

NEW YEAR CHAT

My dear Readers,

Truly our hearts are brimming with praise to God for bringing us back safely in time for the YF 28th Anniversary and for the Watchnight Service. We thank God not only for journeying mercies but for daily provisions and opportunity to serve every step of the way. The spiritual benefits of visiting our children, relatives, Lifers and friends cannot be measured in dollars. Nor the restored health, paradoxically, through Philadelphia's coldest Christmas.

Let us thank the Lord, praise His Name instead of grumbling and gossiping. Let us thank the Lord for our Government, for our PM and President. Let us pray for their long life and prosperity.

Thank God for your S'pore citizenship! You are as free a citizen as can be to go anywhere in the world. Not so, if you're another national of a less-free Asian country. Thank God for SIA our national airline by which Singapore is made known to the whole world. I'm proud of our Singapore girl with cheerful service. This helps to fill up our jumbos, which contributes to our national earnings. Unless Singaporeans love their nation and work together as a nation, how shall this prosperity be maintained?

1980 is gone. 1981 is here! What are the plans for our Church? Woodlands, I'm sure, is uppermost on your mind. Deacon William Teo said he would phone me in US once the official news was received. Well, he didn't. "No news is good news." Thank God for the prolonged respite which allows our cash in the bank to grow. It is the Lord's love in your hearts that has produced this continuous flow of hilarious giving, for giving = loving. To enlighten our minds further on giving to Woodlands, let me share an excellent article I've brought back from U.S. by Rev Frank Mood, assist. pastor to Dr. McIntire. He writes on:

Building the Church

The Bible gives many directions about building the work of the Lord. I Chron. 29 deals with our attitude toward the work before us. Vs. 1 gives the picture. "The work is great: for the palace is not for man, but for the Lord God." This puts the work of building in proper relation to everything else. David says it is "great". We are doing a work which is not some run-of-the-mill work, not an everyday job, not a common thing, not a routine event, but "it is a great work." This makes it something very special and outstanding, something that demands our very best.

Building the church requires that we give our best. The best of our time, the best of our years, the best of our life, the best of our efforts, the best of our talents, the best of everything. I cannot be sloppy and careless in building the church, it demands my best. I must be precise and exact, it must be the best I can give and do.

The greatness that demands so much in building churches is found in the fact that "it is not for man, but for the Lord God." This shapes my whole concept concerning the building of the church. The work that I am called upon to perform is not something for man and his standard. It reaches far above the level of man to the very peak of perfection. It is "for the Lord God." And the Lord God is holy and His house is holy (vs.3). When we realize this aspect, then our attitude falls into its proper place. Then church building supercedes everything else, it becomes a great work, the greatest work in all the world. It must come first and it calls forth my best in meeting God's holy standard.

David knew the greatness of the work and gave his best, his all. He says, "I have prepared with all my might for the house of my God" (vs. 2). It was a personal work for his God that required the preparation for building with all his "might", his wisdom, his abilities, his time, his wealth, his all. It was always the preeminent thing in his life.

Again, David says, "I have set my affection to the house of my God (vs. 3). David was reciprocating to the love which God had shown to him. David's heart belonged to God and that is where his treasure was. "I have of my own proper good ... given to the house of my God over and above that which I have prepared for the holy house" (vs. 3). In the vernacular of today, we could say that David was all wrapped up in the work of building the church. It is this attention I give to this important work that soon reveals if my attitude is right or wrong.

May we realize that building churches is a great work that we are not labouring for men and their praise, but we are working for the Lord God and He is holy. If this is our attitude, then we can proceed with the work of building true churches. (end of quote).

Building the Church in the Believer's Heart

Of greater importance is building the Church, the temple of God, in the believer's heart. Eph. 2:19, so says we are of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone. The apostles represent the N.T. and the prophets the O.T. Our foundation is the Bible, God's Word, Jesus' Word.

Pray for your pastor that he might have plenty of Bible in his preaching. Come to Tuesday night prayer meeting where the Bible is expounded. Come Sunday morning to the Adult Bible Class taught by the pastor and others. Come to FEBC evening classes Monday & Thursday. But we want you to take meat and not milk only by joining the Ryrie Study Bible Programme. To date several dozen Ryrie Study Bibles at a subsidised price have been bought by Lifers. Avail yourself of this golden offer. This Study Bible, having made plain the difficult passages, will induce you to read on. If you join the Bible-Reading Programme this will be your happiest New Year resolution.

"Blessed are they that sow beside all waters
That send forth thither the feet of the ox and the ass" (Isa. 32:20)

This exhortation from Isaiah to go out humbly for the Lord was acted upon July 1978. I was on my way to West Kalimantan when I first met the "boat people" at Tanjung Pinang. We held several gospel meetings with these "vanguards", as a result of which 9 were baptised. This Christmas I received a card from one of the nine. This Vietnamese brother, Ly Chan Thang, now settled in Aust. writes: "I was (one of the nine) baptised by you. You led me into the door of everlasting life. Time flies. That was more than a year ago, and I've not written you since. How are you? Have thought much of you. May the Lord preserve you always. A Happy Christmas to you and the brethren". May this evidence to God's saving grace, like the Samaritan leper returning to thank Jesus, spur you on.



Building of Church-Kindergarten at Siantan, Pontianak

If a chance contact with the Vietnam "boat people" had won a soul like Ly Chan Thang, how much more will the reinforcement of a permanent Slum Children's work. We have gone out in earnest to build at Siantan, Pontianak a Church-Kindergarten, 7.5 m x 14 m on about 2 acres land bought 3 years ago at only \$2,400. This new Church should be ready in 6 months. Despite the Woodlands project, we gave Rev. Djunaidi \$10,000 in Oct. to get started. Another \$10,000 is pledged by a lover of building Churches. Our old house on the land when renovated will be a home for the resident workers. God's Kingdom must go on without let up! Pray for Djunaidi!

Yours obediently, T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (JAN. 5-11)

- MON 8.30 am FEBC Day of Prayer.
TUE 8.00 pm Bible Study/Prayer Meeting.
9.15 pm 1st Session Meeting.
WED 8.00 pm Wedding Rehearsal.
THUR 7.30 pm Calvin, Rev Tow.
FRI 7.30 pm FEBC Faculty & Board Meeting.
SMCCC Committee Meetings
SAT 3.00 pm Thomas Liaw - Ng Poh Hong
Wedding. Rev Tow officiating.
Reception at FEBC Hall.
3.30 pm JYF, YF & YAF.
SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow
10.00 am Mr Teo Siau Hua. (Chinese Serv.)
11.45 am Korean Church
1.30 pm Beulah Service
4.30 pm Sharon B-P Church

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: \$2,107.69

WATCHNIGHT SERVICE: \$1,121.85 + \$100 (Dohar)
+ \$150 (WF) + \$100 (FEBC) + \$200 (Sharonite
for charity).

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS:

PRAISE THE LORD: 998) \$2,000; 999) \$20;
1000) \$150; 1001) \$10;
1002) \$300; 1003) \$800;
1004) \$11.61; 1005) \$1,200;
1006) \$1,000; 1007) \$40;
1008) \$3,000; 1009-12)
\$429.59; \$112.77; \$260.10;
\$239.50 (Int.); 1013)
\$100; 1014) \$100; 1015)
\$50; 1016) \$60; 1017)
\$285 (WF); 1018) \$250;
1019) \$700; 1020) \$500
(Beulah); 1021) \$1,000
(Mt Carmel); 1022) \$300;
1023) \$25.60; 1024) \$50;
1025) \$70; 1026) \$80; 1027) \$60; 1028) \$
\$16.55 (Boxes).

TOTAL: \$573,819.31

LOANS: \$196,000.00

GRAND TOTAL: \$769,819.31

NURSERY JAN. 11: Mrs Patricia Tan, Miss
Esther Soh and Miss Irene Chua.

Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Matthew Chan
Weng Lock on the gift of a son, Samuel
Chen Wei Weng, Dec. 24, 1980.

Pray for Bro. Yew Kwong Poy, at Mt Elizabeth
Hospital, Ward 10.

Lim Florist, Tel: 2353292

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Singapore 1130. Tel: 2560612/2569256.

BE THOU MY VISION O LORD OF MY HEART;

Naught be all else to me, save as thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my Wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever withthee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, and I thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Congratulations to Bethany B-P Church

(Rev Charlie Tan) on their 7th Anniversary
Thanksgiving this Lord's Day Jan. 4 at Zion
Church 6.30 p.m. After service dinner will
be served. Two Session members from Life
Church are invited.

RENOVATIONS AROUND THE CHURCH

FEBC students repair Church windows at last.
The procurement for the right type of green
window panes has delayed this work. Thank
God also for 52 new chairs offered by a Dea-
con. The construction of an underground
drain by Rev Bo at the extreme end of our
backyard gains 100 sq.ft. of space for the
incinerating heap.

The construction of a bright green fence
by the HUDC between our property and theirs
further enhances the beauty of our backyard.
We should want to make it another garden.

Rev & Mrs Jim Turner are with us again.
They are teaching Christian Education etc.
at FEBC in the new semester.

FEK reopens Monday Jan. 5. Mr Peter Cle-
ments of FEBC continues as Evangelist at the
Kindergarten Chapel Hour.

Expresgram to Mrs Stephen Hyun, Guam.
Welcome to FEBC Hostel Jan 12-24 as scheduled
To Mr Hyun as well when he passes through.

FEBC Day of Prayer at 11-B Queen Astrid
Park.

* JOHN SUNG MEMORIAL CHAPEL *
* Calvary Pandan B-P Church *
* 201 Pandan Gardens. Tel: 2683885 *
* (near Cycle & Carriage Showrooms and *
* Pandan Gardens Swimming Pool) *
* PUBLIC LECTURE FOR CHRISTIANS: *
* "DOCTRINE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT" *
* - Rev Timothy Tow, Principal *
* Far Eastern Bible College *
* 6 p.m. Sunday, January 4, 1981 *
* What do you know of the "Holy Spirit *
* Renewal?" *

Restore to original tenses!



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My dear Readers,

PRAISE THE LORD!

We've got it!



~~Ch. XXII~~

~~Woodlands, Ahoy!~~

When we dropped our sealed tender envelope for Woodlands into the box that fateful late morning of Sept. 17, we were well assured the deal was won. ~~From that day concerned and anxious hearts have inquired after the result.~~

Some weeks later, a first "wireless" message reported we were the highest. This was confirmed from another quarter. Yet some had qualms.

Dec. 6, 1980 the eve of our trip to U.S., a second "wireless" message came. This said we were chosen by MDB, and the files were sent up to the Minister. This relieved the long lull that intervened. Another surge of excitement! Yet some would rather have it official in black and white.

Thurs. Jan. 8, 4 p.m. the phone rang. Elder Dr Teck Chye said, "Woodlands is ours. This is official. It is announced by the Minister!" "Woodlands at last, Woodlands, Ahoy!" I was overjoyed. I could jump up the ceiling! But the next minute was solemnised by that sombre thought:

"Payment in 2 weeks - \$900,000!"

The latest figure of our offerings and loans totals \$778,332.87 (This includes several \$10,000 earned interest through the extended delay.) What we immediately need is \$122,000 plus legal fees and duty. An elder who had put sums of money into his children's P.O. Savings Account is the first to rally to the Lord's Cause. Perhaps, \$10,000!

My heart is full of praise and thanks to the Father Almighty for leading us all the way. Hitherto had the Lord helped us! Ebenezer! When we launched out into this Woodlands Project in earnest August 1979, we started with someone giving his whole month's \$1,250/-. We rallied to \$150,000 by Christmas. When we went to tender in Sept. that sum had struggled to \$300,000. In 3½ months since that day the die was cast, our fund had climbed to \$580,727.62 Plus \$196,000 loans, we are now heading for the \$800,000 mark! This is the Lord's doing. It is marvellous in our eyes. There is no more that sinking feeling in a financial ocean separating us from the promised land. We are now as near as standing on the shore of Johore Bahru. We can swim this distance with confidence. Woodlands, Ahoy!

Beloved, as your pastor returning from America to carry out the unanimous decision of the Session, I have exerted every ounce of strength, under His Mighty Hand, to lead you into the Promised Land. We are now, like Joshua encamped at Gilgal before Jericho, poised for the attack. But Gilgal, which means Roll-away, must see to the circumcision of the whole Israelite Army. This means cleansing, cutting off the old, fleshly, sinful life and have it rolled away before victory can be won. How true! As we launch out in the next 2 weeks to take over Woodlands, how we need to cleanse ourselves again of every known sin that will hinder God's work. The spiritual conditioning is more important than the silver and gold offering.

Psalms 24:2-5 Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord?

Or who shall stand in His holy place?

He that hath clean hands and a pure heart;

Who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity,

Nor sworn deceitfully (made a vow unpaid)

He shall receive the blessing of the Lord

And righteousness from the God of His salvation.

STOP, STOP PRESS!

Since Jan. 8, 5 Session

members have rallied to

the Lord: 1057) \$1,000;

1058) \$1,000; 1059) \$500;

Loans: 16) \$4,000; 17) \$20,000.

Grand Total: \$804,292

A Unanimous Session and United Congregation

What seemed a mountain of a problem a year-and-a-half ago now looks like a mole hill. This is due, no doubt, to the faith of the Session, a unanimous session, and a united congregation. At every critical development of the Woodlands Project the Session has rallied to the Lord. The Session has rallied on two occasions before, and now they are running their hardest on the home run to victory. Since Elder Dr Teck Chye announced the good news, last Thursday, 5 Session members have given or loaned, according to the STOP, STOP PRESS! Hallelujah, we have pierced the \$800,000 mark. May I have another happy figure to tell you this Lord's Day at the Worship Service. The Lord says, "The silver is mine and the gold is mine." What we bring does not belong to us, but to the Lord. And the Lord who gives is He who can take away. So we return thanks to him from a loving, contrite heart. There is no bargain with the Lord, there is no obligation by the Church.

"God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you: that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work."

II Cor. 9:7,8.

"BUT WITHOUT FAITH IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PLEASE HIM: FOR HE THAT COMETH TO GOD MUST BELIEVE THAT HE IS, AND THAT HE IS A REWARDER OF THEM THAT DILIGENTLY SEEK HIM"

Hebrews 11:6

\$26,500

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (JAN. 12-18)

MON 7.30 pm Revelation (Rev Tow).
TUE 8.00 pm Bible Study/Prayer Meeting.
THUR 7.30 pm Calvin, (Rev Tow).
SAT 3.30 pm JYF, YF & YAF.
7.30 pm Hwa Chong Alumni
SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow
10.00 am Mr Jonah Chan (Chinese Service).
11.45 am Korean Church
1.30 pm Beulah Service
4.30 pm Sharon B-P Church

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: \$2,214.10 + \$50
(Missions) + \$50 (Kampuchians) + \$240 (Hymn-
als) + \$300 (WF for Kulai) + \$200 (Charity).

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS:

1029) \$20; 1030) \$70; 1031) \$20; 1032) \$100;
1033) \$100; 1034) \$100; 1035) \$70; 1036) \$70;
1037) \$100; 1038) \$15; 1039) \$50; 1040) \$21;
1041) \$300; 1042) \$680; 1043) \$400; 1044) \$300;
1045) \$314.95; 1046) \$390; 1047) \$420;
1048) \$400; 1049) \$1,400; 1050) \$500;
1051-55) \$296.50; \$105.90; \$264.74; \$137.66;
\$262.56 (Int.)

TOTAL: \$580,727.62

LOANS: \$196,000.00

GRAND TOTAL \$776,727.62

STOP PRESS! 1056) \$1,065.25 "Thanksgiving
Gift"

NURSERY JAN. 18: Mrs Grace Seow, Mrs Ivy
Tay and Mrs Celia Tan.

LOST AND FOUND: Found 2 "Yale" keys. Please
claim from church office.

Lost a Thompson Reference Bible from the
piano in FEBC Hall. Finder, please return
it to the church office.

The WF will be holding a Satay Night on
Friday, Jan. 23, '81 at 7.30 p.m. in Church.
Fees: \$4/- per head. Interested, please
give your name to any Committee member.

EXPRESGRAM TO Mr Stephen Hyun. Praise the
Lord for God's Christmas gift "above all
that we ask or think, according to the power
that worketh in us" (Eph. 3:20).

EXPRESGRAM TO Rev C.T. Hsu. Your second
\$300 for Kalimantan Missions received with
thanks. The building of the new Church-
Kindergarten is going apace!

EXPRESGRAM TO Dohar. Session has delegated
me to visit your work in Medan. Reply by
Express Mail: When?

EXPRESGRAM TO REV C.T. HSU Your valuable
set of the Fathers Writings and Great Texts
of the Bible, etc., etc. have arrived safely.
Many thanks from FEBC Faculty and students.
Praise the Lord for Bro. Yew Kwong Poy's
successful operation. He is convalescing
at Mt. Elizabeth Hospital Ward 10, Room 10.
Visiting hours 8 to 8.

Congratulatzns to Grace B-P Church, Bedok
on the occasion of their 5th Anniversary.
Mr Tan Eng Boo, FEBC grad. is their pastor,
Rev Dr Patrick Tan, Advisory Pastor. Glad
to hear Grace is considering branching out
to Changi!

Kelapa Sawit. The pastor will preach at
K.S. on Chinese New Year's Day, in good
tradition. Praise God for a new day dawning
at K.S. with the appointment of a Chin Lien
graduate over the flock. Kelapa Sawit is
also considering branching out to Simpang
Rengam! Edited by Rev Timothy Tow,
9A Gilstead Road, Singapore 1130.

COME, WE THAT LOVE THE LORD,
And let our joys be known,
Join in a song of sweet accord, (2x)
And thus surround the throne. (2x)

Chorus:

We're marching to Woodlands,
Beautiful, beautiful Woodlands,
We're marching upward to Woodlands,
The Promised Land given of God.

Let those refuse to sing
Who never knew our God;
But children of the heavenly King, (2x)
Must speak their joys abroad. (2x)

The hill of Woodlands yields
A thousand sacred sweets
From golden harvest in the fields (2x)
The souls that throng the streets (2x)
The 10th Gen. Assembly of the Far Eastern
Council of Christian Churches will meet
in Singapore June 8-12, 1981. 100 delegates
will come from a dozen countries in the F.E.,
with brethren from Europe and America parti-
cipating. The venue will be Life Church in
the morning session (800 capacity) and at
Calvary Pandan in the night session (1350
capacity). Rev Dr Tow Siang Hwa is elected
chairman of the hosting country. The theme
of the congress is "Serving God and Country
Till Jesus Comes." The ladies of Life
Church will cook for the delegates. Jobs
will be given to applicants from FEBC stu-
dents.

Session has decided to paint up and renovate
the premises. Meanwhile Rev Andrew Bo and
Peter Clements especially are doing their
bit in repairs - to windows, to gardens,
walls, etc.

A fifth piano for FEBC students is installed
in the YAF room, which is open to Lifers'
use.

Do members have potted plants to offer for
the beautifying of the Church grounds?
In case you are buying new furniture and
would retire your good used beds (single
preferably) we'd be glad to receive them.
Good chairs are also appreciated.
Also surplus clothing for the 4th ICR
(International Christian Relief) Mission
to Thailand refugees. So far 6 bales are
sewed up.

The Pastor will visit Muar and Rawang Lord's
Day Jan. 25, preaching 10 a.m. at Trinity
and 4 p.m. at Rawang. Who'll come along?

* TO THE *
* CHIEF MUSICIAN *
* a musical of worship and praise *
* presented by *
* The Chief Musician Singers *
* 17,18, January 1981 *
* Victoria Theatre *
* 7.30 p.m. nightly *
* Admission by Tickets *
* \$2, \$3 tickets available at *
* C.K. Tang, Bethesda Book Centre, *
* Zion B-P Church *
* In aid of Ling Kwang Home For Senior *
* Citizens, and church building fund. *
* For more information, please call *
* Zion B-P Church (Tel. 2841987) *



Dear Lifers,

FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF WOODLANDS

... the half was not told me!

Woodlands, the focus of considerable excitement at Life for the past few months, was only a name to me until January 11, '81. Then your Pastor took me to view the "Promised Land". It was an eye-opener. Hitherto, I had only heard, but now I saw with my own eyes.

And having seen, I congratulate Life Church and all you faithful, cheerful givers on this heavenly award. I can rejoice with you on at least seven counts:

1. The beautiful approach by dual carriageway, only 25 minutes from Life, smooth uninterrupted motoring all the way.
2. The clean and beautiful neighbourhood, everything looking so nice and new - recently completed high-rise flats and clean industries.
3. The "Promised Land" itself sat atop a hillock rising to some 30 feet above road level with a clump of shade giving trees rising majestically to 60-70 feet into the sky.
4. The surrounds were free from any disturbing neighbours.
5. Ours is the only site for a Christian witness and house of worship.
6. The site strategically overlooks the Johore Straits and the Mainland.
7. The price of your tender is now a real bargain!

No doubt all these benefits are known to you. But for me, I am reminded of the Queen of Sheba who told King Solomon after seeing the kingdom for herself: "...I came, and mine eyes had seen it: and behold, the half was not told me."

Exciting things lie ahead for you, dear Lifers. I am thrilled by your liberality. I hear a brother has promised to donate all the furniture. How wonderful! To all others who are rallying to build God's House: the blessing is yours! Let every Lifer rise to the occasion and not lose your opportunity. Can I also have a share?

Affectionately yours in the Lord, Dr Tow S. Hwa.

"NOT BY MIGHT NOR BY MY POWER BUT BY MY SPIRIT SAITH THE LORD OF HOSTS"

This famous saying from Zechariah 4:6 is actually spoken by the angel to Zechariah the prophet to be conveyed to Zerubbabel. Who is Zechariah and who is Zerubbabel? Zechariah was a contemporary of Haggai the senior prophet who both returned from Babylon with Zerubbabel the Governor of the Jewish returnees. Together with Haggai Zechariah preached to the Jews to encourage them to rebuild the Temple of Solomon, which was destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar 70 years ago.

"Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit" is said not only to Zerubbabel, but also to us today, who are now entered into the second phase of the Woodlands project. God promises to be with Zerubbabel by His Spirit to help him accomplish the great work of raising up the Second Temple. God promises also to be with Lifers to build a New Life Church for Him. God says through the angel, "The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it" (Zech. 4:9). God assures us by the same faithfulness in St Paul's words, "He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ" (Phil. 1:6).

The will of our Session and Congregation to build a second house of God at Woodlands was manifested in the rousing response of pledging \$101,000 in gifts and loans at one stroke last Sunday, so that the \$900,000 required of us to pay for Woodlands was exceeded. Hallelujah, praise, praise the Lord! Our faith thus exercised will now take us to greater heights.

At the entrance to Woodlands Town there stands a blue mosque with a 100 ft tower well-visible to Malaysians driving in from Johor Bahru. Can the Church of Jesus Christ be lesser in appearance? Let God's House that stands for the true Way of Salvation be built by a greater faith and love with the help of His mighty Spirit. Let it bring honour and majesty to Him who is forevermore exalted at the right hand of God the Father. Further, hear the Word of the Lord by Haggai the other prophet, "And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the Lord of hosts, The silver is mine and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts. The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the Lord of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of hosts" (Haggai 2:7-9).

Willing-hearted Offerers

Now that the first phase of our Woodlands Project is accomplished, I said to myself, "Let us re-visit the site to determine the layout and shape of the Building." No sooner had these words escaped my heart than the phone rang. A sister (of the second generation) offered, "Pastor, I'd like to pledge \$25,000 for God's House, progressive payment to begin after the stone-laying" "God bless you," I replied. This lady is the third willing-hearted offerer to promise the Lord. The first, a brother, pledged a year ago to offer all the Church furniture. The second, after viewing the land, was so moved with joy that he pledged "one-tenth of the total costs."

These first three willing-hearted offerers, truly, are moved of the Holy Spirit as those Israelites who brought gold, silver and brass for the Tabernacle. Moses records, "And they came, everyone whose heart stirred him up, and everyone whom his spirit made willing, and they brought the Lord's offering to the work of the Tabernacle of the congregation, for all his service, and for the holy garment, And they came, both men and women, as many as were willing hearted ..." (Ex. 35:21,22).

WOODLANDS NOTE: Woodlands will be linked to Pan Island Expressway 1984 by the Bukit Timah Expressway at Rifle Range. Thus, travel time to Woodlands will be further reduced!

The future importance of Woodlands (pop. 290,000) can be envisaged when Johore Bahru across the Straits becomes the 2nd biggest city in West Malaysia by end of this decade. - T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (JAN. 19-25)

A RED LETTER DAY!

MON 7.30 pm Revelation (Rev Tow).
TUE 8.00 pm O.T. Survey/Prayer Meeting.
THUR 7.30 pm Calvin, (Rev Tow).
SAT 3.30 pm JYF, YF & YAF.
SUN 10.00 am Rev Jim Turner (Rev Patrick Tan).
10.00 am Mr Jonah Chan (Chinese Service).
11.45 am Korean Church.
1.30 pm Beulah Service.
4.00 pm Rev Tow at Rawang.
4.30 pm Sharon B-P Church.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: \$6,403.68 (for Woodlands, No. 1065)

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS:

PRAISE THE LORD: 1060) \$150; 1061) \$100;
1062) \$1,500; 1063) \$100;
1064) \$100; 1065) \$6,403.68;
1066) \$10,000; 1067) \$6,935;
1068-71) Interest \$1,057.55;
\$105.96; \$234.20; \$407.24;
1072) \$500; 1073) \$50;
1074) \$200.

Total: \$612,136.50

STOP PRESS: 1075) \$500

(Sun. Lunch & Soft Drinks)

LOANS: 18) \$20,000;

19) \$20,000; 20) \$10,000; 21) \$5,000;

22) \$20,000; 23) \$1,100. TOTAL: \$296,100

GRAND TOTAL: \$908,236.50

NURSERY JAN. 25: Miss Sim Mong Eng, Miss Jess Lim and Mrs Nancy Seah.

THE WF will be holding a Satay Night on Fri. Jan. 23, '81 at 7.30 p.m. in Church.

Fees \$4/- per head. Interested, please give your name to any Committee member.

Bro. & Mrs Tan Toh Kern of 61, Faber Drive S'pore 0512, with son Stephen Thong Soon have transferred membership to Calvary Pandan. We commend them to our brother Church.

NEW CANADIAN ADDRESSES:

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Rev & Mrs Marvin Dunn, 5002, Dalhousie Dr. N.W. Calgary, AB T3A 1B4, Canada.

Mr & Mrs Y.C. Chen, 250 Scarlett Road Apt 406, Toronto, Ontario, M6N 4X5, Canada.

Congratulations to Faith Bible-Presbyterian Church on the occasion of their 21st Anniv. 2 Session members from Life Church are invited to lunch at the Fellowship Hall of the Church on the Lord's Day, 25th Jan. 1981 at 12.30 p.m.

* ATTEND SUNSET GOSPEL HOUR *
* Calvary-Pandan B-P Church *
* Hear Dr. Tow Siang Hwa this Lord's Day *
* 6 - 7 p.m. *

Lim Florist, Tel: 2353292.

Edited by Rev Timothy Tow, 9A Gilstead Road, Singapore 1130. Tel: 2560617/2513676.

Last Lord's Day was a red letter day. A happy day. A memorable day. A red-packet (angpow) day when with one stroke of the pen Lifers vaulted the \$900,000 mark to declare victory in the Woodlands contest. A vote of confidence in the Lord's leading us to the new Promised Land! The total sum given and pledged were: Offerings: 1) Individuals \$1,950; 2) Collection \$6,403.68 (incl. a \$2,000); Pledges Cash: Session member \$10,000; Others \$6,935; Loans: Session members \$55,000; Others \$21,100. Total: \$101,388.68

The people gave hilariously. Here are some sacrifices of thanks in words: From a second generation Lifer: "I must give to Woodlands inasmuch as I've not given to this palace of a Church (Gilstead Rd.) where I now enjoy in worship." From a young couple intending to marry: "God promises that He shall supply all our needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Amen. (Phil 4:19). From a friend who enjoyed our Hospitality years ago: "I feel that I'm indebted to you and the Church for the help rendered me when I was in trouble because of domestic problems. Please accept this \$50 as a token of my appreciation for God's work done by you."

After service, a young lady lawyer offered to do the conveyancing for the Lord, subject to her company's concurrence. Now, I hear that the Sunday School is taking a lead to gather Chinese New Year angpows to swell the Fund. May God bless every cheerful giver, even as you have already been blessed with the joy of worshipful giving."

AT \$33 A SQ. FT.

Another B-P Church is concurrently negotiating the purchase of 13,300 sq. ft. of land on the West Coast. The price is \$33 per sq. ft. And that is subject to Govt. approval for Church construction. We should thank God that our Woodlands price is just over \$20.

At Siantan, Pontianak, Rev. Djunaidi is breaking ground to build a \$25,000 Church, of this sum \$10,000 is pledged by a former Lifer. The land about 2 acres, cost us \$2,400, the offering of a former Deacon. Let us thank God for decisions taken earlier to hasten the extension of God's Kingdom.

Let's thank God also for Kulai Besar B-P Church. Bought for \$14,700 in 1973 the new corner-house today is augmented with a \$6,400 extension, front and back. Every dollar we spend for the Lord brings good dividends. God's work is trading wisely with our talents. Hence Session's decision to send the pastor to Medan without delay. What's in store for us there?



My dear Readers,

MOVEMENT OR MONUMENT?

Our Church is known as the Bible-Presbyterian Church of Singapore and Malaysia. We claim Malaysia for Christ by virtue of the three churches we've established in our neighbouring country. They are Kelapa Sawit (1954), Rawang (1972) and Kulai Besar (1973). These three churches are under our care. We are grateful, however, for Calvary helping out at Kelapa Sawit and Kulai Besar. As Rawang is Teochew-speaking, it remains my duty to visit, not too regularly to administer the sacraments. So, I'm off this Lord's Day. (I'm grateful for Dr. Patrick Tan chairing the pulpit and for Rev. Jim Turner speaking in my place.)

Since a Church in the true sense is a missionary movement, and Life Church has been enabled through the years to branch out, it is my joy to report on Rawang's extending to Bukit Gambir, 12 miles to the north. Here the young people have been maintaining a Gospel witness for a couple of years by holding a midweek meeting.

Kelapa Sawit has a new Church-Kindergarten completed as recent as July 1978. Deacon John Ling, of late, has been talking with me about some outreach. Perhaps we should branch out to Simpang Renggam, an important junction-town 20 miles north. This could be a joint project for both Kelapa Sawit and Kulai Besar. This will provide spiritual exercise for the upcountry Christians, as Kulai Besar has been a means of blessing to our young people from Singapore. The Church that stops evangelising begins fossilising. Or as it is said elsewhere, a movement that stands still becomes a monument.

In 52 days ... In 52 weeks,

When Nehemiah led the Jewish returnees from Babylon to rebuild the broken Wall of Jerusalem, and finished the work in 52 days, he became a marvel to all the inhabitants. Even his enemies had to concede defeat, "for they perceived that this work was wrought of our God" (Nehemiah 6:15).

When God is behind our work, there is nothing that can stop it. Do you know that this Gilstead Road Church and the FEBC L-Annex took only 15 months to build? And the 3-storey Kindergarten-College extension exactly one year (Apr. 1968 - Apr. 1969)? As it is now perceived by the whole Church that Woodlands is of the Lord's pleasure to build, let us hasten to an early completion of the project, inspite of labour and material shortage.

That "this work was wrought of God" is, however, matched by "the people had a mind to work" (Neh. 4:6). In our present situation God's pleasure to build a House at Woodlands is answered by "the people has a mind to give".

Notwithstanding a 6-figure pledge the week before, new gifts for Woodlands flowed in unabated the following week - angpows, angpows, angpows, adding up to over \$6,000. At this rate we can predict there will be an avalanche of angpows this Chinese New Year to head towards the Million mark. In this connection the Sunday School is taking a lead. This is a very wise decision. Sister Catherine Ong, writing in Lively Stones, bids us not to "squander our money in an afternoon shopping spree and other forms of entertainment". Yes, why waste your substance on frivolous buying under the spell of the dollar spinners when turning them in to the Lord yields eternal value? As we all have this mind to use our angpows more

meaningfully, we shall soon see the new Life Church rising above the hillock, over the "town-square". I won't say 52 days. If we can commence building in 52 weeks, this work will be seen to be wrought of our God.

Like the Mini Skirt



It has been observed that as the young men's hair gets longer, the young women's skirt gets shorter. In algebraic language, their lengths tend to vary inversely with each other. But I have also observed that the mini-skirt has grown back to old-fashioned lengths (good for you girls!). What's the moral behind this observation?

For a decade at least the guitar with its modern versions of hymn-singing has taken over. (Now, I'm not against the guitar nor against modern compositions if it is played right and if they are composed right). But I have also observed this: few of this new fangled stuff will last into the next decade. Newer ones will have to be concocted as these become out-fashioned, like the mini-skirt. What's the reason? The music, like the mini-skirt, does not measure up to the standard. The words, like the mini-skirt, do not measure up to the standard either. Fancy one "Gospel" hit being sung around about Abraham having multiple sons. What's the glory? The "chef" of this modern hotch-potch either doesn't know his theology or the newest Singapore family fashion, "Two is enough". Insofar as theology is concerned, the sons of Abraham by his concubines Hagar and Keturah (does this shock you?) are the fruit of the flesh. These are mentioned in shame than anything else, a warning to us men! What's there to sing about the multiple sons of his concubines? If there is anything to write about Abraham in regard to his children, it is Isaac the seed of promise, that leads to our salvation in Jesus Christ. If there is any song to compose about Abraham's children, it is Isaac's obedience in giving of himself for a burnt-offering, a wonderful picture of our Lord's sacrifice on the cross for our sins in obedience to His Father.

In vain do I look for the unadulterated Gospel in these modern song-hits. "Pass It On", with its sissy tune that I hear even on Life Church grounds, tells of the wonder of experiencing God's love and the imperative of spreading it around. But it does not tell me what kind of love it is. There is not the slightest glimpse of the cross, nor of the Son imparting the Father's love to me. Like the mini-skirt, like "Ramona", that favourite of cinemagoers in the late twenties (where is it now?), "Pass it on" will pass on - into oblivion.

Now on the word "love" in these song-hits. "Love" like the word "girl" is so abused in modern usage that unless you sanctify it with holy definition, it is, like a sarong, used as a hasty covering for lust. "Love" is the talk of hippies, of Lennon and his ilk and of "the Children of God" but what love? "The greatest thing in all my life is loving You" can conjure a host of unlovely things in the "love"-programmed young mind today. "Loving" can be as lustful as the mini-skirt. Like the mini-skirt.

And nowadays, it is not enough to worship God vertically. The fashion, like the mini-skirt, being introduced, is "horizontally". Like the mini-skirt. - T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (JAN 26-FEB 1)

MON 7.30 pm Revelation (Rev Tow).
TUE 8.00 pm O.T. Survey/Prayer Meeting.
WED 3.30 pm Pastors' Meeting at Life Church.
THUR 7.30 pm Calvin (Rev Tow).
FRI 8.00 pm Family Worship at the new home of Bro. & Mrs Roland Tay Chye Kwee, Blk. 445, 133-A Clementi Ave. 3, (0513) Tel: 7776341.
SAT 3.30 pm JYF, LF & YAF.
7.30 pm YAF 7th Anniversary (Rev Tow speaking).
SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow (Lord's Supper).
10.00 am Rev Lin Tah Mon (Lord's Supper).
11.45 am Korean Church
1.30 pm Baulah Service
4.30 pm Sharon B-P Church

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: \$2,234.25

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT 1076) \$100; 1077) \$100;
WOODLANDS: 1078) \$200; 1079) \$200;
1080) \$500; 1081) \$250;
1082) \$250; 1083) \$50;
1084) \$50; 1085) \$120;
1086) \$115; 1087) \$2,000;
1088) \$60; 1089) \$5;
1090) \$200; 1091) \$530;
1092) \$4; 1093) \$4.90;
1094) \$220 (YAF);
1095) \$100; 1096) \$50;
1097-99) Interest \$101.81;
CHRIST OUR ROCK \$427.77; \$109.77

TOTAL: \$618,384.75. STOP PRESS! 1100) \$350
(Korea) LOANS: \$296,100. 1101) \$360
GRAND TOTAL: \$914,484.75 1102) \$300.
NURSERY FEB 1: Miss Lau Sock Eng, 1103) \$200.

Lit Miah and Mrs Jennifer Goh.

DEEPEST CONDOLENCE from Life Church and FEK to Bro. Eio Eng Hua on the passing away of his father last Lord's Day. Mr Eio is Hon. Treasurer of FEK.

Invitation to Lifers! The president of FEBC has kindly arranged for the whole College to go on a boatride Tues. Jan. 27, 12.30 pm to 4 p.m. Lifers are invited to join us at the World Trade Centre for the boarding before 12.30 p.m. If you can come earlier to FEBC at 11.30 am., you are invited also to lunch. Please register with Lau Choon Poh and Jess Lim today!

4th willing hearted offerer. Another pledge of \$25,000 from a brother to match the 1st one, for the building of the New Life Church at Woodlands!

Catechism Class for Easter Baptism begins next Lord's Day, Feb. 1, at the Corner Room next to CLBC. N.B.!

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DID YOU THINK TO PRAY?

Ere you left your room this morning
Did you think to pray?
In the name of Christ, our Saviour,
Did you sue for loving favour,
As a shield today?

CHORUS:

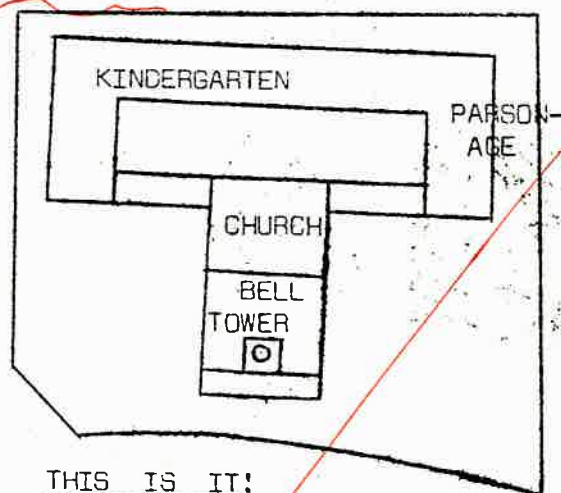
O how praying rests the weary!
Prayer will change the night to day;
So, when life seems dark and dreary,
Don't forget to pray.

When you met with great temptation
Did you think to pray?
By His dying love and merit
Did you claim the Holy Spirit
As your guide and stay?

When your heart was filled with anger
Did you think to pray?
Did you plead for grace, my brother,
That you might forgive another
Who had crossed your way?

When sore trials came upon you
Did you think to pray?
When your soul was bowed in sorrow,
Balm of Gilead did you borrow
At the gates today?

- Broadman Hymnal 335



THIS IS IT:

At 9.45 a.m. Thurs. Jan. 22 we received a phone call from HDB. "This is it", I murmured.

The area, is 3940.3 sq. m., lease 60 years, premium \$900,003.92. Annual ground rent/license fee is \$12/-. Payment must be made in 2 weeks. Within one calendar month from Mar. 1, 81, our Church must submit layout plans of the Church edifice, and within 4 calendar months the completed plans. We must finish the job of construction within 24 months from Mar. 1, 1981.

Deep-sea Fishing for Christ

When Peter launched out into the deep at the Master's Word, he drew in two shiploads of fish. Since 1952 when we launched out into Malaysia we have been favoured with three - viz., Kelapa Sawit, Rawang, Kulai Besar.

Last Sunday's expedition was an extraordinary one. Rev Andrew Bo, Stephen Masila and I set out in the Volvo. At Bt. Timah we picked up Freddy Yong, wife and son. As all these had never seen

the hill of Woodlands we digressed for a special visit before crossing the Causeway. All were delighted with the goodly heritage.

At the Kastam the tax officer asked if we were from some Consulate. (In India I was once asked if I was "Diplomat".) Most probably, I remarked to Rev Bo, he was the Ambassador, I his driver and Stephen cook. He agreed according to II Cor. 5:20. In this ambassadorial elation we were suddenly flagged to stop by a traffic cop. Looking up into the perplexed faces of the "ambassadors", the cop considered for an eternity of 30 seconds when he decided to let His Higher Majesty's officers off. "Praise the Lord", I muttered. Something inside me had warned not to go above 55 kph (we're in City limits). "\$50 saved for Woodlands", I exclaimed!

Our first halt in Malaysia was for an inspection of Kulai Besar. The \$6,400 renovations - how well had they put into the job? Praise the Lord, the result was more than I had expected - an increase of 50% floor space, beautifully and sensibly finished. (When shall I take the WF to Kulai Besar?).

By-passing Kelapa Sawit (which I'm visiting Chinese New Year's Day) we headed for Simpang Renggam. We drove through the village past where the CIM in the 50s had stationed a lady missionary. Today there is wanting a gospel witness. Will the Lord send us here to revive His work?

We took lunch at Air Hitam. As there was time to spare we took the West Coast Road to Batu Pahat. Our purpose was to comfort Elder Phua Tian Kang in his sick-chair. How he wept with joy to see us, and blessed us with a heartfelt prayer!

But what was so extraordinary about this visit was our meeting with Mr Phua Seng Kok, our Woodlands architect. As Session had delegated me and Dr Patrick Tan to negotiate with HDB for better terms and our architect is a professional in such dealings, he kindly offered to come along. "The steps of a good man are ordered of the Lord" (Ps. 37:23). Architect Phua has also agreed to visit the Woodlands site with me as soon as possible, so as to get out the layout plans. The earlier we build, the more we save!

At Rawang we preached to about 50. Chinese New Year fever, perhaps, had kept some away. Another reason was the shifting of young adults to the cities to seek a livelihood. Nevertheless, Rawang still has a sizeable young people's group, which produces a weekly song-item for the worship service.

Stephen Masila gave a short testimony. I preached on Jesus the Bread of Life. I pointed out that the Lord's Supper, while being a means of Grace does not itself save. Only Jesus does when He is received with relish, as food is by the hungry soul. One cannot rely merely on the Lord's Supper for salvation, since this could not save Judas in the least. Though he ate the Lord's Supper, he was exposed as Christ's Traitor. He was called, after the Feeding of the 5,000, a devil.

Before we went on our American vacation, I had written Rawang about our needs at Woodlands. A collection from 16 people and groups yielded \$2,035.46. 16 angpows, I'd call them, since these are gathered on the eve of Chinese New Year. This said sum is about the same amount given earlier by Kelapa Sawit. How the upcountry brethren and sisters love Life Church! Since the Malaysian \$ is 7 cents smaller than the S'pore \$, we'll use this sum in Malaysia so as not to lose on the exchange. Do you need Malaysian \$\$?

After service one elder and several deacons together with the Pastor's wife took us to Muar for some seafood. We ate to our hearts' content. For our lodging Elder Kua Keng Woo has insisted we stay at the late Madam Lim Siew Guat's. This house with all its A1 facilities has always been opened for our lodging, since 1965.

Nay, 1955! If you read up our 21st Anniversary magazine, you'll find the story of the "Three Musketeers" staying at Lim Siew Guat's during that fateful Synod at which we repudiated the liberalism and ecumenism of the missionaries. Since they had roped our Chinese Church into the World Council of Churches, and we could not bring about a withdrawal, we seceded from our parent body to form the B-P C Movement.

But why did I return to Trinity, Muar to minister in 1965? Because Muar voted with and for us, and has stood with us to this day. Interestingly, the Chinese Synod is both in and out of the Ecumenical Movement, for the allegiance of member churches is split. We serve those who take a stand with us. And I have extended a special invitation to Elder Kua and his session to attend the coming Conference of the Far Eastern Council of Christian Churches, to be held at Gilstead Rd and Pandan, June 8-12, 1981.

Alas! The Muar River had bogged down Rev Cook, pioneer English Presbyterian missionary who founded Living Water Church here, 1892. He had intended to go all the way to Penang. Alas! Though we've crossed the Muar River to take Rawang, we've failed to go farther north. Nevertheless, Mr Chew of Petaling Jaya is under our tutelage at FEBC for a year. After this he could start a B-P service there. Unless we keep on advancing, our movement will become a monument. Deep-sea fishing for Christ with boat and net, not with line and hook, sitting up some creek.

Yours faithfully, T.T.

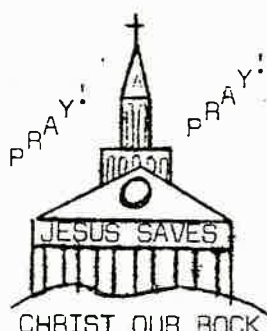
APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (FEB 2 - 8)

MON 7.30-8.30 pm Revelation. *8.45 pm
TUE 8.00 pm O.T. Survey/Prayer Meeting.
9.15 pm Session Meeting. Important!
THUR 9.00 am Chinese New Year Worship
(Kelapa Sawit, Rev Tow).
MON *8.45 pm SBC Recording of Life Church-
FEBC Broadcast for Feb. 8.
Leave Church 8.30 p.m. for SBC.
SAT 3.30 pm JYF, YF & AF.
SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow
10.00 am Mr Teo Siau Hua (Chin. Serv.)
11.30 am Catechism Class.
11.45 am Korean Church.
1.30 pm Beulah Service.
4.30 pm Sharon B-P Church.
6.00 pm Rev Tow speaks at Calvary-
Pandan on the Roman Catholic Church.
6.05 pm Life Church - FEBC on the air.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: \$1,510.25

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS:

PRAISE THE LORD:



1104) \$250; 1105) \$70;
1106) \$3; 1107) \$50;
1109) \$120; 1110) \$10;
1111) \$50; 1112) \$54;
1113) \$200; 1114) \$20;
1115) \$136; 1116) \$163.73
(USA); 1117) \$61.17 (USA);
1118) \$102.33 (USA);
1119-22) Interest: \$396.86;
\$123.66; \$99.79; \$281.98;
1123) \$200; 1124) \$30;
1125) \$1,000 (Beulah);
1126-41) Rawang: \$50; \$20; \$20;
\$100; \$60; \$100; \$200 (YF); \$200; \$14; \$50;
\$40; \$50; \$40; \$50; \$50; \$881.46 (Church);
\$100; \$100. GOD LOVETH A
TOTAL: \$625,102.69 CHEERFUL GIVER!

LOANS: \$296,100.00

GRAND TOTAL: \$921,202.69

STOP PRESS! 1142) \$10,000 "God has blessed us."

NURSERY FEB. 8: Mrs Magdalene Thio, Miss
Fam Chuay Lai & Miss Jane Ng.

LIVING HYMNS Have you borrowed Pastor's
copy? Please return!

EXPRESSGRAM TO TAN KHOON ENG, USA. Thanks
for gift for Woodlands!

Single beds needed for coming FECCC Assem-
bly, June 8-12. Appreciation for 2 just
received.

FECCC 10th Gen. Assembly Organ. Com. meets
this Lord's Day evening at 64 Andrew Road,
8 p.m.

There will be no Sun. Lunch Feb. 8 (as our
custom is).

Our Woodlands Architects are Phua Consultants,
403, 4th floor, Cuppage Centre, 56 Cuppage
Rd., 0922. Tel: 7371244/7371849. A longer
period than 2 weeks is now being negotiated
with HDB in regard to payment.

We want to express our appreciation to
Peter Clements and Issa Bannurah for putting
in many new window panes and to Rev Bo for
work around the buildings and gardens.

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YEAR OF THE COCK : LEST WE FORGET!

Deuteronomy 8:7-14

For the Lord thy God bringeth thee into
a good land, a land of brooks of water, of
fountains and depths that spring out of
valleys and hills;

A land of wheat, and barley, and vines,
and fig trees, and pomegranates; a land of
olive oil, and honey;

A land wherein thou shalt eat bread with-
out scarceness; thou shalt not lack anything
in it; a land whose stones are iron, and out
of whose hills thou mayest dig bronze.

When thou hast eaten and art full, then
thou shalt bless the Lord thy God for the
good land which he hath given thee.

Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy
God, in not keeping his commandments, and
his ordinances, and his statutes, which I
command thee this day,

Lest, when thou hast eaten and art full
and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt there-
in;

And when thy herds and thy flocks multi-
ply, and thy silver and thy gold are multi-
plied, and all that thou hast is multiplied;

Then thine heart be lifted up, and thou
forget the Lord thy God, who brought thee
forth out of the land of Egypt, from the
house of bondage;

I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus -
No turning back, no turning back!

Tho no one join me, still I will follow,
Tho no one join me, still I will follow,
Tho no one join me, still I will follow -
No turning back, no turning back!

The world behind me, the cross before me,
The world behind me, the cross before me,
The world behind me, the cross before me -
No turning back, no turning back!

- Great Hymns of the Faith 397

** Plan to attend: **
** Far Eastern Council of Christian **
** Churches (FECCC) **
** 10th General Assembly **
** "Serving God and Country till Jesus comes" **
** Monday-Friday, June 8-12, 1981, Singapore **
** at **
** Life Bible-Presbyterian Church **
** and **
** Calvary-Pandan B-P Church **

We want to acknowledge our thanks to B-P
Churches and assoc. bodies that have loaned,
promised to loan or given to the Woodlands
Project:- Grace, Bethany, Zion, Faith,
Galilee, Nazareth, Sembawang, Sharon, FEK,
Mt. Carmel, B-P Banner, CLBC.
Lim Florist, Tel: 2353292.

MR. LEE KUAN YEW'S CHINESE NEW YEAR MESSAGE

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On New Year's Eve, Chinese Singaporeans honour an ancient custom. They meet at the home of the patriarch of the extended family for dinner. The eldest of the family, whether grandfather or father, has his sons, their wives and their children gather around him.

It is not taught in the schools. No books of etiquette spell this out. Nevertheless, this practice will not die. It has been part of Chinese tradition for several thousand years. It is honoured by universal practice and enforced by social convention. Hence the tremendous rush of Chinese from Malaysia to bus stations, railway stations and airports for their family reunions.

Precepts

Then, on New Year's Day, the young visit their elders in the family: Grand-parents, parents, uncles, aunts, then their peers, siblings, cousins, other relatives, and then their friends. The protocol order stems from Confucianist precepts: The five basic relationships, first that between prince and minister; second, father and son; third, man and wife; fourth, brothers and sisters; fifth, between friends. When these five sets of rights and obligations are properly observed, order and stability will prevail over society.

Varying degrees of blood relationships were noted in exact nomenclature for each relative: Paternal, as distinct from maternal, uncles and aunts, then whether they are older or younger than one's parents. Elder or younger brothers and sisters, maternal or paternal cousins, are differently called. Each title used to carry with it concomitant rights and obligations. It is a patriarchal society, in which ties of blood through the male line are primary. Changing habits have made everybody an uncle or an aunt. We should encourage a return to these correct titles, in Mandarin. They will underline the obligations to one's parents or one's grandparents, obligations which cannot be discharged by putting them into old folks' homes.

I visited Ang Mo Kio on Sunday, Jan. 25. I was dismayed to discover that our youngest new town has two old folks' home. It is not something to be proud of. It must not be encouraged. An old folks' club for the elderly to meet each other, play chess, amuse themselves, go on outings - by all means; but not a place for old parents and grandparents to be abandoned.

Unique

Sons must shoulder their duties. And in an age of two-child families, and equality of the sexes, daughters, too, must shoulder their responsibilities for their parents. This problem has often been discussed in Cabinet. Some Ministers have proposed legislation to give parents the right to maintenance from children they have brought up. Only if they are invalids or need special nursing, can children be allowed to send them into government institutions.

Fortunately, our young know it is a shame to leave parents in institutions. At a private charitable hospital, children who visit the parents they have left there, often pretend that they are friends or distant relatives, not sons or daughters.

With the knowledge of consequences, we should have encouraged much earlier on, in the late 1960's, joint balloting for parents and children, for either adjoining flats or flats on the same floor. The solidarity of the family, the basic unit, has seen Chinese societies through the last 4,000 years. It is a civilisation that is unique in its continuity. It has survived in recognisable form despite the ravages of flood and famine, fire and pestilence, wars and earthquakes. After each catastrophe, people picked themselves up, dusted themselves, and cleared the debris. They recognised their obligations to each other and to their families, acknowledged the rights and obligations of relatives and friends, observed their duties, and enjoyed the privileges as citizens of the ruler. Gradually civilised life was restored.

The HDB is studying several ways to make it easier for families to stay close together. Most parents do not want to move to a new town. They prefer their children to be given homes in the old estate. Unfortunately the old estates are fully built up; and as only few old blocks are rebuilt, there are not enough rebuilt units to accommodate requests for priority from those wishing to transfer from the old blocks. Most new homes are in the new towns. HDB can help in the sale or exchange of old flats, to make it financially attractive to exchange an old for a new flat. Grandparents help bring up children better than daycare foster parents or creches, or servants. In the cycle of life, parents, in turn, will become grandparents. 114,000 or 4.7 per cent of our population are over 65 years at present. They will rise to 164,000 or 5.4 per cent by the year 2000.

Encourage

We must make determined steps now to encourage the extended family to stay together in adjacent flats. I know that the present practice in Western societies is different. They consign their old to government or commercial institutions, even when there are no medical reasons to justify it. Of the advanced industrial societies, only the Japanese have an unbroken history of over 2,000 years. And the Japanese do not put their old in homes for the aged. These Asian traditions and values have enabled our forefathers to survive under hostile circumstances, as during the colonial period, when the government was not interested in its subject people. It is unsound for a government to take over family responsibilities, for we shall damage the basic unit of society, the family, the building bricks of our society. I wish all a happy and prosperous Chinese New Year.

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"PEACE TO YOU FROM THE LORD!"

Message delivered by Rev. T. Tow via the Singapore
Broadcasting Corporation, Sunday, Feb. 8, 1981 at 6.05 p.m.

The topic of my message this first Sunday evening of the Chinese New Year is "Peace to you from the Lord". This message is prompted by the Editor of the Bilingual Page of the Straits Times. He offered \$50 some time before the end of the old year to anyone who would submit the Most Meaningful Chinese New Year Greeting. I suppose you can count the title of this sermonette a meaningful greeting. But, alas, I haven't got a chance to that \$50 angpow, since the closing date of contest was Jan. 29, and today is Feb. 8. I am 10 days behind that \$50 ang pow.

But why must the sending in to the Editor of the Bilingual Page of a "Most Meaningful New Year Greeting" be rewarded with money? Isn't the selection of the best, and the honour of being selected, as good an incentive? Ah! Didn't I also hear "Gong Xi Fa Cai" already, as this subject was broached. And "Gong Xi Fa Cai" is the age-old Chinese New Year Greeting that wishes you lots of money to make? But is making lots of money the chief purpose of life? Why not? Hail to the mighty dollar! "If you have money", as another Chinese saying goes, "You can make even the devil to slog for you!"

Money can do a lot of good, no doubt, but what I'd like to point out here is money is not everything! There are more important things in life which money cannot buy. Can you name some of them? Well, let me start off by naming health as the No. 1 important ingredient of life, and if it is not all-supreme in this earthly life, it is at least equal to it, since it rhymes with wealth. Another ingredient is Happiness, such as you most desire in a happy marriage, a happy home, happy children who honour you and make the grade in school.

Now, coming back to health. Youngsters who are in the pink of health cannot understand what I say until age begins to take hold of you. But, at least, those of you who are over forty will begin to agree! (Some lower my estimation to 35.)

At any rate, money is not all. The trouble, however, is not with money, but with that desire within you to get rich quick. Is it a good desire or a bad desire? That inordinate, that insatiable, that unquenchable desire! To make a fast buck by job-hopping or by pulling a quick deal, or by trying your luck in a dip here and another dip there. To get rich by hook or by crook is not the best policy! King Solomon, the wisest man that ever lived, says in Proverbs 23:4,5 "Labour not to be rich: cease from thine own wisdom. Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not? for riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven". Another version of Solomon's Wisdom reads, "Don't weary yourself trying to get rich. Why waste your time? For riches can disappear as though they had the wings of a bird!"

Money has a twin sister. Her name is power. Political power is what Solomon is thinking about in these verses of the same chapter. Proverbs 23:1-3 says, "When thou sittest to eat with a ruler, consider diligently what is before thee: And put a knife to thy throat, if thou be a man given to appetite. Be not desirous of his dainties: for they are deceitful meat". Dana Lam, talking about Chinese New Year traditions in the Straits Times, says, "And if your boss were to pick for you a choice piece of chicken at the Company dinner on New Year's Eve, it would indicate that your services would be terminated in the New Year!" As a man is often over-ambitious in money-making to his own sorrow, so is he destroyed by the power he over-ambitiously craves from kings and governors. Jesus says, "For what shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"

"Gong Xi Fa Cai" is not the most meaningful Chinese New Year Greeting, I'm sure. Or else, why should we be asked to look for another? And since, as the Apostle Paul has also declared; "The love of money is the root of all evil..." and "they that will be rich fall into temptations and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts which drown men in destruction and perditions" - does this not remind you of that notorious gold bar murder case which took place quite some years ago in our City? Yes, money is not all, and how true the saying, "the love of money is the root of evil". Money is neither good nor bad in itself. It is the lust for money in man that makes it bad. Jesus says, "Man does not live by bread alone but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God". And Jesus who knows all our desires is He who has diagnosed our souls' sickness. He comes to put us in the right frame of mind. Yes, more than that, He comes to lead us out of death into life by dying on the cross in our stead, to pay for the penalty of our sins. He gives us life, even life everlasting, life more abundant.

Jesus is also the Prince of Peace. He who is the Prince of Peace gives us peace, not as the world giveth. "Peace I leave with you". He says to His disciples, "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."

Why must we pray for this peace and wish one another this peace? The peace that comes from the Lord Jesus? Because we are not merely made of flesh and blood. Our needs are not in the physical realm only. There is that inner man, the soul within us that must be taken into account. As the body needs food, the soul, the heart and the mind, needs what Jesus

calls peace. St Augustine, in his search for peace, prayed, "O Lord, thou hast made us for Thyself, and our souls are restless till they find rest in Thee." Thank God, he found that rest, that peace, he was seeking for. From a playboy he became a saint. He is the greatest Christian philosopher whose writings have deeply influenced the Christian Church after him to this day.

Dear listener, the quest for money will never end. The more you make, the more you will desire. A friend of mine told me while he was making quick money in the black market under the Japanese occupation that he would retire after the first million in "Tiger" notes was reached. Do you believe him? You have the answer! Christian listener, in regard to your getting more and more involved in the world, and less and less with the Church, St Paul has this to say, "(the money) which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves with many sorrows". The apostle John says, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." (I John 2:15). A Christian should rather be a master of money, and not a slave to money! A Christian should use his money power, way beyond the tithe, to further God's Kingdom. "Give of thy wealth ... And all thy spendest Jesus will repay".

Whether you are Christian or not, the more meaningful Chinese New Year greeting I've given you, "Peace to you from the Lord", is not mine, but as it is clearly stated, from the Lord. This greeting is taken from Jesus' own words which He spoke to greet the troubled disciples on the day of His resurrection. The peace He offered them and us today is real peace, not of this world, but from above. It satisfies every sincere seeking heart. Jesus says in another place, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of Me for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light" (Matt. 11:28-30). So let us hear God's Son say to us again, "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" (Jn. 14:27). With His promise, I can greet you more meaningfully with "Peace to you from the Lord" this Chinese New Year. Or if you would have it in Mandarin, it is not "Gong Xi Fa Cai" but "Ju Ci Ping An".

"PEACE FROM THE LORD TO YOU". Amen.

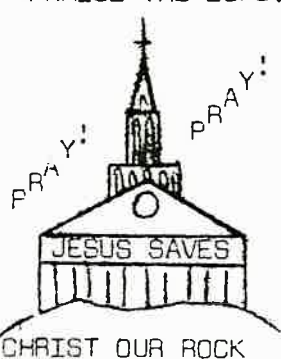
APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (FEB 9-15)

MON 7.30 pm Rev. 6 & 7 (Rev Tow).
TUE 8.00 pm O.T. Survey/Prayer Meeting.
WED 8.00 pm Wedding Rehearsal.
THUR 9.30 pm Calvin's (Rev Tow).
FRI 8.00 pm Rev Tow at Cal. Family Worship.
SAT 3.00 pm Benny Goh Li Nee-Sim Mong Eng
Wedding, Rev Tow officiating.
3.30 pm JYF, YF & AF.
SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow
10.00 am Mr Jonah Chan (Chin. Service).
11.30 am Catechism Class
11.45 am Korean Church
1.30 pm Beulah Service (Upp. Classroom)
4.30 pm Sharon Church

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: \$3,198.70

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS:

PRAISE THE LORD: 1143) \$500; 1144) \$1000;
1145) \$2,000 (CLBC);
1146) \$100; 1147) \$19;
1148) \$21.20 (Boxes);
1149) \$300; 1150) \$15;
1151) \$200; 1152) \$90;
1153) \$10; 1154) \$500;
1155) \$100; 1156) \$50;
1157) \$250; 1158) \$700;
1159) \$191.75;
1160) \$2,000; 1161) \$300;
1162) \$300; 1163) \$100;
1164) \$20; 1165) \$100;
1166) \$250; 1167) \$347 (Chin. Serv.) 1168) \$833.20 (USA); 1169-74) Interest: \$326.89;
\$407.76; \$107.04; \$254.76; \$107.07; \$299.79;
1175) \$40 (LCCSS); 1176) \$300; 1177) \$200 (AF)
TOTAL: \$647,443.15 1178) \$305.40 (K. Sawit)
LOANS: 24) \$300 (LCCSS); \$296,400 - \$5,000 =
GRAND TOTAL: \$938,843.15 \$291,400



NURSERY FEB. 15: Miss Tay Soo Wah, Miss Winnie Lim & Mrs. Amy Koh.
Woodlands Finance and Building Committee: Rev. Tow (ex-officio); Dn. William Teo (Treas.); Eld. Seow and Dn. Teo Soon Hock

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ALONG THE ROAD

Along the road of life I have a friend divine
Who walks with me and gently leads the way
He gives me joy and makes the darkest night to/
It is my Lord who won my heart one day shine

Chorus:

I do not mind the rough and winding pathway
O'er mountain steep thru valley dark and cold
It is enough to know He travels by my side
Along the road that leads to streets of gold!

For many years I did not know His love so true
Until I heard how on the cross He died
I trusted him, and He became my Saviour too
And since that day He's journeyed by my side

Mr. Peter Eng is henceforth taken under care (Presbytery, supervision of Rev. Tow).

The Choir will henceforth use FEBC Hall and AF Room for rehearsal. Beulah group kindly shift back to classroom upstairs.

(Finance); Rev. Patrick Tan (Beulah); Dn. Seow Chong Keong, Rev. (Dr.) Tow Siang Hwa, Mr. L.S. Pang (Build).

Advance Notice! Presbytery will meet for the 1st time this year at Life Church, Sun. Feb 22, 8 p.m. The formation of a Chinese Presbytery and the raising to Synod status is a matter for prayer and deliberation. Rev Tow is moderator and Rev Paaue stated clerk.

New Address: Dr & Mrs Tow Siang Yeow, 85 Jalan Songkit Duah, Taman Sentosa, Johor Bahru, West Malaysia. Tel. 332211.

Hear Rev Tow this evening 6 p.m. at Calvary-Randan B-P Church. Topic: The Church of Rome-Its Origin and Growth. Printed message to be distributed.

EXHORTATION TO ANGPOW OFFERING: "... and they shall not appear before the Lord empty. Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord which He hath given thee" (Deut. 16:16,17).

Lim Florist, Tel: 2353292.

福^{Fú}BLESSING OF BLESSINGS

Epilogue to last week's Radio Message, "Peace to you from the Lord"

At Chinese New Year it is required of us to speak kind words, so as to bring blessing or good luck. New Year couplets with good wishes written with the brush on red paper are pasted on either side of the door. On the lintel above the door, also in red, reads such a familiar wish "Wu Fu Lin Men" that is "Five Blessings to this Door". Overhanging the front of the house is a crimson streamer.

Now, what are the five blessings that the Chinese pray for at the beginning of year. They are long life, wealth, health, love of virtue and a natural death. The root of these earthly blessings may be seen in the composition of the character Fu, Blessing. This composite character is made up of four radicals put together, which signify: one, mouth, field and altar. A field to yield to the support of life, with its attendant blessings, however, cannot be complete without sacrifice made to God. Hence the altar radical.

This ancient Chinese idea of sacrifice as the root of blessing is wonderfully corresponded by the etymology of the word blessing in the English language. The English word bless, according to Webster, comes from an older English word, blod which in modern English is spelt blood. What blood? Webster says, "From the consecration by sprinkling the altar with blood". The book of Hebrews in the New Testament, says, "Without the shedding of blood is no remission", i.e., without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness of sin.

The Chinese and English idea of sacrifice and blood as the root meaning of blessing can be traced to the Jews. Originally called Hebrews the Jews were slaves under the Pharaoh of Egypt until God raised up Moses. Moses had to contest with Pharaoh ten times, sending plague after plague before the Hebrews could go free. The last plague God sent upon the Egyptians by Moses was the slaying of all of Egypt's first-born. Now, for the protection of the Hebrews, for the keeping out of the angel of death from their homes, God told His people to kill a lamb. With the blood shed from the lamb that was killed they were to dab the door posts and lintel of their house. Those who kept within this blood-stained door during the night the angel of death visited were safe. The angel of death who saw the lamb's blood "passed over". Hence this new-yearly sacrifice of the Jews was called the Passover Feast. Does this strike you as something wonderful? Isn't it a marvellous correspondence with the Chinese idea of a red streamer over the front of their house?

There can be no New Year's wish of five blessings in the full sense of the word blessing, without the lamb's blood being shed. What does the lamb stand for? John the Baptist calls Jesus the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. St Paul declares, "For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us".

As I have said earlier this evening Jesus is our Peace, and I wish you Peace from the Lord this Chinese New Year instead of saying, "Gong Xi Fa Cai", let me also point out that Jesus is our blessing. He is the true blessing, the blessing of blessings, because He was made to be sin for us who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (II Cor. 5:21). All our earthly blessings come to nought until we have obtained the heavenly blessings. Until our sin-sick souls are washed and cleansed by the blood of the Lamb. Until we have the inward peace, that comes from God to those who find the forgiveness of sin through the blood of Jesus Christ. Without this true blessing, the five blessings of earth are not only shortlived but meaningless.

Christ our Redeemer died on the cross,
Died for the sinner, paid all his due;
All who receive Him need never fear,
Yes, He will pass, will pass over you.

DOHAR LETTER TO LIFE CHURCH PASTOR, Feb 3, '81

I am very glad to know that you are being delegated to see the work in Sumatra. I sense your interest for the work in Medan, and it has been my prayer that my brethren in Singapore would stretch out their hands to help me. But before you made a move I would like to inform you about the situation now in Medan.

Since my returning from Singapore to Medan, in January 1980 I have been invited to preach at various churches. And then in February I was called to teach Calvin's Institutes to a Women's Group. And then to conduct Bible Study to a Women's Fellowship. And slowly the husbands also joined the wives, and now we have Bible Study for husbands and wives. And through this contact, they ask me to start a Sunday School for children and juniors, and then for Y.F.



All these activities have been going on for six to seven months. But when I told them last month (January) to start a new Church, they were afraid. They said to me, "We do not build a new Church, but we will be a light witness in our own Churches". Now I am in a difficult ground. I do not argue with them. I pray that God will make them realise the importance of establishing a Biblical Church.

Now I am still teaching them but they have not been ready to come out of their own churches. Because Bible-Presbyterian is new to Indonesia they are very careful about it. As I think over the situation, my plan is to convince them of "the need of a True Church".

Now we have twenty children gathered at my house. This is the only meeting which is held in our own building. So it is called B-P Sunday School. Now I am reaching to junior and youth. This month I am inviting them to come to my house. I feel safer to hold the meeting at my house, but the house is too small. It can take only 20 people.

The seed of the Gospel has been sown in the heart of the people. It is now growing among the fairest and hardest ground.

Finally, I would like to praise God for all of you (Life Church) and others who zealously give to the Woodlands Project.

I would like to thank A.F. for their prayers and support for Medan. And I have received Francis's letter, and I am very glad he is coming to Medan. A very warm welcome to Francis and his company.

I will fetch you on your arrival in Medan. As for the facility, of course a simple room which is built by the help of the brethren here is waiting for you. May God bless you with a good journey. Yours in Christ, Dohar S. Siregar

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (FEB 16-22)

MON 7.30 pm Revelation (Rev Tow)
TUE 8.00 pm OT Survey/Prayer Meeting
THUR 7.30 pm Calvin's (Rev Tow)
SAT 3.30 pm JYF, YF & AF Fri 7.30 pm WF*
SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow
10.00 am Miss Alice Doo (Chinese Serv)
11.30 am Catechism Class
11.45 am Korean Church
1.30 pm Beulah Service
4.30 pm Sharon Church 8 pm Presbytery

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: \$5,026.11

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS:

1179) \$5,026.11; 1180) \$100; 1181) \$100;
1182) \$100; 1183) \$200; 1184) \$746.55
Ang Pow (LCSS); 1185) \$59.60 (LCSS);
1186-90) Interest: \$281.76; \$146.51; \$270.71; lonely,
\$1,134.16; \$109.25; 1191) \$500 (Beulah);
1192) \$100; 1193) \$82.70 (Child. Choir
Worship) 1194) \$200. TOTAL \$656,905.90 +
loans \$291,400 GRAND TOTAL: \$947,305.90*

FEBC: \$50; \$150. KULAI BESAR \$445 (WF)
Rec. anor. two single beds for coming
FECCC Gen. Assembly. Much appreciated.
EXPRESGRAM TO LILY DAUBER. Many thanks
for your monthly gifts to Woodlands.
God bless!

Life Church's Radio Message supported by
FEBC Choir broadcast via SBC last week is
now available on tape (studio recorded)
from Reformed Tape Libr. (Mr Yiew Pong
Sen). Only \$3/- to Lifers. An appropriate
Chinese New Year gift! (Mailing
at extra charge undertaken).

*WF Praise Service at the home of Mr &
Mrs Yew Kwong Poy, 106-B Newton Court
(1130) on Friday, 20th Feb. 1981 at 7.30
p.m. Transport leaves Church at 7.15pm.

HDB phoned last Friday: its official
reply is coming! Our architect is also
instructed to hurry with the layout
plans! Meanwhile we continue to earn
good interest.

You can help the Woodlands Fund grow
by sending in your tithes early!

*STOP PRESS! 1195) \$115.75; 1196) \$40.

THEN JESUS CAME

From home and friends the evil spirits
drove him,
Among the tombs he dwelt in misery;
He cut himself as demon pow'rs possessed him,
Then Jesus came and set the captive free.

Chorus

When Jesus comes the tempter's pow'r is
broken.
When Jesus comes the tears are wiped away.
He takes the gloom and fills the life with
glory,
For all is changed when Jesus comes to stay.

So men today have found the Saviour able,
They could not conquer passion, lust and sin;
Their broken hearts had left them sad and
lonely,
Then Jesus came and dwelt, Himself, within.

HIS WAY WITH THEE

His power can make you what you ought to be;
His blood can cleanse your heart and make
you free;

His love can fill your soul, and you will see
'Twas best for Him to have His way with thee.

"THE KING'S BUSINESS REQUIRED HASTE"

In response to Dohar's request and with
the prior commission from Session I'm leaving
for Medan Feb. 17, 1730 hours, GA 900.
I shall return Thurs. 1500 hrs. GA 908.
Pray for Dohar and me as we discuss extension
of the work of the Lord in N. Sumatra.

The first missionary to evangelise
Batakland (1861) was Nommensen from Germany.
As we embark on a new mission, there is
Rev Andrew Bo of Norway with me to bear a
double testimony, like the apostolic witness
Pray for us!

Attend

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

at

Life Church, Fri. Mar. 6, 8.00 p.m.

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MISSION ACCOMPLISHED - B-P CHURCH SUMATRA INAUGURATED



When Rev Bo showed an interest in my Medan trip, I felt my prayer for a companion was answered. Truly, his coming was used of the Lord to augment my witness (the testimony of two men is true. Jn. 8:17).

Our trip to Medan after 9 long years cannot be without significance. It was in 1972 that Rev Quek and I first went over Sumatra in response to a request from Dr J.C. Marris our ICCG Gen-Sec in Holland. From this contact made, a stream of young people has been drawn to FEBC. Dohar is one who stands out, who treasures the Calvinistic teachings he has received, who now is teaching the same to widening circles of seekers for Truth.

Among those he has ministered to since returning to Medan over a year ago are two women's fellowships. These WFs numbering 14 are a lay people's movement, because the established Protestant churches to which they belong are practically dead. Their pastors are no more of the old type. These modern ones smoke and drink and patronise the cinema. They have no message to give to their congregations. The WFs come together to pray and sing, but above all to hear the Word. Dohar has been called to preach to two of their groups and has found acceptance among them.

These two WF's combined to hear us. Over 25 of them, mostly wives of the more well-to-do, good singers and good prayers, received us. Rev Bo gave a word of testimony, as I preached. In the evening a Young People's Group numbering about 30 also heard the Word.

Our coming has sent a current of excitement into these groups. The leader of the WFs asked me what our mission to Medan was. I plainly told her and the group the purpose of our coming.

Dohar has felt that the time to launch the B-P Church of Sumatra had come. My purpose of coming therefore was to discuss the launching of the project. Most important of all was a visit on the spot so as to determine how the work could be advanced.

A two-day survey of the land has given us a clear picture. We have everything ready for the launching of the BPC Sumatra! We have a new terrace house somewhat like our Kulai Besar set-up, belonging to Dohar's father. It is one in a Govt. National Housing, where hundreds of people (without a Church within several kilometres) are settled. This house is now gladly given over to Dohar by his father, a devout Christian speaking perfect English. He told me he had become a BPer in his heart when he first came to know our Church through Dohar. This new terrace house has added to it a sizeable back-room from funds previously sent to Dohar. It is therefore quite spacious to hold S.S. and worship.

On the day appointed, Feb. 19, 13 adults gathered to inaugurate BPC Sumatra. After a sermon by Rev Bo to mostly women gathered, I spoke from Jn 4 where Jesus says God is seeking the truthful and sincere to worship Him. Mr Wesley (Dohar's father) offered to add his testimony. With tears he gave his witness. That today Dohar is able to preach and serve the Lord is in answer to his lifelong prayers. Dohar's father is glad also for Haposan and Agus studying at FEBC. Henceforth, we can be sure a strong work will be established in this Housing Estate.

At present this new house where Dohar is starting anew is short of equipment. We can help by offering a small organ, a tape recorder, one or two fans and a fridge. As the work progresses we should think of buying some property for the building of God's House and perhaps a kindergarten, etc. The needs before us are great. Countless souls are held in the clutches of sin and superstition by the Devil and many false prophets and witchdoctors. Pray for the work ahead. Our Mission is accomplished - BPC Sumatra is launched! But the battle ahead is just beginning. Pray for Dohar! (Total cost of this Mission, \$380! Rev Bo is self-paying.) Francis and Lit Miah are visiting Dohar, Mar. 4 & 5.



Do you know that apart from Dohar up in Medan we have work at Tg. Pinang, Riau Islands, at Siantan, Pontianak and Kumpai, West Kalimantan (Rev. Djunaidi). Some of the funds given the last 2 years have also gone to help Rev. Ormeo's Bible Institute in the Philippines? Such outreaches for the extension of God's Kingdom are what St. Paul describes as "from a peculiar people, zealous of good works" (Titus 2:14).

At Siantan, Pontianak, West Kalimantan, Rev Djunaidi has bought all the materials in readiness to build a Church-Kindergarten, scheduled to be completed June this year. We've received \$10,000 from one zealous for Asean missions, so that the funds needed by West Kalimantan are being met. Expresgram to Rev Djunaidi: If you have time why not come for a short visit?

"LOOKING FOR AND HASTING UNTO THE COMING OF THE DAY OF GOD"
II PETER 3:12

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (FEB 23-MAR 1)

MON 7.30 pm Revelation (Rev Tow)
TUE 8.00 pm O.T. Survey/Prayer Meeting
THUR 7.30 pm Calvin's (Rev Tow)
FRI 7.30 pm Corrie Ten Boom Film: "The Hiding Place" at FEBC Hall.
SAT 3.30 pm Francis Leong & Lee Lit Miah Wedding. Rev Tow officiating. Reception at FEBC Hall.
3.30 pm JYF & YF.
SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow (Congregational Mtg.)
10.00 am Miss Alice Doo (Chin. Service)
11.30 am Catechism Class
11.45 am Korean Church
1.30 pm Beulah Service (Rev Tow)
4.30 pm Sharon Church
Tonite 6.00 pm Rev Tow at Calvary Pandan

"Why Denominations?"
LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: \$1,958.20 + (\$60 + \$200 Dohar) + \$150 (FEBC)

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS:

PRAISE THE LORD! 1197) \$500; 1198) \$150;
1199) \$210; 1200) \$16;
1201) \$40; 1202) \$10;
1203) \$1; 1204) \$6;
1205) \$255; 1206) \$11;
1207) \$50; 1208) \$10;
1209) \$16; 1210) \$60;
1211) \$100; 1212) \$255
(WF); 1213) \$100;
1214) \$1,400; 1215) \$100.
1216-22) \$257.04; \$432.99
\$216.58; \$162.43; \$162.43
\$194.92; \$108.25;
1223) \$100; LOANS: \$291,400 - \$5,100 =
\$286,300. TOTAL: \$661,986.29 + \$286,300 =
\$948,286.29 STOP PRESS! 1224) \$10 (CCW);
1225) \$36.86 (CCW); 1226) \$1,500; 1227)
\$1,000. GOD'S REWARD

When the need was so great for the Woodlands project, I decided to give one year's advance tithe (life's savings). After a month, I told the Lord I would treat this sum as an offering for Woodlands, i.e. to continue to tithe as usual. A Christian friend told me to be practical on this issue. But I insisted that the Lord would bless. True enough, the Lord not only gave me a more than double increment in my salary, but also a double bonus for the New Year.

Dear Readers, give of your best to the Master as he will open his window of blessings till you have no room to receive. As the Lord said: "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver". - Anonymous.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, Sun, Mar. 1, 1981 will be held promptly at 11.15 a.m. after a shorter service "to fulfill all righteousness". Every communicant member has a duty to stay behind for some 25 minutes to approve written reports and accounts mailed in advance. And remember there's the Korean service following each Lord's Day. Members should leave the auditorium early enough to make way for our foreign brethren.

Presbytery Meeting tonite at FEBC Hall 8 p.m. Every elder is reminded!

FEBC mid-semester vacation begins Fri. Feb. 27 and ends Mon. Mar. 9, 8 a.m.

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I AM COMING TO THE CROSS

I am poor and weak and blind;
I am counting all but dross;
I shall full salvation find.

CHORUS

I am trusting, Lord, in Thee
Blessed Lamb of Calvary;
Humbly at Thy cross I bow,
Save me, Jesus, save me now.
Long my heart has sighed for Thee;
Long has evil reigned within;
Jesus sweetly speaks to me, -
"I will cleanse you from all sin."

Here I give my all to Thee, -
Friends and time and earthly store;
Soul and body Thine to be, -
Wholly Thine forevermore

In the promises I trust;
Now I feel the blood applied;
I am prostrate in the dust;
I with Christ am crucified.

Jesus comes! He fills my soul!
Perfect in Him I am;
I am ev'ry whit made whole:
Glory, glory to the Lamb!

- Inspiring Hymns p. 301

HE LIFTED ME

In loving kindness Jesus came,
My soul in mercy to reclaim,
And from the depths of sin and shame
Thru grace He lifted me ...

Chorus

From sinking sand He lifted me,
With tender hand He lifted me,
From shades of night to planes of
light,
O praise His name, He lifted me!

He called me long before I heard
Before my sinful heart was stirred,
But when I took Him at His word,
Forgiv'n He lifted me ...

His brow was pierced with many a thorn.
His hands by cruel nails were torn,
When from my guilt and grief, forlorn,
In love He lifted me ...

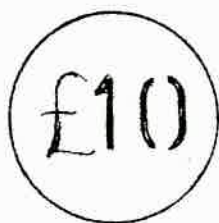
Now on a higher plane I dwell,
And with my soul I know 'tis well,
Yet how or why, I cannot tell,
He should have lifted me ...

- Church Service Hymns 16.

70 Tapes of Life Church-FEBC Radio Mess-
age & Epilogue with beautiful classical
music appended have been sold. Order
yours from Mr Yiew, today! \$3 only!

* Attend *
* WORLD DAY OF PRAYER *
* at *
* Life Church, Fri. Mar. 6, 8.00 p.m. *
* Rev Dr Tow Siang Hwa speaking *
* Thereafter FECCC Organ. Com. Meeting. *

The Hiding Place See how the Nazis beat up the Jews! But God used a Dutch woman Corrie ten Boom to give shelter to the hounded and homeless. A thrilling picture to remind us of the horrors of war, and of God's power to save in such situations. Cordial welcome to FEBCers and Sharonites.

1,000 %

In the parable of the pounds, the Lord rewards the servant who gained 10 pounds with 10 cities to govern - the one who made $\frac{10}{1} \times 100 = 1,000 \%$

Not only must we trade with every talent God has given us, we should make it pay the highest dividends.

The way we put our multi-million property at Gilstead Road to use must follow the line taken by the 10-pound servant. To make 5 pounds is good, but not good enough.

Seeing there is a greater need of our Book Centre (now to be run by a Book Trust of which Life Church is a member) the L-corner room hitherto used by the S.S. Pr. Dept must make way for this higher priority. Fortunately there are 4 big Kindergarten rooms with much bigger space for the S.S. to choose for their transfer. The pastor will arrange a smooth promotion to the FEK classroom. The L-corner room will be linked to the main book room by an arch-opening in the wall where the counter is.

Another renovation to be made is to open a door into the front bedroom of the downstairs "Guest House". This will turn it into an office by day, and sleeping place by night, if needed. For this room is the least used by guests. This alteration will make it a multi-purpose room 24 hours of the day and night. Unless every inch of our valuable property be put to the utmost use we are losing much by default. A businessman tells me that per sq. ft. of floor space at Orchard Road leased for trading purposes costs \$20 per month! And we're not too far from town, are we? Thus when the Far Eastern Council of Christian Churches meets at Life Church June 8-12, we should use every available space for the promotion of the Conference. To save some guests hotel expenses, we are willing to open our parsonage during Conference week. He must increase, we must decrease.

Polishing up and Painting up

The decision to repaint our Church was made in mid-1979 prior to our return from America. When it was resolved to re-tender for Woodlands, that decision to paint up was shelved. We needed to conserve every dollar (and we've just made it).

Now that a little respite has come after a great struggle, and Gilstead Road will be centre of a Far Eastern Church Assembly, June 8-12, Session has decided to implement its 1979 decision. This will be a great expense to be sure! But, remember, this sprucing up is long overdue, overdue by a decade for the exterior facing Family Planning and the new HUDC flats. Let us not do it by order of the Ministry of Environment!

THE STORY OF JOASH, THE TEMPLE-REPAIRING KING, (II Chron. 24:4-14) ***



To finance the repainting, and repairing of our Church, Kindergarten and FEBC annex, we will follow the good example of King Joash by placing an offering box at the main entrance. This is to facilitate the bringing in of freewill offerings by the Lord's people. When the Woodlands tender was in the process, we concentrated every ounce of strength towards our successful bidding. In celebration of this victory, and with a little respite after the great total effort, we can now devote part of our resources to renovating these Church edifices. This is killing two birds with one stone, since the 10th Gen. Assembly of the FECCC is coming to us in June. Will it not be a joy to see God's House decked like a bride for the Heavenly Bridegroom?

*** THE STORY: "And it came to pass after this, that Joash was minded to repair the house of the Lord. And he gathered together the priests and the Levites, and said to them, Go out unto the cities of Judah, and gather of all Israel money to repair the house of your God from year to year, and see that ye hasten the matter. Howbeit the Levites hastened it not. And the king called for Jehoiada the chief, and said unto him, Why hast thou not required of the Levites to bring in out of Judah and out of Jerusalem the collection, according to the commandment of Moses the servant of the Lord, and of the congregation of Israel, for the tabernacle of witness? For the sons of Athaliah, that wicked woman, had broken up the house of God; and also all the dedicated things of the house of the Lord did they bestow upon Baalim. And at the king's commandment they made a chest, and set it without at the gate of the house of the Lord. And they made a proclamation through Judah and Jerusalem, to bring in to the Lord the collection that Moses the servant of God laid upon Israel in the wilderness. And all the princes and all the people rejoiced, and brought in, and cast into the chest, until they had made an end. Now it came to pass, that at what time the chest was brought unto the king's office by the hand of the Levites, and when they saw that there was much money, the king's scribes and the high priest's officer came and emptied the chest, and took it, and carried it to his place again. Thus they did day by day, and gathered money in abundance. And the king and Jehoiada gave it to such as did the work of the service of the house of the Lord, and hired masons and carpenters to repair the house of the Lord, and also such as wrought iron and brass to mend the house of the Lord. So the workmen wrought, and the work was perfected by them, and they set the house of God in his state, and strengthened it. And when they had finished it, they brought the rest of the money before the king and Jehoiada, whereof were made vessels for the house of the Lord, even vessels to minister, and to offer withal, and spoons, and vessels of gold and silver. And they offered burnt offerings in the house of the Lord continually all the days of Jehoiada."

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (MAR 9 - 15)

MON 7.30 pm Revelation 11-12 (Rev Tow)
TUE 8.00 pm Deuteronomy/Prayer Meeting.
THUR 7.30 pm Calvin (Rev Tow). *Fri. Family Wor.
SAT 3.30 pm JYF, AF. 2 pm YF Gospel Rally.
7.30 pm Rev Tow at Cal-Pandan AF
SUN 10.00 am Rev Patrick Tan. Rev Tow @ Nazareth.
10.00 am Mr Jonah Chan (Ch. Service).
11.30 am Catechism Class
11.45 am Korean Church
1.30 pm Beulah Service
4.30 pm Sharon Church
6.00 pm Rev Tow at Sunset Gospel Hour,
Pandan: "A New Reformation".

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: \$2,616.14 + (\$100+ \$100
+ \$60 Dohar) + (\$60 Djunaidi) + (\$150 Kampuchea)
NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS:

PRAISE THE LORD! 1239) \$300; 1240) \$1,370;
1241) \$100; 1242) \$15;
1243) \$10; 1244) \$10;
1245) \$50; 1246) \$7;
1247) \$62; 1248) \$60;
1249) \$150; 1250) \$400;
1251) \$300; 1252) \$100;
1253) \$41.44; 1254) \$85.85
Int.; 1255) \$244.31 Int.;
1256) \$100 (Kor. Ch.);
1257) \$130 (AF); 1258)
\$23.33 (CCW); 1259) \$18.45
(CCW); 1260) \$1,000.

TOTAL: \$672,429.38 LOANS: \$272,800 - \$1,500=
\$271,300. GRAND TOTAL: \$943,729.38

NURSERY MAR. 15: Mrs Gladys Sng & Mrs Doreen
Lee.

STOP PRESS: 1261) \$105 (USA); 1262) \$35;
1263) \$200. (Do you know the offering you
bring on Sunday begins to earn interest for
the Lord Monday morning - at 12 1/2 %?) 1264) \$400.
Expresgram to Rev. Djunaidi: We've remitted
\$10,000 for the Church-Kindergarten, as in-
structed.

Births: To Mr & Mrs Chan Wen Lock, a son (reg.
for Easter Baptism). To Deacon & Mrs Paul
Tsao, a daughter, Sarah, Feb. 25, 1981.

L.C. Children's Choir is invited to sing at
Calvary-Jurong Junior YF Praise Service, Sat.
Mar. 14, 7.30 p.m.

New Addresses: 1) Dohar Siregar, B-PC Sumatra,
Jln Murai IX No. 255, Perumnas II, Mandala,
Medan, Indonesia. 2) Mrs Linda (Liem) Limantara,
Jln 316 Bunguran, Surabaya, Indonesia.

Pray for YF Gospel Rally in Church, Sat. Mar.
14, 2 p.m., Mr Joseph Ong speaking. Bring a
friend!

To contact Mr Yiew Pong Sen at home: Ring
296-1728

Session has voted \$10,000 as our contribution
to the 10th Gen. Assembly, FECCC, June 8-12.
In addition we need to increase our sitting
capacity with 200 new chairs, etc., etc. We
need a mason to repair the driveways, etc.,
a new signboard. To ease seating up the bal-
cony, we are considering an improved model of
Galilee's highlegged Boyanese benches. But
why crowd at the back when there are seats in
front? World Day of Prayer offering for Lingkwang: \$723.40
Hear Dr Tow Siang Hwa this Lord's Day Mar. 8,
6 p.m. at Calvary Pandan Sunset Gospel Hour.
Latest colour slides on the Ecumenical monster,
vivid and educational! Pastor's mini-bus
leaves 5.20 p.m.! Come!
Mr Ronald Young, SGM of England, is lodged at
64 Andrew Road.

COME INTO MY HEART, BLESSED JESUS,
Come into my heart, I pray;
My soul is so troubled and weary,
Come into my heart today.

CHORUS

Into my heart, into my heart,
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus;
Come in today, come in to stay,
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus.

Come into my heart, blessed Jesus,
I need Thee thro' life's dreary way;
The burden of sin is so heavy,
Come into my heart to stay.

Come into my heart, blessed Jesus,
O cleanse and illumine my soul;
Fill me with Thy wonderful Spirit,
Come in and take full control.

- Hymnody 479

\$\$\$ EVERYDAY COUNT\$ \$\$\$

In the busine\$\$ world, everyday count\$!
Even to a fraction! In putting your money
into the Bank, if you go after 11 a.m. (am
I right?) you've lost a day's interest!
What's that to me? When it is a big sum, 9:
\$630,000 at 12%, you lose \$210 (approxima ly)

per day. That is the position we are in!
HDB replied Mar. 2. The letter arrived on
Mar. 4. It accedes to our downpayment of
30% without interest. The rest of the sum,
70% = \$630,000 is chargeable at 12% p.a.,
dating from Feb. 7 (we profit by 2 days of
Chinese New Year, otherwise it would be from
Feb. 5).

Now we've paid \$45,000 deposit in the first
instance. To make up 30% we're paying HDB,
Mon. Mar. 9 \$225,000. But the rest of the
sum still payable, which is \$630,000, is
owing interest at \$210 (approx.) a day. The
reason why we cannot pay the \$630,000 at once
is: this sum in various instalments is accru-
ing interest, and maturing on various dates
in the fortnight following.

Like fighting a fire, we've quickly taken
\$18,000 and \$5,000 from our branch organiza-
tions to pay in, so as to save part of that
\$210 chargeable every day. If you can spare
any sum for just two weeks to save interest,
please see Deacon William Teo today!

Meanwhile we are appealing to HDB to re-
consider waiving the 12% interest. - T.T.

*Fri. 8.00 p.m. (Mar. 13) Family Worship at
the new home of Mr & Mrs Francis Leong,
Blk 38, 324-C Teban Gardens Road (2260)
Tel: 2644809.



Expresgram to Bobby Phee: Praying for your
quick success. Greetings to Dr. Sanderson.
Praise the Lord for Bro. Lee Foh Leong, Wd 31,
TTSH, now recovering from an operation.
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Singapore 1130. Tel: 2560617/2569256.

现在进入我心，主耶稣进入我心，
就来永不开求主住在我心中



OUR WEEKLY CHAT

My dear Readers,

"The Lord Hath Done Great Things for us;
Whereof we are glad" (Ps. 126:4)

Although many of us were feeling quite sore last week over HDB's imposition of 12% interest on 70% of our tender price for Woodlands, which works out to \$7,200 odd, our Treasurer discloses we have counter balanced with as much earned interest and the more, by the delay. This puts us in a better position than had we paid in cash the whole amount on Feb. 7. In this respect, we should publicly thank the Lord! Yes, "the Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad" (Ps. 126:4). "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God ..." (Rom. 8:28). The latest about Woodlands is that we have paid HDB \$45,000 + \$277,000 (Mar. 9) + \$531,000*. By next week, when the last sums in Bank mature, we shall have paid in full, including stamp duty, etc. We have just enough to settle all accounts in this first phase of Woodlands. Praise the Lord again, I say. This is possible because apart from the \$18,000 + \$5,000 lately taken from sister organisations, we've a \$20,000 loan converted into gift, and another quick loan of \$10,000. *(Mar. 14).

12½ %

As you know, we have of late been earning 12½ % interest. How much does \$900,000 earn in one month? Ans: \$9,375. Alas! With our cruze of oil and barrel of flour emptied to rock-bottom, our earning power is now reduced to a shadow. Last year we earned about \$25,000 interest, and from this year \$5,000 and \$6,000 per month, and heading steadily upwards still. As God has so ordered in the affairs of men, we've paid up. We've to start from kosong all over again.

To help replenish quickly our deposits with the bank in order to earn 12½ %, may I once again appeal to you who love the Lord to give your tithes in advance. Calculate how you could help swell the Lord's Treasury by such economic arrangement of your resources: If you put yours into the Lord's bank instead of the POSB, how much difference in interest in \$1,000 can you accrue? Don't say, "A few tens of dollars!" If 100 of you will do the same, the increase of the Lord's Treasury by wise trading will gladden every heart. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in my house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it" (Mal. 3:10).

Appeal

In regard to our appeal for waiving the 12%, our architect has submitted for a reason the occupation of our land by a precast concrete manufacturer, a hindrance to our surveying operations. "We feel it is unfair to charge our client interest if we cannot occupy the site after the balance is paid up". May the Lord's will be done.

Calling the Middle-aged!

My reason for enlisting the 40-50s is they have just matured to an understanding of life education and experience. They will more readily assume leadership in the Church. Praise the Lord, one in his early fifties and the other in his early forties have heeded the call. They're plunging into fulltime study at FEBC!

Let me share with you the reasons given by these two time-tested man.

A is bilingual, and a music teacher by profession. He is elder of an upcountry church, English secretary of the Chinese Presbytery. He says, "Partly encouraged by your exhortations all these years, I have decided to train at FEBC. Should I live up to 70, I've but 18 years left to serve God. The times are also very uncertain, and the need of the Church is great. So I must give myself to serve the Lord".

B is principal of a Music School, has a Teacher's Diploma, numerous certificates in music qualifications. B testifies: "In 1979, I reconsecrated myself to the Lord. My mother passed away on 19 June, 1980 and I was filled with a sense of utter spiritual inadequacy and despair during the funeral service. I believe my mother is with the LORD. I had no doubt about it. The realisation that one day I too will also meet the LORD convicted me of my sinful ways. I prayed to the LORD that I wanted to know more of Him. I want to love Him and worship Him with all my heart, strength, soul and spirit. I want to obey Him even if He called me to serve Him. I prayed that I will never want to stray away from Him ever again. The Lord answered my prayer. I began to develop an insatiable and delightful desire to study His Word. Through another Christian brother the LORD taught me to trust in Him and believe His Words and to claim His promises for living a victorious Christian life. In August I was suddenly struck by a feeling that what I had accumulated and gained during the past eight years, materially, was nothing at all in His sight. I could not bring these to Him. It was only temporal and of no consequence to Him. I was convicted and realised that the only meaningful thing to do is to devote my life and time ministering unto the LORD and to the studying and teaching of the Word of God, the Bible

On October 30, 1980, I was quite restless in the afternoon after lunch. I then took the book "HE SPOKE, AND I WAS STRENGTHENED" and just opened it with no particular page in mind.

This was what I read: Go in this thy might ... have not I sent thee? (Judges 6:14)

Go, in this your might: I have put a power within you.

I have given you a determination.

I have given you an energy

I have given you an overflow.

Thus, from your innermost being shall flow rivers of living water. You shall find a momentum-a-current-a-tide of power flowing out of you. Your life shall be one that is energetic and overflowing. You shall be as one who has something to give for I have given you assurance, confidence, and humble boldness. I will give you a mouth and wisdom that can neither be gained nor resisted. Even as Stephen of old was full of faith and power, and did great wonders among the people and even as he spoke with such wisdom and power that the people were not able to resist him - so shall it be with you.

But you shall not go out with haste, nor by flight. I will go before you.

Stop. Think. Understand that it is I who am working within you, both to will and to do of My good pleasure....

These words spoke so real to me and of my character and personality too. What more, my Christian name was even mentioned. No other name was mentioned in the whole book except this particular page. I could feel my blood rush to my face as I read through the pages. I believe the Lord called me. I returned home and told my wife the whole incident.

I was to wait on Him. So I waited and three months passed by. I couldn't cope with my commitments in the church - choirmaster, taking a Bible Class, member of the Soochow branch committee, in charge of the worship service, conduct music workshop sessions, attend prayer and business meetings, self study of the Bible, and speaking engagement. I was faced with the decision to resign my present job and fulfill the Lord's call. I prayed to the Lord. I discussed with my wife and she encouraged me to resign and serve the Lord. I decided to obey Him. I experienced a sense of peace in my mind and heart. On the other hand, the thought of not answering to the call gives me a sense of losing God's blessings and I could feel that I would be unhappy and miserable if I reject His call."

Dear Reader, whether you're in your fifties, forties, thirties, twenties or teens, has God been speaking to you too?

T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (MAR 16-22)

MON 7.30 pm Revelation 12, 13 (Rev Tow)
TUE 8.00 pm Deuteronomy/Prayer Meeting
THUR 7.30 pm Calvin (Rev Tow)
FRI 7.30 pm WF Meeting at the home of Mrs Donna Kam, 21 Libra Drive (2057). Tel:4532861.
Transport leaves Life Church, 7 p.m.
SAT 3.30 pm JYF, YF & AF.
SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow
10.00 am Miss Alice Doo (Chinese Service)
11.30 am Catechism Class
11.45 am Korean Church
1.30 pm Beulah Service
4.30 pm Sharon Church
6.00 pm Calvary Pandan Sunset Gospel Hour

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: \$2,239.21 + (\$11 for FEBC)

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS:

PRAISE THE LORD! 1265) \$350 (Korea);
1266) \$100; 1267) \$100;
1268) \$600; 1269) \$42;
1270) \$18; 1271) \$50;
1272) \$60; 1273) \$20,000;
1274) \$60; 1275) \$50;
1276) \$100; 1277) \$477.30
(Chin. Serv.); 1278) \$200;
1279) \$11.40 (CCW);
1280) \$10.50 (Boxes).

CHRIST, OUR ROCK TOTAL: \$695,398.58

LOANS \$271,300 - \$20,000 = \$251,300.00

GRAND TOTAL \$946,698.58 STOP PRESS! 1281) \$30

NURSERY MAR. 22: Mrs Siriwan Lim & Miss Chan

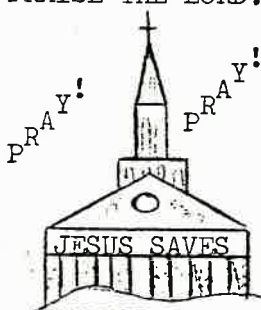
Pui Meng. STOP, STOP PRESS 1282) \$1,700!

LOST a small red Bible belonging to Ruby.

Finder, please bring to office.

EXPRESGRAM TO DOHAR: Welcome Bro. Z. to FECCC Conference. Forms sent!

In implementing Presbytery's decision to form a Chinese Presbytery Rev K.C. Quek and Tow are visiting Rawang Apr. 12 and Kelapa Sawit and Kulai Besar Apr. 13 (a.m.) The pastors will be guests of Elder Kua Keng Woo and speak



DOHAR LETTER, Mar. 5, '81

We started Sunday Worship at home. We know God was in our midst to bless the worship service. And last Sunday we continued to worship God. There are more people coming to worship. Now we have 12 to 15 persons come to worship. Sunday School was even more crowded. The attendance is coming up to 30 students.

We have started to collect offering, as it is one of the ways to worship God.

Now I have two persons to assist me. One is Asmara as treasurer, and the other is Meisi as song leader. I am very glad for their willingness to work for the Lord. Please pray for both of them.

As you know, the WF is longing for Rev J. Turner and company to come to Medan to conduct Gospel Rally for children. Beside this also to conduct teachers training class. Will it be possible that you talk over this plan with Rev J. Turner. We would like Rev Turner to come to Medan on 18th April up to 2nd May '81. And then whether he can come on his own or should we pay for his tickets?

My brother-in-law says he has found the land for the church - 50 x 30 m. It is true that as time goes on the land becomes more expensive. The earlier we get it the better it will be. Within 5 years, the price may be double. I thank AF for supporting the Medan project. May God bless them in this service.

also at Living Water and Pagoh (p.m.) on the Lord's Day. Other Chinese congregations in our BPC are Faith, Life, Calvary Jurong & Pandan, Grace and Toa Payoh.

Situations Vacant: 1) Female clerk-typist, 2) Assist. Nurse, preferably under 20, at a Christian Clinic. Ring: 7374433.

Lim Florist: 3369011 (new telephone).

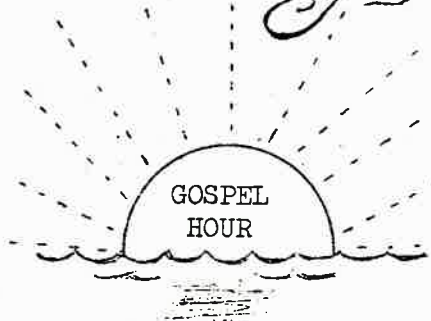
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Sunset Gospel Hour, Calvary Pandan

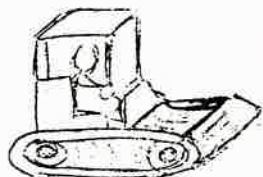
At last week's Sunset Gospel Hour, Calvary Pandan, I was delighted to see an increasing number of Lifers in attendance, in particular, our Tanglin Bible Class. This is to Lifers' profit, spiritually and educationally. Time was when the whole of the Lord's Day was spent in the service of God and the evening worship a regular feature. Let us revive this good habit of Church-going Sunday evening, while we may.

It was mentioned by Rev Dr Patrick Tan in his sermon that our Church is lacking in additional teaching, and that this lack is supplied by certain para-church groups. The Sunset Gospel Hour, not to mention FEBC's Monday and Thursday evenings, provides weekly teaching. And this goes on not as a week's seminar, but week after week, without end!

To encourage members to the Sunset Gospel Hour, the pastor's minibus will offer a scheduled run beginning Mar. 29 (Speaker: Dr Tow Siang Hwa). If he does not go, some FEBC student will operate it. The bus leaves Gilstead Rd. 5.25 sharp, toot-toot!

Pilgrim's Progress in Mandarin Tonite!

Life Church Chinese Service is catering to an increasing number of the Chinese-speaking. In order to nurture their growth, spiritually and socially, we are pleased to announce the first showing of a Gospel film in Mandarin - the Pilgrim's Progress. Do bring your parents and relatives who come with you to the Chinese Service Sunday morning to this showing at FEBC Hall tonite! In view of Government's emphasis on bilingualism, to see a Chinese Gospel Film is to your advantage too. Miss Irene Lee, FEBC student, is providing the service.



Woodlands being cleared for our takeover

When Deacon William Teo our Treasurer handed in the last cheque for \$47,000+ last Monday, full payment was made for our Woodlands acre. Government is now clearing the land for our takeover in two weeks. Government will also work out the interest. From this week's figures you'll see interest totaling \$6,046.79 earned to offset the dues (\$6,686.40)! Actually, we've profited by \$2,000 through the delay.

Meanwhile our architect has submitted the layout plans to the Building Committee: Rev Tow, Elder Seow, Dn Teo Soon Hock, Deacon William Teo, Deacon Seow Chong Kiong, Dr Patrick Tan, Mr L.S. Pang, Dr Tow Siang Hwa. The Woodlands Church resembles the Gilstead Road Church but is wider slightly, with a fellowship hall below. Behind is a two-storey parsonage and kindergarten annexe with Sunday School rooms and library, quarters for staff, etc. etc. Estimated cost: \$2 million.

I'm pleased to report our fixed deposit A/C is not entirely kosong. As you have once again rallied to His Cause, we're starting to earn interest again. But let the gifts come in quick. They start to earn Monday morning!

Assist. Pastor's Letter To Pastor, March 9, '81

Just a note to express our great rejoicing with you and the congregation over God's gift of Woodlands. Life Church is indeed blessed with the unusual kind of leadership you and Session have provided. Praise the Lord too for a congregation that have given so hilariously. May the Lord richly bless each cheerful giver.

Do continue to remember me and my family in prayer. This semester is the most challenging thus far. My load of school work is particularly heavy. Truly I need the Lord's enabling to finish all my work on time. Please pray for us. We are mindful of the Lord's work in Life Church and do look forward to playing a part.

Greetings to our dear elders and deacons. Prov. 25:25.

P.S. Always appreciate hearing your messages on tape. May the Lord bless the Reformed Tape Library. Praise the Lord for the outstanding performance of our Christian Life Book Centre. The Lord has raised it to International Standard. Praise the Lord.

- Wai Choon.

Djunaidi Letter, Mar. 11, '81

Thank you for the remittance of 3 million rupiahs (S\$10,000) through Mr Liau for Church-Kindergarten construction.

Mr Huang of Sanggau came to Pontianak last week to discuss the prior need of fencing the church grounds. For security and protection of our building materials Sister Johanna's (our co-labourer in the Slum Children's Work) husband agrees with us this is a highest priority. We have

therefore decided to use part of the construction money to buy 300 "salt wood" poles for the fencing. Cost: 2,250 rupiahs (300 rupiahs = S\$1). Also several dozen rolls of barbed-wire netting costing over 200,000 rupiahs, (not counting labour). Once the building materials arrive from upcountry (cheaper to buy there) we will start work. Target date of completion: mid-June. ...



Expresgram to Djunaidi: Please come in time to attend 10th Gen. Assembly of the Far Eastern Council of Christian Churches June 8-12. We shall dedicate the new church after mid-June.

Repainting our Church Buildings

Since the completion of our Church auditorium Feb. 1963, FEBC L-Block Sept. 1962 and the Kindergarten-Extension April 1969, the Church had only one repainting, Feb. 1973, by Mr T.C. Eng, FEBC repainted in parts once or twice and the Kindergarten, insofar as the classrooms are concerned.

There was a plan to renovate the Church in July 1979. In view of our decision to enter Woodlands, this plan was frozen. With the 10th Gen. Assembly of the Far Eastern Council of Christian Churches convening at Gilstead Road coming June, we have no reason for further delay. Moreover, the back of FEBC is so fungus-dirty that we can expect a notice from the authorities anyday!

Since Session decided a month ago to give the whole complex a thorough face-lift, we've made contacts with Mr Ng, one who has done a fine job for several Lifers. With lightning speed, the scaffoldings were erected last week, while the Kindergarten classrooms were the first to come under the brush.

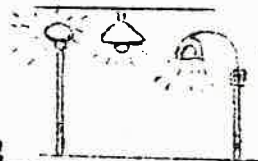
The cost of renovating the Church auditorium is \$6,000, and of the Kindergarten and FEBC blocks \$7,000. For a start, FEBC has offered to contribute \$3,000. Other users who should gladly offer to the Lord's House are: FEK, CLBC, Sharon, Korean, Life (Chinese) and Pepsi. Are you not pleased with this honourable citation?

As for Lifers we are naming the 3 offering boxes at the front and side entrances "King Joash" Boxes. These are to receive your offerings to go directly to the repainting of the Church. King Joash used this method to gather free-will offerings from the Lord's people to repair the Temple. It was in bad shape in his time! And the Lord blessed this method, and His people, abundantly. A weekly report will hence be given, as you see the repainting job mount with the days. Can we labourers together with God match the speed of the painters?



Incidentally, we are re-activating the central Road Lamp, and we've installed an overhead one above "Jerusalem Court", and erected a Globe Lamp for the Roadside Garden - all for \$400!

Who'll offer these to the Lord? Added also 8 crescent stone benches (@ \$60) and 3 sets of long tables and 5-ft benches at \$300!



APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (MAR 23-29)

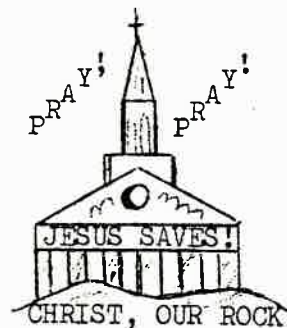
- MON 7.30 pm Revelation 13,14 (Rev Tow)
TUE 8.00 pm Joshua/Prayer Meeting
THUR 7.30 pm Calvin (Rev Tow)
SAT 2.30 pm Wan Hing Hoo - Low Miao Khang
Wedding, Mr Huang Yee Yuan of Fisherman
of Christ officiating.
3.00 pm Rev Tow officiating at Pasir
Panjang Christ Church, Tan Yiak Kiang -
Buey Moh Poh Wedding.
3.30 pm JYF, YF & AF.
SUN 10.00 am Rev Dr Patrick Tan
10.00 am Rev Tow (Chinese Service)
11.30 am Catechism Class
11.45 am Korean Church
1.30 pm Beulah Service
4.30 pm Sharon Church
6.00 pm Calvary Pandan Sunset Gospel Hour
(Dr Tow Siang Hwa)

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: \$1,876.87 + \$1,000
(Dohar) + \$405 (WF for Kulai)

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS:

PRAISE THE LORD! 1283) \$10; 1284) \$110;
1285) \$5; 1286) \$20;
1287) \$100; 1288) \$400;
1289) \$35; 1290) \$70;
1291) \$200; 1292) \$100 (AF)
1293) \$250; 1294-98) Interest
\$4,029.79; \$850.66; \$395.24;
\$98.81; \$672.29; 1299) \$500
(Beulah).
TOTAL: \$704,975.37 +
Loans (\$251,300 - \$15,000)
= \$236,300.

GRAND TOTAL \$941,275.37 STOP PRESS 1300) \$52;
1301) \$129.75; 1302) \$100; 1303) M\$250 (Calvary).
NURSERY MAR. 29: Mrs Irene Tan & Mrs Mary Prasad.



LORD, LAY SOME SOUL UPON MY HEART

"Lift up your eyes, "Look on the fields,"
They white to harvest are;
And God is calling volunteers,
To serve Him near and far.

Chorus

Lord, lay some soul upon my heart
And love that soul thru me;
And may I humbly do my part
To win that soul for Thee.

And you, dear Christian, God now calls,
To labour for the lost.
Will you your life, your gifts, your all,
Give Him at any cost?

I will be true, my Lord to serve,
Who died to set me free
I'll consecrate my life to Him,
And ever faithful be.

BIRTHS: To Mr & Mrs Thong Yew Meng, a son,
Joel, Wei-En, Feb. 26, 1981!

To Mr & Mrs Eio Eng Hua a daughter, Vivien,
Mar. 19, 1981.

Warm welcome to Guests, Mrs Beacon of Australia with daughter and son-in-law; Rev Yriole of Thailand; Mr Hendrick, son-in-law of Rev Djunaidi (arriving).

NEW ADDRESS: Dr J.C. Marris, Wilhelminalaan 4
Postbus 379, 3700 A J Zeist, The Netherlands.

* Bring your Mother to *
* PILGRIM'S PROGRESS *
* in Mandarin *
* FEBC Hall Tonite 7.30 p.m. *



LIFE BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
9 & 9A Gilstead Road
Singapore 1130

Selected Songs for Combined Worship
(In the Corridors while Church under Renovation)

GARDEN OF FRAGRANT PINE AND PALM

There's a church in a garden by a greenwood,
No lovelier church I have known...
No place is so dear to my childhood
As the garden of fragrant pine and palm.

Chorus:

O come, come, come, come,
Come to LIFE CHURCH by the greenwood,
O come to the church where we've grown;
No place is so dear to our childhood
As the garden of fragrant pine and palm.

How sweet on a bright Sunday morning,
To list to the clear chiming bell;
Its tones so earnestly calling,
O come to the church in the dell.

Let us go to the church in yon greenwood,
By the bowers o'er Galilee Sea
Where the sacred songs will be chanted,
There the Master bids us dine on the lea.

From the church in a garden by the greenwood,
When day fades away into night
I would fain from this haunt of my childhood
Wing my way to the mansions of light.
- Adapted fr. Church in the Wildwood.

JESUS IS CALLING

Jesus is tenderly calling thee home,
Calling today, calling today;
Why from the sun-shine of love wilt thou roam
Farther and farther away?

Chorus:

Calling today, calling today,
Jesus is calling -
Is tenderly calling today.

Jesus is calling the weary to rest,
Calling today, calling today;
Bring Him thy burden and thou shalt be blest;
He will not turn thee away.

Jesus is waiting; O come to Him now,
Waiting today, waiting today;
Come with thy sins; at His feet lowly bow;
Come, and no longer delay.

Jesus is pleading; O list to His voice,
Hear Him today, hear Him today;
They who believe on His name shall rejoice;
Quickly arise and away.

O LORD OF HEAVEN, AND EARTH, AND SEA

O Lord of Heaven, and earth, and sea,
To Thee all praise and glory be;
How shall we show our love to Thee;
Who givest all?

For peaceful homes and healthful days,
For all the blessings earth displays,
We owe Thee thankfulness and praise,
Who givest all.

Thou didst not spare Thine only Son,
But gav'st Him for a world undone;
And freely with the blessed One
Thou givest all.

We lose what on ourselves we spend,
We have as treasure without end
Whatever, Lord, to Thee we lend,
Who givest all.

To Thee, from whom we all derive
Our life, our gifts, our power to give!
Oh, may we ever with Thee live,
Who givest all!

- Golden Bells No. 89

I NEED JESUS

I need Jesus, my need I now confess;
No friend like Him in times of deep distress;
I need Jesus, the need I gladly own;
Tho' some may bear their load alone,
Yet I need Jesus.

Chorus:

I need Jesus, I need Jesus,
I need Jesus ev'ry day;
Need Him in the sun-shine hour,
Need Him when the storm-clouds low'r;
Ev'ry day along my way,
Yes, I need Jesus.

I need Jesus, I need a friend like Him,
A friend to guide when paths of life are dim;
I need Jesus, when foes my soul assail;
Alone I know I can but fail
So I need Jesus.

I need Jesus, I need Him to the end;
No one like Him, He is the sinner's Friend;
I need Jesus, no other friend will do;
So constant, kind, so strong and true,
Yes, I need Jesus.

1.

今天是主圣日清早起
身心灵在主里得安息
众信徒敬拜主同聚圣地
我满心最喜爱此圣日

副歌：请来，来，来来到宝座前同会集
或祈祷，或歌诗，乐比
众信徒敬拜主同聚圣地
我心灵最喜爱此主日

当谨守复活日为圣日
切不可去办理俗常事
要回转你的脚谨慎步履
好事实行在主旨意里
更当在主圣日作圣事
靠赖主所赏赐大能力
侍福音救疾苦为主服役
心欢喜口歌唱尽天职

2.

耶稣慈悲声要召你回来
今日召你，今日召你
为什么远游离开主慈怀
有谁能像主护你

副歌：

救主召你，今日召你
耶稣今召你，主今日慈悲声召你
耶稣今招呼，劳苦者得安
今日召你，今日召你
可将你重担，托主替你担
主必要救你到底
耶稣今等你，为回莫延迟
今日召你，今日召你
速将你的罪，承认主台前
切莫耽延误自己

信耶稣得救

3.

天地日月海洋之主
讚美所归荣耀所聚
教我如何表明爱主
赐恩之主

朝日辉煌春光华丽
花果芬芳收成满地
主爱深宏感恩无极
赐恩之主

身体健康家庭平安
地面满是丰富慈恩
主当接受感谢颂讚
赐恩之主

主赦我罪主驻我灵
使我事主接受主恩
我将如何奉献虔诚
赐恩之主

今世钱财皆主授托
天国宝藏我当储蓄
敬献一切为主所用
赐恩之主

4.

我深知道我更需要耶稣
在深愁时其他朋友像主
我今次要得我所需耶稣
虽有人自承当已担我需要耶稣

我要耶稣，我要耶稣
我每日需要耶稣
光明时日我要他
黑雲满佈我要他

每日在我生命中我需要耶稣

我需一友有能力像耶稣
在幽暗中他必引导保护
我灵与敌相攻时需要主
我知靠自己必失败故我要耶稣
自生至死我必需要耶稣
世人像主他是罪人朋友
在急难时我更需要耶稣
因主是慈悲且真诚我需要耶稣

Those who touch the wall are blind

The prophet Isaiah has a very interesting observation: "We grope for the wall like the blind" (Isa. 59:10). It is the blind who touch the wall to get around. But if you have eyes and touch the wall (surely not to find your way around) you are doubly blind! You are blind culturally and aesthetically.

One reason why we've despaired of repainting the Church buildings is this: no sooner is the wall, the lower wall, spruced up so new and fresh like a daisy than it is smudged by some blind hand. It is excusable to touch the wall if you are blind. But if it is due to mere bad habit, then there is no excuse whatsoever. And I have observed this also: Touching the wall is not only the mass bad habit of the young, but of the old as well.

Now our Government has held many a campaign to instruct citizens not to litter. It is high time all heads of departments of our Church, from Sunday School Primary right up to the Session, educate our people not to smear up this new job of a repainted church. And if there is no improvement from before, it shows we are a people blinder than the blind.

Parents should instruct their children, including civics. Cleanliness, next to holiness, is an essential Christian virtue. Nor are the Church grounds the daily responsibility of FEBC students (there're several who, above their assigned duties, keep our grounds spick and span for the Lord). Everything on the Lord's property is your responsibility and mine. And those who talk but lift not a finger are dumb.

Man Proposes, God Disposes

The repainting of our Church auditorium was scheduled Mon. Apr. 6-Sat. 11 when there wouldn't be any wedding or other function. This matter was confirmed with Mr Ng our contractor.

Man proposes, God disposes. When Mrs Tow and I went to survey Woodlands last Tues. morning, the sub-contractor for scaffoldings had the Church hall all rigged up during our absence. Anger was our first reaction. On second thoughts, this might be God's better plan to allow the painter more time to do a proper job.

So, that's the reason why we are worshipping in the green porch and under the Kindergarten awnings. In order not to clash with the Chinese congregation, we shall have a combined service, Dr Patrick Tan speaking, me interpreting. And if you miss that comfortable seat of yours inside the most comfortable Church Hall, then put that which you ought into the King Joash Boxes! To save trouble, however, we'll collect altogether in today's worship offering.

Now, the King Joash Boxes yielded \$220 last week + \$80 (Pepsi) + \$100 (Reformed Tape Lib.) + \$3,000 (FEBC).

Easter, 1981

Easter will be here in 3 weeks! Every year it is our custom to join with other B-P churches at a Sunrise Service at McRitchie Reservoir (once or twice we diverted to Pearce).

This year Presbytery has decided, at the instance of Dr Tow Siang Hwa, to hold Easter Sunrise Service at Woodlands! This will serve also as our land-claiming. Easter Sunrise Service on the 31st year of our BPC movement, is symbolic of taking a great forward step for God's Kingdom, inasmuch as Woodlands is bridgehead on Johor Straits with all Malaysia before us.

1981 is a significant year. It was 100 years ago the Chinese Presbyterian Church was founded, from which we've sprung. 1981 is the year our BPC is rising to Synod status. 1981 is the year when the greatest Far Eastern Church Assembly will convene in Singapore, at Gilstead Road and Pandan Gardens. And after mid-June a new Church-Kindergarten will have arisen over the slum-children's shacks at Siantan, Pontianak. Truly, this Easter is redolent with the fragrances of your loving service for Christ and His Kingdom.

Young man, young woman, what is your ambition?

It is important that young people have ambition. Ambition sets a goal. Ambition resolves to win. Without ambition life is a dribble.

Nevertheless, a Christian young man must not let his ambition override him. His aim in life must be subjected to Christ. An FEBCer who was a schoolteacher before, upon graduation, chose to go to a remote country so as to impart Christ to her young pupils. There's a higher purpose in teaching, the saving of young souls. This is surely accepted of God.

Let not your ambition take you outside God's will for your life. A devout young man, Baruch by name, served Jeremiah the prophet as his secretary. Then he felt he had greater things he could do. Perhaps he was tempted to leave the service of God to go into some "higher" position in the world. Jeremiah cautioned, "Seek them not: for, behold, I will bring evil upon all flesh, saith the Lord; but thy life will I give thee for a prey in all places whither thou goest." War was coming, but Baruch's ambition blinded him.

Some devout young people feel called of God. Until that selfish ambition lurking within is completely crushed, it is impossible to serve Him. Young man, young woman, what is your ambition?

Ecclesiastes 1:2,3...18: "Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all is vanity. What profit hath a man of all his labour which he taketh under the sun? ... For in much wisdom is much grief: and he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow."

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (MAR 30-APR 5)

MON 7.30 pm Revelation 14,15 (Rev Tow)
TUE 8.00 pm Joshua/Prayer Meeting
THUR 7.30 pm Calvin (Rev Tow)
8.30 pm Wedding Rehearsal
FRI 8.00 pm Nazareth Gospel Meeting, Rev Tow.
SAT 2.30 pm Yap Chee Kian and Wong Kin Leng
Wedding, Rev Tow officiating.
Reception at FEBC Hall.
3.30 pm JYF, YF & AF.
SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow (Lord's Supper)
10.00 am Rev Lin Tah Mon (Chinese Service)
11.30 am Catechism Class (Testimonies &
Photos must be handed in!)

11.45 am Korean Church

1.30 pm Beulah Service

4.30 pm Sharon Church

5.25 pm Bus leaves for Calvary Pandan

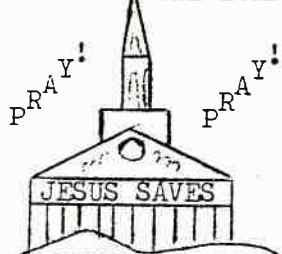
Sunset Gospel Hour. Rev Tow speaks on

"How do we know the Bible is the Word of God".

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: \$1,620.01 + \$1,000
(for Djunaiddi Church-Kindergarten).

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS:

PRAISE THE LORD!



CHRIST, OUR ROCK!

Concrete gifts for the Lord. Who'll give \$60
for one crescent stone bench (x 8); 1 set 5ft
stone table with 2 benches, \$300 (x3).

7 Garden lamps, average of \$100 per lamp.

"Let your light so shine before men, that they
may see your good works, and glorify your
Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 5:16).

Who has a big electric clock for Church use?

Serve God with brooms and mops! We need many
hands to clean up the Church Fri. Apr. 3,
2 p.m. onwards!

Hear Pastor this afternoon at Sharon Service.

Have you registered your child for Baptism?

Expresgram to Lily Dauber: Your monthly gift
to Woodlands our encouragement!

Expresgram to Dr & Mrs Tow Siang Yeow. Expect
you at Easter Sunrise Service 6.30 a.m. Wood-
lands, junction Admiralty Road and Marsiling
Lane (next to Rhythm Factory). Bring some
J.B. friends!

Expresgram to Deacon John Ling. I shall not
be able to speak at Kelapa Sawit Apr. 12

(Rev Quek and I will be in Muar). But we shall
meet with you Mon. Apr. 13, 10.30 a.m.

Owing to renovation obstacles, our Sunday
Lunch today is suspended.

Do you know there is plenty of parking space
on our side road leading out to Fitzpatrick?
Park on one side!

Will the S. School be responsible for a big
bus to transport young people from Life Church
to Woodlands, Easter Sun. 5.30 a.m.? (Young
people can stay overnight at FEBC!)

The Korean Church and Sharon will worship at
FEBC Hall today!

Rev Kang Jin Sun leaves end of this month
to new field of service in Honolulu!

Edited by Rev Timothy Tow, 9A Gilstead Road, Singapore 1130. Tel: 2560617/2569256.

HAGGAI SPEAKS TO LIFERS TODAY

(God is pleased with your efforts at renovating
His House, but admonishes those who think only
of their own) Haggai 1:3-9

"Then came the word of the Lord by Haggai the
prophet, saying, Is it time for you, O ye, to
dwell in your ceiled houses, and this house lie
waste? Now therefore thus saith the Lord of ...
hosts; Consider your ways. Ye have sown much,
and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not
enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with
drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm;
and he that earneth wages to put it into a
bag with holes. Thus saith the Lord of hosts;
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. Ye looked for much, and, lo,
it came to little; and when ye brought it home,
I did blow upon it. Why? saith the Lord of
hosts. Because of mine house that is waste,
and ye run every man into his own house.

Praise the Lord for speedily restoring Mr Bea-
con our guest from Australia. A warm welcome
to our service!

Pray for Bro. Hendrick as he goes for operation
of his nose at Mt. Elizabeth Hospital, Mon. morning.

Pray for Revs Quek and Tow as they prepare to
visit our BP Churches upcountry April 11-13. in
order to form a Chinese Presbytery.

In view of extreme congestion during the coming
conference of the Far Eastern Council of Christ-
ian Churches, June 8-12, surplus clothing for
Kampuchea should not be brought to Church until
further notice. The 4th Gospel-Relief Mission
to the Refugees is planned for end of the year.

Expresgram to Rev Jason Linn, HongKong. Your
letter received. Welcome to 10th Gen. Assembly
of Far Eastern Council of Christian Churches,
June 8-12, 1981. Be our personal guests!

Hear Rev Paauwe and Calvary-Jurong B-P Church
on the air at 6.05 p.m. and 10 p.m. tonite!

NEW ADDRESS: Mr & Mrs Robin Tan, 68 Eastwood
Way, Hammersley 6022, Perth, W. Australia.

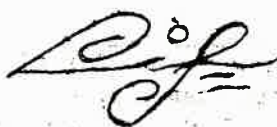
Dr & Mrs Ralph Gross, missionary-dentists on
the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign
Missions are on deputation in Australia with
Rev. John MacKenzie. The Grosses are visiting
Singapore May 1-12. Warm welcome!

NURSERY APRIL 5: Miss Catherine Ong, Miss Phoon
Cheng Fun and Miss Esther Soh.

Biggest Far Eastern Assembly. The 10th Gen.
Assembly of the Far Eastern Council of Christ-
ian Churches has so far registered over 250
overseas delegates from a dozen countries.

Life Church's quota of housing the delegates
is 100 or more. While furniture, lingerie,
crookery, cutlery, etc., have to to be bought
to add to present stock, to save expenses, we
will humbly receive your surplus goods. We
need bedsheets, pillows, pillow cases, towels,
toiletries, and 250 chairs. Improved high-
legged Boyanese pews seating three, kapor wood
vanished, costs \$80. Session members please
inspect sample for approval. 30 are needed
to replenish the balcony. Balcony worshippers
might want to share in this acquisition. By
spending now we are beating the inflation!
Save for the Lord by buying now for the Church!

King Joash Box \$500 (CLBC)

New Cloth on Old Garment?

Jesus says, "No man putteth a piece of new cloth unto an old garment." Why? The unequal patching will make a worse rent.

Every Lifer I've met has commented joyfully on the renovation now going on the buildings. But you will agree that if we are to renovate, we have to renovate all the way. There can be no half-measures. For while the walls and ceilings are shining bright, this sparkling beauty reflects the more adversely on the dull old pews! And what a conglomeration of chairs—red, brown, green, yellow and "black"! (The recent addition of new yellow fibre-glass chairs, to be further fortified with another hundred by a deacon, is one noteworthy saving feature). Then there are the old Boyanese benches that need a coat at last, and to be added should be 2 or 3 rows of high-legged ones for the back balcony). All these grouses from your pastor mean we should be prepared to spend at least \$20,000 to complete a good job. Yet, this is just a paltry sum for a Church of our size. The same sum can be lavished on a 5-room HDB flat.

The Jews who returned from Babylon so lavished on their new houses, "with floral ceilings" (Chinese transl.), but contributed not a shekel to the rebuilding. Admonished the Lord, "Consider your ways: Ye have sown much and bring in little ... and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put in a bag with holes" (Haggai 1:6). But the Lord also commended: "Build the house and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified" (Haggai 1:8).

In this connection, let me exhort you not to grow weary in offering your tithes to Wood-Is. On our part we have strained every nerve to raise the fixed deposit by diligent management. Your early contributions help to swell our fixed deposits which are still earning good interest. So let us go forward together. "Be a new cloth and not an old garment!"

Elders' Welcome Tea to Catechumens

One happiest highlight of Easter celebrations in our Church since her founding 31 years ago are baptisms. The newest additions to the Church are our firstfruit-offerings to the Lord. There are over 40 of them this Easter, not counting believers' children and transfers.

It is important in a big church such as ours that fellowship between the new and old members be fostered. Otherwise embarrassing situations might arise, as when a father who had 30 sons could not recognise one whom he met on the train! (What I say is no apocryphal version. There's another father who had 33 children (from 6 mothers) and one of them was a student at FEBC). How many sons had Gideon?

In order to foster this fellowship, we have instituted the Elders' Tea for Catechumens. This is held at FEBC Hall immediately after church during the usual Catechism Class period. May I request Elders to be present at this week's Final Catechism Class as I speak, when the catechumens' names will be called. This will be their first introduction to the Elders, so that they might have closer rapport at next week's Elders' Tea.

In view of the fact that I shall be on Chinese Presbytery business with Rev. K.C. Quek in K, r, etc. next week, Elder Seow Chong Pin will have the honour of chairing the Tea Fellowship. Other Elders are Edmund Tay, Khoo Peng Kiat, Lau King Hong, Lim Teck Chye, E. Mahadevan and Peter Wang.

"He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet
shall receive a prophet's reward" (Matt. 10:41).

The widow of Zarephath received Elijah. She and her son were fed during the 3½ years famine.

The great woman of Shumen received Elisha. She was blessed with a son.

It is not only an honour for Life Church to host the coming 10th General Assembly of the Far Eastern Council of Christian Churches. It is our blessing, our reward. Partly for the purpose of receiving the FECCC we are renovating God's House. God bless you who have given to the King Joash Box for renovations. God bless the deacon who is adding more and more chairs; and another who has brought in 100 pairs of stainless steel forks and spoons.

To help the Lord's Cause readers can also contribute from your surplus goods: 2 large electric clocks, single beds, pillow cases, bed sheets, good clean mattresses, towels, toiletries, table fans, partitions, potted plants for the Church grounds.

"And whosoever shall give unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward" (Matt. 10:42).

Progress at Siantan Slums, Pontianak

Esther has written on the progress of building the new Church-Kindergarten under her father's supervision. The only snag is a perimeter fence around the big Church property, which was not included in the original estimates. This costs \$5,000, but is being constructed first in order to protect from theft and pilfering.

Rev Djunaidi and Sister Johanna Heng our slum children's missionary are coming to the FECCC Conference June 8-12. I plan to visit Kalimantan by travelling together with them, most probably via Kuching MAS/Garuda to Pontianak. Who will come with me? Let us put the dates down: June 19-26, '81. Be prepared to spend \$500. (no hotel charges, but sleep anyhow, anywhere!)

- T.T.



Rev Timothy Pietsch of Japan Reports on Pope and Billy Graham

The Pope of Rome came to Japan for four days from the 23rd of February and was given the most tremendous coverage any foreign visitor has ever received in this country, even more than Pres. Carter received in 1979 when he came as the 1st president of the USA to come to Japan while in office. The Pope John Paul II, showed himself to be a man of tremendous, magnetic charisma and the consummate religious politician. He announced that he had come to Japan, as a "Pilgrim of Peace" and he made a tremendous impact on the people of Japan, where less than 1% claim to be Christians of any kind, by praying for the souls of the dead that were killed in the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Most of religion in Japan is doing something for the dead and the felicity of the living depends upon doing that "something" or the dead will wreak vengeance. Leaders of the Protestants, Buddhists and Shintoists met with the Pope and the ecumenical movement was greatly advanced. One can expect that Pope John Paul II will become more and more a world leader that will be heard from. In the Analysis of the News for Oct. 1980, Ex-Jesuit Roman Catholic priest Dr Alberto M.R. Rivera wrote: The election of a Communist Pope. Unbelievable? ... My friends, in this deadly game nothing is as it appears. Whether you like it or not you already have such a person in the Vatican today, preparing the way for the beast of Rev. 13. John Paul II was elected a member of the communist Party and awarded as a gift the largest cathedral in Eastern Europe by his comrades in Moscow... Now the communist have the ultimate weapon... not a hydrogen bomb or doomsday bomb, but a more deadly weapon. They now control the whole of the book of Revelation, which is the Roman Catholic institution. Billy Graham said that Pope John Paul II is the greatest evangelist of our time and the only one who has the solution to the world problems... a communist! That statement by Billy Graham will push untold numbers into the arms of the greatest religious fraud the world has ever seen. What a sell out ... and he did this with the blessing of the Protestant pastors world-wide. Is it any wonder people are confused. Billy Graham is not confused. He knows exactly what he is doing". Please pray for Dr Rivera. His address is P O Box 179 Canoga Park, Calif. 91305. His testimony Alberto is a must and he shows how Romanists have infiltrated Protestant churches and how the head of the Jesuits is a Mason. Get Alberto by all means.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (APRIL 6-12)

MON 7.30 pm Revelation 16/17 (Rev Tow).
TUE 8.00 pm Judges/Prayer Meeting.
9.15 pm Session Meeting.
THUR 7.30 pm Calvin (Rev Tow)
SAT 3.30 pm JYF, YF & AF.
4.30 pm To Muar!
PALM 10.00 am Rev Peter Chua
SUN. 10.00 am Mr Teo Siau Hua (Chin. Service).
11.30 am Elders Tea for Catechumens.
11.45 am Korean Church
1.30 pm Beulah Service
4.30 pm Sharon Church
5.25 pm Bus leaves for Calvary Pandan
Sunset Gospel Hour (Peter Clements).

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: \$3,501 (Renovations)
+ \$1,000.

KING JOASH BOX: 1) \$3,000 (FEBC); 2) \$220;
3) \$80 (Pepsi); 4) \$100 (Tape Lib.); 5) \$500
(CLBC); 6) \$3,501; 7) \$20 + \$55 (FEBC Students)
TOTAL: \$7,476. Stone Tables and Benches:

1) \$60; KING JOASH BOX: 8) \$50. One lamp \$100.

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS:

PRaise THE LORD: 1316) \$616.30 (Chin. Serv.)
1317) \$1,000 Beulah);
1318) \$200; 1319) \$10;
1320) \$45; 1321) \$10.02; (CCW)
1322) \$10.40; 1323) \$15.65;
TOTAL: \$708,906.49 (CCW)
LOANS: \$236,300 - \$20,000.
= \$216,300.

GRAND TOTAL: \$925,206.49

STOP PRESS! 1324) \$400;

CHRIST, OUR ROCK! 1325) \$1,000; 1326) \$10,000.
Bro. Hendrick praises the Lord for a successful operation. He and brother Johnnie are returning next Wednesday.

Many hands make light work. 2 dozen hands from FEBC, Session, WF, YF supplied with Lee Fong's Speedo Detergent had given the Church sanctuary last Fri. a thorough scrub.

Edited by Rev Timothy Tow, 9A Gilstead Road, Singapore 1130, Tel: 2560617/2569256.

DON'T TOUCH THE WALL! Don't touch the wall!

If you touch, You are blind!
Only the blind grope and touch the wall.
O let us keep it clean, one and all.

(Message derived from Isaiah 59:10).

By shifting the grand piano and organ, we've added 4 "slender" pews in front to provide extra seating for 20.

New Korean Pastor Rev Son, with 3 children, has been missionary to Taiwan. He speaks Mandarin.

Catechumens are to meet with Elders today in the Church (Koreans worship elsewhere to welcome new pastor). Your last chance to submit testimony and photo.

How did Gen. Prem win? He had the King on his side and the radio to talk back to Gen. Sant. Is God on your side? Are you speaking out against the evil forces of our day or keeping mum? "Preach the Word, be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine" (II Tim. 4:2).

Have you seen the new look to Kulai Besar BPC on the notice board?

Who would give to the fencing of the new Church-Kindergarten at Siantan, Pontianak?
Warm welcome to Mr and Mrs Weir, friends of the Turners, to our hostel.

* EASTER is coming! *
* SUNRISE SERVICE 6.30 a.m. *
* at Woodlands *
* Admiralty Rd / Marsiling Lane *

Hear your pastor at Calvary-Pandan Sunset Gospel Hour today: "How do we know the Bible is God's Word". Bus leaves 5.25 p.m.

Lim Florist, Tel. 3369011.



Do you know?

... that each of the Four Evangelists has given a sizeable portion to record the events of the Holy Week? That is from Jesus' riding a donkey into Jerusalem to His crucifixion, Good Friday and resurrection Easter Sunday? Their ratios may be seen in this tabulation: Matthew 8:28; Mark 6:16; Luke 6:24; John 9:21. Which Evangelist's is the highest?

The importance placed upon the events of the Holy Week has moved the Church to yearly commemoration, though we are constantly reminded of His Death once a month by the Lord's Supper and of His resurrection every Lord's Day. To emphasise the importance of the saving acts of our Lord during Holy Week, we have written you earlier than previous years. We have exhorted you to come worship Him today, Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday commemorates our Lord's Kingship. Let us go on from here to meditate on His betrayal, crucifixion and resurrection. Finally to His ascension and the sending forth of the Disciples into all the world with the Good News.

In regard to the great Commission, the order to march forward with the Gospel, let us redouble our efforts as we see the dark night closing in. If we cannot do very much in speaking, let us support others who can! Like Oohar in Medan and Djunaidi in West Kalimantan. Easter is not to be celebrated as a custom, but with purpose and devotion to make its message known throughout the world.

Chinese Presbytery

In this connection Rev Quek and I have felt the need to bolster our Chinese Churches. Do you know we have 9 altogether, plus Tg. Pinang that has close relations with us?

That makes exactly $\frac{1}{3}$ of our whole Church movement insofar as numbers are concerned. If you ask me which are the nine, here they are: Faith, Life, Toa Payoh, Calvary Jurong, Grace, Calvary Pandan; and in Malaysia, Kelapa Sawit, Rawang, Kulai Besar.

Our mandate to form the Chinese Presbytery comes from Paul's injunction to Titus, "For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee" (Titus 1:5).

Yes, we have to get the Chinese Churches more organised, and raise up more preachers!

But are you concerned for your Chinese-speaking parents and spouses? Our Life Chinese Service is advanced to the morning purposely to facilitate their coming. Do you bring them in?

In this matter, Nazareth Gospel Mission has set a good example. It has held 4 Parents' meetings, in Hokkien/Cantonese. Tanglin Bible Class is similarly burdened. Pray for me as I shall be speaking to their parents May 1 & 2 at FEBC Hall.

Commemorating His Death and Resurrection

As usual, I shall hold Divine Service at Tanjung Pinang, Maundy Thursday. Returning in time we shall be in Church for Good Friday Service 8 p.m. The Chinese Service will combine with us, also at the Easter Baptismal Service.

Easter Sunrise Service this year, may I repeat lest you go to McRitchie, is at Woodlands. A bus will take Lifers from Gilstead Road at 5.30 a.m. If you want to be picked up, say at Bukit Timah, please let us know in advance. Motorists should have no trouble getting there with our map.

One special feature at Easter is our Breakfast on Church grounds. If you have some food to offer to the Lord, just bring! There has never been any lack.

Over 40 adults and several children will be baptised, several in re-affirmation, and several transfers. Today's Elders Tea Session should bring our new members closer to the old. Elder Seow Chong Pin will chair the meeting, with Elders Edmund Tay, Khoo Peng Kiat, Lau King Hong, Lim Teck Chye, E. Mahadevan, Peter Wang.

One Secret of B-P Church Growth

Church Growth is a hot subject these days for theological seminars. We see church growth not in talk but in action, with devotion to the Saviour.

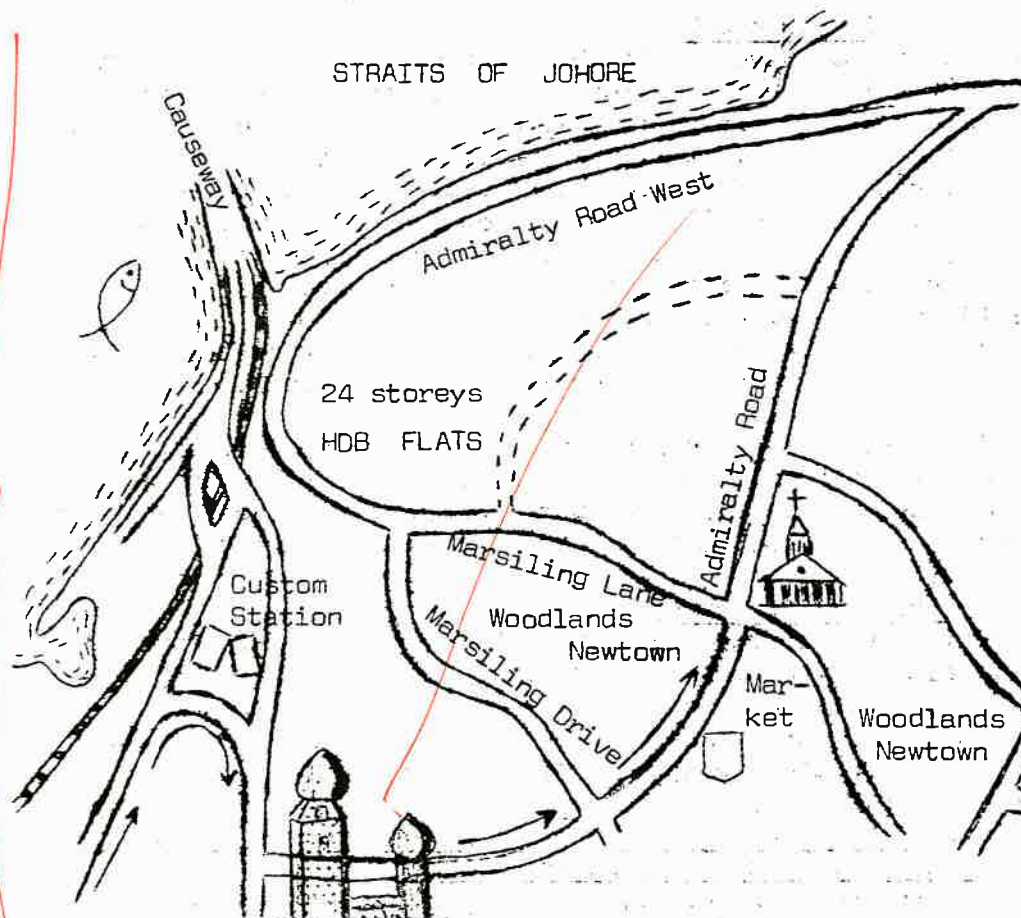
We believe in this principle of Church Growth! To increase Him we must decrease ourselves. Not centralisation but decentralisation.

In decentralisation we have given much from the Mother Church to the daughter churches. Grace Church, Kulai Besar, are examples. Result: God has blessed with 21 branches in 31 years. The more we lose ourselves, the more we gain, like Galilee's ever-outflowing waters.

Decentralisation is all the more needed in an overcrowding Church. Take the young people of our Church for example. Must all come under one central organisation called Life Church Youth Fellowship? From the doctrine of decentralisation we've practised successfully hitherto, we have Tanglin Bible Class, and various smaller groups that are just as much a part of Life Church. There was the Pistis Group, and there are the Ecclesia, Singing Disciples, and now Laos Makarios. The Beulah group has branched from the Y.F. We encourage all such branchings—out than discourage them. Decentralisation has also saved our Church from "overheating".

"HE MUST INCREASE, BUT I MUST DECREASE" (John 3:30).

Let all branches work in complement and with compliments to one another. The latest branching out, incidentally, is from my Adult S.S. Class. It has been filling one side of the Church. I thank God for Elder Mahadevan for siphoning off 11 disciples. By such decentralisation the S.S. will further increase - one secret of BP Church Growth.



MEET THE RISEN LORD AT WOODLANDS

1. Easter Sunrise Service
April 19, 6.30 a.m.
2. Message translated from
Mandarin into English
3. Land-claiming for New
Life Church
4. Bus leaves Gilstead Rd
5.30 a.m.
5. Bring folding chairs for
parents,
6. Return to Life Church
for Fellowship Breakfast

(FEBC students, join us at
Woodlands! Also kindly
accommodate Young Lifers
overnight!)

Beulah: Session requests
you to make banner: SITE FOR
NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (APRIL 13-19)

MON 7.30 pm Revelation 18/19 (Rev Tow)
TUE 8.00 pm Samuel/Prayer Meeting
WED 11.00 am - 3 pm Rev Tow at Tanglin Bible
Class.
THUR 11.00 am Rev Tow to Tanjung Pinang
8.00 pm Maundy Thurs. Service, Sharon
Church.
FRI 10.00 am Good Friday Service - Korean
Church
6.00 pm Rev Tow ret. fr. Tg. Pinang.
8.00 pm Good Friday Service - Life Ch.
English-Chinese Combined
SAT 3.30 pm JYF, YF, AF.
EASTER LORD'S DAY

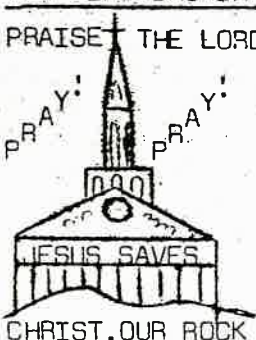
5.30 am Bus leaves for Woodlands
8.15 am Breakfast on Church grounds
10.00 am Easter Baptismal Service
11.45 am Korean Church
1.30 pm Beulah Service
4.30 pm Sharon Service
5.25 pm Mini-bus leaves for Calvary
Pandan Sunset Gospel Hour.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: \$2,483.32 + \$250
(Djunaidi) + \$50 (Kampuchea)

KING JOASH BOX: 9) \$1,000; 10) \$50; 11) \$31
(Boxes); 12) \$300 (AF); 13) \$3,800;
TOTAL: \$12,707.00

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS:

PRAISE THE LORD: 1327) \$500 (Beulah);
1328) \$20; 1329) \$35;
1330) \$120; 1331) \$50;
1332) \$100; 1333) \$50;
1334) \$10; 1335) \$100;
1336) \$60; 1337) \$300;
1338) \$100; 1339) \$250;
1340) \$100 (AF);
1341) \$100; 1342) \$120;
1343) \$30; 1344) \$300;



1345) \$100. TOTAL: \$722,751.49

LOANS: \$216,300 - \$10,000 = \$206,300.

GRAND TOTAL: \$929,051.49

Cordial welcome to friends and visitors to
commemorate Palm Sunday and Easter and to
remember our Lord's Death, Good Friday.
Join us at Woodlands!

Warm welcome to the Kons at our Hostel,
April 11-25.

Renovations up! The Church spire is leaking
badly! Pews are to be re-varnished. 40
high-legged chairs for back-balcony are or-
dered. Roof extension to join up with red-
house in banana garden, to increase dining
area for Sun. Lunch, etc., etc.

Praise the Lord for gift of new bedsheets,
pillow cases, towels received for FECCC 10th
Assembly.

New Address: Timothy Quek, P O Box 1024,
Peterborough, Ontario, Canada K 9J 7A5

Congratulations to Rev Peter S.K. Tow, FEBCer
1969, on his ordination Mar. 29, '81 to pas-
tor the Chinese Christian Fellowship of Grace
Baptist Church, West 1523 Mallon, Spokane,
Washington 99201, Phone (509) 328-3190.
(Pastor Tom E. Argobast) Rev Peter Tow's
spouse is Lee Soon Meng, both former Lifers.
FEBC Exams begin Thurs. April 23 and end
Thurs. 30 with end of year dinner. 20th
academic year commences July 20, '81.

"Hosanna to the Donkey-Riding" a Palm Sun-
day Message preached by Rev T. Tow in USA
is available at the counter.

The following transferees from other Churches
please contact pastor: Mrs Karen Lee, Chew
Kim Hong, Phoon Cheng Fun, Richard Lum Say
Sum.

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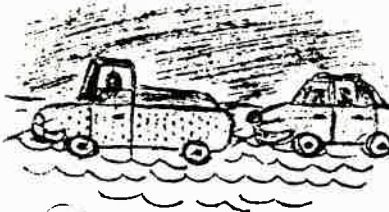
An Extraordinary Trip!

The trip I made with Rev & Mrs Quek to Malaysia last week was extraordinary in 3 aspects.

1. It was "to set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city" (Tit. 1:5). We are of the mind that Deacon John Ling and Deacon Tsou Yah be elected elders, who have been faithful over the Lord's household for two or more decades. Kelapa Sawit, partly the work of the Evangelistic League, will apply to join our Chinese Presbytery. So will Rawang, which has also two elders.

2. While Rev Quek showed slides of the Kampuchean Relief at Living Water Church, I had the pleasure of driving with Elder and Mrs Kua Keng Woo to Pagoh, 16 miles north of Muar where a Gospel Station has been established for the last three years. About 50 Chinese students came to hear the Word which was preached in Mandarin.

Inasmuch as Pagoh is the outreach of Trinity, Bukit Gambir is being evangelised weekly by the young Rawangites. Several of the young converts from Bukit Gambir came to the Rawang Service for the first time. How heartening! And inasmuch as Rawang is joining the Chinese Presbytery, Bukit Gambir becomes the farthest outpost of BPs in Johore.



3. Never before in all my travels to Muar have I encountered such a big flood. At the wheel of Rev Quek's Toyota 2000 I suddenly found our car at the back of a waiting lorry, while the headlights of a creeping on-coming car revealed a sea of water! Like the children of Israel crossing the Red Sea in the night with the pillar of cloud and fire guiding them, the Lord had prepared a lorry to take us across!

Not seeing the half-dozen long stretches of water ahead, we clung innocently to the lorry that ferried us over what turned out to be a half-hour of agonising battle with the churning water. Rev Quek was my co-driver. He kept uttering, "Trust God. Trust God. Step on the gas!" Step on the gas I did with all the driving experience I had. Then when the last stretch of foaming waters, like a disturbed lake surrounding us, was crossed, the lorry drew to the side to let us pass. That was the only lorry going through, and we were the only car following. Coincidence? Then came the Word of Isaiah to my memory, "When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee" (Isa. 43:2). God rather was my co-driver! And Isaiah says again, "When thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee". What a consolation as we face a future looming with an atomic holocaust. Our shelter is God. May this ordeal of ours be shared to the strengthening of your faith. Then come also the words of our Risen Lord, "Fear not; I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore. Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death" (Rev 1:18).

Testimony of Wendy Wong Wai Ling

I come from a non-Christian family and was an ancestor worshipper before. But I thank God that now He has brought me into His kingdom.

I heard of the Lord Jesus Christ since my primary school days. When I was in secondary school, a few Roman Catholic friends often told me parables of the New Testament. Since then I began to take interest in Christianity.

Then God opened my eyes to see that I was a wretched sinner and Jesus Christ is the only Way to salvation and reconciliation with God. I invited the Lord Jesus Christ into my heart five years ago,

My conversion was not something dramatic. I thank God for His conviction and guidance to know the Truth and not follow the Catholic faith (which is a great possibility when I come to think back of it, if not for His mercy and grace).

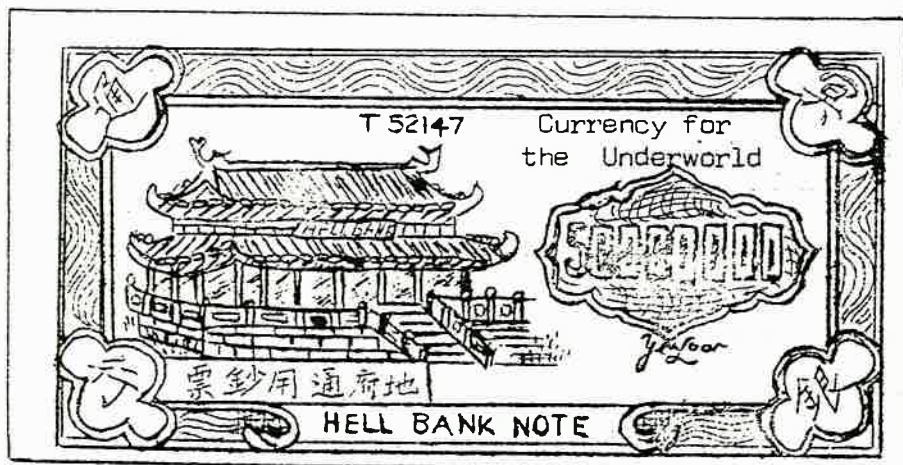
My early Christian life was not good, in the sense that I was not growing, until I began to have Bible Study with my sisters, and joined the Christian fellowship in school.

In December 1978, I was invited to Life B-P Church to attend the Christmas celebration. From then, I gradually began to know what the Church is like. I attended the Youth Fellowship meetings but not the Sunday Worship Service because of the fear of my parents' objection. But with the encouragements from God's people and His Word, God helped me to make a stand for Him. I began to attend Worship Service from September 1979.

At about the same time, I left the YMCA. Two years ago, I was very involved in the social work there. But the Lord spoke to me through very many people. I realised that that was not a place for a Bible-believing Christian, I came out of it. From then on I concentrated on serving in the Church. There is nothing more joyful than doing God's work together with God's people.

I have been a Christian for five years, but I did not know the importance of Baptism till last June. I heard a message on Evangelism. The speaker said both Baptism and Evangelism are commandments of God. Most of us, he said, would get baptised, but would not evangelise. What struck me in that message was that Baptism is commanded of God. So that is the reason why I've decided to be baptised.

Baptism was my resolution for 1981. I am very happy that this resolution will soon materialise this Easter Sunday. Praise the Lord!



This is an exact reproduction of a "Hell Bank Note" marked \$50,000,000 which I found among two big heaps of charred "Hell bank notes" with rice offerings and joss sticks and papers left on our Woodlands Site by Chinese ancestor worshippers. For this is Cheng Beng (Annual "Tomb-sweeping") which coincides with Easter. How they deceive themselves by burning Hell Bank Notes for their deceased parents' use in the underworld. How does this Hell Bank Note speak to you?

Beloved, the abuse of God's land by heathen worshippers should spur us to build His (Light) House there to shine in the gross darkness. This burning of "Hell Bank Notes" should prick our conscience to re-double our efforts to bring Chinese idolaters to the True Way of worship.

In this connection we should all support the Tanglin Bible Class Gospel Campaign for Chinese-speaking parents and loved ones, May 1-3. Please pray for me as I am requested to preach to them in Hokkien and Cantonese. The least you can do for His sake is to pray for me, and bring your unsaved Chinese-speaking loved ones, May 1-3, to Church. Souls saved in this campaign are channelled to our Chinese Service.

Easter culminates in the Great Commission - Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel (Good News) to every creature. Let this Easter be celebrated not with mutual congratulations among ourselves, but with a concern for our unsaved relatives and friends.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (APRIL 20-26)

MON 7.30 pm Revelation (concl'd.) Rev Tow
TUE 8.00 pm Samuel/Prayer Meeting
THUR 7.30 pm Calvin Exam.
FRI 2.00 pm 1st Korean Wedding: Simon Ma and Jung Hee Hong
6.45 pm WF 3rd Anniversary Meeting at FEBC Hall. Potluck dinner.
8.00 pm Thanksgiving Service at home of Bro. & Mrs Lee Foh Leong, 3213-L, Blk 68, Geylang Bahru (1233). Tel: 2937240 (Kallang Basin P.O. on ground floor.)
SAT 3.30 pm JYF, YF & AF
SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow
10.00 am Miss Alice Doo (Chinese Service)
11.45 am Korean Service
1.30 pm Beulah Service
4.30 pm Sharon Service
5.25 pm Mini-bus leaves for Calvary-Pandan Sunset Gospel Hour

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: \$2,486 + \$100 (Dohar)
KING JOASH BOX 14) \$2,350. Total: \$15,057.00

+ one white elephant for Sea of Galilee!

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS:

PRAISE THE LORD: 1346) \$190; 1347) \$100;
1348) \$50; 1349) \$50;
1350) \$500; 1351) \$10;
1352) \$120 (WF); 1353) \$250;
1354) \$100; 1355) \$230 (AF);
1356) M\$260 (Rawang).
Total: \$724,611.49
Loans: \$206,300.00
Grand Total: \$930,911.49
STOP PRESS! 1357) \$463.60 (Chin. Serv.)

TRANSFERS FROM OTHER CHURCHES:

1. Miss Chew Kim Hong 2. Miss Phoon Cheng Fun 3) Mrs Karen Lee.

NEW ADDRESS: Mr & Mrs Chia Yeow Hai, 16-B Shelford Road, Singapore 1128.

An Easter Bouquet is offered in loving memory of Mrs Nancy Tow and Le Anne by John, Leah, Shen Pan and Lily. And bouquet presented by Mark Soh, Miko Florist.

Edited by Rev Timothy Tow, 9A Gilstead Road,

TANGLIN BIBLE CLASS CHINESE GOSPEL RALLY

(Fri. May 1 - Sun. May 3)

FRI 1.5 7.30 pm Message in Hokkien (Rev Tow)
SAT 2.5 7.30 pm Message in Cantonese (Rev Tow)
SUN 3.5 4.00 pm Gospel film in Mandarin

"The Two Brothers"

Refreshments (1.5 & 2.5) and dinner (3.5) will be served after the meeting, so that counsellors can use this opportunity to tell our kins MORE ABOUT CHRIST.

EXPRESGRAM TO TBC: Your prayers answered!

You're welcome every Wed. at 11B Queen Astrid Park, bet. 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY OFFERINGS: \$1,486.60; 15) \$800 (Renovations); 16) \$27.20 (Joash Box).

Loan from Sembawang \$15,000.

TANJUNG PINANG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH: At the Maundy Thurs. Service nearly 100 turned up while the Lord's Supper was served to 75. 6 adults and 1 infant were baptised, with one re-affirmation of faith. The Church-school will launch her Phase I rebuilding of 7 classrooms in May, after which will be Phase II, the Church itself. Mr Joseph Lin will represent Tg. Pinang at the 10th Gen. Assembly, FECCC June 8-12. (Rev Lin Tah Mon & Rev Bo are scheduled to visit Tg. Pinang May 15). OUR MANDARIN-TEOCHEW SERVICE welcomes the Chinese-speaking parents of Mr Gilbert Koh of Sharon to their fellowship. Also Mrs Lee Foh Leong.

EASTER BAPTISM: Adults 43-1; Infants 11; Re-affirmation 3; Transfers 3. (16 adults are from Tanglin Bible Class). Name list on Easter folder.

Beautify your Church grounds! One lorry load of good earth @ \$80 is bought under Elder Tay. Offers of potted plants will also be accepted. And Don't TOUCH The Wall. "If you touch you are blind. Only the blind grope and touch the wall, O let us keep it clean, one and all" Surplus household goods in good order are humbly accepted to replenish the Hostel for coming 10th Assembly of FECCC.

Singapore 1130. Tel: 2560617/2569256.

Easter is Evangelism

Easter has come and gone for most of us who are "slow of heart to believe" (Luke 24:25) and to preach. Easter did not last for a day to the Disciples as it did with us last Sunday: Sunrise Service at Woodlands (something special this year), Communal Breakfast on the Church Grounds, a record number of baptisms. But that's all. Easter went as quickly as it came. It was a ritual.

If we believe Christ rose from the dead Easter Sunday, we should be bubbling over with joy, like the Disciples, to tell others of the Good News. Our hearts should "burn within us" as we hear the message preached from the pulpit. We must do something to advance the Cause of Christ. We must save those outside Christ before sudden destruction is rained down from heaven when He returns.

Praise the Lord, one vibrant member of the Commonwealth of Life Church, the Tanglin Bible Class, is re-living and reenacting the Easter story. Do you know that Easter was a forty-day experience of the Disciples with the Risen Saviour through 10 appearances? Do you know that the Great Commission which was given "officially" at the Ascension was in fact delivered to the Disciples the first evening of the Resurrection? Jesus said to them, "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you". It is no happy coincidence that our Tanglin Bible Class is holding a series of 3 Gospel meetings to the Chinese-speaking on the heels of Easter, May 1-3, 1981. It is the divine imperative, the fire that burns in their hearts after meeting with the Risen Saviour that quickens them to action. Their action has stirred my heart to action too. But, how about yours? What will you do with Jesus?

The least you can do is to pray for these Chinese Gospel meetings. Pray for me the Lord's mouthpiece. Bring your Chinese-speaking parents, relatives and friends!

Every follower of Christ must be an active witness! But if we cannot do as much as others, we can support with our funds. Hearing of the TBC's needs, an elder spontaneously offered \$400 after last Tuesday Night's prayer meeting. Similarly, a sister, upon seeing the strategic location of Woodlands at the Sunrise Service, handed a third sum of \$10,000 to the Treasurer. Praise the Lord, this act of support to preaching Christ inspired an elder to make a new pledge of \$20,000. To those who have been faithfully tithing for the extension of the Gospel, whether it be to Woodlands, Medan, or Kalimantan, let me counsel with Paul's words to the Thessalonians, "But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing"!

For Easter is not bunnies and eggs, but Evangelism!

EMMAUS ROAD

1. I want to walk where Jesus walks
Along life's narrow way.
He comes to our Emmaus road
And talks with us today!
He hears our sighs and all our woes,
He kneels with us to pray.
I want to walk where Jesus walks:
He wipes my tears away.
2. My path leads from the Empty Tomb
Where He rose from the dead!
It brings me to the Upper Room
Where all my friends are met.
With Thomas I shall worship Him,
And I'll call Him my Lord.
O won't you give your heart to Him?
Jesus the Son of God?
3. And from the lone Emmaus Road
Christ leads His followers on:
He meets with us in Galilee,
And gives our hearts a song.
Returning to Mount Olivet,
We hear His last command:
Go ye, go into all the world,
Go ye, go into all the world,
Go ye, go into all the world,
And preach the Word of God!
I want to walk where Jesus walks
And serve Him all the way ...
(To the tune of "I walked today where Jesus walked", from Songs and Verses from the Holy Land.)

"I LOVE THY KINGDOM, LORD"

This classic hymn of Christendom says in its 3rd stanza,

"For her my tears shall fall,
For her my prayers ascend;
To her my cares and toils be given,
Till toils and cares shall end".

So, Paul became a bond slave to Jesus Christ. So are we who love the Lord and His House. We will not spare an ounce of strength to labour for the extension of His Kingdom.

If you love God's Kingdom:

- 1) You will bring someone to the Tanglin Bible Class Gospel Meetings for the Chinese-speaking.
- 2) You will contribute something to renovate God's House now in progress.
- 3) You will keep it clean by not touching its walls.
- 4) You will support missions to earth's end with your prayers and resources. Remember Djunaidi, Dohar, Freddy.
- 5) You will continue to support Woodlands. Are you not happy to see the earning of interest again this week (over \$500)? You will give your tithe (1/10) lovingly and promptly that there may be meat in God's House (Mal. 3:10).
- 6) You will pray for the 10th Assembly of the FECCC and play host with a cheerful heart
- 7) You will think of ways and means to increase God's Territory to the glory of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

MY TESTIMONY

My name is Nwee Kok Thai. I'm aged 18. At present I am schooling at Saint Andrew's Junior College doing my second year in engineering.

I accepted Christ on the 15th of June 1979 in a Bible-believing Church. Now that I am absolutely sure of my salvation I wish to be baptised. How I came to accept Christ as my personal Lord and Saviour is a long story which began when I was still a child.

I was brought up in a non-religious family. In my early childhood days, my family was in a very bad situation; my family is extremely poor and conflicts and quarrels often arose between my parents. In those early days, I experienced much sufferings and loss of parental love and care. Such early childhood upbringing provided me a strong stimulation in my later life; I became very pessimistic about life; I began to question myself - What is the real significance of all such sufferings and joys, gains and losses in life? What is the purpose of life, after all? Where lies the soul's final destiny? All these questions disturb me greatly, I'm determined to find a solution.

Before I accepted Christ, I had gone through many types of religions and philosophies; from Confucianism to Taoism to Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam to Zen, and even to occult and spiritual sciences. I had made an intensive study of all these doctrines and dogmas, and managed finally to grasp the essence of all these, I believe. Yet none of these satisfies my thirst for a solution to life's inevitable questions.

Persuaded by my neighbour, a strong Christian, I began to resort to the Bible when I was 15. After more than a year's intensive search through the Bible I finally arrived at my greatest realisation - God revealed to me that I am a lost sinner, and as such my best intellectual interpretations will be subjected to faults and errors. God told me that the path of the divine can only be walked with faith, not mere human wisdom. All the way through I had been searching for the most divine of all things the Bible enlightened me that the greatest is love. For God loves me so much that He sacrifices His only begotten Son to die for me so that through Him my sins are forgiven and I can be reunited with God again. God promises me eternal life in Heaven through His Son Jesus in John Chapter 3 verse 16. For now that I came to realise the greatest of all truths, the answer to all my doubts and questions, I sincerely confessed of my sins and accepted Christ as my personal Lord and Saviour publicly.

My life began to change since then. The Holy Spirit really works marvels in my life - from an undisciplined, emotionally disrupted person to one who can find real peace and joy in Christ my Lord. I found my new purpose in life: to live solely and purely for Christ; to witness for Him. The Scripture now serves as my Guide, Christ as my eternal backing. Life for me is almost always met with tough challenges, which serve only to strengthen my faith in Christ. Many a time when I was confronted with adversities, God helped me out. My most earnest prayers were answered. Sometimes I sinned against God, but I know that He is always merciful to forgive. This marvellous love manifests in my life to bring about the most wonderful blessings. I am able to progress steadily in my spiritual life by His love and guidance.

Now that I have found my eternal Lord, my desire is to serve wholeheartedly for the rest of my life. I know that He has a mission for me. Right now my task will be to bring my whole family to salvation in Christ. Thank God that my sister and elder brother are both saved and baptised; I pray that my whole family will be saved too.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (APR. 27 - MAY 3)

MON 7.30 pm Revelation Exam.
TUE 8.00 pm Ruth/Prayer Meeting.
WED 7.30 pm Wedding Rehearsals.
THUR 6.30 pm FEBC Dinner,
8.00 pm Faculty & Board Meetings.
FRI 11.30 am Johnson See - Mah Tah Choo Wedding
(Rev Tow officiating).
2.00 pm Sharon Sports.
7.30 pm Tanglin Gospel Rally in Hokkien
(Rev Tow)
8.00 pm Korean Prayer Meeting in Church.
SAT 3.30 pm JYF, YF & AF.
7.30 pm Tanglin Gospel Rally (Rev Tow)
in Cantonese.
SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow (Holy Communion)
10.00 am Rev Lin Tah Mon (Holy Communion)
11.45 am Korean Service (Rev Tow)
1.30 pm Beulah Service
4.00 pm TBC Mandarin film, "The Two Brothers".
4.30 pm Sharon Service
5.25 pm Mini-bus leaves for Calvary-Pandan.

NURSERY MAY 3: Miss Jane Ng, Miss Fam Chuay
Lai and Mrs Evelyn Tay.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: \$3,173 (Woodlands)
KING JOASH BOX: 17) \$50; 18) \$500 (Sharon)
Total: \$16,434.20. Need cardboard boxes for
NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS: packing? Ask CLBC.
1358) \$50; 1359) \$1,000 (Chin Lien); 1360) \$40
1361) \$105 (USA); 1362) \$200; 1363) \$20;
1364) \$100; 1365-67) \$147.65; \$177.19; \$196.87
(Interest); 1368) \$3,173; 1369) \$10,000.
TOTAL: \$740,284.80, Hallelujah!
LOANS: \$206,300 + 25) \$15,000 = \$221,300.
GRAND TOTAL: \$961,584.80
STOP PRESS! 1370) \$60; 1371) \$50; 1372)
M\$150 = (S\$135). EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE: \$2,660
Corrigendum: For Chan Wei Weng, Samuel s/o
Mr & Mrs Chan Weng Lock, in last week's
Baptism list, read Chan Wei Mun.

IS KING JAMES TOO OLD?

Born 1611 and still going strong in the face
of increasing opposition:

"Archaic, outdated, hard to understand!"

Our B-P Church continues to use the KJV.

And why do most Bible-believing Churches
stick to the KJV? Come and find out!

Hear Dr Tow Siang Hwa at Calvary Pandan this
evening (Apr. 26) 6 p.m.

Lim Florist, Tel: 3369011.

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Offering Accepted. God Bless Your Home!

Last Monday, I received this anonymous letter, enclosing a bank draft for \$450. The letter reads: "I wish to contribute to the building of your new church in Woodlands. I'm not a member of your church. I started attending your Sunday Service since last year . . .

I remember very vividly that I cried and came face to face with Christ through your message the 1st time I attended your church, that Jesus Christ will wash away all my sins and welcome me back into His fold. I placed my belief and trust in Jesus when I was only a very young girl while attending a YFC rally, and I was attending Sunday School. I left Christ outside my life when I started working and married a non-Christian.

I have sinned against his commandment "Be ye not unequally yoked with non-believers".

I praise God that He has been very patient and forgiving and has called me back.

Now I hope you will pray for my family that they will come to acknowledge and accept Jesus Christ into their lives. Thank you."

What a sweet-savour offering like Mary's pound of very costly perfume (Jn. 12) and like the alabaster box of ointment by the woman of Luke 7 applied on our Lord, with tears-s-s. Dear Sister-in-Christ, your offering has been accepted. God bless your home! We shall pray for the salvation of your whole family.

Pastor
Jade Bricks



Offerings brought to the Lord in tears of contrition are the precious stones St Paul has mentioned in I Cor. 3. I call them jade bricks. David testifies from his own experience, "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise" (Ps. 51).

Last week I mentioned in my sermon what we put into the offering bag reflected the feelings of our heart. The Ephesians served the Lord in purity and patience, but what He delighted in was passion, the expression of their first love. Let us exhort one another to repentance, to good works, but most precious of all is that grateful service warmed up with the first love. Why do we give? Because the Son of God loved us and gave Himself for us (Gal. 2:20). If He has so loved us as to die in our place, what is it that we give a little of the much He has first given us?

GOD'S ETERNAL LOVE TO A WAYWARD CHILD

by Lee Foh Leong

I come from a non-Christian home. In March 1956 I was invited to attend Life Church then located at Prinsep Street by a classmate, Vincent Tay. I attended YF, SS and Church worship very regularly. In August 1956 during one of Rev Ormeo's Gospel meetings held at Life Church I accepted Christ as my personal Saviour and was baptised in Oct the same year (Anniversary). Since then I was actively involved in the activities of the YF and SS. In mid-1968 I gradually wandered into the wilderness from the Promised Land.

However God has not forgotten me though I had neglected to keep my quiet time and read my Bible regularly. During the periods whilst I was working at Changi Prison and TTSH, brother Jon Wong and a few others were sent by God to persuade me to resume attending Church. However, there was an unknown force preventing me from doing so.

On the afternoon of 31 Jan 81 I felt sick, but after resting a while I felt well again. The next day, 1 Feb 81 I felt a pain in my left loin. I did not pay much attention to it as I thought it would go off after a while. However the pain persisted. I was seen by the doctors at TTSH and advised to be admitted on 8 Feb 81 for further investigation. After a week of investigations including several X-Rays it was found there was a tumour in my intestines and an operation was required. This was made known to me on Sunday 15.2.81

When I heard this, fear came over me as I was scared of blood and operations. However I did not faint. I realised that I should turn to God for help. Thus I prayed to God. God answered my prayer, for on the next day (16.2) 2 days before my operation, I was waiting for my ECG Test when Dr Patrick Tan, who was on his way for his ward rounds, saw me and was told of the above. Incidentally Bro. Tan was attached to TTSH from Dec. 80 to Mar. 81. He met me once at the Main Office in Jan. 81 but did not know about my admission and impending operation. This shows God works in response to His children's requests according to His will.

Since then Dr Tan had visited me very regularly. He brought a book "Words of Wisdom" for me to read. I read through the whole book in one day. This gave me further encouragement and comfort as this book is a translation of the Book of Psalms and Proverbs.

On 18.2.81 my operation was postponed to 20.2.81 as an urgent operation had to be performed.

On 20.2.81, my day of operation, I was less fearful as on 18.2.81. After Dr Tan's advice and encouragement I realised that God was leading me through this operation. All I had to do was simply to TRUST in HIM.

The operation was a success. During the five weeks of convalescence in the hospital, my spiritual life was revived as I drew closer to God. I resumed reading the Bible regularly and kept my quiet time.

The visits by Rev Tow, Dr P. Tan and other brethren of the Church further assisted in my recovery both physically and spiritually.

God's providence is further shown by the fact that when I mentioned attending Life Church on my discharge from hospital to my wife and son, they immediately agreed. Another providence God has shown me was my willingness to spend a little money in getting the special X-ray done by a private radiologist. Had I waited for the earliest appointment available at TTSH X-Ray section on 14 Apr. 81 my tumour might have moved downwards and a more complicated operation would be required (Rom. 8:28).

I was discharged on 28 Mar 81 afternoon and the next day 29 Feb 81 being the Lord's Day I resumed attending Church with my family in a thankful spirit, since God had seen me through the past seven weeks.

In closing may I leave two Bible verses with you. Romans 8:38-39.

Shape of the
NEW LIFE CHURCH
at Woodlands.

Height of Tower
80 ft.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS:
\$2,578.51 + (\$20 + \$50 for TBC)
+ (\$200 W. Kal. + \$465 Kulai
fr. LCWF)
KING JOASH BOX: 19) \$3,000 (FEK)
20) \$7.35 (Boxes)
Total: \$19,441.55

NEW LIFE CHURCH IN WOODLANDS:
1373) \$200 (Kor. Wedding);
1374) \$450; 1375) \$22.50;
1376) \$100; 1377) \$136.15
(Jr. Wor.); 1378) \$100 (Kor.
Ch.); 1379) \$60 (LCSS);
1380) \$50; 1381) \$1,000;
1382) \$1,000; 1383-85) \$16;
\$11.70; \$8.45 (CC Wor.);
Total: \$743,684.60
Loan: \$221,300.00
Who can loan \$10,000 for
3 weeks (to save interest)?

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (MAY 4 - 10)

MON 9.00 am FEBC Washing Day.
8.00 pm FEK Com. Meeting at Parsonage.
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting (Dr & Mrs Gross)
9.15 pm Session Meeting
WED 9.00 am Rev Paauwe, Dr & Mrs Gross & Co
to Muar.
SAT 2.30 pm Steven Tan Guan Cheng - Anne Tan
Chor Chuang Wedding, Rev Patrick Tan
officiating. Reception.
3.30 pm JYF, YF & AF.
SUN 10.00 am Dr Ralph Gross
10.00 am Mr Teo Siau Hua
11.45 am Korean Service
1.30 pm Beulah Service
4.30 pm Sharon Service
5.25 pm Mini-bus leaves for Calvary-
Pandan Sunset Gospel Hour.
Rev Paauwe on "Angels"

NURSERY MAY 10: Miss Lau Sock Eng, Mrs Leong
Lit Miah and Mrs Ivy Tay
Received for FECCC Hospitality: More bedsheets,
2 blankets, 1 bed, 4 mattresses 1 round table,
1 dressing table.

Need strong cardboard boxes to pack things
away? Get yours from CLBC.

Would you like a Lifers Family Camp on our
Church grounds Nov-Dec?

Dr & Mrs Ralph Gross, medical missionaries
of the Independent Board for Presbyterian
Foreign Missions to Kenya, are distinguished
guests at our Hostel. They have ministered
to FEBC students and are speaking at Calvary
Pandan tonight. We welcome them to our pul-
pit next Lord's Day.

Lim Florist, Tel: 3369011.

Christian Life Book Centre Tel: 2541223

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Far Eastern Kindergarten, Tel: 2513676.

The 1st night of TBC's Gospel Meeting in Hok-
kien drew 100 in attendance, of whom a small
half were parents and relatives. The message,
"Where are you going" and the warning of jud-
gment in the next life (Heb. 9:27) was given.
Pray for this Sun. afternoon's (4 p.m.) Gos-
pel Film "The Two Brothers" in Mandarin and
for Miss Ng Sang Chiew the speaker. (Bring
your loved ones each Sunday morning to the
Chinese Service in FEBC Hall!)

Christian Life Book Centre is now a Book Trust
registered in the name of the pastor, with
a committee comprising Dr Tow Siang Hwa (B-P
Banner) and Deacon Teo Soon Hock (Life Church),
Mr Paul Wong manager. Big stock of books
arrived! Chic publications, Ryrie Bibles!
Every Lifer can get a subsidised Ryrie Bible!
Hurry! If you need Ringgit for use in Malay-
sia, get yours changed at CLBC!

Appreciation for Speedo Detergent supplied
for washing of Church and College.

Bros. Peter Clements and Lau Choon Poh are
selected to follow-up work with refugees in
Thailand, and among tribal peoples on the
Thai-Burma Border - Auspices of ICR & FEBC.
Have you registered to attend the 10th Gen.
Assembly of the FECCC? Hurry! What surplus
goods in good order can you contribute to
Hospitality?

CHIN LIEN BIBLE SEMINARY
cordially invites

Life Bible-Presbyterian Church
to its 44TH ANNIVERSARY THANKSGIVING and
36TH GRADUATION SERVICE in John Sung Memorial
Hall on Thursday, 14th May, 1981, 7.30 p.m.
followed by ORDINATION (jointly by this Sem-
inary and the Far Eastern Bible College)
of MR CHANG SHIH EN, lecturer of this Seminary
and Elder of Zion Chinese Presbyterian Church.
RSVP 15/19 Green Lane, S'pore 1543. Tel: 3442546

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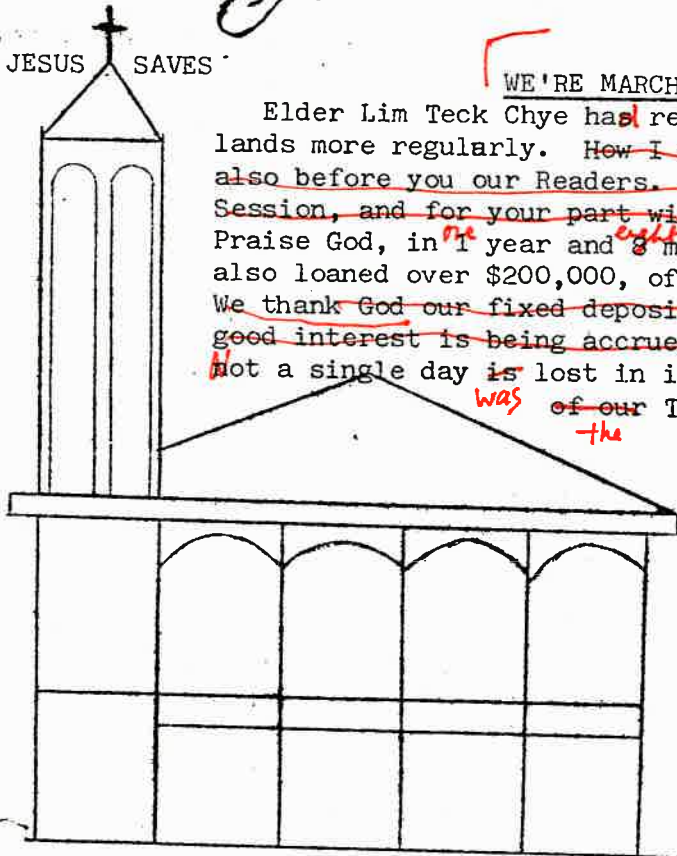
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JESUS SAVES

WE'RE MARCHING TO WOODLANDS!

Elder Lim Teck Chye ~~has~~ requested me to keep Session informed about Woodlands more regularly. ~~How I delight to do this not only before Session, but also before you our Readers. How I also thank God for a united and spirited Session, and for your part with a growing circle of cheerful offerers. Praise God, in 1 year and 8 months, you have given ¾ millions. You have also loaned over \$200,000, of which \$120,000 had come from sister Churches. We thank God our fixed deposits are building steadily upwards again, so that good interest is being accrued to help swell the Treasury. Do you know that not a single day is lost in interest-earning under the faithful management~~



Last week I gave you a rough sketch of the New Life Church which was taken from the Architect's amended layout plan. I like the 80 ft tower! This week I have the pleasure of announcing the lightning approval by HDB of the layout plan! This means our Architect can now proceed with the detailed drawings (to be submitted within 4 months). Leasing of the Woodlands site is now being finalised. Miss Lim Li is our legal representative. If we are not delayed by the Planning Dept., we have confidence of commencing building operations by Christmas! Easter - land-claiming; Christmas-ground-breaking. Hallelujah!

Inflation notwithstanding, we must build a substantial, handsome, stately Church to witness to the people of Northern Singapore. To Johor Baru also, and to the uttermost part of Malaysia. The banner Beulah has hung up between two trees since Easter morning is now fluttering in the S.W. Monsoon. It reads, "Site of New Life B-P Church". Praise God, we're in a much more commanding position than the BP petrol station on your way to Marsiling Lane.

I want to thank God for the increasing number of well-wishers contributing to Woodlands and praying for us. An ex-Lifer now worshipping in another B-P Church located near his house has brought the Lord \$350 and \$1,000. This brother is able to do this by foregoing the purchase of a car. Such sacrificial giving is exemplary. The Lord bless this brother and his family.

WELCOME DR & MRS RALPH GROSS

... missionaries to Kenya, East Africa from the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions.

Dr and Mrs Ralph Gross are friends of the peoples to whom they are sent. They minister from church to church, village to village throughout Kenya to 100,000 souls belonging to 1,000 churches in 16 denominations of the East African Christian Alliance. These are a sizeable constituency in our 20th Century Reformation Movement, who take a strong stand against the Ecumenical Movement.

Rev and Mrs Gross have 5 sons, three of whom are serving the Lord fulltime! Edward who is married has a great work as a pastor in Tennessee but feels called to teach the Africans. John has one more year to go at Faith Seminary. Strother is in a Christian college.

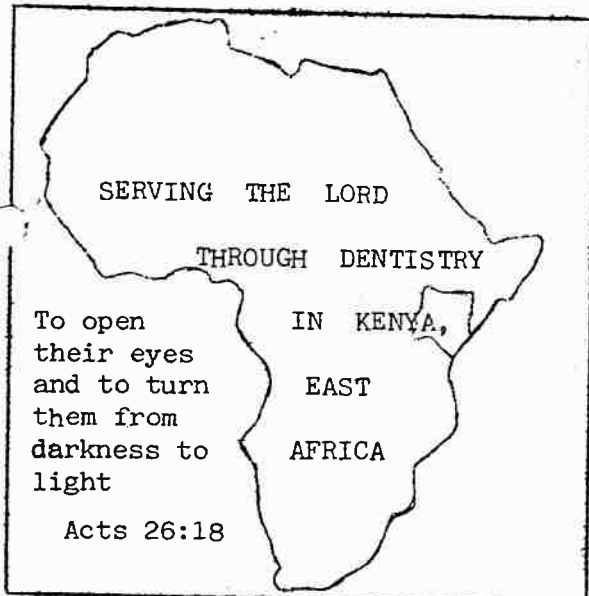
This is their testimony: "Our desire alone is to serve God and the Kenyan brethren in a valiant fashion that honours truth and righteousness. Our minds and hearts are overflowing with fresh ideas and renewed

strength from above. We will return to each village and church once again to contend, perfect, and edify through teaching, and YOU WILL GO WITH US." Our call is to work with the precious seed. Our hearts leap within us as they come one by one. They have many needs which are all being met providentially through their inheritance. They become His servants as we are, loving and adoring His holy name. Our heart is one."

"The seed also of his servants shall inherit it: and they that love his name shall dwell therein" (Psalm 69:36).

They have a challenge also to us in Singapore: "Will you send us to uphold the East African Christian Alliance - churches and pastors? Will you send us to contend, perfect, and edify through teaching? Will you send us on dental safari clinics? Will you send us to encourage our ladies and youth?"

There were 90 gathered at the Parsonage last Tuesday night to hear the Grosses and see the slides of their work in the remotest parts of Kenya. You have also heard the voice of Jesus calling to serve Him. If you want to have a part in saving the lost in Africa, you may do so with a love gift to the missionaries through your pastor. - T.T.



APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (MAY 11-17)

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting (Dr & Mrs Gross)
 WED pm The Grosses leave for Kenya.
 THUR 7.30 pm Chin Lien Graduation and Ordination of Elder Chang Shih En (FEBC participating).
 SAT 1.30 pm Rev Tow at Office Christian Fellowship.
 3.30 pm JYF, YF & AF
 SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow
 10.00 am Mr Jonah Chan (Chin. Service)
 11.45 am Korean Service
 1.30 pm Beulah Service
 4.30 pm Sharon Service
 5.25 pm Mini-bus leaves for Calvary-Pandan Sunset Gospel Hour
 Rev Tow on "Devils: Doctrine, Doings, Doom."

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: \$3,037.87 + \$100 (Dohar) + \$250 (Djunaidi) + (\$11 + \$100 + \$60 FEBC)

KING JOASH BOX: 21) \$100 (Renovations)

Total: \$19,541.55

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS:

PRAISE THE LORD! 1386) \$100; 1387) \$100 (Box)
 1388) \$50 (Box); 1389) \$518.60 (Chin. Serv.); 1390) \$250;
 1391) \$46; 1392) \$150;
 1393) \$30; 1394) \$35;
 1395) \$35; 1396) \$60;
 1399) \$45; 1400) \$338;
 1401) \$120; 1402) \$150;
 1403) \$20; 1404) \$146 (AF);
 1405) \$136; 1406) \$100;
 1407) \$100; 1408) \$235.50 (LCSS-YF); 1409) \$500 (Beulah); 1410) \$300;
 1411) \$1,400; 1412) \$1,400;
 1413) \$200 (By mail);
 1414) \$95.
 Loan: 26) \$10,000.

TOTAL: \$750,474.70

TOTAL: \$231,300.

NURSERY MAY 17: Mrs Magdalene Thio, Mrs Grace Seow and Mrs Mary Prasad.

MOTHERS' DAY: In honour of our mothers, no Sun. Lunch today!

ONLY ONE MOTHER

Most of all the other beautiful things in life come by twos and threes, by dozens and hundreds. Plenty of roses, stars, sunsets, rainbows, brothers, sisters, aunts, cousins, but only ONE MOTHER in the whole world.

- Kate Douglas Wiggin

Preparations for FECCC 10th Gen. Assembly

Rec. from a BP Elder: Dining table and 6 chairs, iron bed. From Grace B-P Church 40 beds, mattresses, sheets, pillow cases. From a Deacon more forks and spoons. Meezzanine floor over parsonage staircase adds "capsule" sleeping accommodation!

"Church by a Greenwood" is anor. name for our Church. Happy omen: 1st squirrel sighted last Fri. hopping on corridor roof top overlooking Sea of Galilee! And do you know there's a stone round-table with seating for 10 in the Greenwood shades behind CLBC? Coolest rendezvous anytime of day, guaranteed no mosquitoes! During the week the stone tables, stools and benches have been weather-proofed with coats of Speedo waxing, thanks to Rev Bo, Mr Lee and Kuan Kien. Pray for some coppersmith to weld the leaking steeple!

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COME UNTO ME, With your heavy load.
 I will give you rest, Come and learn of me.
 For I am meek and lowly, Take my yoke on you
 For my yoke is easy And my burden light.

- JS 147

THE GREAT COMMISSION

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

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

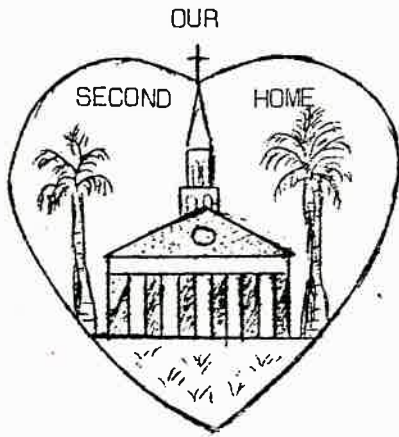
But first receive power, the Spirit of God,
 And you'll go through Judea, Samaria, all the earth,
 And you'll go through Judea, Samaria, all the earth.

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

ON FOOD OFFERED TO IDOLS (Ans. to XC)

If you read carefully I Cor. 8 & 10, the resultant teaching of the Apostle is that Christians are forbidden to eat idol-food. I Cor. 10:20, 21: "But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils. Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils." Q.E.D.

The argument on "knowledge" of an idol that it is nothing in the world, and there is none other God but one," comments Calvin, comes from the conceited Corinthians! This is what they (the Corinthians) are actually saying, Calvin points out: "An idol is a mere figment of the human brain, and, for that reason, must be regarded as nothing. It follows: at the consecration, which is made in the name of an idol, is silly, fanciful and meaningless. Therefore, a Christian who has no respect for the idol, and eats of the food offered to it, is not made unclean." This is how they are justifying themselves, and Paul does not dismiss what they say as false, for there is valuable teaching in it, but he rejects it because they were making wrong use of it, in allowing no love to operate." For though eating idol-food might seem quite harmless to the Corinthians, it may cause other Christians to stumble. Love of the brethren is part of our faith. The "meat" in I Tim. is not idol-food but such meat as pork which Jews refrained from but is now allowed to Christians. Session has approved a Christian book-binding ministry to be housed in to-be renovated premises. Robert Yeo and Patrick Lee, FEBC students, are in charge. "Maintenance offering" will be channelled to Woodlands. The Turners left us Sat. a.m. with Glorya for Medan to conduct a fortnights' teaching on Children evangelisation. Lim Florist, Tel: 3369011.

"LIFE CHURCH IS OUR SECOND HOME"

This young Lifer who came "to see me" which, being understood between pastor and parishioner, is "to fix a date for wedding", uttered a word of appreciation: "Life Church is our second home." The same young man was dauntless in love for His Lord - he gave \$600 towards the New Life Church at Woodlands.

"Life Church is our second home." How I praise God for this remark! All the years I have dwelt at Gilstead Road as your pastor I have also endeavoured to improve every inch of our grounds for the use and enjoyment of our members, and to fellow-Christians not fortunate as Lifers, luxuriating in a "garden of fragrant pines and palms."

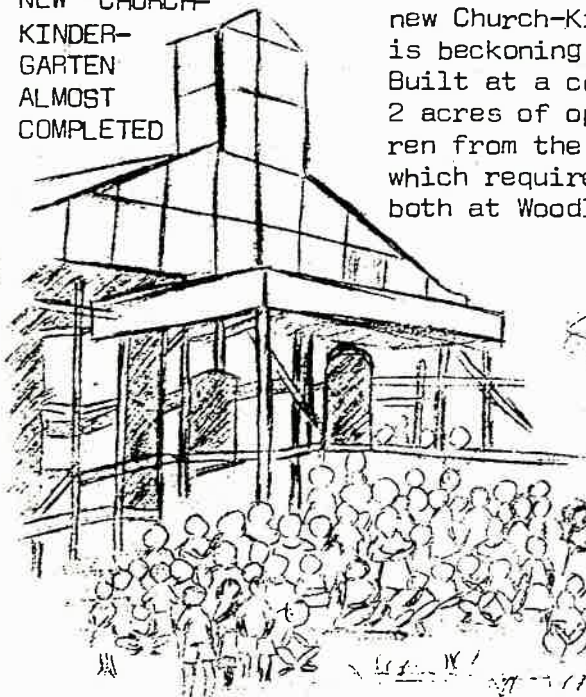
The atmosphere at Gilstead Road is welcome to fullest enjoyment of every Church facility. Our Church has no gates, and if there is one it is never closed. The church doors are open day and night, including FEBC Hall. The phone is available to the public, the water coolers, the toilets, the garden taps, the car parks, etc., etc. In appreciation of such goodness a \$100 envelope enclosing a Thank You card was dropped into the Box last week with an added love-note, specifying the sum to be used for "re-decoration" of the Church and College premises. And our premises are open to several other Christian youth groups during the week. Now we welcome the young men and ladies of the University to use our premises May 23 night! Welcome Young Lifers to camp here Aug. 9-13.

Because Life Church is Our Second Home, we have lovingly kept the grounds as neat and clean as we can. There are the FEBC students serving during terms. There are Rev. Andrew Bo and Peter Clements with electrical and plumbing expertise to restore our power and water systems in an emergency. Bro. Pong Sen and Co. work on the tapes, keep the soft-drinks vendor clicking. The deacons each with his respective duties - pews, sanitation, hymn-books, bell-ringing, etc., etc., not to mention the weekly chores of our ladies' kitchen, including dish washing. We all play a part because Life Church is our Second Home.

Because this is our home, we economise. Power and water are used to a minimum. We save also on a fulltime caretaker who must be paid a full salary with quarters for his family. Kamala and daughter clean the Church every Friday and Saturday. David Amir is part-time gardener. The gardens where the stone tables are situated for the convenience of Sunday Lunch are under the pastor wife's supervision. (We appreciate the Speedo waxing of our 21 sets of stone tables, not to mention countless benches.) Setsuko goes round the whole compound twice a day with a pair of long chopsticks to pick up litter. Any palm frond on the ground should be hauled away by any member first greeting its happy descent.

The renovations now going on and the improvements to the grounds will transform our Second Home into a Christian Shangrila to welcome guests from around the world at the 10th Gen. Assembly of the Far Eastern Council of Christian Churches June 8-12, 1981. Let's all play a part. We're also thankful to an Elder for supplying two new clocks to help us keep time - Life Church is his second home!

NEW CHURCH-
KINDER-
GARTEN
ALMOST
COMPLETED



This artist's reproduction of Rev Djunaidi's photo of the new Church-Kindergarten rising over the slums of Siantan, Pontianak is beckoning you and me to its Dedication, scheduled for June 18-26. Built at a cost of 8,586,200 rupiahs this House of God with almost 2 acres of open grounds will provide Christian education to 200 children from the slum-dwellings. Praise the Lord, the King's business which requires haste is being accomplished without hindrance or delay - both at Woodlands and in Indonesian Borneo.

A call has come from Ngabang and nearby riverine villages on the Landak, a tributary of the Kapuas. So Djunaidi is setting out May 12 to reach these remote places.

A week's visit of West Kalimantan to dedicate the new Church - Kindergarten and see the mission stations by Gospel Boat is offered to our Readers. Approximate cost of travel \$500/-. Please notify early if you're coming!

Travel schedule: Fly MAS from J.B. (Serai Airport) to Kuching. One day at hotel. Fly Merpati from Kuching to Pontianak. Return same route.



APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (MAY 18-24)

MON 8.30 am WF outing to RI Swimming Pool.
TUE 8.00 pm I Sam./Prayer Meeting.
SAT 3.30 pm JYF, YF & AF
6.00 pm VCF (Shirleen) 1st Grads. 81
SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow
10.00 am Miss Alice Doo
11.45 am Korean Service
1.30 pm Beulah Service
4.30 pm Sharon Service
4.45 pm Rev Tow at Soochow Bible Church
5.25 pm Mini-bus leaves for Calvary-Pandan Sunset Gospel Hour.

Baptised May
3, '81 Tan Lye
Lee, 92.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: \$2,195.53 + \$15 (Kenya) + \$618.50 (Hymnals).

KING JOASH BOX: 22) \$100 ("Redecoration")

TOTAL: \$19,641.55 (We need \$10,000 more)

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS:

PRAISE THE LORD: 1415) \$100 (Wedding); 1416) \$100; 1417) \$50; 1418) \$1,300; 1419) \$600; 1420) \$200; 1421) \$50; 1422) \$1,500; 1423) \$25 (Box); 1424) \$50; TOTAL: \$754,449.70
LOANS: \$231,300 - \$20,000 = \$211,300.

Our Architect says, leveling of the Woodlands hillock will commence soon!

Our solicitor says, stamp duty on the lease is \$26,605 ad valorem. STOP PRESS: 1425) \$50.

NURSERY MAY 24: Miss Tay Soo Hua, Miss Winnie Lim and Miss Josephine Tan.

****listen to Andrew Gih.** One day, as Andrew preached on the Samaritan woman, I saw the light. The fullness of the Holy Spirit means that the believer has a spring within and that the rivers of living water flow out into everlasting life! Yes; that was it! Many thirsty people do not know how to come to the Lord to drink from this inexhaustible spring. Instead they exert tremendous effort carrying their clumsy buckets to some distant well whose water gets less and less, while the weight on their shoulders gets heavier and heavier. Will they ever find rest? After they have drunk they must draw again; the more they draw, the thirstier they become. Draw-drink-weariness, an endless cycle! And still no rest. After they have done all they can, their thirst remains unquenched. Dear brethren and sisters, why don't you see that when sin goes out, the living waters flow in? Don't go on carrying your load of sin to the stagnant waters of the well. The blessing of God is not in seeking satisfaction in tongues and dreams but in becoming an empty, clean channel through which the water of the Spirit can flow out to the dry and thirsty hearts around, causing them to become fruitful, too. Thus "give up" is the secret of "get". A love-inspired witness is the true way to seek and to maintain the fullness of the Spirit. For me, the Tsingtao problem was solved."

"I WANT TO WALK WHERE JESUS WALKS" is now on tape, sung by Prof. Fague Springmann Or. nos: "Holy City", "Under His Wings", and items fr. Combined Choir, 7th Assembly FECCC 1970. \$4 only from CLBC for the first 100. Thereafter \$4.50

Edited by Rev Timothy Tow, 9A Gilstead Road,

Dean, President, Sheares
1981

17th May 1981

"FOR KINGS AND FOR ALL THAT ARE IN AUTHORITY"

"For kings and for all that are in authority" are we exhorted to supplicate, pray, intercede, and give thanks (I Tim. 2:2). This is particularly the pastor's duty in the conduct of public worship. At Life Church we have regularly prayed for our President Benjamin Henry Sheares who passed away Tues. May 12, 2.10 p.m. after a 5-day coma. We prayed for him in his life, but not now in his death. Protestants do not pray for the dead, but the Roman Catholics and Buddhists do. We do not pray for the dead because salvation is obtainable only by faith and repentance in a living person through the Lord Jesus Christ. Salvation is not in the mumbling lips of a priest. Prayer for the dead is one heathen craftiness adopted by Rome for self-gain.

We are also to give thanks for kings.... This we are pleased to do for our President, having read of the testimony given in the Straits Times of how he came to believe in Jesus at 13, and was baptised at Bethesda Church. Testimony is given of the prayers he had with Christian visitors, and of the last service he attended on Palm Sunday before his sickness.

Insofar as our Church has any little part to play, a sister sent President Sheares a copy of "In John Sung's Steps - the Story of Lim Puay Hian" upon its publication. Having read it at one sitting that very night, he telephoned this sister the next morning to express his appreciation. The President's heart had burned within him as he met his Lord in the embers of the John Sung Revival Story. We believe he is safe in the arms of Jesus. We give thanks to God for him.

Let us now pray for a new President and for our Prime Minister that God might grant him health and long life, but above all His Saving grace.

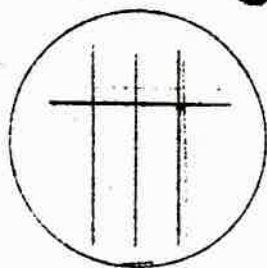
JOHN SUNG vs TONGUE-SPEAKING

(from Flame for God in the Far East by Leslie Lyall p. 75-6)

On returning to Shanghai, John was met with invitations from many churches to conduct meetings, but he decided to accept the renewed invitation from the Worldwide Bethel Evangelistic Band to return with them to Shantung. At the port town of Tsingtao, new problems confronted him. The so-called "Spiritual Gifts" movement was strong there and many were seeking the fullness of the Spirit with outward manifestations: speaking with tongues, spiritual songs, visions, dreams, and similar phenomena. It was regarded as a mark of spirituality to seek these things. John was mystified. He wanted to help them, but he did not know how. So he began to pray for wisdom and light on this problem and for a fresh understanding of divine truth. From Tsingtao, the Band went on to Tahsingting, the veteran Pastor Ting Li-mei's home town.

"When we reached Tahsingting," John recalls, my mind was in such confusion that I had no heart to preach. I preferred to sit and **

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THRICE-PROMISED BLESSING!

The story of King David's desire to build God a House, and how God blessed David by promising to build him a house is told in this Weekly. This story has encouraged many of you, I'm sure, to give to Woodlands.

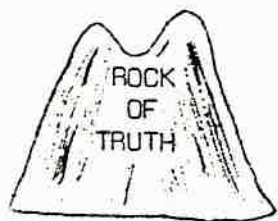
The story of Obed-Edom, a servant of David, of how he took care of the Ark of God, and how God blessed his house is recorded in II Sam. 6:11, "And the ark of the Lord continued in the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite three months: and the Lord blessed Obed-Edom, and all his household".

Is there not a blessing come to you who have taken care of Life Church in one way or another?

Then we have the preaching of the prophet Haggai to the Jews returned from Babylonian exile to Jerusalem. Haggai said, "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" (Haggai 1:8). This is the third time in Scripture where God blesses His people who are concerned for His House. A thrice-promised blessing!

I thank God for you, for not only giving so hilariously to Woodlands, but also to the renovations to these houses of the Lord at Gilstead Road. Your renovation offerings added to the sums contributed by FEBC, FEK, CLBC, RTL, Sharon, etc. have amounted to just below \$20,000. This sum would have made it, if not for further "lengthening of the cords" to make a 105 x 12.5 ft extension dining hall and cooking shelter in our backyard. With road repairs and the "sleeping capsules", in time for the FECCC Conference, we should have need of another \$12,000. Who will renew giving to the King Joash Box? (King Joash is known for his zeal in repairing God's House).

In view of the fact that all these renovations have benefited every department of Life Church, may I exhort Department heads to take a Sunday collection? Anyone who has a part in building or repairing God's House is thrice-blessed!

Character Assassination is powerless against Factual Presentation

Jesus cast out the devil who possessed a blind and dumb man so he was able to see and to speak. The Pharisees beheld a hard cold fact before their very eyes, but they refused to acknowledge this act was by the power of God. Instead they accused Jesus of using demonic-art, yea, of casting out devils by the prince of devils. They even called Jesus a devil on two other occasions. Jesus replied with brilliant logic, "A house divided against itself shall not stand". The Devil will not cast out his little devils. In the light of this factual presentation, the Pharisees' character assassination of our Lord is powerless.

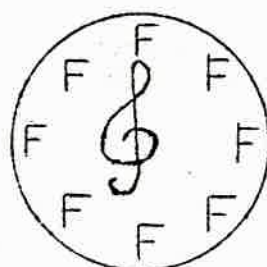
In recent years God has used Jack Chick's Publications in a mighty way to shine the Gospel Light. One publication that has exposed the darkness of the Roman Catholic system is the story of Alberto Rivera, an ex-Jesuit priest. The "comic book" titled "Alberto" has been so popular that Chick has published a sequel, called "Double Cross". Of course this twin exposure of the dark Roman system has aroused the ire of the RCs. But why is Christianity Today so concerned as to go after Chick and Alberto Rivera? Does this not reveal a manward-trend in Neo-evangelical leadership other than Billy Graham?

Insofar as Singapore is concerned, I have known of a certain Christian Bookroom that has been selling Chick's booklets until a change of ownership consigned all of Chick's products to the fire. "But the Word of God is not bound".

In order to discredit Alberto, Christianity Today tries to report that he had two illegitimate children, and had issued bad cheques. But the magazine is not able to substantiate the charge that the Alberto story is a fraud. Character assassination is powerless against factual presentation. Christianity Today admits that a year ago Alberto Rivera had issued a sworn statement defending his allegations. The author declared: "Alberto is a true and actual account, and I will face a court of law to prove the events actually took place." Until Alberto Rivera's story is disproved in a court of law, to insinuate this or that about the author is like pelting a rock with eggs - powerless.

As it is said that "the blood of martyrs is the seed of the Church," this character assassination of Alberto rather promotes the book and Chick's other publications.

"Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee. The remainder of wrath shalt thou restrain" (Ps. 76:10).

OUR OWN FESTIVAL OF SACRED MUSIC!

During the 7th Gen. Assembly of the FECCC held in Singapore 1970 we had our own Festival of Sacred Music. Prof. Fague Springmann (my personal friend) who holds the unique distinction of singing for four presidents of the United States and for Madame Chiang Kai-Shek and Winston Churchill, who is also recipient of the first gold medal given for "outstanding contribution in the field of music" from the Governor of Maryland, sang to us in person. He sang, "I want to walk where Jesus walks", "Holy City" and "Under His Wings" while the combined BP choirs and Chin Lien Bible Seminary rendered the following, "Though your sin be as scarlet, Sing unto the Lord, I am amazed, Lord, I am coming home, A mighty fortress, Harken unto me, Awake, put on thy strength, God so loved the world, Faith of our

fathers". Under the indefatigable drive of Rev K.C. Quek, these 12 sacred numbers were recorded in stereo. 1,000 discs were sold!

As these records wear out or are become out of fashion, I as president of the FECCC have felt constrained to have the sacred music transferred on tape to benefit lovers of Christian music everywhere. (We believe in sacred songs reverently and classically presented.) We recommended these "new" FECCC 7th Gen. Assembly musical numbers to our readers, for your spiritual refreshing. Get yours from Chrisitan Life Book Centre at \$4/ a piece. Why not have it air-mailed to a friend abroad?



Welcome FECCC 10th Gen. Assembly June 8-12, 1981

These words in red letters are being painted on our VW Kombi. The goodwill and friendship these words generate far exceed the little sum paid for their inscription.

Of the several who have contributed in kind to the coming Assembly, a sister of late has gone out of her way to bring the good things in-beds, mattresses, pillows. She undertakes also to get all our Church and FEBC refrigerators resprayed or repaired. I'm sure she is one who responds to our Lord's exhortation, "He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward" (Matt. 10:41).

Alas! How numbered are the days! Countdown: 15 days to D-Day!

P.S. Life Church's motto is "Economy". 4 used ceiling fans (2 fr. Grace Church) are found to cool our June-hot hostel rooms for FECCC delegates. We need 8 more, used or new. Who'll offer to the Lord? (Another example of our economy: Turn CLBC cardboard boxes into waste-paper baskets!) Received: Several doz. Lux soap and 300 coat hangers and 2 boxes Lipton's Tea.

Kelapa Sawit Red Letter Day

This oldest "foreign" mission station now becoming a full-fledged Church joining our B-P movement will celebrate her 28th Anniversary, Sun. June 7, 3 p.m. Deacons John Ling and Tsou Yak will be ordained elders. Special arrangement has been made to take our foreign deleg's to the FECCC Assembly to Kelapa Sawit. Rev K.C. Quek, coordinator of our Chinese Presbytery will go with his team. Lifers interested in coming should join in a car pool. Please let me know if you're coming. Yours faithfully, T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (MAY 25-31)

TUE 8.00 pm King David/Prayer Meeting
SAT 9.00 am Korean School
3.30 pm JYF, YF & AF
7.30 pm Sharon Film Night: "666".
Lifers invited!
SUN 10.00 am Mr Bobby Phee (Elder Tay)
10.00 am Rev Tow (Chinese Service)
11.45 am Korean Service
1.30 pm Beulah Service
4.30 pm Sharon Service
5.25 pm Mini-bus leaves for Calvary-Pandan
Sunset Gospel Hour.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: \$1,845.59 + \$1,082

(Assist. Pastor).

KING JOASH (RENOVATION) BOX: 23) \$5; 24) \$15.80;
25) \$2,000 (FEBC). TOTAL: \$21,662.35; 25) \$100/
NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS:

PRAISE THE LORD: 1426) \$120; 1427) \$70;
1428) \$50; 1429) \$2,000;
1430) \$20; 1431) \$200;
1432-3) \$155.34; \$473.42
(Interest); 1434) \$118.00
TOTAL: \$757,706.46
STOP PRESS 1435) \$107.50
(USA); 1436) \$139.50
LOANS: 27) \$15,000 (Grace)
TOTAL: \$226,300

NURSERY MAY 31: Mrs Chng Mui Khim, Mrs Jennifer Goh and Mrs Nancy Seah.

Proposed to hold an All-Life Church Vacation Bible Camp, Nov-Dec, offering both spiritual and recreational benefits to our "HDB" members. Why shouldn't Lifers enjoy a completely renovated Church and College Shangrila? If you so desire tell it to Session members!

Lost and Found Pocket Bible with Banknote inside. See Pastor.

To reach the back-benchers on the balcony the pulpit is to be raised 8 ins. on a mini-platform. A brother hearing of this improvement at last Tues. night's prayer meeting offered this pulpit raiser to the Lord!

PRAY! Pray for 1) Bro. Yew Kowng Poy that the Lord will restore his health completely.
2) Mrs Lee Meng Fong that she will receive the full light of Jesus Christ into her heart.
3) Mr Ng, our contractor for strength to renovate the Church steeple safely and swiftly..
4) FECCC 10th Gen. Assembly so soon to convene at Gilstead Road and Calvary Pandan. For each speaker (your pastor esp.) to deliver God's Word in the power of the Holy Spirit.
5) Dohar, Djunaidi and Freddy our labourers in Medan, Pontianak and Kulai.
Welcome home to Rev & Mrs Turner after a fortnight's teaching ministry with Dohar and Glorya in Medan.
The Lord's Messenger next week is Mr Bobby Phee, pastor of Sembawang B-P Church. Mr Phee is a B.Th. from FEBC (1977). Between 1978 and May '81 he took further studies at Covenant Theo. Seminary, USA, (under Drs Harris and Sanderson who taught pastor Tow). Mr Phee has returned with an M.Div. and Th.M. He will resume teaching at FEBC in the new academic year.

Korean School will go on vacation for two weeks from June 13, '81.

Reformed Tape Library Do you know that every Sunday worship service from bell ringing to benediction (1½ hours) is taped? Get your tape from Mr Yiew Pong Sen or William Lam. If you have missed a Lord's Day, especially! Don't touch the wall! (when it is so daisy fresh) and don't touch the putty lining on the newly replaced window panes, says Peter Clements. Some naughty fingers have peeled off the putty!

The Post Cards are coming. Post cards of our Church, the "Church by the Greenwood" will be on sale soon! Another timely feature of the FECCC Assembly!

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Banner of Truth

"Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth" (Ps. 60:4).

The 10th Gen. Assembly of the Far Eastern Council of Christian Churches, a regional of the International Council of Christian Churches, is a banner of truth raised of God among Bible-believing Churches. A banner is a flag carried at the head of an army to rally the fighting men. Our coming assembly which is bringing together 260-270 delegates from East and West and over 1,000 from local Churches is also rallying God's people to battle - to battle for the Truth.

Isaiah adds, "When the enemy shall come in like a flood the Spirit of the Lord shall raise up a standard against him". The 10th Gen. Assembly of the FECCC has arisen against Satan and his forces for such a time as this. Can God allow the hordes of Modernism, Ecumenism, Roman Catholicism, Marxism, Neo-Evangelism, Charismatic fanaticism to gather against His Holy City, His True Church, without a fight? Without the people seeing that Truth must prevail in the end? As Elijah in his contest with Baal? On which side are you? Will you not play a part in the coming Battle for Truth?

There is a Spirit of Revival and Action as we prepare for the 10th Assembly. This confirms our decision at the 9th Assembly, Baguio, Philippines, Nov. 1978, that Singapore be the next venue. This Assembly which is totally run by Asian Christians and financially supported by Singapore demonstrates the sovereignty and spontaneity of the Spirit's working. The Battle is the Lord's, and it is our privilege and honour, O Singapore, to host this international conference!

Insofar as Life Church is concerned, the Lord has moved us to renovate thoroughly these ageing buildings. How youthful and daisy-fresh now they look. See the transformation of our backyard with the 100 ft long extension for Conference dining and cooking! Look at the neat lines and stately round pillars! Sit under the attap patios, so cool and serene with the Galilee Sea fountain playing in the sunlight. Even the attap pondok in the children's playing field, topped with a wooden cross, is refuge for both children and adults from the concrete jungle that Singapore is becoming. The sleeping capsules added are a ready standby for overflow guests, not only for the coming Assembly, but also for Church and Youth camps. Every inch of our 15 million-dollar grounds must be utilised for God's glory and for the benefit of His children. (I want to thank that lady personally for contributing \$1,400 for the twin capsules over our staircase). These capsules also relieve a little the growing congestion of Life Chinese Sunday School held at the Parsonage.

The furniture, fans, mattresses, toiletries, food, etc. brought in are another form of timely help. We are grateful for a Deacon offering a bag of rice! Whatever goods, surplus utensils and household paraphernalia that can be used for the Lord's Cause, are welcome! How all these bring to mind the royal reception given King David when he fled from Absalom across Jordan to Mahanaim. There the people of God "brought beds, and basins, and earthen vessels, and wheat, and barley and flour, and parched corn, and beans and lentiles, and parched pulse, and honey, and butter, and kine, for David and for his people to eat ..." (II Sam. 17:28-29).

While God's soldiers battle with the enemy, His people on the home front can join the fray by giving hospitality to them in the fight. Our sole desire is to raise a Banner of Truth in the Name of the Lord and proclaim the Gospel to the ends of the earth. - T.T.

Beware of False Teachers!

by Wang Ming-dao

"But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not." (II Pet. 2:1-3)

Before I understood clearly the doctrine of God's saving grace, whenever I read about "false prophets" and "false teachers", I would regard these to be very queer and peculiar people. The false doctrine they preached would be something never heard of before. I also thought these people to be a rare species. Should one or two be seen by chance, we would recognise them very easily. We would take care not to follow them, lest we be deceived.

After I had truly repented and understood the meaning of the Gospel, I realised my previous misconceptions. I realised then that these "false prophets" and "false teachers" are numberless in the Church today! Most churches are infested with these "false teachers". In some churches 60-70 per cent, yea, 80-90 percent of their leaders and preachers are "false teachers". Are you surprised, my Reader? Let us study this Scripture text.

"But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction" (v.1). Note: This prophecy tells us,

false teachers shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them. The Lord Jesus bought us with a heavy price even by His own blood that we might be delivered from the curse of sin and have everlasting life. This is most precious Biblical doctrine, also the Gospel we believe and preach. "Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many" (Matt. 20:28).

"For thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people and nation" (Rev. 5:9). "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed" (I Pet. 2:24). "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all" (Isa. 53:5,6).

Had Christ not accomplished His work of salvation on Calvary, there would be no salvation, no forgiveness of sin, no hope, no promise of life - but only fearful judgment and wrath before a sinful mankind. Thanks be to God, for our sakes, He had sent His Son into the world to become sin for us, to bear our punishment that we by faith might be justified and have life everlasting. As it is stated in Scripture, "For He hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him" (II Cor. 5:21). "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life" John 3:14,15). (to be contd.)

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (JUNE 1-7)

TUE 8.00 pm David/Prayer Meeting
9.15 pm Session Meeting
WED 7.30 pm Wedding Rehearsal
FRI 8.00 pm Clementi Family Worship at home
of Dn Roland Wong, Block 341, 154-J,
Clementi Ave S (0512). Tel: 7752777.
SAT 9.00 am Korean School
3.30 pm JYF, YF & AF.
4.30 pm David Cheong and Leong Choy Wai
Wedding. Rev Tow officiating.
SUN 10.00 am Dr J.C. Maris (Lord's Supper)
10.00 am Rev Lin Tah Mon (Lord's Supper)
10.00 am Galilee 21st Anniv. Service
11.45 am Korean Service
1.15 pm Minibus leaves for Kelapa Sawit
1.30 pm Beulah Service
3.00 pm Kelapa Sawit 28th Anniv. Service
4.30 pm Sharon Service
5.25 pm Minibus leaves for Calvary Pandan
Sunset Gospel Hour

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: \$2,022.32 + \$100 (FEBC)

KING JOASH (RENOVATIONS) BOX:

27) \$10; 28) \$20; 29) \$1,400 (sleeping capsule);
30) \$5; 31) \$50; 32) \$100; 33) \$500; 34) \$1,000
(FEK). Total: \$24,847.35

STOP PRESS! 35) \$10; 36) \$10.

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS:

1437) \$5; 1438) \$10; 1439) \$100; 1440) \$100;
1441) \$5; 1442) \$50; 1443) \$50; 1444) \$1,000;
1445) \$1,000. TOTAL: \$760,183.46

NURSERY JUNE 7: Miss Hedy Ho, Miss Choi Lin
Fong and Miss Khoo Cheng Hiong.

RENOVATIONS LIST

1. Painting of Church, repair of steeple; replacing many green glass panes, polishing pews, rep. of rattan work, addition of 40 high-legged chairs.
2. Painting of FEK & FEBC Blocks
3. Extension of Dining Hall & Cooking Dept.
4. Twin sleeping capsules over Parsonage staircase
5. Roof extension (one classroom for bursting Chinese S.S. at Parsonage)
6. 3 Attap patios and 1 attap pondok (for Kindergarten)
7. White aluminium awning by CLBC
8. White aluminium awning by FEK; one storage for FEK campbeds, with sleep capsule above incorp. cupboard and "table".
9. One L-workshop for Christian book-binding ministry with upper storage and open air store work-table.
10. One mini-pulpit platform
11. Installation of outdoor taps and basins, 1 water heater (for lady guests), fans, etc.
12. Ceramic tiling of six gate parapets (to improve seating) and renewal of road at back-entrance, etc., etc.
13. Installation of 2 electric clocks, renewing of 2 doors
14. (Any other improvement you can think of?)

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THANKS TO GOD

Thanks to God for my Redeemer,
Thanks to all Thou dost provide!
Thanks for times now but a mem'ry,
Thanks for Jesus by my side!
Thanks for pleasant, balmy springtime,
Thanks for dark and dreary fall!
Thanks for tears by now forgotten,
Thanks for peace within my soul!

Thanks for prayers that Thou hast answered,
Thanks for what Thou dost deny!
Thanks for storms that I have weathered,
Thanks for all Thou dost supply!
Thanks for pain, and thanks for pleasure,
Thanks for comfort in despair!
Thanks for grace that none can measure,
Thanks for love beyond compare!

Thanks for roses by the wayside,
Thanks for thorns their stems contain!
Thanks for home and thanks for fireside,
Thanks for hope, that sweet refrain!
Thanks for joy and thanks for sorrow,
Thanks for heav'nly peace with Thee!
Thanks for hope in the tomorrow,
Thanks thro' all eternity!

- Inspiring Hymns 119

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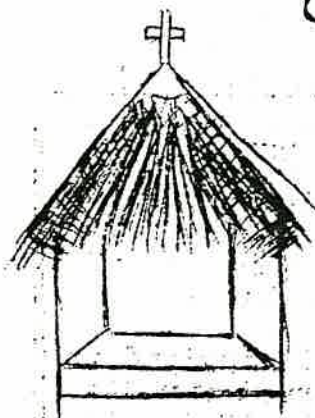
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ALL LIFE CHURCH VACATION BIBLE CAMP, NOV-DEC, '81

This will be a Camp of camps! Your pastor will be Camp Master.

Dr Patrick Tan Chief speaker!

Venue: The renovated Church grounds, so refreshing and so charming! Why shouldn't Lifers have the first preference to enjoy these beautiful surroundings? These improved comforts and newly painted buildings?

Besides, we have ample rooms so that a whole family can occupy one unit.

This big camp will have several sections - adults, youth; children. Each section will run its own programme. We come together only in the night meetings.

Don't let the saying "familiarity breeds contempt" influence you. You'll discover many things of the Camp grounds you never knew.

Can you answer these Qs?

1. How many cabins? How many sleeping capsules?
2. Where is Jerusalem Court?
3. Where is the Forest of Lebanon?
4. Where is the new fish pond?
5. Where is the L-workshop for Christian Book-binding?
6. How long is the new dining shed?
7. What's inside the little red house with new glass doors? etc. etc.

(Gilstead Road is a Christian Treasure Island yet for you to discover!)

Rev & Mrs Turner Report:

We have just returned from conducting a two week training program in North Sumatra, (Medan) Indonesia. The Lord was so good to provide two of our former students, who are from there, to serve as translators for us in our classes and other services. One of these (Dohar) is now a pastor there getting a Bible believing church (B-P Sumatra) established. The four of us worked together as a team, spending many hours in preparation and prayer together before and after classes.

Each morning we held two hour classes for more than 100 parents. Most of them were believers from dead churches where little is given them from the Word of God. Because of their hunger for spiritual food, they have formed a fellowship group and meet together regularly for prayer and Bible study. Their cry to us was to help them know how to raise their children to know the Lord and live for Him.

This group also arranged a series of nine (two hour) evening classes for us to give training for Sunday School teachers. We can never forget the hunger and eagerness stamped on their faces as they listened to the simple Gospel and how they could share it with children. The Lord used His Word in a very definite way. Eighty men and women, out of around 300 who attended the classes, served as counselors for a special children's meeting arranged by this group of 1,000 children and young people for Salvation. We believe this is just the beginning of what the Lord is going to do through them.

Be An Educated Christian!

Welcome FECCC

It cannot be but by the moving of the Spirit of the Lord that 260-70 delegates from 15 countries are gathering here to attend the 10th Gen. Assembly of the Far Eastern Council of Christian Churches. Just meeting with Christians from 15 countries is an experience. But more to learn are the messages to be delivered and the many booklets and free literature distributed for your study. Watching how business is run and listening to the presentation of Declarations or Statements on subjects vital to today's situation is good education. Why idle your days away, those of you who are on school vacation? Let us exhort one another to come to the Conference both at Gilstead Road and Pandan Gardens. Just come!

BEWARE OF FALSE TEACHERS (II)

By Wang Ming-dao

There are many important truths in the Bible but the truth of Christ dying on the cross and shedding His precious blood to redeem us is the central truth. A truly repentant and believing disciple must take special notice of this important doctrine. A person truly called to preach the Gospel must declare this important doctrine. But there is in the Church today something that cannot be hid. There are many preachers who deny the doctrine of Christ's redeeming blood. These preachers blatantly declare they do not believe the doctrine of Christ's substitutionary atonement. They really don't believe. So they have no Gospel to preach. They try to palm off with many secular teachings such as raising moral character, social service, family improvement, universal education. They turn Gospel preaching stations into social service stations. They open factories, schools, service centres, tuition classes, and even club houses, billiard rooms, hotels, restaurants, baths, barber shops, sports centres, cinemas. If they can lead men to Christ through these services, of course, that would be fine. But no such thing! It is because they have rejected the Gospel of salvation that they get into these secular projects. How therefore can you expect them to win men to Christ? If you don't believe me, you can go and see these things for yourself. See if they ever preach the Gospel? And

see how many have come to Christ through these projects? Of course those preachers connected with these projects say they are leading men to Christ. But facts speak louder than words. If you have eyes, you can see for yourself! (to be continued)

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (JUNE 8-14)

MON-FRI FECCC 10th Gen. Assembly.

Morning Sessions at Life B-P Church

Night Sessions at Calvary Pandan

(No Prayer Meeting)

SAT No Korean School

3.30 pm JYF, YF & AF

SUN 10.00 am Dr Ray Martin

10.00 am Mr Teo Siau Hua

11.45 am Korean Service

1.30 pm Beulah Service

4.30 pm Sharon Service

5.25 pm Mini-bus leaves for Calvary

Pandan Gospel Hour.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: \$2,427.39

KING JOASH (RENOVATIONS) BOX:

37) \$20; 38) \$1,000; 39) \$1.20; 40) \$2,000

(fans, etc.); 41) \$31.30; 42) \$1,000;

43) \$400 (Sun. Lunch/Pepsi).

TOTAL: \$29,299.85

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS:

PRAISE THE LORD: 1446) \$162; 1447) \$100;

1448) \$1,000; 1449) \$130;

1450) \$50; 1451) \$10;

1452) \$40; 1453) \$5;

1454) \$60; 1455) \$50;

1456) \$70.

TOTAL: \$761,860.46

STOP PRESS: 1457) \$1,200;

1458) \$1,500.

LOANS \$226,300 - \$5,000

= \$221,300.

CHRIST, OUR ROCK

NURSERY JUNE 14: Miss Lim Lee Chin, Mrs Yiew Way Chor and Mrs Alice Yew.

Life Church and FEBC Post Cards are here!

Get yours from the Book Centre. Produced in time for our FECCC delegates!

PARKING. Please do not park double! Side lane to Fitzpatrick is a good place. Our thanks are due to the Eye Clinic and the Reshties our good neighbours for their kind permission to park on the Lord's Day.

Do you have surplus chairs? For the dining Hall and grounds! Many thanks for the timely contribution of many luxuriant potted plants!

Registered for West Kalimantan Trip

Tan Lay Hoon, Lim Ai Lian, Lim Chor Hoon, Kimiko Goto, Lee Lai Heng, Lee Meng Fong, Elder Kwa Keng Woo of Muar.

Registration for All-Life Church Vacation

Bible Camp begins today. We can take in the first 150 only. Hurry. See Lay Hoon or Julie.

One special feature of the FECCC 10th Gen. Assembly is the inspirational singing of the team of 14 Old-Fashioned singers from the Philippines. They will sing at all sessions. Lifers will be presenting the first number on the opening night when the pastor delivers the Opening Address at Calvary Pandan B-P Church, Monday June 8, 7.30 p.m.

Congratulations to CLBC for opening a branch at Calvary Pandan Youth Centre. Pray for CLBC.

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A WARM WELCOME TO FECCC DELEGATES

Life Church warmly welcomes

Delegates to FECCC 10th Gen! Assembly as they worship with us this Lord's Day morning.

Delegates are cordially invited to Sunday Lunch that is served immediately after worship at the FEBC Hall behind the Church. Session members will extend our guests the right hand of fellowship.

IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST

In Him no South or North,

But one great fellowship of love

Thru-out the whole wide earth.

In Him shall true hearts ev'rywhere

Their high communion find;

His service is the golden cord

Close-binding all man-kind.

Join hands then, brothers of the faith

What-e'er your race may be;

Who serves my Father as a son

Is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both East and West,

In Him meet South and North;

All Christly souls are one in Him

Thru-out the whole wide earth.

- Great Hymns of the Faith 417

FATHER, LONG BEFORE CREATION

(to the tune of "Guide Me,

O Thou Great Jehovah", Welsh)

Father, long before creation

Thou hast chosen us in love;

And that love, so deep, so moving,

Draws us close to Christ above,

Still it keeps us, Still it keeps us,

Firmly fixed in Christ alone

Firmly fixed in Christ alone.

Though the world may change its fashion

Yet our God is e'er the same

His compassion and His covenant

Through all ages will remain,

God's own children, God's own children

Must forever praise His name

Must forever praise His name.

God's compassion is my story,

Is my boasting all the day;

Mercy free and never failing

Moves my will, directs my way.

God so loved us, God so loved us,

That His only Son He gave

That His only Son He gave

Loving Father, now before Thee

We will ever praise Thy love;

And our song shall sound unceasing

Till we reach our home above,

Giving glory, Giving glory,

To our God and to the Lamb

To our God and to the Lamb.

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"...And the heaven gave rain" (Jas. 5:18)

For three years and six months there was no rain upon Israel because Elijah prayed earnestly. "And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain ..." (Jas. 5:18).

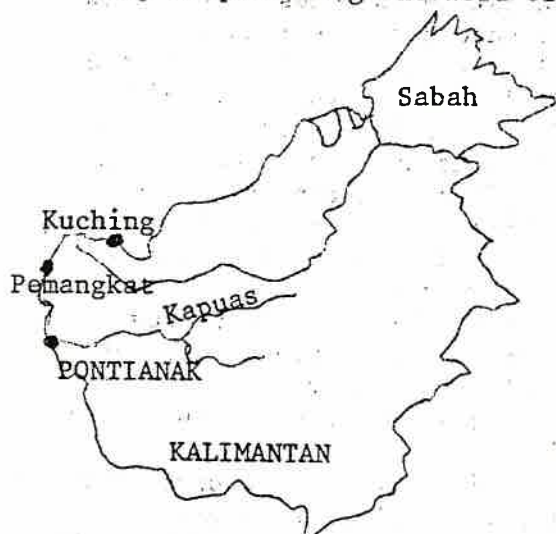
Before the 10th Gen. Assembly FECCC there were frequent showers of rain. But God heard our prayers. Throughout the five nights of Assembly the Lord withheld the showers. On the last night, however, a few drops began to fall on the Calvary Pandan Church Quadrangle. The people prayed. The drops disappeared. Praise the Lord!

I got home at midnight. Just so soon as I entered the bath room to take a shower, I heard the sound of many waters. It was a good drenching rain as reiterated by James concerning the Mt. Carmel contest: "And the heaven gave rain."

What is the significance of all this? James further says, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above..." (Jas. 1:17). And the best of all is rain. Without rain the earth is dry and lifeless. Without spiritual rain the Church is parched and dead.

This 10th Assembly of the FECCC has the approval of God that our work for the Lord is not in vain. "For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." (Isa. 55:10, 11).

Keep on preaching the Word of God, a spiritual rain to the parched souls of men! -T.T.



Report on West Kalimantan by Rev. Djunaidi

Oct. 1978. Our Gospel Boat the "Kapuas Kourier" left her moorings at Pemangkat to sail on her maiden voyage southwards into the Kapuas. 2½ years have passed!

- During this period the Boat has visited the villages along the bank of the 1,000 km. river up to Putusibau at the head waters. It also sailed a tributary to Nanga Pinuh, and out to the coast at Teluk Air, Batu Ampar and Ketapang.

From 1981 we entered a new phase of work. We have completed the building of a Church-Kindergarten in the name of the Kapuas Gospel Mission at Selat Sumba, Siantan. We have scheduled June 24, 1981 for its Dedication. Rev. Tow and party of 8 are coming!

As to our applying for an unused Government School at Kumpai to open a Christian School, this matter is still in abeyance. Perhaps the Lord has a higher purpose to divert

to a big superannuated rubber estate. This estate belongs to an elderly Chinese philanthropist who is willing to sell on easy terms. Rev. Tow will inspect this place.

In answer to an appeal from Dyaks in May this year we sailed another tributary, the Landak. Here we came across a good number of Dyak villages, never evangelised before. Wherever we went we were enthusiastically received. We were invited to return.

We were piloted by a Dyak who knew the way. Because the river was shallow we could reach up only to Ngabang, to Naya, which is adjacent to Bambang village.

The last was visited in April by motorbike. We were entertained by the Temanggung and Kepala Kampung. Many came out of curiosity to see our Gospel Boat, and had to queue up! At the evening Gospel rally 150 were counted. We believe this to be a fruitful field. But we need to push on!

When I reported these conditions recently to Rev. C.T. Hsu in USA, he immediately responded to support 3 Dyak preachers (@ U.S.\$50 per month). Moreover Rev. Hsu emphasises this work is urgent, to be effected without delay. (May I express our thanks to Life B-P Church and other lovers of God our appreciation for their support).

P.S. Under Rev. K.C. Quek is operated the West Kalimantan Pioneer Mission. This Mission now has 7 churches, a Bible School and orphanage and Primary School. Recently at Bekut is completed another Church. This needs Rev. Quek to inaugurate. Further there are two co-workers to be ordained. There will be a big meeting all night! Please pray for us!

Mission Note: Life Church Mission to West Kalimantan to inaugurate the new Church-Kindergarten at Siantan, Pontianak and participate in the ordination of two pastors with Rev. K.C. Quek consists of the following: Rev. Tow, Elder Kua (of Muar and FEBC), Lee Meng Fong, Tan Lay Hoo, Lim Ai Lian, Lim Chor Hoon, Lee Lai Heng, Kimiko Goto (FEBC). Others are Rev. K.C. Quek, Yohanes, Ganan (ordinands); Rev. Djunaidi, Sis. Johanna Heng.

Itinerary: Fly June 18 via JB to Kuching. One day in Kuching, Fly 19 to Pontianak. (Our hotel (on water) the "Kapuas Kourier". Preaching at Dyak churches, ordination, visits along the Kapuas River. Fly Djakarta June 25. One night. Return June 26. All members of party to see me Mon. for visa application to Kalimantan. T.T.

THREE CHEERS FOR REV. CONTENTO!!!

In my opening message "Earnestly contending till Jesus comes" at the FECCC Assembly I mentioned my good friend Rev. Paul Contento as a defender of the Faith. He exposed the Roman system 30 years ago in a booklet, "Mary Discovers the Roman Catholic Church". I also mentioned that since Billy Graham has become Protestantism's No.1 spokesman for reunion with Rome and Contento was a strong supporter of Billy, would Contento be influenced to relinquish his Protestant heritage?

Praise the Lord, as if Contento had heard me by phone, there has come an immediate reply, a denouncing of the Pope he has made in a Newsletter "Voices from the Philippines" which the Lord had caused my brother-at-arms to post in Mar. 1981. Three cheers to him, this is what he says of the Pope in 1981 (after 30 years). He is one of 7,000 who have not bowed the knee to Baal, so he has courage to declare:

I listened carefully to all the orations of the Pope while he was in the Philippines. With his ruddy, smiling countenance he won the love of the people. He said all the right things, "Love everyone, be good, do good, be a christian" etc. But alas, like a brave knight he offered them a nice house, except that he gave them no key to possess it. JESUS SAID, EXCEPT YOU ARE BORN AGAIN YOU CANNOT ENTER THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN. (See John 3:3-5). The Pope never mentioned that every person on earth is a sinner and must be born again. MORE TRAGIC, the churches built altars all over the Philippines for the Pope to offer Mass. WHAT A WASTE! Did the Pope never read what the Bible says about the Mass? (See Hebrews 10:12, 14). It clearly states that JESUS CHRIST BY ONE SACRIFICE HAS PUT AWAY ALL SIN FOREVER". To offer again the sacrifice of Christ in a mass is an insult to Christ. Have you ever thought of that? Well, the Pope evidently has not read that scripture carefully. Of course, if the Catholics gave up the mass, their whole system would collapse!!

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (JUNE 15-21)

TUE 8.00 pm David/Prayer Meeting
WED 9.00 am VBS (17 - 23) Camp
SAT 3.30 pm JYF, YF & AF
SUN 10.00 am Rev. Dr. Patrick Tan (Matt.12:38ff)
10.00 am Mr. Jonah Chan
11.45 am Korean Service
1.30 pm Beulah Service
4.30 pm Sharon Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: \$2,533 + (\$50+\$100 Dohar) + (\$120 FECCC) + (\$100+\$250 Djunaide) + (\$435 WF for K. Besar)

KING JOASH (RENOVATIONS) BOX:44) \$40; 45) \$37.30 (Boxes); 46) \$100. TOTAL: \$29,477.15; 47) \$300; NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS: 48) \$30(J.W.)

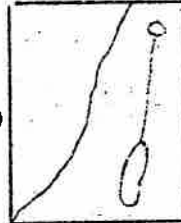
PRAISE THE LORD! 1459) \$500; 1460) \$110;
1461) \$120; 1462) \$50;
1463) \$10; 1464) \$115;
1465) \$50; 1466) \$30;
1467) \$50; 1468) \$500;
1469) \$50; 1470) \$35;
1471) \$40; 1472) \$20;
1473) \$20; 1474) \$51;
1475) \$20; 1476) \$6;
1477) \$300; 1478) \$100;
1479) \$200(AF); 1480) \$221.65 (YTD-LCSS); 1481) \$70 (WF);
1482) \$1000; 1483) \$300. TOTAL: \$768,529.11

*STOP PRESS! 1484-86) \$55 + \$20 + \$10 (K. Sawit)
FECCC Assembly Offerings: Total about \$8,000 (incl. \$100 fr. Chinese Lifer)

NURSERY JUNE 21: Mrs. Gladys Sng, Mrs. Doreen Lee, Mrs. Celia Tan. *1487) \$385.70 (Chin. S.)
Warm Welcome to today's speaker: Dr. Ray Martin is Credentials Sec. of the ICC. We welcome also Mrs. Martin who has been with her husband at the FECCC Assembly. Also warm welcome to FECCC delegates worshipping with us today. All are invited to Sunday Lunch.

EXPRESGRAM to Rev. C.T. Hsu, N.York. Thank you for your kind remittance of US\$100 for FECCC and US\$100 for B-P Church, Sumatra. May your support for 3 Dyak preachers inspire our Readers! Rich Feast of God's Word, preached at the FECCC Assembly is now available to you in a set of 16 tapes for only \$40 from the Tape Library or \$3 per tape.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE



The Far Eastern Council of Christian Churches convened in Singapore at its 10th Gen. Assembly June 8-12, 1981 is pleased to learn that the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions has announced that an international pilgrimage center for Christians in Baraka (Bethlehem), the Holy Land, has been opened under the name of Thomas A. Lambie Memorial Center.

The churches of this council believe that this is an answer to prayer for our Christian People throughout the Far East.

This center will enable us again to bring "wisemen from the east" to Jerusalem. This center will provide special lectures on the Holy Land, its geography, eschatology, and archeological developments.

The full cooperation of this council, churches, and its people are hereby pledged to the end that the entire International Council of Christian Churches may have a center for pilgrimage to the places that are most holy to our faith.

The FECCC calls for a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and that various dates be arranged for the visit to Baraka and Israel.

Two representatives are invited to attend Zion Church's 24th Anniversary, Sat. June 20, 6.00 pm., followed by Buffet Dinner. Warm Greetings!

During Dr. McIntire's short sojourn at the Assembly he requested the pastor to take him up to Woodlands. The International President was delighted to see our beautiful site. He offered a prayer for the Lord's blessing upon the land and our quick success in erecting the Lord's sanctuary. He noted the Blue Mosque on the way, and was delighted to know our Church would stand as a true witness in Woodlands.

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AT LIFE CHURCH HAVE YOU FOUND LIFE-EVERLASTING?

After the service last Lord's Day at which Dr. Ray Martin preached a powerful Gospel Message, a second generation Lifer who has been bringing a friend to Church said to me, "My friend wants to be baptised." As I turned to speak to a young man of my S.S. class, this young man who himself is seeking baptism, introduced me to his brother. He said, "My brother received Jesus today as His Saviour". As I shook his brother's hand, I could feel a deep emotion stirring within his soul - "things are different now, something happened to me, when I gave my heart to Jesus." Reader, can you say this? You are one of the many new faces filling up our shrinking auditorium. Have you found the Life-everlasting Life Church is offering you?

"I am trying, but just tell me how?"

By faith, by simple faith, by coming to Jesus:

Just as I am without one plea,
But that thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou biddest me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fighting and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am! Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb, of God, I come, I come!"

Reader, if you have not yielded to Christ who died for you, just as you are, in all your sinful ways, if you will just come to Him, He will save you now. Receive Him with this prayer, will you? "Be merciful to me a sinner!"

Serving God and Country Till Jesus Comes

The opening message of the FECCC Assembly stressed on the value of this Godly service: "Did you know that life lived for oneself on the horizontal plane of earthly ambitions is an insignificant line, like placid water flowing on a broad plane, unnoticed? Let the vertical, the flash of God's Holy Spirit come down upon you! Let the Word tonight strike into your heart to raise you up for His service! Then as the vertical penetrates from above our horizontal line, a cross is formed. Yea, may the power of God unto salvation to them that believeth become our power! Life is totally changed! Life is meaningfully transformed. Go in the power of this cross, and by this sign earnestly contend, and conquer, till Jesus comes!"

Guided by the Holy Spirit, Dr. J.C. Maris, in the closing message to the Assembly re-iterated:

"Life given to serving of God is worthwhile. Life given to serving self is worthless."

How beautifully have the words of the opening message and the words of the closing message tied together like a bouquet ribbon! Reader, for what are you labouring? For whom are you slogging? If your one purpose of life is self-gain, the end of it is zero. If you live to serve Christ, who is symbolised by the cross which in Chinese means TEN, you have the fulness of perfection. Life is worthwhile, not worthless. Life is powerful, like the cross, if you serve God. Your horizontal daily work charged with power from on high is no more dragging, humdrum, existence. But life! exuberant, everlasting life!

Pray for us!

Why? Because life's success, and this mission to Kalimantan, depends on the mercies of God. Pray for each member of our team: Pastor Tow, Elder Kua (of Muar), Lee Meng Fong, Tan Lay Hoon, Lim Ai Lian, Lim Chor Hoon, Lee Lai Heng, Kimiko Goto (FEBC) and Rev. Quek and for Rev. Djunaidi, Johanna Heng, Yohanes, Ganan, and another, 14 altogether. Pray for journeying mercies, for Holy Spirit power to preach to both Chinese and Dyaks, for ordination of Yohanes and Ganan, for the Gospel Boat which provides shelter, for accommodation in Jakarta and witness in the Indonesian capital.

Prayer is the Christian's key to the door of God's help. Prayerless is like losing the key. Prayerlessness is shutting oneself outside in the cold! So let us exhort one another by prayer, by your presence at the Tuesday night Prayer Meeting. Elder Tay will take charge in my absence. (Pray for Assist. Pastor Tan Wai Choon and family.)

Lost and Found. Blue "Snoopy" pencil case with house key, pens, and American Express card, Church Office.

Save Energy (and they that use this world as not abusing it I Cor. 7:31). Do you know that rates have been increased and we are non-domestic users of utilities? Every Lifer has a duty to switch off whenever you see fans spinning when no one is around!

Don't waste water either. When a leak underground last month took us over a week to discover

THE GIRLS TELL THEIR STORY

Lee Lai Heng

In last week's weekly, our pastor Rev. Tow has already given us the outline and programme of the trip to Pontianak. Hence, now I will just bring out more memories that are likely to stay for a long time.

In Kuching, Ai Lian, Lay Hoon and myself shared a room in Borneo Hotel. It was an unanimous agreement between us that staying in the hotel room for the rest of the day was a pure waste of time. Since God has brought us there, we decided to use this God given opportunity to sight see that part of the world. We were very careful with our money so that we would have enough Malaysian currency for dinner that night & breakfast the next day. However God knew our needs even before we prayed. We met my classmate from S'pore while gallivanting and his uncle gave us a dinner treat. My classmate also gave an offering of M\$30 for the work in W. Kalimantan.

In W. Kalimantan, we were very touched by the warm hospitality extended to us by Rev. Djunaidi & his family. To those of us who knew Esther Djunaidi while she was studying at FEBC, it was a time of happy reunion; to those of us who did not know her, her friendliness & frankness made us feel as though we were good old friends. We also took an immediate liking to the rest of the Djunaidis but we only got to know David & his wife Rebecca better. David spoke English and he spent lots of time with us, driving us around in his church van as well as in the Gospel boat. His wife spoke Mandarin & Teochew. She took the trouble to visit us girls almost everynight in another Perumnas unit. Well, as you might have guessed, when a group of ladies were gathered together, we chatted away on matters that will only interest ladies, for e.g. ... etc. It is pitiful that our problem in language communication prevented us from getting to know many more people.

A memorable day was 21/6/81 when we visited the Dyaks at Menjalin. The pastor was not at home when we arrived at lunch time. Our hunger problem was solved by some instant noodles and pork bought from the shops in the village. Cooking in that primitive kitchen was fun for us Singapore girls! God has more fun in store for us later when 4 shy Singapore girls and a Japanese San, all clad in sarongs, descended into Sungai Mempawak for their baths. An evening service was held in the Dyak church that night. A Dyak man really touched our hearts then, - he walked 80 km in the dark with a torchlight, just to see us!

Well, that reminded me of a contrasting feature between W. Kalimantan and S'pore - the pace of life. They seemed to be in slow motion all the time.

We also seemed to have lost our freedom in that land. We had to report to the district police everytime we enter or leave a certain district. Thank God for our freedom in Singapore. Corruption was widely practiced too. I was shocked to be stopped by a traffic police during one of our journeys by a mini-bus. The driver paid him some money and we could resume our journey. A greater shock came when we were again stopped on the road in this fashion another day. That day we were travelling in David's church-van. The policeman recognised the vehicle and he let us pass, free of charge, because he said he was a Christian too. Then he continued collecting the "passing road fare" from other vehicles. "What a testimony!" I thought. These people were so underpaid that they simply can't survive if they don't resort to such means" was the explanation given to me. Well, what else can I do but to thank God that in Singapore we are not under the yoke of such corruption. It is definitely not easy to be a Christian in that land!

More frustrations followed when we realized that we were stranded in Pontianak. There was no way that we could fly for all flights have been fully booked. The only other alternative was to sail. On Tuesday June 22, after the ordination of the 2 pastors, we went to the sailing office in Permangkat to make some enquiries. To our horror, the last ship leaving that week would be taking off that very night, and we had to be back in Singapore before Mon. 29/6. If the ship was to leave according to the scheduled time, there was no way we could catch it because we needed 4 hrs. to drive to Pontianak for our luggage and another 4 hrs. back from Pontianak to Permangkat. However with God's help, we managed to make some "undertable" arrangements to delay the schedule and booked a 4 cabin. The ship sailed on Wednesday 23/6 at 4.30 p.m. S'pore time.

How thankful we were to be back!



"WHEN WE WORSHIP HIM WITH THE SACRED TENTH,
HE'LL TENFOLD BLESS THE WORK OF OUR HANDS."

This week, I am requested by a Deacon to preach on Tithing (not teething)! The tithe means one tenth of one's income. This is the standard God has set to measure the amount of our giving, worshipful giving.

All that we have - life, limb; health, wealth; time, opportunity; - belong to God. God owns everything that we possess. But because He loves us, He gives us freely all things to enjoy. And because He loves us, He also appreciates that part which we would reciprocate to Him (Love is a two-way street). If we are saved from sin and death, if we are truly His children, we would give our best to Him. We'd give Him our all! ...

- T.T.

MISSION TO WEST KALIMANTAN

Kwa Keng Woo

When Rev Tow asked me whether I would join him on a mission to West Kalimantan, I immediately responded. I felt the Lord was calling me. Oftentimes, I was like Jonah, trying to disobey His command.

God had a purpose and directed our way via Kuching to Pontianak. Through Rev Djunaide's contact, Rev Lim Teck Hock of CNEC met us at the airport. He took us to Borneo Hotel which gave a discount of 20%. During fellowship with him in the evening, we realised Rev Lim needed the help of a Hakka-speaking preacher. As Rev Djunaide speaks Hakka, he consented to hold a week's meetings there in due course.

Leaving Kuching the next day, we reached Pontianak. While Rev Quek went north to Tebas and Bekut to attend to His mission, our team comprising of Rev Tow, Mr Lee Meng Fong, Kimiko, Chor Hoon, Lay Hoon, Ai Lian, Lai Heng and me were in the south. We were at the Chinese Church, Siantan, Sunday morning with Rev Tow preaching. As he was having a back-ache, the Lord retained him to preach in the same church that night.

During this mission, members of our team were able to serve Him in a small Dyak village called Menjalin about 100 km north of Pontianak. We stayed in Rev Ronga's Dyak house for the night. We also witnessed the dedication of a new church at Bekut by Rev Quek, the ordination of the two new pastors - Yohanes and Ganan.

Five of our team, Mr Lee Meng Fong, Lay Hoon, Chor Hoon, Ai Lian and Lai Heng had to leave Pontianak, 24th June by boat for Singapore as no tickets were available for the flight from Pontianak to Jakarta. We were sorry that they missed the dedication of the Siantan new Church and Kindergarten on that day.

The dedication at Siantan on the 24th June was a great event. I was amazed to see such a beautiful building amid the neighbouring slums. Really (as I told Rev Tow) it was "a lotus out of the mud" and "a Light unto the world".

After the dedication, we boarded the "Kapuas Kourier" with Rev Djunaide to sail up Sungai Landak to a village called Biong. Due to engine-overheating, we arrived at about 9.45 p.m. Rev Djunaide's accordion accompanying the singing of "Yesus Engkau-lah Bunga Mawar" immediately attracted many Dyaks to the meeting at 10.00 p.m. Rev Tow preached, Kimiko and I said a few words. Praise the Lord 19 of them expressed a desire to accept the Lord. We finished the meeting at 11.30 p.m. The Gospel Boat was a "floating hotel" with natural air-conditioning in which we slept soundly on the bank of Sungai Landak. The "Kapuas Kourier" is a great asset as many Dyak villages extending hundreds of miles could only be reached by boat. When berthed in Pontianak, it was a lodge to the missionaries and Dyak preachers.

My heart was filled with joy throughout this mission as I could see His gracious and loving hand leading us through various obstacles. At the age of 52, I felt that I was running out of time. I heard His command saying "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations ...". I was extremely happy that I had responded to His call. Truly, the harvest is plenteous, but the labourers are few. Are you willing to answer His call - for Kalimantan?

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (JULY 5-12)

TUE 8.00 pm Solomony Prayer Meeting
9.15 pm Session Meeting
SAT 9.00 am Korean School
3.30 pm JYF, YF & AF
SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow
10.00 am Mr Teo Siau Hua
11.45 am Korean Service
1.30 pm Beulah Service
4.30 pm Sharon Service
5.25 pm Mini-bus leaves for Calvary Pandan (Rev Tow on Daniel's 70th Week)

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: \$2,514.50

KING JARIN (REPUTATION) BOX:

51) \$125; 52) \$100 (RUL); 53) \$100 (Pepsi);
54) \$107.50; 55) \$1,000; 56) \$250 (Pulpit)

TOTAL: \$33,167.15

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS:

PRAISE THE LORD: 1516) \$500 (Beulah);
1517) \$616.65 (Beulah 2nd Anniv)
1518) \$10,000; 1519) \$26.37
1520) \$70; 1521) \$50;
1522) \$15; 1523) \$1,000;
1524) \$150; 1525) \$1,500;
1526) \$200; 1527) \$1,400;
1528) \$1,000; 1529) \$300;
1530) \$10,000. (Int. earning is
TOTAL: \$802,966.36 10 3/4 %.)
STOP PRESS! 1531) \$107.50 (USA)

NURSERY FOR JULY 12: Miss Esther Soh, Miss Poon Chung Fun and Miss Catherine Ong.

Edited by Rev Timothy Tow, 9A Gilstead Road, Singapore 1130. Tel: 2560617/2569256.

Made. Lau Thiam Hee, 83, of Rawang Church went home peacefully to be with the Lord, June 29. Funeral July 1 was officiated by Rev Chew Cher Guan and Rev Tow.

WILL JESUS COME IN THIS DECADE?

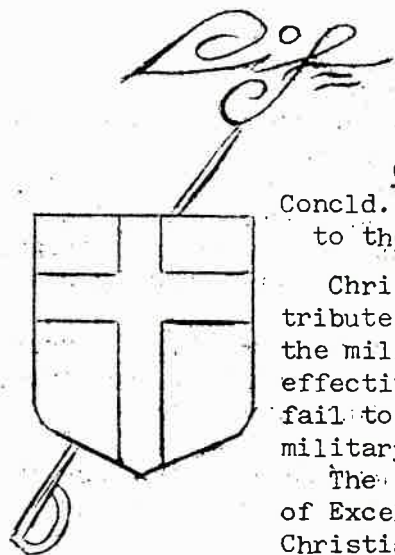
What is the rapture?
What are the signs of His coming?
Who is the Antichrist? Is it Russia, China, America?
Who is the Little Horn?
What is Armageddon?
How will the Arab-Israeli Conflict be resolved?
Will there be a Millenium?
Will there be a "second chance?"

Attend Calvary-Pandan Sunset Gospel Hour from today!

Pray for Dohar as he works on his research paper. FEBC 13th Graduation Service will be held at Calvary Pandan, Fri, July 24, 1981. FEBC reopens for 20th Academic Year, Mon. July 20.

Renovations continuing! Two more storerooms are constructed to house 50 extra beds. A new IBM electric typewriter is added to the office. Who'll offer a wall electric clock? Book-binding at a price to please you! Just leave them at the Counter below Parsnage. Robert Yeo and Patrick Lee, FEBC students, are in charge. Sample of their work: Rebound Inspiring Hymns!

Lim Florist, Tel: 3369011

CHRISTIAN CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE ARMED FORCES

Concl'd. part of Message delivered by Lt Col Dr Patrick Tan
to the 10th Gen. Assembly, FECCC, June 11, 1981.

Christians in any vocation or place of employment have much to contribute. The military is no exception. I would even declare that the military is a unique place where Christians can make definite and effective contributions. On the other hand when Christian soldiers fail to contribute positively a great opportunity is missed and the military is that much poorer.

The first contribution the Christian soldier can give is the Spirit of Excellence. There were many outstanding soldiers who were also Christians. Their lives were guided by the Word of God. The Bible is full of instructions that Christians should strive toward excellence. One of them is from Paul to Timothy. He said, "Study (work hard) to show thyself approved unto God". and with reference to spiritual warfare Paul said, "Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ" 2 Timothy 2:15; 3. The Christian's great desire is to please God, and this he does by faithfulness and diligence in his work and thus producing excellent results. This spirit of excellence will no doubt be applied in the military. The crying need in many Armed Forces is to find soldiers with a high level of motivation for without it work can only be mediocre. When military service is compulsory the motivation expected to be low. In many professional armies, motivation is maintained by financial incentives, personal rewards and in many soldiers by a sense of pomp and glory. The Christian soldier will for Christ's sake, to please Him, be diligent and faithful.

The second contribution the Christian soldier can give to the Armed Forces is a standard of Morality. Morality is right behaviour. Soldiers can sometimes be unruly, drink too much and behave indecorously towards the opposite sex. It is surprising that one so disciplined to obey authority and to fight cannot control his own passions. This is because right behaviour must be founded on religion, a reverential awe towards God and a deep respect for human worth. The Christian believes in God, adores and worships Him and regards all men as God's noble creation and would love them as he would love himself. The sermon on the mount is the best known of the teachings of our Lord. In it Jesus taught about Christian behaviour. How different is from the world's standard. He exhorts His followers, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" Matthew 5:16.

The third contribution is a Spiritual Ministry. War is a fearful thing. All veteran soldiers testify to the blood, the sweat and the fear that paint every battlefield. There is no pomp and glory in the sound of canons and the cries of wounded men. Here chaplains dispense the Lord's support to troops facing the next battle, say prayers of comfort to wounded soldiers, and commit the dead to the resurrected Saviour. Soldiers look to the dly and kindly chaplain for spiritual strength and comfort. He stands between death and eternity. He is God's servant and he can intercede for them before God. Then soldiers can have courage to fight because his eternal security is assured. Chaplaincy is the churches' great contribution to the Armed Forces.

There is another spiritual ministry of importance. That is a Military Christian Fellowship. This is provided by Christian soldiers themselves who determine to gather together for Bible Study, prayer and evangelism. All over the world there are Military Christian Fellowships which serve the spiritual needs of the soldiers in armies without chaplaincy and complement the ministry of the chaplains. Spiritual growth of the Christian soldiers can develop spontaneously by examples and encouragement from fellow Christian soldiers. Then there are soldiers whose lives are empty and meaningless and Christ can fill that void, and give meaning and purpose to their lives. This is the global task of the great commission and the Armed Forces is a vital mission field where Christian soldiers witness to soldiers and confront them with the claims of Jesus Christ.

Finally there is the ministry of prayer. Our military commanders need prayers for their decisions may mean life or death to those under their command. Our national leaders stand in need of prayer. They decide how peace and stability may be maintained in the nation. So the Christian soldier has a vital prayer ministry, to pray "for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty" 1 Timothy 2:2.

My final word is that the Christian soldier prays for peace but prepares for war.

Ed. Note: Dr Tan who is wellknown among us is the founder of the Military Christian Fellowship in the Singapore Armed Forces, since 1970.

Presently, he is organiser of the Asian Conference of the AMCF (Assoc. of Military Christ. Fellowship) to be held at the NCC Loyang Camp, Aug. 10-14, 1981. Rev Tow is the chief speaker on "Work for the Night is Coming". Readers are kindly requested to pray for this Conference and the speakers. Christian Servicemen, please register to attend with Lt Col Tan.



A LETTER TO LIFERS FROM A LIFER

Concerning the attires of the young people in our church, I feel that we are almost approaching the ultimate in compromise.

It is now a common sight on Sunday mornings to see men sporting long hair (hair covering the ears and collar) and casual T-shirts and fancy jeans. Young ladies wearing dresses that glorify the flesh - singlets, spaghetti straps, sleeveless, tight jeans, etc. The alarming thing is that many of these are actually old members of the church!

I believe that the existence of such attire in the church has a deep spiritual significance. It is the outward manifestation of the erosion of spiritual principles. Moreover, it is an abuse of the 'grace of God' and christian liberty. "... turning the grace of God into lasciviousness ..."

I believe that due to the lack of specific preaching against such trends within our churches, carnal christians are getting bolder and bolder each day in the display of their lust and worldliness, even before the sanctuary of the Lord.

Dear pastor, I sincerely pray that the Lord will grant wisdom and courage to you and other leaders in our BP Churches to speak forth His Word concerning this present shameful manifestation in the Church. - Teo Gim Thong

PASTORAL NOTE: This is written from a deep love for God. Children, if we love the Lord, let us keep His commands. You are made in the image of God.

JONATHAN CHAN WRITES FROM USA. JUNE '81

I want to thank you, the Session and the Church for being so good in taking care of me. I've just graduated with my B.S. and would be doing my M.S. before returning home. Do continue to support me in prayer; as I study and serve God among the Cambodian refugees here. Briefly, I teach in the Cambodian Class Sunday School, i/c summer school and swimming classes for them. Recently more than 20 adults were baptized. Praised be to His Name.

I want to congratulate you and the Church for acquiring the Woodlands piece of land and also the success and support to the Chinese Gospel Mtg. of the Tanglin Bible Class. God bless you mightily.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (JULY 13-19)

TUE 8.00 pm Kingdom Divided/Prayer Meeting
at Parsonage.
FRI 1.30 pm - 5.00 pm ISCF Rally
7.30 pm FEBC Fac. & Board Meetings.
7.30 pm WF Mtg. at FEBC Hall
Dr Tan Yew Ghee speaking.
SAT 9.00 am Korean School
3.30 pm JYF, YF & AF.
SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow
10.00 am Mr Jonah Chan
11.45 am Korean Service
1.30 pm Beulah Service
4.30 pm Sharon Service
5.25 pm Mini-bus leaves for Calvary
Pandan

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: \$3,273.34 + \$100
(Dohar) + \$50 (Kampuchea) + \$300 (FEBC)
KING JOASH (RENOVATION) BOX: 57) \$1,000 (FEK)
NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS

1532) \$100; 1533) \$120;
PRAISE THE LORD! 1534) \$50; 1535) \$10;
1536) \$50; 1537) \$160;
1538) \$100; 1539) \$25;
1540) \$50; 1541) \$510(AF);
1542) \$531; 1543) \$100;
1544) \$300; 1545) \$100;
1546) \$100.80 (Chin. Serv.)
1547) \$300 (Chin. Service);
1548) \$100 (Thanksgiving);
1549) \$6.10; 1550) \$27.10
CHRIST, OUR ROCK! (Boxes).
TOTAL: \$805,813.86 STOP PRESS! 1551) \$215
(USA).

NURSERY FOR JULY 19: Miss Chua Mui Cheng,
Mrs Jessie Teo and Mrs Evelyn Tay.
AF Film Show "Who love His appearing" on
Sat. 18 July '81 at 7.30 pm in FEBC Hall
Edited by Rev Timothy Tow, 9A Gilstead Road,
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BACK TO THE "UPPER ROOM"

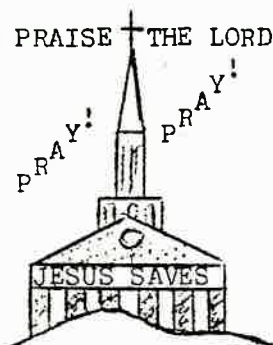
The early Church of 120 first met in prayer at the Upper Room (Acts 1:13). There was unity and continuity in that prayer meeting. The compactness of the Room was a physical contribution to their fervency.

Our Church auditorium was used for the Tues. night Prayer Meeting when numbers multiplied. A 600-auditorium which allows members, Session sometimes, to relax in the back-rows like scattered charcoal cannot generate heat.

Now that the Parsonage has an extension to the roof top, and the back verendah is to be further consolidated, so that we can take in 120, the pastor and his wife would welcome you back to the "Upper Room". For a closer prayer fellowship! And for a mutual visiting over a cup of tea. There's a new expectancy and a warm cordiality awaiting you at the Parsonage, every Tuesday Night! And we can take in 120 of you, as you come back to the "Upper Room".

EARNING INTEREST FOR THE LORD

Hearing that our Woodlands B.F. is beginning to accrue good interest again, a sister gave \$10,000 a fortnight ago into Life Church's fixed deposit account. Such a gift becomes \$11,000 in a year. This has inspired Session to call for tithes in advance so as to earn interest for the Lord. Did not our Lord so ask of the do-nothing Christian? (Matt.25:27).
Deepest condolence to Elder & Mrs Mahadevan on the home-going of Mrs Linus, mother of Mrs Mahadevan, July 9, 1981. Funeral was held July 11 under the direction of the Apostolic Church, Irrawady Road.
Congratulations to Emmanuel B-P Church at Ang Mo Kio on the occasion of their 4th Anniv. July 12, 5 p.m.





A Blessing To Hear!

Our Lord ends His parables with this familiar conclusion, "Who hath ears to hear, let him hear". In His Letters to each of the Seven Churches of Asia He repeats the same, "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the Churches" (Rev. 3:13). This is one purpose why we come to Church. We come to worship, but the climax of the worship is to hear what God has to say to us. In Chinese Church language we have this saying, "Ching Lai T'ing Tao" - "Come and hear the Word". Reader, Do you come to Church to hear the Word, or to gossip instead? Do you drink in the words that are spoken each week, instructing to righteousness and the way to life everlasting? We can bring the horse to the water but he has got to drink it.

There's a particular blessing promised to those who hear the prophetic messages on the Return of our Saviour Jesus Christ. John writes, "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand" (Rev. 1:3).

Reader, what are you doing Sunday evening? Instead of spending this time on inconsequential things at home, why not come to the Sunset Gospel Hour at Pandan Gardens where the hall is packed. Many non-BPs are coming to hear the messages on the Second Coming of Christ. There's a blessing promised to those who hear! I'm sure if you will bring your family members, your children, they will be blessed too. What blessing? To be prepared for our Lord at His coming! To live a new life under a new direction in expectation of His coming.



DJUNAIDI ON LATEST KALIMANTAN ADVANCE

There were eight of us, including two preachers and 1 teacher when we sailed to the Village of Biong up the Landak River, July 2. We came to officiate the engagement of a young couple, and took this opportunity for another Gospel meeting. The engagement ceremony was the first of its kind in this village. It made a deep impression on the people.

According to Ev. Kalam, (Dyak co-worker) he has preached at Pampang again. The Christians there are requesting help to conduct Sunday services. Leaders were appointed from among the local congregation. We would visit on circuit.

Ev. Atun (Dyak co-worker) also came to see me yesterday. He was deeply touched to receive his monthly pay of 30,000 rupiah. He would move with his family to Pontianak to work when we've got him quarters. He is a good assistant. Presently he takes care of the work at Habang.

Yesterday I received Rev C T Hsu's mail. He would support each worker US \$50 p.m. This he would send through you.

As to extending a parsonage behind the new Church-Kindergarten, this matter will be discussed with Bro. Wong when he comes to town. As to the school at Kumpai, I've got in touch with the Military again. Pray for early release of the property.

Tomorrow we will advance beyond Ngabang to Bebehan village when we will hold a Gospel meeting at night. This village will henceforth be included in our orbit.

PETER CLEMENTS' FINAL REPORT

We have just arrived back from the bush today, and I suspect Choon Poh is pleased to be back ~~here~~ with some modern conveniences, and toilets without flies and mosquitoes! Well, it has been a precious experience up there with people who have so little of this world's goods, and yet who have all things in Christ. I have never seen people live in such a simple way. It made me recall the words of our Lord Jesus when He said 'having food and raiment, therewith let us be content.' Paul also added that godliness with contentment is great gain. These people have been living for years without the things that Singaporeans would consider essential. It is true that there are needs - real needs both in the spiritual and in the social areas, but it was an education to see how these folk have adapted to the situation, and made the best of it. Of course one of the most disturbing things is the fact that they have no citizenship, and therefore that they do not belong anywhere. Had there been further opportunity, I would have liked to preach a sermon on our citizenship being in heaven ...

I enjoyed driving a Toyota pickup into one of the villages over some road that made me feel homesick for Australia. It was slow going with a loaded vehicle, but we arrived without mishap... Most of the time we have been out we have had meetings every night, with visitation during the day. It appears that it is only the Christians that come to the meetings, as the unsaved stay well clear. That means that it is better to lean towards teaching messages than straight evangelistic. I enjoyed giving a few children's talks through interpreter, as at times there were more children than adults ...

MORE ON TITHING

The trouble is, like ungrateful children who forget their parents, we do not. We love our wife and children more, our own desires, our house, our car, our T.V. and Hi Fi Music, our profession, our hobby, more than God. We have left our first love. To set us a minimal standard for the expression of our love, God has ordained the tithe.

Abraham gave tithes, so did Jacob when he found how God had helped him in his troubles. Tithing therefore is not a Mosaic law that was imposed on Israel. It preceded Moses. It is confirmed by our Lord Jesus Christ. In Luke 11:42, while Jesus rebukes the Pharisees for neglecting the higher virtues of justice and love, He nevertheless upholds the worship of tithing. Paul certainly does when he exhorts the Corinthian Christians to give "bountifully", which is certainly more and not less than the tithe.

Jesus further encourages us to give, "It is more blessed to give than to receive". Conversely, if we have received, and received from God's hand, and have never reciprocated with heartfelt returns, we would not be blessed. We might even be accursed! In Mal. 3:11 God reminds the Jews how their fruit trees, being worm-eaten, were due to their withholding the tithe. Malachi called this "robbing God" (Mal. 3:8). How can one be blessed when he robs God?

Let me tell you of an interesting encounter recently with one of our contractors. This one is a mason. He is the one who made the roof-top extension to the Parsonage. I witnessed to him, as to all other contractors. But he ridiculed the God of Heaven. He said we Christians are superstitious. I kept quiet. But his cement work became a washout that day with a drizzling rain.

A fortnight later he came back to remake the cement floor. Drip-drop, drip-drop! He felt a little apprehensive. I said, "Pray to the God of Heaven. He'll help you!" He replied, in Chinese, equivalent to the American, "Baloney". I kept quiet. The drops thickened. It drizzled on ...

Finally, my friend gave in. "Ah," he sighed, "this work is a washout again. O.K. I'll make for you a mosaic floor next time - half price! Only \$180/=. The rest is for God!"

"For God!" I mumbled within myself. Had my mason friend bowed to the Almighty?

"Don't be iron-teethed!" he sheepishly acknowledged his stubbornness as he promised to come again.

Reader, do you have to learn the hard way like my mason friend? Tithing is a matter between you and your God.

Now therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts, "Consider your ways, Ye have sown much, and bring in little; Ye eat, but ye have not enough...and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes." (Hag. 1:6).

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (JULY 20-26)

MON 8.30 am FEBC Reopens. Day of Prayer at 64 Andrew Road.

8.00 pm FEK Com. Mtg. at Parsonage.

TUE 8.00 pm Jeroboam/Prayer Meeting at Parsonage.

THUR 7.30 pm O.T. History

FRI 6.30 pm FEBC Dinner and Graduation at Calvary Pandan BP Church

SAT 9.00 am Korean School

3.30 pm JYF, YF & AF

7.30 pm VCF Grads.

SUN 10.00 am Mr Dohar Siregar

10.00 am Miss Alice Doo

11.45 am Korean Service

1.30 pm Beulah Service

4.30 pm Sharon Service

5.25 pm Mini-bus leaves for Calvary Pandan.

Deepest sympathy to Bro & Mrs Cher Han Poh on the home-going of their new-born child, July 18. God takes his little one home.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS \$2,319.50 + \$25 (FEBC) + \$200 (Dohar).

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS:

PRAISE + THE LORD: 1552) \$200; 1553) \$30;

1554) \$10; 1555) \$30;

1556) \$35; 1557) \$1,000;

1558) \$250; 1559) \$100 (AF);

1560) \$120; 1561) \$141.37 (Int.)

TOTAL: \$807,945.23

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(Interest earning is now 11½%).

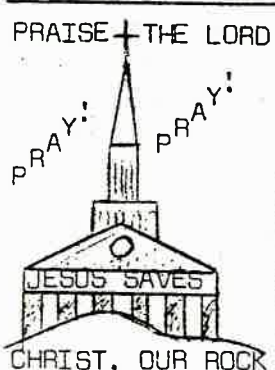
NURSERY, JULY 26: Miss Jane Ng, Miss Fam Chuay Lai and Mrs Nancy Seah.

From Thurs. July 23, and Mon. July 27, two classes of 1½ hrs ea. every week, Rev Tow will teach a full course in Old Testament History, Genesis to Esther. This will take a whole academic year. Readers are open to attend in the evenings. Of fundamental importance is the study of O.T. History bec. it is the foundation of all Bible knowledge. Do you know there are 600 O.T. quotations or allusions in the N.T.?

ELDER JOSHUA LIM VOICES SUPPORT

Brother Teo Gim Thong's admonition on the attires (Life Bible-Presbyterian - 12th July 1981) of Church members deserves the full support of the B-P Church and, in particular, the Ministers, Pastors and Elders. All B-P Ministers, Pastors, and Elders must drive home the message loud and clear as often as possible. The decline in the moral standard of the society is affecting the spiritual well-being of the Church. This cannot be denied. The attractions and temptations of our society are indeed too strong for our members to resist.

Often times, I am unable to see the difference between our members and non-Christians at social functions and Church service. Attires which are not conducive for Christians are being worn by our members. Unless we check such unhealthy "wind" in time, the image of our B-P will be adversely affected and its stand and testimony, namely purity in doctrine and practice will be severely undermined. ...





TESTIMONY OF CAPT. LIM JUI SECK

On 7 Jun 81 afternoon while returning home after church, I was paralysed in the bus! The complete left side of my body was totally numb and senseless! I could not even breathe through my left nostril! I used my right hand to massage the left limbs, tried to exercise to regain the senses. But for more than ten minutes, all my efforts were in vain. My heart sank, my mind went blank and my tears were running.

Thank God, the Holy Spirit prompted me to pray. There was a still small voice that urged me, "Why don't you pray?"

"Lord Jesus, Lord Jesus, please save me. I don't want to be paralysed just like that. Please give me good health that I may serve you throughout my life. Lord Jesus please save me now."

Immediately after my prayer, I felt warmth flowing through my limbs; then I could clench my left hand; I could shift my left leg; I could breathe with my left nostril. I was saved and I was normal again. I was so thankful to our Lord Jesus that my tears continue to run for a while. I returned home safely.

On 8 Jun 81 morning I reported to my camp doctor and told him what I had experienced the day before. He was taken aback, and told me that that was something very serious. He referred me to the Neurosurgery Department at Tan Tock Seng Hospital instantly. He even contacted the Head of that department Mr Tham Cheok Fai and arranged for my admission. I was admitted at the hospital without knowing that I was in a very serious and dangerous condition.

During my interview with Mr Tham, he told me that it was unusual for me to have recovered from the paralysis attack which is medically termed Transient Ischaemic Attack (TIA). He said that I was lucky. Really God is gracious to me.

In the next few days I was put through a series of special tests to determine what actually went wrong. On 12 Jun 81 after the doctors had confirmed their findings, Mr Tham discussed with me what they had discovered and their intention.

The right Internal Carotid Artery at my brain was 95% constricted by cholesterol! The constriction could have been formed long time ago. The doctors were puzzled that I could still exercise my left limbs. Again Mr Tham said that I was lucky. This is truly God's special grace upon me.

As the constriction was just before a junction or branch, the best they could do was to link a synthetic artery to by pass the constriction. But Mr Tham told me there was no guarantee of success. I told them, "God has been so gracious to me, He will see me through the operation. I trust the Lord will lead you. So just do your best and I shall be saved."

Until my operation on 15 Jun 81, I did not experience anymore TIA. Praise and thank God for preserving me safely. Psalms 121:8, "The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore."

I was operated on on 15 Jun 81 morning. It was a very major operation. The surgeons had to remove a portion of my scalp and skull in order to reach the artery on my brain; and on completion, replace them and stitch up the incision. I was in the operating theatre for about six hours. All went through smoothly and successfully.

My recovery was good and speedy. On 22 Jun 81 the stitches were removed and on 24 Jun 81 I was discharged from the hospital. These amazed the doctors and nurses too. There were many patients admitted before me but still recovering in the hospital. During my seventeen days in TTSH I saw eight patients from my ward pass away; few of them were actually recovering fine, but suddenly passed away.

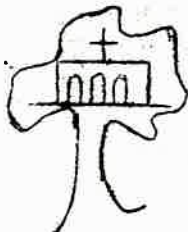
My wife and I have been praying for the GCE 'A' examination which I will be taking at the end of this year. I hope to obtain good results so that I can apply for SAF Scholarship to go to the university. This incident happened at the right time.

After the operation I feel more energetic and do not feel tired and sleepy which I always felt before. Now I have a better brain to study. I have applied for three and a half months of leave commencing middle August 81 to prepare for the examination, but now I am given medical leave and I can study full time already. Romans 8:28, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose".

With the privileges and grace that He has given me, all that remains is for me to ask God to strengthen me that I may be able to carry out my promise to Him. The promise which I made when I was paralysed in the bus was that I may serve Him throughout my life. Amen.

IT TAKES TEN YEARS TO PLANT A TREE;
YEA, A HUNDRED YEARS, TO MAKE A MAN.

This is a Chinese couplet often quoted in respect of the perseverance needed in the nurture of students in a school of learning. No less is the same required of two schools attached to our Church, both Far Eastern by name - first, the Bible College; second, the Kindergarten. As supervisor of the latter and principal of the former, I can truthfully say, it takes "a hundred years to make a man."



It takes years and years to establish any school that will make a mark on society.

It has taken the Far Eastern College almost two decades to enter into this period of fruitful-bearing. To date, there have been graduated from our College 66 students from a dozen countries, though the majority consists of Singaporeans, Malaysians and Indonesians and sons and daughters of the B-P Church. This is FEBC's 19th year completed with a 13th graduation service just held on Friday, July 24, 1981. At this service, three degrees were conferred on Dohar and Glorya, both of Medan, Sumatra, and on Tan Boon Kwang of GLTS (Gospel Letters and Tract Soc., a Reformed Church group) and a Diploma in Theology awarded to Cheong Yoke Fun, a Lifer now with Mt. Carmel B-P Church. All four are in the Lord's service or will be.

While these four are of the class of the 19th academic year, there promises a much bigger graduation as we look forward to the 14th graduation and the completion of the 20th year. For the student body this year has risen higher - to a total of 49, of whom 43 are fulltime and 6 parttime. Should all this number live-in, our FEBC Hostel would be filled to the brim, with extra space for at most 2 or three. With this rising trend in enrolment, we can expect easily an increase of a dozen in a year or two. Then we would have no space to admit them!

To prepare for the influx, the College Directors have decided to take the initiative to renovate, incorporating the private verendahs of the dorms into the main units. By so doing eight more students can be accommodated in the rain-proof verendahs. Then there are those "upper regions", sitting in the cold all these years which we could make into more permanent shelters to house another 6 to 8 students. This is the least we can do to prepare for an increasing student body. This decision has met with enthusiastic response in the Directors who voted \$20,000 from FEBC, and in the students, as we begin to see offerings coming in from their loving hands. Yes, from their loving hands in the daily ministrations of keeping our Church grounds clean and green. Some who are electricians and know plumbing at the finger tips have saved the College and Church a good many bills for maintenance. The Church has provided for the College, and the College has served the Church. The thought that blesses - that Life Church has been given a ministry by the Lord to take care of the Bible College by providing the quarters. We are the Widow and FEBC the Prophet. From this combined ministry there will come the Elishas and young prophets like Jonah, but we must pray, no Gehazis!

- T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (JULY 27-AUG 2)

MON 7.30 pm O.T. History
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting at Parsonage.
9.15 pm Session Meeting
THUR 7.30 pm O.T. History
SAT 9.00 am Korean School
3.30 pm JYF, YF (Rev Tow) & AF.
SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow (Lord's Supper)
10.00 am Rev Lin (Lord's Supper)
11.30 am Catechism Class for Oct. Baptism.
11.45 am Korean Service
1.00 pm Rev Tow at AF : The Tabernacle.
1.30 pm Beulah Service
4.30 pm Sharon Service
5.25 pm Mini bus leaves for Calvary

Pandan (Dr Tow Siang Hwa)

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: \$2,341.35

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS:

1567) \$10; 1568) \$50;
PRAISE THE LORD! 1569) \$300; 1570) \$1,800;
1571) \$230; 1572) \$775;
1573) \$200; 1574) \$159.04
(Int.); 1575) \$20;
1576) \$400.10 (Chin. Serv.);
1577) \$350 (Box).
TOTAL: \$815,413.37
STOP PRESS! 1578) \$53.

FEBC RENOVATIONS: 1) \$20; 2) \$20; 3) \$20 (Box);
4) \$200; 5) \$50. TOTAL: \$310.

NURSERY, AUG 2: Mrs Grace Seow, Mrs Mary Prasad and Mrs Magdalene Thio.

Gift- Bibles are the best gifts to give!
See the Book Centre!

Book-binding by "Breakthrough" FEBC students' project. Just phone Church office!

Sturdy Const. Co. Proprietor Rev Charlie Tan.

A ministry with converted ex-prisoners. Need plumbing? electrical repairs? Phone 4811786.

PRAISE THE LORD FOR 1) Mr Tan Lye Lee, 92, of Chinese Service who has recovered from recent illness and is moving about again!

2) For Mrs Lee Meng Fong who accepted the Lord as Saviour at her home and desired baptism in October, with her youngest daughter.

3) For a big turnout of students (fr. other churches) to the Old Test. History Class. Lifers are exhorted to come and study!

Dr R.L. Harris is scheduled to arrive Sept. 14 3.15 p.m. and leave for Hong Kong Fri. Sept. 18 9 a.m. He will lecture 4 nights, Sept. 14-17 at Life Church on the Inerrancy and Canonicity of the Bible, and on Bible and Science, the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Dr Lynn Gray Gordon, Gen. Sec. of the Independent Board for Presbyterian For. Mission is visiting S'pore en route to H.K. the 3rd week of August.

FEBC 13th Graduation Offerings \$941 + \$50 + \$9 = \$1,000. And 1 big bouquet from Korean Church (Pastor Rev Son).

Deepest Sympathy to Elder Seow and Deacon Chong Keong on the home-going of their third brother Chong Swee. Funeral was officiated Saturday July 25 by Revs. Quek and Tow.

Greetings have been received from Rev David Yar who now pastors a Church at Emmanuel House, 54 View Road, Mt Eden, Auckland, N. Zealand. Phone 606115, 603800.

Plan to attend All Life Church VBC (Chinese Service incld.) Nov. 23-27, '81. Pondok, Cabins Sleeping Capsules, and more Campers' Delight to come!

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THE HARVEST AND THE HARVESTERS

Message by Rev. K.C. Quek at the 13th Graduation
Service of Far Eastern Bible College in convocation
at Calvary Pandan B-P Church, Friday, 24th July, 1981
Scripture Reading: John 4:31-37; 9:1-4; Matthew 9:35-38

"The Harvest truly is plenteous but the labourers are few"

This observation by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is ever so true. In fact, the harvest today is getting more and more plenteous and labourers, fewer and fewer. There are at least two reasons for this phenomenon.

Firstly, with the ever rising world population, the number of Christians as against the number of non-Christians becomes even fewer by ratio. Hence the total number of souls who need to be harvested and brought to Christ increases proportionately.

Secondly, with the fast spreading of liberalism and liberation theology, more and more churches have ceased to carry out the Great Commission of Jesus Christ and more and more Bible Colleges are turning out graduates who show no interest in soul-winning.

This trend can be easily seen, for instance, in the 1980 May Conference in Melbourne, South Australia, of the missionary arm of the World Council of Churches, the Commission on World Mission and Evangelism. Throughout that Conference, as I had personally observed, there was complete silence on evangelism and soul-winning according to the Scriptures. Repentance was repeatedly mentioned but that was to repent for sinning against the poor and the oppressed. To them, the all important command by our Lord: "Ye must be born again" in John Chapter 3 means "Turn your heart and mind around so that you can see what is in front of you happening right where you are"

Preaching of the Gospel is no longer welcome to the World Council's Commission on World Mission and Evangelism; an instance was quoted of the South Pacific where cannibalism gave place formerly to Christian civilisation through faithful preaching by faithful missionaries. Said a delegate representing that region in his address to the plenary session: "We are concerned that the Pacific region has been seen and used by many churches as a classroom for missions. We resent this strongly and wish to make it clear to the churches that we do not want to be exploited by the churches through their missionary programmes. The proliferation of missionary activities in the Pacific by the established churches and the independent missionary organisations is increasingly seen by the Pacific people as a threat to their cultures, their communities and their lives ... We solicit the support of this Conference ... to help us correct the attitude of churches regarding missionary expansion in the Pacific ..." And this verbal statement was later issued in writing and distributed at the Conference at the direction of the Chairman.

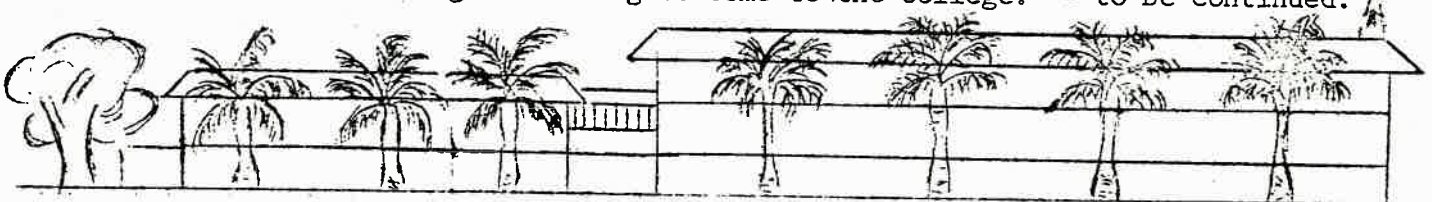
Such is the trend not only in the Pacific area but now throughout the world among churches and Bible institutions that have departed from Biblical Christianity. All indications from World Council publications are that this trend will go on increasing in intensity and extent.

The Role of the Far Eastern Bible College

It is here that the Far Eastern Bible College comes in, in the word of the Founder and Principal of the College, Dr Timothy Tow, "to meet the pressing need to train a new generation of evangelists, pastors and teachers for the Church of Jesus Christ in the Far East, and to confront certain institutions in Singapore that have apostatised from the Faith." In such perilous times as these, the mandate of the College, in the word of the President of the Board of Directors, Rev Dr Tow Siang Hwa, is, "not only to prepare labourers for the harvest fields, but also to train hardy soldiers to contend earnestly for the Faith."

By the grace of the Lord God Almighty, the College, now in its 20th year, has through its faithful Bible-centred programmes all these years, produced 66 graduates. Going through the list of these graduates in the 1980 to 1982 Prospectus of the College, we find that a great majority of them are still actively serving in the Lord's Vineyard. Some are already teaching others, according to II Timothy Chapter 2 Verse 2, both in the Alma Mater and in other Bible institutions. A good number have become Church Pastors and others are on the way.

We are so thankful to God for having given us an increasing number of students, 13 new ones for this academic year, making a total number of 49. The countries represented by the student body have increased to 14, not only from the Far East, but as the Principal and the Registrar have observed, from the north, from the south and from the west as well. Testimonies given at the College Day of Prayer this past Monday have shown us how marvellously the Lord has called these new dedicated young men and women to the College for training and how the College training in the past has helped the students in their ministry, either in their home churches or on the mission field. Some have even given up their well-paid secular employments in answer to the higher calling to come to the College. - to be continued.



OF WHAT HEAVENLY USE WILL BE YOUR
EARTHLY WEALTH AT JESUS' COMING?

The wisest thing to do, whi you may, is to send it up now! Jesus says, "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 break through and steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matt. 6:19-21).

But if He should tarry a little longer, we will have to meet Him, one by one, at His Judgment Seat. Will He say to you and to me, "well done, thou good and faithful servant"? All that we possess belongs to God, who has enabled us to earn, and to profit. We are stewards, not towkays. We are trustees and not sole-proprietors.

How can we send our earthly wealth to heaven now? By putting it into the Lord's work, particularly where the need is, where God's servants are faithfully labouring. Women, wives with hard-earned savings, can also help! Luke 8 tells of their well-acceptance of our Saviour: "And certain women which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils, And Joanna the wife of Chuza Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, which ministered unto Him of their substance."

Where can we invest our substance to the best profit? Insofar as Life Church is concerned you have been giving week after week to Woodlands! But we are still \$110,000 short of paying fully for the land - \$900,000 + \$26,000 (stamp duty). Woodlands, however, should not bog us down! We need to pay equal, if not more, attention to supporting Gospel outreaches under our care. There are 4 main fields needing our support:- 1) Kulai Besar (WF); 2) B-P Sumatra (AF); 3) West Kalimantan; 4) FEBC and Lifers under training here.

Rev K.C. Quek's message in reference to FEBC, Dohar's preaching last Sunday, Djunaidi's photo news at the Church foyer, Kulai Besar's Renovation depicted on the notice board, confirm my endorsement of these profit-making talents. These Gospel outreaches, winning souls by their direct involvement afar off are our bankers. If you cannot accomplish anything directly for the Lord, your money will, well-pleasing to the Master. If you have done nothing in these heavenly investments, then hear what our Lord said to the slothful servant, "Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received my own with usury" (Matt. 25:27).

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (AUG 3-9)

MON 7.30 pm O.T. History
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting at Parsonage
9.15 pm Session Meeting
THUR 7.30 pm O.T. History
SAT 9.00 am Korean School
3.30 pm JYF, YF & AF (Rev Tow)
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1.30 pm Beulah Service
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5.25 pm Mini bus leaves for Calvary Pandan

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: \$2,435.00 + \$60
(Gospel Boat) + (\$60 + \$190 Dohar) + \$20
(FEBC Renov.) + \$355 (WF for Kulai).

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS:

PRAISE THE LORD! 1579) \$50; 1580) \$200;
1581) \$60; 1582) \$50;
1583) \$1,450; 1584) \$300;
1585) \$300; 1586) \$100;
1587) \$300; 1588) \$500;
1589) \$70 (WF); 1590) \$150;
1591) \$1,000; 1592) \$120;
1593) \$88.36 (Int.);
1594) \$92.04 (Int.)
1595) \$200; 1596) \$30.
TOTAL: \$820,526.77



The \$1,450 envelope for Woodlands further says, "And now behold, I have brought the first of the produce of the ground which Thou, O Lord hast given me" Deut. 26:10
- my first salary, to God for all His benefits towards me (though never enough to repay Him!).

NURSERY, AUG 9: Miss Lau Sock Eng, Mrs Leong Lit Miah and Mrs Ivy Tay.

FEBC RENOVATIONS: \$72 (Students)

Corrigendum: Sturdy Const. Co's telephone is 4811-728!

Congratulations to the Korean Church which held her 1st Anniversary Thanksgiving Fri. July 31, 8 p.m. in Church. The new pastor is Rev Son who is granted 3 years' stay. From the Korean Church has come Miss Rhee Eun Hey to study at FEBC.

In addition to FEBC's \$20,000 now being spent on "final" renovations to the dorms, Life Church Session has approved another \$10-\$15,000 to "round up". These renovations are being carried out at very moderate prices to beat the inflation. Just go around the campus all spot the new additions. These renovations are most essential to cater to crowds on Sat. & the Lord's Day. 150 new fibre glass chairs are being added also.

Expresgram to REv C.T. Hsu: Your 2 cheques for Dyak workers with Djunaidi have arrived safely.

Pray for Pastor as he will be speaking 4 nights to the Asian Conference of Military Christian Fellowships Aug 10-13 (organiser Rev Lt Col Dr Patrick Tan). Dr Tow Siang Hwa will lecture on Noah's Flood, (O.T. History) Thurs. Aug. 13, 7.30 p.m. in pastor's absence. FEK' Kitchen's wall of peeling glazed tiles will also be renewed under the Renovations. Cost is only \$330/-.

A warmest welcome to our YFers as they camp in Aug 8-10.

Plan to attend All Life Church VBC (Chinese Service incld.) Nov 23-27, '81. Pondok, Cabins, Sleeping Capsules, and many more Campers' Delights to come!

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THE HARVEST AND THE HARVESTERS (con't)Qualifications the harvesters should possess

From the Word of God we will note several qualifications that a harvester in the Lord's Vineyard should possess, be he an evangelist, a pastor or a teacher. May I point out three of them here as an exhortation to our student body.

Firstly, be wholly consecrated unto the Lord. It must be assumed that any one seeking admission to a Bible College, in our case the Far Eastern Bible College, is prepared wholly to serve the Lord. Let him therefore heed St Paul's beseeching at Romans 12 to present his body a living sacrifice unto God (verse 1). Let him not be conformed to this world (vs. 2). Nothing should distract him from giving of his best, totally and willingly, to his Master our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Secondly, be skilful. The Apostle Paul exhorted young Timothy at II Timothy 2:15, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." To "study" is to strive hard and learn with diligence. There must be skill in wielding the Sword of the Spirit, not only to effectively lead others to Christ, but also to protect the flock against the increasingly subtle attacks from the Evil One, masquerading as an angel of light or as a ravening wolf in sheep's clothing.

Thirdly, be zealous. Our Lord set us a supreme example of being zealous. After His first cleansing of the Holy Temple, as recorded in John 2, His disciples remembered that it was written: "The zeal of Thine house has eaten me up" (verse 17). At Jacob's well, in John 4, Jesus said to His disciples: "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me and to finish his work. Say not ye, there are yet four months and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." And before He healed the man born blind, He said to His disciples who were more interested in studying theology concerning sin than to show mercy on the poor blind man: "I must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh when no man can work." (verse 4).

Time and tide wait for no man. Four years in College will pass very quickly, and we have only one short life to live. We are to "redeem the time" because "the days are evil" (Eph. 5:16). Christ who died on the cross and shed His precious blood to redeem us, demands from us nothing short of wholehearted service. Our risen Saviour will spue out of His mouth any one who is lukewarm, neither cold nor hot in his service to the Lord (Rev. 3:16).

It is our prayer that every harvester in the making in the Far Eastern Bible College will fully possess these qualifications: Be wholly consecrated unto the Lord, be skilful, be zealous.

Support for the harvesters

As for us who have not been called into full-time training to become full-time harvesters, may I suggest we do at least three things.

Firstly, seriously heed the call of our Lord at Matthew 9:38 to pray that "The Lord of the harvest will send forth labourers into His harvest." Then match your prayers with actions. Encourage some dedicated member of our church to come to the College for full-time training and if necessary, support him financially. Let him take our place, as it were, as a full-time harvester in the years to come.

Secondly, support the Bible College or get your church or group to support the College. There is at present a need for \$20,000 to renovate the College premises and increase the capacity for resident students by another 16, making a total of 66 bed spaces. This is an investment that will definitely multiply manyfold in the years to come. (See Renovation Note).

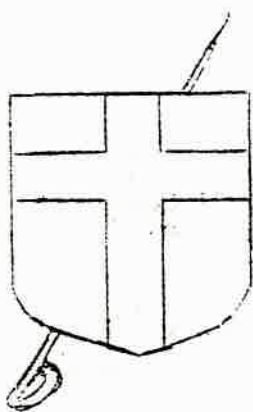
Thirdly, take up part-time study in the evening classes of the Bible College, and if this is not possible, make a real effort to study the Word of God diligently and daily by ourselves. Consult the Bible College or our pastor on what systematic part-time courses we can pursue in order to better equip ourselves as part-time harvesters. Sunday School teachers, Bible Class teachers, lay preachers and lay evangelists, all should consistently enrich themselves spiritually in order to be able to give out to others richly.

A Matter of greatest importance and urgency

Today, with an ever increasing and ripening harvest to be reaped and an ever diminishing supply of faithful harvesters, it is a matter of the greatest importance and urgency for us all to put our shoulders to the wheel and help train more and more consecrated, skilful and zealous harvesters to reap the fast ripening harvest. Lost souls need to be saved, and saved without delay. The Churches of Jesus Christ need to be kept pure in faith and practice, and be saved from being engulfed in the overwhelming, soul-destroying tide of the Ecumenical Movement. Then will all of us as sowers or reapers rejoice together, gathering fruit unto life eternal (John 4:36).

Countries Represented in FEBC

Singapore	Sabah	Indonesia	Philippines	Korea	Australia	Africa
W. Malaysia	Sarawak	Thailand	Taiwan	Japan	England	Norway



CHRISTIAN PATRIOTISM

That heavenly citizens while on earth are citizens also of the realm wherein they live is taught by our Lord in this famous saying "Render therefore unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's" (Matt. 27:21). And if a citizen's duty is demanded of a subjugate people like the Jews under Rome rule, how much more must it be required of us proud nationals who live under a Government such as ours! A Christian Singaporean should go further in the paying of our dues to the State. You and I should not render with a grudge, but gladly, even lovingly! Thus St Paul exhorts the Christians of his time, those living in Rome particularly, "Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour." To top it up he added, "Owe no man anything, but to love one another, for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law" (Rom. 13:7,8).

Now love for one's country is called patriotism. A Christian while loving God and His Kingdom above all else is morally obligated to love his country too. Hence our young people should serve with a willing and cheerful heart in the armed forces. A notable example of Christian patriotism is that of Lt. Col. Dr Yung, a gynaecologist. A busy man - yet he finds time and pleasure to serve his nation under uniform like an old scout who cannot relinquish his scouting.

Therefore, next to serving fulltime in the Lord's Army, I would that our young men consider taking up soldiering as a career. In this double respect we have our own Dr Patrick Tan for a nobler example. He has joined the armed forces in order that God's Kingdom might find a place in the hearts of our soldiers. A patriotic Christian and a Christian patriot. In the same spirit of loving God and nation is our version of SINGAPURA presented for your hearty singing this very auspicious occasion of our National Day. Photo copies of the Anthem with music are available today at the Counter on request!

Renovation Note

With 5 congregations worshipping at Gilstead Road every Lord's Day and as many groups of young people, if not more on Saturday, not counting Korean School and Weddings, to make a third auditorium, after the Church Hall and FEBC Hall is of paramount importance. Session has given the green light to renovate Jerusalem Court so that it will become Jerusalem Chapel with Upper Room and an Outer Court. This will seat 100. Session has advised against further extension on the pastor's corridor roof, but we must find some other place, as our spirit to enlarge God's House burns!

- T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (AUG 10-16)

MON - THUR 6.00 pm Pastor at Loyang Camp.
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting at Parsonage (Eld. Tay).
THUR 7.30 pm O.T. History: Slides on Noah's Flood (Dr Tow Siang Hwa).
FRI 7.00 pm Pastor at Asian Conf. Dinner, ACJC.
SAT 9.00 am Korean School
3.30 pm JYF, YF & AF.
SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow
10.00 am Mr Jonah Chan
11.30 am Catechism Class
11.45 am Korean Service
1.30 pm Beulah Service
5.25 pm Mini Bus leaves for Calvary Pandan.

BIRTH: To Mr & Mrs Tan Kah Aik, a son, Tan Xiang Rong on 24.7.81

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: \$3,111.46 + \$100 (W. Kal.) + \$200 (Renovation).

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS:

1597) \$50; 1598) \$50; 1599) \$100; 1600) \$20;
1601) \$50; 1602) \$56; 1603) \$35; 1604) \$100;
1605) \$10; 1606) \$100; 1607) \$35; 1608) \$50;
1609) \$100; 1610) \$675; 1611) \$100; 1612) \$15;
1613) \$50; 1614) \$100; 1615) \$100; 1616) \$1,200;
1617) \$1,350; 1618) \$103.67 (Int.) 1619) \$200;
TOTAL: \$825,176.44 STOP PRESS! 1620) \$126;
1621) \$108.50

FEBC RENOVATIONS: \$14; \$200; \$20; M\$100=\$91; \$100; \$80; \$150.

Pray for Pastor as he speaks 4 nights, Mon-Thurs. at the Asian Conference of Assoc. of Military Christ. Fel.

NURSERY, AUG. 16: Miss Tay Soo, Miss Winnie Lim and Miss Josephine Tan.

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O FAIREST ISLE OF SOUTHERN SEAS,

Thy waters are so blue;
Waft by a balmy ocean breeze,
Thy land is decked with dew.
Singapore! Singapore!
Thou favoured Isle of ease.
God bless thee yet with thine increase
And peace from year to year.

Our fathers came to this green shore.
From many climes and lands;
They found a richer life in store.
Beneath just ruling hands.
Singapore! Singapore!
Thou Haven of the free.
God bless thee yet with thine increase
And peace from year to year.

On thee we've built a new city -
Third great port of the world.
Let Right prevail and Equity,
Not by might nor by power.
Singapore! Singapore!
So may thy sons serve thee.
God bless thee yet with thine increase
And peace from year to year.

Today we sail as one nation;
Our flag is flying high.
May our Captain by wise action
Steer us with Compass nigh.
Singapore! Singapore!
Lightship of liberty.
Sail on unto prosperity
And peace a thousand years!

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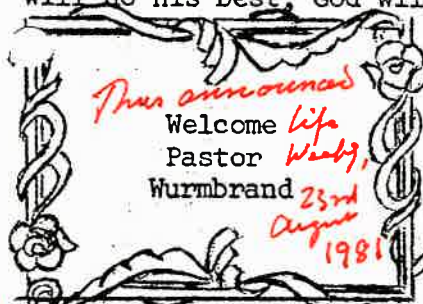
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GOD HAS DOUBLY, YEA TREBLY, CONFIRMED

Last week, when I had the architects' drawings of the recently completed Siantan Church-Kindergarten reproduced with a 2-storey extension housing Parsonage (upstairs) and Fellowship Hall downstairs, I was constrained to add, "We need to press on in the work of the Lord because Jesus' coming is near. Even at the door! For this reason I make no apology to hasten with the development of our Church-Kindergarten complex at Siantan Slum Village, Pontianak." The same Lord's Day I reported 4 sums earlier received for Djunaidi, totalling \$880.

Since that communication from my trembling pen, the Lord has doubly confirmed this decision. First, the Chinese Service has reacted with gladness. Mrs Lee Choon Ngee our Treasurer responded to do her best to exhort the Chinese-speaking Lifers. Second, an envelope of \$500 came in, marked "Gospel Boat", which is earmarked for Djunaidi. Third, the B-P Banner pledged a hearty \$10,000. We have one-quarter of our financial needs met in a week! I also said, "Let not this urgent and essential new development hamper our New Church at Woodlands project. But let not God's Kingdom be bogged down by Woodlands either." We shall not channel sums intended for Woodlands to Siantan, Pontianak. But please forget not Siantan in your prayers. To Djunaidi and co-workers in Pontianak may you enlist young people to contribute their labour to construction work, so as to cut down expenses. If every member will do his best, God will take care of the rest!"



PASTOR RICHARD WURMBRAND COMING! ~~FOURTH VISIT~~

And he will preach at Life Church, Aug. 30, 10 a.m. and at Calvary Pandan Sunset Gospel Hour, 6 p.m. the same day. How God is vindicating the B-P Church again! For Pastor Wurmbrand spoke the first time in Singapore at Zion some years back. The second time he spoke at Life. The third time was elsewhere. Now, this his fourth time is to be spent at Gilstead again.

It's a blessing to receive the Lord's messenger. It's a blessing to receive God's Word through His servant.

The name of Wurmbrand is known throughout the Christian world. Pastor Wurmbrand is all the more celebrated because he is a Jew, a Jewish Christian. He had served a 14-year jail sentence under the Russian Communists. The scars of torture on his body are matched only by the vivid description our brother has made in a book called "Tortured for Christ". Read this book for a blessing!

Pastor Wurmbrand has a ministry to suffering Christians behind the Iron Curtain. He has written a good number of books, most inspiring, deep and erudite. Any book by him is first class reading.

As next Sunday, Aug. 30 10 a.m. will see the Church packed to standing capacity, let me exhort you to come early. Bring a friend who will surely thank you for the spiritual treat.

Then there is the Sunset Gospel Hour at Calvary Pandan B-P Church at which Pastor Wurmbrand will also speak. We might have to use the downstairs Quadrangle!

Pastor Wurmbrand, an independent Christian Minister, takes a strong stand against Communism, Romanism, Modernism and Ecumenism! He is not afraid to speak out against Pharisees in the Church today.

PASTOR WURMBRAND WRITES

"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!" appears seven times in Matthew 23.

During my years in solitary confinement in a Communist prison in Romania, where we were allowed neither books nor paper, I created in my mind different films that I often "viewed" inwardly.

One of the films concerned all that I could remember of my past life. Eventually I made several versions of the film; (a) what really happened, and (b) what would have occurred if at certain turning points I had made the right decision instead of the wrong one.

Even today I practice this spiritual exercise, which is very helpful for discerning and overcoming any hypocrisy that has crept into one's life. I heartily recommend it.

Jesus wrote no fund-raising letters, nor did He make fund-raising appeals. On the contrary, He antagonized the most influential segment of Jewish society. Had he not pronounced seven woes against the Pharisees (see Matthew 23), He might have received much support for His incipient church. Today's professional fund-raisers would certainly have advised Him not to irritate the moneyed classes.

We too will expose hypocrisy in high places, not that you should despise others, but rather that we might see in their portrait a magnification of our own hypocrisy and might repent of our sins.

I do not intend to deal with all manifestations of hypocrisy but will confine myself to the hypocritical alliances of clergy with Communism.

In the USA, Maryknoll priests and religious have repeatedly shown their sympathy with the revolutionists in Latin America. The Protestant leaders organized under the banners of the World and National Councils of Churches give financial support to guerrillas who murder missionaries.

In France a Catholic Committee Against Hunger was created. Read the following list of the items on which they spent money collected in churches and you will realize how they fight hunger: "organization of trade unions and political cadres in Latin America, organization of 100 individuals responsible for guerrilla warfare, rebellion against the dictatorship in Chile, etc."

In addition, the French Protestant Relief Organization states clearly, "It is no longer a question of whether or not to make revolution, but only to decide who will make it ... The problem is not to make a theology of revolution, but to know how Christians can participate in a responsible way in the revolutionary process." ("CICES," 4/81)

These are hypocritical priests and pastors. They call themselves disciples of Jesus, Love Incarnate, but instead of teaching the poor and the rich how to repent of their sins and abandon their wicked ways, they foment and promote bloody revolutions.

Can they feign ignorance of the fact that the Russian revolution cost the lives of 66 million people, the Chinese of 60 million, the Cambodian of two million? Death and destruction are what revolution gave to the poor.

Eichmann, the German mass murderer of Jews, is said to have remarked before being hanged, "I descend to the grave happy, knowing that six million Jews preceded me there." The Communists can boast of having slaughtered well over 100 million victims.

And what of those who have survived the purges and bloodbaths? Do the leftist clergy not know that in Russia, Romania, and Poland, among other Communist nations, people stand in line for food? In Russia they tell a wry joke: "God should have established Socialism in paradise. Then there would have been no apples, and the first couple would not have sinned." Is it worth fomenting revolution only to increase famine? "Voice of the Martyrs", July '81

BIRD LODGE



In last week's sermon we noted that the Church is like a mustard tree that grows to be a shelter and resting place for birds. One aspect of this ministry is our Hospitality. Life Church-FEBC were able to accommodate 100 foreign guests at the recent 10th Gen. Assembly and feed 300 at one sitting. Again when the Asian Conference of the Assoc. of Military Christian Fellowships from 15 countries met last week, our many rooms were made available to Japanese, Indonesian and Korean conferees. Again, this week, half-a-dozen students from Malaysia Bible Seminary found shelter here. We're now in the final stages of renovations so as to increase our student intake capacity to 70. Of course the Hospitality Ministry will be enhanced thereby.

- T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (AUG. 24-30)

MON 7.30 pm O.T. History
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting at Parsonage
WED 5.55 pm Pastor Wurmbbrand arrives
THUR 7.30 pm O.T. History
SAT 9.00 am Korean School
3.30 pm JYF, YF & AF.
SUN 10.00 am Pastor Wurmbbrand (Dr P. Tan)
10.00 am Rev Tow (Chinese Service)
11.30 am Catechism Class
11.45 am Korean Service
1.30 pm Beulah Service
4.30 pm Sharon Service
5.25 pm Mini bus leaves for Calvary Pandan

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: \$2,554.12 + (\$100 + \$50 Dohar) + \$20 (Renov.) + \$500 (FEK for Renov.) + \$500 (WF for Kulai).

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS:

1639) \$500 (Beulah);
PRAISE THE LORD 1640) \$220 (My Firstfruit & LOVE-offering to the Lord);
PRAY! 1641) \$20; 1642) \$400 (AF);
PRAY! 1643) \$70 (WF); 1644) \$421.90 (LCSS); 1645) \$154.22 (Int.);
1646) \$235.96 (Int.);
1647) \$30. TOTAL: \$833,144.17
STOP PRESS! 1648) \$28.31 (Boxes); 1649) \$269.88

FEBC RENOVATIONS: \$10; \$20.

DJUNAIDI PARSONAGE & CHURCH HALL:

5) \$500 (Gospel Boat); 6) \$10,000 (BPB);
7) \$410.10 (Chin. Serv.). TOTAL: \$11,790.10

NURSERY, AUG. 30: Miss Hedy Ho, Miss Khoo

Cheng Hiong and Miss Choi Lin Fong.

Lim Florist, Tel: 3369011.

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LIFE CHURCH AF is giving some scholarships to aid needy FEBC students! Apply to the Principal.

The remaining two FEK classrooms will be renovated with Japanese ceramic mosaic at \$3.30 per sq. ft.

Welcome to Dr Lynn Gray Gordon, Pres., Independent Board for Presbyterian For. Missions. He is speaking at Calvary Jurong B-P Church this Lord's Day.

Congratulations to Kulai B-P Church on her 1st Anniversary this Lord's Day.

Formation of Chinese Presbytery, in advance of formation of our Synod. Sept. 19, the Pastors and elders from Singapore will travel up to Rawang, via Kulai and Kelapa Sawit. At 3 p.m. they will meet with our Malaysian elders.

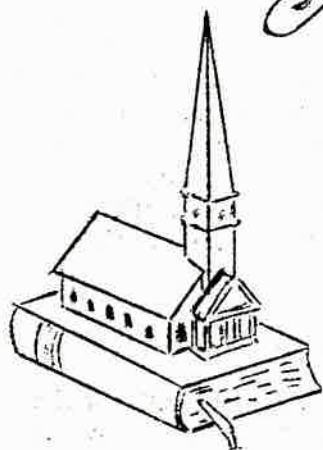
The next day being a Lord's Day messengers from S'pore will preach at the various local churches. For night accommodation they will be housed at the late Elder Lim Siew Guat's mansion. Elder and Mrs Koa Keng Woo are our hosts.

PRAY AND PRAISE! 1) Pray for Madam Phay Chiang Whye of the Chinese Service as she convalesces at Mt Elizabeth Hospital after a successful operation. 2) Praise God for restoring Mr Tan Lye Lee, 92, of the Chinese Service. 3) Pray for Rev Paaue's mother who has been ill for sometime.

Korean News. The Korean Church in Singapore is growing in numbers as more and more Korean expatriates work in S'pore. The latest census is 2,000! Is it not our Church's honour and privilege to have a part in witnessing to the Koreans?

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BUILDING THE CHURCH



The attitude of the people determines the success of the church. The church cannot be built when people do not see it in its right perspective. The church must have its rightful place in my life and I must have a right relationship to it. Without these the church will be stagnate and will have little or no effect on the passing world. When I see the church properly, my concern for it will grow. When I am concerned for its welfare, the church will stop limping along. Progress and growth will be seen and God's people encouraged.

As Nehemiah rebuilt the walls and city of Jerusalem, all the obstacles to the work were overcome and the work went ahead and the results were visible to both the workers and the opposition. Those who opposed the work were angry, they had great indignation, they mocked and despised the workers. But in spite of all this, the work went ahead. How do we account for this success in light of this great opposition? It was simply the attitude of the people, "for the people had a mind to work."

The first two messages in this series set forth the development of this attitude in those of us who are the true builders of the church of God. Seeing, as David did, that church building is a great work because it is for God's glory and that it lifts our eyes from the common everyday affairs of life to just another work. It is THE work of all ages. We dare not bring it down to the level of ordinary things. It must be the grandest, best, most important, most honourable task that we can do in this life. Seen in this way, we will develop a "mind to work." We will see church building being carried on as it should be to the glory of God.

A high evaluation of church building develops the desire to invest in the work. First, my pocket-book is affected. I am now willing to give toward this great project. Although this does not involve active participation, it does stimulate my interest to learn more about this high and noble endeavour. I become aware of other ways in which I can become a helper. The desire to be personally active grows upon me and soon I have entered into church building with a "mind to work."

The growth of the Bible Presbyterian Church depends on how each of us view the task before us. Let us all take a good look to see if we have the right perspective of the work to behold its greatness. May our interest grow to willing giving as we are aware of the needs and our desire to be actively involved. The progress we will see will encourage us and strengthen our faith and God will bless.

- by Rev Frank Mood, Missions America.

ONE REASON WHY

God has blessed our efforts at Gilstead Rd., in the light of the message above by Rev Frank Mood, is our involvement in building God's Houses. Even our contractors working on the renovations in progress testify of the peace they have felt in God's House. "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" (Haggai 1:8).

Is there any reader who has given to the Woodlands Project and felt unhappy about it? Then when there's a more urgent need in West Kalimantan, neither did we shrink from building the Siantan Church-Kindergarten! Nor do we stand back in the equally essential task of building Rev. Djunaidi a 3-room parsonage which incorporates fellowship hall downstairs.

Praise the Lord, as we take stock of the people's effort during the last two years (did we not commence the Woodlands Fund Aug. 1979?) we should have given a total of over \$840,000 by the end of this month. Apart from this sum we should have offered \$50,000 for all the renovations and accommodations that are being added to the church week after week (FEBC contributes a total of \$25,000). These are valuable and handsome structures so much needed by an expanding Church and College. Not only is God pleased with such additions to His House, His children, who love His House, feel no less the same.

As we look forward to 1982 when building operations at Woodlands should begin may we exhort you not to be weary in well-doing. Let us press on in every good work to do as we see the Day approaching. We are delighted to end with this note - that the Djunaidi Parsonage and Downstairs Fellowship Hall Fund is receiving spirited support from our Chinese Service. You can see the response overleaf. For the people have a mind to give.

- T.T.

CHRIST AND AMBITION

by Elder Lim Teck Chye (fr. AF Newsletter)

Most ambitions have 2 things in common; they are pursuits for 1) prestige, honour and recognition, and 2) money. Like empty dreams, they do not satisfy when we reach them, nor do they bring happiness.

Let us get our priorities right. Christ must be the centre of our lives. There are 2 positions in our hearts - the throne and the cross. They must be occupied by either Christ or ourselves. If we take the throne, then Christ will take the cross, and vice-versa. Our Lord Jesus always lets us be first to choose between the two. He will not force His will on us.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (AUG 31-SEPT 6)

MON 7.30 pm O.T. History
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting at Parsonage
THUR 7.30 pm O.T. History
FRI 7.30 pm CEF
SAT 9.00 am Korean School
3.00 pm Lee Chee Seng and Phoon Cheng
Fun Wedding. Rev Tow officiating.
Reception at FEBC Hall.
3.30 pm JYF & YF
SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow (Lord's Supper)
10.00 am Rev Lin Tah Mon (Lord's Supper)
11.30 am Catechism Class
11.45 am Korean Service
1.30 pm Beulah Service
4.30 pm Sharon Service
5.25 pm Mini bus leaves for Calvary
Pandam. "1,000 Golden Years".

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: \$2,257.31 + \$50
(Missions) + \$40 (W. Kal.) + \$250 (CLBC for
NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS: Renov.)

1650) \$50; 1651) \$120;
PRAISE THE LORD! 1652) \$50; 1653) \$15;
1654) US \$80 = \$172;
1655) \$100; 1656) \$200;
1657) \$300; 1658) \$400;
1659) \$1,190; 1660) \$1,000;
1661) \$135.50 Int.,
1662) \$98.53 Int.,
TOTAL: \$837,273.39.
STOP PRESS! 1663) \$900;
1664) US\$50 = \$107.50

DJUNAIDI PARSONAGE & CHURCH HALL:

8) *\$40; 9) \$1,080 (In memory of Mrs Phay
Seow Chua nee Yeo Hioh Liang of Chinese Serv.)
10) \$250 (LCCSS). TOTAL: \$13,160.10

NURSERY, SEPT. 6: Miss Hazel Wong, Mrs Yiew
Pong Sen and Mrs Celia Tan.

We welcome to our pulpit this Lord's Day
Pastor and Mrs Wurmbrand. They will be at
the Sunset Gospel Hour Calvary Pandam this
evening, speaking on "Jesus is Crucified".
Pastor Wurmbrand's books are available at
CLBC at only a couple of dollars, a real buy
for your money! Rush!

Thank the Lord for Madam Phay Chiang Whye
who has now returned home from Mt. Elizabeth
Hospital.

There is a triple blessing (Rev. 1:3) promised
to those who attend Revelation Class now just
started at LCSS, every Lord's Day 9 a.m.!

The Pastor is the teacher.
The Engagement between Herbert Gwee Teck Huat
and Susan Ng Seok Cheng is announced to be
solemnised at the Parsonage Aug. 30, 3 p.m.
Congratulations 1) to Cheong Yoke Fun and
Seah Eng Chee of Mt Carmel B-PC on their
wedding at Galilee B-P Church, Sept. 5, '81
4 p.m. 2) to Mr & Mrs Tan Boon Kwang of GLTS,
on the birth of a daughter, Serene, Aug. 27,
1981.

Who would donate a fountain for our new fish
pond beneath the green woods? Thanks to Rev Bo,
8 Traveller's palms have been transplanted
from the attap "cove". The Jerusalem Chapel
with Upper Room is now ready for group meet-
ings!

Praise the Lord for Kelapa Sawit taking a
lead to claim Bukit Batu at the 33rd mile
Kulai Road, Johore for Christ! Pray for Eld.
John Ling in this new undertaking.

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CHRIST & AMBITION, cont'd

So when we choose our ambitions, we should be
mindful of the following:

1. Pray first before we decide. Pray for His
guidance and leading. Phil. 4:6. Often we
have already decided what we want. Yet we also
know that it may be God's will to give us some-
thing else. Thus we pray, trying to hide our
true desires, forgetting that God knows the
deepest yearnings of our hearts even before we
utter it. So we should not fret, but rather
with thanksgiving, let our requests be made
known unto Him.

2. Does our ambition fit the description in
Phil. 4:8?

3. Do we have the peace of God where this ambi-
tion is concerned? Phil. 4:7. Peace shows us
whether it is God's will. If we feel uneasy,
it is the Holy Spirit telling us that it is not
God's will for us.

4. Will our ambition be like spending money
for that which is not bread? Isa. 55:1,2. We
must recognise the vanity of our lives. Does
our ambition add to this futility?

5. First put God on the throne. Matt. 6:33.
As in Luke 10:39-42, we are cumbered about
many things. But only one thing is needful,
and that is to sit at Jesus' feet and hear His
Word. Therefore we are commanded to love the
Lord our God with all our heart, soul and mind.

6. When we have achieved our ambitions, remem-
ber that God has led us there, and for a pur-
pose - that we might be servants of God.

Paul learned to be content in whatever state
he was in (Phil. 4:11-13). We too have to
learn to achieve Christian contentment. Only
then will we realise our ambition.

Expresgram to Rev C.T. Hsu Your remittance
of US\$300 for Dyak workers (Oct. & Nov.) rece-
ived. (Djunaidi Parsonage and downstairs Chu-
rch Hall are soon to be constructed!).

Expresgram to Tan Khoo Eng, USA. Your gift
for renovations recd. Praise the Lord, both
your Mother and brother are preparing for Ban-
tism! Praying for your early success!

In view of Mother Paauwe's grave illness for
the worse and at the advice of Dr Lynn Gray
Gordon, president of the Missions Board, Rev
and Mrs Paauwe and family who are due for fur-
lough next April have decided to return home
Sept. 7, 1981. Pray for the Paauwes in their
hour of trial, and for the Mother's recovery,
Lord willing. We bid them Godspeed.

Life Church Post Cards at \$.20 or 6 for \$1
should be yours for brief correspondence. Use
them when writing to Lifers abroad for auld
lang syne.

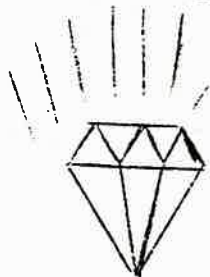
Pray for our youngest daughter Church, Grace
(Pastor, Tan Eng Boo) as she prepares to launch
out to Changi. Oct. 3 in the inauguration of
a new BP Church, Shalom at the St. George's
Church near the Christian Conference Centre.
The Pastor of Life Church will deliver the
message. Tan Choon Seng, our B-P Chaplain to
the Armed Forces, is heading the Changi out-
reach.

Ling Kwang for Senior Citizens' 20-page bro-
chure, beautifully printed with photo of the
model of the Home in colours on the front and
back covers, are now released to all B-P Church-
es. Donations are tax-exempt.



GEMS FROM WURMBRAND'S SERMONS

Gleaned from his first visit to Singapore in October 1972.



1. From "Unprofitable Servants" to Profitable Ones. In the parable of the "unprofitable servants" (Luke 17:7-10), we observe that we belong to this category if we serve the Lord merely from a sense of duty. If we do work for the Lord with the mentality of a servant, doing no more than is required, we remain "unprofitable". We should rise above this level of one with a passionate love. Then our service becomes profitable indeed!

From Moses to David, God had chosen to dwell with His people in a tabernacle. It was David of all His saints who felt a holy desire to build a better building for the Lord, to make it out of gold and precious stones and the finest cedar wood. He desired to do this because he passionately loved His God. For this holy desire to build God a House, David was rewarded with an established throne and a high commendation from the Lord. Let us serve the Lord not as servants but with a passionate love that makes us delight in His service.

2. "366 Fear Nots". One injunction to Joshua that recurs again and again is "Fear not". When I made a count of the number of "fear nots" in the Bible, I found that there are 366 of them, i.e., one for each day of the year, plus one for the leap year. How good it is to know that our God is with us every day and every fraction of a day. He tells us not to be afraid anytime, for He cares for us.

3. SAVED, while the Sermon is preached! How often evangelists who call for decisions at the end of a sermon give the impression that it is by their call that a sinner comes to repentance. This is not true. As the message is being preached and a soul, hearing the glad news of Christ's saving grace believes through the working of the Holy Spirit, then he is saved there and then. As you hear the Word being preached now and you believe, you are already saved! You are saved now as I speak!

4. Members one of another. How is it that when someone hits you with a truncheon on the ankle you groan with your tongue? Because ankle and tongue are members one of another, members of the same body. When Christians are tortured by the Communists, we who are outside the Iron and Bamboo Curtains cannot help but cry out! We are members one of another of the same body of Christ.

5. Prayer, as defined by a secret believer in Red China hearing our broadcast is: After you have said everything throughout the day and you can conclude with "Amen", then it is prayer. Such a definition could not have been made by one going through ten seminaries!

6. Another insight into the deep truths of Christianity is observed by the underground Church in China - don't try to be "better" Christians, rather become Christ-like Christians!

7. Prayer is a dialogue not a monologue. When I was a little boy I once pranked on the door bells of my neighbourhood. After ringing the door bells, one by one, I ran away from the inmates. Often we are like that in our prayers made to God. We repeat some outworn phrases perfunctorily and we rush away from Him into our own world of business or pleasure. I don't give him a chance to reply, to speak back to us. Prayer is a dialogue. Let us reverently wait for His answers.

8. Be a "jubilated" Christian. In the Catholic Church Calendar a name is given to every Sunday. One is called "Jubilate" i.e. "Be jubilant" or "make a joyful noise". On such a Sunday I observed no sign of jubilation in the priest as he mumbled a prayer. Even so, at dinner time we thank God for our food with neither jest nor expression. But upon tasting the sweetness of the soup we husbands would thank our wives most profusely. But we don't thank God for the good wives He gives us! Let us thank God not perfunctorily, but profusely. Let us start a new kind of Christianity that is not afraid to shout "Hallelujah, Praise the Lord!" Let us become "jubilated" Christians!

9. God gives us a better name, but do we live up to it? God changed Abram's name to Abraham, which means "father of many nations" and Sarai's to Sarah which means "princess" and she was "mother of many nations". Do you live up to your name who are called Mary, John or Magdalene? Do you live a life of holiness like Mary, mother of our Lord, a life of passionate love for our Lord like John the Apostle, and a life of dedication from one previously degraded by sin like Mary Magdalene? When the Lord asked me in the prison cell one day, "What is your name?" I dared not answer a word because I could not measure myself to Richard the English martyr who died for Jesus centuries ago in England.

10. God our Father. Jesus teaches us in the Lord's Prayer to say, "Our Father." It is He who has shown us this most endearing name of God!

Once a boy was standing on an island. As a big ship sailed by he waved the ship to stop. Some men who were around made fun of him. But the ship suddenly swung round and a little boat was let down which soon ferried the boy up the big ship. Said the boy to the mockers, "Did you know that the captain of the ship is my father?" How good it is to know that God is our father. He will do His utmost for us, who are become his children through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Luther was reputed to look into the sky from his bedroom window before he retired. He would say, "Good night, God. I commit your church and everything to your care as I rest my body for the night." He knew God as his Father. Do you know God as your loving Father?

11. Your name is linked to God's. Once my wife witnessed to a woman warder while in prison and she believed. She wanted to know more about God, particularly His name. My wife had not studied theology, but the Holy Spirit gave her an answer. She said, I have heard that God is called God of Abraham, God of Isaac and God of Jacob. So God condescends to link His Name to a person's name. Your name is Nina. So He is God of Nina.

Now in Hebrew the word "of" does not appear separately like the English so that it reads "God-of" Abraham, "God-of" Isaac, "God-of" Jacob. God's name and your name are the only two words together linked. How privileged you are to so received of God that you are verily his and He yours, as Paul says, "For me to live is Christ!" Can you put God's Name before your name?

12. Smile! The love of Christ can put a smile on our lips in the darkest moments of our life.

Once the Communists made a cunning plan to shatter the faith of a young Christian girl. They arrested her on the very day of her wedding, yes, even at the sacred ceremony that was being performed in the Church. This Christian girl, instead of being shocked to death or fainting fits, smiled upon her captors. Giving herself up to be handcuffed she said goodbye to her husband. She looked forward now to seeing her Heavenly Bridegroom in the prison cell, and sang a song of praise as she was led away.

The smile that Christ gives us is an arch with strength to straighten out every crooked line of our life.

- T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (SEPT. 7-13)

- MON 9.00 am Holy Matrimony bet. Henry Sim Heng Wah and Sophine Yuen Lai Cheng. Rev Tow officiating.
7.30 pm O.T. History
- TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting at Parsonage.
- THUR 7.30 pm O.T. History
- FRI 7.30 pm WF Election Night. Exhortation by Elder Khoo.
8.00 pm House-blessing at Mrs Wong's, 14-B Lorong Limau, off Kim Keat Road. Tel: 2550203.
- SAT 9.00 pm Korean School
2.30 pm Kong Eng Teck - Leong Yoke Ping Wedding (Mt Carmel).
Revs David Wong & Tow officiating.
Reception at FEBC Hall.
3.30 pm JYF, YF & AF
6.30 pm Sharon 10th Anniversary Thanksgiving Dinner. 7.45 Praise Service.
- SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow (Rev Tow).
10.00 am Mr Teo Siau Hua
11.30 am Catechism Class
11.45 am Korean Service
1.30 pm Beulah Service
4.30 pm Sharon Service
5.25 pm Mini bus leaves for Calvary Pandan (Rev Tow speaking)

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: \$3,512 + \$2,300 (Wurmbrand) + \$30 (FEBC)

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS:

PRAY! PRAY! PRAY!

PRAY! PRAY! PRAY!

JESUS SAVES

CHRIST, OUR ROCK

1665) \$400; 1666) \$30;
1667) \$100; 1668) \$180;
1669) \$80; 1670) \$50;
1671) \$300; 1672) \$100;
1673) \$369; 1674) \$1,000;
1675) \$150; 1676) \$167.05
(Int.); 1677) \$120;
TOTAL: \$841,326.94
STOP PRESS! 1678) \$500;
1679) \$400 (Sun. Lunch).

DJUNAIDI PARSONAGE AND CHURCH HALL: 1680) \$40;
11) \$1,000; 12) \$5,000; 13) \$39.90 (Ch. Serv.);
14) \$50. TOTAL: \$19,250.

NURSERY SEPT. 13: Miss Lim Lee Chin, Mrs Alice Yew and Mrs Amy Koh
Lim Florist, Tel. 3369011.

Motorists are kindly advised to show courtesy in parking, particularly in our good neighbours' compounds, the Eye Clinic and the House of the Reshties, Park single line along the Side Road your closest! Some cars are parked 3 ft. from the curb. This become an obstruction to two-way traffic. "Cartesy" is our Way of Life'.

Expresgram to Rev Djunaidi and Dohar. Your presence at our 31st Anniversary Oct. 18 is needed! Both of you are scheduled to speak during "Missions Month" at Calvary Pandan Sunset Gospel Hour, Djunaidi Oct. 18, and Dohar Oct. 25. Prepare to show a good set of colour slides of your work.

Elder & Mrs Seow are away in UK for a month. Good meeting with your daughter visiting from Canada!

Dr R. Laird Harris, world-renowed Biblical scholar who has taught our pastor, assist. pastor and Mr Bob Phee will hold 4 public lectures at Life Church, Mon Sept. 14 - Thurs 17, 8 p.m. Dr Harris is prize-winning author of "Inspiration and Canoncity of the Bible" and a translator of the NIV. He will speak chiefly on the Inerrancy and Infallibility of the Bible vs. Liberalism and R. Catholicism. All welcome! Mrs Harris will be in his company.

CALVARY PANDAN SUNSET GOSPEL HOUR (6.00 p.m. every Sunday)

THE ARAB-ISRAELI PROBLEM

The future of the world and prospects of lasting peace are closely linked with the Arab-Israeli conflict. How will things turn out? This question must be on many lips. Come and hear! These are timely messages at Sunset Gospel Hour.

13 A Great Nation? Rev T. Tow

20 Whose Land? (Film: Israel-20th Century Miracle) Dr S H Tow

27 Who are the Arabs?

4 Armageddon-how soon? Rev T. Tow

11 Has Israel a future? (Film: Good morning, Israel!) Dr S H Tow



DR LAIRD HARRIS, MY TEACHER AND FRIEND

I first came to know of Dr Laird Harris when I was a student under Dr Chia Yu Ming in Nanking, 1946. It was through a catalogue of Faith Theological Seminary, then located at Wilmington, Delaware that had found its way to China. Rev Harris (he was a minister of the Bible Presbyterian Church, USA) was then Registrar and Instructor in Old Testament.

From Nanking I wrote Rev Laird Harris of my intention to transfer to Faith Seminary. Somehow, he did not reply (or was I too impatient?). So, I wrote again, but somehow I addressed it to a Board member instead, the Rev Harold Laird. I got mixed up between Laird Harris and Harold Laird, but I gained an extra friend! Then came the reply from Laird Harris admitting me to Faith Seminary with a small foreign scholarship.

No sooner had I arrived in USA, Jan. 1948 than Rev Laird Harris was conferred the Ph.D. by Dropsie College of Hebrew Learning in Philadelphia.

Faith Seminary was in her heyday then. Stalwarts of Faith, devout teachers of Holy Scripture, made up the illustrious team that Faith's faculty was - Allan MacRae, J.O. Buswell, R.L. Harris, Douglas Young, John Sanderson, Harold Mare, Jack Murray. Dr Carl McIntire was and still is Faith's President. How I treasure the knowledge of God's Word faithfully imparted from each of these professors.

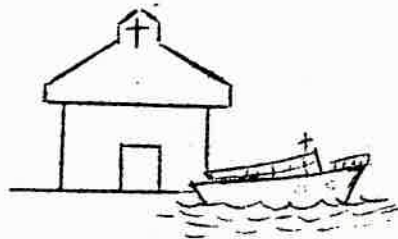
Laird Harris, however, became my closest friend. He taught me Theology, Hebrew, both the Old and New Testament! What perhaps drew me closer to him was the class in Syriac, held at home to a small class, bolstered sometimes with coffee and cakes (to keep us awake?). As Registrar, Dr Harris was in close contact with students. This was another reason.

I specially treasure the analytical study of Barthianism or Neo-orthodoxy which Harris taught, but the greatest theology I learnt from him is the Doctrine of the Inerrancy and Infallibility of the Word of God. That Harris is the author of "Canonicity and Inerrancy of Holy Scripture" which won the Zondervan prize proves my point. Dr Harris was also involved in the 20th Century Reformation Movement and was present at the 2nd Plenary Congress of the International Council of Christian Churches in Geneva, Switzerland, 1950. He had a part also in my ordination in Geneva, with Dr Buswell as moderator.

After Faith, Dr Harris went to teach at Covenant Theological Seminary. In July 1979 when Mrs Tow and children and I were returning to Singapore after our ministry at the Alma Mater, we visited with the Harrises in St. Louis, staying for the night. Mrs Harris kindly served us breakfast. Alas, sometime last year I heard Mrs Harris had gone to glory. This was a great blow to the doctor, for they were a loving couple.

With the passage of time, however, the Lord has found another help meet for him. Dr Harris married the former Miss Anne Krauss, Faith alumna and missionary to Japan, on Aug. 1, 1981. Dr Harris and the new Mrs Harris are able to come to Singapore as they have a ministry in India and Hongkong, and Singapore is in between. What a windfall of blessing to Singaporeans! Dr Harris has also taught Rev Tan Wai Choon and Mr Bob Phee. He is one of the translators of the NIV (New International Version of the Bible) and author of a Hebrew Grammar, widely used throughout the world. In these days of widespread denial of the Word of God, with increasing attacks on its Inerrancy, it will be well for you, my Reader, to hear such a devout scholar. Dr Laird Harris is erudite and brilliant but the greater than these is his love for his Saviour. And, "the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom" (Job. 28:28). - T.T.

DJUNAIDI REPORT ON WEST KALIMANTAN



The Weeklies are arriving regularly and we are thrilled to read especially of BPB and various individuals helping the construction of the Parsonage and Fellowship Hall (two-storeys to save land). Truly the Lord's Hand is upon this work!

Bro. Wong the Contractor sends you a copy of the detail-plan herewith. In order that our wood might be sun-dried in time for construction-use, we have therefore placed the orders. As you know, damp wood cannot be used, for there will be splits. Please remit the funds through Mr Liau that payment be made accordingly.

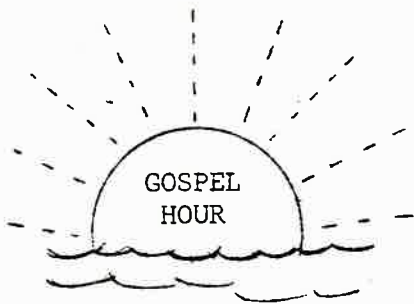
Our outreach into the country continues. Last month I baptised the first batch of 29 on behalf of the Kingmi Church of Purasak which has no ordained minister. Our Gospel Boat also helped KGBI Church on a visit to Terantang. On Aug. 21 we shall transport a youth choir to sing at Beong, Sungei Landak, when I officiate the wedding of Bro. Lumis, the Christian Dyak teacher there. We plan also a lantern slide show at the Gospel meeting that night.

As to our visit to Kuching, I'm still waiting on the Lord.

The Kindergarten enrolment now stands at 26 with regular daily attendance. Although this number does not pay enough, we have confidence in the next academic year. The play tools, swings and see-saws are being added to the school-furniture ... (Rev Djunaidi is coming to Singapore in time for our 31st Anniversary, Oct. 18, 1981, to report in person.).

*DJUNAIDI PARSONAGE AND CHURCH HALL: 15) \$200; 16) \$20; TOTAL: \$19,470.

STOP PRESS! 17) \$150.



LIFERS AT SUNSET GOSPEL HOUR, CALVARY-PANDAN

This evening service of Calvary Pandan B-P Church is where Calvinians, Galileans and Lifers meet every Lord's Day 6-7 p.m. An increasing number of friends from other churches are coming, and there is also a noticeable increase of Lifers attending. Together with Lifers heading westwards Sunday afternoon on the dot of 5.25 is also a batch of FEBC students. These travel in the "JESUS IS COMING" minibus, and some squeeze into the pastor's VW Station Wagon. Now that the Christian Life Book Centre Van is stationed at Gilstead Rd., we are pleased to announce this

doubling capacity for transportation. This means we can transport easily 30 from Gilstead Road to Calvary Pandan every week. If your problem is transport, we have the solution for you. Come before 5.25 p.m. You will be assured of a seat.

Maintaining a regular ministry at the Sunset Gospel Hour is not an easy job. Messages have to be written out. Nine messages on the Second Coming of Christ have gone to press. These will be put together into a book for the further reading by the congregation. These will be read by others too, so the message will spread farther afield. Hard work pays!

Inasmuch as there's a triple blessing promised in Revelation to those who read, hear and keep those things that are written therein, there is surely a blessing for us who have come to hear the nine messages on His Return at the Sunset Gospel Hour. What blessing have I got? The blessing of bringing my own children closer to Christ! And when they have yielded their lives fully to Him, that will be my greatest joy in all the world! How about you, my Reader? Do you have a hard time bringing up your children? You say, "I bring them to Sunday School and to the morning worship." Why not to the Sunset Gospel Hour as well? The messages on Christ's coming are a powerful means of grace to both you and yours!

In my last message at Calvary, I mentioned how the Lord gave me a fourth blessing. A young lady who attended my Revelation Class years ago joined Life Church. As a result her husband also came. He is now an elder!

Let me share with you a fifth blessing! My message on Daniel's 70th Week somehow found its way to a Christian brother of another Church. As he read how Rev C.T. Hsu of New York is zealous in supporting 3 Dyak preachers to help Djunaidi's Gospel Boat ministry in West Kalimantan, he was moved to contribute to the support of another Dyak preacher. He promised to send \$150 every month. This is one way God encourages His servants. Who knows what blessing will come next - to you or to me? Lifers, come to the Sunset Gospel Hour! - T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (SEPT. 14-20)

MON 3.15 pm Dr & Mrs Harris arrive.
 MON-THUR 8.00 pm Public lectures by Dr Harris.
 TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting at Parsonage.
 (Chinese Service only).
 WED 2.00 pm Ordination Exams, FEBC Lib.
 FRI 9.00 am The Harrises leave for H.K.
 SAT 9.00 am Korean School
 9.00 am Chinese Presbyters leave for Rawang.
 3.30 pm JYF, YF & AF
 SUN 10.00 am Rev Patrick Tan
 10.00 am Rev Tow at Trinity, Muar
 11.30 am Catechism Class
 11.45 am Korean Service
 1.30 pm Beulah Service
 4.00 pm Rev Tow at Rawang
 4.30 pm Sharon Service
 5.25 pm Mini bus leaves for Calvary Pandan.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: \$3,038.46 + \$100 (Dohar) + \$200 (AF:Dohar) + \$20 (Renov.) + \$60 (FEBC).

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS:

PRAISE THE LORD! 1681) \$300 (Chin. Service);
 1682) \$30 (Boxes);
 1683) \$129 (Chin. Serv.);
 1684) \$50; 1685) \$35;
 1686) \$50; 1687) \$15;
 1688) \$160; 1689) \$200;
 1690) \$50; 1691) \$100;
 1692) \$10; 1693) \$250;
 1694) \$100; 1695) \$20;
 1696) \$30.

CHRIST, OUR ROCK! TOTAL: \$843,855.94
 STOP PRESS! 1697) \$50.

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NURSERY, SEPT. 20: Mrs Irene Tan, Mrs Lilian Lim and Mrs Siriwan Lim.

PRAISE THE LORD for a successful operation at Changi Hospital to Mr Lee Taw Meng, father of Way Chor and Julie.

Do you know we have a Christian book-binding service? Please inquire from CLBC.

Who will offer a fountain for the Forest of Lebanon Fish Pond? (Where they eat Sun. Lunch).

COME AND DINE

Jesus has a table spread
 Where the saints of God are fed,
 He invites His chosen people, "Come and dine,"
 With His manna He doth feed
 And supplies our ev'ry need:
 O 'tis sweet to sup with Jesus all the time!

Chorus

"Come and dine," the Master calleth,
 "Come and dine,"
 You may feast at Jesus' table all the time;
 He who fed the multitude,
 Turned the water into wine,
 To the hungry calleth now, "Come and dine."

The disciples came to land,
 Thus obeying Christ's command,
 For the Master called unto them, "Come and dine,"
 There they found their hearts' desire,
 Bread and fish upon the fire:
 Thus He satisfies the hungry every time.

Soon the Lamb will take His bride
 To be ever at His side,
 All the host of heaven will assembled be;
 O'twill be a glorious sight,
 All the saints in spotless white,
 And with Jesus they will feast eternally.



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LETTER FROM REV C.T. HSU TO THE PASTOR

Greeting in the wonderful name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

From B.P. Weekly, I learn that FEBC renovations need money, so I ask Ambassador for Christ Inc. to send you a check US\$200 for the renovation. If necessary, I may consider to send some money if I can do it. I am afraid Woodlands project has asked a lot of money from God's people, and, may be, for the moment, they are unable to offer much more. I just guess - so, since I do not know the real situation. But if we have a real revival, then, things would surely be different.

You put up the Expressgram that 2 checks for Dyak preachers from C.T. Hsu have reached you safely. But it is better to say the amount of the two checks so that readers may know how much we have supported the Dyak preachers. Readers have so many things in their minds and except you tell them clearly every time, they do not know the real situation and be moved and be encouraged. (2x (3x50) = US\$300)

This is more for real edification of our people, as some Christians may think that pastors always ask for money, but they don't give much themselves. Well, it's not always so, like C.T. Hsu, he gives so much for the Lord too.

I am now 64. I work 10-11 hours every day on the street. I work at home, reading many letters, reports, books, and prepare articles to be published, about 3 hours every evening. Even Sunday I am very very busy indeed, including preparing new Gospel garbage cans to replace destroyed ones frequently, and giving out tracts and booklets in Chinatown.

So little time to write anything to you, I hope you understand.

The Lord may be back real soon. Russia may start a new war to defeat U.S., not giving time for U.S. to catch up in military strength. Russia may drive Vietnam to start invasions in South East Asia too. So plan your program accordingly. - Hsu

C.T. HSU, MY BROTHER IN THE LORD

I have known C.T. Hsu since 1935, soon after the John Sung Revival. He has remained to this day my bosom friend and brother in the Lord. Whenever I visit America, he is the one friend I must see, face to face. I cannot help mentioning him in my sermons as an example of a loving disciple of Christ.

C.T. Hsu is another of those gloriously saved under John Sung. He joined the J.S. Evangelistic Band. Since then he has devoted all his life to every evangelistic outreach. He is one of those who live for the Day when he will stand with confidence before the Judgment Seat of Christ.

When our Church was inaugurated in Oct. 1950, he was one of the founding fathers. He was elected Deacon. He heartily joined me and Rev. K.C. Quek in our stand for separation from the Ecumenical Movement. He was present at the founding of the Far Eastern Council of Christian Churches in Manila, 1951 (paying his own way). He joined me in many evangelistic trips up the Peninsula. He helped to get Miss Char's Jemaluang Church started by offering a self-driven car. In 1956, at the 3rd Assembly of the FECCC in Singapore, he was ordained together with Rev. K.C. Quek.

1960 saw Rev Hsu and family migrate to New York. He had a small Chinese Church in the beginning. God has blessed his six children. One of them is an ordained minister.

For a number of years now Rev Hsu has served the Lord as a taxi-pastor. While earning an honest living, he ceases not to preach Christ to his passengers. To start a conversation with his clients, he wears on his back an "Only Jesus Saves" label. This brings him into many a contact with R.Cs. This gives him an opportunity of witnessing to them that Christ is the Mediator, not Mary. (I Tim. 2:5).

I have seen half a dozen of his Gospel Garbage Cans that he installs at street corners in Chinatown. A strange way of witnessing? St Paul would be delighted with any means you could use to preach Christ. Surely it is more effective than Balloons carrying Gospels to Communist countries that American Christians once employed. I say the Gospel Cans are more effective because a good number of the hundreds of Chinese who pass by would want to see what the Chinese Characters painted thereon out of curiosity. But you say, "Jesus' Name on the Garbage Can?" That's a picture of what we are, full of filth and sin but Christ has condescended to come to us.

C.T. Hsu has a point in telling me to make public the amount he is contributing to our Lord's Cause. This time he sends US\$200 for FEBC renovations. He is also my spokesman to urge Christians to consider more support for God's work. I'm glad he puts in a word for Woodlands too - if only the hearts of Christians are revived. Yes, Woodlands to my mind is no problem if we realise that all our possessions are His, held by us in trust.

C.T. Hsu contributes practically all his earnings to every good work for Christ around the world. He does not worry for his own nor his future. He increases in every good work including writing to Chinese Christian periodicals. He is one who is running at the head in a heavenly race as he sees that Day of Judgment approaching. He believes the Lord is coming real soon! Reader, let us rethink our reasons for living! Let us be Christian

philosophers, in the steps of C.T. Hsu, to be what Christ wants us to be. There's a work God wants you and me to do, and a special one for you what I cannot do. - T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (SEPT. 21-27)

AN EPOCHAL YEAR

MON 7.30 pm O.T. History
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting at Parsonage
WED 7.30 pm Wedding Rehearsal
THUR 7.30 pm O.T. History
FRI 6.30 pm FEBC Mid-Semester Vacation begins.
SAT 9.00 am Korean School
2.30 pm Ho Soo Kam and Daisy Neo Ai Chin Wedding. Rev Tow officiating. Reception at FEBC Hall.
3.30 pm JYF, YF & AF.
SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow
10.00 am Miss Alice Doo
11.30 am Catechism Class
11.45 am Korean Service
1.30 pm Beulah Service
4.30 pm Sharon Service
5.25 pm Mini bus leaves for Calvary Pan.
8.15 pm Presbytery Mtg. (Dr Tan pl. notify)

Get your tapes of Dr Harris' Messages and Lectures from Tape Library!

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: \$1,821.11 + \$300

(Renov.) + US\$200 (FEBC Renov.) + \$200 (FEBC).

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS: + \$40 (FEBC)

1698) \$9; 1699) \$150;

PRAISE THE LORD! 1700) \$430 AF; 1701) \$100

(AF); 1702) \$142.27 Int;

1703) \$10; 1704) \$21;

1705) \$50; 1706) \$65;

1707) \$10; 1708) \$1,350;

1709) \$900; 1710) \$30;

TOTAL: \$847,173.21

STOP PRESS! 1711) \$148.27

Int. (Total Fixed deposits:

CHRIST, OUR ROCK! \$108,156.43)

DJUNAIDI PARSONAGE AND CHURCH HALL:

18) \$3,000; 19) \$50; 20) \$M\$50 = \$S\$45;

21) \$20 (Chin. Serv.); 22) \$50; 23) \$20;

24) 100 = \$379.87 (Bishop Thompson);

TOTAL: \$23,184.87

Remitted to Pontianak \$15,000 Sept. 14, '81.

FEBC Love offering for Lecturer: \$420.

NURSERY SEPT 27: Mrs Gladys Sng, Miss Au Na Chuang and Miss Susie Cheah.

Expresgram to Rev Dick Strom: Many thanks for yours thru Mrs Harris. The Harrises spent four full days, lecturing to 170 each night. Warm greetings also to Dorseys.

New Address: 1) Mrs Lily Dauber, 1344 Grant St., Akron, Ohio, USA 44301.

2) Dohar Siregar, 87 Jalan Kakatua, Medan, Indonesia.

Mrs Han Soon Juan is now in USA on a Govt. Nursing scholarship. We congratulate her also for being given a special efficiency award.

Sharon B-P Church invites Lifers to the Inaguration & Dedication Service of Shalom Church at St. George's Chapel, Loyang Ave. (opp. Changi Hospital), Sat. Oct. 3, 5 p.m. Rev Tow speaking. (Mini bus leaves Life Church 4.15 p.m.)

All Life Church Family VBC (including Chinese Serv.) The Pastor is Camp Master and Dr Patrick Tan Chief Speaker. Plan to come with your whole family! Date Nov. 23-27. Come enjoy Christian fellowship in rustic surroundings. Watch for song birds, squirrels, owls and bats! Galilee Sea and 2 other fish ponds! Lim Florist, Tel: 3369011

1981 is an epochal year to Presbyterians in Singapore. This is the centenary of our mother denomination which also commemorates the coming of Rev J.A. B. Cook, first English Presbyterian missionary to S'pore and Malaysia. In 1892 he branched out to Muar, Malaysia, to start the Living Water Church.

Insofar as Bible Presbyterians are concerned, this is the year when we become a Synod. For we have grown to over 30 churches and congregations in S'pore and Malaysia with a string of mission churches and stations in Indonesia. But it is the forming of a Chinese Presbytery that adequately raises our Church movement to a Synod.

This Lord's Day I shall be away from Gilstead Rd (Dr Patrick Tan substitutes for me) to minister in Muar. On Saturday p.m. we had met at Rawang Church for the inauguration. Rev Quek is coordinator.

To augment our ministerial strength, it is my joy to report the coming ordination of three more FEBC graduates, Bob Phee, Tan Eng Boo and Anthony Tan. These will increase our number to 17 (incl'd. Rev C.T. Hsu in New York). The three ordinands are all tried men. Each has spent several years pastoring the flock. Bob Phee moreover has spent another 3 years abroad to earn 2 Masters' degrees in Theology.

This is an epochal year in that a new surge of energy is being felt: Ling Kwang Home for Sr. Citizens is about to build. Woodlands hopes to build by early 1982; Galilee is also engrossed in their Extension Plan; Then we have the Djunaidi Parsonage and Church Hall at Siantan, Pontianak. Grace Church has launched a branch at Changi known as Shalom B-P Church, inauguration date Oct. 3, 5 p.m. Now I hear Sembawang is negotiating a property nearby. Dec. 25 to 27 Lifer will be at Tg. Pinang to inaugurate the new Christian school buildings. As to our Rawang ministry, we have been given 7 places out of 52, a high percentage indeed. As to our volunteer chaplaincy to the S'pore Armed Forces we have Dr Patrick Tan and Tan Choon Seng, and Peter Eng for sponsorship, 1982.

1981 is an epochal year also for our Bible College. This is FEBC's entrance into the 20th year. Our student body which commenced with three in 1962 has now exceeded 50. This is the year the Lord is beginning to send us eminent visiting professors. Our College is now being served by a Book Centre with the most comprehensive inventory in Singapore!

In conjunction with the B-P Church our teachers are determined not to sit inside their cloisters but to strike out for the Lord wherever He will lead. 1981 is our epochal year. - T.T.

Calling all Presbyters and Pastors - Our 1st Retreat at Port Dickson (Golden Sands), Date Sept. 28-30!

With Mrs Julie Teo's service terminating Sept. 26, who will fill her vacancy at FEBC office?

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A NEW PRESBYTERY IS BORN

Saturday Sept. 19, 1981, 3.00 p.m.! The Bell of Rawang Church clanged the announcement of a special meeting: An epochal meeting. The projected formation of the Chinese Presbytery of the B-P Church of Singapore and Malaysia had now become a reality. "A new presbytery is born!"

Rev T Tow, moderator of the B-P CSM called the congregation to worship in the words of Ps. 133. Rev Lin Tah Mon of Grace Chinese Service offered the invocation. Rev Peter Tong of Jurong BPC (Chinese) and Mr Koh Kian Mia of Toa Payoh read the Scriptures. The Young People's Choir of Rawang Church sang.

Then the moderator gave a historic survey of the development of the BPC since it began as the English Service of Life Church, Prinsep St., Oct. 20, 1950. He noted that Rawang Church which became an independent Church 1922 and joined the BPC Movement Sept. 1972, after the completion of the new Church, issued from the same fountain of Faith. We are originated from the labours of William Chalmers Burns of Scotland, first missionary under the English Presbyterian Mission to South China, by whom our ancestors were converted. He noted this to be a precious heritage that goes right back to the 16th Century Reformation to John Knox and John Calvin.

Rev Quek Kiok Chiang, coordinator of the Chinese Presbytery, gave the Word according to Phil. 1:27 "Striving together for the faith of the Gospel." Greetings were brought by the following: Elders Teo Teck Heng and Lau Hock Ann of Rawang Church; Elder John Ling of Kelapa; it; Elders Teo See Yak, Chuang Shih I representing Faith Church, the biggest contingent; Mr Tsao See of Life Chinese Service; Rev Peter Tong of Calvary Jurong, Mr Koh Kian Mia of Toa Payoh BP Church, Mr David Wong of Grace Chinese Service and Kulai Besar, Rev Chan Lay Seng of Calvary Pandan.

The service closed with the singing of "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" with the benediction pronounced by Rev Teng Sih Shan, visiting pastor from Indonesia.

After service the local congregation regaled the Singapore and Kelapa Sawit delegates with "high tea" (Chinese style). Thereafter the Chinese Presbytery decided to be represented in force at the formation of the Synod, Oct. 25, 1981. Rev Quek Kiok Chiang was elected moderator, Elder Chang Oon Soo of Faith Church Stated Clerk, and Elder John Ling, Treasurer.

DOHAR LETTER ON BP CHURCH SUMATRA

The Lord has been really blessing the work in Medan. This is possible because of your prayers and supports. My family has been fully committed to serve the Lord. We do pray each day for the lost souls to be brought into the saving knowledge of Christ, and the Lord is adding believers into the Church. It is truly the working of the Holy Spirit in the heart of the people which brings them into conviction of sin and to follow Christ.

I count them who wish to get baptism, there are eleven persons, both adults and children. Some others are still considering.

Now we are witnessing to one family who is in big problem. The father shows interest in Christianity if only his three sons get cured from their diseases (blind, dumb, lost of feeling). I need your special prayers for this family. May the name of Jesus be exalted in Medan.

We are longing to see the BP Church, Sumatra established and become a witness and testimony for the Lord Jesus Christ in this dark world. We are also very thankful for Life B-P Church which supports us, both in prayer and financial. Indeed we really covet your prayers and support to do a pioneering work in Medan. Some of the things that we need in pioneering work in Medan namely: 1) Power and the courage to witness. 2) A church building 3) transport. I know God is going to supply for these needs because it is according to His will. We pray God to bless Life Church bountifully as she serves the Lord to the uttermost part of the world.

Rev Tow, I would like to know when would you be able to conduct the Holy Communion for us and also to conduct baptismal service for the eleven persons who have decision to get baptism in the B-P Sumatra? -----

Why all these Renovations?

There was a spate of renovations before the FECCC Gen. Assembly in June. After the Conference we have resumed with a Phase II to this moment, and it will take a fortnight yet to finish, just in time for the great influx of campers, Nov-Dec!

The Phase II Renovations were determined by the FEBC rather, as we saw a big number of new students coming in. These are to provide more room to take in the boarders. FEBC has underwritten \$20,000 for these additions.

As we launched these new operations, we realised there were other items that must be carried out as well. More repairs, repairs! After 20 years, why not? We also saw the need of increasing our garden facilities. Hence the mosaic corridor, the new pavements along the Family Planning fence, 2 new fish ponds, a "bird" house. Inspired by the Japanese idea of

"sleeping capsules" we have extracted every available space below every high ceiling to construct our versions. How many can you find? With increased living room we need additional furniture. Praise the Lord, there has come from wellwishers a lorry load of good used furniture free of charge! But we must not forget the essential supply to these new spaces of lighting and power. So, Life Church must also pay her share.

When Trinity Church, Muar asked if we could take in 55 of their young people coming Dec. 8-10 (Bethany B-P Church camp will be in with over 100), I could reply with confidence: "Come right in!" In this respect, we have delayed returning to Grace Church the stack of iron beds which originally were installed by Life Church in Shalom House. Thank you, Gracians, for your reciprocity.

Your part in these renovations is worthwhile investment for eternity. For, by allowing young people to use our premises, be their activity camping, Bible Study, or weekly meetings many have thus been led to Christ. And not the least are the Kindergarten children, under Peter Clements' Bible story telling. The Kindergarten has just paid for the last two rooms to be mosaicked.

Last but not least, there are two more pondoks to be installed on either corner of our front lawns. - T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (SEPT 28-OCT 4)

MON - WED B-P Presbyters Retreat at Port Dickson

MON FEBC Vacation (No even. class)

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting at Parsonage (Eld. Tay)

THUR FEBC Vacation (no even. class)

SAT 9.00 am Korean School

3.30 pm JYF, YF & AF

5.00 pm Inauguration of Shalom B-P Church at Changi, St George's Church (Rev Tow)

SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow (Lord's Supper)

10.00 am Rev Lin Tah Mon (Lord's Supper)

11.30 am Catechism Class

11.45 am Korean Service

1.30 pm Beulah Service

4.30 pm Sharon Service

5.25 pm Mini bus leaves for Calvary

Pandan - "Armageddon-how soon?"

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: \$2,123.30 + \$200 (Renov.) + \$80 (Beulah) + \$460 (K. Besar) + \$185 (CCW for Renov.)

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS:

PRAISE THE LORD! 1712) \$31; 1713) \$200;

1714) \$62; 1715) \$60;

1716) \$20; 1717) \$2;

1718) \$70 (WF); 1719) \$200;

1720) \$240.99 (Int.);

1721) \$867.88; 1722) \$23.68 (Boxes);

TOTAL: \$849,099.03

STOP PRESS! 1723) \$106 (USA)

FEBC RENOVATION: \$418 (Mt Carmel); \$100 (FEBCer) M\$300; M\$50.

DJUNAI DI PARSONAGE AND CHURCH HALL:

25) \$50 TOTAL: \$23,234.87

NURSERY, OCT. 4: Mrs Karen Lee, Mrs Lee Cheng Fun and Mrs Doreen Lee.

Pray for Mr Chng Tiong Swee, father of Bro. Peter Chng after an operation at Alexandra Hosp. (Wd. 14).

Deepest condolence to Deacon Koh Kim Song & Sisters on the passing of their father, 83.

*nator Yehuda Radday discounts that finding.

"If you compared love letters and a telephone directory written by the same person," he says, a blind linguistic analysis would point to multiple authorship. But that does not make it so." His controversial conclusion: "It is most probable that the book of Genesis was written by one person."

- Newsweek, Sept. 28, 81

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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 ever young,
Untouched by time or age.

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

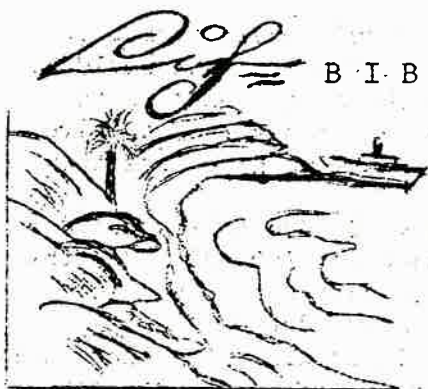
- Hymns of the Kingdom p. 104

DID ONE PERSON WRITE GENESIS?

The coldblooded precision of technology may seem to be at odds with the mysteries of religion. But in a computer study of the Bible called the Genesis Project, the twain have met - and surprisingly, the Good Book has won a vote of confidence from the soulless machine.

At issue is the authorship of the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Old Testament. Traditionally, Jews and Christians alike considered the Pentateuch to be the work of Moses. But for the past hundred years, liberal theologians have generally agreed that the books of Moses are the work of a variety of writers. The conclusion was based on rigorous exegeses of the contradictions, duplications and varying vocabularies in the holy text. One notable example: the first two chapters of Genesis contain two overlapping versions of the creation of man and woman.

Distinct: Enter the Genesis Project: two computer experts and a Biblical scholar working at Israel's prestigious Technion Institute. They fed the 20,000 words of the book of Genesis into a computer programed to conduct an exhaustive linguistic analysis of words, phrases and passages in the original Hebrew. The results, to be officially released next month, were striking. Two narrative strains that scholars have long considered distinct because they employ different words for God turned out to be linguistically indistinguishable when methodically compared by the computer. A third strain-designated "Priestly" because of its preoccupation with ritual and genealogy-did stand apart, but project coordi-*

FIRST PRESBYTERIAL RETREAT AT PORT DICKSON

At the Golden Sands Baptist Assembly, 9 miles south of Port Dickson, there were gathered ministers, elders, ordinands and members of the B-P Church and certain students of FEBC at this first presbyterial retreat. There were 22 of them. They came in 2 cars, 1 station wagon and in the "Jesus is Coming" Kombi. Here they were: 1) Rev and Mrs Quek, Peter Eng, Burt Subramaniam, Yap Beng Shin;

2) Rev T Tow, Dr Tow Siew Ai, Freddie Yong, Stephen Khoo, Kimiko Goto; 3) Peter Clements, Peter Chua and son, Chan Lay Seng, Bobby Phee, Tan Eng Boo, Anthony Tan, Andrew Bo, Mark Heath; 4) Dr & Mrs Tow Siang Hwa, Chew Fook Wah (who joined from Subang Airport, driving down in Rent-a-car). The journey from Singapore to Golden Sands, along the winding coastal road from Malacca, took 6½ hours, a distance of 324 km.

Golden Sands is second-to-none for a Christian Conference such as this. At the low price we paid, for the accommodation we got, and for the on the spot cheerful Christian service. Three cheers for the Baptists!

Four messages were given. The first by Rev Tow was from Ps. 133 on the need of reviving waning brotherly love and oneness in our B-P Movement. The second by Rev Quek challenged the audience to suffering for Christ in these last days. The third by Dr Tow Siang Hwa listed 10 "precious points to pastors" from II Timothy. Rev Peter Chua gave the closing message on Christ's Authority.

After each message time was given for questions and answers. A special brain-storming session was held on the second morning in the "amphitheatre" overlooking the sea under giant trees that served as umbrellas. There was no pleasanter setting under a clear blue sky with the murmuring waves below. In all these question-and-answer sessions every conceivable subject was brought out for discussion - from how to preach a good sermon to Chic publications and Dalai Lama burning incense in Westminster Abbey.

There's the sudden arrival of visitors from S'pore and Muar - Paul Wong, Agus and Kivai behind the wheel of Elder and Mrs Kwa's Alfa Romeo! These added to the spirit of the second night's session. Our visitors, incidentally, were on their way to K.L. with their "hotel" booked at the Chinese Presbyterians' new retreat centre, a mile or two out of Port Dickson.

All conferees agreed such a good start of a B-P Retreat should be followed up annually, and even enlarged to take in the whole church. And the place? Golden Sands again! The need to speak to one another, to seek one another in our growing B-P Movement was never greater. Let all B-Pers reading this report prepare to come to Port Dickson, 1982! The date cannot be decided but by the mutual adjustments between us and the Baptist Administration. Praise God for a wonderful first retreat now become history.

"FACES CHANGE COLOUR AT THE MENTION OF THE TIGER"!

This is a Chinese saying about Money. Don't you ever bring the mighty Subject into conversation, for the mention of it would scare your friend. This should not be in Christian circles. Our Lord talks of money and its proper use on many occasions. Does He not decry the Rich Fool's ambitious hoarding at the expense of God? Luke 12:20 records, "But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?". Then Jesus applies it

to you and me, "So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God" (Luke 12:21).

During the week past we have read from the papers of two Muslim women who have given of their substance for their religion. The first one, of the Angullia family in the Orchard Road area, sold a house. The proceeds of \$1.6 million are given to build a mosque. The second gives even more - \$2 million (for another mosque). Fortunately for the Christians' face, BPs' in particular, there's a lady Lifer who has given a house for the Lord's use. Here, in Jan. 1976, a church was started, called Grace. This Church gave birth soon to a Chinese Church. This week, not stopping at two, she is offering to the Lord a Shalom Church in Changi (borrowing St George's near the Christian Conference Centre). And there's a Calvinian through whose efforts primarily three Churches have arisen in Western Singapore. Money was cheerfully given to build God's Houses, and is the same the poorer today?

Those who are not scared to spend for the Lord
Are spared from spending at great loss.

The prophet Haggai says of those who withhold their dues to God, "And he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes" (Haggai 1:6).

For a long time I've not written about the New Life Church at Woodlands, except the weekly account (with other sums) meticulously numbered. The Treasurer and I on our part (pardon the personal pronouns) have worked on these sums with "clean hands and pure hearts" to earn good interest. We do not spare one day's opportunity, i.e. to say, we do not delay

banking them even by the hour. At 12½% our fixed deposits are accruing well over \$1,000 every month. How we wish you could give a whole year's tithe in advance! That would be profitable both to you and the Lord. Then, it is observed that the sums coming in these days are getting smaller as their serial nos. get larger! There are those who can give four figures and five if the Lord will stir your hearts. Can Christians give less than Muslims?

Do you know that we were able to pay the Government \$900,000 + \$26,000 (stamp duty) for the Woodlands acre in March '81 because our sister churches loaned us \$150,000? Now the figure of \$851,748.11 this week means that is the total giving to date by our people. This shows we need about \$75,000 to clear off the Land price (+ stamp duty).

Our Church will be celebrating her 31st Anniversary Oct 18. There will be a happy celebration over a "potluck" dinner prepared by the ladies. The pastor will write his annual letter to exhort to Thanksgiving. Why not resolve together to so give as to clear the \$75,000 debt? How can we celebrate unto the Lord without bringing a cheerful offering? But if your face will change colour at these words, my face won't, neither did the Lord's. In the words of St Paul who exhorted the Philippians to give, "Not because I desire a gift; but I desire fruit that may abound to your account" (Phil 4:17). Let not the mention of Tigerish Majesty scare you!

"... And build the House: and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the Lord. Ye looked for much, and lo, it came to little, and when ye brought it home, I did blow upon it. Why? saith the Lord of hosts. Because of mine house that is waste, and ye run every man unto his own house" (Haggai 1:8,9). - T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (OCT 5-11)

MON 7.30 pm O.T. History
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting at Parsonage
THUR 7.30 pm No school (Hari Raya Haji)
SAT 9.00 am Korean School
3.30 pm JYF, YF & AF
SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow
10.00 am Mr Teo Siau Hua
11.30 am Catechism Class (Sun. Lunch
11.45 am Korean Service with Elders!)
1.30 pm Beulah Service
4.30 pm Sharon Service
5.25 pm Mini bus leaves for Calvary Pandan.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: \$2,078.30 + \$50 (Dohar).

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS:

PRAISE THE LORD! 1724) \$100; 1725) \$120;
1726) \$35; 1727) \$50;
1728) \$60; 1729) \$1,000;
1730) \$10; 1731) \$150;
1732) \$500; 1733) \$150.87;
1734) \$93.01;
1735) \$110.96;
1736) \$163.24 (Int.)
TOTAL: \$851,748.11

DJUNAI DI PARSONAGE AND CHURCH HALL

26) \$500; 27) \$200. TOTAL: \$23,934.87
(Short of \$19,000 only!) * by post
STOP PRESS! 28) \$100.

FEBC RENOVATION \$50; \$100; \$100 (by post)

NEW ADDRESS: Mr & Mrs Lee Meng Fong,
33-F Cambridge Road (0821) Tel: 2560720.

Guest at our Hostel: Mr C Stanley Thomson
of Gt. Britain (Room 2).

We rejoice to report that Sembawang B-P Church has tendered successfully for the Salem Chapel at the Teachers Estate, not far from Sembawang BPC Hqrs. at Nemesu Ave. The \$30,000 we've loaned from Sembawang will soon be returned!

Deepest condolence to Bro. & Mrs Peter Chng and sisters on the sudden passing of their father Mr Chng Tiong Swee, Sat Sept. 26. Funeral Sept 30 was officiated by Revs. Tow, Kao and Ding.

Congratulations to Bethlehem Jurong as they commemorate their 21st Anniversary, Oct 11, 4.30 p.m. Rev Tow speaking.

DON'T STOP PRAYING, THE LORD IS NIGH,
Don't stop praying, He'll hear your cry.
God has promised, and He is true.
Don't stop praying, He'll answer you.

Don't stop praying, when you are tried;
Don't stop praying, stand in His might!
Christ has suffered, He understands.
Don't stop praying, He holds your hands.

Keep on praying, trust and obey,
Keep on praying, till light of day.
God has promised, and He is true.
Don't stop praying, He'll answer you.

1980 ISRAELI STATISTICS

Pop.: 3,280,000 Jews
638,000 non-Jews
30,170 housing units built
1,067,000 Tourists
141 hospitals with 27,500 beds.

"EARNESTLY CONTEND FOR THE FAITH" is not only the command of the Apostle Jude to the Church, but is the very Spirit of Jesus our Saviour.

In the serial preaching of the Gospel Matthew, we have noted how our Lord whenever He came in contact with the bogus religious leaders of His day, the Pharisees and scribes, Jewish elders and rabbis, He gave way to them not so much as a hairbreadth. In last week's Scripture, we noted how he corrected their "washing hands" mandate in the light of their filthy hearts.

We heartily endorse this issue of the B-P Banner in coming out boldly against the religious bosses of our day. The WCC is "red"! Dear Reader, if you are a member of a WCC denomination, it is time to re-consider your membership! If you are using a Good News Bible (or also called TEV), notice that Dr Robert Bratcher its principal translator spins the inerrancy and infallibility of the Bible. If you a Salvationist, notice how the Salvation Army has withdrawn from the WCC. But Christianity Today is now a liberal-modernist publication!

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SOME THOUGHTS ON SADAT

It was just after eleven Tuesday night last when the phone rang. Rev K.C. Quek relayed, "Do you know that Sadat is dead?" To say that his death shocked me, as it must have shocked you, is to put it very mildly. Sadat's death has come upon the world like the explosion of an atom bomb! Sadat, the brave son of peace is dead. So dies the hope of a workable peace in the Middle East? is one of my sad thoughts on Sadat. Alas, for Sadat!

Sadat was he who made a pilgrimage for world peace, to Jerusalem. He made peace with Israel. As God has promised, according to David's Psalm 122, prosperity to those who love Jerusalem, I said in my recent sermon at Calvary Pandan concerning haters and lovers of the Jews in these words: "Israel is bound to be a great nation again, because God has set this seal upon her in Abraham: 'And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee' (Gen. 12:3). Thus those who have persecuted Abraham's descendants the Jews have lost out. Yea, they have been thoroughly extinguished. The macabre ending of Hitler, the Jew-baitor and arch anti-Semitic, is notorious. Then there arose Nasser, who wanted to throw every Jew into the sea before the Six-Day War. He soon died of a grave disease in the War's aftermath ..."

Now this is what I said immediately about Sadat: "How we thank God for Sadat, his successor, who has bravely stood alone to make peace with Israel. I can predict such a man will not end up like Hitler or Nasser. Inasmuch as he has made peace with Israel, God will be his shield."

I was speaking from a projection of Ps. 122 in which God has put His blessing on every corner of Jerusalem. I was right in the light of what has happened to Sadat. He has not died an ignominious death like Hitler nor of a debilitating disease like Nasser. He has died a martyr for the cause of peace. But I am totally shocked by his sudden assassination which I could never have foreseen. God is the Omniscient One. Let me be humbled to the dust. Let all preachers on prophecy be humbled as well. This is a salutary thought from Sadat.

Now the sombre thought on Sadat. By the atomic-blast of his death on the whole world, Armageddon is sooner than we thought! To say with Deng Xiao-ping that the world's peace would be most endangered in the late eighties can fool oneself into a false complacency. Whatever the pronouncements of great men, let us stick to our Lord's warning to be prepared for the worst right now. Paul says in I Thess. 5:3, "For when they shall say, Peace and safety then sudden destruction cometh upon them as travail upon a woman with child, and they shall not escape" This is the world's plight, not the Christian's plight.

How then can we be prepared? We are prepared when we have received Christ as our Saviour. When our sins are washed away by the Blood of the Lamb. When we are walking in holiness with Him. Are we?

But preparedness is not merely in regard to the salvation of one's soul. Preparedness includes loving service and devotion to God in our earthly life. Are you engrossed only in your ambitions and plans? Or are you giving equal if not greater part of your thoughts and endeavours to God's Kingdom? "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt. 6:33). Do you miss Church for your own profit and pleasure? Do you take the tithe that belongs to God to invest for your own enrichment? Do you ever take extra time to lead a soul to Christ, or say you, I can't bother? Do you spend time with God or spend time with the T.V.?

Indeed, if we are wise children waiting daily for Christ's return, we will be going all out with our energy, time and money to labour for Him till He comes! Saving thoughts from Sadat's death!

THE CHURCH IS A FAMILY

As a family, it is important that "we have fellowship one with another and the blood of Jesus Christ His son cleanseth us from all sin" (I Jn. 1:7). Of such a fellowship Malachi said, "Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another, and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, ..." (Mal. 3:16). How happy is the home wherein a father will cast his benign smile on his children who talk affectionately to one another!

In order to promote the family spirit, the Christian fellowship between Lifer and Lifer, we have instituted the Sunday Lunch. This is a success to the extent that diners have come to know one another and speak to one another. (We acknowledge our thanks to the ladies who are lovingly serving in the kitchen, week after week).

In order to promote the family fellowship further, we're calling Lifers, old and young, English or Chinese-speaking, to an All Life Church Vacation Bible Camp, Nov. 23-27, '81. I shall be the Camp Master, (and speaker to the Chinese Sec.); Dr Patrick Tan is the Chief speaker, and Mrs Ivy Tow, House Mother of the Children's Section. (We shall hold another Church Camp out of S'pore, Dec. 1982).

Then we come together as a family at Christmas and Easter. The Easter Breakfast under the Royal Palms is an annual tim-sum that brings back happy memories. But the biggest occasion is our Anniversary Thanksgiving Night on a Saturday. Last year we tried a "Potluck" Dinner with astounding success. So, we are going to repeat it this year (Sat. Oct. 17, 6.30 p.m.).

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GARDEN OF FRAGRANT PINE AND PALM

There's a church in a garden by a greenwood,
No lovelier church I have known.
No place is so dear to my childhood
As the garden of fragrant pine and palm.

Chorus

O come, come, come, come
Come to LIFE CHURCH by the greenwood,
O come to the church where we've grown;
No place is so dear to our childhood
As the garden of fragrant pine and palm.

How sweet on a bright Sunday morning,
To list to the big chiming bell,
Its tones so earnestly calling,
O come to the church in the dell.

Let us go to the church in yon greenwood,
By the bowers o'er Galilee Sea
Where the sacred songs will be chanted,
There the Master bids us dine on the lea.

From the church in a garden by the greenwood,
When day fades away into night
I would fain from this haunt of my childhood
Wing my way to the mansions of light.

- Adapted from Church in the Wildwood.

A PSALM OF BROTHERLY LOVE

Behold, how good and how pleasant,
When brethren dwell in peace.
What heavenly sweetness and fragrance,
This Christian unity.
How gracious is the Saviour's love,
That binds our hearts in one:
It flows like streams of sacred oils
Down Aaron's beard and gown.

Behold, how good and how pleasant,
When brethren dwell in peace.
What heavenly sweetness and fragrance,
This Christian Unity.
How gracious is the Saviour's love,
That binds our hearts in one:
It rains like Hermon's dew above
Upon the hills of Zion.

Behold, how good and how pleasant,
When brethren dwell in peace.
What heavenly sweetness and fragrance,
This Christian Unity.
How gracious is the Saviour's love,
That binds our hearts in one:
'Tis life abundant from above
To love both foe and friend.

Scripture: Ps. 133

THANKS TO GOD

Thanks to God for my Redeemer,
Thanks for all Thou dost provide!
Thanks for times now but a mem'ry,
Thanks for Jesus by my side!
Thanks for pleasant, balmy springtime,
Thanks for dark and dreary fall!
Thanks for tears by now forgotten,
Thanks for peace within my soul!

Thanks for prayers that Thou hast answered,
Thanks for what Thou dost deny!
Thanks for storms that I have weathered,
Thanks for all Thou dost supply!
Thanks for pain, and thanks for pleasure,
Thanks for comfort in despair!
Thanks for grace that none can measure,
Thanks for love beyond compare!

Thanks for roses by the way-side,
Thanks for thorns their stems contain!
Thanks for home and thanks for fire-side,
Thanks for hope, that sweet refrain!
Thanks for joy and thanks for sorrow,
Thanks for heav'nly peace with Thee!
Thanks for hope in the tomorrow,
Thanks thro' all eternity!

WE'RE MARCHING TO WOODLANDS

Come, we that love the Lord,
And let our joys be known,
Join in a song of sweet accord, (2x)
And thus surround the throne. (2x)

Chorus

We're marching to Woodlands,
Beautiful, beautiful Woodlands,
We're marching to Woodlands,
The Promised Land given of God.

Let those refuse to sing
Who never knew our God;
But children of the heavenly King, (2x)
Must speak their joys abroad (2x)

The hill of Woodlands yields
A thousand sacred sweets
From golden harvest in the fields (2x)
The souls that throng the streets (2x)



1. 主日

今天是主圣日清早起,
身心灵在主里得安息
众信徒敬拜主同聚圣地
我满心最喜爱此圣日

请来,来来来到宝座前同会集
或祈祷或歌诗,乐无比
众信徒敬拜主同聚圣地
我心灵最喜爱此主日

当谨守复活日为圣日
切不可去办理俗常事
要回转你的脚谨慎步履
好事力行在主旨意里

当尊敬这日为福乐日
共挂虑共憂苦心欢喜
蒙主眷享灵恩快我心意
身与灵常安居主爱里

3. 快乐日

快乐日,快乐日,救主洗净我的罪孽
心里清静极大欢喜
这日永远不能忘记

快乐日,快乐日,救主洗净我的罪孽

O HAPPY DAY

O happy bond, that seals my vows
To Him who merits all my love!
Let cheerful anthems fill His house,
While to that sacred shrine I move.

Chorus

Happy day, happy day,
When Jesus washed my sins away!
He taught me how to watch and pray,
And live rejoicing ev'ry day;
Happy day, happy day,
When Jesus washed my sins away!

2. 佳美兀兰

凡敬爱主的人,可欢然来讚美
同心同声颂扬主恩(2次)
皆环绕主座位,皆环绕主座位

今同心往兀兰
就是那佳美的兀兰
大家齐步奔兀兰
都望那佳美之城

若有人未识主,颂主自然其味
但全能主所儿女(2次)
总要欢然讚美,总要欢然讚美
故此欢喜甚穷,我眼泪都擦净
前面荣光就是天家(2次)
过片时到乐境,过片时到乐境

EACH STEP I TAKE

Each step I take my Saviour goes before me,
And with His loving hand He leads the way;
And with each breath I whisper,
"I adore Thee"
O what joy to walk with Him each day.

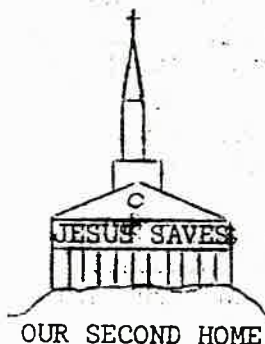
Chorus

Each step I take I know that He will guide me-
To higher ground He ever leads me on;
Until some day the last step will be taken,
Each step I take just leads me closer home.
At times I feel my faith begin to waver,
When up ahead I see a chasm wide;
It's then I turn and look up to my Saviour,
I am strong when He is by my side.

I trust in God, no matter come what may,
For life eternal is in His hand;
He holds the key that opens up the way
That will lead me to the promised land.

Blessed
Anniversary!!

Life



OUR SECOND HOME

ALMA MATER

Alma mater, a Latin word which means "benign mother" or "fostering mother" is a term lovingly used by old students to their university. Hence, by old boys to their schools. This is very evident with Chinese schools whose sons and daughters are more forward to express their filial piety.

Calvin says the Church is also like a mother. In Book IV Ch. 1 Calvin says of the Church, "in whose bosom it is God's will that all His children should be collected, not only to be nourished by her assistance and ministry during their infancy and childhood, but also to be governed by her maternal care till they attain, and at length reach the end of their faith ... that the Church is the mother of all who have him for their Father ... according to the testimony of the apostle who declares the new and heavenly Jerusalem to be "the mother of us all" (Gal. 4:26).

Why do we celebrate the founding of our Church every year? To give thanks to God is foremost. Hence we call each anniversary a Thanksgiving. Ps. 103 reminds us not to forget all His benefits - sins forgiven, sicknesses healed, preservation from death in accidents, e.g., provision of good things even to our mouth each day ...

Alongside this special Thanksgiving once a year, there is surely this sentiment: To show our love for Mother-church, our alma mater. How good it is to hear many young Lifers say, "This is our second home." Why do you say so? Because the Church is run in such a way at Gristead Road that everyone feels a warm welcome. The pastor and his wife are always at your service, 24 hours on call. The Church is always open for anyone who would go in and pray. The FEBC Hall with its facilities including the telephone is open for your use day and night. With renovations completing you'll find also an increase of facilities that will take care of our growing needs. The loving service of our ladies who provide us Sunday Lunch, etc., etc. If Life Church is your second home, Life Church is also your foster mother, your alma mater.

This secondary reason whereby we gather on the happy occasion of our 31st Anniversary should remind us to do our uttermost for the Church. Do you save energy and help keep the PUB Bill down? Do you consider as you use the increased facilities that these cost a lot and you can help with a contribution from your group? How encouraged will be the alma mater if her sons will so think of her.

We are thankful to God for our alma mater most for the spiritual shelter that she gives us. Just this week, I received a phone call from one who has attended Church and S.S. only twice. As he related how he has been searching for the salvation of his soul and not found it until now, he burst into sobs. He wept rather with joy on the other side of our phone-link that he has at last come under a secure shelter.

Come and worship and fellowship at Life Church your alma mater not only this Anniversary, but every Lord's Day and whenever you feel that urge to return to mother's bosom.

Beware of Tongue-Twisters

It is the prophet Isaiah who says, "Woe unto them that call evil good and good evil, that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitterness for sweet, and sweet bitter!" (Isa. 5:20).

Now the communists are master tongue-twisters in the deceitful use of words: To inject into a good word a bad meaning, to palm off a word to cover up an ugly truth. For example, "peaceful coexistence" to these pundits of deceit is that of the mouse in the stomach of the cat. Democracy is the mouse and communism the cat. Catch that?

Equally deceitful are other coiners of new terminology these evil days. I don't know who invented "life style", but it has come into vogue only during the last decade. Any old immorality you can read about today has a new name. "Homosexuality" is called "gay", a "life-style" that's all. "Lesbianism" is another "lifestyle", and so forth. Not only the twisting tongue is in play, but also the wriggling tail of the snake.

Then they have used the good word "fundamentalist" to mean "extremist". By now we are so used to hearing about Muslim "fundamentalists" of Ayatollah Khomeiny. Now I have heard expositors on Islam that one fundamental of Mohamedanism is peace. Therefore to call a blood-busting Iranian Muslim under Khomeiny a fundamentalist casts grave aspersion on the Bible-believing fundamentalist. The substitute of "fundamentalist" for "extremist" has been subtly made, but not for long when truth is out! Now they return to "extremist" when the Muslims of Asyut attack the Egyptian police alongside Sadat's assassination. Yes, it is more truthful to call them all "extremists". Fundamentalist simply means those who keep to the fundamentals on basics of doctrine. So there are fundamentalists among the Jews too. We are Bible-believing fundamentalists but by no means extremists. Beware of tongue-twisters. Every new word introduced in the English language these days has to be scrutinised. "Woe unto them that call evil good and good evil..." - T.T.

COME TO CALVARY PANDAN SUNSET GOSPEL HOUR
TONITE, OCTOBER 18, 6 P.M.

HISTORIC SLIDE SHOW OF 31 YEARS OF B-P GOSPEL OUTREACH

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (OCT 19-25)

MON 8.00 pm Rev Dan Ebert III
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting at Parsonage
THUR 8.00 pm Rev Dan Ebert III
FRI 7.45 pm WF Meeting at FEBC Hall.
Dedication of Committee (Rev Tow).
SAT 9.00 am Korean School
3.30 pm JYF, YF & AF
4.00 pm Rev Tow at Zion Y.F.
SUN 10.00 am Rev Djumaidi and Mr Dohar (Rev Tow)
10.00 am Miss Alice Doo
11.45 am Korean Service
1.30 pm Beualh Service
4.30 pm Sharon Service
5.25 pm Mini bus to Calvary Pandan
8.00 pm B-P 31st Anniv. Service
Inauguration of Synod & Ordination of
three new ministers.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: \$2,289.80 + \$500 (Dohar)
+ \$100 (David Wong of Chin. Serv.)

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS:

1779) \$160; 1780) \$10; 1781) \$60; 1782) \$50;
1783) \$50; 1784) \$160; 1785) \$200; 1786) \$100;
1787) \$4; 1788) \$100 (AF); 1789) \$1,400;
1790) \$94.52 (Int.); 1791) \$151 (Box);
1792) \$25 (Boxes); 1793) \$50;

TOTAL: \$867,019.43 STOP PRESS! 1794) \$100.

DJUNAIDI PARSONAGE AND CHURCH HALL 1795) \$20.

30) \$50. TOTAL: \$24,284.87 STOP PRESS! \$150.

NURSERY OCT 25: Miss Chua Mui Cheng, Mrs
Jessie Teo and Mrs Evelyn Tay.

ANOTHER ANNIVERSARY JOY!

While the ladies are exhibiting their joyous
service to the Lord in the delicious dishes
they are bringing to Church, a brother has sug-
gested that the broken and spotted Church floor
be renovated with ceramic tiles. To launch
this God-honouring project he spontaneously
offered 29 per cent of the total costs. A
Session member engaged in the conversation
responded with 3.1% offer to commemorate our
31st Anniversary. That leaves 76.9% for the
whole Church to complete the job! What a joy
of a job!

COME TO LIFE CHURCH FAMILY CAMP BY THE GREENWOOD



It will surprise you to find
out how close to nature Gilstead
Road is! Under the greenwood
trees you will hear a hundred
twittering voices at the crack
of dawn. And what voices of

the night? Can you identify the parakeet,
kingfisher, owl, squirrel, bat and honeybird?
Then there are a dozen kinds of fishes in the
Galilee Sea, the Forest of Lebanon Fish Pond
and the Little Fish Pond. To make Life Church
Camp like one deep in the woods as in some
foreign country, we have made a dozen wooden
bunks (sleeping capsules) to delight the
adventurous young. Where are the Bird House,
Squirrel House, Cabin One, Cabin Two, Upper
Room, Jerusalem Court Chapel, Girls' Roof
Garden? Every couple or family is entitled
to a room. NOV. 23-27!

Synod's 1st Business Meeting will be held

Mon. Oct. 26, 8 p.m. at FEBC Hall.

Presbyters!!!

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ANNIVERSARY BAPTISM

- 01 Miss Ang Lai Kheng (student)
- 02 Mr Chan Kum Soon (Laboratory Assistant)
- 03 Mr Chin Kian Nam, Daniel (student)
- 04 Mr Choo Kek Leng (Technical Instructor)
- 05 Miss Chou Meow Khim, Fiona (Designer)
- 06 Miss Chow Song Ching (student)
- 07 Mr Chung Kong Mun (undergraduate)
- 08 Miss Ho Wai Cheng (student)
- 09 Mr Ho Wei Chang
- 10 Mr Kwok Wen Sheng (student)
- 11 Mr Lee Mei Chin, Leslie (student)
- 12 Miss Liew San San, Lilian (student)
- 13 Mr Loei Sek Wan (student)
- 14 Mr Low Ah Hai, David (Musician)
- 15 Mr Low Wee Chun, David (student)
- 16 Mr Mok Chik Pow (Aircraft Maintenance)
- 17 Miss Ng Lip Sian, Florence (Bank Clerk)
- 18 Mr Pang Kim Hwee (student)
- 19 Mr See Giim Kuang, Philip (student)
- 20 Miss Tam Huey Chun (student)
- 21 Mr Tan Khoon Chieu (student)
- 22 Miss Shirley Tan (student)
- 23 Miss Tan Puay Huan, Susan (Production
Supervisor?)
- 24 Mr Tay Boon Chwee (Instructor)
- 25 Mrs Lilian Tay (Bank Clerk)
- 26 Miss Tham Choi Lai, Esther (student)
- 27 Miss Thum Wai Khuan, Alen (student)
- 28 Mr Wong Kam Kin (student)
- 29 Mr Yeo Chap Phuan, Alfred (N.S.)
- 30 Mr Yeo Gim Seng, Lester (Teacher)

CHINESE SERVICE

- 01 Mrs Lee Meng Fong
nee Foo Foh Thai (Housewife)
- 02 Miss Lee Lai Peng (student)
- 03 Mrs Tan Kim Saing
nee Sitoh Siew Kian (Housewife)

INFANT BAPTISM

- 01 Chen Pin Liang, s/o Mr & Mrs Chen Kwok
Christopher Chiang, Francis
- 02 Tan Ching Hsing, s/o Mr & Mrs Tan Eng
Jeremy Boo
- 03 Tay Li Ping d/o Mr & Mrs Tay Boon Chw
- 04 Tay Su Ping d/o Mr & Mrs Tay Boon Chwee
- 05 Yap Yu Kwang, s/o Mr & Mrs Eddie Yap
Brighton Eng Gee

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

- 01 Mr Tow Kok Hua, Andrew (technician)
- 02 Mr Tow Kok Kheng, Arthur (student)
- 03 Mr Tow Tee Yong, Tobias (student)
- 04 Miss Audrey Wong (student)

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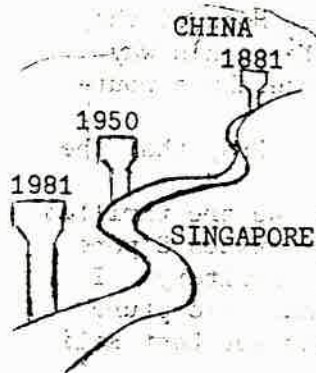
- 01 Miss Chan Peck Lin, Cindy (Clerical Asst)
- 02 Miss Lim Sock Tiang (staff nurse)
- 03 Miss Ng Peck Sim, Mavis (student)
- 04 Mr Yew Kowng Poy (Manager)
- 05 Mrs Yew Kowng Poy (housewife)

Cordial welcome to Mr & Mrs Stephen Hyum of
Gideons, and Rev Dan Ebert III at our Hostel.
Rev Ebert will deliver 3 public lectures
Oct. 19, 28 29 on Present Day Theological
Trends. Come and learn of the latest deve-
lopments in the Church!

ONLY JESUS SAVES

This sign worn by
Rev C.T. Hsu of N. York has hit the headlines!
Be sure you visit the Church Notice Board.
If you desire a photocopy of "Each Step I
Take" music ask one from the Counter.

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1981 - THE YEAR OF YEARS IN OUR B-PC MOVEMENT

As we celebrate our 31st Anniversary Thanksgiving we also rejoice in the coming of Presbyterianism to the Chinese in Singapore 100 years ago. In 1881 Rev John A.B. Cook was sent by the English Presbyterian Mission to minister to our ancestors who migrated here after their conversion in South China. Though we have separated from our mother denomination because of Modernism and Ecumenism, we rejoice in the faith of the early missionaries who preached the pure Word of God. Incidentally, Rev Cook made his headquarters on the high ground "next door" now occupied by the green house. Spiritually and physically we had a good "lineage". As we are forming a Synod consisting of two presbyteries (the Chinese was organised only one month ago)

let us forge ahead with greater zeal than the first English Presbyterian missionary to Singapore. For this year of years is also 100 years nearer to His Return!

This year of years will see the addition of three new ministers to our ranks. This Lord's Day Evening (Oct. 25), when the whole Church is gathered for the ordination of Bobby Phee (Sembawang), Anthony Tan (Nazareth) and Tan Eng Boo (Grace), we shall rejoice with these choice servants of God in their commissioning. May they carry on the torch of their fathers' faith, without compromise, to the end.

This year of years will witness the redoubling extension of God's Kingdom in the physical realm. The ground should be broken before long for the construction of Ling Kwang Home for Senior Citizens and of the New Life Church at Woodlands. (Beulah is our youthful, advance party). Galilee is also catching up with the plans to build their Second Phase. Sembawang has succeeded in purchasing Salem Chapel in the Teachers Estate. Last but not least is the raising of a two-storey Djunaiddi Parsonage cum Church Hall at Siantan, Pontianak, West Kalimantan. These are avenues of service whereby Readers who have no talent or time to preach can serve - with your funds. (God bless every cheerful giver). Then there is the soon completion of a seven-classroom school building at Tanjung Pinang which will contribute significantly to the Church and Sunday School now being held on the same premises. (We shall be there on Christmas Day for the Dedication). We delight to mention these physical additions because the Lord's Name is uplighted in a concrete manner. How good to see the cross rise above the moon!

This is the year of years because our Far Eastern Bible College entered her 20th year with an all-time high of 50. A goodly number will be finishing soon who will add their strength to the total thrust of our 70 graduates.

Come to the 31st Anniversary Commemoration of the whole B-PC movement tonight at Life Church 8.00 p.m.! Come and declare together our determination to extend His Kingdom and to defend it against all the attacks of the Evil One, till He comes. Amen.

OVER THE TOP!

The giving this year has exceeded last year's. Praise the Lord! This year's is made up of a \$50,000 pledge, a \$10,000 and \$4,000 gift, with over \$15,000 collected Saturday and Sunday, etc. These sums total \$82,000. Praise the Lord, we are over the top! Our land is all paid for. Henceforth, the offerings will go to build God's House.

How much will it cost? Our architect says \$2 million. Considering Sembawang having to pay \$380,000 for a 1,300 sq. ft. one-storey, terrace house, and Woodlands is over 30 times in area, we have not had a better deal! With increasing faith and love in the Lord's people, we shall yet go over the top in the construction work. There is no doubt whatsoever. Let us praise the Lord for increasing our faith. Let us continue to labour lovingly and prayerfully, each day awaiting His coming!

Praise be to God, as we conclude the above paragraph, there has come to hand a gift of \$7,000 from a young lady of another B-P Church. A note attached reads:

"Enclosed please find 2 cheques a) a cheque for \$5,000 is for Rev Djunaiddi's missionary work and b) a cheque for \$2,000 is for your FEBC.

This money is not earned by me as you may know that I'm a housewife. But the Lord has been very good to me. My heart is full of praises and thanks for the way the Lord provides and keeps me. Two years ago I heard you say that a lady in your church sold her jewellery and gave her money to aid the missionary work in Thailand. My heart was very touched. Immediately I went to sell some of mine. I haven't regretted since. Indeed I must set my affection on the things above not on the things below. Please also remember me and my parents in your prayers. "As for me and my house we'll serve the Lord" is my daily prayer.

May God bless you and Rev Djunaiddi in serving the Lord."

Truly, the Lord be praised. May His blessings be multiplied on this lady who like Mary of Bethany has given of her treasure. And bless you, dear Reader, if you have so loved our Lord Jesus.

COME TONITE TO THE B-P 31ST ANNIVERSARY

AND INAUGURATION OF THE SYNOD, ORDINATION OF PASTORS BOBBY PHEE, ANTHONY TAN, TAN ENG BOO

Pray for Sarawak!

The logical route to take to Pontianak, West Kalimantan is via Kuching, Sarawak! It cost so little time and money compared with the loop via Jakarta. So, our team of 9 flew via Kuching last June to visit the West Kalimantan field. We made many discoveries!

By taking the Kuching connection we came in contact with one Rev Lim Teck Hock of the city. This has opened a way for Rev Djunaidi to preach the Word there while on his way here this time. This opened a way for Djunaidi also to visit the borders whereby a route is established to bring Gospel literature in Chinese into the land.

On his return trip Rev Djunaidi will go on a special assignment to Sibuh. Pray that the souls he'll contact there will come to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Praise the Lord, as we have been inclined all these days toward Sarawak, we are thrilled to learn that from next month a weekly service will be commenced by Garuda between S'pore and Pontianak, going right on to Balikpapan. Balikpapan is Jason Linn's territory. I have ask Djunaidi to begin praying for East Kalimantan. Lord willing, we must recapture the territory evangelised by Jason Linn 50 years ago! Pray for Sarawak, and for East Kalimantan too. - T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (OCT 26-NOV 1)

MON 8.00 pm No class, but Synod Business Mtg.
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting in Church.
(Colour slides on BPC Sumatra by Dohar)
THUR 8.00 pm Rev Dan Ebert III Final Lecture.
SAT 9.00 am Korean School
2.00 pm Goh Seng Huat and Chua Mui Cheng
Wedding, Rev Tow officiating.
Reception at FEBC Hall
4.00 pm Richard Lum and Esther Soh
Wedding. ... as above.
3.30 pm JYF, YF and AF
SUN 7.00 am Rev Tow at Chin Lien
10.00 am Rev Tow (Lord's Supper)
10.00 am Rev Lin Tah Mon (Lord's Supper)
11.45 am Korean Service
1.30 pm Beulah Service
4.30 pm Sharon Service
5.25 pm Mini bus to Calvary Pandan

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: See Below + \$50

(Dohar) + \$2,000 (FEBC)

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS:

1796) \$10,000; 1797) \$31; 1798) \$50 (Sharon);
1799) \$310 (Galilee); 1800) \$25 (Mt Carmel);
1801) \$100; 1802) \$310; 1803) \$50; 1804) \$500;
1805) \$50; 1806) \$45 (Kelapa Sawit);
1807) \$31 (Box); 1808) \$450; 1809) \$500;
1810) \$200; 1811) \$200; 1812) \$300; 1813) \$100;
1814) \$310; 1815) \$310; 1816) \$20 (Sembawang);
1817) \$250 (LCSS Pr. Dept); 1818) \$70 (WF);
1819) \$6,795.26 (Sat. night); 1820) \$8,134.40
(Sun.); 1821) \$2,400; 1822) \$1,000;
1823) \$4,000; 1824) \$167.60 (Int.)
1825) \$272.57 (Int.). TOTAL: \$904,121.26
STOP PRESS! 1826) \$310; 1827) \$136; 1828) \$300.

DJUNAIDI PARSONAGE AND CHURCH HALL:

32) \$50; 33) \$100; 34) \$50; 35) \$5,000.

TOTAL: \$29,634.87

NURSERY NOV 1: Miss Jane Ng, Miss Fam Chuay
Lai and Mrs Nancy Seah

ADDENDUM TO LAST WEEK'S BAPTISM LIST

Transfers Miss Nellie Lim Sok Leng (Staff
Nurse.

Praise the Lord! Another house (Mr & Mrs Chiang, neighbours of Mrs Poon) has been cleared of idols. We welcome the Chiangs (with 4 children) to our Church (both Eng. & Chin.) this Lord's Day. God bless their home!

Mr & Mrs Stephen Hyun our guests at the Hostel are now returned to Guam. They're retiring from Gideons end of year and shifting back to mainland U.S. Godspeed!
We bid Godspeed to Bro. Robin Tan who has left to join wife, Patricia in Australia.

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All Life Church Vacation Family Camp

(old or young, Chinese-speaking included)
Register today! Early Bird Catches the Worm.
Spiritual & Physical Blessings!

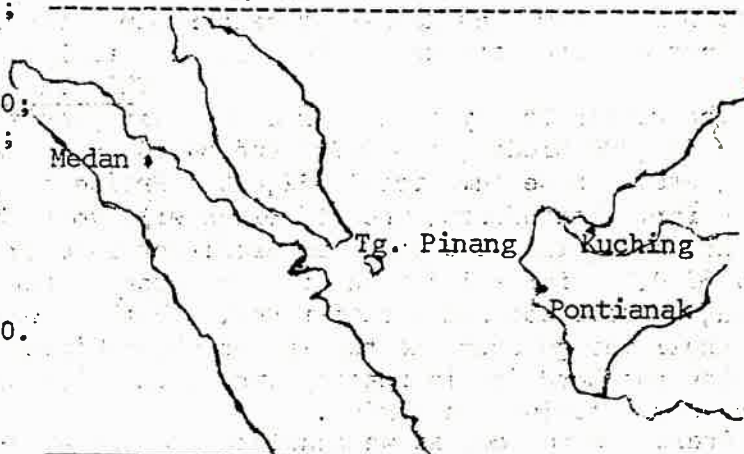
THE GREAT COMMISSION

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

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

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

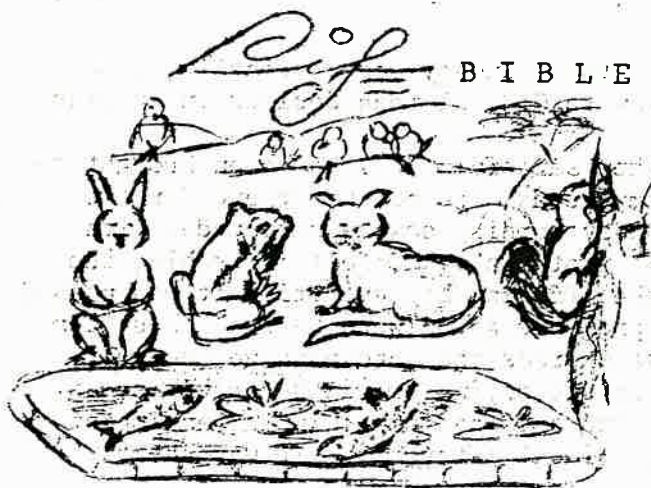
Go ye into all, into all nations,
And make them My disciples, and baptise them
for Me,
And teach them all My Word, for I'm with you
to the end.



THE ANNIVERSARY OF ANNIVERSARIES

Any Church anniversary commemoration is incomplete unless her members will resolve anew to carry out the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church Universal. Chinese Nationalists repeat the last words of Sun Yat-Sen, Father of the Republic, to carry on their unfinished revolution. The Great Commission is an Unfinished Commission. That Church which loves her Lord will above all renew their resolve to finish the work undone. That first Church gathering at the Ascension of our Lord is the Anniversary of Anniversaries.

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WHAT FUN TO CAMP

IN YOUR OWN HOUSE?

Church camps today are just as popular as Tourism! With the rat race on - accelerated production and pressurised study - both old and young need relaxation. For, "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." Christians go out to some distant resort, such as Port Dickson or Fraser's Hill, for recreational fellowship. They come home infused with new vigour to do their daily chores. Even our Lord needed this, for He would take the disciples aside

to some mountain or desert country to rest. Hence comes the word "retreat" into our Christian vocabulary.

The young people of our Church, especially, are ahead in this ministry of Christian recreation. Then there has been opened a children's camp for the last two years in our own Church to great success. Why not then take in the oldsters, and any one who would come? There's a great reservoir to be tapped outside of our youth groups. There's the neglected Chinese Section, particularly the mothers and grandmas. Though Session has voted to go to Port Dickson Dec. 1982, for this year we can have our Church Camp right here at Gilstead Road! But what fun? you ask.

While it is admitted that the ideal is outside Singapore, there are advantages camping in our own house:

1. It affords those who cannot take leave the opportunity to camp in part-time! After work, return to the camp grounds to relax the rest of the day and night and not to more work at home.

2. It costs but a fraction of what you'd have to pay travelling abroad.

3. Our garden of fragrant pine and palm, standing next to a greenwood I've called the "Forest of Lebanon" is a window into Creation. Apart from the greenery that surrounds us, there's that constant soothing note of chirping birds, if you'd stop to listen, that adds melody to the colours. Every morning, at the first streak of dawn, a tree-top chorus from a hundred twittering voices would sing you a "It is time to wake up!" - nature's computerised music clock, without fail, to the second. As darkness deepens into night, then comes the echo from more throaty voices below, the frogs making merry on the Sea of Galilee. And now, not only Galilee Sea, but the Forest of Lebanon Fish Pond and the Little Fish Pond (where is it?). Who'd donate a fountain for that long, oblong "waterhouse" at the back to brighten it up?

4. And have you not noticed the renovations, still going on, that have added these attractions to the young - Bird House, Squirrel House, Rabbit Hole, Upper Room, Jerusalem Court Chapel, Girls' Roof Garden. How many sleeping capsules can you count? Where is the Workshop of the "Breakthrough" Book-binders? Where will two new pondoks, with built-in seats, be located?

5. Example from Israel: When we were in Israel, we saw how the Jews kept the Feast of Tabernacles or Booths. This was a weeklong affair. If they had a garden they would build a temporary pondok with branches and palm leaves, whatever that came fresh from the forest. If they lived in a flat with a verendah, they would make do by bringing in the green branches and putting up some sort of natural covering over their heads. Thus surrounded by "nature" they would rejoice in a festal air. That's their camp! Surely, we have much more than that! And we need not stick to a set calendar. We can camp anytime we like. Thus, these beautiful grounds at our Church are made more beautiful for the enjoyment of every Lifer anytime throughout the year.

That young Lifers have camped in frequently should be sufficient testimony to the whole Church why it is just as fun to camp in your own house.

"GOD MADE US SUCH THAT WITHOUT HIM
WE WOULD FEEL A VOID IN OUR LIVES"

By Chow Song Chin, a representative catechumen of the Oct. Baptism

Three years have passed since I accepted the Lord Jesus as my Saviour. Over these years, God showed His love to me by meeting all of my needs in the best way possible. So it seemed only appropriate that I should confess Him before the whole Christian community and tell of His wonderful goodness towards a sinner like me.

One great spiritual truth that I learnt after becoming a Christian was that "...while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). Yes, Christ did it for us all and He had increasingly revealed Himself to me even while I was still in the dark; a lost sinner groping for the truth.

In the first place, God made us such that without Him, we would feel a void in our lives. This I felt in my early childhood (even though I was a rather staunch Buddhist then) and I could not find an answer to the many perplexing problems in life and also as to my destination after death. Night after night, I would ponder over such issues in my mind and having

not been able to find all the answers, I would fall into an uneasy rest. Finally, I came to the conclusion that Buddhism is perhaps not the way to God. I then decided in my heart to seek out the truth for myself.

My experiences with Christianity were not altogether satisfying. I had been brought to Church as a small child. Even now, I realized that my needs were not met there for the gospel was not presented to me at all. And every Sunday morning saw me surrounded with toys and sometimes with lambs made of cotton-wool and toothpicks. I felt miserable, the only joy I found was dropping a ten-cent coin into the offering bag everytime it was passed around. Even on the day of Christmas, I found that presents given were based on a system of merit. Active children were given wonderful gifts whereas the more passive ones (it seemed that I was the only one then) were given not-so-satisfying presents for Christmas. Hence I received only two handkerchiefs as a present and this had some kind of an impact on my life. I discovered that Christianity was not so ideal after all. It was shortly after that I left the Church.

The next incident happened when I was in primary six. My cousin was telling my sisters and I about Hell. She made it sound so terrifying that I agreed to go to church with her the following Sunday. However, my father got to hear about it and he gave her a sound scolding. I was spared but the fear of my father was to prove an important element in my future dealings with Christian friends who tried to witness to me.

Two such friends spoke to me in early 1977. I was quite convinced by the things they told me but a fear of what laid ahead (if I were to become a Christian) prevented me from committing myself further. Likewise, many attempts followed but I always held back. And my friends almost gave up on me.

At the same time, I kept telling myself that I was still searching for the truth. Indeed the truth was revealed to me but I was blind to it. The death of my mother brought this issue to the fore once more. I had fought with God for long enough; finally I admitted that He might just be the One who could rescue me from all the uncertainties of life. My friend's words served to encourage me further. She said that if only I would take the faithful step of accepting Christ into my life, I would be released from all doubts and fears. I took her advice and in my three years with the Lord, I can say that I have never regretted that one step of faith - "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God" (Eph 2:8,9).

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (NOV 2-8)

MON 7.30 pm O.T. History
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting at Parsonage
9.15 pm Session Meeting
THUR Eve of FEBC Exams. No lectures.
FRI 8.30 am FEBC Exams Begin
SAT 9.00 am Korean School
3.30 pm JYF, YF & AF

SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow
10.00 am Mr Teo Siau Hua
11.45 am Korean Service
1.30 pm Beulah Service
4.30 pm Sharon Service
5.00 pm Rev Tow at Bethany
5.25 pm Mini-bus to Calvary Pandan

7.30 pm FEBC
Fac. & Board
Mtg. at 64
Andrew Road.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: \$1,768.00; \$200 (AF for Dohar)

Synod Inaugural for Ling Kwang \$942.00

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS:

PRAISE THE LORD! 1829) \$50; 1830) \$104 (USA);
1831) \$30; 1832) \$50;
1833) \$20; 1834) \$50;
1835) \$31; 1836) \$170;
1837) \$50; 1838) \$50;
1839) \$20; 1840-42) \$172.77
\$103.50; \$121.94 (Int.);
1843) \$1,939.20
TOTAL: \$907,829.67

DJUNDAI PARSONAGE AND CHURCH HALL:

36) \$777.10 (Cal. Pandan)

TOTAL: \$30,411.97 STOP PRESS! 37) \$200.

NURSERY, NOV. 8: Mrs Grace Seow, Mrs Mary Prasad and Mrs Magdalene Thio

At the 1st Synod Meeting held at FEBC Hall, Mon. Oct. 26, the Rev Quek Kiok Chiang was elected Moderator and Elder Chia Kim Chwee Stated Clerk. Synod 1982 lasting 3 days is planned for Port Dickson, Elders, N.B.!

Rev Dan Ebert III of the Philippines (Pastor Ormeo) has lectured 2 full weeks with FEBC to great profit of College and Church. We bid him Godspeed as he returns Nov.

SCHOOL TERMS 1982

I Jan 4 - Mar. 12
II Mar 22 - May 28
III June 28 - Sept 3
IV Sept. 13 - Nov. 19

Special School Holidays:-

Youth Day July 13 Teachers' Day Sept. 1
National Day Aug. 10 Children's Day Oct. 1
December & Jan are busy Wedding months!

Dec 3 Elder Lau Hock Ann's son (Rev Tow at Rawang).

Dec 5 Chua Soon Quee & Choo Siew Hong (Bapt. Fellow. Ch.) (Rev Tow)

Dec 12 John Chia (Emmanuel Ev. Ch.)

Dec 26 Richard Lim & Pauline Tan (Rev David Wong)

Jan 1 Philip Seow & Karen Chew (Rev David Wong)

Jan 2 Bey Soo Khiang & Tan Yeow Khim (Rev Tan Kai Oon)

December Camps

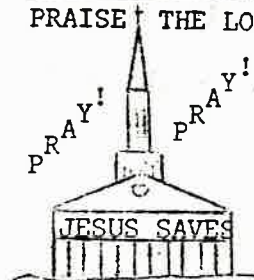
Dec 1 - 4 Sharon S.S. Camp Dec 22-23
Dec 7 - 12 Bethany Church Camp Rev Tow at
Dec 8 - 10 Muar Trinity Church TBC Camp
(Users of Church Site take note!)

Attend SMCCC Annual Conference with ICY at Calvary Pandan tonite 8 p.m. (After Sunset Gospel Hour)

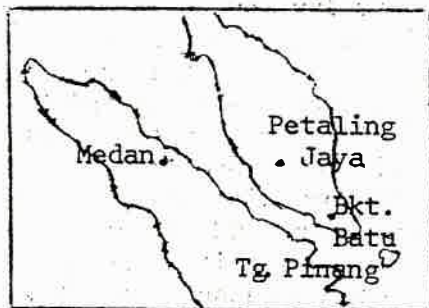
Need Xmas Cards? Let our Book Centre serve you!

Get your application forms for the Family Vacation Bible Camp from the counter.

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ONWARD B-P MISSIONS!

One good result of our big Church family coming together in the leaders at Port Dickson, and as a Synod, is a new spirit to work more closely. Onward B-P Missions is our resolve to go forward for the Lord! B-P Missions had played an admirable part in the bringing up of our younger Churches. I remember the contributions through B-P Missions that went to help even Galilee in the beginning. Then there were Carmel and Jurong, and a great deal that went to Kelapa Sawit and Rawang.

However, B-P Missions began to lose support when the younger Churches were able to stand on their own feet, and no new B-P outreach was forthcoming. The missions to West Kalimantan, Java and Bali under Revs K.C. Quek, Quek Swee Hwa and Tow are not strictly B-P, so we will not count them.

But B-P outreach has of late taken a new turn. There is now a vigorous branch shooting forth through Dohar, a recent FEBC graduate. It is B-P Sumatra. This Mission is being established in a new housing estate in Medan where no Church is. Then with Dohar's father's enthusiasm a second testimony is raised in their own farm. The Kepala Kampung, as a result, is converted. This newly converted head of village is so grateful for his salvation that he offers a portion of his land for the building of a village church. This is where B-P Missions with the concerted support from our younger churches can come in. And I have the concurrence of Revs Tan Eng Boo and Anthony Tan, two of our new ministers.

Another B-P outreach contemplated is Bukit Batu, seven miles north of Kelapa Sawit. Eld. John Ling of Kelapa Sawit is particularly interested in procuring a compound house in the village for a Kindergarten. Here's another avenue for B-P missionary outreach.

At the Synod we were delighted to hear of Bro Chew Fook Wah of Petaling Jaya wanting to begin a B-P Service in his own house. Bro Chew is a member of Calvary. Is this not a third avenue for B-P Missions?

Dec. 25 is a red letter day for the Presbyterian Church, Tanjung Pinang. (This Church has elected to affiliate with our movement.) As they request us to officiate the dedication of their new 7-classroom brick school, is there no obligation on our part to show our support? B-P Missions!

Onward, B-P Missions! Too long have we lounged in our comfortable sofas of eternal security. Apart from Grace lately going out to Changi to establish Shalom, where are the others on the move? We do not like to forecast with some, "We will do it ten times over in this country or that by a certain year." We shall be more than satisfied simply doing His bidding when the Lord opens a door, let us readily enter, lest it be shut! It is vain for us to talk of going to Timbuctoo when our younger brothers next street in Sumatra and next door in Johore are calling to us. And we are stopping our ears to hear their cries because it is so comfortable in our sofas. Shake off every complacency and lethargy. Onward, B-P Missions!

Ed. Note: While we decry the lack of togetherness in B-P outreach, we must record our thanks to the Almighty for enabling Calvary to do beyond their measure in the building of Rev Ormeo's Bible School and Church. The gifts for Djunaidi's work in West Kalimantan are also deeply appreciated, which have come from various sources. The Lord bless you who are zealous for the extension of His Kingdom.



This ad appeared many years ago at the entrance of a modernistic Church. The Mahjong Drive for Missions was an effort by the women of the Church to support the Lord's work. Not only Mahjong, but Bingo! "Next Wednesday Night, Bingo"! This ad appeared in an R.C. Church in Philadelphia, which we saw in 1978.

One result of such watered-down ethics in the Church is the encouragement to untaught Christians to indulge in games of chance and every sort of gambling. State-run Toto and Turf Club inducements by peddlers at Coffee shops and crowded public places are further temptations. The young Christian, if not properly catechised, falls prey to these unholy designs.

Christians must refrain from all such practices because the principle of easy money-making (and easy money-losing) is forbidden by God's Word. This is prohibited by the Tenth Commandment. "Thou shalt not covet" covers every game of chance where money is involved. For every one who indulges in this has that urge to make a fast buck. That urge is called covetousness. Business tactics employ this principle in lucky draws to get more customers. This is breaking the Tenth Commandment.

Money is not evil but it is the love of money, says St Paul, that is the root of all evil. Money hard-earned by the sweat of the brow is sacred. The right way to prosperity is industry, diligence and the practice of economy. This is taught by the Apostle who also exemplifies it in Acts 20. In II Thess. 3:10 he puts it in the negative, "If any would not work, neither should he eat". So, in our offerings to the Lord, we cannot give from gaming money, such as from the Mahjong Drive of that modernistic church.



ALL LIFE CHURCH VACATION BIBLE CAMP

All Life Church means everybody, anybody, old or young, boy or girl, married or unmarried! We have whole families signed up, married couples, single women, teenagers, boys and girls, etc. We will cater to adults, children and the Chinese-speaking. Rev Dr Patrick Tan will deliver three night messages on "The Christian Family". The pastor will teach the day classes; Miss Ng Sang Chiew the Chinese classes. Mrs Ivy Tow is in charge of her annual children's camp. Mr Teo Gim Thong is overall Camp Master.

Vacation means vacation! This will be a holiday camp. We shall go outing for a day somewhere quite far away. It's a secret. The same night there will be a Christian Film Show. Apart from badminton, there will be games on the front lawn. A new ping-pong table will be installed. A fourth fish pool will add more life to our lively surroundings. Rev Andrew Bo will give some lessons on astronomy with his telescope at night. While every married couple is entitled to a room, the young and adventurous will be given the privilege of sleeping in the Bird House, Squirrel House, Rabbit Burrow, Crows' Nest, Upper Room, Fortress Chamber. Where are the tropical sleeping capsules and how many? The most privileged teenage girls will claim the Girls' Roof Garden Penthouse. These are but a preview of what an exciting camping site we're still making out of the Garden of Fragrant Pine and Palm in the shadows of the Forest of Lenanon. We shall ask campers to count and identify the sounds of birds, insects and animals heard around the camp - an audio-treasure hunt.

Bible means Lessons from God's Word. There is no better way of knowing God than by studying His Holy Word. So, bring your Bibles along!

For happy feeding we shall have two good cooks. Madam Kim Poh our FEBC cook and Patrick Lee, FEBC's "fat boy". (There will be 6 makans a day).

Now, for all the happy days and nights you'll enjoy in Camp Nov. 23-27, the charge is or \$25 for adults and \$20 for children under 12. Part-time campers will be charged less.

Campers are required to bring their own bedsheets, pillow cases and blankets - it will be cool the last week of November - for isn't this the beginning of Northeast monsoon weather?

Hurry, boys and girls, you young ladies and everyone who has no chance to go farther afield. Why spend \$100 extra merely on some tiresome, longdistance travel? But we shall not take in too many. "The early bird catches the worm." Chirp-chirp, says the window sparrow, "Come to All Life Church Vacation Bible Camp!"

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (NOV 9-15)

MON 7.30 pm O.T. History Exam.
8.00 pm FEK Com. Mtg. at Parsonage
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting at Parsonage
FRI 6.30 pm FEBC Students Dinner
SAT 9.00 am Korean School
3.30 pm JYF, YF & AF
8.00 pm Rev Tow at Calvary Pandan AF
SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow
10.00 am Mr Jonah Chan
11.45 am Korean Service
1.30 pm Beulah Service
4.30 pm Sharon Service
5.25 pm Mini bus to Calvary Pandan

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: \$3,189.95 + (\$50 + \$100 + \$100 Dohar) + \$750 (Renovations)

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS:

1844) \$70; 1845) \$70;
PRAISE THE LORD! 1846) \$35; 1847) \$150;
1848) \$180; 1849) \$160;
1850) \$50; 1851) \$500;
1852) \$200; 1853) \$160;
1854) \$100; 1855) \$100;
1856) \$300; 1857) \$320;
1858) \$250; 1859) \$800;
1860) \$1,200; 1861) \$1,000;
1862) \$1,000; 1863) \$30;
1864) \$90 (Chin. Serv.);
CHRIST, OUR ROCK! 1865) \$300 (Chin. Serv.);
1866-68) \$196.99; \$141.50;
\$104.04 Int.

TOTAL: \$915,837.20 STOP PRESS! 1869) \$500 (Beulah); 1870) \$200.

DJUNAIDI PARSONAGE AND CHURCH HALL:

37) \$200 (Chin. Serv.); 38) \$51 (LCCSS);

39) \$40; 40) \$200 (Chin. Serv.);

TOTAL: \$30,902.97 STOP PRESS! 41) \$35 (short of \$12,000 only!)

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NURSERY, NOV 15: Miss Lau Sock Eng, Mrs Leong Lit Miah and Mrs Ivy Tay.

Rev Tow preaches 5 p.m. at Bethany B-P Church Seletar Hills.

FEBC Fac. & Board Meetings commence at 8 p.m.
HEAR B-P MINISTERS ON SBC, 1982 tonite!

Rev Dr Lt Col Patrick Tan (Life) 10 Jan. '82

Rev Charlie Tan (Bethany) 14 March '82

Rev Tan Eng Boo (Grace) 9 April '82

Rev Bobby Phee (Sembawang) 16 May '82

Rev Anthony Tan (Nazareth) 18 July '82

Rev Dr Tan Wai Choon (Life) 19 Sept. '82

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS FOR 1982

Jan. 1 (Friday) New Year's Day

Jan 25 (Monday) Chinese New Year

Jan 26 (Tuesday) Chinese New Year

Apr 9 (Saturday) Good Friday

May 1 (Saturday) Labour Day

May 8 (Saturday) Vesak Day

Jul 22 (Thursday) Hari Raya Puasa

Aug 9 (Monday) National Day

Sep 28 (Tuesday) Hari Raya Haji

Nov 14 (Sunday) Deepavali

Dec 25 (Saturday) Christmas

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OUR KOREAN COMMISSION

What is known as the Great Commission - the Lord's Command to His disciples to "go and teach all nations" is often repeated in the Church today. So often is it heard that familiarity to the repeated sounds has brought contempt. Fortunately, it is not so with our Church. At the 31st Anniversary Dinner Testimonies, I was encouraged by Deacon Sng Teck Leong's remarks in which he expressed the joy of seeing our Church reach out to Sumatra and West Kalimantan. Yes, the Church is for Sumatra and Kalimantan. This is reflected in the gifts earmarked for these two fields. The latest is an envelope of \$300 for "Church-Kindergarten Kalimantan".

Now, to further encourage the hands and hearts who are minded in the Gospel outreach, God has honoured us with a Korean Commission. This has been our mandate since over a year ago when we offered our Church premises to the Korean Church in Singapore - through our brotherly ties with Mr Stephen Hyun (now with Gideons International, Guam). The Koreans in Singapore are a fast growing community. There are over 1,000 residents and 2,000 imported workers (in the building projects). By offering our Church to the Koreans, we become an instrument in the saving of souls from the Korean nation. We are in no lesser role than receiving a Commission from the Lord to evangelise Korea itself.

Our relation with the Korean Church leads us to contact with the whole community. This is through the Korean Sat. School 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Children of Primary School age use our Kindergarten premises for instruction in the mother tongue. Most of these children are naturally non-Christian. By attending their own school on our Kindergarten grounds they are drawn closer to the Church. They are also influenced by the Bibles and Christian literature they are attracted to buy from our Book Centre.

If you should ask what results thus far have come about our association with the Koreans, I can give only those that are visible and known to us. First, Mr Stephen Hyun's own son-in-law, Mr Han Joong Sik. He studied four years at FEBC and graduated with a B.Th. With further degrees from the West, he is now teaching at a Theological Seminary in Pusan. Mrs Han who also studied at FEBC teaches in a Christian Day School. Presently a Miss Rhee, daughter of a Deacon of the Korean Church, is studying at FEBC. Through our Korean connection, two young men from Korea are applying to FEBC. The Lord be praised for the Korean outreaches. And all these have come about not by our zeal or prowess, but by the Lord's providence.

Auspiciously, this Lord's Day is the Thanksgiving Day of the Korean people. The Korean Church will celebrate with a special Lunch at the FEBC Hall 12.30 p.m. We have an Invitation from the Church to our Seven Elders with their wives to attend. May the following elders take note to join our Korean brethren this Lord's Day: Elders Khoo Peng Kiat, Lau King Hong, Lim Teck Chye, Eric Mahadevan, Seow Chong Pin, Edmund Tay and Peter Wang, Rev Patrick Tan N.B.!

"WAIT UPON THE LORD"

(Sermon by Catherine Ng to FEBC Students)

My topic today is "Wait upon the Lord". The ability to wait upon the Lord is not easily acquired. We are restless and want to be on the move. We do not like to wait in line, or wait in the doctor's office - in fact, most of us just do not like to wait. It is much easier to act than to wait. Someone has said, "Waiting on God is not one of the marks of the average space-age Christian." Waiting on God is seeking His face for guidance and direction in our lives. It is becoming quiet enough before Him to hear His voice. If we do not take time to wait on Him we may go forth in the energy of the flesh or we may force open a door before His time. Wait! God's clock and His Calendar are not always the same as ours, but they are always right on time. Therefore, let us consider seriously the results of patient waiting upon the Lord.

1. Waiting upon the Lord is waiting according to His time schedule. "And therefore will the Lord wait, that he may be gracious unto you ... blessed are all they that wait for Him" (Isa. 30:18). Perhaps today you may be waiting for God to do something for you. Are you puzzled by the delay? Do you think that perhaps God has forgotten you because no one has recognised your gifts and talents? God does not always answer us when we think He should. Sometimes He waits because He knows it is not the right time for the answer. He may be waiting that He may enlarge our capacity to receive and thus give us an even greater answer to our prayers. He may be waiting because we must learn needful lessons before He can answer our prayers. He waits that He may do His best for us. Isa. 30:18 "And therefore will the Lord wait, that he may be gracious unto you ... blessed are all they that wait for him." Our Lord is looking and longing to be gracious to us. Blessed are we if we wait earnestly for Him, for His victory, His favour, His love, His peace, His joy and His matchless, unbroken companionship.

The Bible speaks of many who had this ability to wait on the Lord. Joseph, for example, endured a long period of waiting, for he did not become a ruler in Egypt until many years

after he had been sold by his brothers. Yet he continued to wait upon God, and he could say to his brothers, "But God meant it unto good" (Gen. 50:20).

It had been well said, "His delays are not denials". The Lord is waiting that He may be gracious unto us.

One illustration for those who might be waiting upon the Lord. For those who are single, marriage perhaps may seem extremely important, but don't panic. God wants more for your life than a wife or husband. God's choice is the best choice. Leave things in God's hand and wait for His time. If you are single, marriage is not now God's complete will for you. What He wants now is to develop you into a fulfilled person, one who is maturing in character and ability, one who consistently experiences God's blessings.

If you are married, God will use many events from everyday life to mould you into a Christ-like person. He may choose the times when your children are sick to teach you to rely on Him. He may use the death of a loved one to teach you that He is the Divine Comforter. He may allow you to experience personal failure in order to help you develop humility. Let us have patience with God to wait upon Him according to His time. Though patience is not a "once for all" spiritual experience. It is a spiritual quality that grows as we put God first in every circumstance. It is an attitude that says, "God, I thank you that you control circumstances. I want your will fulfilled in my life. You know the beginning from the end, so I am willing to wait for you to complete your program in your time."

2. Waiting upon the Lord is seeking His face for guidance and direction in our lives.

"I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye" (Ps. 32:8). This is the promise for the believer's pathway. We could depend completely on Him for guidance. It is God-planned and God-directed that we are here at FEBC. God, has enrolled us in His Great University as His pupils. He has promised to instruct and teach us in the way we should go. He imparts to us the knowledge we need if we are to walk in the light of His will. Our Heavenly Teacher says, "I will instruct you and train you." He trains us to apply His instruction to our daily lives. Perhaps we are all still waiting upon the Lord for guidance and direction in the area of service after our study or our training at FEBC. Do we find the waiting hard to bear? Waiting upon the Lord is not easy but it is rewarding for He always gives us the best. When we serve the Lord, we want to be successful. There are times when we are very impatient while waiting upon the Lord. Just like our instant mee, instant coffee, instant breakfast, instant potatoes and so forth. We attend Church and hope to hear an instant sermon and like some young people who are searching for the instant will of God. We may also try to attend the school promising instant graduation. Six month and one year Bible Courses are becoming popular. The fact is we should not worry and hurry over things. We should learn to conquer our impatience to wait. Take for example, if we are waiting for someone, let us use the waiting time constructively. We can replace frustration with reading, planning or creative thinking.

Some of you may know where you are going to serve the Lord after your study but yet there are some who may not know. As we wait upon the Lord, let us use our time constructively. Involve yourselves in Church and College activities. Learn to discover our spiritual gifts and talents and use it for His glory, while we are still in school, and there will come the time when God will reveal to us where He wants us to be. God's concept of the proper time is, when He sees in us the capability of handling the responsibility. This means not only that we have the ability, but also the maturity.

Someone said, "Jesus is coming very soon." I'm not going to waste my time in Bible College. I have got to save the world. There is no time for that kind of education. What is this? Study! Study! Study! Assignment! Assignment! Assignment! There is so much to work outside, witnessing to the lost, counselling and so on!! Look! this person does not consider that he could be an effective witness while attending school. At the same time he can become better equipped so as to serve the Lord effectively. When the Lord does return for His people, he is not going to count the number of people we have led to Christ. He wants us to do exactly what he has purposed in us. If Jesus finds us in school when He returns, He'll say, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You were doing exactly what I asked you to do." Let us learn to wait upon the Lord and yield ourselves to Him. Ps. 25:4,5: "Shew me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths. Lead me in thy truth, and teach me for thou art the God of my salvation, on thee do I wait all the day."

Do not let your life be filled with troubles and discouragements when our friends and relatives laugh at us, while studying at Bible College. Pray! Work and keep waiting for God to do something significant in our life. The Lord's promise to us is, "You will be successful as you continue to serve in My power and for My glory."

3. Waiting on the Lord today, will renew our strength.

"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall walk, and not faint" (Isa. 40:31).

The condition for renewing our strength is waiting. We are to be waiting pilgrims, not weary ones. The Hebrew word for "wait" means "looking unto and expecting from": "looking unto God means praying and expecting from Him means trusting.

Ps. 62:5 "My soul wait thou only upon God, for my expectation is from Him." Wait prayerfully and expect trustingly. As we wait on God, our strength is renewed. We have exchanged our finite weakness for His infinite strength. This is illustrated by the eagles who have power to rise high above the storm. We, too, as we face the storms of life, can mount up with wings as eagles. God has "wing power" for us, but these wings are only for those who wait on the Lord. Are you a weary pilgrim or a waiting pilgrim? Edited by Rev Timothy Tow, Tel: 2560617/2569256.

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WHAT PROFIT?

Synopsis of last week's Sermon on Jesus' famous question:

"For what is a man be profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Matt. 16:26)).

While it is the Bible's teaching that we are not to be ensnared by riches, "for the love of money is the root of all evil" (I Tim. 6:10), neither is the profit motive in life discounted. In fact it is essential for the well-being of society, for the prosperity of the Church.

In the parables of the talents (Mat. 25) and the Pounds (Luke 19) does not our Lord commend those servants who made profit from the capital money He had delivered them? Those who made more profit were given greater reward, those who made no effort to earn were harshly reprimanded. This teaching has been well imbibed by our Church from the beginning. Therefore Life Church and her daughter churches are thriving because it is required of us all to make profit for the Lord. Not only must the Church be run on a self-supporting and self-propagating basis. It must also win souls for hire. Profit must be made both in the physical and the spiritual. Yes, the profit motive is an essential part of life, but not profiteering. Not the making of excessive profits. "Insofar as the management of our Church's finance is concerned, all the Lord's people's offerings are kept in fixed deposit to earn at the present rate of 11-12%. To put the money in speculative business for high but risky profit is wrong. To just let it lie unproductive in current account is also wrong. But to make legitimate profit is according to our Lord's teaching.

How do we know whether any business is making profit or loss? The yearly balance sheet. But there is a greater and more important balance sheet we must look into and that is the balance sheet of life. To the more elderly members of this Church, I say this, "Should you come to the end of your life on earth and you have accumulated \$10 million and all the houses of Orchard Road, yea, even all the houses in Singapore, but your soul will land down in hell, of what use to you are the accumulated earthly riches? Remember the fate of the Rich Man in hell? But neither is there profit to you if you, having the same amount of wealth, should reach heaven, but have done nothing for God on earth. Of what profit is the \$10 million to a man departed out of earth? Of what value is it to him who gave but a few dollars from the mountainous abundance God had bestowed him? In His presence he will receive but the Lord's rebuke. What shame, what guilt, what remorse!!! So there will be many rich Christians on earth who when they get to heaven will become very poor. Of such is the Rich Fool. This man, possibly a Christian too, planned and schemed to increase his wealth everyday. He wanted to build bigger and higher houses to store his goods. But he didn't know the very night of the day he had discussed with his contractor to build his warehouses, his soul was required of him. This man was not profitable to God nor to himself.

The true profit to a man's life is not more money but more life. Jesus comes to give us life and life more abundantly, yea even life everlasting. Thus Jesus teaches us in the words he uttered to two brothers quarrelling over inherited property. Jesus retorted, "Who made me a judge or a divider over you?" And he continued, "Beware of covetousness, for a man's life consisteth not of the things which he possesseth" (Luke 12:15). The true profit to man's life is life and not money, even as a Chinese proverb says, "Have life have money, have not life have not money." Life is greater than the things of life, life that is in the salvation of the soul through our Lord Jesus Christ and together with that the exuberant life of the body, even health when a man's soul is saved. When a man is made anew by the Spirit of God e.g. a converted Drug addict, his bodily health is also restored. Because he refrains from his old sinful ways that sapped his health.

In Jesus' definition of what profit in life is, we must conclude He was the richest Man on earth. Surely He could not be, you said, since he was born in a manger and he worked as a carpenter. But we say He was because all in heaven and on earth was His. He was tired of the physical riches you and I would desire to possess, but also to our sorrow. He needed not to keep a stable of asses so He could ride them. When He needed one he told His disciples to get it from another disciple. He owned everything. But Peter not understanding this truth asked about himself. Jesus replied, "And everyone that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father or mother, or wife or children, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit life everlasting. What profit! When we find life everlasting to be the true profit of life, we gain also 100 times in the material. Has not the Lord blessed you after you are saved with increasing abundance of earthly riches? Has not the Lord filled Life Church grounds with members' cars? And the good things in your homes? Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt. 6:33).

Jesus Christ not only taught us the profit motive in life, He also set us the example. But dying on the Cross against all the temptations of Satan in order that He might deliver us from sin and Hell, he made the greatest profit in His life. He suffered pain to its

uttermost but for a duration, but by paying that price He's able to save us, the whole world, as many as would believe in Him, to the uttermost.

In order to obtain this profit in the life abundant, there is however a price to pay. That is we must forsake our own life (not committing suicide to your own loss) - for His sake. Peter when detracting our Lord from going to Jerusalem to be crucified exposed his own cowardice, his fear of death, of sacrifice in the service of God. If we are to be profited in the life God promises us, we must also be prepared to die for His Name. Every Bible College student here especially must heed this condition of service. An OMF Newsletter recently revealed how one of its missionaries, a Mr Coos, a Dutchman, was gunned down point blank by a Thai assassin as he was preaching in a village. He knew such danger lurked in his paths before he went to Thailand. But he was prepared to pay the price to gain the profit of life everlasting. If we serve him with only a servant's attitude we are unprofitable servants, says Wurmbrand. If we serve Him lovingly as sons we are profitable servants.

While Jesus rebukes the profiteering spirit He nevertheless teaches the profit motive and the profit of life is more life, even life everlasting and not the riches of this world.



AN INSTANT CAMPSITE ON THE SIDE

When Renovations II, i.e. that which has been going on since after the Far Eastern Council's 10th Assembly was decided upon, it was with the view of increasing living space for the swelling number of FEBC students. \$21,900 has been advanced by FEBC as her share to Renovations II.

As we went along, new ideas developed. With sleeping capsules constructed into every high-ceiling area (how many?) there have also been developed a Bird House and a Squirrel House that transport you as it were to some forest or lake. Then there has been created a 4th Fish Pool under your nose! But what is the Evergreen Arbour and the Crow's Nest?

From Nov. 23 when our own Camp begins right on to Dec. 28, Gilstead Road will be a non-stop Campsite on the side (for other Church functions shall go on as usual). The high tide will be reached Dec. 7-12 when nearly 200 will be sheltered here under one roof!

With the increasing living space and the installing of many sleeping capsules, we are now short of mattresses. A sister did a good job renewing used mattresses for the Far Eastern Assembly. Who has some surplus ones lying around? Send them to your Instant Campsite!

Lifers are invited to our Night meetings Nov. 23-26 when Dr Tan will be speaking on the Christian Family and a Christian Film will be shown. Now an extra film Sadhu Sundar Singh (Journey to the Skies) will be added on Tues. night, by request! This will give young campers a chance to invite young neighbours of HUDC flats to church Tues. night.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (NOV. 23-29)

MON 9.00 am All Life Church Camp begins
TUE 7.30 pm Evening Message (Dr Tan)
Prayer Meeting combined with
Camp Meeting
8.00 pm Sadhu Sundar Singh Film
WED 7.30 pm Film Night
THUR 7.30 pm Camp Message (Dr Patrick Tan)
SAT 9.00 am Korean School
2.30 pm Victor Poon - May Sinn Meng
Wedding (Rev Tow officiating)
3.30 pm YF, JYF & AF
4.30 pm Vincent Ho - Lee Khuen Yim
Wedding (Rev Heng officiating)
SUN 10.00 am Rev Peter Chua
10.00 am Rev Tow (Chinese Service)
11.45 am Korean Service
1.30 pm Beulah Service
4.00 pm Rev Tow at Mt Carmel (Ebenezer
Chapel)
4.30 pm Sharon Service; 5.25 pm To Pan-

LAST 2 WEEKS' OFFERINGS:

Nov. 8: \$2,415 + \$300 (Gal.) + \$100 (Dohar)
+ \$20 (Renovations).

Nov. 15: \$2,155 + (\$50 + \$10 Dohar) + \$50
(Masila) + \$50 (Richard) + (\$5+\$50 AF Renov.)

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS: + (\$400 AF Dohar)

Nov. 8: 1871) \$100; 1872) \$10; 1873) \$120;
1874) \$15; 1875) \$60; 1876) \$27; 1877) \$30;
1878) \$40; 1879) \$145; 1880) \$250; 1881)
\$370 (AF); 1882) \$170; 1883) \$200; 1884) \$100
(Boxes); 1885) \$152.63 (Int.); 1886) \$208.30
(Sun. Lunch Thanksgiving). TOTAL: \$918,535.13

Nov. 15: 1887) \$104 (USA); 1888) \$1,548;
1889) \$300; 1890) \$310; 1891) \$200; 1892) \$100;
1893) \$70 (WF); 1894-96) \$108.29; \$129.95;
\$179.89 (Int.); TOTAL: \$921,585.26
STOP PRESS! 1897) \$400; 1898) \$50; 1899) \$30;
1900) \$180.

DJUNAIDI PARSONAGE & CHURCH HALL:

42) \$10; 43) \$300 (Box); 44) \$42 (LCSS);
45) \$41.40 (USA); 46) \$70; 47) \$50; 48) \$500;
49) \$100; 50) \$500 (Chin. Serv.); 51) \$345.05
(England); 52) \$150. TOTAL: \$33,046.42

STOP PRESS! 53) \$50 Praise the Lord!

RENOVATIONS: STOP PRESS! US\$200 from Rev C.T.
Hsu; \$10; \$250.

NURSERY, NOV. 29: Mrs Chng Mui Khim, Mrs Amy
Koh and Mrs Jennifer Goh.

NEW ADDRESS: Philip R Jawabreh, Christ Church
Hospice, P O Box 14037, Jaffa Gate, Jerusalem
91140.

BIRTH: To Mr & Mrs Richard Ong a son, Marcus
Ong Shen-Ming, 5.11.81

Transfer of membership from Grace to Life

1. Dr Teo Chong Gee 2. Mdm Linda Chin Mong
Sze (Mrs Teo), 435-B Bukit Timah Road (1025).
Tel: 2564463.

80 mins. colour film show, "My Son, My Son" -
the anguished true story of a Christian
father and his wayward son - will be shown in
Church on Sat. 28th Nov. at 7.30 pm sharp.
Christian Life Book Centre, Tel: 2541223

Lim Florist, Tel: 3369011

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GLIMPSES OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY CAMP1) By Han Mei Lan (12 years)

"How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts!" Psalm 84:1

With the arrival of church members, both young and old, at God's "dwelling place" on the 23rd of Nov., the All Life Church Bible Camp started.

After singing hymns of praise to our Lord, Bible Study was led by our pastor. We learnt about the Rapture and the Second Coming of Christ, something that every believer must know.

There was a discussion group later on where anyone with doubts could express them freely and gain satisfying answers.

At about noon, a delightful fragrance filled the hall, and very soon, lunch was served. It was a delicious lunch which had everyone eating ravenously.

Some spent a peaceful hour resting in dorm after lunch, thinking of the exciting things the rest of the day would bring.

Recreation was spent with the older children playing badminton or table tennis and the younger children sewing and making things like spectacle-cases and book-marks.

Dinner was served with every individual feeling fresh and clean after a good bath.

After dinner, Rev Dr Patrick Tan delivered his message on the Christian family. The message benefited both young and old as each was the member of a family.

At 10.30 p.m., when all was supposed to sleep, some dormitories were still filled with loud whispering and giggling as some refused to sleep.

"... Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" Matthew 4:4. Therefore, each morning, we started off the day with morning devotion, reading the Bible and praying.

Each day of the camp passed by similarly except for the fact that each new day brought more joy at the knowledge of all of us being able to learn more about Jesus Christ together.

"Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice" Phil. 4:4 tells us and all of us really seemed to be rejoicing in the Lord every day as we sang praises to Him and worshipped Him daily.

The natural surroundings round the church, the trees, flowers, animals, fishes and insects added pleasure and beauty around us. How we praised the Lord for these wonderful things of His creation!

All too soon, in the twinkling of an eye, the camp has come to an end. This camp has done much for me and, I'm sure, all the others.

"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen" Philippians 4:23. We silently wished each other this as we, with the memory of this camp lingering in our minds, departed for home.

2) Koh Geok Cheng (10½ years)

When I came to this camp at first, I was frightened. I couldn't even find a place to sleep, because it is too crowded.

I wanted to sleep with my friend, Hwee Lan, but Mrs Tow told me to join the Chipmunk Room. Inside the room the most naughty ones were the boys because they always disturbed other people.

Slowly the next day I made friends with the other girls. I always played with them because sometimes I was very lonely.

I like this Church because the air is fresh and there are palm trees and pine trees, and everywhere is green.

The last two nights there were film shows. They were about missionaries.

At night when I wanted to sleep, frogs croaked so loud that it made me very angry. I put the blanket to cover myself.

In devotion, I learned about trusting God, using our tongue to praise God and thank God. I also learned about how to obey God's commandments.

That Wednesday I remember that our church went to the zoo. We saw many animals. There were the monkeys, sheep, tortoises, crocodiles and many other animals. I hope you don't mind that I stop now.

3) By Lim Suat Pek (12 years)

Our Camp started on the 23rd of Nov. Some of us arrived with a dull feeling of home-sickness and some with a feeling of joy at spending the next few days learning God's Word. And others with a mingled feeling of joy and homesickness at leaving home. When we arrived, we were astonished to see new additions to the Church. The new additions made the church look much more beautiful and interesting. The fishes swimming gracefully in the newly built pools gave us a peaceful feeling. When some children spotted some tadpoles they nearly shrieked with joy. They started to catch the tadpoles but were told later on to put them back. New rooms like Squirrel House and Rabbit Burrow were also constructed. Those that were chosen to stay in those rooms were honoured to be the first ones to stay there.



After settling down to our new surroundings, we had Bible Study. While Rev Tow preached to us the gospel of God, we all listened with utmost attention. After that, we had a tea break. The food prepared by some women was sumptuous and we all ate with an appetite. Soon, the food was finished and we had to go to a discussion group.

After a while, we had a very mouth-watering and filling lunch again prepared by the hard-working women in the kitchen. After lunch, we had an hour long siesta. After some time, we did some handicraft. We made spectacle cases, book marks, etc. Then, there was recreation. Some of us played badminton and had some breath-taking matches. Others played table-tennis. In the twinkling of an eye, it was time for dinner. After dinner, we had another message, this time by Rev Dr Tan. On the following nights, we had film shows. These film shows made us aware of the sufferings some Christians had to undergo. After that, we had supper. Then we went to bed.

All in all, I like the messages best. The messages were by Rev Tow and Rev Dr Tan. They sometimes made us feel solemn and sometimes made us break into laughter. But the messages were clearly put across. We were told about the Tribulation, Rapture and Anti-Christ. The message helped some of us to open our eyes to the consequences of being left behind during the tribulation. This camp has really helped me a lot and I hope that a similar one will be held next year.

4) By Michelle Tan (10 years)

I like the camp very much, because the teachers tell very interesting stories. I learn a lot of memory verses, and also learn about the Lord Jesus Christ. I make a lot of new friends too. I think it is best to have another camp, so that those people who have not received the Lord will soon know more about Him and trust in Him too. I like to hear missionary stories told by Auntie Jess and other teachers. I like the food here. I can't bear to leave the camp. I hope I can stay there forever.

5) By Joy Sng Ju Yee (8 years)

I came to this camp to learn more about Jesus and to make some new friends. I dislike the look of Sister Catherine. Somehow she has some pimples but she taught me a lot of things about the Lord Jesus Christ. I like the food the cook cooked. On Tuesday we went tracting. At first I was very scared to talk to those people.

6) By Melissa Phua (6 years)



I like camp. I like to stay forever. I enjoy the food very much and I like to play in camp. There were many people at camp and I enjoyed myself. In camp I liked to play with Sandra and Sandra was very good to me. I liked Jemima. She was very good to me too. And I liked my teachers. I liked Mrs Tow and Pastor Tow. In camp we had a lot of songs to sing. Every night the frogs kept on singing. They made me cannot sleep. Camp has a lot of coconut trees, like a jungle. I love God and Jesus. In the zoo, I like all the animals. There are rabbits. They are very cute. I like the film show, Sadhu Sundar Singh. I like camp because have a lot of swings to play.

7) By Koh Chin Heng (12 years)

I am 12 years old. My name is Koh Chin Heng. When I first came to Life Church, I was very happy. I met many friends. I like my friend very much because he played with me and slept with me.

In the night we read the Bible and prayed together in the room. My room's name is Squirrel House. We stayed in the room to play chess and disturb our sir. My sir's name is Brother Stephen. He helped us in many things where we had done wrong. He is my best sir in the camp. I wish I could come back to church and stay for a long, long, long year.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (NOV 30-DEC 6)

TUES-FRI Sharon BPC S.S. Camp
TUES 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting at Parsonage
9.15 pm Session Meeting
THUR 10.00 am Rev Tow at Rawang, Muar
officiating the marriage of Elder Lau
Hock Ann's son. (Staying overnight).
SAT 2.30 pm Chua Soon Quee - Choo Siew
Hong wedding (of Baptist Fellow. Ch.),
Rev Tow officiating.
SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow (Lord's Supper)
10.00 am Rev Lin Tah Mon (Lord's Supper)
11.45 am Korean Service
1.30 pm Beulah Service
4.30 pm Sharon Service
5.25 pm To Calvary Pandan, Rev Tow speaking.

BIRTH: To Mr & Mrs Richard Chew a son, Clement,
Nov. 18, 1981!

Expresgram to Rev C.T. Hsu. Your cheque for
Dyak preachers and FEBC Renovation rec'd.
Your second letter on ICCB also noted. Many
thanks.

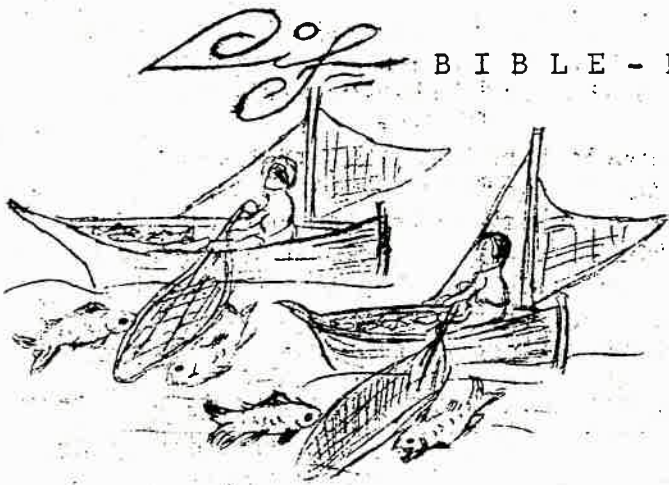
A LIFER IN CANADA REMEMBERS MOTHER CHURCH

"At this time of year as Christmas approaches, I would like to send some gift to say thanks for sending the B-P newsletter. I'm enclosing a check of C\$100. May you please take C\$20 and use it as my offering to Life Church and the remaining C\$80 towards the building and ministry of Rev Djunaidi in Kalimantan. As the Lord has blessed me well, I believe this is as much as I could return to Life Church and its ministries. I read with much astonishment the amount of projects that Life Church is engaged! The newsletter has kept me up to date.

Transfer of membership Mr Lee Kong Shing,
Blk 37, 289-D Dover Road (0513) to Galilee
BP Church.

GOING INTO N.S.?

Join Pre-NS Camp run by the AFC Dec 20 (noon)
to Dec 23. Tel: Alfred Yeo, 636549 or see
LtC Dr Patrick Tan.
Edited by Rev Timothy Tow, 9A Gilstead Road,
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THE MYSTERY OF SUCCESS IN GOD'S WORK

(Synopsis of a Sermon delivered at Mt Carmel B-P Church, November 29, 1981)

Text: Luke 5:4-7 "Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net. And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake. And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship,

that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink."

I have been requested to speak on "Building God's House". As both Carmel and Life are seeking to build a House of Worship, we are over-concerned for the material. Our worry is money! Building God's House is not on the material level! It is on the spiritual!

Building God's House cannot be undertaken on purely economic values such as in the starting of a factory. An American businessman now attending Life Church tells why his company has chosen to invest in Singapore and not Taiwan. After considering all the pros and cons, his company has confidence of making a good profit here than in Taiwan. Building God's House, and for that matter any other aspect of God's work, cannot be "computerised".

Since our Lord does not use the figure of a factory, but of fishing, in reference to God's work. Inasmuch as He has called Peter, James and John to be fishers of men, He implied that God's work is like fishing.

Now, in fishing, there is involved an unknown factor. A mysterious factor about fishing! A fisherman cannot rely on his prowess and industry alone to catch fish as a manufacturer can by putting in more hours. Peter cannot boast of a good catch simply because he is a Ph.D. in "Fishiology". That mysterious factor of the unknown in fishing is revealed in his two empty catches as recorded in Luke 5 and in John 21. What is that unknown factor, that mystery of success that is so needed in fishing? What is the mystery of success in God's work? That mystery of success in God's work is God Himself!

Therefore, when Jesus Christ comes into the picture, both in Luke 5 and John 21, there is told a different story from what goes in vain before. Jesus brought the defeated disciples success. Whereas, before the Lord came upon the scene the disciples had caught nothing. Now, at His Word, they caught two shiploads! In John 21, 153 great fishes! We must seek God at all costs in any attempt at doing God's work.

The mystery of success in God's work, first of all, involves God. Then comes man's participation.

What is it that involves God? First, the work must originate from Him. Unless God has called us to do His work, our efforts no matter how sincere will fail. For it is Jesus who said unto Simon, "He said to Simon; He gave him an appointment. Why are you in fulltime service? Are you there by your own zeal, or because you were called? Why do you want to build God's House? Unless God has called you, you will not succeed!

Upon the death of the principal of a certain Bible School, the alumnae proposed to take advantage of the emotional situation to launch the School's Extension Building Plan. This was proposed on human considerations. There was no mandate from the Lord. It fizzled! By God's grace, we have successfully tendered for Woodlands. God was the mystery of success in the deal. We succeeded because we were sure the Lord had called us to the project.

Next, we must follow God's directive. Jesus said, "Launch out into the deep." In John 21, He said, "Cast the net on the right side." Be sure we follow God's directive! That we launch into the deep, not into the shallows. That we cast the net on the right side, not on the wrong side! Be sure the course of action taken fits into God's plan, not into your plan, however bright it might appear! (The Bible is our guide and direction).

Having been assured of God's call, and having received His directive, we must respond gladly, spontaneously. Peter, though tired after a hard night's fruitless labours, nevertheless, launched out "at Thy Word." Are you helping to push the boat out of the sand into the water, or are you sitting in it, a dead weight? How do you respond to building God's House (you've no argument against it, you are convinced it is from Him)? Those who spontaneously, cheerfully do His bidding in the sacred task of building God's House, either at Woodlands or on the West Coast, are the sooner rewarded, as we shall see - two shiploads. How much a shipload? \$10,000? \$20,000? There is no Lifer who has given, according to my knowledge, but has been trebly rewarded.

Not only cheerful, spontaneous response. There must be explicit obedience. Jesus says, "Use your nets." Had Peter not used the nets, but some fishing lines, he would have caught some ikan bilis by comparison, and not ikan parang by the boatloads. Our Building Fund must be built solely with the people's tithes and love offerings and not on income induced by

human methods. Walkathons, concerts and funfares, jumble sales, T-shirts and chewing gum, "mahjong drives" and games of chance are man's methods. Lines and rods versus God's nets. And God's nets might involve your giving way beyond the tithe. If the Lord wants you to give all, you must not withhold.

Finally, brotherly cooperation. As Peter found himself hard pressed with the catch, he called on his partners, James and John, to help. And the brothers came heartily, instantaneously. Are you rendering this brotherly service for God's sake? When an emergency develops where will you be? Standing on the sides with folded arms, as the Chinese saying goes? It is an honour to be called on to help, but if you turn aside you miss the blessing!

The mystery of success in God's work involves man's part where there is no mystery! God requires of us all spontaneous, loving service, which when rendered glorifies the Father in heaven. "If every member will do his best, God will take care of the rest."

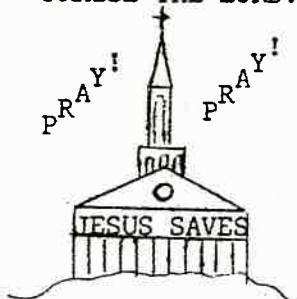
APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (DEC. 7-13)

MON - SAT Bethany & LCYF Camps
TUE - THUR Trinity Muar YF Camp
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting at Parsonage
SAT 2.00 pm Evangelistic League at Parsonage
3.30 pm YF, AF.
LORD'S DAY 10.00 am Rev Tow
10.00 am Mr Teo Siau Hwa
11.45 am Korean Church
1.30 pm Beulah Service
3.00 pm Rev Tow at Kelapa Sawit
4.30 pm Sharon Church
5.25 pm To Calvary Pandan

LAST 2 WEEKS' OFFERINGS:

I) \$1,580 + \$800 (Life Church Camp)
II) \$3,321.50 + \$100 (FEBC) + \$1,000 (Galilee)
+ (\$300 sale of gold + \$300 for Dohar) +
\$100 (Dohar) + \$400 (WF) + \$200 (AF for Dohar)
NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS: + \$40 (Renov.)

PRAISE THE LORD!



CHRIST, OUR ROCK!

I: 1901) \$200; 1902) \$55
(Box); 1903) \$400; 1904)
\$500 (Beulah); 1905) \$1,000;
1906) \$150; 1907) \$1,650;
1908) \$800; 1909) \$1,700;
1910) \$1,000

TOTAL: \$929,700.26

II: 1911) \$50; 1912) \$120;
1913) \$35; 1914) \$50;
1915) \$50; 1916) \$31;
1917) \$100; 1918) \$35;
1919) \$120; 1920) \$200;
1921) \$1,000; 1922) \$500;
1923) \$100; 1924) \$100;

1925) \$190; 1926) \$300; 1927) \$1,800;

1928) \$300; 1929) \$1,400; 1930) \$1,000;

1931) \$1,500; 1932) \$3,000. *Rawang

TOTAL: \$941,581.26 STOP PRESS! 1933) M\$100*

Can we break through the \$1 Million mark

by Dec. 31, 1981? 1934) \$120 (Sharon)

"God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is
able to make all grace abound toward you..."

(II Cor. 9:8)

DJUNAIDI PARSONAGE AND CHURCH HALL:

54) \$15; 55) \$170.02 (Canada)

TOTAL: \$33,281.44 STOP PRESS! 56) \$200;

57) \$100.

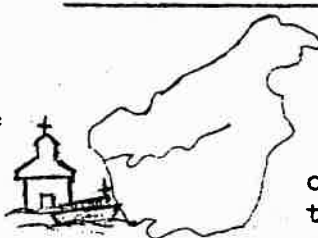
Organists! Do you know that the Conn Organ
on Balcony has just been thoroughly tuned?
"Practice makes perfect" - for both musician
and machine!

Christmas Eve Carolling led by Elder Tay, sup
supported by Church Choir - by invitation
to your home. Pre-Christmas Sunday Dec. 20
will advance worship to 9.30 a.m. to combine
with Sunday School. 9.30 a.m. N.B.!

We're Marching to Woodlands! Another mile-
stone to cover is the making of a model by
Deacon Kwa Keng Siong of Sharon BPC. We
express our deep gratitude to Deacon Kwa.

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DJUNAIDI REPORTS ON WEST KALIMANTAN



The construction of the
Parsonage (upstairs) and
Social Hall (downstairs)
has progressed rapidly!

We are now in the process
of painting, so that every-
thing will be completed
early December!

Meantime I've received an invitation to speak
at the Workers Conference of the Regions Be-
yond Missionary Union at their Bible School
in the interior, Nov. 10-13. 150 came to
this Conference. The Spirit of God worked
mightily upon these meetings, all glory be
to Him. Following this, there has been deli-
vered a letter from the same Mission request-
ing me to hold revival meetings at Kampung
Jilimpo in the jungle, Dec. 28-30. I'm re-
porting on this appointment so you might
adjust the date of your coming to Kalimantan.

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD WILL BE BLESSED

"Rev Peter Chua's message on 'Thou Shalt
not Steal' has moved my husband and I to rea-
lise that we have been robbing God in the
way we tithed (Mal. 3:8). All the while we've
been giving God monthly, one-twentieth of our
total income in tithe thinking that we're
giving 'a lot' already. Yet the Good Lord
has been blessing our family. Indeed the
Lord has been good to us, blessing with a
spacious flat, two lovely children, good jobs
and good health throughout the year.

From next month we've decided to give one-
tenth of our total income to the Lord. In
addition we'll give God a 'love offering'
from our annual bonuses.

May He continue to 'pour out His blessing
on us' (Mal. 3:10).

From: Two 'stingy' tithers.

250 UNDER ONE ROOF

"Next week will see 3 Youth Camps "pitching"
at Gilstead Pine and Palm Gardens. Thanks
to sleeping capsules and "squirrel houses"
we shall take them all in.

I. Bethany will occupy entire L-Block and
Girls Dorms, Bird House, American House.

II LCYF: Second Parsonage, new ICY office,
Fortress Chamber, 1st FEK Classroom, 1 FEBC
Classroom, FEK Kitchen.

III Muar Trinity: 3 FEK Classrooms, Upper
Room, Guest House, AF & Korean Rooms, Jeru-
salem Court, Evergreen Arbour.

IV FEBC men students: Squirrel House.

Thanks to donors of mattresses and good used
household furniture which have saved thousands
in furnishing!

Get your Christmas Cards and 1982 Art Calendars
from our Book Centre! At your service!

Life



CAN WE BREAK THROUGH THE \$1 MILLION MARK BY DEC. 31, 1981?

This loving question we asked in last week's column was prompted by a new surge of cheerful giving lately. This loving Question for Jesus' sake was asked because we are looking forward to building God's House at Woodlands in the new year. The mountain facing us is great! To scale this mountain, like motoring up a steep road, we must press on the accelerator without let up! This Question reflects the driving spirit of our congregation!

Notice that I said "we". There is no capital I in this Building project. Let not anyone, young or old, dare claim credit for Woodlands. We are all unprofitable servants, even after having completed the building of His House.

That giving to the New Life Church at Woodlands has proved such a blessing to every worshipper is seen in the continuous gifts brought in. And in the widening circle of givers. In the increase of giving to meet the tithe, and beyond it, with "love offerings". As a man's health is improved through exercise, so is God's blessing in our lives vibrantly felt while we all struggle to give. Some, indeed, have given way above the tithe. Praise God for this comradeship and devotion in giving. If a multimillionaire should offer Life Church \$1 Million outright, the blessing goes back to him, to the spiritual poverty of us all! We'd rather labour and struggle together, experiencing the blessing together, than look to some rich Uncle.

It is profitable to you that I should have challenged you to give towards the Million Mark. I did this in the spirit of St Paul to the Philippians: "Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account" (Phil. 4:17). This fruit that is to the Philippians' account is declared "an odour of sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well-pleasing to God" (Phil. 4:18). The \$58,500 needed by our Lord to make up \$1 million (last week's latest was \$941,581.26) is deemed doubly precious in the estimation of the Apostle.

"Can we break through the \$1 Million mark?" This depends on our reaction to the Question. If we take this to be the Lord's prompting, if we love Him and resolve to go over the top with Him, we shall conquer!

This Question comes to you as a blessing if it will divert you from meaningless, thoughtless, uneconomic spending. Somehow there's a magical power in the barrage of advertisements now daily bombarding you from Mr Santa Claus (thought by some Chinese merchants to be the progenitor of Departmental stores). Purse strings become magically loose at this festive season (not the Birth of the Saviour). Hundreds and thousands are thrown away in adding this item or that to your household, or personal gear, to become lumber in a matter of months. If you won't believe me, look at the number of unused articles in your house. To save that unconscionable waste, I must step in to ask you save that sum for the Lord. That sum will remain unto eternity, bearing interest, now at 9%, and sometimes up to 13%, eternally. Not a cent of that sum given to the Lord ever runs into the drain.

I say: we wage-earners alone will easily clear the hurdle. I challenge you to give that 13th month bonus to the Lord, as I did last year. Why not, if those who have done so have proven this suggestion right in the events that follow.

"God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that ye always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work" (II Cor. 9:7, 8). No one who has given Him much has become the lesser. Nor has any who hoards much for himself become the richer.

Epilogue: "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" (II Cor. 8:9).

YOU AND YOUR GOD

by Tan Song Wee

The fact of God should be obvious. Astronomer Peter Stoner says, "You cannot study the heavens and see the greatness of God and the tremendous order there without believing in a Designer of infinite power." No matter how wise some atheist may be in some fields, they are ignorant about God. The Bible says, "The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God" Psalm 14:1.

The need for God is also apparent. The great mathematician Pascal referred to this as "the God-shaped vacuum" within every man. St Augustine confessed, "Thou hast made us for Thyself and our heart is restless till it rests in Thee." Psychiatrist Dr Victor Franke believes that pleasure seeking Americans "are existential vacuums. They become doubtful that life has any meaning. Man's need for meaning is as basic a drive as hunger."

The specifics for finding God are in the Bible. In contrast to man's elaborate theories of how the universe came to be, the Bible simply says, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth ... So God created man in his own image." Gen. 1:1,27. The Bible then relates how the first couple Adam and Eve sinned by disobeying God's command.

The rest of the Scriptures is largely taken up with two great themes - ruin and redemption. Sin infects the human race. Even God's chosen people, the Jews, fails to return to Him.

God foretells through His prophets the coming of a redeemer, Jesus Christ. The saviour is also God's own Son, who came at the appointed time to dwell in human flesh, lived a perfect life, died on a cross as a sacrifice for man's sin and finally rose from the grave after three days. Then after promising to return, He ascended back to heaven.

God offers to forgive your sins and to live in your life in the person of the Holy Spirit. But you must want this relationship and receive Christ to salvation. It is this simple. "And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life" I John 5:11,12.

HIS NAME IS AT THE TOP

I had the nicest Christmas list,
The longest one in town,
Till Daddy looked at it and said,
"You'll have to cut it down."

I knew that what he said was true
Beyond the faintest doubt,
But was amazed to hear him say,
"You've left your best Friend out."

And so I scanned my list again,
And said, "Oh, that's not true!"
But Daddy said, "His name's not there,
That Friend who died for you."

And then I clearly understood,
'Twas Jesus that he meant;
For Him who should come first of all
I hadn't planned a cent!

I'd made a Christmas birthday list.
And left the Saviour out!
But, oh, it didn't take me long
To change the list about.

And tho' I've had to drop some names
Of folks I like a lot,
My Lord must have the most - because

HIS NAME IS AT THE TOP!

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (DEC 14-20)

MON - FRI Bapt Fellowship Church Camp
TUE 7.00 pm WF Carolling Practice
8.00 pm Prayer Meeting at Parsonage
FRI 8.00 pm Nazareth Gospel Mtg, Rev Tow
SAT 2.00 pm LCSS Christmas Party
SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow
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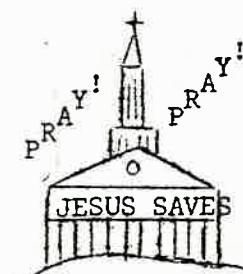
LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: \$3,181.00 + \$400
(WF for Kulai Besar)

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS:

PRAISE THE LORD! 1935) \$100; 1936) \$1,405.35

(13th mth); 1937) \$300;
1938) \$5; 1939) \$400 (LCB
Camp); 1940) \$850.81 (Sun.
Lunch & Pepsi); 1941) \$136;
1942) \$100; 1943) \$204.90
(Chin. Serv.) 1944) \$300
(Chin. Serv.); 1945) \$50;
1946) \$40; 1947) \$150;
1948) \$50; 1949) \$180;

CHRIST, OUR ROCK! 1950) \$57; 1951) \$245;
1952) \$20; 1953) \$35; 1954) \$3,100; 1955)
\$170; 1956) \$294 (AF); 1957) \$250; 1958) \$200;
1959) \$350; 1960) \$266.97 (LCSS); 1961) \$1,000
TOTAL \$952,051.29 STOP PRESS! 1962) \$50;
1963) \$102 (USA); 1964) \$300 (CLBC);
1965) \$102 (USA). 1966) \$400 (Trinity, Muar)
DJUNAIDI PARSONAGE AND CHURCH HALL 58) \$200;
59) \$40; TOTAL: \$33,821.44 STOP PRESS 60) \$3.



TRUTH ON ANOTHER PLANE

"The ingredients that go to make the mountaineer's happiness, paradoxically enough, are the hours, days and even years of toil, sweat and tears that preceded the moment of success. A helicopter could have carried him on top of Mt Everest, but that would bring him no real happiness."

- by S. Rajaratnam,

Second Deputy Prime Minister, speaking to the Harvard Club of Singapore "Happy Pigs and Unhappy Men", Dec. 9, 1981.

ON LEADERSHIP

Lao Tze says: "The best of all leaders is the one who helps people so that eventually they don't need him."

In Christ's kingdom, the greatest leader is one, like John the Baptist, who leads me not to himself, but to Christ. "He must increase, but I must decrease." That's why you don't see on our cars signs other than "Jesus Saves" and "Jesus is Coming." And our book-room is called "Christian life."

Most Expensive Animal TO UPKEEP

When the Singapore Zoo Director was increasing the admission charge for adults from \$2.50 to \$3 to make ends meet, he was asked which animal was the most expensive to upkeep? "Man!"

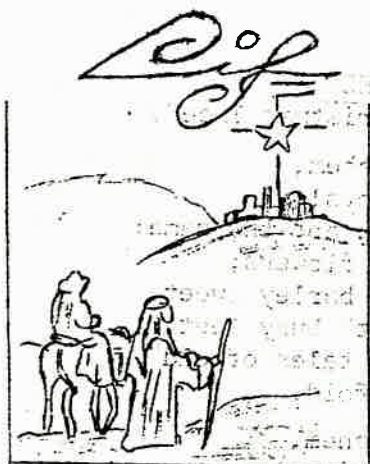
"The Young are to be Respected"

These words from Confucius are the more accentuated by the Apostle who encouraged Timothy, "Let no man despise thy youth; but be an example to the believers..." (I Tim 4: 12). It has been a lesson to the old during last week to see 137 from Bethany, 72 from Muar and 50 Young Lifers gathered in prayerful earnestness to seek the Lord. Times of fun gave way to Bible study and group prayers, to one leading another to Christ under the palm trees. All the labours at renovation, in adding a dozen "capsules" for camp accommodation, have not been in vain. Woodlands Latest! Our plans are in the final stages of approval. After which engineering drawings will commence. Thank God for a Christian engineer (lady) who has offered her services. We hope to call for tenders after Chinese New Year! Meantime Mr Kua Keng Siong, deacon of Sharon Church, is starting out on the model. Bills paid for Woodlands thus far consist of \$900,000 (piece of land); \$7,000 interest (for delay in payment); \$26,000 (stamp fee); \$3,000 in miscellaneous fees. (Our fixed deposits are earning \$1,500-\$2,000 per month).

Expressgram to 1) Rev & Mrs Timothy Pietsch, Tokyo. Heartiest welcome to Singapore, anytime!

NURSERY, DEC. 20: Miss Lim Lee Chin, Mrs Alice Yew and Mrs Irene Tan.

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CHRISTMAS MEDITATIONS

In spite of Christmas being turned into an annual, worldwide festive season of Christless merry-making, nevertheless, the Name of CHRIST remains. It penetrates both Iron and Bamboo Curtains. It scares the Communist bosses that their subjects are celebrating on the occasion of Christ's Birth. Thus, Stalin tried to make his people substitute with a Stalinmas a few days before Christmas - but to no avail!

A WORLD LEADER

The world is today groping for a super leader who will save them from nuclear holocaust. Eventually, and perhaps now arising, a world-dictator will burst on the Arena. He will be the AntiChrist. But the true one, Jesus Christ, who has come to save the world, has been rejected. Nevertheless, He has already conquered when He rose from the dead. He assured His disciples before returning to heaven that "all power in heaven and on earth is given unto Me". We who are His have found our Leader, our Saviour. He rules over us, the Church, not by power-politics, but with tender love.

CHRISTMAS LOOKS TO CHRIST'S SECOND COMING

There is no solution to the drift to nuclear conflagration as the Arms Race is being intensified. The only hope for mankind is the Return of our Lord. So, it is meaningless to celebrate His First Coming without reference to His Second. If we are celebrating Christmas in the God-appointed way, we should renew our resolve to go into all the world with the Gospel. "The Gospel to all nations" is the watchword before His Return (Matt. 24:14).

BEYOND WOODLANDS

Insofar as our Church is concerned, Christmas is our hour of breakthrough the first Million. At this sacred hour we resolve anew to launch out to Woodlands. Woodlands is our "field headquarters" for northern Singapore and West Malaysia. But let us not be bogged down by Woodlands, as I've often said. For God's desire through Lifers is surely more than that. We should ever be ambitious for God and His Reign. While Jesus tarries (He might come 1982, 86 or 88 as some have calculated, though we cannot say yes or no) we are "to keep on keeping on", in the words of an American preacher.

VISIT TO TANJUNG PINANG

In this connection, we are pleased to note that the spirit of tourism that has gripped this generation is diverting a sizeable company of Lifers to come along with us to Tanjung Pinang in the Riau Islands. On Christmas Day 20 of us will be taking a four-hour sea journey via Sambo and Batam to that cosmopolitan seaport with many Teochew traders - to dedicate a Christian School. Built of bricks, with modern sanitation, this seven-classroom edifice is a solid testimony to Jesus Christ. On the Lord's Day Dec. 27 we shall preach at the regular worship and baptise. To commemorate this historic occasion, our Church will present the Zion Presbyterian Church of Indonesia 50 Chinese Bibles and 50 Indonesian. Please pray for us, that we may be a good witness in Indonesia.

DEDICATION OF PARSONAGE IN KALIMANTAN

Another more meaningful way of celebrating Christmas and ushering in the New Year is to go down to West Kalimantan to dedicate the Djumaidi Parsonage and Church Hall. Woodlands notwithstanding, building the Parsonage and Church Hall was given the go-ahead during our last visit in June. Praise the Lord, He has vindicated this "high" decision, for since then, without diverting from the Woodlands Fund, the Lord's people have given \$34,000. What is needed to "fill the gap" is but a mere \$9,000.

SOON A DIRECT SERVICE

The way to Kalimantan will soon be cut short by half when Garuda inaugurates a direct service between Singapore and Pontianak. With more frequent flights and with the Djumaidi parsonage sitting on a plank upper floor, half a dozen of us can be comfortably accommodated. We shall then direct your touring spirit to a quick trip to the Kapuas River. With your eyes opened to the needs of the mission field, you will come back to speak a word for Christ - for outreach to the ends of Southeast Asia. Christmas is more meaningfully celebrated when we can see with our eyes and put our shoulders to the Cause of Christ beyond our City.

POINTED WORDS TO MERRY-MAKERS

"And when ye did eat, and when ye did drink, did not ye eat for yourselves, and drink for yourselves?" (Zech. 7:6). These pointed words from the prophet Zechariah to the Jews speak solemnly to us this Christmas. This is not to say that neither Jews nor Christians can make merry. There are harvest feasts in the Old Testament when God's people rejoiced before the Lord, and Christmas is a time for rejoicing in His Name with us. There is nothing wrong about enjoying a family feast, buying gifts for loved ones. But all these celebrations, if they are made for the sake of having a good time ourselves, are offensive to God, when He is left out. "And when ye did eat, and when ye did drink, did ye not eat for yourselves, and drink for yourselves?" It is like holding a Chinese New Year Dinner around the Family table by the children while Mum and Dad are locked up in the staircase room downstairs. Do we celebrate Christmas for Christ or for ourselves? - T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (DEC. 21 - 27)

MON - MON Tanglin Bible Class Camp
 TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting at Parsonage
 WED 8.00 pm Solemnisation of Marriage bet.
 Richard Lim Cheak Chee and Pauline Tan
 Yeow Kim of Mt Carmel (Rev Tow)
 THUR 1.00 pm Beulah Meeting (Rev Tow)
 7.45 pm Christmas Eve Service
 (Carolling follows)
 FRI 10.00 am Korean Church Christmas Day
 Service
 10.00 am Mini-bus leaves for Finger Pier
 to Tanjung Pinang.
 8.00 pm Sharon Church Christmas Night
 Service
 SAT 2.00 pm Richard Lim-Pauline Tan Wedding
 Service (Rev David Wong)
 3.30 pm JYF, YF & AF
 SUN 10.00 am Rev Dr Patrick Tan
 10.00 am Miss Alice Doo
 10.00 am Rev Tow at Tanjung Pinang Service
 11.45 am Korean Service
 1.30 pm Beulah Service
 4.30 pm Sharon Church
 5.25 pm To Calvary Pandan
 6.00 pm Lifers Return from Tg. Pinang

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: \$3,148.00* + \$150
 (Djunaidi) + \$200 (Dohar).

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS:

PRAISE THE LORD!
 1967) \$10; 1968) \$20;
 1969) \$200; 1970) \$3,148*;
 1971) \$2,000; 1972) \$1,400;
 1973) \$1,400; 1974) \$950;
 1975) \$1,250; 1976) \$150;
 1977) \$5,000; 1978) \$50;
 1979) \$60; 1980) \$150;
 1981) \$103.50 (USA).
 TOTAL: \$968,896.79

DJUNAIDI PARSONAGE AND CHURCH HALL: 62)
 61) \$150. TOTAL: \$33,975.44 STOP PRESS! \$150.

The AF is spending a week on Cameron Highlands
 with Dr Patrick Tan as speaker. They return
 Dec. 26. Godspeed!

Tanglin Bible Class held a Gospel Rally at
 11-B Queen Astrid Park Dec 16 at which they
 invited the pastor to speak. Here were gath-
 ered 80-90 young people of secondary school
 age. A goodly number came for the first time.
 Choo Boon Hwee chaired the meeting and Leong
 Kit Hoong testified. The message based on
 "For what is a man profited if he shall gain
 the whole world and lose his own soul" led
 five hands to the Lord.

TBC will hold a Bible Camp on our Church
 grounds Dec. 21-28. About 50 are coming!

*LIFE Church Visiting Team to Tanjung Pinang

Rev Tow, Mrs Ivy Tow, Miss Jemima Tow, Jona-
 than Tow, Dn Sng Teck Leong, Mrs Sng, Daniel
 Sng, Samuel Sng, Miss Tan Lay Hoon, Miss Fam
 Chuay Fen, Miss Linda Wong, Miss Ong Phei
 Hong, Mdm Lee Kim Choo, Mrs Charlie Chan,
 Mr Kenneth Chan, Mrs Sonny Cheah, Mrs Khoo
 Peng Kiat, Miss Jess Lim, Eld. Koa Keng Woo
 and Mrs Koa. Members are requested after
 service to meet at the Parsonage at 12 noon
 today for important instructions!

Jonathan Chan sends a Christmas gift for
 Woodlands with loving greetings to the whole
 church and TBC.

* Incl'd Mark Heath

O BETHLEHEM

(To the tune of "O Christmas Tree")

O Bethlehem, O Bethlehem,
 Thou David's City Royal!
 From days of yore thou art the same:
 Thy olive hills and flowers;
 Thy rolling fields of barley sweet,
 Thy narrow lanes with busy feet,
 Resound with wondrous tales of old
 The sacred pages unfold.

O Bethlehem, O Bethlehem,
 Thou City of Our Saviour!
 Christ was born from the Virgin young,
 So forlorn in a manger.
 But angels rent the midnight sky,
 With song of praise to the Most High,
 While shepherds quaked in reverent fear,
 To the first Christmas Noel!

O Bethlehem, O Bethlehem,
 Thou City of the Pilgrims!
 Two thousand years thou art the same:
 Thy church tow'rs and bells pealing.
 O that the angels' song of praise
 Thy sons with one accord would raise:
 The glad news of God's saving plan
 Re-echo from land to land!

O Bethlehem, O Bethlehem,
 Thou City of All Mankind!
 From year to year be thou the same:
 Jesus thy Saviour and mine.
 Peal on the good tidings of Peace,
 Peal forth the Divine Amnesty,
 From Christmas Day to Christmas Day,
 And Earth shall sing Emmanuel!

SAW YOU NEVER IN THE TWILIGHT

Saw you never in the twilight,
 When the sun had left the skies,
 Up in heaven the clear stars shining,
 Through the gloom, like silver eyes?
 So of old, the wise men watching,
 Saw a little stranger star,
 And they knew the King was given,
 And they followed it from far.

Heard you never of the story,
 How they crossed the desert wild,
 Journeyed on by plain and mountain,
 Till they found the Holy Child?
 How they opened all their treasure,
 Kneeling to that infant King,
 Gave the gold and fragrant incense,
 Gave the myrrh in offering?

Know ye not that lowly Baby
 Was the Bright and Morning Star,
 He who came to light the Gentiles
 And the darkened isles afar?
 And we too may seek His cradle
 There our hearts' best treasures bring,
 Love, and faith, and true devotion,
 For our Saviour, God, and King.

The World's Best Christmas Carols No. 70
 Woodlands Property Tax Exemption! Valued for
 \$56,250 at 21% per annum, later to increase
 to 23%, this tax is exempted on religious
 grounds. Praise the Lord!
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"JESUS IS COMING"

In the last Weekly we said "it is meaningless to celebrate His First Coming without reference to His Second." As we approach another New Year, it is more essential that we tell one another "Jesus is Coming." This sign we carry on our mini-bus is a daily reminder, but "familiarity breeds contempt."

What is your attitude towards the Lord's Return? It must be guided by Holy Scripture. We can tell how near Christ's Coming is by certain signs of the times. Jehovah Witnesses say Christ has already come, but He is reigning just above the clouds. This is a stumbling block to untaught, young Christians. St Paul says, "That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition ..." (II Thess. 2:2,3). There is a falling away of the faith of the Christian Church when we see Protestants today joining with Rome and carried away by the Charismatics. But that man of sin does not seem to be revealed yet, so it is proper to say Christ is not likely to come this week. But since our understanding of the mystery of future things is limited, we must not fall into the sin of presumption. As dutiful servants we must make ourselves ready to receive the Lord at a second's notice. We know, yet we do not know." Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man" (Luke 21:36).

Our knowledge of future events is, may I coin the word, "antithetical". We know, yet we don't know. We don't know, yet we know." To illustrate this tension of knowledge, Paul uses the figure of childbirth. We know that the period between conception and labour is 280 days. But the expectant mother, even, is often overtaken by the stork so that embarrassing situations in taxis and even airplanes are reported. She does not know the exact day and hour. Neither can we. If not, we should be on the alert even when it seems the man of sin has not appeared. To relax, to become worldly-minded, so as not to look out for His coming will lead us to an embarrassing situation. We may be left behind when He comes! Our duty is to watch and pray all the time!

Learn a lesson of Christ's Second Coming from the outbreak of the Pacific War. As Great Britain began to send troops to Singapore in the early forties we sensed War was near. But while preparations were going on for a year or two, we're so used to them that our tension eased. At the unexpected moment on Dec. 8, 1941 Singapore was rudely awakened by Japanese bombs dropped all over the Island. In fact we were soundly asleep when at about 4.30 a.m. the invasion started. So will many be caught unawares by Christ's sudden Return. Therefore it is my pastoral duty to warn you, "Are you ready to stand before the Son of Man at His coming?"

When WWII came, every country got on a war-footing. The Home Front was mobilised. Every one had to work overtime, particularly in the leading countries involved, Gt. Britain and America. They had to contribute to the war effort by making ammunitions, and growing more food. This time, I wonder, there would be given this "lease of life" to catch up? Christians who are in the light and not in the night, should do the catch-up work now! Paul says, "The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly as in the day; not in rioting (orgies) and drunkenness, not in chambering (sexual immorality) and wantonness (debauchery); not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof." (Rom. 13:12-14).

I must thank God for many Readers of this "mosquito" paper who are Godly-minded. This is expressed by the cheerfulness you've shown towards Woodlands, Kalimantan, Sumatra, Kulai Besar, to the needs of the Church (which are of the barest minimum). This is expressed in the big adult S.S. class who follow diligently the lessons in Revelation. This is shown by your regular attendance at the Tues. night Prayer Meeting, etc. Those who are not so minded, may I plead with you to begin anew with the Lord in 1982. Let us cast all our failures with the old year aside so long as we will resolve, by God's grace, to run the race in the New Year.

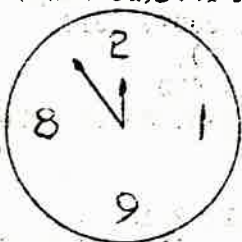
To my Readers overseas, come the same exhortations. To my Jewish friends in Israel and elsewhere: we often remember you and the salvation of Israel. May the Prince of Peace come soon to give you peace.

ON "THE RAVAGES OF TIME"

Dr Fred Schwarz, of Christian Anti-Communism Crusade in his Christmas letter says, "I remember a statement that impressed me when I was a student of philosophy: "Pure time flows in the universal flux of inevitable becoming." Translated into English, this means that the passage of time produces incapable changes. As far as physical strength is concerned, these changes produce deterioration, and this demands some modification of increased knowledge, experience and, yes, wisdom, compensate for the lessening of physical endurance." May these words encourage those who are feeling a little slow

with the weight of years piling up on their shoulders.

(P.T.O)



HEAH ENG LIN INVITES!

I am being posted to Taipei by SIA for two years. As such we would like to know if there are any recommendations for a church to attend while we are here.

As we will be given an apartment to stay in, if there are anybody coming by this way, don't hesitate to ask them to contact us. In case we move to another apartment, we can be contacted at the SIA office.

Address: Mr Heah Eng Lin
Station Engineer, c/o S'pore Airlines, Chiang Kai Shek Int'l Office, Taoyuan, Taiwan, Republic of China.

CALVARY PANDAN B-P CHURCH

Sunset Gospel Hour, 6 p.m. every Sunday
Programme for January 1982, "Gems fr. Genesis"

03 "The Stones Cry Out"

Three introductory lectures on Biblical Archaeology

10 (the study of man's beginnings)
by Dr John J Davis, Professor of Archaeology, Grace Theological Seminary, USA.

17 Illustrated with colour slides of the Holy Land.

24 Discovering Chinese in Genesis (with fascinating slide show!) Dr S H Tow

31 Creation or Evolution? (illustrated with more fascinating slides!)
Rev Bobby Phee.

Greetings to the Church have been received from Rev Djunaidi, Kalimantan; Dohar and Glorya, Sumatra.

Transfer of membership: Mr Ronald Cheng Jue Seng of 258-J Block 32, Toa Payoh Lor 6, S'pore 1231, is transferred to Bethel Presbyterian Church.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (DEC 28-JAN 3)

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting at Parsonage

THUR .00 am Rev Tow leaves for Jakarta
Pontianak

10.45 pm Watchnight Service, Lord's Supper
(Rev Patrick Tan)

FRI 2.00 pm Philip Seow Chai Keat - Karen
Chew Poh Geok Wedding (Rev David Wong)
Reception FEBC Hall.

SAT 3.00 pm Bey Soo Khiang - Tan Yeow Khim
Wedding (Rev Tan Kai Oon)
3.30 pm JYF, YF & AF

SUN 10.00 am Rev Patrick Tan (Lord's Supper)

10.00 am Rev Lin Tah Mon (Lord's Supper)

11.45 am Korean Service 1.30 pm Beulah Serv.

4.30 pm Sharon Service 5.25 pm Calvary Pan.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: \$5,679.65* + (\$100+
\$50 Dohar) + \$100 (Djunaidi)

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS:

1982) \$150; 1983) \$250; 1984) \$1,000;

1985) \$300; 1986) \$200; 1987) \$1,000 (Beulah);

1988) \$500; 1989) \$500; 1990) \$300; 1991) \$2,600;

1992) \$200; 1993) \$35; 1994) \$567; 1995)

\$5,679.65* 1996) \$250; 1997) \$1,000; 1998) \$120;

1999) \$380; 2000) \$350; 2001) \$1,000.

TOTAL: \$985,278.44 STOP PRESS! 2002) \$50.

DJUNAIDI PARSONAGE AND CHURCH HALL:

63) \$692.35 (Chinese Serv.); 64) \$30; 65) \$100
(LCCSS); 66) \$100 (Muar) 67) \$100

TOTAL: \$35,147.79

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2) Mr Peter Tow, W 1523, Mallon, Spokane,
Washington 99201 USA

"THE RAVAGES OF TIME" - cont'd

Time is a very conscious factor to the Christian. St Paul particularly exhorts us to treasure it, to redeem it, by understanding what the Lord's will is for our life.

Paul has a secret of conquering the ravages of time. In II Cor. 4:16, he says, "For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perisheth, yet the inward man is renewed day by day." By being rejuvenated inwardly, in his thought life, he is more than able to balance up for the aging of his body. Thus he is able "to keep on keeping on" through 30 years of incessant missionary endeavours. Even to the last, in the cold stony prison in Rome, we see how the joy in his heart transcended the weakness of his body.

That is the spirit of Caleb too. After 40 years, he could tell Joshua his buddy how swift he could still be on the battlefield.

If you will give your life to serve the Lord, He will give you increased radiant health and ten more years to live. This is my New Year's Wish for you who are reaching 50.

This poem is sent by Dr Anthony Thio, N. York

Year End Meditation

We stand once more at the end of the year
With mixed emotions of Hope and Fear,
Hope for The Peace we long have sought,
Fear that Our Hopes will come to naught...
Unwilling to trust in the Father's Will,
We count on our logic and shallow skill

And, in our arrogance and pride,

Man is no longer satisfied

To place his confidence and love

With Childlike Faith in God above...

But tiny hands and tousled heads

That kneel in prayer by little beds

Are closer to the dear Lord's heart

And of His Kingdom more a part

Than we who search and never find

The answers to our questioning mind,

For faith in things we cannot see

Requires a child's simplicity...

Oh, Father, grant once more to men

A simple Childlike Faith again,

Forgetting Color, Race and Creed

And seeing only the heart's deep need...

For Faith alone can save man's soul

And lead him to a Higher Goal,

For there's but one unfailing course-

We win by Faith and Not by Force.

Helen Steiner Rice

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERINGS FOR WOODLANDS:

2003) \$57 (CLBC Box); 2004) \$150 (Bethany);

2005) \$8,056.26; 2006) \$400; 2007) \$310;

2008) \$1,093.50; 2009) \$64 (WF);

2010) \$500; 2011) \$200; 2012) \$20;

TOTAL: \$996,179.20. Hallelujah, Praise the Lord!!!

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