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FACING 1971

Instead of saying the customary "Happy New Year" to one another, it is more salubrious to take a last look at our old year's failure, before we launch into the new.

1970 for Singapore has been a year of peace. With it has come complacency. In an atmosphere of complacency we tend to take life easy. As Dr. Bob Jones says, we are like fish swimming in water -- we take our surroundings for granted, and are not aware of what goes on around us. How soon we've forgotten the near blowing-up of the world by the Middle East war (it's coming back)! How soon have the mists of oblivion begun to settle over modern history's worst natural disaster, the Pakistan Cyclone! Of such a complacent, lethargic spirit, let us hear from Dr. Goh Keng Swee, Singapore's Defence Minister:

"Lately, I notice a tendency among some of our citizens to be complacent. The reason probably is that things seem to be going reasonably well in the Republic. Some citizens seem to be incorrigible optimists and erroneously believe that the good conditions we are having today form part of the normal, natural unalterable state of the universe. The trouble with these optimists is that at the first sign of trouble they are liable to lose their nerve and panic....." (Straits Times, Dec. 31, 1970). Let us confess that in the service of the Lord we have, one and all, fallen short of the mark of our high calling. Let us seek His pardon, and cleansing through His precious blood shed on Calvary's cross for all our sins. Let us wash our feet, that as a corporate body purged of stepping one another's toes, we might advance without faltering for the Master's Cause. Having come to the foot of the Cross for self and mutual cleansing dare we go forward in 1971!

While we wish you in Jesus Christ a Happy New Year and pray for a better turn of events in your life, we must alert you in the light of God's Word of harder times ahead. Let us, as a church, be placed on a war-footing, even now! With the Cross of Christ before, His banner of love drawing us on, we will go forward, till He comes.

Now the Cross is made up of vertical and horizontal lines. For 1971, this seems to suggest to our Church, a two-fold action.

According to Isaiah 54:2, which says, "Strengthen thy stakes", the vertical suggests an intensification of all our establish works. If we are pitching a tent, and the monsoon is upon us, we need to "strengthen the stakes." There needs to be a vertical intensification process of nailing the stakes firmer to the ground. We need to cultivate our congregations particularly with the teaching of God's Word, making them sure of their salvation and consolidating them from faith to faith.

According to Isaiah 54:2, again, the horizontal line suggests an "extensification" by all our churches -- "Stretch forth -- lengthen thy cords." More living space is needed, for many are the new children to be born into God's family in 1971! But, unless we go out to the regions beyond, unless we get out of the shell of our comfortable church complex, we shall little extend the Kingdom of God.

In this connection, we should more diligently support the newly established branches of our church movement, especially those founded in 1970 -- Sambau by Galilee, Toa Payoh by Faith, Calvary, Sarimbun by Life. We congratulate Deacon Vincent Leong of Galilee for opening his home at 12G, Margaret Drive, Blk C for a new Sunday School run by the Carmelites, beginning Jan. 1971.

But I have a dream to share with all who are zealous to go out for the Lord. This dream is the Gospel Highway to Penang, now come true. We unconsciously inaugurated it early December when invited to preach in Penang. This Gospel Highway is 500 miles long and great are the potentialities for outreach from Stations established along this route. Presently we have the following Stations: Kelapa Sawit, mile 43; Muar 128; Rawang 133; Kuala Lumpur (JSM) 250; Penang 500.

Now you can see a great stretch of 250 miles between K.L. and Penang without a halt. We need to establish at least two or three stations along this stretch to equalise with the southern sector. In this connection, it seems the Lord is opening one at Pokok Assam (near Taiping), mile 440. Mr. Guneratnam a retired principal with whom the Far Eastern Bible College students have worked has maintained for the last six years, an "Evangel Centre." He looks to more cooperation with us, desiring a Christian couple who can take charge of the whole church. The Evangel Centre which meets in a large hall in his two-storeyed brick-and-wooden house needs immediate repairs. \$1,000 is presently needed from us (to restore a broken staircase, to put new zinc sheets into a leaking roof, etc.) We believe contributions to restore God's house at Pokok Assam is a part of our "extensification" process for 1971. Many young souls are waiting to be won to Christ at Pokok Assam. We need the Christian couple. We need the funds. We need your prayers, at all times to pave the Gospel Highway to Penang that it shall be called "The Way of Holiness" (Isa.35:8). "The unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein."

Let us face 1971 with an intensification work to do in Singapore and an "extensification" to Penang. -- T.T.

FAITH CHURCH NEW YEAR'S DAY GET TOGETHER:

Despite the rain, over 100 members and S.S. children spent an enjoyable and profitable day at Tanah Merah Seaside Bungalow. At the morning meeting, activities of the Church were briefly reviewed and suggestions for extension and improvement invited, this year in writing, for collation and decision by the Church Session and Depts. concerned.

Separate meetings of the Y.F., Choir, L.F. & S.S. followed in re-elections. Deaconess Tan remains S.S. Gen. Supt., Deacon Chang Woon Soo as Y.F. President and Acting Choir conductor, and Mrs. Chuang Shih Ie as L.F. President.

The keynote of church planning for the New Year is reflected in Phil.3:13,14: "Pressing forward toward the mark". Emphasis is laid on consolidation of the S.S. and the missionary project of the Church at Toa Payoh.

Ling Kwang Mission Com. will meet next Lord's Day 2 p.m., Z.K. Com. on Jan. 17, 2 p.m.

Zion S.S. holds Prize-giving this Lord's Day, Jan. 3.

Zion Catechism Class begins this Lord's Day.

CARMELITES turned up in full force at the 2 Christmas Gospel Meetings in their New Outreach in Dn. Vincent Leong's home. Dr. Naghakliana was the speaker. With nightly attendance of 70-80, there were 13 decisions made. The Sunday School commenced last Lord's Day at 2.00 p.m. At the recent Annual Congregational Meeting, the following were elected to the 1971 Administrative Committee: Pres. Dr. Tan Kim Ping; Sec. Lee Sook Cheng; Treas. George Tan; Com. Members: Ng Cheng Thiam & David Wong; Worship Service: Dr. Ang Beng Chong; Christian Educ. Lim Meng Kin; Y.F. Lim Chee Ming; Lit. Philip Lee; Social Outreach: Lim Chong Teng; Missions & Evangelism: Jenny Tsang.

From 10th Jan. 71 the Worship Service will be held at 10.00 a.m., with the S.S. Senior, Junior & Primary Depts. at 8.30am, 2.00 p.m., and 3.30 p.m. respectively.

Appointments for the Week:

Mon. 8 a.m. FEBC reopens. (No night class)

Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer Mtg. Faith, Life Chr. Life Church Session Meeting.

Wed. Zion Church Bible Study & Pr. Mtg.

Thur. 7.15 p.m. FEBC Evening Lectures.

Fri. 8 p.m. Faith family Worship at Parsonage.

Calvary Com. Meeting at FEBC Library.

Lord's Day: Life: Dr. Tow Siang Hwa, Life Mandarin: Rev. Peter Tong, Faith: Miss Tay Swee Lan, Zion: Dr. Quek Swee Hwa, Sembawang and Kelapa Sawit: Rev. Tow.

FEBC offers 3 new subjects: Calvin's Institutes and Minor Prophets by Rev. Tow; Life of Christ, Rev. Paauwe. Attend evening classes in O.T. Hist. and Life of Christ! New students this term are Mr. & Mrs. Han of Korea, Miss Lee of Indonesia, Tong Ting of Sembawang.

PSALM FOR THE WEEK: (Psalm 50) St. Petersburg

1. The mighty God, Jehovah, speaks
And calls the earth from sea to sea;
From beauteous Zion God shines forth,
He comes and will not silent be;
Devouring flame before Him goes,
And dark the tempest round Him grows.
2. He calls aloud to heav'n and earth
That He may justly judge His own;
My chosen saints together bring
Who sacrifice to Me alone;
The heav'ns His righteousness declare,
For God Himself as Judge is there.
3. Hear, O my people, I will speak,
Against thee I will testify;
Give ear to me, O Israel,
For God, thy covenant God, am I;
I do not spurn thy sacrifice,
Thy off'rings are before My eyes.
4. I will receive from out thy fold
No off'ring for My holy shrine;
The cattle on a thousand hills
And all the forest beasts are Mine;
Each mountain bird to Me is known,
Whatever roams the field I own.

GUIDANCE ALL THE WAY

(To the tune of "Softly now the light of day")

O what blessed thought is this,
That God led His children on.
Through the Sea and Wilderness
He went with them all along.

God still leads His children on
Through this dark world here below.
He who gladly gave His Son,
Shall He not more gifts bestow?

Sometimes He shows all the way,
As He showed Moses the Land.
Sometimes He guides day by day,
As when they sat at Jordan.

Seek not to do what thou wilt.
Hark, now listen to His Word!
Let God tell thee in thine heart,
As He peace to thee imparts.

Read your Bible, morn and night,
Think upon Him through the day.
He who turns His face to the Light
Shall find guidance all the way.

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS FOR ADULTS TOO

Many Christians have the common but erroneous idea that Sunday School is only meant for children and young people. Sunday School is for ALL, young and old, to feed on the "sincere milk of the Word, that ye may grow thereby." (I Peter 2:2). When you were saved and born again, you became a "babe in Christ." Since then have you grown, spiritually speaking? You need the Word of God to grow. At Sunday School you get the pure, nourishing "milk of the Word" --- and YOU GROW ! --- T.S.H.

Lifer's New Address: Lawrence Tay,
152-C, Jalan Awan, Changi Prison Qtrs.
Singapore 17.

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The Institutes of Christian Religion By John Calvin.

In an appraisal of the above masterpiece by John Calvin, Dr. B.B. Warfield says, "What Thucydides is among Greek, or Gibbon among 18th century English historians, what Plato is amongst philosophers, or the Iliad among epics, or Shakespeare among dramatists, that Calvin's Institutes is among theological treatises."

Calvin's Institutes is a subject taught at the Far Eastern Bible College. This year we are endeavouring to present to our students a chapter by chapter condensation of this great work. In order that our Readers might also benefit from this study we shall share our classroom notes with you on this page henceforth.

BOOK I: On the Knowledge of God the Creator.

Ch. I. THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD AND KNOWLEDGE OF OURSELVES.

1. True Wisdom is the Knowledge of God and the Knowledge of Ourselves.

True wisdom principally consists of two parts - the knowledge of God, and the knowledge of ourselves. Which of these two branches of knowledge comes first, it is hard to determine. They are intimately bound together. For, our very existence is nothing but a subsistence in God.

The Knowledge of Our Wretchedness Leads Us to Seek God.

We begin to discover God when we are plunged into misery. Our poverty and woes, caused by Adam's sin, compel us to seek God's help. This is the first step towards knowing God. Our poverty, infirmity and depravity lead us to perceive and acknowledge that God is all strength, wisdom, goodness. Through our imperfections we are made to realise His perfections.

A self-complacent man, content with his own endowments but blind to his wretched condition, does not aspire to God.

2. The Knowledge of God's Perfections Exposes Our Imperfections.

When we are self-satisfied in our own goodness by a natural proneness to hypocrisy, and compare ourselves with our neighbours, we tend to think ourselves holy and righteous. We judge ourselves by our own standards. Such judgment is as erroneous as those, who being accustomed to seeing nothing but black, would call brown white. Such judgment is like the false confidence one has in one's eyes who is accustomed merely to an earthward vision until dazzled by the noonday sun. Thus, being satisfied with our own goodness, we flatter ourselves. We fancy we are demigods. A true vision of God and His perfections, however, casts us flat to the ground. We begin then to see our hypocritical righteousness and loathe it as the greatest iniquity.

3. The Awe of Knowing God as Experienced by : 1) the Holy Patriarchs, 2) the Holy Angels, 3) the Sun and Moon

The Bible consistently records the awe that overwhelms the souls of saints upon every discovery of God's presence. "We shall die, because we have seen God" (Judg. 13:22), "I am but dust and ashes" (Gen. 18:27), are some of the expressions of the patriarchs who saw God. Elijah "wrapped his face in his mantle" as he came into the presence of the Almighty.

In showing up man's pollution and impotence Job brings him to the presence of the Divine purity, power and wisdom.

Thus, we perceive man knows not his own meanness until he comes into God's majesty.

Not only man becomes humbled before God, the cherubim in holy awe veil their faces too. Isaiah, indeed, puts down the whole universe under His feet - "the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed, when the Lord of hosts shall reign." (Isa. 6:2, 24:23).

In conclusion, we see that the knowledge of God and the knowledge of ourselves are intimately connected. The proper order of instruction requires, however, to treat the subject of the knowledge of God first. -- T.T.

RECEIVED FOR PAKISTAN RELIEF: Life Church \$362.35 (Congregation \$300; Mandarin \$62.35). Zion Church \$300 Congregation \$203.20; S.S. \$66.30; Y.F. \$30.50). Faith Church \$428.95. Mt. Carmel \$122.00. Jemaluang \$10.00. Chin Lien Student \$5.00. Total: \$1,228.30. This sum is being remitted to Dr. Lynn Gray Gordon, Gen. Sec. of Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions for transmission through International Christian Relief -- Quek K.C.

LIFE CHURCH NEWS.

Apportionment of Christmas Offerings: 500 each to Pakistan Relief, FEBC, JSM; \$100 for Pokok Assam Evangel Centre Repairs; \$260 for Members. (Rec. \$20. from Life Mandarin member for Pakistan. Rec. gift from Dr. Ruth Zee, HongKong, many thanks.)

The By-Elections of Elder and Deacons will coincide with the Annual Congregational Meeting, Feb. 21. Session's Nominations, for Elder: Deacon Edmund Tay; for Deacons: Bros. Cheng Wei Nien, Koh Kim Song, Lau King Hong, Lieu Kok Kwong, Sng Teck Leong, Tan Wai Choon, Paul Tsao. Nominations from Congregation should be communicated to Elections Officer, Elder Joshua Lim, 32, Monk's Hill Terrace, by Feb. 14.

In conjunction with the S.S. the Church will hold a Family Bible Camp at the Methodist Centre, Port Dickson, April 11-16. For non-earning S.S. students the charge will be \$30. Concession rate for good attendance and completion of Bible Memorisation, \$20. Transport provided! Bookings before Jan. 17.

Mrs. Patrick Tan has been granted 6 months leave. Dr. and Mrs. Patrick Tan are making their temporary home at Elder Quek Khioh Meng's. 62 Dyne Rd., London N.W.6.

SIGNERS: For the next two weeks Zion members will be visiting house to house at the Seletar Hills Estate in conjunction with the Sel. Hills S.S. The Seletar Hills S.S. is held on Sunday 10.45 a.m. at the home of Mr. Peter Sachariah, 16, Jln. Antei, Sel. Hills Est. A cordial welcome to all from our Church Family to attend!

FEBC. With the registration of five new students this term, the Col. enrolment now totals 24. Countries represented are Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Vietnam and Korea. The College re-opened on Jan. 4 with a Day of Prayer at Sarimbun.

The College car is redeemed by giving it a new engine at a cost of only \$300. The students need tables. Any surplus to help out?

SARIMBUN NEWS Before workers are stationed, Sarimbun Gospel Mission House ideally offers you pocket-size camping. Sleeping accommodation for a dozen available, with electrical and water supply and bath complete. First pocket-camp was held there recently by JSM, Rev. Ng in charge! Contact Rev. Tow, 50617!

Meantime, Miss Tiu Ah Tuan of FEBC is heading the Children's S.S.

CALVARY NEWS. The Calvary Committee, headed by Elder Tow Siang Hwa, launches the Jurong Project this Lord's Day at the Life Church Service. To date \$30,000 has been received. The whole project is estimated at \$330,000 - an L-shaped three-storey Church and Kindergarten Complex.

MT. CAMEL holds Camp Echo Night at FEBC Hall today with fellowship dinner cooked in the College Kitchen!

PEHANG: Dr. and Mrs. Tow Siang Yew and family are expected at Chinese New Year. Dr. Siang Yew looks forward to fellowship with Lifers and sharing of his religious experiences withregation.

TOO TIRED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL?

A line from an old song of the world runs like this: "Don't you know that Sunday morning you can sleep late?" One is so tired on Sunday morning, especially after a late night out. "Sunday School? Oh no! Let me rest just awhile, I'm so tired!" And so the weary christian snores on in deadly slumber.

St. Paul warns us with these words: "And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed" (Rom. 13:11). Sunday morning is not for Christians to sleep late. It is the Lord's Day and every born-again person should be in Church, at Sunday School. On the Lord's Day we should all make a special effort to wait upon the Lord. ".... they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint." (Isa. 40:31)

Oh my dear brother and sister in the Lord, do you feel tired on Sunday morning? If so, COME TO SUNDAY SCHOOL and RENEW YOUR STRENGTH as we wait upon the Lord together. --- T.S.H.

Song for the Week:

SAVED - TO TELL OTHERS!
WE'RE SAVED, SAVED TO TELL OTHERS
Of the Man of Galilee.
Saved, saved to live daily
For the Christ of Calvary.
Saved, saved to invite you
To His salvation free.
We're saved, saved, saved by His blood
For all eternity.

Appointments for the Week:

Mon. 7.15 p.m. FEBC Lectures in O.T.
Hist., Life of Christ.

Tues. 8 p.m. Life & Faith prayer Mtgs.
Faith: (Elder Chuang)

Wed. 8 p.m. Zion Bible Study & Prayer.

Thur. 7.15 p.m. FEBC Lectures, etc.

Fri. 8 p.m. Zion Church Adult Fellowship; Life Church Family Worship at the Paaue Apt., Gilstead Rd., (Rev. Paaue will illustrate message with slides).

Sat. 4 p.m. Zion, Life, Sembawang YFs.
Lord's Day: Life: Rev. Tow, Life Mandarin: Miss Tay Swee Lan, Zion: Rev. Quek Swee Hwa, Faith: Elder Teo See Yah (2 p.m. Ling Kwang Com. Mtg.), Toa Payoh: 3 p.m. Rev. Quek (Holy Communion).

Australia: New Year Greetings to Lifers have been received from Deacon and Mrs. Wm. Seah. To Australia for Nurses Training flies Sister Grace Ng Gek Choo, Mon. 11, 9.30 p.m. Grace, as well as Kam Siew Eng of Galilee, there already, will train at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Missenden Rd., Camperdown, NSW 2050.

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Weekly Study of Calvin's Institutes:

Bk. I, Ch. II. THE NATURE AND TENDENCY OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD.

1. The Knowledge of God as Creator and its Tendency to a Pious Life.

By the knowledge of God is not meant merely a notion that there is such a Being. The knowledge of God should tend to bring us into pious and religious communion with God. We perceive in such a relationship a two-fold knowledge - 1) of Him as Author of Salvation and Redeemer through the person of Jesus Christ; 2) of Him as Creator.

In this preliminary study we shall see what our knowledge of God as Creator results. As we discover Him to be not only Creator of the universe, but also its Provider and Governor with infinite power, wisdom and goodness, and that He rules over the affairs of men with righteousness and judgment we should give Him our worship. This knowledge should tend to lead us into a life entirely dependent on Him - the fountain of all goodness. This knowledge should tend to produce a life of constant communion with Him in supplication and thanksgiving. In short, we should have a reverential love of God arising from such a knowledge. For, till men come to such enlightened senses that they owe everything to God, in life and death, in great and small, they will not voluntarily serve Him.

2. Vain Speculations on God including the Epicurean refuted. Further observations on the Resultant Pious Life from the knowledge.

Cold speculations merely on the essence of God without warm understanding of God's benign character, whatever they may be, are therefore refuted. For example, there is the doctrine of Epicurus of a God not concerned about the world who remains in a state of perpetual inactivity, as if He went to sleep. What benefit to mankind does such doctrine bring? Our knowledge of God should rather inspire fear and reverence, reliance upon His loving care with rendering of thanks and praise. Our knowledge of God should inspire a personal devotion and submission to His rule and authority. Our knowledge of God should lead us to revere Him as Judge, rewarding the pious and punishing the wicked. We would therefore restrain ourselves from sin, not merely from a dread of vengeance but rather from loving consecration. Because we love Him as our Father and Lord, even though there were no hell, we would shudder at the thought of offending Him. We fear not so much His hurting us as our hurting Him. We give Him, as a result of such enlightened knowledge, heart-worship which is that pure religion so hard to find. For, what we see mostly in worship is formality and great ostentation in ceremonies.

Bk. I, Ch. III. THE HUMAN MIND NATURALLY ENDUED WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD.

1. Without controversy, the human mind is naturally endued with the knowledge of God. According to Rom. 1:20 God the Creator has given to all some knowledge of His existence through the things He has made. Cicero observes there is no nation so barbarous, no race so savage as not to be firmly persuaded of the being of God. Such knowledge should induce men to worship God and consecrate their lives to His service. Thus those who are endued with such knowledge but do not serve Him are condemned by their own testimony!

That man is naturally endued with the knowledge of God is amply proved by the retention of some religious sense in the most barbarous who in other respects appear to differ little from brutes. That man is naturally endued with the knowledge of God is also amply proved by idolatry. Though a corrupted form of worship of the Deity, it nevertheless evinces a strong impression of the knowledge of God upon the human mind.

2. It is therefore a most absurd assertion that religion was the invention of a few cunning men, a political machine to confine the common people to their duty, while these inventors of religion disbelieved the existence of God. It is true that cunning men have introduced many inventions into religion to overawe the simple that they might control their minds. But such craftiness could not have been practised if the minds of men had not previously been possessed with a firm persuasion of the existence of God.

Under such circumstances it is incredible to say that the cunning minds who have used religion for their own ends are themselves devoid of any knowledge of God. The case of Caligula should prove our diagnosis. This Roman Emperor was notorious for his audacious contempt of the Deity. Yet, no man trembled with greater distress at any occasion of Divine judgment, so that he became ultimately fearful of the Divine Power whom he earlier despised. This phenomenon of fear of the Almighty by the ungodly must be traced to God's vengeance, smiting their consciences the more as they seek to fly away from Him. These hauntings from God upon the harassed consciences of the impious is further proof that the idea of God is never lost in the human mind.

3. By way of recapitulation, the idea of God impressed on the human mind is indelible. This, it has been observed, is evidenced by the futile struggle of the wicked mind to rid itself of it. Thus, Dionysius' scoff at the judgment of Heaven is but forced laughter while the worm of a guilty conscience gnaws within. I therefore cannot agree with Cicero that religion is getting better and better for the world, as we shall soon discover, uses every method to corrupt this worship.

The knowledge of God, far from being learnt in the schools, is self-taught from birth. Nature permits no one to forget it.

Now, the knowledge of God that we should have is: We are born to know Him, and live for Him. Unless our understanding has reached this point, it is uncertain and useless. This truth is reflected in Plato's teaching that the chief good of the soul consists in similitude to God, when the soul, having a clear knowledge of him is wholly transformed into his likeness.

The knowledge of God that induces men to worship the Creator is what renders men superior to beasts, that makes them aspire to immortality. --T.T.

THE GOSPEL BELLS (Redon. No. 151)

The Gospel bells are ringing,
Over land, from sea to sea;
Blessed news of the free salvation
Do they offer you and me.
"For God so loved the world That His only
Son He gave, Whosoever believeth in Him
Everlasting life shall have."
Gospel bells, how they ring; Over land
from sea to sea; Gospel bells freely
bring Blessed news to you and me.
The Gospel bells invite us To a feast
prepared for all; Do not slight the
invitation, Nor reject the gracious call.
I am the bread of life; Eat of Me,
Thou hungry soul, Tho' your sins be red
as crimson They shall be as white as wool."

The Gospel bells give warning As they
sound from day to day, Of the fate which
doth await them Who forever will delay.
"Escape thou for thy life; Tarry not in
all the plain, Nor behind thee look,
Oh, never, Lest thou be consumed in pain."

The Gospel bells are joyful, As they
echo far and wide, Bearing notes of
perfect pardon, Thro' a Saviour crucified.
Good tidings of great joy To all people
do I bring, Unto you is born a Saviour,
Which is Christ the Lord and King.

NO TIME FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL!

Time is a funny thing. If it is for
something we want very much to do, then it
is in plentiful supply. But if we do not
wish to do a thing, then somehow there is
no time. So actually

NO TIME = DON'T WANT.

Christians who have no time for Sunday
School because they are too busily occupied
with their own business and pleasure are in
a dangerous condition. To them the Bible
says, "Seek ye the Lord while He may be
found" (Isa. 55:6). The Apostle Paul warns,
"Beware then that ye walk circumspectly, not
as fools but as wise, redeeming the time,
because the days are evil." (Eph. 5:15-16)

Dear Christian,

Why don't you come to Sunday School?
No time?

T.S.H.

Australia. Miss Wrigglesworth, your gift
for this Weekly is appreciated.

Malaya B.M. Received \$2,000 from Lifer; \$200
from Faith Church.

BOB WELLS CRUSADE ECHOES. The following
have received Christ through tracts distributed at the B.W. Crusade. They are
now enrolled in the Christian Literature
Distribution Bible Correspondence Course.
Young Readers, please contact them:-

1) Robert Soon, 24C, Beo Crescent, (3),
Male, 13; 2) Yeo Whye Hee, 316B, Margaret
Drive, Blk. 27, (3), male, 13+; 3) Peh
Bee Keow, 22A, Buller Terrace, Blk. 56,
(3), female, 16; 4) Ellen Wong Wai Lin,
18Q, Margaret Drive, Blk. 60, (3) male,
15; 5) Veronica Chan, 160 Redhill Close,
Blk. 6, (3), female, 20.

LIFE CHURCH NEWS.

Port Dickson Camp. Registration after
Church Service!

A Witnessing Band is proposed by Elder
Tow. Consisting of units of twos or
threes its aim is to extend the gospel
more speedily. Inaugural meeting at FEBC
Hall, Sunday Jan. 24, 4.30 p.m.
Catechism Class for Easter Baptism begins
Jan. 31 after service.

Sister Ong Soo Kheng reports 100 prisoners
at her weekly class, and gift of a new
organ for this outreach.

Mrs. Pearl Chung (Yeo) sends greetings
from 52, The Lant, Shephed, Loughbo-
rough, Leics., England.

ZION KINDERGARTEN COM. meets this Lord's
day, Jan. 17, 2 p.m.

THE PRESBYTERY will meet on the Lord's
day, Jan. 31, 8 p.m., at the old Church
Hall, Zion Building.

FEBC BOARD OF DIRECTORS will meet Feb.
7th, 8 p.m. at FEBC - Life Church Library.

Appointments for the week:

Tues: Prayer mtg., Faith Church, Elder
Lee; Life Church at Parsonage.

Wed: Zion Church Prayer mtg. at the
home of Dn. & Mrs. Teo See Jiang,
Toh Tuck Road, Jurong.

Fri: 3 p.m. FEBC Get-together at Elder
Tow's.

Lord's Day: Zion and Faith: Calvary
B-P Church Sunday. Life: Rev.
Peter Ng, Muar & Rawang: Rev.
Tow, Life Mandarin: Rev. Peter
Tong.

SARIBUNNEWS. Bro. Goh Seng Fong and
Young People are camping from the Lord's
Day evening till Friday.

MEXICO: Mrs. O. Habicht's gift received.

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A New Upsurge for 1971.

If 1970 was observed to be a year of great forward leap for our church movement, 1971 is beginning to see a new upsurge! For the moving of God's Spirit is apparent in the following outreaches:- 1) Zion's visitation and canvassing programme at Seketar Hills; 2) Sarimbun's reviving through the cheerful service of new workers; 3) Carmel's founding of a new Sunday School and worship service at Deacon Vincent Leong's, Margaret Drive; 4) Rawang's receipt of \$2,236 from our members for the new house of worship; 5) Calvary's building fund rising to \$35,000; 6) doubling of FEBC fulltime students in one year; 7) and last, but not least, the proposed formation of a Witnessing Band at Life Church this Lord's day, 4.30 p.m.

Talking about the formation of a Witnessing Band at Life Church reminds old-timers of John Sung's Revival of the showers of blessings (Ezek. 34:26) they received. When souls were saved, when sins were forgiven, when hell was banished and heaven assured, then flooded our hearts with God's love for the salvation of others. Going out to tell this good news was a spontaneous joy. In order that new converts might be helped in this good work, Dr. Sung organised us into Bands of two or three. He extorted us to witness for Christ whether in street meetings, personal evangelism or visitation of the sick - at least once a week. In order to keep up their zeal for Christ, monthly meetings were held, at which testimonies and a message were given, prayers offered. Through the fervour of the John Sung witnessing bands, preaching halls were started from which new churches sprung. The Singapore Christian Evangelistic League, as the new movement was called, survives to this day. But, alas, time and tide have claimed the majority of stalwarts. Incidentally, Miss Leona Wu of Chin Lien Bible Seminary remains president of the League, and Rev. K.C. Quek a vice-president.

The proposal of a Witnessing Band by Elder Tow for Life Church is a moving of His Spirit. It augurs well for our Church movement. Hitherto the Spirit has been moving in every aspect of sincere outreach for Christ as indicated in the seven items abovementioned. In this connection, we are constrained to mention also the young Christians from Monk's Hill School who have done a good work winning many classmates, and further reaching out by postal and tract evangelism. So have another Lifers group called Counsellors in banding together to support financially the Bible College.

In view of the fact that Rev. Quek is scheduled to speak to the Lifers Witnessing Band this Lord's Day, 4.30 p.m., this seems to foreshadow the formation of an Evangelistic League for all our churches, patterned after John Sung. A quarterly or bi-monthly general meeting held from church to church should be the vision of the founding members. Invitations to join should therefore be sent to each one of our dozen constituencies.

Indeed, the Church of God is a spiritual house made up of lively stones (I Pet. 2:5). Soul winning and building up into the local church is the only solid way to our movements' growth. This principle is laid down in the Great Commission (Matt. 28:18-20). Church work is spiritual work.

In this regard, may I further enlarge the vision of our zealots. As the cross is made up of a vertical as well as a horizontal line, so our outreach for God's Kingdom must not only intensify through evangelism, but "extensify" through missions. Missions is the first emphasis of the Great Commission -- go into all the world, to all nations! Although we have engaged in the missionary outreach by the ideals of our missionary agency called the Malaysia Pioneer Mission, we have not ventured more than 130 miles beyond our City. How many more miles to the other side of the globe since Christ says we are to go to the uttermost part of the earth?

Presently, our missionary outreach beyond Singapore takes us to Pulau Tekong, Kelapa Sawit, Muar and Rawang. Your help to build Rawang Church will see a further outreach from this outpost, God be praised.

Lately we've been talking about a Gospel Highway to Penang. Along this Gospel Highway there's a station worthy of our help. It is Pokok Assam, a six-year old Evangel Centre for English-speaking young people started by retired principal Mr. Guneratnam. Meeting in a large hall on the ground floor of his brick-and-wood house, this group has grown with help from two FEBCers -- so the Evangel Newsletter says. Presently this meeting house has deteriorated to such an extent that the front staircase dropped off! The roof is a constant leak. Although Life Church voted \$100 towards the repairs, what is this to pay for a major job?

While giving due support to all our local outreaches, let us heed a genuine call from a Malaysian Macedonia. I would take this opportunity to propose the broadening of the Witnessing Band to all our branch churches. And, I would seek Presbytery help to lay the ground work of the Gospel Highway.

Incidentally our member in Penang is visiting this week. He will surely support both these moves that we might maintain closer fellowship. -- T.T.

Appointments for the week:

Fri. 4 p.m. Life Church Y.F. Consecration Service.

Sat. 4 p.m. Zion Y.F.

5.30 p.m. Faith Catechism Class

Lord's Day: Life: Rev. Tow, Life Mandarin:

Rev. Tow, Zion: Rev. S.H. Quek,

Faith: 11th Anniversary Thanksgiving

Service; Sembawang: Rev. E. Paauwe.

ZION AND FAITH B-P CHURCH welcome to their pulpits Calvary B-P Church team to make known the needs for the extension of the Gospel to Jurong.

LING KWANG MISSION, run jointly by Zion and Faith, has decided to appoint one more missionary to develop missionary activities both at Serangoon Garden rural areas and Toa Payoh. Ling Kwang Clinic welcomes to its medical staff Dr. Yap Soei Kiat of Surgical A Unit, ORGH and to its nursing staff Miss Rosalind Goh. There are now 7 doctors regularly on the duty roster, with 3 reserves, and 8 nurses, including one Matron and one Nursing Sister. Ling Kwang Home Visitors' Society, charity section of the Mission, urgently needs contributions to meet additional commitments.

OLD CLOTHES collected at Zion and Faith have been sorted out by Ling Kwang Mission and some will be distributed this Lord's Day, 2 p.m. at Kwang Wai Siu Free Hospital to the believers at worship service.

FAITH CHURCH holds 11th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service next Lord's Day, Jan. 31, with presentation of budget for the coming year. Session members, S.S. Teachers and staff, YF, LF and Choir Committees will be consecrated for service annually at this occasion.

Psalm for the Week, 141 (Hesperus 386, Psalter)

1. O Lord, make haste to hear my cry, To Thee I call, on Thee rely; Incline to me a gracious ear, And, when I call, in mercy hear.
2. When in the morning unto Thee I lift my voice and bring my plea, Then let my prayer as incense rise To God enthroned above the skies.
3. When unto Thee I look and pray With lifted hands at close of day, Then as the evening sacrifice Let my request accepted rise.
4. Guard Thou my thoughts, I Thee implore, And of my lips keep Thou the door; Nor leave my sinful heart to stray Where evil footsteps lead the way.
5. O righteous God, Thy chastisement, Though sent thro' foes, in love is sent; Though grievous, it will profit me; A healing ointment it shall be.
6. While wickedness my foes devise, To Thee my constant prayer shall rise, When their injustice is o'erthrown My gentleness shall still be shown.
7. Brought nigh to death and sore distressed, O Lord, my God, in Thee I rest; Forsake me not, I look to Thee, Let me Thy great salvation see.

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FAR EASTERN BEACON: January issue features Dr. McIntire's sermon on "MINISKIRTS". Get your copy after worship service this Lord's Day. If there is sufficient demand for this sermon to be printed as a separate pamphlet for distribution among young people or Sunday School groups, it will be done.

CALVIN'S INSTITUTES. In order to benefit a wider readership the weekly instalments of the Abridgment of Calvin's Institutes will henceforth be carried by the Far Eastern Beacon.

FEBC get-together at Andrew Road last Friday was given a satay treat, a pleasant relaxation for all.

FEBC Hall is booked by JSM, Feb. 6.

FAR EASTERN KINDERGARTEN. Mrs. Leah Paauwe has joined as missionary teacher. Mrs. Siew Yang will resume principalship after the Seah's return from Australia in March.

SARIMBUN. Young Lifers under Bro. Goh Seng Fong camped at Sarimbun and visited the neighbourhood with tracting and personal witnessing. Misses Tiew Ah Tuan and Anne Cheang, FEBCers, are new workers to Sarimbun Sunday School.

NEED LEGAL AID? Consult Elder Joshua Lim of Life Church.

LIFE CHURCH NEWS

Members are reminded to pray for the Elections, Feb. 21. Catechism Class for Easter Baptism, April 11, will begin on Jan. 31.

The pastor will address Young Lifers on Sat. Jan. 30, 4 p.m. in their consecration, and the S.S. at its "graduation", Sun. 31.

The engagement between Bro. William Fu and Sis. Esther Tow will be solemnised, Jan. 31, 6 p.m. at 71 Taman Permata (20) by the pastor.

The pastor will preach at Kelapa Sawit on Chinese New Year's Day, Jan. 27, 10 a.m.

Who will contribute towards 100 copies of John Sung Choruses @ 60c. per copy for use in our Prison work?

Lifers studying at FEBC are eligible to apply for scholarship aid. Please see principal.

Remember Port Dickson Camp. Apr. 11-16! "CHURCH IN CRISIS" Galilee Church which has been occupying state-reverted property since April, 1964, has received notice to "vacate by 28.2.71 without fail". We would appreciate your prayer and any lead to acquiring alternative premises. Please contact Rev. Philip Heng. Tel. 643948.

CARMEL NEWS Mount Carmel Outreach at Dn. Vincent Leong's home has her Service at 3.30 p.m. All those unable to attend morning services are most welcome to join us. An 'Evening of Music' will be on (8.00 p.m., 30th Jan.) at Carmel to raise funds for the piano. Guest artistes come from Life, Zion, Galilee, and FEBC. Welcome! - David Wong.

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EVANGELISTIC BAND INAUGURATED

On Sunday 24 January, 1971 at 4.30 p.m. over forty members of Life Church gathered at the F.E.B.C. Hall to inaugurate the Singapore Christian Evangelistic League (English Section). This body is thus linked with the Evangelistic League founded by Dr. John Sung in 1935. Two original members of the League Rev. Quek Kiok Chiang and Dr. Tow Siang Hwa, saved and consecrated at the great Revival Meetings in 1935, were present to give words of exhortation. Rev. Philip Heng and Miss Adeline Char also spoke words of encouragement. At the end of the meeting ten teams of witnesses were formed and many tracts and booklets were taken away for distribution by members.

Training sessions in personal evangelism and follow-up are being planned in order this soul-winning effort may be carried out effectively. -- T.S.H.

THE REVD. R. IRVING ON MINI SKIRTS, ETC.

In the Christmas 1970 issue of "The Church Messenger", a bilingual monthly edited by Walter T. Su and Dr. Yeow Choo Lak for the Presbyterian Church in Singapore and Malaysia, Mini skirts is discussed by the Revd. R. Irving:-

"On the question of the midi and mini controversy the Revd. Robert Irving says, among other things, that the controversy shows the battle between big commercial interests and the individuals' wishes. As Christians we must always side the individuals' wishes. As Christians we must always side the individuals against corporations that will try to push their products on us. Each one of us is a child of God, and no Dior, Henry Ford, the Pope or Mao Tse Tung, or John Fairchild can force us to kowtow to them. The Son of God died to make us free. So be free, advises the Revd. R. Irving."

My comment: The question of mini skirts, as far as Christians are concerned, must be answered apart from so-called commercial interests.

It is tongue-twisting to say that the Son of God died to make us free, so let us be free to wear mini skirts! Did Christ die on the Cross to give woman the freedom to over expose her body which Eve, having fallen into sin, was trying to hide (Gen. 3:7)? And why did God "make coats of skin and clothed them" (Gen. 3:21) who tried to hide their nakedness with fig leaf aprons (Gen. 3:7)? Because of sin we, whether male or female, must be modestly clothed, and if we are not, we sin, and cause others to sin. Jesus says, "Whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart" (Matt. 5:28). Conversely, a woman who dresses immodestly, lower or upper, so that she draws men to lustful looks, has made herself a partner to the psychological adultery. Mini skirts are translated appropriately into Chinese as "Entice-you skirts", and banned in certain African countries. And if it is unbecoming to our Prime Minister's wife (who sets Singaporeans the standard) it should be lengthened not only by Christians but by all good citizens of the Republic. One excuse we might accord the Revd. R. Irving for advocating minis is that he comes from the West which invents them, but we are from the East. A corrupted Christianity cannot stand up even to the barest standards of Confucian ethics. We don't want corrupt missionaries.

Alas, the Presbyterian Church from which we separated because of modernism and ecumenism is being further eroded by false teachings through false teachers. In the same paper is given the testimony of the Revd. Donald W. Elliot, B.Sc., B.D. Rev. Elliot calls himself a "radical", is against "conservatism" and "liberalism". He concludes, "I am a committed 'ecumenical', because — when all has been said — it is clear to me that Evangelicals, Catholics and Radicals need each other in Christ's mission to the world." If we must join hands with Roman Catholics, let us close down all Protestant Churches and return to Rome, which is the ultimate logical step. Then Martin Luther and John Calvin made the greatest mistakes of their lives! We cannot have Rev. Elliot preaching in the Presbyterian Church.

But Ecumenism has slowly taken hold of the Presbyterian Church. The Church Messenger reported an Ecumenical Service as follows, "There will be the usual Christmas Combined Service on 20.12.70 at 8.00 p.m. in Kota Bharu, with the Roman Catholics participating."

We have a monthly ministry with the Trinity Presbyterian Church, Muar. Our advice to them is to keep missionaries like the abovementioned out of the pulpit. Our advice is that they stand resolutely against the ecumenical flood. -- T.T.

DR. MCINTIRE'S COMMENT ON MINISKIRTS.

Where do miniskirts come from and what does the word mean? It means short skirt — mini, short or small — and they originated in Great Britain. I must tell you that in my recent journey to Australia I was thoroughly disgusted with what I saw were literally nauseating. I never dreamed that I would live to see a society that had so degenerated as Australia has. I have seen the situation in Great Britain and it, too, has been very bad. But we did not take on this style over here until some time after the fashion had developed in Great Britain. Now it seems to me that in the last six months in our own country we have seen so much more of it. We have had a definite degeneration in this area — to such an extent that it is coming into the churches, into the Sunday School, into the life of even the fundamental churches. This is a matter that mothers ought to take

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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 His love.

LIFE CHURCH NEWS

E.B. (Evangelistic Band) Members

2 Training Classes in Personal Evangelism will be held on Saturdays 13.2.71 and 20.2.71, FEBC Hall at 4 p.m. (in co-operation with Y.F.) ALL MEMBERS TO ATTEND.

A Gospel Meeting will be held on Saturday 27.2.71 at the same place, 4 p.m. Members in the meantime are to do TRACTING and give PERSONAL INVITATIONS to friends to attend the GOSPEL MEETING.

Calvary Committee Meeting postponed one week to Friday 12 February at FEBC Library, 8.00 p.m.

Calvary Com. acknowledges with thanks many gifts from Life, Zion and Faith Church members, and the warm reception of all our sister Churches.

Bro. James Tow sends greetings and a gift from New Zealand. He is expected back by mid-February.

Dr. Tow Siang Yew, our member from Penang will speak at the Church Service this Lord's Day.

FAITH CHURCH holds 11th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service this Lord's Day with presentation of annual Statement of A/cs and Budget and annual consecration of Session members, S.S. Teachers and staff, Committee of Y.F., Choir and Ladies Fellowship.

ZION CHURCH offering last Lord's Day to Calvary B.F. amounted to \$229/-. First pledges and contributions include a \$50/- monthly pledge for one year from a Zion Session member, a monthly pledge of \$30/- from Faith Church Congregation and six envelopes from Faith Church Members including one of \$100/- from a Session member.

RAWANG CHURCH appreciates a gift of \$200/- from Faith Church to its B.F. Also \$50/- from a Lifer abroad.

CONGRATULATIONS to Bro. Tsao Huei, Sisters Anna Tan and Irene Chua for passing the B.D.S. three of 38 new dental surgeons.

KELAPA SAWIT. The traditional Chinese New Year Thanksgiving Service was attended by over 70 old and young, and by Christians from Selenak. Items of praise were offered by the Y.F. and Juniors. The Church presently runs two Kindergarten Sessions with an enrolment of 62.

Appointments for the Week:

- Tues. Faith Prayer mtg., Rev. K.C. Quek, Life Church Session Meeting, Life Church Prayer mtg. at Parsonage.
- Wed. Zion Prayer mtg., Rev. S.H. Quek.
- Fri. Zion Family Worship at the Zion parsonage. Life Church Family Worship at 14 Jalan Chantum, Johore Bahru, home of Dr. & Mrs. Tow Siang Yeow.
- Sat. Zion Y.F., 4 p.m.
- Lord's Day: Life & Life Mandarin: Rev. Tow, Zion: Rev. S.H. Quek, Faith: Rev. K.C. Quek (Holy Communion).

THE PRESBYTERY meets this Lord's Day, Jan. 31, 8.00 p.m. at the old Church Hall, Zion building. There are many important items on the agenda to be discussed as a B-P family for the advancement and consolidation of God's work. All members of the Presbytery please attend.

JESUS SAVES MISSION will hold a Workers Meeting at FEBC Hall, Sat., Feb. 6.

JOHORE BAHRU. If you desire to attend the Life Church Family Worship at Dr. Siang Yeow's and do not know the way, please contact the pastor. We leave from church at 7.15 sharp.

SARIBUNNEWS: Sarimbun welcomes J.S.M. workers to an all-night Prayer Session this weekend.

DR. MCINTIRE'S.....

care of. The women ought to take care of it — but they do not. The Bible speaks about matters such as this and our own Confession of Faith deals with such things.....

In our Confession of Faith we are instructed: "Q. 139. What are the sins forbidden in the seventh commandment?"

"A. The sins forbidden in the seventh commandment, besides the neglect of the duties required, are adultery, fornication, rape, incest, sodomy, and all unnatural lusts; all unclean imaginations, thoughts, purposes and affections; all corrupt or filthy communications, or listening thereunto; wanton looks; impudent or light behaviour; immodest apparel; ..lascivious songs, books, picture dancings, stage plays; and all other provocations to, or acts of uncleanness either in ourselves or others." That is part of the doctrinal standards of our church. See how far away we have gotten from these standards! Why Speak About Modesty?

Why do we speak of the matter of being immodest? Why do we speak of the matter of women conducting themselves in a decent manner? The answer, so far as the Bible is concerned, is because of the heart of man. We are going to turn now to several passages in the Bible.

First, 1 Pet. 1:13-15: "... gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; as obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance; but as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation."

Here is the line being drawn between the way in which the world fashions itself, the things which pertain to the lusts of the world.....

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WE ARE A COMMONWEALTH OF CHURCHES

While some churches are organised on a strictly localised basis and guard their independence to the point of isolation, we believe rather in what we call an "autonomous interdependency". We believe that our Presbyterian system of church organisation and government is scriptural, being closely patterned after the "commonwealth of Israel" (Eph. 2:12). They were all Israelites in common action of worship and service, yet they retained their tribal distinctives as Judah, Benjamin, Ephraim and so on. So we are all Bible-Presbyterians in united action for the extension of God's Kingdom, but each local church remains autonomous, or self-governing.

In our commonwealth of churches, we have many occasions calling us to united action. The Bob Wells Crusade was one. The Bob Jones Meetings another. Our coming together has been, and should always be, motivated for brotherly love. United, we can achieve manifold what the individual church or tribe alone could never have achieved.

This commonwealth spirit which fully bloomed on the eve of entering Canaan united the two-and-a-half Tribes of Trans-Jordan with the main Israelite army. It brought total victory. Praise the Lord, we have the same commonwealth spirit in our brotherhood of twelve churches — Life, Life Mandarin, Zion, Faith, Galilee, Mt. Carmel, Tekong, Toa Payoh, Sembawang, Kelapa Sawit, Rawang and, last but not least, Calvary. This commonwealth spirit was manifested at the Presbytery last week. May such a kindred spirit hold sway over our presbyters always, and consequently over our congregations, as we wait upon God for a greater forward thrust this year.

This commonwealth spirit is first shown in our love for this Family Weekly Paper. It is our united voice for the Truth against Untruth, our trumpet call to militant action the extension of God's Kingdom, our herald of good news of Salvation to a lost world. As a Family Newsletter, it circulates 1,000 copies per week through all our constituencies in order we might learn of one another's welfare. In this respect we need your regular contribution of news and important announcements. Your editor welcomes particularly words of wisdom, inspiring messages from our presbyters. Yours will always be promptly published, to God's glory.

This commonwealth spirit burns bright when Presbytery is agreed on sending a missionary (or couple) to Pokok Assam. This is in answer to Mr. Guneratnam's repeated requests for the work of the Evangel Centre. "Who will go for Us?" said the Lord to Isaiah, and Isaiah replied, "Here am I, send me." Who of our FEBC graduates or graduands or anybody will apply to go to Pokok Assam?

Our commonwealth spirit will be further enhanced by Presbytery's decision to publish through Life Church's initiative a 21st Anniversary Magazine. Each member church, mission or institution is requested to submit a historical account with photos of your meeting place and officers, congregation, etc. The value of such a historical magazine cannot be over-emphasised. While engendering a warmer commonwealth spirit this publication, I'm sure, will serve as our united witness for the Saviour to the world. (Incidentally Australia is requesting 20 copies of last week's on Miniskirts.) Let us hasten in this good work — the Lord is coming, Maranatha (I Cor. 16:22)!

As a commonwealth of churches we can advance together faster and farther than were we a loose bunch. Let us submit to one another that Christ might be exalted. Let our ego retreat that the cause of God's Kingdom might advance. Remember, we are a commonwealth of churches! -- T.T.

FAR EASTERN BIBLE COLLEGE

The faculty comprises:- Rev. Timothy Tow, B.D., S.T.M., D.D., Principal; Rev. Quek Swee Hwa, B.A., M.A., B.D., Ph.D., Rev. Edward Paaue, B.A., M.Div., Miss Peggy Yeo, B.Th., M.R.E., Mr. Chew Kia Song, B.A. (English), Mrs. Ivy Tow, B.Th., (Registrar), Mr. Lim Kim Hee (Malay).

Dr. Patrick Tan, Dean of Students and Mrs. Annie Tan (Music) are on six months study leave in England. Mrs. Leah Paaue is on loan to Far Eastern Kindergarten. In the absence of the Tans, Rev. Paaue becomes Acting Dean, while Mrs. Ivy Tow again manages the Culinary Department. Miss Peggy Yeo takes over the music instruction.

The student body comprises 22 fulltime students, a 100 per cent increase over last year's, with half a dozen part-time. Of this number half comes from our own churches, viz., Life, Zion, Galilee, Mt. Carmel, Sembawang. Five countries are represented, viz., Singapore, Malaysia, Vietnam, Indonesia, Korea. Senior students are Swee Thian Hoe, Mary Lew, Peter Chua. (Tow Siang Kwang, who obtained the Diploma in Theology, 1969, is expected to receive his Bachelor's in USA this May.)

All our students, save two or three newly joining, are actively engaged in practical work: preaching, teaching or evangelising. These are involved mostly in the Sunday Schools speaking at Youth meetings, Nurses Fellowships, working part-time with Jesus Saves Mission, and going to remote Sarimbun. The newly established Carmel branch at Margaret Drive is also maintained by FEBC students.

To enhance their efficiency music is given mostly to the women students. Chinese and Malay are taught for the same purpose.

The Library has received not a few new volumes through Dr. Quek's recommendation. A

recent gift ear-marked for library expansion is deeply appreciated. Rev. Paauwe is librarian. The College charges no tuition fees nor room rent. Students pay \$120/- per term for board. Resident students contribute about two hours work each per week to maintain the cleanliness of the College and Campus. (In addition two work scholarships are given to deserving needy students.)

The College supplies the Students Dining Club with a cook.

The College is purposely constituted an independent body free of ecclesiastical control. It is governed by a Board of Directors drawn from our churches and outside who stand with the institution in the teaching and the defence of the Truth.

FEBC has no endowment and looks solely to God for her daily needs. Our annual budget is \$15,000/-.

PSALM FOR THE WEEK, 40 (Flemming, 112, The Psalter)

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 loving-kindness shown.
2. With-hold not Thou Thy grace from me,
O Lord, Thy mercy let me see,
To me Thy loving-kindness show,
Thy truth be still my stay;
Let them preserve me where I go,
And keep me 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.

SINGAPORE CHRISTIAN EVANG. LEAGUE will meet Sat. Feb. 27, 2 p.m. at Telok Ayer Methodist Church, venue of the John Sung Revival Meetings in Aug. - Sept. 1935. Miss Wu the president welcomes our newly-constituted English Section to offer testimony!

POKOK ASSAM. Bank your money in heaven by helping to repair the Evangel Centre. Please contact Rev. Tow.

REV. JASON LINN, founder of Zion Kindergarten sends greetings (also to Rev. K.C. Quek) from Indonesia where he is ministering for some months. His address: Geredja Beritakan Ind-jil, Djalán Kemurnian V No. 35, Djarkarta VI/4, Indonesia. The English Translation of his book, "Pioneering in Dyak Borneo," should be ready when he visits us en route back to HongKong.

MT. CARMEL BIBLE SCHOOL is running two 10 week courses beginning from Sun. Feb. 14th 1971 every Sunday night 7.30 - 8.30 p.m. "Studies in Romans" will be conducted by Rev. Paauwe. "Fundamentals of Church membership" will be led by Dr. Nghakliana. All are welcome.

MT. CARMEL'S PASTOR, Dr. Nghakliana spent last week at the Pastor's conference in Port Dickson.

FEBC BOOKSHOP COM. meets on Friday 12th Feb. 7.30 p.m. Please pray for them.

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house."
Acts 16:31.

LIFE CHURCH NEWS

Pray for Eunice Ong, daughter of Bro. & Mrs. Ong Beng Tiong, at Ward 25, ORGH.

Calvary Com. will meet Fri. Feb. 12 8 p.m at FEBC Library.

Of 100 copies of John Sung Choruses (60¢ per copy) requested for our Prison work, 50 + 10 copies have been offered, Who'll give the rest?

Mr. & Mrs. Y.C. Chen send greetings from Canada (2055 St. Marc St., Apt. 10, Montreal 108, P.Q.)

Congratulations to Bro. & Mrs. Chua Choo Ser on David's commissioning as Sec.-Lieutenant of the SAF.

Congratulations to Bro. & Mrs. William Teo on the gift of their first son, Kelvin, Jan. 25, 1971.

Sis. Ng Gek Choo sends greetings from Australia to Bros. Wah Ann, Johnson See, Chin Kwee and FEBC.

Life Church Bookings. FEBC Hall, Feb. 7 night by Lucy Chua; Church auditorium for wedding, Mar. 14 6p.m. by Lim Hua Meng of Emmanuel Evangel. Church.

We recommend Christian piano tuner, James Lim, phone 692063.

We welcome Mrs. Wu Sock Eng of 104B Newton Road into our fellowship.

ZIONEWS Zion Session re-committed itself to an all-out expansion of the S'etlar Hills Work. A piece of property and land is being sought. We request the prayerful support the B-P Family.

SEMBAWANG B-P Church: First-fruit of the worship service is Bro. Sivam Woodhull, who was received Jan. 31, into Church membership by Re-affirmation of Faith, Rev. Edward Paauwe officiating.

Deacon Chee Ah Chai's phone is 592722.

JURONG B-P SUNDAY SCHOOL. A tuition class has been started in Jurong at Mr. Chandra's house every Saturday afternoon. The tuition Class is preceded by a singing and Bible Story session.

SARIMBUNNEWS. We welcome last week's Prayer Group to Sarimbun again this week.

KELAPA SAWIT is applying for one acre of land in the centre of this fast-growing village to build a church and school. The present premises are too small to contain a flourishing kindergarten.

JOHORE BAHRU is our newest though nearest "station" on the Singapore-Penang "Gospel Highway". At the family worship in the home of Dr. & Mrs. Tow Siang Yeow last Friday, 3 carloads attended from Singapore.

RAWANG CHURCH B.F. About \$22,000 has been received of which \$7,000 is spent on earth-filling. It is hoped building can commence this year.

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Editorial Note: In order to promote the spirit of missions in our church movement, in obedience to the Great Commission, we are publishing excerpts from the Translation of Jason Linn's "Pioneering in Dyak Borneo". Rev. Jason Linn founded Zion Kindergarten in 1957, but first served as a Pioneer missionary to East Borneo (Kalimantan), 1929-1944, under the direction of Dr. R.A. Jaffray. Presently he is holding meetings in Indonesia. It is our prayer that young Readers of this missionary autobiography may catch the vision to serve in regions beyond.

I. FIRST ENCOUNTERS IN DYAK COUNTRY

"America! America!" This was the Dyak's siren-cry twenty to thirty years ago. I do not know who told them, but "America" had become a synonym for "Christian". However, anyone clad in white shirt and donning white topee would be considered "American".

The first time we made our way into the mountain village in white shirt and topee, we were accosted by the siren-cry "America! America!" from one who first spotted us. At this, the rest of the people scrambled to their homes and slammed the doors. Should you not seek out the village headman or chieftain, you simply had no standing ground in that village, for no one would dare come near you. Hence we learned this lesson:-

1) We must imitate Paul, to be "all things to all men". In order to save the Dyaks we must needs become Dyaks. And that, not only as Dyaks in our daily living, but in dress as well — changing over was a must.

2) We discovered in this well-ordered kingdom of nature that the chieftain exercised full authority over his subjects, while the virtue of the people excelled in "obedient following". Thus, the hoary-headed had no recourse but to submit to the young chieftain. We took this to be an opening to our mission. As the saying goes, "Shoot the horse to get the rider, Catch the robber-chief to catch the thieves".

We tried our best to refrain from misusing authority by giving them the free choice to believe. But since their tie with the chieftain was one of slaves and master — the chieftain held absolute power of determination over the whole village — so we were obliged to get them to believe through their chief. Hence, the first objective of our visit was the chieftain.

As we have said before, we looked up to them in all things as learners in order to win them. To dispel their suspicions and misconceptions we adopted their style of living as much as possible. Sleeping, we sprawled with them on the plank-floor. Eating, we used banana leaves for dishes and the fingers inherited from Mother for chopsticks. But, the bitterest pill of all to swallow was to eat rotting meat with them!

After they had slaughtered an ox or trapped a wild pig, and there were the leftovers at the end of the meal, they would hang these up on a bamboo over the fire-place to smoke. (After a couple of days, it goes without saying that the meat smells.) When you cooked viands or rice over the same fire-place you could see the maggots drop into the pot below. But you need not feel indisposed. For whence did those worms come but from the meat?

The following was an episode that happened soon after our entry to Dyak country. There was a "pilihan" festival on in the village. This drew crowds from the surrounding villages. This was our chance, for the chieftain "rolled out the red carpet" to welcome

He fed us with the richest of foods, topped with desserts of all kinds of cakes. With five or six village headmen for our company, how glorious was the occasion! But for some reason I had not the fortune of enjoying the feast. Though the floor was spread with meats and cakes (we were seated on floor-mats), I could not enjoy them one by one. To please our hosts I managed to eat three or four items by a process of breathlessly gulping down. After we returned from the feast I got sick for three full days. Subsequently I discovered that the fault rather was mine. This experience taught me to attend all dinners of this nature, hereafter, with a trusting heart.

The Dyaks have a very fine custom: they are extremely hospitable to travellers. Whether stranger or acquaintance, when you come to their village, you need not worry, at least, about your food. If they feed you with rotting meat, that would be your blessing. It is an indication of their respect for you. No matter what, you must not stand on ceremonies. If you refuse the offer it shows you up as an ignoramus not worthy of the honour, or it may reveal your intention to reject their goodwill. Evidently you are a wicked person, but then be on close guard of your skull during the night! Otherwise, your head could leave you without saying goodbye at dead of night to find a place on the beam of the Dyak's house.

Once, Paul Linn and a western co-worker visited a chieftain who gave them a warm welcome. This chieftain respectfully brought up a wild bear's head to their boat as a parting gift. This was considered a superb present, which they of course received with profuse courtesies and gratitudes for the chief's bountiful friendship. When darkness descended, and it took them several hours (of sailing), — they hurriedly wrapped the hog's head with a stone in some old clothes and let it slide silently into the river, like burying a dead man. Thereby was the boat rid of that awful stink. -- T.T.

(to be continued).

THE CONFIDENCE OF FAITH

1. The Lord Almighty is my light,
He is my Saviour ever near,
And, since my strength is in His might
Who can distress me or affright?
What evil shall I fear?
 2. O Lord, regard me when I cry,
In mercy hear me when I speak;
Thou bidst me seek Thy face, and I,
O Lord, with willing heart reply,
Thy face, Lord, will I seek.
 3. Hide not Thy face afar from me,
For Thou alone canst help afford;
O cast me not away from Thee
Nor let my soul forsaken be,
My Saviour and my Lord.
 4. Though earthly friends no pity take,
Yet Thy compassion knows no end;
E'en tho' my father shall forsake,
E'en tho' my mother's love shall break,
The Lord will be my friend.
- (Psalm 27, St. Margaret, 73).

"IS MY SOUL LOST OR SAVED?"

Think for a moment what you were sent into the world for. Not merely to eat and drink, and indulge the desires of the flesh, — not merely to dress out your body, and follow its lusts whithersoever they may lead you, — not merely to work, and sleep, and laugh, and talk, and enjoy yourselves, and think of nothing but time. NO! you were meant for something higher and better than this. You were placed here to train for eternity. Your body was only intended to be a house for your immortal spirit. It is flying in the face of God's purposes to do as many do, — to make the soul a servant to the body, and not the body a servant to the soul.

Young men, God is no respecter of persons. He regards no man's coat, or purse, or rank, or position. He sees not with man's eyes. The poorest saint that ever died in a workhouse is nobler in His sight than the richest sinner that ever died in a palace. God does not look at riches, titles, learning, beauty, or anything of the kind. One thing only God does look at, and that is the immortal soul. He measures all men by one standard, one measure, one test, one criterion, and that is the state of their souls.

Do not forget this. Keep in view, morning, noon, and night, the interests of your soul. Rise up each day desiring that it may prosper, — lie down each evening inquiring of yourself whether it has really got on. Remember Zeuxis, the great painter of old. When men asked him why he laboured so intensely, and took such extreme pains with every picture, his simple answer was, "I paint for eternity." Do not be ashamed to be like him. Set your immortal soul before your mind's eye, and when men ask you why you live as you do, answer them in his spirit, "I live for my soul." Believe me, the day is fast coming when the soul will be the one thing men will think of, and the only question of importance will be this, "Is my soul lost or saved?" — from Thoughts for Young Men by J.C. Ryle.

JESUS SAYS, "I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE, NO MAN COMETH UNTO THE FATHER BUT BY ME." (JOHN 14:6).

LIFE CHURCH NEWS

We extend deepest condolence to Bro. & Mrs. Ong Beng Tiong on the passing of their four-year old daughter Eunice, Sat. Feb. 6, 1.15 p.m. Funeral next day was attended by Elders and members, the pastor officiating. A special family worship held Fri. 12 at 64 Ming Teck Park was attended by over 20. (Calvary Com. Meeting is postponed to Mar. 5).

Congratulations to Bro. and Mrs. Phang Ching Yen on the gift of a daughter, Rachael, Feb. 4, 1971.

Family Worship on Fri. 19, 8 p.m. will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Mahadevan, 129, Hill Crest Road, S'pore, 11.

FEBC Hall booking by ISCF of National Jr. College Sat. Feb. 20, 6-10 p.m. (Lee Teng Kiat).

Elections of Elder and Deacons and Congregational Meeting will be held next Lord's Day, Feb. 21 immediately after worship, from 11 to 11.30 a.m.

Thanks for over subscription for the 100 John Sung Choruses for Prison work. Surplus of \$24 is channelled to Rawang Church B.F.

GALILEE NEWS. Galilee now occupying State owned property was issued a quit notice with effect from Feb. 28. Please contact Rev. Heng, if you have information on vacant premises or land. Tel: 643948.

Praise God for open-door to Pulau Brani! This was extended to the workers at Sambau, Galilee's first outreach to Tg. Pagar. Bible Study and Sunday School will be inaugurated early March. Pray for "Operation P. Brani".

Sambau Gospel Mission will commemorate 1st Anniversary 28th Feb., 3.30 p.m. Rev. Heng will be the Lord's messenger. All Welcome.

FEBC NEWS

Rev. Peter Ng of JSM and Rev. S.H. Quek of Zion were elected Directors at last week's Board Meeting.

With more students expected next academic year, the College will need a dozen study tables. We humbly receive any surplus from Readers. Also magazines of recent date and reference books are welcome.

We extend cordial welcome to Messrs. Mark and Edward Batterbury of Canada, friends of Rev. Dorsey of India, visiting our City, en route to K.L. Any lift?

BATU PAHAT. Bro. Phua Seng Min who has been studying and teaching in Australia for a decade is returning with a bride in a week. A happy welcome home to BP and SGP!

MR. TOM HAMLIN. Quotes from recent message to JSM Conference at FEBC:-

The Church today has

1. Many organisers but few agonisers.
2. Many singers but few clingers.
3. Many interferers but few intercessors.

If you're not praying, you are straying!

Hear Mr. Hamlin at Life Church, Feb. 28, 10 a.m. and at the Easter Sunrise Service, MacRitchie.

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II. FIRSTFRUITS FROM DYAKLAND

By Jason Linn in "Pioneering in Dyak Borneo," translated by T.T.

In early September, 1933 co-worker Paul Lenn and I sailed the upper reaches of a small river called Lawa to visit a paramount chief, the ruler of a district. The "dread" of the district, he commanded even the respect of the State Sultan. Though little educated, he was a good thinker. From boyhood he entertained the high ambition and determination of regaining his deceased father's glory. Being frail of body, however, he could not attain to it. He had a clever and courageous son-in law whose second son, a teenager was also endowed with a shrewdness that awed the people.

Now the paramount chieftain's deceased father was a Sultan. After the Dutch occupied East Borneo his territory became incorporated for purpose of administration. Thus, after the Sultan's death, the Sultanate was terminated in his son. A new title given made him "Temenggung Mang'au Radja" (highest officer over a district).

The supreme chief's father was a Mohammedan. Now, although the Mohammedans tried every way to dissuade him from us, he would not listen. He felt the Muslim faith could not satisfy his heart. He perceived the existence of some better religion in the world than Mohammedanism. He had all along been waiting for the advent of that better religion.

In his native village he had built a rather imposing palace, superior to the other chieftains'. So was the construction of his village better planned. From these works may be seen his superior administration. When we called on him we met him first in the village of Suwakong at his Royal Lodge. He went to the extent of putting us up on the upper floor of his Lodge and gave us the hall downstairs for a temporary preaching station. He and his family, however, shifted to the quarters behind.

On the fourth night of our gospel campaign, just as I finished the sermon, he suddenly shot up in a loud voice, "I have found my religion. This doctrine is what we need!" By such a terse declaration a wide gospel door was opened into the Dyak tribe of this royal district.

We had stayed over one year with the Dyaks. Although several villages had faith to believe the Word, they were afraid to baptise. For, without the chieftain's permission, they deeply feared such move would transgress the law. Now that this chieftain confessed this was the religion he needed who would not dance with joy at the decision? At the close of the campaign one evening, I asked who would receive this salvation? Who would receive Jesus Christ as his Saviour? At that, forty-seven hands were raised to receive the salvation, among them the chieftain's two wives, sons and daughters, and the son-in-law. At this juncture, however, the chieftain retreated to the quarters at the back of the Lodge. Seeing this sudden change of demeanor, we became completely nonplussed.

After the baptism he offered us the explanation, "Sirs, you might think I'm equivocal in not getting baptised, a turncoat within a day. Indeed, if I reject this religion, who in the village would dare get baptise? Nevertheless, in my family, except for me, there is not one left who has not received the baptism. Do you understand what I mean? If I followed in the Baptism then their trust was on me and not on the Lord Jesus! When die they would very likely fall from the faith. So, what I would of them was that they be linked to Jesus directly. Thus could their foundation be securely laid." No wonder, before the forty-seven were baptised, they delegated one to ask the chieftain's opinion. To which he replied, "I've no opinion. This is your business. I said this religion was good. That was my personal view. If you understand clearly what this religion is, you have the right to take it or leave it. But don't ever regret, hereafter."

We spent a total of three weeks on this expedition, covering over ten big and small villages. Owing to the busy planting season, when the village-folk were scattered in the padi-fields, it was hard to call a meeting. Fortunately, we had come to these upper reaches and got the chieftain's help, whereby the folk from three villages were ordered to come and hear the Word. We got over two hundred to come after a hard day's work. Of these forty-seven were gained as firstfruits.

The days of the meetings over, it was felt that the campaign, though successful, lacked something. And that something was the tranquil spirit to hear the Word, disquieted by the hustle of planting season. Therefore they constrained us to promise to come back for another campaign — after the planting season. Some even went to the extent of securing a pledge with which we were obliged to comply. In response to their earnest expectations, we left behind our pump-organ. (to be continued.)

REV. JASON LINN, whose Missionary Memoirs are in course of translation and given a preview here is presently ministering in Djakarta. After Djakarta, he is scheduled to fly back to his home in HongKong via Singapore. In order that our Chinese-speaking Churches especially might benefit from this ministry, Rev. Quek is writing to make appointments for Faith and Toa Payoh Churches. Life Church Mandarin Service will similarly invite Rev. Linn for special meetings. Readers are requested to pray for this period of spiritual refreshing, and that the English Translation of Rev. Linn's book might be used of God to stir up the spirit of missions in and out of our churches in S.E.Asia.

Singing another Holy Land Song:

O BETHANY, MY HOME SWEET HOME
(Script.: Lk. 10:38-42; Jn. 12:1-7)

O Bethany, my Home Sweet Home,
Where my Lord is wont to stay.
Unworthy though as I can be,
He's forgiven me by His grace.
What a blessing 'fore Him seated!
Who can take away my part?
O Bethany, my Home Sweet Home!
God and man share heart to heart.

My heavy burdens,
He puts them on Himself.
Through Valley of Tears,
No more bereft.
For Jesus is my Home Sweet Home,
I must see Him day to day.
His love endures till worlds be gone,
With Him life brings no dismay.
His love endures till worlds be gone,
I'll go with Him all the way.
My Home Sweet Home, by Olivet
Finds grace in Emmanuel's eyes.
Where joined in one are heart and heart,
Then soar our souls to the skies.
I pour on Him my ointment sweet,
Little token of my love.
O Bethany, my Home Sweet Home -
Endless blessings from above.

Words and Music by John E. Su,
translated by T.T.
(Suitable for solo or choir, music in
"Heavenly People Choruses" modified,
obtainable from FEBC).

John Sung Choruses in English:-

JESUS, JESUS, DEARER THAN ALL TO ME.
Jesus, Jesus, Thine only thine to be;
Where Thou dost lead I will follow,
Where'er the path may be;
Then when life's journey is ended
Thy face in glory I'll see.

(JS 167)

PRAISE THE LORD,
Heaven's glory fills my soul.
Praise the Lord,
Jesus Christ has made me whole.
By His grace I have been freely pardoned
Now I praise Him,
Praise Him, I'm Heav'nward bound.

(JS 1)

STAMP COLLECTORS

Excerpt from a recently received letter
from one of our friends in the U.S. "Here
are some U.S. stamps for any collector you
may know in Singapore. If you'd like to put
me in direct contact with a serious collector,
I'd enjoy exchanging stamps with him."
Anyone interested in exchanging stamps with
this U.S. philatelist please see Rev. Paauwe.

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

1. The only way to do much for God is to ask
much of God.
2. Speech distinguishes men from animals,
but speech rising into prayer distinguishes
the children of God from the children
of this world.

- Zion Bulletin.

LIFE CHURCH NEWS

We welcome Mr. & Mrs. Lee Chin Eng and
family of Indonesia. Mr. Lee is invited by
our Government to supervise the Aquarium.
His address: 73 McNair Road. Daughter
Deborah has joined FEBC, transferring from
a Bible School in Indonesia.

Bro. Tan Swee Teck now settled in Los Angeles
writes Miss Char of the recent Quake:
"I am still a little shaken from one of S.
California's worst earthquakes that took
place 6.01 a.m. this morning. Our house
shook so badly that I thought it was going
to fall on us for sure." Thank God he is
safe. Swee Teck is an active deacon in his
church.

Hear Rev. Tan Sia Yong of CNEC (Christian
Nationals Evangelistic Commission) at the
Mandarin Service, 4 p.m. this Lord's Day.

Bookings: 1) FEBC Hall by ISCF, NJC, Feb.
27, 6-10 p.m. 2) Church and grounds by Fish-
ermen of Christ, Mar. 20, 3 p.m., for Wedding.
3) FEBC Hostel by CNEC for S.E. Asia Workers
Conference, Apr. 20-23, Rev. Andrew Song of
HK speaking.

Pray for Gospel Meeting at Y.F. Sat. Feb.
27, 4 p.m. Rev. Heng speaking. Bring a
friend!

FEBC

With increasing students, we're short of
study tables and classroom desks. Any sur-
plus? We welcome donation of reference books
and recent periodicals. We need a microbus.

MUAR Rev. Tow & Co. leaves for Rawang and
Muar next Lord's Day, 28, 12 noon. (Next
Lord's Day speaker: Mr. Tom Hamlin.)

SARIMBUNews The Gospel station is booked by
Bro. Goh Seng Fong for a youth camp, Apr.
19-26.

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM FAITH B-P CHURCH to Cal-
vary Building Fund, following the Calvary
Sunday at Faith Church on Jan. 24, so far
amount to \$1,466. Of this total, \$360 came
from the Church Fund in one year's contribu-
tion; \$430 from 6 Session members; \$330 from
10 members (one a very liberal birthday
offering and another a "widow's mite"); and
\$350 from 3 friends.

FAR EASTERN BEACON. Feb. issue out today.

STATIONS ALONG OUR GOSPEL HIGHWAY:

1. Dr. Tow Siang Yeow, 14 Jalan Chantum,
Johore Bahru.
2. Kelapa Sawit Christian Church, Kelapa
Sawit, Johore.
3. Mr. Kwa Keng Woo, 65 Jalan Maharani, Muar.
4. Mr. Low Hock Ann, Rawang Church, 4½ m.
Muar-Segamat Road.
5. Mr. Liew Hon Seng, JSM, 13 Jalan Brunei
Utara, Kuala Lumpur.
6. Mr. Sam E. Guneratnam, 605 Pokok Assam,
Taiping.
7. Dr. Tow Siang Yew, Siang Yew Clinic, 30
Dickens St., Penang.

THOUGHT FOR THE IN-LOOKING CHURCH:-

Jesus says, "Go ye into all the world
and preach the gospel to every creature."
How many miles has our Church gone out to
extend Christ's Kingdom? Only 10 miles?

"HE THAT HATH THE SON HATH LIFE; AND HE
THAT HATH NOT THE SON OF GOD HATH NOT
LIFE. — I John 5:12.

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III. OPEN DOORS INTO MORE DYAK TERRITORY

By Jason Linn In "Pioneering in Dyak Borneo," translated by T.T.

Easily, several months slipped by. Meanwhile, we went down to Samarinda to spend a happy Christmas and New Year with brethren of the Chinese Church. After this we returned to the mountains to cope with a bigger and busier situation.

In late March the following year, we opened a campaign at a small neighbouring village called Djempedas. This village had a population of only several scores. We baptised fifteen unto the Lord here. This village was the first in this riverine district to receive the Word of the Lord.

During our first campaign here there was a deputy village headman who, while listening to the sermon, fixed his eyes on our gospel poster. Suddenly, like one having discovered something, he exclaimed in a loud voice, "Ah, Now I know!" Were it not for his own explanation, none of us understood what his eureka was. He iterated, "It's the One in white robes on the poster. He is not a stranger to me! Where did I meet him? I've racked my mind for half a day, and I know it now! It was one night five years ago when this white-robed Teacher came to our village, in my sleep. He came into our home. Pulling up the skirts of that dazzling-white robe, he took a pail and fetched water in to wash the floor. While I wondered he said, "Don't be afraid. Five years after, I shall send men to cleanse your village, and your heart. While I pondered his word that Man vanished." With uplifted hands he continued, "As I counted my fingers, this dream happened exactly five years ago. Now, it has come to pass!" I investigated if any had come here before us to preach, but their reply was negative. As to Jesus' picture, this was the first time they ever saw. But, the deputy headman had seen with his own eyes five years ago!

The day after Baptism, we pushed inland by boat via the little Lawa river up the jungled, mountain country. We arrived at Suwakong, the village contacted half a year ago wherein over forty firstfruits were reaped. The village folk, seeing our arrival as promised, were delighted.

Our original plan was to spend a fortnight to visit with the forty odd believing brothers and sisters, to consolidate their faith, and to preach to others as they came. Upon arrival, Paul Lenn dashed further up the riverhead to reconnoitre several more villages and blaze a trail for future work. I stayed behind to nurture the believers, but to our surprise the forty odd believers had a living vibrant testimony under God's mighty blessing. During the half year they went everywhere preaching the gospel, witnessing for the Lord. Amongst them were several brethren from the riverine Teweh district of Banjarmasin, come to stay with their in-laws here. Now the riverheads of Teweh and Lawa come from the same source though they are separate districts in administration. Their village folk, however, inter-marry.

During the half year gone by, they had sown the Word not a little among their relatives at Teweh. A believer's big cousin brother said to him, "Since you've received this full-perfect religion, it is a great mistake your not introducing that preacher to us. At any rate, should the preacher visit again, you must never let slip the opportunity to bring him to us here!" When I got wind of this, my spirits were drawn towards it, for the opportunity to work had come. However, certain problems arose which I could not easily solve. The first problem concerned the Teweh basin. Being a district under the Banjarmasin administration, it fell within the parish of the German Basel Mission. According to Dutch Government regulation, each church was assigned its sphere of work. If we crossed beyond our assigned territory, would it not cause misunderstanding and altercation? Second, I had only a fortnight's provision and travel funds. To make the trip might prolong our itinerary by one or two months. Added to this problem of mine was a further doubt cast by the Dyak brother. This was in connection with the people of the villages beyond. A more sophisticated people than those who lived here they were steeped in witchcraft and " charms". Being hostile to strangers, they discouraged the folks here from migrating. The people there married into the people here, but few from here married into the people there. But these things did not cow me, because I knew my life rested in God's hand. I said I to the brethren, "If God permits not none can hurt me. If God so wills that my blood be spilt, this would bloom into flower, and bring forth sweet fruit." Meanwhile I committed this matter into the Lord's hand and waited for my friend, Paul Lenn to return. Although days went by Bro. Lenn did not come. Subsequently it was learned how God had opened a door of preaching and feverish work for him which delayed his return. As for me, I was feeling an urge to go ahead as coming from the Lord's sure leading. Jehovah-jireh, God would supply all my needs and prepare before me a prosperous journey. After baptising thirty-one persons, I readied to set out for Banjarmasin. For precious human souls, I was determined to lay aside every anxiety. (to be continued)

CALL FROM PONTIANAK AGAIN! A call from a group of Chinese Churches in Pontianak, Kalimantan Barat, Indonesia came to us in October 1968. With Life Church's blessing, Rev. Tow was to hold meetings there in December. Owing to sudden anti-Chinese riots breaking out just then, the meetings were cancelled.

This week comes the call from Pontianak again. Rev. Philip Chung requests us to hold meetings, as well as help the Chinese Church establish a West Kalimantan Bible School.

order to train workers for a much-neglected West Borneo. By faith this proposed Bible School will open in September.

THE CHINESE CHURCHES OF WEST KALIMANTAN.

From Sylvia Houliston's book, "Borneo Breakthrough", we learn that the Gospel first came to Pontianak, West Kalimantan, during the first decade of this century. The pioneer missionary was one Mr. Worthington. Through his labours a Chinese Church was founded.

During the years, other workers have also come in. A Ling Liang Church, an outreach ministry by Dr. Timothy Dzao's group of Churches (Shanghai), was one of these. Then there were missionaries from the Regions Beyond Fellowship, USA, etc.

After the Second World War the OMF came on the scene. Today the OMF has only one couple, the Petersons, and Mr. Rowe, who speaks Hakka, proceeding just now by "slow boat" (a three-day voyage).

With the establishment of a Southeast Asia Bible College by Dr. Andrew Gih at Malang after the War, young men called to serve God fulltime found training. One of these is Rev. Philip Chung. Rev. Chung is the moving spirit for the founding of a Bible School for the vast but neglected West Kalimantan district. The proposed Bible School is scheduled to open the third week of September, 1971.

Contact with our church was first made in Oct. 1968 through Mr. Lai Chong Kai, a graduate of Chin Lien Bible Seminary. Now that Pontianak is calling again, is it not our duty to answer such a Macedonian appeal? The day of missions has come to the B-P Church Movement. We who have all the advantages of living and studying in a metropolis surely owe a gospel debt to this nearest Indonesian town, with a score of churches within a 100-mile radius. It seems that as the Holy Spirit forbade Paul to go to Bithynia but directed him by a Macedonia call to Europe, so He has restrained us from entering Sabah but is now leading to West Kalimantan. May all who love the Lord and the extension of His kingdom in these last days pray for West Kalimantan.

REV. QUEK in his capacity as member of the ICCO Commission on International Christian Relief and ICCO Far Eastern Secretary requests all our churches and groups to use the World Day of Prayer Programme as reproduced in the F.E. Beacon, Feb. issue, and to give a box offering on the occasion for ICR.

FAITH CHURCH: Another \$100 from a member to Calvary.

LING KWANG MISSION CLINIC appreciates the gift of a \$22 Acma Compacta from a Faith member for cool-storage of medicine.

STATISTICS FOR MISSIONS

1. 340,000 births every 24 hours.
2. 165,000 deaths every 24 hours.
3. 65 million increase every year.
4. Something like 2 million unconverted people are reached personally with the Gospel each year - only about 1 in 30 of the world's population increase.
5. More than half of the people in the world do not know God's plan for their Salvation.
6. The Bible has yet to be translated into more than 1,500 languages and dialects. At the present rate of progress this would take at least 150 years. - F.E. Beacon.

LIFE CHURCH NEWS

At last week's Elections, Deacon Edmund Tay was elected Elder. New Deacons are Koh Kim Song, Lau King Hong, Lieu Kok Kwong, Tan Wai Choon, Paul Tsao.

The Session meets Tues. night, Mar. 2 (don't forget Prayer Meeting).

Calvary Committee Meeting is advanced to Thurs. Mar. 4, 9 p.m. at FEBC Library.

Mrs. Woo Sock Eng invites to hold Family Worship at 104B Newton Road, (adjacent to Goldhill site), Fri. Mar. 5, 8 p.m.

Booking: Church for Wedding by Mrs. Lee Choon Ngee, Mar. 26, 6 p.m.

Welcome home to Bro. James Tow Siang Chow, back from New Zealand, a practising architect.

The Evangelistic Band under Elder Tow's leadership met this Saturday with the original John Sung Leaguers at Telok Ayer Church, venue of the Revival, Aug.-Sept. '35. FEBC: Faculty meets Wed. Mar. 3 after lunch at the principal's.

Liew Hong Seng visits and reports two conversions at JSM last Christmas.

The Library is grateful for recent gift of National Geo. Magazines.

SARIMBUN: The weekly Prayer Session under Rev. Peter Ng is advanced to Friday night.

RAWANG. Gifts for Building Fund: \$16.80 from Australia and \$15 from Lifer.

POKOK ASSAM. The aging Evangel Centre needs repairs badly. Someone willing to give \$200 to repair front staircase?

GALILEE. The TOL is given another two months' lease.

JURONG B-P SUNDAY SCHOOL. Staff outing was held today at Jurong Bird Park.

We need a new organ. Who will help? See Miss Trinh-Huong-Linh or Rev. Paauwe.

HE IS MY FRIEND

1. Jesus is my honoured Friend,
He knows me through and through.
His love is sure and full of grace,
Makes me love Him anew.
When I leave Him, I cannot stand,
O let me turn to Him!
I must seek Him now and always,
He is my Friend.
2. When I feel weak and weary,
Sunk in the depths of woe,
He lifts me up to run the Race
Through Danger's gate and toll.
He keeps me straight with rod and staff:
Love descended from Heaven.
With Him my Guide, what more to ask?
He is my Friend.
3. I love Him and He loves me.
He is my bosom Friend.
He shares my joys and my sorrows,
And helps me to contend.
He teaches me to cling to good,
But flee from lust and sin,
Like Him in all-holy living.
He is my Friend.
4. My Lord's Command I'll obey.
How dare I fall behind?
To save the sheep a-wandering,
Redeem a lost mankind.
The love of Christ they've never heard.
His blood that's shed for sin
My hand in his, I must advance
He is my Friend. - Jason Linn.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER (FOR MISSIONS)
AND WEST KALIMANTAN BIBLE SCHOOL

This Lord's Day our fellowship of churches is holding a World Day of Prayer (for Missions) in response to the annual call of the International Council of Christian Churches. And the theme for our meditation is "Worthy is the Lamb", through Whom we have the Victory.

This World Day of Prayer observance began as early as 1887. One Mrs. Darwin R. James, president of the Women's Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church, USA, felt a burden for national missionary work. Through her was initiated a Day of Prayer for National Missions. Other denominations joined.

In 1890 two Baptist women visiting the Far East returned with a burden also for prayer — this time for Foreign Missions. So an Annual Prayer Day for Foreign Missions was inaugurated.

By 1919 these two Prayer Days, one for National Missions and the other for Foreign Missions, were amalgamated. This became known as World Day of Prayer for Missions. As time went on it became abbreviated simply as World Day of Prayer (which seemed to show a cooling off in the missionary zeal?).

Meantime, an erosion of the Faith was creeping into the Western Churches. By the thirties the undercurrent of struggle between Fundamentalism and Modernism in the Presbyterian Church, USA, broke out into open conflict. The same phenomenon appeared in other denominations. With the parting of ways between the old denominations under liberal and ecumenical control and the separated younger denominations under the ICCC leadership (since 1948), the World Day of Prayer continues to be observed on either side of the fence. The Ecumenical Movement observes this World Day of Prayer to advance her nefarious cause of E. Menism. The ICCC observes this World Day of Prayer for the preservation of the Faith, and for the humanitarian mission of Relief to suffering Christians around the World.

In so far as International Christian Relief is concerned, our Churches for the past decade have been making contributions yearly through ICR. For several years we gave to Korea. Last Christmas, we gave to the Pakistan Cyclone Victims (through the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions). In view of what has been done in advance, and, in view of an immediate appeal now coming from the Churches of West Kalimantan, there is a consensus to channel our gifts to our Indonesian neighbours across the shoals of the South China Sea. Yes, to the Hakka and Teochew Churches, and to the Indonesian and Dyak Churches, scattered around Pontianak and Sinkawang, so near, yet so far! If you take a look at the map, you'll notice that Pontianak is as near to Singapore as Penang. Owing to lack of direct and regular communications our approach to West Kalimantan is best attained (economically speaking) by cargo boat. This takes between two and three days.

Now the reason why we feel constrained to go to West Kalimantan's help is this. Three years or so ago the Chinese there came under persecution, leaving hundreds homeless. These came under the relief administration of the Chinese Churches from whom a goodly number have been won to Christ. The West Kalimantan Churches have multiplied, so there are now a score of churches and mission churches — but few pastors. To meet the desperate need of pastors, the West Kalimantan Churches have decided at all costs to found a Bible School, scheduled to open the third week of September, 1971. This means in the next six months! Having made a previous contact with our Church in October 1968 (though we fell short of answering this Macedonian call by reason of sudden anti-Chinese riotings), the brethren in West Kalimantan are appealing to us again. Rev. Philip Chung, a leading pastor favourably mentioned by Sylvia Houliston in her book "Borneo Breakthrough", has written to request holding of special meetings and help in the establishment of a West Kalimantan Bible School. They hope we can supply one missionary teacher, just as the Far Eastern Bible College has obtained teaching aid from USA.

In this connection your editor is delighted to report the unanimous support of his Session and Life Church's decision to take a Sunday collection for this particular work of establishing the West Kalimantan Bible School. Also his passage amounting to \$150-\$200 will be paid out of our "Sabah Fund". (We've a fund earmarked for Sabah, but since we can't enter Borneo via Sabah, God has now opened another via Pontianak). What seems to be God's further confirmation and seal on this responsive visit to West Kalimantan is Rev. K.C. Quek's decision to come along. With his Session's support and blessings as well, we shall set out, God-willing, by some cargo vessel in a week or two.

Incidentally, Faith Church Elder Teo See Yak's father-in-law is an elder of Rev. Philip Chung's church. And, from Pontianak, there are five young people boarding with Elder Teo to go to school here in Singapore. Such added strand of Christian fellowship ties us stronger to these out-of-the-way Churches of Indonesia. May our Readers feel God's blessing upon their lives as they give for the establishment and extension of Christ's Kingdom in West Kalimantan.

This is a World Day of Prayer (for Missions). How appropriate therefore that we should have this missionary talk. For decades and decades, the churches here were also spiritually colonised under the sway of the Union Jack. Now that we are an independent nation, now that we have attained, so far as our church is concerned, self-propagation for the last

21 years, shall we not arise and help bear the cross of foreign missions?

We need a first couple trained in the Word of God to send to Pontianak. We need to give to their support while abroad. We need more prayer and giving partners to answer other calls that are coming, and will surely come in the crucial days ahead. We must redouble our efforts for Christ as He Himself draws near. Even so, come Lord Jesus, on this World Day of Prayer (for Missions). — T.T.

Introducing another Holy Land Song:

THE PILGRIMS' HOME SWEET HOME

(To the tune of "Home Sweet Home".)

1. These pilgrims and these strangers
Have died in faith,
And they have gladly laid down
This side Jordan's wave.
The promise of God drew
Their steps up and on.
And they have fondly confessed:
Heaven above's their home.

Chorus:

Home, home, sweet, sweet home,
Yes, they've fondly confessed:
O, Heaven above's our home.

2. These pilgrims and these strangers
Have left their lands,
And they have forsaken them
Ne'er more to return.
A better land above
For them God's prepared.
The City of God is
Way beyond compare.

3. In Abraham's God trusting,
I've joined the band
Of pilgrims and strangers
To the Promised Land.
This world is not my home,
I'm just a-passing through,
Each day draws me nearer
Home beyond the blue.

Home, home, sweet, sweet home.
Yes, I too fondly confess:
O, Heaven above's my home.

(Scripture: Heb. 11:8-10, 13-16).

— T.T.

JURONG B-P SUNDAY SCHOOL is grateful for gift of \$10/- for organ fund. Any others? See Miss Trinh or Rev. Paauwe.

ZIONEWS

Congratulations to Dr. & Mrs. Quek Swee Hwa for the gift of a daughter, Sharon Li Shan, Mar. 1st, 1971.

Zion Church holds World Day of Prayer this Lord's Day in conjunction with other B-P Churches and takes collection for West Kalimantan.

KELAPA SAWIT. Rev. Tow is scheduled to preach there next Lord's Day, leaving here 1.45 p.m. Any coming?

PAWANG. The Building Fund now has \$15,000/- in fixed deposits, while waiting for day of ground breaking.

POKOK ASSAM. Church Repairs. So far only \$100 has been given by Life Church. Our appeal for \$200 more to make the front staircase has still not been answered. Please see Rev. Tow.

SARIMBUN BUDGET is reduced to only \$50 per month to pay for transport of two FEBC students in view of non-availability of resident workers (for the moment). The distance to Sarimbun is 20 miles.

LIFE CHURCH NEWS

Elder Edmund Tay is appointed Assist. Treasurer and Deacon Paul Tsao Clerk of Session.

The Port Dickson Family Camp is cancelled owing to unavailability of the Camp site.

200 John Sung and other Choruses translated and compiled by Elder Tow will be ready by Easter.

The Sunday School Adult Dept. will be shown a series of three Easter films, just flown out from USA, Mar. 28-Apr. 11. Bring a friend to this special treat!

Deacon Koh Kim Hiang leaves this week for Penang on a three-month scholarship at the T.T.C.

Rev. and Mrs. Edward Paauwe have been installed with an extension line from the Church Office. Ring 513676. Rev. Paauwe is the Lord's messenger at Life Church pulpit next Lord's Day.

Family Worship next Friday at the Parsonage, special welcome!

Wedding Bells! The Marriage between Lim Hua Meng and Chong Koong Siew of Emmanuel Evang. Church will be solemnised Mar. 14, 6 p.m.

CALVARY, JURONG TOWN.

The Treasurer, Mr. Henry Heng, reports \$42,378 received as of Mar. 4, 1971.

Mr. Chan Lay Seng is taken on as fulltime worker as of Mar. 1st. Mr. H. Heng chairs committee for a Calvary Sunday School to be soon established.

GALILEE

The Church will hold three nights of gospel meetings, Apr. 5-7, 7.30 p.m., Rev. Heng speaking. For Easter Sunday Apr. 11, the S.S. will start at 8.45 a.m. and Worship at 10.

Sumbau Gospel Mission celebrated 1st Anniversary on Feb. 28, Rev. Heng speaking.

Galilee's 2nd Outreach is a proposed Sabranai Gospel Mission to Pulau Brani. For 4 Saturdays in March Galileans will visit homes with tracts. A Bible Study Class is planned for April.

Rev. Tow is speaker at Galilee next Lord's Day.

SEMBAWANG: Today's messenger is Deacon Tan Wai Choon of Life Church.

FEBC. Dr. Quek Swee Hwa is appointed Academic Dean. The College holds 2nd term final exams. Mar. 12-18 with end of term Dinner on 19. Easter Vacation is from Mar. 20-Apr. 25.

John Tow sends greetings to FEBC Family.

ICY TRAINING CAMP

Organized by Mt. Carmel, this Camp will study Effective Follow-Up in the Church. Date: Apr. 11-15. For registration or receipt of donations the following ICY representatives may be contacted: Life, Koh Kim Hiang; Zion, Charlie Tan; Sembawang, Tony Ting; Mt. Carmel, David Wong; Galilee, John Lim. More news in the ICY Newsletter.

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"MUCH GIVEN, MUCH REQUIRED"

"For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more" (Luke 12:48b). This principle enunciated by our Lord in the Parable of the Wise Steward is a fair and just ruling applicable to His Church in Singapore today!

Singapore is given much economically. We are the second most prosperous country in Asia, after Japan. Christians in Singapore benefit from such prosperity, so that those living even in slums are far better off than those in less fortunate neighbouring countries. Singapore Churches are ten times better situated and equipped than, e.g., Hongkong Churches which are mostly perched in flats or apartment houses. Therefore, it is high time that we gave not merely to our immediate needs, or to some nearby home missions. We must now learn to give (for we can well afford) to the support of the gospel overseas, way beyond our church environs. In other words God has so blessed us economically that we should proportionately give for the extension of His Kingdom in other countries. It is His plan to save other sheep through the efforts of those He has established and prospered here. May our Readers in prosperous countries like Australia, New Zealand and the United States, give liberally for foreign missions, and why not through us?!

In this connection, while we are deeply thankful for the splendid response of our Churches to the Appeal to help establish a Bible School for West Kalimantan, may we also state it is our bounden duty so to do. And, after we've done all, let us humbly say to the Lord, "We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do" (Luke 17:10).

There is always a fear of the local church that she might end up red if too often outside appeals are to be answered. I think, she will suffer if she gives unwillingly, grudgingly! If she gives with a heart like Mary of Bethany's, she will prosper even if she gives her all!

In all our giving, giving cheerfully and without strings, we have seen the Lord bless and multiply thirty to a hundredfold! A vivid example of having more by giving is the Sea of Galilee in the Holy Land. What a lively and bountiful lake it is. There shiploads of fish caught are recorded in Holy Writ, even the numbering of them - 153 on a Resurrection Morning (Jn. 21:11). Galilee is full of life because she willingly gives all the waters she receives from the Lebanon mountains into the River Jordan. But the Dead Sea is not so. This Sea only takes in, but never gives out (except by a forced evaporation, and that rather reflects some old miser perspiring under pressure). The condition of such a sea is dead, literally dead. Hence her name. A Christian, and corporately, a Church, that never gave beyond what was extracted (does this remind one of the dentist?) shall not prosper. Praise the Lord, we are persuaded the Churches in our association, and you our dear Readers, are of the better, liberal class - for you have already received God's Unspeakable Gift, Jesus Christ His Son.

Singapore is given much in many other respects. To name at random: Health, Cleanliness, Security, Peace, Opportunity, Liberty, Tolerance, Religious Freedom, Good Education, etc., etc. We would further touch on just one of these, viz., the last-mentioned blessing - Good Education. Not only is our younger generation given a good secular education, but also those who now offering their lives for fulltime service! Hitherto, not a few of us have had the privilege of higher study abroad. Then, we founded the Far Eastern Bible College which has endeavoured to give the younger generation a full-orbed, four-year collegiate education. In this connection the faculty that has received longer years of training abroad are duty bound to give of their best to the students. In turn, the students who have well-earned their degrees locally should not sit on their laurels, but rather commence on a life time of assiduous self-study. Let them research diligently with the academic tools they have acquired. Let them begin to impart the truths they've learned to faithful men who should be able to teach others also (II Tim. 2:2).

Thus, when our less fortunate brethren in neglected West Kalimantan sought help in respect of founding a Bible School, we were duty bound to help! If, after we've spent a quarter of a century in theological study and teaching, and have had the advantage of seeing and learning from so many other countries, we were to shut our ears to their cry? Then we had flouted the Lord's requirement that "unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required." Therefore there is a grave responsibility placed on our FEBC graduates to teach the Word of Truth to others who are in sore need of that training they have received. Our prayer is that some graduate qualified to teach in Chinese might volunteer to go to West Kalimantan. Our prayer is that our Churches will prayerfully and cheerfully support such an one to ferry the Light of Truth across the sea to Kalimantan.

"Much given, much required." -- T.T.

DEPARTURE: Revs. Quek and Tow are booking on the "Lakota" of Peln Lines on a direct crossing to Pontianak. The boat is expected to leave Monday night, Mar. 15. Readers are requested to follow their steps with prayer that their visit may yield fruitful returns for our Lord. The two pastors, after preaching at the main Churches of Pontianak and Sinkawang on the Lord's Day, will return, D.V., about 23rd or 24th.

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Introducing another Holy Land Song:

✓ HEAVENLY MELODIES

(To the tune of "The Old Folks at Home")

There is a happy land, far away,
Far above the blue,
Where saints in glory stand, bright as day,
Praising the Lord God Triune,
Hallelujah, hallelujah, I can hear them sing.
Where saints in glory stand, bright as day,
Praising the Lord God Triune.
Come away, come away to this Land,
O don't delay!
Come join us, this Christian Pilgrim Band.
O don't be left in the way!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, Hark how sweet they sing!
Come join us, this Christian Pilgrim Band
Onward and upward 'n away...
Wonderful, wonderful, this new Land,
Far above the blue.
Happy our days on earth, as in Heaven,
When Christ our life has made new.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, Raise our voice and sing!
Happy our days on earth as in Heaven,
When Christ our life has made new.

-- T.T.

LIFE CHURCH NEWS SUPPLEMENT

Mrs. Koh Kiam Boon (nee Eng Cheng Luan), mother of Miss Ivy Koh, 25 Lorong 41, confessed Christ as Saviour at an appointment with the pastor and Elder Edmund Tay, last Saturday, Mar. 6. She seeks Baptism at Easter Service.

Life Church Sunday School Staff General Mtg. The first General Staff Meeting will be held on Sunday 21 March, 1971 at 64 Andrew Road, preceded by Fellowship Lunch at 12 noon. All Staff are expected to be present.

Sunday School will show Concordia Colour slides of our Lord's suffering Crucifixion and Resurrection on 3 successive Sundays: 28.3.71, 4.4.71 and 11.4.71. All classes from Juniors upwards will attend the showing in the FEBC Hall. There will be no lessons.

Life Church's 1971 budgeted gift of \$1,200 to Calvary is transferred this week.

Situation Vacant. Qualified experienced Secretary wanted by Consulting Engineer. Please contact Deacon Paul Phua, Tel: 94898/96118.

Our red carpets are made like new by the expert cleaning of Home Beautifying Service. We heartily recommend Mr. Justin Bong, 64629.
LIFE MANDARIN SERVICE. Hear Mr. Charles Tsao this Lord's Day, 4 p.m. Come to the Bible Class, 3 p.m. taught by Rev. Peter Tong and Miss Chang Ching Ho.

Mr. Peter Chua of Life Church, a senior student at FEBC, will work with JSM, Penang for a month from Mar. 24.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Prayer is not a device for getting our wills done through heaven, but a desire that God's will may be done on earth through us.

- Zion Bulletin.

LIFE CHURCH NEWS

We extend a cordial welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Phua Seng Min, recently returned from Australia. Seng Min has a Masters' in Education and has joined the National Junior College. Mrs. Seng Min is a pharmacist. Presently they're staying at 3B Pepys Road, phone 633760, with the Hengs.

We extend a cordial welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Park Tong Joon of Korea Exchange Bank, now residing at 17 Green Leaf Lane, 10, phone: 667783. Please pray for Mr. Park now sick at Ward 6 Bed 17.

Wedding Bells! The marriage between Mr. Tan Lam Kok and Miss Loo Bee Geok of Fishermen of Christ will be solemnised at Life Church, Sat. Mar. 20, 3 p.m.

Hear Mr. Tom Hamlin next Lord's Day, Mar. 21, 10 a.m.

WEST KALIMANTAN: Offerings so far received and administered by Rev. Quek: Life \$364.90; Lifer \$80; Zion \$100; Faith \$112; Life Mandarin \$23; Sembawang \$24; Singapore Evangel. League \$101. Total \$804.90.

POKOK ASSAM: \$10 for repairs to Evangel Centre from Lifer.

FAITH CHURCH

Pray for Rev. Jason Linn in Djakarta now suffering from high blood pressure and heart ailment, and is therefore unable to meet Faith Church's invitation to speak at Toa Payoh Evangelistic meetings in April.

Faith Church Y.F. plans Bible Camp at Kota Tinggi Church Apr. 19-24, with evangelistic tour to Jemaluang and Endau.

FAR EASTERN BEACON Mar. issue out today. Emphasis on Missions, West Kalimantan, etc. Other articles: Parable of the Orange Tree, Testimony by a Pastor, Abridgment of Calvin's Institutes of the Christian Religion, very profitable for every reader to occupied to study at the Bible College. Follow the study of Ruth, Ch. 3. Get your copy today.--Q.K.C.
ZION BULLETIN: The Zion Y.F. has voted to raise \$500 in 1971 for the Seletar Hills Project of founding a new Church. This brings the Total pledged and given to \$1,510/-.
FEBC The Library capacity is greatly expanded by the installation of two upper tiers of bookshelves reaching up to the ceiling. We welcome the donation of theological books and encyclopaedias.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

Readers are exhorted to memorise this Creed of Creeds!

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IV. "THROUGH VALLEYS DEEP, THROUGH PATHS NARROW".

By Jason Linn in "Pioneering in Dyak Borneo," translated by T.T.

It was the aborigines' harvest time when everyone was busy in the padi-fields. To make this long journey it was not easy to find companions. At a word, however, over ten would join us, of whom seven were chosen. These comprised one who had fervently witnessed with his wife, as guides, three brothers as pack-bearers, and two sisters as attendants. The brother who acted as our guide was a good witness. A converted sorcerer before, he could thus gain the hearts and wills of many people, that even Mohammedans were obliged to listen to him. Moreover he could speak Malay (language of Indonesia) and became my best interpreter. Though illiterate he could translate many Biblical terms. God had given him this special gift. A native of "the other side", he could translate into the dialect of his own people. The sisters, while helping to cook and wash, sang also in the Evangelisti Band's choir. Musically talented, they lightened not a little my load.

Across our path ahead, however, there still lay that barrier of anxiety. From our entourage came this postulation, "You are God's servant. God will watch over you. We have a little faith. We have none to shelter us except you. Sir, wherever you go we will follow closely. We dare not leave you, eating or sleeping." Promising, I comforted them with Mark 16:17,18 that they should learn looking up to God.

Apart from that cumbersome pump-organ (we reduced our package to the simplest) our inventory included the following: mosquito net, bed sheet, canvass bed and a few changes of clothes, Bible, gospel posters and their kind, and portable cooking utensils. My cereals and tinned foods consumed, we roasted chicken and wild boar meat and brought along a packet of chillies and salt, several bamboo-tubes of cooked rice and a pot of water. Besides we were armed with a parang (long knife) each, two sheets of woven palm leaves. With all this accoutrement, we launched out to Banjarmasin. Though heavily packed, we covered the first six or seven days' rugged journey with ease. We crossed high mountains and lonely valleys, thick jungles whose ancient trees reached up to heaven, their thick foliage blotting out the sun. Thorns, thistles, tall lallang grass overgrew little-trodde foot-tracks. Like sharp spears they stood in the way. The forward man naturally had to hack a way for his comrades behind.

Though we were spared meeting with wild beasts and robbers, we were the targets of swarms of mountain leeches with outstretched heads like hungry devils ready to strike each passer-by with a "kiss". Howsoever careful, you could hardly escape this nuisance. Bare-legged, those brethren and sisters painted themselves with a thick coat of crimson. As they walked on, red drops of blood trickled like oil onto the unending mountain path. My heart soured to see this squad of seven or eight bleeding afresh each day. I was fully accoutred, shoes and stockings up to the thigh, tightly fitted. On top of that I had soap and tobacco rubbed in. So, I requested them to let me take the vanguard to alleviate somewhat their bleeding pains. But, to no avail. I was inexperienced. I did not know jungle lore. What appeared to be openings ended up in blind alleys. I was obliged to step down and follow in rearguard, under their lead again. When I sang "Jesus Saves The Lost Sheep" how they thrilled with joy (to the tune).

As we pushed through this sunless jungle we bumped into the stench that rose from the mountain vapours and miasma. Big and small streams kept criss-crossing our path, soaking us wet while fording. We had spent three days cutting through untrodden paths. "Sleeping on the dew and dining in the wind" through the unbeaten track of a jungled wilderness we each made for the night-halt a temporary harbour of a hotel. Of the two palm sheets we each brought we improvised one for roof and the other for a bed covering. We cushioned our beds with branches laid side by side. We made smoky-fire out of dead wood around the four quarters of our encampment to keep poisonous snakes from attack. At dead of night there orchestrated a chorus of voices from insects, birds and wild beasts to the scoughing of the wind and the gurgling of mountain brooks. They formed themselves into a natural band striking up a melodious note with such perfect precision, that you must say it was a hilarious performance! Who says travel is lonesome? At midnight the mountain rains pattered down. One was obliged to behold the heavens weep till daybreak while embracing a bed of sleepless night.

During our journey we met with a rain pouring for two to three days. The road became muddy and slippery. Fortunately each one was clad with the peace of God. There was only one case of a slippery fall causing a sprained foot. This was the lot of the wife of that zealous witness. She had brought two children along, the older a girl of three and the younger a year-old boy. With one in front and the other on the back plus baggage on her hand, she trod on drenching wet. Over-fatigued, unaware, she tripped! At that time I was the only one lightly laden. The rest were weighed down. So I shared her burden of responsibility. I carried the three year old girl on my back. In one stretch we went o'er hill and dale, through thick spear-like undergrowth over a once-beaten track, through the slashing rain. We were all reduced to drenched fowls, head to foot, while the raindrops on the eye brow made us appear all tears. Most unbearable was that little girl on my back who sobbed all the way. This experience stirred up a hundred feelings in my heart. It made me recall that famous rhyme of a psalm, "Tearful sowing, happy reaping."

(to be continued)

Introducing another Holy Land Song:

THE FOURFOLD COMMISSION
(to the tune of "The Patriots,"
Thuringian Folk Song)

Go into the world, into all the wide world,
And tell the joyful news to ev'ry perishing
soul,
And tell the joyful news to ev'ry perishing
soul.

For you I have sent into all the wide world,
And you shall be my witnesses from

Jerusalem,
And you shall be my witnesses from
Jerusalem.

But first receive power, the Spirit of God,
And you'll go through Judea, Samaria, all
the earth,
And you'll go through Judea, Samaria, all
the earth.

Go ye into all, into all nations,
And make them My disciples, and baptise
them for Me,
And teach them all My Word, for I'm with
you to the end.

(Scripture: Mark 16:15; Luke 24:46;
Acts 1:8; Matt. 28:19,20.)

— on eve of sailing to West Kalimantan.

MEMORIAL SERVICE for the late Pastor Stephen Wang Yu-Teh of the Chinese Church in London, who went peacefully home to be with God on Mar. 15 in London, will be held at Life Church Auditorium, March 25, 8p.m. A special offering will be collected for the Memorial Scholarship Fund in honour of Pastor Wang.

CONQUEST OF INNER SPACE

There are some professing Christians who can speak of themselves in terms of admiration; but, from my inmost heart, I loathe such speeches more and more every day that I live. Those who talk in such a boastful fashion must be constituted very differently from me. While they are congratulating themselves, I have to lie humbly at the foot of Christ's Cross, and marvel that I am saved at all, for I know that I am saved. I have to wonder that I do not believe Christ more, and equally wonder that I am privileged to believe in Him at all — to wonder that I do not love Him more, and equally to wonder that I love Him at all — to wonder that I am not holier, and equally to wonder that I have any desire to be holy at all, considering what a polluted, debased, depraved nature I find still within my soul, notwithstanding all that divine grace has done in me.

There is tinder enough in the saint who is nearest to Heaven to kindle another hell if God should but permit a spark to fall upon it. In the very best of men, there is an infernal and well-nigh infinite depth of depravity. Some Christians never seem to find this out.

— Charles H. Spurgeon

The cynical young couple queried: "I say, Parson, how far is it to Heaven?"

Like a rifle shot came the reply: "Just a step, will you take it?"

LIFE CHURCH NEWS

Wedding Bells! The marriage between Dr. Raymond Phua Cheng Chee and Miss Dora Lee May Ling (daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Choon Ngee) will be solemnised on Friday, Mar. 26, 6.30 p.m., Rev. Tow officiating.

Hymn Books. Praise the Lord for spontaneous offering of \$200 by an elder sister.

Dr. and Mrs. Patrick Tan, on study leave, are now located at 4, Lancaster Way, Farnborough Hants, U.K.

Catechism Class. Candidates who have not handed in their testimonies are requested to do so the latest by Mar. 28.

Greetings and gift received from Deacon and Mrs. William Seah, Australia. The Seahs are returning, D.V., April 7. They report good fellowship with Edmund Lim (2 children) Chin Woo, Mrs. Dean, Helen and husband and daughter Sharon, and visiting Tassickers.

Congratulations to Rev. and Mrs. Timothy Tow for the gift of a son, born on 17.3.71 in Gleneagles Hospital. Both mother and child are well.

Sunday School will show CONCORDIA FILM SLIDES on 28.3.71 at 8.45 a.m., entitled The Last Journey to Jerusalem, The Upper Room and The Betrayal. All are welcome.

S.S. General Staff Meeting with Fellowship Lunch at 12 noon on 21.3.71 at 64, Andrew Road. Mr. Peter Yuen will address the Staff.

F.E.B.C. Introducing... The Far Eastern Bible College, a pamphlet describing the work of the College has just come off the press. Copies may be obtained from any F.E.B.C. student.

Easter Vacation began today after students spent all day yesterday cleaning the premises. The 2nd term was concluded with a dinner and service, Dr. Quek Swee Hwa speaking.

MOUNT CARMEL NEWS

The new outreach at Margaret Drive has been officially named 'Mount Hebron Gospel Mission', in the context of Caleb's request 'Give me this mountain' (Joshua 14:12). Dr. Ang Beng Chong has been designated to head the work there. Attendances - SS:15 and Service:40. A Gospel Crusade will be held in Mt. Carmel from 21st - 24th April, with Rev. Philip Heng as the speaker.

ICY TRAINING CONFERENCE. Funds urgently required to see the Conference through. Estimated 100 conferees. Kindly send gifts to Tony Ting, 76 Taman Permata, Singapore 20. WEST KALIMANTAN: Offering from Kelapa Sawit: \$40; 100 copies of John Sung Choruses from Evangelistic League. Revs. Tow and Quek sailed Tuesday night, a day delayed.

POKOK ASSAM: \$50 from a Lifer for Evangel Centre repairs. We're still short of \$140/-.

POCKET TESTAMENT LEAGUE. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Liu are expected to come to Singapore June 25. They hope to stay for a year, while making trips to Indonesia in gospel-distribution. They request our prayers.

"Eve was made of a rib out of the side of Adam, not made out of his head to top him, not out of his feet to be trampled upon by him, but out of his side to be equal with him, under his arm to be protected, and near his heart to be beloved." - Selected.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?
Dr. Tow Siang Hwa

In recent times the term "Cell Group" has been increasingly used to refer to small groups of Christians meeting for Prayer and Bible study. Paradoxically, this communist-inspired term has been adopted and promoted by Christians in anti-communist Western countries, particularly the USA. Every name conjures up a certain meaning, and the term "cell" depicts a small group of communists engaged in clandestine subversive activities in some organization of society with a view to promoting violence and overthrow of the government. In Singapore we may recall the havoc and destruction of the 'fifties, inspired and engendered by "Cell Groups" in schools, old boys associations and trade unions.

While we should vigorously promote and support small group Prayer and Bible study meetings, there is no reason to borrow a term coined by an anti-Christian and diabolical movement which communism is. Surely the Christian Church has not exhausted its vocabulary of Christian and Biblical words to call its own members. Similarly, should any Christian musical group, for example, call itself by some such name as "Gospel Pop Singers," with the knowledge that the leading Pop artistes are evil, immoral people, given to anti-Christian practices and activities? The catch words and nomenclatures of these people — and the Communists — are equally to be shunned by those who are of the faith.

At Presbytery Meeting in January, 1971 the use of the term "Cell Group" was discussed and it was unanimously agreed that all B-P Churches and Groups be advised against the use of the term, for reasons already stated.

Furthermore, the continued and formal use of the term may lead to complications with the Police, who have written to ask for a list of all "Cell Group" members' names and addresses.

Action Groups

By the providence of God and the Holy Spirit's guidance, the Committee of the ICY-SM Follow-Up Training Conference to be held at Zion Church from April 11-16 has used the term "Action Group" in place of "Cell Group". To me, this term is Biblical, reminding one of Acts of the Apostles, and is to be preferred to the communist word. "Action" speaks of life and life springs from God the Holy Spirit. May all our Pastors and Leaders commend the use of the term "Action Group" among our Churches. May many Action Groups spring up, to the edifying of the Church and to the glory of God's name.

NEWS OF EASTER ACTIVITIES

Easter Sunrise Service, Lord's Day, April 11 will be held at McRitchie Reservoir, 6.30 a.m., Mr. Tom Hamlin speaking. All B-P Churches and branches, JSM, The Evangelical League and other members of the SMCCC will attend. Breakfast will be served at Zion, Faith and Life centres.
Toa Payoh Chinese Christian Church at 383, Blk. 71, Lorong 4, under care of Faith B-P Church, will hold a series of gospel meetings, Apr. 15-17 (Thurs. to Sat.), culminating with a 2nd Anniversary Thanksgiving Service on Sunday April 18th, 3 p.m. when the Church will be declared the Toa Payoh Bible-Presbyterian Church. All B-P groups are invited to attend. (Rev. Tow will be the evangelist for the gospel meetings, Apr. 15-17.)

Faith Church Y.F. will hold Bible Camp at Kota Tinggi, Apr. 19-24 (Mon. to Sat.). Programme includes gospel meetings at Jemaluang and Endau Churches.

Pray for Bro. Goh Seng Fong as he ministers with JSM, Penang from Apr. 12 with meetings probably at Pokok Assam (to be confirmed). Rev. Tow will minister at the Good Friday Eve Service, Tampoi, Apr. 8, 7.30 p.m.

Introducing a Good Friday Hymn:

ALONE

1. It was alone the Saviour prayed
In dark Gethsemane;
Alone He drained the bitter cup
And suffered there for me.

Chorus:

- Alone, alone, He bore it all alone;
He gave Himself to save His own,
He suffered, bled and died alone, alone.

2. It was alone the Saviour stood
In Pilate's judgment hall;
Alone the crown of thorns He wore,
Forsaken thus by all.

3. Alone upon the cross He hung
That others He might save;
Forsaken then by God and man,
Alone, His life He gave.

(Hymnody 204.)

"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,"

(I Peter 2:18-20.)

Geredja Kristen Djakarta,
Djalan Kartini 5/16C
Djakarta.
Mar. 25, 1971.

My dear Readers,

Joining forces at Singkawang

Deacon Nicodemus and I left Pontianak by the 5.30 a.m. bus for Singkawang. After four-and-a-half hours, covering 90 miles of roads under repairs at many points, we came to the outskirts of the town. There the Landrover appeared with Rev. Quek's party. We quickly alighted and drove with them to visit a school for the refugee children called "Torsina", or Mt. Sinai.

We then found ourselves at a 60-year-old Dutch-style Church left by the Worthingtons, presently shared between the Chinese and Indonesian congregations. After this we called on the Petersons, and at the new Ling Liang Church, pastored by Rev. Huang.

Pastor Huang, now almost 70 years, is an old Rafflesian. Originally from Biliton, he came here 16 years ago. He has since made Singkawang his home. The culmination of his ministry is the newly built church and a flourishing congregation. He and the deacons gave us a tea welcome loaded with cakes.

We're entertained to a sumptuous lunch by the Petersons. There we met Rev. Hsiung Nan Fu, a faithful minister with a passion for souls. Conversant in Malay he has worked with Indonesians and among the Dyaks. The house presently occupied by the Petersons is the old Ling Liang Church. It is here, most likely, that the projected Bible School will be launched in September.

When evening came the Landrover took Rev. Quek north to Selakow where he spoke to about 60 people. Nine new decisions for Christ were made. I remained at Singkawang which gathered a congregation of 200. In order to comfort the refugees I spoke on the topic, "Have we rice to eat by believing in Christ?" Answer: "Without Christ half-a-bowl, With Christ two bowls" (Matt. 6:33).

Farewell, West Kalimantan

All this while, Rev. Philip Chung was in Java promoting the Bible School. Hearing of our arrival he flew back Tuesday morning, in time to see us before our departure. He gave a hearty report on the enthusiastic response by the Indonesian Chinese Churches. He hopes we could contribute one teacher for the faculty, the latest by the second academic year.

We said farewell to the Church of West Kalimantan with a final double-message to the Pontianak Church, Tuesday night. Meanwhile, we had decided to leave Pontianak Wednesday morning, Mar. 24, by plane. The earliest Singapore-bound boat would not sail till Friday or Saturday. The pastor and deacons kindly sent us aboard the first "Merpati" flight to Djakarta.

Djakarta

Three afternoon flights from Djakarta back to Singapore being full, we were obliged to stay here for the night. With Rev. Chung's introduction, we found ourselves comfortably located at the Geredja Kristen Djakarta, a flourishing Hakka Church under the ministry of Mr. Kok Ying Ngen. Rev. Quek took the initiative to look up Mr. and Mrs. Lie Keng Wie, relatives of Mr. Ang Thian Seng. Our friends kindly fed us and took us around, including a surprise visit with Rev. Jason Linn. Praise the Lord, the aging warrior for the Lord has recovered. He is scheduled to hold meetings in Bali till May, when he'll visit us in Singapore.

Djakarta is a sprawling city of over four millions. Refugee hovels along the rail track and canals teeming with a miserable humanity, eking out an existence from the rubbish heaps, made a sad impression on our minds.

Conclusive thoughts

As we concluded our nine-day mission to West Kalimantan, these were our thoughts:-

- 1) We felt a new sense of miserableness of our inadequacy to cope with the people's needs.
- 2) But we believe, by placing our little in Jesus' hands, He can multiply us to feed thousands.
- 3) Let us help weaker brethren in regions beyond, who are sincerely extending Christ's kingdom far above efforts made hitherto.
- 4) Let missions be an ever increasing burden with our churches henceforth because the Lord commands it, but so few are obeying it.

Pray and give for the Evangelisation of West Kalimantan

- 1) Please pray regularly for missions of our churches, but particularly for West Kalimantan.
- 2) Please collect surplus clothing for the hundreds of refugees uprooted by the Dyak massacre.
- 3) Please donate Chinese theological books for the Bible School.
- 4) Please pray for a Chinese teacher to join the staff, the latest by Sept. 1972. Funds for his support are needed!

Sincerely yours,
T.T.

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WHY DO WE OBSERVE PALM SUNDAY AS PART OF EASTER?

Every year we specially commemorate the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ not only with a Lord's Supper Service on Maundy Thursday or Good Friday and a Sunrise Service, etc. on Easter Sunday, but also with a Praise Service on Palm Sunday, the beginning of the Holy Week. Now, why do we observe Palm Sunday as part of Easter?

Palm Sunday originates from what is known as Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem on the Sunday before His Crucifixion. This event is recorded in all four Gospels. (Matt. 21:1-11; Mk. 11:1-11; Lk. 19:29-44; Jn. 12:12-19.)

Up to this time, the last few months of Jesus' life, our Lord was meeting with increasing opposition to His ministry. So He moved less conspicuously by keeping away from Jerusalem. He preached and healed around and across the Jordan valley in what is known as "The Perea Ministry" (Perea was that district across the River Jordan).

Famous among His mighty acts were the raising of Lazarus at Bethany (about two miles from Jerusalem), the healing of the woman with a spirit of infirmity 18 years, opening blind Bartimaeus' eyes and visit to Zacchaeus' house at Jericho. From Jericho he returned to Bethany where He was anointed by Mary. This was the Saturday before Palm Sunday.

On Palm Sunday, knowing that He must fulfil all the prophecies about Him, including Zechariah's on His ceremonial riding of a donkey into Jerusalem as Prince of Peace (Zech. 9:9,10), Jesus told his disciples to get the animal. Jesus knew where the ass was, as Mark and Luke tell us - at a village's junction. Sure enough the two disciples sent by Jesus brought the young ass whereon no man had ridden.

When Jesus rode on this ass on His way down from the Mount of Olives to Jerusalem, a great crowd gathered to give Him a more-than-red-carpet welcome. Little children joined in the throng shouting Hosanna while older ones cut down branches of trees and palm leaves and paraded in tune with the songs of praise. Others spread the very clothes they wore along the cobbled streets leading into Jerusalem. Christ received their cries of praise and prayer as uttered to one worthy of Messiahship. Indeed, His royal riding into Jerusalem was to emphasise His final exaltation as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Of course this acceptance of praises that were given to the Messiah stirred the Jewish leaders' wrath. They might accept Him as one of the prophets, but not as the Messiah of God! Luke records: "And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto Him, 'Master, rebuke thy disciples' (Lk. 19:39). Jesus, knowing fully the evil significance of this query and affirming His Messiahship and Deity, replied, 'I tell you that if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out' (Lk. 19:40). Jesus' Deity is attested by His prophecy, as far as the stones are concerned, on the destruction of Jerusalem. This happened in A.D. 70, when Titus burnt down the City.

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday for the same reason that Jesus initiated it. Jesus is King. Jesus is Messiah. By His death on the cross for our sins and Resurrection He conquers Satan who is presently going all out to torment mankind. Jesus now reigns in Heaven and intercedes for His church. But soon is He coming, as we see the darkness gathering. Great nations like Russia and America are but feet of iron and clay. The crumbings of these mortal nations are a preparation for the coming of the Eternal Almighty One to rule this earth with justice and peace.

The Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday is a preview of His second coming to earth as Prince of Peace. He will establish His throne upon David's and make His capital in the new Jerusalem after the whole world has suffered that final holocaust of war and pestilence called Armageddon. He will save mankind from war and bloodshed and bring in peace a thousand years. It is appropriate, therefore, on Palm Sunday to sing to His coming golden Millennial Rule, as follows:

Song to the New Jerusalem

(to the tune of "The Old Kentucky Home")

The summer sun shines o'er new Jerusalem:

Golden days of peace so divine!

Messiah has come to this war-torn earth from
Heaven,

Bestowing rest to we-ary mankind.

Chorus:

Weep no more, O Israel!

O weep no more today.

We will sing this song to the new
Jerusalem,

To the new Jerusalem for aye.

The autumn showers freshen new Jerusalem,

Happy feasts are held o'er the Land.

We worship Messiah the Prince of Peaceful
Realm,

Who makes roses bloom across the sand.

The spring rains drive winter's biting
cold away:

Wheat and barley, olive and grain.

Ten thousand flowers in the balmy breezes
sway,

While young men and maidens praise His
Name.

The Sun of Righteousness shines o'er earth's
Dark Night:

No more war, nor hunger, nor pain!

Messiah shall reign till Right triumphs
over Might,

All-resplendent in Jerusalem.

(Scripture: Isa. 60; Zech. 14:16-21;
Mal. 4:1-6).

- T.T.

Introducing another Good Friday Hymn:

O SACRED HEAD, NOW WOUNDED

1. O sacred Head, now wounded,
With grief and shame weighed down.
Now scornfully surrounded
With thorns, Thine only crown;
O sacred Head, what glory,
What bliss till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call Thee mine.
2. O noblest Brow and dearest,
In other days the world
All feared when Thou appearedst;
What shame on Thee is hurled!
How art Thou pale with anguish,
With sore abuse and scorn;
~~How does that visage languish~~
Which once was bright as morn!
3. What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered
Was all for sinners' gain.
Mine, mine was the transgression,
But Thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Saviour!
'Tis I deserve Thy place;
Look on me with Thy favor,
Vouch-safe to me Thy grace.
4. What language shall I borrow
To thank Thee, dearest Friend,
For this Thy dying sorrow,
Thy pity without end?
O make me Thine forever;
And should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never
Outlive my love to Thee.

(Inspiring Hymns No. 111)

Praise Hymn for Palm Sunday

ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR

1. All glory, laud, and honor
To Thee, Redeemer, King.
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.
Thou art the King of Israel,
Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's Name comest,
The King and Blessed One.
2. The company of angels
Are praising Thee on high,
And mortal men, and all things
Created, make reply.
The people of the Hebrews
With palms before Thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before Thee we present.
3. To Thee, before Thy Passion,
They sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise.
Thou didst accept their praises;
Accept the praise we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King. AMEN.

(The Hymnal For Youth No. 90)

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

1 Cor. 15:58.

N-E-W-S

GALILEE: Easter Service at 10 a.m., S.S. 8.45 a.m. The Choir will present an Easter Cantata, "The Prince of Life." Good Friday Service on 9.4.71 at 8 p.m.

Galilee Gospel Campaign from Apr. 5-7, 7.30 p.m. nightly. Speaker: Rev. Philip Heng
Pulau Brani: The Sa-brani Gospel Mission will have its first meeting Apr. 3 with Rev. Heng as the messenger.

ICY: Closing date for joining the Follow-Up Training Camp Apr. 11-16, at Zion is Apr. 4! Please register with Lieu Kok Kwong (Life); Charlie Tan (Zion); Raymond Seah or Tony Ting (Sembawang); David Wong (Mt. Carmel); John Lim (Galilee & Sambau). The ICY Witness is yours for asking.

POKOK ASSAM: Pray for Bro. Goh Seng Fong as he speaks at the Evangel Centre, Mon. night Apr. 12, en route to JSM Conference, Penang.

RAWANG: The Building Fund saw an increase of \$1,100 last Lord's Day. Total: \$16,000. (The building of the new church will commence when \$30,000 is reached).

SARIMBUN: Mrs. K.C. Ho & Co. will stay at the Mission house Easter Sat. night and join the S.S. for Easter S.S. Service.

LIFE CHURCH

A combined Testimony Meeting of the Evangelistic Band and Y.F. will be held this Lord's Day at FEBC Hall, 2 p.m.

The Y.F. of Life Church Sunday School will hold a Weekend Conference, Apr. 9-12, at FEBC Hostel. Enrol with Y.F. Committee!

Life Church New Members Fellowship Lunch. All newly baptised and re-affirmed Members at next Lord's Day's Easter Service are invited to a fellowship lunch the same day at noon at the home of Elder and Mrs. Tow, 64 Andrew Rd. Session Members will join the lunch to welcome the new members.

Rev. and Mrs. Tow thank all well-wishers for their cards and gifts for Jonathan, Shen Han.

Dr. and Mrs. Patrick Tan send Easter greetings to Lifers from England.

ZION SERVICES: 1) Good Friday Service at 10 a.m. 2) Zion Y.F. Sunset Service on Sat. 4 p.m. at Kranji Memorial. 3) Zion Church Easter Carolling at St. Andrew's Mission Hospital, Easter Sunday, 5.45 p.m.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE will still be held this year (next Lord's Day, Apr. 11, 6.30 - 7.30 a.m.) at MacRitchie Reservoir, by special permission of the P.U.B. despite the enforcement of a new law restricting the use of public parks and reservoirs.

Mr. Tom Hamlin will be the speaker, to be interpreted by Rev. Tow. Life Church S.S. Choir, J.S.M. Choir and Zion Church Choir will sing. Refreshments will be served at Life Church and Zion/Faith centres at 8 a.m. after the service. All members and friends of our B-P Churches and other SMCCC groups are invited to attend.

TOA PAYOH GOSPEL CAMPAIGN: Pray for Rev. Tow as he speaks, Apr. 15-17 at Toa Payoh Chinese Christian Church, 383, Blk. 17, Lor. 4. Language used: Mandarin - Teochew.

REV. JASON LINN: He is expected in Singapore from Djakarta, May, 15. For preaching appointment contact Rev. Tow.

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EASTER MUSINGS

My dear Readers,

Oxford definitions on Good Friday

According to Oxford, Good Friday is the Friday before Easter on which the anniversary of the Crucifixion is kept. It is a day of fast, abstinence and penance, and in the Roman Catholic Church Good Friday together with Holy Saturday (since 1954) are the only days in the year on which no Celebrations of the Mass takes place. The officiating clergy wear black on this day. The altar is stripped, the candles are not lighted, no bells are rung, the organ is silent.

Most of the practices are abolished by the Churches of the Reformation. In some Non-conformist Churches the day is kept as a feast rather than a fast. In Continental Protestantism it is customary to have the usual services with sermons, and often Good Friday is a special day for the administration of the Lord's Supper. In the early Church it was, however, kept as a day of the strictest fasting and humiliation.

"Your reasonable service" (Rom. 12:1).

If it is true that we should be consecrated to God in our daily life which Paul refers to as "your reasonable service," it is more true that we should take time off our daily business on this Universal Anniversary of Christ's Death to devote ourselves to Him. Let the holiday given us this day be according to its root meaning a Holy Day.

This is a Day, first of all, of Worship. A Day of silent meditation upon Christ's Suffering and Death. A Day to unite with the Church around the Lord's Table. A Day of confession of sins, of vowing anew our love for the Lord.

This is a Day of proclaiming the Essence of the Gospel - the Cross, i.e., Christ's death in our place, paying and suffering the penalties of our sins that we who believe might be saved. Hallelujah, what a Saviour! Now, I'm no more hell-doomed. I'm on my way to Heaven! Reader, hellfire is no scaring, medieval doctrine. If you think we're too old-fashioned, read Jesus' own warning in Mark 9:43-48.

Easter Sunrise Service

Since our church was founded in 1950 we've not missed going to either McRitchie or Peirce Reservoir to hold Sunrise Service - in the spirit of the early disciples going to the empty tomb. We choose the lake because Christ in one of His Appearances spent time with the Seven on the shores of Galilee (Jn. 21:1). This is our 21st Easter Sunrise Service, on a much larger scale, organised by our Singapore-Malaysia Council of Christian Churches. Is it not a joy to fellowship with one another from so many outgrowing branches, with brethren of Jesus Saves Mission and the Chin Lien Bible Seminary?

Some Firstfruits for Easter Baptisms

Easter Sunday is a Happy Day of Baptisms in all our Churches. Praise the Lord for these firstfruits, ceremonially speaking, because without Christ's Rising from the dead, we are still in our sins. Because He rises, so we receive not only the forgiveness of sins, but also the newness of life. Peter says God has begotten us again (caused us to be born-again)... by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. So, every baptism candidate, any, whether at Life, Life Mandarin, Zion, Faith, Galilee, Carmel or elsewhere, should be able to say that he or she has passed from death into life. Everyone of these, though not having seen Christ in the flesh like the early apostles, should be able to say they've seen Him in spirit. The evidence of having seen Him is their loving devotion to Christ (I Pet. 1:8).

At Life Church, every candidate for Baptism is required to write a personal testimony. Most are from non-Christian homes. About a quarter are from Christian homes who having grown up and found Christ in due time are re-affirming the faith of their fathers.

Sis. Judy Heng, stenographer, re-affirming her faith, says, "I am very fortunate to be born to a Christian family and have always been taught to seek God diligently. My knowledge of God widened when I attended Sunday school and then church service, but, somehow the message of salvation did not come to me. My concept of being a Christian was only to do good, and attend church regularly. I did not know that to be saved, I must believe on the Lord Jesus that He died for my sins and to accept Him as my personal Saviour.

It was when I was in my teens that the message of salvation finally came to me and I accepted Jesus as my personal Saviour.

The Lord Jesus has always been kind and gracious to me and above all, blessed me. I always have the assurance that whenever I am in trouble, I can look up to Him for his help.

I was a lost sheep but have been found by the Shepherd."

Sis. Ang Chiew Leng, assistant examiner, says, "I was born in a home practising ancestral worship. I joined my grandmother and parents when they held joss sticks and asked for 'blessings'. Being young and carefree I did not seriously question the truth and usefulness of such practices. I was a "free-thinker" - no serious thoughts about whether there really is a God; how the world and its inhabitants come into being; only the joy of birth and the sorrows of death continue their relentless cycle within each family and so on... It was at Raffles Girls Secondary School that the glorious light of the gospel was first revealed to me. I was invited to a meeting sponsored by the YFC Bible Club. Going out of curiosity initially I am thankful to the Lord that the Holy Spirit gave me a desire to

learn more. I began attending the meetings regularly and also took up correspondence courses with the Emmaus Bible School.... I accepted the Lord Jesus as my Saviour and experienced the peace that comes through knowing that my sins were wiped away by the Saviour's blood.

Arthur Yeo Eng Wah, national serviceman, says, "Since my secondary school, I had heard the name Jesus Christ. This was through friends who were members of the ISCF. Time and again invitation and persuasion were extended to me to join their meetings. Later on, tracts and even a New Testament were made available to me by a Christian uncle of mine. I did read through them, but the fear that was within me kept me back from Christ.

All along I had always firmly believed in the existence of a true God. But, being non-committed to any religion, this had not been a bother to me. For, religion was a subject that I had never committed myself to talk or argue with anyone.

The turning point in my life came during the Bob Wells Crusade last year. One evening I reluctantly accepted the persuasion from my uncle to hear the Crusade at the National Theatre. At the end of the Crusade the Holy Spirit worked in me. I offered myself to Jesus Christ and accepted Him as my Personal Saviour. Since then I have always been near to Him in Church and in Sunday School.- T.T.

N-E-W-S

SEMBAWANG: From the 3rd Sunday in May, the Lord's Supper will be served. For extension of God's Kingdom, \$100 and \$50 are given to the Calvary and Rawang building projects respectively.

POKOK ASSAM: Another \$100 is received from Life Church for repairs to the Evangel Centre.

AUSTRALIA: 1) Deacon and Mrs. William Seah and family have returned safely. 2) Mr. and Mrs. S.E. R. Selvanantham and children send Easter greetings from 57 Browne St., New Farm, Brisbane, Queensland 4005.

TOA PAYOH CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 383 Lor. 4, Blk. 71 holds gospel meetings Thurs. to Sat., Apr. 15-17, 7.45 p.m. with Rev. Tow as the evangelist. The messages will be preceded by film slide shows on the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Readers who have friends and relatives at Toa Payoh are requested to recommend them to the meetings and pray for us.

TPCC will hold 2nd Anniversary Thanksgiving next Lord's Day April 18, 3 p.m. At the Service the Church will constitute itself as the Toa Payoh Bible-Presbyterian Church. All members and friends of the B-P Family and the SMCCC are cordially invited.

LIFE CHURCH

We welcome the following to full membership at this Easter Baptismal Service.

Adult Baptism: Arthur Yeo Eng Wah, Constance Wong, Dorothy Loke, Judith Loke, Patricia Tan Soh Wah, Anna Ho Swee Chun, Lim Lan Yuen, Ow Wong Kee, Heah Eng Siang, Peter Tan Kim Bee, Susie Sim Soo Wah, Howe Loong Joon Kim, Heah Eng Lin, Chng Poh Seong, Ang Chiew Leng, Koh Tuan Hong, Tan Yew Chong, Susan See Soon Moi, Foo Chee Hoe, Eric Foo Hee Kiat, Chew Wee Chong, Eng Cheng Luan. Reaffirmation: Lilian Chua, Judy Heng, Nelson Kam.

Infant Baptism: David Paauwe, son of Rev. and Mrs. Edward Paauwe. At Mandarin Service: Daniel Sng Peng Yeow, son of Bro. and Mrs. Sng Teck Leong.

Offerings received at Good Friday Service totalled \$572.10, all for Calvary B.F. (All offerings this Lord's Day also go to Calvary)

Life Church Evangelistic Band held a combined "Testimony Meeting" with the Youth Fellowship on Sunday 4 April at 2 p.m. with about 40 attending. Many encouraging and heart-warming experiences in personal witness and evangelism were shared by the members.

We heard accounts of personal work among family members, neighbours, school friends, professional colleagues, Sunday School students, patients in hospitals and clinics, and members of the public at large. One member had the literary gift of witnessing through the printed page. Another had arranged to screen our Sunday School Concordia Films "Crucifixion and Resurrection" to his college assembly of 1,000 students. Yet another found great joy in witnessing to couples with domestic and matrimonial problems, as well as to professional colleagues in high public posts.

From what we heard, it was evident that an active behind-the-scenes witnessing for the Lord had become part of the normal daily life of some members. May this spirit of personal witnessing, in obedience to the Great Commission and in gratitude to our Saviour, catch on with many more of our Church members. Let us all go forth to "rescue the perishing, care for the dying."

Evangelistic Band to function at two levels: Adult and Youth. At one meeting of 4 April, 1971, it was agreed to have these two sections so as to facilitate the work. The Youth Section will continue within the framework of the Youth Fellowship which elect its own leaders. The Adult Section will organize its own activities. Combined meetings will be held from time to time.-TSH
FEBEC: As the student body grows we need more furniture. We gratefully accept tables and bureaus.

CHRIST AROSE

Low in the grave He lay — Jesus my Saviour!
Waiting the coming day —

Refrain:

Jesus my Lord! Up from the grave He arose,
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes;
He arose a Victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever with His saints to reign.

He arose! He arose!
Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Vainly they watch His bed — Jesus my Saviour!
Vainly they seal the dead —

Death cannot keep his prey — Jesus my Saviour!
He tore the bars away —

- Inspiring Hymns, 121.

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HOW MUCH WATER?

The question of Baptism, particularly with regard to its mode, comes up for discussion once in a while so far as our Church is concerned. This question is brought to my attention by a young believer formerly with Jesus Saves Mission, Bukit Ho Swee and now, for geographic reasons, worshipping at Life Church. This young brother feels that sprinkling is a man-made method and of late origin, as late as the 15th century. Sprinkling, he says, does not portray adequately "burying with Christ" as immersion, and therefore this mode should be given up for immersion.

Our view of Baptism, in the light of Scripture, is as broad as it is given and practised, and not so narrowed down like the Baptists. In this context we respect the Baptist view of immersion. But, we hold that Baptism, as given in the New Testament, is not a ceremony to be rigidly adhered to according to the stringent requirement of "cubits and ephahs" in the Old Testament.

If Baptism by immersion is deemed scripturally mandatory and Jesus' example of going to the Jordan the yardstick of practice, as our young inquirer suggests, then immersionists in Singapore have not kept it in the spirit they demand of others. Practically all who immerse in Singapore, as far as we know, go to the sea. Where in the Bible is sea water, which is saltish, used? This is said not for sake of argument, but to point out the fallacy of those who claim absolute scripturalness for themselves when they have not.

Sprinkling is a mode used, according to Schaff's Church History, as early as the first days of the second century. Sprinkling is an Old Testament form of cleansing the Tabernacle furniture (Lev. 16: 14-16), etc. Sprinkling is a form of cleansing predicted by Ezekiel to be used on the Jews returning to the Holy Land in the last days. Ezekiel says,

"Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from your idols, will I cleanse you." (Ezek. 36:25.) Sprinkling as a mode of Baptismal ceremony is seen in the above statements to be a historic, Biblical and prophetic practice.

The word "baptise" does not always mean to "immerse". In Mark 7:4 the washing (baptising) of cups and pots and of tables (or, beds) is mentioned. Surely we do not immerse a table or a bedding in water. In I Cor. 10:2 the children of Israel are said to be all baptised unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea. Was there an immersion in the Red Sea? Jesus foretold how the disciples would be baptised of the Holy Spirit. When Pentecost came they were filled with the Spirit indeed, but the outward manifestation were the tongues of fire that "sat upon each of them" (Acts 2:3). In the above three instances baptism did not involve any immersion in water or in any other substance at all.

The thing to stress, indeed, about Baptism is the spiritual and not the material. For except a man be born of water, rather the water of the Spirit, he cannot see the kingdom of God, much less enter it. So, before we baptise our candidates, we take the trouble of going over with them, in a 12-week course, the teaching of God's Word, that they might be ascertained in their salvation. Now, which is more important — the outward mode or the inward grace?

How much water must then be used for Baptism? Let us be charitable to one another in its use, whether more or less. Let us use more fire, rather, of the Holy Ghost, that souls may be melted from the icy-cold of selfish waywardness to salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ.

"HASTING UNTO THE COMING OF THE DAY OF GOD" (II Pet. 3:12)

The Apostle Peter exhorts us to double up in God's work as the days of this earth draw to a close. Believing that we are living at the end of the age, let us press on in the work of the Lord! Let us even work overtime, day and night, for the extension of God's Kingdom! This is my increased burden through holding gospel meetings at Toa Payoh this week, at which two hundred young and old come to hear the Word each night.

1. The Topping of the \$75,000-mark by Calvary this week, praise the Lord, should inspire other members of our Church Family to give! The Breaking Ground Service seems to be in sight! In no time the contractor will be putting the building gang's quarters!

2. Similarly, we must help Rawang across the Muar River to build. This project costs about \$65,000. It is decided to start building the moment \$30,000 is received. At present the Rawangites have \$16,000. How much will this month bring? "The silver is mine and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts" (Haggai 2:8).

3. The founding of Toa Payoh Bible-Presbyterian Church this Lord's Day is another important milestone of our Church. Readers are cordially invited. (Please read overleaf).

4. Young Lifers' thrust to Penang and Pokok Assam deserve our prayers and support. They are Deacon Koh Kim Hiang visiting Pokok Assam with Dr. Tow Siang Yew. Peter Chua is ministering for a month at JSM and other churches. Goh Seng Fong with Johnson See, Peter Hong, Mah Ta Chu and Cheong Chew Fah are working both at Pokok Assam and Penang JSM for a week.

5. Last but not least for our encouragement is Faith Church's Bible Camp to be held at Kota Tinggi next week which takes them to Jemaluang and Endau for further witnessing. - T.T.

Introducing another Holy Land Song:

CHRIST AND THE CHURCH
IN THE SONG OF SOLOMON

(To the tune of "The Bird's Return",
Bohemian Folk Song)

Happy days are here again,
Happy days of Springtime!
Lo, the winter now is past,
No more dark clouds overcast.
Happy days are here again,
Happy days of Springtime!

'Tis the time of figs and flowers,
Blooming in the sunlight.
While the birds do blithely sing,
More glad tidings turtles bring.
'Tis the time of figs and flowers,
Blooming in the sunlight.

Come to Me, my Beloved,
I'm charmed by Thy sweet voice.
We will climb Mount Bethel high,
Till night's shadows away fly.
Come to me, my Beloved,
I'm charmed by Thy sweet voice.

Jesus Christ the Saviour comes,
 wooing us to Heaven.
He the Bridegroom, we the maid,
By His Blood our debt is paid.
Jesus Christ the Saviour comes
 wooing us to Heaven.

(Scripture: Song of Solomon 2:11-17;
Eph. 5:23-32.)

TOA PAYOH GOSPEL CAMPAIGN. With much effort to bring in the people, including the renting of an additional 150 chairs and putting up of canvass, the Campaign has been rewarded with a packed hall and overflowing crowd of about 200. The showing of Concordia Easter Slides by Rev. Quek was an added attraction. Although two-thirds were children and teenagers the messages by the evangelist, Rev. Tow, were geared to their understanding. At last night's conclusion about half a dozen adults and a dozen children raised their hands for Christ. Miss Tan Mooi Hean was interpreter.

TOA PAYOH CHRISTIAN CHURCH
383 Lorong 4, Blk. 71, Toa Payoh 12
cordially invites

ALL OUR READERS
to their

2nd Anniversary Thanksgiving
this Lord's Day,

Apr. 18, 1971, 3.00 p.m.

when the Church will be constituted
the

TOA PAYOH BIBLE-PREBYTERIAN CHURCH

B-P CHURCH MAGAZINE (1950-1971) must be out by October 1971. Editor Tan Wai Choon requests every church and branch to start writing her history!

BUKIT HO SWEE JSM CAMPS at Sarimbun Apr. 19-24 with Bro. Goh Seng Fong and Deacon Tan Wai Choon in charge.

TABLES AND BUREAUS are much needed for furnishing of FEBC Hostels, in fact an item of durable furniture will be welcome.

N-E-W-S

U.S.A. Congratulations to Bro. and Mrs. Lawrence Leong on the gift of a second son, Davin, Apr. 5, 1971.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE. The offering taken totalled \$446.89 which was divided equally between the refugee Hospital and Orphanage, Sinkawang, W. Kalimantan and JSM Indonesian Project.

CALVARY. Life Church's Easter Offering was \$880.65 with \$572.10 collected on Good Friday plus \$60 come in by hand and post, the total for Calvary B.F. is \$1,512.75 to date. Calvary's B.F. has topped \$75,000, praise the Lord!

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE CENTRE. Ring 513069 to Mr. Douglas Tan for gospel tracts, e.g. Sun Yat Sen's Faith.

CHRISTIAN PIANO TUNER. We recommend, so ring James Lim, 692063.

PROPHETIC CONFERENCE. Under the auspices of the SMCCC a Prophetic Conference will be held at Gilstead Rd., Thurs. Apr. 29 to Sat. May "Israel in Prophecy," "The Second Coming of Christ in the Light of Matt. 24 & 25" and "The Blessed Hope" will be presented by Revs. Tow. Quek S.H., Peter Ng, respectively.

ZION BULLETIN. New membership received into Zion Church last Easter Lord's Day: By Infant Baptism: Jeanette Chan Pui Leng, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chan Hon Ming; Melvin Chua Soon Meng, son of Mr. and Mrs. Danny Chua Hua Pheng; Bryan Chua Thiam Hee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chua Hua Meng; Bennet Chua Thiam Hock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chua Hua Liang; Heng Soo Hng, daughter of Elder and Mrs. Heng Yow Tong; Audrey Lee Li-Fung, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Lee Ah Lan; Sharon Quek Li Shan, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Quek Swee Hwa; Roland Su Jong Hea, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Su; David Wee Kay Beng, son of Dr. and Mrs. Wee Joo Huat. By Adult Baptism: Mr. Eng Lam Seng; Mr. Basskaran Nair, Mr. Bernard Ng Ah Moon, Mr. Edward Ng Beng Geok, Miss Tor Kim Hian. By Re-affirmation of Faith: Miss Blandina Chia Swee Hoon, Miss Cerintha Chia Swee Hu. Mr. James Chua Hua Seng, Mr. Lincoln Ee Poh Khiam, Miss Margaret Goh Lee Eng, Mr. Philip Goh Lee Kheng, Miss Rosalind Goh Lee Cheng, Miss Teo Bee Hui. By Transference of Membership: Miss Nancy Fong, Mrs. Esther Quek.

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CNEC. A cordial welcome is extended by Life Church and FEBC to all CNECers (Christian Nationals Evangelism Commission) meeting in their S.E. Asia Conference at the FEBC, Apr. 20-23. Dr. Andrew Song of Hong Kong will be speaker.

LIFE CHURCH. Wedding bookings are made for May 15 and 29!

FEBC reopens Mon. April 26 with Day of Prayer at Galilee Church, 9 a.m. Cars leave Life Church at 8.30 a.m.

ISCF. A cordial welcome to 40 ISCFers and Mr. Freddie Ho staying in at the FEBC Hostel tonight in preparation for their dawn take-off to KL, Sunday morning.

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SAVED BY "A ROPE OF BED SHEETS"

Local readers of the Straits Times were horrified to read of a fire that burnt to death 24 people at the Imperial Hotel, Bangkok last Wednesday, particularly some of us who have stayed there in the course of travel. O the agony also of those who have suffered broken backs and legs as a result of jumping the fire, and the groans of another 25 now suffering from the burns. Lord, have mercy on the victims.

The news report on Thursday brought some consolation in that a number were able to save themselves. The headline, "Rope of bed sheets helped couple escape hotel blaze," struck a note of praise in my heart. An Italian couple had the quick sense of tying the bed sheets together (at least four in a double room) and sliding down the improvised rope four storeys to safety. Then, quick as a flash came the question, "Why didn't the others do likewise?" Slowly came the question to a deeper problem, "And why are countless thousands perishing, perishing in hell as they die a Christless death each day?"

We have a better than improvised rope of bed-sheets to escape from the fires to come. We have a safety ladder in the Cross of Jesus Christ. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (Jn. 3:16). And this way of escape from eternal judgment and punishment is now, once again, offered to you! Dear Reader, have you Jesus Christ the Son of God as your Saviour who died for you that you, through His death, might live? Surely, in an emergency like the Imperial Hotel fire, you won't refuse the Italian couple's offer of the rope of bed sheets! Why do you delay in receiving Jesus as your Saviour?

PROPHETIC CONFERENCE - WARNING OF THINGS TO COME

As a part of the testimony of the Singapore-Malaysia Council of Christian Churches, a prophetic Conference will be held at Life Church, Gilstead Road, April 29, 30 and May 1, 8 p.m. Three messages will be presented: "Israel in Prophecy" by Rev. Tow, "The Second Coming of Christ according to Matthew 24 and 25" by Rev. Quek Swee Hwa and "The Blessed Hope" by Rev. Ng. Readers are requested to pray for the Lord's messengers. These messages are prompted by a spirit of piety and fear — to warn listeners of the things to come, and not from some unholy motive to pander to the curiosity of the credulous. We do not pretend to know so much of the future as to set a date for World War III as some pundit, Christian or non-Christian, does. But we are persuaded that certain conditions of Christ Return have been fulfilled before our eyes and are being fulfilled. We believe it is not too early to warn our listeners of the tribulations ahead. We need be ready when Jesus comes!

THE STORY OF THE RECHABITES

This story was retold from Jer. 35 by Rev. Tow as he brought the Word on the founding of Toa Payoh B-P Church last week.

The Rechabites were descended from the Kenites (I Chr. 2:55), of the stock of Moses' father-in-law, a non-Israelite tribe integrated with God's people. In order that they might preserve the pure religion, the Rechabites were commanded by their ancestor (II Ki. 10:15) not to drink wine.

During the last days of Jerusalem when the Babylonians invaded the Rechabites left their country abode to take refuge in the Holy City. To prove them whether they still kept the faith of their fathers, Jeremiah was told to set wine before them and persuade them to drink. "No, no, no!" was the emphatic reply by the Rechabites who clung to their father's word. For their unshaken faithfulness the Lord promised to prosper their clan which "shall not want a man to stand before Me forever" (Jer. 35:19).

By way of application, we Bible Presbyterians like the Rechabites have been blessed of the Lord, so that Toa Payoh Church is become our twelfth. Like the Rechabites separated from wine, we have been separated from the apostasy of the ecumenical movement, and from such subtle modernist unbelief undermining God's Word as the RSV, NEB, TEV, etc. The speaker reminded the older members of our B-P Church movement of earlier days of resoluteness. Our heritage was traced to the Luther of our day, Dr. Gresham Machen, who fought apostasy in the Presbyterian Church, USA and Princeton Seminary, 1929 and left the old Church to found one according to God's standard. Our heritage was traced to the speaker's training at Faith Seminary and to other alumni like Revs. Peter Ng, Quek Swee Hwa, Rev. and Mrs. Edward Paaue. Our Church was exhorted to stand in line with others of the old-time faith in the International Council of Christian Churches; to keep the doctrine pure and untainted while "hasting unto the coming of the day of God" through evangelism and missions. In this connection we rejoice to have the strong support of Mr. Tom Hamlin, a man of God with spiritual discernment.

So, we take heart to re-consider the testimony of the SMCCC at the coming Annual General Meeting to be held at Gilstead Road, Saturday afternoon, May 1st. Do you love the Name that is above every other name, Jesus Christ, God's Son and Saviour? Come and fellowship with us, dear Reader, also at the evening meal on a freewill offering basis. But we will not set wine as Jeremiah was told to the Rechabites!

"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." (II Cor. 6:17,18)

FAITH CHURCH YF BIBLE CAMP AT KOTA TINGGI

Gospel Church, Apr. 19-24, with "Grow up into Him in all things, which is the head, even Christ" (Eph. 4:15) as the camp theme, has been most profitable. Besides the devotional meetings, Bible studies and forums for the 27 campers themselves, five Gospel meetings were held at Kota Tinggi, Jemaluang, Kampong Hubong near Endau, and Endau, with distribution of Gospel tracts. Several decisions for Christ were made at each place except at the outdoor preaching at Kampong Hubong, the gospel needs are great and the opportunities: tremendous, especially among the children.

Besides spiritual food, closer Christian fellowship and evangelistic efforts, the campers enjoyed the best of food with Mrs. Quek and her team of cheerful helpers at the kitchen. Seven educational and recreational tours were added mostly in the afternoons: the Johore River waterworks (which supply Singapore with 40 million gals of water per day), rubber tapping, rubber mill, palm oil factory, tin mining, Endau River ferry crossing, waterfalls, fishing and swimming in the China Sea. A total of \$170 in offerings were given by the campers to the Kota Tinggi Church and by several members to Jemaluang and for repairs at the flood-damaged Endau Church. Praise the Lord.

Faith Church holds general meeting this Lord's Day for partial re-election of two Elders and four Deacons.

Introducing another Holy Land Song:

HOUSE BLESSING THROUGH DAILY FAMILY WORSHIP
(to the tune of "Jesus, Where'er Thy People Meet,"
Hebron, Hymns of Universal Praise, 169.)

Where two or three together meet
In Jesus' Name to sing God's praise,
And pray to Him with one accord,
There He'll visit them face to face.

Though God in highest heaven reigns,
He condescends to dwell below,
And finds a home in every heart,
Wherein the fires of first love glow.

In mansion high or cottage low,
Where Jesus' Name is daily praise
By word and deed to God and man,
Rain showers of blessing from His Grace.

O may the grace of God abound
From house to house and door to door,
And to our sons and all our friends
Grant life eternal ever more.

- Scripture: Matt. 18:20; Acts 1:14; Isa. 57:5;
Rev. 2:4,5; Ezek. 34:26.

LIFELONG INFLUENCE OF BAD BOOKS

Twenty-five years ago, when I was a boy, a schoolfellow gave me an infamous book, which he lent me for only fifteen minutes. At the end of that time it was returned to him, but that book has haunted me like a spectre ever since. I have asked God on my knees to obliterate that book from my mind, but I believe that I shall carry down with me to the grave the spiritual damage I received during those fifteen minutes. - Rev. John Angell James.

"I have felt like working three times as hard since I came to understand that my Lord is coming again." - D.L. Moody.

N-E-W-S

"200 REVIVAL CHORUSES & HYMNS"

This 40 page Song Book containing 200 choice Choruses and Hymns, including 120 John Sung Favourites, will be introduced to our B-P Churches at a "PRAISE SERVICE" at 8 p.m., Sunday 16 May, 1971 at the Zion Church Auditorium, Tavistock Avenue. Items of praise will be rendered by Massed Choirs of our Churches, by Guitar, Organ, Piano and Special Vocal numbers. B-P Members, please keep the evening of 16.5.71 for this happy occasion.

CHOIRS TO PRACTICE FOR PRAISE SERVICE.

Members wishing to participate in the Massed Choirs are requested to attend for practices at the following centres: Carmel, Galilee, Life and Zion. Will Sembawang members please join Life members at 11.45 a.m. each Lord's Day (25.4.71, 2.5.71, 9.5.71) Combined Practices will be announced later. "Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me" (Ps. 50:23)

GROUP PHOTOS FOR 21st ANNIVERSARY MAGAZINE

All B-P Groups are reminded to begin taking their Group Photographs for our 21st Anniversary Magazine. Life Church Session and Sunday School Departments will have their pictures taken on Sunday 2.5.71 after the Church Service. Session members, please come in lounge suits. (Ed. - Incidentally an Elder and Deacons will be ordained the same Lord's Day.)

GALILEE. The T.O.L. is given a final extension to Oct. 31, 1971.

MT. CARMEL. Baptised last Lord's Day by Rev. Tow were Betty Khoo Kooi Bee, who was saved at the Bob Wells Crusade, and Dr. Philip Lee Hin Peng, chairman of the Literature Dept. and member of the newly established Mt. Hebron Sunday Service. (Rev. Tow will speak at Carmel, May 16, 10 a.m.)

PENANG. Dr. Tow Siang Yew reports an open preaching door to Methodist Churches in Penang and Bukit Mertajam. He helps also at the Jesus Saves Mission English Service. FEBEC reopens for the 3rd term Mon. Apr. 26 with Day of Prayer at Galilee, 9 a.m. Applicants to join the College are advised to wait till the beginning of the new academic year in September.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Liew Hon Seng ('70) for the gift of a girl, Easter Monday Apr. 12, 1971.

LIFE CHURCH

Congratulations to 1) Mr. and Mrs. Chia Chung Hwa for the gift of a daughter, Rachel, Mar. 22, 1971; 2) to Mr. and Mrs. Kwan Choon Mar. 22, 1971; 3) to Mr. Foon for a son, Apr. 15, 1971; and Mrs. Lawrence Tay Cheng Han (Larry Tay) for a daughter, Ruth, Apr. 21, 1971.

Newly elected Elder and Deacons are reminded of their Ordination next Lord's Day, May 2.

New Address: 1) Deacon and Mrs. William Seah, 31 Jalan Kelempang, Singapore 16, phone 492872; Mr. and Mrs. Danny Koh, 78 Cardiff Grove, Singapore 19.

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V. "SOWING IN TEARS, REAPING IN JOY"

By Jason Linn in "Pioneering in Dyak Borneo," translated by T.T.

We had run our course. We had reached our destination. Had we in vain gone through all those bitter hazards? Our blood and tears shed for nothing? No, no! "Labouring for Christ is not in vain". If we know our Bible verse, we know the Lord's promises are true and solid: "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bring his sheaves with him." A few hours after our arrival at the village of Benangin at the riverhead of Teweh, the news spread to the several neighbouring villages. Messengers from several places came to invite us, some sending as many as two or three emissaries. Merely receiving them kept us busy the whole day. They brought present in humble measures, like a handful of rice, an egg, or some sticks of tapioca — expressions of their great expectations in and respect for us.

Quick as a twinkle, a busy and tense situation came upon us — getting the gospel out in this campaign, day and night, personal counselling and praying for the sick ...so much so that we had neither time to eat nor sleep. For two months we were hard put trying to cope with such a welter of events, with many a sleepless night. Often we were kept up til dawn. Because they were thirsty for the Truth, they unceremoniously got us out of bed for several nights. The fact was it was the Dyak's custom to stay awake all night for any big occasion. Forgetting we were not Dyaks, they so requested us. On my part, I saw what an opportunity was before us. Overtaken with joy, I became oblivious to reality. In the prime of life, I could stand up to several nights, but not for long. After all, man is made of flesh and blood, not to speak of engines of steel which need supply of water and lubrication. So, I fell ill after one month. Not willing to let slip the opportunity, I dare not slacken. Though the sickness persisted, I continued holding the meetings or baptisms. Each baptism got us into water several hours, for each small session took in forty to fifty persons, and for a big one, up to two hundred and fifty. This got us occupied for another month. During the two months we held meetings in five places. We baptised a total of six hundred and thirteen.

There were several more villages that requested us to evangelise, when suddenly I received a letter from the paramount chieftain. It said co-worker Paul Lenn was very ill and had to be carried back. Paul being my junior, and stronger, was an amateur boxer. He seldom got sick. Now he had become so sick he could hardly walk. So much so it was rumoured he would soon die. I felt deeply disturbed. I felt miserable that he should grope along in this sick condition. This news got me started to race back. The fact was I was quite indisposed myself. I could not go on in my own work. For the time being I had to conclude this programme. Arriving home I learned that Paul Lenn had contracted some malicious disease and was in coma for many days. He was taken by boat to hospital at Samarinda. I pressed on to Samarinda to see him but ended up in the same hospital. Though Paul had fallen ill, God blessed his labours. Several hundreds were also baptised. This evidently showed that our labours in the Lord were not in vain.

Let me describe a little how we led them to Christ. The method we adopted was different from that in China. The method would not be suitable either to overseas Chinese settlers in towns. Nor can the method be used hereafter. It is "first take, then teach". To use this method on our Chinese compatriots would be very dangerous. For our people have a high degree of knowledge inasmuch as they are exposed to temptations of the cities and more prone to sin. But not with the Dyak situation. They are a straight-forward people. Moreover they are a docile people with a simple mind but sterling faith. Unless they do not understand what's the good of it and are still in doubt — else when they've got it, they will persevere to the end, little wavering. So, what we wanted was to get them understand some basic doctrines of salvation. And should the foundations of faith in their hearts be shallow or limited they could still persevere in the faith as ever. Another factor (involving the method for the Dyaks) was Borneo's unopened interior with a most inconvenient transport system. Though we were located in the mountains not far from there, owing to blocked communication, we were so near and yet so far. Owing to travel hazards and hardships of livelihood we could not remain long with them. Thus, we were to adopt the method of "Teach first, then take", we would not, primarily, be able to do this ourselves. Circumstances forbade us to live a Dyak's life for long. Secondly, these were surrounded by heathen religions. Unless we adopted the method of opportunely receiving them into the fold, we had to face up to the traditional-old enemies of Christianity who were most likely to spoil our work by preventing them to come to Christ. And so, if we did not grasp the opportunity to baptise, we would have made the trip for nothing.

So, in the first two to three years, we baptised almost three thousand. A steady stream of baptisms flowed in through the succeeding years. No doubt there were not a few who "retreated from the faith", especially those of the Japanese occupation. The reasons for backsliding are: First, Lack of nurturing. In the early days we had no assistants. Later The Maccassar Bible Institute sent us students "to do their practical". These were not only insufficient for fielding, but also inadequate in standard. Second, the "disciple of a heterogenous faith" kept up their attacks on us. Kutai, being once a Sultanate, it was populated by "heterogenous" disciples. Basically opposed to Christians, no wonder the

progress of our work came under their fire of jealousy. This incited serious conflicts which to them was a pleasure. They went into the mountainous interior to trade. Exploiting the Dyaks' ignorance they often cheated them. They know that when the Dyaks became Christians they would become wiser. This would spell the end of their profiteering. Hence all the efforts at disruption. At first they spread all kinds of weird rumours. By becoming Christians they were to be taken to China to be made cannon fodder against the Japanese. By joining the Church they had to drink a cup of medicine from the pastor's hand. Then they would be taken out to sea and have their bellies split for the gold in them. "Don't you believe? How come so much money from America?" These rumours had made some inroads into the Dyaks until the paramount chieftain received Christ and was baptised with his subjects. They automatically fizzled. However, a new style of malice was manipulated by stirring trouble amongst the Dyaks with money and politics. A little gift here an added threat there. They tempted the believers to take concubines, gamble or indulge in other sins. They got them involved in religious litigations. They struck up a "snake-and-mouse" alliance with a power gang with the purpose of confronting us. This led to a serious persecution four or five years after the establishment of our work. In spite of this, the bulk of the Dyak Christians, though weak and fearful, stood — kept safe upon the Rock by His protection. Those who persevered in the Faith were the majority. This baptism of persecution came to the Dyak Church as a blessing in disguise.

(to be continued)

N-E-W-S

SARIMBUN. An all-week camp held at Sarimbun under the leadership of Bro. Goh Seng Fong and Deacon Tan Wai Choon saw not only sincere and tearful consecration amongst young people of Life Church and JSM but also a house-to-house visitation bringing returns of 40-50 children to the meetings. Two big girls living next to the Mission House received the Lord. With repairs made to the one mile stretch of laterite road up to the Scouts Camp (a little beyond our Mission) to facilitate the President's visit, access to our Mission and Campsite was never better. Sarimbun continues to be the rendezvous of an all-night Prayer meeting every Friday headed by Rev. Peter Ng.

FAITH. Deacon Tay Chin Keat was called home to be with the Lord Friday morning after prolonged illness. Funeral will take place 2.30 p.m. this Lord's Day from the bereaved family's house, 600D Lorong 1, Blk. 164, Toa Payoh.

FEBC. Deacon Tan Wai Choon of Life Church and Deacon Johnny Lim of Galilee have both resigned from their jobs to study fulltime at the College. Airletters from Dr. and Mrs. Patrick Tan to the College are appreciated.

SEMBAWANG & KELAPA SAWIT. Rev. Tow is scheduled to speak next Lord's Day, 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. respectively.

FAR EASTERN KINDERGARTEN has vacancy for a teacher.

LIFE CHURCH

Congratulations to Bro. and Mrs. Moses Tan Boon Chiang for the gift of a son, Bob Ngee Hiang, Apr. 27, 1971.

The Holy Matrimony between Bro. William Fu Wei Cheng and Sister Esther Tow Siew Hui will be solemnised at Gilstead Road, Sat. May 15, 3 p.m., Rev. Tow officiating.

The Engagement between Bro. Roland Teo Soon Khiam and Sis. Lim Eng Nguk of Grace Baptist Church will be solemnised at 71, Chun Tin Rd., Lord's Day, May 9, 12.30 p.m., Rev. Tow officiating.

Rev. J.D. Turner of Child Evangelism, 24 Namly Place (663844) will be the Lord's messenger at Life Church, Sun. May 9.

Introducing another Holy Land Song:

THE MESSAGE OF THE BIG CHURCH BELL

(To the tune of "Those Evening Bells")

Ding dong, ding dong, ding dong, ding dong.
How bright it rings, the Big Church Bell.
Ye boys arise, and young girls too,
'Tis time to come to Sunday School.
Ding dong, ding dong, ding dong, ding dong,
How bright it rings, the Big Church Bell.

Ding dong, ding dong, ding dong, ding dong,
How clear it rings, the Big Church Bell.
Ye dads and mums, now quickly run!
Sunday School has for you begun!
Ding dong, ding dong, ding dong, ding dong,
How clear it rings, the Big Church Bell.

Ding dong, ding dong, ding dong, ding dong,
How soft it chimes, the Big Church Bell.
Where'er God's people now are met,
With contrite heart let them be knelt.
Ding dong, ding dong, ding dong, ding dong,
How soft it chimes, the Big Church Bell.

Ding dong, ding dong, ding dong, ding dong,
How joyous rings the Big Church Bell!
A sinner lost today is found,
The wayward son has turned around,
Ding dong, ding dong, ding dong, ding dong,
How joyous rings the Big Church Bell!

Ding dong, ding dong, ding dong, ding dong,
How lovely chimes the Big Church Bell.
Here comes the Bride so pure in white,
To meet the Groom filled with delight!
Ding dong, ding dong, ding dong, ding dong,
How lovely chimes the Big Church Bell.

Ding dong, ding dong, ding dong, ding dong,
How solemn tolls the Big Church Bell.
Today a soul has gone beyond,
To heav'n in bliss, or hell forlorn?
Ding dong, ding dong, ding dong, ding dong,
How solemn tolls the Big Church Bell.

Ding dong, ding dong, ding dong, ding dong,
Peal on and on thou Big Church Bell!
Jesus has come from heaven to earth,
To save all men who hell deserve.
Ding dong, ding dong, ding dong, ding dong,
Peal on and on thou Big Church Bell!

- heard on the sunset deck
of the Lakota, sailing to West Kalimantan.

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CHRIST COMES TO SARIMBUN

1. Sarimbun Gospel Mission's Report

When we took over the Sarimbun work in January this year, the attendance of the Sunday School was about ten. Though the attendance was not very good, the children were very keen to come. Some walked about a mile to the Mission and this encouraged us to continue with the work. We were very certain that the Lord's hand was upon us.

Week after week, as we visit Sarimbun, walking that one mile laterite road under the burning sun, we are reminded of the suffering of the Lord Jesus Christ carrying the cross to Calvary for our sake. As we reach our destination, we are thrilled to see the calm sea which reminds us of the peaceful sea of Galilee where our Lord and Saviour loved to spend His time.

Praise be to God, by the end of January, our attendance increased to about 30. Our average attendance now is 25. The children's ages range from three to sixteen. They are ready to receive God's Word, though some are mischievous and unbelieving. On Easter Day it was our joy to see more than 15 children stand up to receive Jesus to be their Personal Saviour. There is a change in some of the children, especially one very mischievous boy who before denied that Jesus is God.

We are grateful for the amount we receive from Life Church for running this Mission. The sum of money is used for transport, and buying materials, and gifts for special occasions such as Easter. Also for birthdays and outings.

Here is a prayer request for two of the older girls who are facing parental objection in coming to Sunday School. One of them wrote to us why she could not come to Sunday School. She says:-

"I'm very sorry that this time my mother does not allow me and my sister to go to Sunday School. My mother says that this time if we go to Sunday School she will tell us to leave the house, and we cannot come back forever. But I will receive the Lord Jesus as my Saviour. I hope that you and the other teacher and Lord Jesus will forgive us for not going to Sunday School."

We hope to start Bible classes (Chinese and English) and also a Youth Fellowship. Do pray for us. - Anne Cheang and Tiew Ah Tuan.

2. Sarimbun Camp, 19th-24th April.

Some Lifers and myself were privileged to be with the dozen young people of the Bukit Ho Swee J.S.M. Camp at the Sarimbun Gospel Mission. Never in my life as a Christian have I seen such open confession of sins - specific sins against God and the brethren and the ardent desire to get right with God. Evidently the Holy Spirit worked mightily in our midst to bring such a deep conviction. A sister even confessed and wept because she disliked a brother. She asked the Lord for forgiveness and a love for Him. O May the Lord make us humble enough to do that.

For Bible studies, we did on "Prayers in the Old Testament," and "The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit and the Believer." The thing that impressed me most was that the young people put into practice their head knowledge, in short they were "doers of the Word." There was a spontaneous outburst of fervent prayer from their hearts, three sessions a day, each usually lasting more than an hour. This was climaxed in the Friday - all night prayer (initiated by the JSM several months ago) which took us past 3.00 a.m. Saturday. The campers literally poured out their hearts and cried unto the Lord for the salvation of their loved ones, friends and the Sarimbun villagers. Indeed they had the faith to pray for the conversion of the whole village.

Another outstanding feature about the camp was the economical running of the camp; each camper spending only about \$3.00. The sisters took care of our tummies with delicious and nutritious meals. Fresh vegetables and eggs were supplied very cheaply from "Uncle Tong," an old man living next door, whose salvation we prayed and pleaded day and night.

Two afternoons were spent on tracting and two in gospel meetings which netted more than two dozen young souls including two sisters, Lay Hwa and Lay Khim who are in Sec. 3 and Primary 6 respectively. One evening, a sister talked to them for several hours about Christ and they sat listening most attentively.

One of the heart cries was for the Lord of the harvest to send a full-time worker to minister to the villagers, mostly farmers. Simple and hardworking they were most hospitable. Many of them invited us to have a drink when we invited their children to the Gospel meetings. Shall we not carry the message of our Lord to them, "Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." Yes, rest is what they need - physically, for they work day and night; spiritually, for they know not the Lord Jesus.

Finally one project which will surely reap dividends many fold is to develop the Mission Station into a camp-site as well. "With repairs made to the one mile stretch of laterite road up to the Scouts Camp (a little beyond our Mission) to facilitate the President's visit, access to our Mission and Campsite was never better," (B-P Weekly, 1st May, 1971). Being far from the city (about 19 miles) and located 1 mile from the main road with the nearest market 1½ miles away, I can't think of a better place for a 'retreat' or a 'rugged training camp.' It will be a real change from our usual city environs of hustles and bustles. - Tan Wai Choon.

N-E-W-S

COMBINED CHOIR PRACTICE at Zion Church, 7.45 p.m. Sunday 9 May, 1971. All groups to attend. Group leaders please arrange transport where necessary.

"200 REVIVAL CHORUSES & HYMNS" will be on sale at Zion Church 8 p.m. Sunday 16 May, 1971 at Inaugural Praise Service.

PRAISE SERVICE AT ZION CHURCH 8 p.m. 16 May 1971. Transport from Life Church will be arranged if necessary. Please give your names to Session members on 9 May, 1971.

FAITH CHURCH SESSION meets this Lord's Day, May 9, at 1 p.m. At the congregational meeting held on April 25, Elders Chuang Shih Ie and Suru Chong; Deaconess Tan Mooi Huan; and Deacons Tan Tong Han, Chern Chia Thye and Tay Chin Keat were re-elected. A by-election to replace the late Deacon Tay would be discussed by Session.

FAITH AND ZION CHURCHES combine this coming Tuesday, May 11, 8 p.m., for Thanksgiving family worship at 53 Blanford Drive, home of Mr. & Mrs. Chua Eng Tin.

AT THE AGM OF THE SMCCC held last Saturday, May 1, the following were elected to the Executive Committee: President, Rev. Peter Ng Eng Hoe; Vice-president, Rev. Quek Kiok Chiang; Secretary, Rev. (Dr.) Quek Swee Hwa; Chinese Secretary, Elder Lee Tsu Hwai; Treasurer, Elder Chia Kim Chwee; Committee members, Rev. (Dr.) Timothy Tow, Rev. Philip Heng, Rev. Edward Paaue, Dr. Tow Siang Hwa, Mr. Goh Seng Fong, and a ICY delegate. All the three prophetic messages on the general theme of the Second Coming of Christ and the three resolutions calling for a new missionary outreach, on theological education and on our ecclesiastical stand are being published in the May issue of the FAR EASTERN BEACON this coming week.

PROPHETIC CONFERENCE OFFERING: \$194.25.

CHIN LIEN BIBLE SEMINARY holds 34th Anniversary and 25th Graduation Service next Friday May 14, at 7.30 p.m. Rev. Edward Paaue will address the four graduates, with Rev. Tow interpreting, Rev. Quek Swee Hwa conducting the Seminary Choir and Rev. K.C. Quek leading the Service.

One of the four Chin Lien graduates, Miss Soh Chiao Yong from Hong Kong, has been appointed Ling Kwang Missioner to serve the missionary fields of Zion and Faith at Serangoon Gardens and Toa Payoh.

SEMBAWANG. Sivam Woodhull, 14 years, who recently re-affirmed his faith, was taken by the Lord, Apr. 30. Funeral the next day was officiated by Rev. Tow, Elder Seow and Deacon Chee Ah Chai assisting.

JURONGITES & SARIMBUNITES are spending a day together at the FEBC and Life Church grounds Mon. May 10.

FEBC COOK, Mrs. Ang, is available to cater to Bible Camps and Conferences during vacation. Please contact Rev. Tow.

MR. TOM HAMLIN'S new phone is 634022.

REV. JASON LINN is due to arrive from Jakarta about May 14. During his fortnight's visit he will be guest of Rev. and Mrs. Tow. He will preach at Faith and Life (Mandarin) May 16.

LIFE CHURCH

The engagement between Dr. Ong Thiew Chai of 7 Jalan Novena Selatan and Miss Tan Woon Kin of 15B Jalan Geneng was solemnised by the pastor at the latter residence, Thursday May 6, 6 p.m.

The engagement between Mr. David Chew, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chew Hui Thiam and Miss Doris Tay was solemnised by the pastor at 27 Barker Rd., Sat. May 8, 4.30 p.m.

Rev. Peter Ng is the Lord's messenger at the pulpit next Lord's Day, May 16 in the absence of the pastor, speaking at Mt. Carmel.

No cine is permitted henceforth inside the church auditorium during a wedding service. Photographs are allowed only on the side aisles in keeping with the solemnity of the occasion.

CALVARY. The Building Fund has soared to \$95,000, praise the Lord! Tentative date for Ground-breaking Service is Sat., Aug. 14. \$100 is voted for Toa Payoh B-P Church's recent Inauguration.

Corrigendum. Deacon William Seah's address is 31, Jalan Kelempong, Singapore 17. (Tel. 492872).

Introducing a Hymn composed by Chinese Students in Peking, China 1952, reprinted from "Ambassadors," U.S.A.)

FATHER, LONG BEFORE CREATION

(to the tune of "Guide Me,
O Thou Great Jehovah," Welsh)

1. Father, long before creation
Thou hast chosen us in love;
And that love, so deep, so moving,
Draws us close to Christ above,
Still it keeps us, Still it keeps us,
Firmly fixed in Christ alone.
Firmly fixed in Christ alone.
2. Though the world may change its fashion
Yet our God is e'er the same
His compassion and His covenant
Through all ages will remain,
God's own children, God's own children
Must forever praise His name.
Must forever praise His name.
3. God's compassion is my story,
Is my boasting all the day;
Mercy free and never failing
Moves my will, directs my way.
God so loved us, God so loved us,
That His only Son He gave.
That His only Son He gave.
4. Loving Father, now before Thee
We will ever praise Thy love;
And our song shall sound unceasing
Till we reach our home above,
Giving glory, Giving glory,
To our God and to the Lamb.
To our God and to the Lamb.

Mr. and Mrs. Chan Lay Seng's new address is 20G, Blk. 118, Ho Ching Road, Taman Jurong, Singapore 22.

READERS ARE REQUESTED to pray for a general meeting to be held on the Calvary's site, Tao Ching Road, Taman Jurong, May 10, 8 p.m., Rev. Heng in charge. Your attendance is also solicited.

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VI. TRAITORS AND PESTILENCES

By Jason Linn in "Pioneering in Dyak Borneo," translated by T.T.

Now, enemies without are easier to deal with than traitors from within. Without assistants we were like performing one-legged stunts, unable to cope with the many-sided tasks of nurturing. Though assistants were found, these being not born again were incompatible. Rather they became stumbling blocks. Among the eighteen learner-students, some were quite adequate to the task, but were liable to fall into temptation. Some were virtual traitors, renegades, who disrupted and spoiled our work. Others were simpletons and no better than the Dyaks. Of course there were those who, despite their limitations, did not do a bad job at all; Now, all these situations gave me not a few headaches. If they lacked technique in the work, that would not matter. At the worst they would finish a little late. The worst, indeed, was their irregularity of character. The majority of these learner-students were not only of little help to me but rather a burden. Truly one's gains were no recompense to one's losses. So there was a time when I was sunk in utter pessimism, like descending a deep valley, hemmed in on all sides by the enemy. Satan's offensive and oppression upon me was hurled with the objective of downing the shepherd — in order to scatter the sheep and devour them. A learner-student who lost heart in his work got into a craze to become a ringleader. Striking a partnership with a primary school teacher of the "heterogenous faith" he made the church to rebel over a little incident. The storm broke out at Long Puti, the home village of the paramount chieftain, and it began right inside the palace. Conspirators were the chieftain's son-in-law and son, pillars of the church. You see how ferocious was Satan's attack, how subtle his tactics! At that time the chieftain had died for some years. When he died I was at Samarinda, from whence I was summoned to officiate the funeral. When the deceased was put into the coffin his cousin spoke to the people, "Our Chief is gone to heaven. Fortunately, his brothers are here (referring to us in compliance with the recognition given us by the chieftain in his lifetime. Hence his village-subjects, old or young, addressed us as grandpas). Henceforth you must follow Grandpas' leadership to a bright future." Although we restrained ourselves assiduously from getting involved in politics, not willing to take part in anything not connected with the Faith, lest we be misunderstood by the Government officials, these people would pay us the respect and regard us truly as "royal uncles". Although the chieftain's son succeeded his father, we were still regarded as officials. We were consulted for any important matter affecting the people. When the chieftain's son ascended his father's throne it was through us that the blessing was given at a grand ceremony. Notwithstanding, the work we did was smashed by Satan in a few years. Alas, what bitter reminiscences!

But, praise be to the Almighty God, "For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." And I was "confident that He which had begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." So God gave me wisdom, whereby I quickly had the trouble-making student sent back to school. Later it was reported how these were expelled from school for theft. The students drifted about like vagabonds to their own destruction. Later those abettors, viz., the chieftain's son-in-law and son, were gradually awakened. They came personally to apologise and confess their mistake. We became friends again when the storm that finally broke subsided. But I had gone through this ordeal with a great sweat. My health had taken a good beating.

It all started with the Christmas celebrations that year. Whenever the Dyaks have any celebrations they love to slaughter a cow. The custom of slaughtering cows is by the hand of a Muslim, without which they cannot eat. Now slaughtering the cow is according to Muslim religious rite. This involved saying a prayer which I regarded as adversely affecting our Christian faith. It was better to lose friends than lose part of our faith. Involved with this rite there were many other rules which they also respectively kept. So practice becomes habit. But while that learner-student had purposely broken our church regulations, he would not submit to censure and even incited this storm. But God, in order to keep His Church pure and its laws inviolate, gave us the final victory. However, we can learn from this incident how Satan attacks us in every way possible, in the minutest circumstance, getting us trapped unawares. As leaders of the Church our lot often is to fight him face to face, a hard job by ourselves indeed! At any rate, we are absolutely never to shift our position and compromise and bow ninety degrees to Baal, no not for any excuse nor for any reason.

The Lord Jesus says, "The kingdom of heaven is entered by violence." Paul also says, "We must through much tribulation enter into the Kingdom of God." These statements are true. Christian pilgrims journeying to the Celestial Kingdom cannot always expect a smooth-sailing trip. It is in these troubles that the saint's mettle is tested.

When we first put into practice our "First take, then teach" method we were still rather apprehensive. Wasn't this method too hazardous? Through many testings, however, we have obtained a good report, proving the method we've adopted to be correct. Henceforth were our misgivings dispelled.

During the decade past, the Dyaks had gone through not a little testing, especially from the threats and cajoles of those of the "heterogenous faith". Once, there was the

religious persecution, and another time, the Japanese southern invasion — these were evidently their great tribulations. In the Kutai sector, the Church at Suwakong was the first-established and most numerous, because the whole village became believers. But, they came through a raging plague once in which some deaths occurred everyday. At that time my wife and I chose to risk the plague to live in their village until the pestilence subsided. Praise the Lord, in the midst of tribulation, songs could still be heard inside the village. Here is a beautiful testimony related by the village-headman. During the plague he became scared by the deaths, that he tempted some dangerously ill with the prospect of giving up their faith or of secretly exorcising the evil spirits and demons. No one would accept such offer. Instead came their forthright reply, "Our lives are in the Lord's hand. Life and death are predestined. How could we take such unconscionable and unreasonable measures for the sake of our temporal bodies and sin against the Lord — to drop out half-way, to lose the everlasting bliss of our souls? We are getting nearer heaven now. Please don't disturb us, lest we be found wanting." So, many of the believers died in their faith. And there were many who were healed through prayer without any medicinal aid. The headman was converted through these testimonies. He gave up ever the thought of relinquishing his faith. (to be continued)

N-E-W-S

FAR EASTERN BEACON, May Issue out today, featuring Prophetic messages and SMCCC resolutions on new missionary outreach, theological education and ecclesiastical stand. Copies are available at our Churches or at 5, Tavistock Ave., S'pore 19 (Tel. 84786). Contributions from individual readers to cover the total cost of printing and postage are also welcome. - QKC.

FEBC. Mr. Peter Tow Siang Kwang sends greetings with a gift each to Calvary and Rawang Building Fund.

Miss Suvana Ngarmisitchoke of Thailand who studied two years at FEBC and transferred to Chin Lien Bible Seminary was one of four graduates at Chin Lien's Commencement, May 14. Miss Suvana is returning to serve in her own country.

The student body expresses deep appreciation for the gift of a dozen new tables added to their dorms.

Similar tables (imitation Italian marble "Formica" top, folding legs, 4 x 2 2/3), superb for garden party, crowded room, etc. are being made by the Deaf Carpenter. Yours for \$23, at cost, limited quantity. Ring 50617.

Bookings for FEBC Hostels for August holidays should be made now, or else they will be taken by other church groups!

INAUGURAL PRAISE SERVICE. Come early to get a good seat. Many items of praise - instrumental and vocal. Sunday 8 p.m. Zion Church 16.5.71. "200 Revival Choruses & Hymns" Commemorative copies on sale.

FINAL CHOIR PRACTICE at 7 p.m. 16.5.71 at Zion Church. All Choir Members please plan to arrive at 6.45 p.m. to arrange seating on pulpit and begin practice at 7 sharp. Have dinner early! Refreshments will be served after Service.

LIFE CHURCH

Bus from Life to Zion will leave at 7.30 p.m. for the Praise Service.

Life Sunday School Exec. Committee meets on Sunday 23 May after Church Service.

Congratulations to Sister Koh Kim Lye for being awarded a Gold Medal for Nursing. AUSTRALIA. Rev. Andrew Lennox, your remittance for BPW, Calvary, etc. received with thanks.

U.S.A. According to a letter from Dr. Bob Jones received by Rev. Peter Ng today, Dr. Bob Jones III his son who is assuming the presidency of BJU this June, will be available for meetings in Singapore, Aug. 8-13. Dr. Bob III is a well-known evangelist. We request Readers to pray for another season of spiritual blessings.

REV. JASON LINN, veteran missionary under Dr. J.A. Jaffray to East Kalimantan, 1929-1945, and author of "Pioneering in Dyak Borneo," whose Chinese version's second printing is fast selling out, is having his English Translation made in Singapore.

Rev. Jason Linn has been holding revival meetings in Indonesia for the last four months. Concluding his mission yesterday, he flew into Singapore this morning en route to his home in HongKong. Rev. Linn's visit is with the view of going over the English Translation, as well as to minister to our churches. After this he will return via Bangkok.

Rev. Linnis preaching this Lord's Day at Faith Church (10.30 a.m.), Toa Payoh Bible Presbyterian Church (3.00 p.m.) and at Life Church Mandarin Service (4 p.m.) His message at Life Mandarin will be translated into English. Come and hear this veteran missionary and evangelist!

Rev. Linn will preach at Life Church 10 a.m., Lord's Day, May 23, Rev. Tow interpreting.

WHY NO RAIN?

The prophet Amos gave this message to backsliding Israel, "And also I have withholden the rain from you, when there were yet three months to the harvest: and I caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it not to rain upon another city: one piece was rained upon, and the piece whereupon it rained not withered. So two or three cities wandered unto one city, to drink water; but they were not satisfied: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord." May Singaporeans see God's Almighty Hand in these days of unusual drought. While our Readers are exhorted to save every drop of water as good citizens, may we request you also to pray to the Father Almighty for rain. Let us seek the Lord while He may be found and call upon Him while He is near.

SAVE WATER!

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ECHOES OF THE PRAISE SERVICE

"Praise the Lord, Heaven's glory fills my soul!" These mighty strains from 500 voices reverberated within the walls of Zion Church Auditorium on the night of Sunday 16th May, 1971 to herald the launching of our new song book "200 Revival Choruses and Hymns." For the first time, the Revival Choruses of the late beloved Dr. John Sung were made available in English. For an hour and a half, some 30 of the famous Choruses were presented through instrumental and vocal numbers by our SMCCC groups. The good old melodies brought back memories of the 1935 Revival at Telok Ayer Methodist Church.

Despite the short period of practice all ten items on the Programme were of a high standard, and more than lived up to expectations. The Choirs sang well, with spirit and feeling, under the baton of Dr. Quek. Five of our young men delighted the audience with their guitars. Dr. Quek Swee Hwa's organ medley was superb while Rev. Philip Heng's solo reached many with its heart-warming message: "It was His love for me, that nailed Him to the tree." Our Chinese-speaking members from Faith Church and the Chin Lien Seminary combined to sing three John Sung favourites. The Men's Quartet was perhaps the best yet heard among our churches and should continue singing as a team. The Piano-Vibraphone duet was a welcome novel item; while the "John Sung Quartet" acquitted themselves with credit, considering their age and lack of practice. All in all, it was a wonderful evening of sacred music and song.

If you missed it, don't miss the next one. Watch out for future announcements. There will be another "concert" before too long. - T.S.H.

RAWANG BUILDING PLANS LATEST

It is not surprising that building plans sometimes go through revision after revision before they are finally accepted. Life Church, Gilstead Road had at least four revisions. As far as Rawang (across the Muar River) is concerned, we have just received a simplified but enlarged drawing from the architect. After further, prayerful consideration, this new plan will have one more kindergarten classroom added. The final composite picture is:-

1. Church Auditorium: 33 x 66 = 2178 sq. ft.
2. Parsonage: 20 x 33 = 660 sq. ft.
3. Kindergarten: 2 classrooms
x 500 = 1000 sq. ft.
4. Semi-open corridor and
social hall: 20 x 33 = 660 sq. ft.
5. Toilet serving parsonage
and Church = 340 sq. ft.

Total area 4838 sq. ft.

At the estimated price of \$10 per sq. foot, the new Rawang Church, Parsonage and Kindergarten should cost around \$50,000. This does not include bakau piling, road making and furniture. These latter three items should cost \$10,000 at least. So, our original estimate of \$60,000 for the Rawang Building Project was not inaccurately made.

How about Rawang's financial position? Receipts to date total \$24,000. Out of this sum about \$7,000 has been spent on earth-filling its two-acre site. This leaves us with \$17,000. That means we need around \$43,000. Our Christian architect has great faith. He says, "You people can start building when you have \$20,000!" This means we can start right away if we get a \$3,000 windfall this week!

Yes, the day to launch the Rawang Building Project has come! Whether we start next week or in a couple of months, the architect's aim is to finish by Christmas!

He says, "We must beat the monsoon," which means we can no longer delay!

"The silver is mine and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts" (Haggai 2:8).

Do you, dear Reader, have any of the Lord's money? Do you need to offer to the Lord from a vow made, but forgotten on and off? Do you have any in thanksgiving for deliverance from death and sickness or for success in study, job or business?

Rawang Church is one place where your gift will multiply in usefulness a hundredfold! See how much room we will create by economical construction! See how many people can be won to Christ through coming here for services or evangelistic meetings from the backwaters of Muar. See how many young children will be taught the Word of God here at the Kindergarten and how their fees will help pay our Christian workers. All these for another \$43,000.

At present our attendance on Holy Communion Sunday when I go to minister every fourth week is between 60 and 80! The Y.F. which meets immediately after service has between 20 and 30. (Received for Rawang this week from Singapore: \$300). - T.T.

THE GREAT COMMISSION: "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

- St. Mark 16:15.

N-E-W-S

SOUVENIR SONG BOOKS "200 Revival Choruses and Hymns" autographed by our six Pastors are available free to all who presented items on 16 May 1971 at Zion Church. Have you got yours?

NEW SONG BOOKS on sale at 50 cents each, available at all B-P groups. Over 800 copies already sold. Get yours today and enjoy John Sung Choruses in English.

PRaise SERVICE OFFERING. \$303.02 was collected at Zion Church on 16.5.71 towards defrayment of expenses for the evening. Will all those who spent money on transport, refreshments, etc. please send in your statements to Elder Tow for reimbursement.

SARIMBUN. Poltergeists, mediums and bomohs contesting in a village at Lorong Perahu in Lim Chu Kang have made headline news the past few days. The scene of contest between evil spirits is just a few hundred yards from our Sarimbun Gospel Mission. In every house we've visited there are idols of sizes and shapes that are supposed to protect the inmates. Pray for the gospel outreach at Sarimbun that the Light of Christ may dispel the darkness of superstition.

KELAPA SAWIT. The District Officer has replied to our application for the grant of an half acre of land for church construction. An architect's sketch plan of the new building project is being prepared.

PULAU TEKONG. Pray for our workers, Madam Toh Ah Eng and daughter who are taken ill recently.

SEMAWANG. A memorial service for Sivam Woodhull will be held at Jalan Jitong, Sat. 29, 5 p.m., Rev. Tow speaking.

PRESBYTERY. A commission of the BPCSM has been requested by the Presbytery to study the Constitution of the Church with a view to making any amendments that may be necessary. Members of the B-P Church family who wish to suggest any amendments may do so in writing within one month to the Secretary of the Commission, Rev. Edward Paaue. Copies of the Constitution are available at our various Churches this Lord's Day.

REV. JASON LINN will speak Friday May 28 at Faith Church Family Worship, 9 Brighton Ave., home of Mr. and Mrs. Ang Thian Seng and at Faith Church, next Lord's Day.

ABC. The College has been blessed with a series of four messages by Rev. Jason Linn during the week. Rev. Linn will stay with us till June 12 when he flies to Bangkok for more meetings before returning to Hong Kong.

LIFE CHURCH MANDARIN SERVICE. Rev. Jason Linn will be the Lord's Messenger this Lord's Day, 4 p.m.

LIFE CHURCH

During the week, Elder and Mrs. Tow Siang Hwa, Deacon Paul Phua, and Miss Amy Lim left for the United Kingdom.

Wedding Bells. The holy matrimony between Mr. David Chew, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Chew Hui Thiam and Miss Doris Tay will be solemnised at Gilstead Road, Sat. May 29, 1971 3 p.m.

Rev. Tow and Dr. Quek Swee Hwa will exchange pulpits, Lord's Day, May 30.

MY ONLY FRIEND

O Thou my noble Friend,
Shall I ungrateful be?
When I was lost in sin,
Thou diedst for me.
Salvation freely flows:
Thy blood shed from the Tree.
No other one below
Can set me free.

O Thou my sincere Friend,
How can I stray from Thee?
From foolish sin and shame
Thou savedst me.
Thou leadst me in the way
Through Death's dark vale unseen,
To waters bright as day,
And pastures green.

O Thou my gracious Friend,
Shall I e'er Thee forsake?
Thou my Rock and my Strength,
In Thee I stake.
Like gushing streams Thy love,
It cleanses all my stains.
O bear me up above,
My health regain.

O Thou my life-long Friend,
Let me ne'er Thee forget!
All good things come to end,
Thy love except.
E'er shining bright this love,
Turn earth's dark night to day!
O may Thy precious Word,
Keep me alway!

O Thou my only Friend,
I will abide with Thee.
Though others fled and ran,
I'll wait on Thee.
Both branch and tree are one:
The Law of Life that binds.
Both branch and tree are one:
The Life that binds.

- By Jason Linn in
"Pioneering in Dyak Borneo."

From FACTS ABOUT ISRAEL, 1971

Population. Israel (excluding the administered areas) has a population of over three million. At the beginning of 1971, the total was 2,999,000: 2,560,000 Jews, 326,000 Moslems, 76,000 Christians, and 36,000 Druzes and others.

The Jewish population has quadrupled since the renewal of independence, when there were only 650,000; two-thirds of the increase is due to immigration.

The non-Jewish (mainly Arab) population has tripled since 1948, partly by natural increase, partly by the admission of relatives under the Government scheme for reuniting families, and partly by the reunification of Jerusalem, which added some 54,000 Moslems and 12,000 Christians and others.

Of the Jews, 45.1% are native-born; the rest come from a hundred different countries - 28.1% from Europe, America and Oceania, 14.2% from Africa, and 12.6% from Asia.

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VII. A MIGHTIER HAND AT WORK

By Jason Lim in "Pioneering in Dyak Borneo," translated by T.T.

As to Banjarmasin, we had over a thousand baptised believers, scattered in about ten villages. These villages originally came under the Banjarmasin administration and were within the parish of the German Basel Mission. It is said the Basel Mission has had a hundred years history under the Banjarmasin government. But very few preachers ever came to the Teweh basin. If they did they were of itinerant nature. According to the aborigines, when they came with the gospel they came with a tirade against their superstitions. This rather scared them from acceptance of the doctrine. So the Basel Mission had long relinquished their responsibility to these village folks. Now that this news came to their ears, they picked up a row with us. Involuntarily we transferred these thousand odd believers to the Basel Mission's supervision. But several of these villages resolutely refused to come under their supervision who, on their part, had not the barest resource to supervise.

This state of affairs lasted several years. During these years a vacuum of non-supervision prevailed. Logically such a state could not remain for long, for their faith was not strongly grounded. Surprisingly, they kept their faith as at the first, though the Basel Mission thereafter took the initiative to return four hundred of the believers to us. How did they, under no supervisory care, stand firm in the faith? No other cause than in God who showed Himself in this situation. That this parish should yield such a result today, truthfully, was wholly the work of God. Whether the Dyaks being converted came to be baptised in troops with no one excepted, whether the believers were consolidated and preserved in their faith, whether they be abandoned for a few years with neither teaching nor supervision, whether they stood firm after going through every trial, all these events revealed a working a mighty work in their midst. More so, they prove that Christianity is the only religion with abundant life, like the grass and flowers of the fields that naturally grow with neither cultivation nor irrigation. This was of God. We must praise Him, all glory be unto Him.

Truly, truly, this foolish and good-for-nothing me, what is he in the sight of God? What I had, before God's eyes, were nothing. Placed in God's balance I would be lighter than dust. But God who was with me showed his mighty works. And because the Lord Jesus kept the word of His promise according to Mark 16:20 we obtained those marvellous results. Jesus has said truthfully, "Because you have left me, you can do nothing." Whatever there is that I can do is entirely the work of the Lord Jesus. I recollected the several mighty works the Lord Jesus had done while labouring in Banjarmasin, without which, how could the thousand people come to Christ?

My work obtained results in the early stages of commencement when two hundred were baptised. This brought invitations from villages near and far to go to them for gospel meetings. Sweeping into their country like an army we incited the jealousy of disciples of the "heterogenous faith." It first began with a village headman conspiring with a primary school teacher. These gathered a bunch of the "heterogenous" disciples who planned to bring an accusation before the district officer of Muara Teweh. To do this they bought over a few Dyaks who went with them on a day-and-night forced march. The accusation stated that a Chinese from Kutai State was holding meetings in the mountain villages. He was a charlatan who got many villages into his net. Their future was jeopardised. Hearing this the district officer, like one "shrouded in five li (Chinese mile) of fog," chimed to their tune, "If that's the case, you can go back first. I will join you to get him arrested." The few of them returned elated, announcing to the villages en route the district officer's coming to make arrest.

At that time I had spent all my travel funds and had to take boat to Banjarmasin to wire Maccassar. (Not knowing beforehand I had gone to Banjarmasin, Maccassar dared not remit the money requested, fearing the request in my name was a fake. But I met a friend on the way, viz., the captain of the boat I took. He supplied my needs. Now he and family are turned to the Lord.) This trip down and up that I took lasted ten days. So, when the district officer went up, I was on my way back to Banjarmasin. But, wonder of wonders, the little motor boat used by the district officer hit a rock and sank. He and his retinue were saved with the clothes on their back. The baggage, documents, typewriter, long and short guns were captured by the river gods! When he got to the village with the most converts and began to investigate from the headman (who is called a "Singa", meaning "lion") he already saw the light. He did not make any noise. On a second visit he was again accompanied by the Muslim headman and teacher, self-appointed mischief makers, and actors in a hoped-for arrest drama. No sooner had they seated themselves than I was back from outside. Seeing me entering, the district officer rose to his feet and presented me his hand, waiving any mutual introduction. He said, "Good brother, thank God for this opportunity of seeing each other." Actually he was a Christian, a reader of the Indonesian edition of The Bible Magazine. He had known the name of Dr. R.A. Jaffray the publisher. Without reiteration, the Christians gathered on this occasion were highly elated. The odd ones were the headman and teacher, self-appointed mischief makers, whose face now found nowhere to hide. Thus, without a sound, they slid away. Henceforth it was wonderfully reported amongst the Dyaks that the district officer was a careless fellow who would make arrest on the one-sided allegation of our enemy. Now he had himself found out the so-called

charlatan was no ordinary person, but God's ambassador. No doubt the district officer was admonished in the boat mishap.

A certain village headman had sent three messengers to invite me specially to preach. En route they passed through a Muslim village where they stopped at a tea kiosk for a rest. They reached a point separated only by a river from our meeting place. But, being misled by the Muslims' threats and lies that some district officer was about to make arrest (who dared to seek the charlatan's help?) and making no inquiry, those messengers returned. The sequel to the three turning back was that they became dumb upon reaching home. This continued till the matter of arrest was cleared. That village headman again sent men to invite me to preach. The three listened to the Word and believed, whereupon their mouths opened as they testified, praising God.

Once, at a preaching service at the house of a certain village headman, all forty-odd members of that village willingly turned to the Lord. The headman was in throes of sickness, unable to move, as reported, for six months. In the course of baptism I said to him, "Let me take the brethren into the water for immersion. After this I'll return to sprinkle you, since you can't move." Said he, "No, sir! Unless the One you introduce me is not the True God, He can surely fulfil my desire for baptism. I am their headman in physical matters. I must also be their leader in spiritual matters. The gospel was first preached in my house. So I must be first to enter the water for baptism." I said, "Since you have this faith, I can pray for you." After my praying over him with laying on of hands he did get up and enter the water. When he got up from the water, he was also healed. On the other hand, his son absolutely refused to be baptised. The headman and his wife exhorted him all night, but in vain. The next day after I left, the son suddenly contracted a big boil on his back which put his life in jeopardy. And it was through his recently-recovered father that he was sent to hospital at Muara Teweh. This saved his life.

In another village there was a hard-hearted fellow. I spent three successive days there baptising, but he remained adamant. One night he saw me in a dream standing before him, reprimanding him with angry stare. Then with one hand I plucked a tall coconut-tree, root and all, and dashed it on the ground. I said to him, "If you remain stubborn without believing God will similarly punish you. This dream frightened him for several days until I returned from Banjarmasin. Whereupon, he spontaneously requested to receive baptism and gave testimony before the congregation. (to be continued)

N-E-W-S

WEST KALIMANTAN. According to Rev. Hong Han Keng who returned this week after an 18-day preaching tour of WK, the old Ling Liang Church at Singkawang has been purchased for the Bible School. The WK Chinese Church sends greetings and welcomes gifts of more John Sung Choruses (Chinese) and clothing for the refugees.

100 colour slides of our visit to Kalimantan in March are ready for showing at your missionary night. Contact either Rev. Quek or Tow. (Proposal: An offering to be received for the refugees per showing.)

HEAR REV. JASON LINN at Life Church Mandarin Service (with interpretation into English) for 3 Sundays from this Lord's Day - May 30, June 6 & 13, 4 p.m. Rev. Linn leaves for Bangkok, Monday evening, June 14. Rev. Joseph Chu of Taiwan, friend of Rev. Linn arrives May 31 and will stay at FEBC.

GALILEE 11th THANKSGIVING. Galilee Church celebrates her 11th birthday, Lord's Day, June 6, with Fellowship Lunch after service. Rev. Tow will be the Lord's messenger.

RAWANG BUILDING FUND: \$18,232! (From Lifer this week = \$200/-.)

PULAU TEKONG. Pray for Miss Chui Geok, daughter of Madam Toh Ah Eng, now hospitalised. Madam Toh is in good health and will continue with her work at Tekong.

ZION. Hear Rev. Quek Swee Hwa on Radio Singapore June 27, 6.05 p.m. and 10 p.m.

THAILAND CALLING! According to Mr. Chang Jen Yen, son of Madam Chang Ching Ho, just returned from Thailand after a year's service there is a cry for workers from Singapore who are willing to learn Siamese.

LIFE CHURCH

Wedding Bells! The holy matrimony between Mr. Tang See Choong and Miss Chong Mee Ying of Fisherman of Christ will be solemnised by Mr. Huang Ee Yuan, Sat. June 5, 3.30 p.m. A reception will be held thereafter at the FEBC Hall. (Life Y.F., please meet at Parsonage, drinks provided.)

The holy matrimony between Mr. Chow Sen Foh and Miss Elizabeth Goei Bie Chiew will be solemnised by Rev. Tow, Sat. June 12, 3.30 p.m.

Addendum. To last week's item on Lifer's movement to U.K., read Deacon Paul Phua and family.

Mrs. Patrick Tan and Clement are due to be back in June.

200 Revival Choruses & Hymns at 50¢ per copy! Ring 513676.

Rev. Edward Paaue will preach and administer the Lord's Supper at Life Church next week while Rev. Tow speaks at Galilee's Anniversary.

MR. HENG HANG KWANG of Prinsep St. Life Church, father of Mr. Heng Tiaw Boon of Zion Church and uncle of Elder Heng Yow Tong, went home to be with the Lord last Wednesday, May 26. Funeral was held at Prinsep Street Life Church, Friday May 28. Condolence gifts totalling \$2,400 were distributed for charity equally through 4 churches, including the Ling Kwang Mission of Zion and Faith. SEMBAWANG. Mr. Swee Thian Hoe, FEBC senior student, will preach next Lord's Day in place of Rev. Paaue.

SAVE WATER! SAVE WATER! SAVE WATER!

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THE STORY OF RAWANG CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Among the Chinese immigrants in the first decades of this century to Singapore and West Malaysia (then the Straits Settlements and Malaya), there was a small band of Christians from Swatow who founded a colony at Rawang (or Gawang as they called it) on the other side of the Muar River. Although they had left their homeland to eke out a new livelihood in a more prosperous southern country, they did not forsake their Faith. They united with other Christian compatriots who settled before them in the Muar District. They worshipped at the Living Water Presbyterian Church (founded 1892) on this side of the Muar River.

Half a century ago the Muar River was a busier artery of communication than today. It made Muar a little haven for local coasters and a port of call for Straits Steamship boats plying regularly between Singapore and Muar. You would make a trip to Muar more often by taking one of these from Johnson's Pier (now Clifford's Pier) at night and get there the next morning.

The early Christian settlers at Rawang had no other means of communication between their "colony" and Muar than the waters of the Muar River. Every family owned one sampan at least. Going to the Living Water Church, situated right on the edge of the opposite river bank, was by means of rowing, rowing, rowing. The worshippers, instead of parking cars in the Churchyard as nowadays, had their sampans tied to the muddy banks below the church. Going to Church was a whole-family and whole-day affair. Sunday was spent morning and evening in worship, and the time in between for fellowship. The Church became a hive of activity the whole of the Lord's Day in the days of these early pioneers.

Now, rowing across the Muar River to Church from some creek a few miles upstream was easier than rowing back. This strenuous procedure, week after week, soon yielded to a more sensible solution. Had not Christ promised in Matthew 18:20:

"Where two or three together meet
In Jesus' Name to sing God's praise,
And pray to Him with one accord,
There He'll visit them face to face?"

The decision to worship where they were settled, on the far side of the Muar River, was taken in 1922. A shophouse on the Muar-Segamat Road, at the 4½ mile milestone, was procured where services were held. The settlers though few had strong spiritual leadership. And though they are now departed from this life, their names are lovingly remembered: Elder Ang Pang, the Low Kwang Kow and Kwang Boon brothers, Rev. Chiam Seng Por and brother Boon Kee. The new church remained, however, in fellowship with the Living Water Church, their "mother" church.

A couple of years after this new beginning, a bungalow standing on two acres of land on the Muar-Segamat Road was purchased from a Malay penghulu. About this time (1924-25) the church also declared her independence. Seceding from Chinese Presbyterian Living Water Church, it became a member of the Independent China Jesus Church. A school was founded which gave instruction not only to the settlers' own children but to the public as well. The Gospel light was brightly diffused to dark regions around as two Bible verses, carved on two big wooden signboards, loudly testify. They are John 3:16 and Acts 4:12, the Jachin and Boaz of Rawang Church - strong indeed, and out-lasting the bungalow church house itself.

Groaning beneath four decades of continuous service, the bungalow church house became so rickety in 1968 that it was pulled down for safety's sake. Using the old materials, a temporary shack was put up to house the worshippers. The Words of God carved on Malayan ebony, however, shine as brightly as of yore. The message of salvation continues to be proclaimed.

During the days of the great John Sung Revival of 1935-1938, the Muar churches were mightily blessed. So were some members of Rawang Church who rowed across the River to hear the evangelist. But heresy crept in in the wake of the revival. A Rev. Lim Hong Pin, from China came to Rawang, and preached a new message of triple-immersion, without which the believers might not be saved. A big tank was constructed whereby the believers together with the elders underwent this new rite.

Alas the days of the Japanese occupation soon swooped down on the little flock! Many were scattered. The congregation was cut off from fellowship with other churches. The first generation passed away. With no pastor to feed the flock and the elders gone, the situation grew from bad to worse. This state of affairs dragged on for years and years, indeed for almost two decades!

A new spirit, however, began to be kindled in the hearts of two daughters of Rawang, Mrs. Chew Kia Song and Mrs. Mok, both settled in Singapore. It is the spirit to rebuild Rawang Church. This began about eight years ago.

In 1965 I was requested to minister to the English congregation of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Muar. Hearing that I was available up in the Muar District, Mrs. Chew Kia Song approached me to take in the ministry of Rawang Church as well. Believing this was the Lord's call; I took on Rawang. I was requested to head up the work of rebuilding the Church. Taking this to be the Lord's assignment again, I've gladly accepted the task. The Building Project has dragged on for seven years now, and the time has come to build!

After the announcement of this good news a fortnight ago, the Lord has sent Rawang \$200/- from a Lifer, \$50 from a friend of Life Church and \$5 anonymously from Sembawang. This is heartening indeed. To date about \$25,000 has been received from near and far, of which about \$7,000 was spent on earthfilling. The needs before us are only \$45,000.

The rebuilding of Rawang Church is undertaken with a far greater vision than serving the descendents of the Christian colony. Rawang will become a new centre of evangelism for the back waters of the Muar River. It can also serve as a Camping Centre for Youth who should be saved first and then sent out to evangelise. It will be open to all our church groups in Singapore. -T.T.

N-E-W-S

SITUATIONS VACANT. 1) Lady typist and receptionist, with Sr. Cambridge, Mandarin and other dialects. Apply to Elder Tow.

2) Lady Mandarin teacher to American housewife at her home, or suitable location agreeable to both. Please contact Rev. Tow.

FEBC. Congratulations to Tow Siang Kwang, Alumnus 1969, for receiving his B.R.E. from Reformed Bible Institute, Grand Rapids, Michigan, June 3.

"FEBC Sundays" will be held at Zion, June 13, Mt. Carmel, June 20, and Life June 27. An offering will be given to the Bible College by the host churches.

A Sunday School Teachers Training Class will be run by Mrs. Leah Paauwe for JSM at the Lecture room, every Saturday, 3 p.m. from June 12.

Rev. C.T. Hsu: Many thanks for your donation of good books to the Library.

WEST KALIMANTAN. Surplus clothing for refugees is being collected in Zion and Faith. Lifers may send theirs to the parsonage.

Rev. and Mrs. Peterson, long-term missionaries to WK, are in Singapore. A function is planned for them next week with Rev. Jason Linn "representing" East Kalimantan. GALILEE PROFILE: Galilee Church celebrates 11th Anniversary Thanksgiving today with grace to stay on her premises till October 31. Our prayer is she might find a more permanent home before long.

Galilee Church was founded on June 5, 1960 with mandate from Life Church incorporating a group of young Pasir Panjang Christians known as the Pasir Panjang Young Christians Fellowship. For the first three-and-a-half years Rev. Tow served as honorary pastor. Elder Chia Hong Chek volunteer to superintend the Sunday School from the beginning.

Rev. Philip Heng became Assistant Pastor of the Church soon after his return from USA at end of 1963. After a couple of years he was installed pastor while Rev. Tow withdrew from the Session. Rev. Heng has served Galilee since to this day.

The Galileans are represented in the FEBC student body by a good proportion. Mrs. Ivy Tow, Miss Gan Sai Lin are graduates, and Swee Thian Hoe is next on the list in a month.

The outreaches of Galilee Church consist of Sambau Gospel Mission at Tanjong Pagar and Sa-brani Mission on Pulau Brani. Galilee's membership today numbers 99 with 13 abroad. Seven candidates for baptism are presently being prepared.

DR. BOB JONES III. It is regretted that Dr. Bob Jones III will not be able to minister in Singapore in August.

LIFE CHURCH

Elder and Mrs. Heng Mui Kiah and Juliet are presently spending a holiday with son Edward at Kota Kinabalu, Sabah.

Hear Rev. Jason Linn next Lord's Day both at the English and Chinese services, 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. for the last time. Rev. Linn leaves for Bangkok June 14 evening.

Congratulations to Bro. Robert Thia Tian Hock on his marriage to Miss Agnes Liang Kwee Eng, at True Light Church, Sat. June 12, 3 p.m.

Sister Lee Soon Meng's new address: 1335 Thomas S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506, U.S.A.

Dr. and Mrs. Tow Siang Yeow are now shifted to their new house facing the Johore Straits at 22 Jalan Waspada, Johore Bahru, phone 2777.

Booking of FEBC Hostels during August Vacation, 9-14 Aug. by Bartley Christian Church.

BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CONSTITUTION.

The Revision Sub-Committee shall meet at Zion Church, Lord's Day, June 13, 8 p.m.

200 REVIVAL CHORUSES & HYMNS at 50¢ per copy. Obtainable from all B-P Churches!

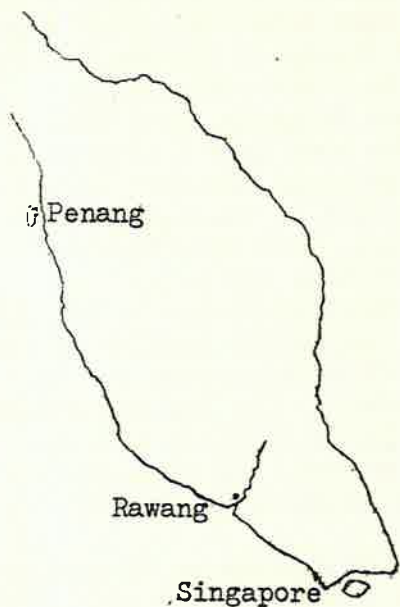
CALL TO A NEW MISSIONARY OUTREACH

The Singapore and Malaysia Council of Christian Churches, at its 15th Annual Conference at Life Bible-Presbyterian Church, Gilstead Road, Singapore, May 1, 1971, gives thanks to the Almighty God for favouring His Church with peace and prosperity, and for placing her in a most strategic centre of communications in South East Asia.

In obedience to the Great Commission (Matt. 28:19,20 and Acts 1:8), and to the Lord's injunction that "unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required" (Luke 12:48), and heeding the Apostle's exhortation to live a godly life in the light of Christ's imminent Return: "hasting unto the coming of the day of God" (2 Peter 3:11-12), this Council calls on its members and life-minded Christians to redouble their efforts by prayer and giving of themselves and their substance for the extension of Christ's Kingdom, particularly in a new missionary outreach to vast unevangelised fields beyond their shores throughout South East Asia.

SONGS & VERSES FROM THE HOLY LAND by T. Tow. Over 8,000 copies have gone out to the blessing of many! One American Christian lady recently bought 50 copies. Get yours today at only \$1.20 per copy, or \$.80 per copy of 50. This book of 126 pages contains 40 new songs, 22 poems, 5 essays, and 60 photos of the Holy Land such as Golgotha, Sea of Galilee, Bethlehem, etc., etc. by missionary Howard Carlson. Please send order to 9A Gilstead Rd., Singapore 11, phone 50617.

RAWANG'S WIDER MINISTRY



Rawang's original re-building plan was no bigger than the old Malay penghulu's bungalow mentioned last week. It was to be constructed of wood the greater part and limited to \$18,000! It measured about 24 x 54 x 12, in appearance of less eminence than some bungalows in the neighbourhood. This was the most that a disheartened, dwindling congregation could expect.

The revised re-building plan doubles the auditorium's floor space and raises the roof's apex to 32 feet, with a cross reaching to 40 feet. It provides a parsonage the size of a Singapore HDB two-bedroom flat (about 700 sq. ft.) It adds two standard-size kindergarten rooms (500 sq. ft. each) with a semi-open social hall (660 sq. ft.)

Further, the Church has two vestry rooms carved out of the pulpit area. Modern sanitation and baths serve the whole complex. This revised plan would cost Rawang between 60 and 70 thousand dollars.

With the doubled-and-much-extended facilities incorporated into the revised plan Rawang looks forward to a wider ministry. It suddenly emerges from a ulu church to take an equal position with Living Water and Trinity Churches on this side of the Muar River. With two acres of land she has more space to develop

recreational facilities for the young.

The two-room kindergarten, whilst providing jobs for a church worker or workers is a daily gospel and education outreach to the children. It becomes the Sunday School classrooms on the Lord's Day.

What we have in view for Rawang's wider ministry is her availability for a campsite. The running of Bible camps for the youth of our Church movement has reaped lasting and fruitful results. First, the newly-built church, parsonage and kindergarten should be used to run a Bible camp for the young Rawangites themselves. Get the young people saved and infused with the Spirit and they would be the new reviving force of the old church. In this connection we need the more experienced big brothers from our ICY chapters to go up and help.

Second, Rawang should be open for a campsite to train our own youth. Every branch of our B-P Church movement is cordially welcome to spend a week here. Only three hours' drive from Singapore (133 miles), the problem of transportation is much reduced in comparison with a trip, say, to Cameron Highlands. Rawang is only half hour's drive from Malacca and less to legendary Mount Ophir. Side trips made to these places, not forgetting the orchard and farms in the neighbourhood, would be of educational value to our city youth. But what we look forward to is not so much these added attractions as the serenity and quietness of the campsite, where young souls, withdrawn from the hustle and bustle of Singapore, might hear that still small voice of God.

Last, but not least, Rawang becomes a strategic station on our Gospel highway to Penang. Here, every Christian minister, evangelist and worker on a mission from Singapore to the north is welcome to spend a night. Here will be provided a clean bed and a cool shower for the weary traveller, a hot stove in a bright kitchen for you to boil tea and make breakfast. Rawang is a mission station in every sense of the word.

Many have been blessed by last week's article "The Story of Rawang Christian Church." You have been transported into the past, to see how a little band of Christian settlers struggled half a century ago to keep the fires of their faith burning. Many are looking forward to the day when they could camp at Rawang in the shadows of blue Ophir, by the rippling waters of the Muar River. But your blessing will not be complete until you've a part in Rawang's re-building project. A collection taken on a Sunday morning by your Church, Sunday School, Youth fellowship, or any other group, without any hardship at all, goes a long way to contribute to Rawang's wider ministry. A first gift of \$200 by a Lifer a fortnight ago is a sweet-savour offering that claims his part in the carrying out of the Great Commission.

Yes, the Lord has commanded us to go into all the world to preach the gospel to every creature. The Lord has commanded us to be on the move, extending outwards from Jerusalem the centre to Judea, Samaria and to the uttermost part of the earth. We have obeyed somewhat in the last 21 years. Rawang is the farthest point reached at present, in so far as building a church is concerned. Rawang's wider ministry is our ministry!

AN APPEAL TO OVERSEAS READERS. If you have some of the Lord's money, if you are giving to missions, why not channel a little to Rawang to help us out? We also appreciate your prayers for Rawang's development as a new evangelistic centre. We need your encouragement!

A PSALM OF THE SEA
(to the tune of "Eternal Father,
Strong to Save," Melita.)

Ye mariners on high seas steep
That toil amid the foaming deep,
Behold the mighty works of God,
And His great wonders as you plod.
O that all men would bow to Thee,
Thou God of heaven and earth and sea.

By Thy command the breeze so mild
Becomes a storm and tempest wild,
While oceans writhe with billows high,
And wave 'pon wave mounts up the sky!
O that all men would pray to Thee,
Thou God of heaven and earth and sea.

Like drunken men they stagger on,
And at their wit's end they are thrown.
They reel and roll, and to and fro —
The fearful lot of men below.
O that all men would cry to Thee,
Thou God of heaven and earth and sea.

"Peace be thou still," spoke Christ the
Lord,
And wind and wave obeyed His Word.
Today the God of Galilee
Still saves His own from sea to sea.
O that all men would praise Thy Name!
Thy mercies mild endure the same.

(Scripture: Psalm 107:23-32; Mark 4:37-41;
Matt. 8:24-27; Lk. 8:22-25.)
— on the Lakota to West Kalimantan.

THE GREAT COMMISSION

Go into the world, into all the wide world,
And tell the joyful news to ev'ry perishing
soul,
And tell the joyful news to ev'ry perishing
soul.

For you I have sent into all the wide world,
And you shall be my witnesses from
Jerusalem,
And you shall be my witnesses from
Jerusalem,

But first receive power, the Spirit of God,
And you'll go through Judea, Samaria, all
the earth,
And you'll go through Judea, Samaria, all
the earth,

Go ye into all, into all nations,
And make them My disciples, and baptise
them for Me,
And teach them all My Word, for I'm with
you to the end.

(Scripture: Mark 16:15; Luke 24:46;
Acts 1:8; Matt. 28:19,20.)

FAITH CHURCH. Madam Sim Cheng Geck, aged
85, mother of Mr. Ng Keng Hwai, was called
Home, Friday, June 11, 6 p.m. after a brief
illness. Funeral takes place this Lord's
Day, June 13, 3 p.m. at Bidadari Christian
Cemetery, Rev. K.C. Quek officiating.

Faith Church appreciates gift of \$100/-
from Calvary for the inaugural service of
Toa Payoh B-P Church.

RAWANG B.F.: \$51.38 from young Lifer

PULAU TEKONG MISSIONS

An half hour's motor launch from Changi
Point is located Pulau Tekong, a territory
we've claimed for Christ. Here is a pocket-
size church built earlier by the Cheun Kwang
Prayer Band which came under the joint man-
date of our church (Malaysia Pioneer Mission)
and the Evangelistic League since 1960.
Madam Toh Ah Eng and daughter, both Chin
Lien graduates, have been here during these
eleven years. Under their ministry 46 old
and young have been led to confess Christ
in baptism. Rev. K.C. Quek is moderator.

Another gospel witness was raised up
over Tekong since three years ago by Dr. and
Mrs. Yap Kok Keng, originally members of our
church. They are now missionaries of the
Evangelical Free Church. Dr. Yap has opened
a Bethany Evangel Clinic (Bethany Kelinik
Injil) on the main street. He gives treat-
ment to some thirty souls daily who also
receive the Word.

The Yaps have built a bungalow on a hill-
ock overlooking the jetty, a short walk from
their clinic. With an extended porch, re-
cently added, they have ample space for hold-
ing meetings. Tuition classes are run with
a view to bringing the young people to Christ.
About 50, mostly the young, meet on Saturday,
and a dozen on Sunday, for services. Man-
darin and English are spoken.

Tekong, with an area of nine square miles,
is Singapore's biggest off-shore island. The
military is taking over a large part of it.
As a result, some families have shifted out
to Singapore. Its population of 4,000 is
made up of Chinese and Malays in equal pro-
portions. Incidentally, Tekong in Chinese
is "Virtuous Light." May this dark Island
become a shining light for Christ. - T.T.

N-E-W-S

SITUATIONS VACANT. 1) Lady typist and re-
ceptionist, with Sr. Cambridge, Mandarin
and dialects essential. 2) Clinic nurse,
with some experience, Sr. Cambridge, Manda-
in and dialects essential. Apply to Elder Tow.

CALVARY B.F. now rises to \$113,000. Sat.
Aug. 14, 5 p.m. is set aside, D.V., for
Ground-breaking. "To kill two birds with
one stone" visitors to this historic occa-
sion could plan their attendance in conjunc-
tion with an earlier tour of the Bird Park.
Special concession is given to groups.

LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

Lord's Day, June 13. Rev. Jason Linn speaks
both at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. (Mandarin)
services.

Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting, chairman Elder
Tay.

Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Tow
4 p.m. (Mandarin) Rev. Tow.

REV. ROBERT PETERSON of OMF from West Kali-
mantan speaks this Lord's Day at Faith Church,
with greetings to Zion Church. Mrs. Peter-
son speaks also to Faith S.S. Old clothes
are being collected for the refugees at West
Kalimantan, to be brought back by the Peter-
sons by the end of July.

F.E. BEACON June issue is out. Please get
your copies from our various church centres.

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FROM THE PAAUWES' MISSIONARY NEWSLETTER

A thunderstorm is raging outside. The wind-blown rain is beating heavily on the windows and is working its way through the air-vents into our apartment. Flashes of lightning are illuminating the church steeple and palm trees outside. The loud thunder-claps frighten Daniel and David, and we pray with them that God would take care of them. "Dear God," prays Daniel, "Please bless the thunder and lightning. In Jesus' Name, Amen."

The months of May, June, and August are the driest of the year. But even before May came the rainfall had been far below normal, so that the water supply in Singapore has become critically low. The government has asked all people to reduce their daily water usage, and we are making every effort to conserve water. Prayers for rain have been upon our lips daily for the past month. We have prayed for rain at meal-time, during church services, and at prayer meetings. Thank God for His goodness to us - He has answered our prayers and is sending life-sustaining water. But as people in Singapore have been concerned about rain water, how much more should we think of that living water that only Jesus Christ can provide.

"Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again" (John 4:13), Jesus said. How true it is. We see and hear the rain and we rejoice. Yet it is only temporal and evident of God's common grace - God who "maketh his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust" (Matthew 5:45). But Jesus speaks on - "Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life" (John 4:14).

I then that final invitation from the Bible: "Let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely" (Revelation 22:17). Please pray with us that the people in Singapore may come to believe in the one true God and His Son our Lord Jesus Christ, and pray also that God would send more rain.

This school year is soon coming to an end. On the 11th of July we will be having graduation exercises for the Far Eastern Bible College. Three students are expected to graduate, one with a Diploma of Theology and the other two with a Bachelor of Theology degree. Please pray that these three students would be able to complete all graduation requirements, and that God would show them clearly their respective places of service after graduation.

The 10th of May was Vesak Day, that is Buddha's birthday. It is a national holiday and we had no school. On that day we invited all the children from Jurong Bible-Presbyterian Sunday School and from Sarimbun Gospel Mission to the Life Church/F.E.B.C. complex for an outing. There were about sixty children who sang choruses and hymns, listened to Bible stories, had lunch (probably better than what they get at home), and played games. All in all it was a very enjoyable day for the children and a very tiring day for us. We praise the Lord that it was a successful day, and that nobody got hurt. We are thankful that our College students had this opportunity for practical Christian work.

During the months of June and July a team of the College students will be visiting various churches in Singapore. The students will sing and give their testimonies and one of the faculty members will bring a message. At the service all people will receive a pamphlet about the College, put out by Dr. Quek Swee Hwa and Ed. May God use this outreach to challenge Christians to do their part in the advancement of His Kingdom, particularly in the training of His servants. Please pray for the possibility of a team going out during the August holidays to other churches in Singapore and Malaysia.

FROM A MISSION CHURCH TO A MISSIONARY CHURCH

This was the theme of Rev. Jason Linn's parting message to us last week. The veteran missionary-pastor spoke not from a text book merely but from personal experience and conviction. He challenged the Church of Singapore that has received the Gospel for one and a half centuries. How far from this city has the church advanced with the Word under the Great Commission? Our Lord gave the order 1900 years ago to "go in all the world, to every creature." If we remain where we are we are still a mission church. If we go forward to preach the gospel and establish branch churches beyond our city we become a missionary church.

In obedience to the Great Commission our church formed a Malaysia Pioneer Mission as early as March 1952. In our constitution we expressed the desire to go to unevangelised regions of Southeast Asia. After twenty years we've got out as far as Tekong Island, Kelapa Sawit and Rawang. The Presbytery, at its last meeting, felt the time had come to send a missionary or missionary couple from Singapore to north Malaya. The planting of a witness far afield would greatly activate our missionary interest and commitment. The church is not short of funds. The church is short of faithful and fruitful workers. Let us pray and hear what the Lord would want us to do.

In order to raise a more permanent gospel witness in North Malaya, Rev. K.C. Quek has tentatively "booked" with Rev. Tow on his monthly visit to Muar and Rawang leaving Singapore, Lord's Day, July 25, 12 p.m. This move is made very timely in view of Presbytery's Annual Meeting, August 21st.

SEND OUT THY LIGHT

Lux Fiat
(Psalm 43)

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.

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

FATHER, LONG BEFORE CREATION

1. Father, long before creation
Thou has chosen us in love;
And that love, so deep, so moving,
Draws us close to Christ above,
Still it keeps us, Still it keeps us,
Firmly fixed in Christ alone.
Firmly fixed in Christ alone.
2. Though the world may change its fashion
Yet our God is e'er the same
His compassion and His covenant
Through all ages will remain,
God's own children, God's own children
Must forever praise His name.
Must forever praise His name.
3. God's compassion is my story,
Is my boasting all the day;
Mercy free and never failing
Moves my will, directs my way.
God so loved us, God so loved us,
That His only Son He gave.
That His only Son He gave.
4. Loving Father, now before Thee
We will ever praise Thy love;
And our song shall sound unceasing
Till we reach our home above,
Giving glory, Giving glory,
To our God and to the Lamb.
To our God and to the Lamb.

TO KALIMANTAN

"To Kalimantan, on to Kalimantan,
O send the gospel light into West Kalimantan
Along dark Kapuas River in West Kalimantan.

To Kalimantan, on to Kalimantan,
Beyond dark Kapuas River in West Kalimantan.
There're countless little rivers in West
Kalimantan.

To Kalimantan, on to Kalimantan
O speed the gospel light to Dark Kalimantan,
Where men are rowing, rowing, to no
destination."
(to the tune of "The Patriots" a Thuringian
Folk Song.)

21ST ANNIVERSARY MAGAZINE. Editor Tan Wai Choon reports receiving articles from Mount Carmel, Jurong, Calvary and Elder Tow. Don't be left out! Send in your articles early.

N-E-W-S

WEST KALIMANTAN. 300 John Sung Choruses (Chinese) for the Evangelistic League in WK have been paid for by members of Faith Church and Singapore Christian Evangelistic League. 100 packages of old clothes have been collected at Zion Building, including 40 from Prinsep St. Life Church. Contributions for freight charges and theological books for WK Bible Institute are welcome. ZION CHURCH observes 14th Anniversary Thanksgiving this Lord's Day with baptism of two new members.

THE CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMITTEE met last Lord's Day evening at Zion and will meet again at Gilstead Rd. Lord's Day evening, July 4.

SARIMBUN. Do you need a quiet retreat? Welcome to Sarimbun. Please contact Rev. Tow.

RAWANG B.F. \$100 from an elder; \$15 from Australia.

LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Deacon Koh Kim Hiang.
Fri. 8 p.m. Family Worship at the Parsonage with premiere showing of "West Kalimantan."
Sat. 6 p.m. Rev. Tow & Co. at Batu Pahat (Holy Land Slides).
Lord's Day 10 a.m. FEBC Sunday, Dr. Quek Swee Hwa, etc.
4 p.m. Rev. Peter Tong (Mandarin Service). The pastor will speak at Batu Pahat, Rawang and Muar Churches.

The Engagement between Dr. Anthony Thio Koon Loon and Dr. (Miss) Tai Keng Gii was solemnised Sat. June 12, 5.30 p.m. at 32 Jalan Ilmu, Rev. Tow officiating.

Hear Mr. Chang Jen Yen, son of Madam Chang Ching Ho, at Life Church Mandarin Service this Lord's Day 4 p.m. Mr. Chang is recently returned from Thailand after a year's service. If you're interested in serving in Thailand come and speak to Mr. Chang.

Life Church precincts are further enlarged by the making of a new side road to the kampong at the back.

Sunday School 2nd General Staff Meeting will be held this Lord's Day, 20th June, at 64, Andrew Road after Worship Service. The meeting will be preceded by lunch at 12 noon.

F.E.B.C. thanks anonymous donor for gift of \$25/- for the work of the College.

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LING KWANG NEWS

Miss Soh Chiao Yong, a recent Chin Lien graduate, has been appointed missionary, with particular responsibilities over the Toa Payoh work. She also serves as the Church Secretary for Faith Church. We now have two missionaries, Miss Soh and Miss Koh Siew Lian.

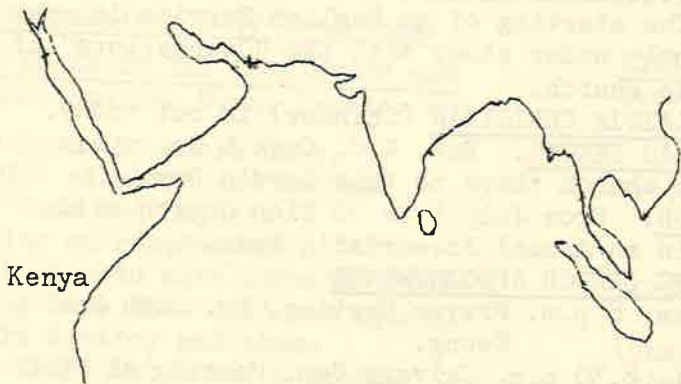
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THIS TIME, THE CALL HAS COME FROM AFRICA!



Although Singapore is one of the smallest countries in the world and we are a Singapore-based church, the Lord has favoured us with a world-wide ministry since her founding 21 years ago. We have been called to India half a dozen times, to Korea for a month-long gospel campaign, to Hong Kong, Israel, etc., and recently to West Kalimantan, to mention just a few. This time, the call has come from Africa!

The Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions which is helping us with missionary-teachers to Far Eastern Bible College now needs our help! Dr. Lynn Gray Gordon, the General Secretary, who visited us last November with Mrs. Gordon, makes this appeal: We need several doc-

tors and 12 nurses for Kenya!

Kenya is one of three countries where the Independent Presbyterian Mission Board has a medical work, the others being the Holy Land and Arabia. Kenya has the biggest installation. The Board maintains a 100-bed hospital and a Bible Institute of 30 students, with aggressive evangelistic outreach to the native peoples. Now, whilst the Mission in Kenya has been labouring at great odds to maintain a 100-bed hospital, the Government has suddenly required an expansion to 150 beds! Hitherto the Mission hospital has been maintained by one doctor and three nurses. To be properly efficient it needs several doctors and 15 nurses. The immediate need is one doctor to replace the resident doctor soon going on furlough. Dr. Gordon writes:

"Dr. Johnson and his wife come home next year on furlough and if we do not have a doctor there to take his place our whole Christian testimony will be brought into question by the Kenya government and we might lose it. I wonder if one or more of the fine Christian doctors there in the Bible Presbyterian churches in Singapore would be challenged with this great need.....This is my challenge to you, my brother. Please help us by interesting one or more of your doctors in this challenging work. If someone could go there for even a year it would be a great help to us and the cause of Christ. But I would pray that one year would extend into a life service there."

Last Sunday, while preaching on the text, "Send out Thy Light and Thy Truth," I applied this prayer to the Church. As a Church, do we wake up to the fact that God is calling a doctor from our midst to help a soul-saving work in Africa? Not necessarily the pastor or evangelist! A doctor, a Christian doctor, a missionary-minded doctor, a soul-saving doctor is needed! Dear Reader, are you the one? O Lord, raise up a man who trembles at Thy Word to go! Then in close order, a couple of nurses. A small team for a start.

Is success in life measured by dollars? By the string of degrees? By the number of universities attended? In God's sight, a missionary doctor is a greater success than one who works merely for himself. In this connection, we give many praises to God for Dr. and Mrs. Yap Kok Keng's going to lonely Tekong Island as missionaries of the cross. They preach and teach as they heal. They are not rich towards themselves but they obtain great credit with God!

Believing it is the Spirit of Missions Who has sent them to Tekong, we now pray the same Lord to move another, even you, to answer this call from Africa. We pray also for a response from our young ladies in the nursing service to this call from Kenya.

1. WIDEN AND DEEPEN YOUR BIBLE KNOWLEDGE by viewing 160 Colour Slides of the Holy Land. (Offering taken will go to Far Eastern Bible College.)
2. PROMOTE MISSIONS TO NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES by viewing 100 Colour Slides of West Kalimantan. (Offering taken will go to Orphans of WK.) Contact either Rev. Quek or Rev. Tow for a profitable evening with your group.
3. A NEW SERIES OF SLIDES will soon be available: "OUR GOSPEL HIGHWAY." See the Kingdom of God in the work of mission stations and churches all the way to Penang. (Offering taken will go to Rawang Church Building Fund.)
4. SUGGESTED SERIES: "The Growth of the Bible-Presbyterian Church." Who will go round the Churches on a Sunday morning and take pictures of each church in worship and fellowship? Our members consist of Life, Life Mandarin, Zion, Faith, Seletar, Tekong, Toa Payoh, Sembawang, Galilee, Sambau, Sa-brani, Jurong, Calvary, Sarimbun, Mt. Carmel, Mt. Hebron, Kelapa Sawit, Rawang.

PROFILE

In conjunction with the "FEBC Sundays" that are being held in our churches during this latter part of the final term, we reprint below an interview between Impetus, organ of the Fellowship of Evangelical Students and Tan Wai Choon of Life Church, now an FEBC student.

WAI CHOON PREPARES FOR THE MINISTRY

Another teacher from the Teachers' Christian Fellowship is going for theological studies. Mr. Tan Wai Choon, a key leader in the Fellowship for many years, has joined the Far Eastern Bible College for full-time training. We rejoice with him on this move and pray that others may be encouraged by what he has to say in this interview we had with him.

Q. Wai Choon, what is the nature of this course that you are taking and how long will it require before you complete it?

A. The courses I am taking are, in the words of the Far Eastern Bible College, designed to furnish the basic Bible training required by those entering advanced Christian service whether in the pastorate, on the mission field, or in specialised work. The courses are centred around the Bible itself, studied intensively in the original languages. Constant attention is paid to the English Bible. It is impossible to master the entire Bible in a three or four-year course, but a survey of the whole can be given and a solid foundation laid for a life-time of fruitful study of the Bible. Proper use of the tools acquired in the College courses is certain to result in steadily growing mastery of Bible exposition.

The course leading to a Bachelor of Theology degree ordinarily takes four years to complete.

Q. Have you been doing any preliminary study?

A. I have been seriously attending theological training since last year.

Q. I believe you were active in the TCCF and now the TCF. Can you tell us something about your part in these groups?

A. It was my privilege to serve in the TCCF as Vice-Chairman and Editor of its annual magazine, the Didasko. I was the Hon. Secretary of the TCF when it was formed in 1969.

Q. Are you helping in your church?

A. I am a deacon of my church and a departmental superintendent in the Sunday School.

Q. Did you face much difficulties from your home when you first told them of your intention?

A. I faced opposition, centred primarily on finance, from some members of my family. Thank God, He has helped me to overcome the difficulty.

Q. What would you say to some other persons who may be facing the same difficulties as you had?

A. If one is truly called, God will always see one through the difficulties, however serious they may be.

Q. How important would you say theological training is for the church today?

A. For the clergy and Christian workers,,

N-E-W-S

FEBC. Two more FEBC Sundays will be held: Galilee, July 4 and Sembawang July 11.

The College holds 4th Graduation Service at Life Church, July 11, 7.45 p.m. Elder Tow Siang Hwa will deliver the message and Rev. Peter Ng give the charge to the graduates. The College reopens for the 10th academic year, Sept. 13.

TOA PAYOH CHURCH has voted \$120 for Calvary Ground-breaking Service, Aug. 14.

The starting of an English Service is presently under study with the "Counsellors" of Life Church.

MALAYSIA CHRISTIAN (Chinese) is out today.

PULAU TEKONG. Rev. K.C. Quek & Co. visit the church there to this Lord's Day.

ZION. From July 4 to 10 Zion Church will hold an Annual Stewardship Week.

LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Dn. Lieu Kok Kwong.

Fri. 8.30 p.m. Calvary Com. Meeting at FEBC Library.

Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Tow (Lord's Supper)
4 p.m. Rev. Tow (Mandarin Service).

Booking of FEBC Hostels by NCF (through Bro. Hung Choo), July 24-30.

Bro. Koh Cheng Seong of Seong Radio and T.V. Service, phone 981477, also takes care of your other electrical problems. Highly recommended.

Rev. Robert Cook, Alumnus of Faith Seminary, 1942, now en route to Indonesia for a year's ministry, is guest at the FEBC Hostel. A warm welcome!

LIFE CHURCH MANDARIN SERVICE: Hear Rev. Hong Han Keng this Lord's Day, June 27, 4 p.m.!

theological training is indispensable. It is of tremendous importance for the active laity, especially those engaged in teaching the Word. How shall they teach unless they know what to teach? Our Lord trained the apostles for 3 years. Although it is true that the Holy Spirit shall teach us all things (Jn. 14:24), we must not ignore the human element included in this training program, as mentioned by Paul in 2 Timothy 2:2 "And the things that thou has heard of me among many witness, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also."

Moses spent 80 years of his life in preparation for his forty years of service. The apostle Paul was very well-trained; as a result he not only preached, but taught, argued and pleaded (Acts 19:8).

In many countries of South East Asia, Singapore included, we note the rising calibre of the congregation; as such, the need for adequate training of the men for the ministry cannot be over-emphasised.

Thank you, Wai Choon, for this interview, We pray the Lord will mightily use you in the coming years.

SAVE WATER!! SAVE WATER!! SAVE WATER!!

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LIGHTS ALONG OUR GOSPEL HIGHWAY

Once a month on the fourth Lord's Day, it has been my lot since April 1965 to answer the call of Trinity Church, Muar to preach at the English Service. A year later I received another call from Rawang across the Muar River.

Prior to 1965, to be exact from 1956 to 1964, I was also called to preach monthly up-country. It was Batu Pahat then.

Batu Pahat

Last week, Grace Church, Batu Pahat invited me after an absence of seven years! As this was the fourth week it fitted perfectly with my appointment with Muar and Rawang.

Usually, Mr. and Mrs. Chew Kia Song travel with me to Rawang, and their coming is with the view of promoting the rebuilding of Rawang Church. When we left for Batu Pahat last Saturday, they came along by "priority". Peter Chua, an FEBC graduand, came with us too.

Elder Lim Swee Cher, on behalf of Batu Pahat Church, kindly arranged beforehand for us to dine with certain Session members at a restaurant. We arrived rather late, but not too late to be left out of a good meal. The dinner had just begun!

Immediately after dinner we drove to the Church. What an improvement over the old situation seven years ago. Added to the Church Auditorium are now a new two-storey Parsonage and Sunday School Building.

Our first assignment with Batu Pahat was to show the Holy Land Slides. This we did in the new Sunday School Hall which was packed with about 150 in attendance. After the Slides we were comfortably lodged with Elder Lim Swee Cher in their country house.

Sunday morning saw us in Church. About 150 were in attendance again, owing to the rain. I spoke on Deut. 30:11-16, on the constant availability of God's Word, though God's workers come and go.

Rawang

Peter Chua preached for me both at the worship service and Y.F. He gave an expository sermon on the "Virtues of a Christian" and another on "Following Christ." The first sermon was interpreted into Teochew. The second needed no interpretation as the Rawang young people are mostly English-educated.

One important milestone reached in this monthly visit to Rawang, insofar as the building of the new church is concerned, is the choosing of July 25 for the long-waiting Ground-breaking Service. When this red-letter Day was announced, what a big smile I could see on every Rawangite's face. What a Day of double encouragement for our family of B-P churches too, as we look forward to Calvary's Ground-breaking, Aug. 14.

Rawang's ministry, indeed, is one claiming priority over every other gospel project. It is one of "going rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel" (Matt. 10:6). Reviving a dying congregation takes precedence over saving the heathen and "Samaritans" (Matt. 10:5). This is not only scriptural but logical, as the saying goes, "Charity begins at home." Or another, "Blood is thicker than water." The Rawangites, if revived, could be a vital force to spread the gospel to their own hinterland.

As we drove away in the twilight from the old shack of a church for our fourth and last preaching engagement of the Day at Muar, the strains of "Faith of our Fathers" began to stir my soul. Out of this hymn of faith has now come another adapted:

For the New Rawang Church

Faith of our fathers, living still,
Though long decayed their House of Prayer,
And one by one they've gone above
As oft is shed their children's tear.
Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
Live in our hearts from age to age!

Our fathers sailed from China's strand
To this new shore promised of God.
A pilgrim race, they saw beyond
A City Fair above the cloud.
Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
Live in our hearts from age to age!

Faith of our fathers, living still,
A second House of Prayer we raise!
A Beacon shining brighter far
From Muar's dark streams across the waves.
Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
Shine through thy sons till break of day.

Rawang Ground-breaking Service, July 25, 3 p.m.

A preliminary invitation is graciously extended to you to attend the Ground-breaking Service, July 25, 3 p.m. Suggested Schedule: Leave Singapore 11.30 a.m. Lunch at Ayer Itam 1.20-1.35. Arrive Rawang 3 p.m. Service: 3-4.15 p.m. Buffet Dinner 4.15 to 5 p.m. Leave Rawang 5 p.m. Drinks at Ayer Itam 6.20 Arrive 22 Jalan Waspada, Johore Bahru, 7.50 p.m. (snacks), Arrive back Singapore 8.45 p.m. (The distance from Gilstead Rd. to Rawang is 150 miles.)

Trinity, Muar

About 40, mostly young people came to worship. Peter gave a short testimony while I delivered the message. After service Deacon and Mrs. Kwa Keng Woo as usual treated us to some light refreshments. We stayed for the night at Madam Lim Siew Guat's. We left the next morning after a sumptuous breakfast. Another monthly appointment was fulfilled with thanks to our Saviour. - T.T.

Introducing another Holy Land Song:

A PSALM ON THE DESTINY OF MAN
(Tune: Spanish Hymn, Psalter 64)

Lord, O Lord, we adore Thee,
O Thou God of earth and heaven!
May Thy Name and Majesty
Ever shine on resplendent.
Thou art pleased with infants' praise,
Faltering lips Thou dost not spurn,
Thou wilt destroy and abase
All who laugh Thy Name to scorn.

When I look up into heaven,
Filled with twinkling stars and moon,
Then deep thoughts arise within:
What is man that dies so soon?
Thou art pleased with us Thy sons
By the Man Whom Thou'st ordain.
Low'r than angels, He has won
Crown o'er all Thy vast domain.

Thou hast made us kings to rule
O'er Thy terrestrial domain:
Sheep and oxen, birds and fowl
All the teeming hosts that swim.
Lord, O Lord, we adore Thee,
O Thou God of earth and heaven!
May Thy Name and Majesty
Ever shine on resplendent.

Scripture: Ps. 8; Heb. 2:6-18.
(Echo from God's Word to the riddle of
the tragic death of the Three Soviet
Astronauts.)

HEAVENLY MELODIES

(To the tune of "The Old Folks at Home")

There is a happy land, far away,
Far 'bove the blue,
Where saints in glory stand, bright as day,
Praising the Lord God Triune.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, I can hear them sing.
Where saints in glory stand, bright as day,
Praising the Lord God Triune.

Come away, come away to this Land,
O don't delay!
Come join us, this Christian Pilgrim Band.
O don't be left in the way!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, Hark how sweet they
sing!

Come join us, this Christian Pilgrim Band
Onward and upward, away...

Wonderful, wonderful, this new Land,
Far 'bove the blue.
Happy our days on earth, as in Heaven,
When Christ our life has made new.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, Raise our voice and
sing!

Happy our days on earth as in Heaven,
When Christ our life has made new.

- T.T.

200 REVIVAL CHORUSES AND HYMNS. Please
settle all outstanding accounts with Elder
Tow soon, so that he can submit a report and
statement to Presbytery at August meeting.

N-E-W-S

LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS.

Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Mrs. Leahia
Paauwe.

Session Meeting at FEBC Library.

Fri. 8 p.m. Family worship at 1 Cassia Dr.,
home of Mr. & Mrs. Tow Siang
Ling.

Lord's Day 10.a.m. Rev. Peter Ng

8 p.m. Rev. Peter Tong.

(The pastor with FEBC Team at Sembawang,
thereafter to Kelapa Sawit.)

7.45 p.m. FEBC 4th Graduation.

Nursery Roster. July 11, Irene and Nancy
Chua; July 18, Koh Ah Moy and Low Sock Eng.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ong Beng
Tiong on the gift of girl, June 26, 1971.

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Roy Lim,
USA, on the gift of a boy, Darren Troy.

Wedding Bells. The holy matrimony between
Mr. Chiam Heng Hong and Miss Chan Sok Huang
will be solemnised July 31, 6.30 p.m. Rev.
Tow officiating.

Corrigendum... Rev. Robert Kutz and not
Cook is presently staying at FEBC Hostel.

Mrs. Annie Tan and Amy Lim arrived back
from England on Thursday night.

New Address. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Heng,
38H Yuan Ching Rd., 22, phone 653283.

REVISION OF CHURCH CONSTITUTION: Committee
meets this Lord's Day, July 4, 8 p.m. at the
FEBC Library.

CALVARYCHURCH B.F. \$120/- received from Toa
Payoh; \$200 from a Faith Church friend and
\$20 from a member.

RAWANG CHURCH B.F. \$750/- received from 3
members and 2 session members of Faith Church.

LING KWANG MISSION CLINIC appreciates the
services of another two doctors (Dr. Daniel
Chua of Central Manpower Base and Dr. Chan
Yin Fatt of Dept. of Oral Surgery, TRGH),
and Pharmacist Miss Ang Yiau Leng, sister of
Dr. Ang Yiau Hua.

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The Lord's Day, July 11th, 1971, 8.00 p.m.
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LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

(Good wishes from Dr. Patrick Tan appreciated)

SAVE WATER!! SAVE WATER!! SAVE WATER!!

BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN WEEKLY

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Saturday, 10th July, 1971.

WHITHER FEBC GRADUATES?

This Lord's Day, July 11 at 8 p.m., the Far Eastern Bible College will be in convocation at her Fourth Graduation at Life Church, Gilstead Road. Two young men, after four years of study, will graduate. Peter Chua, a Lifer, will receive the Diploma in Theology and Swee Thian Hoe, a Galilean, will be conferred the Bachelor of Theology degree. With these two graduands the total of FEBC graduates is brought up to nine. Now, nine graduates in nine years are a meagre number, which reflects the truth of that Chinese saying, "It takes a decade to plant a tree, yea, a century to nurture a man." With the College's enrolment steadily increasing (perhaps to 30 by next September) it is hoped that the number of graduands henceforth be doubled, and progressively multiplied. As the number increases so need our strength to cater to their needs. We need your continued and, in fact, enlarged prayerful and financial support!

Now the purpose of the FEBC is to train a new generation of ministers, missionaries, teachers and Christian workers to serve the Church of Jesus Christ in the Far East, and to extend His Kingdom to the uttermost parts of the earth. Is the College realising this aim? What happens to our trainees? With FEBC graduates? You who believe in the FEBC programme, you who pray for us and lovingly support the College with your gifts, have a right to know.

Wither FEBC graduates?

1. Mrs. Jeanette Packer, after obtaining a Certificate of Religious Knowledge in 1966, returned to Australia with her diplomat husband. She took further courses at the Melbourne Bible Institute and an active part in her church. She and her husband have received the doctrine of separation. When their church last year became ecumenically involved resulting in a departure from the Faith, they both left it to unite with a Bible-believing Church.
2. Mrs. Ivy Tow, B. Th. also graduated in 1966. She has since taught Greek at FEBC and supervised the culinary department. She has been serving also as Registrar.
3. Mr. Chan Lay Seng, Dip. Th. 1967, served with his wife Alice (who studied music at FEBC) at Kelapa Sawit for about three years. Presently they are vanguards of Calvary Bible-Presbyterian Church, soon building a Church and Kindergarten complex at Jurong Town.
4. Miss Peggy Yeo, B.Th. 1967, spent two further years at Talbot Theological Seminary USA where she obtained the M.R.E. Returning in August 1969, she has since taught at FEBC while serving also with Evangelism-in-Depth.
5. Tow Siang Kwang, Dip.Th. 1969, went to USA for higher study. He has just received the B.R.E., and is pursuing another year's at Trinity Divinity School towards an M.A. in Missions.
6. Gan Sai Lin, Dip.Th. 1970, has served a short term with Jesus Saves Mission, Penang. Presently she helps out at Galilee Bible-Presbyterian Church.
7. Liew Hon Seng, B.Th. 1970, has since graduation headed the Jesus Saves Mission, Kuala Lumpur. His wife, a graduate of Chin Lien Bible Seminary, is an able helpmate.
8. Peter Chua, Dip.Th. 1971, has made many contacts through preaching and has twice served in the Penang area. He is waiting on the Lord for new direction.
9. Swee Thian Hoe, B.Th. 1971, has been a leader in the founding of Sambau Gospel Mission, an extension of Galilee Church. He feels called to higher study at Trinity Divinity School, USA and hopes to join the M.Div. programme this September. In view of our government's requirement for national teachers, we heartily commend Thian Hoe to higher study.

"Ye sons and daughters of the East
Within these Halls have learned My Word,
In Christ's domain are not the least,
If you unflinching wield the Sword:
With loyal heart join in the fray,
And fight till dawning of the day!
O Lord grant us Thy truth and grace,
And lead us on till break of Day!

Looking Ahead

The FEBC's present enrolment is 23. With the prospect of eight to ten new students coming in by September, the enrolment would reach 30. If this trend continues, in a couple of years our hostels will be filled. Our hostels have a total capacity for (29+18) 47 students. If we put in double deckers we could increase it to 56.

Should the Lord continue to increase us while He tarries, there is no reason why the College's enrolment will not touch three figures by the end of the decade. Now, since it takes time to plan to build and extend, it is not too early to talk of expansion.

In this connection, the library deserves first consideration. The room is already becoming too small with the present number of students.

The building of the three-storey Church and College Extension which today houses the Far Eastern Kindergarten and College lecture rooms and quarters has come into God's Kingdom for such a time as this. Without years of forward planning we won't be able to do so much for the Lord today. We need men of vision and foresight. "Where there is no vision, the people perish." (Prov. 29:18.)

IT'S ALL OVER....

Too bad about Bill. Now it's too late. And he had so many things going for him — like you maybe; a good education, friends, expensive clothes, a brand new bike, and plenty of green. The only thing he didn't have, he didn't want. That was a personal faith in Jesus Christ. He went to church and knew the way all right, but he was too busy having a blast to think about God. Bill figured there was plenty of time for that later. Now, it's all over.

Who could possibly have known about that oncoming driver passing at the top of the hill? Bill didn't know, but that didn't matter. It wasn't Bill's fault, but that didn't matter either. What did matter was that Bill left this life unexpectedly, suddenly met God: unprepared.

He was such a nice guy. And, like a lot of us, he planned to make it on his own, without God. Funny, that's precisely what God says we cannot do — make it on our own.

One of the wisest men who ever lived said, "There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death." (Prov. 14:12)

That's a big price to pay for material comforts. Living for the good things in this life, we soon forget about our intangible soul. Spiritual values fade and we seldom give thought to anything beyond the present. Yet, in spite of our misunderstanding and neglect, God still does not force Himself upon us. Patiently, He looks for a voluntary response. The choice is ours and everything hangs on it.

Long ago, Jesus Christ posed a question that is relevant even today. He asked, "What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Mk. 8:36,37). Another man put it this way, "What makes us think that we can escape if we are indifferent to this great salvation..." (Heb. 2:3). We are told in the Bible of our inevitable appointment with death followed by an equitable judgment. This is why God's Son, Jesus Christ, died in our place. By doing so, He paid our penalty.

Furthermore, Jesus says He is the Way, the Truth and the Life, and warns that no man can come to God the Father except through Himself. There is no other person who is able to solve the problem of our guilt and bring us into a right relationship with God.

If you are looking for a peace that really satisfies, then the answer is to receive Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour.

Pray and ask Him to take over. A new life can start for you right now. It's too late for Bill...but not for you. Not yet.

Bob Skarsten.

- from Collegiate Conversationals,
Oradell, New Jersey 07649, U.S.A.

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LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

FEBC closes for the long vacation after her 4th Graduation, July 11 and reopens Sept. 13, 1971. Prospective students from Taiwan, New Zealand, Brunei, W. Malaysia and Singapore increase our international composition to 10 countries!

RAWANG CHURCH B.F. Another \$100 received from a Faith member raises Faith Church's contribution to \$850. Lifers: \$20; \$51.37; FEBCer \$30. Life Church Session is taking a collection from Session members for the Ground-breaking Service, July 25.

WEST KALIMANTAN. 3,300 pieces of surplus clothing have been collected by Ling Kwang Mission. \$300 received for freight, \$100/- from Zion member for Chinese Bibles. 300 Chinese John Sung Choruses subscribed. More Chinese theological needed.

ZION CHURCH ended her Annual Stewardship Week yesterday. Members were visited and encouraged to support the Church's work.

LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Rev. Paauwe.
Lord's Day 10 a.m. English Service: Rev. Tow.
4 p.m. Man.-Teochew Service:
Rev. Tow.

Nursery Roster: July 18, Koh Ah Moy, Low Sock Eng; July 25, Muriel Chee, Lena Seow.

Hostel Reorientation during FEBC long vacation. Young Lifers, please see the pastor.

LIFE CHURCH MANDARIN - TEOCHEW SERVICE.

With the resumption of Teochew (sometimes Hokkien) interpretation since the visit of Rev. Jason Linn, the attendance has picked up considerably. Last week's count exceeded 40. The adult Sunday School under Miss Chang Ching Ho and Children's class under Mrs. Khoo Peng Kiät, assisted by Cynthia Gan and Tiew Ah Tuan, FEBC students, have also increased in attendance.

FAR EASTERN BEACON (special Bible College Edition) is out today!

REV. K.C. QUEK preaches this Lord's Day at Prinsep St. Life Church.

PENANG. Dr. and Mrs. Tow Siang Yew and family are visiting Singapore about July 25 for several days.

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THE DOOR OF SALVATION BECOMES THE DOOR OF SERVICE

In John 10:9 Jesus likens salvation through Himself to a door: "I am the door: by me if any man enter in he shall be saved..." He is the door of Salvation. This is a metaphor everyone can understand, even a child of three. Reader, have you entered Jesus' Door? Inside this Door, you are safe. Outside, you'll not stand when the storms of God's judgment begin to blow.

The metaphor of the Door, interestingly, is used for service — Christian Service. Luke recounts how God "opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles" (Acts 14:27). Paul refers to the preaching opportunities at Ephesus as "a great door and effectual," though there are many adversaries. In II Cor. 2:12 he says the same with regard to Troas, "Furthermore, when I came to Troas to preach Christ's gospel, and a door was opened unto me of the Lord, I had no rest in my spirit..." In Rev. 3:8, our Lord blesses the church of Philadelphia for her love and faith with "an open door, and no man can shut it."

Door after door opens to our Church movement

Ever since we started out for the Lord in 1950, God has blessed our Church movement with door after door of Christian service. Particularly, as Paul says in Corinthians, preaching the gospel far and wide. As a result of these openings, we have been kept on the go. There was no need of any "Five-year-double-the-membership Plan." Trying to cope up with entering these doors has given us no breathing space. Here's the latest report on the doors opened to us, for mutual encouragement and prayerful support.

1. Door to Rawang

Mr. W.K. Tham, our contractor, has inspected the building site. He is pleased that the ground is strong. This means we need not spend too much on piling.

Offerings flowing in since announcement on Ground-breaking have boosted the Building Fund to \$20,545.79. This does not include about \$7,000 spent on earth-filling.

The Session and Congregation of Rawang Christian Church extends our Readers a cordial invitation to the Ground-breaking Service July 25, 3 p.m. (Rev. K.C. Quek "changkolling"). A buffet dinner with choicest Rawang durians is in the offing! Guests to Rawang please ring 50617 (Life) or 84786 (Zion).

Streamlined One-day Return Trip to Rawang (260 miles):-

11.30 a.m. Leave Singapore	5.00 p.m. Leave Rawang
1.25 p.m. Arrive Ayer Itam	7.40 p.m. Arrive 22 Jalan Waspada, 3m. Johore Bahru.
1.45 p.m. Leave Ayer Itam	
3.00 p.m. Arrive Rawang, 4½ m. Muar-Segamat Road.	7.40-8.30 p.m. Refreshments with Dr. & Mrs. Tow Siang Yeow.
	9.15 p.m. Return to Singapore.

(Driving note: 1) Passports! 2) For clear-through driving, go via Yong Peng.

3) For change of scenery, return via Batu Pahat. 4) Two miles from Muar Bridge, turn right to Segamat Rd. Another 2 miles you've arrived Rawang.)

2. Door to Jurong Town via Calvary

Hard on Rawang's heels comes our second Ground-breaking Service, Aug. 14, 4.00 p.m. at Jurong Town for the building of the Calvary B-P Church and Kindergarten Complex. To kill two birds with one stone, a visit to the Bird Park, from 2.15 to 3.30, is suggested.

3. Door to Kelapa Sawit

Kelapa Sawit, 43 miles north of Singapore, is our oldest missionary outreach, since Jan. 1954. Two years ago our mission church applied to the Johore Government for land to build a church, our present worship place being a shophouse. The Government replied at first with a price of 30 cts. per foot for the half acre; which works out at (30x21780) = \$6,534.00. Last week, when we administered the Lord's Supper at Kelapa Sawit on our bi-monthly visit, the Deacons praised the Lord for being granted the half-acre free! So, we've saved a sizeable sum, a confirmation from the Lord that another door is opened! When is Kelapa Sawit's Ground-breaking?

4. Door of an English Service to Toa Payoh

Preliminary talks are going on between the Committee of Toa Payoh Bible-Presbyterian Church (Chinese-speaking) and certain Young Adult Lifers for the starting of an English Service. This matter will go through Life Church Session and the Presbytery.

5. Door to Kenya, Africa

Praise the Lord, through Dr. Lim Teck Chye's transmission of a recent appeal, a highly and suitably qualified Christian couple, preparing years for the mission field, has applied. Let's pray for God's confirmation.

6. Door to West Malaysia

Economising on the Rawang visit, Rev. Quek our moderator will press on with me on our first missionary journey together. We shall preach and baptise at K.L. and Penang JSMS, survey Pokok Assam and end up preaching at Temerloh, returning Friday, July 30. Pray for us that if the Lord wills, another door be opened to the gospel. - T.T.

THE GOSPEL SHIP "LOGOS",

a 2319-ton motor vessel of a missionary enterprise called "Operation Mobilization," originating from USA by young collegians, has sailed into Singapore on her maiden voyage to the East. One reason of her coming is to get registered in Singapore.

The ship is manned by a volunteer crew with 120 young people from 16 countries. Its aim is to extend the gospel to all the world. She will ply between Southeast Asian ports the next four years. Whenever crowds come on the ship, gospel meetings are held and tracts distributed. The ship was literally swarmed at every Indian port.

Apart from this novel evangelistic thrust, the ship sells educational, scientific and religious books as a means of partial self support. It has a closed-circuit TV System, a film projection unit, a printing press, a school for the 20 children on board and a Bible School for about 15 young people, mostly Indians, to train them for evangelism amongst their own countrymen.

All our pastors were invited to a leaders conference, July 13. A sizeable group from FEBC also went. Presently Johnny Lim, Tony Ting, Gan Sai Lin, Deborah, are volunteering their services, "chipping paint" and washing dishes, etc.

The ship is open to the public 10 a.m. daily, Mon. to Sat., till July 31. A launch leaves Clifford Pier every half hour, at 70¢ per person, round trip. Everyone over 10 is welcome.

A one-day Conference for Christian leaders is scheduled for July 26 with lunch provided. Launches leave Clifford Pier 9.30 a.m. The "Logos" sails for Indonesia, Aug. 14.

MOSES' PSALM OF LIFE

1. Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling place,
From age to age our rampart.
Before the hills were ever born,
Everlasting God Thou art!
A thousand years before thy sight
Fly as a watch in the night.
2. When Thou dost turn man into dust,
He fades away like the grass.
The days of our years are seventy,
Eighty years could hardly pass.
All our strength is sweat and sorrow
All our health fleeting shadow.
3. Our secret sins before Thee lay.
With Thy mercy satisfy.
So teach us to number our days,
To wisdom our hearts apply.
Through days of toil and affliction
May Thy grace 'pon us be shone.
4. Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling place,
From age to age our rampart.
Before the hills were ever born,
Everlasting God Thou art!
Be Thou our strength from year to year,
Till 'fore Thy face we appear.

Tune: Russian Air

Music in Far Eastern Beacon, July, 1971.

N-E-W-S

LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer Mtg. Deacon Tan Wai Choon.

Fri. 8 p.m. Family Worship at home of Elder
and Mrs. Heng, 5 Bartley Road.

Lord's Day: 10 a.m. Rev. Tow (3 p.m. at
Rawang.)

4 p.m. Rev. Peter Tong (Mand-
Teochew Service.)

Nursery Roster: July 25, Muriel Chee and
Lena Seow; August 1, Jenny Liew, Phua Lee
Cheng.

Baptism. By special request Miss Chan Sok
Huang and Seah Siow Pang will be baptised
Lord's Day, July 25.

Lifers or any Reader (over 10 years old)
who wish to visit the "Logos" on Sat. 24
please register with the pastor, 50617.
Bring own lunch. Meet at Clifford Pier 9.30
a.m. Special Singtime on board. Charge =
\$1 per head.

FEBC Hostel booking: JSM, Aug. 16-21.

21st Anniversary Magazine. Closing date
for entries is July 25! Hurry, don't be left
out.

F.E. Kindergarten. The Certificate of Fit-
ness has come with architect's bill for \$2.50.
Members of F.E.K. Committee meet at Elder
Tow's this Lord's Day, 2 p.m.

Miss Grace Jephson is in Singapore till
July 22.

FEBC 4th Graduation Offering: \$292.36.

Mr. Liew Hon Seng, '70, requests prayer
support for a three-day gospel campaign at
Temerloh, July 16-18.

SEMBAWANG. Your FEBC Sunday offering of
\$21.45 is gratefully acknowledged. Also \$5/-
in offering bag for Rawang.

FAITH CHURCH SESSION and departments take
group photographs this Lord's Day after Church
Service for the 21st Anniversary Magazine.
LOGOS VISITS are made today by Zion and Faith
Church young people under charge of Dr. Quek
and Rev. Quek.

CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMITTEE meets this
Lord's Day at Zion.

The Session of Rawang Christian Church,
1 1/2 m. Muar-Segamat Road,
cordially invite

You
to a

Ground-breaking Service
for

the building of the
NEW CHURCH & KINDERGARTEN
on the existing site,

Lord's Day, 25 July, 1971, 3 p.m.

(Buffet Dinner will be served) R.S.V.P.

Golden creamy durians. c/o Life Church,
Phone: 50617

They that go down to the sea in ships,
That do business in great waters,
These see the works of the Lord,
And his wonders in the deep.

Ps. 107:24.

DON'T WASTE WATER!!!

SAVE WATER!!!

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REJOICE WITH THEM THAT DO REJOICE

"Rejoice with them that do rejoice," says the Apostle Paul, but he also adds, "and weep with them that weep." (Rom. 12:15.) May I call this "the emotional fellowship of the saints." Indeed, the Christian Church is one big family. If one member is happy, so is the whole family. If another is sorrowful, the rest will mourn and weep.

Talking of rejoicing and weeping together as our big Christian family, we could look back with sympathising tears to the days when the Rawangites became a scattered flock, when their fathers, one by one, were taken above, when their house of worship so decayed that it had to be dismantled for safety's sake. But, the days of weeping are over! The Lord has regathered His people. The Lord is reviving their sons and daughters to the heritage of the Living Faith. The Lord is commencing from this Sunday, July 25, to build them a \$60,000 Church and Kindergarten. From Singapore a caravan of Lifers, Zionites, Faithfuls, JSMers, FEBCers, bearing gifts from their churches and members, from Calvary and F.E. Kindergarten, will drive away after the morning worship to participate in the Ground-breaking in the afternoon.

Rejoice for a good contractor and a good price.

Our hearts rejoice not only in the warm of fellowship extended by so many from the sister churches in Singapore, but also in the provision of a good contractor and the conclusion of a good price.

As you know, the contractor is Mr. W.K. Tham, builder of Life Church, FEBC and the Church-and-College Extension, Gilstead Road. As to the price, it was concluded after a cordial meeting of the architect, contractor and pastor at the architects office, July 20. The price tendered at first was \$64,000 exclusive of piling. After some "bargaining" it was reduced to \$60,000 inclusive of piling. This is a saving of at least \$5,000! We rejoice on the price.

Rejoice for a new campsite by Christmas!

The building of the new church, as earlier intimated, is with the view to a wider ministry for Rawang. The church with parsonage and a kindergarten is planned for a campsite for at least 40 young people. It has modern sanitation and baths and full cooking facilities. Young people from Singapore are welcome to a new taste of Rawang hospitality, especially when it rains durians and rambutans.

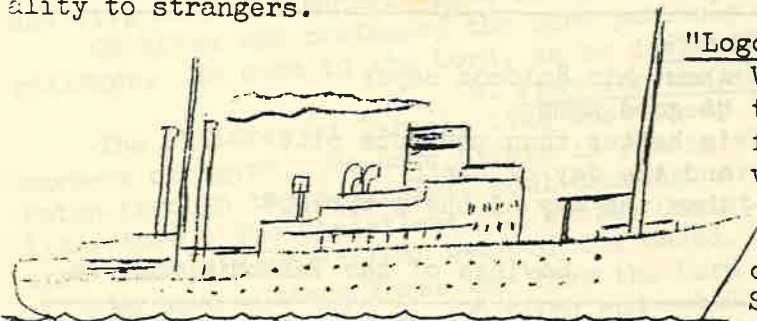
The contractor will commence building operations, you guess when? Monday, July 26! As before, he is a man of action. Meantime, he has measured the site and found earthfilling short of 50 feet at the far end and 10 feet on the sides. Earthfilling is the responsibility of the owner. It is estimated we might need another 100 lorryloads of earth. Let us give Rawang these loads of earth to help them out! Let us rejoice in cheerful giving.

FEBC's Vacation Ministries

To relieve the shortage of campsite for Christian youth groups, the FEBC, in conjunction with Life Church, has from the beginning opened her hostels during vacations. We hope in this way to play some part in the building of God's Kingdom by other Christian groups. Three groups using FEBC during the long vacation are the Nurses Christian Fellowship (through Bro. Hung Choo), Bartley Christian Church, and JSM.

An unexpected extension of this vacation ministry which we might term "Operation Hospitality" is the accommodation and entertainment of half a dozen young missionaries from as many countries for as many days in the College dorms. These are from the gospel ship "Logos," presently the talk among many Churches. There is no doubt that our guests from 16 countries love the Lord and souls of men. They have been out on our streets distributing gospel tracts. They have witnessed to mostly students who visit the ship by launch. FEBC's vacation ministry of "giving to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water" (Matt. 10:42) is in obedience to our Lord's injunction to care for His servants.

Even if the College is in full session, it has been our policy to make some room available to any missionary or minister passing through. And do we not hear Him say, "I was a stranger and ye took me in"? Let the Church as a whole practise the grace of hospitality to strangers.



"Logos" Information

Visits to the Logos are open to the public till July 30. Launches leave, Mon. to Sat. from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at half-hourly intervals. Children under 10 are not admitted.

On Sunday, the ship is closed for Sabbath.

To contact the ship, please phone 511940, c/o Mr. Chiam Tee Tong, evenings, or 96158, Shipping agents' office, daytime. "Logos" speakers are available for youth meetings

during the week or church services on the Lord's Day.

Visit the ship for wide range of scientific and religious books.

The ship is sailing to Djakarta about August 4. If you have any business for the Lord in Djakarta, why not get in touch with the Ship? Call Mike Wilshire or Larry Orrin.

A PSALM OF THE SEA
(to the tune of "Eternal Father,
Strong to Save," Melita.)

Ye mariners on high seas steep
That toil amid the foaming deep,
Behold the mighty works of God,
And His great wonders as you plod.
O that all men would bow to Thee,
Thou God of heaven and earth and sea.

By Thy command the breeze so mild
Becomes a storm and tempest wild,
While oceans writhe with billows high,
And wave 'pon wave mounts up the sky!
O that all men would pray to Thee,
Thou God of heaven and earth and sea.

Like drunken men they stagger on,
And at their wit's end they are thrown.
They reel and roll, and to and fro —
The fearful lot of men below.
O that all men would cry to Thee,
Thou God of heaven and earth and sea.

"Peace be thou still," spoke Christ the
Lord,

And wind and wave obeyed His Word.
Today the God of Galilee
Still saves His own from sea to sea.
O that all men would praise Thy Name!
Thy mercies mild endure the same.

(Scripture: Ps. 107:23-32; Mark 4:37-41;
Matt. 8:24-27; Lk. 8:22-25.)
— on the Lakota to West Kalimantan.

LIVING FAITH
Hymn for the New Rawang Church
Tune: Faith of Our Fathers

Faith of our fathers, living still,
Though long decayed their House of Prayer,
And one by one they've gone above
As oft is shed their children's tear.
Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
Live in our hearts from age to age!

Our fathers sailed from China's strand
To this new shore promised of God.
A pilgrim band, they saw beyond
A City Fair above the cloud.
Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
Live in our hearts from age to age!

Faith of our fathers, living still,
A second House of Prayer we raise!
A Beacon beaming brighter far
From Muar's dark streams across the waves.
Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
Shine through thy sons till break of day.

THE END OF MAN

Thus spoke Rabbi Meir, when he had ended
the Book of Job:
The end of man is death,
the end of cattle is slaughter.
Everything that is, dies.
Happy is he who has grown in the Torah,
whose labors are concerned with the Torah,
who gives satisfaction to his Maker,
who has grown up with a good name,
and with a good name departs from this
world.

N-E-W-S
LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS.

Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Bro. Stephen
Kuan.

Fri. 8 p.m. House Blessing at Heng's Clinic,
Albert House (Dr. Andrew Heng)

Sat. 6.30 p.m. Chiam-Chan Wedding.

Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Tow (Lord's Supper)

4 p.m. Rev. Tow (Lord's Supper)
Mand-Teochew Service.

Welcome to the Nurses Christian Fellowship
holding conference at the FEBC, July 24-30.

Church booking. Aug. 8, 7.30 p.m. JSM 7th
Anniversary Service.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Heng
for the gift of a daughter, July 23, 1971.

Nursery Roster: Aug. 1st, Jenny Liew and
Phua Lee Cheng; Aug. 8th, Judy Lim and Mrs.
Joshua Lim.

RAWANG B.F. From Calvary \$1,000; F.E. Kinder-
garten \$100; Lifer \$200; Zion \$160; Faith
\$1,000/-.

A caravan of four cars (Rev. Tow, Rev. Quek,
Elder Heng Yow Tong and Bro. Goh Seng Fong)
is visiting Rawang at her Ground-breaking
service this Lord's Day.

MALAYSIA CHRISTIAN (Chinese) July issue avail-
able today. Elder Tow's message at FEBC
Graduation Service summarised in Chinese.

A SOUL

A living soul, how priceless!
Its value is untold.
Invisible, immortal,
Worth more than purest gold.
And oh, the souls are countless
Upon life's busy way
Who know not Christ, our Saviour,
Who never stop to pray.
They rush toward sin's gay glitter,
Its glaring, garish light
These souls of men are marching
To everlasting night.

O go ye into all the world,
Is his divine command.
I hear his voice so tender,
I see his loving hand
Outstretched in power and blessing
The fallen ones to raise.
Then may we do his bidding
Through all our early days;
And when the sheaves are gathered
Before his throne that day,
May there be souls most precious
Whom we have shown the way.

- Bertha Prince Vander Ark

About him Solomon says:
"A good name
is better than precious oil;
and the day of death
than the day of one's birth."

- Sayings of the Talmudic Masters

DON'T WASTE WATER!! SAVE WATER!!

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A Missionary Journey to Penang on behalf of the Presbytery

Rev. K.C. Quek and I returned Friday evening from a 1,100-mile journey to Penang on behalf of the Presbytery (which is convening August 21). This journey was timed to coincide with the Rawang Ground-breaking service in order to "kill two birds with one stone." Effectually, ten birds, and not two, were killed for the Lord, for which we praise God!

1. Rawang Ground-breaking, July 25.

We thank God for journeying mercies to all the four cars and two scooters, save for a car-puncture and minor scooter repairs. The scooterists (Galileans) arrived late, but were well taken care of all the same.

The Ground-breaking was attended by about 120-50 under a bright sun. Here's Mr. Chew Kia Song's report:

"Today we witness the ceremony of Ground-breaking by Rev. K.C. Quek for the new Church, which will arise as God's Light house which shall send its light to the darkest parts of the district and beyond to drive away the darkness of superstitions and fear. In his message to the people gathered there, Rev. Quek exhorted them to give their hearts to the building of their Church. Rich or poor, each and everyone of them must have a share in it, reminding them that what they have is not their own to keep, but to contribute generously towards the service of God, and what better service than to give towards building a Church, not only for themselves but for posterity. He told them how King David was not happy because he lived in a fine palace while God had only a tent. Similarly they must not be satisfied with a plank house for God while they live in concrete and comfortable houses. Although God says, 'Heaven is my throne, and earth is my footstool; what house will ye build for me?' still we must build a strong house for Him.

Rev. Edward Paauwe closed the meeting by pronouncing the Benediction.

The people then adjourned to a sumptuous dinner that was laid out for them in the old Church. There were durians galore and while the people were enjoying the king of fruits, I was sorry to see Rev. Paauwe standing afar off, because he said the fruit was a bit too odoriferous for him.

After the dinner the Singaporeans returned to Singapore, while Rev. Tow and Rev. Quek went on a Gospel journey to Penang, to visit the Gospel stations on the way."

About \$6,000 was brought from far and near for this special occasion. Rawang B.F. soars to \$26,000!

2. K.L. meeting with Dr. Tow Siang Yew

The Lord timed our arrival in K.L. the next day with that of Dr. Siang Yew. He had arrived one day before us with daughter Adeline as Penang's representative at an interstate Sports. We stayed at the Commonwealth House that night to discuss development of a Penang B-P Church.

3. K.L. Baptisms

In view of Rev. Ng's inability to come, the honour of baptising two adults and two infants (Mr. Liew Hon Seng's daughters) at the Jesus Saves Mission fell on Rev. Quek. It was so cute to watch three-year-old Wai Yam kneel on a pillow to receive the baptism!

4. Pokok Assam and Taiping

Our visit to Pokok Assam didn't help to solve the main problem — a six-year-old Evangel Centre without a fulltime worker. The house in disrepair is a lesser problem.

5. Salvation has come to Penang!

Whereas the established but apostate churches, one of which had a youth camp which folded up half-way, the JSM stations have seen a reaping of souls! Those who preach the Word of God with sincerity are sure of results. Thirteen were baptised at Tanjong Bunga and five at Rifle Range. This brought up the number to 22.

Of these who confessed the Lord publicly was an Indian teacher, father of three children. He came to the Lord, as he declared, by the earnest preaching of an FEBC student.

6. Pray for the salvation of the saved!

The children of Israel, like lost sheep (not goats!), had to be saved from the taskmasters of Egypt. We have Lifers in Penang who must be snatched out of the clutches of Satan through the modernist, soul-damning, erroneous teachings of Methodist Sunday School literature. The Christless and subtly Christ-denying sermons, week after week, have deadened the spiritual nerves even of the saved.

We have contact with those who love the Lord and His Word, who have groaned under the burden of an unequal yoke of faith and unbelief. It is generally agreed that blessing can come only when a clear separation is made. Pray for the salvation of the saved who are yoked to apostates. Pray that our beloved in Penang might soon be delivered to worship the Lord in spirit and in truth.

7. God takes care to the last minute.

We drove from Penang to Muar in one long lap, visiting Dr. and Mrs. Khoo Kaye Chye (Zionites) at Bukit Mertajam, and halting at Kampar and K.L. for a bite and stretch. We arrived back at Rawang exactly after 12 hours to see if work had begun. We were a little impatient to see nothing more than a big peg driven in the ground, marking the Church front at 200 ft. from the main road.

Introducing another Holy Land Song:

COME OUT FROM THE CHURCH APOSTATE

(Tune: "Master, Speak!" (Ottawa),
Redemption Songs 835)

In the House of God at Shiloh,
Where old Eli reigned supreme,
Though the temple-lamp was burning,
The light of Truth hid unseen.
God's voice spoke to man again,
To young Samuel in refrain!

God destroyed His House at Shiloh
For the priests' sins unatoned.
Shall He spare the Church apostate,
Where now Satan sits enthroned?
Christians, rise, obey His Word!
Come out from them, saith the Lord.

Come out from them, thus saith the Lord,
And touch not the unclean thing.
From each evil be separate,
All ye who Me honour bring.
A loving Father I'll be
To them who'll listen to Me.

God called Samuel to preach the Word,
And He calls His own today
To contend for the old-time Faith,
With Truth's banner in display.
Lord, I've heard Thy call again,
Let me serve Thee in vain.

We ate at the "eating market," Muar.
Then we went to see the Muar Plaza, an ultra-modern hotel-shop-market complex designed and built by Tay Beng Guat Ltd. As we got into the car, quite homeless and tired, Deacon and Mrs. Kwa Keng Woo doubled-up on the scooter. I said, "Praise the Lord, I've been praying to the Lord to send you here to invite us for the night!" That such a deliverance came my way once before through the Kwa's on a scooter passing by, as I told to Rev. Quek, was now believed without a flicker of doubt! The Lord provided to the last minute!

8. Batu Pahat Windfall

After visiting my mother-in-law as usual, we called on an elder to renew old friendship. With no thought of anything but auld lang syne we were pleasantly surprised by a spontaneous offer of \$200 for Rawang Church. A happy windfall that increased our faith!

9. Kelapa Sawit Heritage

The Government has approved an half acre of land on a hill, free of the original demand for over \$6,000! We stood on this heritage, rather from the Lord, while Rev. Quek offered a prayer of thanksgiving. A beautiful site with the blue Pulai mountain looming large before it. The old shop-house where we now worship could be sold for about \$14,000, said Deacon John Lim. Now they have about \$2,000 with their B.F. So we're going to extend God's Kingdom here sooner or later, with changkol again!

10. Hope Church, 1951-1971

Since 1951, we've been actively involved in a work of salvation and charity by preaching to the old people of the State Welfare Home, Johore Bahru. Over 60 were

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GROUND BREAKING SERVICE

at
Corporation Drive, Jurong Town
4 p.m. Saturday 14th August, 1971.

You are cordially invited.

ALL WELCOME!

PRESBYTERY A.G.M. will be held this year at Zion Building, Sat. Aug. 21, 2 p.m. All S.S. Superintendents, presidents of AFs, YFs, missionaries, heads of institutions, are invited as observers. All reports are to be duplicated (50 copies) and sent to the Stated Clerk, Rev. Edward Paaue, Life Church Office, before August 15.

LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Mr. Peter Chua.
8 p.m. Session Meeting.

Fri. 8 p.m. Calvary Committee at Elder Tow's
Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Tow

4 p.m. Rev. Peter Tong (Mand-Tee Service)

7.30 p.m. JSM 7th Anniversary Service.

Nursery Roster: Aug. 8, Mrs. Joshua Lim, J. Lim; Aug. 15, Amy Loh, Laura Loo.

AUSTRALIA Thanks for A\$20 for FEBC, by hand.

baptised. Seven deacons were chosen.

About 1963-4 the old people were shifted to Kota Bahru, Mersing and Serdang. The main body of believers went to Serdang. We continued to minister to them wherever possible, baptising a dozen more.

Now Hope Church, after 20 years, as far as our ministry is concerned, is closed. In the new home at Tampoi, no more are we allowed to hold services. These old believers, 20 in number, are transferred to the care of Holy Light Church, Johore Bahru. A Government van sends them down to church every Sunday morning. We parted with a note of sadness that no more would we preach to them. The Lord, however, still keeps watch.

When we got to Gilstead Road, it was 7 p.m. We made it to be in time for the house-blessing at Heng's Clinic, at 8 p.m. Praise the Lord, He kept us safe all the way and back. - T.T.

A Challenging Thought

Taking a trip to Rawang once in a lifetime, with a sumptuous meal and golden durians, is a Christian's crown. Filling a regular job, rain or shine, with other requests to be answered, may become a cross.

Driving up the Penang marathon made even the old traveller wearisome, but what joy that came with two shiploads of fish in launching out into the deep. In other words no venture no gain.

The Lord knows how prone the church is to sit still, contented with her own salvation. Hence He cried, "Go into all the world!" I wonder how you who are tied to your jobs and businesses could answer this call. Well, if you can't go personally you can help those who can. Your offering, e.g. for Rawang surely goes a long way to help extend the gospel. A challenging thought!

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THE 6th YEAR OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

We thank God for leading our Island-Nation peacefully into the 6th Year, in prospering the people under a good and efficient Government. While we should continue to pray for the Almighty's continued blessings and for our rulers, let us as Christians lived worthy of our higher calling by playing our part in the extension of God's Kingdom.

Calvary Ground-breaking at Jurong Town, Aug. 14, 4 p.m.

At the junction of Corporation Drive and Tao Ching Rd., Jurong Town, God has given us lease of 27,000 sq. ft. of land. Here, a two-storey Church and three-storey Educational Complex, incorporating quarters for two families, will soon be built. This heritage from the Lord is for the purpose of evangelising what will become a City of half million by 1980. The Ground-breaking Service for the coming Calvary Bible-Presbyterian Church should rejoice the hearts of our Readers. We therefore remind you of the same and request your honoured presence on Sat. Aug. 14, 4 p.m. We suggest the bringing of a gift from both churches and individuals to encourage the hearts and uphold the hands of our Calvary brethren. As far as Life Church is concerned the Session has voted next Lord's Day's offering to the Calvary Building Fund which presently stands at \$140,000/-.

Logos Grand Finale at Gilstead Road, Mon. Aug. 9, 8 p.m.

To show our Christian love to the Logos Family, and as a cooperative effort to win souls for Christ, it is proposed by the FEBC that a meeting be held at Life Church, Mon. Aug. 9, 8 p.m. At this meeting which has been called the "Logos Grand Finale" the colour Film, "Sadhu Sundar Singh," the story of India's Christian saint, will be screened.

Sadhu Sundar Singh

"Sadhu", which means "pious" in Sanskrit, or "holy man" in Indian usage, was the popular title given to Sundar Singh, 1889-1929.

Sadhu Sundar Singh was a household word amongst Christian circles when I was a boy. I often heard Grandpa narrate his exploits, particularly in Tibet, for the Gospel. With the coming of the "Logos" the story of this choicest son of India is being vividly retold, in colour, on the screen. The showing of this film has won many to Christ not only for salvation but also for fulltime service.

Sadhu Sundar Singh was son of a rich landlord and brought up in the Hindu religion. Mistakenly zealous for his own religion he once tore up a Bible. But God gave him no peace. One night he contemplated suicide by lying on the rail-track outside his father's gardens. Before he could do that early next morning the Lord crucified appeared to Him in a vision. He was a changed man after this experience. No amount of pleading and "bribery" from his father could change his decision for Christ.

Chased out of the house he resolved to preach Christ. He dressed himself in the robe of a sadhu, an Indian holy man, so that he could move among his people without hindrance. His passion for souls led him not only all over India but up the mountainous trails to Tibet. He made many journeys to the "Roof of the World" crossing mountains and ranges, fording rivers and scaling precipices. He was once thrown into a well and locked up to perish with decaying corpses therein. On the third day he was miraculously hauled out by unseen hands. This is but one of the many wonderful anecdotes revolving around the exploits of the Sadhu.

The fame of Sundar Singh spread far and wide so that he was invited to preach in England, Europe, USA, Australia, Japan and China. He came even to Malaysia and Singapore, en route to the Far East.

Sadhu Sundar Singh was God's gift to India inasmuch as John Sung was to China and Southeast Asia. I've seen this colour film and have had my heart once again warmed for the service of Christ.

The film is a challenge particularly to young school leavers at life's crossroads. Have you been perplexed what you should do after leaving school? Come, see and hear what God has done in the life of a young Indian idealist. Perhaps the answer to your life's quest will be found this Monday night, Aug. 9th, 8 p.m. Come, bring your loved ones and friends.

In order to show our love for the Logos young people, a free-will offering will be taken the proceeds of which will all go to the ship's expense. The Lord bless you as you bless them.

Welcome, Jesus Saves Mission

Welcome, Jesus Saves Mission, as you celebrate 7th Anniversary Thanksgiving at Life Church, Gilstead Road, this Lord's Day, Aug. 8, 7.30 p.m. Welcome to Life Church, Aug. 9, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. as you hold your "Workers Seminar" Life Church and FEBC also welcome you to the Hostels as you hold Bible Camp Aug. 16-21. Our desire is that souls be saved through every avenue of service. Our lot is to decrease that He might increase.

Win a soul to Christ: Bring a friend to see the movie

SADHU SUNDAR SINGH

Life Church, Gilstead Road
Monday August 9, 8 p.m.

George Miley, "Captain" of the Logos,
will give the Message.

Christian Patriotic Song for National Day:

SINGAPURA

(To the tune of America the Beautiful,
Insp. Hymns 462)

O fairest Isle of Southern seas,
Thy waters are so blue!
Waft by a balmy ocean breeze,
Thy land is decked with dew.
Singapura, Singapura,
Thou favoured Isle of ease!
God bless Thee yet with Thine increase,
And peace from year to year.

On Thee we've built a new city,
Fourth great port of the world.
May Right prevail and Equity,
Not by might nor by power!
Singapura, Singapura,
Thou Haven of the free!
God bless Thee yet with Thine increase,
And peace from year to year.

Today we sail as one nation,
Our flag is flying high!
May our Captain by wise action
Steer us with Compass nigh.
Singapura, Singapura,
Lightship of liberty!
Sail on unto Prosperity,
And peace a thousand years.

Introducing a Telugu Melody in memory of
Sadhu Sundar Singh (Golden Bells 562)

THERE IS A HAPPY LAND

1. There is a happy land,
Far, far away,
Where saints in glory stand,
Bright, bright as day.
Oh, how they sweetly sing,
Worthy is our Saviour King!
Loud let His praises ring—
Praise, praise for aye!
2. Come to this happy land,
Come, come away:
Why will ye doubting stand?
Why still delay?
Oh, we shall happy be,
When, from sin and sorrow free,
Lord, we shall live with Thee,
Blest, blest for aye!
3. Bright in that happy land
Beams every eye;
Kept by a Father's hand,
Love cannot die:
On then to glory run,
Be a crown, a kingdom won;
And bright above the sun
Reign, reign for aye.

MIDNIGHT SUN by Sadhu Sundar Singh

In spite of repeated warnings people remain thoughtless and indifferent and, shutting their eyes to the light, walk in darkness. One summer, when I was in Northern Europe, where even at midnight the sun does not set, a Swedish friend wrote to me: 'We are glad to see you in the Land of the Midnight Sun.' I replied: 'It is true that it is the Land of the Midnight Sun, but in winter it is also the Land of the Mid-day Night, and there are many in this land who still pass their lives in darkness, in spite of the life-giving rays of the Sun of Righteousness.'

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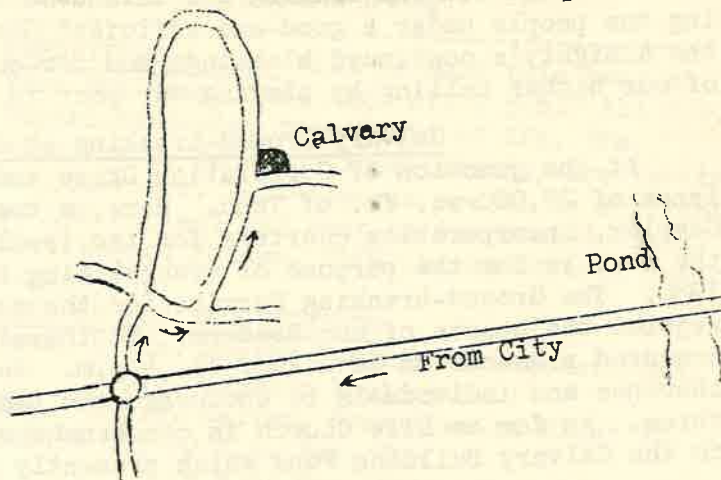
at

Corporation Drive, Jurong Town
4 p.m. Saturday 14th August, 1971

You are cordially invited.

ALL WELCOME!

(Bus leaves Gilstead Rd. at 1.30 p.m.)



LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

Mon. 9a.m.-4p.m. JSM Workers Seminar

8 p.m. Logos showing of "Sadhu Sundar Singh"

Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Deacon Lau King Hong.

Fri. 8 p.m. Family Worship at home of Dn. & Mrs. Wm. Seah, 31, Jalan Kelempang, Singapore 16. Elder Chia Hong Chek speaking.

Sat. 4 p.m. Calvary Ground Breaking.

Lord's Day 10 a.m. & 4 p.m. Rev. Titus Bong of Sinkawang (Rev. Tow at Mt. Carmel).

Nursery Roster: Aug. 15, Amy Loh, Laura Loc; Aug. 22, Jean and June Low.

Congratulations to Bro. & Mrs. John Tow, 92 N. York Rd., Willow Grove, Pa. USA 19090 on the gift of a girl, Wendi, July 24, 1971. RAWANG B.F. from a Lifer \$10/-.

REV. TITUS BONG, pastor of Ling Liang Church, Sinkawang, West Kalimantan for the last 16 years is presently visiting Singapore and staying at FEBC. Pastor Bong is an old Rafflesian, was once a lawyer's clerk, but God saved him and he now has a higher and more fruitful ministry. We extend him a warm welcome.

DR. QUEK SWEE HWA will give tuition in organ music to B-P members from this week. Ring 84786.

SARIMBUN extends cordial welcome to 25 Mt. Carmelites holding retreat Sunday night and Monday, Aug. 8 & 9.

FEBC. Applications for the 1971-72 Session should be made as soon as possible. Freshmen are to start school from Sept. 10 for orientation, etc.

WELCOME & FAREWELL. The Far Eastern Bible College and the Bible-Presbyterian Church of Singapore and Malaysia welcome members of the gospel ship "Logos" to the Film Night at Life Church, Aug. 9. We also say farewell and wish them Godspeed as they sail the same night for Indonesia. Christians at the Sadhu Sundar Singh showing are given an opportunity to express their love for our brethren of the gospel by a freewill offering.

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"MAN SHALL NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE...."

(Message delivered by Rev. Timothy Tow at the
Ground Breaking Service, Calvary Bible-Presbyterian Church,
Jurong Town, August 14, 1971.)

"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Matt. 4:4). These words spoken first by Moses to the Israelites in the Wilderness were quoted by Jesus to resist Satan in His Temptation. After forty days and forty nights' fasting, Jesus knew what hunger was. Therefore He said, "Man shall not live by bread alone." Notice that by this quotation Jesus recognised our legitimate physical needs. He might not go the whole hog with that popular Chinese saying, "Min i shih wei tien," i.e. "the people regard food as great (a matter) as heaven." But while climaxing His statement with the greater importance of man's spiritual needs, He gave proper recognition to his physical. He cares not only for our soul, but our stomach as well. He has demonstrated this concern in the feeding of the Five Thousand and of the Four Thousand (Jn. 6:1-14; Matt. 15:32-38).

"Makan" is a physical problem of mankind from the dawn of history. Was not Adam sentenced to a lifetime of sweat and hard work before he could eat (Gen. 3:18,19)? Are we not all rushing about everyday to fill our rice bowl?

With Singapore's independence, the problem of "makan" has become even more acute. Thanks be to God who has favoured our Island-Nation with a good and wise Government, this "makan" problem has been solved to a great extent. Exhibit A is Jurong Industrial Town, one of Singapore's biggest rice bowls.

However "man shall not live by bread alone" has another sense. His physical needs, though of high importance, are not absolute! For man is not an animal like a dog or pig, that having satisfied its appetite quickly lies down to slumber and snore in contentment. I grant there are those who do not rise higher than such a carnal level. But you will agree with me that man, having satisfied his primary needs of a satiated stomach, begins to seek something for his inner being.

Hence the aesthetic emphasis by our Government after building multi-storey flats — the planting of trees and flowers, and now a Bird Park "to provide food for the eyes," as the Chinese saying goes. Then, the teaching of music, not only in the primary and secondary schools but also in the University, is another case in point. Yes, there is something deeper in man than that bottomless pit which is his stomach that requires satiation. It is his soul or spirit.

In this connection, let us point out that beauty in nature and finesse in the fine arts cannot wholly satisfy man. For man is made in God's image, and until man finds God fully reflecting in him, he remains spiritually empty. Thus, our Lord spoke the truth when after saying, "Man shall not live by bread alone," He added, "but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." May I illustrate this statement thus: I have a daughter studying in America. I send her money for her education. She is no doubt happy with that. As a filial daughter she needs more than what I as a father should provide. She needs my love, my prayers, words of encouragement and guidance. She therefore goes to her mailbox everyday as anxious as she goes to the dining hall, and sometimes even more. We need more than a Jurong Industrial Town to provide us with jobs and "makan". We need the Word of God which the building of Calvary Bible-Presbyterian Church hopes to provide. We need to worship Him, to drink from the Living Fountain. We need to commune with God through His Son, Jesus Christ, by whose death on the cross salvation can come to us, like bread satisfying the hungry, even life everlasting.

Jesus says, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

Every Church Building a Testimony to Jesus Christ, a Sanctuary for His People

Although "the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands" (Acts 7:48), for He saith, "Heaven is my throne, and the earth my footstool," yet the Lord is pleased with David who desired to build God a House. Thus, the Temple of Solomon in Jerusalem came into being amidst the splendours of the Shekinah glory. For four hundred years, despite the ebb of flow of Israel's wavering faith, God spoke to His people through the temple institution, and the temple witnessed to the living and true God of the whole earth.

In our church movement, we have followed the Biblical pattern of building God's House for a testimony to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. By His grace, we've built handsomely at Gilstead Road and Tavistock Avenue. Now, within a month, we are witnessing the raising of another two Houses for our Lord, viz., Rawang and Calvary, Hallelujah!

"How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts" (Ps. 84:1), thus pines the Psalmist for the beauty of holiness of God's House. How we thrill to see every Church steeple and spire, with the Cross of Christ above, pointing to the heavens! How we rejoice that in every church building put up, we have had the message of the gospel preached and seen souls saved, and these united in one big family to raise a further testimony to Jesus Christ.

Not only a testimony to Jesus Christ, but also a sanctuary, a refuge, to even "the sparrow and swallow" (Ps. 84:3)! O the countless blessings His people have received of

His hand in His House - worship, fellowship, Conferences, Gospel meetings, gospel films, weddings, funerals, etc. And as far as the Bible College Hostels are concerned - Bible camps, youth camps, seminars, conferences, and not the least, a rest house to God's servants passing through Singapore.

In connection with our present building programmes, Calvary and Rawang, we extend to our Readers an opportunity of having a part in this sacred work. Your offerings yield 1000 per cent returns, indeed as you think of the good they will do for a century to come. Now, while the Calvary site will receive the stroke of the changkol from Rev. Quek's hands again this afternoon, Rawang which held Ground-breaking three weeks ago, has already got started. Earth-lorries are rumbling again! Another hundred loads are needed to consolidate the building site. By the way, who would give a few loads at only seven dollars a load?

- T.T.

PRESBYTERY ANNUAL CONFERENCE

this coming Saturday, August 21, 2 p.m. at Zion/Faith B-P Churches, 5 Tavistock Avenue, Serangoon Garden.

Apart from all Pastors and Elders of our Bible-Presbyterian Churches, all Sunday School Superintendents, Fellowship Presidents, Missioners, Heads of Institutions and other organised departments within our Bible-Presbyterian family are invited to the conference as co-servers at all sessions.

The Agenda of the conference begins with a Holy Communion Service at 2 p.m., followed by presentation of reports and discussion of matters of common interest, a forum at 4.30 p.m. (as the advancement of the Gospel, the defence of the Faith and Church organisation and co-ordination), and an evening session mainly to consider the draft revised Constitution of the B-P Church and the strengthening and reorganisation of the "Singapore and Malaya Pioneer Mission" as the Missions Commission of the Presbytery to speed up the promotion of missions and evangelistic efforts.

All pastors of the Presbytery please collect and collate all departmental reports of each congregation under his charge as a single report and make 50 copies for the Stated Clerk, Rev. Edward Paauwe for distribution a few days before the Conference. - QKC.

LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Elder Heng Mui Kiah
Sat. 2 p.m. Presbytery Annual Conference at ZION Church
Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Tow (evening at Rawang and Muar)
11.30 a.m. Catechism Class for Oct. Baptism.
4 p.m. Rev. Peter Tong (Mand - Teo Service).

Nursery Roster: 22nd August, Jean and June Low; 29th August, Elizabeth Tan, Mrs. Molly Tan.

Welcome to JSM Bible Camp, Aug. 16-21, at the Church and FEBC Hostels.

We extend a warm welcome to Mr. & Mrs. William E. Rigg (Mrs. Rigg is Dr. A.B. Dodd's daughter) of Detroit, USA, on a short visit. Mr. Rigg is a Gideon and he and Mrs. Rigg are Committee members of the 20th Century Reformation Hour, Detroit.

Deacon and Mrs. William Seah are now settled back at 19 Taman Serangoon, 19, phone 66847.

\$10 from a young Lifer to Rawang Church received.

50 COPIES of Inspiring Hymns are soon arriving from USA, 30 copies of which are offered by an elderly sister of Life Church. TOA PAYOH BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, with the help of Lifers will be holding a three-day Evangelistic campaign, Aug. 18-20 (Wednesday to Friday); with children's gospel meetings in the mornings, 9.30 to 11.30 a.m. and adults gospel meetings at night, 8.00 to 9.30 p.m. Prayers requested.

FEBC welcomes back Capt. Dr. Patrick Tan, Dean of Students, who has successfully completed ten months of training in Aviation Medicine.

The Admissions Committee should meet sometime next week. Hurry with your application! THE SADHU SUNDAR SINGH Film at Life Church Monday Aug. 9 attracted a crowd of 300-350, with not a few Sikh youngsters from the kampong. The offering taken was \$254/-, all handed to the "Captain" of the Logos. Over \$200 books were sold.

SALT AND LIGHT

In entering into the life of Jurong Town we shall be as "salt", as the Lord Jesus said, "Ye are the salt of the earth..." (Matt. 5:13). Salt is an inexpensive but indispensable commodity. Without it, food becomes tasteless and inedible. In fact, without salt, food will make us sick, and after some time we shall all die! The material wealth of Jurong may be likened to a sumptuous ten-course dinner minus salt. Add to it a little Gospel salt and it shall have full and wholesome flavour. Without the Christian Gospel, material wealth is meaningless and may even be dangerous.

Calvary will also be "light" to Jurong Town. The Lord Jesus said, "Ye are the light of the world" (Matt. 5:14). Without light, men and women would be groping about, lost in darkness. Without light, life's vital processes very soon would grind to a halt! The Gospel light shows the way of life, indeed gives life! Calvary will be as a lighthouse to shine the way for the groping, seeking souls. Calvary will show forth the true LIGHT of the world, even the Lord Jesus, so that people seeing Him may live.

- From Dr. Tow Siang Hwa's message in Calvary News, 14th August, 1971.

SAVE WATER!! SAVE WATER!! SAVE WATER!!

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"UNITED WE STAND, DIVIDED WE FALL"

Once upon a time there were three oxen grazing together in a field. A lion wanted to eat them up, but found no chance to kill as long as they were united. So, he thought of a plan to separate them. He whispered in the ear of each ox of the bad the other was talking about him. This caused them to go each to his own way. The lion ate them up one by one.

Satan is that "roaring lion" that "walketh about seeking whom he might devour" spoken of by the apostle Peter (I Pet. 5:7). He cannot destroy us if we stand united in the Cause of Jesus Christ. We are a Presbyterian Church in which the spirit of brotherly love has spurred us to united action for conquests for the Lord. If we are united, we can do much greater things for God's Kingdom, to His glory. But, if we have no respect for our brethren, if we become suspicious, if we try to go it alone, we will be devoured piecemeal by the Evil One.

The virtue of Presbyterianism was manifested once again at last week's Ground Breaking Service for Calvary Church. The good wishes brought by our brother churches, the talents offered by the wise and good among our brothers and sisters, contributed to make the occasion a glorious success. What if only the Calvary Committee itself were present at the Service? Won't it become a laughing stock?

At the time of this writing, the Presbytery is on the point of meeting at its Annual Conference. I have attended Presbyteries and Synods before where the spirit of unity and brotherly kindness was far from present. No wonder the poverty and misery that plagued that synod from year to year. I can still recall the sad figure announced by the moderator of that synod at which I was present: "The increase of our membership this year is 1½ persons per church!"

We are living in momentous days. Our Prime Minister has said that he could predict this day of peace and prosperity to last till 1973. Beyond that is the unknown. As far as Christians are concerned, we have the Light of God's Word. We see the short duration of peace now prevailing here as daylight for work. Jesus says, "I must work the works of Him that sent me while it is day. The night cometh when no man can work (Jn. 9:4)." The daylight we have is not long-lasting, as the Prime Minister intimated. The lengthening shadows of night are creeping.

One outlet for the gospel work that will bring our churches together and more united, I believe, is foreign missions. Each of our local churches has its own limited, neighbourhood outreach. An outreach into foreign missions, however, is such a great undertaking that no one church, for the moment as I can see it, is able to bear. This calls us therefore to united action. And, if we are united to sustain a common action to evangelise some region beyond, will we not be blessed with the joy and strength of comradeship?

Our Part in Foreign Missions

Sending one of our brethren and sisters with the Gospel to a foreign land gives us not only a common goal of action but engenders that sweet spirit of comradeship. It is a command, yea, our Lord's First Command to the Church, we have neglected to obey too long!

The Day of Foreign Missions has long dawned on Churches in the Far East. Missions, more, are the monopoly of the West. Since the end of World War II, missionaries by the scores have been going out into all the world from Oriental Countries. Notable are missionaries from Japan and the Philippines. A certain church in Hong Kong has sent single-handed half a dozen missionaries to the south seas. Is it not time for us, as a big Church family, to send just one couple to some mission field to pay the gospel debt?

In this connection we are glad to announce the probability of a well-seasoned medical doctor and his dietician and musician wife being accepted for a mission hospital in Kenya. What blessing should shower upon us if we would by united action give to their full support!

There is a Macedonian call coming from West Kalimantan. Pastor Titus Bartholomews (Bong) whom we contacted some months ago at Sinkawang is appealing for help in one form or another for extending the work in West Kalimantan. This is a good opportunity for our Presbytery to act to help.

What should be the Watchword for our Presbytery as we come together to meet year by year? I can think of no other more urgent one than "united action for extension of God's Kingdom." Before the Lord ascended to heaven He told the disciples no other thing than commissioning them to go into all the world to teach all nations. This Commission is little carried out by many a church, or else the gospel should have covered the whole of Southeast Asia by now. It behoves us, therefore, as we meet at our Annual Conference today, that we consider "united action for extension of God's Kingdom" as of paramount importance in our movement. "United We Stand, Divided We Fall".

Finally, let us hear again the call to a new missionary outreach issued by the SMCCC in May this year, "In obedience to the Great Commission (Matt. 28:19,20 and Acts 1:8), and to the Lord's injunction that 'unto whosoever much is given, of him shall much be required' (Luke 12:48), and heeding the Apostle's exhortation to live a godly life in the light of Christ's imminent Return: 'hasting unto the coming of the day of God' (2Pet. 3:11,12), this Council calls on its members and like-minded Christians to redouble their efforts by prayer and giving of themselves and their substance for the extension of Christ's Kingdom, particularly in a new missionary outreach to vast unevangelised fields beyond their shores throughout South East Asia."

THE GREAT COMMISSION

Go into the world, into all the wide world,
And tell the joyful news to ev'ry perishing
soul,
And tell the joyful news to ev'ry perishing
soul.

For you I have sent into all the wide world,
And you shall be my witnesses from
Jerusalem,
And you shall be my witnesses from
Jerusalem.

But first receive power, the Spirit of God,
And you'll go through Judea, Samaria, all
the earth,
And you'll go through Judea, Samaria, all
the earth.

Go ye into all, into all nations,
And make them My disciples, and baptise
them for Me,
And teach them all My Word, for I'm with
you to the end.
(Scripture: Mark 16:15; Luke 24:46;
Acts 1:8; Matt. 28:19,20.)

THE ISSUES OF LIFE

Dust to dust, the mortal dies,
Both the foolish and the wise;
None forever can remain,
Each must leave his hoarded gain.
Yet within their heart they say
That their houses are for aye,
That their dwelling places grand
Shall for generations stand.

To their lands they give their name
In the hope of lasting fame,
But man's honor quickly flies,
Like the lowly beast he dies.
Tho' such folly mark their way,
Men approve of what they say;
Death their shepherd, they the sheep
He within his fold will keep.

O'er them soon shall rule the just,
All their beauty turn to dust;
God my waiting soul shall save,
He will raise me from the grave.
Let no fear disturb your peace
Tho' one's house and wealth increase;
Death shall end his fleeting day,
He shall carry naught away.

Though in life he wealth attained.
Tho' the praise of men he gained,
He shall join those gone before,
Where the light shall shine no more.
Crowned with honor tho' he be,
Highly gifted, strong and free,
If he be not truly wise,
Man is like the beast that dies.
(Psalm 49, No. 136 The Psalter)

M.V. LOGOS. Mr. George Miley has written
from Surabaya where the gospel ship is an-
chored, c/o Willard Stone, Tromolpos 161,
Surabaya, Indonesia. We cordially welcome
the Logos to Singapore again on her return
trip next month.

SAVE WATER!! SAVE WATER!! SAVE WATER!!

N-E-W-S

LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Mrs. Ivy Tow.
Fri. 8 p.m. Family Worship at home of
Elder and Mrs. Seow Chong
Pin, Elder Edmund Tay speak-
ing.

Lord's Day, 10 a.m. Rev. Tow
11.30 a.m. Catechism Class.
4 p.m. Rev. Hong Han Keng.

Nursery Roster: 29th August, Mrs. Molly
Tan, Elizabeth Tan; 5th Sept., Mrs. Tan
Ai Cheng, Mrs. Phang Guek Im.

CALVARY. Praise the Lord, the contract
price for the construction of the whole
Church and Education Centre Complex is
\$287,600/-. (Leow Seng Nam.)

MT. CARMEL. A two-storey extension, 30 x
30, to 446 Lengkok Bahru seems to be the
solution to Mt. Carmel's congestion pro-
blem. If this extension plan is approved
Mt. Carmel will have her own house of wor-
ship on the top floor with social hall and
S.S. rooms downstairs, plus her present
rented premises.

OBITUARY. Mr. Khoo Sek Teng, founder-pas-
tor of Batu Pahat Church (1921) went home
to be with the Lord Aug. 15. Funeral on
17 was attended by Rev. and Mrs. Tow on
behalf of B. Pahat members worshipping in
our churches.

TOA PAYOH B-P CHURCH English Service Com.
Meeting on Wednesday, August 25, at 8.00
p.m. All members from Life and Toa Payoh
please attend.

FAITH CHURCH. At the Faith Church fellow-
ship tea after worship service this Lord's
Day, Aug. 22, the engagement takes place
between Deacon Chang Woon Soo and Miss Soh
Chiao Yong. Deacon Chang is YF president
and choir conductor and Miss Soh, a grad-
uate of Chin Lien Bible Seminary, is Faith
Church Secretary, also helping at Ling
Kwang Mission and Toa Payoh B-P Church as
a missionary. Miss Soh returns to Hong
Kong next Tuesday for a short visit.

Rev. Titus Bong of Sinkawang speaks this
Lord's Day at Faith Church.

RELIEF GOODS FOR WEST KALIMANTAN: Twelve
44-gallon drums, 11 with some 5,000 pieces
of used clothings and one with Bibles, John
Sung Choruses and theological books, have
been packed at Zion Building for West Kali-
mantan. They will be loaded on the Pelni
Lines' tug boat "Ampera IV" on Monday, Aug.
23 for Pemmangkat north of Sinkawang. May
the Lord bless all who have a part in this
act of love for Christian relief in the
Name of Jesus Christ. (Matt. 25:40)

FEBC. Dr. Patrick Tan resumes duties as
Dean of Students. Five new students, thus
far, have been accepted to the new term re-
opening Sept. 13. They are: Singapore 2,
Penang 1, Taiwan 1, New Zealand 1.

The College appreciates gift of a good
second-hand piano.

The Board of Directors are notified to
meet at the FEBC Library, Mon. Aug. 30,
8 p.m.

Dr. Andrew Heng, Albert House, has kindly
consented to be FEBC doctor.

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WHAT EVANGELICAL ANGEL IS THIS?

"Evangelical" is a good word. It comes from the Greek word "evangelion", meaning "good news" (of the coming of the Messiah), "the gospel."

In church language, the word "Evangelical" has come to denote those who 1) are Protestant; 2) insist especially on the total depravity of unregenerate human nature, the justification of the sinner by faith alone, the free offer of the gospel to all, and the plenary inspiration and exclusive authority of the Bible (Chambers's 20th Century Dictionary).

With regard to the last point of Chambers's definition, that evangelicals hold to "the plenary (full, entire and complete) inspirational and exclusive authority of the Bible," here is Oxford's further amplification on the subject: "Theologically, Evangelicals have commonly upheld the verbal inspiration and sole authority of Scripture" (Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church). Those who put their trust in Jesus Christ the Living Word for salvation, for forgiveness of sins, automatically put their trust in the Written Word for sanctification, and authoritative guidance in their new-found Christian life. The Bible to them is every word the Word of God, which Calvin also declares to be of such awesome authority to believers, "as if they heard the very words pronounced by God himself" (Calvin's Institutes Bk. I, Ch. VII, p. 85, Presbyterian Board of Christian Education, Philadelphia).

Alas, the word "Evangelical" today no more means what it has meant in the Church during the last 400 years. In the section, "Evangelicals and Authority" of the book, "An Open Letter to Evangelicals" by R.E.O. White (Paternoster Press) the author refutes the historic Evangelical position on the authority of the Scriptures. He says on p. 155, "This is the evangelical position. The authority is Christ. Neither scripture (note the small s) nor Church, nor tradition, nor individual experience must be allowed to obscure or overshadow His place as God's last satisfying word to man." Does Scripture obscure or overshadow Christ's place as God's word to man? How subtly this is put across to the unsuspecting, innocent babes in Christ, in the name of Christ! The Bible, the Written Word of God, inspired by the Spirit of God, is declared by St. Paul to Timothy to be "able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." (II Tim. 3:15). There is a harmonious union between the Bible, the Written Word and Christ the Living Word in bringing man to God. Without the Scriptures, we have no way of knowing Christ. No other book in the world tells us of His salvation. To exalt Christ and play down the Bible is like praising your friend but criticising his speech. The words of a man are part of a man. To say Christ is our authority but not Christ's Words is speaking with a double tongue. It is the voice of that old Serpent speaking.

Again Rev. R.E.O. White (he is a Baptist minister and one-time lecturer in Greek New Testament at the Scottish Baptist Theological College, Glasgow) says on p. 156 of his book, "Scripture is imperishable treasure: yet our authority is not in the words but in the Word." But such a statement is in direct contradiction with Christ's teaching on the verbal (words) inspiration of Scripture. Jesus not only says the Bible taken generally is God's Word. He declares that every word, even the letters of every word, is the Word of God. Our Lord says in Matt. 5:18, "For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot (e.g. one i) or one tittle (e.g. cross of a t) shall in no wise pass from the Law, till all be fulfilled." For emphasis He declares again in Luke 21:33, "Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away." In II Tim. 3:16 Paul declares, "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God," which is of such awesome authority that St. John concludes with a warning, "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. 22:19).

Did not Rev. White say that Christ is his authority, and why does he refute Christ's affirmation on the authority of Scripture to every word? It is the double-tongue of that old Serpent again.

Evangelicals have been received as angels but now what angels are they according to White's brand? Paul foresaw how Satan would attack the Church of God through its very ministers with high education and a string of degrees and charming personality. In II Cor. 11:13-15 the apostle predicts, "For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works."

Epilogue:

Let the common man answer this question: When you see your doctor and he gives you a prescription, why do you go to a qualified pharmacist to get your medicine and not from any quack? Is it not that you expect an exact dispensing of the prescription given? The medicine dispensed must be as exactly prescribed, no more no less. The medicine and prescription go together.

So the Scriptures that tell us how to be saved through Christ cannot be separated from Christ. To strike at the Scriptures is to injure the Christ of the Scriptures.

FATHER, LONG BEFORE CREATION

(To the tune of "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah", Hymnody 190.)

Father, long before creation
Thou hadst chosen us in love;
And that love, so deep, so moving,
Draws us close to Christ above,
Still it keeps us, Still it keep us,
Firmly fixed in Christ alone,
Firmly fixed in Christ alone.

Though the world may change its fashion
Yet our God is e'er the same
His compassion and His covenant
Through all ages will remain,
God's own children, God's own children
Must forever praise His name.
Must forever praise His name.

God's compassion is my story,
Is my boasting all the day;
Mercy free and never failing
Moves my will, directs my way.
God so loved us, God so loved us,
That His only Son He gave.
That His only Son He gave.

Loving Father, now before Thee
We will ever praise Thy love;
And our song shall sound unceasing
Till we reach our home above,
Giving glory, Giving glory,
To our God and to the Lamb.
To our God and to the Lamb.

(This Hymn was composed by Christian
Chinese students in Peking, China 1952)

A MISSIONS COMMISSION comprising Rev. Tow (Chairman), Revs. K.C. Quek, Heng, Quek Swee Hwa and Elder Joshua Lim is appointed by Presbytery to study into the constitution and welfare of the Malaysia Pioneer Mission, and also to report on the work of Rev. Titus Bartholomews (Bong) in West Kalimantan. The Presbytery sees the need to expand overseas in our missionary outreach. Presently a young doctor couple is applying to work at the Independent Board Mission Hospital in Kenya.

TOA PAYOH B-P CHURCH ENGLISH SERVICE

At a joint session between delegates from Life, Faith and Toa Payoh Churches last Wednesday an English Service Committee was elected consisting of Dr. Patrick Tan (Chairman), Bro. Peter Chua (preacher), Bros. John Lim and Stephen Kuan, Revs. Quek and Tow, advisers. The inauguration of the English Service will be held on the Lord's Day, Sept. 12, 10.15 a.m. (Sunday School at 9 a.m.). Counsellors of Life Church will help in this new outreach.

HEAR REV. HONG HAN KENG this Lord's Day, 4 p.m. at Life Church Mandarin-Teochew Service.

REV. PETER NG left this morning on a missionary trip to Saigon, Korea, Taiwan and Manila.

PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS to FEBC are requested to fill in application forms for proper registration. School reopens Sept. 13 for everybody.

N-E-W-S

CALLING ALL SINGERS and GUITARISTS. On the occasion of our 21st Anniversary Celebrations, it is our joyous privilege to offer praise to our Lord with items of song and instrumental music. Choir Practices will commence soon at Carmel, Galilee, Life, Sembawang and Zion. All Choir members (old and new) are requested to offer your voices and report to your respective choir leaders: Carmel, Miss Cecilia Lim; Galilee, Rev. Philip Heng; Life, Mr. Henry Heng; Sembawang, Mrs. Phua Chor Kok; Zion, Rev. Quek Swee Hwa.

All guitarists, please be ready to come for practices under the leadership of Deacon Koh Kim Hiang.

Other Praise Items include (i) Chinese Choir (Faith Church, with invitation to Chin Lien Choir), (ii) Men's Quartet, (iii) Ladies Number.

Will all Groups please begin practice as soon as possible.

Watch For Further Announcements

B-P COMMITTEE ON MUSIC

This Committee was formed at Presbytery Meeting of 21.8.71, in order to co-ordinate musical efforts and talents of our B-P Groups. Members are as follows: Calvary, Mr. Henry Heng; Carmel, Mr. David Wong; Galilee, Rev. P. Heng; Life, Dr. Tow Siang Hwa (Chairman); Sembawang, Mrs. Phua Chor Kok; Zion, Dr. Quek Swee Hwa.

The Committee will organize and co-ordinate combined Music and Song Services: 21st Anniversary Service, 17.10.71; Christmas Carol Service, 24.12.71; Chinese New Year, Date to be fixed later.

LOGOS NEWS. From George Miley's report: "You'll be glad to know that the Lord is really giving wonderful openings here in Indonesia. The ship is along side the docks again which is a great help (no launch problem) and already people are flocking to the ship. We have so many people to see the film Sadhu Sundar Singh that we are showing it on the dock using the side of the ship as a screen. Already many have made decisions for Christ."

Welcome to Bro. George Miley and George Verwer to stay at FEBC, Sept. 3. They'll be in Singapore for prayer and Conference.

RAWANG. Earthfilling has been completed: At only 150 lorryloads, \$6 per load. Who would give an earth-offering to the Lord?

LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS.

Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Deacon Patrick Tan.

Fri. Calvary Com. postponed to 17th Sept., 1971.

Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Tow (Lord's Supper)
4 p.m. Rev. Tow (Lord's Supper),
Mand-Teo Service.

Nursery Roster: 5th Sept., Mrs. Tan Ai Cheng, Mrs. Phang Guek Im; 12th Sept., Christine Tow, Belinda Lim.

Welcome home to Bro. & Mrs. Tan Swee Teck from L.A., California on vacation to visit their loved ones, c/o phone 378071.

Change of Address: 1) Mr. Ang Kheng Kwan, 21 Thamsoon Ave., (22); 2) Mrs. Park, 51C Jalan Mutiara, (10), phone 378646.

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A Reprint from the Malaysia Christian, 8th May 1960 to show how our Presbytery was first constituted.

THE SINGAPORE PRESBYTERY OF THE BIBLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SINGAPORE AND MALAYA

The genius of the Presbyterian system of Church government lies in the fact that when a parent church gives birth to a number of daughter churches, she takes good care to gather them together, giving them equal partnership in the big family, that they may further grow and prosper together. Such an association of churches is known as a Presbytery. But since the churches are chiefly represented by their pastors and elders, according to the Form of Government of the Bible Presbyterian church, "a presbytery consists of all the ministers, in number not less than three, and regularly elected ruling elders from each congregation, within a certain district." (p. 136, Constitution of the Bible Presbyterian Church.)

The need of forming a presbytery to further the common interests of Life Bible-Presbyterian Church and her daughter congregation, Zion Bible Presbyterian Church, with a "grand-daughter" Chinese-Speaking congregation, was felt as early as 1958. Owing to many delaying circumstances, however, the formation was deferred and deformed. With the union of Central Christian Church with Zion Chinese Church early this year to become Faith Bible-Presbyterian Church, this important step of advancement could no longer be repressed. And so, a meeting for the establishment of an Interim Presbyterial Committee was called on May 2nd, 1960.

Nevertheless, the Interim Committee was by no means lacking in qualified delegates. There were four ministers, and seven elders, with only two deacons, who, however, have been nominated for eldership for the coming June elections. The Interim Committee is headed by A. J. Timothy Tow, moderator, Rev. Quek Kiok Chiang, clerk, and Elder Lee Tsu Hwai, treasurer.

The Keynote of this inaugural meeting was twofold:-

1. Separation from the ecclesiastical apostasy of today. If it were not for the modernistic missionary leadership over our Chinese Presbyterian Synod to which we originally belonged, and for the said Synod's alignment with the ecumenical movement of the World Council of Churches through the local Malayan Christian Council, we should have no just cause to form such a separate body. The Presbyters reiterated their strong stand with the Malaysia Council of Christian Churches, which was formed in 1956 after the Third General Assembly of the Far Eastern Council of Christian Churches. The Presbyters also re-affirmed their stand with the International Council of Christian Churches, which they recognised to be a prophetic standard raised up of God against the flood of unbelief assailing the Church in these last days.

2. Accelerated extension of God's Kingdom through the establishment of branch Sunday Schools and mission churches. The Malaysia Pioneer Mission, which was established since 1952 by the Session of Life Church, was heartily recognised by the younger churches of the Presbytery as their missionary arm. Pledges would be encouraged to be taken from the respective congregations. The opening of a seventh Church, Galilee Bible-Presbyterian Church by the Pasir Panjang seafront, which was first proposed by Life Church Session, was concurrently adopted to be a Presbytery project. That the Lord has blessed these missionary efforts may be seen in the steady growth of the Malaysia Pioneer Mission during the last eight years. Present missionary projects maintained by the MPM consist of Kelapa Sawit Gospel Church, Pulau Tekong Gospel Centre, Hope Church, Johore Bahru, Sembawang Sunday School, Cheun Kwang Sunday School, and, as has been mentioned above, Galilee Church, by the sea, in the nearest future.

It is to be noted that this presbyterial meeting of the three full-fledged churches, Life, Zion, Faith, is simply the taking of a first step towards the spreading of an uncomprising Bible-believing testimony, "for the Word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ," throughout the Malay Peninsula. For, there are also signs of early opening a branch church in Kuala Lumpur, the Federal Capital. Hence it is proper that this inaugural Interim Presbyterial Meeting be constituted the Singapore Presbytery of the Bible Presbyterian Church of Singapore and Malaya.

ED. NOTE: Years have passed since the above article was written. During this period the Lord has added to the Presbytery the following: Jurong E-P Sunday School, Mt. Carmel Gospel Mission, Seletar Hills Sunday School, Chia Heng, Life Church Mandarin-Teochew Service, Sambau Gospel Mission and Sabrani, Calvary B-P Church, Sarimbun Gospel Mission, Mt. Helron, Branch of Mt. Carmel, Rawang Christian Church. Not to be forgotten are the Far Eastern Bible College, founded 1962, and the F.E. Kindergarten, 1969 and Toa Payoh Eng. Service!

Although we have grown in numbers, our spirit of brotherly love and united action may not measure up to that of the early days. We need to come together for more united common action.

One area where the Presbytery should work in constant action and unity is missions, local and overseas. In this connection the Malaysia Pioneer Mission needs to be revived. It is proposed that the Missions Commission comprising Revs. Tow, Quek K.C., Quek S.H., Philip Heng and Elder Joshua Lim meet Thursday night, September 9.

THE CONFIDENCE OF FAITH
(Psalm 27; 73, The Psalter)

The Lord Almighty is my light,
He is my Saviour ever near,
And, since my strength is in His might
Who can distress me or affright?
What evil shall I fear?

O Lord, regard me when I cry,
In mercy hear me when I speak;
Thou bidst me seek Thy face, and I,
O Lord, with willing heart reply,
Thy face, Lord, will I seek.

Hide not Thy face afar from me,
For Thou alone canst help afford;
O cast me not away from Thee
Nor let my soul forsaken be,
My Saviour and my Lord.

Though earthly friends no pity take,
Yet Thy compassion knows no end;
E'en tho' my father shall forsake,
E'en tho' my mother's love shall break,
The Lord will be my friend.

My heart had failed in fear and woe
Unless in God I had believed,
Assured that He would mercy show
And that my life His grace should know,
Nor was my hope deceived.

Fear not, though succor be delayed,
Still wait for God, and He will hear;
Be strong, nor be thy heart dismayed,
Wait, and the Lord shall bring thee aid,
Yea, trust and never fear.

TEN RULES FOR CONVERTING NOBODY

1. Let your supreme motive be popularity rather than salvation.
2. Study to please your congregation and to make a reputation rather than to please God.
3. Take up popular, passing and sensational themes to draw the crowd, and avoid essential doctrines of salvation.
4. Denounce sin in the abstract, but pass lightly over sins that prevail in your congregation.
5. If asked, "Is it wrong to dance, play cards, or attend the theatre?" answer very pleasantly, "Oh, that is a matter for private judgment. It is not for me to say you shall or shall not."
6. Preach on the loveliness of virtue and the glory of heaven, but not on the sinfulness of sin and the terrors of hell.
7. Reprove the sin of the absent, but make those who are present pleased with themselves, so that they will enjoy the sermon and not go away with their feelings hurt.
8. Make the impression on worldly church members that God is too good to send anyone to hell, even if there is a hell.
9. Preach the universal Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man so as to show that no second birth is really needed.
10. Do not rebuke the worldliness of the church but fall in with the amusement policy. Instead of meeting for prayer, let the people "sit down to eat and drink and rise up to play."

- Evangelist Charles G. Finney

Toa Payoh Bible Presbyterian Church
(English Service)

cordially invites you
to the

Inauguration Service

on

The Lord's Day,
September 12, 1971, 10.30 a.m.

at

383, Lorong 4, Block 71, Toa Payoh
Singapore, 12

SUNDAY MEETINGS

Combined Sunday School 9.15 - 10.15 a.m.
English Worship Service 10.30 - 11.30 a.m.
Chinese Worship Service 3.00 - 4.00 p.m.

LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting (Bro. Chua Hung Choo).

8 p.m. Session Meeting at FEBC Library

Fri. 8 p.m. Family Worship at home of Dr
and Mrs. Tan Kong Chin, 51,
Greenmead Avenue, (11).

Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Edward Paauwe

4 p.m. Miss Tay Swee Lan (Mand-
Teo. Service). (Rev. Tow at
Sembawang and Kelapa Sawit.)

Nursery Roster: 12.9 Christine Tow, Melinda Lim.
RAWANG thanks a Lifer for 10 lorryloads of
earth (\$6 per load).

LOGOS NEWS. The reception given to the gospel
ship in Surabaya is overwhelming with record-
breaking sales of books (but the rupiah got
devalued!) The ship is expected back in
Singapore, September 19.

FEBC appreciates promised gift of \$3,000 for
the purchase of a good used car. Any offers?

PRAY FOR MADAM SEE SOK HAN, Faith Church
member who is critically ill at home, 10
Wolman Drive. Three of her four children
are attending Faith Church Sunday School.

ELDER QUEK KHIOK MENG is back to Singapore
from London for a short vacation. He leaves
today for Manila, and will return next week.

FAITH CHURCH WEDDING. Deacon Chang Woon
Soo/Miss Soh Chiao Yong, Church Secretary
on Saturday, Oct. 2, 10 a.m. Miss Soh is
due back from Hong Kong about Sept. 20.

CALVARY B.F. stands at \$155,149.08. Do you
know that we need double this sum to com-
plete the work? Please see Mr. Henry Heng.

ON THE AUTHORITY OF SCRIPTURE

"The Bible is over the Church and the
Church is under the Bible."

"The authority of Scripture and the
authority of Christ stand or fall
together".

- John Stott in "His",
IVF magazine.

JESUS SAYS, "For verily I say unto you,
Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or
one tittle shall in no wise pass from
the law, till all be fulfilled."

- St. Matthew 5:18.

A REPORT OF THE GEREDJA SANTUPAN ROHANI (THE LING LIANG CHURCH),
INDONESIA, SINGKAWANG KALIMANTAN-BARAT (WEST BORNEO)

(By Pastor Titus Bartolomews (Bong), written at Faith B-P Church, Singapore, Aug. 24, 1971)

The work was first started by an elderly woman, of 60 years, a Hokkien from China by the name of Miss Lo Su Wen. She came to Singkawang in the year 1953 under the invitation of Mr. Oeij Peng Hong, to help the local Chinese church and to work with the Hokkien people.

After a period of a year or so, she felt she couldn't work with the local Chinese Church. She went to Djakarta to see Rev. Dr. Timothy S.K. Dzao, to open a branch church in Singkawang. The idea was accepted, and she was given a sum of money to buy a house and turn it into a church.

The dedication of the Church took place on 10 February, 1955, and the same day five persons (all ladies) were baptized by Rev. Chu Chu Bei the pastor of Ling Liang Church (Headmission) in Djakarta. A sad event followed later. After eleven days, it was on the 21st night, of October. After her night class learning Indonesian, at about 9 p.m., while entering her room to retire, she heard a call and turned her face. As she turned, she was hacked on the face, and then on the neck, and also some on other parts of her body including the legs. This assassination is really a cruel act. It never happened elsewhere in Indonesia. The case is still unsolved.

The Church was closed, and police watched the building. I was invited by Rev. Dr. Timothy Dzao to continue the work. I went with my family from Billiton, South Sumatra to Singkawang on 1st August, 1955 to continue the work left behind by the late Miss Lo Su Wen.

After the death of Miss Lo Su Wen and before my arrival to take up the work, there was a proposal by the local church to link up with the Ling Liang Church or to merge into Ling Liang. For the link-up the agreement of Dr. Timothy S.K. Dzao was necessary, for he is the leader of the Ling Liang Mission Church.

But Dr. Dzao was then away in America. Pending his return, I was requested to help in the local church, for the missionary in charge of the Church was going soon for furlough. While helping them in the Church, I started an evangelistic band, preaching throughout K.B. within a period of 2 years.

Then in 1957 Dr. Dzao came back to Indonesia from America. The moment he came to Djakarta, he paid the first visit to Singkawang (K.B.) to talk over the merger. But unfortunately, due to differences of opinion and conditions and also for political reasons, the proposed merger failed to materialise. Dr. Dzao was greatly disappointed and decided to sell the property in Singkawang and move to Djakarta or to find other places for our branch work. But some of the local Christians who were not of the same political stand wanted us to stay and continue the work left by the late Miss Lo Su Wen.

I then decided to stay and to continue the work, so on the 7th July 1957 the Church was re-opened. Dr. Dzao also promised full support, and to send workers from Djakarta and Hong Kong and also proposed to start a school.

In fact K.B. was his vision and oftentimes he said he was not disobedient to his vision. However, I was left alone to carry on the work, with no assistance, struggling on unaided, unequipped and with no facilities of any sort given. Even my small living allowance was stopped since the 2nd half of 1967. Against all difficulties, odds and handicaps, the work has been going on. Members are increasing yearly in number. Besides the Church work, I started to build a cemetery, not only for our church but for all the Christians there. This is the first Christian cemetery in K.B. and I call it, "The Garden of Hope."

The first tomb erected was that of the late Miss Lo. I moved her coffin from elsewhere and buried there. Now there are about 100 Christian graves there. This work is greatly appreciated by all concerned.

In 1968, the year of calamity and slum, by the grace of God we built our new church building, and two years after (1970) we built a parsonage, in which I and my family are staying. We have two branch churches, one in Sambas (about 60 miles away from Singkawang) another at Pangkalan Kongsu (about 50 miles away, this for the Dyaks). But due to the negligence of the Headmission, the work had no support and both branches had been taken over by the local Chinese Church (G.K.K.B. - Geredja Kristen Kalimantan Barat) with Headquarters in Pontianak, the provincial capital of K.B.

This year (1971) we built another branch church in a village about four miles away from Singkawang. The place is called "Sumber Tani" and the Church was dedicated on the 7th July 1971. We intend to start a school for the village children.

Accommodation:

In our Singkawang church, we can accommodate 400 persons and at Sumber Tani about 200 persons. Our membership is 300, excluding children. Women exceed men in number, in 3:2 proportion.

Here is a schedule of Church Services: Apart from Sunday Services in Chinese and Indonesian and S.S. for 250 boys and girls, we have catechism class on Monday, prayer meeting on Wednesday, Y.F. on Friday and Singing on Saturday.

FROM MPM to BPM

The Malaysia Pioneer Mission, missionary agency of our churches founded since Mar. 1952 has now been renamed Bible-Presbyterian Missions by the Missions Commission at a meeting on Thurs. Sept. 9, 1971. By this new name our missionary agency will undertake the work of sending missionaries or directing financial help to missionary outreaches both at home and abroad. The sphere of home missions are Singapore and West Malaysia. Beyond these areas is the sphere of overseas missions. The BPM is now under the management of Rev. Timothy Tow, president, Rev. Quek Kiok Chiang, vice-president, Rev. Philip Heng, Gen.-Sec., Elder Joshua Lim, Treasurer, and Rev. Quek Swee Hwa, Dr. Tow Siang Hwa and Elder Seow Chong Pin.

Apart from supporting Kelapa Sawit, Tekong, Jurong Sunday School, Chin Lien, BPM is launching out to support Mr. Peter Chua for work at Toa Payoh. \$200 has been designated for Rev. Titus Bartolomews (Bong) in his extension work in West Kalimantan and another \$200 for Kenya. Your support may be sent to Elder Joshua Lim, 32 Monk's Hill Terrace, 9, phone 56050.

F.E.B.C. will open for its tenth academic year on Monday, 13th Sept. with Registration and orientation. At 8 p.m. Monday evening an opening service will be held to which all F.E.B.C. students, faculty, Board of Directors, and friends are hereby cordially invited. New students will give testimonies and Rev. Dr. Timothy Tow will speak on "The Aims and Purpose of Theological Study." Light refreshments will be served following the opening service. Classes will begin on Tuesday.

Two evening classes will be offered for those who wish to pursue a part-time Bible study course. The Book of Revelation will be taught by Rev. Dr. Timothy Tow on Monday and Thursday evenings from 7.15-8.10 p.m., while Rev. Edward Paauwe will be teaching Life of Christ the same evenings from 8.15-9.10 p.m. The course on Revelation will be a general study of the book without dogmatising on any particular view (preterist, historicist, futuristic, or poetic), paying special attention to the hermeneutics of symbolism. There will also be a comparative study with the apocalyptic literature in the O.T., such as Daniel or Zechariah. Life of Christ is a detailed study of the life and ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ, dealing specifically with the Passion Week. The course will begin with the Triumphal Entry of Christ into Jerusalem and culminate with His ascension into heaven.

Attendance at these, as well as the other courses, can be in one of two ways. Those who wish to take the course for credit (leading towards a Certificate or Diploma) are expected to do all assignments and take all examinations. Those who wish to audit these courses need not take examinations or do assignments. They can just come and absorb the Word of God.

Those wishing to attend any of the evening classes must register on or before Thursday, 16th Sept. The registration fee is \$10/-.

N-E-W-S

LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting. Rev. Paauwe.

Fri. 8 p.m. Calvary Committee Meeting.

Lord's Day, 10 a.m. Mr. George Miley, "Captain" of the Logos.

4 p.m. Rev. Tow (Mand-Teochew Service)

Nursery Roster: 19th Sept., Miss Christine Tow and Miss Melinda Lim.

Wedding Bells. The holy matrimony between Bro. Michael Tan and Sis. Peggy Yap Swee Tin will be solemnised at Life Church, Sat. Sept. 25, 1971, 3 p.m., Rev. Tow officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tsao, Dr. Paul Tsao, etc. have a new residence at 20J Kim Yam Rd., phone 378930.

CALVARY Building operations have also commenced!

DR. TAN KIM PING has left for U.K. for specialist training in Radiology. Mrs. Kim Ping and children are leaving this Lord's Day.

BRO. SWEE THIAN HOE, Sisters Leong Lee Fong and Lee Yen leave after midnight for U.K. and U.S.A. Thian Hoe will study a term at the Reformed Bible Institute, Grand Rapids, Mich. before transferring to Trinity.

TOA PAYOH ENGLISH SERVICE needs a pianist. Please contact Dr. Patrick Tan or Mr. Peter Chua, 50617. Mr. Stephen Kuan is Hon. Treasurer. Tutors are needed to help backward students. Transport allowance provided.

CONDOLENCE: Mdm. See Sok Han of Faith Church was called Home to be with the Lord last Sat. Sept. 4. Memorial and funeral Services on Sun. night and Mon. afternoon, respectively, were great opportunities for preaching of the Gospel. Faith Church acknowledges receipt of a sum of \$200 from the bereaved family for charity and missions.

AUGUST was "Missionary Month" for Faith Church with all the 5 messages from the pulpit on the Lord's Day on "missionary" subjects. Extra offerings by envelopes for missionary needs amounted to about \$400. Regular pledges from members for the missionary needs of Ling Kwang Mission, Toa Payoh mission, MPM (now BPM) and Faith Church Secretary/Missioner have reached the target of \$400 per month.

LOGOS NEWS. The Gospel Ship is sailing in Sept. 18 and will dry-dock from 20 to 22. During the dry-docking the whole crew will take shelter at FEBC. We need extra beds, mattresses, pillows and sheets for our guests. Donation of cash or kind appreciated. "And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones only in the name of a disciple shall in no wise lose his reward." (Matt. 10:42). Logos will repeat showing of Sadhu Sundar Singh Film, Sun. Sept. 19, 8 p.m. at Gilstead Road.

Mr. Mike Wiltshire, liaison officer of Logos has just flown in from Surabaya to make arrangements for the ship. He is lodging at FEBC and may be contacted through 50617 or 513676.

This is YOUR opportunity to come and study the Word of God. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God...." (II Tim. 2:15)

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Saturday, 18th September, 1971.

OPERATION MOBILISATION HELPS IN BENGAL

The crisis in West Bengal is difficult to describe in words. Hundreds of thousands pour into the already bulging camps; hastily built shelters are totally inadequate; sickness is rampant; hundreds are dying of starvation. Mothers and little children try to find some shelter from the driving rain. The mud and sludge is ankle deep. Many have gaping bullet wounds. Others die by the roadside, beyond the reach of any medical help.

Vaguely aware of the situation our team was following our prearranged schedule of visiting the villages and market places. As we preached and gave out His Word we saw the pathetic plight of these unfortunate people. Our hearts went out to them, but we didn't know exactly how to help in a practical way.

God had His plan. Miraculously we met a very influential Colonel of the Border Security Force. He had a great desire to help these unfortunate masses and nearly jumped when we told him that we would be free to work if he would only tell us what we should do. Our truck was also put at his disposal.

We were introduced to a medical team of four nurses and daily we are taking them to different camps. This "mobile hospital" provides relief for aching bodies. We are also distributing free milk to the children. Children come from everywhere and soon we found we have given a glass of milk to more than one thousand youngsters. Did you ever see children enjoy milk so much! What a joy to know we can help in some small way. Yet, we get quickly discouraged when we look over the sea of humanity around us. Their diet lacks all body building material and malnutrition and disease are taking their toll.

At night we stay in the B.S.F. camp. We get free food and diesel for the truck. Three soldiers in the camp itself have been interested in the Gospel and have bought a number of books. A few afternoons we went out for preaching in the surrounding markets, the majority of the refugees are illiterate. Most of them have been badly shaken, some are really open to speak, about the need of God in their lives. The Bengali speakers on the team have had some good personal contacts.

More doors have opened, and we now have five trucks and drivers working in the camps.

We don't know what the future holds for us. We want to be available for God's perfect guidance in this time of national disaster.

— Spiritual Revolution, as carried in
"Biblical Witness," India.

THE LOGOS HAS A MESSAGE FOR YOU

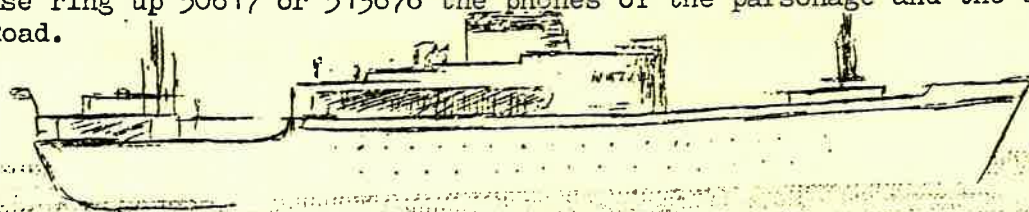
This Lord's Day, the Logos family of the evangelistic movement called "Operation Mobilization" lands on Singapore again! Not like last month when only half, perhaps, of the ship came ashore. This Lord's Day, all the 126 members of the Logos crew are coming to stay at Life Church and the Far Eastern Bible College — though only for a night. From Monday onwards, half of the mobile family will shift up to Tanah Merah Holiday Camp, leaving about 60 to shelter in the FEBC Dorms. The reason is: their ship has to dry-dock.

The young people of the ship Logos are of the same spirit as those who are saving souls and bodies in Bengal, as recorded in the news report above. Though Singapore is peaceful and rich by comparison with India, let us admit we are like Laodicea, spiritually naked, blind and poor. We also need the Gospel message, and our Bible College students and other young people wondering at the crossroads of life, need their challenging word.

By God's marvellous provision, we will hear from them the Word of God. This they will bring by first showing a Gospel film followed by a message and testimonies. This is the spiritual blessing God will shower on Singapore, because we receive His servants. Read overleaf for the schedule of meetings with the Logos. Come every night next week and bring a friend. Christians have a duty to witness Christ to the lost. Many of us rarely speak a word for Him, nor ever give out one tract. This is your opportunity to make good for this hour at least. This is your chance to contribute a little to the extension of Christ's Kingdom. Can you not bring your family, wife and children, or a friend? Don't you want to see some loved one saved?

Now, receiving the Logos Family, big and burdensome though it might seem is our reward! "Every burden becomes a blessing, When I know my Lord is nigh." Jesus has promised a blessing to all who take care of His servants. In this connection we are grateful for the supply of 15 camp beds by Zion, mattresses and pillows and orange juice from a sister in response to last week's appeal. We are grateful to the FEBC family, faculty and students for playing their part in welcoming our brethren and sisters. We thank the Christian Literature Centre too for helping to supply Gospel tracts to the Logos.

However, the request for supply of mattresses to meet the pressing needs tonight goes out still. Or, do you have anything to offer that will contribute to the welfare of God's people? Please ring up 50617 or 513676 the phones of the parsonage and the Church Office at Gilstead Road.



Psalm for the Week:

THE LORD OUR SHEPHERD

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.

My soul He doth restore again,
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for His own Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk thro' death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill,
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

A table Thou hast furnished me
In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me,
And in God's house forevermore
My dwelling place shall be.

(Psalm 23, No.53 The Psalter)

A PSALM OF THE SEA
(to the tune of "Eternal Father,
Strong to Save," Melita)

Ye mariners on high seas steep
That toil amid the foaming deep,
Behold the mighty works of God,
And His great wonders as you plod.
O that all men would bow to Thee,
Thou God of heaven and earth and sea.

By Thy command the breeze so mild
Becomes a storm and tempest wild,
While oceans writhe with billows high,
And wave 'pon wave mounts up the sky!
O that all men would pray to Thee,
Thou God of heaven and earth and sea.

Like drunken men they stagger on,
And at their wit's end they are thrown.
They reel and roll, and to and fro —
The fearful lot of men below.
O that all men would cry to Thee,
Thou God of heaven and earth and sea.

"Peace by thou still," spoke Christ the
Lord!

And wind and wave obeyed His Word.
Today the God of Galilee
Still saves His own from sea to sea.
O that all men would praise Thy Name!
Thy mercies mild endure the same.

(Scripture: Ps. 107:23-32; Mark 4:37-41;
Matt. 8:24-27; Lk. 8:22-25.)

— on the Lakota to West Kalimantan.

There's a Christian Welcome
here to

LOGOS.

Hallelujah!
FEBC - Life Church,
9 Gilstead Rd., 11.
50617/513676

WEEK of SPECIAL MEETINGS!!!

The Logos is in Singapore until Monday
Sept. 27.

During their sojourn, the Logos Family will
stay at Life Church and FEBC till Thursday,
Sept. 23, 1.30 p.m.

From Mon. Sept. 20 to Sat. 25 a week of
Special Rallies will be held at Gilstead Rd.

Schedule of Meetings at Life Church,
Mon. 20-Sat. 25.

Mon.	7.30 p.m.	Fellowship Meeting with Prayer Partners of Logos.
Tues.	7.30 p.m.	1st Special Rally Sadhu Sundar Singh Film Good books on sale
Wed.	7.30 p.m.	2nd Special Rally Gospel Film, etc.
Thurs.	7.30 p.m.	3rd Special Rally Gospel Film, etc.
Fri.	7.30 p.m.	4th Special Rally Gospel Film
Sat.	7.30 p.m.	Final Rally Film or Slides

We extend our Readers a Cordial Welcome.
Bring a friend!

Dr. Timothy Tow will speak at a combine
worship of FEBC students and 126 members of
the Logos Family, Mon. Sept. 20, 8 a.m.

After Dry-docking the Logos will be wharfed,
Keppel Harbour, Gate 2. Thurs. 23-Sat. 25.
A Christian Book Exhibition will be opened
to the public.

LIFE CHURCH

Wedding Bells! The holy matrimony between
Mr. John Lee Chee Seng and Miss Daisy Tan
Hock Lin will be solemnised at Life Church,
Sat. Oct. 2, 1971, 4 p.m., Rev. Tow officiat-
ing.

Lifer residing at Serangoon Gardens: Your
cheque for \$50 to Church received.

Mr. Robert Hu, special FEBC student is the
Lord's messenger at Life Church Mandarin-Teo-
chew Service this Sunday, 4 p.m.

Elder Edmund Tay has been invited by Mt.
Carmel to sit on the Church Committee.

Nursery Roster: 26th Sept. Shirley Ho, Lucy
Chua; 3rd Oct. Mrs. Lehia Paauwe, Mrs. Woo
Sock Eng.

MRS LIM SIEW YONG is warded at the ORGH.
Please pray for her.

TOA PAYOH INAUGURAL ENGLISH SERVICE had over
100 attending. 28 of these were from Toa
Payoh. The offering was over \$140/-.

ELDER QUEK KHIOK MENG returns to London Fri-
day Sept. 24.

MISS ADELINE CHAR leaves for Indonesia some
time next week.

FEBC HOSTEL BOOKINGS: 1) Dec. 10-13 by Deacon
Koh Kim Hiang for YFC Club; 2) Dec. 27-31 by
Miss Peggy Yeo for S.S.T.T.I.

U.S.A. Bro. Tow Siang Kwang is now located
at Trinity Seminary, Deerfield, Illinois
60015.

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

SAVE WATER!!! SAVE WATER!!! SAVE WATER!!!

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THE MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY

Last Sunday morning some fifty members of the Gospel ship Logos were the first batch to find a new "berth" at the Bible College, before their ship went into dry-dock. They brought a blessing to Life Church that warmly welcomed them.

Elder Joshua Lim arranged for a group of young people to testify for the Lord before the Sunday School. They were from America, India, Finland, Canada. At the worship service two more Indians testified, a Brazilian brother sang "The Name of Jesus is so sweet," with his American wife at the piano. Mr. George Miley brought the Word.

The Logos "captain" spoke on "Submission to One Another," a rare Christian virtue to-day! According to I Peter 5:5,6, the first step is that the young should submit to the elder. The second step is that, whether young or old, Christians should submit to one another, even as "Christ pleased not himself" (Rom. 15:3). In order to attain this two-way submission, Christians must first submit to God the Father above. What a lesson for the big Bible-Presbyterian family! We all need to humble ourselves in order that God might be exalted and His work go on unhindered.

The crunch of it all came when the rest of the 116 swelled the ranks by the evening. (The whole crew numbers 126.) Seeing a need to accommodate them all, the pastor appealed to the congregations to offer their surplus mattresses. Praise the Lord, three members from the English congregation and one from the Chinese brought an assortment of twelve, including Formosan mat. And that was what we needed. Some members were surprised that Life Church and the Bible College could accommodate almost 150 people (including ours) simultaneously to the satisfaction of all. And that not for a night, but for four!

The way we did it was to put all our men students in one wing of the L-Annex. All the girl students on the top floor came to the parsonage. With one more room at the parsonage to spare we received a family of four. The Paaues offered one room for a Dutch family. Dr. & Mrs. Patrick Tan opened one for an Indonesian doctor couple. Every available room in the Hostels was given to couples or families. All single girls were packed into the two big lecture rooms. All the single men slept in the Church balcony, and in several rooms in the FEBC and Kindergarten blocks. As to meals, the Logos had their own caterer. Nor was there problem in seating accommodation. The stone benches and tables in the garden helped out.

During the Logos sojourn, they showed a Gospel film every night. Although the attendance was low, Lifers and FEBCers have been blessed most of all. The College combined with the ship people in the morning chapel. We also saw the TV showing of Mr. George Verwer, founder of Operation Mobilisation and a dynamic speaker. Most precious of all was the person to person fellowship cultivated, the exchange of experiences and ideas. The marvel of it all is that the refreshing both Church and College offered to these unusual soldiers of Christ cost so little. To them, it was a mighty saving!

What Life Church and FEBC have done is no more than obeying the Lord's injunction. Every Christian home should be prepared to entertain the Lord's servants passing through. How much more a Church and College with such ample facilities! Then only could we be count-

worthy of the peace Christ has in store for us through our guests (Matt. 10:13).

What we've been talking about could be more succinctly put — there is a ministry of hospitality every Church can practise. Even an old widow of sixty can contribute a part according to St. Paul — "if she have lodged strangers, if she have washed the saints' feet" (I Tim. 5:10). This ministry of hospitality is also mentioned by the apostle John. He commends Gaius for taking care of the brethren and strangers, and for helping them on their way in their labours for the Lord. He calls those who render service to Christ's servants "fellow-helpers to the truth" (III John 5-8).

The coming of the Logos to Gilstead Road, instead of imposing a burden on us has widened our vision in the Lord's Service. Now that God has enabled us to enter into such a mammoth ministry of hospitality, let us consider in what other areas of the Lord's service we may become even more effective.

The lesson I have learned from this week's ministry of hospitality is this: Whatever our resources, be they so small as the lad's five loaves and two fishes, we must surrender all to the Lord. If we give ourselves wholeheartedly to Him, He can multiply our effectiveness a thousand, yea five thousand fold.

LOGOS NEWS. The ship is open to the public this Lord's Day. It is moored beside Godowns 40-41, at Gate 2. Passes are available from Life Church in good measure. To contact Mr. George Miley by phone, ring 76021, Ext.751 direct to the ship. The ship leaves wharf Monday noon for outer roads, sails Tues. 7 a.m. for Cochin, South India and to Arab States in the Persian Gulf.

FEBC extends a cordial welcome to Miss Robin Cross of the Logos, as she waits for ship to return to Australia, early October.

Psalm for the Week:

PSALM 78

Let children hear the mighty deeds
Which God performed of old;
Which in our younger years we saw,
And which our fathers told.

He bids us make his glories known,
His works of pow'r and grace;
And we'll convey his wonders down
Through ev'ry rising race.

Our lips shall tell them to our sons,
And they again to theirs;
That generations yet unborn
May teach them to their heirs.

Thus shall they learn in God alone
Their hope securely stands,
That they may ne'er forget his works,
But practise his commands.

- Trinity Hymnal No. 293.

WITNESSING

"Let the redeemed of the Lord say so."
(Psalm 107:2). "Be ready always to give a
reason for the hope that is in you", (I Pet.
3:15). "I have set thee as a watchman to
warn them..." (Ezekiel 3:17ff), are just a
few of the numerous passages which tell us
of our vocation as ambassadors for Christ.

The best witness is a personal sharing,
one to one. This means taking an opportu-
nity to explain to another how he can have
his sins forgiven and experience the new
life that you have found.

There are many ways to unfold the Good
News. Here are a few:

1. God loves you and has a wonderful plan
for your life. See verses John 3:16; 10:10.
2. Most have missed God's plan because sin
has separated man from God. See Romans 3:23;
Isaiah 53:6.
3. Jesus Christ is God's provision for our
sin problem. See Romans 5:8; I Cor. 1:53;
John 14:6.
4. You must personally invite Christ to be
your Saviour and Master. See John 1:12;
Rev. 3:20.

You can then ask your friend if he has
personally made this wonderful discovery, as
you have.

If he has not, go where you can pray to-
gether, and when he fully understands the
significance of a commitment to Christ, en-
courage him to pray to Christ, confessing
his rebellion and inviting Christ to forgive
his sins, and make him a new creation.

Another useful illustration to bring
home how only Christ can meet our need is
the "Gulf Bridged".

Draw the gulf with the Holy God on one
side, and sinful man on the other. Sin has
separated them. Since God created man for
His fellowship (Isaiah 43:7), God wants to
bridge the gulf.

Draw the first bridge that man attempts
and have the person read the appropriate
verses that show the failure of the bridge.
Then draw the next bridges, each time hav-
ing your friend read the verses. After
discovering that none of man's bridges will
reach, draw from God to man the Bridge of

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LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS.

Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting.

Sat. 4 p.m. Lee-Tan Wedding.

Lord's Day: 10 a.m. Rev. Tow (Lord's Supper)
4 p.m. Rev. Tow (Lord's Supper)

Nursery Roster: 3rd Oct. Mrs. Lehia Paaue,
Mrs. Woo Sock Eng; 10th Oct. Lorena Tan, Lee
Bee Lay.

Life Church Mandarin-Teochew Service. Hear
Mr. Charles Tsao this Lord's Day, 4 p.m.
(Rev. Tow in Muar).

Congratulations to Dr. Wee Joo Huat,
M.R.C.O.G. for establishing a Clinic at 174
East Coast Rd., 1st floor.

Church and College Extension Building Debt.
\$1,000 is paid by the Church and \$1,500 by
the Kindergarten.

TOA PAYOH B-P CHURCH at 383 Lor. 4, Blk. 71
has installed a new phone 515988. Ring Mr.
Koh Kiang Mia the Chinese Kindergarten
principal.

FEBC evening classes, every Mon. and Thurs.
7.15 p.m. Lecture on Revelation by Rev. Tow,
Life of Christ by Rev. Paaue. Open to all,
welcome!

SARIMBUN GOSPEL MISSION now operates on Sat-
urday 4 p.m. with better attendance (16 la-
week). Misses Tiew and Cheang, FEBC students,
serve regularly. If you wish to visit Sarim-
bun why not arrange beforehand and give the
girls a lift?

WEDDING BELLS at Faith and Zion.

Oct. 2: Deacon Chang Woon Soo/Soh Chiao Yong
of Faith Church at 10 a.m., Rev. K.C. Quek
officiating. Lau Ek Khai/Chin Wee Koon at
2 p.m., Rev. S.H. Quek officiating. Khoo Eek
Che/Ding Ai Mooi (Chin Lien graduate and CNEC
missioner) at 4 p.m., Rev. K.C. Quek officiati-
ing. All are cordially invited to the three
weddings.

Christ which forms a cross. Christ took our
sins upon Himself on the cross and broke the
power of sin that through Him we might be
acceptable in God's sight.

Again the friend should read the verses
and discover that we must believe in Jesus
Christ as Lord and Saviour (Acts 16:31), be-
cause Christ died for our sins (I Cor. 15:3;
I Peter 3:18) and faith in Him saves us (John
3:16,36). Confession of Christ by word and
life is a necessary fruit of salvation (Romans
10:9,10).

One of the best ways of witnessing is sim-
ply giving your own testimony. When you do
this, seek to make it short, that is, to the
point. It is worthwhile practicing to give
one's testimony in three minutes, clearly
having the essentials of the Gospel, and keep
it interesting. - New Testament Effectiveness.

LIFE CHURCH welcomes to its pulpit this Lord's
Day Rev. Wallace E. Roberts, pastor of Grace
United Methodist Church of Greenville, Missi-
ssippi. Pastor Roberts is a visitor to our
City and is introduced to us by Dr. G.D. James.
He is travelling with a team of evangelists
and laymen now meeting in Singapore. His
desire is to bring soul, to the Lord Jesus
Christ. On behalf of Singapore we extend our
visitors a cordial welcome.

BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN WEEKLY

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Saturday, 2nd October, 1971.

21st ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MOVEMENT, OCT. 17, 1971.

Sunday Oct. 17, 1971 will be red letter day for Bible-Presbyterians. It will be our 21st Birthday. To be exact, it was on Oct. 20, 1950 that this movement was founded through the establishment of an English Service at Life Church, Prinsep Street. So, it will be a double celebration: Life Church Gilstead Road will first hold her 21st Anniversary Thanksgiving on Oct. 17 at the morning worship hour. In the evening, also at Gilstead Road, all the 13 member churches — Life, Life Mandarin, Calvary, Zion, Faith, Galilee, Mt. Carmel, Sembawang, Toa Payoh Chinese, Toa Payoh English, Tekong, Kelapa Sawit, and Rawang and branch Sunday Schools like Jurong, Sarimbun, Sambau, Seletar Hills, Mt. Hebron — will be gathered in a grand finale of Praise and Thanks.

How should the big Bible-Presbyterian family celebrate this auspicious occasion? First, there will be a fellowship Chinese dinner out on the royal palm gardens commencing at 6.30 p.m. The charge is \$5 for earners and \$2.50 for non-earners. Lifers are to register with Elder Joshua Lim (56050) and members of our branch churches with the pastors or deacons respectively.

After the makan, at 8 p.m. all will gather in the Church auditorium for a time of praise. Quite a few singing and music items are being rehearsed we understand, even one from the Bible College. A testimony of three to four minutes is requested from each participating church or group. We should hear particularly from founder members.

To commemorate this great occasion, a historical magazine is now being printed, and quite a sizeable one at that! It will be sold, D.V., on Oct. 17 to members at only \$1.00 per copy, which is at about half the price of its cost. The Magazine is called, "The Bible-Presbyterian Church in Singapore and Malaysia, 1950-1971." Its cover depicts a Burning Bush, according to Moses' account, with the Latin Slogan "Nec Tamen Consumebatur." The Burning Bush is the universal symbol of Presbyterianism.

Galilee to Quit Premises by Oct. 21, 1971.

We are sorry to hear that our branch Church, Galilee, has received orders to quit their premises by Oct. 21, 1971.

As far as Life Church is concerned, we should be ready to offer Galileans a temporary home at Gilstead Road. The place here is large enough to accommodate them during a period of transition. Let us wait upon the Lord.

Toa Payoh English Service

We're happy to report that since the inauguration of the English Service of Toa Payoh Bible-Presbyterian Church on Sept. 12, the Lord has blessed this 13th outreach with an attendance of 32 and 40 at the Worship Service and with \$36 in the collected offerings last Lord's Day. The Sunday School registers 60. Taking part in the Toa Payoh work are over ten young Lifers.

Beginning from next Tuesday, i.e. Oct. 5, Mr. Peter Chua will conduct a weekly Bible Study Hour in the Book of Colossians. Toa Payoh has need of more chairs. Who will kindly donate some at \$4.20 per chair? The new phone is 515988.

Rawang Church Latest

Since the last report on earth-filling of 150 loads at \$6.00 per load, we've received a kind donation of \$60 for ten loads. What other reader will add to this? In the meantime, about \$400 has been received by Rawang for the Building Fund, mostly from Rawangites themselves.

Before building operations actually begin, soil tests have first to be made, which should be carried out by the engineer any day.

PRE-VIEW OF 21st ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE PRAISE ITEMS

Life Church Choir:	Anthem. Praise Ye The Father.
Mass B-P Choir:	To God Be The Glory. 'Tis Marvellous, 'tis Wonderful.
FEBC Choir:	One Praise Item.
Men's Quartet:	Sweeter as the Years Go By.
Mass Guitars:	(Deacon Koh Kim Hiang I/C).
Chinese Choir:	Faith - Chin Lien.
Ladies' Number:	(Mrs. Paauwe I/C).
Singspiration:	Rev. P. Heng (200 Revival Choruses).

Dress Rehearsal at Life Church 8.00 p.m., 10.10.71.
All participants to attend.

SAVE WATER!!!
SAVE WATER!!!
SAVE WATER!!!

FELLOWSHIP

An elder once visited a man who had professed Christ but was not attending the meetings of the assembly.

The elder knew the man would argue if a suggestion were made that he attend, so the elder sat quietly next to his friend, in front of a warm fireplace.

After a time of silence, the elder lifted a red-hot coal from the fire. The two watched it slowly lose its red colour and turn cold! A few more moments of silence passed. Suddenly, the man grinned at the elder and said, "I see the point; I'll be with you all on Sunday!"

Though gatherings of believers from various churches (but all part of the universal Church) are stimulated and healthy, one usually finds most of one's fellowship in the local church. Here are a few important points about the New Testament assembly, or local church.

1. The nature of the assembly should be in agreement with the principles of the universal Church. The local assembly should do (or be) nothing that would contradict the unity of His body. The local assembly should bear witness to the fact that Christ is the Head (not a man, or a man-made system), all believers are "priests unto God," and all believers have gifts that should be used to exhort one another.

Love and zeal must characterize each unit of believers, as love is the very character of the Holy Spirit, the Director.

The believers must manifest in their own lives that they love their brothers as themselves, that they submit to one another, that they esteem the other better than themselves, that they "out-do" one another in showing love!

An assembly is a group of people who have found such utter joy in obeying the command to "Love your neighbour as yourself", and in worshipping and serving Jesus Christ as His slaves and brothers, that to keep this joy to themselves is unthinkable.

They feel constrained by a holy passion of their own wills to expend every moment, every penny, every unit of energy in heralding Christ as Saviour and Lord. Theirs is a power that reverses all human obstacles, so that suffering is joy and impossibilities are challenges!

2. The meetings of the local assembly (according to the New Testament), were:

a. Worship services, climaxed by breaking the bread and partaking of the cup. These may have been the only "regular" meetings of the first believers. All other meetings seem to have arisen spontaneously from a particular need. The Leader of the worship service, as in all meetings, was the Holy Spirit, voicing His worship and adoration of Christ through members of the assembly.

b. Prayer times. The first believers frequently found themselves "cast upon the Lord". Therefore, spontaneously they gathered to muster prayer-power against the wicked one. See Acts 24:2; 42:4-31;

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LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Rev. Paauwe.
8 p.m. Session Meeting at FEBC Library.
Fri. 8 p.m. Family Worship at home of Mrs. Kam, 730 Blk. 20, Lor. 7, Toa Payoh.

Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Wallace E. Roberts
4 p.m. Rev. Tow

Nursery Roster: 10th Oct. Lorena Tan, Lee Bee Lay; 17th Oct. Anniversary Sunday (no nursery).

Wedding Bells!

The holy matrimony between 1) Bro. Peter Thio Keng Guan and Sister Christina Lee Yie Keng will be solemnised on Sat. Oct. 16, 1971, 3 p.m., Rev. Tow officiating; 2) Mr. Hia Chek Phang and Miss Pearlyn Chan Lin Choo, will be solemnised on Sat. Oct. 16, 1971, 6 p.m., Rev. Philip Heng officiating. (Mr. Hia is a leader of the Emmanuel Evangelical Church.)

Dr. and Mrs. Patrick Tan's new phone: 513069

Scripture Union Notes for year 1972. Renew or order your notes now through Deacons William Seah or Paul Phua. Notes for October-December 1971 are now available and ready for collection.

FEBC BOOKINGS. Oct. 15, 7.30 p.m. by VCF (Mr. Sonny Wang). Dec. 13-16 (not 10-13) by YFC (Deacon Koh Kim Hiang).

JURONG B-P SUNDAY SCHOOL needs S.S. teachers. Transportation provided. Please contact Miss Trinh-Huong-Linh of FEBC or Rev. Paauwe.

12:5; 12; 1:31, 2.

c. Times of edification. The first believers made mutual edification a vital part of their regular worship service (I Cor. 14:26-31) but they had other times for this as well. These were times of teaching the Word and reporting on the recent wonders of God. Nowadays, systematic weekly Bible studies are especially strategic for young babes in Christ. These times, coupled with prayer, could become power-times for God. Acts 2:23, 42, 46; 11:26; 13:1; 14:27, 28; 15:3, 4, 12, 32; 20:7; I Cor. 14; Col. 4:16; I Tim. 4:13.

d. Times of discipline. I Cor. 5:4, 5.

e. "Love-feasts." Mentioned in Jude 12, these were times of social fellowship of believers, regardless of nation, race and such natural differences.

3. The stewardship of the members of the assembly. Christ is the One who raised the tithe from 10% to 100%. We do not have anything of our own. Our money, home, clothes are not ours, but Christ's. If you use your possessions for your own desires rather than His, you are a thief and you rob yourself of the core of Christianity: giving even "beyond ourselves" (II Cor. 8:2, 3). If you are serious about being a man of God, ask God to show you the minimum standard of living which you need to serve Him effectively, then utilize everything above that to further the knowledge of Christ to the lost. This is love, laying down our lives for others, (I Jn. 3:16, 17). "Stick your neck out" where God must undertake for your needs, or you will fall - this is how we become men who really know Him! - New Testament Effectiveness.

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Saturday, 9th October, 1971.

21st ANNIVERSARY JOY

Next Lord's Day, Oct. 17, 1971, our Bible-Presbyterian Church will be 21 years old. We will hold a double celebration: First, for Life Church in the morning (Incidentally, the Life Church Mandarin Service will celebrate her sixth birthday). Second, for the whole Family with a Chinese Dinner at Gilstead Road 6.30 p.m., followed by a Praise Service, 8 p.m. The charge is \$5 for earners and \$2.50 for non-earners.

I hear there's quite a crowd coming. Book early to avoid disappointment!

21st Anniversary Magazine

This is the highlight of the occasion with many an item to sweeten your memory of good old days. Two-thirds of the magazine will be historical with hundreds of hours of research put in. The history of Life Church alone will extend to 60 pages (without pictures). A second feature is the photo gallery. Will you be there? The third section consists of many fine essays of a doctrinal nature which will be good solid reading. The fourth and last consists of our revised Constitution, which is translated into Chinese. The magazine is estimated to have 150 pages.

We are deeply grateful for the preliminary work done by the young people. Deacon Tan Wai Choon, Miss Lorena Tan and Bro. Lau Chin Kwee especially are to be commended for their diligent cooperation in laying the groundwork. However, as time and tide wait for no man, we suddenly found ourselves in a crisis. This is due to the printer having to complete another job before ours. To save the situation Rev. Quek and I have taken over the management, and with our cars available night and day, we've been pounding away with the job, right in the workshop. We were a little relieved when the first eight pages rolled off the press Friday night. We tell you this crisis story in order that you will pray for us, and for the Acme printers. Pray that the work will finish on time. We request the representatives of Galilee and Carmel especially to go to the jobsite to help out by proof-reading your own articles. May God use this magazine of 3,000 copies, to further His Kingdom, build us up in the faith, increase our love for one another. At \$1/- it is way below cost!

Welcome Galileans

Hearing of the orders you've received to quit by Oct. 21, the Life Church Session has unanimously decided to make the Church and other rooms available for your use every Sunday afternoon. The pastor of the Life Church Mandarin Service gladly suggested this and would impress on the Chinese-speaking members to "retreat" to the FEBC Hall in brotherly submission, since we are a smaller group. And there's no reason why the Church premises might not be open to your use during week days. Welcome Galileans.

Jurong Sunday School, 11 years old this Lord's Day

What a season for birthdays! That Jurong our farthest local outreach, next to Sarimbun, is able to hold out, year after year is due in no small measure to our faithful Malay hostess, Mrs. Chandra. For two years it flourished as a Church, and accumulated a building fund of \$800. The Church Service had to discontinue when many of those who worshipped at Jurong left, e.g. the Hume Heights group. Nevertheless, the Lord is present here. The picking up of Rev. Paauwe in the College car, especially, week after week, has been of great help to this work. It is our prayer that the Jurong Sunday School itself may grow into maturity and a Church established upon its more solid foundation.

It is to be noted that the Chandra house at 14½ miles is four miles from the Calvary site, Jurong Town. So there is no duplication of work. Two witnesses for such a vast district as Jurong are not too many. (Rev. Tow will speak at Jurong this Lord's Day.)

Christians and Sunday

Sunday is a public holiday. It is a public holiday not only for Singapore, but for all nations. To the man in the street, Sunday is no different from any other day except that it affords him leisure to do his own business, while on other days he has got to go to some office or factory to work. He usually takes off to the cinema, to the seaside, to see some friend, such as for a "mahjong drive" or he simply sleeps the day through to rest his tired body.

To the Christian, Sunday is not a public holiday. It is the Lord's Day (Rev. 1:10). It is his day with God. It is the Christian Sabbath. It is a day of holy rest and worship of God through His Son Jesus Christ.

The Law of holy rest or sabbath was first given by God Almighty upon Mount Sinai, amidst thunder and lightning, as follows: "Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it." (Ex. 20:8-11.) During the Old Testament times the day of holy rest to remember our Creator was held on Saturday, for the seventh day of the Jewish Calendar falls on a Saturday. After the resurrection of our Lord from the grave on the first day of the week, that is Sunday, the day of holy rest and worship has been changed from Saturday to Sunday.

The fact of the change is first revealed in the appearances of Jesus to His disciples

Psalm for the Week:

Delight in Church Ordinances
(Psalm 84, No. 227 The Psalter)

O Lord of Hosts, how lovely
Thy tabernacles are;
For them my heart is yearning
In banishment afar.
My soul is longing, fainting,
Thy sacred courts to see;
My heart and flesh are crying,
O living God, for Thee.

Beneath Thy care the sparrow
Finds place for peaceful rest;
To keep her young in safety
The swallow finds a nest;
Then, Lord, my King Almighty,
Thy love will shelter me;
Beside Thy holy altar
My dwelling place shall be.

Blest they who dwell in Zion,
Whose joy and strength Thou art;
Forever they will praise Thee,
Thy ways are in their heart.
Tho' tried, their tears like showers
Shall fill the springs of peace,
And all the way to Zion
Their strength shall still increase.

on the first two consecutive Sundays after
His resurrection. He blesses the worship-
ping disciples saying, "Peace be unto you:
as my Father has sent me, so send I you"
(John 20:21). The fact of keeping Sunday
as the day of worship and holy rest is
further attested by the examples and comm-
ands of the Apostles (Acts 20:7; I Cor.
16:1,2; Rev. 1:10). The fact of setting
aside Sunday as a Day of worship and holy
rest is confirmed by the Universal Christ-
ian Church throughout its two thousand
years of sacred history.

Christians should therefore be careful
how they spend their appointed day of wor-
ship and holy rest. Do you take off like
the rest of the world to indulge in world-
ly pursuits, or do you heed the Word of
God and seek Him in worship at Church?
Worship, of course, includes humane ser-
vices, such as healing the sick and saving
the wounded, for God also says, "I will
have mercy and not sacrifice."

The Fourth Commandment According to the
Shorter Catechism

Q.58. What is required in the fourth
Commandment?

A. The fourth commandment requireth the
keeping holy to God such set times
as he hath appointed in his word;
expressly one whole day in seven, to
be a holy Sabbath to himself.

Q.59. Which day of the seven hath God
appointed to be the weekly Sabbath?

A. From the beginning of the world to
the resurrection of Christ, God
appointed the seventh day of the
week to be the weekly Sabbath; and
the first day of the week ever since,
to continue to the end of the world,
which is the Christian Sabbath.

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LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting.

Fri. 7.30 p.m. VCF Meeting.

Sat. 3.p.m. Thio-Lee Wedding

6 p.m. Hia-Char Wedding

Lord's Day 10 a.m. 21st Anniversary Thanks-
giving.

4 p.m. 6th Anniversary Thanks-
giving

6.30 p.m. 21st Anniversary Dinner

8.00 p.m. 21st Anniversary Praise
Service.

Nursery Roster: 17th Oct. Anniversary
Sunday (no nursery); 24th Oct. Miss Koh Kim
Lye, Miss Lucy Koh.

Infant Baptism. Last call to parents who
seek God's covenant of blessing for their
children in Baptism! Register with the past-
or today.

More Bookings: Church Auditorium by Fisher-
men for Christ for Wedding on Nov. 27 3 p.m.
FEBC Hostels by Chinese ISCF Camp (Mr. Jau
Shyh Dih) Dec. 6-10.

CALVARY B.F.: \$169,644.00. We need another
\$150,000 in the next 12 months!

F.E. KINDERGARTEN will hold Parents Day on
Friday, 15th October, 1971.

SARIMBUN. Booking by Carmel Oct. 17 and 18
for a retreat.

RAWANG. The contractor has been instructed
to dig a hole down to the original ground
level for the engineer to determine the cal-
culations for foundations. This should be
ready this week for inspection.

CONGRATULATIONS to 1) Mrs. Esther Fu (nee
Tow) for passing her L.R.S.M. (teaching)
recently; 2) Dr. Quek Swee Peng, Zion Church
Deacon and Ling Kwang Mission Clinic Direct-
or, for passing the Master of Medicine in
Obstetrics and Gynaecology Examination last
Monday.

WEDDING BELLS at Faith Church: Sat., Oct. 16,
3 p.m. between Mr. Ng Kai Teck and Miss Ang
Poh Eng (eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Ng Ian
Kwang of Prinsep Street Life Church and a
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ang Oon Hui of Jalan
Kayu Church). Congratulations!

JURONG B-P SUNDAY SCHOOL celebrates its
eleventh anniversary this Lord's Day. Rev.
Tow will be the Lord's messenger.

LIFE CHURCH ORGANISTS ROSTER: As decided by
Session Mrs. Annie Tan will play every odd
Sunday; 1, 3, 5. Misses Lee Bee Lay and
Lena Seow on 2 and 4.

Q.60. How is the Sabbath to be sanctified?

A. The Sabbath is to be sanctified by a
holy resting all that day, even from
such worldly employments and recreat-
ions as are lawful on other days; and
spending the whole time in the public
and private exercises of God's worship,
except so much as is to be taken up
in the works of necessity and mercy.

GALILEE CHURCH is to quit its premises by
21st Oct. 1971. Thus far several places
have been considered and found not suitable.
Please pray for the Galileans

Day of Prayer on 18th Oct. at 10 a.m. at
Galilee lawns. All are welcome to attend.

The programme of this Praise Service, printed on a folder with a beautiful Bible picture by kindness of ACME Printers who prints our souvenir magazine, includes items of praise by the Combined Choir conducted by Rev. S.H. Quek and by FEBC, Life Church, Life Church ladies, Chin Lien Bible Seminary, Faith Church and a Male Quintet. Congregational Singing led by Rev. Philip Heng will be exclusively from John Sung Choruses in our "200 Revival Choruses and Hymns". Rev. Tow will give a word of welcome and Rev. K.C. Quek as the Moderator will give a short message. Words of greetings and exhortation will be brought by our own groups (Carmel, Faith, Galilee, Jurong, Sembawang, Toa Payoh, Zion and by some friends.

Elder Tow Siang Hwa of the host congregation will preside over the Praise Service. There will be interpretation. Be sure to come with your family and friends to share the joy and blessings of this very significant occasion. - QKC.

21ST ANNIVERSARY MAGAZINE

It is truly by the grace and mercy of God that this 190-page souvenir magazine is ready just today for distribution at the Praise Service tonight. All who have a part in seeing the magazine through, including Rev. Timothy Tow and Rev. K.C. Quek, request all the Bible-Presbyterian family and friends to share their joy and say, "Praise the Lord, it is done".

This sizeable volume, with a 3-colour cover bearing the Emblem of Presbyterianism - Moses' Burning Bush which "shall never be consumed" (*nec tamen consumebatur*) - contains six sections: 1) Foreword and Messages; 2) A 61-page history of the growth and branching out of Life B-P Church by Rev. Tow; 3) 50 pages of reports by our various B-P Churches, Day Schools, groups, including also kindergartens with photos printed mostly on art paper; 4) 43 pages of well-written articles which will be found to be of much spiritual help to old and young; 5) The Constitution of our Church as recently amended, together with a full list of all our B-P churches, missions, and educational institutions; and 6) A Chinese section of selected articles, including the Constitution in Chinese. There is also a directory of Sunday School and Church Service.

The cost of printing for the 3,000 copies is about \$5,200. However, each copy, at a cost of over \$1.70 is to be sold at \$1/-. The deficit is to be met by contributions from our Bible-Presbyterian groups, with contributions from some individual members and friends expected. It is hoped that with the full co-operation of all our congregations, Sunday Schools, Youth Fellowships and other groups, most of the 3,000 copies may be taken speedily and the deficit met so that the printing bill may be fully paid soon.

This volume should prove to be a very valuable gift for some friends. Apart from keeping one for yourself, why not get some copies as gifts to those whom you desire to share the blessings from God of our B-P Churches. - QKC.

A SHORT MISSIONARY TRIP TO INDONESIA

From September 27th to October 14th the Lord led me on a short missionary journey to Indonesia. In Bogor I was warmly welcomed to stay with a Christian Indonesian pharmacist and his family including seven children. It wasn't Chinese-speaking as I expected, so I had to be interpreted in eight meetings there. Children were transported in big lorries to special Gospel meetings. There was wonderful response and the kindnesses of the Christians, some of them were very poor, simply overwhelmed me. Then I visited a home and school for foreign missionary's children in the lovely mountain valley of Bandung and spoke to the children in devotions two evenings. Later I was taken to a small padi planting town called Karawang where there was a small shophouse church. Four meetings were held there and a class in a branch Sunday School in a home. We also travelled further for a service in an even smaller church in Djikampek. I ended the last three days in Djakarta with Sunday School Teachers' training classes and visited the poor with Gospel tracts and some useful gifts. One is polluted with much dirt, dust, and diesel gas from dilapidated vehicles on the roads, yet my heart was greatly moved in compassion for the poor people I saw. Many seem to wander in darkness and I was told that still the labourers for Christ were few in many places. May the Lord help us to be a helping hand to our neighbours in Indonesia. - Adeline Char.

GREETINGS FROM THE GOSPEL SHIP LOGOS

Mr. George Miley writes to the pastor-principal of Life Church: "Brother, I am not able to express to you how much it meant to all of us to be there at F.E.B.C. We saw very clearly how very unselfish you were, and I really wish that you could extend our thanks to the staff and the students of the Bible College. When we saw that you were willing to move out of your classrooms and even living quarters to accommodate us, it spoke to us even more, I think, than anything else possibly could. Truly we are brothers and sisters in Christ, and how much we need to learn to sacrifice one for the other. Hospitality is a very clear New Testament virtue which is almost forgotten in the 20th century and we feel so very close to all of you for the time that we were given together.

Believe me, as the ship moves from port to port, we will be remembering you in prayer, and looking forward to the time when we can meet you once again."

A SONG OF THANKSGIVING

We plough the fields, and scatter
The good seed on the land,
But it is fed and water'd
By God's almighty hand;
He sends the snow in winter,
The warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes, and the sunshine,
The soft refreshing rain.

Chorus: All good gifts around us
Are sent from heav'n above;
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
For all His love.

He only is the Maker
Of all things near and far;
He paints the wayside flower,
He lights the evening star.
The winds and waves obey Him,
By Him the birds are fed;
Much more to us, His children,
He gives our daily bread.

We thank Thee, then, O Father,
For all things bright and good,
The seed-time and the harvest,
Our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer
For all Thy love imparts,
And, what Thou most desirest,
Our humble, thankful hearts.

O GRACE OF GOD, HOW DEEP AND WIDE
O grace of God, how deep and wide!
Year in, year out, Thy love provides.
I adore Thee with thankful heart,
Forever more Thy love impart.

The morning bird sings of Thy grace.
Sun, moon and stars in unison race.
But man forgets like rushing streams,
New songs of praise to Thee I sing.

O Spirit's fire, cleanse now my heart,
Shine on my way, lead me aright.
My being delights, my soul's secure,
My Lord I'll serve forever more.

Saints old and new, they never fear.
This their compass — courage and cheer.
The Light of heaven, the Truth of God —
Guide to our soul, on and upward.

I humbly bow before Thy face.
Spirit of God, come in to stay!
Fill me with joy, banish distress.
From fountains sweet I rise refreshed.

Old Nat had a wood pile before him, and
he sawed hard to make it smaller. His saw
was dull, it needed sharpening and resett-
ing - it was dreadful work to make it go
at all. Said a neighbour, "Nat, why don't
you get that saw sharpened? You would do
more work, and do it easier."

"Now then," said Nat, "don't come bother-
ing me. I've got enough to do without
stopping to sharpen the saw."

O Christian, you cannot do God's work
unless you take time to read your Bible, to
pray, and to study; and your labour will
be hard, discouraging, and fruitless.

21ST ANNIVERSARY DINNER

will commence at 6.30 p.m. sharp. Members are requested to come early and have fellow-
ship under the Royal Palms before 6.00 p.m. (There will be 34 tables.)

N-E-W-S

LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Deacon Koh Kim
Hiang.

Fri. 8 p.m. Family Worship at the home of
Bro. and Mrs. Yee Keong Liu.

Lord's Day, 10 a.m. Rev. Edward Paauwe.
4 p.m. Rev. Hong Han Keng
(Hokkien).

(Rev. Tow at Zion, Muar and Rawang.)

Nursery Roster: 24th Oct., Koh Kim Lye,
Lucy Koh; 31st Oct. Amy Lim and Mrs. Annie
Tan.

FEBC Hall Booking: Oct. 18 by Holy Light
Presbyterian Church S.S. Teachers.

PRAISE THE LORD, the following publicly re-
ceived Jesus Christ as Saviour at last week's
service under the preaching of Rev. Wallace
E. Roberts: 1) Mr. Lam Hai Chang, 1 Fir Ave.,
Eden Park (10); 2) Miss Cecilia Ng, 356-J,
River Valley Road, (9); 3) Miss Joyce Ong,
460-D, Jurong Road, 10 m. (21); 4) Miss Low
Siew Eng, 22-H Blk. 111, Jurong Town Corpora-
tion (22); 5) Mr. Ho Gim Tin, 97-A Prinsep
St. (7); 6) Miss Gladys Han, 18-B Eng Watt
St. (3).

BAPTISMS at 21st Anniversary Service.

Adults: 1) Lim Chun Moy, 35 Carpenter St. ()
University Student; 2) Lau Choon Poh, 81-A,
Hill St. (6), Student; 3) Sim Mong Eng, 52
Kee Choe Ave., (13), Student; 4) Yap Swee Tin,
245-B Tanjong Katong Rd. (15), Secretary -
China Airlines Ltd.; 5) Cheong Mei Kwee, 570
North Bridge Rd. (7), Student; 6) Gladys Han
Pitt Yeen, 18-B Eng Watt St. (3), Student;
7) Joseph Ong, 312-A, Pasir Panjang Rd. (5),
Student, FEBC. Confirmation: Wong Kuek Fah,
14-C Commonwealth Ave., (3), Teacher - Have-
lock. Infants: 1) Koh Lynn, daughter of Bro.
and Mrs. Koh Kim Song; 2) Kelvin Teo Yoong
Huat, son of Bro. and Mrs. William Teo; and
3) Jonathan Tow Shen Han, son of Rev. and
Mrs. Timothy Tow.

FEBC is grateful to Rev. and Mrs. J.D. Turner
of Child Evangelism Fellowship for speaking
in chapel from 4-12 October, and for their
gift of visual aids to the College Library.

GALILEE CHURCH

Day of Prayer: All are welcome to join
Galilee for a day of prayer on 18.10.71.
Time: 10.00 a.m.

Land Situation: Thus far there is no fur-
ther development. But, nevertheless, do
continue to pray. We thank God for the gift
of a \$100 donated to the B.F.

We thank the Pastor and Congregations of
Life Church (English & Chinese) for offering
their premises to Galileans' use.

Galilee Church Session will meet on 18.10.
71, 2.00 p.m. at Galilee Lawns.

JURONG S.S. celebrated her 11th Anniversary
last Lord's Day. A message and a historical
account of the S.S. were given by Rev. Tow
and Mrs. Chandra respectively. Refreshments
were served after the service. About 50
attended.

RAWANG. Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Chua
Teck Kwang on the occasion of the wedding of
their son Keng Hong to Miss Peggy Oh Cher
Hwa, third daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Oh Ah Hoe,
Saturday, 16th October, 1971.

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IGNORED AND UNCONSOLED (Story of Khrushchev's Conversion)

— by Rev. John Dorsey in the Biblical Witness, Oct. 1971.

On September 11th former Premier Nikita Khrushchev died of a heart attack. The following day the Soviet newspapers ignored the event. According to the Hindustan Times, no public announcement was made by Moscow Radio or by Tass. When Indian members of Parliament went to the Soviet Embassy to express their sympathy, no book of condolence was to be found.

Mysteriously, Mr. Khrushchev fell from power nearly seven years ago. Now mystery has been added to mystery. The following story, taken from The Flame, and attested by witnesses may remove the veil of mystery. The story is told by Oscar C. Taffner.

Russian Ruler Becomes a Christian

Nikita S. Khrushchev was much in the public eye when he was in America, and mystery has surrounded his demotion from being supreme ruler of the U.S.S.R.

We are reporting these facts and the chain of events explaining the narrators as a Russian ship's captain and his wife who saw the event itself during a Christian meeting at a Black Sea summer resort.

Khrushchev Gives His Testimony

Many Christians from 'Iron Curtain' countries, like Yugoslavia, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Russia were at this large meeting. The last evening was a witness to the Gospel. They were electrified and astounded, and I believe frightened, to see a white-haired man proceed down the aisle towards the microphone. It was Nikita S. Khrushchev walking down the aisle!

From the platform he witnessed to his faith in Christ and said he wanted to turn Russia to follow in the footsteps of the Lord Jesus Christ.

As a child he had learned the Gospel of John verbatim and knew the Scriptures well. He went to the University, studied Political Science, discarded his loving Christian wife, and divorced her. She was sent to Siberia while he strove for political power. He regretted his action and now wanted to reverse his course and follow our Lord Jesus Christ. The audience breathed a sigh of relief.

Christian Wife in Siberia

Within hours, before he could return to Moscow to the seat of power, evidently spies surrounded him, reported this experience to the Kremlin, and he was demoted from all power and shelved. Because of world opinion, he was not dealt with as many other dissidents have been.

John Noble, an East German who was sent from East Germany into Siberia, reports that he met with the first wife of this man, and she had daily prayed for Khrushchev's conversion. The underground Church, I expect, reported this news to her, I know there was joy in heaven over one sinner who repented.

Mr. Ben Iler got this story from Gordon Williamson of Durban. Gordon Williamson was speaking at a banquet of the CBMC in Durban. A Russian ship was in the harbour and friends invited the ship's captain and his wife, both professing and radiant Christians, to the dinner. They told Mr. Williamson this story of their experience while attending a Christian gathering at a Black Sea summer resort.

Unconsoled?

That is the story. Is it possible that a woman who prayed for her husband daily and saw her prayers answered is unconsoled?

The Bible says, "I would not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that you sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. Comfort one another with these words."

What the Soviet newspapers, radio and news service have withheld, Mrs. Khrushchev has received from her Saviour. One day she and her husband will be reunited at the coming of the Lord.

RUSSIANS ARE TURNING TO CHRIST! Despite the clamp down by the Communist bosses on religion, Russians are turning by the hundreds to Christ as related by Richard Wurmbrand, imprisoned and tortured 14 years for Christ's sake. Read "Tortured for Christ" (obtainable from Christian Literature Centre, c/o 9 Gilstead Road) and other books by the same author such as "Christ on the Jewish Road". Many of Wurmbrand's books were sold by the Logos.

LOGOS NEWS. In Madras three and a half tons of clothing and medical supplies given by believers in the West was unloaded to help refugees from Bangla Desh, now totalling over 9 million. ...As for the future, we are leaving Cochin on 10th of October for the Persian Gulf ports of Dubai, Doha, Kuwait, Bahrain and Khorramshahr in Iran. Our visit to Iran will coincide with the big celebrations of the 2500th year anniversary of the founding of the Persian empire. This is a staunch Muslim territory and much wisdom will be needed. — Peter Wales.

21st ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

The 21st Anniversary of the Bible-Presbyterian Church of Singapore and Malaysia was celebrated last Lord's Day with a double celebration.

In the morning it was a Life Church Thanksgiving. As usual, the auditorium was packed to about 450, with the S.S. children taking part. Other special items included a praise number from the Choir, Testimonies were given by Elders Heng, and Joshua Lim and Sim Mong Eng on her salvation. Rev. Marvin Dunn old friend of Life Church who happened to visit from K.L. brought greetings. About 30 old-timers who were present at Life Church's 1st service on Oct. 20, 1950 sang "Sweeter as the years go by". Seven adults and three infants were baptized, another re-affirmed his faith. The thankofferings totalled \$2,262.10 plus \$470 received by post during the week.

In the evening, all the tribes of spiritual Israel gathered in the royal palm garden of the Church for a fellowship dinner. About 370 dined. The Praise service following was chaired by Elder Tow. Rev. Heng was song leader. Rev. Tow welcomed the 600 congregation and proposed holding such a Family Service annually. After the Life Church Choir sang, greetings were brought from Say Mia Tng our Mother Church, Carmel, Faith, Galilee, Jurong, Sembawang, Toa Payoh, Zion and Life Mandarin. Special numbers were given by the Chin Lien Choir and the Combined Choir. Rev. Quek spoke on the importance of the Threefold chord of Brotherly Love, Separation and Missions. A Thankoffering taken totalled \$1029 for Calvary B.F. Rev. Heng Teck Im pastor of Say Mia Tng pronounced the benediction. It was a wonderful night when the service culminated with the sale of the much talked-of historical magazine at only \$1 when the cost was \$1.80.

AUNT MARY AND THE PASTOR

Aunt Mary fell flat for the new Pastor
Spratt,

His scholarship surely did win her.
His ethical spiel had a pull and appeal
For this dear, simple gullible sinner.
Why the Bible has errors! Black hell
with its terrors

She could see now, was nothing but libel.
So with scissors and knife, and with
anger quite rife,

She proceeded to doctor her Bible.
So Jonah and the whale (?) and the

"Genesis tale,"
The "folklore" and "myth" were extracted.
She cut and she clipped, she erased,
tore and snipped,

As she list to these essays protracted.
But now she must quit, and quietly sit
And gaze at her new pastor lover.
Of her Bible bereft, she has now nothing
left

But a MAP, two fly-leaves and a COVER.
- P.K. Kadey.

N-E-W-S

LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Dn. Patrick Tan.
Lord's Day 10 a.m. Mr. Tom Hamlin.

4 p.m. Rev. Tow.

Nursery Roster: 31st Oct., Amy Lim, Mrs.
Annie Tan; 7th Nov. Goh Lin Seng, Lau Sock
Khim.

Hear Rev. Hong Han Keng at the Mandarin-
Teochew Service today!

"A Cheerful Giver's" in thanksgiving for
answered prayer offers \$20 each to Calvary
and Rawang B.F.'s. Gratefully acknowledged.

The Holy Matrimony between Dr. Lim Teck
Chye and Miss Siriwan Englerdchaphat of
Bangkok will be solemnised on Thursday Nov.
11, 1971.

30 New Inspiring Hymns offered by an elder-
ly sister many months ago are now in Church
for use.

21st Anniversary Thankofferings. Morning
service: \$2,262.10; Evening Service: \$1,029
for Calvary B.F.; By post: \$200, \$100, \$30
and by hand \$40. From Mandarin Service \$100.
Total: \$3,761.10.

INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT ON 21st DINNER

Expenditure

Lai Wah (20)	\$1,153.50
Tips	75.00
Tuck Kee (14)	740.00
Tips	40.00
	<u>\$2,008.50</u>

Receipts

Charges	1,320.00
Donations:	
Individuals	125.00
Life Prin. St.	100.00
F.E.K.	100.00
Life S.S.	100.00
Galilee	50.00
Kelapa Sawit	30.00
	<u>\$1,825.00</u>
Deficit	183.50
	<u>\$2,008.50</u>

(Donations are hereby acknowledged with
thanks. A sum of about \$25 is yet to be
collected. - J. Lim.)

Situation Vacant. Clerk for Life Church
and F.E.B.C. Office. Please see Rev. Tow.

Lifers and FEBCers. Please keep the road-
side BIN and vicinity spotless clean. We're
warned!

SARIMBUN booking: Sat, and Sun. Oct. 23 and
24 by Dr. Peter Chia of Navigators. The
quit orders to dwellers in Lim Chu Kang are
reported in S. Times to be reprieved. Praise
the Lord.

FAR EASTERN BEACON this month is delayed until
next week.

Malaysia Christian this month features 21st
Anniversary of our B-P Church. Please take
copies for your Chinese-educated friends.

REV. K.C. QUEK speaks at Prinsep St. Life
Church Y.F. tonight and conducts Holy Com-
munion Service at Toa Payoh English Service
and Tekong Gospel Centre this Lord's Day.
21st ANNIVERSARY MAGAZINE: Going, going,
gone! Get your copy now before it's too
late. Only \$1/- when the cost is \$1.80.
A valuable gift for your friend!

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REFORMATION SUNDAY

Today is Reformation Sunday, the birthday of the 16th Century Reformation. It was on Oct. 31, 1517 that Martin Luther nailed his famous 95 Theses to the doors of the castle-church at Wittenberg. This led to the great breakaway of true sons of the Faith from the evil system of the Roman Catholic Church.

Today there is an Ecumenical Movement bringing the Roman Catholic Church and Protestants together, particularly through the efforts of the World Council of Churches. A trend has also set in whereby so-called Evangelicals are beginning to draw closer to Rome. The receiving of honorary degrees from Roman Catholic institutions, such as by Dr. Billy Graham, is a case in point. This is betrayal of the Cause of Jesus Christ! Let our members rather avoid Roman Catholicism with a holy abhorrence, for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness, and what communion hath light with darkness?

The events leading to Luther's break with Rome are vividly told by Philip Schaff in "History of the Christian Church" as follows:-

"The difficult and complicated doctrine of indulgence is peculiar to the Roman Church. It was unknown to the Greek and Latin fathers. It was developed by the medieval schoolmen, and sanctioned by the Council of Trent (Dec. 4, 1563), yet without a definition and with an express warning against abuses and evil gains.

In the legal language of Rome, indulgentia is a term of amnesty or remission of punishment. In ecclesiastical Latin, an indulgence means the remission of the temporal (not the eternal) punishment of sin (not of sin itself), on condition of penitence and the payment of money to the church or to some charitable object. It may be granted by bishop or archbishop within his diocese, while the Pope has the power to grant it to all Catholics. The practice of indulgences grew out of a custom of the Northern and Western barbarians to substitute pecuniary compensation for punishment of an offense. The church favored this custom in order to avoid bloodshed, but did wrong in applying it to religious offenses. Who touches money touches dirt; and the less religion has to do with it, the better.....

The granting of indulgences degenerated, after the time of the crusades, into a regular traffic, and became a source of ecclesiastical and monastic wealth. A good portion of the profits went into the papal treasury.....

The idea of selling and buying by money the remission of punishment and release from purgatory was acceptable to ignorant and superstitious people, but revolting to sound moral feeling. It roused, long before Luther, the indignant protest of earnest minds, such as Wiclif in England, Hus in Bohemia, John von Wesel in Germany, John Wessel in Holland, Thomas Wyttenbach in Switzerland, but without much effect.....

The rebuilding of St. Peter's Church in Rome furnished an occasion for the periodical exercise of the papal power of granting indulgences. Julius II. and Leo X., two of the most worldly, avaricious, and extravagant Popes, had no scruple to raise funds for that object, and incidentally for their own aggrandizement, from the traffic in indulgences. Both issued several bulls to that effect.

Spain, England, and France ignored or resisted these bulls for financial reasons, refusing to be taxed for the benefit of Rome. But Germany, under the weak rule of Maximilian, yielded to the papal domination.

Leo divided Germany into three districts, and committed in 1515 the sale for one district to Albrecht, Archbishop of Mainz and Magdeburg, and brother of the Elector of Brandenburg.....

The Archbishop appointed Johann Tetzel (Diez) of the Dominican order, his commissioner, who again employed his sub-agents.

Tetzel was born between 1450 and 1460, at Leipzig, and began his career as a preacher of indulgences in 1501. He became famous as a popular orator and successful hawker of indulgences.....

Tetzel travelled with great pomp and circumstance through Germany, and recommended with unscrupulous effrontery and declamatory eloquence the indulgences of the Pope to the large crowds who gathered from every quarter around him. He was received like a messenger from heaven. Priests, monks, and magistrates, men and women, old and young, marched in solemn procession with songs, flags, and candles, under the ringing of bells, to meet him and his fellow-monks, and followed them to the church; the papal bull on a velvet cushion was placed on the high altar, a red cross with a silken banner bearing on the papal arms was erected before it, and a large iron chest was put beneath the cross for the indulgence money. Such chests are still preserved in many places. The preachers, by daily sermons, hymns, and processions, urged the people, with extravagant laudations of the Pope's bull, to purchase letters of indulgence for their own benefit, and at the same time played upon their sympathies for departed relatives and friends whom they might release from their sufferings in purgatory "as soon as the penny tinkles in the box."

The common people eagerly embraced this rare offer of salvation from punishment, and made no clear distinction between the guilt and punishment of sin; after the sermon they approached with burning candles the chest, confessed their sins, paid the money, and

received the letter of indulgence which they cherished as a passport to heaven. But intelligent and pious men were shocked at such scandal. The question was asked, whether God loved money more than justice, and why the Pope, with his command over the boundless treasury of extra-merits, did not at once empty the whole purgatory for the rebuilding of St. Peter's, or built it with his own money.

Tetzel approached the dominions of the Elector of Saxony, who was himself a devout worshipper of relics, and had great confidence in indulgences, but would not let him enter his territory from fear that he might take too much money from his subjects. So, Tetzel set up his trade on the border of Saxony, at Juterbog, a few hours from Wittenberg.

There he provoked the protest of the Reformer, who had already in the summer of 1516 preached a sermon of warning against trust in indulgences, and had incurred the Elector's displeasure by his aversion to the whole system, although he himself had doubts about some important questions connected with it.

Luther had experienced the remission of sin as a free gift of grace to be apprehended by a living faith. This experience was diametrically opposed to a system of relief by means of payments in money. It was an irrepressible conflict of principle. He could not be silent when that barter was carried to the very threshold of his sphere of labor. As a preacher, a pastor, and a professor, he felt it to be his duty to protest against such measures: to be silent was to betray his theology and his conscience.....

After serious deliberation, without consulting any of his colleagues or friends, but following an irresistible impulse, Luther resolved upon a public act of unforeseen consequences. It may be compared to the stroke of the axe with which St. Boniface, seven hundred years before, had cut down the sacred oak, and decided the downfall of German heathenism. He wished to elicit the truth about the burning question of indulgences, which he himself professed not fully to understand at the time, and which yet was closely connected with the peace of conscience and eternal salvation. He chose the orderly and usual way of a learned academic disputation.

Accordingly, on the memorable thirty-first day of October, 1517, which has ever since been celebrated in Protestant Germany as the birthday of the Reformation, at twelve o'clock he affixed (either himself or through another) to the doors of the castle-church at Wittenberg, ninety-five Latin Theses on the subject of indulgences, and invited a public discussion. At the same time he sent notice of the fact to Archbishop Albrecht of Mainz, and to Bishop Hieronymus Scultetus, to whose diocese Wittenberg belonged. He chose the eve of All Saints' Day (Nov. 1), because this was one of the most frequented feasts, and attracted professors, students, and people from all directions to the church, which was filled with precious relics.

No one accepted the challenge, and no discussion took place. The professors and students of Wittenberg were of one mind on the subject. But history itself undertook the disputation and defence. The Theses were copied, translated, printed, and spread as on angels' wings throughout Germany and Europe in a few weeks.

The rapid circulation of the Reformation literature was promoted by the perfect freedom of the press. There was, as yet, no censorship, no copyright, no ordinary book-trade in the modern sense, and no newspapers; but colportors, students, and friends carried the books and tracts from house to house. The mass of the people could not read, but they listened attentively to readers. The questions of the Reformation were eminently practical, and interested all classes; and Luther handled the highest themes in the most popular style." - T.T.

N-E-W-S

LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting.

Tues. 8 p.m. Session Meeting.

Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Tow (Lord's Supper)

4 p.m. Rev. Tow (Lord's Supper)

Nursery Roster: Nov. 7th, Lau Sock Khim,
Amy Tay; Nov. 14th Constance Wong, Flora
Lim.

We extend a cordial welcome to Mr. Tom
Hamlin, preaching at Life Church 10 a.m.
this Lord's Day. (Rev. Tow preaches this
Lord's Day at Faith Church.)

21st Anniversary Thankofferings. More
receipts: \$21, \$25, \$20 (Rawang).

Welcome to Guests. 1) Mr. Lim Peng Huan,
a friend of the Church and College; 2) Rev.
Philip Lee of U.S.A., co-worker with Dr.
Andrew Gih, arriving Mon., Nov. 1 from Gr.
Britain.

Miss Lily Tow's new address is: Shelton
College, 8810 Astronaut Blvd., Cape Cana-
verral, Florida 32920, U.S.A.

LIFE MANDARIN-TEOCHEW SERVICE appreciates

gift of 30 new hymn books from a sister.

21st ANNIVERSARY MAGAZINE. Send it as a
Christmas gift to loved ones and friends
abroad. Envelopes costing 8 cents each are
free for the asking! All for \$1/-.

The bill for the Magazine is \$5,200! Apart
from offerings coming in from each church,
mission and Sunday School, we need cash pay-
ment for "quotas" allotted to each to help
pay the bill. For instance, Toa Payoh has
taken 60 copies and pays \$60. A great help
from a little baby church!

20th CENTURY REFORMATION MOVEMENT marches
on! The 8th General Assembly of the Far
Eastern Council of Christian Churches is
scheduled to be held in Japan, Apr. 26-30,
1972. This is a change from the previous
decision to go to Hong Kong in Dec. 1972 to
meet the exigencies of the times. "I must
work the work of him that sent me while it
is day. The night cometh when no man can
work." (Jn. 9:4.)

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HIPPIES A HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Hippies may think they are up-to-the-minute and avant garde, but their prototype was in operation over one hundred years ago, as the following extract from the Encyclopaedia Britannica of 1910 shows:

"Nihilism, the name commonly given to the Russian form of revolutionary socialism, which first had an academic character and rapidly developed into an anarchist revolutionary movement. It originated in the early years of the reign of Alexander II, and the term was first used by Turgenev in his celebrated novel, Fathers and Sons, published in 1862. Among the students of the universities and the higher technical schools, Turgenev had noticed a new and strikingly original type — young men and women in slovenly attire who called in question and ridiculed the generally received convictions and respectable conventionalities of social life and who talked of reorganizing society on strictly scientific principles. They reversed the traditional order of things even in trivial matters of external appearance, the males allowing the hair to grow long and the female adepts cutting it short, and adding sometimes the additional badge of blue spectacles . . . According to their own account, they were simply earnest students who desired reasonable reforms and the peculiarities of their appearance and manner arose simply from an excusable neglect of trivialities in view of graver interests.....

"Among the antiquated institutions which had to be abolished...were religion, family life and private property...Religion was to be replaced by the exact sciences, family life by free love, private property by collectivism." — Australian Beacon, June 1971.

MIGHT IS RIGHT?

Once upon a time a lion and a fox went hunting. Together, they caught a stag. The lion settled down to a good meal while the fox waited for his turn. When it seemed that the lion was leaving no share to his partner, the fox objected. Growled the lion, "Keep quiet, or else you'll be the next."

Speaking to the society of his day, Isaiah observed a similar lawless situation: "None called for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth...And judgment is turned backward, and justice standeth afar off, for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter. Yea, truth faileth; and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey" (Isa. 59:4,14,15). Wherein had the people departed from justice and truth? Cried the prophet again, "For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongues have muttered perverseness." (Isa. 59:3.) The society of Isaiah's day was one of the big eating the small, of double dealing and cunning diplomacy, of bullying and big-talk. Does this evil not flourish in the world of today? Right is Might seems more and more the order of the day. So enters big Red China the U.N. and out goes little Taiwan. And those who protest in truth's name, are brushed aside, yea, even hounded out like a prey. What has McIntire's effort of speaking a word of justice for Taiwan amounted to? Even ridicule from the Christian Church. But that is the expected lot of a prophet of an Isaiah and a Jeremiah. And do we now get run down for speaking this word of Truth?

This is also an age of overturning of values, of reversing the standard of morality. As Isaiah says, "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter" (Isa. 5:20). So homosexuality is approved even by the Church, abortion is legalised, drugs and drinks are pleasant and sweet. Unisex and long hair are the fashion of the day! But those who wear and argue for the hippie style of hair wear had not read I Cor. 11:14,15, "Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him. But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering." The story is told of two hippies appearing before a minister to be married. The minister was so confused by the uni-appearance of both bride and groom that when his turn came to pronounce them man and wife he apologetically asked, "Will one of you kiss the bride?" What confusion! With the breaking down of all values of justice, truth and morality, there is only one solution and that is judgment. Hence, the destruction of Jerusalem which was fulfilled in the days of Jeremiah. With the world whirling faster and faster in evil doing casting justice and truth down and lifting brutality and vice up we can only expect the judgment of God to fall. Let not Christians be lulled by the present state of tranquility. Disaster may fall any day on us from God's Almighty Hand.

But God is always merciful! He gives man chance after chance. He wishes there is someone who will stand up for the truth, even one! In the darkest hour of night, when the winds howl and the storms beat, what a ship in distress needs is a shining lighthouse to show the way. So, God thrice delights, as in Isa. 59:16, Jer. 5:1 and Ezek. 22:30, to see a man rise up in defence of the truth. Praise God, in history we've seen lonely sentinels who brought His Salvation — Martin Luther and the 16th Century Reformation, Winston Churchill and Victory over Hitler. Let not the voice of our Church Movement for the Truth be silenced! God grant us Thy Truth that in the strength of Thy Holy Spirit we might speak. The testimony to the Truth may prolong this day of peace yet.

And till the Prince of Peace and Truth comes to establish His golden rule it is the duty of every Christ-honouring Church to keep on speaking the Word of Truth. Might shall then give way to Right.

LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS (Nov. 8-14)

Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting. Deacon Lau King Hong.

Thurs. 6.30 p.m. Lim-Englerdchaphat Wedding.

Lord's Day Rev. Quek Swee Hwa (Rev. Tow at Sembawang and Kelapa Sawit) Miss Ng Sang Chiew at the Mandarin-Teochew Service.

Nursery Roster: Nov. 14, Constance Wong, Flora Lim; Nov. 21st Mrs. Cheng Soon Lang, Eleanor Chua.

We extend a cordial welcome to Rev. Philip Lee to the Life Church pulpit this Lord's Day both at the English and Chinese services.

Car Parking Outside Eye Hospital and other houses along Gilstead Road: Car owners are requested to leave entrances to houses along Gilstead Rd. clear for vehicles entering and leaving those houses. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

Congratulations to Bro. Robert Seah as he leaves on Nov. 12 for four months of special training in France.

The clerical post at Life Church and FEBC Office has been filled by Elizabeth Lee of Life Church Sunday School.

21st Anniversary Offerings U.S. \$10 from Lifer in N.Y., \$10 from Tekong. To Calvary and Rawang \$700 each.

A gift of \$100/- from a member of the Singapore Christian Evangelistic League has been received through Rev. K.C. Quek for Calvary B-P Church Building Fund.

B-P MUSIC COMMITTEE for Combined Christmas Service will meet at Andrew Road, home of Elder and Mrs. Tow, Mon. Nov. 15, 8 p.m. The Combined Christmas Service will be held at Zion Church, date to be announced.

MISS ANNE ANG who attended the Bob Wells Crusade would like to know more of the Lord Jesus. Please, any young Reader, visit her at 65, Kampong Bahru Rd., (3). FEBC 1st term final examinations will be held Nov. 19-25. The end of term dinner will be held Nov. 26, 6.30 p.m.

RELIEF FOR WEST KALIMANTAN. At last, after three changes of boat and destination, the 11 drums of used clothes for relief of the refugees in Kalimantan Barat (about 5,000 pieces) and one drum of Chinese Bibles, John Sung Choruses and theological books and magazines, were loaded yesterday onto the Pelni Line's n.v. "Larat" for Pontianak. A "gift certificate" issued by the Indonesian Embassy here to facilitate delivery at Pontianak was applied for and obtained. We thank Elder Heng of Zion for handling the export and transportation procedure, the Pelni Line for reduced freight, and Mr. Ang Thian Seng, Faith Church friend, for contributing all the transportation and shipment charges. - QKC.

LING KWANG MISSION CLINIC has printed another 10,000 envelopes for tablets and 20,000 labels for bottles. To date 2,090 patients (938 males and 1,152 females) are on the register. The latest gift to Ling

Kwang Mission was half of a Thankoffering from a Faith Church member for God's gift of a grandson.

OLD PEOPLE'S HOME and ORPHANAGE. Ling Kwang Mission has received further encouraging reply from the Authorities to its application for the lease of a site to build an Old People's Home and Orphanage. With the recommendation of the Ministry of Social Affairs, the Chief Architect of the Housing & Development Board is looking into the provision of a site for this purpose. A separate site could also be considered for an orphanage if it is built separate from the Old People's Home. The Chief Architect has called for submission of architect's sketches and plans for consideration. The project is not expected to materialise until 1974/75.

The Ling Kwang Mission has invited Rev. Tow, Elder Tow Siang Hwa, Elder Joshua Lim, Mr. Quek Kiok Lee, Mr. Quek Kiok Boo to serve on the expanded Planning Committee which will meet later to consider the matter. Please pray for God's will to be done in this major charitable project to be done in the Name of Christ with the ultimate end of saving souls

In addition to a gift of about \$20,000/- willed by a retired nursing sister, a loan of \$500/- from a widow to bear interest for the Old People's Home plus a gift of \$200/-, and several other contributions totalling another \$300/- have been received.

"UNITY IS STRENGTH": Sharing the \$5,200 Bill for 21st Anniversary Magazine.

<u>Initial Contribution</u>	<u>Proposed Contribution according to no. of copies apportioned</u>
Zion	\$ 300
Faith	400
Z.K.	100
Thru Rev. Quek	50
Presbytery	300
Life	250
Life S.S.	250
F.E.K.	250
Galilee	50
Sambau	30
Sembawang	100
BPM	100
FEBC	100
Elder Heng Yow	100
Tong	-
Sold at Gilstead Road	346
Calvary	-
Toa Payoh (Chinese & English)	-
Jurong	-
Kelapa Sawit	-
Mt. Carmel	-
Rawang	-
	\$2726
	\$2510

If every member of the B-P Family cooperates with the above schedule, the Bill of \$5,200/- will be paid with a credit bal. of \$36! Please send your contribution to Rev. Quek. \$3000 has been paid to the Printers, \$1,000/- of which sum is an advance from Zion and Faith.

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RIGHT IS MIGHT.

Last week, we lamented that the world today is in the same wretched condition as in the days of the prophet Isaiah, a world in which Might is prevailing over Right. We noted that the society in Isaiah's day was one of the big eating the small, of double dealing and cunning diplomacy, of bullying and big-talk. Does this not flourish in our world today?

Ever since sin entered the world, the Biblical record tells us the trend of mankind is ever on the downgrade, towards evil and crime, in spite of the gracious working of God for its uplift. Hence the apostacies, the rebellions, the brutalities, that brought righteous retribution — the wrathful judgment of God. The first judgment to fall upon this earth for its brutal might over right was Noah's Flood. "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the Lord said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man and beast, and creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them. The earth also was corrupt before God and the earth was filled with violence." (Gen. 6:5-7,11).

After the Flood, we should expect a better and brighter day. But, no! In the third generation after the Flood, we read of the first world dictator, Nimrod, the grandson of Ham. "He was a mighty hunter before the Lord" (Gen. 10:9). A mighty hunter, a bloody shooter of weak and helpless prey, like Hitler, murderer of six million Jews. How apt Aesop's fable of the lion and the fox of last week applies to Nimrod. For, the virtue, justice and benignity that is expected of a super power is not found in Nimrod. By God's grace, there are also the righteous rulers like Cyrus, the Persian Emperor. Him God had raised to accomplish the purpose of rehabilitating His own, the downtrodden Jews. Of Cyrus is given this commendation: "He is my shepherd (not a mighty hunter as Nimrod is called), and shall perform all my pleasure: even saying to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be built: and to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid." (Isa. 44:28).

Praise the Lord, despite the apostacies that drag evil and mighty dictators to further acts of cruel brutality, be they Nazis or Commies, God has His shepherds like Cyrus who govern by the gentle sway of their righteous rule, even as the Chinese proverb goes. The writer can still recollect the magnanimous words of Lord Mountbatten when he landed in Singapore in September 1945 to accept the Japanese surrender. There were hues and cries raised for blood from the Japanese in retaliation for the atrocities committed against the Allied prisoners of war. There were shouts for mob rule and immediate lynching of the beaten enemy. No, replied the royal commander. No Japanese commander or soldier could be hurt until the process of law had taken its course. Yes, here was justice, tempered even with mercy. The British Military Administration, in whose court of justice the writer had occasion to serve, sent no one to the gallows without fair trial. To be honest, what a difference between the Japanese and British military administrations!

Alas, the turn of events in the world today gives no prospect of a benign shepherd big enough to order global peace. And since we are living in the perilous times of the last days, evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse (II Tim. 3). In these deteriorating and darkening circumstances, Isaiah predicted, "And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him.... And the Redeemer shall come to Zion and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the Lord." (Isa. 59:16,20). The Lord is coming to earth in person to reign, even so come Lord Jesus!

Dear Reader, let us not be lulled by the sweet-minced words of peace through ping-pong diplomacy, "for when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape." (I Thess. 5:3). The seer of God has that higher and farther vision and he warns one and all to repent! The world is sick of war. Peace is on everyone's lips. But sin, crime, violence, brutality are reigning high, so peace will be smashed to the ground as of irresistible, logical sequence. Since man is unable to govern himself, much less his fellows, God must Himself come down to rule. This leads us to the Second Coming of Christ, the Prince of Peace. This leads us to the reign of a thousand years peace by Jesus Christ the King of Kings and Lord of Lords when Might today will be consumed by itself in a nuclear war before Right appears. To inherit God's Kingdom, however, wherein reigns righteousness and peace we must make peace first with God. Reader, are you saved? Do you know your sins are forgiven? Do you have the Righteousness of Christ reigning now in your heart or are you gripped by the might of lust and sin, the might of an ambition for your own gain without one care for God and man? If the Righteousness of Jesus Christ is reigning in you, you will enter His Kingdom of peace where Right at last triumphs over Might.

LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer meeting. Deacon Koh Kim Hiang.

Lord's Day. 10 a.m. Rev. Tow.
4 p.m.

Nursery Roster:

Life Church Booking. Sat. Nov. 27, 3 p.m. by Fishermen of Christ for Wedding between Mr. Ng Soon Tong and Miss Ngiam Sang Peng. Reception will be held at FEBC Hall.

New Address. Bro. and Mrs. Michael Tan, 291L Mei Ling St., Block 160, S'pore 3.

MRS. PARK, 51-C Jalan Mutiara (10)
Tel: 378646

Mr. Lee Sek Lum, father of Mrs. Peter Thio (Christina Lee Yee Kong) passed away Wednesday Nov. 10. Funeral on Nov. 12 was officiated by Rev. Tow. The ancestral gods of the Lees, were removed and burned at Life Church on Thursday the 11th, while Mrs. Lee and the children indicated their desire to become Christians. Welcome to Mrs. Lee to Life Church Mandarin Service this Lord's Day, and to the children at the morning service.

WELCOME TO GUESTS at the Parsonage and FEBC Hostel.

1. Rev. Harry Liu of the Pocket Testament League of USA who arrived from Indonesia Nov. 7, and will remain till Nov. 24.

2. Mr and Mrs. Harold Parsons, of the Borneo Evangelical Mission, en route from Sabah to Australia. The Parsons are friends of Bro. Edward Heng who is now transferred back to Singapore.

F.E. Kindergarten held a Year-End Concert at the Life Church Auditorium, Fri. Nov. 12 5 p.m. There were 46 little graduates. FEBC BOOKINGS. Dec. 20-22 by Barker Road Methodist Y.F. per Michael Chung. FEBC student.

SEMBAWANG B-P CHURCH. First seven baptisms to be officiated by Rev. Philip Heng, Nov. 21. 1. Thomas Fox; 2. Sandra Fox; 3. Ronnie Lauw Boon Chuan; 4. Patrick Lim; 5. Mary Quek; 6. Teo Seok Chin; 7. Wee Kim Hong. Reaffirmation: Evelyn Sng.

Congratulations to Deacon Phua Chor Kok who leaves Nov. 16 for 4½ months Management Study at the University of Philippines on an Ecafe Fellowship.

SARIMBUNNEWS Mrs. K.C. Ho is installing Government supplied electricity to the Mission House since the quit orders have been reprieved. Bookings are: Nov. 22-26 by Bro. Lau Chin Kwee for Youth camp and Dec. 5-11 by the Emmanuel Evangelical Church also for Bible Camp. Saribun Gospel Mission's Sunday School on Saturday afternoon, has reverted to Sunday. Two classes are held.

B-P MUSIC COMMITTEE for Combined Christmas Service will meet at Andrew Road, home of Elder and Mrs. Tow, Mon. Nov. 15, 8 p.m.

TOA PAYOH ENGLISH COMMITTEE meets Wed. Nov. 17, 8 p.m. at the Church premises. Faith Church Session has voted as from 1.1.72 increased subsidy to Toa Payoh B-P Church for the Chinese congregation.

VISIT OF ICCC PRESIDENT

Dr. Carl McIntire, ICCC President, and Dr. James Shaw, Director of International Christian Relief (ICR), accompanied by Mrs. McIntire and Mrs Shaw, are due to pass through Singapore on Monday, Nov. 15 on their way from Korea following their annual visit to the Korean Churches, seminaries, orphanages and army chaplains. They arrive from Manila by PR 501 at 10.30 a.m. and leave on the same day at 9.50 p.m. for Bombay, India.

At the instance of Faith Church Session which in its meeting last Lord's Day proposed a reception in honour of the Lord's servants, after further consultations a dinner (Western-style) will be held on Monday, Nov. 15, 6.30 p.m. at the AA. Jade Restaurant, 336 River Valley Road. For shortage of time, invitation is being extended by phone or in person this Lord's Day to Session members of our B-P churches and their wives, as well as to committee members of the SMCCC, ICY, FEBC, JSM. and the S'pore Christian Evangelistic League, through the pastors and/or committee chairmen. Expenses for the dinner will be met by Faith Church and other well-wishers.

Will pastors and/or committee chairmen kindly inform Rev. K.C. Quek by phone (84786 or 81733) by the evening of this Lord's Day, Nov. 14, how many from their respective groups could attend the dinner.

Other friends who wish to join in the dinner are also requested to inform Rev. Quek.

-QKC-

FAITH CHURCH CHOIR and Rev. K.C. Quek will be at Radio Singapore this Lord's Day at 1.30 p.m. for a 30-minute Mandarin Service recording. Centered on the theme of keeping Singapore spiritually pollution free (Matt. 5:13), the programme will be on the air next Lord's Day, Nov. 21, 3.00-3.30 p.m. Prayers requested for this Christian testimony. Faith Church thanks Rev. S.H. Quek of Zion Church for conducting the choir for this broadcast.

God's Promise

God hath not promised
Skies always blue,
Flower-strewn pathways,
All our lives through;
God hath not promised
Sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow,
Peace without pain.

But God hath promised
Strength for the day,
Rest for the labour,
Light for the way;
Grace for the trials,
Help from above,
Unfailing sympathy,
Undying love.

- Annie Johnson Flint.

SAVE WATER!!! SAVE WATER!!! SAVE WATER!!!

JOHN CALVIN ON ONE EXCEPTION TO OBEDIENCE DUE TO THE GOVERNMENT.

The concluding chapter to the "Institutes of the Christian Religion" by John Calvin is one "On Civil Government". In this chapter Calvin points out the duty of subjects to kings and governors and exhorts Christians to be good and obedient citizens with only one exception. That exception must be taken when the word of man commands us to be disobedient to the Word of God. The words of Calvin read:

"But in the obedience which we have shown to be due to the authority of governors, it is always necessary to make one exception, and that is entitled to our first attention,—that it do not seduce us from obedience to him, to whose will the desires of all kings ought to be subject, to whose decrees all their commands ought to yield, to whose majesty all their sceptres ought to submit. And, indeed, how preposterous it would be for us, with a view to satisfy men, to incur the displeasure of him on whose account we yield obedience to men! The Lord, therefore, is the King of kings; who, when he has opened his sacred mouth, is to be heard alone, above all for all, and before all; in the next place, we are subject to those men who preside over us; but no otherwise than in him. If they command any thing against him, it ought not to have the least attention; nor, in this case, ought we to pay any regard to all that dignity attached to magistrates; to which no injury is done when it is subjected to the unrivalled and supreme power of God. On this principle Daniel denied that he had committed any crime against the king in disobeying his impious decree; because the king had exceeded the limits of his office, and had not only done an injury to men, but, by raising his arm against God, had degraded his own authority. On the other hand, the Israelites are condemned for having been too submissive to the impious edict of their king. For when Jeroboam had made his golden calves, in compliance with his will, they deserted the temple of God and revolted to new superstitions. Their posterity conformed to the decrees of their idolatrous kings with the same facility. The prophet severely condemns them for having "willingly walked after the commandment:" so far is any praise from being due to the pretext of humility, with which courtly flatterers excuse themselves and deceive the unwary, when they deny that it is lawful for them to refuse compliance with any command of their kings; as if God had resigned his right to mortal men when he made them rulers of mankind; or as if earthly power were diminished by being subordinated to its author, before whom even the principalities of heaven tremble with awe. I know what great and present danger awaits this constancy, for kings cannot bear to be disregarded without the greatest indignation; and "the wrath of a king," says Solomon, "is as messengers of death." But since this edict has been proclaimed by that celestial herald, Peter, "We ought to obey God rather than men,"—let us console ourselves with this thought, that we truly perform the obedience which God requires of us, when we suffer any thing rather than deviate from piety. And that our hearts may not fail us, Paul stimulates us with another consideration—that Christ has redeemed us at the immense price which our redemption cost him, that we may not be submissive to the corrupt desires of men, much less be slaves to their impiety."

Script: Dan. 6:22; Hos. 5:11; Prov. 16:14; Acts 5:29; 1Cor. 7:23.

ON "THE POLITICAL MINISTRY OF PROPHETS".

That Christians should "obey God rather than men", needs no further elaboration in the light of Calvin's exposition. What we would elaborate hereat one step beyond Calvin is what we might term "the political ministry of prophets". Here we see not merely a pastor like Richard Wurmbrand, for example, going to a Communist jail for preaching the Gospel, but a McIntire who brings to U.S. a Taiwan ping-pong team to forestall the Red China players. This imaginative action of a 20th century minister of the Gospel is criticised by some Christian leaders as "political", an act far beyond the province of a pastor. In a sense such criticism is justifiable, insofar as bringing ping-pong teams from one country to another is not the normal job of a preacher. Nor would I, were I a citizen of the United States, do such a thing, for I have not been called to it. To be a McIntire imitator would be disastrous. Sacred history tells us of one Urijah who prophesied against King Jehoiakim "according to all the words of Jeremiah". Now, while Jeremiah was spared in his ministry of rebuke to kings and princes, Urijah lost his life for doing the same, because "he was afraid, and fled...." Did this timorous behaviour of his betray a lack of the Divine Commission? (Jer. 26:20-24).

As for Jeremiah, God said, "I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations" (Jer. 1:5). "Behold, I have made thee this day a defenced city, and an iron pillar, and brazen walls against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, against the princes thereof....and they shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee; for I am with thee saith the Lord, to deliver thee." So Jeremiah was commissioned to a "political ministry" against kings and princes, yea, even against mighty Nebuchadnezzar for their sins! Chs. 50 and 51 of Jeremiah are denunciations of Babylon. These denunciations are written in a book and committed to Seraiah, "a quiet prince" who was told to read them with added condemnations and bind the same to a stone and throw it into the Euphrates River (apparently before the people) If a "political ministry of prophets" is committed to McIntire, so will he be delivered, like Jeremiah, despite many gainsayings.

Psalm for the Week:

Christ's Inheritance
(Psalm 2, No. 4 The Psalter)

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

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

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

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

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

THE WELCOME DINNER held at AA Jade Restaurant last Monday, Nov. 15, in honour of Dr. & Mrs. McIntire, Rev. & Mrs. James Shaw, Mrs. Chrisman and Mrs. McCarty (Mrs. McIntire's sister) was attended by 125 from our B-P Churches, J.S.M., FEBC, Evangelistic League and other groups including some friends.

Rev. Shaw's outline of ICR work and Dr. McIntire's message on Psalm 94 following the dinner will be printed in the coming issue of the FAR EASTERN BEACON, & in Chinese in the MALAYSIA CHRISTIAN.

FAITH CHURCH CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME includes: SS. Party, Dec. 21 (Tuesday). Carolling on Christmas Eve (Friday, to Kwong Wai Siu & Chronic Sick Hospitals first for distributing of gifts from SS & congregation). Christmas Celebrations on the Lord's Day (Dec. 26— not on Christmas night in view of Combined Christmas Praise Service). New Year Get together & Planning for the year on Jan 1 at Ponggol Holiday Camp.

MOUNT CARMEL GOSPEL MISSION, please contact Mr. George Lee Han Kum at 569-J, Lengkok Bahru, Block 59 (after 8 p.m.) for follow-up. Mr. Lee, English-speaking Cantonese young man, is a grand-nephew of 82-year-old believer in Kwang Wai Siu Free Hospital whose funeral Rev. K.C. Quek officiated on Thursday, Nov. 18.

THE COMBINED CHRISTMAS PRAISE SERVICE will be held at Zion Church, Sat. Dec. 25, 7.45 p.m.

DR. LYNN GRAY GORDON, Gen.-Sec. of the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions, is visiting Singapore. Tues. Nov. 23— Fri. Nov. 26, in the course of his duties. He will interview the Christian doctor couple for Kenya. If you are in the nursing service and have a desire to serve under the Mission, please contact Rev. Tow immediately.

FEBC End of Term Dinner will be held at the College Hall, Fri. Nov. 26, 6.30 p.m. Members of the FEBC Family are informed to keep the tree.

LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Deacon Lieu Kok Kwong.

Fri. 8 p.m. Family Worship at the home of Bro. & Mrs. Ong Beng Tiong, 64, Ming Teck Park, (10) Speaker: Rev. Paauwe

Lord's Day. 10 a.m. Mr. Tom Hamlin
4 p.m. Mr. Charles Tsao

(Rev. Tow at Rawang and Muar and Toa Payoh.)

Nursery Roster: 28th Nov. Mrs. Seah Sin Gek, Nancy Chua; 5th Dec. Koh Ah Moy, Low Sock Eng.

Wedding Bells. The holy matrimony between Mr. Roland Teo Soon Khiam and Miss Lim Eng Nguk of Grace Baptist Church will be solemnised at Life Church, Sat. Dec. 4, 3 p.m., Rev. Tow officiating.

HEAR REV. HARRY LIU of the Pocket Testament League at Life Church Mandarin-Teochew Service this Lord's Day. Rev. Harry Liu will leave for Indonesia Nov. 24 where Mrs. Liu is teaching at a Bible School. They will return to their home in Florida, USA March 1972.

Mrs. Woo Sock Eng and children left today for a month's vacation in Canada to visit relatives.

TOA PAYOH ENGLISH COMMITTEE which did not meet last Wednesday will be convened Wednesday Dec 1st, 8 p.m.

RAWANG Building Project. Since the Ground-breaking on July 25, 1971 the building site has been augmented with 150 lorryloads of earth. A hole for ground testing has also been dug. Now that all plans are ready the Contractor will commence work on Nov. 29. Rawang B.F. latest. \$700 from Life Church 21st Anniversary Thanksgiving; \$50 from an elder.

MUAR TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH will celebrate 60th Anniversary Dec. 23, 1971.

TOA PAYOH ENGLISH SERVICE will conduct four days DVBS on the 1st or 2nd week of December. Those who are interested to help us, please contact Peter Chua.

"MIGHT IS RIGHT"

as experienced by Mr. Tommy Koh, former Singapore Ambassador to U.N.:

"That in the present state of international relations, a powerful country could still get away with a policy of might is right and that the UN was powerless to put a stop to such aggression."

-Straits Times, Mon. 15 Nov., 1971.

SALVATION IS NOT BY YOUR GOOD WORKS, BUT BY GOD'S GRACE THROUGH FAITH.

"For by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."

Eph. 2:8 and 9.

HAVE YOU SUNG TWO NEW CHRISTMAS CAROLS?

"O Bethlehem" to tune of "O Christmas Tree and

"Winter Moon" to tune of "White Christmas"?

Buy a copy of "Songs and Verses from the Holy Land" at Life Church Office.

SAVE WATER!!! SAVE WATER!!! SAVE WATER!!!

The Extension of God's Kingdom is Like a Race.

This is St. Paul's favourite illustration — the athlete with fleeting feet, "pressing toward the mark for the prize" (I Cor. 9:24-27; Phil. 3:13,14), yea, a motion picture of himself in the extension of God's Kingdom. But the runner for God is often beset by sin that drags him down like deadweight (Heb. 12:1). This sin may be carnal or spiritual. It may come from within himself, or from without, from enemies of the Gospel, or false brethren (II Cor. 11:22-28) who, knowingly or unknowingly, are hindering God's Kingdom. Let us not be bogged down by these encumbrances, or be detracted from the straight path of our calling (Heb. 12:12, 13).

Toa Payoh English Service at the Forefront.

In the race for the extension of God's Kingdom, we congratulate Toa Payoh English Service for the headstart it has made since Sept. 12, 1971 and for keeping the pace up at the forefront. It is most heartening to read from their Weekly Bulletin the progress made, the gathering of a substantial congregation of about forty each week, and of a monthly offering of \$250. The zealous hearts and hands of young people contributing to the instant success of Toa Payoh must be commended. Keep it up, younger brothers and sisters!

Calvary, Fast-and-High Rising.

This reference is in the physical and financial. Last Lord's Day the Treasurer of Calvary Bible-Presbyterian Church, Mr. Henry Heng, gave us the photographic evidence of the fast-and high rising skeletal superstructures of the new Church and Education Block. How it thrilled our souls to see God's House built at such speed, as it were, in a neck to neck race with the adjacent HDB flats. How we thanked God for raising Calvary's building fund to \$190,000! Calvary is so speedily built for a reason — not only for the preaching of the Gospel, but also for the defence of the Faith, The Ecumenism —and—modernism that has entrenched itself there before us must be challenged! The Cause for the Truth, for a church separated from the apostasy, was that which gave birth to the Bible-Presbyterian Church. This page of church history must not be forgotten.

Rawang Church Catching Up at Last!

Although Rawang Church, across the Muar River, held Ground-breaking on July 25 which was quickly followed with additional earth-filling, it is only now that building operations are to start — Mon. Nov. 29, 1971. There has been a delay of four months, but the fault was not the contractor's. We have delayed him in respect of the ground plans. Now that these revised ground plans are completed, but the cost is \$3,000 more for a stronger foundation, we are launching out in earnest next Monday. Since I shall be ministering in Muar this Lord's Day, to kill two birds with one stone, a meeting with the contractor is arranged for Monday on the building site. Rawang Church is catching up at last! The whole operation is estimated to last six months. This means May or June, 1972 to see the new Church's completion!

But Rawang is not catching up in the building fund. After paying \$8,000 for the earth-fillings, the fund is left with \$27,000. Our needs are \$63,000. So, we lack \$36,000. While it is my duty to exhort the Christians of Rawang to give, and they are giving of their best, we can help them. By helping them we are helping ourselves. When the new Church and kindergarten are completed they will serve also as a new camping site for Singaporeans. With a capacity for 50 young people, equipped with cooking facilities, clean baths and modern sanitation (and only three hours from Singapore by car), we have a newfound haven for vacation meetings. Now, we have no means of building God's House at Rawang apart from prayer, hardwork, and patiently looking up to Him. But God does not rain gold from heaven as by a monsoon shower, but through His children's loving response. Are you, dear Reader, one whose heart God has touched?

Jurong Bible-Presbyterian Church Re-activating.

In the heavenly race, the first often become last and the last first (Matt. 19:30). Jurong Sunday School, which was founded on Oct. 8, 1960 became a Church after one year. It flourished for a couple of years when owing to several of the strong founders leaving and a section going out to form Hume Heights, the Church status reverted to Sunday School.

During the long years from 1963 to the present the Lord continues to persevere in the testimony of Jurong Sunday School. At present, there are forty to fifty young people at Jurong, mostly Indians. Some of these are grown up. Miss Trinh, Vietnamese student at FEBC, has been superintending the last three years.

With the coming of the Paaues, Jurong Sunday School has received another boost. More meetings and Bible Classes have been held for a growing-up Sunday School. Of late there has revived in Jurong that original spirit of holding a Church service. With more Bible College students available there will be no lack of workers. Mr. Eddy Ho of the Presbyterian Church, Penang, is joining and helping out. Under Rev. Paaue's leadership let us pray

Jurong Church, the family of the church, reactivating of Jurong Church, to become the 14th member of the B-P Church Family, should be another big step forward for 1971. Pray for Jurong! - T.T.

OVERCOMING COMPLACENCY

by CHARLES A. GUENTHER

Nehemiah was a man with a burden upon his heart, and a careful reading of the thirteen chapters of the Old Testament book bearing his name will give courage in facing existing conditions confronting us in our church and missionary responsibilities.

Nehemiah, a captive in Babylon, was the king's cupbearer. Jerusalem, his native city, was in ruins. This thought was uppermost in his mind. He wept, mourned, fasted and prayed. The king, seeing that Nehemiah's countenance was troubled, asked him the reason. He "prayed to the God of heaven," unburdened his heart to the king, and was granted permission to return and rebuild the walls about Jerusalem.

Nehemiah did not make elaborate plans, but simply talked to the people, enlisted their cooperation in rebuilding the wall, each "over against his house." In this he was wise, knowing that each individual, realizing his responsibility for his own house, would cooperate with him. "...they said, Let us rise...and build."

Throughout the period of rebuilding the wall, they were not without opposition, scorn, ridicule and mocking. But prayer, courage and diligence overcame all obstacles. The rebuilding was accomplished through their devoted zeal; for, to ward off the enemy, "the half...held shields, bows and habergeons...and the rulers were behind all the house of Judah." The workers were so dedicated to their task, that when the enemy threatened, they worked with sword in one hand and trowel in the other. Thus the wall was built strong and secure.

Let us bypass the years, and bring this vivid portrayal into the setting of our present world situation. Believers today face much the same crisis which Nehemiah and his people faced and overcame so triumphantly. Our world is imbued with sin, wantonly boastful in its defiance of any restraint or discipline. Worldliness has entered all phases of our church life and activities. Walls are broken down: apostasy, atheism, denial, indifference are rampant. The walls must be rebuilt.

In Ezekiel 22:30 we read: "And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none." Will you "stand in the gap"? As all believers face their responsibility, may they prayerfully answer the question of Lamentations 1:12a: "Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by?"

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;" (Titus 3:5,6)

LIFE CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL. On Tan Wai Chuan Fri. 8 p.m. Fam. Wor. 316, Joo Chuan Road, Sat. Teo-Lim Wedding (Miss Ong) Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Tow (Holy Communion) 4 p.m. Rev. Tow (Holy Communion) Mandarin-Teochew Service.

Life Church- FEBC Bookings for Dec. 1. Dec. 1-4 Mt. Carmel; 2. Dec. 6-10 Chinese ISCF; 3. Dec. 13-16 YFC (Koh Kim Hiang); 4. Barker Rd. MYF (Michael Chung) Dec. 20-22; 5. Dec. 27-31 S.S.T.T.I. (Peggy Yeo).

SARIMBUNNEWS During the week a Bible Camp was held by Bro. Lau Chin Kwee for 15 Dunearn Tech. Sec. boys at the Mission house. They were visited by Rev. Tow and Rev. Harry Liu of the Pocket Testament League who gave them the Word. Several have received Christ by the end of the Camp.

From Dec. 5 to 11 the youth of Emmanuel Evang. Church will hold Bible Camp.

On Dec. 19 the Sunday School will hold Christmas celebrations. Mrs. K.C.Ho, proprietress of the Sarimbun property will speak to the children:

DR. LYNN GRAY GORDON cabled from Lahore, W. Pakistan of his inability to come to Singapore. Dr. and Mrs. Tan Teng Kok, candidates for the Kenya Mission, have meanwhile returned from Manoram, Thailand.

REV. HARRY LIU of PTL returned to Indonesia, Wed. Nov. 24.

REV. & MRS. BURTON TOMS, missionaries from the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions, are arriving after Christmas to teach at FEBC, in anticipation of the Pauwese return to U.S., March 1972.

FEBC closed for the Christmas vacation Fri. Nov. 26 and reopens for the 2nd Term, Jan. 3, 1972.

Nursery Roster: 5th Dec. Koh Ah Moy, Low Sock Eng; 12th Dec. Mauriel Chee, Lena Seow;

F.E. Beacon latest issue available with Dr. McIntire's message while in Singapore. "Was the Reformation a Mistake?" is the other feature article.

FAITH CHURCH CHRISTMAS EVE CAROLLING this year includes distribution of Christmas gifts from congregation and S.S. to inmates of Kwong Wai Sui Free Hospital (5 p.m.) and Chronic Hospital, Yio Chu Kang Rd. (6.30 p.m.)

21st ANNIVERSARY MAGAZINE is selling fast at \$1 a copy. What better gift to a Christian friend?

JURONG CHURCH. Did you know that the reactivating Jurong Church at 14 1/2 m. Jurong Road (1/2 mile from Nanyang University entrance) is over four miles away from the Calvary site, which is in Jurong Town? That is why there is no combination. Jurong Town will have 400,000 inhabitants in a decade. We could start another two churches without overlapping!

To reactivate the Jurong Church, we need a new organ. The old one now in use is "dropping out." Who'll give an organ to make a joyful noise unto the Lord?

RAWANG CHURCH B.F. \$200 from a Life Church sister.

LIFE CHURCH Y.F. AND SUNDAY SCHOOL are holding a Bible Camp at Sentosa Island, Nov. 29 to Dec. 4, with Dr. Patrick Tan as the main speaker. About 40 campers are expected.

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JUDAS ISCARIOT—HERO OF 'SUPERSTAR'

By John Hanson, Managing Editor, Christian Beacon, Nov. 25, 1971.

We have come to the day when the unbelievable is commonplace. Men call black white and white black. They make sin to be righteousness and righteousness to be sin. But it seems the height of paradox has come in a new Broadway "opera" titled Jesus Christ Superstar in which Judas Iscariot, called "a devil" and "the son of perdition" by our Lord, is made the hero.

We seldom discuss record albums of popular music or Broadway musicals, as rotten as they may be, in the columns of this publication, but Superstar has among its defenders those who call themselves Christians and who attend our fundamentalist churches.

Jesus Christ Superstar, called a "rock opera," began in 1970 as a two-record album and has since been made into a musical play which is becoming one of the most popular ever to come out of Broadway. It was written by two young Englishmen, Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber, and concerns the last seven days of Jesus' life on earth. The album itself in less than six months passed the fifteen-million-dollar mark in sales.

If you are a parent, your children may have convinced you that this album is all right to include in their record collection. They may have told you that Superstar is a tremendous way of bringing Jesus Christ to the world. They may even have played several of the numbers for you on your record player and you found nothing wrong with them.

We venture to say that many albums that your children have next to their record player passed the same inspection. You heard them singing about pretty little poppies and yellow submarines and you thought how harmless it is for your son and daughter to be tapping their fingers to these little ditties. But if you will carefully check the content of the messages being poured out over that record player in your house, you may find that they are subtly urging your children to rebel against their parents to smoke marijuana or try LSD, to join the hippie peace movement, or to commit adultery. And Jesus Christ Superstar is in this same category, for it will make your sons and daughters to rebel against the God of their parents, the Christ of the Holy Scriptures, the One whom they learned to sing about in Sunday school: "Jesus loves me, this I know; for the Bible tells me so."

Jesus Christ Superstar is not about the Christ of the Bible, the One who is the center of the Christian faith. It rather tries to reconstruct Jesus Christ making Him a man who is kissed and fondled by a prostitute; a man who, when jostled by a crowd that begs him to heal them, cries, "Heal yourselves!" a man whose disciples at the Last Supper drown their sorrows in wine and talk of the glory they will have after his death when they become popular for writing the Gospels. Finally it makes Him a man who dies a tragic death on a cross, never to rise again. What makes him a "superstar"? Almost every statement that the Jesus Christ of this musical makes shows him to be bewildered, mixed up, looking for truth, and wondering where his kingdom is.

Rightfully Judas is the "superstar" of this opera. He is portrayed as trying to help Jesus get his bearings, and frustrated Judas finally dies a martyr. Tim Rice, the one who wrote the lyrics of the rock opera, in an "official" interview which was included with the album as it was sent out to radio stations across the nation, was asked this question: "Was the basic idea that of Jesus, as seen through the eyes of Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber?" Rice answered: "Well, it's bound to be Jesus seen through our eyes, I suppose. But basically, the idea of the whole opera is to have Jesus seen through the eyes of Judas, and Christ as a man, not as a God. And the fact that Christ himself is just as mixed up and unaware of exactly what he is, as Judas is."

A father and son could have a debate over what the opera is trying to put across, but these are the words of the writer himself telling us clearly what his intent was. Notice, Tim Rice is here openly saying that he is trying to show Christ through the eyes of Judas one who was possessed by the devil (see John 6:70). But when Christ is looked at through the eyes of one who hates Him, can we expect to get a true and honest perspective of who Christ is?

If we look at Jesus Christ through the eyes of reprobate Judas, can we expect to see Him as the Son of God in all His glory, the One who must receive all our worship and praise, as the Bible shows Him to be? If we look at Jesus Christ through the eyes of reprobate Judas, can we expect to see Him as the Saviour who loved us so much He died to rid us of our filthy sins and rose again to prove that He was the accepted, final sacrifice for sins by God the Father? If we look at Jesus Christ through the eyes of reprobate Judas, can we expect to see Him as the Great Physician who not only had compassion on the sick but by His own miracles healed them and forgave their sins?

No! We cannot! And the rock opera Jesus Christ Superstar does not portray Him as God, as the Saviour, as the worker of miracles. Tim Rice, says that he is seeking to portray Jesus as a man, not as God, but the weak, frail, faltering man that we see in the opera is directly opposite of the Man Jesus Christ who never committed a single sin in His life and who spoke with utmost authority on every subject. (to be continued.)

LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

Mon. to Fri. Chinese ISCF Camp at FEBC.

Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Rev. Paauwe
Session Meeting at FEBC Library

Sat. 2 p.m. Evangelistic League Committee
Meeting at the Paauwe flat, Rev.
Paauwe speaking.

Lord's Day. 10 a.m. Rev. Tow.
4 p.m. Rev. Tow.

Nursery Roster: 12th Dec. Mauriel Chce, Lena
Seow; 19th Dec. Jenny Liew, Phua Lee Cheng.

The Holy Matrimony between Mr. Chen Chia
Seng and Miss Flora Lim May Ai will be solemn-
ised at Life Church. Mon. Dec. 20, 6.30p.m.
Rev. Tow officiating.

Rev. and Mrs. J.T. Miyett and family who
arrived here by the Logos, and had their lug-
gage stored on the Church premises, are fly-
ing tonight to Australia.

At the Worship Service last week at which
Mr. Tom Hamlin preached, a good number public-
ly responded to the preacher to consecrate
their lives to the Jesus their King.

On the happy occasion of the marriage of
Bro. Samuel Yeo, nephew of Miss Ong Soo Kheng
in England a special family worship was held
last Friday, Dec. 3 at 316 Joo Chiat Rd. in
thanksgiving. A gospel message was brought
by the pastor to some non Christian friends
at the family worship.

JURONG B-P CHURCH'S request for an organ has
been answered—with an electric one, praise
the Lord. The "unofficial" service will be
held Dec. 25, and the official the beginning
of 1972.

RAWANG receives \$100 for the B.F. this week.
The pastor will ride with the contractor to
Rawang, Mon, Dec. 6 to witness the piling
tests on the building site.

BMP means Bible-Presbyterian Missions, the
new name that takes over what was called MPM
or Malaysia Pioneer Mission. Elder Joshua Lim
the new Treasurer would like to remind the
bigger, contributing churches to BPM to send
in their belated instalments, preferably by
cheque, to 32 Monks Hill Terrace, 9. Please
hurry before the year ends!

Psalm for the Week:

Delight in Church Ordinances

(Psalm 84, No. 227 The Psalter)

O Lord of Hosts, how lovely
Thy tabernacles are;
For them my heart is yearning
In banishment afar.
My soul is longing, fainting,
Thy sacred courts to see;
My heart and flesh are crying,
O living God, for Thee.

Beneath Thy care the sparrow
Finds place for peaceful rest;
To keep her young in safety
The swallow finds a nest;
Then, Lord, my King Almighty,
Thy love will shelter me;
Beside Thy holy altar
My dwelling place shall be.

Letter from Miss Grace S. Jephson

It is a long time since I was privileged
to attend the morning service at Life Church
in July.

What a joy it was. How good to see some of
those whom I knew in Sunday School in '52
and '53.

I rejoice with you in families and indi-
viduals who have grown up in the church and
who are witnessing Christians.

The visit in Singapore was one of much
blessing and inspiration. It was a prelude
to another and longer one in England.

It too was full of the Lord's blessing. I
met and stayed in the homes of families of
navy men I had met in Hong Kong.

I have been here at the home of my sister
and her husband for some weeks. I am looking
to the Lord for His leading into the place
where He wants me. Will you pray with me.

I have always appreciated the B-P Weekly
which has come to me faithfully. Since I do
not have a permanent address, must regret-
fully ask that it be discontinued for the
present. When I have an address will be
happy to have it again. It is like a home
letter.

It is still being sent to HK. Enclosed
is the wrapper from the Sept. 25 issue which
was the last one and was forwarded. Also a
bit of "stamp money".

I see one of your family is at Deerfield.
Am sending a greeting to him.

I saw Miss Swarr in September. She is in
the office of O.M.F. in Philadelphia and do-
ing a fine work.

Greetings to you, Ivy and all the family.

IN RESPONSE TO THE ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN of the
Singapore Government initiated by the Minis-
ter for Home Affairs, the Pastors and Elders
of our churches have unanimously agreed to
appoint Elder Tow Siang Hwa as representa-
tive on the proposed association to fight
the drug abuse and addiction.

"And have no fellowship with the unfruitful
works of darkness, but rather reprove

Eph. 5:11

Blest they who dwell in Zion,
Whose joy and strength Thou art;
Forever they will praise Thee,
Thy ways are in their heart.
Tho' tried, their tears like showers
Shall fill the springs of peace,
And all the way to Zion
Their strength shall still increase.

O Lord of Hosts, how lovely
Thy tabernacles are;
For them my heart is yearning
In banishment afar.
My soul is longing fainting,
Thy sacred courts to see;
My heart and flesh are crying,
O living God, for Thee.

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(Concluded)

The main theme of Superstar questions: "Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ; Who are you? What have you sacrificed? Jesus Christ Superstar, do you think you're what they say you are?" Every main character gives his own answer and opinion of what he thinks of Jesus Christ during the production, but the only one who is not allowed to answer these questions in the rock opera is Jesus Christ Himself, the one of whom the questions are being asked. The theme is repeated several times near the conclusion of the opera, and it forces the listener whether consciously or unconsciously, to give his own answer and opinion of what he thinks of Jesus Christ.

Parents, what will be your child's opinion of Jesus Christ by hearing this album played over and over on his record player? Son or daughter, how will you answer the question, Who is Jesus Christ? Will you agree with Judas who said: "Nazareth, your famous son should have stayed a great unknown"? Will you join with Mary Magdalene, who in the opera is a prostitute, and sing: "I never thought I'd come to this—what's it all about? Yet if he said he loved me, I'd be lost; I'd be frightened; I couldn't cope, just couldn't cope. I'd turn head; I'd back away; I wouldn't want to know. He scares me so. I want him so. I love him so." Or will you join the crowd on Palm Sunday and flippantly sing this little ditty: "Christ you know I love you; did you see I waved? I believe in you and God, so tell me that I'm saved"? Superstar can only turn you further from salvation.

The rock opera Jesus Christ Superstar must be opposed because it falsifies and distorts the Bible by giving its characters words to sing which are indirect contradiction to what is reported in the Scriptures. Let us give several examples.

In the Last Supper the apostles, drunk with wine in the opera, talk about writing the Gospels so that they can be famous. The real reason for writing them is explained in the Gospels however: "But these are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through His name" (John 20:31).

In Superstar Jesus said to the apostles at the Last Supper: "My name will mean nothing ten minutes after I'm dead." What Jesus really did say is recorded in Luke 22:19: "This do in remembrance of me." And the apostles did remember Him and preached His message of salvation which not only spread throughout the ancient world but is still being preached by thousands today. Paul the apostle wrote under inspiration of the Holy Spirit some time after Jesus Christ had ascended into Heaven: "At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Phil. 2:10,11).

In Superstar Jesus said in the Garden of Gethsemane: "Can you show me now that I would not be killed in vain?" The Holy Scriptures from the first book of the Old Testament to the last book of the New Testament speak of the importance of a divine sacrifice, and the plan of salvation through Jesus Christ was established from the foundation of the world. Jesus Himself said: "I lay down my life for the sheep.... No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to take it again" (John 10:15,18). This is quite unlike the Jesus of the opera.

The rock opera Jesus Christ Superstar must be opposed because it challenges the deity of Christ by giving Him words to speak which make Him a frail man and not God as He claimed to be in the Scriptures.

In Jesus' trial before Pilate, Jesus Superstar said: "There may be kingdom for me somewhere — If I only knew." But the Holy Scriptures report that He spoke of a kingdom that only God could create and rule: "And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me; that ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel" (Luke 22:29,30).

The Jesus in Superstar says: "I look for truth and find that I get damned." But the Jesus of the Bible said, as only the Son of God could say: "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6).

The rock opera Jesus Christ Superstar must be opposed because it mocks the Christian faith by making a farce of its doctrines which are set forth in the Scriptures. We dare not poke fun at a man's heritage, or joke about the color of a man's skin, or ridicule his "religion"; but let someone make a sham of the sacrament of Holy Communion or the doctrine of atonement, which millions have held to be the basis of their faith throughout the centuries, and the people of our country flock to enjoy it.

The Christian Beacon has reported how the United Presbyterians have risen to the defense of Communist Angela Davis. "We don't agree with her Communism," they say, "but she represents a minority, and we want to help her get a fair trial." The Christian faith is under tremendous attack today, and Jesus Christ Superstar is one of her attackers. Will the born-again fundamental Christian people of this land lift a finger to contend for their faith and vigorously oppose all attacks upon it?

Let all Christians and the decent people of America join with us in protesting this blasphemous rock passion play. We want to get Christians of this country so indignant over this deceitful production and the playing of this record album that they will raise a voice wherever it is played and shown.

REMEMBER THE POOR AT CHRISTMAS

In his Christmas appeal this year Dr. Carl McIntire, ICCC President, has set the target of "at least US \$1 million" for Christian relief all over the world, particularly in Korea where there are hundreds of orphans and lepers to take care of, besides army chaplains, seminaries and churches whose support has been cut off since they left the apostate WCC in 1959. In previous years, mainly through the 600 radio stations of his "20th C. Reformation Hour" daily broadcast and his 100,000-circulation weekly paper the CHRISTIAN BEACON, his annual target has always been reached. God has honoured his faith in behalf of the poor and persecuted.

In Singapore we thank God that He has materially blessed us so that for many years we have been giving instead of receiving - to the orphans in Korea and India, the hungry and dying children in Biafra, Africa, the cyclone victims of East Pakistan and the mass-acre victims of West Kalimantan, Indonesia. It is indeed more blessed to give than to receive as the Lord has said (Acts 20:35). Only those who give sacrificially for Christ's sake can truly receive and appreciate such a blessing.

As a gift to Christ during the coming Christmas, let us, as a group or as individuals, give liberally as the Lord has blessed, in response to this appeal, besides attending to our local needs such as distribution of gifts to hospital patients and to the poor and needy in our own midst. Rev. Quek Kiok Chiang, as member of the relief commission of the ICCC, will receive your gift of whatever amount. Please address your gift to "ICR, S'pore", 5 Tavistock Avenue, Singapore 19. (Tel: 84786 or 81733). May God bless you richly as at Matt. 25:40 and Psalm 41:1 -QKC

WEST KALIMANTAN RELIEF

The twelve drums of used clothings (about 5,000 pieces, and one drum of Chinese Bibles, John Sung Choruses and theological books), have arrived in Pontianak, just in time for distribution to the refugees following heavy floods (four feet deep in Rev. Peterson's home). However one great regret is that despite the "gift certificate" obtained from the Indonesian Embassy in Singapore, a total of 57,871.00 rupiahs (or \$392.25 Singapore) had to be paid in "Administration, Custom, Port, Godown and Transport charges", the reason being that more would have to be paid for godown charges at 100 rupiahs per day per drum, pending approval from Djakarta for exemption of import duties which would take from one to three months to come. This sum, which was paid in advance by Rev. Peterson of the OMF, has to be re-imbursed with contributions from Singapore. Freewill offerings for this need are welcome. -QKC.

LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

Mon. to Thurs. YFC Camp (Deacon Koh Kim Hiang)

Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting.

Lord's Day: 10 a.m. Rev. Tow.

3 p.m. Chinese Service and Sunday School Combined Christmas Celebrations.

Nursery Roster: 19th Dec. Jenny Liew, Phua Lee Cheng; 26th Dec. Amy Loh, Laura Loo.

Christmas Praise Service for B-P Churches

(i) All participants please take note that a rehearsal will be held at Zion, on 19 Dec. Sunday at 7.45 p.m.

(ii) All those coming to the Christmas Praise Service (25 Dec) are kindly requested to bring a gift each (worth about \$1). The gifts received will be distributed among the mission stations of our churches.

TOA PAYOH DVBS held during the week had an attendance of 180-200. Mrs. Turner of Child Evangelism was main speaker. On the last day 10 children accepted Christ as Saviour through

the appeal. The help rendered by LCYF & FEBC students is greatly appreciated.

ZION CHURCH YOUTH FELLOWSHIP holds annual camp, Dec. 12th to 18th, at the Zion Building.

Zion Choirs will be singing carols this year at the Cheshire Home (Dec. 21st) and Tan Tock Seng Hospital, Wards 7-13 (Dec. 24) and members homes.

FAITH CHURCH carolling party will distribute gifts to Kwang Wai Siu Hospital & Chronic Sick Hospital on Christmas Eve, 5 p.m. & 6.30p.m. respectively.

IS THE TRUE GIFT OF CHRISTMAS

The gifts of Christmas are many

That are purchased
with silver and gold,

Dazzling in their splendor

And breathtaking to behold-

But the one "true gift" of Christmas

Is a Gift from Above

Assuring every mortal man

Of God's enduring Love -

For with this Christmas Gift of Love

Our spirit is redeemed

And man at last possesses

The peace of which he dreamed.

God's Love is like an island
In life's ocean vast and wide,

A peaceful, quiet shelter

From the restless, rising tide...

God's Love is like a fortress

And we seek protection there

When the waves of tribulation

Seem to drown us in despair...

God's Love is like a beacon

Burning bright with Faith and Prayer

And through the changing

scenes of life

We can find a Haven There!

(Helen Steiner Rice)

"And we know that the Son of God is come,
and hath given us an understanding, that
we may know him that is true, and we are
in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus
Christ. This is the God, and eternal life.

1 John 5:20.

His Name is at the Top

I had the nicest Christmas list,
The longest one in town,
Till Daddy looked at it and said,
"You'll have to cut it down."

I knew that what he said was true
Beyond the faintest doubt,
But was amazed to hear him say,
"You've left your best Friend out."

And so I scanned my list again,
And said, "Oh, that's not true!"
But Daddy said, "His name's not there;
That Friend who died for you."

And then I clearly understood,
'Twas Jesus that he meant;
For Him who should come first of all
I hadn't planned a cent!

I'd made a Christmas birthday list,
And left the Saviour out!
But, oh, it didn't take me long
To change the list about.

And tho' I've had to drop some names
Of folks I like a lot,
My Lord must have the most - because
HIS NAME IS AT THE TOP!

Without Doing Something for Christ,
We Miss the Blessing of Christmas.

As far as the world is concerned, X'mas is the season of the year for merry-making. Christmas is celebrated not for Christ's sake, but for our own sake. So did the Jews in exile who kept certain feasts instituted by their own will, without any divine injunction. Thus the prophet Zechariah rebuked them, "And when ye did eat, and when ye did drink, did not ye eat for yourselves, and drink for yourselves?" (Zech. 7:6). Continued the prophet, "Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, saying, Execute true judgment, and shew mercy and compassions every man to his brother: And oppress not the widow, nor the fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor; and let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart." (Zech. 7:9,10). The teaching of the prophet on keeping a religious festival is that in celebrating such an occasion in the name of God we must get right with our fellowmen. We must not harbour any ill feeling against our brothers in the faith. We must do something for the less fortunate, the needy and poor who cannot afford the gifts we buy for one another the rich food we eat, the good time we spend such as on a vacation. We must share our enjoyments with them.

How can we put this into effect? The singing of carols to the sick at hospitals and homes of the invalids instead of taking advantage of the time for fun and mutual enjoyment is a better kind of Christmas celebration. The giving of gifts for the poorer members of our younger churches and Sunday Schools is another. The giving of envelope offerings in answer to the needs of the Church, that these be channelled

to needy members, to the Bible College, e.g., that is training workers for the Lord's vineyard are sweet savour gifts well acceptable to the Lord.

But we should not be concerned merely with these immediate needs. We should ever take a broad view of the needs of less fortunate parts of this sin-cursed world. We who live in a peaceful and prosperous Singapore have a duty to do something for the suffering in such a war-torn country like Bangla Desh. As we have given to West Kalimantan to those survivors of the Dyak massacre some years ago, we have a duty to do our bit for the refugees on the Indian sub-continent. In this respect the International Christian Relief with which our Church is closely connected is an effective and reliable channel to send our gifts of Christian love. Individuals can give, whoever you may be, by directing your offering to Rev. Quek Kiok Chiang, Faith Church, 5 Tavistock Ave., Singapore 19.

As you give, then will the Lord bless you according to Matthew 25:34-40. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me..... In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, "ye have done it unto me."

THOUGHTS-O'-CHRISTMAS

What is the Christmas story?
Just a legend that is told
Of a Babe, shepherds, and Wise Men
Who brought myrrh, frankincense, and gold?

Ah, it's more than just a legend!
It is God's all-perfect plan
Born of mercy and compassion
And of His great love for man!

So, what is the Christmas story?
It's God's voice above the strife,
Saying all who trust in Jesus
Are given eternal life!

It's a story that grows sweeter
Every time that it's unfurled,
For it tells us of the Christ child,
Who is Saviour of the world!

- JON GILBERT

Introducing a new Christmas Carol

O BETHLEHEM

(To the tune of "O Christmas Tree")
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 towers 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!

O Come Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell thy people save,
And give them victory o'er the grave.

O come, thou Day-spring from on high
And cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

O come, thou Key of David, come
And open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.

Zion Kindergarten, Zion and Faith Churches
have just acquired a new Broadwood grand
piano at \$6,200/- ready for use at Combined
Praise Service on Christmas night.
Ling Kwang Mission Committee meeting last
Lord's Day decided to proceed with planning
for the two proposed welfare projects of
old people's home and orphanage.
FAR EASTERN BEACON is out today.

LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

Mon. to Wed. Barker Road MRF Camp at FEBC

Mon. 6.30 p.m. Chen - Lim Wedding

Tues. 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting

Fri. 7.30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service there
after YF Carolling

Sat. 2.00 p.m. Evangelistic League Christmas
Service

2.00 p.m. LCSS Christmas Party

Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Tow

4 p.m. Rev. Tow (Chinese Service)

The YF-SS Camp at Sentosa incurred a de-
ficit of \$70. Any donation will be much appre-
ciated. Please contact Deacon Koh Kim Hiang,
Dr. Paul Tsao or Miss Lee Soon Ngee.

Life Church at Trafalgar Home. Through
Bro. Chua Hung Choo, the nurses and forty
inmates of Trafalgar Home were "treated" to
a showing of the Holy Land slides by Rev.
Tow, last Friday night.

RAWANG Piling is now in progress. Rec. \$20
from young Lifer. In confirmation with
attending the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of
Trinity Church, Muar on Dec. 23, Rev. and
Mrs. Tow will also visit Rawang.

REV. & MRS. BURTON TOMS' scheduled arrival
at end of year is being delayed a month or
two.

OTHER CHRISTMAS PROGRAMMES

Tues. 2.30 p.m. Faith Church S.S. Party.

6-7 p.m. Zion Church Cantata Choir
presents Peterson's "Carol
of Christmas" at Cheshire
Home and distributes gifts.

Fri. 4.30 p.m. Faith Church Carolling Party
to 8.00 p.m. distributes gifts at Kwong
Wai Siu Hosp. and Chronic-
Sick Hosp., carolling, 9 p.m.
to 1 a.m.

6.00 p.m. Zion Church Choir I carolling
to 2.00 a.m. in Serangoon Garden Estate;
Choir II distributes gifts
at TISH and carolling.

8.00 p.m. Galilee Church Choir presents
Christmas Cantata, "So great
a Gift", preceded by a Chi-
ren's Play.

Sat. 7.45 p.m. B-P Combined Praise Service
to 9.15 p.m. at Zion. Please bring a gift
of at least \$1/- for B-P and
JSM mission Sunday Schools.

Lord's Day (Dec. 26)

10.30 a.m. Toa Payoh Combined Christmas
Service

8.45 a.m. Zion Christmas Service with
to 10.15 a.m. Cantata Choir and Infant
Baptism. SS to combine, X'mas
fellowship tea at 10.30 a.m.

10.30 a.m. Faith Christmas Service S.S.
to combine Christmas fellow-
ship lunch at 12 noon.

2.00 p.m. Pulau Tekong Gospel Centre
Christmas Service. Distribu-
tion of Christmas gifts from Faith
Church and combined Praise
Service.

2.30 p.m. Jurong Church Christmas
Service.

(Jurong Sunday School will
hold J.V.B.S. from 20-23
Dec.)

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THE INCARNATION.

"The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us." (John 1:14)

We must notice that it is the same person who was in the beginning, who was God, and who made all things, who is here said to have become flesh. The Jesus of the gospel story is the God of eternity, the Jehovah of the Old Testament. The reason for the incarnation was the salvation of man. The Good Shepherd came to seek and to save His sheep which were lost. He came in human form that He might get nearer to the sinner. A Moravian missionary went to preach the gospel to the slaves in the West Indies. Failing as a free man to reach them, he became a slave himself, and went with them to their toils in the field and into all their hardships and sufferings, thus getting close to them. Then they listened to him. This illustrates Christ's condescension to save the world. We could not understand God in His invisible glory; and Immanuel came, and in human form lived out the Divine life, showing us God's thoughts, character, and feelings, especially God's grace and His love for sinners. This was one object of the incarnation,— it revealed in a way which men could understand the invisible things of God.

Then Christ became man also that He might learn life by actual experience, and thus be fitted to be our Saviour, and to sympathize with us in all our experiences of temptation, struggle, sorrow. We are sure now, when we come to Christ in any need, that He understands our condition and knows how to help us. We have a high priest in heaven who can be touched with the feeling of our infirmities, because He was tried in all points as we are. Christ became man also that He might taste death for every man, thus abolishing death for His people. He remembers what He suffered being tempted; and when He sees His people in their struggles, He remembers when He endured the same, and is ready to sympathize with and help them. - J.R. Miller D.D.

THE DIVINE VISITOR

"He hath visited and redeemed His people." (Luke 1:68)

What a beautiful thought it is that God pays visits to His people in this world! We remember a number of visits He made in the olden times,—to Adam and Eve, to Abraham, to Jacob, to Moses, to Joshua, and to others. But the most wonderful visit He ever made was when Christ came and stayed so long, and did so much to bless the world. After a while He went away; yet we must not think that He went away to stay, and that He never pays visits to this world any more. Every time any of His children are in trouble He comes to help them. They do not always know it; for He comes unseen, and often so softly and silently that people do not know they have such a glorious visitor within their doors. He visits those who are not saved, to try to persuade them to accept salvation. When we are in great danger, He visits us to deliver us. When we are sick or suffering, He visits us to give us grace to bear our suffering. Then oftentimes He comes and knocks at our doors, and wants to visit us and give us some rich blessing, and we will not open the door. There was an old Scotch woman who could not pay her rent, and the landlord said he would seize her goods. A good friend heard of it, and went to her house to give her money to save her property. He knocked, but could not get in. Next day he met her and told her of his visit. "Was that you?" she said with amazement; "I thought it was the officer coming to take my goods, and I had all the doors and windows barred, and would not let him in." So Christ comes and knocks. He knows of our need, and wants to bless or help us; and we bar our doors and keep Him out, not knowing who He is nor why He comes. We must remember that when Christ comes it is always to do us good, and that we shall rob ourselves if we ever keep Him out or refuse His visit.

CONFINED —

In the womb of a woman,
In the body of a babe,
Surrendering His omnipotence —
To feel the bite of poverty,
To hear the jibe of soldiery,
To know the stab of treachery:
Jesus, the Son of God!

STRETCHED —

On the cross in agony,
On the hill called Calvary,
Suffering there for all mankind —
To show God's love so gloriously,
To give salvation liberally,
To offer pardon full and free:
Our Saviour, God's dear Son!

RELEASED —

From the dankness of the tomb,
From the strangling grip of death,
Showing forth God's wondrous power —
To give to men true liberty,
To fill our lives so joyously,
To help men live victoriously:
Christ Jesus, Lord and King!

- Marvin and Miriam Dunn

PROPHECIES OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST AND THEIR FULFILLMENT

Christ was to be of the human race.

Genesis 3:15 "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." Fulfilled: Galatians 4:4.

He was to be a descendant of Abraham.

Genesis 12:3b "In thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed." Fulfilled: Acts 3:25.

He was to be of the tribe of Judah.

Genesis 49:10 "The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be." Fulfilled: Matthew 1:2,3.

He was to be of the family of Jesse.

Isaiah 11:1 "And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots." Fulfilled: Matthew 1:1.

He was to be born in Bethlehem.

Micah 5:2 "But thou, Bethlehem, Ephrath, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting." Fulfilled: Matthew 2:1.

IMMANUEL: "GOD WITH US"

J. Gordon Holdcroft

How else could God redeem us
Had Christ not come to earth?
And how could Christ be like us
Save by a human birth?

And could Christ, in truth, be God
Without a Virgin Birth?
Had He a human father
He'd be a son of earth.

Oh, Love of God, so wondrous
To take on Thee man's form,
Despite Satanic falsehoods
And man's proud, evil scorn!

Immanuel! Saviour! Jesus!
Most precious Gift of God!
How can frail man ere doubt Thee?
Man! Naught but earthy clod!

How can mere dust and ashes
Aspire to joy divine
Yet doubt the means Thou tak'est
To bring us life like Thine?

May we, like trustful Mary
Accept with joy, God's Word
And be His blest, glad agents
To give the world its Lord!

BEGIN THE YEAR

WITH GOD

Attend Watchnight

Service at our

churches, Friday Dec. 31st, 1971

10.45 p.m.

(The Lord's Supper will be served)

LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

Mon.- Fri. S.S.T.T.I. (Miss Peggy Yeo)

Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting

Fri. 10.45 p.m. Watchnight Service Lord's
Supper. (Distribution of
Life Church Calendars)

Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Tow

4 p.m. Rev. Tow (Mand-Teochew
Service)

Life Church Mandarin-Teochew Service.

At the combined Sunday School and Church
Christmas Party, attended by sixty old and
young, an offering of \$64.25 was received
for Rawang Church Building Fund.

SARIMBUN. About 50 S.S. children attended
the Christmas party on Dec. 19. Mr. & Mrs.
Ho, owners of the Mission property were so
moved by the faithful labours of FEBC stu-
dents that they offered their van for the
weekly Sunday transportation.

OBITUARY 1) Madam Loh Hui Soon of Holy Light
Church, Johore Bahru went home to be with
the Lord Sat. Dec. 11. Funeral service on
Dec. 13 was conducted at Life Church by
Revs. Tow, Paauwe and Huang of J.B. Madam
Loh was interred at the Chua Chu Kang Cer-
tery. 2) Mr. Phang Yim of Kelapa Sawit
Church passed away during the week. Funeral
on Christmas Eve was officiated by Rev. Tow.

FEBC Korean student, Han Joong Sik, has un-
der gone a throat operation at TRGH and re-
quests your further prayers for recovery.

CONGRATULATIONS to Dr. Patrick Tan on his
promotion to the rank of Major.

KELAPA SAWIT. Through the initiative of Dea-
con John Lim of K.S. Church a four-day DVBS
was held during the week at the neighbouring
Kulai Oil Palm Estate. The DVBS was headed
by Gan Sai Lin of Galilee assisted by Richard
Ng and Michael Ong. Rev. Heng and John Lim
of Galilee visited at the opening and closing
of the vacation school. There was a daily
attendance of 110. A Bible presented to the
village school headmaster was gladly accep-
ted. We need two S.S. teacher to continue
with this work every Saturday. Please contact
Rev. Tow.

RAWANG Piling on the building site completes
today! A first payment of \$10,000 has been
made to the contractor. Our fund stands at
\$13,500 in fixed deposit, maturing in May,
'72 and \$3,100 in current a/c. We need
\$36,000 more!

60th Anniversary at Trinity Church, Muar
was celebrated with a Morning Thanksgiving
Service. In the evening a Chinese Dinner
was spread for both members and guests. While
the Church family dined the Church school
and Kindergarten pupils presented 20 items
of songs and dance culminating with a Christ-
mas play.

CONGRATULATIONS to Bro. Swee Thian Hoe and
Sis. Leong Lee Yen on their wedding, Dec. 27,
Philadelphia, Rev. John Grauley officiating.

NEW APPLICANT to study at FEBC in the new
year is Miss Linda Pramanawati of Indonesia.

HAVE YOU PROMISED

the LORD anything this year?

A few more days to make good!