom, he had to declare his dislike publicly before the elders and all the people. This he did by taking off his shoe and giving it to Boaz. So Boaz married Ruth.

Ruth suddenly found herself in the joy and plenty of a well-to-do Christian home. No more living in a cubicle with a poor mother-in-law, no more going out early and coming home late gleaning in the fields, no more sweating in the heat of the noonday sun, no more in constant lack of money to spend, no more the loneliness of two discarded women, no more the dejection of an inferiority complex. From her lowly position of a Cinderella she is now elevated to that of as it were, the first Lady of Bethlehem. Not only was Ruth blessed, Naomi her mother-in-law, too! For, she naturally lived with them. In this connection we can see how those who lead others to Christ at the expense of their time, energy and wealth are also blessed. Naomi's witness to Ruth of a beautiful Christian life has not gone unrewarded.

The greatest blessing on Ruth, however, was not the happy, peaceful life she enjoyed hereafter, but rather her honour of becoming the great grandmother of King David, from whom Jesus Christ the Saviour was born!

Ruth sought for the kingdom of God and His righteousness and she obtained not only the blessings of this life on earth, but also the blessings of everlasting life. What is your choice today?

PSALM FOR THE WEEK: 5 (10, Martyn)

1. In the fullness of Thy grace
To Thy house I will repair,
Bow'ing tow'rd Thy holy place,
In Thy fear will worship there,
Lead me in Thy righteousness,
Let my foes assail in vain;
Lest my feet be turned aside,
Make Thy way before me plain.
2. False and faithless are my foes,
In their mouth no truth is found;
Deadly are the words they speak,
All their thoughts with sin abound.
Bring, O God, their plans to nought,
Hold them guilty in Thy sight,
For against Thee and Thy law
They have set themselves to fight.
3. O let all that trust Thy care
Ever glad and joyful be;
Let them joy who love Thy Name,
Safely guarded, Lord, by Thee.
For a blessing from Thy store
To the righteous Thou wilt yield;
Thou wilt compass him about
With Thy favour as a shield.

ZION AND FAITH NEWS: Welcome to Rev. Jason Linn who arrives today at 7 p.m. from Hong Kong by ML 639.

Rev. Linn speaks this Lord's Day at Zion and Faith. From Monday to Friday, April 14-18 daily at 7.45 p.m. he will be evangelist at Faith Church Revival and Gospel Meetings. Readers are requested to pray for the campaign and recommend Chinese-speaking friends to the Meetings.

LIFE CHURCH ELECTIONS: 27th April 1969 (Amended List of candidates nominated by the Session)

a) For pastors (to elect two)

Rev. Timothy Tow, Rev. Philip Heng

b) For elders (to elect seven)

1) Chia Hong Chek, 2) Heng Mui Kiah, 3) Lim Khng Seng, 4) Joshua Lim, 5) Seow Chong Pin, 6) Edmund Tay, 7) Tow Siang Hwa.

c) For deacons (to elect ten)

1) Ang Beng Chong, 2) Chee Ah Chai, 3) Cheng Wei Nien, 4) Eio Eng Hua, 5) Goh Seng Fong, 6) Andrew Heng, 7) Henry Heng, 8) Khoo Peng Kiat, 9) Koh Kim Hiang, 10) Lim Teck Chye, 11) Phang Chin Yen, 12) Phua Chor Kok, 13) Paul Phua, 14) William Seah, 15) Patrick Tan, 16) Tan Kim Ping, 17) Tan Wai Choon, 18) Yee Keong Hui.

d) For deaconesses (to elect four)

1) Eleanor Chua, 2) Lucy Heng, 3) Lew Li Fah, 4) Amy Loh, 5) Maggie Tan, 6) Jonny Wee, 7) Wun Oi Chun, 8) Mrs. Yu Soon Kiang.

+ All other nominations, duly seconded, are to reach the Elections Officer (Deacon Joshua Lim) by 20th April @ 11.30 a.m.

LIFE CHURCH NURSERY CLASS DUTY ROSTER for next Lord's Day: Mrs. Chia Yeow Hai and Mrs. Seah Siew Yang.

PRAY FOR Jesus Saves Mission DVBS from 21-26th April, 1969.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK:

- Mon. 7.30 pm. Zion YF Gospel Meeting for teenagers (last meeting)
Mon. to Fri. 7.45 pm. Faith Church Revival and Gospel Meetings (evangelist Rev. Jason Linn)
Tue. Life Prayer Meeting, Bro. Chua Hung Choo.
Wed. Galilee B.St. Exams; P.Mtg. Bro. Jonah Wong.
Fri. Hume Heights P.Mtg. Zion Family Worship at 92 Portchester Avenue, home of Elder and Mrs. Chia.
Sat. 2.30 pm. Koh-Sim Wedding and Reception at Life Church. 7 pm. Fellowship Dinner at Z.K. Hall in honour of Rev. Jason Linn.
Lord's Day: Life: Rev. Jason Linn; Zion and Faith: Rev. Quek; Galilee: Rev. Heng; Hume Heights: Mr. Chan Lay Seng.

PRAY FOR CAMPS of 1) Sembawang 14-19 Apr. Speaker: Rev. Percy Bromley; 2) Evangelical Free Church at Malacca 13-19 April Speaker: Rev. Heng; 3) Life Church 14-17th April, Speaker: Miss Rosemary Aldis; 4) Mt. Carmel 21-16 April.

GOOD NEWS for MEMBERS: Members of our B-P Churches need pay only \$80 per term for each child to study at Far Eastern Kindergarten. For non-members: \$100. Just phone 51-3676 daily 9 am.-12 noon or Sat. 2-5 p.m.

FOR NEW EXTENSION: we need your good surplus furniture from chairs to beds, utensils, crockery, refrigerator, ceiling fans, etc. Praise the Lord for offer of a piano to Kindergarten.

Sister CHIA LEE MENG, Chelsea College of P.E., Eastbourne, Sussex, U.K. sends greetings to friends at Life Church.

NEW PRINTED LETTERHEAD of this Weekly on better paper means more cost. If your church or group takes in bulks, please contribute accordingly with freewill offering!

THE SMCCC which met at Life Church last Saturday voted unanimously to invite Dr. Jack Murray of Bible Evangelism, USA, to conduct 5 nights of evangelistic meetings at the National Theatre, (seating 3,500) Dec. 14-18, subject to confirmation. Pray for the Lord's guidance!

HEAR REV. JASON LINN at Life Church, Sun. April 20, 10 a.m., Mon. Tues. 21-22, 7.45 p.m. Translated from Mandarin into English by Rev. Tow. Rev. Linn will hold 5 special meetings with FEBC students, Mon. April 21, at 10.30 a.m., Tues. to Fri. 8 a.m.

FEBC REOPENS for 3rd term Monday April 21st, 9 a.m. with short chapel. Dr. Lyra speaking. Registration 9.30-10.30 am. after which Rev. Jason Linn will address students. New students this term: Thomas Lee, Penang; David Wong, Mt. Carmel.

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HOW A CHINESE MISSIONARY TO THE DYAKS WAS CALLED

- from Jason Linn's Autobiography

1927, my last year in Seminary, saw Dr. Jaffray return from reconnaissance of the South Seas to report to the alma mater. Displaying a wall map, he showed us the darkness over the South Sea Islands. With the exception of the Philippines and British Malaya where the gospel was preached, there were many regions little visited by preachers. Particularly, the Netherlands East Indies. The places he visited, including many big towns inhabited by overseas Chinese, were devoid of ministers. Churches were scarcely seen but temples and mosques, everywhere! The Chinese in several towns who had been hungering and thirsting for long entreated him to find them pastors from China.

On his return journey Dr. Jaffray dreamed, to his amazement, how his hands became stained with fresh blood. The Lord was revealing to him this truth: If he did not go to the resuscitation of thirsty souls in the South Seas, then thousands of these would perish and their blood upon him! Therefore, he dared not remain silent upon this return to China. He would launch a "Save the South Seas" project! For, he felt that the South Seas were the vineyard of the Chinese Church. Hence, his appeal to Chinese youth. So, whilst on one hand he planned the progress of future work, on the other he sought young volunteers to the front.

When I heard this report I was deeply moved. "To the South Seas" - this call - kept pounding on my heart. But I dared not say a word because I wasn't sure of the Lord's will. Moreover, I had consecrated myself for North Kwangsi Province.

Nevertheless, graduation came, and after that, appointment to Hong Kong, which appointment was linked to my marriage. Now, before I commenced on the work undertaken, this new call was addressed to me. Dr. Jaffray wrote, and Rev. Chow Liu Tang, also returned from the South Seas, talked over with me. But I excused myself with, "the time has not yet come." Then, one day, while I was drawing some gospel posters at the On Lok Yuen Restaurant I was accosted by Dr. Jaffray and Mr. Leland Wang who came there to dine. Dr. Jaffray said, "Mr. Linn, I was looking for an opportunity to talk to you. I feel the time has come. Because in my prayers these few months, God has given me two young men to send to the South Seas. The wonder is, whenever I pray, you and Paul Linn come right before me." He further asked, "Where is Paul Linn?" I replied, "He is teaching in Kowloon. We could see you tomorrow." Thus, God appointed us the future of our ministry.

However, I wasn't very clear if this was God's will. First, I had offered myself for North Kwangsi. Second, I wasn't working with the Methodist Church in Hong Kong for half-a-year, and I could not leave like a fickle-minded child. Moreover, I was hampered by friends and relatives - with almost none sympathetic to this call. After prayer, however, the Lord opened a way.

The Methodist Church in the appointment or dismissal of preachers would invariably decide at the general Conference. This Conference was convened one week behind schedule due to the late arrival of the chairman. Now although my case could not be passed by a majority vote, a brother offered this opinion, "Mr. Linn's resignation is not for a private matter or with a view to join another church. He is going with the gospel to the aborigines where the need is greater than ours. Moreover, it's not easy to have volunteers. Since Mr. Linn is in the prime of life and is willing, we have no reason to obstruct the will of God." This facilitated my resignation.

Dr. Jaffray's evangelistic ministry in the South Seas was without let up. He found Mr. Leland Wang and convinced him of its need. He thought to put the responsibility and strengthen his resolve by urging him to take a trip to see for himself the great and urgent needs. After sending Mr. Wang off, he remained in Hong Kong to await my news. When he learnt that I was released from the Methodists, he at once prepared my travel documents. He got me to promise solemnly to return to Wuchow for the commissioning service. In order to make His will clear to me, and to strengthen my resolve, He gave me light, upon the first morning of my return to Wuchow, from Isaiah 43:18, 19, Acts 22:21. Clearly, the Lord spoke to me, "Remember ye not the former things, ... behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth..." Thus, I gave up my plans for North Kwangsi, I obeyed the Lord. I was willing to be sent to the Gentiles afar off "that He might make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert..."

Ed. Note: Dr. Jaffray of the Christian Missionary Alliance was one of the foremost missionaries before the War. Jason Linn, one of his beloved disciples, was moved by him to give his life to the Dyaks of Borneo. For 16 years, from 1929 to 1945, he and Mrs. Linn, with the help of Rev. Paul Linn (for first ten years

took the gospel to the Dyaks in East and Central Borneo. In these years of privation and adventure for the Lord they established scores of churches along the riverlands and baptised 3,000. Today, there is a Dyak Church founded by Chinese missionaries whose story must be told to the world. The translation of Jason Linn's autobiography is a must!

PSALM FOR THE WEEK: 43 (85, P.H.)

1. Send out Thy light and Thy truth,
Let them lead me;
O let them bring me to Thy holy hill.
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 me and guide me to Thy holy
hill.
Lead me, O Lord, in the way ever-
lasting;
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.

ZION AND FAITH NEWS: The Revival and Gospel meetings at Faith Church during the past week were quite well attended. Several first decisions for the Lord were made and over 20 stood on the last night in response to Rev. Jason Linn's appeal to witness for the Lord.

Faith Church Session has appointed Rev. Quek, Elder Sura Chong, Deacon Tan Ton Hang and Mr. Lee Sam Hong to help Tea Payoh Christian Church form a Committee to run the Church. All are cordially invited to the inaugural worship service next Lord's Day April 27 at 3 p.m. following the gospel meetings this coming Thursday to Saturday at 7.30 pm. Volunteers from Zion and Faith are requested to serve as S.S. teachers from 2 to 3 p.m.

Congratulations to Mr. Chia Meng Ann of Zion for confirmation as principal of Ahmad Ibrahim Integrated School; to Mr. and Mrs. Yue Chee King of Faith for birth of their first son, Boon Kee on April 2.

Elder and Mrs. Quek Khiok Meng of Faith Church leave next Tuesday on their way back to the UK via the Pacific. They bid farewell to all friends.

LIFE CHURCH ELECTIONS - 27th April, '69

The following members are appointed ballot counters for the Elections:

1) Choo Peng Soon, 2) Lieu Kok Kwong, 3) See Sin Chong, 4) George Tan, 5) Teo Soon Hock, 6) Tow Siang Kwang, 7) Paul Tsao. Please meet the Elections Officer after church service (20th April) for a short briefing of counting procedure.

LIFE CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL Executive Committee Meeting on Sunday, April 20, 1969 @ 8 p.m. @ 22A Sandy Lane, 15.

GALILEE welcomes Mr. David Dawsett, missionary from the OMF.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. to Tues. 7.45 pm. Special Meetings
Rev. Jason Linn.
Wed. Galilee Prayer Meeting, Dn. James,
8 pm. Zion Prayer Meeting, Dness.
Eunice Heng.
Thur. to Sat. 7.30 pm. Gospel Meetings
at Tea Payoh No. 383 Block 71, Lo-
rong 4, Rev. Jason Linn speaking.
Fri. Galilee Forum "The Christian and
the Lord's Day".
Sat. 4 pm. Life, Zion and Sembawang YF,
7.30 pm. Galilee YF.
Lord's Day: Life: Rev. Quek (Elections)
Zion and Faith: Rev. Jason Linn,
Galilee: Rev. Heng (Holy Communion),
Hume Heights: Rev. Tow.

ENGAGEMENT: 1) Between Sister Olivia Lim, daughter of Elder and Mrs. Lim Khng Seng now in Canada and Mr. Michael Habitch of West Germany, April 14, 1969. 2) Between Bro. Sng Teck Leong of Life Church and Miss Chua Poh Geok at Life Church, April 16, 6 p.m. Rev. Tow officiating.

Life Church Session

cordially invites

OUR READERS

to the

DEDICATION

of the

New Church-and-College

EXTENSION

and

Far Eastern Kindergarten

Sat. Apr. 26, 4 p.m.

(Refreshments under royal palms)

Hear

Rev. JASON LINN,
veteran missionary to the Dyaks
at

LIFE CHURCH

Mon. & Tues. nights

7.45 pm.

(Rev. Tow will interpret into English.
Bring your Chinese friend.)

FEBC reopens Mon. Apr. 21, 9 am. with Dr. Lyra in chapel. 9.30 to 10.30 registration. 10.30 am. Rev. Jason Linn preaching, also at 8 am. from Tues. to Fri.

FAR EASTERN KINDERGARTEN registrations have reached 30. (Special concessions to members.) Watch for our "new" Kindergarten bus. Transport \$10 only within two-mile radius.

LATEST DONATIONS to New Extension: Pair of German lanterns from a sister for Corridor pillars. 2 road lamps from Boon Cheng Electric. Gift also received from Lawrence Leong, USA.

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THE UNHEEDED CRY OF MISSIONS

- from Jason Linn's "Pioneering in Dyak Borneo"

Since every church is commissioned to preach the gospel and this commission is not restricted by geography or race, as our Lord has said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature", then, why do we turn a deaf ear to it as if it was never given? We are numb and callous to this Great Commission, as if we've lost our sense of responsibility. Can we thereby escape it? (I Cor. 9:16, 17). This situation is found not only with the Church in China but also with those in other Far Eastern countries.

For example, the gospel has been preached in Indonesia for 130 years and believers have reached the sizeable number of six million. In ratio with the population, it compares more than favourably with other countries. Yet there is not a missionary society formed! Not only has there not been any consideration for foreign missions, there are several regions within the nation where unevangelised races are left in the lurch. The Indonesian Church comprises the following denominations: Presbyterian, Lutheran, Basel, Methodist, Baptist, Roman Catholic. But they have no plan for outreach. The present number of believers is mostly hereditary.

It is said that Thailand has a Christian history of 120 years. Its Christian population today, however, exceeds not twenty thousand by much. The ratio of Christians to the rest of the nation is 7 to 10,000! There is not the slightest interest in missionary enterprise, let alone the sense of responsibility.

The Church in China has a history of over 150 years. Forty years ago, no one ever talked of overseas missions except Dr. Jaffray, a western missionary to Kwangsi for over twenty years. It was he who organised an overseas evangelistic society and vigorously promoted it. Years afterwards as I often reported our labours in Indonesia in the Tung Wen Pao, attention began to be paid by the church. But interest was not aroused until I returned to China in 1936 and reported our South Seas work to the churches in Central China. Only then did they recognise the overseas evangelism to be a new commission. The regrettable factor is that we've done so little for China itself, what more to talk of overseas evangelism by the whole Chinese Church...

Gospel Outreach at Toa Payoh with Jason Linn

The fire of evangelism which burned in Jason Linn's heart in the early days of Dyak Borneo (1929-1945) continues unabated as expressed in his thoughts on missions today. Being assured that the Lord has a work of wider missionary endeavour for him, Rev. Linn is answering calls from several countries in S.E. Asia.

His presence with our churches is in answer to one of these calls. At the evangelistic meetings held at Faith Church twenty have indicated their desire to believe the Lord. At Life Church, the gospel was vividly presented both to the believers and inquirers.

The most effectual outreach, however, is the three-night campaign at Toa Payoh. At 383 Blk. 71, Lorong 4, the first night drew an audience of at least 200, the great majority Gentile residents of the new housing estate. Most of the people are Hokkien and Cantonese.

After the inauguration of Toa Payoh Chinese Christian Church this Lord's Day under the mandate of Faith Bible-Presbyterian Church, a regular church service will henceforth be held. It is the desire of the elders to support a regular preacher to this new work. In the meantime a panel of speakers is being arranged. In this connection, Bro. Liew Hon Seng, student at FEBC is slated to preach at Toa Payoh once a month. Perhaps, Miss Trinh of Vietnam could fill another week?

The Sunday School which has been launched by Mr. Koh Thong Kng will be augmented henceforth with English classes. The new forces from Zion and Faith will supply the teaching staff.

It was gratifying to note that the opening of Toa Payoh Church was already blessed with the registration of our own members now shifted to this estate. Madam See and her big family, formerly of our Tokong Gospel Centre, renew fellowship with the mother church by joining the Toa Payoh assembly. If you stay in Toa Payoh, please come and help out in this latest gospel outreach of our Bible-Presbyterian Church Movement.

PSALM FOR THE WEEK: 15 (24, Helen)

1. Who, O Lord, with Thee abiding,
In Thy house shall be Thy guest?
Who, his feet to Zion turning,
In Thy holy hill shall rest?
He that ever walks uprightly,
Does the right without a fear,
When he speaks, he speaks not
lightly,
But with truth and love sincere.
2. He that slanders not his brother,
Does no evil to a friend;
To reproaches of another
He refuses to attend.
Wicked men win not his favour,
But the good who fear the Lord;
From his vow he will not waver,
Tho' it bring him sad reward.
3. Freely to the needy lending,
No excess he asks again;
And the innocent befriending,
He desires not praise of men.
Doing this; and evil spurning,
He shall nevermore be moved:
This the man with Thee sojourning,
This the man by Thee approved.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK:

- Tues. Life P.Mtg. Yee Keong Hui, Faith Prayer Meeting, Mrs. Ang.
- Wed. Galilee Bible Study Test, P.Mtg. Bro. Moo Hoi, Zion Prayer Meeting Mr. Eddy Angullia.
- Thur. Galilee SS Picnic 9am.-4 p.m. ICY-SM Rally @ FEBC, 7.45 p.m.
- Fri. Hume Heights Prayer Meeting. Zion Family Worship: 6 Lloyd Gardens, home of Dr. and Mrs. Benny Fang.
- Lord's Day: Life: Rev. Jason Linn, Zion: Dr. Lyra; Faith: Rev. Kuo Chao Pin (Holy Communion conducted by Rev. Quok Khoo Swee) Life (Mand.) Rev. Linn, Galilee: Miss Aldis; Hume Heights: Mr. Yu.

LIFE CHURCH NEWS: No parkings under Kindergarten's porch and its driveway (slopes on both sides), under covered passage way between Church and College Building and on the green. For other portions of driveway, motorists are to park vehicles on one side only.

The Kindergarten's enrolment has now exceeded 40! School opens April 28. Latest gifts for the new Extension include eight ceiling fans and an electric clock from a big family.

REV. J.C. MARIS General Secretary of the ICCB now on an Australian Crusade for the Faith will arrive April 30 in time for the ICY Rally on May 1st.

REV. JASON LINN will be speaker at the retreat of ministers of the Chinese Presbyterian Synod on May 1st at Datin Aw Kow's residence.

HEAR REV. JASON LINN at Life Church, Sunday, May 4th, 10 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. at the Chinese Service.

ENROL your child at Far Eastern Kindergarten, tel. 513676.

ZION AND FAITH NEWS: Rev. Quok leaves this coming Friday night, May 2 for Hong Kong to prepare for the "Hong Kong Crusade to Preserve Historic Christianity" to be held in the Concert Hall, Hong Kong City Hall on Tuesday May 13. In his 2-week absence, Elder Chia will serve as Ag. Chairman of the Zion Session, and Elder Lee, Ag. Chairman of Faith Session. Prayers are requested for the Crusade.

Toa Payoh Christian Church holds inaugural service this Lord's Day, April 27 at 3 pm. preceded by Sunday School at 1.45 pm. Rev. Linn will speak and Faith Church will sing. There is great opportunity especially for the Sunday School in English and Chinese and many voluntary teachers from both Zion and Faith are immediately needed. Please report to the Superintendents, Elder Chia and Deaconess Tan Mooi Hean.

ICY-SM NEWS: ICY-SM will hold a Rally with Rev. J.C. Maris and Dr. K.L. Nasir at the FEBC Hall on May 1st, 7.45 p.m. All local chapters are requested to attend. A welcome dinner for the two guests will be held before the Rally at 6 pm. All Executive Committee members of the various YFs are invited to attend. Charge: \$1 per head. EGM to amend Constitution and to discuss rules for the Inter-YF Games will be held on 5th July, 2.30-5.30 pm. All affiliated bodies are requested to be present at this important meeting.

GALILEE CHURCH NEWS: Greetings have been received from Dr. and Mrs. Inches and family and Rev. and Mrs. Grauley and family.

Galilee bids farewell to Miss Rosemary Aldis and welcome to Mr. David Dawsett with tea party on Sat. May 3rd, 4-6 pm.

Galilee S.S. Picnic at Galilee Lawns on May 1st, 9 am- 4 pm. Charge: Working \$1 Non-working 20cts.

Galilee Lawns is booked on May 3rd by the JSM.

LIFE ADULT CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP:

Monthly Meeting: "Meet the Disciples from the Discipleship Training Centre" Date: 27.4.69 Time: 8 p.m. Place: FEBC Hall

Members and those interested in singing are cordially invited to attend an informal singtime session at 5 Bartley Rd, Singapore 19, home of Elder and Mrs. Hong on Friday May 2nd, 8 pm. (Those needing transport please see Bro. Paul Phua)

A.C.F. Luncheon-cum-Election (informal) will be held on 25th May after Sunday Service at 12 noon. Place: FEBC Hall.

CONSECRATORS' MEETING: Programme for May is postponed to June. All Consecrators are invited to attend Missionary Conference at the Singapore Bible College.

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE at Singapore Bible College, Theme: White Unto Harvest. Please pray, attend and support.

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A NEW PAGE IN CHINESE CHURCH HISTORY

Translated from Jason Linn's

"Pioneering in Dyak Borneo"

January 30, 1929 - this was the Day we left Hong Kong, China on our foreign expedition. There were the three in our family, Paul Linn and our leader Dr. Jaffray. Before setting out we were given a send-off by the brethren and sisters in the name of the Hong Kong "Koswick" at St. Paul's Church. Nay, this was a commissioning service rather, for this service was sending in China's behalf two youths overseas, as the Antioch Church sent Barnabas and Paul (Acts 13). This was a memorable Day, for this Day marked the opening of a new page in Chinese Church history. By the holy decree of "Go ye...into all the world" there was blazed a new gospel highway for the Chinese Church - this Chinese Foreign Mission. Physiologically and morally speaking, man's life may be divided into three periods. First, man is dependent on the parental nurture and upbringing. Second, he attains independence. Third, he upbrings others. For example, even the 120-year-old Moses passed through these three stages.

Since Rev. Morrison brought the gospel to China, over a hundred years has elapsed, so that we should be entering into the third stage (of the church's life). We should progress from the independence stage to the stage of upbringing others. But, like the hunter sitting under the tree to catch the rabbit, there are many churches which lose the golden opportunity. Furthermore there are certain western missionaries who hold on to China as one of their "spheres of evangelism" forever, and are reluctant to let her become independent. We consider this a sin! However, the wonder is that God has raised up Dr. Jaffray from amongst the western missionaries to stimulate a Chinese Foreign Missions work within the Chinese Church. At least, Dr. Jaffray had this vision.

After Dr. Jaffray had settled us in the field he quickly returned to China to consult with a few Chinese Church leaders in regard to organisation. By July of that year the first Chinese missionary society - the Chinese Foreign Missionary Union - was born. Mr. Leland Wang was president, Dr. Jaffray vice-president and treasurer. He said, "This is the Chinese Church's new enterprise. Therefore let her bear the responsibility. But, since God has moved me to start this work, I will give my help, won't I? Humourously, he observed, "My name is Fu Min (Dr. Jaffray's Chinese name) which means: "I should stand on the side to help send Chinese nationals in missions."

Chinese Foreign Missions - this is God's newly raised enterprise for the Chinese Church. Logically, it should have been started by Chinese nationals. But now it was a western missionary who did it - a satire to the Chinese Church. And now that Dr. Jaffray could humble himself, should **not** the Chinese Church leaders rise up to the occasion by accepting the Great Commission?

Many years ago I had written an article "Chinese Christians and Foreign Missions" in the Lutheran News of Hupch Province. Similarly, in many church magazines I had followed up with such articles to arouse interest amongst Chinese Christians in this work, that by their participation, this new enterprise might be the joint effort of the Chinese Church. Alas! Opportunity lay daily at the door, but owing to various problems, opportunity slipped away! There are many unreportable events in this mishap.

In any enterprise, one should not expect a smooth sailing progress. For founding the Chinese Foreign Missionary Union Dr. Jaffray was **greatly** misunderstood. Were it not for his strong headedness and resoluteness surmounting a hundred knocks and countless struggles and setbacks, this enterprise could not have succeeded. A door was now opened for the Chinese Church in Foreign Missions, a foundation was laid!

That the Chinese Church should have founded a foreign missionary society, an evangelistic enterprise, we cannot help but lay the laurels upon Dr. Jaffray. Let us be thoroughly ashamed, because we have not promoted this work from within ourselves. We have allowed a foreigner to steal the march on us.

But are we so undertalented as some Americans view us? A veteran western missionary to China, were he one truly loving the Lord and unblinded, must from his conscience say otherwise, and his interpretation should not be far from the truth. Should it be so that the Chinese Church is undertalented, he could through love guide it. Appended below is an article by a veteran German missionary to China. He sympathises with the Chinese missionaries' situation and he dares not to tell his feelings. Through him many Americans have been touched to offer their money to the Mission. On the other hand there was a section who was unhappy with the action which caused the writer to be a scapegoat for the Chinese missionaries...

PSALM FOR THE WEEK: 51 (143, V.D.)

1. O God according to Thy grace
Be merciful to me,
In Thy abounding love blot out
All my iniquity;
O wash me wholly from my guilt
And make me clean within,
For my transgressions I confess,
I ever see my sin.
2. Against Thee only have I sinned,
Done evil in Thy sight;
Lord, in Thy judgement Thou art just
And in Thy sentence right,
Behold, in evil I was formed,
And I was born in sin,
But Thou wilt make me wise in heart,
Thou seekest truth within.
3. From all pollution make me clean,
Yea, whiter than the snow;
O let my broken heart rejoice
And gladness make me know;
Blot out all my iniquities,
And hide my sins from view;
Create in me a spirit right,
O God, my heart renew.
4. From out Thy presence cast me not,
Thy face no more to see;
Thy Holy Spirit and His grace
Take not away from me.
Restore me Thy salvation's joy,
My willing heart uphold;
Then sinners shall be turned to Thee
When I Thy ways unfold.

ZION AND FAITH NEWS: Toa Payoh S.S. registered some 60 students last Lord's Day. Voluntary teachers are urgently required. Please report to Elder Chia and Miss Tan Mui Hean.

Miss Shirley Wong and Mr. Charlie Yeo have sent their greetings to Zion from New Zealand and Australia respectively. Charlie spoke of his joy in having the first Bible-Presbyterian Church begun in Adelaide, South Australia on April 27, with S.S. starting this Lord's Day May 4. He requests prayers from "Zion, Life, Galilee and Faith and all our sister churches" for the new work.

GALILEE NEWS: Galilee Church holds Valedictory Service this Lord's Day for Miss Rosemary Aldis who will be leaving for Indonesia, May 17th. We wish to thank her for her service of love amongst us and pray that God would use her mightily in Indonesia.

GALILEE SESSION MEETING on 12th May, 8 p.m. sharp.

LIFE CHURCH NEWS: Results of Life Church Elections on 27th April, 1969:
Pastor: Rev. Timothy Tow; Asst. Pastor: Rev. Philip Hong; Elders: Chia Hong Chek, Heng Mui Kiah, Joshua Lim, Lim Khng Seng, Seow Chong Pin, Prof. Tow Siang Hwa. Deacons: Chee Ah Chai, Andrew Heng, Khoo Peng Kiat, Koh Kim Hiang, Lim Teck Chye, Phua Chor Kok, Paul Phua, William Seah, Patrick Tan, Edmund Tay. Deaconesses: Low Li Fah, Jenny Woo, Wun Oi Chun.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK:

- Tue. 8 pm. Life Prayer Meeting, Bro. Tan Wai Choon, Life Session Meeting, Faith Prayer Meeting, Mr. Lee Sam Hong.
- Wed. 7 pm. Galilee Bible Study, Bro. Jeremiah Wong (Joel), 8 pm. Prayer Meeting, Sis. Esther Poon, Zion Prayer Meeting, Elder Heng.
- Thur. Sembawang Bible Study.
- Fri. Hume Heights Prayer Meeting, Faith Family Worship @ 9 Brighton Ave., home of Mr. and Mrs. Ang Thian Song (Rev. Jason Linn speaking)
- Sat. 3.30 pm. Mt. Carmel YF, 4 pm. Zion, Sembawang YF, 7.30 pm. Life, Galilee YF.
- Lord's Day: Life: Dr. Lyra; Zion: Mr. Tom Hamlin; Faith: Miss Tay; Kelapa Sawit: Rev. Hong; Hume Heights: Mr. Yu; Galilee: Mr. Dick Dawsett.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCES:

Life: 265 Zion: 180 Faith: 91
Galilee: 87 Jurong: 38 Hume Heights: 2
Selatar: 18

NURSERY CLASS DUTY ROSTER for Next Lord's Day: Mrs. Edmund Tay and Miss Trinh.

PRAY FOR: 1) Chong Kok Leng of Life 88 warded at St. Andrew's Mission Hospital, 2nd Floor. 2) Gan Teck Lee of Galilee Ward 22 Bed 17 ORGH. Kindly contact your pastors if you are hospitalised or your loved one or someone whom you like the pastor to visit. Also regarding any problem which you think we could help.

LIFE CHURCH YOUTH FELLOWSHIP's programme for May 10th will be a film show. Time of Meeting: 7.30 p.m. Bring your friends!

HEAR REV. JASON LINN in Cantonese-English at Life Church this Lord's Day! Both at the morning and afternoon (4.30 p.m.) service!

FAR EASTERN KINDERGARTEN enrolment touches 53! A new nursery class for three year olds has been opened. Phone 513676!

PRAISE THE LORD! Through Hume Heights Gospel Centre, the Ho family of 9½ miles Bukit Timah Road have their Kuan Yin idol removed! This was performed by Rev. Tow with Bro. Moses Tan, Rev. Maris, Dr. Lyra and Captain Dr. Tan and others in attendance. The idol is now under Rev. Maris' custody for exhibition in Holland, a trophy of God's almighty power over Satan.

ICY-SM held its first national rally for 1969 at Life Church on Labour Day. 200 were in attendance. A buffet dinner was held in honour of the guest speaker Rev. J.C. Maris of Holland, General Secretary of the ICCO. Rev. Maris was returning from speaking for the ICCL in New Zealand and Australia. Rev. Maris lectured on the background of the eschatological movement and warned Christians of its dangers.

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INTO DYAKLAND

Translated from Jason Linn's
"Pioneering in Dyak Borneo"

It was in mid-February, 1932 that we advanced into the Bornean hinterland. At first, Paul Lenn and an Alliance missionary and I worked together. After eight months of East-West collaboration beset with many troubles, it was found necessary to part company. So we divided our territory of work with the western missionary and moved on to another place.

Before we re-commenced work we laid down a plan. First, we must abandon that superiority complex of national pride. According to Paul, "I am all things to all men." We would maintain a self-control in our daily life in order that there might be no difference in this respect between us and the Dyaks. Second; We would "enter the tiger's lair" in order to strike up friendship with them, as well as to understand their sentiments, custom and taboos that thereby we might procure them.

Borneo is the third largest island in the world. However, she is noted not for her size but for an aboriginal race of peoples - the Dyaks. The term "Dyak" covers all the "mountain" aborigines. Actually these comprise many tribes. In our territory, for example in the "kingdom" of Kutai there are seven distinct tribes. One of them, the Punan live in trees. They do not build and live a nomadic hunting life, nor do they cultivate. The other tribes having had contact with outside peoples have become quite civilised. So, apart from those who have grouped in cultivated settlements, it would be difficult to control them, the Punan for example. Nevertheless, though these are a nomadic people, few disturbances to the peace have come from them.

Inland Borneo, indeed, is a rustic paradise. Not only do the people live peaceably, there are no ferocious wild beasts. It was with the advent of the Pacific War that the smoke of gunpowder has introduced a new and strange odour into their midst.

The total area of Borneo measures over 700,000 sq. kilometres. Its northern part remains to this day British, the remainder of five-sevenths constitute the former Dutch territory. Since 1950 when Indonesia gained independence this area has been called Kalimantan. With 500,000 sq. kilometres Kalimantan is as big as France or Kansu Province of our country. But its population of over two million is sparse. The Dyaks are sons of the Island. In course of time, as commerce and mining brought in outsiders they were pushed into mountain districts of the interior. This fact is verifiable from the names of places left behind. The Dutch government had all along concentrated on opening up Borneo, but perhaps by reason of their limitations, they had done so only in Java. So, Borneo has to this day remained virgin. Only along the seacoast have there been established a few important centres of commerce. For example, Bandjermasin in the south, Pontianak on the west, Kutai, now Samarinda, on the east.

There are a few overseas Chinese in Samarinda and the same may be said of all eastern Borneo. They total but a few scores of thousands. Most of our overseas Chinese live in the Pontianak district, the latest figure being over 200,000. The object of our mission to Samarinda was to evangelise the Dyaks. For Dr. Jaffray had investigated and discovered that they were long waiting for the saving grace of God!

Who are these so-called "mountain" Dyaks? How did the Dyaks originate? They are generally known as a Malay type, a branch of peoples of Indonesia. They speak like the Sunda dialect of Java. However, their custom and habits rather resemble those of the Chinese. The colour of their skin is the same as that of the Chinese. This is not surprising for are not the aborigines of Formosa of Malay stock? Moreover, the first to come in contact with the Dyaks are the overseas Chinese.

However, though many old Dyaks claim to be Chinese-descended and China their fatherland, we have little evidence from history. But the strange thing is: in the midlands of a little river at Katai on an uninhabited bank there were the ruins of a temple with three Chinese characters carved on the lintel "Kung Ming Tung" i.e. The Cave of Kung Ming. It is said in interior Pontianak that many natives have claimed Chinese nationality, with Chinese surnames such as Lim and Tan. Perhaps during the Yuan and Ming Dynasties, some refugees from Kwangtung and Fukien Provinces had fled here in sailboats. Later they married with the natives and a mixed race of Dyaks arose. When we first set foot on Dyakland we met an octogenarian, an Hakka from Ranyu Prefecture, Kwangtung. He was an officer in Hung Siu Chuan's army. After Hung lost the battle, he sailed in a junk to

PSALM FOR THE WEEK: 50 (Ellerton)
(Psalter Hymnal 99)

1. Thus speaks the Lord to wicked men:
My statutes why do ye declare?
Why take My covenant in your mouth,
Since ye for wisdom do not care?
For ye My holy words profane
And cast them from you in disdain.
2. Ye have consented with the thief,
Ye have partaken with the vile,
Your mouths to evil words ye give,
Your tongues proclaim deceit and guile
Ye glory in your brother's shame,
Your mother's son do ye defame.
3. Thus have ye done; I silence kept,
And this has been your secret thought
That I was wholly as yourselves,
To take your evil deeds as nought;
I will reprove you and array
Your deeds before your eyes this day.
4. Consider this, who God forget,
Lest I destroy with none to free;
Who offers sacrifice of thanks,
He glorifies and honours Me;
To him who orders well his way
Salvation free I will display.

THE BAPTISM of Mr. Teo Kim Tee at his home, 71 Chun Tin Road, was administered by Rev. Tow before Mrs. Teo and children, May 5, 6.30 p.m. Praise God for his rejection of Roman Catholicism and sole trust in Jesus Christ.

FEBG EVENING COURSES open to church members: Mon.: Mandarin and New Testament Survey. Thurs.: Church History and New Testament Survey. A new course, MISSIONARY MEDICINE, is offered by Dr. Patrick Tan, Wed. 7.45 p.m.

ELDER TOW SIANG HWA who returned last month from USA brings belated greetings from Lifers: Bro. and Mrs. Lawrence Leong, Bro. and Mrs. John Tow, Roy Lim, Philadelphia. Leah and her husband about to take a pastorate in Mid-West, Fong Eng and her husband in Baltimore.

DR. FAGUE SPRINGMANN, ICCC soloist who has sung before presidents and kings and Winston Churchill will present a concert of sacred music with Mrs. Springmann at the piano. A special committee is being called.

REV: JASON LINN returned to Hong Kong
this morning.

REVS. QUEK AND TOW, who are now in Hong Kong for the Rally "to Preserve Historic Christianity", May 13, are due to return TG 413, Fri. 16, 3.40 pm. Please pray for us!

SITUATION VACANT: Shorthand typist (female) with knowledge of Mandarin wanted immediately for work in clinic. Apply to Prof. Tow at 52536 before before 14th May, 1969.

PRAY for Rev. Heng who will be speaking at open air meeting with Kampong Kapor Church at community centre. Theme: Jesus Saves.

(Continued from first page.)
Philippines, the Sulus and finally to
Borneo. He married a girl of the moun-
tains who gave him a son. Ever
since he has lived a Dyak's life. Had
he not spoken in Hakka, you could not
know his Chinese nationality. Alas,
China is undone! Her turmoils of ra-
vage and war have sent many talented
ones abroad.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. Galilee Church Session Meeting.
 Tue. Special Prayer and Decision Meeting
 of Life Session. Life Prayer Meet-
 ing, Dr. Lyra.
 Wed. Galilee Bible Study, Sis. Esther
 Poon (Joel 2), Prayer Meeting, Bro.
 Gan Teck Lee. Zion Prayer Meeting,
 Bro. Charlie Tan.
 Thur. Sembawang Bible Study.
 Fri. Hume Heights Prayer Meeting.
 Lord's Day: Life: Dr. Lyra; Zion and
 Faith: Rev. Quek; Galilee: Rev.
 Heng; Hume Heights: Chan Lay Song;
 Rawang and Muar: Rev. Tow.

CONGRATULATIONS to Bro. Low Kok Hwa of Galilee for success in Poly exams.

GALILEE: Any changes and information to the current membership list should be made known to the Pastor or Sis. Rosy by 18th May.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. Dee
Ong on the birth of a son, Darayl on
May 1st, 1969.

LIFE YF Bible Study on book of Philippians on 17th May, at 7.30 p.m.

LIFE NURSERY CLASS Duty Roster for
next week: Mrs. Mahadevan and Mrs. Ivy
Tow.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCES:

Life: 237 Zion: 184 Galilee: 90
Faith: 84 Jurong: 25 Hume Heights: 20
Seletar Hills: 10

GOD'S UNCHANGING WORD

Our feelings come and feelings go
And feelings are deceiving;
My warrant is the Word of God
Naught else is worth believing.

Though all my heart should feel
condemned
For want of some sweet token,
There is One greater than my heart
Whose Word cannot be broken.

I'll trust in God's unchanging Word
Till soul and body sever,
For though all things shall pass awa,
His Word shall stand forever.
-Martin Luther-

"Forever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven. Thy word is a lamp unto feet and a light unto my path." (Psalm 119:89, 105)

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"So faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God." Romans 10:17 - By Quek Kiok Chiang

The Scripture quoted above was the text of Dr. Carl McIntire's one-hour and ten-minute message delivered at the "Far Eastern Crusade to Preserve Historic Christianity" held on Tuesday, 13th May 1969 at 8 p.m. in the Concert Hall, Hong Kong. Earlier in the afternoon H.K. radio announced heavy rain coming. There was a drizzle before the Crusade. This must have affected the attendance which was assessed by the City Hall staff at 1,000. (The full capacity was 1,488) And down poured the rain after 11.30 p.m.! God is great and gracious.

This was the first time the International Council of Christian Churches came to Hong Kong publicly for the Word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. However, the writer, who arrived ten days earlier to prepare for this Crusade amidst one of the most "confused" fields in the world as far as the faith position of the Christian Churches is concerned, was greatly encouraged by the co-operation of the two Life Churches on the Kowloon side of Hong Kong. A temporary office was set up by official permission in the Kowloon City Life Church, and there was the combined choir whose rendering of "How Great Thou Art" and "True-hearted, Whole-hearted" added not a little to the impressive and spiritual atmosphere of the Crusade. Order was so well maintained by the thirty eight ushers headed by Mr. Hsu Yun Chau (Elder Heng Yow Tong's uncle) The vocal solo "He is a great King over all the world" by Miss Barbara Fei, noted soprano soloist who often sings for the Lord, was a beautiful hymn of praise. Rev. Ng Eng Hoe's testimony solo "Face to face with Christ my Saviour" brought the audience nearer to the assurance of the blessed hope of Christ's coming again. The congregational singing of the three hymns "Faith of our Fathers", "A Mighty Fortress is our God" and "On Christ the Solid Rock" led by the choir conductor was most inspiring. But the climax of the two-hour and fifteen-minute programme was Dr. McIntire's message, spiritedly and accurately interpreted into Cantonese by Dr. Tow. It was so positive in the preaching of the Word, (He expounded on the doctrinal statement of the ICCC and stressed the blessing from soul saving with an account of how he led a businessman to Christ 35,000 feet in the air after a two-hour personal evangelism), that WCC men in the audience must have been surprised. At least six decisions for Christ were publicly made following his appeal. The favourable impression now created in Hong Kong of the hitherto much maligned or misunderstood ICCC and FECCC is far beyond expectation. All glory and honour be to God.

PRESS CONFERENCE: Even the Press Conference held at Hong Kong Hilton at 4 p.m. earlier in the afternoon turned into a forum for the preaching of the Word of God. There had, remarked Dr. McIntire, never been so much preaching of God's Word in all the press conferences ever given by him. Twenty-five pressmen, including Hong Kong Radio and T.V., asked about the ICCC's stand on the Bible, the role of the Christian Church in the 20th century and on What think ye of Christ. This gave Dr. McIntire an excellent opportunity to exalt the Word of God and Jesus Christ - not as a revolutionary but as Saviour of the world. Dr. McIntire, as ICCC president, was telecast on the English channel and Dr. Tow, as FECCC president, on the Chinese channel of Hong Kong TVB. Press publicity and reporting was extensive, objective and favourable.

PASTORS' LUNCHEON: Sixty pastors fairly representative of the evangelical section of the Christian Churches in Hong Kong attended a luncheon on the same day and again heard Dr. McIntire preach the Word of God and stressed the ICCC as a Back-to-the-Bible movement.

FOLLOW-UP WORK: Ready response was therefore found to the call for the setting up of a "Hong Kong Consultative Council of the ICCC". A Constitution was written and adopted in principle by the pastoral committee who have elected their officers to promote the 20th Century Reformation in Hong Kong. A full-time Secretary has been appointed who will, among other duties, edit a monthly paper called "Hong Kong Beacon" and translate books into Chinese such as "Biblical Ecumenism" by Dr. D. Hedegard which is a much-needed ministry among Chinese Christians everywhere today. Every one of the pastoral committee, including the Secretary who has been such a help to the writer, is highly spoken of among evangelical circles. All "opportunists" have been excluded.

A LESSON TO LEARN: During the speaking engagements arranged for Dr. Tow, Rev. Ng and the writer were midweek prayer meetings in the Kowloon Life Churches and branches. Attendance was between 40 and 80. And how earnestly

they pray, and for their pastors too! Would that all our prayer meetings are much better attended. Ours is a spiritual battle. Joshua fighting in the valley is not enough. Moses must lift up his hands to the God of heavens for His power and strength. Even Moses praying is not enough. He needed Aaron and Hur to uphold his hands. My dear readers, in this struggle against the monster of apostasy, your leaders need your prayer and active support. Do you? And will you?

PSALM FOR THE WEEK: 103

(Trinity Hymns 10)

1. O come, my soul, bless thou
The Lord thy Maker,
And all within me bless His holy Name
Bless thou the Lord,
Forget not all His mercies,
His pard'ning grace
And saving love proclaim.

Refrain: Bless Him forever,
Wondrous in might,
Bless Him, His servants
That in His will delight.

2. Good is the Lord
And full of kind compassion,
Most slow to anger,
Plenteous in love;
Rich is His grace to all
That humbly seek Him,
Boundless and endless
As the heav'ns above.

3. High in the heav'ns
His throne is fixed forever,
His kingdom rules o'er all
From pole to pole;
Bless ye the Lord
Through all His wide dominion,
Bless His most holy Name,
O thou my soul.

LIFE CHURCH AND FEBC-EXTENSION BLOCK:

The additions and variations carried out during construction, including \$1,190 for fencing, is \$2,962. Repairs to L-annex is without charge.

LIFE CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL Executive Committee Meeting this Lord's Day at 8 pm. at home of Dn. and Mrs. Paul Phua 65 Lichi Avenue, Singapore 13.

LIFE CHURCH YOUTH FELLOWSHIP will hold gospel meeting on 31st May at 4 p.m. Topic: Is life an empty dream? Speaker: Dr. Lyra. Bring your unsaved friends!

LIFE CHURCH ADULT CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: Luncheon -cum- Elections (informal) will be held on 25th May after Church Worship Service at 12 noon. Place: FEBC Hall.

DR. AND MRS. TOW SIANG YEOW are being transferred to Trengganu.

MISS GRACE JEPHSON is now engaged in mission work with GI's and British servicemen. She stays at the YMCA, Kowloon. She sends loving greetings to Readers. Write her at Box 5019, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

PRAY FOR Tow Siang Kwang at Thomson Rd C.H. Ward 8.

REV. JASON LINN'S BOOK. "Pioneering in Borneo" in Chinese is available

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK:

Tues. Life Prayer Meeting, Rev. Tow;
8 pm. Faith Prayer Meeting, Rev. Quek; Galilee SS Staff Meeting.

Wed. 7 pm. Galilee Bible Study, Sis. Chon Peng (Joel 3), 8 pm. P.Mtg. Bro. Steven Lim; Zion Prayer Meeting, Rev. Quek.

Thur. Sembawang Bible Study.

Fri. Life Family Worship at 31, 2nd flr. Ngce Ann Building, new clinic of Elder Tow Siang Hwa; Faith Family Worship at home of Deaconess Choo Hui Ing, Paya Lebar Street.

Sat. 4 pm. Life YF, Zion and Sembawang YF. 7.30 pm. Galilee YF, Life YF Bible Study.

Lord's Day: Life: Rev. Heng; Zion: Dr. Lyra; Faith: Mr. Yu Chung Min; Galilee: Rev. Heng (Holy Communion); Hume Heights: Mr. Liew Hon Seng.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCES:

Zion: 180 Faith: 84 Galilee: 81
Hume Heights: 23 Seletar: 10

from either Rev. Quek or Tow at \$2 per copy.

LIFE NURSERY CLASS Duty Roster for next Lord's Day: Miss Ruth Phua and Miss Jenny Wee.

REV. PETER NG is presently in Formosa to investigate the possibility of starting another JSM.

CONGRATULATIONS to Bro. William Fu of Sembawang and Bro. Low Kok Hwa of Galilee for success in obtaining a Degree of Accountancy.

GALILEE Bids farewell to Miss Rosemary Aldis who will be leaving for Medan on Monday, 19th May, 1969.

FEBC Board of Directors Meeting next Lord's Day at 8 p.m. at College Hall. All directors, please attend!

ZION CHURCH SESSION meets next Lord's Day May 25th, 2.30 p.m.

Another medical doctor, Dr. Ang, has kindly offered his services for Ling Kwang Mission Clinic. One more nurse is needed on alternate Friday nights because nursing sister Miss Chia Lee Eng is soon leaving for the U.K. on scholarship.

All Ling Kwang SS and tuition class teachers, please meet at 4 pm. next Lord's Day to review activities. Rev. Quek will preside. Ling Kwang Mission Committee and Ling Kwang Home Visitors Society Committee will meet soon.

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Of the Imitation of Christ, and Contempt of all the Vanities of the World - by Thomas A Kempis

He that followeth Me, walketh not in darkness, saith the Lord. These are the words of Christ, by which we are admonished, how we ought to imitate His life and manners, if we would truly be enlightened, and delivered from all blindness of heart. Let therefore our chiefest endeavour be, to meditate upon the life of JESUS CHRIST.

The doctrine of Christ exceedeth all the doctrines of holy men; and he that hath the Spirit, will find therein the hidden manna. But it falleth out that many who often hear the Gospel of Christ, feel little desire after it, because they have not the Spirit of Christ. But whosoever will fully and with relish understand the words of Christ, must endeavour to conform his life wholly to the life of Christ.

What doth it avail thee to discourse profoundly of the Trinity, if thou be void of humility, and art thereby displeasing to the Trinity? Surely profound words do not make a man holy and just; but a virtuous life maketh him dear to God. I had rather feel contrition, than know the definition thereof. If thou didst know the whole Bible by heart, and the sayings of all the philosophers, what would all that profit thee without the love of God, and without His grace?

Vanity of vanities, and all is vanity, except to love God, and to serve Him only. This is the highest wisdom, by contempt of the world to press forward towards heavenly kingdoms.

Vanity therefore it is, to seek after perishing riches, and to trust in them. Vanity also it is to hunt after honours, and to climb to high degree. Vanity it is to follow the desires of the flesh, and to long after that for which thou must afterwards suffer grievous punishment. Vanity it is, to wish to live long, and to be careless to live well. Vanity it is to mind only this present life, and not to foresee those things which are to come. Vanity it is to set thy love on that which speedily passeth away, and not to hasten thither where everlasting joy abideth.

Call often to mind that proverb, The eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing. Endeavour therefore to withdraw thy heart from the love of visible things, and to turn thyself to things invisible. For they that follow their own sensuality, defile their conscience, and lost the grace of God.

Of Bearing with the Defects of Others

Those things that a man availeth not to amend in himself or in others, he ought to suffer patiently, until God order things otherwise. Think that perhaps it is better so, for thy trial and patience, without which all our good deeds are not much to be esteemed. Thou oughtest to pray notwithstanding when thou hast such hindrances, that God would vouchsafe to help thee, and that thou mayest bear them contentedly.

If one that is once or twice warned will not stay, contend not with him: but commit all to God, that His will may be done, and He be honoured in all His servants, who well knoweth how to turn evil into good.

Endeavour to be patient in bearing with the defects and infirmities of others, of what sort soever they be; for that thyself also hast many failings which must be borne with by others. If thou canst not make thyself such an one as thou wouldst, how wilt thou be able to have another in all things to thy liking?

We would willingly have others perfect, and yet we amend not our own faults. We will have others severely corrected, and will not be corrected ourselves. The large liberty of others displeaseth us, and yet we will not have our own desires denied us. We will have others bound down by ordinances, and in no sort do we ourselves endure further restraint.

And thus it appeareth, how seldom we weigh our neighbour in the same balance with ourselves.

If all men were perfect, what should we then have to suffer of others for God's sake? But now God hath thus ordered it, that we may learn to bear one another's burdens; for no man is without fault, no man without his burden, no man sufficient of himself, no man wise enough of himself; but we ought to bear with one another, comfort one another, help, instruct, and admonish one another.

Occasions of adversity best discover how great virtue each one hath. For occasions do not make a man frail, but they shew of what sort he is.

1. My heart was glad to hear
The welcome sound;
The call to seek
Jehovah's house of prayer;
Our feet are standing
Here on holy ground,
Within thy gates,
Thou city grand and fair.
2. God's people to Jerusalem repair
To hear His word and worship Him
With praise;
The throne of justice
Stands eternal there,
Messiah's throne through endless
Length of days.
3. Let earnest prayer be made for
Zion's peace;
Thy sons who hold thee dear
Shall prosper well;
May blessing in thy palaces increase
And peace within thy walls forever
dwell.
4. For all my brethren
And companions' sakes
My prayer shall be,
Let peace in thee abide;
Since God the Lord in thee
His dwelling makes,
To thee my love shall never be denied.

ZION AND FAITH NEWS: Toa Payoh Christian Church Committee meets at Z.K. Hall this Lord's Day May 25th at 12 noon. Committee members: Rev. Quek, Elder Suru Chong, Dr. Tan Tong Han, Mr. Lee Sam Hong, Mr. and Mrs. Koh Kian Mia. There is urgent need for two or three English language teachers. Rev. Quek speaks this Lord's Day at the Church at 3 p.m.

Zion Church Session Meeting is postponed to next Lord's Day, June 1st, at 2.30 pm.

We thank Dr. Andrew Heng and Dr. Lim Teck Chye for their cheerful service at Ling Kwang Mission Clinic. Two more nurses are urgently required. A gift of \$50 in thanksgiving for the birth of a child has been received for the Clinic.

All Ling Kwang Sunday School and Tuition Class teachers please meet at 4.30 pm. this Lord's Day to review activities.

Mr. David Ding has written from Auckland, N.Z. sending his regards to all at Zion. He greatly appreciates B-P Weekly and other publications from home.

Miss Peggy Yeo of Zion graduates next Lord's Day June 1st. Invitation received to witness Commencement Exercises at 3.30 p.m.

Zion Adult Christian Fellowship holds Fellowship picnic at Pulau Ubin this Friday, May 30th.

TEK enrolment is 64, praise the Lord!

- Tue. Life Prayer Meeting,
Faith Prayer Meeting, Mr. Ang Thian Seng.
- Wed. 7 pm. Galilee Bible Study, Sis. Chen Peng (Amos 1), 8 pm. Prayer Meeting.
Bro. Stephen Goh. Zion Prayer Meeting, Mr. Jeffrey Tan.
- Thur. Sembawang Bible Study and P.Mtg.
- Fri. Hume Heights Prayer Meeting; 9 am. Wedding Bells: Mr. Oo Soon Hee and Miss Agnes Chua Miao Eng at Zion, Rev. Quek officiating.
- Sat. 4 pm. Life, Zion, Sembawang YF, 7.30 pm. Galilee YF.
- Lord's Day: Life: Rev. Tow; Zion: Rev. Quek; Faith: Rev. Quek (Holy Communion), Galilee: Rev. P. Bromley, Hume Heights: Mr. Yu.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCES:

Life: 253 Zion: 185 Galilee: 8
Hume Heights: 26 Seletar: 19

LIFE NURSERY CLASS Duty Roster for next Lord's Day: Miss Eleanor Chua and Miss Amy Lim.

WEDDING BELLS: 1) The holy matrimony between Bro. Sng Teck Leong and Sister Chua Poh Geok, both of Life Church, will be solemnised Sat. May 31, 2.30 pm. Sister Chua Poh Geok will receive baptism from Rev. Tow at the Mandarin-Hokkien Service this Lord's Day, May 25. 2) The holy matrimony between Bro. Andrew Ho Yong Seng and Miss Leow Seok Koon is announced, May 25, 1969.

GRADUATION: Congratulations to Roy Lee Edward Paduwe, graduating with B.D., Faith Seminary, May 27, to Peggy Yeo, MRE, Talbot Seminary, June 1st.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: 1) Mr. and Mrs. Ma Tan, 24-H Jalan Udaya, Singapore 21. 2) Mr. and Mrs. Roland Wong, 24-E Jalan Udaya, Singapore 21.

GALILEE CHURCH 9th ANNIVERSARY, June Speaker: Rev. P. Bromley. Photograph be taken before Church Worship Service at 4.45 pm. All church members and friends are requested to be present for the photograph.

BRO. CHAN LAY SENG writes from Kelantan, Sawit: Recently, a boy of our Bible School faced persecution from his parents. His mother had warned him not to come to the Church or else he would receive punishment. No matter how strong the warning was, he still came to the meeting. Often, he was terribly beaten by his mother. One day, his mother thought that I might have done some magic to deceive her son. So, she told someone to kill a dog and use its blood as a charm to destroy my magic. She told her son to wear it on his neck, but he refused. So we see that her method of detaining her son at home did not last long. A few weeks later, he joined his Christian friends once more!

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THE STORY OF SUSANNA

Once upon a time, there dwelt a man in Babylon called Joacim. He took a wife whose name was Susanna, a very fair woman, and one that feared the Lord. Now Joacim was a very rich man and had a garden adjoining his house. To him resorted all the Jewish community.

From amongst the Jewish community two elders were appointed judges, and all who had lawsuits came to Joacim's house for judgement.

Now when the people left the house after the lawsuits, it was Susanna's custom to stroll in her husband's garden. This was observed by the two elders, who each began to entertain lustful thoughts for her. But they kept the secret one from the other.

One day after both of them departed from Joacim's house, each to his own way, they wended their way back to the same place by the same evil impulse. This made them to confess to each other their wicked intention. They then appointed a time when they should both accost Susanna alone.

It fell upon a hot summer day when the people were departed from the house that Susanna went into the garden to bathe. As she entered the water after shutting the garden doors, then sprang upon her the two hiding elders, who said, "Behold, the garden doors are shut, and no man can see us. Lie with us. If thou wilt not, we will bear witness against thee, that a young man was with thee."

Then Susanna sighed, "I am straightened on every side. If I do this thing, it is death unto me. If I do not, I cannot escape your hands. It is better to fall into your hands, and not do it, than to sin in the sight of the Lord." With that Susanna gave a scream that sent the two elders scurrying.

However, when the servants came upon the scene, the two elders quickly turned round, and accused Susanna to them of the evil matter.

The next day Susanna was brought to trial. As the custom of law was the two elders in accusing her put their hands upon her head. She, weeping, looked up to heaven, for she trusted the Lord.

Now the elders declared, "As we walked in the garden along, this woman came in with two maids, and shut the garden doors, and sent the maids away. Then a young man, who was there hid, came unto her, and lay with her. Then we that stood in a corner of the garden, seeing this wickedness, ran unto them. And when we saw them together, the man we could not hold: for he was stronger than we, and opened the door, and leaped out. But having taken this woman, we asked who the young man was, but she would not tell us: these things do we testify." So, the assembly believed them, as those that were the elders and judges of the people: and they condemned her to death.

Then Susanna cried with a loud voice "O everlasting God, that knowest the secrets, and knowest all things before they be: thou knowest that they have borne false witness against me, and behold I must die; whereas I never did such things as these men have maliciously invented against me." And the Lord heard her voice.

The Lord stirred up the spirit of a young man whose name was Daniel; who cried, "Are ye such fools, ye sons of Israel, that without examination of the truth ye have condemned a daughter of Israel? Return to the place of judgement, for they have borne false witness against her." Then the people asked Daniel to be their judge whereupon Daniel said, "Put these two elders aside one far from the other, and I will examine them."

So when they were put asunder one from the other, Daniel asked the first, "Now then, if thou hast seen her, tell me, under what tree sawest thou them accompanying together?" Replied he, "Under the mastick tree."

Then commanded Daniel the second elder, "Under what tree sawest thou them accompanying together?" Replied the second elder, "Under the holm tree."

At this the assembly arose against the elders, for Daniel had convicted them of false witness by their own mouths. Thus innocent blood was saved, the malicious were punished, and Daniel from that day forth was honoured in the sight of the people. - Abbreviated from the Apocrypha.

APOCRYPHA means "things hidden" and this term applies to fourteen books of the Old Testament in the Septuagint, i.e. the Greek translation of the O.T. and not the Hebrew itself. These books, whilst being excluded from our Protestant Bible as the Word of God, are of value for instruction in righteousness. The story of Susanna, one of the fourteen, teaches us to be wise and just like Daniel, as Shakespeare has also said, "A Daniel is come to judgement." T.T.

PSALM FOR THE WEEK: 50 (139) Boylston)

1. The mighty God, the Lord,
Has spoken unto all;
From rising to the setting sun
The nations hear His call.
2. From Zion His abode,
Where perfect beauty dwells,
The Lord His glory has displayed
In brightness that excels.
3. Our God shall surely come,
Nor silence shall He keep;
Devouring fire shall herald Him,
About Him storms shall sweep.
4. Then to the heav'ns above
He from His throne shall call,
The earth His kingly voice shall hear,
He is the Judge of all.
5. Let all My chosen saints
Before Me gathered be,
Those that by sacrifice have sealed
Their promise unto Me.
6. Then shall the heavens declare
His righteousness abroad,
Because the Lord Himself is Judge,
Yea, none is Judge but God.

ZION AND FAITH NEWS: Zion Session meets this Lord's Day, 2.30 p.m., among the things to discuss is the 12th Anniversary of the church.

Zion SS teachers and staff, at a meeting held yesterday at Pulau Ubin during the Zion AF Fellowship Meeting, re-elected Elder Chia Kim Chwee as General Superintendent and Supt. for Sr. Dept. Mr. Tan Teh Kern was elected Asst. Supt. for the Sr. Dept. and Miss Chia Sok Giu, Supt. for the Lower Dept.

We welcome another doctor, Dr. Su Hong Zee, joining the Ling Kwang Mission Clinic. More nurses are required.

Toa Payoh Christian Church, at meeting held last Lord's Day, made the following arrangements for worship service (3pm.): 1st Lord's Day: Mr. Koh Kian Hai, 2nd. Rev. Quek (Holy Communion), 3rd. FEBC Student, 4th and 5th: Invited Speaker.

Teachers from Toa Payoh SS (1.45 pm.) Mr. and Mrs. Koh, Miss Tan Mooi Hean, Mr. Chang Woon Soo, Miss Tay Tuan Hoon, Miss Juliana Seah, Mr. Philip Chua, Mr. Chia Hoy In. Zion SS has devoted \$35 from birthday offerings to help Toa Payoh SS. Faith Church will meet expenditure for mission work, while Toa Payoh Christian Church will be solely in charge of the kindergarten and bear expenditure for maintenance of premises. Application is being made for registration as an independent local church with the Registrar of Societies, and for admission to SMCCC. Church constitution is adapted from the B-P Church Constitution.

Situation Vacant: Shorthand-typist, knowledge of English/Chinese. Contact Mr. Quek, 84786.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK:

- Tue. Life Prayer Meeting, Mrs. Ivy Tow, Life Church Session Meeting, Faith Prayer Meeting, Dns. Tan
- Wed. 7 pm Galilee Bible Study, Bro. Jeremiah Wong (Amos 2) 8 pm. Prayer Meeting, Bro. Foo Moo Hoi. Zion Prayer Meeting, Elder Chia.
- Thur. Sembawang Bible Study.
- Fri. Life Family Worship at 127 Emerald Hill Road, home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Choon Ngee; Zion Family Worship at 518C Joo Chiat Road, 15, home of Mr. and Mrs. Chia Hong Kwan; Hume Heights Prayer Meeting.
- Sat. 4 pm. Life, Sembawang YF, 7.30 pm Galilee YF.
- Lord's Day: Life: Rev. Tow; Zion: Rev. Tow; Faith: Miss Tay Swee Lan; Mt. Carmel: Rev. Heng; Galilee: Rev. Heng; Hume Heights: John Chang

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCES:

Life: 241 Zion: 177 Faith: 84
Galilee: 84 Hume Heights: 19 Seletar: 12

LIFE NURSERY CLASS Duty Roster for next Lord's Day: Miss Shirley Ho and Miss Lee Mei Ling.

CONGRATULATIONS to Evan Wong, of Zion, for obtaining a degree in Mechanical Engineering from the Polytechnic.

WEDDING BELLS! The holy matrimony between Sister Tham Soo Tiang and Mr. Liew Fook Heng will be solemnised at Life Church, Sat. June 14th, 1969, 3 p.m. Rev. Tow officiating.

FEBC Hall Booking: Sunday June 8th 7 pm by VCF. (Deacon Paul Phua)

LIFE CHURCH NEW EXTENSION: Latest bill from W.K. Tham is \$9,500. Paid only \$4,000.

JURONG SUNDAY SCHOOL: Bro. John Lim of Life Church has joined as teacher of the senior class.

MR. LIEW HON SENG of FEBC will speak at Life Church Mandarin-Hokkien Service this Lord's Day.

CONSECRATORS' MEETING on June 6th, 8 pm. Venue: Mt. Carmel Gospel Mission. Life in charge.

DO YOU READ CHINESE? Then get a copy of Jason Linn's "Pioneering in Dyak Borneo" \$2 only. If not, and if you've been blessed by his ministry, why not give it to a Chinese friend? Get yours from Rev. Quek or Tow.

REV. PETER NG returns from Taipei this Lord's Day.

GALILEE 9th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service will be held this Lord's Day at 5 p.m. Speaker: Rev. Percy Bromley of the OMF. Photographs will be taken before the service at 4.45 p.m. Dinner will be held at MID Officers' Mess after worship service.

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A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE FAR EASTERN BIBLE COLLEGE

by Rev. Quek Kiok Chiang, Chairman of the Board of Directors

It is nearly seven full years since the Far Eastern Bible College was founded by faith at 9A Gilstead Road, Singapore 11 to train young men and women who will faithfully preach the Word of God in this last day of increasing apostasy. During these initial years, the Lord has by His gracious providence seen the College through despite the usual lack of manpower and finance that have characterised many Bible Colleges throughout the world in their early years. To the Life Bible-Presbyterian Church who has since 1968 been committed the stewardship of the College property, the College is most grateful for having borne the bulk of its financial burden both in capital needs and recurrent expenditure all these years, and for allowing the College to share the labour of love of their pastor Rev. Timothy Tow as Principal and Chairman of the Board of Directors and assistant pastor Rev. Philip Heng as a Lecturer. The College is also thankful to the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions (IBPFM) for the faithful services of their missionaries Rev. and Mrs. John Grauley and to Shelton College for Dr. Synesio Lyra Jr.

With the Principal, Dr. Timothy Tow, taking five months study leave to Israel in August and with Dr. Lyra returning to the USA in July, a serious situation in respect of the strength of the Faculty of the College has arisen. A meeting of the Board of Directors was therefore called on the Lord's Day, 25th May 1969 at 8 p.m. to discuss the situation and to strengthen the administration and financial position of the College. The Directors of the Board were Rev. Quek, Rev. Tow, Rev. Heng, Elders Tow Siang Hwa, Chia Hong Chok, Chia Kim Chwee, Heng Yow Tong, Teo See Yak, Chuang Shih Ie, and Dr. Patrick Tan.

At this meeting, the following steps were taken to enable the College to re-open as scheduled on 22nd September, 1969 for the next semester:

- i) Rev. Philip Heng be appointed as Ag. Principal in the absence of Dr. Timothy Tow. (Rev. Heng declined the appointment and also resigned as a lecturer despite the unanimous vote of the Board to request him to withdraw his resignation, in order that he could devote himself to Galilee B-P Church as pastor and Life B-P Church as asst. pastor.)
- ii) Dr. Patrick Tan be appointed as Dean of students to facilitate on-the-spot guidance and assistance to the students. (The concurrence of the Life Church Session has been obtained for Dr. Tan and family to move into the College premises.)
- iii) Invitations be extended a) to the IBPFM to send a missionary couple to replace the Lyras on the Faculty, if possible by September 1969; b) to Miss Peggy Yeo who has just been awarded the degree of Master of Religious Education in California, to join the Faculty; c) to Rev. Peter Ng Eng Hoe, Th.M., to rejoin the Faculty, and d) to pastor Quek Swee Hwa of Manchester to join the Faculty following the completion of his study course leading to the degree of Ph.D. in Theology.

FACULTY

This would considerably strengthen the Faculty which would then consist of the following:

Rev. Timothy Tow, B.D., S.T.M., D.D.	(O.T., Theology, Hebrew)
Pastor Quek Swee Hwa, B.A., B.D., M.A.	(N.T., Apologetics, Church History)
Rev. Ng Eng Hoe, B.D., Th.M.	(Visiting Lecturer)
Miss Peggy Yeo, B.Th., M.R.E.	(Christian Education)
Missionary couple	(Other subjects)
Mrs. Ivy Tow, B.Th.	(Greek)
Dr. Patrick Tan, M.B.B.S.	(Missionary Medicine)
Mrs. Patrick Tan	(Music)
Mr. Chew Kia Song, B.A.	(English)
Rev. Quek Kiok Chiang	(Chinese, Bible Geography)
Mr. Charles Tsao, B.A.	(Chinese)

FINANCE

Hitherto the income and expenditure of the College averaged only about \$200 per month mostly for student aid, the Faculty serving out of sacrifice and love for the College. An annual budget of \$12,000 is being worked out for approval by the Board at its next meeting on June 29, and a College Catalogue is being compiled. The Directors of the College have during the past week taken the lead in cheerfully pledging a monthly total of \$500 as from this month, thus meeting half of the annual budget. Zion B-P Church has in its budget for

PSALM FOR THE WEEK: 23

(Trinity Hymnal 77 Third Tune)

1. The Lord's my Shepherd,
I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.
2. My soul He doth restore again;
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
Ev'n for His own Name's sake.
3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark
vale,
Yet will I fear none ill,
For Thou art with me, and thy rod
And staff me comfort still.
4. My table thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint
And my cup overflows.
5. Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's House for evermore
My dwelling place shall be.

LIFE CHURCH AND BIBLE COLLEGE EXTENSION: Paid to W.K. Tham \$3,000, with balances of \$2,462 and \$5,000 still outstanding. To be installed 3 fire extinguishers \$214, 6 x 100 ft. Hydraulic hoses \$1,110. Meanwhile the contractor has returned the Kindergarten lawns to satisfaction. We need \$20,000 to clear the new building debts. Pray for a new treasurer to fill the post so ably served by Elder Seow for almost a decade.

ANAK-ANAK TRAVELLERS PALM IN LIFE CHURCH GARDEN: Our part-time kebun can help you if you desire one.

FEBC FINAL EXAMS will be held July 7-11. Dr. and Mrs. Lyra who will have served their year with the College will leave July 14. A dinner will be given in their honour Sat. July 12, 7.30 p.m. The Bible College will re-open for the 8th academic year Mon. September 22, 1969.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK:

Tue. Life P.Mtg Dr. Patrick Tan, Faith P.Mtg. Elder Lee, Galilee Session Mtg
Wed. Galilee B.St. Bro. Kam Seng, P.Mtg. Bro. Tiang Huat. Zion Prayer Meeting
Bro. Syddal Wee.
Fri. Hume Heights P.Mtg. Faith Family Worship @ Paya Lebar Street, home of Dns. Choo Hui Ying, Life Mandarin Service Committee Meeting at FEBC Hall, 8 p.m.
Sat. 4 pm. Life, Zion, Mt. Carmel, Sembawang YF, 7.30 pm. Galilee YF.
Lord's Day: Life: Dr. Lyra; Zion: Rev. Quek (Holy Communion) Faith: Rev. Quek; Pulau Tekong: Rev. Quek; Life Mandarin: Rev. Tow; Galilee: Rev. Heng; Hume Heights: Mr. Chan Lay Seng.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCES: Life: 226
Zion: 183 Galilee: 92 Faith: 81
Hume Heights: 22 Seletar: 15

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the next fiscal year increased the monthly contribution to the College from \$30 to \$100 as from this month, besides a student's scholarship of \$50 from Zion and Ling Kwang Mission. Thus, together with the existing contributions from Life Church and Faith Church and new contributions from other groups and individuals who have the interest of the FEBC at heart, it is the faith and prayer of the Board that the annual budget of \$12,000 will be fully met, if not exceeded.

STUDENTS AND ADMISSION

There are at present eleven fulltime students whose extra-mural practical Christian work has been a blessing to many churches. With the Life Church and College three-storey extension now completed, the College will have accommodation for more students. Registration begins now for next semester in September. Only candidates of good Christian character with the minimum academic qualification of Secondary Four who sincerely desire to train for the ministry and are duly recommended will be considered for the full course. No tuition fee or room rent is charged. Students seeking admission are advised to provide for themselves or secure student aid from their churches. Only needy and deserving cases will be considered for grant of work scholarship by the College.

LOOKING FORWARD

With the two difficulties of manpower and finance being overcome by the grace of God with the support and cooperation of His people, the Board of the Directors of the College has the confidence that the College will make faster and more satisfactory progress as it enters the second seven years of its existence. We request the prayers of the readers of this Weekly and God's people everywhere that the Far Eastern Bible College will remain true to its object of training consecrated men and women for the Christian ministry and that every student of the College will study to shew himself "approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (II Tim. 2:15) Amen and Amen.

CONGRATULATIONS to Dn. and Mrs. Ng Thio Chua of Galilee for birth of a son, Kek Aun, Joseph on Friday, May 23rd, 1969.

LIFE NURSERY CLASS DUTY ROSTER for next Lord's Day: Lee Soon Ngee and Chew Siew Kiang.

THE SMCCC will meet on Sunday, June 22, 6 p.m. at Zion, to consider the Life Church's overture on the December Gospel Crusade. At 8 pm. slides and tape on the Hong Kong Crusade to Preserve Historic Christianity will be seen and heard.

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My Dear Readers,

Our Sabbatical in Israel

We have been granted five months sabbatical leave from August 1st. We are planning to spend it in Israel. My earlier desire was to spend it in full Hebraical studies. Realising that one's lifetime is short, and being offered an opportunity by the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions to help found a Christian College at Baraka, near Bethlehem, with parttime Hebrew study on the side, we felt it in line with the Lord's will to take the latter course.

Since we're planning on going to Israel, we offered to pay our own travel expenses to and fro. Since we'll be engaged fully in work in the Lord's vineyard, the Board would provide us quarters and five months living expenses on the field. These terms have been mutually agreed.

So, in the steps of the Wisemen following the Star to Bethlehem, we're going to the Land and City of our Lord's birth to help reestablish His Kingdom. We think this the best way of spending our vacation. We covet your prayers and remembrance before the Throne of Grace. We are your first foreign missionaries!

Life Church Mandarin Service

Life Church Mandarin Service Committee met Friday last to reorganise her depleted ranks and to plan reviving of her dwindling Sunday afternoon services.

The new committee comprises Elder Seow Chong Pin (Chairman), Rev. Tow (ex-officio), Mr. Charles Tsao (clerk), Mrs. Lee Choon Ngee (Treasurer), Mrs. Tsao (Life Chinese Weekly Editor), Messrs. Koh Kim Song and Liew Hon Seng (co-opted), Panel of speakers from August in chronological order are: 1) Rev. Quek (Holy Communion), 2) Mr. Liew Hon Seng, 3) Mr. Charles Tsao, 4) Rev. Kitson Yang (Mr. Tsao also the 5th Sunday), Mrs. William Seah is requested to serve as pianist, Bros. Koh and Liew ushers.

As to the language, there will be no more Hokkien interpretation. Mandarin only will be used. The hour of service is also changed. It is advanced from 4.30 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. to allow housewives to return home early enough to cook. This takes effect July 6th.

We extend a cordial welcome to you at the Life Church Mandarin Service. Bilingual worship is in keeping with a bilingual, yea, quadri-lingual Singapore.

Bro. Quek Swee Hwa

Bro. Swee Hwa is one of the earliest of our young people sent abroad for theological training. We have been waiting for his return to pastor Zion and teach at FEBC for quite a while. We earnestly pray for his success in the coming finals. How happy we are to read his airletter just received that he will come back to bolster our ranks, probably before the year is out.

In this connection we're also encouraged by Sister Peggy Yeo's returning this August to serve with Zion and FEBC.

For the last seven years, we have seen the mighty hand of the Lord leading and providing this prophets school as he did with Elijah and Elisha. The FEBC is weak and small in the eyes of men. But He who knows her works has said, "I know thy works: behold I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word..."

Thomas A Kempis

Thomas A. Kempis, the author of "Of the Imitation of Christ," 1379-1471, was an Augustinean priest who cultivated a mystical type of piety. His celebrated work from which the following paragraph is extracted, is widely used, next to the Bible, as a manual of devotion.

In "Against vain judgement of men", he says: "My son, cast thy heart firmly on the Lord, and fear not the judgement of men, when conscience proveth thee holy and guiltless."

It is a good and happy thing to suffer in such a way; nor will this be grievous to a heart which is humble, and which trusteth rather in God than in itself. Many men say many things, and therefore little confidence is to be placed in them. Moreover also, to satisfy all is not possible.

Although Paul endeavoured to please all in the Lord, and was made all things to all men, yet he held it a very small thing that he should be judged of man's judgement. He did abundantly for the edification and salvation of others as much as lay in his power to do; yet could he not hinder but that he was by others sometimes judged, sometimes despised. Therefore he committed all to God, who knew all; and against the face of men who spake unjust

things, or thought vanities and lies, and boasted themselves as they listed, he defended himself, with humility and patience. Sometimes however he made answer, lest for the weak his silence should beget scandal.

Who art thou that thou shouldst fear a mortal man? Today he is, and tomorrow he is not seen. Fear God, and thou shalt not shrink from the terrors of men. What power hath any man over thee by words or injuries? He hurteth himself rather than thee, nor shall he be able to avoid the judgment of God, whosoever he be. Do thou have God before thine eyes, and contend not with peevish words. And though for the present thou seem to be worsted, and to suffer shame, which thou deservedst not, do not therefore repine, neither do thou lessen thy crown by impatience. But rather lift thou up thine eyes unto Me in Heaven, who am able to deliver thee from all shame and wrong, and to render to every man according to his works."

- T.T.-

PSALM FOR THE WEEK: 130 (362, Sandon)

1. From out the depths I cry,
O Lord, to Thee;
Lord, hear my call;
I love Thee, Lord,
For Thou dost heed my plea,
Forgiving all;
If Thou shouldst mark our sins,
Who then could stand?
But grace and mercy dwell at
Thy right hand.
2. I wait for God, the Lord,
And on His word
My hope relies;
My soul still waits and looks
Unto the Lord till light arise;
I look for Him to drive away my
night,
Yea, more than watchmen look
For morning light.
3. Hope in the Lord, ye waiting saints,
And He will well provide,
For mercy and redemption
Full and free with Him abide;
From sin and evil, mighty though
they seem,
His arm almighty will His saints
redeem.

ZION AND FAITH NEWS: Zion Church celebrates 12th Anniversary next Lord's Day, June 22, with A.G.M. to adopt annual reports and budgets, to re-elect Deacons Gan Pheng Chye and Quek Swee Peng whose present 3-year term of office is due to expire. Revised membership list will also be distributed. All members and friends are requested to attend.

Miss Peggy Yeo has written to thank Zion for congratulatory telegram. Subject to concurrence by Faith Church Session and Ling Kwang Mission Committee, Zion Session has proposed her appointment as Ling Kwang and Teo Payoh Missioner.

Mr. Marie Lee (Mrs. Wee Joo Huat) has returned from the USA after her post-graduate course on medical scholarship. She brought greetings to all our churches and friends from Rev. and Mrs. Grauley. Welcome home.

A new Committee for Zion Senior Choir has been formed. More members are required. Together with Junior Choir and YF, a choral item will be provided

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK:

Tue. Life Prayer Meeting, Dr. Patrick Tan; Faith Prayer Meeting, Rev. Quek.

Wed. Galilee B.St. Sis. Joanna Yam; Galilee P.Mtg. Sis. Rosy Tan; Zion Prayer Meeting, Elder Heng Yow Tong.

Thur. Sembawang Bible Study.

Fri. Hume Heights Prayer Meeting; Zion Adult Fellowship, Elder Tow Siang Hwa will speak on "The Christian's view of Abortion"

Sat. 4 pm. Life YF: Rev. Heng; Zion YF 12th Anniversary, AGM & Fellowship Dinner, Dr. Lyra speaking, Sembawang YF, Mt. Carmel YF; 7.30 pm. Galilee YF: Rev. Tow.

Lord's Day: Life: Rev. Heng; Zion: Dr. Lyra; Faith: Rev. Tan Sia Yong; Galilee: Rev. Heng (Holy Communion), Life (Mand.): Mr. Charles Tsao; Kelapa Sawit: Rev. Tow; Hume Heights: Rev. Tow; Teo Payoh: Mrs. Ang Thian Seng. 6 pm. SMCCC at Zion, 8 pm. Hong Kong Crusade Echo.

ded every Lord's Day. Practice is from 11 am. to 12 noon after refreshments for both Senior and Junior Choirs at 10.30 a.m.

BAPTISM: at Life Church, June 8. 1) Liew Fook Heng, 2) Florence Tang Bee Hoe, Confirmed: Andrew (Bobby) Sim Wee Nam.

BRO TEO KIM TEE went home to be with Jesus peacefully Sunday, June 8. Funeral was held on the 10th, Rev. Tow officiating. "The Lord is my Shepherd."

WEDDING BELLS! The holy matrimony between Andrew (Bobby) Sim Wee Nam and Florence Tang Bee Hoe will be solemnised at Life Church, Saturday June 28, 11.30 am. Rev. Tow officiating.

SMCCC MEETING at Zion on Sunday June 22, 6 p.m. to consider important business. Buffet dinner served.

BIRTHS: To Dn. & Mrs. Paul Phua a son, Jeremy, June 11, to Mrs. Huang (Loo) Keng Eng, USA, a son, June 7. Congratulations.

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My Dear Readers,

With Christ to a Cantonese Death House.

"Weeping with them that weep," (Roms.12:15) I have the unique experience this week of going with Sister Low Yuet Keng of Galilee to Sago Lane where the Cantonese Death Houses are to conduct the funeral of her uncle, Joseph Lum.

A member of Wai Yan Tong, baptised a decade ago, the deceased had since been transferred to Kuala Lumpur to work as a draughtsman. With his family of wife and five children he lived in Petaling Jaya. He came under extreme danger of arson and parang during the recent race riots. As a result of this, he decided to move back to Singapore. The morning of their departure, however, saw him suddenly slump down dead amidst the excitement of removal. Alas, life is full of such disappointment!

The reason why the coffin had to be put up temporarily at a heathen death house was there was no place in Singapore to receive him. Nevertheless, this afforded a wonderful opportunity to preach the gospel and so I gladly went along.

At the Death House, which is commonly called "Great Tribulation Hall", we were not the only customer. While we held a Christian service, preaching salvation to many so curious at this new species of mourners, we saw three, with grey blankets thrown over their bodies, pass into eternal gloom. With red candles smoking and flickering at the foot of their beds, the atmosphere in a Cantonese Death House was one of hopeless resignation to the inevitable.

"When a man dies, how can he live again?" is the usual "don't-cry-over-spilt-milk" consolation to the bereaved. With heavy heart at such a lost tribe of our race, the preacher announced the blessed hope of resurrection of the dead. "Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection and the life, he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth, and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?" (Jn.11:25,26). Dear Reader, have you been bothered by the thought of death? Jesus Christ is your answer!

Hong Kong Crusade at Zion this Sunday Night

The 20th Century Reformation Movement came to Singapore in 1949, to Korea 1959 and to Hong Kong 1969! In this respect, Hong Kong is 20 years behind Singapore.

The Reformation Movement was introduced to Hong Kong on the 13th of last month as you all know. Rev. Quek was our advance guard. He went ten days ahead to lay the ground work. On the night of the Crusade to hear Dr. McIntire a thousand turned up at the City Hall. With this contact a further breakthrough was made. The gospel was carried on every paper and was telecast through both the English and Chinese channels.

Do you want a spiritual feast this weekend? Come to Zion Church this Lord's Day evening, 8 p.m. Hear Dr. McIntire on tape. See the Hong Kong crowds on colour slides.

"Remember the source of the water you drink"

As Zion celebrates her 12th birthday and we congratulate our brethren on this happy occasion, it is well to trace the very beginnings - how the Lord led Zion to her present prosperity.

It was after the 3rd Assembly of the Far Eastern Council of Christian Churches held at Life and Jubilee Churches, August 1956, that a wider fellowship with like-minded brethren was established. It was the formation of the Malaysia Council of Christian Churches (now Singapore-Malaysia Council of Christian Churches). Through this Council pastors like Rev. Torrey Shih of Jubilee Church were drawn to the Reformation Cause. Rev. Torrey Shih was then a trustee of Zion Kindergarten founded by Rev. Jason Linn. Through him Life Church was invited to start a Sunday School at Zion Kindergarten in April 1957. After that, the Youth Fellowship, and then the Church, both in June, were founded. Later on the property was offered to us if we paid the outstanding debt of \$88,000.

As we look back to these beginnings in April-June, 1957 we must confess that Zion's prosperity today was a reward of our faithful stand with the 20th Century Reformation. How true the promise of our Lord, "He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet receive a prophet's reward." (Matt.10:41).

Indeed the whole Bible-Presbyterian Church Movement is a product of the Reformation cause, its very leaders were active in the Reformation not only since 1949 when Dr. McIntire visited Singapore, but from 1935 in John Sung's

day. Such historical facts should be repeated, for an admonition to posterity. "We will not hide them from their children, shewing to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done. For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children: That the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born; who should arise and declare them to their children; That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments: And might not be as their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation; a generation that set not their heart aright, and whose spirit was not steadfast with God." (Psalm 78:4-8)

Yours sincerely, T.T.

PSALM FOR THE WEEK: 69 (187 Eventide)

Thy lovingkindness, Lord,
Is good and free,
In tender mercy turn Thou unto me;
Hide not Thy face from me in my
distress,
In mercy hear my prayer,
Thy servant bless.
2. Needy and sorrowful
To Thee I cry;
Let Thy salvation set my soul on
high;
Then I will sing and praise
Thy holy Name,
My thankful song Thy mercy shall
proclaim.
3. With joy the meek shall see my
soul restored,
Your heart shall live, ye saints
That seek the Lord;
He helps the needy and regards
their cries,
Those in distress the Lord will
not despise.
4. Let heav'n above His grace and
glory tell,
Let earth and sea and all that
in them dwell;
Salvation to His people God will
give,
And they that love His Name with
Him shall live.

LIFE CHURCH NEW BUILDING FUND: Needed immediately \$700 to help pay outstanding bill of \$2,500 to contractor.

DEACON WILLIAM SEAH, honorary Life Church Warden, is now settled at the new 3rd storey quarters.

WELCOME HOME to 1) Sister Winnie Wun of Sembawang S.S. and Life Church on vacation from study in Canada. 2) Bro. Edward Heng, from flying in Sabah.

OFFICE TABLE, superior workmanship by Deaf Carpenter, on view at FEBC, \$120.

BURIAL: Joseph Lum Wai Choy, 41, at Chua Chu Kang, June 17.

LIFE YF conducts a series of short talks on sex education beginning today at 3.15 pm. Various doctors would be invited to speak. Bible Study on the book of I Peter will be held at 7.30 p.m.

R. ANDREW BO will speak at Hume Heights this Lord's Day evening.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK:

Tue. Life Prayer Meeting, Mr. Yee Keong Hui, Faith Prayer Meeting, Mrs. Ang.

Wed. Galilee Bible Study, Rev. Heng, Galilee Prayer Meeting, Dns. Sim Boon Hoe, Zion Prayer Meeting, Mr. John Yeo.

Thur. Sembawang Bible Study.

Fri. Hume Heights Prayer Meeting, Faith Family Worship at Hythe Road, home of Mr. and Mrs. Ng Keng Hwai.

Sat. 4 pm. Life, Zion, Sembawang, Mt. Carmel YF, 7.30 pm. Galilee YF. Sim-Tang Wedding at Life, 11.30 am

Lord's Day: Life: Rev. Quak, Zion: Mr. Athol Rawlin (missionary to the British sailors) Faith: Elder Lee; Hume Heights: Miss Lucy Chia Galilee: Rev. Heng
6.00 pm. SMCCC Meeting at Zion and slides on Hong Kong Crusade.

ZION AND FAITH NEWS: Zion YF holds 12th Anniversary, AGM and buffet dinner today at 6.30 p.m. Zion Church will hold 12th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service and AGM this Lord's Day. Report next week in this Weekly.

WEDDING BELLS: Mr. Lai Seng Kok/Miss Boh Tai Ching (both of Faith Church) on July 5th, 3 p.m. Rev. Quak officiating.

SMCCC Meeting this Lord's Day, 6 pm. at Zion Church to consider important business. Buffet dinner follows.
8 pm. Hong Kong Crusade Echo.

LIFE NURSERY CLASS Duty Roster for next Lord's Day: Miss Dorothy Seah and Miss Flora Lim.

PRESBYTERY MEETING: Sunday July 6th, 8 p.m.!

LIFE CHURCH S.S. General Staff Meeting on June 29th after worship service, at Prof. Tow's home.

MARK 16:15 Please pray for Rev. Heng. Gospel Campaign at Fairfield Methodist Church July 2-5th. Theme: "Jesus said, I am the Resurrection and the Life."

NEXT CONSECRATORS' MEETING: July 4th at Life Church, i/c Galilee.

FEBC Hall Booking: Every Thursday, 1.30 pm. by Swiss Cottage ISCF.

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A STATEMENT ON THE FAR EASTERN BIBLE COLLEGE

By the Three-man Committee

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For several years one of the visions that have drawn the elders of the Bible-Presbyterian Church of Singapore and Malaya together in the Lord's service has been the founding of a bilingual Bible College - a college that will proficiently train dedicated young Christians to serve as "evangelists, pastors and teachers" (Eph. 4:11) in the multilingual communities of Southeast Asia. It is their belief that a post-high school four-year course of instruction through the medium of English, implemented with the nurture of the student's native language in either Chinese or Malay, should adequately prepare him for service among his people. Such a dualistic plan orientated to meet the urgent needs of Southeast Asia, it is hoped, will be our humble contribution to the extension of God's kingdom in these uttermost parts of the earth. For, without a working proficiency in the native language, an English-trained graduate will find his usefulness circumscribed within the minority of the English-speaking.

The need of a bilingual Bible College, as far as the Bible-Presbyterian Church of Singapore and Malaya is concerned, is becoming more acute as our churches increase within these multi-lingual communities. This need is further aggravated by the counter forces of liberal and neo-orthodox teachings from modernist theological schools, which are increasingly undermining the foundations laid by our fathers. In such perilous times as these, the aim of any Bible college should be not only to prepare labourers for the harvest fields (Jn. 4:35) but also to train hardy soldiers (II Tim. 2:3) for the battle front who are imbued with a holy zeal to "contend earnestly for the faith once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3). A Bible college that is to be called a Bible college is called to defend the Bible! May the proposed Far Eastern Bible College neglect not this part of the holy ministry that is committed to her charge.

The decision to found a Far Eastern Bible College was unanimously made by the joint sessions of Life, Zion, Faith and Galilee Bible-Presbyterian Churches at a meeting on September 19th, 1960. This decision was no sudden undertaking, but the result of prior discussions with Rev. Philip Clark, General Secretary of the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions, U.S.A., who visited our churches from September 13th to 15th, 1960. The General Secretary had promised to send two experienced couples, one of them probably being the Rev. John M.L. Young, M.A., B.D., S.T.M., hitherto principal of the Japan Christian Theological Seminary, Tokyo.

With regard to the management of the Bible College, it was proposed that the College should be constituted an independent institution within the fellowship of our Bible-Presbyterian Churches. A Board of Directors should be elected from men of faith and wisdom within our churches and from our co-operating missionaries. This would become the administrative body to execute the business of the college, such as the promotion and control of its finance and the appointment of the teaching faculty. It was also suggested that a Board of Referees consisting of Church leaders both local and abroad be invited to sponsor the work of the College.

The location of the Bible College has also been found. The spacious, sylvan site of the New Life Bible-Presbyterian Church at Gilstead Road, only two-and-three-quarter miles from the heart of the City of Singapore, has been selected as the College Campus. This selection is possible by virtue of the Life Church Session's decision to abandon her original kindergarten project in favour of the Bible College, the Life Church Session has also kindly offered the U-balcony of the Church auditorium for the College library. Incidentally, such a church-and-college combination is in the good tradition pioneered by no less a man of God than Pastor C.H. Spurgeon. In view of the College's strategic location in this metropolis of Southeast Asia, so that it is easily accessible to prospective students from all parts of the Far East, the name, "Far Eastern Bible College" was unanimously chosen.

An interim three-man committee was elected to draft a constitution and prospectus for the College, and to serve as liason between the joint sessions and the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions. The three men are Rev. Timothy S.H. Tow, B.D., S.T.M., Rev. Quek Kiok Chiang and Dr. Tow Siang Hwa, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.O.G.

Since its formation, the Committee has instructed the architect to design a self-contained two-storey block for the College. It has called for the collection of theological books for the College library. Gifts of suite-

ble books will be greatly appreciated. It is now calling for offerings from members of our Bible-Presbyterian Churches and from Christian friends who would like to invest profitably in the training of bilingual "evangelists, pastors and teachers" for the extension of God's Kingdom in Southeast Asia. Pray for us that by God's grace, the Far Eastern Bible College will open according to schedule, Easter, 1962.

PSALM FOR THE WEEK: 132 (368, F.S.)

1. Arise, O Lord, our God, arise
And enter now into Thy rest;
O let this house be Thy abode,
Forever with Thy presence blest.
2. Thy gracious cov'nant, Lord, fulfill
Turn not away from us Thy face;
Establish Thou Messiah's throne
And let Him reign within this place.
3. Thy Zion Thou hast chosen, Lord,
And Thou hast said, I love her well,
This is my constant resting place,
And here will I delight to dwell.
4. I will abundantly provide
For Zion's good, the Lord hath said;
I will supply her daily need
And satisfy her poor with bread.
5. Salvation shall adorn her priests,
Her saints shall shout with joy
divine,
Messiah's pow'r shall be revealed,
His glory in His Church shall shine.

ZION AND FAITH NEWS: At Zion Church 12th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service and AGM last Lord's Day, June 22, Deacons Gan Pheng Chye and Quek Swee Peng were re-elected as deacons for third three-year term. Statement of accounts for the last financial year shows total expenditure of \$6,804.83 cts with another \$3,000 transferred to Zion Kindergarten Property Fund to clear the old debt, and a credit balance of \$146.28 cts. The budget of \$10,410 for June 1969 to May 1970 consists of \$5,480 for church use and \$4,930 for missionary needs, theological scholarships, etc. Besides there is an outstanding debt of some \$4,500 for Zion to clear on the old Z.K. debt, and half of the \$6,000 budget for Ling Kwang Mission to take care of. (Subject to concurrence of Faith Church, Miss Peggy Yeo will be appointed Missioner for Ling Kwang and Toa Payoh Missions following her return towards the end of August.) If the 80 earning members among the Zion membership of 203 (25 overseas) will give their best regularly from this month, this overall need of about \$18,000 or \$1,500 per month should be more than fully met during the coming financial year.

REV. TOW is speaker this Lord's Day at Life Mandarin Service.

PRESBYTERY will meet Sunday, July 6, 8 p.m. at Zion Church.

THE SMCCC has voted to postpone the December Gospel Crusade with Dr. Jack Murray to April 1970, to coincide with the FECCC 7th Assembly, subject to the latter's concurrence.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK:

- Tue. Life Prayer Meeting, Bro. Tan Wai Choon; Life Church Session Meeting; Faith Prayer Meeting, Dns. Tan Mooi Hean.
- Wed. Galilee Bible Study, Sis. Esther Poon, Prayer Meeting, Bro. Calvin Chan; Zion Prayer Meeting, Dn. Quok Swee Peng.
- Thur. Sembawang Bible Study.
- Fri. Life Family Worship at home of Dn. and Mrs. William Seah, 9A Gilstead Road (3rd storey); Zion Family Worship at home of Mr. and Mrs. Ng Yen Hock, 2 Bramar Drive.
- Sat. 2 p.m. Faith Church Wedding: Lai Seng Kok/Boh Tai Chin. 4 pm. Life Zion, Mt. Carmel, Sembawang YF; 7.30 p.m. Galilee YF.
- Lord's Day: Life: Rev. Tow (Ordination Service and Holy Communion); Zion: Dr. Lyra; Faith: Rev. Chew Yan Chuah (from Taiwan); Galilee: Dr. Lyra; Life Mandarin: Rev. Tow.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCES:

Life: 251 Zion: 179 Galilee: 110
Faith: 81 Seletar: 19

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF LIFE CHURCH a Buffet Dinner will be held to send off Dr. and Mrs. Lyra and Rev. and Mrs. Tow at FEBC, Sat. July 12, 7 p.m. Details next week!

REV. AND MRS. HENG is shifted to 13-B Pepys Road, Singapore 5. Tel. 643948.

Will the one who borrowed Rev. Heng's notes on "How to File" kindly return them?

PRAY FOR REV. HENG who will be speaking at Fairfield Methodist Church Gospel Campaign, July 2nd - 5th.

LIFE CHURCH CATECHISM CLASS will begin on July 6th.

FEBC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING at FEBC Hall on 29th June, 8 p.m.

CONSECRATORS' MEETING on Friday July 4th. Venue: Life Church, Time: 8 pm. Speaker: Rev. P. Bromley, Galilee 1/c.

GALILEE FORUM on July 16th. Topic: The Christian and Co-operative Evangelism. Send in your questions now!

LAWRENCE LEONG send greetings from Ball State University where he is on a fellowship by the National Science Foundation to participate in the Sociology Institute this summer.

DR. CHENG WEI NIEN is in fellowship with Bro. Quok Swee Hwa in Chinese Christian work, Manchester.

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"FINALLY, BRETHREN, FAREWELL..."

By Dr. Synesio Lyra, Jr.

The above words were first written by the apostle Paul at the conclusion of his second epistle to the Corinthians (13:11). The farewell message itself, which immediately followed, contained the exhortation: "Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you." As my wife and I take leave of our beloved brethren in Singapore, we wish to make ours this solemn pronouncement of the inspired apostle.

Only ten months are past since we left the U.S.A. to join your distinguished leaders in the task of spreading the Kingdom of God in this strategic region of the world. Yet, how grateful we are to God for what He enabled us to accomplish, by His grace, during such a short span of time. We came here primarily to labour with the Far Eastern Bible College which we have known and loved since its inception, and for whose work we shall continue to give our unreserved support. Nevertheless, we rejoice that in addition to our daily work for the College, we also had the privilege of ministering to most of our churches, as well as to innumerable other groups, such as holiday camps, the Teachers' Christian Fellowship, the Varsity Christian Fellowship at the University of Singapore, many I.S.C.F. groups, youth fellowships, adult fellowships, etcetera. In all, I addressed one hundred and five times.

One thing that encouraged us immensely was the large number of lively, devoted young people who constitute more than half of all the churches here. Our hearts have been deeply touched as we learned of the high price so many of them have had to pay, or are still paying, on account of their firm commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ. Nevertheless, in spite of persecutions from family or friends, their faith continues to grow and their zeal for the Lord has not diminished.

It has been a source of joy for us also to know that Christians in Singapore are very determined to excel not only in their spiritual exercises but also in what they do for God and mankind in society. As a result, our churches abound with teachers, doctors, lawyers, university and college professors, many other professionals, besides younger people still preparing themselves for similar tasks in the world.

Last, though not least, mention must also be made of the faithful preaching of an unabridged Gospel in all our Bible Presbyterian Churches in this land. This is what makes us most happy and grateful to God. Having travelled extensively around the world and having lived in five continents, I was able to contemplate with deep sorrow what has happened to so many churches everywhere, which at one time were faithful trumpeteers of God's Truth but have now succumbed to an estate of fruitlessness and inactivity for having no longer the pure Gospel of God's saving grace in His Son, Jesus Christ. Therefore, let us all heed the apostolic appeal above, "be of one mind" in what concerns the essential, cardinal tenets of our Christian faith. This "faith", as the biblical writer Jude declares, is something committed not to the preachers only but to "the saints" (v.3); every Christian believer is also a steward of God's unchanging truth. With all this in mind, let us not forget our evangelistic and missionary obligations here in Singapore and for the whole Far East. To fulfill such ministries our churches here have been established almost twenty years ago, and to help the churches, the F.E.B.C. has been organized about eight years ago, for the training of men and women who would take the message of salvation around this vast continent. Since this is part of the work of God, it deserves the spiritual, moral and financial support of God's people so that His Word may continue to have free course everywhere, especially where Christ's name has not been yet believed.

Our farewell would not be complete if we did not make public acknowledgement of so many unexcelled expressions of love from the part of countless brethren here. On the very top of the list we can only place Dr. Timothy Tow and his family who did not cease to direct their tireless efforts in order that our stay here might be the most comfortable and enjoyable. Secondly, mention must be made of Rev. and Mrs. Philip Heng who also lovingly did so much to help and encourage us. Next, without following any special order, our deepest thanks go to the following brethren: Mr. Lim Eng Siang, Elder Heng Yow Tong, Prof. and Mrs. Tow Siang Hwa, Rev. and Mrs. Quek Kiek Chiang, Elder Tow Keng Hee, Dr. and Mrs. Patrick Tan, Dr. Tow Siew Ai, Miss

Rosy Tan, Deacon Chee Ah Chai and family, Elder Lim Khng Seng and family, Mrs. Lim Gick Kim and family, Dr. Lim Teck Chye, Deacon William Seah and family, Elder Joshua Lim and family, Elder Heng Mui Kiah and family, Mr. Liew Kok Kwong and Miss Diana Wee, Mr. Peter Tow and Miss Lee Soon Meng, Deacon Koh Kim Hiang, Mr. Lim Kim Hee and family, Mr. Tow Keng Chuan and family and all others who, in so many ways, have contributed to our happy stay in Singapore.

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"FINALLY, BRETHREN, FAREWELL..."

By Dr. Synesio Lyra, Jr.

The above words were first written by the apostle Paul at the conclusion of his second epistle to the Corinthians (13:11). The farewell message itself, which immediately followed, contained the exhortation: "Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you." As my wife and I take leave of our beloved brethren in Singapore, we wish to make ours this solemn pronouncement of the inspired apostle.

Only ten months are past since we left the U.S.A. to join your distinguished leaders in the task of spreading the Kingdom of God in this strategic region of the world. Yet, how grateful we are to God for what He enabled us to accomplish, by His grace, during such a short span of time. We came here primarily to labour with the Far Eastern Bible College which we have known and loved since its inception, and for whose work we shall continue to give our unreserved support. Nevertheless, we rejoice that in addition to our daily work for the College, we also had the privilege of ministering to most of our churches, as well as to innumerable other groups, such as holiday camps, the Teachers' Christian Fellowship; the Varsity Christian Fellowship at the University of Singapore, many I.S.C.F. groups, youth fellowships, adult fellowships, etcetera. In all, I addressed one hundred and five times.

One thing that encouraged us immensely was the large number of lively, devoted young people who constitute more than half of all the churches here. Our hearts have been deeply touched as we learned of the high price so many of them have had to pay, or are still paying, on account of their firm commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ. Nevertheless, in spite of persecutions from family or friends, their faith continues to grow and their zeal for the Lord has not diminished.

It has been a source of joy for us also to know that Christians in Singapore are very determined to excel not only in their spiritual exercises but also in what they do for God and mankind in society. As a result, our churches abound with teachers, doctors, lawyers, university and college professors, many other professionals, besides younger people still preparing themselves for similar tasks in the world.

Last, though not least, mention must also be made of the faithful preaching of an unabridged Gospel in all our Bible Presbyterian Churches in this land. This is what makes us most happy and grateful to God. Having travelled extensively around the world and having lived in five continents, I was able to contemplate with deep sorrow what has happened to so many churches everywhere, which at one time were faithful trumpeteers of God's Truth but have now succumbed to an estate of fruitlessness and inactivity for having no longer the pure Gospel of God's saving grace in His Son, Jesus Christ. Therefore, let us all heed the apostolic appeal above, "be of one mind" in what concerns the essential, cardinal tenets of our Christian faith. This "faith", as the biblical writer Jude declares, is something committed not to the preachers only but to "the saints" (v.3); every Christian believer is also a steward of God's unchanging truth. With all this in mind, let us not forget our evangelistic and missionary obligations here in Singapore and for the whole Far East. To fulfill such ministries our churches here have been established almost twenty years ago, and to help the churches, the F.E.B.C. has been organized about eight years ago, for the training of men and women who would take the message of salvation around this vast continent. Since this is part of the work of God, it deserves the spiritual, moral and financial support of God's people so that His Word may continue to have free course everywhere, especially where Christ's name has not been yet believed.

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MY DEAR READERS,

Re: "Our Stand"

Several members are anxious to know what is the outcome of the Presbytery meeting to find out the Scriptural teaching on "our stand" which invited to preach by a modernist or ecumenical church. I have a duty (Matt. 10:26) to give the latest information on such an important issue: There was grave dissension in the discussion which ended in deadlock. The Presbytery must meet again. Meanwhile, we elders must confess our fallibility and we request your ardent prayers that the Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Godhead, might illumine us by His inspired Word, without which our brightest intellect is blindness.

An evangelist is a spiritual doctor, even as our Lord is called the Great Physician. Now a doctor or surgeon must not only be skilful but wise, and of high moral character, having the patient's welfare at heart. He is to heal not merely for money's sake but to the utmost benefit to his client.

If you were suffering from stomach ulcer and have asked your surgeon to operate on this ailment, should the surgeon on opening up also discover in you a gall stone the size of a rambutan seed, what do you think he should do? Would he not also remove the stone (which you didn't know and so you didn't ask) that you may be completely healed? What do you think of a surgeon who will merely remove the stomach ulcer and leave the gall stone alone, since, he argues, he was never asked to operate on the gall stone?

The Apostle Paul is a master spiritual surgeon. He sets us the example of dealing with a Church which is infected with more than one kind of illness. The Church of Ephesus, he had seen with Spirit-illuminated eyes, had shown symptoms of false doctrine (grievous wolves, Acts 20:29; Matt. 7:15) and perverse leadership (Acts 20:30) apart from their pagan darkness (Acts 19:19). Therefore, as he told the elders, he had not only preached the gospel of "repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ" (Acts 20:21) but also "ceased not to warn everyone night and day with tears" (Acts 20:31). What a contrast with him who says, "I'm called to preach the positive gospel," and full stop!

The Methodist Church is an advance member of the Ecumenical Movement whose Modernist-Romanist leadership is fast heading towards the formation of the Great Babylon of Revelation 17. The Methodist Message some months ago depicted four human religions in dialogue with Christianity on its front cover, meaning that we should find the common ground of salvation truth in each religion with our most holy Faith. Has the one of us, who are delivered from ecumenical destruction, when invited to a church of the Methodist denomination no bounden duty to tell the elders, at least, of the dangerous situation their church is in? Have I, as a surgeon, no duty to remove the gall stone as well, though I'm requested only to treat the stomach ulcer? Luther and Calvin both have challenged their gain-sayers: Let your arguments be proved by God's Word and also by good reason.

As I take leave of you soon to Israel (I won't have a voice at Presbytery hereafter), I am heavily constrained to write the above parting words with an heavy sigh: When our separatist stand should one day be compromised after the manner of the Neo-evangelicals (whose leader has declared in the Eastern Sun that there is basic truth in all religions) then woe betide us!

Once More On The Gospel Highway

Miss Char, who is soon to return to Honolulu for a year, has invited me to conduct two days' evangelistic meetings on the East Coast. We therefore have to leave Friday for Endau. Early Sunday morning we leave Jemaluang to fulfil another appointment - at the 10 a.m. service, Living Water Church. Please pray for us that our ministry might be blessed by the Holy Spirit. Also pray for Rev. Quak who is appointed by Presbytery to moderate at the Rawang Church, across the Muar River. (I shall ordain two elders and two deacons at Rawang this Lord's Day.)

Farewell

As you know we're on five months' leave from Life Church. We're spending this sabbatical as short-term missionaries to Israel under the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions. We shall be involved chiefly in Christian education. Please support us with your prayers. We are flying Monday July 28, ML 510, 1610 hours to Bangkok to

catch the KLM westward flight to New Delhi. This unexpected half-way stop is occasioned by a cordial invitation from my old schoolmate and dear comrade in the battle of faith, Rev. John Dorsey of Faith Bible Presbyterian Church, New Delhi. He wants me to speak to a newly opened Seminary. We shall therefore stay two days. We leave India July 31, arriving Tel Aviv, 2.25 a.m. August 1st.

I shall deliver my two last sermons on July 27 both at Life Church, English and Mandarin services. I shall baptise Lawrence Leong's grand aunt, who has been recently catechised, at the afternoon service. Elder Seow Chong Pin will be ordained at the morning English service. Amen.

Yours affectionately,

T.T.

LIFE CHURCH: In view of Rev. Tow's call to the East Coast on Friday, Mr. Tom Hamlin of Sands Home will preach at Life Church this Lord's Day, Elder Joshua Lim, chairman.

REV. CHEW YAN CHUAN of Taiwan, who has been holding meetings with Jesus Saves Mission, will speak at the Mandarin Service in Hokkien, 4 p.m.!

DEACON PATRICK TAN has shifted to the FEBC groundfloor apartment as Dean of students.

"AN ANTHOLOGY OF SERMONS AND VERSES" is a 64-page booklet by Rev. Tow. Paid for by a sister of Life Church it is free to all our Readers. Get your copy from next week!

REV. TOW as been voted by Presbytery to continue writing the front page of this Weekly. Please pray for him as he contributes his "Israel letters". His new address: Box 26, Bethlehem, Israel.

GALILEE CHILDREN'S EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN, August 13th-15th, 10-11.30 a.m. Counsellors' classes with special emphasis on witnessing to children will be held on July 30th and August 6th.

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REVIVE THY WORK, O LORD
(Golden Bells, 441)

1. Revive Thy work, O Lord!
Thy mighty arm make bare;
Speak with the voice that wakes the dead,
And make Thy people hear!

Chorus: Revive Thy work, O Lord!
While here to Thee we bow;
Descend, O gracious Lord,
descend,
Oh, come and bless us now!

2. Revive Thy work, O Lord!
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And may Thy love in every heart
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And may its pure and sacred truth
In living faith be heard!

4. Revive Thy work, O Lord!
Give Pentecostal showers!
Be Thine the glory, Thine alone!
The blessing, Lord, be ours!

DEACON AND MRS. WILLIAM SEAH's new phone number: 530226

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BLESSINGS ALONG THE GOSPEL HIGHWAY

By Jeffrey Tan

I really thank and praise the Lord for giving me the opportunity to go with Rev. Tow, Mr. Chew and Miss Gan Sai Lin to visit the churches in Jemaluang, Endau and Muar.

It is really a spiritual experience for me to see so many children, young people and adults (about 150) packing the Endau Community Church at the 7.30 p.m. meeting on Friday. I gave my testimony and Rev. Tow interpreted. I told them how I was a mischievous boy. I gambled and stole, but Jesus Christ transformed my life and I am a new creation in Christ (II Cor. 5:17). I stopped gambling and stole no more. I appealed to them to receive Jesus Christ as personal Lord and Saviour, because God loved them and gave His only begotten Son to die on the cross of Calvary for them.

More of our young people and adults should visit Endau to see how the Lord has been blessing Miss Li Saw Lan and Miss Adeline Char in their work for the Lord. "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into His harvest." (Matt. 9:37, 38). Oh, I pray that more of our readers will see the heavenly vision of serving the Lord in Endau. We need helpers, men and women, who are willing to spend their time (a week or two, or a month or a year) in Endau.

Visit Endau once and it will be a new spiritual experience for you in the Lord! Your faith will be strengthened and you will have power for your Christian life. The whole church was packed and people had to stand outside.

On Saturday night at Jemaluang, Rev. Tow spoke on I John 1:1-3. I sang the song "How Great is our God" and gave my testimony in English with Rev. Tow interpreting to the 35 young people present.

On Sunday morning in Muar at the Living Waters Church, Rev. Tow spoke on Romans 8 where we are given four proofs that a person is saved. Firstly, the person has the life of Christ, and this is received by the person as he looks unto Jesus. Secondly, the person has the testimony of the Holy Spirit. This testimony is proved by the spontaneous desire to pray to our Heavenly Father. The person will pray the Lord's prayer not in a mechanical way simply with his mouth, but when he prays the Lord's prayer, it will be with an emotion from the heart. Thirdly, the person has the new power over the old life to overcome sin. Fourthly, the person has a willing spirit to suffer for Jesus Christ as a son is willing without condition to labour for his father, but not an hireling.

In the afternoon at 4 p.m. Rev. Tow ordained four office-bearers of the Gawang Church and we had Holy Communion. One thing that made an impression on me was the fact that the four ordained office-bearers knelt down on the sandy ground in the church - reminding me of Acts chapter 20 where from Miletus Paul called the elders of the church at Ephesus. Paul told them of serving the Lord with all humility of mind and that he had not shunned to declare unto them all the counsel of God and to warn them of grievous wolves. In Acts 20:30, 31 Paul continues "Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. Therefore watch and remember that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears." When Paul had thus spoken he kneeled down and prayed with them all.

At 8 p.m. in Trinity Church, Muar, Rev. Tow again spoke on Romans 8 and the four proofs of salvation. Miss Gan told the 50 young people how she was saved and how the Lord had healed her of her sickness and her promise to serve the Lord Jesus Christ fulltime. As time went on, she forgot her promise until her brother got sick and she asked the pastor to pray. Her mother came to the Lord and they took all the paraphernalia of idol worship to the garden to be buried forever. I sang "If You Know the Lord, You Need Nobody Else to See You Through the Darkest Night." I told them how I accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Saviour at Zion Bible-Presbyterian Church in December, 1958. From that day onwards, I have consecrated my life to the Lord in Bible camps and consecration meetings. There are ups and downs in my Christian life. I have not lived a victorious Christian life. But praise the Lord, that when Jesus Christ died on Calvary, we who are Christians are crucified with Him. Romans 6:6 "Knowing this that our old man is crucified with Him that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin," I concluded my testimony with the verse from Gal. 2:20: "I am crucified with Christ,

Nevertheless I live, yet not I but Christ liveth in me."

I would like to tell you readers that the Lord Jesus Christ has shown me and given me the grace to live a victorious Christian life. My motto is in II Tim. 1:7 "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love and of a sound mind." Today I endeavour by the grace of God and His Holy Spirit to live a life that is by the faith of the Son of God who loved me and gave Himself for me. (Galatians 2:20)

ZION AND FAITH NEWS: The Ling Kwang Mission of Zion and Faith Bible-Presbyterian Churches at a meeting last Lord's Day decided to invite Miss Peggy Yeo Bee Tin of Zion Church, who is returning from the USA in August with the degree of Master of Religious Education, to be a missionary of the two churches. w.c.f. September and an annual budget of some \$8,500 has been adopted for the Mission for its various departments, including its charity department - the Ling Kwang Mission Home Visitors' Society. Members of both congregations and their friends are requested to support the Mission by prayer and freewill offerings (pledges welcome from August.)

Zion Kindergarten Committee meets next Lord's Day August 3rd at 2 pm.

Miss Jenny Chua sends greetings from London to Zion congregation, session and Sunday school.

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SEND-OFF LUNCH TO REV. AND MRS. TOW at the home of Elder and Mrs. Tow, 1 p.m. this Lord's Day. Session members be punctual!

REV. AND MRS. TOW and Jemima will leave (N.B. change of time) Singapore by Thai Airways, TG 424, Monday, July 28th, 8.45 p.m. They say farewell to Readers with a bouquet of sermons and verses. The Anthology is now available on request. Read "ISRAELETTER No. 1" next week!

PRAY FOR GALILEE Gospel Campaign for children, August 13th to 15th. Counsellors' Class will begin on Wednesday July 30th, 7 p.m.

FEBC BOARD OF DIRECTORS Meeting this Lord's Day, 8 p.m. FEBC Hall.

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JESUS, MY LORD, I YEARN FOR THEE

Jesus, my Lord, I yearn for Thee,

How sweet art Thou to me!

O that we're taken up today

Forever with Thee to stay!

Chorus:

O Thou'rt the Balsam of the garden,

Thou art the sweet Rose of Sharon,

Thou art the Lily of the Valleys,

How shall I part with Thee?

In all the world there's not a sound

That can Thy mercies sing,

Nor has that heart on earth been

found;

Thy brimming love contain.

Though hearts are faint and tears

do flow,

Our sighs we can't control.

When of Thy compassion I think,

Grief goes and joy comes in!

Great is Thy love that far trans-

cends

The bounds of time and realm.

'Tis the Beloved who can tell:

Thy love all loves excell.

- Translated from John Sung

Revival Choruses, July 1969,

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ISRAELETTER No. 1

8/25 Patel Nagar,
New Delhi, India.

My Dear Readers,

Sowing the Gospel Seed en route

The clock has just struck twelve midnight as I settle down to write this first Israeletter in the kitchen of Rev. John Dorsey's house. I want to catch the mail early tomorrow morning.

Rev. Dorsey is my good friend since we were students at Faith Seminary. He is Director of a Christian school called Faith Academy, with eleven teachers on the staff, and missionary to the Faith Bible Presbyterian Church which he founded. Hearing that I was on my way to Israel he has kindly invited me to speak to his school and church, and also to a Seminary inaugurated just a week ago at a town 100 miles north of New Delhi. It is my delight to sow the gospel seed in India again, and that without a dollar's expense, since we're en route.

Thank you for your rousing send-off and gifts

Before anything else, Ivy and I would like to thank each of you very much for coming in such numbers as to give us a rousing send-off. This encouraged our spirits not a little, even as your loving gifts have helped us in the physical. The Lord bless each one of you who have dealt so kindly with us! Elder Heng Yow Tong's help to pack a big box of books and household essentials is in the generous tradition of packing for our members and missionary friends going away. A Lifer has given \$100 for specified gospel work in the Holy Land (Zech. 2:12), a token of God's approval, indeed, upon this newest outreach of our Bible Presbyterian Movement, particularly, of Life Church. This sum will be handed to the field treasurer, Rev. Howard Carlson, I suppose, for I'm to work with him not only in planning the new Christian College but also in church and youth gospel work - as far as Jericho!

Another token of His grace!

The Life Church Mandarin Service felt very sorry for our leaving. To encourage the hearts of the Committee members, the Lord sent Madam Leong Yin Cheng, Lawrence Leong's grand aunt, to be baptised. This was on July 27, the eve of our departure, after I'd thrice catechised her and got her idols removed. This Lord's Day Rev. Quek will administer the Lord's Supper and meet briefly with the Committee. Cheer up, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tsao, the Lord is on your side. We'll remember one another in prayer.

Thank God for good rest at Bangkok, but...

Being the first time that little Jemima got on a plane, she clung quite tightly to her mummy. We thank the Lord for a smooth flight and safe arrival at Bangkok. As we're tired after a week of packing and spring cleaning, we just rested in our hotel room.

But, we had some unhappy experience with K.L.M., our carrier to India from Bangkok. Practically every one embarking from Bangkok was made to pay for excessive hand luggage. I had to pay US \$8.30 after some "bargaining". An Israeli lady frankly and sharply rebuked the counter officer for commercial legalism to the chorus of the passengers: "Next time, don't fly K.L.M." (One Indonesian passenger had to pay US \$60 because his ticket was to Frankfurt and he had excessive hand luggage for wife and child like me.) Flyers beware!

Israel under God's special care

If you want to see how present-day history of Israel is fulfilling the divine purpose, read Zechariah Ch. 2:8: "For he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye." v.12: "And the Lord shall inherit Judah his portion in the holy land, and shall choose Jerusalem again." Though we must be prepared to accept any eventuality, as Paul was prepared for the afflictions awaiting him at Jerusalem, we feel Israel is safe until the battle of Armageddon when, Jesus the Messiah, must come to save us all. Until then, let us be occupied in our appointed stations of life.

Yours affectionately,
T.T.

P.S. It is interesting to note that the Jehovah Witnesses at a recent rally in U.S., according to Time, predicted the end of this age in 1975. While we reject every date-setting, we mustn't be so slumbering in the peace of Singapore as to be caught unawares. Jesus is coming! T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK:

Tue. 8 pm. Life Prayer Meeting, Bro. Tan Wai Choon; 8 pm. Faith Prayer Meeting, Dns. Tan; Life Church Session Meeting.

Wed. 7 pm. Galilee Counsellor's Class, 8 pm. Galilee Prayer Meeting, Sis. Joanna Yam; Zion Prayer Meeting, Rev. Quek.

Thur. Sembawang Bible Study

Fri. 8 pm. Life & Galilee Family Worship at home of Elder and Mrs. Heng Mui Kiah, 5 Bartley Road. Faith Family Worship at home of Mr. Cheng Woon Soo, 2 Blanford Drive.

Sat. 3.30 pm. Wedding Bells at Faith Church: Dn. Tan Tong Han and Miss Foo Mui Joon; 4 pm. Zion, Sembawang, Mt. Carmel, Galilee YF; 7.15 pm. Life YF: Combined Camp-Fire with Jubilee YF and Newton YF at Life Church. Topic: "The Christian and National Service" Speaker: Dr. Ang Beng Chong.

Lord's Day: Life: Rev. Heng (Chairman Elder Lim K.S.) Zion: Rev. Tom Hamlin; Faith: Mr. Lee Sam Hong; Kelapa Sawit: Rev. Heng; Galilee: Mr. Dick Dowsett.

ZION AND FAITH NEWS: Zion Kindergarten Committee meets this Lord's Day at 2 pm.

Rev. Quek conducts Holy Communion Service at Life Church Mandarin Service, at 4 p.m.

Mrs. Peggy Tan brought the greetings of the Chinese Church in London last Lord's Day to Zion at worship service. Mr. Stephen Lo brought the greetings of the Manchester Chinese Christian Fellowship last Wednesday to Zion at Prayer Meeting.

With increased number of patients at Ling Kwang Mission Clinic, there is even greater need for more nurses and personal evangelism workers. Volunteers please contact the director, Dr. Quek Swee Peng or Rev. Quek.

FEBC NEWS: FEBC Secretary has been found in the person of Miss Goh Lin Seng of Life Church. She began work on August 1st. All other applicants are thanked for their application.

MT. CARMEL GOSPEL MISSION is sending a member to FEBC for fulltime training, with financial support from the Mission. A quarterly contribution of \$30 w.e.f. June 1969 is also made towards the College expenditure. Support greatly appreciated.

LIFE/FEBC OFFICE is shifted to first floor, new extension block, just above the Kindergarten office. Phone: 513676.

THE PRINTING MACHINE is being shifted to the first floor, new extension block. All printers are requested to observe office hours.

GALILEE NEWS: Please pray for Evangelistic Campaign, August 13-15, 10-11.30 am for children. Our counsellors are limited as many are now working. We request help from our sister churches. Please come for counsellor-training class, Wednesday August 6th, 7 p.m.

PRAY for Kelapa Sawit DVBS August 4-9. Help has been promised by Miss Mary Lew, Bro. Swee Thian Hoe of FEBC, Mary's sister and Miss Shelley Loh of Galilee.

PLEASE PRAY for Life Church Sunday School Teachers' Conference, August 23rd-24th.

The August issue of FAR EASTERN BEACON is out today. Copies are available for distribution at our churches and JSM stations or on request from the ICCO Far Eastern Office, 5 Tavistock Avenue, Singapore 19 (Tel. 84786)

BE NOT DISMAYED WHATE'ER BETIDE

A blind man was seen crossing the street at a dangerous place in the Bronx, New York city. A friend nearby overheard him singing softly, "God will take care of you", and asked, "Why are you singing that hymn?" He replied: "Because I must cross this dangerous street, and maybe one of the many wagons might strike me and I might get killed. But the thought came to me that, even if it did occur, my soul would go straight to God. And if He led me across all right, it would be just another evidence of His care of me. So I could not help singing to myself, 'God will take care of you.' Hallelujah!"

A little Sunday school girl once told her mother she was never afraid to pass through a certain dark hallway leading to their home, "because", she explained, "I simply sing, 'God will take care of you', and I always come through safely."

This hymn was sung at each session of the State Christian Endeavour Convention, Altoona, Pennsylvania, in 1910. At the close of one of the sessions a man, touched by the song, inquired after salvation. A little later some delegates, while singing this song at their hotel, noticed several men at the door of a nearby barroom attracted by the singing. One had a glass of beer in his hand, which he quietly poured into the gutter leading to the street before the strains of the song were finished. - Selected.

"Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you." (1 Peter 5:7)

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Box 26,
Bethlehem,
Israel.
August 6th, 1969.

My Dear Readers,

The Bible-Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem

Founded two decades ago under Dr. Lambie's wise leadership, at first worshipping at the Mary Lovel's School for Blind Girls, it has a beautiful location and auditorium built with our quarters as a unit at the edge of the town. The chapel has seating capacity for 200. But we are more interested in the living stones. At last Sunday morning's worship, at which Rev. Howard Carlson preached, there were about 70 in attendance. About the same number came to the evening service at which I spoke. The English sermon was interpreted into Arabic, though the majority were English-speaking.

Under the Church's supervision three Sunday Schools are run at Beit Jala, Beit Sahour and at the Baraka Sanatorium (II Chron. 20:26).

The Baraka Sanatorium

The Baraka Sanatorium is a 7½-acre complex of a 100-bed, three-storey hospital, a men's ward, clinic, a nursing school, a doctor's quarters, with ancillary buildings, a pine forest, orchards and vegetable gardens. Nineteen years ago when I visited this place, all of Baraka was only a cistern and the digging of foundations. Dr. Lambie was directing operations. When I return after almost two decades, we see what mighty works of grace were performed by the Lord through His servants. Hundreds of T.B. patients were treated, thousands of Arab refugees, as a result of intermittent fightings, were helped in one way or another. But alas, Dr. Lambie has gone Home to rest (his body is buried in the Bethlehem Church garden) and the Sanatorium he founded is closed. Only an outpatients clinic is running with Dr. Dorsey, an associate lady missionary doctor, in attendance.

The Sanatorium still maintains a staff of about ten. The future use of this whole complex is under prayerful study. Mrs. Lambie, who runs a home for visiting missionaries and Christian tourists on a property a stone's throw from Baraka, is still the moving spirit of the Sanatorium complex. She has kindly invited us to dinner together with the Carlsons and the St. Johns, returning Independent Board missionaries from Kenya.

The Mary Lovel's School for Blind Girls

This Christian institution was founded about 1897 by Mary Lovel. She did much for the blind Arab girls by translating the Bible into Arabic Braille. A young girl who was taken into the home in 1903, has become the school's principal. Closely associated with our Church, she brings her whole school to our services every Sunday. She herself plays the organ. I feel moved to channel that gift brought to the airport by a Lifer to this Christian work of mercy. All the girls who come to this school are blind, not only physically but spiritually. Many have testified how they have received the light of Christ.

An Unexpected Trip to Ai

Joshua 7:2 refers to Ai being east of Bethel, the next town to subdue after Jericho. I had the pleasant experience of accompanying Rev. Carlson to the ruins of Ai last Monday as he tried to help a Church member find Dr. Trevers, author of "The Untold Story of Qumran," working on the site. An educative tour indeed to see the unearthing of houses, with the ingenious ways of ancients in water conservation in a desert land. Archaeology is a new science that has overturned many higher critical theories of the Bible. At point after point, the Bible records have been verified by discoveries. God's Word has stood the test of time, and continues to shine into the dim future.

Living Stones for God's Spiritual House

What we, missionaries, are looking for are not so much the potsherds of archaeologists as the living stones, converts to Jesus Christ, for the building of a spiritual house. The key to the problem is not one or two couples looking after one or two congregations, with one or two Sunday Schools. As I see it, there is no better way of outreach than the founding of a Bible College or Seminary whereby, for a start, half a dozen students are taken in. As at the FEBC, this number increases steadily, until it reaches a dozen. Like the twelve disciples of old, has not each of our FEBC students been used of the Lord in one way or another to extend the Kingdom? A dozen fulltime students from a Bible College we could develop from the wonderful opportunities bequeathed by the Sanatorium could be the beginning of a new evangelistic thrust into this backslidden country. Furthermore such a Bible College could offer training to deserving students from all over the world. The

inspiration generated by studying the Holy Book in the Holy Land is obvious. Such a Bible College also could be the means of refreshing many outworn Christian ministers and missionaries who desire spending a term here away from their daily grind. The potentialities of Baraka are unlimited, but it requires dedicated souls who are determined to live and die here that new life may spring forth from their labours. Who will come and give their lives to the service of the Lord? Let our thriving Singapore Church export the gospel! Let us remember one another in prayer.

Yours affectionately,

T.T.

LIFE CHURCH PRAYER MEETING: You are cordially invited to pray with us on Tuesday 8 pm. We thank God for the increase in numbers.

SESSION MEMBERS have volunteered to chair the Prayer Meeting. If you have any request for prayer, kindly hand them in on the Lord's Day.

TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP: We invite regular worshippers who have received the Lord Jesus as Saviour to associate with us in this Church. Why not become a member to strengthen our hands and to confirm your faith? If you have been baptised elsewhere, kindly ask for a transfer of membership.

CATECHISM CLASS continues every Sunday after worship service. Join us early so that you may be grounded in your faith.

LIFE CHURCH ANNIVERSARY is coming, Oct. 19. Prepare now to attend! If you have some special items you wish to present as an expression of gratitude towards the Lord, why not send them in now?

REMINDER: Our new phone for Church/FEBC is 513676.

FEBC is booked this week from 18th-22nd August for an ISCF Camp by the National Junior College.

DEPARTURE: Sister Joanna Yam of Galilee Church and Kum Yan Church left by air August 15th for London thereafter to study at the Grand Rapids School of Bible and Music. We bid her farewell and wish her success as she prepares for the Lord's ministry.

GALILEE CHILDREN'S EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN August 13th-15th - Praise the Lord for an average of 80 children per day who heard the Gospel. Over 50 decisions have been recorded.

GALILEE CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL SPORTS, August 23rd, 2 p.m. Farewell dinner to Mr. Dick Dowsett will be held after the Sports.

LIFE CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' CONFERENCE will be held on the 23rd and 24th August, 1969.

Dr. G.D. JAMES will be speaking this Lord's Day at Life Church Worship Service.

ICY TALENTIME RESULTS: Vocal and Instrumental Section: 1) Mt. Carmel 2) Galilee 3) Life. Sketches: 1) JSM 2) Sembawang.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK:

Tue. 8 pm. Life Prayer Meeting, Prof. Tow.

Wed. 7 pm. Galilee Hermeneutics Class; 8 pm. Galilee Prayer Meeting, Bro. Seow Tiang Huat. Zion Prayer Meeting;

Thur. Sembawang Bible Study.

Sat. 3.30 pm. Mt. Carmel YF; 4 pm. Life, Zion, Sembawang, Galilee YF. 7 pm. Life YF Bible Study.

Lord's Day: Life: S.S. Executive Committee (Dn. William Seah); Zion and Faith: Dr. Lee Hsin Hsien from Penang; Galilee: Rev. Heng.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCES:

Life: 217 Mt. Carmel: 191 Zion: 182
Galilee: 88 Seletar: 16

ZION AND FAITH NEWS: Toa Payoh Sunday School, with Zion and Faith S.S. teachers leading, holds D.V.B.S. this coming Thursday to Saturday, Sept. 21 to 23, 9 to 11 am. S.S. attendance averages over 60 and worship service about 15.

The Old People's Home at Serdang, K.L. has moved down to J.B. (Jalan Istihnin) Faith Church resumes care of the Hope Church members in the Home as from this Lord's Day with Rev. Quek conducting Holy Communion service at 3 p.m. The Evangelistic League, Tampoi Christian Church and Kelapa Sawit Christian Church will assist in conducting the weekly worship service. Charity needs will be borne by Ling Kwang Mission of Zion and Faith B-P Churches.

Faith Church will have no prayer meeting and family worship this coming week. Members are invited to attend revival meetings organised by the Singapore Christian Evangelistic League to be held at Zion Church, Koon Seng Road, August 17 to 22 at 7.30 p.m. Dr. Lee Hsin Hsien of Penang is the Evangelist.

Miss Peggy Yeo Bee Tin, newly appointed Missioner to Zion and Faith Churches, is due back this coming Wednesday morning. Welcome home.

Deacon Leong Kuo-sing of Zion Church who has obtained his M.A. degree in the States is due back in September. He sends greetings.

LIFE NURSERY CLASS for next Lord's Day: Mrs. Chee Ah Chye and Miss Ruth Phua.

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Box 26,
Bethlehem,
Israel.

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My Dear Readers,

Complete Freedom to Evangelise Arab Muslims

Our Bethlehem Church and Baraka Sanatorium are both situated in what is known as the West Bank of the Kingdom of Jordan. Before the Six-Day War (June 1967) we were not allowed to evangelise the Arab Muslims. Today, under Israeli occupation, we have complete freedom! Last Sunday afternoon I had the privilege of giving a Chinese-flavoured Gospel Message to fourteen Bedouin young people at Baraka. These were all Muslims coming from a Refugee Settlement nearby. They learnt "Lai Hsin Ie Su" with gusto for more than half seemed to have accepted Christ as their Saviour. Please pray for us that we might see a reviving work of the Spirit in this gospel-hardened country.

Baraka Bible Kindergarten

The Baraka Bible-Presbyterian Church is a solid stone edifice standing on a hill-slope at the edge of Bethlehem. We have space here for two classrooms. After much prayer, we have decided to open a Bible Kindergarten with Mrs. Carlson and Mrs. Tow as teachers. We plan to model this after the Tokyo Bible Kindergarten so successfully run by Rev. and Mrs. Timothy Pietsch. For graduation there each child must learn a total of 200 Bible verses. We owe a duty to the Lord in our Kindergartens to teach God's Word, so that the salvation seed now sown will sprout into everlasting life later on. Across the wall of the Baraka Sanatorium Chapel there is written in Arabic: "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Roms. 6:23). This verse has provoked questions from the rough Bedouin boys attending Sunday School. When taught to our kindergarten children, will it not also awaken within them a sense of longing for God?

Baraka Bible College

"Baraka", Arabic for "Berachah", means "Blessing". If you read II Chron. 20:1-26 you will find the wonderful history behind this word. Well, it was at this very spot, the valley of Berachah, where King Jehoshaphat won the battle over Ammon, Moab and Seir (Edom), that Dr. Lambie "discovered" and bought this 7½ acre property on which the Baraka Sanatorium now stands. For two decades this Hospital has been a house of blessing to countless Bedouin Arabs. The evidence of its effectualness is seen in various friends who now attend our Church, who had earlier found healing of body at the Sanatorium.

With the sudden advent of the Six-Day War resulting in the East Bank of Jordan being cut off from the West, there is a drastic drop of patients, so much so that the Hospital is now closed. (However, there's an outpatients clinic still running, with 80, mostly Bedouin women, seeking help yesterday. In this connection, we're in real need of another doctor.)

In order that the Baraka Complex be fully utilised for the extension of God's Kingdom, our final decision on the field is to use it for the founding of a Baraka Bible College. With a four-year theological curriculum granting a B.Th. degree, we should attract students not only from the Land but also abroad. By the way, Baraka is about eight miles south of Bethlehem, and Bethlehem five from Jerusalem.

Missions a First Emphasis of Our Church Movement

Since our Church was founded in 1950 missions has been a first emphasis. Our various branch churches in Singapore, at Kelapa Sawit, Tekong and Toa Payoh of late, are some results of this missionary outreach.

We had talked of extending to Sabah, and also of foreign missions. Now it pleases God to send me as your missionary to the Holy Land. Is this necessary? The paradox of the Faith is that often the first becomes the last and the last first. (Matt. 20:16). It is an astounding discovery that there's hardly a self-supporting, self-propagating national church here. Therefore, we should be thankful for the Lord's blessing upon our Singapore churches with your vitality. We surely owe a gospel debt to the land of our Saviour's birth. The best way to repay that debt, I believe, is in the founding of a Bible College to train a new national leadership. Mission schools there are not a few (the R.C.'s are most advanced) but not a single Bible College in all of Israel!

Long Distance from America!

Trrring! Last night, at dinner-time, our phone, Bethlehem 480, rang. Long distance from America! Dr. Fague Springmann, baritone of the 20th Century Reformation Hour, who has sung before presidents and kings, called Rev. Carlson. He would be available for sacred concerts in Israel, Oct. 23-26. I chimed in with my hello and

heard him faintly mention Quek, to which I shouted back, "Write him!"
Yours affectionately,
T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK:

Tue. 8 pm. Life Prayer Meeting, Dn.
William Seah; Faith Prayer Meeting,
Mrs. Ang Thian Seng.
Wed. 7 pm. Galilee Open-Air Evangelism
Class; 8 pm. Galilee Prayer Meeting,
Bro. Anthony Tan. Zion Prayer
Meeting, Miss Peggy Yeo Bee Tin.
Thur. Sembawang Bible Study.
Sat. 4 pm. Life, Zion, Galilee, Sembawang,
YF. 7.30 pm. Life YF Bible Study.
Lord's Day: Life: Rev. Quek (Chairman:
Elder Joshua Lim), Zion: Rev. Heng;
Faith: Elder Lee; Galilee: Rev. Heng.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCES:

Life: 247 Mt. Carmel: 202 Zion: 171
Galilee: 124 Faith: 98 Seletar: 10

ZION AND FAITH NEWS: Toa Payoh Sunday
School's DVBS, August 21-23, was very
well attended and blessed of God.

The 30 believers among the 206 inmates
of the Rumah Orang Tua at Jalan Ithnin,
J.B. rejoiced at resumption of worship
service at 3 pm. from last Lord's Day.

Miss Peggy Yeo Bee Tin's return is de-
layed until this coming Monday, Aug. 25.

DEPARTURES: 1) Miss Maureen Chee, of Life
Church, left us on Saturday, August 16th
for London, then to North Carolina, USA.

2) Miss Shelley Loh, of Galilee Church,
left on August 17th, 8 am. for Brunei
to seek a job.

3) Miss Winnie Wun, of Sembawang, left us
on Thursday, August 21st, 8 am. to re-
sume her studies in Canada.

4) Mr. Tow Siang Kwang, of Life Church,
left at 2 am. on August 22nd for London,
then to the Reformed Bible Institute,
Grand Rapids, Michigan, USA.

LIFE SESSION MEETING on Sept. 2nd. Va-
rious committees are to meet before then
so as to present their reports at the
Session Meeting.

FEBC BOARD OF DIRECTORS holds emergency
meeting this coming Monday at 5.30 pm.
All members please attend.

MR. DICK DOWSETT's visa has arrived. He
is expected to leave on Sunday afternoon
or on Monday. He will preach his farewell
sermon at Galilee Church Worship Service
this Lord's Day, Lord willing. Galilee
bids farewell to him with a dinner this
evening, 6.30 pm. We bid him Godspeed
to his new appointed place of service.

ALL CHURCH EQUIPMENT, books in the
library should be returned to their pro-
per places after use. A PLACE FOR EVERY-
THING AND EVERYTHING IN ITS PLACE.

FAR EASTERN KINDERGARTEN reopens this
Monday, 25th August, 1969.

USE OF CHURCH BUILDING: Will all those
who make use of the church building or
college block, kindly shut all windows
securely when they are finished. Please
turn off all lights and fans when not
in use. Also report any leakage of water
or equipment out of order immediately
to the church warden, Mr. William Seah.
SAVE THE LORD'S MONEY!

JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA

Many unsaved souls imagine it is
difficult to come to Christ. And this
at first was the thought of Charlotte
Elliott, the author of this hymn. Shortly
after she became an invalid, with a help-
lessness lasting fifty years, Dr. Caesar
Milan visited her father and talked with
her concerning her soul's salvation. At
first she rudely resented this, but
afterward repented and asked him how
she might find the way to Christ. He
replied: "Dear Charlotte, cut the
cable. It will take too long to unloose
it. Cut it. It is a small loss anyway.
You must come to Christ just as you are."
And so, just as she was, she came and
found the "peace that passeth all un-
derstanding," enabling her to bear her
illness with bravery.

Twelve years later, while everyone
about her was busy preparing for a ba-
zaar, she was burdened with the thought
that as an invalid she was utterly use-
less herself, and brooded over this
through the long hours of the night.
But the next day her faith prevailed;
and, remembering the words of Dr. Milan
which brought about her conversion, she
took her pen and wrote the wonderful
hymn, beginning, "Just as I am, without
one plea." Later in the day Mrs. H.V.
Elliott entered the room to tell her
how the bazaar was progressing, and
while there she read the hymn and took
a copy of it. The great hymn was thus
given to the world; and out of her
helplessness Charlotte Elliott wrought
a blessing to many souls that have
been guided into salvation and wonder-
fully strengthened by her hymn.

"Just as I am, without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd'st me come
to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt
Fightings and fears, within,
without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come."

- Selected from "One
Hundred and One Hymn
Stories" by Carl F. Price.

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ISRAELETTTER NO.5

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Box 26,
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Israel,

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My Dear Readers,

A Tourist Paradise But a Missionary Graveyard

As one settles down in a new country, one begins to see things in clearer perspective. This is a land of endless numbers of visitors, a tourist paradise, but a missionary graveyard! Monumental stones there are, a mighty lot, the ecclesiastical castles and towers of all denominations, bells chiming and flags fluttering (the Presbyterian flies the Cross of St. Andrew) - but the living stones? The overflowing congregations that should be the living soul of Christianity in the land of our Saviour's birth? I learn that a cathedral seating 500 might have twenty or thirty on a Sunday morning! This is the situation in most institutional churches now gone modernistic and socialistic. What about Bible-believing, gospel preaching churches? The situation is only slightly better. One such church supported by a well-known American mission has about 30 at a Sunday service with 50-60 at Sunday School. Our church in Bethlehem averages 50 in summer, and thanks to schools reopening in Autumn, the attendance should rise to 150-200.

At a Youth Camp

This letter is presently written at a Youth Camp run by a missionary couple of the Christian and Missionary Alliance. I've been invited as their Camp Speaker. Our expected number of 28-30 was considered big. On the day the Camp started, fire broke out at the Al Aksar Mosque, the third holy place of the Muslims, after Mecca and Medina. The Al Aksar Mosque is near the Mosque of Omar in the old city. This incident's repercussions must have been felt in Singapore already. Well, the camp attendance dropped to sixteen as a result. However, the Lord has kept us safe. In the quiet cloisters of this hospice where the camp is run, the Word has sounded forth to this handful of promising Palestinian young people.

80% of National Income Goes to War Effort

I read from the JERUSALEM POST that, 80% of Israel's income goes to the war effort or national defence. How much of Singapore's income goes to defence? An Israeli minister says the present bill on defence borne by 2.5 million people should have been the burden of 15 million. Yet the people cheerfully continue to bear it. One result of this sky-high expenditure is the taxation on all imported goods which must affect the price of items of local produce. As we compare our food bill with Singapore's, it is at least two-and-a-half times what we spent at the Bible College - and that with very frugal management. Singaporeans, despite our rugged society, are a comfortable lot.

Renovations at Bethlehem Begun for the New Bible Kindergarten

A "kindergarten" is a children's garden, for that is what this original German word implies. To start our Bible Kindergarten, we're therefore clearing up a part of the church property, fencing and paving it as a special playground for the children. Here again we run into financial difficulties. The cost is at least two-and-a-half times Singapore's. There's a shortage of iron and cement costs double. The only item cheap is stone - there're mountains. Since our Lord has blessed our two kindergartens in Singapore, I wonder if any of you might feel moved to help start this one in the city of the Nativity?

At the American Institute of Holy Land Studies

A missionary should spend the first two years in intensive study of the native language. My taking a modern Hebrew course of six hours per day at the above Institute is in the good tradition of missionaries. Here we're bombarded by three Israeli teachers and a battery of electronic teaching staff, head-phones and speakers mounted on and off at regular intervals. The good thing about this course is that it not only helps you to have free intercourse with the people here but also polishes so much of the rusty crust that keeps growing over your Biblical Hebrew. Hebrew is an important subject in the higher theological curriculum. There is little difference between modern and Biblical Hebrew. In fact, Hebrew was a lost language until it became revived out of the Old Testament. Here are some words for your interest: Shalom = peace; Beth = house; Lehem = bread; Bethlehem = house of bread; mah = what; kha = you; mah slomkha = what is your peace or how are you?

Singapore Hits the Headlines

The 150th Anniversary of Singapore with Israeli tanks rumbling in march past before our premier made pictorial news in Israel. So was Dr. Lee Kuan Yew's speech at the Rehovot's Conference of Scientists and Educationists mentioned. I'm proud

to be a Singaporean. My passport carried me through the checkpoints so often, and as a Chinese, for which I thank God, I'm accepted by the Arabs too. However our safety is not in our country's flag, but rather in the cross of Jesus Christ, by whose precious blood we are sealed unto salvation forever. With this assurance I can feel safe as I travel here and there for His Kingdom.

Yours affectionately,
T.T.

Life B-P Church Sunday School

Staff Conference

Saturday, Aug. 23 - Sunday, Aug. 24

Deacon William Seah

"O Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end; Be Thou forever near me, my Master and my Friend..." These words seem to ring in my mind even now... This was our conference theme song and indeed it was and is our heart's cry to Almighty God. August 23-24, 1969 shall be a week-end that will long be remembered and treasured by members of the Sunday School Staff who attended the conference held at the home of Elder and Mrs. Tow Siang Hwa. Many months before this date, the need was felt by the Executive Committee and after much prayer and planning, the conference became a reality and God sent the blessings. The conference site was originally fixed at the Mersing Govt. Rest House situated along the eastern coast of West Malaysia but because of the recent racial disturbances, it was generally felt unwise to hold it there. At the home of Elder and Mrs. Tow, some 25 of us not only enjoyed the spacious and lovely campus with all its facilities but what touched our hearts was the warmth and sincerity of their Christian hospitality. Moreover, we were "pampered" to four sumptuous meals and many other good things in between.

All of us went to the conference with different feelings and expectations but returned home blessed beyond our expectations indeed! Our hearts sing out in praise to the Lord for the outpouring of His Spirit upon us, teaching and revealing to us many things which were obstacles to the progress of Sunday School.

The highlight of the conference was the presentation of 8 papers (10 minutes each) on relevant aspects of Sunday School work from which fruitful discussions followed and resolutions made.

The papers presented were as follows: 1) Teaching Methods - Dn. Edmund Tay, 2) Techniques of Effective Teaching - Rev. Philip Heng, 3) Preparing a Sunday School lesson - Mr. Sng Teck Leong, 4) Sunday School Evangelism - Dn. Koh Kim Hiang, 5) Recreation and Socials on Class Level - Mr. Paul Tsao, 6) Visitation with Results - Dn. Paul Phua, 7) Talent Hunting in Sunday School - Elder Tow Siang Hwa, 8) Techniques of Attendance Building - Dn. William Seah.

Mr. J.M. Rockness of the O.M.F. brought the exhortations at the two evening meetings, challenging us who are labourers with God in Christ to be awakened to the urgency of our commitments to Almighty God. Miss Eksteen of the Scripture Union showed us the need of using visual aids in Sunday School teaching even at Senior level. She demonstrated how visual aids could be made and effectively projected to the students.

At the Sunday Worship Service, the Executive Committee took part and the entire staff (who attended the conference) rendered a hymn of praise entitled "Blessed Be the Name". I brought the message - "That ye bear much fruit" - with the assurance that members of the Staff were praying for me.

A short outing was organised to be the New Seletar Reservoir where we spent about an hour. It was an enjoyable afternoon though it was short and the weather not very favourable.

The conference ended on a very high note and it is our prayer that the spirit of the conference may continue to prevail so that the Lord's work through the Sunday School may progress.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK:

Tue. 8 pm Life P.Mtg. Bro. Kok Kwong, Faith

P.Mtg. Dness. Tan Mooi Hean, Life

Session Meeting.

Wed. Galilee B.St. Open-Air Practice, P.Mtg.

Bro. Stephen Goh, Zion P.Mtg. Elder Heng

Fri. Zion ACF Miss Peggy Yeo speaking.

Sat. 4 pm. Life, Zion, Galilee YF.

Lord's Day: Life: Rev. Heng (Elder Chia

chairman), Zion: Rev. Quek, Faith: Rev.

Quek (Holy Communion), Galilee: Rev. Heng

ZION S.S. TEACHERS & STAFF CONFERENCE will be held on Friday Oct. 10th (a public holiday) at Pasir Ris Holiday Camp.

MISS PEGGY YEO of Zion Church returned last Monday from the USA with the degree of Master of Religious Education. She will join the FEBC Faculty as from the next academic year on Sept. 22. Miss Yeo is also Missioner to Zion and Faith Churches. Deacon Dr. Patrick Tan of Life Church has been appointed by the FEBC Board of Directors to assist the Treasurer, Elder Heng Yow Tong, in collecting contributions to the College.

IF YOU WISH TO INVITE the church to your house for family worship, kindly indicate on the Life Church notice board.

LIFE NURSERY CLASS DUTY ROSTER for next

Sunday: Miss Amy Loh and Miss Diana Wee.

LIFE ACF BARBECUE on 31st August, 7 pm. at Life Church. Speaker: Dr. Andrew Heng.

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ISRAELETTTER NO.6

Box 26,
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Israel.
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My Dear Readers,

"As cold waters to a thirsty land..."

"...so is good news from a far country" (Prov. 25:25) The letters and news I've received from a number of you are a source of spiritual refreshment. The B-P Weekly's news columns have kept us up to date on the home situation. But, it is friendship, warm and loving from those of you who remember us, that comes with healing in her wings.

Talking of friendship reminds me of the opening sentence of Confucius' Analects, "Is it not a happiness to be visited by a friend from a far country?" Such a blessing has come upon us in a lonely mission field in the sudden visit of Dr. Lynn Gray Gordon, General Secretary of the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions. Dr. Gordon is en route back to U.S. after visiting Dr. Paisley in North Ireland and the Middle East Bible Council, Beirut. Dr. Gordon's visit is most timely. This has enabled him to see things at first hand. Our plans for a Bible Kindergarten and Bible College have met with his hearty approval.

As I commence this letter, here's more cheering news for us: my sister is flying in on September 4! She'll spend a week's vacation with us at Bethlehem before going up to Haifa for a longer holiday with the Ben Ashers.

Outpatients Clinic to Continue

Although Baraka Sanatorium is closed, the outpatients clinic remains open through the devoted labours of Dr. Dorsey, with the help of Dr. Holmes who has come from Nazareth to study Arabic here. Since Dr. Holmes has completed his study and leaves today for the north, we're in serious shortage of a doctor. So, here's an opening for a consecrated young man or woman doctor to serve in the valley of Bera-chah (The Clinic is an independent unit under its own roof, not in the hospital set-up.)

R.S.V.

A reader has written to ask about the R.S.V. i.e. the Revised Standard Version, which is currently being recommended by the new-evangelicals! These evangelicals, who depart from the old fundamentalism we have adhered to from the days of our fathers, who have dialogues with the modernists, have at last officially succumbed to this modernist Version. Now, Life Church from the beginning and the Presbytery in succession, have condemned the R.S.V. We continue to use the Authorised or King James Version, despite some archaic expressions.

Why do we reject, without apology, the R.S.V.?

1) It is the product of modernist scholarship, of men who reject the infallibility of God's Word, who spurn the blood of our Saviour. Of the 32 scholars involved in its translation, at least 30 are well-known liberals (Dr. McIntire's pamphlet on the R.S.V.) Eph. 5:11.

2) The R.S.V. is copyrighted by the National Council of Churches of Christ in U.S.A., the foremost and richest component of the World Council of Churches. Every dollar earned by the R.S.V. goes to promote Ecumenism. II Chron. 19:2.

3) The R.S.V. slants its translation against the authority of God's Word, living and written. For lack of space, let me quote the most blatant example in Isa. 7:14 according to the R.S.V.: "Behold, a young woman shall conceive and bear a son..." Then, in tiny footnote to give lip-service, the R.S.V. agrees: or virgin. This double translation, and any double-dealing in God's work, is condemned by our Saviour in Matt. 5:37: "But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil." Now, we know that the sign or miracle predicted by Isaiah in 7:14 would be no sign or miracle were our Lord's Birth by the natural process of a young woman. The only possible translation can therefore be virgin, and nothing else. To say "young woman" and echo softly with "virgin" is a deceitful statement from the double-forked tongue of that Serpent of old.

Of course, the R.S.V. has many good points. We cannot accept it for this reason, for with God, purity and holiness of His Word is absolute. He who adds or takes away from His Word do so at his own peril. (Rev. 22:18, 19).

Scores of pamphlets to expose the hypocrisy of the R.S.V. are available. One by the TRINITARIAN BIBLE SOCIETY of London, which refuses to print the R.S.V., or the New English Bible, because of their unfaithfulness, is most illuminating in the assessment of our subject.

Do I sound pleasant in the ears of the promoters of the R.S.V.? I care not so long as it sounds sweet in my Master's ears. John Calvin says, "Even a dog will bark when his master is attacked." Every warning sound, be it the fire-siren, police-siren, and even your alarm clock, is no cooing talk. But, it saves from possible disaster, and perhaps, missing that old gospel train.

Life Church Mandarin Service

Why did we start this service on the 15th anniversary of Life Church, October, 1965? It can be traced to the fatal Cameron Highland accident by which Mr. and Mrs. Tsao were drawn closely to our Church. With their spontaneous devotion touching my heart especially, I for one felt God has given us a nucleus. And we founded this service also on the principle of utmost trading for profit of souls for the Lord. (Matt. 25:1-14-30) My heart is burdened for the work, as well as Miss Chang Ching Ho's who has written me. We pray for you both in the English and Chinese services that His work might go on, though we, His workers, might go away. And so our prayers at the Wednesday Evening Service go out to Singapore, as we remember the various branches of our growing church. We pray that several young men concerned for Jurong might also be moved to sustain that furthest outpost of God's Kingdom in Singapore.

Yours affectionately,

T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK:-

Tue. 8 pm. Life Prayer Meeting, Bro. Koh Kim Hiang; Faith Prayer Meeting, Elder Lee. Galilee Session Meeting.
Wed. 7 pm. Galilee Open Air Practice; 8 pm. Galilee Prayer Meeting, Bro. Seow Tiang Huat. Zion Prayer Meeting, Bro. Charlie Tan.
Thur. Sembawang Bible Study.
Fri. Life Family Worship, at home of Mr. Teo Kim Tee. Faith Family Worship, at home of Elder Teo, 20-B Toh Tuck Road, Jurong.
Sat. 3.30 pm. Mt Carmel YF; 4 pm. Life, Zion, Galilee, Sembawang YF.
Lord's Day: Life: Mr. John Alexander; Zion: Rev. Tom Hamlin; Faith: Rev. Quek Galilee: Elder Chia; Toa Payoh: Rev. Quek (Holy Communion); Kelapa Sawit: Rev. Heng.

AN EMERGENCY MEETING of the Management Committee of the Life Church will be held on Sunday, 7th Sept. 1969 at 11.30 a.m. at the church office.

APPLICATION FOR THE USE OF LIFE CHURCH property must be submitted at least 10 days in advance in the presented Form MC3.

CHAIRMAN of Worship Service is requested to give hymn numbers to the church secretary before 9 a.m. on Saturday. (Tel. 513676).

MR. JOHN ALEXANDER, General Secretary of the International Varsity Christian Fellowship will be the Lord's messenger next Lord's Day. The chairman will be Dn. Paul Phua.

LIFE CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL Executive Committee Meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 10th 1969 at 8 p.m. at home of Dn. and Mrs. William Seah.

DEPARTURES: 1) Miss Pearl Yeo left us on Sept. 3rd for England for a special course in Music. 2) Miss Lee Soon Meng left us on Sept. 5. 3) Mr. and Mrs. Phang Chin Yen left on Monday Sept. 1st, 9.30 p.m. for round the world tour.

LIFE NURSERY CLASS Duty Roster for next Lord's Day: Miss Lucy Chua and Mrs. Lee Choon Ngee.

MT. CARMEL Bids Farewell to Miss Ailish Eves who will be leaving for Indonesia on Wednesday, Sept. 10th, 1969.

WEDDING BELLS: Holy Matrimony between Mr. Henry Heng and Miss Margaret Phua will be solemnised at Life Church on Saturday, Sept. 13th, 1969 at 6.30 p.m. Rev. Quek officiating.

ZION AND FAITH NEWS: Welcome home for vacation to Mr. Tay Boon Hsek from Australia and Mrs. Ng Tock Sinn (Belinda) from the U.K. Pray for their grandfather Rev. Yap It Tong who is critically ill.

Mr. Tan Wee Kim has joined the ICCG Far Eastern office and Zion/Faith Church office at Zion Building, 5 Tavistock Avenue, Singapore 19, to assist Rev. Quek Kiok Chiang in his various duties as Steno-Secretary. Tel. 84786.

PRAY FOR 10-year old boy, T. Soris from the Cheng San Kampong, Ling Kwang pupil who is being treated at ORGH for malnutrition and leukemia. The Ling Kwang Home Visitors' Society is giving material relief to his family.

PURPOSE IN SUFFERING

If none were sick and none were sad,
What service could we render?
I think if we were always glad,
We scarcely could be tender.

Did our beloved never need
Our patient ministrations,
Earth would grow cold, and miss, indeed,
Its sweetest consolation.

If sorrow never claimed our heart,
And every wish were granted,
Patience would die, and
Life would be disenchanted.

"All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." Rom. 8:28

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ISRAELETTER NO.7

Box 26,
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Israel.
Sept. 7, 1969.

My Dear Readers,

"The Determining Factor of Success in My Life"

This was the theme of a message delivered last Saturday evening to the Students Christian Fellowship of the American Institute where Rev. Carlson and I are studying. About thirty-five, mostly university students, attended.

"Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain. It is vain for you to rise up early and to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so he giveth his beloved sleep." (Ps. 127:1,2). The determining factor of success in my life is not my industry, efficiency, resourcefulness and alertness, important though these virtues are - but the Lord. If I can say what I'm doing is in the centre of God's will, and I'm leaning on His mercies rather than on my prowess, weak and feeble though I am, I'll surely succeed! What are the evidences of my reliance upon Him? Ps. 128 answers: "Blessed is everyone that feareth the Lord: that walketh in His ways." The determining factor of success is the Lord who requires of me a moment by moment worship and fellowship with Him.

When we trust Him in all our acknowledged frailty, (striving to the best of our ability of course) then He will help us. Do you lack strength to study, young Reader? James 1:5 says, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him."

Visit from Dr. G.D. James

Dr. James who spoke at Life Church recently had a copy of this Weekly. Therein he learnt of my whereabouts. When he stopped over Israel last Sunday, he found no church in Tel Aviv. Seeking Christian fellowship drove him to Bethlehem. Imagine our joy to be visited by a Singaporean! A hurried lunch and a hastened ride to Baraka where Dr. James "taught" my Tuesday Bible Class, and then a quick shuttle back to Jerusalem. This was his two-and-a-half hour lightning visit with us (for we had class at 4 p.m.)

Typical of James's witticisms are: "I bring you greetings from your friends, folks and foes." To the Arab audience: "I'm a Singaporean by nationality, an Indian by race, a Christian by grace."

Another Singaporean here to cheer us up is my sister. Who's next? We've a guest room always ready!

"Awakened to the Urgency of our Commitments to Almighty God"

I'm glad to read from Dn. William Seah's Life Church S.S. Report that your recent Conference has awakened to the urgency of your commitments to Almighty God. In this connection may I remind you of your responsibility to the cause of worldwide missions.

The Big Ben of Missions chimed loud and urgent at the beginning of the 19th Century which hastened a stream of missionaries to the Far East - William Carey to India (1792) and Robert Morrison to China (1807). William Burns (1847) brought the light to our ancestors in Swatow and Amoy.

Though our Church was founded in 1950, a century's Christianity can be said to be flowing in our veins. We are historically and spiritually come of age. We should hear at the chiming of our church bells the call of Christ in our day. We should awaken to the urgency of our commitments to Almighty God not only on the home front but also on the forgotten frontiers of missions.

How Can We Respond?

1. By offering ourselves in the prime of youth to an adequate period of theological training. By a firm determination to go to the field of God's appointment - and to live and die there (John 12:24) for the native people. By a keen interest to learn the new language or languages so as to enable one to preach Christ effectively. (To implement this last requirement, a more effective way is to train nationals.)

2. But to respond as above is limited to a few. Now if we cannot go, we can pray and give. Do you pray for the missionaries that you know? Do you give, not haphazardly, but by a regular budget as you would for the home church, to the missions or missionaries you love?

Now when it comes to the pocketbook, a real test of our love, it is here that the Asian Church has much to learn. The psychology of leaving it to the Americans to foot the bill beclouds our thinking still. Giving to foreign missions is a gospel debt owing by us to the "Barbarians" (Rom. 1:14; Acts 28:2), i.e. people of a foreign language.

On the Lord's Supper

It is customary of us here to take the Lord's Supper at the first of the month. Here are a few thoughts to share with you. Jesus says, "Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink His blood, ye have no life in you." (Jn. 6:53) When we take the Lord's Supper we the more vividly experience the quickening of our spiritual life: As good food not only satiates our hunger and thirst but infuses vitality (vitamins) into the body, particularly the sick, the fatigued, the anaemic, so the Lord's Supper taken by faith restores our souls in all these respects. Our sin-stained soul, not only hungry but sick (what is your guilt?) finds healing as we remember Christ's suffering for our sins and we confess our sins to Him. (I Cor. 11: 27-32).

Yours affectionately,
T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK:

Tue. Life Prayer Meeting (8 pm.) Prof. Tow;
Faith Prayer Meeting,
Galilee S.S. Staff Meeting.

Wed. 7 pm. Galilee Open Air Practice;
8 pm. Galilee Prayer Meeting, Dns.
Sim Boon Hoe; Zion Prayer Meeting.

Thur. Sembawang Bible Study.

Fri. Zion Family Worship at home of Dn.
and Mrs. Tay Chye Huat, 47 Braemar
Drive.

Sat. 3.30 pm. Mt. Carmel YF; 4 pm. Life,
Zion, Sembawang, Galilee YF.

Lord's Day: Life: Rev. Heng (Dn. Edmund
Tay chairman); Zion: Rev. Quek (Holy
Communion); Faith: Rev. Kuo Chao Pin;
Galilee: Rev. Heng; Mt. Carmel: Rev.
Heng (Holy Communion).

LIFE NURSERY CLASS Duty Roster for next
Lord's Day: Miss Flora Lim and Mrs. Joshua
Lim.

PLEASE PRAY and correspond to encourage
our theological students: 1) Mr. Lawrence
Leong and 2) Mr. John Tow, 700 Welsh
Road, E20, Huntingdon Valley, Pennsylva-
nia 19006, USA. 3) Mr. Roy Lim; 4) Mr.
Tow Siang Kwang, Reformed Bible Institute,
1869 Robinson Road, S.E. Grand Rapids,
Michigan 49506, USA; 5) Mrs. Leah Paauwe,
107 Lori Circle, Exton, Pa. 19341, USA;
6) Mr. Peter Chua, 9A Gilstead Road.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Dr. and Mrs. Tan Kim
Ping is now at 4B Mt. Emily Road.
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Heng's address is
3B Pepys Road, Singapore 5.

MISSING: Approximately 30 chairs from
Life Church. Anyone who might have bor-
rowed, kindly return right away. For se-
curity purposes, the premises of Church,
FEBC, and Kindergarten will be locked
when not in use. Authorised users of any
of the rooms or facilities should get
the key from the church office during
office hours. If that is not possible,
kindly make alternate arrangements with
the church warden, Dn. William Seah,
530226.

LIFE CHURCH SESSION announces its deci-
sion to support worthy students from
Life Church for fulltime theological
training at FEBC in preparation for the
ministry. Intending candidates are re-
quested to speak to Assistant Pastor
Philip Heng immediately.

DR. FAGUE SPRINGMAN IS COMING!

DR. FAGUE SPRINGMAN finally confirms
coming October 15th-19th.

FEBC BOARD OF DIRECTORS meet this
Lord's Day, September 14th, 8 pm. at
College Hall.

FEBC OPENS on Monday September 22nd for
the 8th Academic Year.

ZION AND FAITH NEWS:

Toa Payoh S.S. holds Teachers' Meeting
this Lord's Day September 14th, 4.30 pm.

FAITH CHURCH S.S. and LING KWANG S.S.
are planning joint DVBS at the end of
the year.

GALILEE OPEN-AIR PREACHING scheduled for
Saturday, 20th September, 1969 at Pulau
Brani. Please pray and accompany the
team if possible. Contact Bro. Thian
Hoe, Tiang Hock or John Lim.

LIFE CHURCH CENSUS TAKING: It is more
than 5 years since the last one. We re-
quest your co-operation to bring matters
up-to-date. Kindly obtain a pink form
after Worship Service and return it
duly completed the following Sunday.

We also wish to keep a VISITORS' LIST
for mailing purposes. All visitors are
kindly requested to fill in the Record
of Attendance, a 4" x 6" green card at
the back of each pew.

THE MORMONS ARE IN TOWN AND HAVE BEEN FOR SOME TIME

They have gone door to door distributing
their books, selling if possible, and gi-
ving whenever strategic. They have even
confronted one of our deacons but making
no headway, left. Who are the Mor-
mons? Mormonism is America's fastest grow-
ing cult. Since 1900 their membership
have increased from $\frac{1}{4}$ million to nearly
2 million and during the last 4 years its
missionary force has doubled.

Besides the Bible they acknowledge the
divine authority of the Book of Mormons,
the Doctrine and Covenants, the Pearl of
Great Price and continuous revelation in
the official teaching of the president of
the church. They believe God's revelation
in the past, present and future tenses.

The Mormons teach that the God the Father
has a body of flesh and bones as tangible
as man's, that God is visible, Christ was
the son of Adam-God and Mary and a polyga-
mist, the Holy Spirit is a pure, refined
substance. Surely, we cannot accept such a
drossly, Scripture-denying cult!

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ISRAELETTER NO. 8

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My Dear Readers,

Why talk revival? Let's practise it!

There's plenty of talk about revival in church circles these days. A halo of religiosity soon encircles the talker's crown. Revival is not in talk, but in practice!

Revival can come to a dying Baraka Clinic - from Singapore! In Letter No. 6, I mentioned our Outpatients Clinic being in urgent need of a doctor. Now that Dr. Dorey the last remaining stalwart is down with sickness, the Clinic is all but closed. Why must relief come always from England and America? Why not from Singapore? In the name of Revival I am appealing on behalf of the Holy Land Mission of the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions for a medical couple to come immediately from Singapore.

Terms of Service

The normal period is four years. There's a new doctor's quarters in the Baraka complex with a car. For convenience you can join the staff dining club. Baraka supplies much of its own fruits and vegetables. You must be prepared to learn Arabic in order to communicate with your patients.

It is not impossible that one from our growing ranks of young doctors will heed this call. Will you come from Life, Zion, Galilee or Carmel? The last may be first! The presence of a doctor on the future Baraka Bible College campus should add to our health in more ways than one.

An example of Singapore's contribution to medical missions is Dr. George Chew, son of Mr. Chew Kia Song. He served a full term in Ghana.

Answering More Qs.

Another Reader has written on things of the faith. For the benefit of all and following the apostles' example, let me answer to the best of my knowledge.

1. Baptism: It is felt that immersion is "scriptural" and sprinkling by our church is "traditional", making "the commandment of God of none effect" (Mk.7:1-13) My answer is that Baptism, a N.T. practice, was never commanded to be observed to the letter as in O.T. ceremonies. If so, immersionists must all come to the Holy Land and baptise in Jordan. The Church here has practised baptism in the Jordan, but with shootings by the Jordanians from across the River every now and then, this practice has submerged without a splash! If immersionists are scriptural, they shouldn't go to Changi or Pasir Panjang, for Jesus was never immersed in salt water. What is scriptural?

Besides, the word "baptise" does not always mean "immerse". The very scripture quoted above, Mk. 7:4 has "baptise" translated "washing". And how does one wash a table - by immersion? (Look it up!)

My conclusion is that water should be used, much or little, in the name of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In South India I saw an Indian Bishop baptise by washing the forehead of a Hindu convert three times over a plastic basin. Is that scriptural or not? The scriptural emphasis on baptism is inward, not outward. "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit (i.e. be baptised by the Spirit), he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." (Jn. 3:5).

2. Infant Baptism. In this, we believe we are scriptural and those who don't bring their children before God in baptism have missed a great blessing.

The Christians are strongly family minded as were the Hebrews from Abraham's days. We see the Apostles stress the need of family salvation, and not merely individual salvation. Peter says the promise, before he baptises the 3,000, is "to you, and to your children" (Acts 2:39). Paul tells the Philippian jailor, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." The same Apostle, to the intent that children be not forgotten, had Lydia baptised, and her household (Acts 16:15). Similarly, the jailor, when baptised, was baptised "he and all his". In I Cor. 1:16 he says, "And I baptised also the household of Stephanas." Are infants part of the household? The answer is obvious. (Read Bishop J.C. Ryle in "Knots Untied") Infant baptism is household baptism.

The analogy between baptism and circumcision further strengthens the Presbyterian view. As Col. 2:11, 12 calls baptism the circumcision of Christ and Rom.4 calls us children of Abraham (who practised circumcision), we see here the believer's children included in baptism.

Now it is argued that the child does not know. So did he not know the sacrament's meaning when circumcised on the 8th day. So is the little infant of a few

months devoid of understanding of the health values of Mother's milk. Does the child's deficiency of scientific knowledge deprive it of the best that Mother can give? When we bring our children to the Lord in Baptism, we do our part to seek God's salvation for the child. It shows our faith as Abraham's circumcising Isaac showed his faith. God blessed Abraham and Isaac and so will He bless our children thus devoutly consecrated.

3. In regard to a certain Session, it is deplored that the fruit of the Spirit is not exhibited in the lives of some of them. If there are office-bearers of the church who have offended the members, let us together heed Peter's words: "Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock... Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves to the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble." (I Pet. 5:2-5)

4. And the church ruled by the said Session has become "formalistic in many ways. Emphasis is so great on formalities...that the Holy Spirit is not given His place in our Church." My view is that as a church grows and numbers multiply, rules are necessary for better administration. (We kept on adding rules at the FEBC as circumstances demanded.) However, we must be careful how we apply these rules or "formalities". Law without love, legality without equity, is bound to lead to dissatisfaction. Slavish conformation to formalities can stifle the free moving of the Holy Spirit. "Let brotherly love continue" (Heb. 13:1)

FEBC Re-Opening

I take pleasure to record that Lehia and her husband, Mr. Edward Paauwe, who graduated in May with the Master of Divinity from Faith, have answered FEBC's call. Since it was not until Sept. 4 that this matter was reciprocated, according to Dr. Gordon, it will not be possible, however, for them to arrive before Sept. 22. Two reasons given are that, 1) Mr. Paauwe needs a little time yet to get ordained; 2) Finance. The procedure is they have to go around some churches to get their support. Then there's the hectic time to dispose of their house and car, etc., etc.

Yours affectionately,

T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK:

Tue. Life Prayer Meeting, Rev. Heng;

Faith Prayer Meeting, Mr. Ang.

Wed. Galilee Bible Study, Hermeneutics;

Galilee Prayer Meeting, Bro. Raymond

Boh Chit Pang. Zion Prayer Meeting,

Mr. Geoffrey Tan.

Thur. Sembawang Bible Study

Fri. Faith Family Worship at the home of Mdm Tan Ah Ta, Charlton Lane.

Sat. Life, Zion, Sembawang, Galilee YF.

Lord's Day: Life: Mr. J.O. Sanders (Prof. Tow chairman); Zion: Rev. Tom Hamlin; Faith: Miss Tay; Galilee: Rev Heng (Holy Communion).

FEBC NEWS: FEBC reopens on Monday, Sept. 22, with 10 fulltime students including David Wong Wee Fatt of Mount Carmel Gospel Mission, a full H.S.C. holder who consecrated his life at ICY Camp in August 1965.

Part-time courses for those in employment who have applied to take the 4-year B.Th. Course in 6 years will be arranged following the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Paauwe next month when the College Faculty will be in fuller strength.

All members of the FEBC Board of Directors and Faculty are cordially invited to College lunch with the students on Monday Sept. 22 at 12.30 p.m.

Please return all books belonging to the FEBC Library.

ZION AND FAITH NEWS: Representatives of Faith Church S.S., Ling Kwang S.S., and

Zion YF meet this Lord's Day, Sept. 21 at 4.30 p.m. to plan Faith and Ling Kwang combined DVBS at the end of the year.

Kelapa Sawit Church member, 65-year-old Wong Chin, went home to be with the Lord last Lord's Day after prolonged sickness. Rev Heng and Elder Heng Mui Kiah had prayed for him earlier on the same day. Funeral took place on Tuesday, Rev Quek officiating, with Gospel message preached to a large crowd of villagers.

Next Saturday, Sept. 27, Rev Quek is due to proceed to Muar, in the company of Mr. Chew Kia Song and Elder Heng Mui Kiah, to speak the next day at Living Water Church in the morning and to conduct Holy Communion Service and address the YF at the Rawang Church in the afternoon.

LIFE NEWS: Baptism of Eunice Ong at Mt. Alvernia Hospital Room 11, 2nd Flr. on Lord's Day 14th Sept. 1969 by request of parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ong. Please pray for Euncie's recovery from leukaemia. Rev Heng officiated.

Baptism of Mdm Goh Siew Tian at Mt. Alvernia Hospital on Tuesday 16th Sept. Rev Heng officiated. Mdm Goh is the grandmother of Li Pier, Soon Ngce, Soon Meng, Soon Yong, Soon Leng and Wee Kwang. She went to be with the Lord that same evening. We express our condolences to the Lee sisters and brother.

CENSUS TAKING: Kindly obtain a pink form after Worship Service and return it duly completed the following Sunday.

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ISRAELETTTER NO. 9

14 Puah Street,
Haifa, Israel.
September 20, 1969.

My Dear Readers,

Greetings from the Slopes of Mt. Carmel

As I begin this letter not in the olive garden of Bethlehem but on the slopes of Mt. Carmel, I send you loving greetings - particularly to the young brethren and sisters of our Mt. Carmel branch. And when I mention Carmel, my thoughts are inevitably led to Bro. and Mrs. Robert Ong, and to Bro. Eio Eng Hua, the pioneers of this work, (220B Redhill Close, home of Robert Ong's mother-in-law, Dec. 1960). The Lord loves those who have honoured Him, like Elijah vs. Baal on Carmel (IKings 1:18)

Since coming to Israel we have earnestly desired to pay our dear Israeli friends, the Ben Ashers, a visit. With Israel's Rosh Hashanna (New Year) holidays on leading to Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) and a break with our Hebrew classes, the long-awaited opportunity has come. And what happier meeting together could it be to have my sister also waiting at this end! So, here we are, warmed not only by the radiance of sincere friendship, but also by this perfect balmy "Singapore" evening. (The autumn breezes over Bethlehem have been too cold for us.)

The Ben Ashers

Asher is one of Israel's twelve tribes. Ancient Asher's territory bordered on the sea, to the northwest. How appropriately has this name been acquired by our hosts who have made their home at Haifa, on the slopes of Carmel. The Ben Ashers were hosts last year to our Singapore delegation en route to the IOCC Cape May Congress. Mr. Ben Asher designed our Raffles Place underground car park. Mrs. Ben Asher taught Hebrew at FEBC for over a year. Our prayer is that the Lord might grant them the knowledge of His eternal salvation.

Not all Expensive

Although I mentioned earlier that living costs here are higher than Singapore's, we've learned to live more economically. We've found that locally produced vegetable and fruit crops are cheap - tomatoes, squash, cabbage, melons, grapes, honey dew. Milk at 30 agorot (27cents) per pint bottle is freely consumed for health's sake. Eggs and bread are no dearer than Singapore's. But rice, which is imported, and anything that is imported, is double or more.

Our fare to Haifa from Jerusalem on a round trip ticket is only six liras seventy agorot or roughly S\$6.20 each. This is very cheap. The Government subsidises wherever possible to ease the poor man's economy.

But productivity on Israel's blossoming farmlands, an endless stretch of them all along our three-and-a-half-hour trip to Haifa, is the cornucopia of her abundantly stocked groceries. There's no richer soil than this Promised Land when it is irrigated.

The seven holy fruits listed by Israelis according to the Bible record are: Wheat, barley, figs, grapes, olives, pomegranates and honey. Check up if this is so, and how about a blank map to mark all geographical sites and names hitherto mentioned?

Baraka Bible Kindergarten

The Baraka Bible Kindergarten at Bethlehem is launched - ahead of time! An Arab pastor brought his daughter all the way from Jerusalem in his scooter-car this morning. This new outreach, principally to the Arab community, augurs well with the registration of an American missionary's daughter. With the Carlson's three children and Jemima, we count an embryonic class of six. Meantime we've ordered twenty chairs at S.\$10 each.

With the founding of the Kindergarten, the Bethlehem Church adds a fifth school under her ward, the other four consisting of two blind schools, and two schools with a total of about 200 scholars managed by American Mennonites.

Music is next to Theology

This observation by Martin Luther I've discovered to be very true.

Last week we're visited at Mary Lovel School for Blind Girls by about 25 young men and women from a Rhodesian School for the Blind. They were Africans. They sang sonorously and earnestly the old hymns of faith (not the jazzy modern type) and gave testimonies of their Salvation. The Arab girls replied just as movingly. I was so touched that I paid tribute as on from the Far East.

Music is next to Theology, and I hear Professor Fague Springmann of Maryland University, and baritone of the 20th Century Reformation Hour, is coming to Singapore, Oct. 15-19. Having known him personally, I can assure you his coming in a team of four will bring refreshing to your parched souls. His coming will specially bless Life Church's 19th Anniversary on Oct. 19. As for Israel Dr. Springmann will sing

at a big church in Jerusalem.

Music is next to Theology, so have I striven to enrich worship in our Churches with Psalm-singing. Brother Swee Hwa specially sent us two Psalters with music notation for the same purpose. Besides, Psalm singing is singing the Word of God. Echo now the heart-warming tunes of "Send out Thy light and truth," (Ps.43), "The Lord's my Shepherd," (Ps.23), and Psalms 51,103,2,49,92, to mention a few Psalm-singing touches every emotion of the heart, or as the Chinese saying goes, "the seven passions," viz, "happiness, anger, sorrow, fear, love, hate, desire." What human verse can touch the heights or depths of our emotions like Psalm-singing?

Israel and Music

Israelis are amongst the world's best music lovers. Going to concerts is a favourite recreation. King David was he who invented the choir, with all the courses of ministry. With these were added the instruments, the harp, the portable piano of David's, perhaps, being the chiefest.

At the Hebrew Ulpan, our lady teacher has taught some Hebrew hymns, particularly about the goodness of the Sabbath. The note in every case, however, is plaintive and lugubrious, in the minor key. Ah, it will turn to the major when they've found their Messiah! What is the keynote in your soul, my friend? One of thankfulness and joy, in the major or of complaint and grumbling in the minor?

Down the Jericho Road

In the parable of the Good Samaritan, have you noted the downward Jericho Road from Jerusalem. How true the Bible is. Last week our two families spent an afternoon driving down the Jericho Road to the Dead Sea, down, down, down, down to 1,200 feet below sea level.

As we turned southwards parallel to the shore, we saw on our right the Qumran cave, where the famous Dead Sea Scrolls of Isaiah, dated one or two hundred years B.C., were discovered two decades ago. (The towering desert plateau was way beyond where Bishop Pike got lost and crashed to his sad end. What a tragedy to one who rejected the Bible record of the Saviour.)

As our children had their break after several weeks, splashing in the pools of gurgling waters out of the mountain brooks, we imbibed the beauty of the reddening hills of Moab in the settingsun. On one of those peaks, on Mt. Nebo, and Pisgah, Moses the man of God stood to view the Promised Land. Truly this Land is holy which brings to mind and heart the deeds of the Saints of old, and of our Lord. Even so, come Lord Jesus!

Yours hopefully for His Return,

T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK:

- Tue. Life Prayer Meeting, Mr. Tan Wai Choon. Life Session Meeting.
Faith Prayer Meeting, Elder Chuang.
Wed. Galilee Bible Study, Hermeneutics;
Galilee Prayer Meeting, Bro. Steven Lim. Zion Prayer Meeting, Mr. Charlie Tan.
Thur. Sembawang Bible Study.
Fri. Faith Family Worship at the home of Rev. & Mrs. Quek Khee Swee, 2 Hemsley Avenue.
Sat. Life, Zion, Sembawang, Galilee YF. ICY Conference on Evangelism.
Lord's Day: Rev. Peter Ng Eng Hoe (Dn. Andrew Heng) Life; Zion: Rev Tom Hamlin; Faith: Mr. Huang Ee Hce; Galilee: Elder Chia Hong Chek; K.Sawit: Rev. Heng; Toa Payoh: (Holy Communion).

ZION NEWS: Deacon Gan Pheng Chye of Zion Church is now with Zion (Pte) Ltd, 471, Upper Serangoon Road. Tel: 800350.

Mrs. Packer, formerly of FEBC, sends greetings from Australia through Rev. Quek to FEBC, Life, Zion, Rev. Tow and family, together with a liberal offering to J.S.M., FEBC and Far Eastern Beacon.

MOUNT CARMEL NEWS: "Mount Carmel would like to clarify that the 'manpower sur-

vey' mentioned in last week's Weekly was not for the purpose of revealing her potential manpower with regard her 5 year plan. The 'manpower survey' is only one of the 4 sections of the actual survey, and its purpose is to determine how we can best channel our members to the various works of the Mission. Isaiah 31:1"

LIFE NEWS: New addresses: Lieu, Jenny, and Kok Kwong 36 Soo Chow Rise, (20); Tan, Catherine, Blk.166, 538F, Toa Payoh (12); Fred Lai, 185-F, Bl.41, Tanglin Halt Road, (3).

Congratulations: To Dr. & Mrs. Patrick Tan on the birth of the infant son, Clement Tan Chen Ling.
Transfer of Membership: Any who wish to transfer their membership. Kindly inform Rev. Heng, Elders or Deacons.

BAPTISM OF INFANTS: Parents who wish their children to be baptised for the anniversary. Kindly submit their names to Rev. Heng.

Trip to Kelapa Sawit: Rev. Heng leaves for K.Sawit 1:30 pm. next Sunday. Why not some Elders/Dns. come along with a car load to encourage Bro. & Mrs. Lay Seng.
CENSUS TAKING: Please return pink forms to the Church Office as soon as possible.
Church Secretary: Miss Lau Sock Khim is part-time Secretary at the Church.

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Dearly Beloved,

It is my privilege to write to you this week in place of Rev. Tow whose Israel-etter No.9 has not been received as at 11 a.m. Let me take this opportunity to show you what is going on in our various churches so that you may rejoice or re-double your prayer efforts as the case may be.

We praise the Lord for the fine growth of the Zion and Faith Churches. Zion Church which was our daughter church has grown so big that she can be considered a sister church by now. We rejoice over God's marvellous provision over Rev. Quek to be very capable pastor over these many years. Recently with Rev. Quek retiring from the Government, I am sure, this means more time and more growth for Zion. Also with the return of Miss Peggy Yeo and the expected return of Bro. Quek Swee Hwa in early 1970, all these augurs well for Zion and Faith Churches.

Next, we come to Sembawang. Sembawang is like a little giant awakening. We rejoice that God kept a remnant for Himself after the division in August 1968. The group has been replenished with many youngsters, mainly in Primary Five, Six and Secondary One. However, we should not despise them as there is much potential within them. We thank God for a Thursday Bible Class which was started since August 1968. I am thrilled to teach theology to possibly the youngest group of theological students. God also has been moving the hearts of the young people there ever since their first camp in April and we surely look forward to the day when the first full time theological students would step forth from amongst them.

Next, continuing in an anti-clockwise direction, we come to Hume Heights. How we praise God for fruits that have come from this group in days gone by. However, quite recently, because of some difficulty with the resident family, the work has to be closed down. But we praise the Lord, that the true church, which consists of the living stones, have reorganised themselves at another place closer to Bukit Panjang. We are still in contact with them.

From Hume Heights, we move to Jurong, which is our farthest outpost, slightly beyond Jurong Town. Jurong was born out of crisis; has lived through probably the most crises of all our churches; and is still going through crisis. This little work has been maintained mainly by Rev. and Mrs. Tow. However, since their departure, the group has been left largely on their own. Consequently, we have received a written call of help. Bro. Teo Soon Hock made a survey and recommended that help be sent. Do pray for this strategic though little outpost. Perhaps some of the old timers, such as Bro. Moses Tan, Bro. Robert Ong and others would rally to help them as in the days of yore.

Coming down south, on the western coast, we have little Galilee on the sea. We wonder if we are the only church in Singapore by the seaside. However, being on the shoreline in Singapore can be rather precarious with the Government's land re-claima-tion scheme. Actually, the life of our church has been prolonged by God's grace as the land that we are on had been reverted to the Government as early as April 1964. Ever since then the Government plans to evacuate our church as a passage to reclaim the sea has been postponed. This we believe is God's answer to our prayer to pre-serve us even for further service for Him. Some may think that our position is rather precarious as to be pushed into the sea anytime and disappear from the scene. But I rather see our being poised on the seashore as a launching base for missions, yea, even across the seas. How we praise the Lord for the latest overseas outreach to Pulau Brani when our young people went to preach in the open-air there.

Coming up towards the city from Galilee, we reach Mount Carmel situated at Leng-kok Bahru. This is perhaps the most progressive of our B-P Churches being ably ma-naged by Dr. Ang Beng Chong and Dr. Tan Kim Ping. This group has by faith launched their five-year plan which foresees growth in the Church, Sunday School, Youth Fel-lowship, Music and Missions within their group. They have even compiled a man-power survey to reveal the tremendous potential that they have within their group. Present-ly, they are contemplating renting the shop house next door, or, if the Lord shuts this door, to look for some new housing estate. We thank God for their vigour cul-minating in their sending their second student for theological studies at the FEBC.

Completing the circle, we come back to the Life Church. How we praise the Lord that since the departure of Rev. and Mrs. Tow, the various session members have ral-lied to help in the House of God, reminiscent of 1959 when Rev. Tow was gone to the USA. There is even a sense of possessiveness amongst some of us. But may we be re-minded of God's Word in Hebrews 10:24 "To provoke one another to love and to good works." More and more session members have been attending Prayer Meeting to seek

God's mercies upon us. The need of revival is being felt; the prayers reflect this need: and one day, we hope not too long, we shall be able to practise it. However, we realise that revival can only come by the grace of God.

Let us not forget the Mandarin Service which is now very much smaller but with a will to live. Let us continue to trust God for its survival and increase.

Let me also take you across the Causeway for a moment to Kelapa Sawit manned by Pastor and Mrs. James Chan Lay Seng. How we praise God for his ministry and for the rapid growth in the Sunday School from 40 to 150 within two years. Recently, God has brought in about a dozen youngsters aged 10-12. They could very well mean the future of this church. Do pray for the particular difficulty of this church in that there is a hard core of older adults, mainly in their fifties, with a large gap to the young children which has just been mentioned. The teenage men are notably missing and of the three or four young ladies who come, many of them face the problem of a lack of a Christian life partner.

I wonder how many of us have visited our group of associated churches throughout their many years of existence. May I encourage you to visit one another to preserve those ties which sent us out in the very beginning for the cause of Christ. Let us pray for one another and as opportunity arises "Let us do good to all men especially to those of the household of faith." (Galatians 6:10).

Yours affectionately,
Rev. Philip Heng

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK:

Tue. Life Prayer Meeting, Dn. Edmund Tay;
Faith Prayer Meeting, Elder Chuang.

Wed. Zion Prayer Meeting, Elder Chia;
Farewell Service for Mr. J.O. Sanders
by the OMF, 7.45 p.m. at Singapore
Bible College.

Fri. Consecrators Meeting, 8 pm., at Life
Church, Galilee i/c.

Sat. 4 p.m. Life, Zion, Sembawang YF;
3.30 pm. Mt. Carmel/Galilee YF.

Lord's Day: Life: Rev. Heng (Elder Seow
chairman); Zion: Rev. Quek; Faith:
Rev. Quek (Holy Communion); Galilee:
Rev. Heng; Life (Mand.): Rev. Quek
(Holy Communion)

ZION AND FAITH NEWS: Faith Church Sunday
School and Ling Kwang Sunday School, with
the help of Zion YF, will hold combined
DVBS, December 14th-18th.

Welcome home to Mr. Leong Kuo Sing of
Zion Church who has obtained his M.Ed.
degree from Springfield College, Mass.,
USA. Mrs. Leong remains behind on 3-year
Scholarship from the University of Wes-
tern Ontario, Canada for Ph.D. in Bio-
physics.

Mrs. Ng Tock Sinn (Belinda) returned to
London on Friday September 26th.

Dr. Lenny Tan who has been faithfully ser-
ving at Ling Kwang Mission Clinic leaves
with Mrs. Tan this Lord's Day for the U.K.
on 2-year Colombo Plan Fellowship for
Diploma in Medical Diagnostic Radiology.
Dr. Tan will rejoin the Mission Clinic
on his return. Godspeed.

WEDDING BELLS: The Holy Matrimony between
Lim Lee Lian and Lee How Sung at Life
Church at 6.30 p.m. Thursday October 2,
Rev. Quek officiating.

LIFE NURSERY CLASS DUTY ROSTER for next
Lord's Day: Miss Lew Li Fah and Miss
Dorothy Seah.

LIFE YF GOSPEL MEETING on 4th October,
1969. Topic: "A New Life". Speaker: Mr.
Goh Seng Fong. Time: 4 pm. Place: FEBC Hall.

SITUATIONS VACANT: (1) Office Clerk/Typist
needed immediately for ICCC (Far Eastern)
Office/Zion and Faith Church Office. Ste-
nography and office filing experience an
advantage. Apply to Rev. Quek, 84786.
(2) SECRETARY needed for Life Church/
Far Eastern Kindergarten Office. Apply
to Rev. Heng, 513676.

LIFE CHURCH CENSUS TAKING. Please com-
plete pink form as soon as possible. We
hope to compile them in time for the
church anniversary in October.

LIFE SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF MEETING 11.45 p.m.
Sept. 28th, home of Elder and Mrs. Tow
Siang Hwa, 64 Andrew Road, Singapore 11.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Mr. Seah Yak Tai and
Miss Dorothy Seah moved to 79-C, Blk.3,
Prinsep Street, Singapore 7.

MR. ARNOLD THIO left Tuesday Sept. 23,
for England to study Accountancy. His
present address: c/o Eugene Fang,
35/39 Queens Gardens, London W2, U.K.

FORTH-COMING FEBC MAGAZINE! Finance is
much needed for publication. Please
channel contribution to the respective
FEBC students: Life: Mr. Peter Chua;
Zion: Mr. Charlie Tan; Galilee: Mr.
Swee Thian Hoe; Mt. Carmel: Mr. David
Wong. Receipts will be acknowledged.

ICY-SM CONFERENCE ON EVANGELISM on Octo-
ber 11th, 2.30 p.m. Speakers for the Con-
ference are Rev Philip Heng, Rev. Peter
Ng, Mr. Henry Khoo, Mr. Goh Seng Fong,
Dr. Sng Ewe Kong and Mr. Tom Hamlin.

ICY-SM will hold National Camp from
December 15th-20th. Theme: Henceforth...
Look out for more details! PLAN NOW TO
ATTEND!

LIFE CHURCH ANNIVERSARY. Keep October 18th
evening free for Life Church Anniversary
Dinner at 7 p.m. followed by a sacred
concert at 9 p.m. Dr. Fague Springman
singing.

DR. FAGUE SPRINGMAN IS COMING! All artistes,
please practise well for auditioning.

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ISRAELETTTER NO. 10

Box 26,
Bethlehem, Israel.
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My Dear Readers,

Prophecy fulfilled before our eyes

The young prophet Zechariah who guided Israel during the early days of return from Babylon prophesied (C.B.C. 520) much about Jerusalem, how the Holy City would become the Capital of the world (Zech. 8:20-23, 14:16-19). The same prophet also touched on the destiny of surrounding nations and cities. One of them mentioned was Tyre. Zechariah said, "The Lord will cast her out, and he will smite her power in the sea; and she shall be devoured with fire". (Zech. 9:4). Ezekiel, who lived two generations before Zechariah, predicted the irrevocable destruction of Tyre (Ezek. 27)

As one visits Jerusalem and Tyre today, one cannot help but marvel at the irresistible power of God's Word in each respect. Nineteen years ago, Rev. Quek and I saw Tyre, an empty waste haunted only by seagulls, her splendour of two millenia ago sprawled to the ground. But Jerusalem, despite all the trappings of Gentile power is today resurging with bouncing energy. "Thus saith the Lord of hosts. There shall yet old men and old women dwell in the streets of Jerusalem, and every man with his staff in his hand for every age. And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof." (Zech. 8:4,5).

The Western Wall whose foundations and lower stratum remain from the days of our Lord is considered the holiest by the Israelis. As they conclude the Feast of Tabernacles (Succoth) beginning from yesterday evening, scores of thousands, old and young, men and women, went there celebrating in the last laps of reading up the Law of Moses and bear-dancing to their chants. This is called "Simhat Torah," the "Joy of the Law," as the scrolls of Moses' Law, kept in brightly decorated cylinders, are carried on the devotees shoulders and hobble "rhythmically" above the sea of capped heads, and the furry heads of the Orthodox. This outburst of rejoicing culminates the long-drawn holiday season - New Year, Day of Atonement, Feast of Tabernacles.

What do I see in this hilarious hive of festivity? The sign of the nearness of the Messiah's coming! I compare our Lord, the Greater David and Israel today as an air-plane and airfield. The airplane will land when the airfield is ready. Israel's resurgence as a nation is a constant reminder of the Messiah.

"We therefore ought to receive such, that we might be fellowhelpers to the truth". (III Jn. 8)

It is 20 years since the first messengers of the Reformation movement visited our church. 1949 saw the initial coming of Dr. and Mrs. M. McIntire, Dr. Shields, Sir Arie Kok, etc. All who followed in their train have blessed us in one way or another. The special time that Professor Fague Springmann is giving our churches on his world tour, I can assure you, will be one of the best of spiritual refreshings from above.

How thrilled I am that your Reception Committee is making such elaborate arrangements in every respect for the coming concerts. The Lord bless you each one for the part you play in this reception and His peace be multiplied upon your house for your hospitality. In John's words, you are "fellow helpers to the truth."

Dr. Fague Springmann needs no further introduction from me, but I would add that ever since I came to know him personally since Geneva 1965, I have been moved, sometimes to tears, by his gospel singing. He loves the Lord, he loves souls and the IQCC cause.

With such a heavy programme occupying him in Singapore, we shall not overtax him in Israel. Please tell him that, nevertheless, a warm reception is awaiting him at Bethlehem. He will sing at the International Evangelical Church of the Christian and Missionary Alliance at Prophets Street, Jerusalem. Sat. Oct. 25.

"Faith Healing"

I've been asked by another Reader the question "faith healing". I am glad I can answer not only from theology but from practice. Praying for the sick in the name of the Lord by "elders" is an injunction from James. (Jas. 5:14,15). Our Lord healed on many occasions with compassion. St. Paul and St. Peter healed in their gospel ministry. Last year when I was called with Rev. Maris to the Telugus in the Madras districts, we were asked to lay hands on the sick, which we did, crying out to the Lord.

But "faith healing" is only a handmaid to preaching of the gospel, not the mistress of it! When such a gift is used without the sin-sick souls being first purged, complications arise! When such a gift is used with a subtle desire for self-gain, simony results (Acts 8,9-21). When such a gift dazzles the less spiritual away from Christ, away from the first-appointed means, viz: the foolishness of preaching (I Cor. 1,17-24; 12:28) certain Christians become myopic to true spiritual values.

Once an elder contrasted his son non-miracle-working pastor with a faith-healing Bible woman. He lamented that his pastor had healed no one by hand-laying. Why should this pastor of a modern city, in which are many hospitals? Besides, "faith healing" is a gift bestowed upon certain workers (1 Cor. 12:28), yet one inferior to apostolic preaching.

When I was saved at Dr. John Sung's Revival Meetings in 1955, at the 41st and second last sermon of the campaign, I saw Dr. Sung heal the sick and the many who testified to their cure. If faith-healing is a handmaid to gospel preaching, as is so clearly exemplified by John Sung and portrayed in the Acts, I agree. But not one that comes to town purporting to heal the body in Jesus' Name with such little emphasis on the soul's salvation.

Answering Readers' Questions is a part of my sabbatical ministry. No personalities are involved. Principles are stated and discussed for the good of our whole movement, in all lowliness of mind. Deep condolences to the Lee sisters on the passing of their grandma Madam Goh but with joy in the knowledge of her salvation. We're praying also for Eunice Ong.

Affectionately,

T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK:

Tue. Life Prayer Meeting, Dr. Andrew Heng;
Faith Prayer Meeting, Galilee
Session Meeting.

Wed. 8pm. Galilee Prayer Meeting, Bro.
Stephen Goh. Zion Prayer Meeting.

Thurs. 8.30 pm. Fague Springmann Recital
of Sacred and Classical Music at
Victoria Theatre.

No Bible Study at Sembawang.

Fri. 8pm. Music Seminar at Zion Bible-
Presbyterian Church, Dr. Springmann
conducting. All welcome.

Sat. 7pm. Life Church Anniversary dinner;
9pm. Praise and Thanksgiving con-
cert. Life, Zion, Sembawang,
Galilee YF.

Lord's Day: Life Church Anniversary;
10am. Thanksgiving Service: Rev.
Quek (Rev. Heng chairman); Zion: Rev.
Quek (Holy Communion); Faith: Rev.
Tan Sia Yong; Galilee: Rev. Heng;
Toa Payoh: Mr. Liew Hen Seng.

ZION & FAITH NEWS: Both congregations are reminded in their regular offerings to remember the Ling Kwang Mission which takes care of the L.K. Mission Clinic, Children Centre, Tuition Classes, Sunday School and a Separate charity section - the Ling Kwang Home Visitors' Society, all for the propagation of the Gospel among the rural residents of the Serangoon Garden Constituency. The Mission also assists in the Toa Payoh Chinese Christian Church, where the Worship Service and Sunday School are the joint responsibility of Zion and Faith. Beginning from September 1969, the monthly recurrent expenditure of the whole Ling Kwang Mission is about \$500/-. Two sums have been received through Rev. Quek during the past week, one of \$132 to Faith Church for old peoples, and the other of \$100/ for the L.K. Mission Clinic.

LIFE NURSERY CLASS: Duty Roster for next Lord's Day: Miss Grace Su and Mrs. Lee Choon Ngee.

LIFE NEWS: We welcome Prof. & Mrs. Springmann, his mother-in-law and Mr.

John Norris en route on their round-the-world tour. Life Church especially is very grateful for his coming to coincide with our Church anniversary.

Congratulations: To Dr. Su Hong Zee on his success in the primary exam of his Post-Graduate studies in Anaesthetics.

Change of addresses: Mrs. Sim Bee Kow
9 Omar Khayyam Ave., Singapore 26.

Mr./Mrs. Chee Ah Chai, 36 Li Po Ave., (26)

Please Pray for the sick: Miss Ong Soo Kheng.

SPRINGMANN ENCORE: Tickets to Professor Springmann's Concert at Victoria Theatre on 16.10.69 have been completely taken up and a flood of requests from other Churches and Christian groups cannot be met. The Music Seminar at Zion Church, 5 Tavistock Avenue, Serangoon Gardens, on Friday 17.10.69 at 8.00 p.m. will now be changed to a second Concert Night, same time, same place, with Prof. Springmann thrilling more Singapore Christians with his singing. All those who are not able to hear him on 16.10.69, please make it on 17.10.69. Friends from all other Churches and Groups are welcome. Admission free, donations to Reformation Record welcome.

Visas for Mr. & Mrs. Edward Paduwe and their little son Daniel have been approved by the Singapore Immigration department. They should be here later this month to join the FEBC.

God Moves in a Mysterious Way.

God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform; He plants His foot steps in the sea, And rides up-on the storm.

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take; The clouds ye so much dread are big with mercy, and shall break in blessings on your head.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, but trust Him for His grace; behind a frowning providence. He hides a smiling face.

Blind unbelief is sure to err, and scan His work in vain: God is His own Interpreter, and He will make it plain.

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ISRAEL LETTER NO. 11

Box 26,
Bethlehem, Israel.
October 10, 1969.

From William Burns to Life Church.

(for Life Church 19th Anniversary Thanksgiving)

1. Our fathers sat in prisons dark
Amidst South China's plains,
Till one from England did embark,
Bearing the Light from Heaven.
2. The vessel whom the Lord had sent:
His name was William Burns.
To Hong Kong Island first he went
In eighteen forty-seven.
3. From thence sped he forth to Canton,
But God soon turned his steps
To Amoy where he found a town
That gladly sought his help.
4. 'Twas in Amoy that he settled,
That God's Word might go forth.
From thence again he went to battle,
Further, yet further north.
5. To Shanghai, and on to Nanking,
He scanned her from the bow,
But meanwhile God was planning
To bring him to Swatow!
6. The captain of a British ship
Offered to take him south,
And so in eighteen fifty-six
On Swatow soil he ploughed.
7. 'Twas on this trip to our city,
That Hudson Taylor came
With Burns in the same ministry,
And they were not ashamed.
8. As the gospel grew and flourished
In Swatow and Amoy,
From these waters our sires cherished
Sailed southwards, ships ahoy!
9. Our fathers came to Singapore
And Malay States beyond.
A church soon sprang on these new shores
By eighteen eighty-one.
10. Among the first congregations
Was one at "Bamboo Tree"
Founded by the E.P. Mission
In eighteen eighty-three.
11. There stands today on Prinsep Street
An old, grey, little church.
'Twas here from the nineteen fifties
That we have grown so quick.
12. From Life we went to Sembawang,
From Life we went to Zion,
From Life on to Pasir Panjang,
From thence on to Jurong!
13. Faith, Camel and Kelapa Sawit,
Hume Heights and Seletar,
Tekong and the Bible College,
Chia Heng and Toa Payoh.

14. Praise God, His Kingdom marches on,
 Though His servants falter.
 Glory to Christ the Son alone,
 Whose Light shines forever!

- T. T.

Historical facts from: "Five Pioneer Missionaries", Banner of Truth Trust and "Working His Purpose Out", the History of the English Presbyterian Mission. 1847-1947, by Edward Band.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK:

Tue. Life Prayer Meeting, Dn. Chee Ah Chai, Faith Prayer Meeting.
 Wed. Galilee Bible Study, Hermeneutics; Galilee Prayer Meeting, Bro. Teck Lee. Zion Prayer Meeting, Mr. John Yeo.
 Thur. Sembawang Bible Study.
 Fri. 8pm. Life & Zion(combined) Family Worship at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Wong, 308-B Joo Chiat Road.
 Sat. Life, Zion, Sembawang, Galilee YF. Galilee (Speaker) Rev. Philip Heng; God's Will for My Life.
 Lord's Day: Life: Rev. Tom Hamlin(Dn. William Seah); Zion: Rev. Heng; Faith: Miss Tay; Galilee: Rev. Heng.

FAGUE SPRINGMANN: Fague Springmann Recital of Sacred and Classical Music, Thursday October 16th was most well received. The second concert at Zion and Faith Churches October 17th saw a varied programme with a touching testimony and an emphasis on the need for Reformation Records and a reformation in music to return to the right type of Christian music. Auditioning that began at Zion Church continues tonight at the Life Church.

Dr. Springmann hopes to select talented and dedicated Christian musicians to sing for Reformation Records and form a combined choir in Singapore.

Dr. & Mrs. Springmann and his mother-in-law Mrs. Turney and Mr. Leonclark leaved this Lord's day 7a.m. for Pakistan, Bethlehem, Athens, Helsinki, Belfast, and then to the U.S.

The Fague Springmann Reception Committee wished to thank you for your support and especially to the ushers at the concert October 16th. "A fine piece of ushering."

Our apologies to all those who were not able to get tickets for themselves or for their friends.

ZION & LIFE NE 3: Life & Zion(combined) Family Worship at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Wong, 308-B Joo Chiat Road. This is by special request of Mrs. Wong. She has recently come out of hospital and desires the encouragement of God's people. Her two daughters attend Faith Church and a son, John is a member of Life Church. Please come if you can.

LIFE NURSERY CLASS: Duty Roster for next Lord's Day: Miss Nancy Chua and Miss Siew Keng.

FEBC NEWS: Miss Tiew Ah Tuan, member of Trinity Church(Muar) has been admitted to

the FEBC.

GALILEE NEWS: Forum on October, 31st "The Christian and Evangelism within the Community."

Change of address: Dn./Mrs. Vincent Leong 12-G(Block 6-C) Margaret Drive, Singapore 3.

Please pray for Low Tiang Hock at Outram Hospital, Ward 14A, Bed 32.

LIFE CHURCH: CANDIDATES FOR BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION.

Cheung, Carol, 9 Parkstone Road. (15); Chow Kok Hwee, 16A Jal. Kuras (20); Hazra Ajit Kumar, 3 Jal. Sukachita (13); Mok Mee Ling, Dorothy, 15G Shelford Road. (11); Ng Jessie; See Choon Hock, Johnson; Shi Soi Fah, Kim Keat Lane; Ting Chew Song, Tony, 76 Taman Permatz (20); Toh Phee Hu t, 43 Upp. Weld Road. (8); Tioa Ming Chu, 46 Ceylon Road. (15).

Chua Siok Cheo, Alice, 14 Lor. Limau (12); Chua Siok Eng; Catherine, 14 Lor. Limau (12); Lim Tik En, David, 32 Mork's Hill Terrace, (9).

INFANTS: Sharon Hwang Mun Yeng, daughter of Mr./Mrs. Hwang Hock Lim; Jeremy Phua Jin Ghee, son of Mr./Mrs. Paul Phua.

AMEN

I cannot say,
 Beneath the pressure of life's care to-
 day,

I joy in these;
 But I can say

That I had rather walk this rugged way,
 If Him it please.

I cannot feel
 That all is well when dark'ning all
 conceal

The shining sun;
 But this I know

God lives and loves; and say, since it
 is so,

"Thy will be done."

I cannot speak
 In happy tones; the tear-drops on my
 cheek

Show I am sad;

But I can speak
 Of grace to suffer with submission
 meek,

Until made glad.

I do not see,
 Why God should'en permit some things
 to be,

When He is love;

But I can see

Though often dimly, through the mystery,
 His hand above. -Selected-

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ISRAELETTTER NO. 12.

Bcr 26,
Bethlehem, Israel.
October 18, 1969.

My Dear Readers,

"From Bethlehem to Ain Arroub"

Dr. Tom Lambie who founded Bethlehem Bible-Presbyterian Church and built the Baraka Sanatorium is one of ten "Medical Missionaries You Would Like to Know" by Dorothy C. Haskin (Zondervan, USA). Baraka was the seventh hospital he built, in his evening years. Dr. Lambie went home to the Lord on April 14, 1954, two years after his famous T.B. hospital was completed. His medical work survived him till July 1969, though a Clinic still lingers, awaiting, perhaps, some young doctor from Singapore!

When we who follow in his train see his great hospital work at Ain Arroub (ie. the Baraka Valley) ended, we cannot help heave a sigh of regret! To be sure, discouragement has crossed our missionary path. But God Who is faithful and "will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able" (I Cor. 10:13), has also encouraged us by what we see, travelling twice weekly between Bethlehem and Ain Arroub (Baraka Valley) in our ministry. It is a roadside fountain that has sprung as a result of road-widening after the Six-Day War. It is now a busy rendezvous of travellers up and down the Hebron Road. What a refreshing sight to see thirsty men and beasts drinking at this fountain. What inspiration to our struggling ministry:-

From Bethlehem to Ain Arroub,
Around the Judean hills
There twists and turns the Hebron road
Southwards, and southwards till.

'Twas here upon the king's highway
The ancient travellers rode,
And asses, mules and donkeys, brayed
Beneath their heavy load.

Today along the Hebron way,
So new and so modern,
Where cars and buses run the race,
Plod on the beasts of burden.

But whether cars with tireless wheels,
Or mules with weary feet,
Both men and beasts must humbly kneel
By "Midway Fountain" sweet.

'Twas here not very long ago
After the Six-Day War,
When engines cut the mountain slope,
And water began to pour.

Though we're no mighty engineers,
Nor technicians with skill,
If on we forge with sweat and tears,
We'll find fresh water still!

From Bethlehem to Ain Arroub,
Around the Judean hills,
There twists and turns the Hebron road
Southwards, and southwards still.

Young doctor, if you will join us on the Hebron Road, "we'll find fresh water still"!

Hebron

About twenty miles south of Jerusalem is the town of Hebron. Here Abraham removed to stay after parting company with Lot his worldly-wise nephew and built an altar (Gen. 13:18). Here Abraham buried Sarah and himself was later buried with Sarah by Isaac and Ishmael. The tomb of the Patriarchs at Hebron remains to this day. It is a tourist attraction to many Jews. I saw a young lady the other day shuffling a rolled-up paper slip with her written wish into a crevice of the tomb! She wasn't the only one.

Hebron was where David was crowned king by Judah and the seat of the Davidic government for seven years (I Kings 2:11). Hebron is so rich with sacred history. Can

you find Hebron on your Bible map? List all the important events!

Hebron today is a trouble spot. Grenades have been hurled at tourist buses by terrorists. Halhul, which we passed today on way to Hebron, was under curfew for terrorism. But, God protects His own.

The Stoltzfus Sisters from U.S.A.

We went to Hebron today on a pastoral visit of the Arab Evangelical Orphanage, run by Misses Ada and Ida Stoltzfus, Mennonite missionaries from USA. (The Mennonites are spiritual descendents of Menno Simons, a Protestant sect arising in Switzerland, 1525). They have a boarding school for 116 pupils, and what a job to teach and feed them. One of the twin sisters drives up from Hebron with seven youngsters to our church service in Bethlehem every week. An independent faith mission work now, it is the only gospel light shining in Hebron!

The Mennonite School at Beit Jala.

Across the olive slopes from our Bethlehem Church to the hill-town of Beit Jala is another Mennonite School with a hundred pupils. It is also a missionary work of America. Here Rev. Carlson and I alternate fortnightly to speak at Chapel. Though the Arab audience is of the stony, rocky type, we believe our sowing of the seed is not in vain.

Baraka Sunday School.

The Sunday School at Baraka Sanatorium continues to attract an attendance of fifty young people from the nearby Refugee Camp. Although these boys, some beyond their teens, are unruly and provocative we continue to speak patiently to them. Since they have requested English lessons we shall "bait" them with reading from John's Gospel next week.

So, we continue to praise God for open doors of gospel preaching. We request your prayers to bear us up. Now, in case some of you would like to have a part in the Lord's work in the Holy Land, will you please contact Rev. Quek? Perhaps you would think of channelling some Christmas gift to the City of our Saviour's Birth? We shall gladly direct your offering to the most deserving work.

Israel, Centre of Learning.

Every hour not engaged in the preaching and pastoral ministry is consumed in study. This includes not only the six hours of spoken Hebrew daily but also subjects like Archaeology and Israel's social institutions. Next month will see us at the Hebrew University, Jerusalem taking more lectures. Hundreds of overseas students, mostly from U.S., and not a few from elsewhere, even Japan, are here to learn.

Faithfully,

T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK:

Tue. Life Prayer Meeting, Bro. Khoo Wah Ann, Faith Prayer Meeting.
Wed. Galilee Bible Study, Hermeneutics; Galilee Prayer Meeting, Bro. Jeremiah; Zion Prayer Meeting.
Thur. Sembawang Bible Study and Prayer Meeting.
Sat Life, Zion, Sembawang, Galilee YF. Mt. Carmel YF: Rev. Heng, God's Promises.
Lord's Day: Life: Rev. Heng; Zion: Rev. Quek; Faith: Rev. Quek (Holy Communion) Galilee: Mr. Peter Yuen; Jurong S.S.: Rev. Heng.

ZION NEWS: Zion Church Session meets this Lord's Day, Oct. 26th, at 2.30pm. Copies of eight-page Malaysia Christian featuring Chin Lien Bible Seminary in Chinese and English are available after Church Service this Lord's Day, or telephone 442546 (Chin Lien)/84786 (Rev. Quek). Statement of Accounts on Dr. Springmann's visit: Collections at Victoria Theatre - \$715.65; Zion/Faith - \$207.00; Life - \$200.50; total: \$1,123.15. A gift of US\$150/- was given to the Springmann party, and hotel accomodation of \$425/- paid for by a Life Church Session member. The remaining deficit of \$137.10 has also been made by contributions.

FEBC NEWS: Board of Directors meet next Lord's Day, Nov. 2, 8.30 pm.

LIFE CHURCH NEWS: Catechism Class for Life Church continues this Sunday for those who miss the earlier classes.

KEYS to all rooms in the Church Block are available from the Church Office. Will all users kindly obtain/return all keys to the Church Office.

*LIFE CHURCH ANNIVERSARY OFFERINGS amounted to \$3118.20. Praise the Lord!

*PLEASE SAVE THE LORD'S MONEY: Kindly turn off all lights and fans when not in use.

*GOOD WORKING TAPE-RECORDERS needed for ministry to shut-ins and hospitalise individuals. Kindly contact Pastor Hong.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Lynda King on her selection for the S.E.A.P. Games; To Mr. Roy Lim on his marriage to Miss Grace Guiderrez in Philadelphia, USA, on 6.9.69.

CHURCH MANAGEMENT AND PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION: Four weekly lectures beginning Nov. 4, 7.30 pm.-9.00 pm. at S.U. Headquarter, 36A Orchard Road will be delivered by Dr. J. Melvin Miller, a lecturer at Marshall University, Huntington, West Virginia. Initial Registration Fee of \$5/-.

LIFE NURSERY CLASS: Duty Roster for next Lord's Day: Mrs. Henry Heng and Miss Koh Kim Lye.

GALILEE NEWS: Catechism Class for Galilee Church is to begin soon. Those who wish to be baptised kindly contact Pastor Hong. Forum on Oct. 31st. "The Christian and Evangelism within the Community."

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ISRAELETTER NO. 13.

Box 26,
Bethlehem, Israel.
October 26, 1969.

My Dear Readers,

"Music is next to Theology" - Springmann.

The glowing reports we've received from many quarters on the ministry of Prof. and Mrs. Fague Springmann and young business magnate Leon Clark have thrilled the depths of our souls! Eastern Sun air mails three big photonews issues with Datin Aw Kow's personal good wishes. (By the way, Bro. Clark is the rich young ruler of Matt. 19:16-26 with this difference: He received Christ as his Saviour just before setting out under Dr. Springmann's witness. He is proprietor of five music shops employing a hundred men. He tells me that the money he makes doesn't satisfy his heart: hence this self-paying tour to see Christians of other nations and seeking God's will for his life. He almost asked to be baptised in the Holy Land, but I advised rather that he confess Christ with water before a thousand congregation in U.S.) "Music is next to theology," said Martin Luther. Prof. Springmann has demonstrated this by his consecrated singing. Leon Clark is only one soul saved of hundreds of thousands who have heard him. Praise the Lord for your further outreach through T.V. Singapore! How many sad and lonely hearts he has comforted, how many weary and drooping hands he has uplifted, only God knows.

Reformation Music in Pakistan

After leaving you, the Springmann Company had another tremendous reception in Lahore, Pakistan. A colourful, mammoth pandal shading three thousand (which was filled!) was their princely welcome. Five choirs, with drum and tambourine, vied in giving praises to the Lord. And the heat was 99 degrees F! The Springmanns' ministry is a sweetening one, like Elisha's, after the reformatory work of Dr. McIntire his Elijah. The Reformation cause that has so blessed our Church in the two decades has in the last two years added five Pakistani denominations to our fellowship.

"I walk to-day where Jesus walked"

I'm sure this first line of that pilgrim Song has begin to make you pine for a face-to-face meeting with our Lord on some Emmaus road! You should have been here last night to pine with Springmann's overflowing heart!

Walking to-day as Jesus walked we did, but the first place we went to meditate on our Saviour was Golgotha (Calvary, in Latin), the Skull Hill. Outside the city wall, a hundred yards from the empty Garden tomb (Jn. 20:41) is this hillock that looks like a gigantic skull. The whole hill to-day is a Muslim cemetery. As we read Matt. 27:33-54, how Jesus cried "Eli, Eli, lamasabachtani," Dr. Springmann openly wept.

We climbed the lower slopes of Mount Olivet to Gethsemane where we witnessed to a White Russian Orthodox "mother" We ascended to Olivet's top, as the Lord did before Ascension, and viewed the Holy City. The gleaming domes of Omar and Al Aqsar (which Rohan set fire to with the view of helping the Lord's Return!) stood prominently in the evening sun.

Our time being limited, we could briefly visit Bethlehem where the Nativity Church is and our own little Baraka Church. We took the plunge to Jericho and the Dead Sea (from +2500 to -1291 ft.), calling at the ruins of the so-called "Good Samaritan" inn. Now Dr. Springmann has directed the performance of "Elijah" to great effect and desired specially to be shown the brook Cherith (I Ki.17:5). This we did, but with not a little extra energy. We descended into Ain Kelt, a deep valley that finally led us to a waterfall splashing to the music of its own orchestra, the fishes, white and gleaming, dancing in the pool below. Here Elijah was said to have hid, drinking of its cool draught, till it also dried because of the famine (I Ki.17:7). Here the ravens brought him "bread and flesh", two meals daily. But we must now add the fishes in the brook (while the water prevailed). So, Elijah's lunch consisted of "sardine sandwiches"! To be sure, we were greeted by a blue-streaking kingfisher! By such a lively contact with the historic spots of this Holy Land, no wonder the singer's music last night radiated with a new dimension.

Rev. Carlson, with four years' service and study in the Holy Land, was our guide. As he took two days to serve the Lord's messengers, I had the mutual privilege of serving, and being served as well. Our desire was to do all we could to strengthen the hearts of God's anointed that we might, like you, be "fellowhelpers to the truth" (III John 8.)

An Epochal Meeting

Last night's concert was epochal not only in that the biggest evangelical church in Jerusalem, the Alliance, was almost filled, but that Israelis and Arabs

were drawn together under the Name of Jesus Christ. This meeting has attracted the attention of Israeli musicians and the Dutch minister at the Garden Tomb. This might result in a special full orchestral presentation at the Garden Tomb next Easter with possibility of the gospel rendition being televised around the world! Incidentally, I must remind your committee to send Dr. Springmann the T.V. tape.

"I Want to Walk Where Jesus Walks" (through Springmann's inspiration)

I want to walk where Jesus walks
Along life's narrow way.
He's still upon the Emmaus road
To console us today.
He hears our sighs and all our woes,
He stops with us to pray.
I want to walk where Jesus walks:
He wipes my tears away.

My path leads from the Empty Tomb
Where He rose from the dead!
It takes me to the Upper Room
Where all my friends are met.
With Thomas I shall worship Him,
And I'll call Him my Lord.
O won't you give your heart to Him?
Jesus the Son of God!

From the lonely Emmaus Road
Christ leads His followers on!
He takes us all to Galilee,
And gives our hearts a song.
We return to the Mount of Olives—
He issues the Command:
Go ye, go ye into all the world,
Go ye, go ye into all the world,
Go ye, go ye into all the world,
And preach the Word of God!
I want to walk where Jesus walks
And serve Him all way.

Yours for the extension of the Gospel,
T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK:

Tue. Life Pr. Mtg. i/c Diana Woo.
Life Session Meeting.
Faith Pr. Mtg. Miss Tan Mooi Hean.
Wed. 7 pm. Galilee Bible Study, Hermeneutics; Galilee Prayer Meeting, Bro. Nigel Wong, Zion Prayer Meeting, Mr. Eddy Angullia.
Thur. Sembawang Bible Study and Prayer Meeting, Dn. Chee Ah Chai.
Fri. 8 pm. Zion Family Worship at 33, Taman Serangoon, home of Philip Chua and Sally. Consecrators' mtg. at Life Church i/c Mt. Carmel, Speaker (John Parreno of D.T.C.)
Sat. Life, Zion, Sembawang, Galilee, Mt. Carmel YF.
Lord's Day: Life: Rev. Heng (Dn. Phua Chor Kok); Zion: Rev. Tom Hamlin; Faith: Elder Lee; Galilee: Mr. Bromley; K. Sawit: Rev. Heng.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCES:

Life: 225 Galilee: 91 Jurong: 53

ZION NEWS: Zion Church Session invites SS, YF, choir and Adult Fellowship to send two delegates each to a joint meeting to be held after prayer meeting on Wed. night, Nov. 5, to discuss the Christmas programme.
Members of the Zion Church Session are

invited to stay after worship Service for fellowship tea in the ZK Hall downstairs. Dn. Leong Kuo Sing will be in charge of the refreshment.

Continued prayers are requested for little Soris of Ling Kwang Sunday School, in the ward 29 ORGN for leukaemia. The child appears to have responded to treatment. Who needs an organ for Gospel Work or home use? Please contact Mrs. Linus or Matthew Linus (former host of Jln. Aman SS) at Tel. 511049 for Yamaha Reed Organ (Pedal) 5 Octaves, 7 stops, bench included. Reasonable offer acceptable.

LIFE NURSERY CLASS: Duty Roster for next Lord's Day: Mrs. Edmund Tay and Miss Phua Lee Cheng.

*FAR EASTERN KINDERGARTEN Board of Directors Meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 4, 1969 at the Church Office after the regular Prayer Meeting.

LIFE CHURCH CENSUS-TAKING: to obtain relevant, up-to-date information of members; to facilitate visitation program and compile proper membership list. Please co-operate by filling in PINK FORM - if you have not already done so.

Congratulations to Mr/Mrs. Lawrence Leong, on the birth of son Kevin Leong Chi-sing 25th Oct. Their address is 700 Welsh Road, E. 12, Huntingdon Valley, Pennsylvania 19006.

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ISRAEL LETTER NO.14

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My Dear Readers,

Reformation Hymnology

Dr. Springmann's warm testimony to his Lord and comments were appreciated by my friends. One remark he made that stirred church leaders was our slothful indulgence in worn-out tunes and choruses - never giving a thought to the best, the most inspiring.

With that challenge in mind, I've gone over more thoroughly the lines penned last week. Here's the more perfected version, after tested by Mrs. Carlson's singing.

"I Want to Walk Where Jesus Walks"

I want to walk where Jesus walks
Along life's narrow way.

He comes to our Emmaus road
And talks with us today!

He hears our sighs and all our woes,
And kneels with us to pray.

I want to walk where Jesus walks:
He wipes my tears away.

My path leads from the Empty Tomb,
Where He rose from the dead.

It brings me to the Upper Room,
Where all my friends are met.

With Thomas I shall worship Him,
And I'll call Him my Lord!

O won't you give your heart to Him?
Jesus the Son of God!

From the lonely Emmaus road
Christ leads His followers on:

He meets with us in Galilee,
And gives our hearts a song!

Returning to Mount Olivet,
We hear His last command:

Go ye, go into all the world,

Go ye, go into all the world,

Go ye, go into all the world,

And preach the Word of God!

I want to walk where Jesus walks,
And serve Him all the way...

Signs in the Sky

There are two passages in which our Lord illustrated His coming by signs in the sky. They are Matt. 16:1-4; Luke 12:54-56. The changing weather has made a deep impression on us who come from the doldrums. As Rev. Carlson also pointed out from his long-time observations the truthfulness of Christ's illustrations, and as we saw more vividly the signs in the sky going to the Ashkelon beach yesterday, the following lines came to my head:

One day our Lord said to the Jews,
Learn a lesson from the sky:
When red clouds rise after the dew,
Then say ye the rain is nigh,
But when it's pink in the evening
'Twill be a bright, sunny morning.

Or when it's clouding in the west
We'll soon expect a shower,
Or when the South Wind shows his crest
'Twill soon be warmer weather.
With such vivid illustration
He teaches our generation.

One day after the Autumn Rains
The twilight glowed roscate!
I said the days would surely change
From these showers on my head

To golden sunshine like summer:
And true it dawned bright and warmer!

So returned summer with the sun
Till red clouds dimmed this morning.
I said for sure the rains would come
And they did come by evening!
We tell the weather by these signs,
But not His Advent by the times?

Behold, 'tis crimson in the East,
'Twill soon be monsoon weather.
But we who're saved see in the West
Brighter sunset and fairer.
Christ the Messiah quickly comes
From heaven to take His loved ones!
Although 'tis crimson in the East
There's a brighter Morn forever.

Yours in the Blessed Hope,
T.T.

P.S.

Praise the Lord for an abundant 19th Thanksgiving at Life Church, and many thanks to Lifers remembering us on this occasion. In thanksgiving on our part, we'd return the portion you're sending us to the Church Building Fund.

Finally, mark Ashkelon on your map. Find out more about this city.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. Mt. Carmel's S.S. teachers' conference, 3pm at Mt. Carmel Gospel Mission, "Sunday School and Evangelism"-Mrs. Eileen Kuhn.
Tue. Life Pr. Mtg. i/c. Dr. Tow.
Faith Pr. Mtg. i/c. Elder Lee.
Wed. Galilee B.S.-"Hermeneutics"; Galilee Pr. Mtg. i/c Kam Seng; Zion Pr. Mtg. i/c Elder Chia.
Thur. Sembawang B.S. and Pr. Mtg.
Fri. Faith Family Worship at 9B Da Silva Lane, home of Mr & Mrs. Chua Oon Siew.
Sat. Life, Zion, Sembawang, Galilee YF; Mt. Carmel YF - Forum.
Lord's Day: Life-Mr. David Adeney (Rev Heng), organist-Miss Esther Tow; Zion-Rev. Quek; Faith-Rev. Kwo Chao; Galilee-Rev. Heng; Mt. Carmel-Rev. Heng; Toa Payoh-Rev. Quek (Holy Communion).

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCES:

Life: 219

ZION & FAITH NEWS: D.V.B.S. by Faith & Ling Kwang S.S., Dec. 8th - 12th: Call for prayers and helpers.

"Uncle Win" speaks on Dec. 8th & 9th.
Faith Y.F. holds Bible Camp, Dec. 15th-18th at Ponggol Holiday Camp.

**Get your copy of the Far Eastern Beacon November issue this Lord's Day.

LIFE NURSERY CLASS: Duty Roster for next Lord's Day: Mrs. Andrew Heng; Miss Lee Li Pier.

**Please pray: 1. Father of Lim Luan Kheng, Li Kheng and Tien Song - @ ORGH Ward 14B - Bed 57.

2. Chua Hung Choo at TRGH Ward 10.

LIFE CHURCH NEWS: Change of address: Leslie Stephen Chia, 206 East Coast Road, Singapore, 15.

Congratulations: to Sister Tan Ong Lan upon her graduation as teacher.

GALILEE NEWS: Congratulations to Sister Leeh Meng Luang upon her graduation to being Staff Nurse.

FAITH NEWS: Faith Church Choir goes this Lord's Day at 2 p.m. to Radio Singapore for recording of half-hour Gospel broadcast, to be aired next Lord's Day, November, 16 at 3.30 p.m.

PLEASE PRAY for our students taking the SC and HSC Examinations 1969:-

Senior Cambridge: Nancy Lim (SHS); Jenny Ong (SCS); Dorothy Loke (SMS); Poe Meng (WS); Lau Sock Eng (MHSS); Judy Lim (MGS); Lily Tow (MGS); Sally Poh (MGS); Chee Ping Kong (ACS); Heah Eng Lin (ACS); Victor Poon (ACS); Chia Cheng Huat (ACS); Ong Peck Kwang, Richard (ACS); Teo Ek Tor (ACS); Choo Keng Fun (ACS); Tan Nee Keng (ACS); Robert Ong (ACS); John Chew (ACS); Lee Theng Kiat (RI); Koh Gim Ho (SJI); Alfred Leong (MHSS); Peter Goh (Lembaga); Galestian Choo (MHSS).
GALLILE: Calvin Chan (QST); Samuel Fong (QST); Lai Sin Hock (Lembaga); Tan Mei Kin (Lembaga); Ong Moon Leng (Lembaga); Steven Lim Poh Soon (Pasir Panjang).
SEMBAWANG: Stephen Chan (SA); Kenneth Tan (SA); Maureer Lauw (Naval Base Sch.); Irene Tay (NBS); Patrick Lim (Ahmad Ibrahim); Teo Seok Hoon (AI); Melvin Wee (AI); Francis Lye (Upp. Thomson); Tony Ting (Dunearn Sec. Tech.); Pearl Fox (MGS); Bobby Phee (Lembaga).
Higher School Certificate:
LIFE CHURCH: Ng Siew Gek (St. Andrew); Carol Cheung (ACS)
SEMBAWANG: Grace Fu (RGS); Raymond Seah (Serangoon Secondary School).
GALILEE: Leong Chee Wah (RI); Nigel Wong (QST); Low Yuet Leng (RGS); Ong Kim Cheng (Lembaga).

THOT FOR THE WEEK: God comforts us not just to make us comfortable but to make us COMFORTERS!

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ISRAELETTER NO. 15.

My Dear Readers,

BARAKA BIBLE KINDERGARTEN

One of the Israeletters has gone astray. In that letter I reported the opening of our Kindergarten on Sept. 22. A month-and-a-half have elapsed since, and we thank God for some progress: We have an ideal situation using the Church premises. We have thirteen children. We teach the little tots the Baby Catechism with these opening sentences: 1. Who made you - God. 2. What else did God make - God made all things. 3. Why did God make you and all things - For his own glory. Jemima can answer the first Q. and count from 1 to 10! The Catechism for young children is in the B-P Annual, Vol.V. I recommend it to our Kindergartens for systematic religious instruction.

"And he shall shew you a large upper room" (Luke 22:12)

This Upper Room forms the background of that famous painting depicting our Lord and the Apostles at the Passover table. There is an Upper Room Church in the Old City today, on the first floor of some narrow, winding, cobbled street, the meeting place of an indigenous Palestinian church consisting mainly of two families. Scarcely a service exceeds twenty-five in attendance. (The War has scattered the disciples). The Christian and Missionary Alliance helps this remnant flock. I had a blessed experience preaching at the Upper Room last Sunday, partaking in the Lord's Supper. We numbered 21, not less than the early disciples who met, perhaps, within a hundred yards from us. These Palestinian disciples, though a few in number, were great in their warm reception of the gospel message brought back to Jerusalem from the Far East.

Prayer Meeting at Boaz Heights

Every Wednesday evening we hold prayer meeting at some member's house. The last time we assembled at Brother Aisa's, the home of our Arab evangelist. His house is located at a hillslope, traditionally belonging to Boaz, overlooking the Shepherds Field. That night the Lord gave me these lines:

The little town of Bethlehem
Is built upon a hill.
Below the town there is a plain,
The erstwhile shepherds' field.

'Twas here two thousand years ago,
The angels did appear
To rustic men in winter snow,
And made them quake with fear.

These were poor folk who watched their sheep
Both by day and by night.
And they who kept awake from sleep
Were first to see the Light.

Tonight I viewed the Shepherds Field,
So peaceful as of yore,
From Boaz Heights, so quiet and still:
It made me wonder more!

We're gathered in a Christian home
To worship and to pray
On bended knee beneath His Throne,
And night was turned to day.

Seek not to see God with your eye,
Nor hear with outer ear.
Be cleansed from sin as you draw nigh,
And Christ will soon appear!

The little town of Bethlehem,
And yonder Shepherds Field,
Where sinful earth was joined to Heaven
Await His coming still.

"Courage, Weary Sons and Daughters"

In response to several young people who have requested prayer for success in the coming S.C., H.S.C. and other examinations, I'm sending for their encouragement the following lines to the tune of "Courage, brother, do not stumble, Though thy path be dark as night" (Hymns of the Kingdom). That the Lord helps His own makes all the difference in the world between us and the unsaved (Eccles.9:1,10, 11. Heb.12:1,2):-

Courage, weary sons and daughters,
Though your Exam path be long!
You who have come to the Father
Shall not run the race alone!

Know ye that God gives the victory
Not to the swift or the strong,
But to them who seek His glory
And who fear to do the wrong.

God gives mercy to the humble,
And He hears each earnest prayer.
Do your best now, never grumble!
Run the race with hope and cheer.

Courage, brother! Courage, sister!
Though our Exam path be long
We've a partner in the Saviour,
Running swift and sure along.

With the weights of sin behind us,
On the wings of faith and love,
Let us run life's race before us,
Leading on to heaven above.

Echo to Longfellow

As I conclude the above lines there comes to my mind Longfellow's Psalm of Life whose concluding verses run:-

Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of Time; —

Footprints, that perhaps another,
Sailing o'er life's solemn main,
A forlorn and shipwrecked brother,
Seeing, shall take heart again.

Let us then be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate;
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labour and to wait.

Yours perseveringly,
T.T.

GALILEE NEWS: Welcome home to Miss Rosemary Aldis in transit.
Missionary Week - "Ye are my witnesses" Nov. 30th - Dec. 7th.

UPWARD PATH STUDENT RALLY - "No Other Name" at Cultural Centre, Canning Rise.
Speaker - Rev. Heng. Please Pray.

ZION/FAITH NEWS:

About 100 parents, brothers and sisters from the kampongs were present at the Ling Kwang Children's Centre's first graduation and Christmas Concert held on Friday afternoon, Nov. 21st.
Greetings to Zion have been received from Mr. Tay Boon Shek, Mr. Quek Swee Kiat and Miss Doris Tham in their replies to the Pastor's personal letters. Twenty-four Zion members are now overseas.
More Faith and Zion young people taking exams: HSC: Pai Li Ming; SC: Lee Fah Ping, Chiang Shao Hsiung, Chia Sok Chay, Chang

Chuan Fang. Prayers requested.
CONGRATULATIONS to the following for passing the first professional examinations for the degree of M.B.B.S. - Mr. G. Devathasan, Miss Susan Quek Swee San, and Mr. Tay Boon Keng.
CONGRATULATIONS to Dr. Ang Yiau Hua of Ling Kwang Mission Clinic on his wedding to-day with Miss Margaret Yap, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Peter Yap.
*Rev. Quek speaks this Lord's Day at Living Water Church (10am.), Rawang Church and Youth Fellowship (4-5.30pm) and Trinity Church English Service (8pm), followed by Holy Land slides show. On his way back to S'pore the next day, he and Mrs. Quek will call on the Johore State Welfare Officer at J.B. to petition for permission to continue the weekly Sunday service at the Old People's Home, which permission has been withheld. Prayers requested.

Saturday, November 15th, 1969.

9A Gilstead Road,
Singapore, 11.
15th November, 1969.

Dearly Beloved Reader,

Once again Rev. Tow's weekly Israeletter failed to arrive in time. Let me therefore share with you some news of our local scene.

VISIT TO KELAPA SAWIT

Last Sunday, my brother-in-law, Mr. Phang Chin Yen and his family accompanied my father and I as we went to administer Holy Communion at the little village church. As I could not get an up-country permit for Rev. Tow's car, it was providential that Mr. Phang could come along. During the service, Mr. Phang gave his testimony of how he came to the Lord Jesus Christ and how the Lord prospered him - in Hakka. Thereafter, we went to see the "promised land" of this little village church. We regret that progress is slow with the land office authorities. Please pray.

Thereafter, we were treated by Mr. and Mrs. John Lim to an early dinner, tastily prepared by Mrs. Lim. The people here are very hospitable and they take turns treating us each time we go - Pastor and Mrs. Chan, the deaf carpenter and his wife, and Deacon and Mrs. Lim. How we thank God for these dear folk who refresh us.

Who will come with us the next time? We are due again Dec. 14th. Let me know.

VISIT OF UNCLE WIN

This will be the third visit of Uncle Win to us. Once again on his world wide ministry to children as well as in training teachers of children, he has remembered us. Originally, he had hoped to minister to Muar and the DTC(Disciple Training Centre) folk as well. But now we have him all to ourselves. Jurong Sunday School, Sembawang Sunday School and Zion/Faith DVBS have discriminatingly booked him right away.

His schedule (tentatively) is as follows:-

Saturday, Dec. 6 2.20 p.m. - Arrive from Vietnam

Sunday, Dec. 7 8.30 a.m. - Life Church Sunday School

10.00 a.m. - Life Church Worship Service.

Sun. - Tue. Dec. 7 - 9 2.00 p.m. - Jurong Sunday School

Mon. & Tue. Dec. 8 & 9 9.00 a.m. - Zion/Faith DVBS

Wed. - Fri. Dec. 10-12 9.00 a.m. - Sembawang Sunday School

Wed. - Fri. Dec. 10-12 2.00 p.m. - Toa Payoh Mission (not confirmed)

Sat. Dec. 13 Leave Singapore.

There has also been a request for Seminars on children's work for our workers. Subject to a promising response from our workers, I am scheduling

Mon. Dec. 8, 8.00 p.m. - "Reaching Primaries"

Tue. Dec. 9, 8.00 p.m. - "Reaching Juniors"

Wed. Dec. 10, 8.00 p.m. - "Reaching Intermediates"

Let us pray for these Gospel Campaigns and Classes that many young children will be reached with the Gospel and our workers benefitted. We will need musicians, ushers, counsellors, general helpers and donors and prayer partners. Will you volunteer?

Thank you.

Yours affectionately,
P. Heng.

For further instruction in the faith, we refer our readers to our Presbytery's view on

RELIGIOUS WORSHIP AND THE SABBATH-DAY

1. The light of nature sheweth that there is a God, who hath lordship and sovereignty over all; is good, and doeth good unto all; and is therefore to be feared, loved, praised, called upon, trusted in, and served with all the heart, and with all the soul, and with all the might. But the acceptable way of worshiped according to the imaginations and devices of men, or the suggestions of Satan, under any visible representation, or any other way not prescribed in the Holy Scripture.

II. Religious worship is to be given to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; and to him alone not to angels, saints, or any other creature: and, since the fall, not without a Mediator; nor in the mediation of any other but of Christ alone.

III. Prayer, with thanksgiving, being one special part of religious worship, is by God required of all men; and, that it may be accepted, it is to be made in the name of the Son, by the help of his Spirit, according to his will, with understanding, reverence, humility, fervency, faith, love, and perseverance; and, if vocal, in a known tongue.

IV. Prayer is to be made for things lawful, and for all sorts of men living, or

shall live hereafter; but not for the dead, nor for those of whom it may be known that they have sinned the sin unto death.

V. The reading of the Scriptures with godly fear; the sound preaching, and conscionable hearing of the Word, in obedience unto God, with understanding, faith, and reverence; singing of psalms with grace in the heart; as, also, the due administration and worthy receiving of the Sacraments instituted by Christ; are all parts of the ordinary religious worship of God: besides religious oaths, and vows, solemn fastings, and thanksgivings upon special occasions; which are, in their several times and seasons, to be used in an holy and religious manner.

VI. Neither prayer, nor any other part of religious worship, is now, under the gospel, either tied unto, or made more acceptable by, any place in which it is performed, or towards which it is directed: but God is to be worshiped every where in spirit and in truth; as in private families daily, and in secret each one by himself; so more solemnly in the public assemblies, which are not carelessly or willfully to be neglected or forsaken, when God, by his Word or providence, calleth thereunto.

VII. As it is of the law of nature, that, in general, a due proportion of time be set apart for the worship of God; so, in his Word, by a positive, moral, and perpetual commandment, binding all men in all ages, he hath particularly appointed one day in seven for a Sabbath, to be kept holy unto him: which, from the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Christ, was the last day of the week; and, from the resurrection of Christ, was changed into the first day of the week, which in Scripture is called the Lord's Day, and is to be continued to the end of the world, as the Christian Sabbath.

VIII. This Sabbath is then kept holy unto the Lord, when men, after a due preparing of their hearts, and ordering of their common affairs beforehand, do not only observe an holy rest all the day from their own works, words, and thoughts, about their worldly employments and recreations; but also are taken up the whole time in the public and private exercises of his worship, and in the duties of necessity and mercy.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK:

Tue. Life Pr. Mtg. i/c. Paul Tsao;
Faith Pr. Mtg. i/c. Elder Lee.
Wed. 7pm.-Galilee B.S., Hermeneutics;
8pm.-Galilee Pr. Mtg. i/c. Jonah Wong.
Zion Pr. Mtg., Deaconess Eunice Heng.
Thur. Sembawang B.S. and Pr. Mtg. followed
by Personal Evangelism in preparation
for Uncle Win's coming.
Fri. 8pm. Galilee Church Session Mtg.
Zion Adult Fellowship mtg. in Church
("The Church in Vietnam")
Sat. Life, Zion, Sembawang, Galilee and
Mt. Carmel YF.
Lord's Day: Life-Mr. Tom Hamlin, organist-
Miss Siew Kiang. Zion - Mr. G.
McClellan, Scripture Readers to the
forces. Faith - Miss Tay Swee Lan.

ZION/FAITH NEWS: Zion Kindergarten holds
Concert and Exhibition today, November 15,
3pm.
Ling Kwang Children Centre holds first Con-
cert and Graduation with Exhibition of
children's work on Friday, November 21,
3 pm. Parents from the kampongs are invited.
All welcome.
Little Soris of Ling Kwang Sunday School
is, by the grace of God, out of hospital.
Continued prayers requested.
DVBS first Tracting, next Lord's Day,
November 23, 4.30 pm.
Faith Church Gospel Broadcast can be heard
this Lord's Day, November 23.
Rev. Quek is due to speak in Muar next
Lord's Day, November, 23.
Prayers requested for Zion students now in
the midst of examinations:-

HSC:- Irene Wee, Selene Kok, Sally Chua,
Chua Sai Choo, Eugene Heng, Ong

Chin Lee, Catherine Chow, Chiang Shao
Ling, Judith Tan, Loh Tai Yin, Yap Si
Si. Jenny Yeo, Tan Lik Kiang.
School Certificate: Rosaline Chua,
Margaret Goh, Patrick Kang, Quek Chor
Meng, Quek Swee Kok.

GALILEE NEWS: Those to be baptised/con-
firmed at Christmas kindly inform Pastor
Heng.

LIFE CHURCH NEWS:

**REMINDER: Meeting of Life Church/FEBC
joint committee Sunday night 16th Nov.
8 pm. at home of Elder Tow Siang Hwa.

*Mr. Chary Ang from MacPherson Christian
Church has been employed as Church-cum-
Kindergarten caretaker with effect from
12.11.69.

* The gates around the Life Church pre-
mises will normally be locked except for
the one at the back (near the parsonage)
from 11.00pm. to 7am.

* For security reasons, rooms not in use
are to be locked. Keys are obtainable
from the Church Office. Please sign out.

* CALLING ALL CAROLLERS! Would-be carollers
of Life Church must attend practices be-
ginning next Sunday Nov. 16th after
Worship Service at Church Auditorium i/c.
Henry Heng & Koh Kim Hiang.

* VOLUNTARY READER to read hymns and
scriptures to the blind boy on this
Saturday at 9 am.

* PRAY FOR: 1. Mr. Chua Hung Choo recu-
perating at home.

2. Mr. Lim Soon Ngoo, father of Luan
Kheng, @ O.R.G.H.-ward 14B, Bed 53.

Do visit them if you have opportunity.

* FEBC AND LIFE CHURCH OFFICE - telephone
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ISRAELETTTER NO. 17.

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My Dear Readers,

"From the lonely Emmaus road Christ leads His followers on..."

Returning from ordering tables for our Kindergarten last Friday afternoon, we came to a junction winding up the ancient Emmaus road. "How far is Emmaus?" I asked Rev. Carlson. "Well, there are two Emmauses, but the nearer, about five miles from here, is the more probable," he replied.

In the precincts of an ancient, almost deserted monastery dominating the little village, Rev. Carlson turned to Luke 24:13: "And, behold, two of them went the same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about three score furlongs..." (1 furlong = one-eighth mile). On a hill top with a commanding view of the hills of Benjamin and Ephraim, the Greek Orthodox had built a camp-site also now deserted. (Everywhere we go we see remains of a bygone Christianity.)

As we meditated on the Emmaus episode of the Resurrection Story, we could see Cleopas and friend trudging with the western sun ahead when Jesus came alongside. The glow of a new life in their hearts, the opening of their eyes, their dashing back to Jerusalem and Jesus' command to witness are all familiar to you.

Well, the Emmaus road leads to Olivet! Your meeting with Christ will lead you to a surrender of your job, perhaps, to preach the gospel. (Lord, bless the brother considering leaving a good job to study for the ministry.)

"The Commission to Witness."

Emmaus led me to preach from vs. 46-48 under the above theme to a University group. This Commission is given to every disciple, all the more to the specially called. 1. EXTENT: The Commission, a) transcends every national barrier, b) extends to end of the world. 2. QUALITY: The Commission needs forthright witnesses, speaking from a Resurrection experience without fear or favour. Their witness is a) a monologue, a straight message from God. b) Not a dialogue, as a watered-down Christianity, even the so-called new-evangelicalism is attempting with other religions. (Did not Billy Graham say earlier this year in the Eastern Sun, "There is basic truth in all religion"?) 3. METHOD: a) By proclaiming, preaching, making known in every way - hence personal witnessing, tracting, Sunday School, singing, music, poetry, etc., etc. b) By being, for we are living epistles read of all men (2 Cor. 3:2). A witness in court must be of good character and reputation. How much more it is demanded of Christians, if our witness is to be effective, to have a godly, holy life, no one able to point a finger at us! Finally the blessing to every devoted Witness is Christ's personal companionship throughout his ministry, till he is taken. What a blessed thought to recall how Dr. Lambie was taken in death - in a twinkling, as he was preparing an Easter message, at the Garden Tomb. "If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour" (Jn. 12:26)

Be not worldly-ambitious! As another batch of our young people is taking S.C. and H.S.C. and will come to their first cross roads of life. I wonder if any will surrender to the Lord in full-time service? Meantime, we have been remembering you in our prayers. "Courage, weary sons and daughters, Though your Exam path be long. Ye who have come to the Father, Shall not run the race alone!"

Closing of Mary Lovel School for Blind Girls

Mary Lovel opened this Blind School about 1897. She died in 1932. A tiny Arab girl, Adele Dafesh, was brought to her care in 1903. She grew up to be Mary Lovel's successor. She became principal of the school for over fifty years. Hundreds of blind girls were saved through Mary Lovel and Adele Dafesh. We call the latter Sit Adele (Sit = Miss, in Arabic). Sit Adele was Dr. Lambie's good friend. She helped our Church from her embryonic days to the present, as organist. She brought her choir who always rendered a song. Alas, now has come the time for her to retire. She is now gone to England where her sponsors are!

To Sit Adele

Although I've known thee but a while,
Thy friendship's sweet indeed!
In Christ are knit souls without guile
The gentle and the meek.

Sit Adele, though thine eyes are blind,
Thy heart is very bright.
Through seven decades thou hast shined
From early morn to night.

Thou madest thy home in Bethlehem,
And helped us in our church.
And now the time of our parting
Has come on much too quick!

Wherever the Lord might lead thee
He's always by thy side,
And as thy days thy strength shall be,
For He shall yet provide.

The twenty odd girls under Sit Adele's care are sent to the Helen Keller Institute. We pay them occasional visits.

The closing of another Christian institution rekindles our perseverance for the faith. What if we are to retreat also? Does not Christ say, "Occupy till I come?"

Conference with Dr. Lynn Gray Gordon

To this end Dr. Gordon, Gen. - Sec. of the Independent Board, is making a special stop here next Tuesday on his way back to U.S. from Kenya. Troubles there are everywhere, not the least in Kenya, we understand. Satan exerts pressure on God's Kingdom, if not to overrun it, at least to push back the boundary. We must resolutely keep up without let in the spiritual fight. How shall we achieve our end? It seems the training of Christian warriors is the best answer.

Tassickers at Oxford

The Owen Tassickers write of good times at Oxford. Soon completing his sabbatical research and teaching - Elder Tassicker plans to sail back to Australia on the 'Ellinis' Jan. 7. If you can, write the Tassickers at 'Mole End', Burcot, via Abingdon, Berks, England.

Yours in the bonds of Calvary,

T.T.

P.S. As I conclude this letter in the Mission V W microbus on Manger Square, with Jemima playing and Ivy marketing, I once again see the unique position of the Holy Land. Bus loads of pilgrims and tourists, mostly Americans and their Negro brethren and sisters are streaming into the Nativity Church. Below, to my right, are the gleaming fields of Boaz. "Thy rolling fields of barley sweet, Thy narrow Lanes with busy feet Resound with wondrous tales of old. The sacred pages unfold."

T.T.

contd. from last week.

BEWARE OF THE CULTS

Coupled with the ignorance of Christian doctrine, the other factor that makes cultist conversion so seemingly complete is the fact that the cultists train their workers. Not really a great deal. For example the J.W. missionary completes his training in barely 2 months. During this time he is taught some tactics and the doctrines of his cult. He is told a few words of Greek to be used on the unenlightened to impress them a little in their "kingdom".

Beloved, how shall we counter these cults. First of all, do not receive them into your homes. Read II John 10,11. Don't offer them any hospitality, God's Word says. So, simply, tell them "Go away". "Not interested" or some similar fashion.

Should they have been admitted unto various guises as salesman or other, tell them to leave immediately.

Don't attempt to convert them unless you are quite certain of your own faith. Frankly, as they are out to convert you, most likely the end result would be a "draw". So, don't waste your breath. Do not purchase their books. Why encourage them thereby and waste your money. Worse, what if the book gets into the hands of some weaker brother.

Be grounded in the truth yourself. Feed on God's Word. Read up about the cults to be aware of their false teachings. I recommend the pamphlet "The Spirit of Truth and Error." and the books "The Chaos of Cults" by Van Baalen and "Heresies and Cults" by J.O. Sanders.

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

**Life Church welcomes home MR. LAU KING
HONG - 74 Emerald Hill Road. (9)

*Congratulations to Bro. Lau Chin Kwee for being elected Chairman of the Teachers' College Christian Fellowship 1970. Please pray for him as he leads the fellowship.

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ISRAEL LETTER NO. 16

Box 26,
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My Dear Readers,

BETHLEHEM

As Christmas will soon be upon us and each one of our churches and Sunday Schools is beginning to prepare for the joyous celebrations ahead, I should like to contribute to your devotion an article on Bethlehem, the city of our Saviour's birth. It is excerpted from a brochure by the Ministry of Tourism, Israel, as follows:-

"Perched on a hill overlooking a fertile valley, just a few miles from Jerusalem, sits the little Town of Bethlehem. Its name attests to the richness of the soil; for in Hebrew, Beth Lehem means "House of Bread".

"The visitor to Bethlehem finds a quiet mountain town, some 775 metres (about 2,500 ft.) above sea level. In the valley below can be seen sheep grazing among the carefully-tended fields, orchards and gardens. The stillness of the air is punctuated by the sound of bells coming from the many churches, schools and orphanages that find their home here.

"Throughout its history, Bethlehem has remained a small town, off the main caravan routes, and overshadowed by the proximity of Jerusalem. It finds its first mention in the Bible during the time of the Patriarchs, for it was here that Rachel died giving birth to Benjamin and was buried by her husband (Gen. 35:19,20).

"Later, the fields of Bethlehem provided the setting for the love story of Ruth and Boaz, and it was a few generations later that their descendant, King David was born here. (Ruth 3,4; I Sam. 17:12).

"But the one event that concerns the many pilgrims that come to Bethlehem is the birth of Jesus. We are told in the Gospels that it was in Bethlehem that Mary brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger....' (Luke 2).

"The focus of attention for the visitor to Bethlehem is the Church of the Nativity located in Manger Square. This large citadel-like building, erected over the spot where Jesus was born, was first built by the Emperor Constantine some ten years after he had decreed Christianity the State Religion in 321. Since then the edifice has been extensively restored and is today jointly owned by the Greek, Armenian and Roman churches. Below the basilica lies the Grotto of the Nativity, in the floor of which is found a star with the Latin inscription, 'Hic De Virgine Maria Jesus Christus Natus Est' (Here Jesus was born of the Virgin Mary.).....

"On Christmas Day there are processions from Bethlehem to Shepherds' Field. It was here that the birth of Jesus was announced to the Shepherds, who saw an angel surrounded by a supernatural light.

"At the entrance to Bethlehem is the Tomb of Rachel... On the hill to the north of the Church of the Nativity, are located King David's Wells. These have been identified as the wells from which David 'longed to drink' during a battle with the Philistines (I Chron. 11:17).....

"Mornings, the market place should not be missed. Photographers especially will forget everything else, surrounded with the colours of fruits and vegetables heaped high on the stalls. The richly embroidered gowns of the peasant women, the coffee and lemonade vendors with their finely decorated jugs, the donkeys with their bells and trappings, the soberly clad Bedouin women with their copper pots and the accompanying cast of porters, urchins, and butcher boys all vie for the visitors' attention....."

"O Bethlehem, O Bethlehem"

As I move around this cradle town of Christianity and see our Faith at its lowest ebb, the Lord has given me the following verses adapted to the tune of "O Christmas Tree" by E.G. Anschuetz. Please note there is a repetition of the notes of the first two lines.

O Bethlehem, O Bethlehem,
Thou David's City Royal!
From days of yore thou art the same:
Thy olive hills and flowers;
Thy rolling fields of barley sweet,
Thy narrow lanes with busy feet,
Resound with wondrous tales of old
The sacred pages unfold.

O Bethlehem, O Bethlehem,
 Thou City of Our Saviour!
 Christ was born from the Virgin young,
 So forlorn in a manger.
 But angels rent the midnight sky,
 With song of praise to the Most High,
 While shepherds quaked in reverent fear,
 To the first Christmas Noel.

O Bethlehem, O Bethlehem,
 Thou City of the Pilgrims!
 Two thousand years thou art the same:
 Thy church tow'rs and bells pealing.
 O that the angels' song of praise
 Thy sons with one accord would raise:
 The glad news of God's saving plan
 Re-echo from land to land!

O Bethlehem, O Bethlehem,
 Thou City of All Mankind!
 From year to year be thou the same:
 Jesus thy Saviour and mine.
 Peal on the good tidings of Peace,
 Peal forth the Divine Amnesty,
 From Christmas Day to Christmas Day,
 And Earth shall sing Emmanuel!

With pre-Christmas greetings and kind thoughts to every family, and fervent prayers for your H.S.C. and S.C. successes.

Yours for the Gospel,
 T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK:

Tue. Life Pr. Mtg. i/c Edmund Tay.
 8pm.- Faith Pr. Mtg., Mr. Ang
 Thian Seng.
 Wed. 8pm. - Pr.Mtg. i/c Mr. Seow Tiang
 Huat.
 Thur. Sembawang Counsellor Training
 Class; 7.45pm. - Pr. Mtg.
 (not Wednesday this week) - 8 pm.
 - Zion Pr. Mtg., Mr. Johnstone.
 Fri. L.C. Family Worship at home of
 Mrs. Sim Bee Kow, Omar Khayyam Ave.
 S'pore 26.
 Faith Family Worship, 81A Serangoon
 Garden Way, home of Deaconess Tan
 Mooi Huan.
 Sat. Zion, Sembawang and Mt. Carmel YF
 Life YF combine mtg. with Galilee
 at L.C., Speaker - Mr. Swee Thian
 Hoe.
 Lord's Day: Life - Rev. Quek (Dr. Patrick
 Tan); Galilee - Miss Aldis.
 Zion - Rev. Philip Heng.
 Faith - Mr. Huang Ee Hou.
 8pm. - L.C./FEBC Joint Comm. Mtg.
 at the home of Elder(Dr.) Tow Siang
 Hwa.

LIFE CHURCH NEWS: L.C.S.S. Executive
 Committee Mtg. on 23rd Nov.'69, 8 pm.
 @ 9 Gloucester Road (8).
 L.C.S.S. General Staff Mtg. on Sunday,
 30.11.69, 11.45 am. @ 64, Andrew Rd.(11)
 Lunch served.
 FEBC Hostels booked by ICY-SM for
 National Camp from 15th - 20th Dec.'69.
 Motto - "Hence forth..."
 NURSERY CLASS ROSTER: This Lord's Day -
 Miss Liew Li Fah and Miss Jenny Lieu.
 Next Lord's Day - Mrs Phang Chin Yen &
 Miss Elizabeth Tan.

Dr. Carl McIntire,

ICCC President on Far Eastern Tour

In his annual tour this year to
 visit the orphans and churches in South
 Korea, Dr. Carl McIntire, President of
 the International Council of Christian
 Churches (ICCC) is also calling at
 Taiwan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Pakistan
 and London briefly on his way home to
 the U.S.A.

Dr. McIntire accompanied by Mrs.
 McIntire and his brother Mr. Forrest
 McIntire, is due in Singapore from
 Hong Kong next Wednesday Nov. 26, at
 5.40pm and leaves for Lahore, West
 Pakistan the next day at 6.35pm. He will
 meet the leaders of the Singapore and
 Malaysia Council of Christian Churches
 and the Singapore Christian Evangelistic
 League. On Thursday Dr. McIntire will
 speak at the Far Eastern Bible College,
 9 Gilstead Rd. at 8am. and at the Chin
 Lien Bible Seminary at 11.30 am. All are
 welcome to the two colleges.

Dr. and Mrs. McIntire were last in
 Singapore in 1956 when the Far Eastern
 Council of Christian Churches, the Far
 Eastern regional body of the ICC, met
 here for its 3rd general assembly.

L.C.A.C.F.-Mtg. on Sunday, 30.11.69,
 8pm. at FEBC Hall, Gilstead Rd. Come &
 have fellowship with friends from the
 London Chinese Christian Church.
 CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Stephen Song - 25
 Namly Rise (10).
 APOLOGY for omission from S.C. list:
 Miss Doris Chia Lee Mui (Marymount Conv.)
 Please continue to pray for Mr. Lim Soon
 Ngee at ORGH ward 14B, bed 57. Thank
 God Brother Hung Choo has recovered.

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BEWARE OF THE CULTS

I had been intending to write a series on the various cults now operating in Singapore to forewarn our members about their insidious doctrines as well as to enable our members to help others of their friends who have been entrapped in their pernicious methods.

Full well the Scriptures warn us: "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils..." (I Tim 4:1) and "Evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived." II Tim 3:13. "For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, ever learning and never able to come to the truth." II Tim 3:6,7.

When our brother, Dn. Koh Kim Hiang informed me that a certain cult was "unloosing" about 80 of their missionaries in Singapore, I thought it was high time I wrote my series.

Let me share some of the tactics whereby cults operate.

First of all, what is a cult?

It is defined as a "great devotion to a person or thing ; craze or mania" by one well-know dictionary. But for our Christian concept, "a cult is a system which arises out of the orbit of professed Christianity, claiming to be the true Christianity, while at the same time destroying the essential message of our faith."

In this definition we see right away several of the factors that show how deadly the cults are. "Arising out of the orbit of Christianity" they have deviated from the truth. The founders of some of them had a background of Christianity of some sort. Some of the cults even have "Christian" names e.g. Christian Science or "Biblical" name e.g. Jehovah's witnesses. But they are far from being Christian or maintaining Christian truth.

The fact that they claim to be the true Christianity confuses many people, I suppose every one has the right to claim to have the truth. But let us not forget to put them to the test: which is how they measure up to the Word of God.

How do the cults arise? By corruption of the truth.

One favourite way is by adding to the truth of the revealed word of God. It is forever, the Bible PLUS...the writings of their founders, traditions or decrees. They will not say the Bible is wrong. But they suggest that in order to understand the complete truth, you must add on...the Book of the Mormons, Science and Health and Key to the Scriptures.

But what say the Scriptures: "If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book." Rev. 22:18,19.

Another way is by giving a totally different interpretation to a verse, not following the rules for the interpretation of the Bible. For example, the Jehovah's Witnesses do not believe in a literal Hell where there will be eternal punishment. Instead they claim that God will simply annihilate - wipe out completely from His memory - those who do not believe in Christ. So, there is no punishment at all.

Sometimes the cults make unwarranted and bold claims: teach that there is no salvation for the women apart from the men. In order to do so they must be married. This gives rise to the practice of polygamy earlier on in its history. Later on, because of the laws of the US Government, wherein polygamy is illegal, they now practise spiritual polygamy. A man and woman may go through a marriage ceremony but do not live together as man and wife just for the sake of saving her soul. The Mormon founder, Joseph Smith claims that an angel MORONI appeared to him to show him the location of some "golden plates" whereon were hieroglyphics. He pleaded with the angel who then showed him a pair of special spectacles, of two lenses as large as dinner plates. The writings he dictated to a William Spaulding, who was a defrocked Baptist Minister.

How gullible people can be to believe such a wild story. At another time I should like to tell you the stories behind the founders of these cults. They are very revealing. They reveal the connection between the youth of the founders and the way-out teachings they later taught.

Sad it is to see how the cults arise, but sadder it is to see how they grow.

Basic to the flourish of the cults is the general ignorance of Christians with regard to the doctrines that the Word of God teach. Subsequently, cultists find that one of the easiest hunting-grounds are brand new babes in Christ or untaught Christians. From previous experience it has been seen that soon after a Gospel Campaign in a certain area the cults would move in. Under the pretense of teaching the word of God, they would then sow their fiendish doctrines. So look out, soul-winners, be sure to follow up your converts. Also look out you forever young babes who never want to

be indoctrinated in the truth.

(To be continued next week).

- P. Heng.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK:

Tue. Life Pr. Mtg. i/c Mr. Tan Wai Choon.

Life Session Mtg. at 8pm.

7pm-Galilee Catechism class.

Faith Pr. Mtg. i/c Elder Chuang.

Wed. 7pm-Galilee B.S. "Hermeneutics"

Galilee Pr. Mtg., Tiang Huat, Speaker

Miss Morton. Special Pr. Mtg. for

Ling Kwang and Faith DVBS.

Fri. Zion family worship at 37 Lipo Ave,

Teachers' Estate, Sembawang (26),

new home of Mr/Mrs Kenneth Foong.

Life Consecrators Mtg. in conjunct-

ion with Galilee Mission Week at

Galilee Church, 8pm, speaker Bob

Buell(OMF).

Sat. End of Term Dinner - FEBC. Welcome
to Uncle Win.

Lord's Day: Life-Uncle Win; Zion-Rev. Quek
Faith-Rev. Quek(Holy Communion).

CHRISTMAS IS COMING! Get the true message
of Christmas across this year. Why not
include tracts with your Christmas cards?

LIFE CHURCH NEWS: Tonight... Sunday, 30th
Nov. 1969... Life Church ACF meets with
some Christian friends, formally from the
London Chinese Church, @ 8pm-FEBC Hall.

Slides will be shown. All adults welcome.
PLEASE PRAY FOR Henry Chen, son of Mr/Mrs
Y.C. Chen formerly of L.C.-recently under-
went 2 major operations for giant cell
tumours in the neck.

GREETINGS to our church from Mr/Mrs Tan
Swee Teck, 19403 Delshaw Ave. Gardena,
Calif.

SECRETARY NEEDED. Minimum S.C. Must have
good English, type. Short-hand an advant-
age. Contact Rev. Heng - 513676.

ZION/FAITH NEWS - Ling Kwang and Faith
DVBS Planning Committee holds final meet-
ing this Lord's Day at 4.30 p.m.
FUNERAL of Miss Juliet Tan, the blind lady
of Zion Church who had been bed-ridden for
3 years at TRGH, took place on Monday,
Nov. 24. A letter of appreciation has been
received from her brother Mr. Tan Liang
Chia and sister Miss Janie Tan.

ICCC President on Far Eastern Tour

Dr. Carl McIntire, President of the International Council of Christian Churches, arrived in Singapore on Wednesday, 26th November, 1969 in the company of Mrs. McIntire and his brother Mr. Forrest McIntire. He had just visited South Korea in his pre-Christmas annual tour to see the 1,587 orphans in 12 orphanages there and stopped over at Tokyo, Taipei and Hong Kong to see the brethren.

In Singapore Dr. McIntire and party had a full programme. Immediately after arrival, they were received in a Chinese dinner at the Far Eastern Bible College by the Singapore and Malaysia Council of Christian Churches, with leaders of the Bible-Presbyterian Churches and Jesus Saves Mission and the College faculty and students fellowshiping with them. A short service followed in which Dr. McIntire spoke of the Great Commission of Jesus Christ with emphasis on the three "ALL"s in Matt. 28:18-20, and answered questions on issues involving the ICCC and its stand.

The next day, Thursday, Nov. 27, Dr. McIntire spoke at the FEBC Chapel Hour on Ephesians 5:1-17, differentiating between the unbelievers, the wise Christians and the unwise Christians. At 11.45 a.m. Dr. McIntire, after visiting Zion & Faith Bible-Presbyterian Churches with the ICCC Far Eastern Office, addressed a good gathering of the Singapore Christian Evangelistic League and Chin Lien Bible-Seminary at the John Sung Memorial Chapel in the Seminary. Here he recalled the support of the League as the first organised body in Singapore to join the ICCC as an associate member, and spoke on the three needs in Psalm 20:5, "We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners: the LORD fulfil all thy petitions". Another Chinese dinner in honour of the Lord's faithful servants followed during which all the three visitors gave words of appreciation and exhortation.

The party then left in the evening for West Pakistan and then London before returning to the USA where Dr. McIntire will soon make his US\$750,000 Christmas appeal mainly for the orphans in Korea and other needy areas such as Africa, India, Pakistan and South America. It takes US\$15/- per month to maintain one orphan in Korea.

God willing, Dr. & Mrs. McIntire hope to return to Singapore during the school holidays next April for the coming 7th general assembly of the FECCC and 1st Conference of ICY-Asia and the Far East.

- Q.K.C.

GALILEE NEWS: Galilee Missions Week: 30th
Nov. - 7th Dec.

WELCOME TO UNCLE WIN: Arriving 2.20 pm. from
Saigon by Flight VN 648.

WEDDING on Saturday December 6th at 4 pm.
between Mr. Tan Thiam Hong and Mary Tan
of the Fishermen of Christ.

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the Way, the
Truth, and the Life; no man cometh unto
the Father, but by me." St. John 14:6.

NURSERY CLASS ROSTER: Next Lord Day -
Miss Tan Ong Lan and Miss Esther Tow.

THOT FOR THE WEEK:

"Has someone seen Christ in you today?
Christian, look to your heart, I pray.
The world, with a criticizing view,
Has watched, but did it see Jesus in you?"

- Hopkins

So live that no man can despise your
Saviour!

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Box 26,
Bethlehem, Israel,
November 29, 1969.

My Dear Readers,

"He goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see Him" (Mk. 16:7).

This statement by the angel to the two Marys and Salome confirms the importance of our Lord's appointment with the apostles on the Betrayal Night: "But after I am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee" (Matt. 26:32). Why should the Lord meet with them in Galilee? If we notice that Jesus met with Peter and six others on Galilee's shore (Jn. 21), and the eleven (with 500 brethren, 1 Cor. 15:6, Scofield) on Galilee's mountain (Mtt. 28:16) we might draw this conclusion: Galilee provided the ideal setting for such a meeting. When the disciples under Peter's leadership caught not a single fish, but were provided with 153 at the word of the Risen Saviour, they were assured of a supply for their daily needs in the Lord's service. When they received the Great Commission to go into all the world on Galilee's mountain they not only saw a wide horizon of service, but recalled vividly Jesus' mighty acts in their home country.

With sacred memories of our Saviour's mighty works and immaculate life in His home country as recorded in the gospel, we made a trip to Galilee with Dr. Gordon on Thanksgiving Eve. (America's commemoration of the Pilgrim Fathers). The Lord gave us journeying mercies, clear weather, but above all the blessing of His presence as we walked where Jesus walked.

Bible Geography Again!

Please look up the following place names on your Bible map along the route we took: Bethlehem, Jerusalem; Benjamin: Gibeah, Bethel; Ephraim: Shiloh, Nablus (Shechem), Mt. Gerizim, Mt. Ebal, Sychar (Jacob's Well), Samaria, Dothan, Megiddo (Har Megiddo = Armageddon, Rev. 16:16), Mt. Tabor (Mt. of Transfiguration, Mtt. 17:1-9) River Jordan, Tiberias, Sea of Galilee, Capernaum.

The Sea of Galilee sinks 212 m. (over 600 ft.) below sea level. Surrounded by brown mountains (green in spring), under the bright summer sky, the waters shine turquoise blue, a most arresting contrast.

Capernaum is identified as Jesus' "own city" (Mtt. 9:1) where Matthew worked at the custom-house (Mtt. 9:9, Lk. 5:27-29), the home of Peter and Andrew (Mk 1:29). Here are the remains of the Synagogue where Jesus preached (Jn. 6:24-60).

Capernaum, despite Jesus' miracles, did not repent and was cursed: "And thou Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day." (Mtt. 11:23). Today, Capernaum is only an archaeological site, not even a fishing boat to tie to its ancient wharf. But, Tiberias is a flourishing resort.

At Church of Scotland Hospice

Arriving Tiberias on the Sea of Galilee at sunset (4.30 p.m.), we found shelter at the Church of Scotland Hospice, Safed Road. Originally a mighty mission hospital, it is today converted into a pilgrims and tourists centre in the ebbing of the missionary tide. There are various reasons for ebb, but the drying up of the missionary spirit through modernism and ecumenism has affected missions in many lands.

Nevertheless, we're grateful for the shelter and good food provided, particularly the tranquil atmosphere (this is off-season) in which to discuss with Dr. Gordon our future work. As we prayed together, a sense of rededication and renewed devotion to the Saviour overwhelmed us.

The next day we climbed the Mount of Beatitudes where is another hospice. We visualised how the five thousand, sitting on the grassy slopes, were fed. We felt the Lord commissioning us anew into all the world.

One blessing from the Galilee trip is a new song the Lord has given, to the Irish Air of "The Last Rose of Summer" (May I take this opportunity to salute the Galileans, and the Contentos, whose tenancy of our present church home in Pasir Panjang we took over in on June, 1960.):—

O Galilee!

There's a sea I've learnt to love From our Mother's knee,
And more I've come to love her, the Sea of Galilee.
'Midst mountains brown she's nestled, Her water's so blue.
More beauteous are her stories, So wondrously true!

✓ 'Tis the sea our Saviour loved From His youthful days
Alone with her in secret, He pondered and prayed.
The Son of God was revealed Upon the raging storm:
At His Word, "Peace, be thou still," Reigned a perfect calm.

O Galilee, I love thee, Not for what thou art!
For Him Whose feet sailed o'er thee, He has won my heart.
Hearest thou His gentle voice, Whispering o'er the lea?
"Lovest thou Me more than these?" "Yea, Lord, I love Thee."

Yours sincerely in His service,
T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. to Fri. Ling Kwang & Faith DVBS
Tues. Life Pr. Mtg. i/c
Faith Pr. Mtg. i/c Elder Lee
Wed. 8p.m. Galilee Pr. Mtg., Mun Chye.
Zion Pr. Mtg. i/c Charlie Tan.
Fri. 12th Dec. Galilee Church Session -
Mtg.
Faith family worship, 40, May-
flower Way, S'pore 23, new home of
Dn. & Mrs. Chern Chia Thye.
Sat. Life, Zion Sembawang, Galilee YF.
Lord's Day: Life: Mr. Adeney; Zion: Rev.
Quek; Faith: Rev. Quek Khoo Swee;
Gal.: Mr. Ogawa; K. Sawit: Rev. Heng;
Toa Payoh: Rev. Quek Kioh Chiang.

LIFE NEWS: FEBC Premises will be occu-
pied by the Bukit Ho Swee Mission on
Dec. 8-13 for their end of Year Camp.

NURSERY CLASS ROSTER: Next Lord's Day -
Miss Tan Poe Hoon and Miss Jessie Cher.

SECRETARY NEEDED: Minimum S.C. Must have
good English, type. Short-hand an advant-
age. Contact Rev. Heng - 513676.

GENERAL ITEM AND THE YEAR RIGHT:

Remember to return all books and articles
not belonging to you.

GOSPEL BOOK ROOM SPECIAL SALE: All books
10% discount.

Include tracts in your Christmas Card.
Tracts are available at Life Church and
Galilee Church.

ZION & FAITH NEWS: Zion & Faith Congre-
gations are requested to pray for, and
urge their Church or friends to attend
Faith & L.K. Sunday School DVBS this com-
ing Mon. - Fri. Dec. 8-12, 9 a.m. to 12
noon. Zion & Faith Sunday School Students
are invited to attend.

GALILEE NEWS: Dr. Lyra sends greetings to
Galilee Church. His address is Columbia
Bible College, P.O.Box 3122, Columbia
29203, South Carolina.

WELCOME/FAREWELL to MISS ALDIS: Miss Aldis
left for Medan Thursday 10:30a.m. Her
address: Djalan Sungei Bertu, 10. Medan,
Sumut, Indonesia.

Change of Addresses: Ong Kim Cheng and
Peng Seng to 1208-L (Bl. 164) Stirling Rd.
Singapore 3.

Tan Yong Kwang, Ronald, Bl. 157, 56-N,
Mei Ling St., Singapore 3.

Ngiam Swee Chong, 49-A, Sing Avenue, (8).
Phone 22241.

Please Pray and write to:- Mr. Dick
Dowsett. Overseas Missionary Fellowship,
Pinamalayan F -306, Oriental Mindoro,
Philippines.

UNCLE WIN'S ENGAGEMENT: Jurong S.S. - Sun,
Mon & Tues. 2.00 p.m. Zion/Faith DVBS -
Mon. & Tues. 9.00 a.m. Sembawang S.S.
Wed. & Fri. 10.a.m.

Nightly Seminars: Mon. "Reaching Primaries"
Tues. "Reaching Juniors"; Wed. "Reaching
Intermediates."

Zion and Faith Groups' Christmas Programme at a glance.

Zion Christmas Eve: Carol Service at Church, 7 p.m. - 8 p.m., followed by
Carolling at Chronic Sick Hospital and Trafalgar, and then at selected homes. Christ-
mas gifts, to be presented individually by Zion S.S. Church on Dec. 21, will be dis-
tributed to the hospital patients.

Christmas Day: Christmas Service at church, 10 a.m. with Zion Kindergarten, Ling
Kwang Sunday School and Toa Payoh Sunday School also presenting items.

Zion S. S. Christmas parties at the homes of certain teachers according to dept.
Offerings for Biafra will be given by S.S. and the Church congregation on Dec. 21.

Faith S.S. Christmas party, Sat. Dec. 20, 2.30 p.m.

Christmas Eve: Carolling at T.T.S. hospital and then at selected homes. Christ-
mas gifts from the S.S. and the Church congregation will be distributed to the poor.
Offerings for Biafra to be given by S. S. and church congregation on Dec. 21.

Christmas Day: 7.45 p.m., Christmas Service at Z.K., Ling Kwang S.S. and Toa
Payoh S.S. participating.

Toa Payoh Chinese Christian Church: Christmas Service, Lord's day Dec. 21, 3 p.m.
S.S. Christmas party Mon - Dec. 22, 3 p.m.

Tekong Gospel Centre - Christmas Service Dec. 28, 2 p.m. Christmas gifts to be dis-
tributed by Faith Ladies' Fellowship.

Homes for the aged at Johore Bahru and Kota Bahru: Christmas gifts to be distributed
by Zion and Faith.

GALILEE CHURCH S.S. ELECTIONS:

Officers for 1970.

Gen. Supt. - Elder Chia Hong Chek.

i/c Senior Dept. - Dn. Ambrose James.

i/c Junior Dept. - Dn./Mrs. Vincent Leong

Sec. : Ong Chon Peng.

Treasurer: Dns. Maureen Leong

Registrar: Dn. Lim Kim Hee

Publicity: Messrs. Gan Teck Lee, Seow Tiang
Huat.

STOP PRESS: Cable has been received inform-
ing that Uncle Win is held back by Air
strike in Vietnam, will probably arrived in
S'pore by Sun. 10.10 p.m. or Mon. 10.40p.m.

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Uncle Win's Arrival

By God's grace, Uncle Win arrived Singapore 12.50 p.m. Monday, afternoon. Late again. But through no fault of his own as Air Vietnam was on strike. Rev. Quek was the first to meet him at the Airport after which he was whisked away by Elder Tow Siang Hwa and Rev. Heng for lunch at Mont 'Dor.

After the quick lunch he was off again to Jurong where the children eagerly waited his coming. Poor Thian Hoe was a bit anxious that he would have to speak in case Uncle Win and Pastor Heng did not show up. Uncle Win was given a good welcome by the Jurongites. Despite the continuing rain the children came. An average attendance of 90 children.

When Uncle Win did not arrive for the first meeting on Sunday, Pastor Heng substituted for him. We thank God for the helpers that came from Life Church and the FEBC. There were altogether 20 helpers led by Dr. Patrick Tan, Mr. Goh Seng Fong and Mr. Teo Soon Hock driving. It was a heartening sight to see the youthful counsellors readily deal with the younger ones. Altogether for the 3 days there were about 25 decisions.

Uncle Win at Zion and Sembawang

It was not an easy programme for Uncle Win, he was quickly and heavily put to work on Tuesday morning. Uncle Win was at Zion Church for their DVBS programme. It was unfortunate that we could not combine with the Faith Church DVBS but he was given a warm reception nonetheless. (See Report by Miss Peggy Yeo). On Wednesday Uncle Win was expected at Sembawang, it was a complete wash-out because of the flood. However, we thank God for the enforced day of rest. I am sure we all felt better for having it. On Thursday and Friday it was a thrill to see the Sembawangites get out and bring the young children in. Brother Kok Fong counted 97 that first morning. Slightly fewer on the second day. We thank God for at least 20 decisions for these two mornings.

Nightly Seminars

We are grateful that Uncle Win was able to hold at least 2 Seminars on "Reaching Primaries & Juniors". We truly appreciate his sharing with us out of his wide experience the joy and privilege of reaching the young for Christ. His thoughts were both instructional as well as inspirational. How much we need both! Our only regret was that there was a poor response from our Sunday School but Zion braved the rain to make a good turn out. Where were you, fellow Sunday School teachers?

All in all, we thank God for a blessed time with Uncle Win when souls were saved and Christians cooperated. When will Uncle Win come again? He replied with a smile, "Same time next year I hope." Perhaps it would be possible to organise a combined SS teachers' Conference and Workshop including all our branch S.S. If a bit ambitious, we could extend it to all evangelicals in our island. By the turn-out this week, I am strongly tempted to extend his ministry island-wide. How can we be selfish when our own teachers will not come!

Life Church Flooded In

For the first time in our Church's history, flood waters inched up the steps crept into the church and threatened to cover our lower pulpit platform. As a result, there is mud everywhere, it proved to be a wearisome time for our poor caretaker, Chary Ang. But thank God on Thursday evenings some Church members rallied to clean up God's House. These include Elder Joshua Lim and son David, Elder Chia and son Peter, Dn. Koh Kim Hiong, Ping Swee, Ping Kong, Lee Theng Kiat and two cousins, etc. We are very grateful for the ready help of the Mt. Camelites who were around preparing the ICY -Camper. We also express our thanks to the Bukit Ho Swee Mission of Neil Road Gospel Hall whose campers at our premises turned out to be "caretakers" of God's House. They help to lift the organ and piano to the upper pulpit platform and thus prevented serious damage to them.

Poor Dr. Tan and family had to move to higher ground into the Parsonage. Once again our Church rooms proved to be a haven for the refugees from the kampong behind the church. But what a mess was left behind!

I am making a delayed appeal for help to clean up the House of God. There are odd corners here and there in all our premises that have yet to be cleared of dried-up mud. Will you help? Shall I leave this as a standing appeal that in future should flood waters threaten, will you come to the rescue of our Church property and should there be a flood to help in the cleaning up?

Yours affectionately,
Philip Heng.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. - Sat. ICY CAMP
Mon. - Fri. Faith Church Youth Camp at
Ponggol Holiday Camp (Tel:802975)
Tues. 8pm.Pr. Mtg. i/c
Wed. 8pm.Pr. Mtg. Galilee; Mr. Ambrose
Fri. Family Worship (Galilee) @ home of
Dn.&Mrs. Vincent Leong, 12-G Bl.6-C
Margaret Drive, Singapore 3.
Sat. 9a.m. Ling Kwang-Faith D.V.B.S.
Follow up Rally.
2.30 p.m. Faith Church SS Christmas
Party.
Lord's Day: Life: Christmas Service :Rev.
Heng; Zion: Rev. Quek (Holy Comm. &
Baptism) Faith: Youth evangelist
Mr. Tang Chung Yong from Indonesia.
Mt.C. Rev. Heng; Toa Payoh Chinese
Church: 2p.m. Christmas Service.

LIFE CHURCH NEWS: 7.30 p.m ACF get-toget-
her (& barbecue) at Life Church Ground.
Dec. 24th: Evening Carol parties from Life
Church and Galilee will leave to visit
the homes of the respective members.
Dec. 25th: Night Combined Carol Service of
Life, Galilee, Mt. Carmel, Jurong and
Sembawang at Life Church 8.00 p.m.
CONGRATULATIONS: To Mr./Mrs. Yee Keong Hu
on the birth of their son: Jeremy Yee Pinh
on 3/12/69.

Change of Address: Mr/Mrs. Willie Seah to
412 Joo Chiat Place (Joo Chiat Garden)
Singapore 15, Tel: 462580.

Mr./Mrs. Richard Chua Hua Meng, 43
Chartwell Drive. (19).

D.V. Dr. Cheng Wei Nien is expected home
Dec. 19.

NURSERY CLASS ROSTER: Next Lord's Day-
Miss Grace Fu and Miss Lee Soon Ngee.

* Flood Relief: Let's make a Christian
expression to help those affected by the
floods. Special offerings to be taken in
the Benevolent boxes this Lord's Day.

Our deepest sympathy to Bro.& Mrs. Sng
Teck Leong and Bro. Teck Hock on their
bereavement of mother, Mrs. Sng Ghee Huat.
Cortege will leave 125 Dunlop Street at
1.30 p.m. on Sunday, 14th Dec. for Choa
Chu Kang Cemetery.

FEBC NEWS: Far Eastern Bible College re-
opens for next term on January 6th.

Applications for admission for fulltime
or part-time courses may be made to the
Registrar, 9A Gilstead Rd, Singapore 11.
FAR EASTERN BEACON Christmas issue are
available this Lord's Day. Articles in-
clude "Why Christian Believe in the Virgin
Birth of Christ" By Dr. Carl McIntire,
and "30 years of Witnessing for the Word
of God and Jesus Christ in Singapore" by
the Editor.

ZION NEWS: The Standing Committee of the
Presbytery has suggested that charity
box offerings be taken at our Churches
after worship services this Lord's Day in
aid of the flood victims through the
General Relief Fund.

Shin Lien Bible Seminary celebrates Christ-
mas this Lord's Day, Dec. 14 at 7.30 p.m.

All welcome.

Ling Kwang -Faith D.V.B.S.

(8th -12th Dec. 1969, 9-12 noon)

"There shall be showers of blessing..."
Literally as well as figuratively was this
true of the Ling Kwang - Faith DVBS this
past week! But the floods on Wednesday
did not wash out the doughty few who came.

Attendance through the week ranged
from 130 to 165, witting a low of 23 on
Wednesday. There were about 50 professions
of faith from among the student enrollment
of about 200. Students came from Faith
Church Sunday School, the kampong behind
Zion, Jalan Aman, Toa Payoh and Zion Sun-
day School.

Speakers for the English session were
Uncle Win, Bros. Charlie Tan and Eddy
Angullia, and Sis. Peggy Yeo. Mr. Liew
Hon Seng was the main speaker for the
Chinese session.

The Lord provided bountifully for
every need: in workers, materials, and
finance. One little child from the Sun-
day School offered a substantial gift in
coins! And many others gave sacrificially
that the Lord's Kingdom may grow.

We praise God for His grace outpoured.
We thank the brethren for their prayer
support, their gifts, and their loving
ministry to the little ones.

A follow-up Rally is planned for Sat.,
Dec. 27, 9.00 a.m.

- Peggy Yeo -

The Story of Christmas

The story of Christmas can never grow old,
No matter how often we hear it;
And strange tho it seems, the more oft
it be told,
Its telling but helps to endear it.

That story is told in the cold northern
lands,
Repeated mid isles of the ocean;
We hear it again on the hot desert sands,
We sing it amid earth's commotion.

The story of Christmas we gladly repeat,
We find it a joy and our duty;
How gladly we publish the tidings so
sweet,
To those not aware of its beauty.

--- Haldor Lillenas ---

LOVE CAME DOWN AT CHRISTMAS

Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, Love divine;
Love was born at Christmas;
Stars and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the God-head,
Love incarnate, Love divine;
Worship we our Jesus,
But where-with for sacred Sign.

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ISRAEL LETTER NO. 19.

Box 26, Bethlehem,
Israel.

December 5th, 1969.

My dear Readers,

"Our Shelter from the Stormy Blast" (Isa:32:2)

As I begin this letter, all is quiet around our mission compound save the pranking westerly whizzing over the olive tree tops. Winter is coming into the land, like the first regiments of an army, in earnest. Thank God, our bedroom is fully provided -- warm woollen blankets and kerosene heater. Yet the first chills of winter have laid low the Carlson family in this flu epidemic. Tonight, it is "my turn", but the pills my sister brought are keeping the cold in check.

You who bask in perpetual golden sunshine have no idea of winter! When we shiver at 40 degrees F we begin to feel a kindred spirit for the homeless in zero degrees winter snow.

Since 1959 when Dr. McIntire first appealed for \$100,000 for the Korean Orphans, our church has responded annually with a handsome part of our Christmas giving. Twice we shipped boxes of surplus clothing. For several years the Korean Orphans Appeal has included the rest of the world -- India, Pakistan, Biafra, Vietnam, etc., etc. So the Appeal is increased year to year. This year the target is \$750,000! This is asking quite a lot. I hope all our churches, Sunday Schools and Y.F.'s will remember the poor, that our celebrations in plenty may be further blessed. The Lord knows each cheerful giver, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, for I was an hungry and ye gave me meat naked and ye clothed me...." (Matt. 25:34-36). Here in the Holy Land, we are also doing our part.

A New Chorus for our Sunday Schools

Rom:8:28, this flu whilst keeping me from exam preparations, sets my soul to music. Humming to the strains of "O how lovely is the evening" -----
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I find these lines do promote church attendance.

1. O how bright is Sunday morning, Sunday morning,
I can hear the church bell ringing, church bell ringing,
Ding dong, ding dong, ding dong!
2. O how sweet is Sunday morning, Sunday morning,
Listen to the church choir singing, church choir singing,
Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise Him!
3. O how blest is Sunday morning, Sunday morning
When we go to church, worshipping; church, worshipping;
Amen, Amen, Amen!
4. O the peace that comes from worshipping, comes from worshipping,
When our hearts are cleansed from sinning, cleansed from singing,
Shalom, Shalom, Shalom!
(You can substitute for "Shalom", which means "Peace" in Hebrew with our Mandarin: "Ping-an.")

"A man's heart deviseth his way:

But the Lord directeth his steps." (Prov. 16:9)

When we took five month's leave from Life Church little did we know what our future would be after that. Of course we were prepared to return. Since arriving here Aug. 1, the Lord has opened more avenues of service and study, so that I can truthfully say, I've never been so occupied. Apart from my church work and preaching in other churches, schools, Bible Camp, etc., the Lord has given the unexpected opportunity of studying fulltime at the American Institute of Holy Land Studies and Hebrew U. These Biblical studies with modern Hebrew under a one-year M.A. programme will take up to June 15, 1970. With Dr. Gordon's concurrence, both Rev. Carlson and I are earnestly pursuing these studies. We have also a thesis to write.

Dr. Gordon, naturally, would like to have us continue serving in the Holy Land. We must leave our future to the Lord's direction. This delay in home-coming doesn't mean we're forsaking the flocks. We have still our obligations to Life Church, the Mandarin Service, Jurong, Bible College, Huar Rawang and Kelapa Sawit in the immediate context. We remember all the same Zion, Faith, Sembawang, Mt. Carmel, Galilee, Hume Heights.

Our consolation, during the interval, is found in knowledge of the Paauwes' coming to you shortly and also in the hope of Bro. and Mrs. Swee Hwa's returning to

Zion. We must confess, too, our homesickness, our yearning to see so many who have written us. But, for the gospel's sake, His servants are often cast adrift. My sentiments are reflected in this fourth and concluding verse of "O Galilee," to the Irish Air of "The last rose of summer":-

✓ "Fare thee well, sweet Galilee, Farewell, home sweet home.
There's a field white to harvest, Away and beyond.
He who hears the Master's call, Must go where'er He wills
Farewell, home, and Galilee, Farewell, flowers and hills....
Beer Sheba (Well of Oath)

Beer Sheba was home-town of the Patriarchs. It was here that Abraham and afterwards Isaac, made a covenant of peace with the Philistine chief. Beersheba, in the United Kingdom period, was the southern metropolis, hence the saying, "from Dan to Beer Sheba" (II Sam. 17:11). Beer Sheba in present day Israel is once again a big name. It is a boom town and headquarters of the Neger. Tomorrow we will be preaching in Beer Sheba to the Christian Missionary Alliance Hebrew service. Pray for us!

Yours affectionately,
T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. 4.30 pm. Life Church S.S. Party:
Y. Teen & Senior dept.
5 pm. Zion S.S. Beginners Dept's
Christmas Party.
Toa Payoh S.S. Christmas Party.
Tue: 8pm. Life Pr. Mtg. i/c Bro. Wah Ann.
8pm. Gal.: Catechism class.
Wed: Christmas Eve: Carolling by Life &
Galilee.
7pm. Zion Church Carol Service under
candle light, followed by carolling
at 8pm.
7pm. Faith Church carolling.
Thurs: (Christmas Day)
10am. Zion Church Christmas Service,
followed by light fellowship lunch.
2pm. Gal. Church & S.S. & Y.F.
Combined Party.
8 pm. B-P Churches Combined Carol
Service.
8pm. Faith Church Christmas Service.
Sat. 7.45 pm. Faith & Ling Kwang DVBS
follow-up rally.
Lord's Day: Life: Elder Tow Siang Hwa
(Elder Joshua Lim); Zion: ;
Faith: Rev. Tan Sia Yong; Gal: Rev.
Heng.

FLOOD RELIEF FUNDS RECEIVED FROM OUR
CHURCHES: Life: \$85, Galilee: \$31.20,
Zion & Faith: \$100. Total: \$216.20.
Any more?

ZION & FAITH NEW: Baptism at Zion this
Lord's Day, Dec. 21st: Infants: Daniel
Chia Hsao-min; son of Mr. & Mrs. Chia
Hong Kuan; Collin Foong Wai Keong, son of
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Foong.
Adults: Janice Ang, Nancy Lee, Angelina
Chua, Terence Khoo, Doreen Siew.

Offerings this Lord's Day from Zion
& Faith Sunday Schools and congregations
will be devoted to relief of the starving
children in Biafra.

Zion Carolling Party will visit
Chronic Sick Hospital and Trafalgar Home,
and Faith Carolling Party will visit T.T.C.
Hospital (wards 60 to 62 and 1 to 5).
Christmas gift parcels presented by Zion
& Faith Sunday Schools and Faith Congre-

gation this Lord's Day will be distributed
to the patients. Short Christmas messages
will be preached at every ward and carol-
lers will do personal evangelism at the
bedside while distributing gifts and tracts.
Carolling at the homes will be from 11.30pm.
to not later than 3 am. Please inform the
Pastor or other Session members if you
wish the carollers to call.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO LIFE CHURCH: from
Mr. Charom & family. 2 Mandalay Road,
Singapore 11, also from deaf carpenter of
Kelapa Sawit.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM OVERSEAS: to
Life & Galilee Churches Lawrence Leong,
Lee Lin and Kevin, 700 Welsh Road. E 12,
Huntingdon Valley, Pa. 19006. Thanks for
tape-recording from Galilee.
to Life Church from Pearl Yeo. 139,
Charnwood Road, Shepshed-near-Loughborough,
Leicestershire. U.K.
to Galilee Church from Rodney Yeo, S.S.
"Limburg", c/o Nedlloyd Lines, P.O. Box.
1522, Singapore 1.
To Galilee Church from Irene Yam, 110,
Crescent St. N.E. Grand Rapids, Michigan
49503.

GALILEE BAPTISMS: CHRISTMAS SERVICE; 21st
Dec. 1969. 62
Ong Chon Peng, Pasir Panjang Rd. Singapore
5. ; Su Hong Sin, 3 Boon Leat Terrace, (5);
Chin Kok Ling, 18 Jalan Mutiara (10);
Sim, Rosy, 23-6 Selegie House, (7).
INFANTS: Hossan Leong Yuen Yu son of Dn/Mrs.
Vincent Leong.
Joseph Ng Kok Ann son of Dn./Mrs. Ng Thiam
Chun.

NURSERY CLASS ROSTER (LIFE): NEXT LORD'S DAY.
Miss Koh Ah Moy and Miss Josephine Ong.

END THE YEAR RIGHT:

Remember to return all books and articles
not belonging to you.
GOSPEL BOOK ROOM SPECIAL SALE: all books
10% discount.

WISHING YOU A HAPPY CHRISTMAS.

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EXTRACTS FROM ISRAELETTERS NOS.20&21

Box 26, Bethlehem,
Israel.
December 13th, 1969.

My dear Readers,

The Birth of Jesus

Dr. A.W. Eppard my esteemed teacher, writing his "Weekly Bible School Lesson" in the Christian Beacon on Jesus' Birth, quotes Dr. Wilbur M. Smith in Peloubet's Select Notes as follows:-

"From this event have come more hymns and beautiful poems than from any other single event in all the centuries of human life. This is the only time, if we believe the records of Holy Scripture, that anyone was born on earth who previously existed in heaven. This is the only time in all of history when a Saviour of men was born on earth. The one born at this time is the only one in all the universe who is both God and man. The one born at this hour lived the only sinless life that has ever been seen on our globe. The one now born will become the greatest teacher ever heard. The one now born, by dying on the cross, will open a way into the presence of God, will provide that power by which sins may be washed away, will divide all men into two classes -- the saved and the unsaved -- and will forever demonstrate before the world the indispensable and glorious fact that God loves men. By His birth hope broke through the despair of the universe, light burst upon the darkness of the Roman world, heaven descended to earth. God became man, eternal life was made available for those who are dead in trespasses and sins. More joy has come to the human race in meditating upon the birth of Jesus than from thinking upon any other single aspect of all the events that have ever occurred since the birth of Adam to this present hour.

"By the Christmas season home is glorified, motherhood is exalted, childhood is honoured, love is displayed, friends are remembered, gifts are exchanged, and all the sanctities of human life seem to take rightful, sovereign place in the hearts of men."

The blessing of knowledge and giving

At this sacred season of our Saviour's Birth blessed are you indeed to know, as John Calvin has said, "The Son of God became the Son of Man that the sons of men might become the sons of God." By being born into mankind He now leads us to be born into God's family. To do this, He must die on the Cross for our sins. He must pay the awful price.

Once again, let me remind you of that sweet-savour sacrifice we should make as we celebrate Christmas, or else we won't experience the blessing. I'm echoing my support to the Korean Christmas Appeal which I understand our elders have heartily approved.

ISRAELETTER NO.21 dated 20.12.1969.

Why is the little town of Bethlehem and its peaceful countryside essentially the same as it was in Christ's day? One reason I can think of is the special providence of God in preserving it for a testimony of His own Son.

Twenty minutes walk from the Manger Church brings you the field where the angels appeared to the Shepherds. This field is also essentially the same. So Christians are tourists love to go to the Shepherd's Field on Christmas Eve to join in the Christmas services.

There are two services held at the Shepherd's Field, one by the YMCA and the other by our Church. It will be a real thrill and blessing to give the gospel message there to hundreds under the same frosty, moon-lit sky where angels appeared to men! Please pray for us that our gospel witness to a dying world might bear fruit. At least, this is one time in the year when we will speak to a big crowd.

Ironically, Christmas in the Holy Land being the faith of a minute minority, is a quiet affair. There are no Santa Clauses and reindeer, no blaring jingle-bell jazz, no commercial exploitation of your Christmas shopping, no post-early-for-Christmas reminders, no all-night motorised carolling, angpows and makan -- in short, no "Christmas" atmosphere we're so accustomed to from year to year. Because of the strained relations in a land of unrest, the authorities have to impose strict regulations on pilgrims and tourists visiting Bethlehem. This makes the situation more sombre. However, crowds of the faithful and adventurous will find their way to the Nativity Church and Shepherd's Field. Our attention presently is focused on giving forth a gospel witness, the night of the of the Holy Birth. Dear Reader, perchance you're still outside Jesus Christ?

O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray;

Cast out our sin and enter in, Be born in us today.

Yours affectionately,
T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK:

Tue. 7 pm. Galilee: Catechism Class.

8 pm. Life Chr. Session Extraordinary Mtg.

Pr. Mtg. i/c Mr. Tan Wai Choon

Wed. New Year's Eve.

10.30 pm. WatchNight Service, Combine Life Chr. & Galilee.

8 pm. Faith Church Watchnight Pr. Service.

10.45 pm. Zion Church Watchnight Service (Holy Communion).

Thur. (New Year's Day)

8 am - 5 pm. Faith & S.S. Get-together at Punggol Holiday Camp.

Fri. 8 pm. Zion Family Worship @ the Parsonage.

Sat. Life, Zion, Sembawang Galilee YF.

Lord's Day: Life: Rev. Heng; Zion: Rev. Quek; Faith: Rev. Quek (Holy Comm.); Galilee: Rev. Heng; Life Mandarin Service: Rev. Quek.

NEWS ITEMS: Offerings so far received for the starving children in Biafra in response to Dr. Carl McIntire's Christian appeal: Singapore Christian Evangelistic League: \$800/-; Life Church S.S. \$120/-; Zion S.S. \$207/-; Faith Church S.S. \$34.10; Zion Congregation \$260.60, (with another \$108/- and savings from Christmas Fellowship Lunch offered by three sisters); Faith Congregation \$191.75. Total so far: \$1,721.45.

Christmas gift parcels brought by Zion & Faith S.S. children and Faith congregation were much appreciated by inmates of the Chronic Sick Hospital, Trafalgar Home & 8 wards in T.T.S. Hospital. May the personal evangelism done by the carollers as they distributed the gifts from bed to bed bring comfort and cheer and bear fruit in due course. Pulau Tekong Gospel Centre celebrates Christmas this Lord's Day at 2 pm. with Faith Church Ladies Fellowship distributing Christmas gifts.

LING KWANG MISSION: Ten-year-old Soris of Ling Kwang S.S., who had been suffering from Leukaemia went home to be with the Lord on Christmas Day. Funeral took place the next day with many Ling Kwang S.S. teachers among others attending. Ling Kwang Home Visitors' Society met the \$90 funeral expenses -- a charity rate, thanks to Lim Hock Seng Undertakers of Selegie Rd. Ling Kwang Mission appreciates the gift of \$100/- from a Faith Church friend and \$5/- from Mr. & Mrs. Roddam who sent Christmas greetings to Zion from the U.K. Ling Kwang Children's Centre & Tuition classes resumes on January 5th.

Zion & Faith Churches appreciate the many Christmas greeting cards received from members and friends abroad.

SMCCC holds extraordinary general mtg. next Lord's Day, Jan. 4 at 8pm. at 64 Andrew Road, home of Elder & Mrs. Tow Siang Hwa to discuss the hosting of the 7th general assembly of FECCC & 1st Conference of ICY-Asia and the Far East.

Evangelist Dr. Bob Wells' and Prof. Fague Springmann's coming have been confirmed by telegram.

FEBC NEWS: Far Eastern Bible College re-opens on January 6th 1970, with registration on Jan. 5th

BELATED CHRISTMAS GREETINGS: to Galilee Chr. Shelley Loh: P.O.Box 274. Kuala Belait, Brunei.

Bhaskara Vally: Seethalakshmi Achi Main Hostel, Pallatur, Ramanad Dt. (S. India)

Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Lukose & Family:

Madhurassine Home S.V. Market P.O.

Karunagapally, Kerala State, S. India.

Rev. & Mrs. John E. Grauley & Family: 2110

Naaman's Road, Wilmington, Delaware. 19803.

to Life Church from: Arnold Thio: 35/39 Queen's Gardens, London W. 2.

Angela Tow: St. Michael's Cottage, 78-A

Canon St. Winchester, Hampshire, U.K.

Tow Siang Kwang: 145 Woodward Lane S.E. Grand Rapids, Michigan. 49506.

Lee Soon Meng: 152 Schultze Hall, Knollcrest Campus, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan. 49506.

Bro. / Mrs. Sng Teck Leong and Teck Hock & their family thank Life/Galilee Churches for:

- 1) Prayer/visits while their mother was in hospital.
- 2) Visits, encouragement, condolences wreath and donations on their recent bereavement.

Life Church Family Worship: Will members interested in having this in their homes in 1970, please contact the Clerk of Session Dn. Chee Ah Chai or inform the Church Office phone 513676.

THE I.C.Y.-S.M. 7th National Camp

A joyous Christmas and a blessed New Year to you from ICY-Singapore/Malaysia'. It is with much joy that I report on the I.C.Y.-S.M. 7th National Camp held at the L.Church/FEBC premises.

Thank you for your prayer-support. The Lord truly answered our prayers. We started off with around a hundred campers and as the days went on the number increased.

The number of decisions for dedication and re-dedication was astounding sixty odd. Rev. Peter Ng's messages were "meaty" and challenging. The Lord truly worked through him as evidenced by the number of decisions. Do pray that these 'consecrators' be kept faithful.

The discussions on "Dating, Courtship and Going Steady", "Cults", & "Christian & Entertainment" were lively and edifying. The errors in practice and doctrines of Mormonism in particular were exposed. Rev. Heng, speaker at the discussion, answered the questions very adequately and with much humour too. All the discussions had to go into extended time.

We praise God for your generous gifts so that the Camp ended in the the "black".

"Watchman, what of the night? The watchman said, The morning cometh, and also the night: if ye will inquire, inquire ye: return, come." Isaiah 21:11,12.

"Watchman, what of the night?"

One fascination of night to me in China of yester years was the drum-and-gong beat of the night watchman. If you wanted to know the hours, just listen!

The prophet Isaiah was a watchman of the times. When asked what (time) of the night of a dark period of Palestinian history was, he replied, "The morning cometh, and also the night" (Isa. 21:12). There was some light of hope, but too soon the night of tribulation would come!

The Apostle Paul reminds us through I Thessalonians 5 of our need of watchfulness of the times. As 1968 has faded and 1969 dawns and the year-clock has chimed a rumbling note, let us know how short our lifetime is.

First, let us be reminded that one year added to our life means we're one year nearer to the grave. Death creeps on relentlessly. It has taken a steady toll of our loved ones (I Thess. 4:13). David says, "Lord, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am. Behold, thou hast made my days as an handbreadth; and mine age is as nothing before thee: verily, every man at his best state is altogether vanity." (Psalm 39:4,5).

Although science has lengthened man's life expectancy and doubled that in many an Asian nation, we are no better than the ancients. Moses attained to a hundred and twenty years. As for the ordinary man, he says, "The days of our years are three score years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be four-score years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow, for it is soon cut off, and we fly away." (Psalm 90:10).

Our life maybe compared to a traveller spending a night at a hotel. When morning comes, he leaves! Our life may be likened to a steward given the sack by his boss - what a short time to prepare to get out! As the one in Luke 16 exploits the remaining days of service to make friends with the master's debtors by cancelling part of their debts, how much more should we prepare for eternity by now storing up treasures in heaven! We should serve God with time and talents, and to a logical conclusion, with all our consecrated being. The rich fool who thinks only of his own wealth on earth, but is going to die tonight, is not rich towards God. (Luke 12:20).

A short life appointed to death is made shorter by war! St. Paul in I Thess. 5:3 warns: the longer the peace, the nearer the war! Peace is never lasting. Time magazine some time ago listed forty wars within our present generation. In order to be prepared for coming emergencies after the British withdrawal in 1971 our Government is bracing up the nation's sinews by a national service programme. Are Christians ready to meet these emergencies?

Inevitably the Third World War will be fought according to Bible prophecies! Our preparation to meet this catastrophe, however, is in the heavenlies. For, as we believe the Lord's Return is at the door with the rapid fulfilment of scriptures, we must look for our deliverance skywards. (The Regathering of the Jews (1948), Restoration of Jerusalem (June, 1967) and the Apollo 8's successful orbiting of the moon (Luke 21:25), we believe, are signposts to His Coming.) "The Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first. (Bidadari will launch up more spacemen than all America and Russia can do in the next ten years, if the Lord tarries!) Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord" (I Thess. 4:16,17). Oh, the wonderful prospect of our generation not going through death's experience! Oh the prospect of a transformation into immortals! Dear Reader, this will be a miracle by the power of Christ's Resurrection, God's R-Bomb! Can you say it will be a glorious meeting with Him in the skies, the prelude to dwelling and reigning with Him in eternity? If not, as Amos says, "the day of the Lord is darkness, and not light" (Amos 5:18). If you're left behind whilst your Christian loved ones go up, be sure of a period of great tribulation on earth by which a third will be burned up. (Rev. 8).

"Watchman, what of the night?" The watchman warns that though the morning of a new year of 1969 is here, the night of war and destruction is surely coming!

"Behold, now is the accepted time, behold now is the day of salvation." II Cor. 6:2. "Repent and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins." (Acts 2:38).

- Rev. Timothy Tow -

PSALM FOR THE WEEK: 115 (309, St. Anne)

1. The Lord Who has remembered us
His blessing will bestow;
All those who fear His holy Name,
His loving care shall know.
2. For small and great who fear His Name
The Lord has good in store;
Ye and your children, blest of God,
Shall prosper more and more.
3. The great Creator blesses you
With gifts of boundless worth;
The heavens He claims, but gives to man
Dominion in the earth.
4. The silent dead praise the Lord,
The grave no song can raise;
But we will bless Him evermore,
Let all proclaim His Praise.

LIFE CHURCH NEW BUILDING PROGRESS: We invite you to climb the steps and inspect the rooms one by one! We are in immediate need of \$10,000! The Kindergarten is scheduled to open in April. Sister Seah Siew Yang is seconded to the post of principal.

FEBC REOPENS Mon. Jan. 6, 9 a.m. with chapel. We welcome two new students: Bro. Charlie Tan and Sis. Tow Siew Liang. Our total fulltime enrolment is: 11. Sis. Suvana is transferred to Chin Lien Bible Seminary.

WATCHNIGHT SERVICE BAPTISM AT LIFE CHURCH: Chew Teng Hua, John; Chua Hua Liang, Alan; Tay Sioh Buay, Peggy; Chee Man Lin, Maureen; Choo Galestan; Krishnan Latha. To be baptised this Lord's Day: Seah Hee Chye, Raymond, 4A, Maju Avenue, 19. May their names be written in heaven.

LIFE A.C.F. - Please pray for the Gospel meeting to be held on 26th Jan. 1969. Topic: "Life an empty dream?" Speaker: Dr. Lyra. Place: FEBC Hall. Time: 8.00 p.m.

DR. AND MRS. S. LYRA want to use this opportunity to thank many of the brethren from our various churches for their Christmas cards and gifts during this joyful season.

ZION AND FAITH NEWS: Ling Kwang Tu-tion classes start the new term with over 50 new students. Messrs. Charlie Tan, Eddie Angullia and Miss Suvana will take charge of the English classes and Miss Tan Mooi Hean and Mr. Teo Un Soo, the Chinese classes.

Ling Kwang Mission Clinic has up to last week 345 kampong residents on its register (223 male, 122 female.)

Children's Centre class is full and S.S. enrolment, with Jalan Aman S.S. children, averages about 40. Regular contribution to the Ling Kwang Fund, with annual budget of \$4,000 are invited for 1969.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK:

- Tues. Life Prayer Meeting, Dr. Lyra;
Life Session Meeting. Faith
Prayer Meeting, Rev. Quek Khee
Swee.
- Wed. Galilee Bible Study, Rev. Heng;
Galilee Prayer Meeting, Sis.
Rosy Tan; Zion Prayer Meeting,
Rev. Quek.
- Fri. Hume Heights Prayer Meeting.
Faith Family Worship, Home of
Elder and Mrs. Chuang, Somapah
Road.
- Lord's Day: Life; Rev. Tow; Faith: Mr.
Tay; Mt. Carmel: Rev. Tow; Kela-
pa Sawit: Rev. Heng; Galilee:
Dr. Lyra; Hume Heights: Mr. John
Chiang.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCES:

Life: 215 Galilee: 108 Jurong: 35
Hume Heights: 25 Clementi: 20

ZION Adult Fellowship Committee meets this Lord's Day, 10.30 a.m. Zion YF holds AGM this afternoon. Faith Church and Sunday School, at annual get-together held at Youth Hostel, Tanah Merah on New Year's day, considered advancing Gospel work to Toa Payoh Estate. This has been included in Faith Church's budget for 1969. New officers elected for this year include Mr. Teo Boon Soo, as YF president, and Mrs. Chuang Shih Ie and Mrs. Chua Oon Siew as Ladies' Fellowship president and vice-president respectively.

GALILEE ONCE-A-MONTH FORUM begins on 24th Jan. with questions of "Christians and Society". Questions on any topic are welcome. Please send questions to any of the deacons or deaconesses or the Pastor.

GALILEE BIBLE-STUDY resumes this Wednesday 8th Jan. with a study of the Minor Prophets beginning with Hosea. All are welcome to attend!

WE EXTEND deep sympathy to Sisters Tan Ong Lan and Poe Hoon on the passing away of their beloved grandmother.

Elder and Mrs. O.J. Tassicker's new address until Jan. 1, 1970 is:
c/o Dept. of Engineering Science,
Oxford University, Parks Rd., Oxford,
England.

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