ON BUILDING THE HOUSE OF GOD (Part I)

Text: Haggai I (Another John Sung Sermon)

Vs. 4. First, let us explore the historical background of this prophecy. Seventy years had passed since the children of Israel were taken into captivity to Babylon. Now they were returned to their homeland. But their Temple was lying in ruins. The City Gates were also destroyed, The first step taken by the people upon their Return was to rebuild their Temple!

Some enemy proposed to join them in this work. This proposal was rejected because they were deemed unclean. This sparked up their anger. The enemy were determined to stop them. They sent a petition to the Persian king, "The people of Judah are repairing the city wall in an evil plot ..." This induced the king to order the Jews to stop build-

ing their City and Temple.

On the 1st of the 6th month of King Darius, God told Haggai to speak to the people, "Hasten to build the Temple. Don't let it lie waste." Now, when God speaks He means business! Like the Manchu Emperor's decree, every word must be heeded! Shall we not listen and obey what the King of Kings decrees? Let us obey! We believe God speaks to us today as He spoke to them of old.

Vs. 2. God says, "You say it is not time yet to build the Temple." What is the Temple? Even our body, which is the temple of the Holy Spirit. Though we are of little worth, God wants us to become holy. To become holy is to become a holy temple. Let us seek holiness early that God might dwell in our hearts. But this thing the Jews did not

Vs. 3 & 4. God said to the prophet, "Though God's House is in ruins, you are living houses with decorative ceilings. You care only for your own houses, your bungalows and gardens, but not God's House. You let it lie in ruins," There are many today busily engaged in business, making money and seeking promotions. But they have no time to repair their own temple, still in ruins. Will God bless them? God says, "I will not bless you because you care only for yourself. You care not for my Temple."

Vs. 5 & 6. God says, "Because you do not consider your own temple at all, I want you to self-examine your own doings. You plant and reap abundantly, but I will not let you

enjoy it. I'll make a hole in your bag and all will leak out."

Some think the most important thing is money. God says, "I won't bless. I'll blow upon it, and it is gone with the wind." Once I put some dollars in my pocket. In a little while they had disappeared. I looked into my pocket. There was a hole! God says, "Since you disregard the Temple, I'll make a hole in your bag."

Today there are some who disregard holiness. God then brings sickness on their children. They spend \$50, \$100. Their pocket is emptied. Why? Because you disregard

the Temple. God cannot bless you.

There are preachers who are engaged in mundame things. They disregard the quiet time. Someone said to me, "Mr. Sung, I never succeed in any work I do." I replied, "Maybe your Temple is in ruins." When we disregard the temple, God says, "I'll make a hole in your bag." There was a tycoon in Shanghai. He made \$1,000 a month. When exhorted to lose shop on Sunday, he replied, 'My business suffers greatly if I stop trading for a day." He had eight children but these got sick by turns. He spent \$1,000 a month on their doctor's bills. He said to me, 'Mr. Sung, God has not blessed me. My children have all taken ill. All that I have earned has gone into the doctor's purse." I said, 'Maybe you lacked holiness, so your bag had a hole. You are not holy, so God makes things turn against you. The more you disregard God, the more holes God puts into your bag."

Vs. 7 & 8. The prophet says, "Thus saith the Lord, consider your ways, Go up to the mountain and bring wood and build the house: and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the Lord." If we seek God's delight in us, we must cleanse ourselves. How? The Bible says we should go up daily to the mountain to study His Word. That is to bring wood. One piece at a time. It increases. The temple is built! Beloved, have you gone up the mountain to bring wood. Everyday before it dawns. I get up. For what?

bring wood to build the temple. How important it is to have devotions!

God says, 'Go up the mountain to bring wood." Have you prayed? Searched your soul? Read the Bible? Do not let your temple lie in ruins! Whenever I study the Word, I thank the Lord. Because I ascend the highest summit. I find the best wood. Everyday.

Beloved, Do you read your Bible everyday? If not, your temple is in ruins. Do you

want to have devotions everyday? If you do, God will be pleased and glorified.

Vs. 9. God says, "You expect much, but I won't give." Do you want to get rich? God says, "If you don't build the temple, I will blow all that you store up together. You care only for yourselves, but I won't bless, thus saith the Lord of hosts.

Vs. 10 & 11. God says, 'For your sakes, it will not ruin. The earth will not produce. You have no way out!" God says, "I send the drought. There is not reaping." Why won't God bless? Because you have not gone to bring wood everyday. The temple is in ruins.

I met a preacher, a clever businessman. He loaned on high interest. He made plenty of money every month. He preached only twice a week. He was rather a big business man. But, alas! His eldest son died while studying at the university. His wife got very sick. His second son became a bandit, was shot by the government. One day he said to me in tears,

"God does not bless me. I met with disasters on every hand. I have an awful time." I replied, "Because you thought the temple could be left in ruins. You tried to amass a fortune but God didn't bless. Even your body now is not the temple of God." Beloved, how is your temple? Then God blows upon it, it is gone. Because you don't go up the mountain to bring wood.

Let me ask you: Some of you have been old-timer Christians. Some, leaders of the Church. Do you read your Bible everyday? Maybe, you're too busy: But money is No.1. And you praise the mighty dollar, and not the Lord. God cannot bless! Some, leaders of the

After Haggai's sermon, the people were moved! They Vs. 12-15. Praise the Lord: After Haggai's sermon, the people were moved! They said, "We are undone." God replied, "I am with you." Now that the people realised how important the Temple was, they launched out to build it on the 24th of the 6th month.

Beloved, may God move you this morning to attain holiness, that God might delight in you. Whenever I speak on my own, God would chastise me. Once I yearned for home as I still do, even now. That five-year-old son of mine who also yearned after me wrote me a letter. But he did not know how. He only scratched on the paper at random. His mother translated these marks as being his yearning for Daddy and wanted me to come home. But I did not go home, and everyone at home was well. The moment I got home, however, everything went wrong. First week, second weak. My wife fell ill, then my son. When I left home, without medicine, they all got well. God said, "You should go out. Don't think of yourself, but think of Me." God blesses., if we bring wood everyday, and regard the Temple as important.

Once I visited Shansi at the invitation of a Westerner. That Western friend treated me very well. Everymeal he fed me with eggs, fice-noodles, sweet potatoes, turnips, milk. Everyday the same. I got sick after this. I caught cold. I could not sleep at night.

I was a guest. I dared not tell him. I got worried.

My companion secretly bought me some hot soup. He dared not let the host know lest he be offended. God said, "You regard yourself too highly." My sickness got worse. had sleepless nights though I was a good sleeper. I worried if I had congracted T.B. Bea cause I worried, God made me worse.

I went to Ping Yan Prefecture and from there to Ping Ting. Everyone urged me to rest. I couldn't stand up. I had to be supported by two persons, as I preached. I spoke only once a day. I knelt and prayed. God said, "You care too much for yourself." I said, "O.K." The next day I preached twice instead of once, and prayed for the sick also. Thus I got well again! The more we fear it, the more we get it. The more we disregard death, the less it bothers us. The more we labour for God the more we receive His help. The more we go up the mountain, the more wood we bring.

Many say to me, 'Mr. Sung! We have headache, soreeyes, stonechache, earache, noseache, These people care not for their souls but for their bodies. God cannot bless them. If they come rather to hear the Word and not to get divine healing their sickness would go

automatacally. God cannot bless those who think only of their bodies.

I have a secret way of healing. Whenever I get sorethroat or headache, I would preach the more, yes, until I get wet, sweating all over. Then I get well! When I lose my voice, I preach more times, not twice a day, but thrice. The more I preach, the more I keep my voice.

A Shanghai preacher's daughter was suffering from worms. She was bedridden three years. Her father consulted many doctors without avail. He came to see me. I said to her, "I give you a prescription, O.K.?" She agreed. I said, 'First, confess all your sins. Second, don't be afraid of your sickness. Third, give your testimony." She confessed her sins. I prayed for her. She was healed. She was on a milk diet. I prescribed rice. Though she could not eat, I urged her to swallow it. After one week, she gained two pounds. When I visited Shanghai again this time, she was the proud mother of a child. When she saw me she said, "Praise the Lord!" So we must be concerned for the things of God, to obtain His blessing. The more we fear, the more we die! The more we dare to die, the more we live!

at Bedok.

Tues. 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.

Session Meeting. public. Thurs.7.15 p.m. FEBC Evening class open to/ Lord's Day 10 a.m. A Guest Speaker.

> 4 p.m. Mrs. Turner of CEF (interpretation into Ch.)

(Pastor Tow at Anniversary of Grace 10 a.m. and of Jurong 3.45 p.m.) Last Week's Offerings \$1456.42 (Christmas Eve); \$829.55 + \$100 for Christmas(Dec. 26). Total Christmas Offerings incl. items thru pastor \$4,800+. Each of the 4 Building Funds is apportioned \$1200.

Tune in this Sunday Evening, Jan. 2, 6.05 p.m. and 10.00 p.m. for Life Church's New Year Message, preached by the pastor, over Radio

Singapore.

LIFE CHURCH & FEBC APPOINTMENTS

Mon. 8.30 am FEBC reopens with Day of Prayer 10, 8.30 a.m. Second Session starts 11.45 am. Ring Mrs. Lange, principal on Tues. Jan. 4 for enquiry.

Corrigendum. In the Infant Baptism of Darren Chan Jun Loong son of Mr. and Mrs. Chan Ngiap Koon we apologise for the mistake "d/o" which should read "s/o".

Qs. & As. ON EVERLANTING LIFE FOR CHILDREN NO: LI

Q. 139. Will he come again?

A. Yes; at the last day Christ will come to judge the world.

Q. 140. What becomes of men at death? A. The body returns to dust, and the soul goes into the world of spirits.

Q.141. Will the bodies of the dead be raised to life again?

A.Yes; "the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised?"

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PASTOR'S NEW YEAR CHAT

My dear Reader;

The Broadcast Has Augured A Breakthrough For 1977!

In my 1976 Year End Chat, I remarked, "Inasmuch as the Word spoken through the air waves will reach a congregation a thousand times that gathered at Gilstead Road, does this newest outreach augur a 1977 breakthrough for Life Church?" The Broadcast on Jan.2 evening has augured a breakthrough for 1977! Although what the breakthrough is is yet to be seen, there are signs that God is setting before us another "open door, and no man can shut it" (Rev. 3:8).

First Sign: Our 1976 Target of 7100,000 Exceeded

Several days before the year ended, Deacon Villiam Teo came to office to inform me of our financial standing. He said, "Praise the Lord, we have 195,800." As I had received a thousand odd from members, I saw we were not far from the target. At the Watchnight service, I told the congregation that we had \$2,000 to go to reach 100,000, and the time left was only half-an-hour. Praise the Lord, we not only reached our mark, but exceeded it by \$400! This was due to the good offering received that Night plus \$600 contributed by Young Lifers to Kelapa Sawit Building Fund, and the addition of a sum of about \$800 offered by a Deacon for the overall repair of our pews. Praise the Lord, He has carried us through a second year to exceed the six-figure mark.

Now that we have exceeded \$100,000 two years in succession, should we not aim higher for 1977? Do we have faith to give another \$10,000? Our 1977 breakthrough target should be \$110,000!

Second Sign: Korean School on our grounds.

From this Saturday the Korean Community in Singapore will run a Saturday morning school to teach their national language to their children, 60-70 pupils from Primary to High School age. Three classrooms are needed to cater to their needs. Session has approved this.

So let us all extend to our Korean friends a warm welcome. Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Hyun, Gideons International representatives worshipping at our Church, are our Korean friends for many years.

Third Sign: Toa-Payoh B-P Church (English) with us:

From this Lord's Day, Jan. 9, 11.45 a.m. Toa Payoh B-P Church (English Congregation) commences to worship at Gilstead Road. Welcome old Lifers at Toa Payoh and many new-found friends!

Toa Payoh English Service was started over five years ago by a group of young Lifers headed by Mr. Peter Chua. Her Deacons today are Tan Choon Hee, Ong Ah Bah, Aaron Wong, Chua Hung Choo. Elder Chia Hong Chek and Rev. Paauwe help to supervise the Church.

In recent years, the congregation has grown considerably. Between 60 and 70 are regularly attending the Lord's Day services. The Sunday School has about 80.

Since the limited premises they are worshipping in belong to the Chinese Service and Kindergarten, it is inevitable that two growing congregations cannot be cooped up for long. And when people are crowded together, it is impossible but that they will step on another's toes. To relieve this situation the Elders of Life Church have therefore made the quick decision to give Toa Payoh sanctuary at Gilstead Road. The Toa Payoh Church

Session has meantime met at the Parsonage and gratefully accepted our offer.

Lifers, I'm sure, feel honoured that a daughter Church has looked us up for help in time of need. Let us therefore give our brethren the right hand of fellowship. Let us offer them every assistance in our mutual service of the Lord.

30 Lecture Chairs and 10 Stone Pews.

In view of the Korean Saturday School and Toa Paych Church's coming to Gilstead R@ad; to cater to the general increase of our needs and theirs, I have taken immediate steps to install 30 lecture chairs and 10 stone pews. By furnishing our 2nd FEBC classroom with 30 lecture chairs (with writing sideboard), the High school students will have full equipment for their class.

By installing 10 stone pews (5 ft. in length) in the air well between the Kindergarten Block and College Block, i.e. behind the Spanish Wall, we shall have a semi-open chapel seating 50(there are several existing pews lining one wall). This will give a breathing space for many youth groups meeting here, especially on Saturday and Sunday.

Now, both lecture chairs and stone pers are obtained at factory prices. One lecture chair costs only \$17.50 and one 5 ft. stone pew \$45. This affords an opportunity to Readers toccontribute to the extension of the Kingdom of God. Who'll give a chair or a pew? Please see or phone the paster any time!

Does "Baptise" always mean "Immerse"?

Dr. Buswell in his Systematic Theology says that there is no instance of baptism recorded in the New Testament in which it is clear that immersion was the method used. There are several instances in which, continues Buswell, immersion is quite excluded by the context. In Luke 11:38, we read that the Pharisee who invited Jesus was astonished when he saw that the had not first washed before dinner literally, was not baptised. To be baptised here, it meant merely to lip the hands in water in ceremonial mashing. Not

the whole person into, eg., a swimming pool! This I had personally observed at a Christmas dinner in Jerusalem. Our Hebrew teacher, an orthodox Jewess, had a basin of water and towel brought at the dinner table. All she did was to dip her hands into the threeinch-deep water and dry them with the towel. I saw no immersion of her whole person in that little basin:

In Mark 7:4. "the washing (baptism) of cups, and pots, brasen that the cups and pots were immorsed in the washing, how does this apply to tables? Do we wash our tables

by immersing them in, e.g., a swimming pool?

St. Paul says, 'For Christ sent me not to baptise, but to preach the gospel." (I Cor. 1:17). When we atress taptism above the Gospel, i.e., when we make an issue over more water or less water at the expense of the Blood of Christ, which alone can save, we have departed from the Bible. When Dr. Sung went everywhere saving souls, he was also plaqued by immersionists. He said frankly to the preachers of immersion, "If you want it from me: More faith, less water; less faith more water!" What is our Lord's attitude to baptism? John 4:2 says, "Though Jesus himself baptised not, but his disciples." (John 4:2). And did the good thief on the cross get immersed? If there was any baptism, it was the dew of heaven or some raindrops on his head!

Yours for the pure Gospel, T.T.

LIFE CHURCH & FEBC APPOINTMENTS Mon. 7.15 p.m. Lecture on Calvin(Rev. Tow). Tues. 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting. Thurs. 7.15 p.m. Pauline Epistles (Rev. Paauwe). reason is: the former is used on week days Fri. 8.00 p.m. Family worship at Parsonage. Sat. 4.00 p.m. YF & YAF Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Tow (S.S.Dedication). 4 a.m. Mrs. Lee Choon Ngee. Last Week's Offerings Watch-Night Service \$490.25 plus Worship Service \$665.61. Sunday Lunch Roster: Young People: GLTD. Ladies A cordial welcome awaits our Korean friends This Week Mrs. Mrs. Tan, Tay, Tow. Next Week and their children at both the Sunday School. Mrs. Tow, Khoo, Sng. Rev. Yrjole (Yu Lai Ler) of the Gospel Yacht every Lord's Day 8.45 a.m. for S.S. and 10 Ebeneser (row anchored at J.B.) is the Lord's a.m. for worship. Messenger this Sunday while the pastor preach- Christian Life Book Centre caters to your es at Grace, Bedok. Baptised: Mr. Ching Chin Kiang father of Benny Immediately after morning worship 11.20 a.m. Chng at his house, 33A, Blk. 4, Holland Close, to 1.30 p.m. (10), in the presence of Elder Khoo Peng Kiat and whole family. Mr. Chng is now convalesing at Alexandria Hospital after an operation Continue to Pray for Deacon Mahadevan at TTSH, Ward 25. Praise God for his quick recovery. Medding Bells! The boly matrimony between Stephen Goh Khoon Hock and Anne Tan Lay Geok of Galilee Church will be solemnised on Sat. Jan. 22, 3 pm., Rev. Philip Heng officiating. Reception under the royal palms. To create a semi-open Chapel in the airwell between the Kindergarten and FEBC Blocks to meet an increasing need, we have ordered 10 five--feet stone pous at \$45 each. Also 30 steel lecture-chairs(with writing side-board) at \$17.50. Do you want to have a share in the extension of God's Fingdom? We extend our folicitations to Grace Semba-wang and Jurong, all calebrating their anniversaries this Lord's Day. Jurong B.F. has well exceeded #20,0001 Far Eastern Kindergorten reopens Non. Jan. 10, 8.30 a.m.! The new elected Committee comprising Rev. Tow(chairman), Ar. Nio Eng Hua (treasurer), Dr. Paul Frac(Sec.) Elder Seow, A Cordial Welcome to: Deacons Mahadevan and holand Yong are request— 1. Friends of the ed to fill in the sense for the Ed. Dept. Far Eastern Bible Colleg. New fulltime students at the Coll go: 1 Speni(Jurong B-P); 2. Miss Pauline Jug Pik Yii (barawak).

3. Bobby Phee for B. T. (Sembawang) Total

enrolment: 33.

Why this unsymetrical arrangement of pews and chairs? Why the slender pews on one side and the folding chairs on the other? The by the Kindergarten to spread canvas beds for the resting of pupils (as required by the Ed. Dept.) "Every corner of our Church and College is used for the promotion of God's Kingdom." Please do not remove the folding chairs.

and their children at both the Sunday School, Junior Service and Adult Service. Come

spiritual needs. New hours on Sunday:

Qs. & As. ON EVERLASTING LIFE FOR CHILDREN

- NO: LII Q. 142. What will become of the wicked in the day of judgment?
 A. They shall be cast into hell.
- Q. 143. What is hell?
- A. A place of dreadful and endless torment. Q. 144. What will become of the righteous? A. They shall be taken to heaven. Q. 145. What is heaven?

- A. A glorious and happy place, where the righteous shall be for ever with the

THOUSANDS OF WELCOMES

Come in the evening; come in the morning; Come when expected, or come without warning;

Thousands of welcomes you'll find here before you,

And the oftener you come the more we'll adors you, Old Welcome(said to be Irish).

- 1. Friends of the Korean Weekend School at Life Church Worship this Lord's Day.
- 2. TOA PAYOH B-P Church (English) worshipping at Gilstead Road.

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OUR WELKLY CHAT

"The Last Shall Be First" (Matt. 20:16).

Last Lord's Day afternoon, we attended another Anniversary Service - that of little Jurong Church at the Chandra home, 14½ m. Jurong Road. It was a joy to bee the whole house packed, the young people becoming "lively stones" and the older ones growing into "pillars."

Jurong has increased steadily since last year. Jurong has grown in her Tamil membership. The service had to be interpreted into Tamil by Burt Subramaniam.

The smallest amongst our B-P Churches, Jurong has the biggest number (5) studying at FEBC. This augurs well not only for her future, but also for our sister churches. A Gospel team from Jurong visits Kelapa Sawit regularly to teach the Word to the Tamil and Chinese children in the Oil Palm Estate.

Jurong "the last, shall be first" also in her desire to build a new church. Yes, she was the first to be promised land by JTC before Galilee and Calvary in their present allocation at Pandan. That she has not been "called up" has given her a breather since she is still far from adquate in her funds.

It won't be long, however, when Jurong's turn of "Ground-claiming" will come. This can take place, perhaps, early 1978.

According to her faith, Jurong has requested only an half-acre of land. The buildings to be put up will be patterned after Calvary's - a three-storey educational complex housing kindergarten and hostels adjoining a Church proper. This project will be developed in two stages. First, the educational block; then the Church. The cost of putting up the educational block is \$250,000. With \$21,000 now in the B.F., Jurong has less than But we are not discouraged. "For who hath despised the day of small things?" Lech. 4:10). Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts" (Zech. 4:6). We shall not resort to human methods, such as funfairs and walkathons, to swell the Lord's coffers. We must emphasise on the spiritual, seeking God's Kingdom in membership building and evangelistic outreach. We believe when we have done our best, God will take care of the rest.

Service to the Community

Social service is a current topic demanding the Church's attention: Yes, there is a place for service to the community, and every Church must not neglect this. Life Church has done her bit.

Foremost in our service to the community is the ministry of Far Eastern Kindergarten. Far from being a money-making proposition, FEK is doing her best to provide a first class education (with Bible-teaching) to children of Singaporeans and to a sizeable number of children from foreign countries. The opening of a late-morning (11.45) session this year, catering now to three full classes, has increased our capacity by 70%. It is predictable that this will rise to 100% in a matter of months.

Since our Kindergarten and College classrooms are vacant Saturday mornings, we are able to take in the Korean Weekend School, every Saturday, 9.30 to 12.30. This service the cause of education benefiting a friendly foreign community not only fulfils a social need but also fosters good relationship between us and Korea. Our greatest joy, however, is to see the beginning of a new stream of worshippers from the Korean community joining Life Church and the Sunday School. So we give them not only bread, but manna from heaven.

The grounds at Gilstead Road are open day and night. Children living around the church find a spacious playground in the afternoons. Amaks bring infants under their care. Yea, many a foreign mother, with perambulators, find the stone benches beneath royal palms an attraction.

Our service to the community is greatest when the church and FEBC hall are open to the holding of gospel meetings or conferences by our young people, the GLTD, ISCF groups, Christian Servicemen, Logos and Child Evangelism. For, here we see more spiritual fruit reaped than ever. This does not include the using of our premises by Galilee, the Chinese Service and Toa Paych every Lord's Day. Moreover, a standing welcome and warm hospitality is extended to any paster, missionary, or Christian Worker passing through. Our laundry bill testifies to the amount of service rendered. But a greater testimony is given by our Lord, "I was a stranger and ye took me in" (Natt. 25:35).

A More Permanent Work at Sprimbun?

Sarimbun is our farthest outreach on Singapore Island. It is 20 miles from town in the northwestern corner of the Island-state.

Now that the one-mile laterite road connecting Sarimbun Gospel Station with the main road is fully metalled, does it not seem that a more permanent work should be established? Perhaps the Jurongites, who live nearest to Sarimbun, can pray and consider what they can do.

In the meantime, a regular Sunday School is maintained by Deacon and Mrs. Sng Teck Leong and sister Fan Siew Yir, driving up in Mrs. K.O. Po's W' Kombi.

Sarimbun is also a campaite, used regularly by the GLAD .- T.T.

LIFE CHURCH AND FREC APPOINTMENTS

7.15 p.m. Lecture on Calvin (New. Tow)

Tues. 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting

Wed. 3.00 p.m. FEBC Practical Evangelism

Thurs. 7.15 p.m. Pauline Epistles (Rev. Paauwe) Sat. 3.00 p.m. Goh-Tan Wedding (Reception)

10 a.m. Rev. Town Lord's Day

4 p.m. Rev. Jim Turner (CEF)

Last Week's Offering: \$587.55. Sunday Lunch Roster: Young People: Life YP. Ladies: This Week: Mrs. Tow, Khoo, Sng. Next

Week: Mrs. Tan, Kam, Poon.

Wedding Bells: The holy matrimony between Mr. Wilson Wong Yun Yee and Miss Lim Soo Cheng was solemnised, Jan. 15, 1977, 3 pm. Praise the Lord for: 1. Deacon Mahadevan's discharge from hospital. 2. Mr. Chng Chin Kiang's successful operation and quick recovery. A thanksgiving service will be held at the Chng home in the near future. Far Eastern Kindergarten has a few more vacancies as another new class is opened. Hurry! Ring Mrs. Lange, 513676, 8.15 a.m. 30 Lecture chairs at \$17.50 and 10 stone pews (5ft) at \$45 are to be installed to meet increasing needs of Church-users. Any offerer?

Christian Life Book Centre. Superior quality Good Friday and Easter folders ordered from England are here to meet a timely need! Pastors, you'll be thrilled to see them! (Do you know that the Book Centre is now open on Mondays? Sunday hours: 11.20 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.)

Lim Florist: phone 376471 or 2353292. Catechism Class for Easter Baptism begins Rev. & Mrs. F.B. Toms USA. Many thanks for your kind letter and gift to FEBC. We're

sending you books published by FEBC Press. יים ביותר מוניים מונים ביותר היותר ביותר ביותר ביותר היותר ביותר ביותר היותר מוניים ביותר מוניים ביותר ביותר ב מונים היותר היותר היותר היותר ביותר ביותר היותר ביותר ביותר ביותר ביותר היותר ביותר ביותר ביותר היותר ביותר בי

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1. Toa Payoh B-P Church(English)worship $\frac{m}{m}$ worshipping at Life Church, 11.45 7/ a.m. (S.S. 10 a.m.) 1 1/2

2. Pupils and parents of the Korean Weekend School to join Life Churche # and Sunday School (10 a.m. and 8.45 #

GOD IS HERE, AND THAT TO BLESS US, With the Spirit's quick'ning pow'r; See, the cloud already bending, whits to drop the grateful show'r.

Ch: Let it come, O Lord, we pray Thee, Let the show'r of blessing fall; We are waiting, we are waiting, Oh, revive the hearts of all.

God is here! we feel His presence, In this consecrated place; But we need the soul refreshing, Of His free, unbounded grace.

PACTOR SIMIN REPORTS ON KAPUAS GOSPEL HISTIOH.

Kapuas

The first Christmas celebration ever held at &iantan Tengah was on 18 Dec. 176. There were 250 children gathered for the meeting. A service for adults was attended by 50. While I was in Singapore, I

forgot to discuss with you about the presents to be given to the children. So I borrowed some money from G.P.K.B. Church to buy them. The children were very happy to receive the presents.

According to our plan, we want to open a at Life Church, Rev. Philip Heng officiating primary school in 1977. Now we are waiting for money to repay the loan, which we have borrowed from friends, especially from Tju Lip Phin and Rev. Andereas Djunaidi. Besides this, we have made 50 benches.

Regarding the permission for starting a kindergarten, this has been approved by the government. We are opening the school. on 24/1/77. For the present, we will make use of Tju Lip Phin's old house, because he has moved to his new house.

Flease send the money to pay for our renovations as early as possible. It could be sent by Bank Negara Indonesia, Jalan Tanjung Pura, Pontianak.

SURELY GOODNESS AND MERCY

A piligrim was I, and a wandering, In the cold night of sin I did roam, When Jesus the kind Shepherd found me, And now I am on my way home.

next week immediately after Church Service: Ch: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days all the days of my life; Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days, all the days of my life. And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever,

And I shall feast at the table spread for

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days, all the days of my life. (All the days, all the days of my life).

He restoreth my soul when I'm weary, He giveth me strength day by day; He leads me beside the still waters, He guards me each step of the way.

When I walk thru the dark lonesome valley, My Saviour will walk with me there; And safely His great hand will lead me To the mansions He's gone to prepare.

God is here! oh, then believing, Bring to Him our one desire, That His love may now be kindled, Till its flame each heart inspire.

Saviour, grant the pray'r we offer, While in simple faith we bow, From the windows of Thy mercy, Pour us out a blessing now.

Edited by Rev. Timothy Tow, 9A Gilstead Road, Singapore 11, Tel: 513676/50617. Text: Haggai II (Sermon by Dr. John Sung)

Vs. 1-4. Now they all joined in the building of the Temple. Owing to their poverty. the rebuilt Temple lacked beauty and lustre. On the 21st of the 7th month all were gathered. God said, "See! Is your present building comparable to the one before this? Nevertheless, be not disheartened. Redouble your efforts. Don't be afraid. Go ahead! All is vanity. But not our holy work. Let's forge ahead!"

Someone said to me, 'Mr. Sung I have studied the Bible for a year and given myself to daily devotions. I have not seen God's glory yet. I have no power in preaching." Should such an one be disheartened? No. If he would pursue holiness, it will not be in

vain.

Though I was on the road to holiness for three years, I found little power in preaching at first. But I wasn't downhearted. I often wrestled with God, "O God! I have sought so earnestly, Why haven't I see your glory?" God replied, "You will see My glory by and by." As we go out witnessing at present, we might meet with little response, little success. We get disheartened. No! One day we will see God's glory.

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Vs. 5-9. God said, 'Don't be discouraged. Labour on! Soon you shall see God's glory." God will show us His glory. God said, "I shall cause the silver, gold and treasures of nations to be shipped here. The glory of this latter house shall be greater

than the former. Don't be discouraged."

I was greatly discouraged the first three years of my ministry. I had to preach ten times everyday. But what a difference between that work and my preaching three times a day now! When I went to the villages to preach in those days, I had to carry my own begage. I saw no fruit to my labours. I rushed here and there. Though there were e converts, now they are "dead." It was at Nanchang one night when God said to me, 'From tonight, the Holy Spirit will accompany your labours!' From that time onwards the glory of God has been manifested everywhere.

Beloved, as you witness for Christ, seek holiness! Be not discouraged. If you are not discouraged, you will have ten times my strength. A man seeking holiness cannot lose out. Not as one going into business, where one is faced with either profit or loss.

Vs. 10-14. We must not only seek holiness but advance another step. Be separated unto holiness. God says, "Ask a priest: if one bear sacrificial flesh in the skirt of his garment is it holy?"

"No."

"If one touches a dead body and later touches the sacrifice, will it be unclean?" "Surely unclean."

With unclean hands we contaminate the things we touch. If our hands are holy then the works of our hands will be holy. But if we touch a dead body and be a friend to the dead, then the work we do will fail, because werare not separated unto holiness. God says, 'There is a company of priests unclean before Me. All the sacrifices they offer are unclean."

Beloved, we are holy, but not separated to holiness. One touch of a dead body rings pollution. If our preaching bands begin to covet filthy lucre, then their work Let us keep holiness and be separate.

Vs. 15-19. Cn the 24th of the 9th month, the children of Israel were separated unto holiness. God said, "Before this day I did not bless you. Oil, corn and wine were scarce. Because you were unholy, the fruit on your trees was destroyed by wind, mildew

Before this I was employed by a certain institution. At that time I desired very much to be separated unto holiness, for God did not bless me much. I was eating the rice of that institution, and sometimes "I touched a dead body." I left that institution last year. Now God has greatly blessed the work of my hands. Don't ever touch a dead body!

While working with Bethel, one day I felt the loss of power. God said, "You have stolen two cents" After much recollection I remembered having borrowed the two cents from a friend to buy a Yu-tiau (broiled donut), because we ran short of viands that morning. I quickly returned the borrowed money. The friend said, "Never mind." I replied, "You say never mind, but God minds!" We must be separated unto holiness.

One day in Tsinan I felt also the loss of power, I was perplexed. As I prayed God said, "You've stolen 5 cents postage." As I didn't know, I asked God if I could repay 10 times. God refused. He wanted me to know. Later I found out. When a friend sent me a lettery, my wife inserted hers into the envelope in order to save five cents postage. Eve's sin involves Adam. So Christians should examine themselves everyday to be separated unto holiness, or else their work will fail them. In all my work, I dare not abuse public funds. Thus it is wrong for a nurse to use hospital drugs on herself. Because we are not careful in little things, taking many things for granted. God cannot bless us.

In Swatow there was a bookseller. Most of the books he sold were pirated editions. All he cared for was money. I asked him not to do it. He said all right, but did nothing to it. When he later lost his voice he called on me, 'Mr. Sung, I'm becoming dumb." I replied, "You did not listen to me. You are unholy."

So, our voice should also be separated unto holiness. If we interpret for Satan,

we have sinned! If we separate ourselves to holiness as the children of Israel did on the 24th of the 9th month, God will bless us. Satan dares not invade a holy person. Many sisters have fallen because they have not kept their holiness. They were set by fire by the Revival, but when they went home, they were tempted to an improper conduct. At first they resisted. Once they fell, they lost their holiness.

Vs. 20-23. God said, "Zerubbabel, from the 24th of the 9th month, you must be

separated unto holiness. After this day I shall use you to conduct revivals, and evangelistic enterprises that will shake the world. You will become a signet on my hand. You shall have power to pray for the sinful and the sick that they may be restored. Why? Because your hand will become God's seal. Why will God use your hand as his seal? Because you have cleansed your hand.

Let us separate unto holiness. Let us go up the mountain to bring wood. Let us everyday seek Him, and build His temple. May we seek to have morning devotions and

Bible study everyday!

LIFE CHURCH & FEBC APPOINTMENTS

Mon. 7.15 p.m. Calvin (Rev. Tow).

Tues. 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.

Fri. 7.30 p.m. Calvary Anniv. Dinner at Jurong.

Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Tow (Catechism Class follows).

4 p.m. Rev. Tai Po-fu.

Last Week's Offerings: \$505.59 + \$45 for

stone pew.

waves).

Sunday Lunch Roster: Life Y.P. Ladies: This Week: Mrs. Tan, Kam, Poon. Next Week: Mrs.

Tow, Sng, Khoo.

Catechism Class for Easter Baptism begins this Lord's Day in room next to Book Centre. New Address Mr. & Mrs. Ricky Lum, 387-N, Blk. 40, Telok Blangah Rise (4).

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Ho Ka Chiau of Sarimbun on the occasion of the marriage of their son John Swee Seng to Miss Joyce Tan

Seok Eng, Jan. 20, 1977.

Far Eastern Kindergarten has a few vacancies in the late morning (11.45 a.m. - 1.45 p.m.) session. Please ring Mrs. Lange, 513676. Radio Singapore Religious Service Broadcast. This Lord's Day (Jan. 23, 6.05 and 10 p.m.) Pastor Ralph Kusserow of Lutheran Jurong Christian Church. (This information is not endorsement of the speaker or church, but for His sheep am I. those who desire to be enlightened on what other churches are saying through the air

Lim Florist: phone 376471 or 2353292. Victorious Centenarian! Madam Lau Keow Ngo (Mrs. (Rev.) Chiam Seng Por, (formerly of Rawang, Muar) went home to the Lord, aged 100, Jan. 16, 1977. Funeral on Jan. 18 was officiated by Glory Church, Bkt. Timah. Bibles(King James Version) for Every Member! The lowest priced is only \$4.00. Collins Fontana Ref. Bible \$17.50; Collins Bible with Cyclopaedic Concordance (Teacher's Edition) \$18.50; Scofield Ref. Bible \$23.50; Thompson Chain Ref. Bible (Library Edition) \$56.00. Visit Christian Life Book Centre, at the back of the Church. Open everyday of the week 9 to 4.30; Sunday, after service 11.20 - 1.30 p.m.

Calvary celebrates 4th Anniversary, Jan. 28, 1977 with Chinese Dinner, 7.30 p.m. on Church grounds. Two couples are invited from Life Church Session. Calvary Statistics: 160 communicants, 5 fulltime workers; Attendande on Lord's Day 150 with 110 at Jr. Worship. Mandarin service attendance: 50.

Who's Who at Grace Church. Results of recent election: Hon. Pastor: Patrick Tan; Elder: Willie Seah; Deacons: George Tan, Mah Chin Thurs. 7.15 p.m. Pauline Epistles (Rev. Paauwe) Kwang, Wee Hian Kok, Chan Bah Chee. Ordination of the new session will be officiated by Rev. Tow, Feb. 13, 1977.

SHEEP AM

In God's green pastures feeding, by His cool waters lie;

Soft, in the evening walk my Lord and I. All the sheep of His pastures fare so wondrously fine,

His sheep am I.

Waters cool,

In the valley,

pastures green,

On the mountain, In the evening walk my Lord and I.

Dark the night,

In the valley,

Rough the way,

On the mountain,

Step by step my Lord and I.

In God's green pastures feeding, by His cool waters lie;

Soft, in the evening walk my Lord and I. All the sheep of His pastures fare so wondrously fine,

Hear Rev. Jim Turner of Child Evangelism at the Chinese Service this Lord's Day, illustrating his message by flannelgraph. Interpretation by Rev. Tow.

Jurong needs \$450 to top up \$22,000 in fixed

deposit! Watch it grow!

Newly Elected Jurong Committee: Rev. Paauwe (Chairman), Burt Subramaniam (Vice-chairman), Seah Eng Chee (Sec.), Eunice Seah (Treasurer), Eddie Chandra, George Kutty, Ong Keng Ho Committee members.

We extend a cordial welcome to

(1) Toa Payoh BOP Church (English) (also to Sunday Lunch).

(2) Korean Pupils and Parents of Korean Weekend School.

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WEEKLY Saturday 29th January, 1977

My dear Readers,

OUR WEEKLY CHAT

"A Gospel Kelong."

1977 sees God increasing the many and various uses made of our Gilstead Road

property in ways beyond our imagination!

First is the opening of a late-morning session for our Kindergarten. This has increased enrolment by 70 per cent. Second is the sanctuary given to the Toa Payoh English congregation, worshipping at Life Church on the Lord's Day at 11.45 a.m.(S.S. 10 a.m.) 12.30. Third is the opening of three classrooms fortund workend School 25at, Mornings 8.30

The opening of our Church, College and Kindergarten premises to a dozen church and church related groups brings us in contact with thousand people each week. It is these people who have come to us, and not we to them. Our central position with ample facilities in beautiful surroundings has made us "a Gospel Kelong." Already several Korean young people, through the Korean school, are attracted to our Sunday Services. Lifers should be aware of this new influx to our Church services. Help bring a soul into our "kelong," and then to the Lord, by being courteous to everyone coming into our grounds for one purpose or another. "Don't scare the fish away "if you are to be good fishers of men. (Ed. note: (For foreign readers, a kelong is an open-sea fish-trap with the fisherman living in a house above it.)

"We Have Not Done Enough For Our Lord."

Invited to a family dinner last Saturday night, I was delighted with the conversation between two brothers-in-law. As they humbered how fast the years had flown in this ort life, one said to the other, 'We have not done enough for the Lord."

"Surely!" replied the other, who then turned to me, "It is good to have such fellowship and discussion on the Lord's business. By this, we encourage one another."

With this resolve in our hearts, I'm sure more will be done in 1977, for the Lord by the three of us engaged in this conversation. Since our Lord's desire is that the Gospel be hastened to the uttermost part of the earth before He returns, let us all use our resources in a total mobilisation for a 1977 breakthrough.

How Can You Help Yourself?

1. Attend Church every Lord's Day with all your family. Come to Sunday School. Bring a friend. Give a lift to someone, if you drive.

2. Speak to someone about his soul. Give a tract to every friend or acquaintance you meet during the week.

3. Read your Bible. Pray with your children in family worship.

4. Support with your earnings. Give thanks for every blessing. Is it one-tenth

5. Attend Church Prayer Meeting. Pray particularly for our Missionary outreaches Sarimbun, Jurong, Kulai Besar, Kelapa Sawit, Muar, Rawang, Tanjung Pinang, Kapuas River in West Kalimantan.

6. Pray for Far Eastern Bible College. Support by giving to the Theological _holarship Fund. Life Church gives scholarship to 10 students (including two Lifers).

7. If you have any special talent, offer it to the Lord.

Helping Philippines Launch A Book Ministry.

The \$541 extra given for Philippines Relief last year has been converted into Bibles and Christian books. These have been gratefully received by Rev. Ormeo who is truly delighted in this new dimension of the Gospel ministry. Some of these books have been bought by his deacons and by Bible students. To help him further launch this book ministry, it is not too much to send him a second consignment of \$500. As the Lord speaks to your heart, I shall be glad to convert your gift into appropriate books. Rev. Ormeo personally needs a Thompson Chain Reference Bible. A good leather one cost around \$100. As it is said that the pen is mightier than the sword, consider what results will be reaped through this book ministry in days to come.

Invitation To Visit The Mission Fields.

One way of increasing our members' zeal for the support of Gospel enterprises beyong Singapore is to invite you to come along. Here are the dates:

1) Lord's Day Feb. 13, 1.30 p.m. Leave by car for Kelapa Sawit. Return to Singapore by 7 p.m. (Deacon Sng Teck Leong has booked a seat. Three left.)

2) Thursday April 7, 11.30 a.m. Leave Finger Pier by motor launch. Arrive Tanjung Pinang, Riau Islands 4.30 p.m. Holy Communion Service to remember of Lord's Death. Stay in Church for night. Leave Tg. Pinang Friday 1 p.m. Return to Singapore 6 p.m. in time for Good Friday Night Service. (Deacon Sng has booked to come. We can take a party of six at least! Travel expenses, \$60 only.)

3) Visit To West Kalimantan, to our Kapuas Gospel Mission. (As we wait on the Lord).

Yours for the Gospel,

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

MON. 7.15 p.m. Lecture on Calvin(Rev. Tow) Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart, TUES. 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.

Session Meeting.

THURS . 7.15 p.m. Pauline Epistles (Rev. Paauwe)

FRI. 8.00 p.m. FEK Com. Meeting at Parson-Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart.

4.00 p.m. LCYF.

7.00 p.m. YAF Dinner.

Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Tow (Lord's Supper). 4 p.m. Mr. Teo Sian Hua.

Last Week's Offering \$472.40 + \$250 Thanks

Sunday Lunch Roster: Young People: Life YP. Ladies: This Week: Mrs. Tow, Sng, Khoo, Next Week: Mrs. Tan, Kam, Poon.

Congratulations to Deacon & Mrs. Koh Kim Song on the gift of a boy, Wayne, Jan. 11,77. Congratulations to Captain Edward Heng on his promotion with SIA.

New Address: Miss Betty Chan, Blk. 2, 344L Dover Rd., (5), Tel: 2701833.

Far Eastern Kindergarten Committee is called to meet Fri. Feb. 4, 8.00 p.m. at the parsonage, Members of Committee: Rev. Tow (chairman), Sec. Dr. Paul Tsao, Treas. Mr. Eio Eng Hua, Elder Secw Chong Pin, Deacons Mahadevan, Roland Wong.

Offering For The Ten Stone Pews! Praise the Lord, a lady of our Chinese Service pledges to give the 10 stone pews(\$450), offering by instalment to the Lord! Here is another glorious example of loving giving from another present day Mary of Bethany. May God richly bless her and her family.

Wedding Bells! The holy matrimony between Mr. Tan Tah Kern and Miss Julie Lim Khiow Choo will be solemnised, Tues. Feb. 8, 5.30 p.m. Rev. Tow officiating. (Bro. Toh Kern, an old Lifer, is SIA manager in Taipeh). In John Sung's Steps, the Story of Lim Puay Hian by T. Tow, 151 pages, price \$2. One reader of the book has ordered 50 copies for distribution to his friends! Have you got a copy from the Christian Life Book Centre? Bible Story Colouring Books from USA, 90 cts each. Hurry!

Kelapa Sawit. The Building Plans have at last been approved by the Johore Government. Rev. Tow will visit Kelapa Sawit, Sunday Feb. 13 when decision will be made in regard to calling for tenders.

30 Lecture chairs with writing sideboard at \$17.50 per unit. Any offerer? These are used both by the FEBC and the Korean Weekend School.

in-a my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart, In-a my heart, in-a my heart,

Lord, I want to be more loving in-a my heart, in-a my heart,

Lord, I want to be mode loving in-a my heart, In-a my heart, in-a my heart,

Lord, I want to be more loving in-a my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart, in-a my heart,

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart, In-a my heart, in-a my heart,

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart.

The Hymnal For Youth No: 217.

DUST TO DUST, THE MORTAL DIES - Psalm 49.

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. Though 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 Though one's house and wealth increase; Death shall end his fleeting day, He shall carry naught gaway.

Though in life he wealth attained, Though the praise of men he gained, He shall join those gone before, Where the light shall shine no more. Crowned with honor though he be, Highly gifted, strong and free, If he be not truly wise, Man is like the beast that dies,

Building God's Kingdom, at Kelapa Sawit Who will go (give) for US?"

OUR WEEKLY CHAT

My dear Readers,

"Reds Butcher Thai Village Children - Massacre at Nong Doh"

Under this caption the Straits Times of Feb. 1, reports:

"Rice farmer Cherd Ronglang sat in the dust near smouldering remains of his house and said, "I've no idea why they came, no idea at all."

Barely 60 metres from where he hunched in windowbreaker and khaki shorts lay the nude body of his five-year-old son, rlies clustering around a jagged knife thrust across the throat.

When Khmer Rouge soldiers brought death to this frontier hamlet a few kilometres from the border town of Aranyaprathet last Friday, five of Cherd's eight children were among the 21 innocents slaughtered by knife and bullet ... "

"Murder of a Gentle Land."

It is high time that we who are basking in the sunshine of the Singapore Paradise woke up to what is happening just "two doors away down the street." For our information and self-admonition, let me introduce you to the Readers' Digest Book Section I, Feb. 1977, where you will read, under the caption above, atrocities like the Thai children massacre multiplied 50,000 times. 'Murder of a Gentle Land' is one of the most chilling stories ever to appear in The Readers' Digest. Since the Communists took over the country in April 1975, "a pitiless terror has emptied the cities and turned the villages, fields and gles into charmel houses where unburied corpses lie putrefying in the sun." The numbers massacred in Cambodia exceeds a million, or half the City of Singapore.

Our Answer

As our hearts are stirred by the callous murders carried out en masse by the Communi. ists, let us pray for the dying and despairing that God might have mercy on them. It is a good exercise for our own souls to remember the poor and distressed that we may be more thankful for our peace and abundance.

Then, as we are fired by a holy indignation against such brutality and bloodshed, let us resolve to answer the wrongs of man with the Righteousness of God. Let us do our bit to save souls that are perishing around us under other foul pressures by Satan. It is impossible for us to liberate Cambodia, but we have the power to do good in whatever station God has put us.

Insofar as our Church is concerned, the Lord has sent us to the Riau Islands and to West Kalimantan. O Lord, help us to extend Thy Kingdom to the regions beyond.

"God Loveth a Cheerful Giver" - II Cor. 9:7.

This blessing by Paul is given in his Letter to the Corinthians to exhort them to give to the support of the Lord's work. But I have no need to exhort Lifers, since, as in the last two years you have done so well, so you are continuing in the same good works

Last week I was deeply touched by the gift of a lady to pay for the ten stone pews, as expressed in the news column. But that was not all. The same Lord's Day saw the spontaneous flowing in of several sums of thankofferings, the giving of seven lecture chairs by three persons, and a bumper contribution for the Philippines Book Ministry. A sister after service offered to give \$100+\$250 and a brother came during the week with \$600! Such cheerful, unadulterated giving from a pure heart is a most sweet savour sacrifice to the Lord. And, according to King David's law, those who stay by the stuff such as you on the home front receive equal reward as those fighting at the front.

"To Date Still No Published Church Membership List!"

This statement is true! For, every time we wanted to publish one, another group from our midst would be leaving to start a new branch. And it takes about a year for us to settle down to who are those who have finally left us.

Here's a table of new offshoots from Life Church since 1970.

1. Sarimbun Aug. 1970.

2. Sembawang Nov. 1970.

3. Toa Payoh (English) Sept. 1971.
4. Calvary Jan. 1973. (5. Kulai Besar, Feb. 1973).
6. Grace Jan. 1976.
7. GLTD at River Valley May 1976.
Now that Grace Church has published her membership list, (though GLTDers are still both in and out) and the Congregational Meeting is coming, we must take take census for all parctical purposes. You are requested therefore to fill in the forms while the offerings are being taken during worship hour. Your obediently.

Kapuas

7.15 p.m. Calvin (Rev. Tow).

Tues. 5.30 p.m. Tan - Lim Wedding.

8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.

Thurs.7.15 p.m. Pauline Epistles(Rev.Paauwe)

1.30 p.m. GLTD Gospel Meeting.

4.00 p.m. YF & YAF.

Lord's Day 10 a.m. Dr. Allan Adams 4 p.m. Mr. Lin Tah Mon.

(Rev. Tow at Grace and Kelapa Sawit.) Last Week's Offerings: \$773.90 + \$50 (Kapuas) Thru pastor's hand \$200 + \$120. 30 FEBC Lecture chairs: \$35 + \$52.50 + \$35 = 7 chairs.

Philippines Book Ministry: \$100 + \$250 + \$600.

Mr. Andrew Bo has been honourably appointed understand that you are busy. We commit general supervisor of Church grounds. Notice is given for the holding of Annual will work out smoothly. Congregational Meeting, Sunday Mar. 6,1977, ----11.15 a.m.

Elder Khoo Peng Kiat made a two-day trip, Thurs - Fri, to Tanjung Pinang. where he had fellowship with the deacons, and surveyed the opportunities for a greater outreach in Riau. (A first time visa is \$10, butaa new ruling requires \$25 for every subsequent visit within six months.)

Rev. & Mrs. C. T. Hsu, 541 W. 49 St., #61, New York, N.Y. 10019, U.S.A. Many thanks for your magnanimous gift of a set of Lange's Commentary on the whole Bible - for FEBC. Surplus Baby Kit. Whatever is useful for newborn baby (but stowed away in your closet) will be deeply appreciated by pastor - to do good to a Christian mother. (Napkins, feed= ing bottles, baby powder, towels, singlets, even bath tub! Monetary gift humbly received. "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord, and that which he hath given will He pay him again" (Prov. 19:17).

Life Church S.S. Supt: Kindly leave the two
FEK rooms open at 10 a.m. to facilitate Toa Payoh Sunday School. (Mr. Bo will lock them after use.)

Mr. T.C. Eng. Session has approved to make further renovations. When can you start? Any unused jars, the size of our bougainvil-lia pots? Elder Tay could plant some more. Sunday Lunch Roster, Young People, Life YF. Ladies, This Week: Mrs. Tan, Kam, Poon. Next Week: Mrs. Tow, Sng Khoo.

Toa Payoh (English) in her Bulletin this Lord's Day reports increase both in Church and S.S. attendance and in worship offering. It appreciates also the fellowship enjoyed with Lifers at the Sunday Lunch. Welcome, Toa Payoh!

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See Mr. Stephen Kuan after service till 1.30 p.m.

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ!

First of all my wife and I would like to share a great joy with you. On the 27th Jan., '77 God gave us twin boys. Both mother and children

are in good health. I consider

it as a great blessing from the Lord, despite the fact that I am more busy.

Regarding the Kindergarten, it was launched on 17th Jan, '77 with 44 children. We are waiting for your reply, because we are really

in urgent need of help financially. This I had mentioned in my earlier letter. everything unto God hoping that every thing

GOD, BE MERCIFUL TO ME - Psalm 51

God, be merciful to me, On Thy grace I rest my plea; Plenteous in compassion Thou, Blot out my transgressions now; Wash me, make me pure within, Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin,

I am evil, born in sin; Thou desirest truth within. Thou alone my Savior art, Teach Thy wisdom to my heart; Make me pure, Thy grace bestow, Wash me whiter than the snow,

Gracious God, my heart renew, Make my spirit right and true; Cast me not away from Thee, Let Thy Spirit dwell in me; Thy salvation's joy impart; Stedfast make my willing heart.)

Sinners then shall learn from me And return, O God, to Thee; Savior, all my guilt remove, And my tongue shall sing Thy Love; Touch my silent lips, O Lord, And my mouth shall praise accord.

BEYOND THE WHITE CLOUDS

O what a glorious Morning that will be! To meet with Christ our Saviour in the sky, Beyond the white clouds on the Crystal Sea, And caught up in the twinkling of an eye.

O what a joyous Morning that will be! To meet with our beloved Mother dear, Beyond the white clouds on the Crystal Sea, When time doth dry this evening's falling tear.

To meet with Christ at dawning or midnight, Beyond the white clouds on the Crystal Sea, When sun, moon, stars sing to the Light of lights.

O what a glorious Morning that will be! To join with throngs from every tribe and tongue,

Beyond the white clouds on the Crystal Sea, In oceans of praises to God the Son.

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MY TRIP TO TANJUNG PINANG - By Khoo Peng Kiat.

It would have been "our" trip instead of "my" trip, had it not been for the new visa regulations which affected Pastor and Mrs. Tow! However, I believe that "all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose" (Rom. 8:28). This was so in the case of Mrs. Tow and daughter who were indisposed the next day. Furthermore, I believe the Lord was testing my faith whether I dared to go all by myself, this being my "maiden" voyage there. I passed the test, standing on His promises. Thanks be to God for giving me this opportunity to see for myself God's little acre there and what we can do for the Lord's work.

It was Thursday, 3/2/77 at 1215 hours when the final horn sounded for K.m. Laju V, to set sail, The trip was almost perfect, and the boat was cruising at a speed of 121/2

knots. Four and a half hours later we reached Tanjung Pinang.

On my arrival, I was welcomed by brother Linus Lai. Incidentally, both of us did not know each other. God must have given Linus the intuition to spot me without any form of identification for he had expected Rev. and Mrs. Tow to be there. In fact, Pastor Tow had earlier told me to use my Bible as a sign but this slipped out of my mind.

Brother Linus appeared to be quite influential, for I had no problem getting my luggage cleared through the Customs. Outside the Customs check point was another brother, Joseph Liu, waiting to receive me. Both brothers came on scooters. Joseph took care of my luggage while Linus gave me the pillion ride. A few minutes ride through narrow streets found us at the two-storeyed wooden home of the Lais and Lius. They extended the right hand of fellowship to me by immediately providing me with a warm bath to finishen me up. The salubrious sea breeze and the bath did me much good. I was very moved by their kind hospitality. Christ Jesus, we are no strangers wherever we go.

Later in the evening, a dinner fit for a king was laid on the table: prawns, crabs, fish, etc., fresh and all king-size! Another brother, Budi Tan was also invited to dine with us. Mrs. Lai was really skilled at cooking. We all ate with relish, and I had the lion's share because I had to eat Rev. and Mrs. Tow's share. After dinner, I was

taken round to see the "kota" i.e. the town.

The next morning, we visited Budi's home where we had further fellowship. There, I was introduced to Rev. Palit, an Indonesian pastor from Kijang, 17 miles on the other side of the Island. The brethren there are doing a wonderful work for the extension of God's kingdom despite limited resources. Those of us here who are bilingual especially in English and Chinese or English and Malay are an asset to the Gospel work there.

Friday, 4/2/77, saw Jesus my Saviour safely pilot me back home. The vastness of the sea humbles my heart and helps me cry out from within: "O God, how great Thou art!" Upon landing at Finger Pier at about 1815 hours, I thought of boarding a taxi, but lo

and behold, Rev. Tow was there to welcome me!

What are the impressions of my visit there? Personally, the trip was an eye-opener in that it has shaken off not a little of my spiritual complacency. I realise how vileged indeed we are to live in Singapore! In the home where I stayed well water is used for cooking and bathing and also rain water for bathing and washing purposes. There is no modern sanitation. A deep pit latrine is constructed for the purpose of defaecation. Our brethren there certainly need our help both spiritually and materially. The people there are hungry for the Word of God. The D.V.B.S. conducted last year was a real blessing to the children. The Liu children sang with gusto some of the hymns taught them. What I have learned from the Christian brethren there is: "Godliness with contentment is great gain." (I Tim. 6:6). And contentment is:found not in having everything but being satisfied in everything you have.

I think it would be a good idea for more members of our Church to visit not only Tanjung Pinang but also other outreaches to gain a better vision. I was like the "katak di-bawah tempurung" (a frog under a coconut shell), but now Leam beginning to see a bit better.

"FROM EACH HIS BEST, TO EACH HIS WORTH"

This economic principle pursued by our Government and re-iterated by President Sheares is not only sound but also Biblical. The Word of God has plenty to say about our welfare in this present life. Jesus Himself was born into a carpenter's home. From small he learnt to labour hard for a living with his hands, supporting His Mother to the very end of His earthly life. Our Lord in declaring that"the workmen is worthy of his meat " (Matt. 10:10) and commending the five and two-talent servants for their earned profits (Matt. 25:20-23) sets a seal on our Government's policy. Negatively put by St. Paul to the Thessalonians and to those who clamour for free bus rides and other unreasonable demands today, is this equally wellknown Biblical maxim, "If any would not work neither should he eat" (II Thess. 3:10). "No work, no pay. Some work, some pay, Buch work, much pay.

LIFE CHURCH & FEBC APPOINTMENTS

7.15 p.m. Calvin (Rev. Tow). Tues. 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting. Thurs. (Chinese New Year's Eve) No Lecture. Lord's Day 10 am Dr. Patrick Tan. 4 pm Rev. Tow.

(Rev. Tow at Zion Centre, Queenstown, 10.30 a.m.)

Last Week's Offering: \$731.50. Sunday Lunch Roster: Young People: Life YF. Ladies: This Week: Mrs. Tow, Sng, Khoo. Next Week: Mrs. Khoo, Poon Kam. The Catechism Class next Lord's Day will be taken by Dr. Patrick Tan in pastor's absence.

30 FEBC Lecture chairs at \$17.50 per chair. Another 3 offered. Left 20 chairs. Any Offerer?

A new library for FEBC has been constructed during the week by our Deaf Carpenter from Kelapa Sawit. Also, a wall-length of bookshelves for the Book Centre.

Good News from Tan Wai Choon. In a letter dated Feb. 6, just received, Wai Choon accepts Life Church's offer of the post of assistant pastor. After graduating from Faith Seminary this May, Wai Choon will spend a Mount of Olives on the outer garden. another semester at The Institute of Praise the Lord for such Milarity in give Holy Land Studies, Jerusalem, before return- The reason for such spontaneity in surely ing to Singapore in September. (Praise God for your decision and the Lord's blessings. Mailed to you Calvin Abridged etc. etc.). Bible Silhouettes, "an outline study of the whole Bible is completed by Jason Linn (in Chinese) with the publication of the N.T. Yours for \$7 a set! Pioneering in Dyak Borneo" by Jason Linn, transl. by T. Tow, 250 pages, sells for \$2.50 only.Get yours

from Christian Life Book Centre.

An Ang Pow for Jesus First!

Chinese New Year will be here in a week. Under a good Government and a peaceful realm by God's mercies, Singaporeans can afford to eat and enjoy to their heart's content. Its is a good practice for MP's and millionaires to remember the poor by giving out ang pows.

Christians like us also give, receive and exchange ang pows. But the blessing is missed if we forget that special one which we should give to Jesus first! "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto Me" (Matt. 25:40). Let our ang pows this year go to the slum children under care of Dyak pastor Simin at the Kapuas River, Pontianak, West Kalimantan.

To show our reverence in offering, members are urged to enclose their gifts in red envelopes all prepared beforehand. Children should be taught to give of their own, out of the many they receive from uncles and aunts.

And Now, A Mount of Olives!

The same lady who gave us the Sea of Galile fountain has offered \$400 for the making of Praise the Lord for such hilarity in giving. something deep within the giver's heart, the experience of God's love.

This therefore prompts us the more to invite givers to Church projects and installlations. For example the stone pews (all given) and 30 lecture chairs (10 given). If any would want to join in this giving, we have the newly set up FEBC Library bookshelves. And offerer?

NO SUNDAY LUNCH NEXT WEEK.

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CHINESE NEW YEAR CHAT

My dear Readers,

The Year of The Snake?

For the Chinese, this is the Year of the Snake! Twelve animals are used to mark the rotation of the years in this order: Rat, ox, tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, sheep, monkey, cock, dog, pig. Woven around the characteristics of these animals are various folklore and superstitions. A lot, regarding the dragon, was published last year in our daily papers. The dragon was said to be good or bad according to whether it had three or four claws. Earthquakes were blamed on the bad dragon!

As for me, I can say plenty against the snake! Doesn't it remind us of the Fall of mankind? Did not Eve succumb to the wiles of the Serpent whereby sin and death

came into the world?

The Year of the Lamb!

If there is one animal amongst these twelve that brings us good, it is the sheep, or the lamb. The lamb is our animal! It ushers in the Jewish New Year, efery year. is the passover lamb. It was killed and its blood dabbed over the door posts and lintel in order to protect the inmates of the house from the angel of death on the night of the Exddus. Yes, even the Egyptian firstborn would be saved if he should run into an Israelites house where the passover lamb was killed.

Now the passover lamb is more other than our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus, is the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. With Him before us, His blood shed to ke away our sins, we have a safe year, every year. Believing Jews and Gentiles, made one in Christ, share the Lamb in their common salvation. The Lamb is the Christian animal of the year, from year to year. Dear Reader, can you say this for yourself?

An Angpow for Jesus First!

Chinese New Year is no Chinese New Year without the giving and receiving of angpows. Through some magic, it seems, purse strings are happily loosed by the heads of the family. Those who receive are children, unmarried young people, aged parents and grandparents.

May I remind you of one angpow I wrote about last week, viz., the first one, to be

specially wrapped, for Jesus our Lord. For His sake, we will send it to the support of a new mission work started among the slum children on the Kapuas River, Pontianak, West Kalimantan. This is the least we Christians can do, when we consider there are those outside the Church who take the lead to distribute red packets to the poor and aged.

F. E B C Library

With the installation of new bookshelves in our second classroom, the FEBC Library's sitting capacity is increased by at least 50 per cent. And with the many empty bookshelves installed, we have now space for another 2,000 volumes. Here is where you can elp. If you have theological books lying idle in the house, why not send them to our ibrary? Also books of reference, encyclopaedias, lexicons, books of general interest.

Incidentally, we have acquired 30 lecture chairs at \$17:50 each. 10 have been paid for. Any Reader would like to pay for the rest or part thereof?

1 Philippines Book Ministry

With the double offering for the Thompson Chain Ref. Bible, we have now despatched to Rev. Ormeo two leather Bibles instead of one. Another pastor surely can use the second

The remainder of the offerings received will pay for a wide assortment of theological books obtainable from our Book Centre.

Rev. Ormeo has written a booklet called, "How to Get Money from God." It is the crystallisation of ten years' preaching on the subject of Christian Stewardship. As you bless-him, he will surely bless you with this book.

Grace B-P Church

Last week I had the privilege of attending Grace Church at Bedok and taking part in the ordination of an elder and four deacons. Except for one local "product," all who were ordained are old Lifers. Under the leadership of Dr. Patrick Tan the young church has grown by leaps and bounds. The attendance at Grace averages 60. Besides there is also a Junior Service in charge of FEBC Sr. student Tan Choon Seng.

Shalom House which provides premises for the Church has ample room for 50 to camp

in. Ring 674564 for Dr. Tan.

Incidentally Dr. Tan is our speaker this Lord's Day, while I speak at the Chinese Zion Centre, Queenstown. Let's give him a warm welcome. - T.T.

CHURCH & REBC APPOINTMENTS

8.00 am FEBC resumes classes. Mon.

7.15 pm Calvin (Rev. Tow).

8.00 am Mr. George Verwer at FEBC Wed. Chapel.

7.30 pm Mr. George Verwer speaks at Life Church (open to public).

Thurs. 7.15 pm Pauline Ep. (Rev. Paauwe). Sat. 4.00 pm LCYF, YAF.

Lord's Day

10 am Rev. Tow. 4 pm Mr. Lin Tah Mon.

Last Week's Offerings: \$656.11 + \$20/- for Missions + \$210.00 for lecture chairs. Sunday Lunch Roster Next Week: Life YF. Ladies: Mrs. Khoo, Poon, Kam.

Census Taking Please fill the form today if you haven't!

Congregational Meeting. Lord's Day, Mar.6, 11.15 a.m. Hembers are reminded of this important day, once a year, to come and pass the annual Reports and Budget for 1977. Though we have no budget, it is exhorted that members aim at giving \$10,000 more than last year!

Catechism Class Dr. Tan has kindly consented to take the Catechism class while the pastor preaches at Zion Centre.

Corrigendum Deacon Lim Teck Chye's address is: 44 Toh Tuck Place, Singapore 21, Tel: 674281.

B-P Banner announces: Hear Rev. Quek Kiok Chiang on Radio (medium wave) in English, Sun. Feb. 27, 1977. Evening Service 6.05 p.m. Epilogue: 10.00 p.m.

F.E.K. Classrooms Two of these are open to Church use, Life, Toa Paych, etc. Please see that the Kindergarten gadgets, pin-ups, etc. are not tampered with by the children. Coming to Riau? The pastor will baptise and administer the Lord's Supper at Tanjung Pinang, Thursday night April 7, 1977. He will return Fri. Apr. 8, 6.00 p.m. to Singapore in time for Good Friday Service. Get in touch early.

SMCCC holds Day of Prayer at Tavistock Ave. Serangoon Garden, Fri. Mar. 4, 7.30 p.m. Hear Dr. Bob Jones and Dr. Ian Paisley, at the Victoria Theatre Mar. 3 & 4, and at S'pore Conference Hall, Mar. 5 & 6, nightly

8 - 10 p.m. FEBC Lecture chairs \$17.50 coming by post! So left only 7 chairs unpaid, i.e. \$122.50. Edited by Rev. Timothy Tow, 9A Gilstead Rd., Singapore 11, Tel: 50617, 513676.

Kapuas Gospel Mission Latest



A-third acre of land with an old Malay house has been bought for future extension.

At present the Mission's kindergarten is held in a Mr. Tju Lip Pin's house from which the owner has recently vacated. This serves

as a stop gap while renovation of the Mission property is under consideration. 50 new desks and benches have been made to cater to the needs of the slum children. Rev. Simin thanks the Lord for giving him twins!

O MY SOUL, BLESS THOU JEHOVAH - Psalm 103

0 my soul, bless thou Jehovah, All within me bless His Name: Bless Jehovah and forget not All His mercies to proclaim. He forgives all thy trangressions, Heals thy sicknesses and pains; He redeems thee from destruction, And His love thy life sustains.

He with tender mercies crowns thee, Satisfies thy full request, So. that, like the tireless eagle, Thou with youth renewed art blessed. Righteous is the Lord in judgment, Unto all that are oppressed; To His people He has ever Made His goodness manifest.

Yea, the Lord is full of mercy And compassion for distress, Slow to anger and abundant In His grace and tenderness. He will not be angry alway, Nor will He forever chide; Though we oft have sinned against Him, Still His love and grace abide.

As the heavens are high above us, Great His love to us has proved; Far as east from west is distant, He has all our sins removed. As a father loves his children, Feeling pity for their woes, So the Lord to those who fear Him Mercy and compassion shows.

Building GOD'S KINGDOM at Kelapa Saurt

Sarimbun

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OUR WEEKLY CHAT

The Challenge of the "Logos."

The Gospel ship 'Logos' is wellknown to Christians in Singapore! It is now in West Africa. Over 20 Singaporeans and Malaysians are on board serving in one capacity or another. Wherever this Gospel ship goes, it tries to spread the Good News by word and by literature.

Mr. George Verwer, founder of Operation Mobilisation that is now operating the Logos ministry, as well as evangelising Europe and India through overland Gospel teams, visited Singapore briefly last week. As usual Life Church and FEBC open their doors to him. He spoke to the College Wednesday morning for 45 minutes and to 150 young Christians in the evening in the same auditorium. Many young lives were blessed and a score or more stood up to rededicate their lives to the Lord.

In every age God must raise up new "candlesticks" to witness for Him when old ones burn out. The Logos ministry, we believe, is one of these new "candlesticks," burning bright to shine in this dark world. The Logos certainly is a challenge to our Church and Bible College.

Although Life Church has for the last quarter-century been an outward bound Church, having established over a dozen branches at home and abroad, we must confess we have much more land to possess. With 30-odd Lifers having gone to Bedok to establish Grace Church, and with nearly 100 young people of the GLTD leaving us to found a new church at River Valley, it seems our ranks have become quite depleted. But we have the FEBC with us, and a goodly number are engaged every week in some Gospel extension work.

But in a couple of months the College's long vacation will be here. During the

two-and-a-half-month vacation, those students not involved in any specific work could well go out in Life Church's behalf to spread the Gospel. According to our Lord's injunction to the seventy, going out two by two, our Church should be happy to support those who are called to go out together. If young Singapore Christians have signed up for a year abroad, what is it for FEBC students to be sent on a one to two-month duration

to serve locally, in Malaysia or some other Asean country?

Opening at Sarimbun

For example, we have a mission house and 20,000 sq. ft. property at Sarimbun, Lim Chu Kang. A Sunday School work is at present being maintained here. Apart from this no other work is done, since no one stays here. Here is a challenge for two FEBC students during their long vacation. If they would come and stay here for the duration and conduct some regular vacation evangelistic programme for the farmers! children, I'm sure a greater ground work for future growth will be-laid. And if two FEBCers will give themselves for Sarimbun for the two-and-a-half months, Life Church should be more than happy to support this special outreach.

Kulai Besar

The same may be repeated for Kulai Besar. Here we have another fine property. At present an FEBC team with help from Pastor Bobby Phee maintains a weekly witness to a group of 25 English-speaking young people. If a two-man team will come over there to stay and work out a two-month programme for the young people, I'm sure much good will be done. Life Church has the means to support this second team to Kulai Besar. Yes, and a third, and a fourth, if young hearts are willing to present themselves together with their hands

and feet to do the Master's bidding. Unless our Church is interested in making the Gospel go forward, we will soon stagnate and become lifeless ourselves!

Fortunately, the Lord has opened an outlet for us at Potianak on the Kapuas River. That we have Pastor Simin there to preach the Word to hundreds of refugee children is a blessing to our own soul. To have a part in a soul-saving work daily longed for by our many happy returns to our life. Lord brings

Hear Jones and Paisley

Dr. Bob Jones and Dr. Ian Paisley are Christian leaders known around the world. They are fundamentalists, men who stand firm for the old-fashioned Gospel, for the infallibility and inerrancy of the Scriptures, for the salvation of souls through the shed blood of Jesus Christ.

In a day when every wind of doctrine is blowing, when Bible believing churches are being swamped by a flood of New-Evangelism and Modernism, it is good that our members be strengthened by the preaching of these two men of God. Hear Jones and Paisley at the Victoria Theatre Mar. 3 and 4, and at the Conference Hall Mar. 5 and 6, 8 pm nightly.

T.T.

LIFE CHURCH & FEBC APPOINTMENTS

7.15 pm Lecture on Calvin(Rev, Tow). Mon. Tues. 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting.

Session Meeting. Thurs. 7.15 pm No Pauline Epist. class.

Sat. 4.00 pm LCYF & YAF.

Lord's Day 10 am Rev. Tow (Lord's Supper) 11.15 am Congregational Meeting.

4 pm Mr. Teo Sian Hua(Lord's Supper) ...

Last Week's Angpow Offerings: \$1,625.25 + 1,5100 + \$50 + \$20 + an angpow from Whose Wah Ann, Australia.

Philippines Book Ministry: \$50. Sunday Lunch Roster: Young People: Life YP. Ladies: This Week Mrs. Khoo, Poon, Kam.

Next Week Mrs. Tow, Sng, Tan.

Catechism for Easter Baptism meets immediately after service at the corner room beside the Book Centre.

Pray for Mrs. Tow Keng Hee convalescing at Gleneagles Hospital after an operation. Attend Congregational Meeting, Lord's Day, Mar. 6th, 11.15 am to receive Annual Report and approval Budget for 1977. Every member has a duty to discharge!

7 More FEBC Lecture Chairs to be paid for at \$17.50! A last offerer?

Rev. C. T. Hsu, U.S.A. Many thanks for your cheque and the Christian booklets on Lives Unshackled" which are now being distributed. Hear JONES & PAISLEY at Victoria Theatre Mar. 3 & 4 and at the Conference Hall Mar.

5 & 6, nightly 8 pm.

SAY IT WITH BOOKS!

Pioneering in Dyak Borneo by Jason Lynn 6,\$2.50 Calvin's Abridged by T. Tow 230 p. \$3.00 I Remember John Sung by W.E. Schubert 106p.

\$1.00 In John Sung's Steps, the Story of Lim Puay Hian by T. Tow. 150 p.s. \$2.00 Bibles! Bibles! Bibles! Book Centre

9A Gilstead Rd., S'pore 11, Phone: 50617.

"FIGHTING ANGEL" and "THE EXILE" are twin books, complementary and inseparable, superb portraits painted by a daughter of her missionary parents. The author is none other than Noble Prize winner, Pearl S. Buck. In these books you will see the inside life of a typical American missionary couple who spent their lives for the Chinese people from the days of the Manchus, through the Boxer Rebell-ion, to the days of Revolution ushering in the Chinese Republic. The books should humble us to know to what lengths and depths these so-called "foreign devils" were willing to suffer in order to make Christ known to China's teeming millions. Ask Stephen Kuan about them.

MY RIGHTEOUS GOD, WHO OFT OF OLD -Psalm - 4.

My righteous God, who oft of old Hast saved from troubles manifold, Give answer when I call to Thee, Be gracious now and hear my plea.

Refrain: 0 who will show us any good? Exclaims the troubled multitude; But lift on us, O God of grace, The cheering brightness of Thy face.

How long, 0 men, will ye defame, How long my glory turn to shame, How long will ye vain follies prize, How long pursue deceit and lies?

But know, the Lord has set apart The man of godly life and heart To be His favored one for aye; Jehovah hears me when I pray.

In reverence wait, from sin depart, In meditation calm your heart; Hold fast the right, be true and just, And in Jehovah put your trust.

More joy from Thee has filled my heart Then great abundance could impart; I lay me down to peaceful sleep, For Thou, O Lord, dost safely keep.

Psalter Hymnal No. 6.

PRAISE THE LORD: YE HEAVENS, ADORE HIM

Praise the Lord; ye heavens, adore Him; Praise Him, angels, in the height; Sun and moon, rejoice before Him; Praise Him, all ye stars and light. Praise the Lord, for He hath spoken; Worlds His mighty voice obeyed; Laws which never shall be broken ... For their guidance hath He made. He

Praise the Lord, for He is glorious; Never shall His promise fail; God hath made His saints victorious; Sin and death shall not prevail. Praise the God of our Salvation; Hosts on high, His power proclaim; Heaven and earth and all creation, Laud and magnify His Name.

Worship, honor, glory, blessing, Lord, we offer unto Thee; Young and old, Thy praise expressing, In glad homage bend the knee. All the saints in heaven adore Thee; We would bow before Thy throne: As Thine angels serve before Thee, So on earth Thy will be done.

The Hymnal For Youth No. 8.

Arriving at Temangkat West Kalimantan, en route to Vol. XII No. 39.

Saturday 5th March, 1977

1976 - FIRST YEAR INTO THE SECOND QUARTER-CENTURY OF LIFE CHURCH

Life Church was founded in 1950.

When we held our Congregational Meeting on Jan. 25, 1976, the pastor pointed out to the congregation that this was Life Church's first year into the Second Quarter-Century of her existence. The pastor jovially pledged to serve till A.D. 2001, and urged the congregation to work together for a greater outreach in the extension of God's Kingdom while waiting for His Coming. He commended the congregation for having doubled their giving in the Silver Jubilee Year of 1975, while Elder Seow Chong Pin, the retiring Treasurer after 17 years, urged members to keep up this cheefful spirit in the new Year.

1976 has come and gone. When our new Treasurer Mr. William Teo closed the account books for 1976, he was amazed at the good hand of God upon us. For the people, without being in the least burdened, have exceeded their varget of \$100,000! Out of this sum, some 58 per cent has been spent for the furtherance of the Gospel beyond our Church, even to the banks of the Kapuas River in West Kalimantan. This 58% spent for the Gospel extension in loving obedience to our Lord's Commission comprises Missions, Theological

scholarships, Church Building Projects, Christian Book Ministry and Relief.

The running of our Church at Gilstead Road, which provides shelter also for the Far Eastern Bible College, with a hospitality ministry for passing-through missionaries, is kept at a minimum. It is noted that employents for pastor and church clerk takes 15.5%, Maintenance and repairs 13%. Installations, like the offering of a fountain, corridor fans, new hymn books, a new Gestetner, stone furniture, etc. 8%.

The Lord, seeing that Life Church was ready to break out to new frontiers of service,

has established through us the following:-

1. Grace Bible-Presbyterian Church at
5 Jalan Haji Salam, Bedok. (In 1976, Life Church contributed nearly \$15,000 to help
launch this first branch church on the East Coast). Inaugurated on Jan. 3, 1976 with
Dr. Patrick Tan as honorary pastor, this daughter church's growth has been most phenomenal, 30 Lifers in the course of the year transferred to the new church.

This is not an altogether new project, but rather revival of a latent ministry.

Mr. Stephen Kuan, an FEBC Graduate, offered himself to this Book Ministry. By God's
Grace this work has struggled to become self-supporting, thanks also to the free premises
and utilities provided by the mother church. The aim of the Book Centre is to propagate
the Gospel through selling Bibles and Christian literature, far and wide. Through the
Book Centre Life Church has donated Bibles and books to Brunei and the Philippines. The
Book Centre is also distributor for a new publishing ministry entrusted to the pastor,
whereby the books "I Remember John Sung"and "In John Sung Steps" are widely disseminated,
even to USA and other countries. The pastor is requested to head the Book Centre as
"proprietor". A committee consisting of Deacons Phang Chin Yen, Seow Chong Keong, William
and Peter Wang steers the month to month progress of the Book Centre.

3. In August. 1976, a call from the Kapuas River, West Kalimantan was transmitted to Life Church through Rev. Djunaidi. It was to help support Dyak Pastor Barnabas Simin establish a Gospel work with Chinese refugee children at Siantan Tengah, Pontianak. This call was answered when a Deacon pledged to underwrite a year's salary to our missionary. The pastor was sent in the same month to visit the site of this new endeavour. He returned with a glowing report of the wide opportunities before us. Pastor Simin and his wife were invited to visit Singapore to familiarise with the supporting Church. This was accomplished by the couple hitching a lift in a cargo plane! Simin's testimony and message made a deep impression on our congregation. A suitable property has meantime been acquired and a kindergarten was launched in Jan. 1977.

One vigorous group of young Lifers known as GLTDers (Gospel Letters and Tracts Dept.) has been linked with Life Church through Bro. Goh Seng Fong since our Easter 1965 tragedy. This group has grown to nearly 100 strong. In May 1976 the GLTDers branched out to River Valley Road to found a new church. This work has grown bountifully, and we give them our blessing. However the membership of the GLTDers in Life Church becomes

a question. This is one which will take some time to resolve.

Our main young people's groups consist of the YF and the YAF. Under the name of 'Living Circle," members from the two groups presented a Christmas musicale called "Celebrate Life." This was a good attempt on the young people's part whereby a collection of \$2,330 was taken and apportioned to the building funds of Galilee and Kelapa Sawit. It is hoped, however, that some leader from among the young people will arise to train a choir of a more permanent nature to praise the Lord in worship.

Though there is no formal organisation of a laddes society, there is a band of loving hands, like the women disciples of old, who serve most faithfully every Sunday in the Church Kitchen. The catering to over 100 members' physical needs after the Sunday worship is a most laudable feature of our Church life. Christian fellowship has multiplied over Mee-Siam and Nasi Lemah.

Under Elder Edmund Tay the Sunday School has prospered during the year. The

Junior Service is under the administration of the Sunday School.

With the changing of the times, what was once a flourishing feature of Life Church, viz., Family Worship in members' homes, has become a slowing down process. Nor was Prayer Meeting popular. Nevertheless, those who sought God on bended knee have found peace and strength. We exhort members to invite the Church to their homes for worship, and to come to the parsonage to pray.

Two Evening Classes run by the Bible College on Mondays and Thursdays since 1962

have blessed a number of Lifers. Only a few, have come during 1976.

During the year the Lord added to the Church 37 Communicant members and 5 baptised infants. A new addition to the beauty of holiness in 1976 was the offering of fresh flowers by Lim Florist every Lord's Day. Weddings on Saturdays, were frequent recurrences, with more coming to know of the aesthetic qualities of our church, FEBC Hall and gardens. A couple recently held an engagement by our Whispering Galilee Sea Fountain.

The pastor, as in past years, visited Kelapa Sawit Church every other month. He was called a number of times to minister in Muar and over Tanjung Pinang. In Dec. 1976, a second Gospel Gampaign and DVBS was conducted in at Riau Islands with help from Young Lifers and FEBCers. The pastor was called to Tokyo in November 1976 to attend the 8th Assembly of the Far Eastern Council of Christian Church at which he was elected president.

Two Gospel outreaches directed by a Deacon and by Mr. Bobby Phee, pastor of Sembawahg B-P Church, deserve special mention. The former is at Sarimbun, Lim Chu Kang and is a Sunday School maintained by Sng Teck Leong, Fan Siew Yin, etc. The latter is at Kulai Besar, West Malaysia, 35 miles from Singapore. Every Friday evening a youth meeting

for 20 - 25aic conducted with help from FEBC.

One important ministry of Life Church that draws outsiders into our orbit is Far Eastern Kindergarten. Under the devotion of Mrs. Lange the principal this school for 100 children has completed another fruitful year. Rev. Paauwe, missionary of the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions, preached to the Kindergarten regularly every week. More Gospel songs were introduced in 1976 to increase our evalgelistic emphasis. The new committee elected at end of 1976 comprised the pastor(supervisor), Eio Eng Hua (Treasurer) Paul Tsao (Sec.) Seow Chong Pin, Mahadevan and Roland Wong.

Galilee Church continued to use our Church premises including an upstairs room

given them for an office. Child Evangelism remained under our roof.

The Chinese Service (Mandrain - Teochew - Hokkien) maintained a 30 - 50 attendance every Lord's Day. She began to contribute every Communion Sunday's offering to Kapuas Gospel Mission from the day it was established. It was a lady from the Chinese Service that gave the Galilee Sea Fountain. The pastor supervises the small Chinese-speaking congregation in an honorary capacity, as he has the Far Eastern Bible College, of which he is principal. He is servent of all who come in and out of these beautiful mansions and with his wife is always at your beck and call.

LIFE CHURCH & FEBC APPOINTMENTS

Mon. 7.15 pm Calvin (Rev. Tow). Tues, 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting.

Thurs. 7.15 pm Pauline Epistles (Rev. Paauwe).

Sat. 4.00 pm YF & YAF.

Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Tow. 4 p.m. Miss Wong Pik Yii. Last Week's Offerings: \$762.01 + \$50 + \$50+ (\$20+\$184.24 for Missions). Praise the Lord, the last 7 FEBC lecture chairs are now paid for with \$122.50 offered by a brother. Sunday Lunch Roster: Young People Life YF. Ladies This Week: Mrs. Tow, Sng, Tan. Next Week: Mrs. Khoo, Tow, Poon. With the GLTD no more serving in the dish-washing, we appeal to other young people of the Church, even from FEBC and TonPayoh, to help out. The Session is extending a formal invitation to Tan Wai Choon to serve as Assist-Pastor. Far Eastern Bible College closes Fri. Mar: 11, for the .mid-semester break and resumes classes Mon. Mar. 21, 8.00 a.m. Hear Dr. Bob Jones and Dr. Paisley at the Singapore Conference Hall this Sunday night, Mar. 6, 8 p.m. - for the last time! Far Eastern Kindergarten Registration for 1978! Members are given the first week of April to register. 2 Sessions available: 8.30 a.m. or 11.45 a.m.

MAKE SURE OF TRUTH

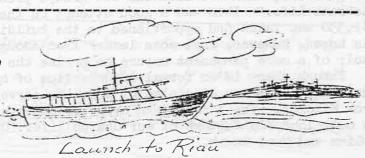
Make sure of truth,
And truth will make thee sure;
It will not shift nor fade nor die,
But like the heav'ns endure.

Man and his earth,
Are varying day by day;
Truth cannot change, nor ever grow
Feeble and old and gray.

God's thoughts, not man's, Be these thy heritage; They, like himself, are everyyoung, Untouched by time orcage.

With God's alone
Is truth, and joy, and light;
Walk thou with him in peace and love,
Hold fast the good and right.

Hymns of the Kingdom No. 104.



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OUR WEEKLY CHAT

My dear Readers,

1. The 'Gospel Kelong' Idea Is From the Lord!

To our foreign Readers, a kelong is an offshore fishing trap built with wooden stakes and is manned by fishermen living in a house above it. Long lines of stakes are driven into the seabed to "guide" fish into the trap. This method of "sedentary" fishing is commonly practised in Southeast Asia. It is quite different from the universal method of roving to some fishing banks in sail boats or trawlers.

Now, while Jerusalem is declared by our Risen Saviour to be the starting point of world evangelism, by going into all nations, there will come a day when Jerusalem will be the gravitating centre of all peoples of the earth, "Yea, many people and strong nations shall come to seek the Lord of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the Lord." "Thus saith the Lord of hosts, In those days it shall come to pass that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you; for we have heard that God is with you." (Zech. 8:22,23). While such a happy state of affairs will not come to Jerusalem until Christ returns and Israel is turned to the Lord, the reason why the nations of the earth will flow to Jerusalem is that it will then be a "city of truth" (Zech. 8:3). Jerusalem will be like a kelong and the people like the fish of the seaswimming into it. The "Gospel Kelong" idea is from the Lord!

Life Church at Gilstead Road has been likened to a Gospel kelong. But we will not attract any one to come to Church unless we have the truth to offer them. Unless we have message of forgiveness of sin and life everlasting through our Lord Jesus Christ. If our Sunday Services are well attended, it is not due to the eloquence of the preacher but to the truth of God's Word and to the power of the Gospel. Jesus says, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me" (John 12:32).

2. Jerusalem "at the centre of the earth"

Notice that Jerusalem is situated most favourably at the confluence of the great land masses of the earth - Europe, Asia, Africa. It is interesting also to note that in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem there is a stone chalice which is said to mark the centre of the earth. Jerusalem is centrally and strategically located so that it will be most convenient for people of all nations to visit it. Do you know that Israel is only 12 hours flying time from Singapore; and less than five from London?

In the light of the geographical description of Jerusalem above, let us realise how centrally Gilstead Road is located in Singapore. Standing by the trunk road to Malaysia at the 24 mile Dunearn Road, it gives direct access to those coming from up-country. Being a stone's throw from Newton circus Life Church is served by a dozen bus lines. We are equidistant from Changi on the East and Jurong on the West. Hence, the delight of passing-through missionaries to put up at Life Church and FEBC. Hence the joy of Christian Youth groups to gather here during week days for convenience, not to mention seminars and special titutes, Bible Camps, and conferences that are held during every school vacation.

3. Our Strategic position at Gilstead Road.

While our central position has been a chief means of attraction, we must not forget the ample facilities the Lord has favoured us with - the big church auditorium with a U-balcony, the halls and classrooms and the dormitories for both men and women, and last but not least, the wide lawns and shady gardens, car parks and play grounds. One reason why the Korean School has shifted from YMCA Orchard Road is the spacious grounds we have for the children to play. Now, we let the 50 Korean boys and girls in not for any reason than oblige Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Hyun their representatives, out of a feeling of Christian love. The Hyuns are serving with Gideons and have been worshipping at our Church for the last 7 or 8 years. Then, we have also felt that their coming in on Saturday would lead them into the Church on Sunday. Indeed, a number have started to come. We have personally received one family of four in Church who are now regularly attending. The son of this Korean family has been attracted even to join FEBC, and is a candidate for Easter Baptism. The remuneration to our Church is a reasonable return for the premises used and the services rendered. This is only an incidental consideration. We believe, as the weeks go by, an increasing number of Korean fish will swim into the Lord's kelong at Gilstead Road. The "stakes" we use to "guide" them in are a goodly number of bright Gospel posters such as "Christ died for our sins," "Christ came into the world to save sinners" and "God is our refuge and strength."

The Christian Life Book Centre is part of the gospel kelong. Because of our central position, an increasing number of people are gradually flowing in to buy Bibles and Christian books from us.

The loving efforts of the ladics of our Church in the Sunday Kitchen have also attracted whole families to attend Church.

The faithful teaching of God's Word by the FEBC and the gracious facilities provided to students have undoubtedly contributed to the augmentation of the student body. It is a pity that we can no more build on our present grounds, because the 30% allowable building space has in fact been exceeded. To remedy this situation renovations have been carried out to create more living and storage space, and we are resuming this work with Mr. T.C. Eng this year.

One word to our members: "Be courteous and kind to all who come into our Church grounds that these may be won to Christ." Every Church should be a "Gospel Kelong."- T.T.

LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

Tues. 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting.

Fri. 7.30 pm CEF.

Sat. 4.00 om YF & YAF

Lord's Day 10 am Mr. Bobby Phee.

4 pm

Rev. Tow speaks at Toa Payoh English Service 11.45 am.

Far Eastern Bible College's mid-Semester break is extended one week to Mar. 28, 8 am when the Homiletics class resumes.

Last Week's Offering \$701.77 + \$200/Sunday Lunch Roster Young People Life YF.
Ladies: This Week: Mrs. Khoo, Tow, Poon.
Next Week: Mrs. Tan, Kam, Sng.

Child Evangelism Office, hitherto located inside Christian Life Book Centre, will be shifted to the Bible House from Tues. Mar.

Christian Life Book Centre has a new phone: Ring 2541223. Easter and Wedding Folders newly arrived! Hurry.

Seven Boxes of Surplus Shoes donated by Mt. Carmel c/o Life Church have been delivered aboard the 'Ebenezer,' with acknowledgement of thanks from Rev. Yrjole. The Finnish Captain-pastor and his wife are on a mission (by air) to Bangkok and Finland.

Eight New Pulpit and Holy Communion Chairs designed with a cross-and-crown motif in teak are being ordered from Sin Sin Furniture. This will bring to perfection the beauty of holiness in our Church furniture. Did you notice the lilies carved on the side of your pews? The Cross = Christ's Death for our Sins and our discipleship. The Lily = His Resurrection and our new life. The Crown = His Kingship and the Elders' rulership.

Kapuas Kapuas

Kapuas Gospel Mission
The 150,000 rupiahs sent
earlier this year was
received end of February,
Rp. 50,000 was used for the
making of school desks and
benches for the Kindergarten (enrol. 44). On the
premises of the Kindergar-

ten Sunday Worship and Sunday School have begun. The money previously given by Life Church to Rev. Djunaidi to buy a baby cow for the Dyaks has been used accordingly. The Christian Beacon of Mar. 3, 1977 reports Shelton College (A Christian institution) having leased "its property to the township (of Cape May) for educational purposes." Here is a precedent of a Christian institution permitting a secular body to use its property so long as it does not contravene Christian principles and is a benefit to the community. This timely report helps to clarify the thinking of those who regard Life Church as "inequally yoked" when she allows the Korean Saturday School to use her classrooms. In fact, Life Church has a higher reason in permitting the Korean School. Read Lev. 19:34; "But the stranger (foreigner) that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself; for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt. I am the Lord your God."

WHO, O LORD, WITH THEE ABIDING - Psalm 15

Who, O Lord, with Thee abiding,
In Thy house shall be Thy guest?
Who, his feet to Zion turning,
In Thy holy hill shall rest?
He that ever walks uprightly,
Does the right without a fear,
When he speaks, he speaks not lightly,
But with truth and love sincere.

He that slanders not his brother,
Does no evil to a friend;
The reproaches of another,
He refuses to attend.
Wicked men win not his favor,
But the good who fear the Lord;
From his vow he will not waver,
Though it bring him sad reward.

Freely to the needy lending,
No excess he asks again;
And the innocent befriending,
He desires not praise of men.
Doing this, and evil spurning,
He shall nevermore be moved;
This the man with Thee sojourning,
This the man by Thee approved.

THANK YOU, LORD

The world was in darkness in sin and shame; Mankind was lost, and then Jesus came. He carried our sins to Calvary's tree, He hung there, and bled there for you and me.

Refrain

Thank you Lord, for saving my soul, Thank you Lord, for making me whole. Thank you Lord, for giving to me, Thy great salvation so rich and free.

Lord Jesus came down from His throne on high; Ready to live, and willing to die. For all of the pain and suff'ring He bore, I'll love Him and thank Him forever more.

Youth Sings No. 100.



IN QUEST OF THE TRUE PEACE (Acts Ch. 8) (A Revival Sermon by John Sung)

Vs. 26. Philip held a revival campaign in Samaria and there he did many miracles. He had gone to Samaria following a great persecution in Jerusalem. He preached the Gospel of Jesus and the whole city gathered to hear him. He worked a mighty work in Samaria and brought great glory to God.

Philip had a wife and four daughters, a happy family indeed. One day, God's voice called him into the desert. Now the desert is a lonely place, but Philip doubted not.

He obeyed God's command.

Vs. 27. Philip was surprised at what he saw in the desert. When we obey God's will we will also meet with unexpected events. Philip came face to face with a royal chariot bristling with bodyguards on both sides. Seated inside was a black Eunuch. This Eunuch was the Minister of Finance of his country, President of the National Bank. He was the king's right-hand man. This Eunuch lacked nothing, except this one thing - he had no peace of heart because of his sins. God called Philip to preach to him at this moment of time.

When a man is burdened with sin, his heart becomes restless. In Tiensin, the wife of the manager of a mining company heard me preach. She unburdened her tearful miseries to me. She had a husband, children, money and a well-provided living. But she had no peace. Now this Eunuch had perhaps committed murder and graft. Although he was rich and powerful, his conscience had no peace.

Once I met a woman who knelt her way up a hill to seek peace. This shows how one might get anything in a materialistic life without ever obtaining peace. To repeat the as or worship Buddha would not bring peace. Money and power cannot buy peace. The Eunuch, having failed to find peace, climbed a thousand hills and dales to the Holy City to find peace in God's House. Many have used every way and means to find peace, but in vain. The Hindus sleep on a bed of pikes to find peace. The superstitious burn joss sticks and candles to find peace. The Eunuch came from a far country to Jerusalem to

sacrifice in order to find peace. But he could not find it.

Vs. 28 - 34. Although the Eunuch has sacrificed, his heart remains distressed. So he opens the Bible he had bought in Jerusalem to read. When he comes to the Book of Isaiah he finds it most gripping. At ch. 53, there is recorded the story of a Man who died for mankind. He died to save mankind from sin. Though the Eunuch is entranced by his reading, he does not know Who He was that died for the sins of the world. "Could a sinner and corrupt officer like me be saved?" the Eunuch debates in his heart. As he frets over his lack of understanding, God tells Philip to run after the charict. At sight of Philip the Eunuch gladly extends him a welcome. The Eunuch asks him to explain the meaning of that passage of Scripture. Philip expounds to the Eunuch, "The Man you read about is like a lamb. He died for mankind. Now a lamb's tail is a symbol of obedience. A lamb's horns, which droop, signify humility. And when he goes for shearing, he makes no noise - this is dying for sinners." The Eunuch is still unhappy, but now the Holy Spirit begins to work ip—his heart. Many there are who read the Bible with a cold heart. They regard the Bible to be some literature. As for the Eunuch, the more he reads the less he understands and the more troubled he begomes. He arrives not at the truth of the Bible.

Once there was an evangelist who went out tracting. He gave one to a young man. That young man tore it to pieces. But these four words "Eternal Life, Eternal Death" somehow attached on his person, despite his trying to blow them away. A few more steps got him into contact with another evangelist who also handed him a tract. The tract bore the same words, "Eternal Life, Eternal Death." This troubled his heart. Whether he went to the cinema or whether he played tennis, there bobbed those four words, "Eternal Life,

Eternal Death" on his mind. This finally brought the young man to Christ.

An old woman, though unable to preach was a zealous soul winner. Every Lord's Day, she would stand in front of her church to invite passers-by in. It happened that a fashionable young lady passed by that way, The old woman called to her to enter the church, "Come and worship, and you'll go to heaven," she cried. To which the fashionable young lady answered with popped eyeballs. When the old woman called to her again, she pushed her to the ground. As she left in great anger, the old woman continued to chirp away the Gospel invitation, "Come and worship and you'll go to heaven." Now the fashionable young lady could not help but ponder over the incident and as this pondering became more and more acute, she heard a voice one night, "Friend, come and worship and you'll go to heaven."

The next day she went to church of her own accord. That day she got saved. Beloved brothers and sisters, by one word of Scripture, the Holy Spirit had taken hold of her,

and got her saved.

Vs. 35-40. Praise the Lord! As Philip continues to expound the Word, he says, This Man who died for the sins of mankind is Jesus, crucified at Jerusalem. He is the Son of God come down from heaven. He preached on earth. He healed, He cast out devils. Later He died but on the third day He lived again. This Person is what the Bible is telling us." The Eunuch begins to glow at the words of Philip's preaching. O the joy of find-

ing the peace he has been looking for all the years. His understanding of the Scriptures has led him to the very source of peace.

As they come to a stream the Eunuch requests Philip to baptise him. Now many are baptised because they are forced into it - perhaps by parents, perhaps at the behest of their teachers. But not the Eunuch. Having been ascertained of the Eunuch's faith that he would believe and confess Jesus Christ to the end, he gladly baptised him. And what peace has come on the Eunuch since his whole-hearted repentance.

Now when the angel brought death to the eldest sons of the Egyptians, the Israelites had their doorposts daubed with blood that the whole family might be saved. A little of the lamb's blood could redeem from sin and save. When a person repents of his sin the Blood of Jesus Christ, all the more can cleanse him from sin.

A certain university student had sought for peace for nine long years. He asked me to pray for him. When he repented he found great joy. He confesced what joy he had missed all this while.

The Eunuch now crucifies his carnal self and has all the sins he has committed down the years washed away. He receives Jesus to live in his heart. He undergoes a complete change for a life of joy and peace.

Now after baptising the Eunuch, Philip does not go with him to Africa for power or money. The Holy Spirit immediately takes him to Samaria that he might not think of

wealth but rather work - the work of preaching and praying.

Beloved brothers and sisters, I was this Eunuch once. At my early age I did not find peace. At 18 I went to study in America. This brought me more sorrow of heart. I studied the philosophy of Laotse. I found no peace. I studied Buddhist scriptures. I found no peace. I studied the Koran. I found less peace. I locked myself in a room to read the Bible, but I found it very hard to understand. The more I read the more bitter I became. On the night of Feb. 10, as I prayed in tears kneeling on the floor, the Lord said to me, 'Little child, your sins are forgiven!" From that moment, joy flooded in. The Lord commissioned me to preach. I preached for seven days, but I was taken for being crazy. I was put into a mental hospital. The doctors came to examine me and asked about my ancestry. After I went through the bitterness of a mental institution, I got the real joy. Everywhere I go to witness to the gospel, to the way of real peace. Beloved brothers and sisters, nothing can give us peace. Only Jesus can!

LIFE CHURCH & FEBC APPOINTMENTS

Tues. 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting.

Wed. 3.00 pm FEBC Team to Kulai.

9.00 am Korean Saturday School.

4.00 pm YF & YAF.

Lord's Day 10 am Rev. Tow.

4 pm Rev. Tai Po-fu.

Last Week's Offering \$779.30 (inclusive of \$200/- from Korean worshipper) + \$100/- for Philippines.

Sunday Lunch Roster Young People: Life YF. Ladies: This Week: Mrs. Tan, Kam, Sng. Next Week: Mrs. Tow, Khoo, Poon.

Bibles Lost and Found 1) belong to Grace Ng En Ping 2) Billy Tan Boon Kian (Toa Payoh). Please retrieve them from the Book Centre. Thanksgiving for 40th Wedding Anniversary: \$100 received by post.

Lim Florist. Phone: 376471/2353292.

Easter Film Show on the Sufferings of Christ Date & Time : Sat. Apr. 9, 7.30 p.m. Place :FEBC Hall.

Length of Film: 1 Hour. All Welcome! Situation Vacant Clerk for Calvary Church Office. Qualification Sec. IV. Preferably bilingual - English and Mandarin. Phone:

Superior Easter Folders newly arrived Pastors, hurry! Get yours from Christian Life Book Centre. Also Wedding Folders.

Another New Arrival: The Life of Christ - a pictorial essay of twice seventy superior colour photos taken from scenes in the Holy Land. Hard cover binding. Good for Easter gift. Only \$11/- Ask Stephen Kuan about it! Church contractor. Calling Parents! Please register your infant children for Easter Baptism with the pastor as soon as possible.

O COME, YE PEOPLE, TO MY LAW-Psalm 78

O come, ye people, to my law Attentively give ear; With willing heart and teachable The words of wisdom hear. My mouth shall speak in parables Of hidden truths of old, Which handed down from age to age, To us our fathers told.

We will not from their children hide Jehovah's worthy praise, But tell the greatness of His strength His wondrous works and ways. A testimony and a law The Lord our God decreed, And bade our fathers teach their sons. That they His ways might heed.

He willed that each succeeding race His deeds might learn and know, That children's children to their sons Might all these wonders show. Let children leafn God's righteous ways

And on Him stay their heart, That they may not forget His works Nor from His ways depart.

Far Eastern Kindergarten Register for 1978 will be taken from Church members the 1st week of April, 4-7, 1977. Please see Mrs. Lange. For Renovations and House painting we strongly recommend Mr. T.C. Eng, our

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PURIFYING THE HEART WITHIN. (Mark Ch. 7). (A Revival Sermon by Dr. John Sung)

Vs. 1. There came unto him the Pharisees, and certain of the scribes, which came from Jerusalem." When the Lord Jesus was on earth, there was this class of Pharisees and scribes who loved to put on an outward show, but within was concealed the very opposite. But Jesus stressed rather the inside and not the outside. So, the Pharisees were his adversaries. Now, they came with the purpose of finding Jesus' fault, and to accuse Him. Perhaps there are some who have come today for the same purpose and not to listen to the Word!

Vs. 2. "And when they saw some of his disciples eat bread with defiled, that is to say, with unwashen hands, they found fault." As these stood outside the window to observe they remarked; "How is it they are eating with unwashen hands?" For the Pharisees who stress the outside require washing of hands before meals. Now that Jesus

hasn't performed this, they found an opportunity to criticise Him.

Vs. 3 and 4. We can see how these Pharisees are more hygiene-conscious than modern doctors. Making much of such tradition, they would never eat without washing hands, cups and saucers, after returning from the market. While they put such importance on the outward, there was no corresponding cleansing inside. Those who stress the outside neglect the inside, and vice versa those who stress the inside neglect the outside. For myself, I won't care what your outside is, for if I stress the outside I would neglect the inside. The Pharisees are hypocrites! Stressing the outside breeds conceit. When they say Jesus is unclean, they are judging Him with pride. There are many who boast of their outside and not a few of these are found in our churches. They require women J cover their heads; they demand immersion and unleavened bread for the Lord's Supper. But who do the Scriptures say these people are who stress the outside? Pharisees! Now these same people today would also say, "You are soulual, you are emotional." Rasising themselves above others they become hypocrites. They deserve Jesus' rebuke.

Vs. 5 and 6. Jesus rebuked them severely for their outward show. I don't care

whether you are immersed or not immersed, head-covered or uncovered. I care rather whether you have repented, and whether you are saved. These people ask Jesus why He doesn't keep to tradition? They make themselves greater than Jesus and anybody else. They can only find fault. They look down even on Jesus but dare not question Him openly. Though they know what miracles Jesus has done, they say these came by the Evil Spirit. Hypocrites! Jesus can never convert them. These people say, "Once saved, always saved. Being saved, you can afford to do anything 'you like". These people became hypocrites and hypocrites are deaf to Jesus' words. These who pride in their spirituality and condemn others! These are like a torchlight that looks shining, bright on the casing but gives no light while its bulb is covered up. These who can steal sheep but have never led a soul into the new birth. These who say, "You cannot be saved except you be immersed!" What light comes from them? Hypocrites. These who require unleavened bread as a qualification for the Rapture! Jesus says, "This people draweth nigh with their uth, and honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me." A torchlight mat gives no light. How pitiful.

The church is troubled by many a Pharisaical gossiper. Not only are they deaf, they are also dumb, though they like to gossip behind your back. But I speak to you in

the open. What preachers are they who indulge in backbiting?

Jesus says, 'Woe to these people. The Pharisees are good at repeating Scriptures They fast twice a week. They kneel by the roadside to pray. They have an outward show but in their hearts they are hypocrites. Pharisees are numbered among university students who are beyond the reach of the country folk. With their knowledge they have

Vs. 7. Moreover, these Pharisees, being full of sins, are not born again. They preach without experiencing what they preach. They preach the doctrines of men and many are the followers of their style of preaching. Before this, I was also like them. I preached from notes gathered here and there, and what I spoke about I had never experienced, though men applauded my learning. While I prepared my sermons, I still had doubts about the Bible. I only repeated what I had learnt from teachers. The Pharisees had their genealogies, repeating after the words of men for their sermons. Were they not dumb? Not born again, how could they bring others to the new birth? Many would not believe in heaven and hell because they had not seen them. One year's stay in the United States could change one to discard God's Word for man's word.

Vs. 8. For laying aside the commandment of God they interpret Scripture according to man's ideas, making man's words the Word of God. Some say, 'Heaven and hell are figures of speech which Jesus used to scare people. Substituting God's Word with man's words, they not only layside God's command but also make it void. They mess up God's Word with patches of human words. When a man is deaf, he also becomes dumb. Not able to preach,

they can only speak what others have first spoken.

A sermon appeared in a Shanghai newspaper which was reputed to be the joint labours

of a number of doctors. When I was in America I had heard the same sermon. How then did this sermon come to be the joint effort of these doctors? Well, I heard in Shanghai a certain leader say, "Christ is standing outside the Laodicean Church. So as Jesus discards the Church, we should leave the Church." This became the slogan of men of his clique. I felt perplexed.

I said, "If the Laodicean Church would men the door, then the Lord would enter in." Now, this latter portion of the Word was left out. But these are those who like to parrot others, and there are many parrots around these days. You see this in the way they copy one another in the interpretation of Revelation. And these doctrines originating from Shanghai are parrotted everywhere. Jesus says, For laying aside the commandment of God ye hold the tradition of men..." Yea, even to making it void. Dumbbells!

Vs. 10. Moreover, they twist the Scriptures.— The Bible says, "Honour thy fatherand thy mother; and Whoso curseth father or mother, let him die the death." But they say, "If a man shall say to his father or mother, It is Corban, that is to say, it is a gift ... he shall be free." Now there are the same Scripture-twisters today. When I learnt essay writing in my young days, my teacher taught me to gather ideas here and there. But when I presented to him my essay, he said "No good" after one glance. Because the ideas were not expressed in logical sequence. At that time I could not understand. There are many who take a verse of Scripture here, and another there, all out of context and inject into them their own ideas. This is Scripture-twisting.

Vs. 12 and 13. The first step, they lay side. The second step, they make the Word of God of no effect by putting in their own ideas. Why could not they speak from experience? Because they are not born again. Dumb-bells. I had to deliver a sermon for examination during my seminary days. Now, in U.S. a sermon was worth \$25. It wasn't easy preparing the sermon. So, I thought of a way out. I went to the Library. I copied here and there others' ideas to fit the topic assigned me. Rewriting these as my own sermon, I gave my teacher two days to correct for me. After his I preached it once to test out. Trembling I prepared a whole two weeks to earn the \$25. What did I say? I merely stole words here and there. These were not the Word of God, but men's words. I laid aside God's words by the words of men. Although I spoke on the new birth and holiness, I did not understand these truths myself. A dumb-bell, I merely followed others because I had nothing to say. Not able directly to hear God's Word, I became deaf. I was a hypocrite. - to be continued.

LIFE CHURCH & FEBC APPOINTMENTS

MON. 8.50 a.m. FEBC Homiletics Class.

7.15 p.m. Calvin (Rev. Tow).

8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.

7.15 p.m. Pauline Ep. (Rev. Paauwe).

4.00 p.m. YF & YAF.

Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Tow (Lord's Supper). 4 p.m. Mr. Teo Siau Hua (Lord's Supper).

Last Week's Offering \$664.23 + #100/-

anonymous.

Sunday Lunch Roster Young People: Life YF Ladies: This Week: Mrs. Tow, Khoo, Poon. Next Week: Mrs. Kam, Sng, Poon. A New P.A. System costing \$4,000+ has been installed by Phillips. The old pillar speakers are shifted upstairs and attached to previosuly built in wires, thus giving overflowing crowds above equally clear transmission. Here's another opportunity to claim a share in God's investment. Received first

Obituary Mr. Maurice Ligeron, 60, of 502F Jalan Jaffar, off Jalan Eunos, (who worshipped with us in 1964) passed away Mar. 23. Funeral on Mar. 24 was officiated by the pastor.

his ankle and is recuperating. Philip(Hassan) Jawabreh, P.O. Box. 53, Beit Jala, Israel sends greetings to the Church, YAF, YF & GLTD. He is now with Operation Mobilisation distributing Bibles and tracts to Arabs and Jews door to door.

THE GREAT PHYSICIAN

The great Physician now is near, The sympathizing Jesus; He speaks the drooping heart to cheer, Oh, hear the voice of Jesus.

Refrain:

Sweetest note in seraph sung, Sweetest name on mortal tongue; Sweetest carol ever sang, Jesus blessed Jesus.

Your many sins are all forgiven, Oh, hear the voice of Jesus. Go on your way in peace to heaven, And wear a crown with Jesus.

All glory to the dying Lamb! I now believe in Jesus; I love the blessed Saviour's name, I love the name of Jesus. THE BROADMAN HYMNAL NO: 226.

REV. ORMEO WRITES FROM PHILIPPINES . "I received several packages more and most of them were bought by my own members. I read of your sending me two Chain Ref. Bibles. My son, Samuel, pastoring Grace Bap-Pray for Bro. George Kutty who has fractured tist Church, is anxious to have the other one. his ankle and is recuperating. Get More Money From God. Please give this to those who contributed so I can have two Chain Reference Bibles. And thank them for me please.

I am reserving Calvin's Institutes for our Pastor Simin regrets to report that owing to my son-in-law, is going to use this in giving coming Elections in Indonesia the Kindergar my son-in-law, is going to use this in giving coming Elections in Indonesia the Kindergar-his series of messages during our Regional ten opened by our Kapuas Gospel Mission was closed on Mar. 7 by the Govt. However, Sunday

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PURIFYING THE HEART WITHIN. (Mark Ch. 7). - continued

(A Revival Sermon by Dr. John Sung)

Vs. 14-23. After admonishing the Pharisees, Jesus called all His disciples together. He said, "Hearken unto me, everyone of you, and understand. There is nothing from without a man that, entering him, can defile him; but the things which come out of him, these are they that defile the man." Not understanding this, His disciples asked Him in the house. Jesus said, "Do ye not perceive that whatever thing from outside entereth into the man, it cannot defile him. Because, it entereth into his stomach and goeth out into the draught. That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, etc," These are dreadful things which proceed from within and not from without. A man who gives forth light also gives it from inside. But these who have no light are dumb, because inside them is the Devil. Beloved brothers and sisters, many there are who can't listen to God's Word because they have no light inside. They give out poison instead. The outside is of no great importance.

Once a pastor in Shantung was taken by bandits. Before killing him they gave him three choices: "First, eat horse dung. Second, be beheaded. Third, worship Buddha." He chose to eat horse dung because he could never worship Buddha, and to be beheaded was too great a tragedy. So he knelt down to eat in one breath, as one eating rice-noodles. The outside cannot defile. What is dreadfully defiling is from inside. Beloved, fear not the ridicule and assault of men. Fear rather that within you is the Devil, and darkness,

and dirt.

When no light shines from our inside, there must be trouble. These people might h. I been immersed, been communicants at the Lord's Table. Yet they have no light. The reason is the Devil is inside them. Yea, full of devils - No. 1, Adultery devil. Some say, We have not committed adultery. But know that to lust after a woman with your eyes is committing adultery in your heart. No wonder it is said the inside is more important. Cleansing should be from the inside.

No. 2, Thievery devil. Some might say, "We have never stolen." But if you indulge in improper business, you are stealing others: living. I have seen those who are immersed and those whose heads are covered who sell tobacco and wine. This is thievery, and there are many kinds, big and small. To pick up things someone has dropped is theft. Charging high interest is theft. "To steal sheep" is theft. And Jesus doubly condemns the Pharisees who swallow widows' houses and yet outwardly cover up themselves with long prayers.

No. 3, Murder devil. To hate and to scold is murder. Two persons were good friends. When one of them left the Church, they fell out so they would not greet one another on the streets like sworn enemies. To hate is a terrible sin. In Hanchow there was a university student. Having rebeens born again he wrote his testimony. But soon he turned into a Pharisee, one who "spoke in the Name of the Lord." He forbade thers to come to my meetings accusing me of being possessed by an evil spirit, that I was working on the tions of others. But he dropped out in two weeks!

No. 4, Jealousy devil. Hypocrites, these cannot shine. These forbid women to speak but to keep silence at meetings. These are jealous at the goodness of others. They hurl such remarks, "These are evil spirits. Those are emotional." Hypocrites. The outside

cannot defile, but the inside.

No. 5, Slandering devils. These condemn others as not spiritual but soulual, but they have no light. Hypocrites.

No. 6, Lying devils. These are inventors, and defamers of character, lying without the least evidence. They say, "If you are saved, then cover your head." Hypocrites.

No. 7, Conceited devils. I, I, I, they brag. "Ony we can be raptured." Outside they look decent. Inside, full of devils. Elders, deacons, old-timer believers - but giving forth no light. Both deaf and dumb. Let us cast out all these devils.

Vs. 24-30. Deaf and dumb these Pharisees, but here is a Canaanite woman who is not

sick like them. Jesus left for the borders of Tyre and Sidon for a retreat. Far from being deaf, this woman made inquiry everywhere for Jesus and found Him at last. Far from being dumb, she called to Jesus, "My daughter is possessed with a demon. Lord, please heal her." Jesus did not heed her. Though the Lord disregarded her for being a Gentile, she did not get angry. Rather she continued pleading (she was not dumb) that Jesus might heal her daughter. Jesus said, "You are dogs. To give the children's bread to feed dogs is not right." This woman said, "Lord, no doubt I am less than a dog. I am a puppy, Lord, Dogs cannot eat the children's bread, but surely the crumbs thrown down!" Jesus said, "Go home. The devil is cast out!" This woman was not the least roused to anger. So, she found healing. If we don't cast out the devils within us, we will be undone. Let us call on the Lord to cast out the demons within us that light might shine from our faces.

A girl student in Nanchang was bitten by a mad dog and asked me to pray for her. According to the doctor, she would die the next year. I replied, "The body is of little importance. Is there sin in your heart? Are you born again?" She said, "I don't know. All I care for is this dog-bite." A person with a sinful heart cannot shine forth with light. Rather, poison is emitted. Let us ask the Lord to heal us.

Vs. 31-37. After the demons are cast out, will there be light? Not yet. Why? Without the filling of the Holy Spirit the inside is a vacuum. So, we must ask for the Spirit's filling. Though born again you still cannot shine forth the light. Why? Not enough. There was a deaf and dumb man whom the Lord led out of the village. There the Lord put his finger into his ears. Why? Because his ears could not hear chen the Eord spat and touched his tongue. What is spittle? The Word of the Lord. Jesus said, "Eat it" and he swallow it. The Word of the Lord enterd from three directions: 1) through the ear gate; 2) through the eye-gate; 3) through the mouth-gate. John 6:63 says, "The Lord's Word is Spirit. The Lord's Word enters through the ear, the mouth and the eyes. Filled with the Holy Spirit, the devil is cast out. The deaf can praise the Lord. There is power in His Word. Such a person is now filled with the Holy Spirit. He needs not head-covering. He needs no immersion. But the Lord says, "Open!" Immediately, light or o comes. He can speak. The deaf can speak. He goes everywhere witnessing.

A person without any inside light is either empty or has a devil. Let us not over stress the outside. Rather ask the Lord to cast out devilsinside and be filled with the

Spirit. Then we can go round witnessing.

Before the Lord left the world, He told the disciples to wait for the descent of the Holy Spirit to receive power for witnessing. The Lord did not stress the outside, so He did not baptise but let His disciples do it. Neither did Paul baptise much. When we begin to stress the outside we become hypocrites. May the Holy Spirit fill you all that you be enabled to witness. When you are filled with the Spirit you can't help but witness.

In Nanking there was a four-year-old girl. She never heard the Gospel. Someone brought her to the meetings. The Spirit filled her and she could preach, She spoke at a Secondary School for girls. She sang, "Coming home!" and spoke on"the lost sheep come home." She sang another verse of "Coming home." The meeting closed. Beloved, God used her as she uses me. This girl's surname is Lee. Her name is "Stone." She wrote me about this.

There was another little girl of three. Before she died, she led many children to Christ. Ah! How old are you?

May the Holy Spirit fill us, cause us to shine and to witness.

THIS LORD'S DAY IS PALM SUNDAY

Appointments for Holy Week

Tues. 8.00 p.m. Prayer Mtg.: Session Meeting.

Thurs. 7.30 p.m. Paster at Tanjung Pinang.

8.00 p.m. Galilee Service. 9.00 a.m. Toa Payoh Service.

8.00 p.m. Good Friday Service combined with Chinese Service, Mr. Lin Tah Mon speaking.

7.30 p.m. Film Show on Sufferings and Death of Christ.

Easter Day 6.30 a.m. Sunrise Service at McRitchie.

8.00 a.m. Easter Breakfast on Church ground(no Sunday Lunch).

10.00 a.m. Easter Baptismal Service. To thee before thy passion 4.00 p.m. Chinese Service (Mr.

Charles Tsao). 3.00 p.m. Rev. Tow at Kelapa Sawit.

Last Week's Offerings \$647.37. Baptism of Infants Parents are requested to give particulars to pastor during the week, phone 50617.

"Killing Two Birds With One Stone" With the installation of the new P.A. system, what has happened to the old redoubtable Koh Cheng Seong set? After 14 years, it is still going strong, so we've re-sited it in the FEBC Hall. S.S. Teachers Training to resume May 8, Enroll now!

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Kelapa Sawit is calling for tenders after Easter to build their new Church!

PALM SUNDAY PRAISE

All glory, laud, and honour To thee, Redeemer, King, To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.

Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David Royal Son, Who in the Lord's name comest, The King and blessed One. All glory, laud, and honour, etc.

The people of the Hebrews With palms before thee went; Our praise and prayer and anthems Before thee we present.
All glory, laud, and honour, etc.

They sang their hymns of praise; To thee now high exalted Our melody we raise. All glory, laud, and honour, etc.

Thou didst accept their praises, Accept the prayers we bring, Who in all good delightest, ·Thou good and gracious King. All glory, laud, and honour, etc.

- HYMNS OF THE KINGDOM NO: 4.

Far Eastern Bible College latest: With new students applying from Japan and Thailand, the countries represented at FEBC will be increased to 10! FEBC is also operating on BP Banner, bumper issue, out today! Lt. Col. Patrick Tan leaves Singapore Apr. 8 on one month's tour of duty to Taiwan, South Korea and Hong Kong. Godspeed! Wooden Plaques with Birds, flowers and Bible verse, \$2.90.

JESUS LIVES AGAIN (Mk. Ch. 16)

(An Easter Message by Dr. John Sung)

Joseph had buried our Lord's body in a tomb. The tomb's entrance was sealed with a big stone. On the third morning, before dawn, three women came - Mary Magdalene, Salome and Mary, mother of James. They came, step by step, murmuring to themselves, "How can we have the strength to roll the stone away?" They wended their way with a heavy heart. Beloved, one who knows not the Lord's resurrection power is bound to be sad. But with God.

When they came to the tomb they saw a young man in white. They met an angel. The angel asked if they looked for Jesus. They said, "Yes." The angel replied, "The Lord is risen." Beloved, the Lord is risen indeed! The power of death cannot hold him. The angel said, "Have you forgotten? Did not the Lord tell Peter. He would first go to Galilee?" What man cannot do, the Lord can. Our Lord is greater than a single.

Galilee?" What man cannot do, the Lord can. Our Lord is greater than science.

After we're dead, our bones will come to life at the last day. When our Lord returns, our bodies will become resurrected bodies. Although our body cells disintegrated after death, yet when the trumpet is sounded, we will regain our former bodies. God has power to resurrect, so we have hope. From time immemorial, all the dead, including Confucius and Mencius, have not lived again. But our Lord lives again. He is above science. What science cannot do, He can.

II. Vs. 9-11. His power conquers every sorrow and pain. There remains only Mary dalene who loves Jesus most. She once had seven devils whom the Lord had cast out. So she revered Him most. She followed the Lord for years. She treasured His wonderful words and His kindly countenance. She loved the Lord most and had anointed His body with precious ointment.

When our Lord was crucified she stood at the cross weeping. On this very morning she and Salome, and others came to the tomb. Though the others returned, she remained, weeping. She was indignant over the slaying of the loving Saviour. As she wept and wept, she suddenly saw the Lord appear in white. Supposing Him to be the gardener she said, "Where have you taken the Master's body?" Jesus said, "Mary!" "Rabbi" she answered. Jesus said, "I will go to the Father ... you go back and tell the disciples and Peter." Overjoyed, she ran to tell the disciples.

The eleven were gathered in a room. They were weeping bitterly for they thought their Lord's body was stolen. Between sorrow and fear, there suddenly came Mary into their midst. She said, "The Lord is risen and He goes first to Galilee..." The disciples wept on, disbelieving such idle talk. Beloved, one who disbelieves the resurrection can only be filled with sorrow. But Jesus truly lives. The world is filled with sorrow and pain. We can rest at ease in our Lord. See, there is Peter locked in prison, bound hand and foot, to be executed the next day. Was Peter sorrowful? No. He slept soundly!

In Hinghwa there was a Christian surnamed Goh. At his deathbed, many wept for him.

L. said, "Don't weep, I'm but going home. The coffin is only a birdal sedan. I'm the

TII. Vs. 10-13. Our Lord's resurrection transcends not only science but also reason. Here is described two discipfessorrowfully wending their way to Emmaus when Jesus joined their company. As they went along Jesus opened to them the prophecies of Scripture. These two had read the Scriptures. These two had read the Scriptures many a time but without understanding. As the Lord explained in detail to them, they suddenly became enlightened.

In the past I did not understand Scripture. When I came to Ezekiel 47 on how the water flowed eastwards ... to a thousand cubits ..." I was quite nonplussed. I prayed, "Lord, open my eyes!" Many times when I didn't understand, I prayed and I was enlightened. During my 193 days in hospital I could not understand certain passages. After I prayed the Lord opened my eyes. Although the two disciples did not understand, the Lord's power transcended their intellect. He showed them clearly the deep things. Whenever I read the Bible I am fully amazed. Not a letter can be changed. I do not read any commentray on the Bible. I rely fully on prayer.

IV. Vs. 12-18. Jesus' resurrection power transcends the law. The disciples did not believe though they saw the evidences of the resurrection. To disbelieve is simply "to eat one's own sorrow." Jesus went in when the door was shut, though in the same body which resurrected. Science sees in the human body a great marvel. It is made up of cells and atoms. Once these are dispersed, it becomes invisible. When they come together they become a man. The risen body is one that has been scattered and regathered.

When the disciples were in sorrow, Jesus entered and said, "Peace be unto you!"
When all did not believe Jesus said, "Put forth your finger to feel my hand." Not to
believe, according to law, brings death. But Jesus forgave them. Moreover He said to
them, "Go and make disciples of many nations, baptising them in the name of the Father,
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." "He that believeth and is baptised shall be saved.

He that believeth not shall be dammed." Faith is of two kinds: the True and the false. Jesus said, "Those who believe car cast out devils in my name. Those who believe are

assuredly saved, no matter how great their sirs, they shall be saved.

Peter preached to three thousand at Pentecest. Convicted by the Holy Spirit these were pricked in their hearts. A Sollier said to Peter, "I deserve to die! I put a crown of thorns of on Jesus' head." Pet r said; "If you are willing to believe in Jesus, you. shall be saved." Another soldier: They can be saved, but not me. I am worse than any other. While Jesus was nailed on the cross, it was I who speared His side." Peter said, "You need only believe in Jesus and ou shall be saved." Whatever yoursins, if you repent and put your trust in the Lord, the slood of Christ will save you. Many have committed adultery and other pollutions. According to law, they deserve to die. But Jesus was crucified for them. If they repent no belie'e on the Lord, they can be saved. Jesus

V. Vs. 19,20. Jesus' resurrection power transcends speech. As Jesus spoke He ascended to heaven. All saw Him to up, up to te highest where now He reigns supreme. We are His body and He the head. He directs us, not only by His mouth, but also by miracles to prove. Let me tell you, if what you preach is true, it will be evidenced

Beloved, how wonderful! When a person preaches His Word, the Lord will substantiate His Word with miracles. Jesus' power transcends speech. Paul says, "I preach, not relying on my gift of speech, but on the mighty power of God." Many are there today who

preach not in the mighty power of God but by their own eloquence.

A school teacher in Shantung was very conceited. He disbelieved Jesus and fought against the Christian faith. But his wife, a realous believer, was a paralytic. So he jeered her, "If your paralysis is telled I will believe and even become a preacher." In December 1931 when I came to Ping Tu, Shantung, the wife was carried to hear me preach. She confessed and repented of her sins. The said "I believe my illness can be cured." After I am healed, my husband will become a preacher." She asked me to pray for her. At first I hesitated. After this a mestern doctor asked me to pray for her, "She is sure to be healed. Her faith is very strong." So I prayed for her. She was healed of her 18 years of paralysis. She could walk. She wrote her husband but he disbelieved. She wired her husband. Neither did she receive a reply. When he finally returned he confessed his sime. He resigned his teaching and witnessed for Christ in Shantung. Beloved, are your heart hardened? out Jesus lives, and His power transcends everything.

One day I shall rise to meet J sus in mid-air. Then will He wipe away my tears. Fear not, we have hope. The Lord we trust is alive. Jesus has prepared beforehand a mansion for us. Soon we'll meet the Lord. The world passes away. We are growing old. But the Lord will wipe away our tears. He is in heaven and we on earth. One day He will take us to Himself. The Lord is trustworthy. The houses on earth are of little worth. The Lord is now in heaven preparing room for us. How many disciples have gone forward bravely to carry the cross. Never are they afraid. We have a risen Saviour to back us up. Let us work our hardest till the Lord takes us home.

Beloved, 'One day we will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air. Our great captain - Jesus - has gone before us. He triumphs over all death. We will follow Him. When He was on earth, He was ridiculed and opposed. Now He has triumphed. Let us follow

I believe the day is coming when we who follow Jesus will meet the Lord mid-air. Thousands upon thousands will meet in the sky. At that hour, Amoy and Kulangsu would disappear. Jesus is the living Saviour. We who follow Him have everlasting life.

LIFE CHURCH & FEBC APPOINTMENTS

Mon. 8.00 a.m. FEBC classes resum:

7.15 p.m. Calvin (Rev. Tow). Tues. 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.

Wed. 12.00 noon Rev. Tow at Kelapa Sawit Wedding.

Thurs. 7.15 Pauline Epistles (Rev. Paduwe). Fri. 8.00 p.m. Family Worship at the home of Deacon & Mrs. Lim Teck Chye, 44 Toh Tuck Place, S'pore 22.

Sat. 3.00 p.m. Lim - Pooi Wedding.

Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Tow. 4 75.11.

Palm Sunday Offering \$780.52 + \$200 + \$100 for Jurong.

Good Friday Offering \$500 plus + \$340 + \$30. New P.A. System \$100 + \$100 from Toa Payoh Church.

Wedding Bells: The holy matrimony between Mr. Steven Lim Kok Sia and Miss Alice Poci Choon Boey of Mt. Hebron Church will be solemnised Sat. April 16, 3 p.m. R v P. Hen. Edited by Rev. Timothy Tow, 9A Gilstead

In Loving Memory of Mrs. Nancy Tow and Le Anne who passed into glory, Easter Monday 1965, two white bouquets are offered by Lehia and John Tow.

Baptised this Easter are 2 infants and 19 adults(1 from Chinese Service) and 3 reaffirmations. (Their names are recorded on the Easter folders.)

Christian Life Book Centre, New Bible Commentary by IVF. Only \$22.95! Book marks 54. Gospel car labels 80¢ (from USA). Maunday Thursday at Tanjung Pinang. At a special Holy Communion service conducted by Rev. Tow (visitors from S'pore, Sng Teck Leong and George Tan Chin Peng) attended by 80, 9 new deacons were ordained and 2 girls baptised. 45 took the Lord's Supper. Offering to Kapuas Mission. \$100 + (\$200 to Simin) from L.C. YAF, just received. S. S. Teachers Training. New Session to begin May 8, 1977 - Rev. Paauwe.

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NEW MISSION

(A Revival Sermon by Dr. John Sung)

This afternoon I want to continue on the topic of witnessing for Christ. Every Christian should regard winning souls a personal responsibility, like paying one's debts. Woe is unto me if I preach not the Gospel! Jesus says, "Freely ye have received, freely give." Those who have received grace must tell forth the beauty of the gracious Lord that others might come to know Him, and receive His grace. Let us look at Acts 18:1-17.

Vs. 1. "After these things Paul departed from Athens, and came to Corinth." See how faithful is Paul to his charge, ever on the move. He is on the go all the time, from one place to another. For what? A tourist on a sight-seeing trip? No! To pay the Gospel debt. O, how I owe you a Gospel debt. My heart would never be at peace if I don't pay this debt.

Talking of debt-payment I remember how my father had borrowed \$99 for dowry, in order to marry my mother. And what a joke it was, for he could not make full payment of this sum even after two decades. When he got sick he said once to somebody, "Except this debt is cleared, till death my heart is seared. I dare not de, I dare not die. Now, Paul's heart was like this as he considered preaching the Gospel. Quickly pay up, for the time is short! Preach on, preach on! Woe is unto me if I preach not the Gospel. Athens over, on to Corinth!

Corinth was a prosperous but adulterous city. More sins abounded here, so Paul stayed longer, for he had a greater debt to pay. Now, I have preached most in Shanghai, and is

it because her sins are the greatest?

Vs. 2. "And found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, lately come from Italy, v. h his wife Priscilla... and came to them." As easy as that? Now, Paul came from Athens to Corinth, not like a rich man in style. All he had consisted of, perhaps, a pack and a small suitcase. Perhaps, he carried nothing beyond his books and parchments (the Old Testament). And when he got to Corinth how much money had he to keep himself alive? None! So, he had to work for a living. He found someone of the same profession and worked alongside him. While he worked, he preached. While he earned, he paid. For what? He entered business to get rich? Many do this, but not Paul. Out of love he worked to support himself. This was in order to pay his spiritual debt. By sweat and blood to earn souls. If every worker is like this, the Gospel will be preached far and wide. The Church will become prosperous. Paul considered souls most precious. Neither poverty nor endless toiling could affect him. His problem was: If I don't preach, who would? If I don't preach, how can these souls be saved? If I don't preach, how can I face the Lord? I am the chief of sinners. I had persecuted the Church for no reason. I imprisoned countless Christians. I am indebted to God and man. I can't count my debts, nor can I pay them. Thanks be to Christ, He is the Lamb of God who has taken away my sins. 'For the ten thousands I owe, the Lord has paid it all. And cleanses me white as snow, From a heart so black and foul." Though so great are my sins, the Lord has not denied to save me. Shall I not go and save others? The Lord has saved me that I might save others. No r ter what, rice or no rice, even with empty stomach, I must at all costs preach.
Nothing can please the Lord like bringing the lost sheep back to the fold. No wonder he said, "I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. And this I do for the gospel's sake that I might be partaker thereof with you." (I Cor. 9:22,23) Yea, woe is unto me if I preach not the gospel." (I Cor. 9:16).

Vs. 3. "And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought: for by their occupation they were tent makers." A secular job to support a sacred work. Any secular work for the Lord is sacred. But how many believed through such a faithful preaching ministry? Perhaps not one in a hundred! However, he considered not this disparity, for his calculation was based on this - to save one soul is of greater value than gaining the whole world. One sinner who comes to repentance brings joy to all in heaven, yea even more than ninety-nine righteous ones who need no repentance. a sinner from going astray is to save a soul from death and to cover a multitude of sins. His view point is: There is nothing new under the sun, and one's labour under the sun is vanity, like trying to catch the wind. But our labours in the Lord (not under the sun) are truly not in vain. And he knew very well. Not everyone will receive salvation, outside those whom the Lord foreknew and are predestinated to receive mercy and obey the Gospel. So he didn't count whether believers were few or many. For, he laboured not for the sake of results but rather with all his might within and without the City, to

call God's people out of sin.

I have read a sister's testimony which touched my heart very much. This testimony concerned her mother's experience in coming to the Lord. Briefly: The village in which she lived had never heard the gospel. One day a blind man suddenly appeared, with a stick in one hand and a guitar in the other. When he began to strum and sing the crowd made fun of him. But, not her mother. She took pity on the blind man and invited him to a meal. Did her mother realise this was the first day of her hearing the gospel? Henceforth, the blind man visited her everyweek, and by this her mother was saved. Her father was furious and persecuted her mother. But she persevered and prayed for her father. This soon led to the salvation of her father. Both father and mother later on became preachers

of the gospel. How marvellous is the salvation-grace of God! A blind man sent to a remote country to seek His own out of many unbelievers, from whom were also reised His own labourers.

Therefore, it is by God's grace that we are what we are today. Were it not for this, we would have heard the gospel, ear in, ear out, to no result. We have received God's

grace not by chance, but according to God's eternal plan.

Having understood God's plan, Paul laboured on earnestly. He preached not only when he went out, but also while he was making tents in their house. The Priscilla couple were molded not a little by Paul in this way. So let Christ be manifested in our daily lives to all who come in contact with us. I think, if Paul neglected them, never said a word to guide them, they would blame him before God. See the Rich Man, how when he was suffering in hades looked everywhere if he could see one he knew before to save him. He saw Abraham afar off and Lazarus in his bosom. Did he cry with indignation, "My father Abraham, see how bad this beggar Lazarus is. I gave him food everyday, but he never cared for my soul. What a selfish, dastardly fellow. How can he enjoy being in your bosom ...?" Did he complain thus? No! He only begged for a drop of water to cool his tongue. Moreover he knew, if possible, the good and kind Lazarus would descend to hell to save him. Beloved, let us double-up, tell the good news to our family, relatives, neighbours, classmates and acquaintances. Introduce Jesus as a Friend to them that they might not end up in hell, gnashing their teeth against you. If you've done your part then those who have heard and hardened their heart against you will have to bear their own guilt. Paul laboured thus: while he worked he prayed; while he sweated, he wept. How worthy are his sweat and tears! They surely moved the heavenly hosts above who would willingly minister to him. All the more were Aquila and others moved to give themselves to Christ. Their labours were most worth their while. But many are failures, for they are not willing to carry the cross like Paul.

Vs. 4. "And he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks." Six days he laboured, but on the sabbath day he preached publicly at the synagogue. Could anyone accuse Paul of being a "rice-bowl" preacher? He was a preacher, constrained by the love of Christ. There were some poor old ladies who waxed rich in their faith. With the two or three dollars earned in the month by handwork they rented a house in the village for a gospel station. Every Friday, they stopped work and went to the village to evangelise. How lively, how precious, is work done by their two hands. "Lord, I can return thanks in no other way than give You all I have!" Now that village has some fifty come to salvation. It is enough if everyone in Shanghai loves the Lord like them. These ladies have stored their treasure in heaven. But what are you busy

about everyday? To earn a coffin? Or to store up treasure in heaven?

LIFE CHURCH AND FEBC APPOINTMENTS

7.15 p.m. Lecture on Calvin(Rev. Tow)

8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.

Thurs. 7.15 p.m. Pauline Ep. (Rev. Paauwe)

4.00 p.m. YF & YAF.

Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Tow. 4 p.m. Mr. Lin Tah Mon.

Last Week's Offering: \$886.95 + \$10.

New P.A. System: \$100 (to date received \$400

which is one-tenth of cost)

Sunday Lunch Roster: Young People: Life YF. Ladies: This Week: Mrc. Tow, Sng, Khoo. Next

Week: Mrs. Khoo, Poon, Kam.

Greetings are received from Lina Seow, Canada, who says she enjoys reading this Weekly.

(We are praying for your coming exams.) Pastor Simin writes from the Kapuas River

"We are very happy to know of your plan to -come to West Kalimantan in May. We are waiting for your coming and praying for you. I have announced this news to my congregation that they may pray for you too. On behalf of the B.P.K.B. Church (where Simin is still pastor), I would request you stay one week in West Kalimantan and hold some gospel meetings (3 days in Pontiumak and 2 days in the country). I think this is a good opportunity for you, and it is the God's will toc. I hope you will give consideration to our suggestion.

On the Saturday 9th April, we celebrated Easter worship at Siantan Tengah, there were 120 children at the meeting. We gave out Easter eggs and some cakes. Praise the Lord, my family is getting on fine."

- Psalm 43 SEND OUT THY LIGHT AND THY TRUTH

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, I do Thou guide me,

C lead and guide me to Thy holy hill.

Pray for Deacon Mahadevan at Ward 6, ORGH. Guestsat our Hostel: Dr. and Mrs. A. van Rij of New Zealand and three children. Warmest Welcome! Christian Life Book Centre. Handy King James Bibles, beautiful print, with centre References, \$8.90 per copy. Revised New

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For House Repairs: Consult Mr. T.C. Eng. Welcome also to Miss Kimiko Goto, our newest

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FEBC student from Japan.

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MISSIONARY TRIP TO TANJUNG PINANG

(by George Tan of Grace B-P Church)

My Purpose of Visiting the Church There

One of the aims of Grace B-F Church Sunday School for 1977 is to istill in the students the urgent need for evangelism. It was also felt that visits to various mission fields should be arranged for the young people in order for them to have a clear view of the task and scope of a missionary.

The opportunity came on 7 and 8 April (Good Friday) to visit Tanjung Pinang in the Riau Islands. Initially four Gracians wanted to go, but due to various reasons like difficulty in getting the international passport and varsity project assignments three

of them were eliminated.

The Journey

Thus on 7 April, I had the thrill of accompanying Pastor and Mrs. Tow and Deacon Sng Teck Leong to Tanjung Pinang. The boat journey was far from comfortable partly because I was sea sick (even before the boat started on her journey) and because of the heat in the boat's cabin.

Praise the Lord, after a prayer and a short nap, the sea sickness left me and I was

able to enjoy the last part of the journey.

We left Singapore's Finger Pier at 12.30 p.m. on the m.v. Laju and arrived at Tanjung Pinang's Pier at 4.45 p.m. Several deacons were at the Pier to welcome the weary travellers and to see us through the customs speedily.

Hospitality of the church and the saints

We really thank God and praise Him for the warm hospitality given by the church and her saints. All our physical comforts and needs were provided abundantly. We enjoyed their fellowship and best of all the sumptuous dinner on Thursday night and the delicious lunch on Friday noon.

The deacons and deaconesses loaded us with many gifts, especially prawns and crabs,

when we departed for Singapore on an Indonesian airline Friday afternoon.

We ar especially grateful to the hosts and hostesses, the families of Mr. & Mrs. Lye Teck Hock and Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Liew who not only are efficient deacons and deaconesses of the Sion Presbyterian Church and who manage the church and Sunday School so well, but also made sure that we enjoyed the sweet fellowship of the believers and the sights of Tanjung Pinang.

Spiritual Lessons Learned

The most important spiritual lesson that I learned was the virtue of patience. Having lived in an efficient and fast moving city nation, I was quite lost among the slow and carefree country folks of Tanjung Pinang. I learned to be patient from the moment I disembarked from m.v. Laju and through the customs. I learned to be on more patient at the airport and with the airport officers.

The next spiritual lesson was that material incentives could do wonders in this island. As I reflected on this I realised there are many spiritual incentives for which Christians have failed to be grateful when they received Jesus Christ Lord and master of their lives. We have peace of mind, God's constant and loving protection, His continuous blessing on us, our families and even those who are associated with us. But the greatest spiritual incentive of all is eternal life with Jesus in Heaven.

The Gospel Opportunities

We praised the Lord as we witnessed the dedication of nine deacons and deaconesses of the church at Thursday night's Holy Communion Service. There were at least 45 who participated in the holy sacrament. The attendance was around 90. Praise the Lord for

a growing church as Pastor Tow baptised two sisters-in-Christ.

Many Chinese come to the church service and Sunday School classes both to worship God and to learn Mandarin and the Teochew dialect. The church is the only official place where Mandarin and Chinese dialects could be used in the teaching process. Thus opportunities abound for the gospel to be preached to the young people who wish to keep up with the Chinese language.

Also many young people long to learn English - a passport to a well-paid job and the government service. Very little English is taught at secondary and tertiary level. None is taught at primary level. Because of the poor command of the Chinese and English languages, some Indonesian Chinese whose homes we visited were unable to understand and enjoy the free Chinese and English TV programmes from Singapore. They do not have to pay for TV liscences here in Tanjung Pinang.

If the Lord is willing, perhaps we can grasp the golden opportunity of teaching the young people the Bible in English. Let us polish up our Mandarin and English and learn some Malay so that we may take the gospel to the people of Tanjung Pinang.

My dear Readers.

"Ye have not, because ye ask not" (Jas. 4:2)

This rebuke by the Apostle James is parallel to Jesus' admonition to the Church of Laodicea: "Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing, and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind and naked" (Rev. 3:17). When a small Church grows big and rich and becomes self-satisfied, she tends to take her Lord for granted like a spoilt-child in a wealthy house. As she says, "I have need of nothing"so she prays little or ceases to pray altogether. This is also a picture of our Church. Let us take note that our spiritual x-ray shows us up as being in a very sickly state - yes, when we have no prayer life to speak of.

Fortunately, there is still a remnant, a few faithful ones. And there is an unrest

in certain Session members who are beginning to come and swell the numbers. May God call out more members from both Session and congregation, old or young to our Tuesday night prayer meeting at the parsonage. Surely we need to praise the Lord together in our prayer-worship! And if you have a petition before the Lord, the bringing it to Him in corporate prayer is certainly pleasing to Him. With all His children pleading together, will He not take note of your need with more attentive ears? Is it not a fact that when you have prayed and prayed before setting out on a journey, you receive a fuller measure of assurance of His protecting presence? And this assurance is confirmed by the daily reading of His Holy Word.

It is a pity that God must say to some, "Ye have not, because ye ask not." Dear Reader, may His Spirit move you to join us next Tuesday night!

"Praying always with all prayer And for me, that utterance maybe given unto me...." (Eph. 6:18,19).

The pastor needs the congregation's prayer support in his daily duties and in the preaching of the Word. Do you pray for me?

Now I have a special request. I feel strongly called to visit West Kalimantan where Dyak Paster Simin is maintaining a Gospel work among the refugee children of Siantan Tengah, Pontianak. Meanwhile Simin is still pastoring the GPKB (The Protestant Church of West Kalimantan), and he has requested me to hold a 3-day campaign with his people. Also, he has earmarked me for two days in some up-country church.

Pray that I might have the right words from Him to speak in good season. That souls be brought into the Kingdom. That the Christians be strengthened and inspired to extend the Gospel in their own localities. That missions might become every Church's urgent business. Yours for the Gospel. T.T.

LIFE CHURCH & FEBC APPOINTMENTS

Mon. 8.00 a.m. Last Homiletics Class. Tues. 8.00 p.m. Frayer Meeting, Thurs. 8.00 a.m. FEBC Exam week begins. Sat. 4.00 p.m. YF & YAF. Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Tow (Lord's Sup.) 4 p.m. Mr. Teo Siau Hua (Lord's

supper).

Last Week's Offering \$506.80. New P.A. System Received since Feb. one sum \$1,200. Total now: \$1,6001 Sunday Lunch Roster: Young People Life YF. Ladies: This Week: Mrs. Khoo, Poon, Kam. Next Week: Mrs. Tan, Tay, Tow. "Seaside Christians Meeting-place," at 18D Jalan Daliah, home of Elder & Mrs. Tow Keng Kee where Sunday worship has been held for a decade, met for the last time April 17, 1977. Worshippers from the Meeting-place are channelled to Life Church Chinese Service at 4 p.m. Warmest Welcome to them!
MAY WEDDINGS 1) Anthony Tan and Cecilia Tham of Galilee Church, Rev. Heng officiating, And in his trouble I will bless. Mon. May 2, 10 a.m. 2) Tay Seng Tian and

Complete deliverance I will give. Gina Yap Soh Lan of Galilee Church, Rev. Heng officiating, Sat. May 21, 3 p.m. 3) Teo Chee Kiang and Tenny Yang Pah Yen of Mt. Carmel, Rev. Quek Swee Hwa officiating, May 25, ?p.m. (please confirm!). May 13 & 14,7.45 p.m. Galilee Revival Meetings. Dr. Tow Siang Hwa speaker. Guests at our hostel Mr. and Mrs. Brian Austin and four children from Thailand.

BECAUSE THY TRUST IS GOD ALONE - Psalm 91

Because thy trust is God alone, Thy refuge is the Highest One, No evil shall upon thee come, No plague approach thy guarded home.

Angelic guards at His commands Will bear thee safely in their hands, Will keep thee, lest, if left alone, Thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Though fierce and treacherous foes assail, Their power and wrath shall not prevail; Their cruel strength, their venomed spite, Thou shalt o'ercome with conquering might.

Because on Me he set his love, I will his constant Savior prove, And since to him My Name is known, I will exalt him as My own.

As oft as he shall call on Me, Most gracious shall My answer be; I will be with him in distress,

Complete deliverance I will give, And honor him while he shall live; Abundant life I will bestow, To him My full salvation show.

Pray for Mrs. Lily Dauber, 863 East Waterloo Rd. Akron, Ohio 44306, U.S.A. for recovery.

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Saturday, 30th April, 1977

OUR WEEKLY CHAT

My dear Reader,

1 Praying Together

There is a place for personal prayer and there is a place for corporate prayer praying together as a family, even as a church family. When we pray together, we strengthen one another. Even our Lord needed this, as shown by His bringing Peter, James and John into the Garden of Gethsemane. Pentecost would not have come had not the disciples gathered together in the Upper Room - "these all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the woman, and Mary, the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren" (Acts

Our Prayer Meeting trebled last Tuesday night. Immediately we sensed a warmth like that gendered by putting burning charcoal together. We thanked God for answered prayer, for tokens of His mercies and we asked God together for our lack. But our greatest need

is confession of sin and cleansing by His precious blood.

2. Fellowship in Worship

In Church each Lord's Day, we're gathered to worship our God. This may be represented by the vertical line of the cross, as we look upward to Him. But, don't forget the horizontal line of fellowship with our neighbours, new comers to the Church whom you have not seen before. There may be Christians from other Churches, who are not accustomed to our way of each bringing his own Bible. When the Bible is read and you see them without any do you have the courtesy of sharing the Word with them? When the service is over,

will do you well to shake your new neighbour's hand and invite him or her to come again. It will be better if you bring such an one to the FEBC Hall and eat lunch together that fellowship at Life Church be further enhanced. Let Life Church be known as a friendly Church where new comers feel they are welcome and sought after. Remember the Gospel

kelong principle!

3. New Kelapa Sawit Church, 1977

Our 1976 Calendars' "picture-frame" showed the new Kelapa Sawit Church skyline against the Pulai mountain. We forecast building operations would start after Chinese New Year. This prognostication, however, has been witheld and witheld from fulfilment, month after month, by officialdom for no concrete reason. Nevertheless, we took it to be the Lord's over-ruling for a higher purpose. During this one year's delay, the village congregation has been brought nearer to the Lord. This period was spent in self-searching with the admonition that those seeking to "ascend into the hill of the Lord and to stand in His holy place" must have clean hands and pure heart." (Ps. 24;3,4). The sin of gambling in some member's home was rebuked, as well as the sin of witholding the tithe, which can only result in one putting it "into a bag with holes" (Haggai 1:6). So, the old-timer " village Christians are taught to tithe and to give lovingly towards their own Church Building Fund.

Now, the final word of approval for the building of Kelapa Sawit Church has been given! Tenders are called by the architect at Johore Bahru this week. Next week I shall have to go th the architect's office to supervise the selection of the successful tender.

Perhaps we shall hold the ground-breaking service some time in June.

Kelapa Sawit is the first "foreign" outreach by Life Church - this was in January 1954, over 23 years ago. When the Missionary agency of our Church movement was formed, which is now known as Bible-Presbyterian Missions, Kelapa Sawit then came under its mandate, even to this day.

Nevertheless, Life Church still maintains regular supervision of the village church every alternative month, with the other under the charge of Rev. Philip Heng. A monthly pastoral visit from Singapore has served to nurture the flock there with frequent baptisms

and regular dispensing of the Lord's Supper.

With a new generation of young believers being nurtured and with the daily inculcation of Christian doctrine through a kindergarten of 80 - 90, the future of Kelapa Sawit looks very bright. Unless we have the spiritual house well founded, it will be futile to puttup one of mortar and bricks.

Our master plan for the building of the new Kelapa Sawit Church makes it an ideal campsite for 50, like what we did for Rawang, Muar. Only 40 odd miles north of Singapore, Kelapa Sawit is within reach after an hour's drive from Gilstead Road. So, plan to spend a happy afternoon at the ground-breaking to be announced soon! Dear Reader, are you not thrilled that 1977 secs us raise up another lighthouse in a township inhabited by 7,000 Hakkas, in heather darkness?

4. Far Eastern Bible College

At the end-of-serester Faculty Maeding, it was happily noted that the growth of the Library has necessitated the conversion of another classroom for reading purposes. Two FEBCers are recommended to be added to the staff in the new academic year commencing July 25, 1977. These are Medical Well Choon, Medical taking the SuT.M. (Master of

Sacred Theology) end of May. From there he will proceed to Jerusalem to take another semester of Holy Land Studies before returning in September. Wai Choon would have completyear's work abroad when he comes back. The other member is Mr. Bobby Phee, young paster of Sembawang. With a double Dip. Th., the second from London University, Mr. Phee is writing a thesis on the Doctrine of Election to qualify for a B. Th. from FEBC. Mr. Phec will teach a course in the New Testament. Yours for the Gospel, T.T.

LIFE CHURCH & FEBC APPOINTMENTS

MON. 10.00 a.m. Tan - Tham Wedding. TUES. 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting. Session Meeting.

FRI. 6.30 p.m. FEBC End of Year Dinner.

2.00 p.m. SMCCC Annual Conference at Sembawang B-P Church.

3.00 p.m. VCF Meeting at Church Auditorium.

4.00 p.m. YF & YAF.

Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Tow. 4 p.m. Jonah Chan.

Last Week's Offering \$464.00 + \$50(Easter offering).

New P.A. System \$100 (total \$1,700). Easter Sunrise Offering was \$1,650.00, divided between Kelapa Sawit and Galilee

Sunday Lunch Roster Young People Life YF. Ladies This week Mrs. Tan, Tay, Tow. Next Week Mrs. Sng, Khoo, Tow.

Birth To Mr. and Mrs. Surfley Magnus a daughter, April 20, 1977.

Mr. Liew Hon Seng, former preacher at Life Chinese Service and Kulai Besar is now serving with the Lutheran Church, 3-D Jalan Station, Kuala Kangsar, Perak, W. Malaysia. Lifers are urged to attend and pray for two nights of Revival Meetings to be held in Church, Fri. & Sat. May 13 & 14, 7.45 p.m., Dr. Tow Siang Hwa Speaking.

Christian Life Book Centre carries a full range of Wedding Folders - at your service. Handy King James Bibles with bold clear print at \$8.90. Ring 2541223.

Far Eastern Bible College closes for the long vacation Fri. May 6 and reopens Mon. July 25, 1977. The 9th Graduation Service is scheduled to be held Sunday Aug. 7, 1977, 7.45 p.m. at Gilstead Road.

New Address Miss Lew Li Fah, Blk. 27, 525-G Outram Park, Singapore 3.

During the vacation, the College dorms will be open to three Camps as follows: - May 30 June 4, Anglican Trinity Church; June 5 -10 Life Church Y.F.; June 13 - 18 S. U. Dr. Tow Siew Ai is spending the month of

May in Taiwan to attend a course in acupuncture.

GOD, BE MERCIFUL TO ME - Psalm 51

God, be merciful to me, ... On Thy grace I rest my plea; Plenteous in compassion Thou, Blot out my transgressions now: Wash me, make me pure within, Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin, Wash me, make me pure within, Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

I am evil, born in sin; Thou desirest truth within. Thou alone my Saviour art, Teach Thy wisdom to my heart; Make me pure, Thy grace bestow, Wash me whiter than snow, Make me pure, Thy grace bestow, Wash me whiter than snow.

Gracious God, my heart renew, Make my spirit right and true; Cast me not away from Thee, Let thy Spirit dwell in me; Thy salvation's joy impart, Stedfast make my willing heart. Thy salvation's joy impart, Stedfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me And return, I God, to Thee; Savior, all my guilt remove, And my tongue shall sing Thy love; Touch my silent lips, O Lord, And my mouth shall praise accord. Touch my silent lips, O Lord, And my mouth shall praise accord.

God-willing the pastor plans to visit West Kalimantan sometime after May 15. Pray for the series of meetings he will be holding with Indonesian and Dyak churches. Proposed route: Launch to Tanjung Pinang, from Tg. Pinang by cargo boat to Pemangkat. Pray that our Gospel work with pastor Simin may be extended.

Ring 806574 for Mr. T. C. Eng our Church contractor for your house repairs.

Attend Ground-breaking Service in June At last-Ven Kelapa Sawit CHURCH, 1977!

Vol. XII No. 47 My dear Readers,

Saturday 7th May, 1977

"JESUS SAVES, JESUS HEALS!"

By this slogan, I do not mean what the "professional" faith healer says, who comes to town for a big healing campaign, but with too little Gospel preached. I am not against faith healing when it is scripturally practised. Dr. John Sung was a faith healer, but he did not heal until the fortnight's revival campaign (40 sermons preached and hundreds saved and cleansed) was concluded. Out of 42 times of meeting (14x3) he gave only one to healing, the 41st time. He concluded the campaign with a grand finale of praises.

Whether we accept faith healing or not, it is always scriptural to ask the pastor and elders to pray for our sick. St. James says, "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him." (James 5:14,15).

Last Friday evening (May 6) we held a thanksgiving service for Mr. Chng. Chin Kiang at his Holland close flat (a few floors below Elder Khoo's). It wastto thank the Lord for his successful operation and good recovery and his getting on with his working life. Previous to this he became so sick that he yielded to the Lord for mercy. He was the only non-Christian in the home. When he now sought the Lord's mercies, he also eagerly requested baptism. Through Elder Khoo's contact we visited Mr. Chng. on New Year's Day, 1977. We prayed for his healing and the forgiveness of his sins in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Then I baptised him. Praise the Lord, the subsequent deliverance through an expeditious operation restored him with many praises of thanksgiving upon our new brother's lips. Today Mr. Chng is a living testimony of God's grace. We pray that he the even come with his Chinese-speaking wife to attend our afternoon Chinese service. Jesus saves! Jesus heals!

MOTHER'S DAY

According to western custom, Mother's Day falls on the second Sunday in May. I say western because it has not completely caught on in the Orient as Labour Day (May 1) has. Nevertheless, it is a wonderful idea to honour Mother once a year at the Lord's Day worship. It is also good evidence to our ultra-Confucianist old-timers who have mistakenly blamed the West for being unfilial.

Mother's Day and Father's Day are scripturally founded on the Fifth commandment which says, "Honour thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee."

Mother's Day is particularly important in the light of a new generation of delinquents, old delinquents as well as young. If the young are running wild, perhaps the blame is on the old who have not put in enough effort to bring them up in the fear and knowledge of the Lord. And even if parents have spent much time to bring their children to the Lord, there are the casualties still who have made shipwreck of their young faith on the rocks of worldly attractions and sinful pleasures. O the bitterness of permissiveness and thrills, drugs, breakups and early and suicidal deaths.

To prepare young girls for motherhood is surely one theme to be touched upon on Mother's Day. This is what I shall try to do this Lord's Day.

To teach the sacredness of motherhood and the family, Session has entrusted me to recommend a suitable gift book which should be distributed to every family, and I should think all girls who have reached 21. This book is called "The Christian Family" by Larry Christenson (over 800,000 copies sold). It's all yours, if you are a mother, and if you're a girl (since we celebrate Mother's Day), and over 21. I hope our 100 copies will suffice. I have read this book up to God's Order for Mates and I find it a truly wonderful book of Christian counselling.

We have also printed on light purple cards a Christian poem by Jane Taylor on "My Mother". This card is given free to every one who has a mother, whether you are boy or girl, man or woman. Oh, yes, I just realise every man does have a mother! Mother, how we love you. So, let us all make Mother's Day an occasion of much heart-searching (if we are prodigal and unfilial sons and daughters) and an occasion of blessing for every one. We welcome especially the Junior Service under the charge of Bro. Calvin Channing.

HOME IS WHERE THERE IS ONE TO LOVE US - Charles Swain

Home's not merely four square walls,
Though with pictures hung and gilded;
Home is where Affection calls Filled with shrines the Hearth had builded!
Home! Go watch the faithful dove,
Sailing 'neath the heaven above us.
Home is where there's one to love!
Home is where there's one to love us.

Home's not merely roof and room,
It needs something to endear it;
Home is where the heart can bloom,
Where there's some kind lip to cheer it!
What is home with none to meet,
None to welcome, none to greet us?
Home is sweet, and only sweet,
Where there's one we love to meet us! - T.T.

LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

TUES. : 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.

7.45 p.m. Galilee Revival Meetings

(Dr. Tow Siang Hwa)

SAT. 7.45 p.m. " Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Tow.

4 p.m. Rev. Tow

Last Week's Offerings #855.27 + \$200 +

\$50 for FEBC.

New P.A. System \$100 (total \$1,800). Family Worship last Friday (May 6) was held at the home of Mr. Chng Chin Kiang and son Benny Chng, Blk. 4, 33A Holland Close, (10). Sunday Lunch Roster Young People Life YF. Ladies: This week: Mrs. Sng, Khoo, Tow.

Next week: Mrs. Poon, Tay, Sng.

Watch for our new pulpit chairs: Coming, coming!

Situations Vacant. Two teachers at Far Eastern Kindergarten. Basic Kindergarten training essential, Piano an asset: Please apply to Mrs. Lange, principal.

Far Eastern Bible College closes for the long vacation. Scholarship students are requested to meet with the principal Mon. May 9. The College reopens Mon. July 25. Local students are requested to leave their rooms vacant to serve the needs of Bible Camps. The GLTD will hold a DVBS May 30 -

June 4, staying in.

The National Archives and Records Centre is publishing an "Inventory of Photographs on Churches." Our Church is one of the selected ones with this description: "The church was founded by Rev. Timothy Tow Siang Hui in 1950 as an off shoot of Life Church at Prinsep Street; the present building was designed by Ang Kheng Leng; the foundation stone was laid by Rev. Paul Contento of the Overseas Missionary Fellowship on 28 Apr. 1962; it was dedicated by Bishop D.A. Thompson of England on 26th Feb. 1963."

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Song of Songs by Watchman Nee, less than \$3/=. Many new items are open to your choice! Chin Lien Bible Seminary celebrates 40th Anniversary of her founding on Sat. May 14, 7.30 p.m. with a special thanksgiving service, Miss Ng Peck Loan her new principal announces. Chin Lien is the oldest theological in-

stitution in Singapore: Do You Want To Know what the new old-brick arch in the Galilee Fountain Garden stands for? The Capernaum Synagogue where Jesus was thought to have visited and preached! And the low brick wall with the "square cross" motif? One of the Crusader forts!

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SONGS FOR MOTHER'S DAY

HOME, SWEET HOME

'Mid pleasures and palaces though we may roam.

Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home;

A charm from the sky seems to hallow us there,

Which, seek through the world, is ne'er met with elsewhere.

Home, home, sweet, sweet home! There's no place like home, oh, there's no place like home!

I gaze on the moon as I tread the drear wild,

And feel that my mother now thinks of her child,

As she looks on that moon from our own cottage door

Thro! the woodbine, whose fragrance shall cheer me no more.

Home, home, sweet, sweet home! There's no place like home, oh, there's no place like home!

How sweet 'tis to sit 'neath a fond fathe smile,

And the cares of a mother to soothe and beguile!

Let others delight 'mid new pleasure to roam,

But give me, oh, give me, the leasure of home,

Home, home, sweet, sweet home! There's no place like home, oh, there's no place like home!

- John Howard Payne

GRACIOUS SAVIOR, WHO DIDST HONOR

Gracious Savior, who didst honor Womankind as woman's son - . Very Man, tho God begotten, And with God the Father one: Grant that womanhood may be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.

Jesus, Son of human mother, Bless their motherhood, we pray; Give them grace to lead their children Draw them to Thee day by day: May their sons and daughters be Dedicated, Lord, to Thee.

Thou who didst go forth in sorrow, Toiling for the souls of men, Thou who shalt draw all men to Thee, Tho despised, rejected then: Humble tho their influence be, Use it in the world for Thee.

- Great Hymns of Faith No 524

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REVIVAL MEETINGS

in Church

Fri. & Sat. May 13, 14

7.45 p.m.

Hear: Dr. Tow Siang Hwa

OUR WEEKLY CHAT

Saturday 14th May, 177

My dear Readers,

Winston Churchill's Defence of the Inerrancy and Infallibility of the Bible.

That the Bible, God's Holy Word, is inerrant, i.e., has no error; and infallible, i.e., cannot make any mistake (Matt. 5:18), is the Gibraltar of our faith! This is the doctrinal position of our Church and Bible College, but I am not so sure of certain schools

and institutes that claim to be "evangelical."

The first attack on the inerrancy and infallibility of the Bible by "critical" theologians is Moses' authorship of the Pentateuch (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers Deuteronomy). These modernists allege that a number of authors who lived across hundreds of years after Moses wrote this part and that part. These were finally compiled by some unknown person or persons in the name of Moses. Therefore, what is recorded to have been written and spoken by Moses is largely legendary. The veiled argument is that if Moses never wrote his Books, then these cannot be trusted. There must be inaccuracies, errors and mistakes interwoven with the facts - so whispers the Evil One. How subtle is the attack.

I have here a paragraph from Winston Churchill taking a firm stand on the inerrancy and infallibility of the Bible. The hero of World War II fights a better fight when he

mes to the defence of God's Word. Churchill says:

"We reject with scorn all those learned and labored myths that Moses was but a legendary figure upon whom the priesthood and the people hung their essential social, moral and religious ordinances. We believe that the most scientific view, the most up-to-date and rational conception, will find its fullest satisfaction in taking the Bible story literally. We may be sure that all these things happened just as they are set out according to Holy Writ. We may believe that they happened to people not so very different from ourselves and that the impressions those people received were faithfully recorded, and have been transmitted across the centuries with far more accuracy than many of the telegraphed accounts we read of goings on of today. In the words of a forgotten work of Mr. Gladstone, we rest with assurance upon "The Impregnable Rock of Holy Scripture." Let men of science and learning expand their knowledge, and probe with their researches, every detail of the records which have been preserved to us from those dim ages. All they will do is to fortify the grand simplicity and essential accuracy of these recorded truths which have so far lighted the pilgrimage of man."

Visit our "Holy Land Gardens."

The offer of a Galilee Sea fountain has stimulated the renovation of the gardens on ther side of our Church-College corridor. There is now the Arch of old brickwork that represents the Synagogue of Capernaum existing in Jesus' time. Inside is a cozy corner where many gather for Sunday Lunch.

On the "South" side we have a simulated Crusader fort. The retaining stone wall bordering the road is raised to simulate the wall of Jerusalem. Twelve battlements on the

wall represent the twelve tribes of Israel and the twelve apostles.

The last holy site to be simulated is the Mount of Olives overlooking the city of

Jerusalem.

As you sit in this 'Holy Land' atmosphere away from the hustle-bustle of the world, may you also hear the Lord Jesus say, 'Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." (John 14:27).

This Gospel call that sounded like a clarion note at first kept humming in my heart when the Lord sent me to this vast, under-developed country in March 1971.

August 1975 saw me in West Kalimantan again. A result of this visit was the establishment of a Kapuas Gospel Mission with Pastor Simin heading a children's work in the slums of Siantan Tengah, Pontianak, on the banks of the Kapuas River. Since then we have acquired a valuable property for the advancement of this work.

In order to hasten the propagation of the Gospel, I have expressed the desire of visiting West Kalimantan again this year. When this matter came to the ears of Pastor Simin, he immediately wrote to welcome me. Furthermore, he requested that I hold a series of Gospel meetings for a group of Indonesian Churches. Taking this to be a higher

assignment from the Lord, I responded in the affirmative. I wrote to the brethren of my arrival about May 20 via the cargo boat "Enggano," as I did last year. Why I chose the "Enggano" was that this was the most economical way of travel to West Kalimantan.

'Man proposes, God disposes"

When I looked up the sailing schedule of the "Enggano" last Thursday morning I was shocked to find that the ship had altered course in her mid-May sailings. This makes it impossible to get to Pontianak by May 21 as secheduled. The earliest would be May 26, which means a delay of five days. What to do in the circumstances?

By God grace, I have found a relief route by flying on the "Sempati", a regional Indonesian airline that flies regularly between Singapore and Pontianak. There is one flight early Saturday morning, May 21, leaving Seletar Airbase 6.30 a.m. and arriving Pontianak 9.00 a.m. This will give me a whole day to settle down in Pontianak before launching into the campaign. Don't you think that God's omniscience is marvellous beyond human understanding? There is always a "way to escape" (I Cor. 10:13), an alternative, with God's help. Of course, flying is more costly. A one-way ticket costs \$295, though by launch and cargo boat it takes only \$120. But God shall supply all my needs (Phil. 4: 19).

Now, what I request of you rather is to pray. Pray for me, "That I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the Gospel" (Eph. 6:19). Pray that as a result of this visit, a greater thrust of the Gospel into the dark regions of West Kalimantan might be made.

Since God has blessed us mightily in our book ministry through Christian Life Book Centre, I feel the Lord's leading to start something along this line for West Kalimantan. Therefore I must carry as much Gospel literature as I can on this trip - especially Gospel Visual aids. I look forward also to visiting Rev. Djunaidi in jungled Dyakland.

LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

MON. 6.30 p.m. Chin Lien 40th Anniversary Thanksgiving Dinner.

TUES. 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.

SAT. 6.30 a.m. Pastor flies to Pontianak from Seletar Airbase.

3.00 p.m. Tay - Yap Wedding. Lord's Day 10 a.m. Elder Tow Siang Hwa. (Chairman Elder E. Tay).

4 p.m. Rev. Andrew Bo.

Last Week's Offering \$603.15 + \$70 thru pastor for FEBCer.

New P. A. System \$100 by post (total \$1,900).

Sunday Lunch Roster Young People: Life YF.

Ladies This Week: Mrs. Poon, Tay, Sng. Next

Week: Mrs. Tow, Kam, Khoo.

Wedding Bells! The holy matrimony between

Mr. Tay Seng Tiam and Miss Gina Yap Soh Lan will be solemnised Sat. May 21, 3.00 p.m., Rev. Philip Heng officiating. Reception at FEBC Hall and "Holy Land" Garden.

Welcome home to Dr. and Mrs. Anthony Thio on vacation visit from the U.K. The Thios will proceed in June to UK and USA for further study.

Welcome home to Miss Lim Chun Moy, back from Canada after graduating in computer science. Her address: 61 Faber Drive, 5.

Congratulations to the following for success in the U. finals.

Chua Hui Tin,)
Leong Choy Wai,)
B. Sc. (accountancy).

Tan Yew Chong B. Sc. Hons. (Bus. Ad.)

Peter Tan) B. D. S. (Dentistry).

"How to Get More Money From God" by Rev. Antonio Ormeo. It's a gift book to Lifers who have generously contributed to the Philippines. Please get your copy from pastor (Only 10 copies available).

Mr. George Miley, spiritual captain of the Logos and his wife will minister in S'pore June 11 - 30. He will preach at Life Church June 12. A Logos Conference will be held at Life Church, June 13 - 18 with upcountry

participants boarding at Gilstead Road. 50 are expected to come!

OUR THANKS, O GOD, FOR FATHERS

Our thanks, O God, for fathers
Who follow in Thy way,
And who, with glad and trusting hearts,
Exalt Thee ev'ry day.

Our thanks, O God, for fathers
Who show, by word and deed,
Commitment to Thy will and plan,
And Thy commandments heed.

Our thanks, O God, for fathers
Who meet Thee oft in prayer,
And who, for all life's toil and care,
Find strength and wisdom there.

How blessed are the children
Who in their fathers see,
The tender Father love of God,
And find their way to Thee.
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Obituary Mr. Teo Chiam Seng, 70, preacher at Rawang, went home to be with the Lord May 8. Funeral Service on May 11 at Zion Presbyterian Church, Koon Seng Road was attended by Rev. & Mrs. Tow representing the B-P Churches. It is understood that Mrs. Teo will continue to serve in her husband's stead. Rev. Tow is visiting Rawang Sunday June 12.

Mr. Frederick Tan of Toa Payoh B-P Church (English) wants to buy a used car. Please phone after 2 p.m. to 2540279.

The New Pulpit Chairs are offered to the Lord in lieu of the 8 antique pieces to be honourably retired to their owners, after a service of 14 years.

Hear Deacon Lim Teck Chye's testimony at the Service this Lord's Day.

Wedding Bells! Congratulations to Mr. Tan Wai Choon on his coming marriage to Miss Ruby Yee in the U.S., June 4, 1977. Wai Choon is expected back in August.

Our Book Centre "Christ is the Head" plaques in Red, newly arrived from England.

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OUR WEEKLY CHAT

My dear Readers,

Kelapa Sawit Church Tendered for \$98,000!

My delayed departure for West Kalimantan has enabled me to fulfil one important duty - supervising the opening of tenders for the building of Kelapa Sawit Church. This took place on Tuesday May 17, 3.00 p.m. at the architect's office, Johore Bahru in the presence of the deacons - John Ling, Mrs. Phang and Wong Song Lai. The highest tender was \$170,000 and the lowest \$98,000. The contract therefore is awarded to the lowest. It is submitted by Cher Yong Construction of Kulai Besar. The period stipulated for the construction of the Church Kindergarten and Parsonage is six months. Would it not be wonderful to be able to celebrate Christmas 1977 in the new House of God?

Kelapa Sawit Needs \$45,000 in the next six months

The next six months will see the little Church put through a hard test. Kelapa Sawit has about \$33,000 in the bank. Her old house should sell for \$22,000. This means her assets are \$55,000. In the next six months she must trust God for an income of \$45,000, in round number.

This should also afford a golden opportunity to our Readers to give to a most worth-while project. The offering you give will be used to extend God's Kingdom to a far-off village, inhabited by some 7,000 Hakka - speaking Chinese steeped in heathen darkness. Kelapa Sawit claims a priority over other building projects also for the fact that her rigregation is still small and immature. The weaker members needs greater help from the Lorong. If God has blessed our home, business and profession, what is it that we give a portion of our substance to the bringing up of them who need our succour? God will bless your house when you have a part in the building of His, as He did to the house of David!

Kelapa Sawit, a campsite for Singaporeans

Kelapa Sawit Church has half-acre of land on the highest ground of the village. With the blue Pulai mountain behind, she should provide that rustic charm that goes to make an ideal campsite.

The Church building is flanked by a sizeable parsonage and two Kindergarten classrooms. This affords space for the camping of at least 50 young people. Since Kelapa Sawit is only slightly over an hour's drive from Gilstead Road (40 miles north of here), I'm sure she will prove to be a popular conference grounds with our youth groups in Singapore. Young people and Sunday School members are invited to give their missionary offerings to Kelapa Sawit for closer fellowship.

In this connection, I'm delighted to hear of the YAF's desire to do some work for the Lord in Malaysia during the end-of-year vacation. I have therefore recommended to them Kelapa Sawit. Welcome to stay at the new Kelapa Sawit Church site which, it is hoped, will be ready for use in November.

Howard Hughes and Lim Puay Hian

Mr. Andrew Goh, YFC Director, writes in the May 1977 issue of Reach as follows: "One Sunday in April, I spent some time reading. From the pages of The Sunday Times, I devoured with interest the serialised story of Howard Hughes, the eccentric multi-millionaire. I concluded that I Tim. 6:7 and 17 to be the worthwhile epitaph. Is this the best summary of life?

Then, I went on to <u>In John Sung's Steps</u>, the thrilling biography of Lim Puay Hian, a Chinese evangelist and missionary. There was no comparison between the two. While in the latter, hardships and heartbreaks appeared to be the consistent undertone, the theme was God's glory. Here is a life well-lived!

Allow me to quote: "I would rather be ashes than dust. I would rather my spark burnt out in a brilliant blaze than it be stifled by dry rot ... I would rather be a superb meteor, every atom of me in a magnificent glow than a sleepy and permanent planet. The proper function of man is to live, not exist. I shall not waste my days trying to prolong them. I shall use my time!"

For we shall all appear before Christ, to give an account of our lives to Him. May you live your life such that you receive from the Master's lips, these words: 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

"In John Sung's Steps - the story of Lim Puay Hian" has blessed hundreds of young lives. In case you have not read this inspiring biography, why not buy one from our Book Centre. 150 pages of spiritual adventure for only \$2/-

"To Kalimantan, on to Kalimantan"

And so, I take leave of you Saturday morning by "Sempati" for Pontianak. When you read this Weekly on Sunday morning, I shall be preaching at the Elim Church pastored by Rev. Simin, through an Indonesian interpreter. It is in this Church that united meetings will be held.

Dear reader, I need your prayers. "To Kalimantan" is the Lord's Commission to Life Church, and each one of us has a part to play. The Gospel to Kalimantan cannot go very far without every one doing something about it. Yours for the advancement of the Gospel, T. T.

LIFE CHURCH APPO INTMENTS

8.00 p.m. Prayer Mecting.

(Chairman: Dn. Roland Wong).

6.15 p.m. Teo-Yang Wedding.

SAT. 4.00 p.m. LCYF & YAF.

Lord's Day 10 a.m. Dr. Allan Adams

(Ch. Eld. Khoc Peng Kiat).

4 p.m. Mr. Teao See.

Last week's offering: \$569.90; Boxes \$11.10. Sunday Lunch Roster: Young People: Life YF. Ladies: This Week: Mrs. Tow, Kam, Poon. Next Week: Mrs. Tan, Tow, Sng. Wedding Bells! The holy matrimony between

Mr. Teo Chec Kiang and Miss Penny Yang Pah Yen will be solemnised Wed. May 25, 6.15 p.m., Rev. Quek Swee Hwa officiating. SPRING-CLEANING" of Church Balcony under Mrs. Tow during pastor's absence in Kali-

mantan. Volunteers needed:

Two Camps: May 30 - June 3 GLTD holding DVBS, using Church Balcony. Trinity Anglican (Chinese) May 30 - June 4, using FEBC Hall,

Other Camps following: June 5 - 10 LCYF; June 12 - 18 Logos Conference using Church and Church Balcony; June 13-18 SU using FEBC Hall, etc.

Singapore Life Church, 144 Prinsep St., cordially invites our Readers to a thanksgiving Service at the dedication of the new Church on Sunday 29, May, 1977 at 2.30 p.m. Elder Wu Yung will deliver the sermon. More Wedding Bells: The holy matrimony between 1) Mr. Peter Low Mun Kit and Miss Thelma Ho Yin Kham will be solemnised on Wed. June 1, 3 p.m., Mr. Richard Chia officiating; 2) Mr. Ho Cheok Tin and Miss Sharon ChuaKheng Bing on Sat. June 4, 2 p.m. Mr. Huang Yee Yuan officiating.

Galilee Church cordially invites Life Church Session and wives to her anniversary dinner on Sun. June 5, 7.00 p.m. at Gilstead Road grounds.

New Address: Chan Ban Hock, 264-M Kim Tian Rd., Block 119, (3).

House Blessing A special house blessing was held Friday afternoon May 20, 1977 at the new home of Bro. and Mrs. Sim Swee Peng at Pandan, Rev. Tow officiating.

For Our New Homes it is most appropriate to hang up the plaque with these words: "Christ is the Head of this House, the Unseen Guest at every meal, the Silent Listener to every conversation" Newly arrived from England. Get yours at our Book Centre \$2.50 only. WHO ARE MY PEOPLE? - Rosa Zagnoni Marinoni.

My people? Who are they?

I went into the church where the congregation Worshipped my God. Were they my people? I felt no kinship to them as they knelt there. My people: Where are they?

I went into the land where I was born Where men spoke my language...

I was a stranger there.

Last night in the rain I met an old man Who spoke a language I do not speak,

TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF MOUNT CARMEL In a letter addressed to Rev. & Mrs. Tow, pastor David Wong says, "Ten years have passed since Mount Carmel, after an initial seven years of moving from place to place, settled in her present premises in Lengkok Bahru. Our history thus spans 17 years. During those years, Mount Carmel has undergone the metamorphosis of a Sunday School to a Teenage Service to a Gospel Mission and to, what it is today, a full-fledged Bible-Presbyterian Church of 220 members meeting in three places.

On Saturday, 28th May, 7.15 pm, we will meet to lift our hearts in praise and thanksgiving to the God who makes possible our growth and spread. A buffet dinner will be held at 446, Blk. 61, Lengkok Bahru, (3).

To increase further our joy we shall be inviting to this occasion friends who share in the upbuilding of Mount Carmel. We are privileged to count you as one of them. Whether by your prayer interest, direct involvement (in the past perhaps) or just links we share in the Bible-Presbyterian Family, you are one of us in our day of rejoicing. Do encourage our hearts by your coming."

In view of the fact that pastor Tow will most likely be in West Kalimantan, Elder Tay is requested to make arrangement for one Session member and his wife to represent Life Church at Mt. Carmel's anniversary.

MR. GEORGE MILEY, spiritual captain of the Logos writes to Pastor Tow: "Hanna and I are going to be leaving the ship three weeks from today to make our way to Singapore. On the way we're going to be visiting Sudan, India, Bangladesh and Thailand. We except to be in Singapore June 11 - 30 and we are very much looking forward to having some fellowship with you and your family. In so many ways in coming back to Singapore makes us feel that we are coming home again. It has been very encouraging to hear about young Singaporeans and Malaysians who are interested in coming with O.M. for a year or two of training. We are coming to Singapore of course for the orientation and training conference Our time around the coast of Africa has been very encouraging. Now the number of people who have indicated decisions for Christ is up into the thousands. Booksales this year have already exceeded the sales in any other year thus far of the Logos operation. We are sure that this has nothing to do with us but it is simply an indication that the Lord is answering the prayer of His people and is so very burdened to see the lost reached.

May the Lord richly bless, your ministry, brother. It has been so encouraging to get your weekly newsletter here. I still remember so well when we first came to Singapore and all the help and encouragement "My people," my soul cried, "Who are my people? you gave us. Thank you for that."

With apologetic smile he offered me /God. | The shelter of his patched unmbrella. Which marked him as one who does not know my I met his eyes ... And then I knew ...

THE UNFATHOMABLE GRACE OF GOD (II KING CH. 7)

(A sermon by Dr. John Sung)

Samaria, Capital city of Israel was surrounded by the armies of the Syrians. The people were in grave anxiety, for many had nothing to eat. So much so they were obliged to eat pigeon dung.

Vs. 1 But Elisha said, "By this time tomorrow two gallons of flour or four gallons of barley grain will be sold in the markets of Samaria for a dollar..." Beloved brothers and sisters, the grace of God is beyond our imagination. Many of God's people are waiting for His saving grace to come quickly, not knowing that it has already come. Now is the accepted time!

Vs. 2 Here we have a high officer, assistant to the King, who said to Elisha, "Impossible! A dollar to buy two gallons of flour? Unless the door of heaven would open up!" Elisha said, "Whether you believe or not, this thing shall come to pass." O the unfathomable grace of God! The grace of God is beyond our wish and imagination. The grace of God is still with us. Before I came here, I never could have dreamed of such a crowd tonight.

When I went to Huchow, I hoped to see only 200 born again. So, I asked for this number in prayer. On the first day, however, out of 400 who came to the meeting, 300 were saved! On the second day, over 1,000 came and we had to meet outside on the grounds. Almost 1,000 were saved, including a pastor's son. This pastor's son said to me, 'Mr. Sung, I never knew God's grace until now." Beloved brothers and sisters, whether you helieve or not, the grace of God must come to you. How great and wonderful is His race!

Vs. 3 Praise the Lord! Here are four lepers who refuse to die, sitting up. They want to get out of death. Pitiful, there are so many who would prefer death, never desiring a way out. There are many more struggling in their daily sorrows. These also have never thought of getting out!

Vs. 4 Wonder of wonders, these four lepers thought of a way out. They said, "If we sit here we are sure to starve to death. If we go into the city, we will also die. Why not get out of here and surrender to the Syrian army?" Now, I'm not in favour of their surrendering. I am in favour of their determination to find a way out.

A sister in Shanghai wrote me of her mother's plight. Only over 30, she has succoured ten children. But every one of her children has died, except herself. She says, "My mother is a devout Buddhist. Buddha said to her that her ancestors in hell had need of money. So they had taken her children to hell to sell them for money. Now her only way out was to worship the devils with money. When my mother asked how much money she needed to pay up, the answer was \$200. She really spent that \$200, but when she went to inquire of Buddha again, Buddha replied "Your ancestors are still penniless. So on the 8th day of the ninth moon, they will also take your only surviving daughter to hell and sell her. My mother was scared to death. She went to the Church and asked the astor to pray for her. This brought us peace and nothing happened to me, her daughter. If this, she got hold of a hammer and had her Buddha idol smashed to pieces."

Beloved brothers and sisters, Satan had utterly oppressed this woman. Could she do anything else but struggle her way out? How jubilant! Today how many are under the throes of the Devil's grip? There's the tobacco devil, the gambling devil, the alcohol devil. Why won't you seek a way out?

Vs. 5, 6 The four lepers found their way to the Syrian camp. But when they got there they saw not even a shadow of the Syrian troops. "Ha, Ha:" they chuckled, "Such a lot to eat! How lucky we are, and there is none to fight against us ..." Beloved brothers and sisters, wonderful is the work of the Holy Spirit. If a person is willing to be led by the Holy Spirit to seek a way out, he will find the way ahead, marvellous, and more marvellous yet. Once, after a sermon, a new convert said to me, "Mr. Sung, I was in great trouble when I decided one day to come to your meetings. At first I found your preaching entirely tasteless, but I decided to sit through the sermons. As I concentrated on the sermon, my heart began to beat and throb. When you said, "Any one who is a sinner, let him raise his hand." At first I had no courage, but afterwards I raised my hand, I went forward, and as I went, all the sins I had previously committed flooded before my eyes. I felt miserable. But the moment I put my trust in Jesus, a ton-load of sin fell from me. I received such a joy as I had never known." Beloved brothers and sisters, if a man wants to be saved, he will find salvation wonderful, yet more wonderful.

sisters, if a man wants to be saved, he will find salvation wonderful, yet more wonderful.

Vs. 7,8 The four lepers were thrilled by the wealth they now possessed. For, the
Syrians being overwhelmed by a sound of horses and chariots they had heard the night before
had fled to the last man. God's grace is given to us freely without any charge. Without
arms, without lifting a finger to fight, the lepers had plenty to eat, more to spare, and
a whole lot they couldn't carry away. O, the inexhaustible grace of God.

One night I had a dream. Isaw a man who had lost a lot of money. I began to pick the money up, and I picked and picked every one of the coins. When I awoke, I couldn't find a cent. Such is the nature of dreaming. But God's grace is not such vanity, not such a dream. God's grace is real. It defies our counting. God's grace did not merely

satisfy the lepers' hungry stomachs. This would not be enough.

Vs. 9 Most precious is this verse. The four men, having eaten, thought of the hungry plight of their countrymen. They agreed, "Let us tell the good news at once! If we do not make the report when dawn comes, the King would surely punish us." Beloved brothers and sisters, how many of you are having your talents buried. You have never told forth the good news i.e. the Gospel! Paul says, "Woe is unto me if I preach not the gospel." Now the people of Amoy have nothing to eat, while you are being fully fed. Mongolia, Kweichow, Yunnan are teeming with countless starving souls. They have never tasted the grace of God. Beloved brothers and sisters, 'Woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel."

Let us see what these four have reported. They have preached the gospel. They have given a vigorous testimony, for woe would come on them if they preached not the good news. Beloved brothers and sisters, let us remember: it is a greatest sin not to

preach the Gospel.

Vs. 10,11 They are now on their way. They tell it to the gate-keeper. The gatekeeper believed because he saw them all well-fed. People believed them because they were well-fed.

Once there was a man selling hair-restorer. He bragged about his hair-restorer as he hawked: "If you buy my hair-restorer and rub it on your bald head, it will make your hair grow." A little child came and pulled off the hat he was wearing, "You just said, 'If you rub the hair-restorer on your head, hair would grow'. But, look, you are a bald yourself. Why don't you do what you say?" What a big joke! A bald-head selling hair-restorer! This is like a man never born again preaching a sermon on the "salvation through the new birth". Laughable! Why is the Church so slow-moving today? Because in it are many bald heads trying to sell hair-restorer. Who would buy it? These four lepers are fed and round-bellied. They were convincing to the gate-keeper. May you also say, "We have been to the revival meetings. We have eaten a lot." Before you were gambling fiends. Now you can praise the Lord and convince others.

Vs. 12 The gate-keeper said, 'Let me go and tell the king.' Now the king, when he got up in the middle of the night, was prejudiced. He said, 'Perhaps the Syrians have gone away in disguise. If we go after them, may we not fall into their ambush?"

In such a case, can God open the door of grace?

Vs. 13,14 Someone told the king, 'Don't be prejudiced. Let us send five men to find out." When those five returned, they said with one voice, "The enemy has retreated! The ground is strewn all over with goods." When I was preaching in Shanghai, the Church in Hangchow sent four delegates to hear me, because they were not sure of inviting me. When these four were favourably impressed, they invited me. When I got to Hangchow, a super-pastor there was fiercely opposed to me. He had a son, a habitual gambler, who never read his Bible. Wonder of wonders! While others remained unsaved, he got saved, he repented. He was changed. He organised many Gospel teams. He told his father, "You are against revival meetings, but I have been converted. I won't gamble now. love to read the Bible." Beloved brothers and sisters, when men resist you, don't be discouraged. If God be for us, all problems will be solved.

Once when I went to Swatow, I got no invitation to preach the first day. I was invited by only one place. After the first meeting, over 200 were born again. The second meeting saw over 1,000 in attendance. After this, every church invited me to preach. Brothers and sisters, if you preach the truth, you needn't worry even when you are being

Vs. 16,17 0, the open door of God's grace! All went! There was no need to invite, or to coerce. They rushed for all their worth. All were dying of hunger, and all fought for the food. If what you preach is the Gospel, people will come and hear. If what we preach is truth, we needn't worry if men oppose us. When I was preaching in Canton, band detectives and policemen were sent to arrest me. When they were on the point of doing so,a/ of students protested. This truly was God's help.

On another occasion when I went to another Church, there was a notice put up, "Meetings Prohibited." But this could not stop a multitude coming. Who can resist when the Holy Spirit is working? God said, "A dollar will buy two gallons of flour." True?

Unfathomable is God's grace.

Vs. 18 Was God's Word fulfilled? Most certainly. Whoever disbelieving is a stumbling block. But such is trampled to death! If we preach it good, Satan is surely defeated. Now you're born again. You're blessed. If you preach not the Gospel, woe will come!

God called me on Feb. 10, 1926. The Lord wanted me to preach. Many a time I didn't want to, for preaching is a difficult job. If I became a teacher, no one would bother me. When I started to preach, I found many adversaries. If you preach you must carry the cross. Your whole life must be hung on it. Thousands upon thousands are still in Satan's grip. 'Woe is unto me, if I preach not the Gospel."

Beloved, we are well-fed. Woe is unto us, if we preach not the Gospel." - T.T.

Tues. 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting (Ch.Eld.Khoo) Last Week's Offering: \$408.70. 3.00 p.m. Low-Ho Wedding. Sunday Lunch Roster Young People Life YF 2.00 p.m. Ho-Chua Wedding. Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Tow (Lord's Supper). Next Week: Mrs. Khoo, Kam, Poon. Ladies: This Week: Mrs. Tan, Tow, Sng. 4 p.m. Mr. Tec Siau Hua(" ").

"I'VE TOLD THEM"

(Pastor's 10-Day Preaching in West Kalimentan)

I took off from Seletar Aerodrome in the Sempati "Fokker" the early morning of May 21, and landed on Pontianak after an uneventful two-hour flight. Pastor Simin of our Kapuas Gospel Mission was on hand to welcome me. He brought me to the GPKB (Gereja Protestan Kalimantan Barat) Elim Church which had originated my coming - to hold a series of Gospel Meetings for a number of Indonesian Churches.

Since the day I arrived was a Saturday, and it is customary of Elim Church to hold cottage meetings on this day, I was requested to speak the same night. This was also a special occasion - bhe birthday of our host's son. No birthday cake, nor birthday song, a prayer of blessing rather from the visiting pastor was requested. Nevertheless, a buffet dinner followed, which was a good reason for so many gathering.

Sunday morning saw about a hundred in attendance at the Church service. A young

Indonesian working with an Australian company was my able interpreter.

Immediately after service, however, I was taken by Simin on his Honda to a suburban home to help officiate a wedding. The groom was an Indonesian of dark complexion, and the bride a fair-skinned Chinese woman.

In the afternoon we crossed the Kapuas River to Siantan to inspect our Gospel Mission. This outreach meets in the home of Bro. and Mrs. Tju Lip Pin (Mrs. Tju is a Bible school graduate) - in the dirtiest slum I've ever seen! About 70 children huddled in the living room in stifling heat. I taught the first Five Commandments and applied them against false gods and idols, with an exhortation to filial piety.

That evening, there was scheduled another cottage meeting. This was to commemorate the 40th day of the death of an old lady. The house and compound were filled with relatives and friends. What an opportunity to show Jesus Christ the only Way to heaven to

the bereaved.

The much-prayed for Gospel meetings at Elim Church were blessed of the Lord as increasing attendance over each night indicated. There were 200 gathered the closing night. Confident that the Gospel is "the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth" (Rom. 1:16), invitation to seek forgiveness of sins from the Lord Jesus was given on two nights. A total of 35 hands surrendered in solemn response. What made the evangelist's heart uneasy was the sight of certain cigarette-puffing deacons after the service. (Latest news on tobacco-smoking is that every cigarette cuts short 5 minutes of the smoker's life, says the Royal College of Physicians). There is plenty of fallow

ground to plough in the Protestant Churches in Indonesia

with their ingrained Dutch traditions.

The day after our meetings in Pontianak were over, we set out on a 100-kilometre ride into the interior to visit two Dyak Churches founded by Simin. Rev. Djunaidi carried me on his Yamaha while Simin took care of our packages.

We arrived first at Takong where a meeting was arranged for the night. From Takong we sallied five miles into the jungle, over-hill and downdale, to reach the other Dyak Church at Konyo.

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When the denizens of this hide-away village heard the gong booming the arrival of this Singapore evangelist, there gathered in a short while over a hundred big and small. These met in a bamboo chapel the Dyaks have constructed themselves. I spoke on "Evidences of the One True God and the Only Way to Him." Djunaidi interpreted. After service, we were given a treat of young coconut milk.

The journey through the jungle back to Takong trobbed with moments of anxiety as we forged our way through rain and mud.

Sure enough, Djunaidi's machine stalled while we tried to make it over the hump of a steep hill. Had I not jumped down in time and put my belly to the wheel, our iron steed might have rolled down hill. I told my listeners at Takong that night, however, that it was Jesus who held us fast. A dozen hands were surrendered to the Lord as we concluded this jungle visit.

While Simin returned to Pontianak, Djunaidi and I continued with our journey to review old territory. We came to Sinkawang where I preached that night at the Ling Liang Church. Here fellowship with Rev. Bartolomeus Bong who ministered fluently in English some years ago at Life Church was renewed.

We stayed at Deacon Junias' house for the night. It was such joy to hear his elder brother, on a special visit to Junias after thirty years, declare his decision to receive Christ this time since, he said, all his relatives were now converted to Christ.

The next day which was a Saturday saw us arrive finally at Djunaidi's domain at Sebetung. By now we had motored 130 miles, or the distance from Singapore to Muar. At Sebetung is established a Bible School where over a dozen Dyak young people

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are taking a four-year training. June 17 will see the graduation of the first four, among whom is a Moluccan girl. This girl is considering a call to serve in the Dyak jungle village of Konyo under the support of our Kapuas Gospel Mission.

At both Saturday and Sunday meetings at Sebetung, I shook hands with an entire Dyak congregation except for a bare handful of Hakkas. Pa Sidong the ex-Dyak chief who dreamed of my coming last year brought me a chicken. God has blessed his mother cow with

We left Sebetung Sunday afternoon to keep an appointment (the 14th and last) with the Hakka Church at Pemangkat. Pemangkat is linked to Singapore by a cargo-boat service through the "Enggano". As the Sunday evening service was directed to "outsiders," I spoke on "the Blessing of Forgiveness of Sins." The word "Blessing" in Chinese is "Fu". This is composed of "a field and an altar". This shows that Blessing cannot be self-made. It comes to us from God, as the altar suggests. All the more must we seek forgiveness of sins from the grace of God. Thus ended my 10-day preaching mission to West Kalimantan.

Back at Pontianak Monday evening, I was given a send-off makan by the Indonesian Church. This included a memento of Dyakcraft. Prayers were made for the reviving of Elim Church, and hopes were expressed for the building of a church and kindergarten on the

land we've purchased at Siantan, at the edge of the slums.

"I've told them" in this 10-day visit. It is your continuing duty to tell them, and you can do it by building a Church, wherein hundreds of children will be drawn to Jesus Christ through the preaching of the Gospel.

LIFE CHURCH APPO INTMENTS

Mon. to Fri. LCYF Camp.

Tues. 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting(Rev. Bo). And through its portals gleaming,

Sat. 2.30 p.m. Wong-Lee Wedding. Lord's Day 10 a.m. Mr. George Miley,

(Ch. Elder Tay). 4 p.m. Mr. Jonah Chan,

(Ch. Mr. Tsao See). Last Week's Offerings \$718.41 + \$200 + \$100

(FEBC). New P.A. System \$100 (Total: \$2,000). Received by post: \$200(Life Church); \$100

(Sembawang): \$100 (Logos).

Mr. & Mrs. Lim Ah Poh are on a 5-week visit to USA to see their daughter Jenny. They request prayer for journeying mercies. On their return they will be settled at their new home: 20 Jalan Sinar Bulan, 17. (Upp. Changi/Tempenis junction).

Wedding Bells! The holy matrimony between Mr. Wong Leong Jeam and Miss Lee Jean Chew will be solemnised on Sat. June 11, 2.30 p.m., Rev. Philip Heng, officiating, assisted by Lt. Col. Patrick Tan.

Bible Camps 1)Life Church YF(June 6-10); 2) SU(June 13-18); 3) Logos Conference in Church and Balcony (June 13-18). All campers are reminded of their duty to economise in the use of water, light, fans, cookers and to keep the Lord's House clean.

Pastor's Vacation The pastor and his family are spending a holiday on Fraser's Hill. June 6 to 11. On their return journey the pastor will administer the Lord's Supper at Rawang and preach at Living Water Church, June 12. They arrive back 12 noon, June 13. During their absence Rev. Andrew Bo will be in full charge of the physical running of the Church premises.

FEBCers graduate at Faith At Faith Seminary's Kelapa Sawit, Sat. June 18, 3.00 p.m. 50th Commencement on May 23, 1977. Tan Wai Choon was conferred the S.T.M. (Master of Sacred Theology) and John Lim (Galilee) was conferred the M.Div(Master of Divinity) degrees. Wai Choon received a cash honorarium and John Lim prizes in Homiletics and Greek. Praise the Lord for their successes.

John Lim plans to study on for the S.T.M. while Wai Choon leaves for Israel for a

THERE IS A GATE THAT STANDS AJAR

There is a gate that stands ajar, Session Meeting(postponed to 14th). A radiance from the cross afar, The Saviour's love revealing,

Refrain:

O depth of mercy! can it be, That gate was left ajar for me? For me, for me? Was left ajar for me?

That gate ajar stands free for all, Who seek through it salvation; The rich and poor, the great and small, Of every tribe and nation.

Press onward, then, though foes may frown; While mercy's gate is open, Accept the cross, and win the crown, Love's everlasting token.

Beyond the river's brink we'll lay, The cross that here is given, And bear the crown of life away, And love Him more in heaven.

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special course at the American Institute for Holy Studies. Wai Choon's Wedding is postponed to July 30, 1977 though he plans to return in August.

Lim Hai Seng writes from the Logos, Nigeria reporting on his being in full charge of the

Ship's printing press.

The Logos Conference June 13-18, to be held at Life Church, Mr. George Miley speaking, is becoming a tradition! About 35 are arriving from Malaysia who will be housed in the balcony and other available places of accommodation. We extend them a warm welcome, indeed, in this sunny weather! A GROUND-BREAKING SERVICE will be held at Motorists, make it a trip you'll never forgct! Get your car permit from the Malaysian High Commission at Queensway. (Kelapa Sawit is at the 26th m. Kulai Road). Wedding Bells! The holy matrimony between Bro. Ong Keng Ho and Miss Cecilia Geling will be solemnised at the Methodist Church, Pisang Road, Kuching, Sat. 18, 1977, 4.00 pm.

SUNDAY LUNCH ROSTER: LIFE YP, Mrs. Khoo, Kam, Poon.

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EVANGELIZING WITH THE PURE GOSPEL

(Message delivered by Dr. Timothy Tow to the 8th General Assembly of the Far Eastern Council of Christian Churches at Hachioji, Tokyo Nov. 1976).

"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Hely Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen" (Matt. 28:18-20).

I like the theme of the 8th Assembly of the FECCC, "Evangelizing Asia in the Last Days." This theme reminds us of the cataclysmic finale to which we are now heading. While leaders of nations are perhaps more alert to this awesome climax of history, the Church of Jesus Christ has generally fallen asleep, like the five foolish virgins. Well has our Saviour said, "The children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light" (Luke 16:8). The need of a greater evangelistic effort by the Church cannot be over-emphasized as we also recall our Lord's command in the Olivet discourse, "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come" (Matt. 24:14).

I

"Go and tell," Jesus says to us who are basking in the sunlight of our salvation;
"Go and tell the teeming millions groping still in darkness in Asia," perishing, perishing,
blindly rushing into the abyss of a lost eternity. Alas! Into "the fire that never shall
be quenched; where their worm dieth not (Mk.9:43,44). If we fundamentalists can only argue
for the literalness of a place of everlasting torment, but have rarely lifted a finger to
an a soul for Christ, we have no right to condemn those who preach a social gospel, and
teach the doctrine of universal salvation.

II

Nevertheless, the preaching of the Gospel saves not only the soul, but also the body. This is taught in the Sermon on the Mount. The liberals like to quote the first verses of Matthew 5 and treat these like an ethical poem. They quite forget that whether it is ethics or economics, every blessing of life, be it spiritual, moral, or material, comes from the fountain of His salvation. Yea, even through the preaching of the Gospel, and through the hearing of the Gospel, and through the believing of the Gospel. "But, seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt. 6:33). Wherever the Gospel goes, wherever it has transformed lives, there is begun an automatic self-rehabilitation. Men, and women who once dissipated their lives in sinful pleasures and wasteful spending are delivered from such spendthrift habits. Automatically they are also economically delivered. Where disease, ignorance, and poverty once reigned supreme, the establishment of hospitals, schools, and other Christian institutions have brought health, knowledge, and relief and eventually prosperity.

Recently my church sent me to West Kalimantan (Borneo) to start a mission for fefugee children. When I visited Pastor Djunaidi's work which is supported by Quek's hurch in Singapore and International Christian Relief, I met one of Djunaidi's parishioners, an ex-chief of the Dyaks. (The Dyaks were until a few decades ago a head-hunting tribe.) This aging Dyak chief lives in a hut barely the size of our single dormitory room in this mountain resoft. Crowded inside this tiny house were eleven sallow, sickly children and babies, his grandchildren. Immediately, when I saw their pitiful condition, a sigh rose from my heart. The love of Christ urged me that my church, though involved in a different territory, should do so something for them. It resulted in giving to the chieftain a baby cow - a gift of love in Christ's name.

The Gospel brings social relief wherever it goes. It is a false accusation against those who put evangelism first that they have neglected the social aspect of the Gospel. Let our churches in Asia, in whatever economic position we may be in, learn not only self-support but in the spirit of St. Paul how also to support our weaker brethren. Let us stop begging from the West. On the other hand, let not the West shirk their higher responsibility so honorably conferred from above, nor be hamstrung by selfish Western interests.

III

"Evangelizing With the Pure Gospel" is the sub-theme assigned me. This brings me at once to our Lord's final words to the disciples as recorded in Matthew 28:18-20. This passage is commonly called "The Great Commission." A Chinese theologian translates it, "The Commission of a Great Undertaking." I have called it, "The Unfinished Commission." But in the light of our emphasis on "Evangelizing With the Pure Gospel," I would call it "The Eternal Commission."

Jesus' four-point command to the Church - (1) to go, (2) to evangelize, (3) to baptize, (4) to indoctrinate - with the promise of His eternal presence, is like the cross on which He suffered. It stretches to the four corners of time and eternity.

Because it is an eternal decree, which changes not, therefore, it is pure. But how impure? and degenerate we are who are made of flesh and blood! "But we are all as an

unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away" (Isa. 64:6).

Now Jesus did not merely say, "Go and preach." Often our evangelistic effort stops short at that. Jesus in His "Eternal Commission" imposes a meticulous care on what we are to teach after we have preached or evangelized. We are to teach "Them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you," yea, every jot and tittle of the Word of His Salvation. We are to give the pure Gospel in its entirety. Any human addition or subtraction from the Bible, as we preach or teach it, will make the Gospel impure. For example, the leaven of the Pharisees, the strains of which, remaining in the Jewish sect of the early church, polluted the Gospel. A Church Council had to be called, the first International Council of Christian Churches, at Jerusalem, according to Acts 15, to settle the issue whether circumcision was necessary for salvation. And the president was neither Peter or Paul, but James the Just. We are to teach no more, no less, what our Lord has given in His Word, yes, this infallible Word. We are to declare as Paul has declared and "not another" gospel, "which is not another, but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ." (Gal. 1:6,7).

IV

That we are to "evangelize with the pure Gospel" comes as a crucial message, not to the liberals (who have none), but rather to ourselves and our children. The seed of degeneration and impurity is embedded in every visible church, not the least in ours, the center of Satan's attack. Reformation is not a seasonal effort, but one that goes on all the time. If there is fear of "revisionism" of first principles, it is to be awakened not so much in Mao's impure system, but rather in the church of Jesus Christ. A corrupt thing, like a rotten apple, is not made more corrupt by further deterioration. "He which is filthy, let him be filthy still" (Rev. 22:11). But the slightest error creeping into the Gospel may render it ineffective, or change it into deadly poison. "Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?" So, it is our constant duty to keep check on the doctrine, and equally important, the life and practice of our church. "Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened" (I Cor. 5:6,7).

I have a great apprehension for our church, the Bible Eresbyterian Church of S'pore, which the Lord gave us 26 years ago, and is now made up of 20 congregations and 2,000 members, with five ordained ministers and another five seeking ordination. In my Silver Jubilee message to our church last year I said, "If we do not take care, this church that was founded a quarter-century ago to withstand the flood of liberalism may be carried away by it in the next 25 years." The founding fathers, like the elders under Joshua, might be fighting for the faith. The very next generation, like those children of Israel after Joshua, "which knew not the Lord, nor yet the works which he had done for Israel" (dadges 2:10) might have returned to liberalism, or even worse. Some from our younger generation who have gone for higher studies abroad are by no means an aid to the purification of our church. I say this with tears, as the coming years will prove. - to be cont'd

A PROPOSED KAPUAS GOSPEL CHURCH!

Another reason why the pastor made the recent trip to West Kalimantan (apart from holding Revival Meetings for the Indinesian Churches) was to discuss with our friends of the Kapuas Gospel Mission how best to advance the Lord's work.

Since we have bought a piece of land 90 m x 30 m., aslice of a big open field abutting "the dirtiest slum in Siantan Tengah," it is felt the time has now come to develop it. An old Indonesian house standing on the land should be dismantled and a new Church and workers quarters erected. In this new haven for worship, fellowship and the teaching of God's Word, "the swimming into this Gospel Kelong" of hundreds of children is easily foreseen. There are 500 terraced attap shacks in this immediate locality where families have strings of children, poor refugees from the 1967 Massacre still not recovered from their losses. These street urchins, naked, without school, without food, are an assignment to us comfortable Singaporeans from the Lord.

How much will it cost to put up a church house and workers quarters in Siantan?

Though we have not received the estimates which are being worked out over there, these will be but a fraction even of the Kelapa Sawit project. It is no exaggeration to say that at one-tenth of the cost of what we invest in Singapore we will reap ten times the result. This is harvest time in Indonesia. If we do not act now, the golden opportunity will be lost.

At any rate, this is just a proposal from friends of Kapuas Gospel Mission in West Kalimantan.

If this is of the Lord, may we see a token of His Holy Will from our Reader's response. We dare not go before the Lord! Stop Press! A Deacon hearing this promises 33,333.33.

LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

Mon - Sat 1) SvU. Camp 2) Logos Conference.

Tuesday 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting

Session Meeting N.B.!

Lord's Day 10 am Rev. Tow.

4 pm Rev. Tow.

Kapuas

Last Week's Offering: 977.60 + \$100 for KGH.

Sunday Lunch Roster: Young People: Life YF.
Ladies This Week: Mrs. Tan, Kam, Poon.
Calling Kingdom-Builders! Attend Kelapa
Sawit Ground-breaking Service, Sat. June
18, 3.00 p.m. Get your seat reservation with
pastor by Tues. 14, 7.00 pm.

Saturday, 18th June, 1977 EVANGELIZING WITH THE PURE GOSPEL (continued)

V

If we study Church history, we will discover that Satan's tactics of attack on the Gospel have always been directed at either the Eternal Living Word or the Eternal Written Word. In the struggle at the Council of Nice, it was an attack on the Person of Christ. Arianism said that Christ was created; therefore He was not fully God. In the dark night before the dawning of the 16th Century Reformation, it was an attack on the Work of Christ - Salvation by grace through faith alone was not enough. In our generation, wherein we are called to a 20th Century Reformation, Satan's attack has been on the Word of Christ - the Bible is full of error. Satan's attack upon the Gospel has been directed at Christ's Person. Christ's Work, and Christ's Word.

When Fundamentalism has arisen to defend the Bible to be God's verbally inspired, infallible, inerrant Word, and a rising tide of popular support has folied Satan's design, the old snake then wriggles around even with a more gracious gait in the form of Neo-evangelicalism. From my own experience it has come in the respectable grab of scholarship. Neo-evangelicals picusly say that the Bible is the "Authoritative" Word of God. This sounds very strong and awe-inspiring indeed, and young students are taken in. But, this Council shall not yield one-thousandth of an inch to any new terminology touching the Bible that deletes its infallibility and inerrancy. Let this Council affirm again that the Bible is the verbally inspired Word of God, every jot and tittle, infallible; i.e., it cannot make any mistake, is inerrant, i.e., it has no error. To say the Bible is "authoritative"but leave out "infallible" and "inerrant" is a whisper from the Evil One.

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Another thing I have discovered of Satan's tactics in our church is, as I have said carlier, a subtle attack on the work of Christ. It comes in like this. Commenting on the healing of the blind man in John 9, where Jesus spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, this pundit exclaimed, "How is this compatible with modern hygiene?" Beloved, to question in the least our Lord's work is as great an evil as the old serpent injecting a doubt into Eve's mind in the Garden temptation. When I related the incident of this subtle attack upon our Lord to a devout Christian Doctor, he replied with a twinkle in his eyes, "From a medical standpoint, our saliva contains certain enzymes that kill germs." So, a doctor of theology should have learned a little medicine before he spoke outside his realm of knowledge.

In constrast, I am told by a missionary to India that Hindu worshippers of the cow areso devoted that some would drink her milk mixed with a teaspoon of her droppings to express their devotion. But here we have a Christian minister questioning the hygiene of our Lord's spittle. The snake bite is almost invisible, but its effect is immediately fatal. Thank God, that this Council is not unmindful of the need of upholding a pure Gospel.

We should be so devoted to the purity of the Gospel that even our wives should have no influence whatsoever on us. Do you not recall what Job said to his wife? When Mrs. Job suggested to her husband "to curse God and die," Job rebuked her as "one of the bolish women" (Job 2:10). Yea, even our sons! If our darling children should speak subtly against the Lord, we as parents should not hesitate to reprove them. Zechariah 13:3 says, "And it shall come to pass, that when any shall yet prophesy, then his father and his mother ... shall say unto him, Thou shalt not live; for thou speakest lies in the name of the Lord: and his father and his mother that begat him shall thrust him through when he prophesieth."

It is a paradox indeed that Moses who broke the two tablets of Law when he saw Israel worship the golden calf should have a grandson, the son of Gershom, become an idolatrous priest. According to devout Bible scholars, however, some copyist of Judges 18:30 had altered Moses' name to Manasseh by sandwiching in the Hebrew letter N. This interpolation is preserved to this day in our printed Hebrew Bibles. This is an attempt of the human will to cover up an ugly fact of history. But God's will is that every error must be exposed.

VI

A pure Gospel has power, even the power of the atom. But, if must be released. Paul says, 'For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth" (Rom. 1:16). For the power of the gospel to be felt, it must go through the fission process of dissemination either by word of mouth, which today can go through the radio, or by word on record, which is the printed page.

By word of mouth is by the process of preaching. Most of us gathered here are missionaries, pastors, evangelists, or teachers. Let me ask you if preaching the Gospel, after the first years of enthusiasm, has now become a burden? Do we spontaneously preach to seek lost souls, without consideration, or do we adopt the policy, "No pay, no preach; little pay, little preach; more pay, more preach?" Ifeel humbled to the dust by my own question.

The pure Gospel has power, but like the atom, we say again, it must be released. The other effective means of releasing the power of the Gospel is by the discemination of

the printed page. Talking about the printed page I heard with keen interest the story given last night of a young Japanese Communist who impressed his comrades with the hundreds of "Red Flag" newspapers he had sold. Actually, he had them piled up in a backstage storeroom, most of the quota he had taken. Today we have Bibles by the tons and tracts by truck-loads. Unless these are distributed one by one to non-Christians, they are fodder for white ants and warm quarters for cockreaches.

In connection with literature evangelism may I encourage our churches to start some kind of book business. The opening by my Church of a Christian Book Centre concentrating on the sale of Bibles and good Christian books has received the Lord's mighty blessing. Our Christian book business is able to support itself in less than a year. And look at the hundles and bundles of good books mailed out, tracts distributed, Bibles sold - all for the salvation of souls and edification of saints.

In my missionary outreach to Indonesia, I have contacted Willard Stone of the Christian Literature Crusade in Surabaya. Now this society is already supplying West Kalimantan (Borneo), where not a single Christian bookroom exists, where Bibles have to be ordered from abroad. Let us power the Gospel by the dissemination of the Word in one way or another.

The power of the pure Gospel is released not only by dissemniation but also multiplied by accompanying action of the Holy Spirit, according to our measure of faith. Jesus did not merely send the disciples out and leave them to do the best they could. He said, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth ... and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end if the world."

But why do we see so little result in our ministry? Perhaps we have tried to evangelize in our own strength. Perhaps we have depended on our education and prestige. Whatever be our fault, let us not make the greatest mistake of all - the lack of faith! After Paul had stated that the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth, he goes on to stress the need of faith again, "For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith ... " (Rom. 1:17). Not only the faith of the believer, but rather the faith of the preacher.

The story is told of Dr. John Sung, the greatest preacher China has produced, how he somehow lacked this faith during the first three years of his ministry until he came to William Schubert's Church in Nanchang. It was 'here that he realized his need of utter dependence on the Holy Spirit, that he found the breakthrough to his ministry. From then onwards every campaign of his brought in not scores of converts but hundreds. During the first three years after this breakthrough, he won 100,000 souls to Christ, according to Schubert in "I Remember John Sung." We may not be like John Sung, but we must learn from him to have more faith in the Lord's work. With more faith we receive more of His power which He has promised us.

We have traveled thousands of miles to this Conference. What will . bring back to our homelands? Japanese watches and tape recorders, cameras and electronic gadgets? Photos of Fuji and Kyoto? Or shall we return with an increased faith and love for the Lord Jesus Christ who died for us and is risen from the dead? Shall we return with knowledge enhanced for a greater ministry of the work He has assigned us? Shall we return filled with a fuller measure of the Holy Spirit and to an enlarged vision to evangelize beyond our little circle, yea, even with the pure Gospel unto the uttermost part of the earth?

And may we look up in the momentous days ahead that we may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. Amen. - Timothy Tow, Tokyo, Nov. 1977.

LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS Mon 2.30 pm Combined Schools CF Rev. Tow speaking. Tues 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting. Sat 4.00 pm YF & YAF.

Lord's Day 10 am Rev. Tow. 4 pm Rev. Tai Po-fu. Last Week's Offering \$480.80 + New F.A. System \$100.00 (Total \$2,100). Sunday Lunch Roster Young People Life YF. Ladies This Week: Mrs. Tow, Sng Khoo, Next Week: Mrs. Khoo, Poon, Kain. Kelapa Sawit Ground-Breaking Service today was attended by over 1/2 doz. car-loads of well-wishers from S'pore. Rev. Heng broke the ground, Rev. Tow delivered the message and Rev. Paguwe gave the benediction. Gifts John Ling reports a total of \$59,000. recently received=#200 (Lifer); #1,000(BP Banner); \$100 from Mrs. Chan Jan Jee, in loving memory of her husband who went home to be with the Lord June 2, 1977; 5400

(Rawang Church), \$200 (Lifer). Kapuas Gospel Church The Session unanimously decided to help our Indonesian brethren build a Church and quarters at Siantan Tengah, Pontianak "for the dirtiest slums." Promised and rec. to date \$3,433.331 Life Church Family Comp at the sea-resort of Mersing, Nov. 14-17! The whole new block of 12 Rest House rooms, to cater to 60 campers, has been booked! A Christian vacation with first class catering and spiritual food. First come, first served! Elder Joshua Lim's New Residence: 11 Mt. Sinai Rd., Singapore 10, Tel: 468-2512. Kelapa Sawit Building Fund Latest With the old church house sold for \$20,000, Deacon

Edited by Rev. Timothy Tow, 9A Gilstead Road, Singapore 11, Tel: 513676/50617.

Saturday, 25th June, 1977

OUR WEEKLY CHAT

My dear Readers,

From Fraser's Hill To Mersing

We want to thank the Lord for a wonderful vacation up Fraser's Hill and for a safe journey to and fro. Our stay was made pleasanter by meeting with Lifers - David Chua, sisters and Mother and brother-in-law Fook Sau. Mr. Lim Fong Jong, pastor of Kulai Kubu on hearing of our whereabouts, visited the day we're coming down the hill.

In view of the fact that Fraser's Hill is over 300 miles from Singapore and expenses are rather high, I began to pray for an alternative campsite for Life Church this November. "Mersing!" came the answer.

With Session's concurrence, I made a special trip to Mersing last Friday with Deacon Sng Teck Leong and Rev. Andrew Bo. We headed directly to the government Rest House where we had our lunch - sea-fresh fish and chips, \$2.80 per plate and hot coffee, all for \$10.80 (excl. tax). With this introduction we got into negotiation with the hotel manager. We booked the whole new block of 12 rooms for Nov. 14-17 (the first week of school vacation), and worked out the terms of makan and extra sleeping accommodation.

Why have we chosen Mersing? First, it is less than a third of the journey to Fraser's Hill - only 100 miles, and the road is much improved. Second, it is as quiet and scenic by the sea as Fraser is in the hills. Though not as cool as the latter, the Monsoon which would have just set in mid-November would bring in plenty of briny breezes, day and night. Third, this trip would take in a visit to all our mission churches - Kulai Besar, Kelapa Sawit, Jemaluang, Endau, Kampong Hubong (where Singaporeans migrated ing the War), with a dip at the Kota Tinggi Waterfalls on our return. While the recreational side of this long overdue camp should give relaxation to your tired bodies, the spiritual is by no means neglected. Pray that the Lord will give wisdom to the planning committee to consider the spiritual feeding of everybody coming. (Tariff: Room with private bath \$18 per night. Makan \$10 per day for adults, \$8 for children under 12. Extra camp bed \$5 for the whole duration, but we can bring our mattresses).

Kelapa Sawit Ground - Breaking

There were over a dozen cars that made it, including a big contingent from Calvary under Rev. Heng, Elders Joshua Lim, and Cheng, Deacon Liew Kok Kwong, Deaconess Johna Yam, Mr. Chan Lay Seng. Life Church Session turned up in force—there were Elders Tay, Khoo, Seow, Deacons Seow, William Teo, Wong, Sng, not to mention wives and children. We were particularly pleased to see Elder Chia Kim Chwee and his whole family who kindly gave a seat to Teck Leong. The Lord gave us good weather with just a few merciful drops to remind us of His benign presence.

Everyone visiting the site praised the Lord for the beautiful situation from which the new Church would arise. It is on the highest ground of the village with the blue Pulai mountain for a backdrop (though rather hidden by an immediate forest"). Deacon John Ling, an English school teacher, presided. Rev. Heng broke the ground with a red-boned changkol. I brought the message (to be published in BP Banner). Amidst the lusty singing of the worshippers, \$964.50 was cheerfully offered. This does not not include big sums in cheques and cash personally handed to the Treasurer. The total exceeded \$10,000!

Special mention must be made here of the contribution given by Miss Tay Siew Mui of Muar, our honorary architect. She is the same who designed Rawang Church with its sparkling glass panes. This new church with two kindergarten classrooms like Rawang and a bigger parsonage will provide comfortable camping space for 60 young people. Kelapa Sawit is extending in advance this invitation to Singapore.

A Sweet-Savour Sacrifice

Last week, a mother saw me on behalf of her earning son. She said, "The Lord has blessed my son very much. He would like to contribute \$50 a month for 25 months towards our FEBC student scholarships. Praise the Lord for such a spontaneous, sweet-savour sacrifice. This young man whom the Lord has promoted knows the joy of thanksgiving. By contributing to the training of students at FEBC, he also knows God's Kingdom would be further advanced. This grateful gesture also reflects the congregation's trust in the Church's management. The trend of offerings at Life Church seems even higher this year. Perhaps Deacon William Teo our Treasurer could give us a brief count after June 30.

"Inverse" Missionary Outreach

Incidentally, Life Church is supporting eight students (7 foreign) at FEBC, not counting sums to Mr. Tan Wai Choon, our returning Assistant Pastor. The Session deems such support (not considering overall operational upkeep) to be most effective in the outreach of the Gospel. For students at FEBC hail from the following countries: Singapore, West Malaysia, East Malaysia, Indonesia, India, New Zealand, Norway, France, Japan and Korea. Two more countries should be added to the list when College reopens July 25: viz., Thailand and Taiwan! Our prayer is that when these are trained they fill return to

their own countries. If we have no missionaries of our own to send, we are compensated with our graduates who should do the work we can't do when they return. Some examples of this "inverse" outreach:-

Malaysia: Tiew Ah Tuan is with a Church and kindergarten at Kota Tinggi. Liew Hon

Seng pastors a Lutheran Church at Kuala Kangsar.

Indonesia: Linda Liem is teaching and preaching in Surabaya. Deborah Lukito is with Child Evangelism in Jakarta. Yusiniar is married to a pastor and principal of a Bible School in Medan. David Djunaidi continues Bible School at Pangkal Pinang, Bangka. Edward Hutabarat ministers at his home Church at Jember, (Surabaya) during this long vacation.

Australia: Mrs. J. Packer is with the Christian Alliance in Melbourne. India: Joseph Tang is with C.M., while Moses Lim is joining the Logos.

Singapore: Tony Jing is with a Christian Anti-Drug Association in Hong Kong; Peggy
Yeo is leaving for the Philippines in the Lord's work. Margaret Tan is teaching in Brunei. This list does not mention those pursuing higher studies abroad and the many serving

with and pastoring our BP Churches. Stephen Kuan is manager of Christian Life Book Centre. Life Church is a blessing to FEBC and FEBC is a blessing to Life Church - for the

Gospel outreach to the ends of the earth. - Yours for the Gospel, T.T.

LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

Mon. pm The OM Teams leave for U.K. Tues. 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting.

Thurs. 8.00 pm FEBC Prayer Meeting at Dean's flat.

3.00 pm Hui - Lim Wedding. 4.00 LOYF & YAF.

Lord's Day 10 am Rev. Tow (Lord's Supper).

Last Week's Offering 0483.08. Sunday Lunch Roster Young People: Life YP. Ladies: This Week: Mrs. Khoo, Poon, Kam. Mext

Week: Mrs. Tan, Tay, Tow. Obituary The funeral of Mr. Tan Teng Ah,

59, who passed away June 22, 1977 was conducted on Friday June 24 by Pastor Tow, assisted by Elder Chia Kim Chwoo, relative of the deceased.

Wedding Bells! The holy matrimony between Mr. Richard Hui Ark Kuen and Miss Dorothy Lim Beng Siew will be colemnised in Church, Sat. July 2, 30.00 pm. Rev. Heng officiating. (Reception at FEBC Hall).

Hear Rev. Paguwe on Radio Singapore this Lord's Day, June 26, 6.05 pm and 10 pm and Jurong B-P Church singing.

FEBC Prayer Meeting Thursday 8.00 pm at the Dean's flat. All faculty, students, alumni, Board members, and friends are cordially invited.

FEBC Library is now closed for inventory in preparation for the new academic year, commencing July 25. The classroom next to the library has now become part of the library, with books and tables all installed. This room should, if possible, not be used for meetings. All those who have any FEBC Library books are requested to return them to the office as soon as possible.

It is proposed to air-condition one library room. Any one who has two good air-condition- for 20. Who would like to offer another

The Main FEBC Classroom is booked by Deacon Henry Heng of Calvary B-P Church for Education in Audiology. Wed. % Fri. 7.30 pm. Scripture Union Notes are here! Please get them from Deacon and Mrs. Peter Wang. We extend to members of O.M. staying at the FEBC Hostel a cordial invitation to worship with us this Lord's Day morning. Miss Lee Hie Tee of Sarawak will give her testimony of the Lord's call to O.H.

"How To Get More Money From God" by Rev. Ormeo. A few copies available still. First come, first served.

MAKE ME A CAPTIVE, LORD, - Amoy No: 247 And then I shall be free; Force me to render up my sword, And I shall conqueror be. I sink in life's alarms When by myself I stand; Imprison me within Thine arms, And strong shall be my hand.

My heart is weak and poor Until its Master find;

It has no spring of action sure -It varies with the wind.

It cannot freely move, Till Thou hast wrought its chain; Enslave it with Thy matchless love, And deathless it shall reign.

My power is faint and low Till I have learned to serve; It wants the needed fire to glow,

It wants the breeze to nerve;

It cannot drive the world, Until itself be driven;

Its flag can only be unfurled When Thou shalt breathe from heaven.

My will is not my own Till Thou hast made it Thine;

If it would reach a monarch's throne It must its crown resign;

It only stands unbent, Amid the clashing strife, When on Thy bosom it has leant And found in Thee its life.

- George Matheson, 1842-1906

In view of increasing activities on the Church grounds, with various groups of young people meeting in worship or fellowship, we have renovated a tree-shaded corner behind the parsonage with seating capacity set of stone furniture costing \$160? Wedding Bells! The holy matrimony between Mr. Tan Lian Seng, and Miss Laura Au Yee Luen of Emmanuel Evangelical Church will be solmnised Sat. July 9, 3.30 pm, Mr. Andrew Goh Kok Ann. Lim Florist Ring: 376471/2353292. Galilee Office phone: 558228. Grace B-P Church Phone: 4422440. Christian Life Book Centre phone: 2541223.

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OUR WEEKLY CHAT

Saturday, 2nd July, 1977

My dear Readers,

"Operation Mobilisation"

In my sermon last week, I noted that when one branch of the Church began to slacken, God would raise up another, just as our Lord had admonished Ephesus to repent and renew her first love, or else He would remove her candlestick. Instances of new movements God has raised in each generation are z. The Salvation Army, John Sung's Evangelistic League and in our present day, "Operation Mobilisation." That God has used George Verwer, when still in his teems, to begin a good work of students' evangelism, which has now grown to a worldwide force - there is no doubt.

"Operation Mobilisation" called young people of college age at first to offer their summer vacations for international evangelisation. As the movement spread these young people were challenged to give one year, and now 14 months, after undergoing two months intensive indoctrination. Most of OM's ministry is in India where 600 million souls are perishing without Christ. The other outstanding feature in OM's outreach is the ship Logos which is known to all of us. Logos is expected to return to Singapore her home-port, March 1978.

Ever since Logos first called at Singapore in 1971, Life Church and Far Eastern Bible College have become like a sailor's hostel to her crew. The recent OM Conference held at Gilstead Road under George Miley and Dr. Adams has brought some 70 from Singapore, West & East Malaysia and Australia in daily study of the Word, of whom 40 were lodgers. As the S.U. Camp was on, we had to quarter the boys on the balcony and the girls in the former Grauley and Dr. Patrick Tan's downstairs flat, as well as in a room in the parsonnow converted for "overflowing" guests. The testimony in word and song by Miss Lee hie Tee of Sarawak and the young lady from Thailand was well received by all of you who were in Church.

"Operation Total Mobilisation"

I noted also that the Bible Presbyterian Church of Singapore and Malaysia, which has sprung from Life Church, is also a new candlestick God has been pleased to raise up in this generation. The latest offshoot coming of age is Kelapa Sawit, now in feverish process of building a new church, parsonage and kindergarten, costing \$100,000. This is soon to be followed with another, viz., a new church for the Chinese refugee slum of Siantan Tengah, Pontianak, West Kalimantan.

The emphasis by OM on laymen's participation in the work of worldwide evangelisation stirred me last Sunday to go even further. "Operation Total Mobilisation" should be the slogan for Life Church, and every other B-P Church. This means that every member should everyday do something for the advancement of God's Kingdom. Therefore, apart from worship on Sunday in Church, we should bring our tithes to the storehouse, we should give even beyond the sacred tenth as Rev. Ormeo has well proven in his famous book "How to Get More Money From God." We should witness everyday to someone about Christ, e.g. a Christian doctor is giving out a gospel tract to each one of his patients. We can help out by teaching "Iday School, going out to serve in some new project, contribute to missions, go with the plant on some of his preaching trips and help to witness. We can give to Kelapa Sawit and Kapuas Gospel Mission. Last but not least, we can come to the Church Prayer Meeting and add to the Mour of power. When every Lifer is thus totally committed to Christ and His Kingdom, there will be seen very soon another great leap forward in our Church Extension movement. When an elder of another B-P Church gave me \$100 to help out one of our outreaches, the moral encouragement he gave was greater even than the financial.

A Reminder - FEBC Needs Your Support!

That God gave our Bible College the name Far Eastern is today prophetically fulfilled - we are training Gospel harvesters from ten Far Eastern countries!

Though our name is big and our vision is worldwide, with particular emphasis on the Far East, our needs are few in comparison with other Bible Colleges. This is made possible by Life Church giving us free premises and paying all operational expenses - viz., PUB bills, repairs, furnishing, etc. Nevertheless, the honorariums of lecturers and all other expenses, totalling some \$24,000 a year, must come from special gifts, either from Churches or individuals. Of late there has been a drop in such support, so much so the honorariums of a lecturers for the last half-year are still unpaid. We commend, therefore, FEBC to those who know and love this College for taking a firm stand for the infullibility and inerrancy of the Scriptures. It is not the fashion of FEBC to solicit fund; but in case those who once supported us have now forgotten, we feel impelled to renew the fellowship of giving with you.

Nor is it necessary for FLBC to advertise. Her graduates are the best testimony to the School. FEBC's hespitality in conjunction with Life Church has commended herself to a constant stream of guests at our hostel. The books going into many parts of the world in the name of Far Mastern Bible College Press are a witness to the College's growing influence in the Mare of our Lord and Gaviour. The latest book now in the course of compositing is Forty John Sung Revival Sermons' Vol I (1st 20 sermons), to be out, D.V., by October 1977.

PASTOR SIMIN WRITES

"After Rev. Tow returned to Singapore, it was on 8th June that a deacon of the G.P.K.B. Church, Samuel Ronsum, came to Church and declared himself to have repented from smoking. Praise the Lord, for this real change in him. after attending your meetings in Pontianak. a

An organisation has been formed to repair our Church building. They have started this work. We hope your Church members will remember the G.P.K.B. Church. The money Mr. Phang sent for our support has not arrived yet."

The paragraph above from Simin is a reflection of my recent trip to West Kalimantan. To get a clearer view, I should advise you to see the display of colour photographs of the fields visited, if you had not seen them last week. - Yours faithfully, T.T.

LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

Session Meeting.

3.00 pm Tan-Au Wedling, Mr. Liew Kee Kok.

Lord's Day 10 am Rev. Tow.

4 pm Mr. Jonah Chan. Last Week's Offering \$540.00 + \$100 for New P/A System. (Total: \$2,200).

Sunday Lunch Roster Young People Life YP. Ladies This Week Mrs. Tan, Tay, Tow. Next

Week Mrs. Tow, Khoc, Sng. Tuesday Night Prayer Meeting has gathered in greater numbers. Glad to see young people joining. Praying that more will attend

The Last Job of Renovation of the back garden is a 7 x 18 "hideout" in theccool shade of overhanging trees. Can you find 15?

Who Are The Users Of Our Church And College Complex?

- 1. Life Church & Parsonage (with YAF, YF GLTD offices).
- Life Church Chinese Service.
- 3. Galilee Church (with office).

Toa Payoh Church.

- 5. Far Eastern Bible College, Deans flat & Hostels.
- Far Eastern Kindergarten.
- 7. Christian Life Book Centre.8. Combined Students Christian Fellowship (Monday).
- 9. Swiss Cottage LBCF (Friday).
- 10. Korean Saturday School.
- 11. Tuition Class (Mrs. Flora Wce).
- 12. AFC Office.
- 13. Saturday Weddings.
- 14. Bible Church Wed. Evening Class(Wyle Tan).
- 15. Audiology Class, Wed. & Fri. (applied for).
- 16. Rooms for Guests (including one in parson- (area 2.270 sq. m.; population 640,000, all
- age). 17. 2 Garden Cabins.
- 18. Cook's Orsic.
- 20. Mr. Swee Thian Hoe's Office.
- 21. Room (Mr. Quek Seow Peng).
- 22. Campers during College and School vacations.
- 23. Logos Annual Conference.
- 24. Sunday Lunch!
- 25. Neighbourhood Children (play ground).

HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

Tues. 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ-will hold me fast; When the tempter would prevail, He can hold me fast.

Refrain He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast, For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

I could never keep my hold, the He will hold me fact; For my love is often cold, He must hold me fast.

I am precious in His sight,
He will hold me fast; Those He saves are His delight, He will hold me fast.

He'll not let my soul be lost. Christ will hold me fast;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

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PRAISE SERVICE GALILEE B-P CHURCH CHOIR presents

"The Sound Of Singing"

: Saturday 9th July, 1977. Date

7.30 p.m. Time

Place : Singapore Conference Hall.
Admission: First come, First Served Basis: (Pleased be seated by 7.20 p.m.)

ISRAEL STATISTICS

Israel has an area of 8.017 sq.m. and a population of 3.5 million, of which half a million are Arabs.

Under Israeli control are the West Bank Arabs), and the Gaza Strip (area 140 sq. m.; population 390,000, all Arabs) and the Sinai.

19. Orsa: for Assist. Pastor under renovation. challenge. All in all, there are some 1.5 The Arabs in Israel constitute a special million Arabs living in Israel and in Israeli controlled territories. Of these some 100,000 are nominal Christians (Greek Orthodox, Catholic etc.). Some 50,000 are Druze (a: very closed, semi Islamic sect) and all the others, (over 90 percent) are Muslims.



Saturday, 9th July, 1977 Our Weekly Chat

KAPUAS GOSPEL MISSION RECEIVES WORLDWIDE ATTENTION!

Here is encouragement from 'LOOK," an English Missionary News Digest that goes to every part of the world. In the April-June 1977 issue in "Round the World with Look" it starts off quoting Elder Khoo Peng Kiat:-

'Let's start our trip in Indonesia this time. "A FROG UNDER A COCONUT SHELL" is Elder Khoo Peng Kiat's description of himself as he, an elder of a Sending Church in Singapore, visited the 'Sentones' from his church, now in Tanjung Pinang, Bintan Island, Indonesia. Together he and the church elders in T. Pinang studied

the possibilities of outreach to Riau Island.

In 1976 this Singapore church began the KAPUAS GOSPEL MISSION in fellowship with Rev. A. Djunaidi and a Dyak pastor, Rev. B. Simin. The primary target of the venture was to help the Chinese refugees of the 1967 massacre. But they also reach out to the local Indonesian people living along the banks of the Kapuas River in West Kalimantan. For further details of the outreach of this missionary-sending church write to Rev. Timothy Tow, 9a Gilstead Road, Singapore 11."

To the same paragraph is attached this personal letter from LOOK's Editor to the editor of Life B-P Weekly:

Dear brother-in-Christ,

For some time now we have been receiving your Church newsletter and the information on the Kapuas Gospel Mission. We have read it with great interest and

would like to continue receiving it.

On checking through our mailing list, we find that although we sent you introductory copies of L O O K last year, your name does not appear on our regular mailing list. Perhaps someone else in your church receives it, but we are very happy to send you a personal copy if you would like to receive it. You will see that on page 3 we have taken the liberty of sharing something of your church's outreach to Indonesia as we feel this may encourage other churches around the world to seek the Lord regarding their own missionary outreach. Knowing our readers, we think it unlikely that you will be inundated with requests for information but many do pray regularly for the people and situations we write about, and we trust that our little "write-up" will encourage prayer support from Christian friends round the world.

We send you our warm greetings in Christ, praying God's blessing on your ministry. Yours sincerely, Leslie & Jill Brierley, Editors, L O O K."

The Stategy Of Missions

The Editors of "LOOK" had an interview with some outstanding leaders in the evangelisation of South America. Asked what steps were necessary in order to start a Brazilian mission, they replied, "We consider each local church as a mission. Each local church should take steps to fit its members for the task of mission to the WORLD." With is the Editors of "LOOK" heartily agree. So do we.

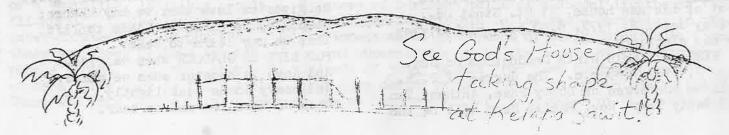
If every local church branches out to some unoccupied field at the rate of once a year, there will be no more place to preach as Paul had experienced in his day. Paul writes to the Roman Christians, 'From Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ ... But having no more place in these parts ... I

will come to you." (Rom. 15:19-24).

If the two hundred Churches in Singapore will each establish one branch church in 1977, by 1978 there will be 400. If in 1978 the same 200 churches will start another church each, there will be 600. Is this impossible? But it has been possible for Life Church to branch out some 15 times during the last 27 years. By God's grace, let us make Kapuas a success, and a success beyond Kapuas.

What Can Lifers Do To Serve The Lord?

If some deacon or elder begins to feel a burden in this respect, may I suggest the starting of another neighbourhood Sunday School? Who has a bungalow house, a house with a compound? If you will offer it for the starting of such a Gospel witness, I'm sure there will be those willing to come forward and serve. Members of the YAF & YF can accept this as a challenge. For years we have sat still until Grace Church was born at Bedok Jan. 1976. We can easily branch out to some locality where the Gospel is not heard in your house, in town or country! — J.J.



Beware Of PhD's In Poisonous Doctrines!

That we are living in momentous times is again highlighted in a report in the Straits Times on June 30 in which it was reported that seven leading British theologians in a book "The Myth of God Incarnate" soon to be published by the Student Christian Movement (SCM) claim that the orthodox conception of Jesus as God incarnate, second person of the Holy Trinity living a human life, is a "mythological or poetic way of expressing his significance for us". This is slander on the Word of God and the Person of Jesus Christ. The Bible warns us to beware of false teachers (PhD's in Poisonous Doctrines) abounding in the end-time.

Scripture is filled with verses that testify to the Deity of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The notion that Jesus was not God in human form but a man "approved by God" as advanced by the modernist theologians is certainly erroneous and is a most vicious attack on the historic Christian faith which encampasses belief in the Triune God. To deny the fundamental doctrine of the Deity of Christ is to rob mankind of a Saviour who came to lay down His life shedding His precious blood to redeem a people plunging into that dreadful eternal doom of hell-fire.

The Apostle John declared, "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us ... " (Jn. 1:1-3,14). The Word referred here, firstly in creation and then as God incarnate, is none other than our Lord Jesus Christ

It was reported that the book argues that if Jesus were regconised as a man approved by God and not God incarnate, it would have important implications for relationships of Christians to other great world religions. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Unless we know God Himself truly, we cannot despense His blessings to others. The Truth that Jesus is God and can forgive sins if compromised or diluted to that of Him being merely a good man can only lead more on the road to the merciless snare of hell-fix and pave the way to the harlot Church in Revelation 17.

"Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he bath both the Father and the Son." (II Jn. 9). Let us hold fast to the doctrine that Jesus Christ is fully God and fully Man and not just merely a man approved by God. - WCK - from Lively Stones, 3/7/77.

LIFE CHURCH AFPOINTMENTS

TUES 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.

FRI. 8.00 p.m. Mersing Camp Com. Meeting at Parsonage

3.30 p.m. YF & YAF

Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Edward Paauwe.

4 p.m. Mr. Lin Tah Mon. Pastor Tow at Grace Church 10 a.m. and at

Galilee Church 4.00 p.m.

Ladies: This Week: Mrs. Tow, Khoo, Sng. Next Week: Mrs. Tan, Kam, Poon. The Following Have Been Appointed to the Deacons Paul Tsao, Sng Teck Leong, Teo Gim Tong and Peter Eng, the last two representing the YAF and YF. The first committee meeting is called for Friday, July 15, 1977, my Lord. - Elizabeth Mahadevan. 8.00 p.m. at the parsonage. Life Church Lord's messenger. Family Camp to be held at Mersing with accommodation at the Govt. Rest House facing with a Day of Prayer. Half-a-dozen students Decency and Order Please keep the Church and all other rooms in order after using. Littering: fine \$500!

Economy Do not waste water or power. Don't forget to switch off.

Lost Bible found. Miss Leong!

A Meeting Of Directors Of Far Eastern Bible College is called by Elder Joshua Lim to meet at his new house, 11 Mt. Sinai Rd., Friday Sept. 2, 1977, 6.30 p.m. with a view to new elections.

FEBC will hold Ninth Graduation on Sun. Aug. 7, 1977 7.45 p.m. The degree of B.Th. will be conferred on Bobby Phee, Anthony Tan and Betty Tow. Rev. Philip Heng will be the

A CHRISTIAN NURSE'S ROUTINE

The world grows better every year Because some nurse in her little sphere Puts on her uniform and grins and sings And keeps on doing the same old things: Taking the temperatures, giving the pills To remedy mankind's numberless ills; Feeding the babies, answering the bells, Being polite with a heart that rebels; Last Week's Offering \$774.45 thru' pastor's Praying to God and all the while hand \$50; \$100; \$50; (\$100 for Kapuas G.M.) Showing the same old professional smile; Sunday Lunch Roster: Young People: Life YF, Blessing the newborn babies' first breath, Closing the eyes that are still in death, Taking the blames for the doctors' mistakes Oh dear, what a lot of patience it takes! Mersing Camp Committee: Rev. Tow, Eld. Tay, Going off duty, to be in church by 10 o'clock, Tired, discouraged and ready to drop, But alert to hear the Word of God, For I know, I receive all my blessings from

Lord's messenger.

from almost as many foreign countries are joining the new academic year. We Thank The Lord And A Sister-in-Christ for a set of teak furniture for the Assist. Pastor's living room. Who has a good fridge to spare? We need also one more set of stone furniture for the back garden (\$160 only).

GOD GIVES US JOY that we may give.

He gives us love that we may share; Sometimes He gives us loads to lift That we may learn to bear. FOR LIFE IS GLADDER when we give, And love is sweeter when we share, And heavy loads rest lightly, too, When we have learned to bear.

Pulau

Sarimbun

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T. Tow

Nancy Byramji, in last week's Sunday Times (July 10, 1977), tells the story of a "Haunting, Invisible People" who "live within sight of Singapore and Johore - but really in another world They are a very primeval people that time and civilisation have almost overlooked - a race of short men and women with rich-brown skins and fizzy jet-black hair. They are not Malays A retired social scientist who lives across the Straits from them believe they are the remnant stock of the Mawken Sea gypsies who came down from the Malaysian peninsula from the Mergui archipelago of Burma as early as the 15th century. sea gypsies of the Johore Straits are primitive fisherfolk Until recently, they used to live on board their sheltered sampans Now they erect simple, basic huts on stilts and live ashore on Pulau Sarimbun and neighbouring islets.

The sea gypsies of Pulau Sarimbun were visited by two journalists through the good offices of Mr. Paul Wee and other sea scouts who presented the islanders with "very wear-SELLATE JOHOR

able second-hand clothes, tins of condensed milk, various other foodstuff and packets of sweets."

Lately, we have received quite a bit of surplus clothes. I wonder if the YAFers will feel challenged to use these plus many other good things they can find and make an evangelistic trip to Pulau Sarimbun also through the good offices of the 1420 Sea Scouts Open Group. And, for a base for operations, let them make use of Sarimbun Gospel Mission House that sits on a hillock within shouting distance of Pulau Sarimbun!

My immediate concern, however, is not the "sea gypsies," though we owe them the Gospel debt, but the development of our Sarimbun Gospel Mission property for the extension of God's Kingdom! This property which has an area of 25,000 sq. feet was presented to Life Church by Mr. & Mrs. K. C. Ho of Jubilee Church seven years ago, after it was rejected by others for its remoteness and bad accessibility. During these seven years a continuous testimony has been maintained at Sarimbun by Life Church, though the mile-long pot-holed laterite cart track from the 19th mile, Lim Chu Kang Road has perhaps punctured some tyres! Deacon and Mrs. Sng Teck Leong and Sister Fan Siew Yin are still keeping up this good work, teaching two children Sunday School classes. The distance from Life Church to our Gospel Mission at Sarimbun is 18 miles, one way, to be exact.

So, the House is locked up all week long until Sunday morning! Nevertheless, it is in good repair and has become the campsite of the GLTDers where scores of young lives have been saved. Why did we not fully pursue the development of such a valuable property? Two reasons: 1) The fear of acquisition by government (there were official pronouncements in this respect). 2) The bad road condition stretching a mile long.

By God's timing, Jalan Bahtera, the road connecting Lim Chu Kang Road and our Mission We has now been metalled! Also, government has suspended its decision to take over the L.d. This has calmed the minds of the people living there. Instead of shifting out, the trend is shifting in - particularly the establishment of pig farms. Now, our Lord says, "the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light" (Luke 16:8). Can we sit still while the world marches on?

My challenge to you, dear Reader, is this. Let us fully develop the property. The only way is to station people there. First, let us open a kindergarten. This means some woman teacher is needed. In view of the fact that our Lord has sent forth the seventy two by two, we should provide her with a "helper". This strengthens the witness ten-fold, as two will put ten-thousand to flight (Deut. 32:30).

Now the kindergarten, while providing Christian education, is rather a base for the whole Christian witness - visitation, tracting, the starting of a youth meeting, and then a Church service.

Nor need the Mission House be confined in its use to these activities alone. Inasmuch as it has been the compsite of the GLTDers the last few years, let us further develop the place to make it even more conducive and attractive to Christian camping. But, where are our ladies? We need two of you, preferably Bible College graduates. If you are not forthcoming, some who feel God's call must take one step forward and answer, "Hai!" ("yes", in Japanese military-fashion). What I write here is not my own sentiment. It has the full concurrence of Deacon Sng Teck Leong and his co-workers.

"Sarimbun, according to Nancy Byramji in last week's Sunday Times. tells the story of a +haunting, invisible people." My story of Sarimbun tells of a Gospel lighthouse flickering, flickering in a monsoon night, almost invisible to the souls perishing in the outer-darkness of Lim Chu Kang. In the immediate neighbourhood of our Mission House alone there are three Chinese temples. Fear and superstition grips the hearts of the farming people around. And what about the hundreds of young people from town congregating but a stone's throw away in the Mational Scout Camp during school vacations and on public holidays? These who come for youthful seventure are no better than the cea gypsics of Pulau Sarimbun

if they are outside Christ. To their wandering souls, our lady-evangelists can show a light - by going to the Scout Camp to tract whenever the boys come up! Who will listen to "My Story of Sariabin"?

LIFE CHURCH & FEBC APPOINTMENTS

TUES. 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting. VCF (Medicos). FRI. 5.00 pm

Rev. Tow. Speaking.

3.30 pm YF. SAT. 4.00 YAF.

Lord's Day 10 am Rov. Tov.

4 pm Rev. Tai Po-fu.

Last Week's Offering \$655.32 + \$100 for FEBC.

Sunday Lunch Roster Young People: Life YP. Ladies: This Week: Mrs. Tan, Ran, Poon. Next Week: Mrs. Tow, Sng, Khoo.

Congratulations to Bro. & Mrs. Vincent Goh on the gift of a daughter Jaime Goh I-lyn

Apr. 30, 1977.

Pray for Mrs. Robin Tan (Soh Wah) now warded at 58 ORGH.

Far Eastern Bible College roopens Mon. July __ in Church Blue Room. 25, 8.30 a.m. Faculty and students leave for 38 Goodwood Road, (off Clementi Rd.) where Nazareth Gospel Mission is newly established, at the parsonage. for a Day of Prayer, Bro. Anthony Tan extends us a warm welcome. (\$250 is received from an Wai Choon, speaker on the three mornings. elder for FEBC).

Lost Bible & Exercise Book belonging to Pastor Peter Chua of Toa-Payoh B-P Church. Kindly ed to the first 8 families and 28 single return. Also one belonging to hiss Rosie

Guests coming! Mr. and Mrs. Ira W. Black of Canada arriving from Indonesia Aug. 23rd, Warm Welcome!

WELCOME HOME to sister Seah Siow Pang, recently returned from Canada to visit her mother.

Simin and Djunaidi to invade upper reaches of the Kapuas! By flying with the Missionary Mersing, situated on a hillock above South Aviation Fellowship at greatly reduced costs China Sea fronted by a flowing golf course. (990 per person roundtrip) they can do in a week what might take a month by river boat. Please support them as they leave on July 25 for this new outreach for souls.

With lightning speed, the drawings of the proposed Kapuas Gospel Church are also complet- Edited by Rev. Timothy Tow, 9A Gilstead ed! Reporduced here on scale is the front elevation of God's House, measuring 10 \times 16

To the Session of Life B-P Church

Mr. and Mrs. Sammy H. F. Yee request the honour of your presence at the uniting of their daughter atter

Ruby and

Mr. Wai Choon Tan to become one in Christ on Saturday, the thirtieth of July Nineteen hundred and seventy-seven at half after two o'clock in the afternoon

First Alliance Church 355 East Sixty-eight Street New York, New York

If you are unable to attend we covet your prayers for us this special day

Reception following ceremony

MERSING CAMP PREVIEW

The Committee met as scheduled on Friday

Elder Tay was elected Campmaster. Mr. Ta Evening speakers: pastor, elder, deacon.

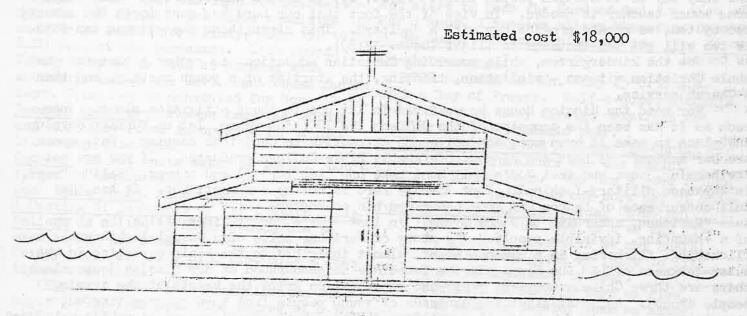
Date: Nov. 14-17. (Registration is limitpersons. First come first served. Please give your names to any of the following: Elder Tay (Church) Teo Gim Tong (YAF) Peter Eng (YF).

Cost per single person \$45.

Cost per family: according to rates of: \$54 for room, \$10 for meals per person per day (\$8 for children under 12).

The Campsite is Government Rest House, 100% seclusion from the hubbub of city life. A time for rest, recreation, revival, and visiting mission stations.

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Saturday 23rd July, 1977

THE CALL OF THE TOO CHON MOUNTAINS

In the early days after the Korean War, the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions was given a property in the Too Chon mountains, a few miles below the Demilitarised Zone, 90 miles from Seoul. Here the missionaries were stationed to begin a new work with a people hitherto locked in the fastness of the Korean mountains.

The witness to these mountainous regions took on a new turn when a Bible Institute was established in 1967. Dr. Malcolm Frehn was its founder, and under his leadership the school grew and prospered. Today, Faith Bible Institute, as the school is called, has

fifty students.

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Apart from giving the students three years of solid Bible Study: including English and Greek, the school places great emphasis on the evangelistic outreach. On its wall is written this Bible command in Greek, "Unto the Uttermost Part of the earth." The students have put into practice what they are told, and through their efforts villages hitherto untouched by the Gospel have opened up. Church after church has been established as the students graduate and return to pastor them. At present there are some twenty five such churches established through the motivation of the Bible Institute. How this work must gladden the heart of that lady who

Bible Institute. How this work must gladden the heart of that lady who single-handedly gave towards the purchase of the school property two decades ago.

But while the Bible Institute at Too Chon is prospering and the churches established by its graduates have multiplied, its founder Dr. Frehn has spent all his energy for the cause. Now in his advanced seventies, he is advised to retire by August of this year.

W will go to take his place? Who will answer the call of the Too Chon mountains?

The call has come to the Paauwes! With half-a-dozen years of teaching experience at Far Eastern Bible College, they are well equipped to go and head the Faith Bible Institute at Too Chon. While their absence from Singapore will be felt by those they have ministered unto, our loss is the gain of the Korean people - the thousands locked in the fastness of the Too Choon mountains. And there is a surge of joy in our hearts as we commend them to the extension of God's Kingdom "unto the uttermost part of the earth." Even so, let us pray for them, and give, to speed them on the way.

The Conversion Testimony of Hyungnong Park

"I am the oldest of three boys living with my parents in a mountain village about one hundred miles from here. My father drank heavily and was always in debt. One day word came to our village that on the other side of the mountain pass a Korean teacher had come and was holding special meetings in which the people of that district were deeply interested. I took my two brothers and we went to hear him. That night he spoke on the glories of heaven which awaited all those who had received pardon for their sins through faith in the Lord Jesus, who had died on the cross in order to redeem sinners. Those who believed in Jesus were to enter the portals of glory, but those who did not believe were doomed to an etrnity in hell. The sermon made a great impact on all three of us and during the winter mc hs we climbed the mountain pass every Sunday to attend the little church that had developed. As the weeks and months passed, I declared in my heart that I would do everything possible to purify my mind and to fit it for true fellowship with the Lord. I was familiar with the three Buddhist monkeys, models of which are common all over the Japanese Empire. They set forth the three principles of 'Hear no evil, speak no evil, see no evil'. I, therefore, decided to try to make my mind and thoughts pure by using them as an example. I began by stuffing old rags into my ears so that I would not listen to the filthy jokes and unclean stories of my neighbors."

"How long did you keep that up?" I asked.

"For about ten days."

'Did it work?"

"No, it was useless, so I tried limiting my speech to twenty words a day and each time I spoke, I made a mark on a little piece of paper which I kept in my baggy sleeves."

"And how long did you do this and what were the results?"

"For another ten days, but this also did not bring about the desired results, and my mind was still filled with impurity. In desperation I made a third attempt. In addition to neither hearing nor speaking evil, I determined not to see anything that would suggest wrong thoughts to my mind. I tied an old towel about my face so that I was able to see only one pace ahead of me. My friends thought that I was fast losing my mind and so I became at once the butt of their jokes."

"How long did this continue?"

"For another ten days, but it was all to no avail and I became greatly discouraged. To make matters worse, my father decided to move further back into the mountains, so that we could sell our little straw-thatched, mud-walled house and pay off some of his debts. I knew that there would be no church nor Christians where we were going, so I said farewell to my parents and brothers and walked the one hundred miles to Syenchun. I had heard that there was a Christian Middle School there, where I could learn more of the Christian doctrine."

Some days after making that decision, a dusty and bedraggled-looking boy appeared at the Mission Academy and applied for entrance. He had no money for tuition, but the principal had a great love for boys and a special gift for judging the character of the young men who came to him. He agreed to give Hyungnong an opportunity and allowed him to enter the school and to be active in the work department so that he could earn part of the money needed for his board and tuition. He soon fitted in and made great progress in his studies. His heart however was still unsatisfied and he was failing in his efforts. to keep his mind pure. One Sunday afternoon, after attending the church service, he went to the Korean pastor, a scholarly man, and told him of his trouble. The pastor, a real man of God, said to him. "Hyu gnorg, God's word says, 'Not by mighty, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts'. To purify your own mind, all your efforts will be fruitless. You must learn to commit this matter to the Lord in prayer and ask him to work in your heart. He alone, by the power of the Holy Spirit can make it clean and keep it pure."

In Hyungnong's own words, "I thought over the words of this good man and I wrote out a short prayer asking the Lord to do the impossible and to purify my mind that it might be well pleasing to him. This prayer I memorized and made a point of repeating it a number of times during each free period of every day. One hundred times was the smallest number of times I prayed it daily and on Sunday I sometimes repeated it one thousand times."

"Did this work?", was my question.

"Yes, indeed," he replied, "and my whole life was changed, as a new peace and joy, that I had never known before, came into my heart and completely transformed my attitude and outlook. "-'Yin Yang Korean Voices' - by T. Stanley Soltau.

TESTIMONY OF MISS KIMIKO GOTO

About five years passed since I had become a Christian. Then I worked at a city office as a secretary. I gradually backslided due to the fact that I conformed myself to the world.

One day I read the testimony of a woman missionary to Malaysia who offered herself to the Lord in a Christian magazine, I was touched by her testimony. As the Lord's rod led me, I repented again before Him. I decided to commit myself to Him, and asked Him will for what I should do, but He did not answer me soon.

About three years later He spoke to me through Isa. 66:19 and called me to be a missionary. Then I decided to enter a seminary to equip myself for His service. I faced many problems in order to enter the seminary, but He solved them all. I studied four years

at the Covenant Seminary in Tokyo.

After graduation He led me to the O.M.F. (Overseas Missionary Fellowship) and J.P.C. (Japanese Protestant Conference) as a secretary. While I was working with them, I confronted trials and temptations, yet He led me to His right way. I was not happy to work in O.M.F. and J.P.C., because I knew it was not not my calling to be a secretary. I liked to be a missionary, but I did not know where I should serve as a missionary.

I prayed to God and He opened my way through Asian Missions in Japan which introduced me me to a pastor. His name is Rev. Tai Po-fu who is a missionary to Singapore. When I met him last December in Tokyo, he told me that there were many openings in Singapore. He also told me that if I wanted to come to Singapore, F.E.B.C. would accept me as a student. So I prayed and asked God for His guidance.

About one month later I was convinced that it was His will for me to come to Singapore. I came to FEBC on 19th of April, I thank God for being accepted by FEBC. I intend to study here and serve Him among the Japanese in Singapore.

LIFE CHURCH & FEBC APPOINTMENTS

8.30 a.m. FEBC reopens. MON

TUES 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.

WED

7.15 p.m. FEBC Lecture.

3.30 p.m. YF; 4.00 p.m. YAF. Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Tow. 4 p.m. Miss Esther Djunaidi. Last Week's Offering \$562.25 plus thefollowing to build Kapuas Gospel Church, cash \$50/- + \$100/-, pledge \$10/- + \$100.00. Sunday Lunch Roster Young People: Life YF. Ladies: This Week: Mrs. Tow, Sng, Khoo, Next Are you ever burdened with a load of care? Week: Mrs. Khoo, Poon, Kam. Praise the Lord for sister Patricia Tan's discharge from ORGH. More New Blood to FEBC Faculty: Mr. Han Soon And you will be singing as the days go by. Juan as English tutor; Niss Chua Hui Tin, B.A., as piano tutor.

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WHEN UPON LIFE'S BILLOWS YOU ARE TEMPEST TOST, When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost, Count your many blessings, name them one by one, 3.30 p.m. Pastors meeting at Calvary. And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.

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Count your blessings, name them one by one, And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.

Does the cross seem heavy you are called to

Count your many blessings, every doubt will fly,

So, amid the conflict, whether great or small, Do not be discouraged, God is over all; Count your many blessings, angels will attend, Help and comfort give you to your journey's end. GB No. 518.

OUR WEEKLY

Saturday 30th July, 1977

My dear Reader,

1. DEACON JOHN LING'S REPORT ON KELAPA SAWIT

In a letter to Pastor Tow, he writes:

"Greetings to you in the Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Saviour. I am very sorry for not writing to you earlier. The Church foundations have been laid and the concrete pillars also have been erected. The contractor asks for the first payment of fifteen thousand dollars which is paid. We paid the contractor the above sum because we received the architect's certificate.

Deacon Chow, Deaconess Liew and I take turns to inspect the work every working day. I often travel to Johore Bahru to see the architect because the R. C. drawings and the plans do not tally in some parts.

The Fund is growing, but at very slow pace. I pray to the Almighty God to forgive me for I have not done my utmost part to raise the Building Fund. At present we have \$62,000 in the bank before deducting the \$15,000 payment.

Please pray for my faith and my trust in God. I hope you will visit us on 14/8/77 (2nd Sunday) at 3.00 p.m."

2. THRILL TO SEE GOD'S HOUSE RISE FROM THE GROUND!

To see God's House rise from the ground is a thrill you must experience. Older members of Life Church experienced this in 1961 - 1963. A goodly number went to the dedication of Rawang Church in 1973. Now you have a chance to see the building of Kelapa wit Church. If you like to join me on Sunday Aug. 14, be on time: 1.30 p.m.! It takes and hour and fifteen minutes to get there.

As God's House rises up, so will He cause the Building Fund to increase. A cheque for \$4,200 comes from Elder Heng Yow Tong, Treasurer of the Presbytery. The greater part of this sum came in during our Silver Jubilee celebration. So Kelapa Sawit's total is \$66,200. Praise the Lord!

3. STUNNING NEWS FROM KOREA

In the midst of preparing the Paauwes to transfer to Korea, stunning news was flashed to Singapore (via USA) of the sudden home-going of Dr. Malsbary in a motor accident, Friday morning. Dr. Malsbary is the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Mission's most outstanding missionary in the Far East. He is the ICCC's representative in Korea with an affiliation of several hundred churches. Dr. Malsbary is also principal of Faith Theological Seminary in Seoul. He was 76.

Dr. Malsbary had himself wired welcome to the Paauwes to Korea on Tuesday. Then he went up to the Too Chon mountains to make arrangements for ailing Dr. Frehn, principal of the Bible Institute at Too Chon, to leave and for the Paauwes to come in to take his place. Sometime before Friday morning, while he was on a bus returning from Too Chon to Seoul, it collided with an on-coming vehicle. Dr. Malsbary was immediately taken to aven.

The news of Dr. Malsbary's death has not only stunned the Paauwes but also me. For I have known him the last 29 years as a friend and comrade in the International Council of Christian Churches. Dr. Malsbary attended the 7th Assembly of the FECCC meeting at Life Church in 1970 and stayed at our Church-College Hostel. I met him in Tokyo when I attended the FECCC 8th Assembly, Nov. last year.

Dr. McIntire, ICCC president and Dr. Gordon, president of the Boardfor Presbyterian Foreign Missions telephoned Rev. Paauwe of their going to Korea to attend the funeral Aug.

4. MY OBLIGATION TO ATTEND FUNERAL OF DR. MALSBARY As president for the Far East, I feel a deep moral obligation also to be present to express our sorrow, and to encourage the bereaved and the Korean Church. I have the full support to go not only from Life Church elders, but also from other leaders of our B-P Churches. Therefore, I have booked to fly Monday morning, to arrive in Seoul, Korea, Tuesday Aug. 2, 1.30 p.m. In view of Dr. Malsbary's 48 years of continous service and his wide association with the Korean people, I should expect several thousands present to witness the passing of a prince in Israel. Please pray for me that God will give me utterance to speak words of blessing to Korea. The Lord seems to want me to spend one whole week ministering in Korea, for I shan't be able to get back to Singapore until Thursday Aug. 11.

5. Far Eastern Bible College 9th Graduation Sunday, Aug. 7, 1977, 8.00 p.m. My dilated return schedule puts me out of the 9th Graduation Service of the Bible College! Perhaps this is the Lord's way of impressing on the people here the transience of life. Since I have more to do before Graduation than on the Night, I shall leave the Worship Service and the Panuwes Farewell in the charge of others. Dr. Tow Siang Hwa, a member of the FEBC Directors, will chair the service and confer the degrees on my behalf. Rev. Philip Heng will bring the message. Dr. Patrick Tan who has served the College for seven years as Dean of Students will receive a pewter plate in recognition of his contribution to the upbringing of the College. I would like, however, at this juncture to thank Dr. Andrew Heng, a specialist general practitioner, for his loving care of all our students and faculty, including myself, all these years. May the Lord prosper the work of his hands and bless his family, and may this blessing be upon every member seeking to extend God's Kingdom. Yours affectionately, T.T.

LETTER FROM HASSAN ISRAEL - 13th July, 1977

'Dear Rev. & Mrs. Tow,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I am writing from Nazareth were I am staying after I was almost killed by my family, but praise God, for He is with us, and I thank God for you and your prayers. It is really hard times for me, but with prayer I can have victory over this difficulty.

Thank you for your concern and kindness, you and the whole church have been so good to me. I pray that the Lord will bless you richly. Please, please remember me in your prayer and if you don't mind to ask the whole church to pray for me, for I feel that I am one of you. I need your prayers very much.

Greetings to the church members in the name of the Lord Jesus. Yours in Christ, Philip (Hassan)."

LIFE CHURCH & FEBC APPOINTMENTS

MON 8,00 a,m. FEBC Homiletics Class, Channing preaching.

TUES 8,00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.

FRI & SAT 7.30 p.m. Galilee Gospel Meetings (Pastor Charlie Tan).

SAT 3.30 p.m. LCYF; 4 p.m. YAF.
Lord's Day 10 am Rev. Heng (Lord's Supper).
4 pm Mr. Teo Siau Hua

(Rev. Andrew Bo).

Last Week's Offering \$437 \$50 (Galilee) +

\$400 (Kapuas).
Sunday Lunch Roster Young People: Life YF.

Sunday Lunch Roster Young People: Life YF. Ladies: This Week: Mrs. Khoo, Poon, Kam. Next Week: Mrs. Tan, Tay, Tow.

Rev. & Mrs. Paauwe and family are booked to leave for Korea Mon. Aug. 8 via China airlines. Rev. Paauwe preaches next Lord's Day at Calvary B-P Church for the last time. The Session is called to meet immediately after service in Church to ratify the Elders' decision.

Rev. Tow is also entrusted with a condolence gift from the Singapore and Malaysia Council of Christian Churches for Mrs. Malsbary.

FEBC students are requested to read the principal's instructions at the Notice
Board. In view of the Paauwes leaving us,
Mon. Aug. 8 is declared a holiday for FEBC.

The Principal, Faculty and Students of

FAR EASTERN BIBLE COLLEGE cordially invite you to

The Ninth Graduation Service at

Life Church, Gilstead Road on Sunday Aug. 7, 1977 at 8.00 p.m.

Rev. Philip Heng will be the Lord's Messenger

(Refreshments by Galilee Sea Fountain)

GO, LABOUR ON; SPEND AND BE SPENT;
Thy joy to do the Father's will;
It is the way the Master went;
Should not the servant tread it still

Go, labor on: 'tis not for nought;
Thy earthly loss is heav'nly gain;
Men heed thee, love thee, praise thee not;
The Master praises, what are men?

Go, labor on; your hands are weak, down;
Your knees are faint, your souls cast/
Yet falter not; the prize you seek
Is near, a kingdom and a crown.

Go, labor on while it is day,
The world's dark night is hastening on;
Speed, speed thy work, cast sloth away,
It is not thus that souls are won.

Men die in darkness at your side,
Without a hope to cheer the tomb;
Take up the torch and wave it wide,
The torch that lights time's thickest
gloom.

Press on, faint not, keep watch and pray;
Be wise the erring soul to win;
Go forth into the world's highway,
Compel the wanderer to come in.

Press on, and in thy work rejoice;

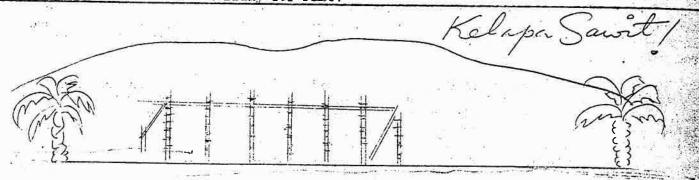
For work comes rest, the prize thus won;

Soon shalt thou hear the Master's voice,

The midnight cry, Behold I come!

- Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889.

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KOREAN KOURIER NO. 1 Taipei, Aug. 2, 1977

Saturday 6th August, 1977

My dear Readers,

- 1.30 m o t

1. 'Man Proposes, God Disposes"

Though this English idiom is not an exact quote from the Bible, (perhaps it came from Plato), it puts theological truth in a nutshell. There are many instances in the Bible to illustrate this: 1) the story of Saul searching for his father's donkeys which led to his meeting with the high destiny of his kingly anointing. (I Sam. 9-10:1). 2) the story of Persian King Ahasuerus' insomnia which worked to the saving of the Jews (Esther 6).
3) Paul's being forbidden of the Holy Spirit to preach in Asia, resulting in his turning westwards into Europe (Acts 16:6-10).

There are also many Bible verses stating this truth: "A man's heart deviseth his way: but the Lord directeth his steps" (Prov. 16:9). Jeremiah testifies, "O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps" (Jer. 10:23).

In these many years of service at Life Church, I have experienced the mystery of this Divine ordering of my footsteps again and again. My unexpected call to Korea, to attend Dr. Malsbary's funeral, is the latest mystery. Inasmuch as Dr. Malsbary's sudden death in the midst of duty is an immediate link in the chain of events launching me out to Korea, I believe God has a higher purpose in leading me to the Funeral Service.

 Hong Kong Stopover Whenever I stopover in Hong Kong (one hour in transit) it will be my delight to phone L... Jason Linn, author of 'Pioneering in Dyak Borneo" (811274). New Rev. Linn stays in Kowloon, and if you're phoning from Hong Kong you must prefix 3 to 811274. Since I was in Kowloon and should not prefix 3, but in fact I did (as listed), I found an irate listener on the other side three times. Here's another truth to learn. It reminds me of Balaam's ass. Three times she deviated from her master's direction, crushing his foot against a wall (Numbers 22:22-33). Yet Balaam did not know it was a sign from the Lord against his perverse way. Many a time we "bash against a wall," as the Chinese saying goes, but do we realise it is the Lord blocking our wayward path? As I write, the Lord brings to mind two traffic accidents that kept me ir His way in the early days of my spiritual struggle, after resigning from Government to prepare to study for the ministry. Within one week, two accidents occurred to my father's cars, bought after World War II - a Standard 8 and a Ford 8. Dear Reader, it is good to heed the Lord's chastising upon the first impact. Don't be asinine like Balaam. To put it more bluntly, don't be such a blockhead! Awake, awake to correction! 'God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this" (Ps. 62:11). Yes, with two ears, we should doubly awake to God's rebuke the moment He speaks to us. We should not be so deaf as to require His sending us trouble the third time. So, this is one sermonette from my brief Hong Kong stopover.

Somehow, God has brought Life Church and Korea together in a most marvellous way, and in no small part through Dr. Malsbary. In 1960 I was invited to conduct a one-month evangelistic campaign in Korea under the auspices of the ICCC. Dr. Malsbary was my manager. Through this contact, Korean pastor Cheung Kwang Duk and his family of six found their way to Gilstead Rd., and were refugees with us for 50 days until Mr. Lim Eng Siang had gathered \$5,000 to put them on a boat to Brazil (1963). In 1970 when the 7th Assembly of the FECCC was held at Life Church, a big Korean contingent under Dr. Malsbary attended. Dr. Malsbary, a doctor of music, diagnosed spinal trouble in our baby grand. Through him the slanting position of our piano was corrected. About this time Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Hyun joined Life Church (they know Dr. Malsbary). Then came the Hans, their son-in-law and daughter, to study at FEBC. Mr. Han is now doing his doctorate in Scotland. Through Mr. Hyun the Korean Saturday School is now borrowing our premises. This greater contact gives Life Church an opportunity to beam the Gospel Light on the whole Korean community in Singapore. Now, as the Paauwes leave us, in one sense, they are our missionaries to Korea (Mrs. Paauwe is a Lifer from the beginning).

China Airlines ended her flight for me at Taipei yesterday afternoon. This obliged me to put up at the Olympic for the night self-paying. With Mr. Tsao's letter of recommendation, I get a 20% discount.

Another blessing of this trip is my reunion with Rev. Tan Peng Koen on the phone. Rev. Tan is the founder of Tanjung Pinang Presbyterian Church, and had preached at Life Church a couple of years before. He is now settled here in his old age to minister to a group of returned overseas Chinese Christians. He tells me how God has enlarged his work, so that a new brahch is soon to open.

He is glad to learn of the progress at Tanjung Pinang and thanks Life Church for releasing me to give supervision to his old church.

5. "Man Froposes, God Disposes"

This idiom reminds me to pray for Tan Eng Huat, Singapore pilot reported missing since last Friday. Why did God permit this to happen? If we remember Jesus' teaching that not one sparrow can fall without the Father's permission, we will humbly submit to His higher will. G Lord, Thy will be done! - Yours obediently, T.T.

A PLEASANT SURPRISE

Last night (Friday, 5 August) we received an unexpected telephone call from Korea. The president of our Mission Board, Dr. Lynn Gray Gordon, who had just attended the funeral of Dr. Dwight Malsbary, informed us of a slight change in plans. He asked us to wait in Singapore for a week to ten days in order to allow Mrs. Malsbary time to adjust to the loss of her beloved husband. Due to the recent developments in Korea we will be staying at the Mission home of the Malsbarys. Mrs. Malsbary will orientate us to the work in Korea. At the present moment she needs some time to herself. Although we have booked our tickets for Korea for Monday, 8th August, we are thankful that the Lord is granting us an extra week in Singapore. This will enable us to complete our packing properly and will also give us some much-needed rest. Our new date of departure is 16th August.

We believe that "all things work together for good to them that love God" - Edward and Lehia Paauwe.

LIFE CHURCH & FEBC APPOINTMENTS

7.15 p.m. No evening class. MON

8.00.p.m. Prayer Meeting.
3.30 p.m. LCYF.
4.00 p.m. LCYAF. TITIES

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Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Tow.

4 p.m. Rev. Tow.

Last Week's Offering \$601.20 + \$200.00. \$30.00 for Kapuas Gospel Mission, \$100.00 for FEBC and \$50.00 for the Paauwes. Sunday Lunch Roster Young People: Life YF. Ladies: This Week: Mrs. Tan, Tay, Tow. Next Week: Mrs. Tow, Khoo, Sng.

The Principal, Faculty and Students

of

FAR EASTERN BIBLE COLLEGE cordially invite you

to

The Ninth Graduation Service

at

Life Church, Gilstead Road on Sunday Aug. 7, 1977 at 8.00 p.m.

Rev. Philip Heng will be the Lord's Messenger

(Refreshments by Galilee Sea Fountain)

SINGAPURA!

- 1. 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.
- 2. Our fathers came to this green shore From many climes and lands; They found a richer life in store Beneath just ruling hands. Singapura! Singapura! Thou Haven of the free. God bless thee yet with thine increase And peace from year to year.
- 3. On thee we've built a new city -Fourth great port of the world. Let Right prevail and Equity, Not by might nor by power. Singapura! Singapura! So may thy sons serve thee. God bless thee yet with thine increase And peace from year to year.
- 4. 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!

An Excerpt from Dr. Dwight Malsbary's letter Written To The Paauwes Before The Lord Took Him Home On July 28, 1977.

"Dear Mr. and Mrs. Paauwe:

Seoul, Korea. July 26, 1977. A week ago while Dr. Gordon was here with us in Seoul, Dr. White at the Board Office phoned the great news that you folks were coming to Korea. We thanked God with great joy that you were to be with us here. We welcome you! We want you! and we shall do all in our power to help you get established. Just come, and you will see!

We are sure you will like it here, and we are delighted at the thought of having you two with us. God bless you. If other details should be given you, and we can give them, we shall write more. What we need to know now, is your arrival time. Remember us to our friends in Singapore - Dr. Tow, and others. Thank you! Sincerely yours thru His grace, Dwight R. Malsbary."

John 3:14,15.

Saturday 13th August, 1977

KOREAN KOURIER (Concluded)

1. Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren (Ps. 133)

What makes visit to a distant land so much pleasanter is to have friends receive you upon arrival, and have friends say goodbye on departure. My trip to Korea this time was a very pleasant one, because I was not only given a VIP reception and send-off, but also taken good care of by the Korean brethren and entertained by Dr. Gordon, president of the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions. Dr. Frehn, principal of Faith Bible Institute up the Too Chon mountains, also came to the airport.

2. d... and he was not for God took him (Gen. 5:24)

Truly Dr. Malsbary was "killed in action." On a Tuesday he sent the telegram to Rev. Paauwe welcoming him to Korea. On the following Thursday he went up the Too Chon mountains to arrange with Dr. Frehn for the Paauwe takeover. He said goodbye to Dr. Frehn and left the mountains in a taxi. Twenty minutes later his taxi collided with an oncoming bus, and "he was not, for the Lord took him." Such an unexpected home-going of the Lord's servant stunned the whole Korean church.

Dr. Malsbary's funeral was held on Wednesday Aug. 3. The auditorium of a Seminary of the Holiness Church was packed to capacity. A score of pastors from denominations affiliated to the ICCC sat on the platform, while a 100-voice choir sang 'O that will be glory for me." Dr. McIntire brought the message in English during which I was interjected to express our condolence - from Singapore and the Far East. A moving part of the funeral service was the re-playing of a cassette of Dr. Malsbary's piano renditions of sacred us and hymns. One titled 'Weeping will never save you' brought many tears welling to the eyes. The expressions in music of a soul deeply immersed in God melted hearts where a thousand words from a routine sermon fail to raise the slightest ripple.

3. Laid to rest at the Christian Cemetery

Dr. Malsbary's hearse was decked from bumper to bumper with white and yellow flowers and panelled on two sides with the Korean flag - for the Koreans regard him one of their sons. An hour's drive into the country ten miles south of the DMZ brought us to a beautiful elevation in the Christian cemetery. Here Dr. Malsbary was interred with a final benediction in Chinese.

A Korean funeral is much more elaborate than ours. This one lasted six hours. The service was two hours long. The drive to the country and back over two hours. The graveside service, interment and after-funeral lunch one-and-a-half hours.

At the Christian Cemetery there is a rest centre and kitchen which cooks your food. Rice and viands brought by our funeral managers were cooked by the kitchen maids while the service went on. After the service (which lasted nearly an hour) the food was cooked and ready to serve.

The monetary gift from our Church Council is deeply appreciated by Mrs. Malsbary. Now that Dr. Malsbary is gone, the Paauwes will take his place and stay in Seoul. The uwes are leaving us Tues. Aug. 16.

4. The Importance of Communication.

The two days spent at Seoul has given us many precious hours to talk to one another. Dr. McIntire was praying I would come, so when I came he remarked the Lord had answered his prayer: With time on hand from his intensive daily schedules he read through parts of Calvin's Institutes Abridged. Immediately he placed an order for 1,000 copies which he said he would offer to his Radio listeners!

Dr. Gordon is a man of sweet Christian graces and a very sincere friend. His leadership in our Church movement is recognised far and wide. He is now requested to head up Shelton College. I heartily concur on this new appointment from the Lord, for there is a real need in the field of bringing up a new generation of Christian warriors in these days of deepening apostasy.

5. "The Steps of a (good) man are ordered of the Lord" (Ps. 37:23)

This is another verse that teaches the importance of trusting God in every step of our movements. In my Weekly Chat July 30, I said I wouldn't be able to return to Singapore till Aug. 11. This was how I got scheduled by the Travel agent, in view of my travelling on an excursion ticket. An excursion ticket conditions you to spend seven full days abroad before you can return. Since I left on Aug. 1, theoretically my earliest return date would be Aug. 8. This definitely put me out of FEBC's 9th Graduation which was fixed for Aug. 7. But when the Service on Sunday night had barely started, before the FEBC Anthem came to the last stanza, I was back on Life Church soil. My presence on the pulpit after Elder Heng Yow Tong's prayer electrified Dr. Tow Siang Hwa, the chairman! Many in the pews were equally surprised.

How I beat the restriction was to fly early to Hong Kong. (By the way, the cheapest place to put up in HK is the YMCA, Waterloo Rd., HK \$25 a night). From HK I got a rerouting to Kuala Lumpur. Giving up the last leg of my Excursion ticket and paying 70

ringgit on a MAS flight. I landed Paya Lebar 7.30 p.m. That was how the Lord brought me back in the nick of time. I relate all this in order that you might profit. It is said in the Reader's Digest that "experience is the costliest thing."

FEBC Ninth Graduation

This was the most heart-warming service I've ever attended. The Holy Spirit's power was manifested in the singing, in the prayer, the remarks of the chairman, the message by Rev. Heng and logically in the parting words of Rev. Paauwe. I was glad the Lord helped me get back in advance of man's schedule. By this He confirmed in the hearts of all that He is with the FEBC yet! Yea, a new day is dawning on this School of prophets as you will henceforth pray more earnestly for us. Yours faithfully, T.T.

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CHURCH & FEBC APPOINTMENTS
    7.15 a.m. FEBC Lecture (Rev. Tow).
TUES 9.00 a.m. Paauwes fly to Korea, SIA.
     8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
     8.00 p.m. Session Meeting in Paauwes
                 Flat.
SAT 3.30 p.m. LCYF & YAF.
Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Don Fleming.
              4 p.m. Mr. Lin Tah Mon.
(Rev. Tow at Tanjung Pinang, Riau).
Last Week's Offering $710.61. FEBC Graduation: $626.15.
Sunday Lunch Roster Young People Life YF. Ladies: This Week Mrs. Tow, Khoo, Sng. Next Week: Mrs. Poon, Tow, Tan.
Pray for Mr. Sng Jin Seng who is now in
Alexandra Hospital, Ward 10 (Bed 10) for an
The Paauwes leave for Korea via SIA, Tues.
Aug. 16, 9 a.m. To wish them Godspeed, it is
suggested that this Lord's Day's offering be
given to our missionaries.
Your Surplus Clothing is now sent via Deacon
Lai Teck Hock of Tanjung Pinang Presbyterian
Church to be distributed to the hundreds of
Vietnamese refugees in the Riau Islands. The
pastor is visiting Tanjung Pinang next Lord's away; blessed be the name of the Lord."
Supper. He will also visit the Vietnamese
refugees on behalf of Life Church.
Jurong B-P Church With the Paauwe transfer to Korea, little Jurong Church is looking to
Life Church for supply pastor and an elder
on a "borrowed" basis.
Kelapa Sawit Good news is just received of
liberal giving ($1,540) by the villagers to
the B.F. Deacon John Ling and Church remem-
ber Tan Eng Huat in prayer.
The Pastor is visiting Kelapa Sawit Church this Lord's Day with Elder Joshua Lim in his
company. Leaving Church 1.30 p.m. sharp.
Any coming?
We are grateful to Elder Heng Yow Tong for
the gift of a big surplus L-counter and a
"bookshelf." These are deployed in the open
lounge outside the kitchen.
Guests at the Hootel Rev. and Mrs. Ronney Kon Where He shall wake thee on a future day,
and friend of AVI Evangelism, West Malaysia. Like a tired child upon its mother's breast,
Lord's Day is wellknown to older Lifers.
used to come to our Church at Prinsep Street In the green pastures of the heavenly shore,
(before 1962) on a bicycle! The Flemings are where sin and sorrow can approach no more,
Praise the Lord, an Australian reader has
contributed twice for the installation of
new stone furniture for our banana garden!
Many thanks!
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Esther Djunaidi is granted leave of absence in West Kalimantan to gather material for

her Research Paper.

Latest Search for Singapore Missing Pilot, Tan Eng Huat, Fails.

A Malaysian living in the Kluang District heard from two Malay boys working in the jungle of the discovery of a plane wreckage. This Malaysian reported the matter to the Singapore Police. Through this contact we made a trip to the site on Friday, Aug. 12. Packed into the "Jesus Saves" Stationwagon were myself, Eng Hin, Eng Boo, Kutty, the guide and his two Malay boys. We branched off into the jungle along a new laterite road from the 9th mile Kluang-Mersing Road for three to four miles when a mud pool halted our progress. Nevertheless, here was a labour camp of road-makers and oil-palm planters. These pioneers in the jungle confirmed the presence of a plane wreckage, but one that is several years old, a jungle-green warplane. The same have also heard of the Singapore Missing Pilot and seen the helicopters overhead in the search. With such competent the witness, we felt it not necessary to proceed further into the jungle, a distance of another two miles "in." This latest search for Eng Huat fails.

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken (Job 1:21)

*Rest, weary soul! The penalty is borne, the ransom paid, For all thy sins full satisfaction made; Strive not to do thyself what Christ has do Claim the free gift, and make the joy thine ofn; No more by pargs of guilt and fear distrest,

Rest, sweetly rest! *Rest, weary heart,

From all thy silent griefs and secret pain, Thy profitless regrets and longings vain; Wisdom and love have ordered all the past, All shall be blessedness and light at last; Cast off the cares that have so long opprest;

Rest, sweetly rest!

*Rest, weary head! Lie down to slumber in the peaceful tomb; Light from above has broken through its gloom; Here, in the place where once thy Saviour lay,

Rest, sweetly rest!

With all the flock by the Good Shepherd fed, Beside the streams of life eternal led, Forever with Thy God and Saviour blest,

Rest, sweetly rest! - Anonymous.

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OUR WEEKLY CHAT

My dear Reader,

From Childhood to Parenthood

Saturday 20th August, 1977

There is a Chinese saying, "He is married and he is established." This is a congratulatory remark for a successful young man on his wedding day, a hope of every parent for his or her son.

There was a time when the Church in Singapore was toddling in childhood. Today we see her coming of age, and happier still, when she is "married and is established."

I was glad when a Deacon at our last session meeting remarked that Life Church has entered a new era. He recognised we were no more children but grown up and should be productive for the Lord. Instead of being helped by missionaries, as in former days, it is now our turn to help others - the younger churches and mission enterprises beyond Singapore. Another Deacon remarked on an earlier occasion, "As the English missionaries brought the Gospel to our ancestors in China, it is our turn now to take it to Malaysia and Indonesia." The ultimate of Church growth is missions - branching out and yet branching out!

Kelapa Sawit Latest

On my bi-monthly visit to Kelapa Sawit last week, I was glad to see the pillars of the new Church, parsonage and kindergarten sprouting out of the ground, "like bamboo shoots after the spring rains." Deacon John Ling also told me how the congregation had offered \$1,540 in one week. I congratulated the congregation on their renewed efforts, assuring them of God's blessings upon every devout and sincere giver. Their total is 269,000.

What is Pentecost?

Different denominations have different views on Pentecost. The publication of an article on "The Charismatic Cult" in the last issue of the B-P Banner seems to have sparked some lively interest, and even controversy, on the subject. Let me help clarify the meaning of Pentecost by republishing this short message by Pastor T. Foss Johnsen in 'Morning Glory," an American Lutheran magazine loaned me by Rev. Andrew Bo.

Titled "The Meaning of Pentécost," the article reads:

PENTECOST: MEANS FIFTY

It has its origin in the Greek "pentecoste" - the fiftieth. From Easter to Pentecost was fifty days. This was the festival in Israel known as the Festival of Harvest.

Today we connect Pentecost with Acts 2 when the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the church. But note v. 1 - "When the day of Pentecost was fully come ..." It was not the outpouring of the Holy Spirit which established the day of Pentecost, but the great wonder that took place on that day.

PENTECOST MEANS FELLOWSHIP AND UNITY

v. 1 "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, They were all in one acord in one place."

After the death of Jesus the flock of disciples was scattered. But now they had found one another. Jesus had revealed Himself to them and had shown them His wounds.

The important thing for us, also, is that we assemble about the holy Word of God, and speak of that which took place when Jesus suffered and died for us. For it is then that the Spirit meets with us. The Spirit is in the Word and in the fellowship of the saints.

PENTECOST MEANS EXPECTANCY

In Acts 1:4 Jesus tells His disciples that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father.

Some have said that the Holy Spirit came as an answer to prayer. But the wonder of Pentecost and the outpouring of the Spirit are first of all the answer to promises. God fulfilled that which He had promised.

Today also, we could experience more of the fulness of the Spirit if we had a greater sense of expectancy and faith in the many promises of God.

PENTECOST MEANS FULNESS

The sound of the Spirit's coming filled all the house, but the Spirit Himself filled the hearts. "And suddenly there came a sound from Heaven as a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting."

Some connect the filling of the Spirit with the "great sound," great excitement, loud outcries, prayer and praise. But this is not a condition. The Spirit can also come in "the still, small voice." I Kings 19.

We are exhorted to be filled with the Spirit. And the Spirit always comes when Christ comes. "He shall take of Mine and show it unto you." The one who is filled with the Spirit is small in his own eyes, but he has a great God.

PENTECOST MEANS FAITH

"But Peter standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice and said unto them ... 1 2:14. This is the same Peter which denied Christ three times on Good Friday. Now the fear of man has vanished. He preaches the Gospel to the great multitude.

That which we have received we must not contain within ourselves. Pentecost is the beginning and the impetus for the great program of evangelization. The Holy Spirit inflamed the hearts on the day of Pentecost. Is your heart inflamed? Thousands of men and women have given their lives, yes, their blood, in this great and glorious service.

PENTECOST MEANS SALVATION

The work of the Spirit is to convict the world of sin, of righteousness and of judgment. John 16.

Salvation does not come by self effort and by doing the best one is able.

Many try to reach God by the way of self-righteousness, to no avail.

All men must be born again. They must be born from above. This is the Spirit's work through grace. It was not Peter's good sermon on the day of Pentecost which brought the results, but the Holy Spirit's work in the hearts. 'When they heard this they were pricked in their hearts." PENTECOST MEANS PROGRESS

There were great results for the Kingdom of God that Pentecost day. "And the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls." 2:41.

And v. 47 says: "And the Lord added to the church daily those that were saved." It may often seem that the progress is not so great. Great revivals are not conspicuous in our day in our land. But then we must rejoice with those who are experiencing seasons of revival. The Holy Spirit is active in many pagan lands.

Let us not then remember Pentecost only as an historical holy day but let us permit the Holy Spirit to enter fully into our lives.

All God's people possess the Holy Spirit. But the Holy Spirit has not been given the dominion in our hearts, homes and our congregations as he so deeply desires. - T.T.

LIFE CHURCH & FEBC APPOINTMENTS We extend a warm welcome to Mr. & Mrs. Ira W. FRI 3.00 pm Team to Kulai Besar. SAT 3.30 pm LCYF; YAF.

Owing to the lack of ministers, Rev. Tow will administer the Lord's Supper at Mt. Carmel and Hebron next Lord's Day, 10 am and 11 am. served. Date: Nov. 14 - 17! Last Week's Offering \$747.05 for the Paauwes. (The Paauwes did not leave until 10.30 pm Tuesday night.)

Sunday Lunch Roster Young People Life YF. Week: Mrs. Tay, Tan, Kam.

his loved ones.

Elder Khoo Peng Kiat takes the Catechism Class in Pastor's absence. Please meet immediately after service at the classroom next to the Book Centre. Candidates are requested to write a testimony of their salvation. Learn by heart these seven Bible verses: John 1:12, 3:3; 3:5; 3:16, 5:24;6:37; 14:6. Learn the 10 Commandments from Exodus

Pastor Tow is off to Tanjung Pinang this Lord's Day to baptise and officiate the Lord's Supper, returning in the evening, 6.30 pm.

We extend a warm welcome to Rev. & Mrs. Don Fleming at our Church this Lord's Day. Rev. Fleming is the Lord's messenger. Elder Tay is chairman of the pulpit.

MON 7.15 pm Systematic Theology I (Rev. Tow) Black and two children, Canadian missionaries TUES 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting. to Indonesia, lodging at our Hostel Aug. 23 -30.

Praise the Lord for Mr. Sng Jin Seng's dis-Lord's Day 10 am Mr. Bobby Phee. charge from hospital, and continue to pray
4 pm Rev. Tow. for the Lord's grace upon him. for the Lord's grace upon him.

Mersing Camp So far 7 families have register. We've room for 3 more only! First come, first_

Jurong B-P Church has requested Pastor Tow to be their moderating pastor.

Every Sunday School teacher should possess a Bible Dictionary and Commentary. Why not visit Ladies: This Week: Mrs. Poon, Tow, Tan. Next the Christian Life Book Centre for your needs?

Mr. & Mrs. Tan Wai Choon are scheduled to Please continue to pray for Tan Eng Huat and leave USA Aug. 22 for London. From London they fly, D.V., to Singapore on Aug. 28 via Aeroflot, arriving Aug. 29, 3.40 p.m. The Tans will stay at the Paauwe flat which is now being given a new coat of paint after 8 years.

HEAR DR. TOW SIANG HWA

on Radio Singapore

Sept. 4, 6.05 p.m. and 10 p.m.

TOPIC: "I FOUND PEACE AT CALVARY!"

CHOIR: CALVARY B - P CHURCH.

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OUR WHICKLY CHAIT

My dear Reader,

Kapuas

Greet our Assistant Pastori

In response to my request to return home ahead of schedule, Mr. Tan Wai Choon our Assistant Pastor and Ruby his wife arrived back Friday evening, Aug. 26! I am so glad that they have made it, so that Wai Choon is able to speak this Lord's Day morning. Greet our Assistant Pastor! Coming back ahead of schedule also gives our brother a little breathing space to prepare his lectures to FEBC students.

Bro. Tan Wai Choon is one of the choicest young men from Life Church to have gone abroad for further training, after graduating from FEBC in 1973. He went to my alma mater, Faith Seminary, where he studied four years, obtaining the Master of Divinity and Master of Sacred Theology degrees. He spent a semester at Covenant Seminary and added a summer course at the American Institute for Holy Land Studies in Jerusalem. And now he also returns with a bride, the former Miss Ruby Yee of New York City.

Before Wai Choon was called to study at FEBC, he had served our Government as a trained teacher for eight years. With all these years of preparation from the Lord's Hand, we are persuaded Bro. Wai Choon is well qualified to lead Life Church and take Rev. Paauwe's place at the FEBC. Moreover, Wai Choon has had a summer's pastoral experience in the United States, and has worked under Dr. Gordon at the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions.

The Tans are now housed at the Paauwe flat. They will open their home, I'm sure, so the younger generation needing counselling and advice. They will do all they can to serve, and not to be served.

Bethany Cabin Now Open to Members!

Under the royal palms, there has grown up during the last two years a Holy Land Garden. All of you are charmed by the whispering Galilee Sea Fountain! But can you identify which is the Capernaum Synagogue, the Crusader Forts, the Mount of Olives, and the Wall of Jerusalem? Since Bethany was on the eastern slope of the Mount of Olives and our new cabin is situated nearest our Mount of Olives, I have named it Bethany.

Shut-in, Bethany Cabin is a cosy corner, flanking the "south" side of our Holy Land Garden. In it are furnished a double-decker, a cane sofa I brought back from West Kalimantan (now upholstered with Dunlopillo) a writing table and chair, and several stools. In the outer section which is a semi-open yard are installed a wooden bench, a wash basin, and a stone pew. Whenever the Church-College Hostel overflows with guests, this Cabin can serve as a relief quarters for a couple, but ordinarily it is unoccupied. It is open to members' use anytime, anyday, say for a morning or an afternoon. Welcome Elder Khoo on the Lord's Day afternoon!

This ministry of hospitality is a special feature of Life Church and FEBC according to both O.T. and N.T. teachings. We have been a blossing to literally hundreds of God's ervants passing through, and they in turn have blessed our Church and College. "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers; for thereby some have entertained angels unawares" (Heb. 13:2).

Kapuas Gospel Mission in Action!

One decision made during my visit to West Kalimantan last May was that we should take on Gospel-preaching up the 660-mile Kapuas basin. Our Church should support such mobile missions by paying the expenses incurred by our Gospel teams. In July Rev. Djunaidi felt led of the Lord to go into the interior with Rev. Mark of Singkawang, since Simin was sick. They pushed their way inland by motorbike and sampan in a 1,200-kilometer circuit. They forded streams and climbed mountains to

1,200-kilometer circuit. They forded streams and climbed mountains to take the good news to the Dyaks, as well as to Chinese settlers, off the beaten track. Yet, all they spent on this marathon was only a little over '1001 Visit the Notice Board to have a glimpse of the Kapuas Gospel Nission in action! This intensification of the Gospel outreach is some little contribution Life Church is making in the cause of World-Wide Missions.

Christian Life Book Centre, since opening its doors in January 1976, has so grown that its books are now filling a second room. It has become a powerful Gospel ministry by first supplying the spiritual needs of our Church and members of other B-P Churches. It is the FEBC's book agency at the finger tip. Make full use of our Book Centre. Read more Christian books in accordance with the apostle's injunction to Timothy, "Give attendance to reading" (I Tim. 4:13). This will open your eyes to a new world of saving truths. This will enrich your life. This will launch you into nobler heights of your thought-life. This may even make you give up your job to enter fulltime Christian service!

To help members read the best. I shall start a new paragraph in the news column: "Book of the Week". Yours for the Gospel T.T.

CHURCH & FIEC APPOINTMENTS 8.00 a.m. Mr. Ira Black of Canada at FEBC Chapel.

7.15 p.m. Theology Lecture (Rev. Tow).

TUES 7.00 p.m. 3 Gospel Films by Jr. Worship. WED 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting (in liew of Tuesday night).

THURS7.15 p.m. Lecture on I Timothy (Mr.Tan).

FRI 6.30 p.m. FEBC Directors meet at Elder Joshua Lim's, 11 Mt. Sinai Road.

SAT 3.30 p.m. LCYF & YAF.

Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Tow (Lord's Supper).
4 p.m. Mr. Teo Siau Hua (Lord's Supper).

Last Week's Offering \$518.12 + \$50 for Galilee B-P Church.

Sunday Lunch Roster Young People: Life YF. Ladies: This Week: Mrs. Tay, Tan, Kam. Next Week: Mrs. Tow, ang Khoo.

Introducing Mrs. Ruby Tan, wife of our Assist. Pastor. Mrs. Tan is a member of the Christian Missionary Alliance Church in New York City. She was saved when in high school. She studied at King's College she received her B.A., and received her M.A. in teaching retarded children. Mrs. Tan is Cantonese and speaks the language fulently. She has two granduncles in Singapore. Attend FEBC Mon. and Thurs. Evening Classes! Time 7.15 p.m. - 9.15 p.m. Mon. Systematic Theology, Doctrine of God(Rev. Tow). Thurs. The Epistle of I Timothy (Mr. Tan Wai Choon). Mrs. Ruby Tan who has library and Church secretarial experience has kindly offered

Paauwe Postcard: "Greetings from Korea! We are now comfortably settled in the Mission Home. Mrs. Malsbary is our able guide and interpreter.

to be Librarian for FUBC.

Very few people here speak English. Thank God for answered prayer regarding the children's education.

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Seoul 150, Korea.

Our thanks again for all your help!" Please uphold the loved ones of Bro. Tan Eng Christian businessmen and Church leaders \$2.50! Huat in prayer, missing while flying since Fri. July 29.

Pray for the recovery of Mr. Sng Jin Seng and Mrs. Rose Tow Siang Ling at Mt. Alvernia Hospital Room, 3rd storey, main block.

Radio Singapore

GOSPEL BROADCAST

"I FOUND PEACE AT CALVARY"

Speaker: Dr. Tow Siang Hwa Choir: Calvary BP Church 6.05 p.m. and 10.00 p.m. Sunday September 4, 1977.

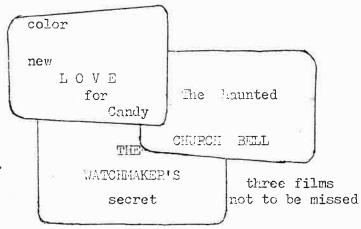
Another Book of the Week

GOD'S INERRANT WORD

by John W. Montgomery

An international symposium on the trustworthiness of Scripture. This book is offered as the most significant statement on the inerrancy of the Scriptures to be published in twenty-five years.

JUNIOR WORSHIP DEPARTMENT PRESENTS



1977. When? 30 Aug. Time? 7 p.m. sharp. 9A Gilstead Road., S'pore 11 Where? (Life B-P Church Hall).

FREE!!! All Welcome. \$\$?

The first film is an unusual story of a boy and a good friend who emphasize that "Tt's (founded by Evangelist Percy Crawford) where time to see the Lord." Especially good with juniors, intermediates, and parents as well. from Seton-Hall University where she majored The second film is an evangelistic film of the adventures of two children in an old abandoned Church. Excellent for juniors and also the whole family. The last film, taken amid the colourful excitment of a state fair midway, is the tragic story of a near-broken home. Another message which adults should not miss. See you and your friends on Aug. 30, at 7.00 p.m. in our Church! Books of the Week

1) "Streams in the Desert" by Mrs. Cowman (2 million sold!). A day-by-day devotional classic with gems gleaned from every quarter of the Christian world. Over 400 pages, \$6.601

2) The Story of "The Reason Why", is thrilling story of how God blessed the life of one of New Zealand's most successful Christian Please publish our new address in the Life businessmen and the famous booklet he had written. "The Reason Why" has run into millions of copies and is translated into a score of languages. A suitable gift to

THE HOUSE OF THE LORD

There's no joy on earth Quite so precious to me, My heart has no greater reward, . Than the wonderful joy That comes into my heart When I go to the house of the Lord.

There's a wonderful peace That comes into my soul As I enter in sweet meditation, I ask His forgiveness And offer my life Once again in rededication.

No happier hours Could be spent anywhere Or offer a sweeter reward Than those beautiful hours That await me each time I go to the house of the Lord. - Amanda Bradley

3rd September, 1977

ASSISTANT PASTOR WRITES

It's good to be back! It's exactly four years since I left Singapore for the United States for my theological training. Those were years of concentrated studies and rich experiences as far as my preparation for the pastoral and teaching ministry were concerned. Needless to say, being in a land of plenty, the temptation to rationalize and serve the Lord in the U.S. was very real. Indeed even a professor of mine and some good friends suggested that I stay on and serve since the need there was great too.

Praise the Lord for the prayers of friends here. The Lord's voice was loud and clear, that my ministry is here, in Singapore. I was constantly reminded of my commitment to return. The Church here have prayed and given of their substance to support me. Therefore, I must return. And return I did, arriving with my wife Ruby on Friday, 26th August. The Lord has been gracious. I began preaching on Sunday, 28th Aug. and began teaching at our F.J.B.C. on Wednesday. My wife and I are still in the process of acclimatization, especially to the heat and humidity. Hopefully we will get used to our weather before too long.

A glance at the "Directory of Graduates" of the Ninth Graduation Service of our F.E.B.C. thrills my heart. The Lord has vindicated this school of prophets, especially her principal, who has been used to see to its continuation as God's institution to prepare another generation of pastors, teachers and workers, no fewer than a dozen of whom are today serving in our own churches and teaching at our F.E.B.C. In an article: "Why A Seminary?" Mary E.M. Contento concluded that "... Because without the seminary, he church would die out." The importance of our F.E.B.C. cannot be over emphasized. I consider it a privilege and duty to serve at my alma mater.

I am thankful for Life Church's appointment as assistant pastor. I am well aware of the fact that among my contemporaries, there are many who are more gifted to serve in that capacity. With the gifts the Lord has bestowed, I shall try to serve the Church and assist the pastor the best I know how. I ask for your prayers and words of counsel and support. The thing that constantly marvels me is the fact that God uses fallen, imperfect

and unlikely people to serve Him. I am one of such. Amazing grace!

NEWLY ELECTED FEBC BOARD

At a meeting held at Elder Joshua Lim's new home at 11 Mt. Sinai Road on Friday, Sept. 2, 1977, 8 p.m. the following were constituted the new Board of Far Eastern Bible College.

Dr. Tow Siang Hum, President Elder Edmund Tay, Secretary Elder Heng Yow Tong, Treasurer Rev. Quek Kick Chiang Rev. Philip Heng

Rev. Timothy Tow Elder Teo See Yah Elder Patrick Tan Elder Joshua Lim

The Board will meet again Sunday Oct. 2, 1977 8 p.m. at the home of Dr. Tow Siang Hwa. The FEBC Faculty is comprised of the following:

Rev. Timothy Tow, B.D., S.T.M., D.D., Principal Mrs. Ruby Tan B.A., M.A. (Librarian)

Mrs. Ivy Tow, B.Th., Registrar
Mr. Swee Thian Hoe, B.Th., M.Div., M.Th.
Mr. Han Soon Juan Cert. Ed., Dip. TESEL Mr. Bobby Phee Eng Soon, Dip. Th. (Lon.), B. Th.

Mr. Tan Wai Choon, Cert. Ed., Dip. Th. M. Div., S. T. M. Miss Chua Hui Tin, B. A. (Music Tutor)

College Evening Classes

Miss Yongky Harlim (Music Tutor)

From those early days of FEBC's founding, the College has consistently offered courses on Monday and Thursday evenings. These evening classes are open to the public. Not a few Lifers have availed themselves of these opportunities to further their knowledge in the Word of God. It was such a joy to see four more elderly friends of the College come to flese classes recently.

Mr. Tan Wai Choon is offering a Course on I Timothy Thursday evenings and I am lecturing on the Doctrine of God, to be followed with a most important one "The Doctrine of the Inspiration of the Scriptures." The time is 7.15 p.m.

"Hearing a lecture is the quickest way to knowledge."

Kapuas Gospel Mission

Our Mission is to pay the gospel debt to our less fortunate neighbours, so near, yet so far! Do you know we are separated from West Kalimantan by only 330 sea-miles by cargo boat? Or only two hours by Fokker?

We who are more enlightened owe our immediate neighbours this debt. And if every Church in every nation will evangelise its own neighbourhood there will be no more place

Our Mission is requested to support a lady graduate from Rev. Djunaidi's Bible School to work among Dyaks in the jungle. Her name is Marguretta.

CHURCH & FEBC APPOINTMENTS LIFE 7.15 p.m. FEBC Lecture (Rev. Tow) 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting TUES 8.00 p.m. Session Meeting THURS 7.15 p.m. FEBC Lecture (Mr. Tan)

3.30 p.m. LCYF & YAF (4 p.m.) Lord's Day 10 a.m. Mr. Tan Wai Choon 4 p.m. Mr. Jonah Chan

11.45 a.m. Rev. Tow at Toa Payoh

Anniversary Service.
Last Week's Offering \$925.65. Sunday Lunch Roster Young People: Life YF. Ladies: This Week: Mrs. Tow, Sng, Khoo. Next Week: Mrs. Tan, Kam, Poon. Praise the Lord for sustaining Mr. Sng Jin Seng and Mrs. Rose Tow through their operations. Continue to pray for them. Obituary Mrs. Seah ling Tuck, 70, mother of

Elder William Seah of Calvary B-P Church, passed away peacefully Sept. 2 morning. Funeral will take place Tues. Sept. 6. Rev. Tow and Mr. Tan Wai Choon will minister the Word this Lord's Day evening at Elder Seah's home, 19 Chuan Garden, (Serangoon Gardens). The Armed Forces Committee (Christian Servicemen) has received the Government's further blessing in being given a Church building (opposite Botanic Gardens) for their use -Dr. Patrick Tan.

September Wedding Bells!!! The holy matrimony 1. Matthew Henry's Concise Commentary on will be solemnised between:

1) Mr. Peter Yap Beng Khoon and Miss Wancy Chan Peck Hoong, Thurs. Sept. 15, 10 a.m. (Rev. Heng).

2) Mr. Wong Bak Kiang and Miss Doreen Chia, Sat. Sept. 17, 2 p.m. (Rev. Tor);

3) Mr. Bobby Phee Eng Soon and Miss Teo Siew Lan Sat. Sept. 17, 3 p.m. (Rev. Heng) FEBC Hall reception.

Rev. C.T. Hsu, New York. Thank you for your second cheque for Kelapa Sawit Building Fund. The new Church is one-third up!

Order Your Flowers from Lim Florist whose weekly offering of bouquets add to the beauty of holiness of our Church. Ring: 376471/

The Brick Work in front of the Kindergarten Block is renovation for two storerooms, one for the gardener and the other for the 30. canvas beds, a part of the Kindergarten's. curriculum prescribed by the Ed. Dept. Mr. Liew Hon Seng, FLBCer 1970, is now pastoring a Lutheran Church, 6 Jalan Station, Kuala Kangsar, Perak.

E.R. Hutabarat has terminated his study at FEBC and is now returned to Indonesia. FEBC will begin mid-Semester break Fri. Sept. 16 and resume study Mon. Sept. 26. Final Exams will be held beginning Fri. Nov.11. The College will close Nov. 18 for the Christmas vacation. College reopens 1978 on Mon. Jan. 2.

I HEAR THY WELCOME VOICE, That calls me, Lord, to Thee For cleansing in Thy precious blood That flowed on Calvary.

I am coming, Lord: Coming now to Thee! Wash me, cleamse me, in the blood That flowed on Calvary.

'Tis Jesus calla me on To perfect faith and love, To perfect hope, and peace, and trust, For earth and leaven above.

'Tis Jesus who confirms The blessed work within, By adding grace to velcone grace, Where reigned the power of sin.

And He the witness gives To loyal hearts and free, That every promise is fulfilled, If faith but brings the plea.

All hail, avening blood! All hail, redecming grace! All hail, the gift of Christ, our Lord, Our Strength and Righteousness! - G.B. NO: 240.

Books Of The Week

the whole Bible \$28.45 only?

A Self Study Guide of the whole Bible by Irving L. Jensen (only 3 sets available). See Mr. Stephen Kuan.

> Radio Singapore GOSPEL BROADCAST

"I FOUND PEACE AT CALVARY"

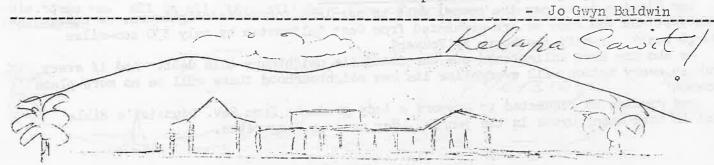
Speaker: Dr. Tow Siang Hwa Choir: Calvary BP Church 6.05 p.m. and 10.00 p.m. Sunday September 4, 1977.

TRIFLES 'N THINGS Though happiness to some may be Prestige and great success, I find a joy in simpler things -Trifles of leveliness:

The merry laughter of a child Whose arms can hold me tight; A voice that says so tenderly, "I love you, Mom, good night."

The task of helping one in need When no one else had cared, The selfless gesture of a friend -A little blessing shared.

The beauty of a moonlit night And lambent stars above, It's heaven's way of giving me A portion of God's love.



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OUR WEEKLY CHAT

My dear Reader,

Ordination of Four New Ministers

Do you know there are now 25 churches and groups within our B-P family? And with Rev. Paguwe transfered to Korea, we are reduced to four "old" ministers overseeing these 25 bodies between us? That is one reason why I had to be away from Life Church two weeks ago in order to administer the Lord's Supper at Mt. Carmel and Habron

ago in order to administer the Lord's Supper at Mt. Carmel and Hebron.

But I have better news for you. Great news! At a Presbytery meeting held last night, four young men from our own Churches were examined and approved for ordination. This will increase our number of pastors by one hundred percent. These men who are God's chosen are Dr. Patrick Tan, Peter Chua, David Wong and Charlie Tan.

1. Dr. Tan, besides taking care of Grace Church in Bedok, has another church committed to his care - the Christian Servicemen of our Armed Forces together with a Church building opposite the Botanic Gardens, earmarked by Mindef.

2. Peter Chua is pastor of a growing congregation of 60-70, the English Toa Payoh Church now worshipping at Gilstead Road, at 11.45 a.m. Incidentally, Toa Payoh celebrates 6th Anniversary Thanksgiving this Lord's Day.

3. David Wong is pastor of Mt. Carmel which is made up of three congregations; one at Lengkok Bahru, one at Telok Blangah, and one in Queenstown at Shepherd's Drive.
4. Charlie Tan heads Bethany Church at Seletar Hills. He has a big young peoples

The ordination of these four young men is scheduled for Oct. 25, 1977, 8 p.m. at

Life Church. This is a most historic event which needs no elaboration. How true the Chinese proverb, "It takes a decade to plant a tree, yea, a century, to nurture a man."

The ordination of a pastor is an event of far-reaching importance. It is as important, if not more, as one's wedding day. The pastor is married to his flock, an undershepherd of God. To take care of His household, even till death!

Life Church 27th Anniversary Thanksgiving
Our Church was begun on Oct. 20, 1950, on a third Sunday. Therefore, we shall
delebrate our 27th birthday on the third week of October, the 16th. This should be another
year of happy rejoicing, and heart-searching too. While He tarries, this should be an
occasion to look beyond, far afield in our service of the Lord.

In order that the Church family might come together in one greatfellowship, that we speak one to another (Mal. 3:16), it is proposed that a Chinese dinner be held Saturday evening, Oct. 15, 6.30 p.m. Our caterer is Tian Heong of Telok Ayer. The charges are \$10 for earners, \$6 non-earners, \$4 children under twelve. Invitations will be sent to member Churches of the B-P family. This will be one night to remember as we enjoy one another's company in the Lord and talk about His Kingdom.

As the school Christmas vacation is in the offing (commencing Nov. 12), is it not time that we remind ourselves of the Mersing Holiday Retreat? One block of 12 rooms of a first class hotel, the Mersing Govt. Rest House sitting on a hillock overlooking the South China Sea has been booked for our spiritual and physical refreshment. The duration of this Holiday Retreat will be from Nov. 14 to 17. The period will last four days and three nights. Transportation is by motor-car, self-driven, as much as possible. The Hotel charges are \$18 per night per double room, extra camp beds at \$5 for three nights. Food, served ten to a table, Chinese style, is \$10 per adult per day. Children under 12 is \$8.50. At these rates, "campers" will pay accordingly. A family of four (i.e. with two children) would cost around \$145. For single men and women, boys and girls living dormitory-style, the cost is only \$45 per person.

As to the spiritual side, meetings will be held at the Chinese Presbyterian Church some distance from the Hotel.Mr.Tan Wai Choon.our Assistant-pastor will be the chief speaker. A children programme is also planned to bring salvation knowledge to the young. There will also be visits made to Jemaluang and Endau to encourage the hearts of lonely Chin Lien graduates manning these Gospel outposts. At Jemaluang certain young people will be baptised at a special service.

On the way home, some who might like to visit the Kota Tingri Waterfalls will be able to do so. All in all, this will be a time of wholesome spiritual and physical refreshment.



APPOINTENITS FOR THE WEEK 7.15 p.m. Theology (Rev. Tow) TUES 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting THURS 10.00 a.m. Yap - Chan Wedding (Galilee) 3.00 p.m. To Kular! 2.00 p.m. Wong - Chia Wedding 3.00 p.m. Phee - Teo Wedding (FEEC Reception) Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Tow 4 p.m. Rev. Djunaidi (D.V.) Last Week's Offering \$818.10 + \$100 for FEBC + \$50 for Galilee. Sunday Lunch Roster Young People: Life YF; Tadies: This Week: Mrs. Tan, Kam, Poon. Next charge from hospital. Pray for Mr. Seow Cheng Seong (105 Siang Lin Park, Tel: 409561) awaiting operation on his ulcers at Youngberg Hospital. Book of the Week: The Battle for the Bible by Harold Lindsell (35,000 copies sold!) A book exposing the tide of New-Evangelical com that is eroding the Faith with the coctrine of "limited inerracy". against and Bible. Order from Stephen Kuan, (Only 2 copies in FEBC Library). Pev. Lennox, Australia! Your offerings to hiss Char and F.E. Beacon have been duly transmitted. Debora Lukito, Jakarta! We have visited your sick friend at Paterson Hill and she gladly accepted our prayers. Catechism Class this Lord's Day is taken

by Mr. Tan Wai Choon while the pastor speak

JURONG B-P CHURCH The paster as advisory paster to Jurong will preach and officiate

the Lord's Supper at Juroug, next Lord's

Christian Fifth Early Contre Tel: 2541223. Crace B-P Church Tel: 4422440. Dr. Patrick Tan Tel: 674564.

Say it with flowers! Lim Florist, 376471/

at Toa Payoh 6th Anniversary Service:

Day (Sept. 18) 3.30 p.m.

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I'D RATHER HAVE JESUS THAN SILVER OR GOLD,
I'd rather be His than have riches untold,
I'd rather have Jesus than houses or lands,
I'd rather be led by His nail-pierced hand
ch:Than to be the King of a vast domain,
And be held in sin's dread sway;
I'd rather have Jesus than anything

This world affords today.

I'd rather have Jesus than men's applause,
I'd rather be faithful to His dear cause;
I'd rather have Jesus than world-wide fame
I'd rather be true to His holy name

Week: Mrs. Tow, Sng. Khoo.

Praise the Lord for Mr. Sng Jin Seng's dis-Of the beautiful murm'ring sea;
Charge from hospital.

Pray for Mr. Seow Cheng Seong (105 Siang
Lin Park, Tel: 409561) awaiting operation
on his ulcers at Youngberg Hospital.

Lock of the Week: The Battle for the Bible
by Harold Lindsell (35,000 copies sold!)

IN FANCY I STOOD BY THE SHORE, ONE DAY,

In saw the great crowds as they thronged the way
Of the Stranger of Galilee;
I saw how the man who was blind from birth,
In a moment was made to see;

The lame was made whole by the matchless skill
Of the Stranger of Galilee.

Chorus:

And I felt I could love Him forever,
So gracious and tender was He!
I claimed Him that day as my Saviour,
This Stranger of Galilee.

His look of compassion, His words of love,
They shall never forgotten be,
When sin-sick and helpless He saw me there,
This Stranger of Galilde:
He show'd me His hand and His riven side,
And He whispered "It was for thee!"
My burden fell off at the pierced feet
Of the Stranger of Galilee.

Come ye, who are driven, and tempest-tossed,
And His gracious salvation see; still!"
He'll quiet life's ctorms with His "Peace, be /
This Stranger of Galilee;
He bids me to go and the story tell
What He ever to you will be,
If only you let Him with you abide,
This Stranger of Galilee.

LEHIA Paauwe Writes

"Life here in Korea is very different from that of Singapore or U.S.A., but also very interesting. We are learning much everyday about this place. We are living in the Ussion home which is an old Korean house in Heuk-Suk-Dong, an old section of Seoul. It has walls around it. topped with barbed wire, - a common sight here. Our family lives downstairs, and Mrs. Malsbary upstairs. Her sister Mrs. Hartman is visiting with her and will return to the States next month.

Just 2 days ago, Daniel, David, and Deborah started school Seoul Foreign School
Locver, the fees are very high. We thank the Lord for His good timing in bringing us
day was the placement test for new students. Daniel is in 4th Grade, David 2nd Grade,

Now some unexpected news. On Aug. 24, Ed was scheduled to go up to Too Chon with the Malsbary and Rev. Cho. But he could not make it because he had very intense pains an his back. So we went to the doptor the orthopaedic surgeon took nome X-rays of the lumbosacral region, and diagnosed his case as "slipped disc." He then told Ed that he would be hispitalized for 3 weeks during which he would be under constant traction and have regular heat treatment. So far, Ed is making good progress for which we praise the Lord. Flease pray for Ed that the Lord would grant him a speedy and complete recovery. We he heart learning some precious lessons of trusting in Him at this time. Shall continue in the next letter. GOD BLESS YOU ALL Love. Psa. 27:14, Rom. 8:28."

A SHORT HISTORY OF FAR EASTERN BIBLE COLLEGE

By Rev. Timothy Tow

Like the sowing of the grain of mustard seed (Matt. 13:31,32), Far Eastern Bible College had sprung from an idea first implanted in the mind of its principal as early as 1954. This idea arose partly from a pressing need to train a new generation of "evangelists, pastors and teachers" (Eph. 4:11) for the Church of Jesus Christ in the Far East, and partly from a theological confrontation with certain institutions in Singapore that have apostatised from the Faith. As it developed into a burden, the principal shared it with his colleague and comrade, the Rev. Quek Kiok Chiang, who gave him every support and encouragement.

Thus when the Rev. Timothy Tow was delegated in 1958 by the Bible-Presbyterian Church of Singapore and Malaysia to the Congress of the International Council of Christian Churches in Brazil, this was deemed a golden opportunity to take further studies at Faith

Seminary, USA in order to equip him better for the teaching ministry.

The burden of founding a theological school increased steadily after the principal's return to Singapore. This was reflected in a leading article in the Malaysia Christian, captioned, "The Trend Is Toward the Trained". In the meantime, interest in the proposed Bible College grew so strong that an evening school was launched in July 1961. This evening school, offering courses in Old Testament History and Christian Doctrine, was carried on at the old Life Church, Prinsep Street until the College formally opened on Sept. 17, 1962 at Gilstead Road.

The decision to establish a Far Eastern Bible College was made by leaders of the Bible-Presbyterian Church on Sept. 19, 1960. This decision was precipitated by the visit of Dr. Philip Clark, General Secretary of the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions, USA. The General Secretary's promise to send qualified teachers to help in this

ambitious national undertaking was crucial to the founding of the College.

The location of the Bible College was providentially included in a new building project by Life Bible Presbyterian Church. The spacious, sylvan site of the new Church about to build at Gilstead Road was chosen as the College campus. This choice was made possible by Life Church's willingness to relinquish her original plan for a kindergarten in favour of a Bible College annexe. (Incidentally, such a Church-and-College complex is in the good tradition of no less a stalwart than Pastor C.H. Spurgeon.) In view of the College's central position in this metropolis of Southeast Asia, being easily accessible to prospective students from all parts of the Far East, the name "Far Eastern" was chosen.

The College was purposely constituted an autonomous institution, independent of ecclesiastical control. A Board of Directors was to be elected from men of faith and wisdom within the Bible-Presbyterian Church and from our cooperating missionaries. An interim three-man committee was appointed to draft a constitution and prospectus for the College, and to serve as liason between the Bible-Presbyterian Church and the Mission Board. The three men were Rev. Timothy Tow, B.D., S.T.N., Rev. Quek Kiok Chiang and

Dr. Tow Siang Hwa, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.O.G.

When the Board of Directors was formed, the Rev. Timothy Tow was given the onerous task to head the College, both as its principal and president of the Board. Rev. Tow has held the reins of principalship unto this day, but relinquished the presidency after five years to Rev. Quek Kiok Chaing, which office the latter has held till September 1977. During the principal's five-month sabbatical in the Holy Land in 1969, Rev. Quek acted in his absence.

Missionaries who have played a vital role in the planting and nurture of the FEBC vine from 1964 to 1977 are Rev. and Mrs. John E. Grauley, Dr. Synesio Lyra (loaned from Shelton College), Rev. and Mrs. Burton Toms, and Rev. and Mrs. Edward Paauwe.

From its inception the College has provided a standard four-year training leading to the Bachelor in Theology. A Three-year course granting a Diploma in Theology and a One-and-a-half-year course awarding a Certificate in Religious Knowledge were simulataneously given.

Beginning with three students and two teachers, the College has steadily grown to over thirty in the student body and half-dozen on the faculty. Forty young men and women have graduated during the last fifteen years. These are now serving in the harvest fields of the Far East - in Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei, Thailand, Indonesia, Hong Kong, India and Australia. A dozen have gone for higher studies in USA, Canada, England and Scotland. A good number have returned to teach at the alma mater and in other theological schools in Singapore.

In conjunction with Life Bible-Presbyterian Church, the College has maintained a ministry of hospitality all these years to passing-through missionaries, pastors, and church workers. Our fellowship with Operation Mobilisation since 1971, whenever the Gospel ship Logos calls at Singapore, has been reciprocally blessed. About a dozen FEBC students have joined the Logos, and OM in India and Europe for the cause of worldwide mission.

The latest "addition" to Far Eastern Bible College is Christian Life Book Centre, which opened in January 1976 with one of its graduates as manager. The Book Centre, apart

From catering to the Church and Christian public, is also purchasing agent for the College

Library and an immediate supply house of theological books to students.

With the election of Dr. Tow Siang Hwa in September 1977 to the presidency of the Board of Directors it is hoped that the College will increase further in its endeavour to train a new generation of "evangelists, pastors and teachers" for the Church of Jesus Christ in the Far East, while He tarries. Even so, come Lord Jesus! Amen.

Bible Study Half-Hours With Our Assistant Pastor

Beginning Cept. 13, we have added another feature to our Tuesday night prayer meeting. This in the "Bible Study Half-Hour." The book chosen by our assistant pastor for study is the Acts of the Apostles, the only inspired book on Church History. This book shows how Christianity developed and spread, in the face of opposition and persecution, from Jerusalem, through Judeaea and Samaria, to "the uttermost part of the earth (Acts 1:8)." "The Acts is the record of a Spirit-begotten, Spirit-filled, Spirit-guided Church, and that accounts for what she accomplished in those days. It is when the Church finds substitutes for the Holy Spirit that she is ineffective and defeated" (W.G. Scroggie).

What values are there in studying Acts? Among others, there are at least the:

1. <u>Historical Value</u>. a) Every informed Christian should know and be able to trace the early history of the Church, of which we are members; b) Besides, Acts furnishes a historical setting for an intelligent understanding of the New Testament epistles; e.g. if one is to appreciate better the contents of the Corinthian letters, one needs the information given in Acts 18.

2. Missionary Value. Acts is the greatest missionary story that has ever been told. It is still the authorised missionary manual of the Church. Christianity is necessarily a selfpropagating Faith. Acts furnishes us with the strategy of missions, by the example of the

greatest missionary strategist who ever lived.

3. Spiritual Value. How is it that in only 33 years, Christianity spread throughout the Roman Empire from Jerusalem to Rome? Those were days when there were no rapid means of communication. Yet the greatest missionary Paul could say: "... that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ" (Rom. 15:19b). The secret is told us in the same verse: "Through mighty signs and wonders; by the power of the Spirit of God" (Rom. 15:19a). That power is ours to appropriate. Welcome to our Bible Study Half-Hour!

LIFE CHURCH & FIBC APPOINTMENTS MON to FRI FEBC Mid-Semester Break. (No evening lectures)

WED SAT

8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
3.00 p.m. To Kulai Bes r.
3.30 p.m. LCYF, YAF.
Rev. Tow & Rev. Djunaidi to Huar.

Lord's Day 10 a.m. Mr. Tan Wai Choon. 4 p.m. Miss Pauline Wong of Sarawak.

Last Week's Offering \$633.71 + \$100 for Paauwes + \$40 for BPM.

Sunday Lunch Roster Young People: Life YF. Ladies This Week: Mrs. Tow, Sng, Khoo. Next Week: Mrs. Tan, Kam, Poon.

Praise the Lord for a successful operation for Mr. Seow Cheng Seong, now recovering at Room 107 Youngberg Hospital. Mrs. Rose Tow gives thanks to God also for recovery from recent operation.

Chinese Service at Alexandra Hospital, Ward 11, for Mr. Sng Jin Seng who needs further medical attention.

kind letter and gift to the Church. Rev. Tow and Rev. Djunaidi are visiting Kelapa Sawit next Saturday to inspect the latest building progress. On the Lord's Day, sending! Sept. 25, they will minister at Trinity 10 a.m; Rawang 4 p.m. and Living Water 7.30pm, returning to Singapore Monday noon. Please pray for the Lord's servants.

Kapuas Gospel Boat! After much prayer and deliberation, the Lord seems to indicate deferment of the building of a church in favour of a river-boat! This will solve

the Gospel through to countless villages on the Kapaus River.

To Kalimantan, on to Kalimantan O send the Gospel Light into West Kalimantan

Along dark Kapaus 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 spread the Gospel Light to Dark Kalimantan

Where men are rowing, rowing, to no destination.

27th Anniversary Thanksgiving Dinner by the Galilee Sea Fountain, Sat. Oct. 15, 1977, Pray for Mr. Chng Chin Kiang; Mr. Ho Gim Tin 6.30 p.m.! Coupons are available now from in their illness; for elderly Mr. Lim of the Deacon William Teo: Earners \$10; Non-earner Deacon William Teo: Earners \$10; Non-earners 6; Children under 12, \$4. "Come and dine!" says the Lord.

Mersing Holiday Camp, Nov. 14-17, \$45 per Mrs. Wu Sock Eng, Canada. Thank you for your single person; Family of four, (ilcl. 2 children under 10) \$145.

> Books of the Week: Rev. C.T. Hsu, FEBC thanks you for the countless good books you are

FIRST LORD'S DAY IN KOREA Aug. 21. We were invited to Rev. John Cho's Church (same location as Faith Theo. Seminary). A big banner welcomed us with these words "WELCOME MRS. AND REV. EDWARD PAAUWE." Ed preached the message which was interpreted into Korean by Rev. Cho. A girl from the choir sang a welcome song in Korean - "How Great Thou Art." After all the heartaches of transportation and get the Church Service we were invited to a dinner.

- Lehia Paauwe.

My dear Readers,

Why Every Church in Singapore Should Be a Missionary Church.

When I was abboy, I remember how the church my grandfather was pastoring in Serangoon was an English Presbyterian Mission Church. My grandfather was in the employ of the "E.P. Mission" and an English missionary would come to administer the Lord's Supper once a quarter. When World War II come, all the missionaries were interned. Suddenly all our Singapore and Malaysia churches were left to fend for themselves, sink or swim. It was a hard struggle, no doubt, to be without spiritual and financial aid. But we learnt

independence, a blessing brought about by the Japanese occupation.

But to be independent is not enough. Every Church, after attaining majority, must reproduce. As the Western Church, being richly prospered by God, owes a duty to send the Gospel to those who have not heard, so our prosperous Singapore Churches, must learn to take an active part in promoting missions. Today, the missions spirit has caught on with not a few local churches. Many have started to give to missionary projects, and some have sent out their young people as missionaries. Two Chinese churches the Cantonese Grace Church (Wai Yan Tong) and Chen Li Presbyterian have each reached a missionary budget of \$80,000 a year. Life Church, which organised one of the earliest missionary societies in Singapore, gave \$58,000 last year to missions and works of an outreaching nature.

But we should not give out of a spirit merely to keep up with the Joneses. Nor should we give with a grudging spirit. We should give from a Biblical motivation, offering oure ves first to God. Like the Cross when carried on the shoulders points to the four corners of the earth, let us go out with the Gospel beyond Singapore motivated by these

Biblical imperatives:-

1) We are commissioned: under what is called "The Great Commission" (Matt. 28:19-20). We are given a Royal Mandate from the King of kings and Lord of lords to conquer heathen lands with the Gospel. It is a Commission of Love since we are chosen by a loving Saviour (Jn. 15:16). And it is also an Unfinished Commission, since it remains unaccomplished until the end of this age. It is every generation's duty to play its part in the Gospel Relay. Dear Reader, every one of us is under this Commission - not only the pastor, the evangelist, and the missionary. Every Christian can tell someone about Christ, give out a tract, support with money.

2) We are obligated! i.e. bound by duty, or by gratitude. Paul says he is "debtor both to the Greeks and to the barbarians; both to the wise and to the unwise (Rom. 1:14). Why? As a matter of duty, born of a sense of gratitude. Like the eldest son in a poor family who has received Dad and Mum's first loving attention, but now that the parents are no more, does he not owe a filial duty to bring up the younger ones? As God has prospered Singapore, does it not behave us to pay the Gospel debt to the less privileged? e.g., the unevangelised tribes in West Kalimantan, hidden in the 660-mile Kapuas basin?

3) We are hastened: and the reason is that the time is short, with Christ's Second coming even at the door! Our Lord declared there will be an outreaching with the Gospel to every corner of the earth prior to His Return. If the Lord should return five years, ten years from now, what are we doing today? Should we not prepare to meet Him? Should we not be concerned more for His Kingdom than for our puny little one, sure to vanish

when we pass out from this earth?

4) We are conscientious, i.e. having regard to our conscience. What are we conscientious about? The goal of extending the Gospel to the farthest point possible, since Christ wants us to go to the uttermost part of the earth. Paul's conscientiousness is manifested in his desire to preach the Gospel to Rome, the farthest point of his travels. If we are conscientious, we will not be satisfied with some half-hearted effort. We will keep on, and on until we have reached some uttermost part God has appointed. Lim Puray Hian, famous to our Readers "In the Steps of John Sung," was restless till he had preached the gospel to every Southeast Asian country. He accomplished this before he was promoted to glory. What is the horizon of your ministry? Even as a missionary to Korea?

In this respect, I am deeply touched by Dr. Frehn's motto, "to the uttermost part," splashed on the wall of the Too Chon Bible Institute. His conscientious spirit in response to the Lord's Commission is the mainspring for founding 25 churches in the mountains of

Now, when we have given ourselves thus to the Lord, Jesus will bless us with blessings a hundredfold. (Matt. 19:24) in this life, and life everlasting in the next. Count your blessings, and see if He has not already done that for your life? Your study, your career, your business? Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits (Ps. 103:2). And why should'nt every church (Christian) in Singapore be a missionary Church (Christian)? - T.T.

Kapuns River 660 miles, longest in Indonesia

Bible Study Half-Hour with our Assistant Pastor

Chapter one of Acts may be entitled "The Days Before Pentecost."

The Risen Lord's appearances to His disciples, His instructions to them and His final ascension cover forty days. The gathering together of the disciples for prayer and election of a substitute for Judas take ten days. We shall study only the forty-day period in this week's Bible Study Half-Hour.

The Forty Days of the Risen Lord on Earth (1:1-11).

Introduction Luke, our inspired human writer says to Theophilus, that the Gospel (i.e. Luke) he wrote told only "of all that Jesus began to do and teach" (v.1b). We may infer that now he is trying to tell us what the risen Lord is doing and teaching: only this time,

He works and teaches from heaven by His Spirit in and through His body, the Church.

The Lord's Activities. a) His Appearance. Over a period of forty days, our Lord

Jesus, in His resurrection body appeared at intervals to His apostles. The apostle Paul gives us quite a detailed list of His appearances; yet it is not exhaustive as the Gospels reveal. Nonetheless, His resurrection appearances were exclusively to "witnesses chosen before of God! (Acts 10:41). Peter is emphatic. He says that God did not reveal His resurrected Christ to all the people (Acts 10:40,41). Luke says that the risen Lord revealed Himself unto "the apostles whom he had chosen" (Luke 1:2,3). Paul cites instance when our Lord appeared to "above five hundred brethren at once," many of these believers were still alive at the time of his writing (I Cor. 15:6). Jesus made it crystal clear to His disciples that He was not the ghost of a dead man; nor a revived dead body. He was alive in a new form of life. This new form of life is our hope as Paul heartily announces (I Cor. 15:51-54). Praise the Lord, then our ulcers, cancers, back aches or what have you, will be diseases of the past!

The impact of His resurrection appearances upon the unbelieving and unsuspecting disciples was for reaching (Matt. 28:17; Mark 16:8; Luke 24:36-43; John 20:19). The disciples hitherto have been timid and fearful as mice after Jesus' crucifixion, became bold as lions after their risen Lord appeared to them. They burst forth to proclaim His resurrection fearlessly. From fishing in Galilee (John 21:1-3) Peter crashed into Jerusalem, proclaiming the resurrection of His Master (Acts 2:32; 3:15). Unbelieving James (John 7:5), after being confronted (I Cor. 15:7) by the resurrected Lord became the pastor of the mother Church in Jerusalem and moderator of the presbytery (Acts 15:13; Gal. 3:15).

We may say, "If only the Lord would appear to us as He did to the disciples." In anticipation of this wish, the risen Lord gave us something better. He pronounced upon us a beatitude: "... blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed" (John 20:29).

What a blessing! Do you have it?

b) His Instructions and Teachings. The disciples were instructed to wait for the promise of the Father, which is the Holy Spirit. The Father's promise was fulfilled in the next chapter. This took place more than 1900 years ago. No longer are Christians required to wait for the Holy Spirit. Christians already have Him when they accepted Christ as Saviour (I Cor. 12:13).

Acts 1:8 is the key verse to the Book of Acts. The unclunging commission/given to the disciples as a perpetual command. It is applicable to all Christian at all times. Christians are obligated to witness as individuals for their Lord and the Church is to witness as a corporate body. The Church is under orders. Are we obeying that order "to witness unto the Lord" ... unto the uttermost part of the earth. "? He taught the disciples the things pertaining the the kingdom of God" (Acts 13b) which are identical to the "things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ" (Acts 28:31). Luke gives us a sample of that teaching in Luke 24:44-47.

c) His Disappearance and Future Re-appearance. After His final instruction, the risen Lord is taken up and enters into a new sphere of existence. His visible presence disappears, but His invisible presence continues (v.9., Matt. 28:20). His individual body has been replaced by His corporate body, the Church, of which we are members. When we are hurt, He feels it (Acts 9:4,5). What glorious identification of Christ with His Church!

The disciples see Him go in cloud and glory. It is in cloud and glory that He shall return. Will we be ready? Meanwhile our duty is to occupy until He comes!

LIFE CHURCH AND FEBC APPOINTMENTS MON 8.00 a.m. FEBC Chapel (Nr. Tan). 7.15 p.m. Theology (Rev. Tow). FRI 8.00 p.m. FEBC Board Meeting at 64 Andrew Rd.

Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Djunaidi (Lord's Sup)

4 p.m. Mr. Tec Siau Hua("

8 p.m. Presbytery meeting at

New Address Madam Ang (mother of Mr. Ang

Kheng Leng), 139 Casuarina Rd., 20,

8 p.m. Presbytery meeting at

Emmanuel B-P Church. Blk. 251,231 Ave. 4, Ang Mo Kio, (20).

The Catechism class will meet immediately after service.

Last Week's Offering \$523.25.

Sunday Lunch Roster Young People Life YF.
Ladies This Week: Mrs. Tan, Kam, Poon, Next to be with the Lord Thurs. Sept. 22. Funeral

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OF FAR EASTERN BIBLE COLLEGE

"Holding forth the Word of Life" (Phil. 2:16) and "Holding fast the Faithful Word" (Titus 1:9) are two Biblical watchwords of Far Eastern Bible College. For, the orthodox teaching of the Sacred Scriptures to murture a new generation of "evangelists, pastors and teachers" is being assailed more and more by the counter-forces of liberalism, neoorthodoxy and neo-evangelicalism.

In such perilous times as these, the mandate of Far Eastern Bible College is not only to prepare labourers for the harvest fields (Jn. 4:35), but also to train hardy soldiers (II Tim. 2:3) "to contend earnestly for the faith." (Jude 3). A College that is called a Bible College is called to defend the Bible. May Far Eastern Bible College keep every vigilance even to the safe-guarding of herself. How many a citadel of truth has fallen to the enemy through treachery from within.

In order to attain this dual purpose, it is of paramount importance that the Bible be received by both faculty and students as the Source from which all Divine wisdom is derived (II Tim. 3:16). The Bible is to be reverently (not critically) taught, and devoutly studied with due application to one's personal life. All related subjects, whether they be theology, church history, Biblical languages, etc. are to be taught and

studied under the searchlight of the Sacred Word.

Far Eastern Bible College deems the doctrine of the plenary, verbal inspiration of the Holy Scriptures, inerrant and infallible, to be the corner-stone of all other doctrines. Every member of the Board of Directors and Faculty must, under scleen cath at a special service held each year, subscribe to absolute belief in this Doctrine to the exclusion if the latest neo-evangelical leaven of "limited inerrancy" and so-called textual and grammatical errors. These are Satan's newest tactics of discrediting the everlasting and ever-living words "that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Matt. 4:4). As Satan constantly changes his tactics in order to beguile, if possible, even the elect, we declare that any question directed against the Person and Work of Christ, such as His deity, virgin birth, miracles, substitutionary death, bodily resurrection and personal, visible return is deemed an attack on the Immaculate Lord Himself. Any question posed against the Bible is deemed an act of rebellion against the Triune God.

We reaffirm with Dean Burgon of Oxford that "The Bible is none other than the voice of Him that sitteth upon the throne. Every book of it, every chapter of it, every verse of it, every word of it, every syllable of it, every letter of it, is direct utterance of the Most High. The Bible is none other than the Word of God, not some part of it more, some part of it less, but all alike the utterance of Him who sitteth upon the throne,

faultless, unerring, supreme."

The Bible and Daily Life
However, Christian doctrine is never to be divorced from life and practice. To nurture a fervent spiritual life, it is required that one be separated in holiness unto the Lord. This separation (II Cor. 6:14-18) requires that "denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world" (Fitus 2:12).

The College takes a strong stand against the use of tobacco and liquors, not to mention drugs, i.g., and against all questionable practices such as visiting the cinema and Sunday sports. Long hair in men (I Cor. 11:14) and short skirts and low necklines in women are deemed fashions of the world, and of the lust of the flesh, unbecoming to the Bible College family.

Apart from personal devotions, students are required to meet in corporate daily prayer and at the daily morning chapel. Separate evening prayers in the dormitories are to be held respectively by the students themselves. The Prayer Meeting of Life Church in whose compound the College is situated is open to all students.

Foreign students who do not belong to any Church in Singapore are invited to attend the Sunday morning worship at Life Church and to partake of the Lord's Supper. Students are required to involve themselves in some Church work or evangelistic outreach in order

to prove their own calling.

Murmuring was a sin that turned God's wrath upon the Israelites. However, any dissatisfaction with a just cause on the students' part will be readily heard and acted upon by the authorities concerned. Harmonious living together in the bonds of Christ should be the natural manifestation of the corporate life of the College. - FMBC Prospectus

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LIFE CHURCH & FEBC APPOINTMENTS MON 7.15 pm Theology (Rev. Tow). 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting. Session Meeting. Thurs 7.15 pm I Timothy (Mr. Tan). 3.00 pm To Kulai Besar. 3.30 pm YF & YAF. Lord's Day 10 am Rev. Tow. 4 pm Mr. Lin Tah Mon. Last Week's offering \$558.65 + \$30/- for "Gospel Boat." Sunday Lunch Roster Young People Life YF. Ladies: This Week: Mrs. Tow, Sng, Khoo. Next Week: Mrs. Khoo, Ponn, Kam. Continue to pray for Mr. Sng Jin Seng and his operation. Praise the Lord for Mr. Seow Cheng Seong's full recovery. 27th Anniversary Thanksgiving: 1) Dinner on hundred and twenty," united in heart and Sat. Oct. 15 6.30 p.m. Have you got your coupon \$10 earners; \$6 non-earners; \$4 values. 2) Baptism on Sun. Oct. 16 Parents, shall be done for them of my Father which register your children with pastor or assist. is in heaven" (Matt. 18:19). Attend B-P Conference, Sat. Oct. 22, 2.30 - Thus, with the forty days after the resurrect-9.00 p.m. at Calvary B-P Church, 1 Tao Ching ion, the period between the Passover and Rd., Jurong Town. Messeage by Rev. P. Heng, Pentecost was 50 days. Dr. Quek, Pastors Charlie Tan, Patrick Tan, b) The Choice of Matthias (1:15-26)
David Wong, Dr. Tow Siang Hwa.

While Judas Iscariot was omitted from the at Life Church. Peter Chua, Charlie Tan, Patrick Tan and David Wong will be ordained Judas' defection and the need to fill the According to Rev. Ruckanen, Editor of a at the Table. 3 infants were baptised and three adults reaffirmed their faith. Kulai Besar Both the English and Chinese every week. Supplying the English meeting posing the need for a replacement of Judas. attended by 20-25 youths are Joseph Tang. Mr. Tan Wai Choon (once a month). under 10, \$145/-. Drive your own car, tumpang, or ride in pastors' boots! Pray Women. The library will be airconditioned. (cf. Acts 6:5).
S.U. NOTES 1978! Those interested in STOP PRESS! Dee lacing an order please collect the Order Form from Dn. Peter Wang. Order and payment beloved Mother, Madam Lim, Fri. Sept. 30.

Bible Study Half-Hour with Our Assistant

Pastor This week attention is on Acts 1:12-26. We call this period the "Ten Days of the Disciples" Activities." The disciples now returned to Jerusalem. The distance from the Mount of Olives to Jerusalem is described as "a sabbath day's journey," about half a mile. This was the walking distance allowed on a sabbath according to rabbinic traditions. Let us further divide 3 pm Rev. Tow at Kelapa Sawit. this portion of Scripture into two sections: a) The Prayer Meeting at the Upper (1:12-14); Returning to Jerusalem, the disciples gathered at an upper room, probably the one where they had previously met for the keeping of the Passover feast (Luke 22:12). The apostles were singled out for mention with the notable absence of Judas Iscariot, the traitor (1:13). The disciples who gathered with the apostles purpose. How we need to pray with a united spirit, or "one accord." The Lord Jesus said children under 12. Come for a grand reunion that "... if two of you shall agree on earth cround Galilee Sea Fountain under the royal as touching any thing that they shall ask, it

The prayer-meeting lasted ten days (1:5;2:1).

list of the faithful in v. 13, he is now the subject of discussion. Peter argues that vacancy he left behind were long predicted. Christian Newspaper in Finland sailing with the Holy Spirit (v. 16). This is an example of the Gospel yacht broke down during a storm Peter's speech but rather Luke's explanation of in the South China Sea. Adrift several days, Peter's remarks. Unbelieving scholars find they were helped by Indonesians to safety. a contradiction between the account of Judas's Shile undergoing repairs in Kuching now, thedeath in Matt. 27:3-8 and Luke's description boat has a wonderful hearing from visitors. here. Scripture does not contradict Scripture. Rawang Church. At last week's visit there was they harmonize. St. Augustine explains it this way: "he fastened a rope round his neck and falling on his face, burst asunder in the midst. "in the midst" refered to Judas' body, not in young people's meetings are being maintained to say that Peter made a blunder here in prothe midst of the field. It is too presumptious (FEBC graduate student); Mr. Bobby Phee and us (e.g. Gal. 2:11-14). In any case, the choice Gersing Holiday Retreat, Nov. 14-17. First had already chosen His man before men made, their come, first served! Singles \$45; Families, choice (v.24, cf. Eph. 1:4). The qualifications of an apostle are stated in verses 21:22. Matthias was never heard of again. Tradition for good weather! Pray for Mr. Tan Wai Choomasting of lot was allowed (Lv. 16:8), but it tells us that he was martyred in Ethospia. The FEBC At a Board of Directors Meeting with that this is the only case of lot casting before the whole Faculty, a new understanding was and after Pentecost. The descent of the Holy reached whereby Dr. Quek Swee Hwa will re- Spirit and Christians' possession of Him make join the faculty. Mr. Tan Wai Choon is this practice unnecessary. The Spirit now

STOP PRESS! Deepest condolence to Mrs. Lange our Kindergarten principal on the home-going of her Funeral on Mon. Oct. 3, 2pm. Cortege leaves 29

Boundary Rd., 19.

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OUR WEEKLY CHAT

My dear Readers,

"SHIP AHOY!"

That at the first mention of the idea of a Gospel Boat a gift of \$2,000 from a sister organisation be offered augured well for the project. Furthermore the gift came wrapped in this ribboned remarks: "One boat is better than ten churches."

When the same idea was mooted before Life Church Chinese Service, another \$2,000 was

gladly added from her treasury.

Finally, when Life Church (English) Session met last Tuesday night, a Deacon took the initiative to underwrite the proposed Boat's monthly operational expenses of \$550. Another Deacon passed the hat around and sumstotalling \$4,030 were promised on the spot. (Six members of the Session are yet to declare their support). Meanwhile several items adding up to \$591, were received from various sources. That the people have responded so enthusiastically to this Boat idea is due, no doubt, to their confidence in Rev. Djunaidi the proposer. I can almost hear them call, "Ship Ahoy!" When, in fact, many zealots are asking, will the Gospel Boat be launched?

Rev. Djunaidi

Rev. Djunaidi has spent the last twenty years in the evangelisation, particularly, of the Dyaks. But the time has now come for him to obey another heavenly mandate - open up t the dark Kapuas River basin. The hearty response of the Session of Life Church is final confirmation of the Lord's Commission to him. Be that as it may, some might be interested to know what are Djunaidi's qualifications as a sailor. Born on the searcast of West Kalimantan, Djunaidi had to eke out a living in his teenage years as a fisherman. Like ter the apostle, he learnt not only the ort of sailing through every foul and stormy weather, but also the rougher seas of life. As the greater part of Borneo is a watery kingdom, there were added years of sampan paddlingas a pastor and evangelist to the Dyaks. A most interesting episode of his sailing life concerned a green Johnson outboard motor loaned him by the OMF in the late fifties. From investigation, it is ascertained this was the same machine presented to the OMT by Dr. Tow Siang Hwa, which eventually was shipped to Borneo to expedite Djunaidi's Gospel sampan. "God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform." And from a Gospel sampan he is now promoted captain of a Gospel riverboat! And what a privilege it is for Life Church and our Readers to share his new ministry to the riverine denizens of the Kapuas. Yes, "along dark Kapuas River in West Kalimantan...There recountless little rivers in West Kalimantan. 4 - T.T.

BIBLE STUDY HALF-HOUR Pentecost (Acts 2:1-13)

The word "Pentecost" means the fiftieth day. The Jews had three annual feasts: the Passover, in April, when they celebrated their deliverance from Egyptian bondage; Pentecost in June, when they commemorated their completed harvest (Lev. 23:39); and Tabernacles, in October, when they reminded themselves of God's presence during their years of wandering in the wilderness.

Chapter 2:1 begins with: "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, ..." FortyLine days have passed since our Lord celebrated the passover at the Upper Room (Luke 22:1ff).

This is now the morning of the fiftieth day in Pentecost when the disciples "... were all
with one accord in one place." Probably they were still having their pray meeting (cf.1:14).

Suddenly the place in which they had gathered sitting, was suddenly filled with certain
strange phenomena. A sound like the blowing of a violent wind from heaven was heard.

Doubtless the wind was a symbol of the Spirit of God (Ezek. 37:9-14; John 3:8). The Spirit
of God had fallen upon the disciples in great power. The manifestations affected the disciples' auditory as well as visual organs. They heard as well as saw. "They saw what seemed
to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were
filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled
them (vv. 3,4, NIV). Scroggie remarks: "We may say that the wind symbolizes the spiritual
constitution of the Church; the fire, the individual possession of the Spirit; and the
tongues, the universal commission of the saved. Distinguish between the Baptism and the
Infilling of the Spirit. Both blessings were vouchsafed on the Day of Pentecest; but,
whereas the Baptism is once for all, the Filling is oft repeated (cf. iv. 31. Eph. v.18).
Baptism and Filling are opposite figures. In the former, the vessel is in the element; in
the latter the element is also in the vessel. We are made Christians and members of Christ's
Body by the Baptism; but we are made Christ-like by the Filling."

The phenomena caused confusion (v. 6) and amazement (7,11), upon the unbelievers who had gathered as a crowd when the disciples speke in the languages and dialects of the multitude "the wonderful works of God" (v. 11). The disciples praised God first, then they preached to others. God Himself has always been the greatest missionery strategist. This incident illustrates this fact. Jews from sixteen nations came to celebrate the feast of Pentecost. God used that occasion to preach the Gospel to them so that they might return to their lands of residence to mitness their experiences. Probably to Church in Rome began this way. The Esojourners from Rome, both Jews and procedute, in one the only group

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LIFE CHURCH & FEBC APPOINTEDIES

7.15 pm Theology (Rev. Tow). MON

8.00 pm Prayer Meeting. THES

THURS 7.15 pm I Timothy (Mr. Tan).

6.30 pm 27th Thanksgiving Dinner.
10.00 am 27th Thanksgiving Service.
4.00 pm 12th " SAT SUN

(Fellowship Tea)

2.00 pm Mr. Tan conducts class on Westminster Confession at his flat. All Welcome.

Last Week's Offerings \$865.66 + \$200/- for Gospel boat + \$40/- for BPM + \$100/- for FEBC + \$200/- for W. Kalimantan + \$200/- pledge + Box: \$51 for Gospel boat.

Sunday Lunch Roster Young People Life YF. Ladies: This Week: Mrs. Khoo, Poon, Kam.

Next Week: Mrs. Tan, Tay, Tow.

Last Call to get your coupons for 27th Thanksgiving Dinner, Sat. Oct. 15, 6.30 pm. Earners 310; non-earners \$6; children under

12 \$4. Please see Dn. William Teo. Infant Baptism Parents are requested to give the names and particulars of their children to the pastor or assist. pastor today! The Catechism Class meets for the last time this Lord's Day. Everyone be present. The Pastor leaves this Lord's Day afternoon with Pastor Peter Chua for Kelapa Sawit, also to arrange for stone-laying service for the new house of God.

Attend B-P Conference, Sat. Oct. 22, 2.30-9.00 pm at Calvary B-P Church, 1 Tao Ching Rd., Jurong Town. Messages by Rev. P.Heng, Dr. Quek, Pastors Charlie Tan, Patrick Tan,

David Wong, Dr. Tow Siang Hwa. Ordination Service, Sunday Oct. 23, 8 pm at Life Church. Peter Chua, Charlie Tan, Patrick Tan and David Tong will be ordained. Speaker Rev. T. Tow.

GOD MOVES IN A MYSTERIOUS WAY, His wonders to perform;

He plants His foot steps in the sea, And rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines Of never-failing skill

He treasures up His bright designs, And works His sovereign will.

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take; The clouds ye so much dread

Are big with mercy, and shall break In blessings on your head.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, But trust Him for His grace; Behind a frowning providence He hides a smiling face.

His purposes will ripen fast, Unfolding every hour; The bud may have a bitter taste, But sweet will be flower.

Blind unbelief is sure to err, And scan His work in vain; God is His own interpreter,
And He will make it plain.

- (THE CHURCH HYMMARY NO: 31)

THE STORY OF JOSUPH AND HIS BROTHERS

The brothers struck upon a plan To get rid of Joseph. They hailed a Hidian caravan

Heading South to Egypt.

They sold him for thenty dollars, A gesture of their love. For Judahsaid, "He is our brother, Beware of Him above."

They put him on a high camel: (Wasn't he taken for a ride?) For this was their mode of travel, Rocking from side to side.

When the traders came to Egypt, They called on Potiphar. As if keeping a previous tryst, They sold him at his villa.

But Joseph was not left alone, He had the Spirit of God. Out of his eyes the Radiance shone, His smiles captured his lord.

The Captain made him chief steward Over his house to rule. (Whether a man earns a reward, He must not play the fool!)

To Joseph came the test one day, When he was all alone. The Mistress caught him all at bay, And dragged him to her room.

An anguish surged through Joseph's heart: To be or not to be?

Now grace did God to him impart, Which kept him from entry!

He reasoned with her on his feet, Not to commit such Sin: "Stolen waters are never sweet, While Death is looking in."

The jilt suddenly turned tigress: She stripped him in a rage. As Joseph fled in dire distress, She had him in how care!

The Master put the slave in prison, But he was not dismayed. For there's a higher Judge in heaven, And unto Him he prayed.

Soon Joseph was vindicated By God's visions to him. Two weird dreams he interpreted That won him prisonwide fame.

When God's appointed hour chimed, He made Pharach take fright, As lean kine smallowed up fat kine In visions of the night.

The troubled king charged his ministers To tell him what this meant? When none could return an answer, To Joseph then they went. (to be continued)

S.U. NOTES 1978: Those interested in placing an order please collect the Order Form from Qn. Peter Wang. Order and payment to be handed in by 27th Nov. 1977.

BIBLE - PRESBYTERIAN

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BIBLE STUDY HALF - HOUR

Acts 2:14-36

This passage of Scripture is the record of Peter's first evangelistic sermon. The crowd have gathered. They have reacted to the phenomena with confusion (v. 6), amazement (vv. 7,12) and perplexity, (v. 12). Some, however, have reacted with skepticism, charging the apostles and disciples as men "full of new wine" (v. 13). Peter must have overheard the mockery, so he calls upon the crowd to listen to what he has to say. He begins by:

A) Rubutal of the Criticism (vv. 15-21). First he uses reason (v. 15), then he explains the phenomena by quoting Scriptures (vv. 16-21). Peter counters the charge of drunkenness with logic. Impossible! Jews don't eat or drink before nine on a Feast Day (v. 15). The suggestion that they are drunk is simply radiculous. It just cannot be! To disprove a charge is insufficient. The phenomena must be explained. Thus Peter's explanation begins with: "This is that which spoken by the prophet Joel" (v. 16). He quotes Joel 2:28-32, which predicts the Day of the outpoured Spirit to be characterized by visions, dreams, and prophesying.

"What is a vision? Something seen by a watcher. What is a dream? Something seen by a sleeper. Visions are for the young men, who should be watching. Dreams are for the old men, who should be resting. The N.T. prophet is a witness in speech, and the prophets are to be men and women, bond and free. This Spirit came to scorch and burn and destroy the false divisions which existed. He came to recognize humanity, irrespective of caste or sex; sons and daughters, bondslaves and bondmaidens" (G. Campbell Morgan). Thus

Peter is saying, "what you see today have been predicted long ago."

Not all that Joel predicted were fulfilled on the Day of Pentecost. More unusual phenomena can be expected. Before the day of the Lord come, there shall be signs on the earth and in the heavens, blood, and fire and vapour of smoke; and during the days of signs, whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Reader, have you called upon the name of the Lord yet? "... if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved" (Rom. 10:9,10. NIV). Next week we shall continue with B) An Exposition of the Lordship of Christ by His Resurrection (vv. 22-36).

LIFE CHURCH & FEBC APPOINTMENTS
MON 7.15 pm Theology (Rev. Tow).
TUES 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting.
THURS7.15 pm I Timothy (Mr. Tan).
SAT 5.30 pm Hia-Ho Wedding.
Lord's Day 10.00 am Mr. Tan Wai Choon.

(Rev. Tow at Bedok).

1.30 pm Westminster Confession, at Mr. Tan's flat.

4.00 pm Miss Esther Djunaidi.

8.00 pm B-P Ordination Service.

Last W.ek's Offering \$650.52.

Sunday Lunch Roster Young People Life YF.

Ladies: This Week Mrs. Tan, Tay, Tow. Next
Week: Mrs. Tow, Khoo, Sng.

Mr. Tan Wai Choon preaches this Lord's Day at Bible Church, Ming Teck, and on Oct. 23, 4.30 pm at Galilee Church.

Life Church 27th Anniversary Thanksgiving
Dinner was celebrated this Saturday night
(Oct. 15) with 23 tables. Rev. Djunaidi gave
the Word and showed colour slides of West
Kalimantan and Kapaus River.

Attend B-P Annual Conference, Calvary B-P Church, Jurong Town, 2.30 - 9.00 pm. Sat. 22 Oct. Register with Elder Tay for Dinner (\$1/- only).

Attend Ordination Service of four new pastors Peter Chua, Charlie Tan, Patrick Tan and David Wong. Rev. Tow will deliver the message.

Wedding Bells! The holy matrimony between Mr. Hia Chek Phong and Miss Eileen Ho of Emmanuel Evangelical Church will be solemnised in Church, Sat. Oct. 22, 5.30 pm. Pastor Wong Kim Tek officiating.

Pray for Mr. Sng Jin Seng, awaiting the final operation at Ward 10, Alexandra Hospital.

27th Thanksgiving Baptisms
Infants: 1. Koh Wayne, born 11-1-77, s/o
Deacon and Mrs. Koh Kim Song; 2. Tan Hian
Uoon born 28-4-77, d/o Mr. & Mrs. Tan Kah Aik;
3. Jamie Goh, d/o Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Goh Seng
Mui.

Adults: 1. Janet Ang, salesgirl; 2. Lee Way Chor, technician; 3. Ong Phei Hong, student; 4. Ong Kok Ching, student; 5. Chua Teow Tzing, student; 6. Seah Seow Poh, U-student; 7. Nancy Zee, piano teacher (Chinese Service).

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD With hearts and hands and voices, Who wondrous things hath done, In whom His world rejoices; Who from our mothers' arms Hath blessed us on our way With countless gifts of love, And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
Thru all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

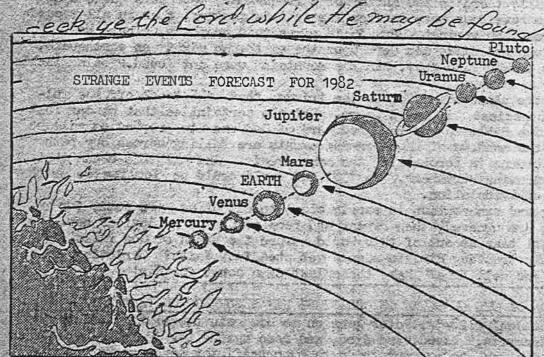
All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son and Him who reigns
With them in highest heaven
The one eternal God
Whom earth and heav'n adore
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore. - GHF NO: 18

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Isa. 55:6



Scientists are forecasting that in six years our solar system will experience some unique and sobering events. This forecast concerning 1982 comes from the scientific investigation of astronomers and is in no way related to astrology and fortune telling

As we discuss 1982. this is not an attempt to set a date for the second advent of the Lord Jesus Christ, for that is an impossibility. Our Lord said in Mark 13:32-35, "But of that day and hour knoweth no man ... Take heed, watch and

for ye know not when the time is." That day and hour of Christ's return is a cret known only to God. Our Lord may or may not return in 1982.

The news is quoted from the September 16, 1974 edition of 'Newsweek" magazine, science section. These are the conclusions of John Gribbin, science editor of 'Nature" magazine, and of Stephen Plagemann of NASA's Goddard Space Centre in Maryland. These reputable scientists are pointing out that in the latter part of 1982 there will take place an event unique in our solar system. At that time all nine planets will be on the same side of the sun. That happens once every 179 years, but in 1982 the nine planets will not only be on the same side of sun, but will be in perfect alignment. "Newsweek" referred to this situation as "An Apocalyptic Prediction." In the book that these men have co-authored, "The Jupiter Effect," they point out that, just as the moon effects earthtides by its

ed, "The Jupiter Effect," they point out that, just as the moon effects earthtides by its gravitational pull, so do the planets affect each other, and particularly Jupiter, because of its great size. This has been linked to the earthquake frequency on our planet earth.

What then will happen when all the planets come into one line and exert a united gravitational pull on our earth? These scientists speak of eight probable effects: 1) A disturbed magnetic activity in the sum, producing huge firestorms; 2) That the ionosphere of earth will be changed; 3) That radio and television communications will be disrupted; 4) That there will be weird lighting effects from aurora borealis; 5) There will be vast changes in wind patterns; 6) Rainfall and temperature patterns will change; 7) Earth's tation, and the length of the days may change: 8) Many earthquakes will occur. "There

tation, and the length of the days may change; 8) Many earthquakes will occur. "There will be many earthquakes, large and small ... and one region where one of the greatest fault systems lies today, under great strain, long overdue for a giant leap forward, and just waiting for the necessary kick, is California." This is the frightening, apocalyptic vision of the scientist as quoted in 'Newsweek,"

Will all these things really happen? Time will tell. But there are some very relevant Biblical predictions about such events. Concerning the sun, scientists now believe that at some future date it may "nova," experiencing a period of increased brightness and heat, followed by a darker period. Just so, in Revelation 16:9 we read, 'Men were scorched with great heat." Joel 2:31 states, 'The sun shall be turned into darkness." Certainly the sun is going to be changed one of these days.

God's Word also prophesies concerning the moon. Isaiah 30:26, "The light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun." Joel 2:31 and Matthew 23:29, "The moon shall be turned into blood ... The moon shall not give her light. " Rev. 6:12 and 8:12, "The moon became as blood ... A third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon." Fearful

things are shaping up in our solar system!

But our chief concern is about this earth on which we live. Again both science and the Bible are in agreement. Great storms are predicted, This alignment of the planets in 1982 may bring a sudden shift in wind patterns. In Rev. 16:21 we read, "A great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent." (Possibly at least 48 pounds.) Drought is scientifically predicted, because of greatly disrupted weather patterns. Such a wind-shift has already brought famine to Africa and Bangladesh. And Joel prophesies of the time when the "seed is rotten under the clods ... the beasts groan because they have no pasture." Rev. 11:2-6 indicates a three-and-one-half year period when rainfall will be restricted. If such a drought comes, then famine is certain. If there is a drastic change in weather patterns, it is estimated that a billion people will be victims of famine in the next ten 'years. Matt. 24:7 states, "There shall be famine." Moreover, the scientists believe that

coming gravitational pull of the nine planets may well change the angle of inclination of the earth, and the length of earthdays. Isa. 24:20, "The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard." Heb. 12:26 says this of God, "Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also the heaven." And finally there is the matter of earthquakes. Note this quote from 1974 World Almanac: "There have been more earthquakes in this century, than in all recorded history." Earth is already quivering! Rev. 16:18 gives this prophecy, "There was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great ... and every island fled away, and the mountains were not found." Unimaginable chaos:

Will this parade of the planets in 1982 be the trigger that will touch off the fulfillment of these Bible prophecies? It could be so. But the certainties that we can rest on today, are before us. The Bible is the inspired Word of God and its prophecies will be literally fulfilled. And the shadows of those coming events are falling across our path with greater frequency. Science is foretelling the same events. And all this means that the coming of the Lord is drawing very near. By 1982 our world could be feeling the wrath of God in the coming time of tribulation.

The personal warning and exhortation is surely clear to all of us. Be ready for those coming days! If you are unsaved, then repent and receive Christ as Saviour now. He died for all of us, and will take us out of this world before the wrath of God falls, if we are truly His Are you fully trusting Him, in simple yet steadfast faith? Christian, is the work God entrusted to you well done? Make these last days count for Him!

PETER'S EXPOSITION OF THE LORDSHIP OF CHRIST BY HIS RESURRECTION (Acts 2:22-36). Having quoted the prophet Joel 2:28-32, Peter goes on to his main theme: the declaration that this man, 'Uesus of Nazareth," lived, and died, and rose again" (vv 22-24) is now made Lord and Christ (v. 36). The man who was put to death by crucifixion seven weeks before, is now alive forevermore. Of this fact, Peter declares: "... we are all witnesses" (v.32). All those responsible for His death, whether directly or indirectly, were fulfilling "the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God" (v. 23). With God there is no such thing a accident.

More important is the fact that God has raised him from the dead because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him, seeing that Christ's Resurrection was predicted by David in Ps. 16:8-11, and quoted by Peter in vv. 25-28. King David, being a prophet (v.30) as well as seer (v.31) foretold an event to take place only 1000 years later.

Dr. R. Laird Harris, a godly Bible-believing OT scholar, who taught Rev. Tow and me, reverently corrects a mistranslation of Ps. 16:10 in our KJV. He remarks: "In Ps. 16:10, the word "soul" is the word used often in the OT for the person. Many times it is simply a reflexive pronoun. In Deut. 12:20, "thy soul longeth to eat flesh," simply means, "you crave flesh". So here, Ps. 16:10 may well be translated, "Thou wilt not abandon me to the grave." The translation of this clause in Ps. 16:10 and Acts 2:27, KJV is very unfortunate. It leaves the reader with the impression that Christ after His death went to hell, but was rescued from there. It may even be that the reading was chosen by those in the English church who thought that in some sense Christ went to the underworld (or purgatory?) after His death. Luke 23:43 speaks quite definitely to the contrary. The application of the psalm which Peter makes in Acts 2:31 fits much better the view that this clause merely refers to Christ's arising from the grave. The KJV should be modified, it would seem, at this point" ("Psalms," in Biblical Expositor, p. 414).

Ps. 16 cannot refer to David himself, Peter argues, because David died, and was buried and his decayed body was still in his tomb (v.29).

Christ, having resurrected, has been exalted to "the right hand of God." It is Christ himself, after having received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit, who has poured out the phenomena they now see and hear. Even His exaltation was predicted in Ps. 110:1, the end of which is final victory: "Until I make thy foes thy footstool" (v. 35). Peter concludes therefore: "Let ... crucified" (v.36). "Vesus is His human name, Christ is His official title, and Lord is His Divine designation. Jesus is both Christ and Lord, He is therefore the Lord Jesus Christ" (W.G. Scroggie)." Next week, we shall study the Reaction to Peter's Sermon in vv. 37-41, and the Conduct of the Believers in vv. 42-47.

NEXT LORD'S DAY 10.00 am Rev. Tow. (Mr. Tan at Bible Church). 11.45 am Rev. Tow at Toa Payoh (Eng).

4.00 pm Rev. Tai Po-fu. pastor) \$100 + \$200 + \$50 + \$120 + \$54 · (by post)=\$3,052.11 + US \$27. Sunday Lunch Roster Young People Life YF. Ladies This Week: Mrs. Tow, Khoo, Sng Next Week: Mrs. Khoo, Poon, Kam. KELAPA SAWIT STONE-LAYING SERVICE(1952-1977) After quarter-century of plodding, K.S. is now reaching the hill-top! Literally, the new church and school built on a hill will

see the foundation stone laid, Sat. Oct. 29, 3.00 pm by Miss Ng Peck Loan of Chin Lien Bible Seminary. Elder Tow Siang Hwa will deliver the message. Register to go with pastor or assist. pastor today! Last Week's Thankofferings: \$2,528.11 + (thru Wedding Bells! The holy matrimony bet. Leong Fong Fatt and Lydia Yip Oi Kum will be solemnised Sat. Oct. 29, 2.30 pm, Rev. Oh Beng Kee officiating. Reception at FEBC Hall. Mersing Holiday Rotreat Nov. 14-17. Enjoy 4 exciting days and 3 restful nights by the murmuring Beach facing the blue South China Sea! Visit Kota Tinggi and Jemaluang Church en route. Waterfall if you please. Most important - hear God's Word and find out His will for your life. See Elder Tay!

OUR WEEKLY CHAT

"An Pu Wang Wei" = "In times of peace, don't forget danger"

This Chinese proverb is quoted to echo the Gospel message by Rev. Cyril Hutchinson last week in which we are reminded of a solemn rendezvous with the other planets in the solar system in 1982. "An Pu Wang Wei" is also the theme of my message this Lord's Day, based on I Thessalonians 4:13 - 5:23. "For when they shall say, 'Peace and safety,' then sudden destruction cometh upon them" (I Thess. 5:3). Incidentally, Rev. Philip Heng is speaking this Lord's Day's Evening 6.05 and 10 pm on Radio Singapore on Christ's Second Coming. This is no mere coincidence.

A Saint and a Scholar

Rev. Andereas Djunaidi's Chinese name is Hsiung Nan-fu. Hsiung is Bear, and he has been nicknamed "Big Bear" for his size. Nan-fu is "Wealth of the South."

That we should have such a man of God join us in the extension of the Gospel is a rare gift from the Lord. St. Paul says we are to esteem such co-labourer and pastor "very highly, in love for their work's sake" (I Thess. 5:12,13). For Djunaidi is both a saint and a scholar!

There is a book published by the OMF called "Borneo Breakthrough" by Silvia Houliston in which Hsiung Nan-fu (Djunaidi) is highly commended for his loving service for the Lord, preaching in prisons, in kampongs, and to both Chinese and Dyaks.

Before Djunaidi proposed the Kapuas Gospel Boat, he had been working with Rev. Quek Kick Chiang's "West Kalimantan Pioneer Mission!" For about five years he has laboured hard to carve a slice of Dyak jungle into a farm, supporting a church, orphanage and Bible School.

On my two visits to the Kapuas River at Pontianak, I've also entered his Dyak "diocese," and have enjoyed staying in his clean bungalow, and taking a cool shower by his mountain stream. Now, at 50 years of age, Djunaidi could well settle down in a developed territory and take life easy. But no! He is a man of action. His spirit is restless for more conquest to enlarge God's Kingdom. Hence his bringing Dyak pastor Simin into the picture, and the development of a work with refugee Chinese children on Siantan, Pontianak.

In view of full commitments in other parts of Indonesia Rev. Quek declined to enter Pontianak, but referred Djunaidi to Life Church. In God's higher planning, Djunaidi's introduction of Simin to work with Life Church has led himself into fuller commitment with us in the Kapuas Gospel Boat. With brotherly understanding, Rev. Quek will release him by end of this year. Djunaidi will come under our full support from Jan. 1978. This means he will leave his Dyak country and all the work he has established to his successors, and start all over again by the dark waters of the Kapuas at Pontianak. A saint and a scholar, he does not mind the loss of material possessions and comforts.

Via Tanjung Pinang

Two years after my cell to preach in West Kalimantan in 1971, the Lord brought me in contact with Rev. Tan Peng Koen of Tanjung Pinang, Riau Islands. That was Aug. 1973.

Pince then, I have visited Tg. Pinang some 15 times, baptising and administering the Lord's apper, DVBS, Gospel campaigns, etc.

But now we see God's higher planning to establish Tg. Pinang as a half-way station between Singapore and the Kapuas. For, the cheap and cost-effective way of going to West Kalimantan is by boat. However, we cannot board the cargo boats from Singapore, but at Tg. Pinang, according to Government regulations. While the Church at Tg. Pinang becomes a half-way station to the Lord's servants travelling between Singapore and West Kalimantan, it also receives the blessings of the Gospel.

Rev. Djunaidi left last "ednesday for his home country by taking a launch from Finger Tier to Tg. Pinang. He will pay the Gospel debt there in a series of night meetings and board the cargo boat "Enggano" probably Sunday evening. On board are also all the relief goods of surplus clothing we're sending together with the new Gestetner plus an old typewriter and record-player, etc. Many things considered junk and lumber in S'pore are very useful to people in a poor country like "est Kalimantan.

This slogan has fired the imagination of our people as shown by the rallying support they have given to this method of riverine evangelism. The Gospel Boat to date has received about \$14,000. A latest donation is \$500 from a Christian lady of another church. A Deacon has assured he will make up the sum to pay for the boat. Praise the Lord, "one boat is speedier than 10 churches."

Meantime, there is another work to accomplish for the Lord. This Saturday a good crowd is assembling at Kelapa Sawit, West Malaysia to witness the stone-laying of this newest B-P Church. Dr. Tow Siang Hwa is bringing the Word. An example of God's people heartily concerned for the extension of God's Kingdom is an elder's offering from a sister church. He gave me \$240; to be divided equally between Kelapa Sawit and Kapuas - for the stone costs \$120/=1

Tampoi, Nov. 6, 1977, 7 p.m.

This date and time is set for the opening of an English Service at the Tampoi Holywood Church. Mr. Tan Wai Choon will bring the inaugural message. Pray for yet another extension of the Gospel while we wait for His Coming: - T.T.

Bible Study Half-Hour

RESULTS OF PETER'S SERMON (ACTS 2:37-41).

The Apostle Peter concluded his sermon with an application: "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified both Lord and Christ"(v. 3). God had completely reversed men's verdict on Jesus. Peter's sermon was both wonderful and powerful. The hearers were "pricked in their heart." The preaching not only convinced them, but also convicted them. "Truth spoken with power is something to reckon with" (Scroggie). How we need that kind of preaching today!

In anguish, they cried out to the apostles: "men and brethren, what shall we do?" Peter gave a ressuring reply. In his reply, he gave hope to those who thought themselves hopeless, seeing that they were guilt of a heinous crime. Peter's demand was expressed in verse 39: "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins." They must change their mind about Jesus and their attitude toward Jesus. their repentance and confession of Christ, the gift of the Holy Spirit would be Upon

... The mention of children as recipients of the promise would carry with it the implication that the children were to be baptized"(J.G. Buswell. Jr.) The "all that are afar off" is a technical term for Gentiles, i.e. non Jews. Thus the scope of God's offer is as wide as His sovereign call (v. 39b).

D. THE CONDUCT OF THE BELIEVERS (ATCS 2:42-47).

Through the first evangelistic preaching, the Lord saved 3000 souls and added them to

His Church. From 120, the number of disciples multiplied 26 times in one day.

Four marks characterized this group of believers: 1) Instruction The believers conting d in the apostles' doctrine." The apostolic teaching was regarded as God's teaching because it was the teaching of the Lord communicated through the apostles. It was regarded on the same level of authority as the OT Scriptures. Later, this apostolic teaching was put in written form, as our NT Scriptures. The early Church had a hunger for the Word of God. Do we? 2) Fellowship There was common participating in the Spirit of God. They shared in the things of God and shared out what they had. Generosity is clearly taught. They also had their communal meals by households (KJV "from house to house," v. 46), "with gladness and singleness of heart." Joy is not irreverent. This community of goods in vv. 44-45 was not meant to be a mandatory model, it was voluntary, spontaneous, and temporary. 3) Public Worship This was the highest act a man can render to God. It is his first duty. "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God." They had the Lord's Supper together (i.e. the breaking of bread; though not in the KJV, the article is in the Greek). They also prayed together. 4) Evangelism Through the public witness of the believers, the Lord "added to the church daily such as should be saved" (v. 47). It is the Lord's work to add to His Church; it is cur joyful duty to welcome those He has added.

LIFE CHURCH & FEBC APPOINTMENTS MON 7.15 pm Theology (Rev. Tow). TUES 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting. Session Meeting.

THURS 7.15 pm I Timothy (Mr. Tan). SAT 3.00 pm Ang-Lee Wedding.

Lord's Day 7 am Rev. Tow at Chin Lien.

10 am Rev. Tow (Lord's Supper).

Last Week's Offerings: \$544.43 + \$20 (thru menti

Kapuas Gospel Boat \$120 + (\$320 + \$31.40 Grace Church + SS) + (\$152.20 + \$17 Life Chinese Church & SS) + \$500 (FEBCer). + \$500 (thru Elder Khoo).

Kelapa Sawit Stone: \$120 +

Ordination Service: \$1,377 for FEBC. Sunday Lunch Roster Young People Life YF Ladies This Week: Mrs. Khoo, Poon, Kam Next Week: Mrs. Tan, Tay, Tow.

Wedding Bells! The holy matrimony between Richard Ang Kai Kok and Angeline Lee Kwee Kheng will be solemnised Nov. 5, 3 pm, Dr. Quek Swee Hwa officiating.

Situation Vacant Assistant for Christian Life Book Centre. Please contact Deacon Phang Chin Yen or pastor.

New Addresses: 1. Mr. & Mrs. Richard Khoh, Blk. 12, 206P, Dover Close East, (5).

2. Mr. Chohg Jit Loy, 139 Claremont Rd., Hextable, Swanley, Kent, England. Bro. George Kutty is now preaching in Ipoh.

His correspondence address: c/o Chomy Chin, Church of K.L., 67c-69c Jalan Perhintan, Sentul, K.L., W. Malaysia.

The pastor and assist. pastor are making a confirmation trip to Hersing Tues. Nov. 1, 4 pm Mr. Teo Siau Hua(Lord's Sup) leaving Gilstead Rd., 8.30 a.m. Any follower?

7 pm Rev. Tow & Mr. Tan at Tampoi. Register early for Mersing to avoid disappoint-

Tampoi Inaugural Service; Sunday Nov. 6, 7 pm. Pastor and assist. pastor will leave Gilstead Rd. 6 pm sharp. Any coming?

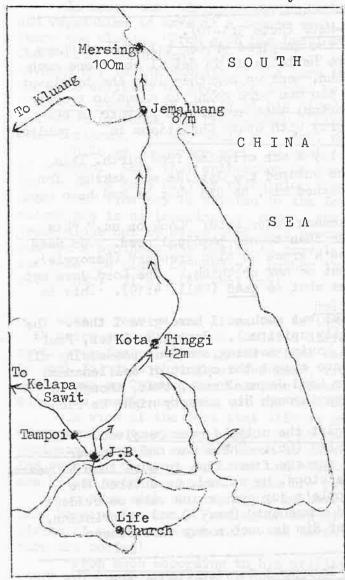
Far Eastern Bible College Final Exams: Fri. Nov. 11 to Fri Nov. 13. Board Meeting on Thurs. Nov. 10,4 pm. Elder Tay please send notification!

Praise and Thanks Bro. Sng Jin Seng has had a second successful operation, and remains at Ward 10, Alexandra Hospital.

2ND PRE-NS CAMP '77 15-18 Dec. '77 at Loyang NCC Camp, organised by: Arried Forces Committee. For more information contact LTC Patrick Tan-624566 ext 2 or 674564.

S.U. NOTES 1978! Those interested in placing an order please collect the Order Form from Dn. Peter Wang. Order and payment to be handed in by 27th Nov. 1977.

A TRIP TO MERSING by Malcolm Mahadevan



I was very excited last Sunday when Paster Tow invited my father and me to accompany him on a trip to Mersing. It was a rare opportunity for me, since I was going to travel with both the Paster and Assistant Paster.

On Tuesday 1st Nov. at 8.30 a.m. sharp Pastor Tow together with Mr. Tan Wai Choon arrived in their Volkswagen to fetch us. I sat at the rear with Mr. Tan whilst my father sat in front with Pastor Tow at the wheel. We began to fill up the PinkCards as we drove along. They are required for the temporary visas by Johore Immigration. Within half an hour we arrived at the Causeway. It was very refreshing driving in the morning and experiencing the wonderful sight of the sea on either side of the Causeway. We were also happy as there was no traffic at all along the Causeway, unlike other occasions when there was always a traffic jam. After passing through Immigration Check Point and having our passports stamped, we went through the Customs and proceeded on our journey.

We chatted along merrily and I was very pleased to join the group as one of this mission to Mersing. We travelled with ease as there was not much traffic on the road. View of undulating hills and valleys added to the joy of our trip to Mersing. It was such a pleasant change from the daily husy sight of our S'pore. The wide expanse of greenery on either side of the road from Johore Bahru, changing from rubber trees to oil palm plantations, to secondary jungle was a real treat for my eyes. It was very refreshing, and what more, for both the Pastors reassured my father and me on the

gracious salvation of our Saviour Jesus Christ, and the joy of His coming.

Forty-five minutes later we arrived at Kota Tinggi. Pastor took us to a huge yellow angalow on the left of the main road. It was a Church cum Kindergarten run my Miss Tiew An Tuan an FEBC graduate. There were many children all busily painting and drawing. It was wonderful to know that God's servents are in such places teaching the Word of God to children. Shortly afterwards we arrived at Kota Tinggi town. We stopped and had some refreshments at a coffee shop. After a short break we continued on our journey with my father at the wheel.

Mr. Tan then asked me to recite the books of the New Testament. I could not remember some of the books, and I began to learn it by heart. Shortly afterwards I could recite all the books. Soon we arrived at Jemaluang. Paster directed my father to the Church. The Jemaluang Church is run by a Chin Lien graduate. She was delighted to meet us. Paster informed her of our proposed Bible Retreat on 14 Nov. and of our holding a Gospel meeting at Jemaluang on our return Nov. 17.

We arrived in Mersing at about 12.30 pm. As Paster directed us to the Rest House, I suddenly got a whiff of the sulty sea breeze. As we approached the Rest House, on our left was the open South China Sea, I was fascinated by the sight of the wide expanse of the sea.

The Rest House is a modern, well laid out structure of two blocks with comfortable rooms and modern facilities. In front of the Rest House is the Mersing Golf Course, and the sea with its tempting beach. I was so keen to run and splash into the sea but unfortunately I did not bring my swimming trunks along.

Partor treated us to a sumptous lunch of fish and chips. The fish was very tasty because it was fresh. And being served in a rest house, in clean surroundings, it was very pleasant. After Pastor had finalised arrangements with the Manager, we were homeward bound with Mr. Tan at the wheel.

Before we left Mersing, Pastor took us to a Church which will be the venue of our revival meetings in Mersing. It is a spacious Church, and only 5 minutes drive from the Rest House. The homeward journey was filled with joy especially with Mr. Tan whistling the tune of "Jesus Paid it All."

At a small village just before Johore Bahru we stopped and bought fresh water-melons, chikus, and buah-langsat, cheap and fresh. And at about 4.45 pm we arrived home in S'pore, With God's guidance and grace.

This visit to Merding has sparked within me the desire to go to the revival meetings at Mersing, I pray that all of you brothers and sisters will keep this date and join us

in "camp"!

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Do not forget to bring along your Bibles and swimming trunks. You are ce tainly going to enjoy this trip. Praise the Lord.

Bible Study Half-Hour (Acts 3:1-10).

A. The Healing of a Cripple. In Acts 2:43, Luke, the inspired writer tells us of "many wonders and signs" being done by the apostles. Now he tells us in detail about one such sign in Acts 3:1-10. He begins: "Now Peter and John, went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour." These two men were going to a public prayer meeting held at 3.00 pm in the temple. It is important that we pray in private in our homes. However, it is just as important that we pray with other Christians in publications. i.e. in the Church.

On the steps leading to the Beautiful Gate lay a man crippled from birth. This cripple was carried there daily to beg from all the entered the Gate. He was asking for alms when he needed legs. As Peter and John approached him, he did what he had been used

to do, i.e. "he asked an alms."

The Apostles looked straight at him and spokesman Peter said: "Look on us." "His expectation was aroused, but it did not rise higher than to his physical need. Our need is always greater than we imagine it to be, and God's grace is also greater" (Scroggie). God does for us "exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think." The Lord does not always give us what we want, but He always gives us what we need (Phil. 4:19). This is His promise.

Peter continued: "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee." The true wealth of the Church and Christians is primarily spiritual. Just like Peter, Paul could say: "... as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things" (2 Cor. 6:10). Both Peter and Paul must have caught the spirit of selflessness from the Lord Jesus. "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich" (2 Cor. 8:10).

Peter gave what he had, and it was the best gift the cripple ever received. "In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazar th rise up and walk" (6b). There was and is power in the Name. Peter then gave him a helping hand, and for the first time in more than 40 years, he did what he had never done before: he leapt, he stood, he walked, he entered the temple and he praised God" (v. 8). The healed cripple's joy and praise were so evident that the curious crowd "were filled with wonder and amazement" (vv. 10,11). Christian, do you exhibit your joy in Christ and your praise of Him in such a way that others wonder about what Christ has done for you?

7.15 pm Theology (Rev. Tow). 6.00 pm Prayer Meeting in Church. 8.00 pm FEK Comm. Mtg. at Parsonage. Lord's Day 10 am Mr. Tan Wai Choon. 4 pm Mr. Lin Tah Mon. Last Week's Offerings \$618.15 + \$200/-Gospel boat. Thru pastor: \$200 + \$1,000 (Gospel Boat). Sunday Lunch Roster Young People: Life YF Ladies This Week Mrs. Tan, Tay, Tow. Next Week: Mrs. Tow, Khoo, Sng. Wedding Bells! The holy matrimony between Mr. Prasad Sivaraj and Miss Hary Lim Ai Boon will be solemnised Sat. Nov. 12, 2 pm, Rev. Tow officiating. Kelapa Sawit Stone-Laying Offerings Collect- calendars #2.501 voted to change their name to SHARON. Mersing "Campers" are to meet for final Sunday Lunch. Bring passports. Get car permits in advance! So far 10 cars have been Edited by Rev. Timothy Tow, 9A Gilstead Rd. aswembled:

LIFE CHURCH & FEBC APPOINTMENTS

Tampoi Inaugural Service Pastor Tow & Mr. Tan leave Gilstead Rd. this Lord's Day 6.00 p.m. Any follower? Far Eastern Kindergarten Committee is called THURS 4.00 pm FEBC Directors at 64 Andrew Rd. to meet at the parsonage Wed. Nov. 9, 8 pm. 2.00 pm Prasad - Lim Wedding.6pm VCF. N.B! The Kindergarten will hold annual concert Day 10 am Mr. Tan Wai Choon. Wed. Nov. 9,5 pm sharp. All welcome!

10 am Rev. Tow at Grace, Bedok. Kindergarten closes Nov. 18. The Pastor will be at Grace Church Nov. 13 for the installation of Rev. Dr. Patrick Tan aspastor of Grace Church. Welcome to VCF as they celebrate their 25th Anniversary at Life Church, Sat. Nov. 12,6 pm. FEBC Final Exams. begin Fri. Nov. 11! Problem of buying a gift for someone? Why not consult Stephen Kuan at the Book Centre? Many beautiful things added to the Bibles and Theological books that will be of service to your needs. Christmas cards! Taiwan art ed: \$395.25. Sums handed to Deacon Ling: Have you visited the Photo-News Display? Life Church \$1,500; Galilee \$534; Evangelis-See all our 8 B-P ministers in a row! Kelapa tic League \$2,050; Kulai Besar \$50; (Sharon Sawit stone-laying in action! Rev. & Mrs. Paauwe Your gifts through Bro. Ong The Name is SHARON! At a congregational recently returned from Korea received! Your meeting last week Toa Paych B-P Church (Eng) boxes are on the way, thanks to Elder Yow Tong. Rev. Djunaidi is now back in W. Kalimantan. Construction of the boat is to start soon with briefing Lord's Day Nov. 13, 12 noon, after first sum of \$7,500 remitted = (Rp. 1.3 million).

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THOUGHTS ON ECONOMICS

"Economics" is defined by Chambers Dictionary as "the science of household management;" 2) "pecuniary position and management."

In order that Singaporeans might have their daily bowl of rice with sufficient meat and vegetables to make it a square meal, our Government has urged us to work our hardest. Hence the slogan, 'From each his best; to each his worth." Industry is a divine command. The Fourth Commandment says, "Six days shalt thou labour and do all thy work, but on the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God" (Ex. 20:9,10). And every one who works is entitled to pay. The harder he works, the more he gets. Hence Jesus' statement, For the labourer is worthy of his hire" (Lk. 10:7). Putting the same doctrine negatively against lazy bones and "rice-tubs" (Chinese description of eaters-and-not-workers) St.

Paul declares, "If any would not work, neither should he eat" (II Thess. 3:10).
While we encourage work, we must also warn against overtime work at the expense of worship. Work that encroaches on the holy sabbath commanded of our Lord! The Lord's Day is to be kept holy by refraining from secular work (essential services exempted) in order that time may be devoted to the feeding of our soul. In this respect, Church attendance is as important as makan, yea, even more. Jesus says, "Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Matt. 4:4). If you are a business man having to travel, it is a good principle to go to Church on Sunday and take the plane on Monday. Rather than fly Saturday or Sunday morning and miss Church altogether. It's safer that way!

Holiday Earned

Every year we are given two to three weeks of earned holiday. Teachers follow up th every school vacation. What a difference from the drudgery of our forefathers who never even tasted of the grace of the weekly sabbath. Under the Chinese economy they had to work 362 days throughout the year, from early morning to night. Only three days off were given on Chinese New Year, or seven days, if the boss was kind. Now, we not only enjoy the weekly sabbath, but two to three weeks off annually.

In view of the fact that life is getting more hectic in catching up with the wheel of economics, tourism and holidays abroad to relax from the tension have become a booming business. Insofar as the Church is concerned, there has developed in America the Christian yacation centres, by lakes and mountains, with the added tonic of the Word. Two birds are killed with one stone. Souls are revived not only bodily but also spiritually.

In tune with this concept, we have "resumed" giving our members a break by offering this Mersing Retreat. Feeding on ten Bible messages in first class Christian communal living at a Government hotel! And haven't our members caught on? Sixty of you in eleven cars are coming!

"From each according to his ability To each according to his need"

This Marxian slogan is supposedly derived from Acts 4:32, where it is recorded: "And were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that any of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things in common." The fact of sharing is true in both the Christian and the Communist communities - with this difference: Whereas he early Christians shared willingly out of a spontaneous love for one another, and shared equally and accordingly, the Communists "share" with the people by brute force, while the bosses take the lion's share! See how a Biblical principle has been cleverly twisted by Satan!

Pracfised at Life Church The principle of "From each according to his ability; to each according to his need" is practised in Life Church whenever such communal living occurs. This is seen in the willing hands that market in the viands, peel the potatoes, fry the mee-goreng. This is seen in the (fewer) willing hands that wash up and clean up. This is seen in the earners paying \$1/- to subsidise non-earners who pay 60 cents. (though there are some who pay 60 cents and scoop double share who should contribute two dollars):

Our Mersing Retreat is another occasion for the practice of the early church's principle of sharing. Motorists who have spare seats willingly give a lift to the "younger brothers and sisters." Two motorists who cannot go to Mersing have offered the free loan

of their cars. This is true Christianity.

We have seen this principle of loving sharing practised in times past, such as sending relief to the Philippines. Any more contributions to help Rev. Ormeo will be converted more profitably into books. The books sent have been sold by the Church to members, and the money put to good use. Economics with double value, indeed! - T.T.

Bible Study Half-Hour (Acts 3:11-26) B. A Sermon on The Healing. The miracle performed on the cripple resulted in another opportunity for Peter to preach. The account goes: "And as the lame man which was healed held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch ..., greatly wondering" (v.11). Peter saw the opportunity around him. He seemed to have the gift of discernment (cf. Acts 5:1-10): He knew what was in the minds of his audience although they did not utter a word. Peter's questions were actually his answers to the crowd.

Through those questions he corrected two mistaken ideas. It ought not to be a surprise for God to restore a cripple. With God nothing is impossible. Peter made it clear that they were merely agents of God's miraculous power (v.12).

To Peter's Jewish audience, "The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers" (v.13a) was no unfamiliar deity, and to whom the Jewish crowd rendered worship. Peter presented a striking contrast between what their God had done for Jesus and what they themselves did to him (vv. 13-15):1. They denied Him; but God recognized Him as the just and Holy One. 2. They desired a destroyer of life; but God desired the Author of life. 3. They killed Him; but God raised Him from the dead. 4. They crucified Him as a criminal; but God glorified Him, and Thath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth (Phil. 2:9,10).

It was through faith in the blessed name of Jesus that the cripple was made whole. Peter realized that their act of murder (v.15) was done through ignorance (v.17), but nonetheless, ignorance was no excuse. God held them responsible for their wicked deed and accordingly Peter called upon them to repent i.e. "to change their former attitude to Jesus and bring it into line with God's attitude" (F.F.Bruce) (v.19). Herein was another statement about God's sovereignty and man's responsibility. God's prophets did foretell Christ's sufferings and even wicked men had fulfilled God's will (v. 18 cf. Ps. 76:10), though they did not realize it! Christians, however ought not to have any part with wickedness. 'Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity" (2 Tim. 2: 19b).

The marvel of it all was that upon their repentance, their sins would be wiped out. Not only that, the people of Jerusalem would be given a respite from the coming judgement pronounced by Jesus, who at the time "must remain, in heaven until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets (v. 21, NIV). Peter then quotes Deuteronomy 18:15,18,19. "The primary reference of these words of Moses is to the institution of prophets in Israel, as a way appointed by God for making His will known to His people" (F.F.Bruce). Today, God's will is revealed in the Bible and just as God warned Israel not to meddle with witchcraft, sorcery, medium, spiritist or one who calls up the dead (Deut. 18:10,11), He still warns us today. We have no business to consult a "tang-kee" (i.e. a Chinese medium). God calls it an abomination (Deut. 18:9).

The audience were called "sons of the prophets," meaning they were heirs of God's promises and blessings announced through the prophets. One of these blessings was the turning them away from their wicked ways (v. 26). It was the great blessing of salvation!

LIFE CHURCH & FEBC APPOINTMENTS 8.00 c.m. Mersing "Campers" leave. TURS. 8.00 p.m. Prayer Mtg. Elder Khoc in charge.

FRI. 6.00 p.m. FEBC end of term dinner. SAT. 1.45 p.m. Huang - Tan Wedding. Lord's Day 10 am Rev. Tow.

4 pm Miss Esther Djunaidi. 10 am Mr. Tan at Grace B-P. 5 pm Mr. Tan at Bible Church.

Soo Chow. Last Week's Offering: \$809.45. Sunday Lunch Roster: Young People Life YF. Ladies: This Week: Mrs. Tow, Khoo, Sng. Next Week: Mrs. Tan, Kam, Poon.

of Lifers attended with Mr. Tan giving the Word and Rev. Tow the exhortation. Elder Khoo came with his whole family.

Far Eastern Kindergarten held her annual concert to an overflowing house on Nov. 9. Mrs. William Seah, former principal, awarded Mrs. Ivy Tow, B.Th. the Certificates.

Situations Vacant 1) Part-time Bookkeeper for FEK. Please see Mr. Eic Eng Hua. 2) Additional teacher for 1978. See Mrs. Lange.

Wedding Bells! The holy matimony between Huang Shoon Wang and Tan Keng Chiew of Fisherman of Christ will be solemnised in Church, Sat. Nov. 19, 1.45 pm, Mr. Huang Ee Yuan officiating.

Kelapa Sawit Building Progress According to Deacon John Ling, the Church is scheduled to meetings held at Tg. Pinang and Kijang while be completed by Christmas! Total receipts: \$74,991.77. Expenditure \$76,937.00. They

the Lord and that which he hath given will he pay him again." (Prov. 19:17). What a blessing? Mr. Bobby Phee is invigilator for FEBC exams in the principal's absence, Nov. 14-17, in

Mersing.
Mersing Family Retreat The following are heads of the 12 "tribes": 1. Rev. Tow 2.Mr. Tan 3. Dr. Patrick Tan 4. Elder Seow 5. Dn. Seow 6. Dn. Mahadevan 7. Mr. Han Soon Juan 8. Mr. Vincent Goh 9. Low Sock Eng 10. Polly Low 11. Mrs. Ruby Tan 12. Dn. Sng Teck Leong. Camp Master is Wlder Tay. Assist. Mr. Geoffery -Tan (Many thanks to Yiew Pong Sen for producing the Life Camper). The pastor will baptise at Endau and Jemaluang Churches Tampoi Inaugural English Service. 3 carloads (both founded by Miss Adeline Char of Hawaii). FEBC Faculty for 1978

Rev. Timothy Tow, B.D., S.T.M., DD, Principal. Rev. Quek. Swee Hwa, B.A., M.A., B.D., Ph.D. Mr. Tan Wai Choon, Cert. Ed., Dip. Th., M.Div., S.T.M., Registrar.

Mr. Bobby Phee, Dip. Th. (Lon.), B.Th.

Rev. Charlie Tan, B.Th.

Mr. Han Soon Juan, Cert. Ed., Cert. Ed. TESL., Dip. TESL., English Tutor.

Mr. Lin Tah Mon, Ex-Chief Translator, Sipore Govt., Chinese Tutor.

Mrs. Ruby Tan, B.A., M.A., (Librarian). Dr. Patrick Tan, M.B., B.S., Dip. Av. Med., M. Med., Visiting lecturer.

Rev. Philip Heng, B.A., visiting lecturer. Rev. Djunaidi writes of a series of 7 Gospel

waiting for cargo boat to Pemangkat. On board he had opportunity to restore a backare in immediate need of a loan of \$10,000/4 slider Chinese Christian to the Lord:
"He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto Guests at FEBC Mr. & Mrs. Michael P. McCarty
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MERSING BIBLE RETREAT

By Malcolm Mahadevan

Mersing is a small town on the South East Coast of Malaysia. It is about 83 miles from Johore Bahru. Mersing was our destination for our Bible Retreat.

Monday 14 Nov. 1977 was a bright and sunny morning. My father, elster, my friend Lawrence Ng and I woke up early, and by 7 a.m. we left for Church in our car. As we arrived in Church we saw Mr. Yiew Pong Sen walking out on his way to work. Brother Yiew was responsible for the fine publication of the Life Camper (booklet) and a member of the Committee which organised the Retreat. He stopped and bid us journeying mercies.

At Church we collected Simon Tay one of my Sunday School classmates. Many others were getting realy and several cars had alrealy arrived. Paster Tow told us to go ahead and we left Church at wheat 7.70

and we left Church at about 7.30 a.m.

At about 8.30 a.m. most of the cars had arrived at Johore Bahru. We proceeded to Kota Tinggi in convoy.

At Kota Tinggi we stopped at the Yellow Mansion which was a church-cum-kindergarten. We met the Pastor and Miss Tiew who offered us refreshments of biscuits and sweetened red been drinks. After a short break we proceeded to Jemaluang.

We arrived at the church there at 11.30 a.m. and were also given refreshments. After a word of prayer and singing "Blessed be the Name," we continued our final lap to Mersing. The entire party arrived at Mersing before 1.00 p.m. in time for lunch which was served steaming hot. It was raining cats and dogs in Mersing.

After baving organised the rooms for the families we freshened up and left for Mersing Chinese Christian Church. It was here that we held all our meetings. We started 'f with Orientation and was followed by a worship service conducted by Rev. Tow. We returned to the Rest House at 4 pm where tea was served. This was followed by free time when we rested and went for dinner at 6.00 p.m. At 7.00 p.m. we went for our evening service which was conducted by Assistant Pastor Mr. Tan Wai Choon. By 9 pm we were back in the Rest House for our Personal Devotion, and retired to bed at 10 pm.

The following morning we were up by 6.00 a.m. and after personal devotion we went for physical exercise and jogging led by Brother Geoffry Tan and by 8 a.m. we had breakfast. An hour later we went for Church Service conducted by Rev. Tow, followed by Bible

Exposition by Asst. Pastor Tan Wai Choon.

For the next 3½ days this was the programme except for the second day when we went to Endau, 23 miles north of Mersing. We also went into the state of Pahang by driving up the new bridge across the Endau River, and from there we could see the open South China Sea. We visited the Endau Church built by Miss Adeline Char. Here we held a service and Pastor baptised a boy of 16 years of age. Everyone was happy as one soul was saved and his name was written in the Book of Life.

After that we had some refreshments and proceeded on to Kampon; Hubong which is 2 miles off the main road. In this small village there is a small but which is a Church run by a Chin Lien graduate. Here too the hospitality shown to us was heart-warming and it was here that Pastor Tow offered a prize for the best essay on the Mersing Bible Reat.

Our three-and-a-half days stay in Mersing is an experience I cannot fully describe in words. The thrill to know that Jesus is Coming again to take up his loved ones to Heaven told us by our Pasters is something I cannot forget in my life. Another marvel is that these Chin Lien graduates have given their entire life to God to work in the remote areas of Halaysia for the love of our Lord Jesus Christ. My heart was touched by the faithful servants of the Lord whom I met during this visit. I will always remember them in my prayers. It is my wish to put in practice all that I have learnt and heard during the Gamp of the Word of God and his wonderful love for all of us.

Essay by Han Mei Lan Primary II R. G. S.

On the 14th of November, my family and I went to the Mersing Retreat. Altogether sixty of us went. Before going to Mersing, we went to our church for a ord of prayer. We were the second one to leave. We were all to meet at a church called the Yellow Mansingjust before Kota Tinggi.

After all the church-members had arrived, we had some red-bean soup. Then we followed the Pastor's car to the Jemaluang church. After singing some songs of praise, we had some water and a piece of cake. Then we were ready to continue our journey once again to Mersing! How exciting!

When we arrived at the Rest House at Mersing, we were given room No. 4. The room-boy brought us two little pieces of soap and two towels. It seemed very pleasant to live there.

brought us two little pieces of soap and two towels. It seemed very pleasant to live there.

We had lunch. After lunch we went to a church. When we came back from the church,
we had our bath. After dinner, my father brought me and my brother to a room upstairs where
all the children gethered. We had a game of Blind-man. We had a lovely time there.

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Next morning, after break-fast, we went to church. While the Paster preached, the children all went outside. Mr. Peter Sim and Mrs. Ruby Tan looked after the children.

Mr. Peter Sim taught us how to make a Gospel booklet. Then the adults came out, we all had our photograph taken.

The next day we went to a church in Endau. There, our pactor preached and baptised. Then we went back to the rest-house. Then evening came we had dinner, and we went to the

room upstairs again for the children's meeting.

After lunch on the third day, we want shopping. We bought ikan-bilis, prawns crackers and phoes. We drove to a beach. In the evening my mother, my brothers and I went to the beach again. There were many rocks and sea creatures beside them. We saw many glittering pebbles. I found many pretty ones, but my brothers could not find any. Then after looking carefully, they found the pretty pebbles too.

We were to go home the following day. At church, we sang songs and when the pastor

began to preach, the children went outside for their lessons. Suddenly it began to rain. We quickly went indoors. We went up to the pulpit to sing three song .. Then Mrs. Ruby Tan went up the pulpit to give away the prizes. At one thirty, we were ready to leave. Our Parter led up to the Jemaluang church where Rev. (Dr.) Patrick Tan preached and baptised. On our way back to Singmore we stopped to buy some fruits. We stopped at a hawkers' centre to have dinney.

That night before I slept, I remembered to thank God for journeying mercies and for guilding us home. -----

Bible Study Half-Hour - OPPOSITION EXPRESSED (Acts 4:1-12) A. THE ARREST (vv.1-4) Peter and John were not even permitted to finish their sermon. The authorities, represented by "the priests, and the captain of the temple, and the Sadduceus came upon them" while they were utill speaking. They had the preachers arrested and thrown into jail for the night, and without trial! The only "crime" they committed was that they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead (v.2, MEV), a fact which condemned them all. The resurrection of Jesus Christ renders mankind guilty. The apostle Paul makes it clear that God Mas set, a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all mon by raising him from the dead" (Acts 17:31, NIV). Praise the Lord, the Word of God cannot be bound (cf. Tim. 2:19). God's servants may be arrested; but God's Word will continue to arrest men and women inspite of opposition. "Howbeit many of them believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand" (v.4). The number of believers should number at least 10,000 now, since the men alone totalled five thousand. B. THE RRAIGNIENT (vv. 5-12) The next morning the Sanhedrin met. It was called "the Council in v. 15. This was the senate and supreme court of the Jewish nation consisting of the high priest and seventy other members. This body regulated the internal affairs of the Jewish Mation. The rulers, and elders, and scribes made up the council, the more prominent of whom were named (vv. 5,6). Once they had taken their seats, Peter and John were brought before them to be questioned. "By what power, or by what name, have ye done this?" They asked not because they did not know; rather it was because of their contempt for the apostles. "The emphasis is upon 'ye' (Greek), meaning 'such as you' unlearned and contemptible men. That has always been the way with highbrows, but abuse is never an argument? (Scroggie). The Lord proved Himself true to the His promise for such a time as this. He had told them earlier: "But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict" (Luke 21:14 f. NIV). Thus Peter, possessed by the Holy Spirit, spoke words inspired by Him. Once again the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth was affirmed. It was His blessed name which was responsible for the healing of the cripple. No apology need be offered for the good deed done. Peter, instead of being the accused, became the accuser; instead of being on the defensive went on the offensive. Citing Psalm 118:22 (which our Lord applied to Himself in Mark 12:10 f), Peter accused the builders (i.e. the leaders of the Jewish) of having rejected the stone (i.e. Jesus) which God had honoured. The Lord Jesus sat enthroned at God's right hand highly exalted. "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved" (v. 12).

LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS Hon. 7.30 p.m. Medding Rehearsal. Tues. 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting. Sat. 2.30 p.m. Tsao-Hoo wedding.

Lust Week's Offering \$597.00 + \$100 for Galilee B-P Church.

Sunday Lunch Roster Young People Life YF Ladies This Week: Mrs. Tan, Kam, Poon. Next Moreover, a thankoffering taken amounted to Week Mrs. Tow, Eng, Khoo.

New Address: Alfred Leong Kwek Choy, 107, Leache Trail, Willowdale, Ontario M2H 2J1, Oanada.

sedding Bells: The holy matrimony between Dr. Tsao Huei and Miss Christina Hoo Hak Minng will be nolomnized Sat. Nov. 26, 2.30 p.m. Rev. low officiating.

Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Kuan thank the Lord and members for prayer support on the gift of a boy, 71bs 5oz, Nov. 17, 1977. KEMH Ward 4. Situation Vacant Assistant for Christian Life Book Centre. See Deacon Phang Chin Yen. Lord's Day 10 am Mr. Tan Wai Choon.

Life Book Centre. See Deacon Finds Onc.

10 am Rev. Tow at Gembawang Church. Chinese DVBS Dec. 5-8, 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

It was Miss Pauline Wong.

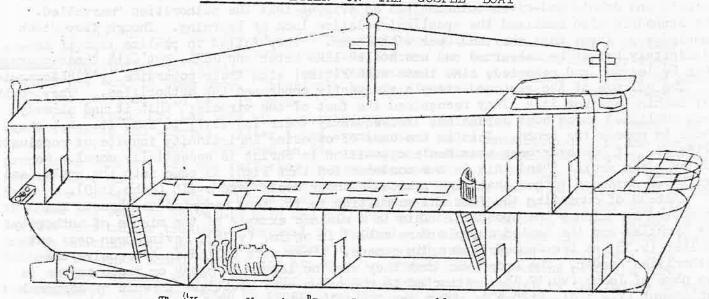
Miss Fauline Wong, T.T.C. graduate Chinese Teacher and FEBC student will teach. Send your child!

The Mersing Camp ended on a clean slate! \$190.40 which was designated for Kapuas Gospel Farm!

Deacon John Ling requested a loan of \$25,000 to tide Kelapa Sawit over in her final building efforts. Want a blessing through this deal?

S.U. NOTES 1978! Those interested please see Dn. Peter Wang.

DJUNAIDI LETTER ON GOSPEL



The "Kapuas Kourier: Gospel Boat to 660-mile Kapuas Basin

In an express letter dated Nov. 18, he says:

"In regard to the Gospel Boat, I took immediate steps to get in touch with the !shipyards" at Pemangkat. I got in touch first with one Mr. Low. Measuring 16x4.5

metres, its hull would cost 3 million rupiahs.

After this I asked Mr. Martin, manager of Pelni Line, to contact an Indonesian

boat builder. The price asked is 2.3 million.

Finally, I brought David my son along to go up the Sambas River. There I found Mr. Cheng of Pulau Peranggi, a timber supplier and boat-builder of long standing. The price he quoted is 2 million. I have therefore awarded him the contract, the work to begin early December and complete by Chinese New Year. One Mr. Ho and I will supervise the construction.

With regard to the engine, a 33-horse power "Yanmar" offered by a Pontianak firm costs 2.4 million rupiahs. So, the total cost, hull and engine out together, would be around 4.5 million or \$326,000.

Enclosed is a sketch plan of the Gospel Boat for the persual of the Lord's people. Let us pray earnestly that this great and sacred project will be carried out to completion early, that the work of extending the Gospel far and wide be speedily launched!"

My dear Readers,

I'm sure you would agree what a privilege it is for the third man in the report above to be awarded the boat-contract by Rev. Djunaidi! So, are we not more esteemed by the aviour to have been put in trust with this naval project in Jesus' Name?

\$26,000 for a boat almost 50 feet long is too cheap! Deacon Teo Soon Hock, our marine-architect, told me it would cost double if constructed in Singapore! We can get it for such a low price on two counts: 1) Timber is immediately available in Kalimantan. 2) Labour there is cheap. (What costs the same as in Singapore is the engine).

Though a Deacon has indicated to underwrite the Kapuas Gospel Boat Project, surely it is the Lord's desire to let more of His children take part. Therefore, your continued

contribution to the Gospel Boat will be counted upon. So far \$14,000 has come in.
In view of the fact that Esther, Rev. Djunaidi's daughter, is returning to West Kalimantan Mon. Nov. 28 (via Tanjung Pinang), won't it be wonderful to send a goodly sum by her hand to encourage his father? Esther has completed her B.Th. at FEBC with a research on "Missions in West Kalimantan." If you want to be more enlightened with the Kapuas, you can borrow this research from FEBC Library!

STIRRING UP INTEREST

One fruit of the recent Mersing Camp is the interest in missionary outreach expressed at the Prayer Meeting. My flagging zeal for the Gospel outreach was stirred when I preached at the newly-opened English service at Tampoi last Lord's Day. There were 25 young people, and I could see the concern for salvation on many a face as I asked if they would be saved at Jesus' Second Coming.

So, I invite you to join me or Mr. Wai Choon every 1st and 3rd Sunday evening, 7 p.m. at the Tampoi English Service. Tampoi is a satellite town of Johore Bahru, 6

miles from the Causeway.

"And this gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come" (Matt. 24:14). If we are concerned for His Kingdom, then we must play a part in the support of missions in one way or another. What's your part? J.J. & O send the Gospel LIGHT ..

C. THE CONSEQUENCE (4:13-22) We saw previously that Peter quoted from Ps. 118:22 (v.11), and applied it to Jesus (the stone) and the Jewish authorities (the builders). By that quotation, Peter claimed that he was acting in harmony with the prophecy of Scripture. That timely application of Scripture must have cut the accusers deeply (cf. Heb. 4:12). Peter's and John's God-given boldness was so evident that the authorities 'marvelled." The Sanhedrin also realized the apostles' relative lack of learning. Though they "took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus. "They failed to realize that it is "infinitely better be unlearned and unschooled like Peter and John, but with their courage than be learned and schooled, like these authorities, with their cowardice. (13)"(Scroggie).

The silence of the restored cripple eloquently condemned the authorities. "They could say nothing against it." They recognized the fact of the miracle; that it had already been published throughout Jerusalem; consequently their inability to deny it. Yet they chose to oppose the truth. This is the case of opposing Christianity inspite of conclusive evidence. It has ever been thus. Men's opposition to Christ is essentially moral. No wonder, John wrote: "And this is the condemnation that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil" (John 3:19).

Instead of admitting the fact and submitting to it, they resorted to threats and attempted to silence the apostles. This is a classic example of the misuse of authority. The apostles and the healed cripple were called in again, (v.18), having been sent out earlier (v.15) as the Sanhedrin met "in camera." They were called in to receive the authorities' order. The order was that they were no longer to speak or teach anyone in the name of Jesus (vv.17,18). Attached to the order were doubtless threats of corporal punishment (v.21; cf. 5:28,40). "But the Council might as well have told the sun not to shine, and the tides not to move, and the wind not to blow, as to tell these men not to talk about Jesus" (Scroggie).

Peter and John gave a magnificent reply to the Sanhedrin's malevolent threat. "Whethe. it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard (vv. 19,20). The same Peter wrote that we are to submit ourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the promise of them that do well" (IPet. 2: 13-14). We cannot and should not obey any authority that asks us to disobey what Christ has clearly commanded in Scriptures.

Life Church Appointments

8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting. TUES.

SAT. 3.30 p.m. LCYF, YAF.

2.30 p.m. Wong - Yeo Wedding.

4.30 p.m. Tan - Sim Wedding. Lord's Day 10 am Rev. Tow (Lord's Supper) 4 pm Mr. Teo Siau Hua (Lord's Sup). 7 pm Tampoi Service.

Last Week's Offerings \$574.53 + \$40.00 for BP Missions + \$450 for Gospel Boat + \$235 thru paster.

Sunday Lunch Roster Young People Life YF. Ladies This Week Mrs. Tow, Sng, Khoo Nex Week: Mrs. Khoo, Poon, Kam.

Wedding Bells! The holy matrimony will be solemnised between 1) Mr. Wong Kah Fatt and Miss Jenny Yeo Geok Choo of Mt. Carmel Sat. Dec. 3, 2.30 pm. (Dr. Quek) and 2) Mr. Tan Eng Boo and Miss Sim Ser Kim of Galilee, Dec. 3 4.50 pm (Rev. Heng).

Pray for Mr. & Mrs. Tan W.C. as they speak at the Sharon B-P Church camp on St John Island from Nov. 28 - Dec. 1.

Pray for Mr. Wong Ah Siong now recuperating at Mt. Alvernia Hospital after an abdominal operation.

Bro. Calvin Channing and Yiew Pong Sen are witnessing at the Tampoi Service this Lord's Day Evening, 7 pm, Any Coming?

December Bible Camps at Gilstead Road.

1) Foochow MYF, Dec. 4-8 2) Church of

Christ of Malaya, Dec. 12-17. Users of Church and College premises for Christmas should clear with the pastor as soon as possible.

Life Church S.S.T.T.C3rd Graduation Congratulations to 10 graduates after 6 months training. A note of thanks to Rev. & Mrs. Paauwe:

Kelapa Sawit New Church Buildings. In their final lap, they have need of \$25,000. A loan of \$7,000 has been sent. Any help from any quarter?

Mr. Stephen Kuan is on leave till Dec. 10. Meantime, Miss Pauline Wong, FEBC student, is standing in.

Chinese DVBS, Dec. 5-8, 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Taught by qualified Chinese teachers. Register with Mr. Ivy Tow!

Mr. Andrew Bo is away in Malaysia for a fort night.

FEBC Prospectus Committee meets this Lord's Day evening 8 p.m. at the home of Elder Tow Siang Hwa. A new prospectus artistically printed will be out Jan. 1978! Rev. Tow will offer an evening lecture on the Book of Revelation in response to many requests in the new semester Jan - May, 178. Our Saviour has promised a blessing to all to who "read, hear and keep" those things

that are written therein (Rev. 1:3). TO "CONFIDENTIAL": Your \$55 for Gospel Boat received!

Pastor Tow preaches this Lord's Day morning 10 am at Sembawang B-P Church, now worshipping at Emmanuel B-P Church Blk. 251, Ang Mo Kio. GLTD is now camping at Sarimbun. LCYF will be up there Dec. 12 - 16, Rev. Tow speaking on Dec. 15 + 16.

Christmas Gofts a problem? Just visit Christian Life Book Centre. Plenty to choose from. Say it with a Bible, a good book or a Picture with Scripture verse! Situation Vacant Assistant for Christian Life Book Centre. Sea Deacon Phang Chin Yen.

S.U. NOTES 1978: Those interested please see Dn. Peter Wang. Order and payment to be handed in by 27th Nov. 1977!

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PASSPORT TO PARADISE

by Dr. T. C. Lim.

Dr. Lee and Dr. Wong two dear friends would bring their families for a holiday abroad every year. It was the usual practice for Dr. Lee to leave earlier for their planned destination to finalise all the arrangements. When everything was ready he would contact Dr. Wong to come over. Invariably he would remind Dr. Wong to double check that the visas and passports were in order.

One morning Dr. Lee woke up, stretched himself and felt a lump in this tummy. He was distressed and worried. After X-ray examinations and a consultation with the surgeon he was finally operated. Everyone in the operating theatre was saddened when the surgeon pronounced that Dr. Lee was suffering from widespread cancer. Nothing could be done to remove the cancer. After recuperating for a few days Dr. Lee was told that he had no more than three months to live. Though heartbroken he was determined to fight for his life. He could not bear to leave his wife and children so soon. As soon as he was better he left for the best cancer treatment hospital in England. But alas despite all the latest treatment he continued to deteriorate. During his remaining days on earth Dr. Lee a true believer of Jesus found comfort and strength in prayer and the reading of God's Word.

At the funeral service Dr. Wong his best friend was requested by the family to read the obituary. Dr. Wong began by recounting the good deeds of Dr. Lee. He proceeded next to describe the many happy holidays he had spent with Dr. Lec. The reminder to check the passports kept ringing in Dr. Wong's ears. Dr. Wong felt that his best friend was not dead but rather he had gone on a long journey and as in times past he could still hear the finite reminder of Dr. Lee to get the passports and visasready. Dr. Wong a nominal caristian suddenly felt uneasy because for the first time he realised he was unsure of his passport to paradise.

Dear reader let us learn something from this true life account of two Singapore doctors. Firstly, owing to sin within our lives we must all die. "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life." Rom. 6:23. So let us all learn to accept the fact that death is inevitable. This good doctor although able to detect and treat illness in his patients was unable to treat himself. The best surgeon and medicines could not cure him from his cancer. For the true believer there is no fear in death. Dr. Lee found strength and peace in Jesus Christ during his greatest hour of need. From all the friends who visited him during his last days they were all amazed that Dr. Lee could maintain such a cheerful and serene disposition. The answer was plain to see - Jesus was with him.

In John 14:2,3,4 we are assured by our Lord Jesus that he is preparing a place for all of us. In addition to the preparation our Master is personally coming to show us the way to paradise. Dear reader do you long to be in paradise? Then have your passport checked to see whether you have fulfilled the requirements Jesus said "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life: no man cometh to the Father, but by me" (Jhon 14:6). Do not delay, get your passports ready! Death may strike us anyday.

OUR WIEKLY CHAT

My dear Readers,

GOSPEL

Sharon B-P Church at St. John's Island

Last Tuesday I was invited by Sharon to their Camp at St. John's Island. Bro. Richard Ngo kindly came in his car to fetch us. The "Sea Lion" ferried us first to Kusu, which is now greatly extended and beautified. We reached St. John's within an hour. The roundtrip costs \$3 and \$1.50 for children.

The Government's former Opium Rehabilitation Centre is now converted into a holiday camp. Each unit consists of three dermitories, comfortably furnished. Each dorm can accommodate twenty. So, there were 60 beds. Since Sharon had 73 old and young, the remaining (unlucky?) 13 had to sleep on dining tables! The costs for camping per day is \$60.

The camp speakers were Mr. Tan Wai Choon and Rev. Peter Chua. I came in time to hear Peter's exposition on the life of Samson, and was blessed by the message. We enjoyed equally the rich food deliciously prepared by the wives of the deacons. We were given a cordial send-off in the afternoon by Deacon Ronnie Ong and Tan Choon Hee, Pastor Chua and Mr. Tan.

"He who Stands Aside Sees Clearer"

This Chinese saying came to mind as I sat in the wooded shadows of St. John's Cafe facing the new soaring skyline of our City. I saw Singapore in the glory of her surging vitality, a global city, like Hong Kong, Tokyo and New York. Then the thought came again - what of the Church?

Singapore is the fourth great port of the world. Our own merchant havy has grown by leaps and bound:, and is now sailing the seven seas. While coasters ply a brisk trade between Singapore and Indonesia, is the Christian Church to be left out by default?

Are "the children of this world" by their industry and enterprise to condemn us, "the children of light," sitting in complacency? It is of His condescending grace that our Church has been given the honour to build a Gospel Boat. Let us be no less enterprising than "the children of this world," who lose no opportunity to trade with every talent.

Talking of our Boat appointment from the Lord, I was glad to receive from the elder sisters of our Chinese Service another \$820 last week. Our Chinese Service has given

\$4,000 in their support of the Gospel Boat!

Literally, 1,000 miles of riverine country in West Kalimantan awaits the visit of the "Kapuas Kourier," now under construction. Let us make a strong and sturdy vessel that will hasten the Good News of salvation to a hundred lost tribes on many a bank and tributary of the Kapuas. T.T.

Bible Study Half-Hour. COMRADESHIP (Acts 4:23-31)

The age of the healed cripple was said to be above forty years old. What a joy it must be for him to be able to walk for the first time in more than forty years! More important than our ability to walk with our legs is our God-given ability to walk with God. The apostle John says: "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (I John 1:7).

It is interesting to note that because of the pressure by the people who "glorified God for that which was done," the Sanhedrin could do nothing more than threaten the apostles further (v. 21). But the apostles were not to be cowed under threats. They were released and "they went to their own company." The saying is true: "Birds of the same feather flock together." You can tell a man by the company he keeps. Watch your company!

What a wonderful time of sharing they must have had. It was a time of testimony. They "reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them." I'm quite sure they reported their encounter with the authorities in order that they might pray; and pray they did! Three elements may be noted in this prayer: 1) Praise (vv. 24-28);

2) Petition (vv. 29,30); and 3) Power (v. 31).

a) Praise (vv. 24-28). In unity, the disciples spontaneously prayed aloud. They glorified God by praising Him. The Psalmist tells us that: "Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me" (Ps.50:23 a). They acknowledged. God as the Sovereign Creator of the total universe and therefore was still on the thronc. God is also the God of revelation. He spoke through His servant David. In other words, what David spoke, God spoke. The disciples quoted Ps. 2 and applied it to their situation for their comfort. In verse 27 and 28, we again see the mystery of this parallel teaching throughout Scripture: God's eternal decrees and man's free actions. God determined in eternity what Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel did in time. There is no surprise or accidents with God.

God "worketh all things after the counsel of his own will" (Eph. 1:11).

b) Petition (vv. 29,30). In the petition, we notice first the taking of their problem (i.e. the threatenings of the Sanhedrin to the Lord. Wes, we must "take it to the Lord in prayer." Peter's experience of God's protection caused him to write: "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you" (I Pet. 5:7). Do you? Second, the request was made that they be granted boldness to speak God's Word; and that God might continue to demonstrate His power through His apostles in the name of the Lord Jesus. The apostles recognized their need of courage; so must we.

c) Power (v.31). Praise the Lord, they received the answers to their prayer immediately. It is said that "more things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of." God granted them courage so that they could speak "the word of God with Boldness." "Men may spurn our appeals, reject our message, oppose our arguments, despise our persons that they are helpless against our prayers," Sidlow Baxtor, an outstanding Bible Expositor.

LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS
MON - THURS. Foochow MYF Camp.

TUES. 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting. (thereafter Session Meeting).

SAT. 10 am Low - Heng Wedding. 12 pm Rev. Tow at Tampoi Wedding.

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2 pm Evangelistic League at the
Parsonage.

Lord's Day 10 am Rev. Tow.

3 pm Rev. Tow at Kelapa Sawit. 4 pm Mr. Lin Tah Mon.

7 pm Rev. Tow at Tampoi.

Last Week's Offering \$668.37 + \$100 for

Gospel Boat + \$100 for Home for Aged.

Sunday Lunch Roster Young People Life YF.

Ladies This Week: Mrs. Khoo, Poon, Kam.

Next Week: Mrs. Tan, Tay, Tow.

THE GREAT PHYSICIAN NOW IS NEAR,
The sympathizing Jesus;
He speaks the drooping heart to cheer,
O, hear the voice of Jesus.

Ch: Sweetest note in seraph song, Sweetest name on mortal tongue; Sweetest carol ever sung, Jesus blessed Jesus.

Your many sins are all forgiven, Oh, hear the voice of Jesus; Go on your way in peace to heaven, And wear a crown with Jesus.

All glory to the dying Lamb!
I now believe in Jesus;
I love the blessed Saviour's name,
I love the name of Jesus.

Wedding Bells: The holy matrimony between Mr. Low Chee Kin and Miss Amy Heng Siew Kim will be solemnised Sat. Dec. 10, 10 a.m., Rev. Heng officiating.

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Saturday 10th December, 1977

OUR WEEKLY CHAT

My dear Readers.

How Does God Speak to Us Today?

A brilliant young sister attending Life Church came for counselling this week. She got involved with another young Christian lady who claimed to speak the Word of God direct from the Father above. While she quoted Scripture, she spoke apart from Scripture. This brought confusion in the mind of the young sister. Fortunately our Assist. Paster Mr. Tan was on hand, and he was able to challenge the spirit and confound it.

Through the Written Word

While it is true that God revealed His will to man by dreams and visions in ancient days and spoke through prophets and seers, it is not for Him to speak to us as in the past anymore! God speaks to us today only through His Written Word - the Holy Bible. The Written Word is the highest and surest form of Revealing His Will to us.

The written word is the highest and surest form of communicating one's idea to another, even in human affairs. For example, an old father promises to give his children each a share of his property. Lest there be any misunderstanding and dispute, he puts it down in writing, in what is known as the making of a will. To make sure what he writes is accurate and without ambiguity, he employs a lawyer to word it. To see that it is publicly recognised, he has the document sealed and stamped in a court of law. The written word is the surest word.

So, in order to find out what is God's will for our lives today, we must follow the Apostle's injunction to Timothy, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect throughly furnished unto all good works" (II Tim. 3:16,17).

Through Preaching of the Word

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Anticipating the curious-minded who will seek some other form of revelation, such as the sensational and more impressive type, Paul charges Timothy to "preach the Word; be instant in season; out of season, ... for the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers having itching ears." (II Tim. 4:1-3).

How does God speak to us today? Let me say with the Apostle again - by the Holy Scriptures. Read the Word everyday yourself prayerfully and expectantly. The Spirit of God will apply every portion of His Word to every need of our lives.

No Bibliomancy!

To seek God's Word in a haphazard way, turning to any page and blindly putting your finger on any verse is no better than asking the fortune-teller's bird to pick a fortune-card for you! This I would call Bible-fortune-telling. The dictionary word is: "bibliomancy."

Conclusion

How does God speak to us today? Through the Holy Scriptures when they are faithfully and prayerfully read. Through the Holy Scriptures when they are faithfully and prayerfully preached.

In conclusion, here's a short paragraph from Calvin's Institutes (abridged); "Since C I does not speak to men in daily oracles He has preserved His truth in the Scriptures, and only in the Scriptures for us. The Scriptures have authority over the believers, and are to be received as "the very words pronounced by God Himself" "when they are satisfied of its divine origin."

How the Lord Saved Us \$3,070

When I discovered last Saturday from the latest PUB bill that our water consumption had gone way up this month (\$587!), I made an immediate investigation of the water system. From the meter reading and sound of running water from two adjacent pipes, I knew water was gushing underground.

Mr. Goh our plumber dug around the first pipe but found no leak. I contacted the PUB and a team came over in an hour. Another contractor recommended by PUB was consulted. Expert advice: Since it was not possible to detect the underground leak, the only way (as usually practised) was to lay a new pipe from the water main to the end of the College Block. Price \$3,200!

The Session recommended another contractor. Price-wise, no better offer. Meanwhile I was praying to the Lord. From past experience, He indicated it was at an elbow joint. Mr. Eng was hurriedly summoned. His men dug at the spot indicated. It seemed we were barking up the wrong tree again. Deeper, deeper. The earth seemed damper. Suddenly, a

trickle! From a trickle, a spring! From a spring, a stream! We found it!

Mr. Goh our plumber was called again. After 1½ days, with Mr. Be assisting, the repair to a 2" elbow-pipe was completed. Cost \$130! Praise the Lord! He gives wisdom and help in every situation of our earthly life. Next time, gray more! Yours in His glad Service, T.T.

RADIO SINGAPORE has chosen Life Church again to broadcast on Jan. 1, 1978. Recording on Dec. 29, 8 pm. Pray for the Lord's blessing!

THE GOOD NEWS BIRLE - A Critical Analysis by Tan Wai Choon

Besides feeding God's flock, another God-given duty of a pastor is to warn God's flock against anything that may endanger their lives. Just as a father must be careful that no poison comes to the table of his family, God's under-shepherd must guard the diet of his flock. He is responsible to see that nothing but the solid truth of the pure Word

of God is preached, taught, and disseminated in the Church.

An elder has informed me that The Good News Bible put out in 1976 by the ABS is being widely circulated among S'pore Christians. We should rejoice that the Bible is being read. I would have heartily welcomed any translation of the Bible that helps Christians to enjoy the Bible. Had the Good News Bible been a faithful and accurate translation, my task would have been more exciting in promoting it rather than denouncing it for its many very serious errors. Even the RSV (Revised Standard Version) of which we also disapprove, is not as blatant in its alterations of the Holy Spirit's inspired words and meanings as the GNB has done.

A. THE BLOOD OF CHRIST Christians are blood-bought people. Hebrews 9:22 tells us that "... without shedding of blood there is no remission." The apostle Peter tells us that we have been redeemed by "The precious blood of Christ, as a lamb without blemish and without spot" (I Pet. 1:19). But the GNB is bold enough to take away the word blood from at least ten (10) places in the New Testament (Acts 20:28; Rom. 3:25; 5:9; Eph. 1:7; 2:13; Col. 1:14,20, I Pet. 1:19; Rev. 1:5; 5:9). What is so difficult about the word "blood"? Why remove it from connection with the death of Christ? The Greek word is haima, and nobody disputes

its meaning. It has been correctly pointed out that it is not merely the death of Christ that saves; it is the shedding of His blood in dying which accomplishes our redemption. People can die without shedding blood, but if Christ had not shed His blood, His death would not have been efficacious. Incidentally, the atonement is a cardinal

doctrine of our Christian faith.

THE VIRGIN BIRTH OF CHRIST The Holy Spirit inspired both Matt. and Luke to make it absolutely clear that Mary was still a virgin when Christ was conceived in her womb. Matthe says it in Matt. 1:23, which the GNB correctly renders; but what justification is there for it to change the same Greek word to "a girl" in Luke 1:27? Is there any controversy about the Greek word parthenos? None whatsoever! Then why translate it "a girl" (a girl is not necessarily a virgin), when the Holy Spirit has meant it to be virgin? Even the RSV is not that blatant! It is necessary that Mary be a virgin otherwise our Lord would have been conceived in sin just like anyone of us (cf. Ps. 51:5).

THE ADDITION AND SUBTRACTION OF GOD'S WORD God has already warned against the adding to and subtracting from His Word (Rev. 22:18-19). This is exactly what the GNB has done in Ps. 110:1 when it renders the verse: "The Lord said to my Lord, the king. Sit here at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet" First the GNB takes away the Psalm title which attributes the Psalm to David. Second, it adds to the verse the words, "the king." The addition of the words 'the king' is nothing but the modernistic view"that the meaning of a psalm is exhausted in the reference to the author's day, but that it may be referred to Christ by analogy. This hardly suits the N.T. use of these psalms and it makes their reference to Christ no more wonderful than the reference of non-messianic psalms to all

the rest of us in our varied experiences. It robs David of his prediction and Christ of the Psalter's witness" (R. Laird Harris, The Biblical Expositor, p. 436). The Psalm titles are of very ancient origin. The argument that they are not inspired is by no means conclus ive. Obviously the GNB wants the verse to say what they think it ought to say rather than what it actually says. The words "the king" are not in the Hebrew text, nor in any other Our Lord Jesus quoted and interpreted this verse in His dispute with Pharisees concerning their view of the Messiah. In reply to their answer that the Messiah was the son of David, our Lord countered: "How then doth David call him Lord, saying, The Lord said unto my Lord, sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool? If David then call him Lord, how is he his son? (Matt. 22:42-45). That this verse is a direct prediction of Christ is also held by the apostle Peter (Acts 2:34,35). But the GNB violates the psalm title as well as Christ's interpretation. It also violates "the meaning of v. 4 on which Hebrews (Chs. 5 and 7) builds so heavily" (R. Laird Harris, Ibid. p. 436). To be continued next week. (The Bible Study Half Hour will resume in two week's time.)

LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS MON - FRI Ch. of Christ of Malaya Camp. TUES 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting (Elder Tay). SAT 3.50 pm LCYF: YAF.

7.30 pm Bible Study with Mr. Tan. Lord's Day 10 am Mr. Tan Wai Choon.

1.30 pm Westminster Confession (Mr. Tan).

4 pm Miss Pauline Wong. (Paster Tow at Rawang, Muar). Last Week's Offerings \$1,150.69 + \$200 + \$200 for FEBC + \$50 for Kelapa Sawit + \$50 for Galilee BP Church + thru pastor \$50 + \$100 (Gospel Boat) +\$100. Chinese Service:

For Gospel Boat: \$105 + \$100. Sunday Lunch Roster: Young People Life YF. Ladies: This Week Mrs. Tan, Tay, Tow. Next Week: Mrs. Tow, Khoo, Sng.

The Engagement is announced between Dr. Peter Tan and Miss Audrey Kong at P.J., Sun. Dec. 4, 1977.

Christmas Infant Baptism Parents please register! Adults, Easter, March, '78. Pray for Mr. Wong Ah Siong as he recovers from recent operation.

FEK Committee, please meet immediately after

service this Lord's Day.

Kelapa Sawit B.F., BPM \$1,500; Prosbytory

\$500; Still needed \$10,000!

By Sng Jin Seng.

Had it not been for God's mercies and love towards me, this testimony would be

impossible because I was lost till Sept. '77 when God revealed Himself to me.

Since attending church 15 years ago, there has been emptiness in my heart because of my rebellious nature towards God. I was stubborn, proud and refused to yield to Him. Church attendance became so meaningless that I wanted to give up. But each time I felt

like giving up, my heart became uneasy. I prayed to God for help.

Then one day, it dawned on me that my pastor must be standing on firm ground and speaking the truth. Surely nobody could stand on the pulpit to speak nonsense for so many years. Not long after this, the book 'Pioneering in Dyak Borneo' was presented to me. After reading the book, I realised that a great power was behind the author, Jason Linn, to sustain him through all hardships. Further readings on biographies of other missionaries revealed this great power even more clearly. I was deeply touched. Taking the words from John 16:24 I prayed that God would show a special sign to me.

Thanks to God, the sign did come, but not before He had brought me low and humbled me. I was admitted to hospital in July '77. It was here that I examined my relationship with God. I realised that God was not given the chance to show His goodness. Moreover,

I was a fool to say that there is no God (Ps. 53:1).

I was admitted to hospital with a stricture in the rectum. The doctor, after diagnosis, confidently gave me the heart-breaking news - it was cancer! I became very sad and frightened. Fortunately, I had brothers and sisters in Christ to pray for me. Miraculously, after 2 biopsies, it proved non-malignant. However, the doctor was not

tisfied and other doctors, including senior surgeons, from other hospitals were consulted. All of them agreed that the symptons showed malignancy. As a result, 3 more biopsies were performed, but malignancy could not be proved. Praise God, after 5 biopsies and 25 days, the doctors were confounded. It was revealed later that this is the first medical case of its kind in Singapore.

I was discharged without any operation and advised to seek private practitioners. This I did but was shocked to find that private surgery would cost me \$10,000 upwards. I could not afford private surgery and I also had lost confidence in the government

doctor. So I turned to the Great Physician for rescue. During one of the September prayer meetings, everyone prayed specially for me. A miracle happened the next day. The government doctor rang me up to give his assurance that he could handle the case and encouraged me to go back. This is the special sign, the miracle which I had prayed for. It settled the struggle between me and God. From that day onwards, I accepted Christ as my Saviour.

I have been operated on 3 places and the success of the operation will be known after the final operation in Feb. '78. However, I know it will be successful because God, who is the same yesterday, today and forever, has heard and answered my prayers. Thank God for this experience that through suffering I have come to receive His wonderful gift of

salvation.

Our Weekly Chat

My dear Readers,

"Peace in Out Time"?

In the crucial months before World War II broke out, Mr. Chamberlain the British Prime Minister went to see Hitler, umbrella in hand, to seek "peace in our time." But the Fuehrer was bent on war. The "peace in our time" that Chamberlain was seeking for Great Britain and for the rest of the world was shattered in one hour! From Sept. 1939 to Aug. 1945 mankind was embroiled in a global war. We in Singapore had our share of it, but how soon the ravages of war are forgotten!

The world today is heading for another war. The flash point is the Middle East. Israel

and the Arab nations have been at loggerheads for three decades after World War II.

Suddenly, a change of heart has occurred to Sadat. With it has come about a change of

heart of the Egyptians.

This is the best thing that ever happened towards a peaceful settlement of the age-old The convening of a first round-table conference in Cairo this week is another milestone covered on the road to peace. Let us thank God for this relaxing of tension.

In the light of the prophetic Scriptures, this movement for peace will gather momentum. It will be achieved by the end-time World Ruler. He will be one rising out of the confederation of Western nations. Will the succeeding events of the present peace movement tally with our interpretation of the Scriptures?

But peace will not last long. There will emerge the pattern of a week of years (seven years) before Jesus returns. In the middle of this week of years, that is after 3/2 years have transpired, there will be a breaking of treaty between Israel and the World Ruler. This would signal the End-Time War, culminating with Christ's Descent on the Mt. of Olives. Are we drawing so near to these times?

Surely, we are living in momentous days. We cannot pin-point the day of Jesus' Return.

But we should have the holy faculty of sensing it. What shall we do about it?

First, make sure of our salvation? Will I be caught up to meet Him or will I be left behind? Second, "Occupy till He comes!" What are you doing for Jesus each day with all the talents He has given you? - T.T.

THE GOOD NEWS BIELE - A Critical Analysis by Tan Wai Choon (continued). THE DEITY OF CHRIST. When we say that we believe in the deity of Christ we mean that we believe that Jesus is God. He is fully God and fully Man. Our Lord Jesus is God the Son, the second person of the Trinity. Apart from the general teachings of this cardinal doctrine in our Bible, there are also a number of verses which directly address Jesus as God (e.g. John 20:28; Rom. 9:5; Heb. 1:8; Tit. 2:13).

Heb.1:8 is a literal quotation of Psalm 45:6 which the KJV correctly renders: "Thy throne, O God is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre." The GNB however translates it: "The throne that God had given you will last forever and ever" Thus the direct address is removed. Is there justification for such a translation? Absolutely none, apart from a dislike on the part of the translators of addressing Christ as God! writes A.A. MacRae, a leading O.T. scholar of today. Dr Harris points out, "The form of the sentence with the second person of address in verses 5 and 7 makes the vocative "thy throne, O God" necessary. The form of the sentence is quite like Lam. 5:19 ... There is no reason

to depart from the KJV translation of Psalm 45:6"(R.L. Harris, Op.Cit., p. 437).

In the same way the GNB plays down on the deity of Christ in Rom.9:5. "This is not an incorrect translation of the Greek but faced with a choice of two translations, each equally correct gramatically, the translators of the TEV(i.c.GNB) chose to use the one which does not support the deity of Christ" (S.Custer and M. Neal, A Critical Analysis of a

Dangerous Perversion, p.6).

E. THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST. This is another cardinal doctrine of Christianity. Paul says it emphatically in I Cor. 15:12-22. The marvel of it all is that Christ's resurrection was predicted in Psalm 16:10. Christ's body did not see corruption. Peter quoted and interpreted this this verse for us in Acts 2:27-31. The Apostle Paul similarly interpreted this verse in A 3 13:35-37. But the GNB renders this verse "... you will not abandon to the depths below the one you love." The key word is "corruption." If that is too difficult a word, a modern equivalent like "decay" could have been substituted. The point of both Peter's and Paul's argument is that our Lord's body did not undergo decay but was resurrected in fulfilment of Ps. 16:10's prediction. The GNB's translation makes Peter and Paul appear to have utterly misunderstood the Old Testament.

CONCLUSION Let me quote from the Conclusion of the critical analysis on this version by S. Custer and M. Neal of Bob Jones University,

"The Bible is the inspired Word of God. This truth has been taught and believed by Christians for generations. As the doctrine has been explained by conservative Christians, it means that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given to men by God. God, through the Holy Spirit, inspired the writers so that they wrote exactly what God wanted them to write, even to the very words which they used. Every word of the Bible, as it was originally written, was given by God and so is completely without error of fact and absolutely authoritative and reliable.

There are two methods of translating the Bible from its original Greek and Hebrew into English. One is to seek to express in idiomatic English what the Greek says, giving as far as possible a literal translation for each Greek or Hebrew word. Additions are made only when it is necessary to make sense in English. This philosophy of translating is based on the idea that the Greek of the New Testament is verbally inspired and therefore every word, as well as the exact word used, is important because its use was directed by God.

The other method is to read the Greek, decide what it means in the opinion of the translator, and then to put it down in any English words which seem to express the general idea of the Greek to modern man. There is no attempt to be literal or to avoid adding or leaving out words or phrases. The sole criterion is to "express the thought of the Greek in modern, contemporary (and sometimes colloquial) English." This method may be all right for translating secular documents, but it fails to take into account that the Scriptures are different from all other writings and ignores the fact that in the Bible every word is important. (To be continued)

LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.

9.15 p.m. Radio broadcast rehearsal.

5.00 p.m. Teachers' Christian Fellowship.

.3.00 p.m. Ong-Goh Wedding. SAT

7.30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service.

(Rev. Tai Po-fu). thereafter carolling.

Christmas Day 10 a.m. Christmas Baptismal Service.

4 p.m. Christmas Service. Last Week's Offerings \$663.55 + \$40 for BPM + \$150 for Gospel Boat.

and Miss Irne Goh Swee Meng will be solemnised Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 3 p.m., Lt. Col. Patrick Tan and Rev. Tow officiating. Reception at FEBC Hall.

Those joining Life Church New Year Broadcast over Radio S'pore are requested to come to Prayer Meeting Tues. night to rehearse in congregational singing. A register of names must be submitted after Dec. 20.

Carol Practice Carollers please meet at FEBC Hall at 12 noon this Lord's Day. Bro. Yiew Pong Sen is in charge.

Last Minute hunt for Christmas cards and gifts? Just drop in our Book Centre! Give a Bible! The Holy Matrimony between LTA Ong Pak Shoon Rev. Tow is preaching at Rawang, Muar this Lord's Day.

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WHY CHRISTMAS IS AN INTERNATIONAL CELEBRATION

By Edward N. Gross

In every nation of the world there are holidays celebrated which are unique to that nation. There are very few holidays which are celebrated internationally. Why is this? Because there have been so very few events which have taken place, which have had such a profound international influence so as to warrant its being observed by so vast a number of people. Why is Christmas thought to be important enough to warrant its being observed by so many millions throughout the world?

The Universal Need of Man - There is a movement occurring throughout the world which is stressing the differences between races and nations. Hence, many nations are joining hands only with other nations of the same racial make-up. Every race seems to be with-drawing into its own corner, convinced of its need to stand alone as a nation or as a people. There are, undoubtedly, differences and peculiarities which every race and nation possess which need to be preserved. But to attempt to withdraw oneself from, and set one-self against the members of another race, for racial purposes only, as is being done throughout the world, is totally illogical, for the things all men have in common are greatly more in number than are their differences.

Let us, for example, take four men: one from Africa, one from India, one from America, and one from Saudi Arabia and observe them. Yes, they all look different; but how different are they, actually? So much stress is being placed today upon the colour of one's skin that many would say there is a great difference. But is there really? Do they not all have bodies which are structurally identical? They all have two eyes, two ears, one mose, one mouth, two arms, two legs, two feet, hair, a brain and a heart, to name a few of their similarities.

They all desire to prosper in their business, and to provide for their family. But even more identical is their inward, spiritual condition. They all have a conscience which feels guilty when they steal, lie, commit adultery, or murder. They all desire to be made free from the dreadful bondage and consequences of their sin; yet none of them possess the ability to free themselves. They all try, in their own way, to attain inward peace, but all to no avail. So with a heart of great despair they, like all men, try to live as happily as possible in such a condition.

The Universal Power of the Death of Christ - Herein we see the magnificence of Christianity and the uniqueness of Christmas. All men of all nations are identical with respect to their spiritual need. All men have transgressed God's holy, eternal Law by sinning and must, therefore, pay the consequence, which is chiefly, eternal death. But in God's mercy, he sent Christ, who paid the debt for all those who would receive him as Lord and Saviour of their life. Those who do not accept the pardon offered by God through Christ will bear the terror of eternal judgment themselves.

Christ, the very Son of God, came into the world as a Jew, but he died for people in all the nations of the world. The Bible states that the African, Indian, American, Saudi Arabian, etc. are all equal, and it affirms this fact by calling them all the same name, "Contiles". It adds, "Wherefore, remember that you being in time past Gentiles in the flesh ... were without Christ ... having no hope, and without God in the world: but now in Christ Jesus you who were once far off ar made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of partition between us" (Eph. 2:11-14). It is only in Christ that any man of any nation can receive forgiveness for his sins and have the wall separating us from God's peace and favour removed.

That is why Christmas is an international celebration. Many men of all nations on the earth have found personal peace and forgiveness in Christ, and, therefore, feel constrained to set apart a day and celebrate Christ's coming into this world. No other event in the history of mankind was so important, and so needed by us all. - The Christian Morning Star, Kenya.

THE GOOD NEWS BIBLE - A Critical Analysis by Tan Wai Choon (continued).

"A word is included because God wanted it there. A particular word or a certain tense is used because God wanted exactly that word or tense used. For this reason the Bible must be translated as literally as possible.

Of course, it is not always possible to be absolutely literal. Greek idioms must be put into English idioms. But the translation should be as literal as possible.

The <u>King James Version</u> and the <u>American Standard Version</u> are examples of literal translations. (The <u>New Testament in Today's English</u> and <u>Good News for Modern Man*</u> are examples of the other method of translation. In some respects, a translation of this type is not really a translation at all but a paraphrase and commentary. Very little of the <u>TEV</u> (i.e. the <u>Good News Bible</u>) is literal. Almost every verse has been injected with the opinion of the translator as to what he thinks the <u>Greek text means</u>, rather than what it says. There are some modern paraphrasing versions which are acceptable and interesting if the reader likes this type of translation. But the <u>TEV</u> is not one of them. Aside from the basic issue of its failure to provide a literal translation, it is simply not accurate. The preface to the <u>TEV</u>(pg-iv) states that it 'seeks to express the meaning of the <u>Greek text</u> in words and forms accepted as standard by people everywhere who employ English as a means of communication.

In reading this version it seems plain that the translator is not seeking "to express the meaning of the Greek text" as much as he is inserting his own ideas of what the text means and is deliberately trying to adjust many of the doctrines of Scripture to make them more acceptable to modern liberal thought.

For the person who wishes some version of the Bible other than the King James Version to aid him in his study, we would recommend the New American Standard Bible as one of the most accurate, literal, and understandable versions available today."(S. Custer & M. Neal, Op. Cit.

p.30-33).

Although only the N.T. is available, the New International Version (NIV) promises to be the Version of our generation. It is being translated by a team of about 100 international, consecrated, outstanding Bible scholars, all of whom hold to a high view of Scripture.NIV's goals are:1.Faithfulness to the original languages. 2.Clarity. 3. Beauty of style. 4.Suitability for public and private use. It is scheduled to be completed in 1978.

Let us wait a little longer for this Version instead of wasting God's money on the GNB. Just as we would not spend money on an unwholesome loaf of bread. however inexpensive it may be, let us not spend any money on the GNB simply because it is cheap. "The words of the Lord are pure words ... " (Ps.12:6). *This is the N.T. portion of the GNB.

(Owing to lack of space, the Bible Study Half Hour will resume next week).

LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS MON 11.00 am Tan - Chan Wedding. 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting. 9.15 pm Broadcast Rehearsal. THUR 7.15 pm Broadcasters assemble in SAT 8.00 pm Galilee Watchnight Service. 10.45 pm Life Church Watchnight

New Year's Day 10 am Rev. Tow(Lord's Sup).

10 am Mr. Tan at Nazareth. 4 pm Mr. Teo Siau Hua (Lord's Supper).

Christmas Baptisms. 1. Infant Kuan Ming Keong, born 17/11/77, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Kuan. 2.Adult Sng Jin Seng. Wedding Bells!!! The holy matrimony bet. Mr. Henry Tan Kim Teng and Miss Chan Lai Har of Fisherman of Christ will be He Yuan officiating. 2)Mr. Alfred Tan Kwong Beng and Miss Jennifer Tan Poe Hoon 14 Holland Grove Terrace, Sat. Dec. 31, 3 pm, Rev. Tow officiating. 3) between Mr. Huang Shoou Shinu and Miss Alice Poh Boh Lim, Mon. Jan. 2, 2 pm, Mr. Huang Ee Yuan officiating.

LIFE CHURCH CONGREG TION OVER RADIO S'PORE New Year's Day, 6.05 pm & 10.00 pm.

Andrew Bo Chan Ah Siew Kimiko Goto Khoo Peng Kiat Amy Khoo Grace Khoo Faith Khoo Lee Chee Seng Timothy Tow Lee Way Chor Lim Lee Chin Lim Lee Joon Lim Siew Tee Ong Eng Lam Daniel Phang (Pianist) Jonathan Phang Phang Guck Im Gladys Sng

Tan Wai Choon

Yongky Harlim

Ruby Tan Tan Lay Hoon Edmund Tay Evelyn Tay Eric Tay Edwin Tay Endrina Tay Ivy Tow Jemima Tow Jonathan Tow William Teo Paul Wong Pauline Wong Wong Poh Ying Wee Chin Kam Roland Wong Yiew Pong Sen

Lifers at home should hear LIFERS on the AIR New Year's Night 6.05 p.m. 10.00 p.m.

LET US PRAY ON THIS CHRISTMAS DAY What better time and what better season, What greater occasion or more wonderful reason, To kneel down in prayer and lift our hands high To the God of creation who made land and sky ... Church to go to Radio S'pore. And, oh, what a privilege as the New Year begins He will wipe our slate clean as we start a New Year, So at this glad season when joy's everywhere, Service (Mr. Tan Wai Choon). Let us meet Our Redeemer at the Altar of Prayer.

- Helen Steiner Rice. OWE NO MAN ANYTHING (Rom. 13:8) So if we owe God or man anything let us strive to wipe our cwn slate clean before the year is out! KAPUAS GOSPEL BOAT LETTER FROM DJUNAIDI dated 12/12/77. "The Gospel Boat is now under construction. It should be completed by Chinese New Year. I have been "going up" to supervise cuite frequently. Everything is going on fine.

With regard to the 33 h.p. engine, though it is solemnised Mon. Dec. 26, 11 am, Mr. Huang on the small side, it can be used for river navigation. No doubt we don't have the higher speed that is needed for commercial competition. Hope this is all right. What is the opinion of the Session? Please instruct! We need to buy the steering equipment from Tanjung Pinang, or rather let Dn. Teo Soon Hock look up for us in S'pore. A joyous Christmas!"

> WORD from Dohar, Medan. "Pastor Sianturi has many plans concerning the growth of the Church, and he has appointed me to take charge of this activity. Besides this, he has appointed me to be a teacher in Bible School at Siantar.

I know my four years of training in Bible College is a great blessing not only to me but to others. I know you have been a Spiritual father to me, and I have found New life in your College. I will never forget the Grace of the Lord through you. At present, I need your letter to say I have studied in S'pore, for almost four years, and also with how many credit hours have I gained from FEBC. This is just an information that I may be able to serve in the University of Sumatra. I have a great burden to work among the students, young people in Medan."

1st Kulai Besar Baptism in S'pore. David Wong, our first convert since Christmas '73 will be baptised at the Chinese Service Christmas Day. He has also heard the call and will enter Chih Lien Bible Seminary Jan. 1978.

Mr. Tan Wai Choon will preach at Tampoi Christian Service, Dec. 25, 7 p.m. Lim Florist: phone 376471/2353292.

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NEW YEAR CHAT

My dear Readers.

The Christian's New Year Began At Christmas!

For us Christians, New Year was celebrated at Christmas! For us who have tasted the sweetness of His salvation, of a new life in Christ, Christmas was the beginning of a happy New Year.

Let us thank God for the special opportunity to preach the Gospel to friends and relatives. Let us thank God for the carollers' call on families though I must apologise to those I could not visit, in view of the necessity of preaching twice the following morning and afternoon.

Your hilarious Christmas giving of well over \$5,000 to celebrate our Lord's Birth is another testimony of your salvation joy. Praise the Lord also for your overwhelming support for the Gospel Boat. With half of the Christmas offering apportioned to the "Kapuas Kourier" that's the Boat's name), we should now reach \$20,000!

"Another Milestone in our Shrinking Life-Span."

This is how I look at 1978! New Year brings the joy of a fresh start in life. But it is mixed with regrets, as we see the passing of another milestone in our shrinking life-span. Regrets not so much of advancing age as of lost opportunities and unfinished tasks. 'Lord, teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom." (Ps. 90:12). Besides, age is not measured only by years and months, but also by cone's health and attainments. But if you have life everlasting through the Prince of Life Jesus rist, you are always young! To put it humorously, the secret of staying young is to join "Life" Church!

Lifers on the Air, this New Year's Night Finally, may I ask you to pray for our Gospel Broadcast on Radio Singapore this First Night of the Year, Jan. 1, 1978. Tune in at 6.05 p.m. for the Evening Service and at 10 p.m. to the "Epilogue." What does the Lord want to say to you further? "A WORD spoken in due season, how good is it!" T. T.

Bible Study Half-Hour - GENEROSITY (Acts 4:32-37).

Some Christiansheve misinterpreted vv. 32-37 to refer to a form of Christian communism. There is nothing of that kind here.

Many features here stand in striking contrast to what we know of as communism today. In the first place, this passage does not refer to the State but to the Church. Second, their generosity was entirely voluntary so that "they had all things common." None said that the things he possessed were his own, nor any poor person suffered from want. Every person's need was met! Their willingness to share was spontaneous because "great grace was upon them all." Generosity is a great Christian virtue. No one has ever become impoverished because he is generous. Scriptures are filled with injunctions for us to be merous. Jesus said, 'Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap, for with the measure you use, it will be measured to you" (Luke 6:38, NIV). "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35b). The apostle Paul said, "God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor. 7b). Do you believe that? "Never, when the heart has been open, has the pocket been closed. The great generosity of these Christians issued from their 'great grace's (v. 33) (Scroggie).

A. A GOOD EXAMPLE TO FOLLOW. (vv. 36,37). A good example of a generous person was found in Joses (i.e. Joseph), surnamed Barnabas, meaning "Son of Encouragement." He was one man who lived up to his good name and was a tremendous encouragement to other Christians, including the Apostle Paul whose sponsor he became (Acts 9:27-30). He has such an excellent reputation that Luke later described him as "a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord" (11:24). May our Church be blessed with many Barnabases, who are sources of encouragement to others and by their exemplary lives win people to Christ!

This man is said to be a Levite from Cyprus. He had land, and he sold it, and laid the proceeds at the apostles' feet. It is a remarkable fact. Land is a man's, "Real Estate," but Barnabas sold it. What a venture of faith! It was his <u>investment</u>; notice not sacrifice, but investment. Whatever a Christian gives to the Lord and His work is never a sacrifice, but an investment which brings home multiple returns (cf. Lk. 18:29,30). Barnabas' dividends were to become evident in the later chapters of Acts. Thank God for many wise Christians among Lifers who invest in the Lord's work here and abroad. "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose " said John Elliot, who died as Christ's martyr at the hand of the Auca Indians of Ecuador in South America. "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not Lifers on the air! Tonite 6.05 & 10 pm. break through nor steal" (Matt. 6:19,20).

LIFE CHURCH & FEBC APPOINTMENTS

MON 10.00 am Fong-Lim Wedding.

2.00 pm Huang-Peh Wedding.

8.30 am FEBC Reopens.

Day of Prayer at SAF Church

8.00 pm Prayer Meeting.

Session Meeting.

THURS7.15 pm FEBC Lecture open to public.

3.30 pm YF & YAF.

7.30 pm Bible Study with Mr. Tan.

Lord's Day 10 am Mr. Tan Wai Choon.

10 am Rev. Tow at Grace. 1.30 pm Westminster

Confession class.

4 pm Mr. Lin Tah Mon.

Christmas Offerings \$1,529.35 + \$3,137. 90 + US \$20; 350 (Galilee) + thru --Pastor \$500 + \$110+\$40 (cheque).

Gospel Boat: \$50 + \$500 + \$500.

Kelapa Sawit: Life Chinese Service \$80 + \$20; Sharon \$120.

Paauwes: \$235 from Sharon.

Addendum to Christmas Infant Baptism: Amos Lim Twan Wei, s/o Mr. & Mrs. Lim Ian Chung, born 24/11/77.

Wedding Bells!! The holy matrimony between Samuel Fong Chee Mun and Stella Lim Bee Hiang of Galilee Church will be solemnised Mon. Jan. 2, 1978, 10 a.m., Rev. Philip Heng officiating. At 2 p.m., bet. Huang Shoou Shinu and Alice, Peh Boh Lim, Mr. Huang officiating.

The YAF is holding a New Year Retreat this Lord's Day and Monday at FEBC Hostel. Christian Servicemen's Church Dedication, Jan. 1, 5.30 pm. Pastor Tow and family will

Welcome home to Mr. David Lim, son of Elder and Mrs. Joshua Lim who has returned with 1st class honours in Engineering from Melbourne University.

Bethany B-P Church celebrates 4th Anniversary Thanksgiving Sunday Jan. 1, 1978 at 4.30 pm. Two representatives from Life Church are invited!

S.U. Notes Those who have placed their orders "liberation.") please see Dn. Peter Wang to get your copy. Far Eastern Bible College reopens Tues. Jan. 3, 8.30 a.m. with Day of Prayer at the Armed Forces Church, Tanglin. The principal's lectures on Revelation Mon. evenings and Theology Thurs. evenings are open to the public. Mr. Tan offers Apologetics; Dr. Quek teaches Church History and Greek Exegesis; Rev. Charlie Tan offers Mark; Mr. Bobby Phee Romans; Rev. Philip Heng Church Music; Mr. Han Soon Juan's special English courses are prescribed to all students unless exempted. The College library is now air-conditioned. Christian Life Book Centre: "What Greater Gift than the Book of books? What Pleasanter Package than from a Christian writer?" Phone: 25412231
Tampoi Bro. Calvin Channing is the Lord's

Messenger this New Year's Day.

Mr. Tan speaks this Lord's Day at Jurong

3.30 pm.

Lim Florist: 376471/2353292.

Extra Flowers at Church were offered by

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A NEW YEAR BRINGS A NEW BEGINNING

As the New Year starts and the old year ends There's no better time to make amends For all the things we sincerely regret And wish in our hearts we could somehow forget -We all make mistakes, for it's human to err, But no one need ever give up in despair, For God gives us all a brand-new beginning, A chance to start over and repent of our sinning And when God forgives us we too must forgive And resolve to do better each day that we live By constantly trying to be like Him more nearly, And to trust in His wisdom and love Him more dearly Assured that we're never out of His care

And we're always welcome to seek Him in prayer.

- Helen Steiner Rice -

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. (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. (2)

God's compassion is our story, Is our boasting all the day; Mercy free and never failing Moves our will, directs our way God so loved us, God so loved us That His only Son He gave. (2)

Loving Father, now before Thee We will ever praise Thy love; And our son will sound unceasing Till we reach our home above; Giving glory, giving glory To our God and to the Lamb. (2)

(This stirring hymn was composed by Peking University Students in 1952 under Maoist

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It is only a tiny rosebud -A flower of God's design; But I cannot unfold the petals With these clumsy hands of mine

The secret of unfolding flowers Is not known to such as I -The flower God opens so sweetly In my hands would fade and die.

If I cannot unfold a rosebud This flower of God's design, Then how can I think I have wisdom To unfold this life of mine?

So I'll trust in Him for His leading Each moment of every day, And I'll look to Him for His guidance Each step of the pilgrim way.

For the pathway that lies before me My heavenly Father knows -I'll trust Him to unfold the moments Just as He unfolds the rose. - Selected