PASTOR'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE

My dear Readers,

A happy and prosperous New Year to you in the Lord Jesus Christ!

This Christmas and New Year find your pastor shuttling to two of our mission fields - Tanjung Pinang in the Riau Islands, and now to Pontianak, West Kalimantan. We had a wonderful time in Riau as you will gather from Deacon's Sng's Report, and now I'm in Indonesian West Borneo on the banks of the Kapuas. This two-Sunday absence from the congregation is made possible by able hands and hearts in standby. I'm so glad that Dr Patrick Tan can take my place at the Watchnight Service and this first Sunday of the Year. (He is on the air next Lord's Day evening).

Why two visits to Indonesia so closely following? If it is the Lord's timing, we must go. Besides, "the King's Business required haste" (1 Sam. 21:8).

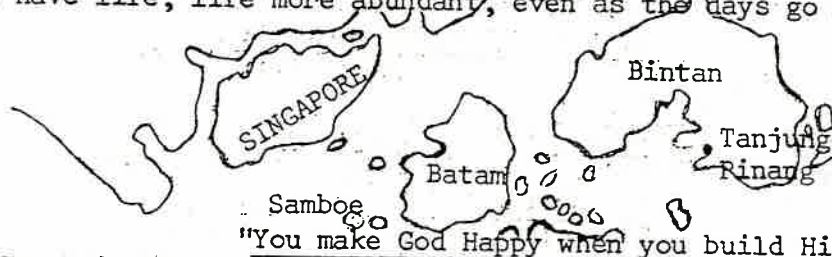
Now that you've read what transpired at Tg. Pinang, let me recount what God is doing in West Kalimantan. Here the Lord has not only opened the whole of the Kapuas River Basin to Rev Djunaidi, our missionary with the Gospel Boat, but also established a "field headquarters" on a handsome plot of land in the slums district of Siantan. This piece of land, half of Gilstead Road, is now worth tens of thousands of dollars. In June we built a Church-Kindergarten and I went to dedicate the new building. Seeing the beautiful potentialities for further development I asked Djunaidi to go ahead without delay to extend an area twice the original's including a pavilion at the entrance, a reservoir of 7 cu. m. (to store drinking water) and a fish pond. The whole project costs \$43,000. (To date \$35,000 has been offered).

What's the advantage of hastening this Phase II Project? It brings the pastor right on the spot of the Church within reach of his people. It beats the inflation. It starts them on the road to self-support. God's work must function on sound economics.

"The ravages of time" are bound to be felt by each of us, old and young. The New Year brings in a sad note of one's aging process. But here's a word of encouragement from Moses. Surely one who lived up to 120 can speak with authority. He blesses us, as Israel, with these words, "As thy days, so shall thy strength be" (Dt. 33:25). What an uplift to everyone of us. It means: "May you become stronger as you grow older."

This is possible only to those who have "everlasting life". In the Lord Jesus Christ, we have life, life more abundant, even as the days go by. This is my New Year wish to you.

Your affectionate pastor,



"You make God Happy when you build His House"

Synopsis of Message to the Church at Tanjung Pinang at the Dedication of their new school)

What a difference it is between your darkish, dampish decaying old wooden school house and this new brick one of seven classrooms! We are just like celebrating in heaven at this dedication service. This is so clean and bright as heaven must be!

But the old church with a rusted zinc roof still limps - alongside your new school. Isn't it high time to rebuild the church as well! I'm glad to hear your Session has taken the decision to commence rebuilding without delay!

Let me speak to you from Haggai's prophecy to the Jewish returnees to Jerusalem from Babylon. These Jews had delayed rebuilding their Temple for 15 years. Everyone was engrossed in money-making and better houses for themselves, decorating them with "floral" ceilings (as the Chinese translation goes). But God was displeased with those who regarded Him lightly. He not only did not bless them, but rather sent them trouble. They seemed to make plenty of money, but since they persisted in their labours without a thought of God, they ended up quite broke instead! The prophet observed, "And he that earneth wages, earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes" (Haggai 1:6). We cannot prosper without God!

Conversely, the Lord declared He would bless them if they would turn around. If they would do this immediate work for Him - to build His House. God 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" (v. 8). What greater blessing is there on you or me when God will take pleasure, will be happy, with what we do? If God is pleased with what we do - in this case - the building of His House, we will be blessed indeed! He blesses us in the words He uttered for our Lord Jesus Christ, "in whom I am well-pleased". Yes, the Lord will regard us as He looked with pleasure on His own Son (and we are adopted children through His redemption).

It is not only a blessing to build His House, but also a rare honour. Not everyone can build God's House, not even King David, who had to do it through his son Solomon. Therefore do it now and the Lord will prosper the work of your hands. To declare our resolve on the building of your new Church I propose that this Lord's Day's offering be entirely given for the starting of your Building Fund. For, "you make God happy when you build His House".

MY SECOND VISIT TO TANJUNG PINANG

by Deacon Sng Teck Leong

On Christmas Day, after an opening prayer by Paul Wong, 19 of us left in 2 vans for Finger Pier. Each one carried an English Bible to lighten the load of 3 boxes containing 50 Chinese Bibles and theological books.

On board the Taruna we met five Glory Church members. They were also going to Sion Presbyterian Church at Tg. Pinang, to attend the Dedication of their new School.

On four occasions we were spot checked by Indonesian Gun boats! Thus we arrived behind schedule. Brothers Lye Teck Hock and Brother Liew had been very patient waiting to welcome the weary travellers and to see us through the customs.

The hospitality by the church was very warm. Our physical needs were well met for not to forget the sumptuous sea food we had for lunch and dinner.

The next day after breakfast the question of building God's House was discussed. Rev Tow came out with a layout for the new Church. After that Joseph and his family, the Glory Church members and myself left on a city tour. We visited the session members. After that we drove to Kijang on the other side of the Island to visit Rev Palit. He has a newly built church.

When we came back Rev Tow was beaming with smiles as he showed us his improved plans. Details will be worked out by the architect= Praise the Lord for this unexpected planning and the Session's decision to rebuild their Church.

In the evening a dedication service of the Christian school was held in the new School Hall. This school is a two storey concrete building. It is situated in the centre between the Church on one hand and the manse on the other with a quadrangle in front of the school.

Rev Tow spoke from Proverbs One. It was very well attended by church members, students and parents. The Church choir in their grand uniform, sang beautifully.

On the Lord's Day we were up and about early to enter into His courts. The Church was filled to the brim. More chairs have to be added for the late comers. Rev Tow administered the Lord's Supper and baptism (3 infants, 2 adults and 1 confirmation). Then he delivered the Lord's message from Haggai. He pointed out they were living in cielel houses while God's House lay waste (Hag. 1:4). The Word of God pierce the listeners' heart. 109,725 rupiah and S\$591 were collected in the offering. On our way back Dn Kwan the owner of the Taruna declared that the boat fares collected from the 2 Singapore delegations to Sion Presbyterian Church would be given toward the Building Fund of the New Church.

I praise God for this wonderful trip. The Church has improved much. Members partaking the Lord's Supper have increased two fold since my last visit. People of all ages are attending the Church service.

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APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (JAN 4-10)

MON 8.30 am FEBC reopens. Day of Prayer at 64 Andrew Road
TUE-THUR 7.30 pm OT History (Dr John Davis)
WED 7.30 pm Wedding Rehearsal, Calvary Pandan (Rev Tow)
SAT 3.00 pm Jeffrey Cheong Fun Yan - Linda Teo Keng Lay Wedding, Cal- Pan (Rev Tow)
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 B-PC
5.25 pm Minibus to Cal-Pandan (Dr John Davis)

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: \$5,461.94* + \$1,000 (Wai Choon) + \$50 (Djunaidi)

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS:

2013) \$150 (Carolling);
PRAISE THE LORD! 2014) \$80 (Freely rec. freely give); 2015) \$100 (post); 2016) \$21.25 (CLBC Box); 2017) \$28.40 (CCW); 2018) \$50; 2019) \$30; 2020) \$850 (AF Campers); 2021) \$100 (WF); 2022) \$300; 2023) \$200; 2024) \$100; 2025) \$500; 2026) \$40; 2027) \$60; 2028) \$1,100; 2029) \$900; 2030) \$800;
2031) \$5,461.94*; TOTAL: \$1,007,050.79
STOP PRESS! 2032) \$412; 2033) \$2,000 (Korean Church); 2034) \$50; 2035) \$20 (Carol); 2036) \$60 (Chin. Serv.); 2037) \$120; **
DJUNAIDI PARSONAGE AND CHURCH HALL
68) \$50; 69) \$40 (Chin. Serv.); 70) \$100
TOTAL: \$35,337.79

WATCHNIGHT SERVICE OFFERING: \$5,775.22

**2038) \$5,775.22; 2039) \$410 (YF Anniv. Gift); 2040) \$20; 2041) \$250; 2042) \$100;

The island is developing fast. Once a sleepy hollow, its dilapidated houses are giving way to new concrete buildings, well paved road leading to the outskirts of the city. The traffic is buzzing with motor-cycles. On the outskirts of the city a very big government school is nearing completion. Many government offices have sprung up in the neighbourhood.

The harvest is indeed plentiful, the opportunities are great. Our Singapore dollars can do wonders! May our readers play a part to fulfil the Great Commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15).

FATHER, WE THANK THEE:

For peace within our favoured land,
For plenty from thy bounteous hand,
For means to give to those in need,
For grace to help in thought and deed,
For faith to walk, our hands in thine,
For truth to know thy law divine,
For strength to work with voice and pen,
For love to serve our fellow men,
For light the goal ahead to see,
For life to use alone for thee,
Father, we thank thee.

- Grenville Kleiser

Lim Florist, Tel: 3369011



IN HIS STEPS TO WEST KALIMANTAN

This trip to W. Kalimantan was planned in principle with Rev Djunaidi when he came to Singapore for our 31st Anniversary, Oct. 81. When Mark Heath and Jess Lim asked to come along, Jess in order to visit and witness to a long-separated sister, I felt the Lord's confirmation. My purpose of visiting W. Kalimantan only 6 months after the dedication of the Church-Kindergarten is to conduct a second dedication, viz., of the newly completed Parsonage-and-Social Hall Extension. As well as to give direction to the Gospel work our missionaries are doing.

We left Dec. 31 morning minus Mark because his visa to Indonesia was overlooked. As Singaporeans we were given an

open door at Jakarta Airport. The Immigration entry points add one now for ASEAN! At Supadio Airport, Pontianak, David Djunaidi was all smiles to welcome us in Esther's car. As Jess sister's house at 134 Jeruju is on the way to Djunaidi's, we soon arrived at our destinations. Djunaidi's "HDB" house is much improved, but being only 7ft to the ceiling, it becomes an oven on a hot day.

The biggest and oldest Chinese Church in West Kalimantan is now housed in a new Auditorium about the size of Life Church. Hearing of my coming they invited me to speak at their New Year Service. I spoke from Ps. 103 on New Year Meditations: 1) Remember the goodness of God for forgiving our sins and saving us from sickness and danger; 2) realise the shortness of this earthly life (how old are you?); 3) return to the Father as prodigal children; 4) redound all praise to the Almighty, Eternal God. As Pontianak is flooded with the Hakka-speaking after the 1967 Massacre when thousands fled the interior for the towns, I was requested to speak in Teochew (to satisfy the older generation) with translation into Hakka. (Meanwhile Mark had caught up with us, arriving by the next day's flight).

Saturday saw us at Johanna Heng's (our missionary) house in the Siantan slums. Two hundred metres from here is our Church property. As we trudged the soggy foot-path, we saw our new Church-Kindergarten rising so clean and beautiful above the slums like a lotus flower out of the mud. How neatly arranged the floral plants within, the fish pool and the New Extension! Johanna's husband added to all this symmetry a bird house (real one), and in the garden he sculptured a cement duck and a flamingo. These were a real attraction to us new visitors.

At Siantan, across the Kapuas River, there is a Chinese Branch Church established the last 21 years. Ten years ago I preached here the first time. Hearing of my coming the Church invited me to speak at the Y.F. Sat. meeting, at the Lord's Day Service (with the Lord's Supper) and at their Evening Service. I spoke to 25 young people Sat. night, to 150 at the Sunday Service and to a lesser crowd Sunday Evening - owing to a heavy monsoon pour.

The speedy completion of the Djunaidi Parsonage and Church Social Hall has surprised the Christian community. New interest was shown by a full house of well-wishers. I spoke to them on the principle of profit in the Lord's Business (Matt. 25). I told them that our offerings have enabled them to build so much and so quickly for the sake of winning souls into God's Kingdom. If they won souls for Christ then your offerings were profitably given. If they leave off winning souls then your offerings would be a loss. I also applied the profit motive to each hearer (for a number were non-Christians). If they knew Jesus to be the Pearl of Great Price, they would sell all they had to buy Christ. They would forsake all they treasured in order to gain Christ. Reader, how about you?

While we fellowshiped in the Church Hall, the Sunday School for Children reverberated with singing from the little tots. Others ran around the House of God while urchins who remain "in outer darkness" spent their energy on the swings and slide. Still others cluttered in the Yue Fang Pavilion, built with funds from Rev C.T. Hsu of New York in honour of his wife.

With increased facilities showered upon Djunaidi and his fellow workers they feel an urge to advance further the work of Christian education. Since there is not a single Christian Secondary School in Siantan, Djunaidi will start one in July. Sec. I & II will soon be announced! Children who have already come under the Gospel sound in the Church School at Siantan in the Primary classes will find further Christian nurture at our Christian Sec. School. So, the property and houses we entrust them will be fully exploited - every day of the week. That's patterned after our Life Church-FEBC-FEK-CLBC Complex!

Meanwhile the Gospel Boat, after three years of yeoman service, has to be docked. A leak has sprung which reminds us that the hull needs a thorough check-up. This may be as well, since Djunaidi is getting ready for a month-long preaching tour up the Kapuas. This is to facilitate a number of IVF students eager to evangelise. This is through Lee Lai Heng's contact - a projection from our previous visit.

As I close, there comes the realisation that this growing Gospel Outreach in W. Kalimantan was not initiated by us, but by the Lord. We need only follow in His Steps, yea, beyond West Kalimantan!

Dollar Note:

Praise the Lord, the completion of the Djunaidi Parsonage and Church Hall Extension in 6 months has narrowly beaten the inflation! One day after the Dedication, Indonesian Petrol Prices went up 60%! Immediately taxi fares also went up. So did the price of all daily commodities. The Lord knew all this beforehand to start us off in good time! He has saved us thousands by building early!

- T.T.

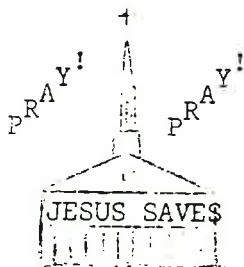
APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (JAN 11-17)

MON-THUR 7.30 pm O.T. History (Dr John Davis)
FRI 7.45 pm WF Meeting at home of Mrs Lilian Lim, Block 23, 110-V Holland Drive (1027)
Tel: 7785034. Car pool leaves church at 7.15 p.m.
SAT 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
4.00 pm Rev Tow at Bethlehem-Jurong
4.30 pm Sharon Service
5.25 pm Mini-bus to Calvary Pandan

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: \$3,459.07 + \$50 (David Wong) + \$400 (FEBC) + \$400 (Dohar)

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS:

PRAISE THE LORD!
2043) \$60 (Box); 2044) \$40;
2045) \$150; 2046) \$150 (TBC);
2047) \$50; 2048) \$61.50
(USA); 2049) \$100; 2050)
\$200; 2051) \$200; 2052)
\$150; 2053) \$250; 2054)
\$250; 2055) \$400; 2056) \$55;
2057) \$50; 2058) \$50;
2059) \$100; 2060) \$70;
2061) \$10; 2062) \$40;
2063) \$100; 2064) \$543;
2065) \$154;
TOTAL: \$1,019,501.51



CHRIST, OUR ROCK!

Hallelujah!

DJUNAIDI PARSONAGE AND CHURCH HALL:

71) \$30; 72) \$20 (Box); 73) \$50;
(Target: \$43,000) TOTAL: \$35,437.79

BIRTH: A son, Elias Teo, to Mr & Mrs Teo Gim Thong on 6th January, 1982.

Don't miss 2 more weeks of lectures in the Old Testament by Prof. John Davis of Grace Seminary, USA. Mon to Thurs 7.30 p.m. Tapes of previous lectures are available from the Tape Library.

The Engagement officiated by Rev Dr Patrick Tan between Alfred Yeo and Fiona Chou on Dec. 31, 1981 is announced.

God bless the home of Florence Ng and her mother from which idols were removed by Rev Dr Patrick Tan, Jan. 3, 1982.

We praise the Lord for the recovery of Mr Berhad Parhusip and Mr Sihombing, friends from Medan through Dohar, from their recent surgery.

We welcome to our pulpit today Dr John Davis of Grace Theo. Seminary, USA. Dr Davis is visiting professor to FEBC. His lectures on O.T. History the last week have been greatly appreciated. Hear him tonight at Calvary Pandan Sunset Gospel Hour.

Hear Dr Patrick Tan over SBC this evening 6.05 p.m.

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ON CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

by Tan Song Wee

Talking about stewardship many people only think of tithing, i.e. what proportion of one's money one may decide to give to God. However, this concept is too narrow and completely overlooks the true basis of stewardship as given in the Bible. Christian stewardship is a much broader subject, and there is a higher standard of giving than the tithe.

Stewardship must be grounded in the very nature of God and of man. We all know God is the creator of all things including man himself. It follows that all things belong to Him (Ex. 19:5; Ps. 24:1-2; Hag. 2:8; Rev. 4:11). This is the basis of all stewardship. Unless we understand and believe this absolute ownership and see our relationship to Him, we will not be in a position to approach the subject meaningfully. To a Christian, God has a double claim upon him, because He too has redeemed us. We have a new Master, who has purchased us at infinite cost, having given His own life for us. We belong to Him completely and absolutely....

The Lord Jesus Christ through several parables pointed out the desirable characteristics of a good steward. He should be wise and prudent for he must exercise judgement in the management of the owner's fund and real estate. Above everything else, he must be faithful. Faithfulness is not an abstract ideal; it is a patient careful, continuous attention to every detail. This also involves honesty, integrity and complete loyalty to the owner. The steward must lay aside self interest, and think only of the welfare of the one whose property he is administering.

Turning to ourselves, how are we to be good stewards? In what direction are we to channel our resources (time, talent and treasures) in order to be good stewards? The answers lie with each one of us. I trust the reader will carefully consider this before another year becomes wasted.

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

Thank God that Lifers have responded to the call to break through the Million ceiling. In fact you have soared past with a \$15,000 surplus. Thank God for blessing you with the ability to give. The greatest blessing however is the sense of joy and acceptance that you receive from the Lord. May we rejoice together and may the words of the Apostle Paul further encourage us, "For 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).



"The Silver is Mine and the Gold is Mine" (Haggai 2:8)
(God owns all our wealth)

These words of guarantee from the Lord to the returnee Jews engaged in rebuilding the Temple have struck a responsive chord in you! And there are others beyond Gilstead Road whom the Lord has moved to support our humble effort to build Him a House at Woodlands. That another \$20,000 has come in last week was beyond all expectations! You have gladly given your silver and your gold because you realise all that you have belongs to God.

This hilarious giving shows also your confidence in us. By God's help, we must never fail your trust! We have put every dollar without loss of a single day into the Bank to earn interest. We have not wasted one dollar in the promotion of the Building Fund.

In fact, by conserving on the day-to-day expenditures of the Church, we have diverted substantial sums from the General Fund to the Building Fund. "Economy is the Mother of Prosperity".

In Memoriam

Rev Tan Leng Tian

Of the \$20,000 received this week for Woodlands is a gift of \$10,000. This sum is given in memory of Rev Tan Leng Tian by his granddaughter, Mrs Angeline Chiang and husband Joseph. As "the memory of the just is blessed" (Prov. 10:7) I would add my personal testimony to this saintly pastor and educator, now with the Lord. Rev Tan Leng Tian was an esteemed friend of my parents. My sister and I both reaffirmed our faith under Rev Tan. By his hand we were admitted to the Lord's Table. Rev Tan was wellknown as the model pastor of the Hokkien Presbyterian Church at Tanjong Pagar, now the Jubilee Presbyterian Church. He was founder of the Sin Chew Kindergarten, in a day when nurseries were few. Rev Tan also founded True Way Presbyterian Church. Throughout his ministry he paid great attention to bringing Scripture verses artistically framed to many a Christian home. Some of these frames may still be found in Life Church. "The memory of the just is blessed". Indeed, "the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance" (Ps. 112:6).

In a week, Chinese New Year will be here. No sooner has one festive season faded than another looms on the scene. At Chinese New Year angpows will be lavished on the young. Whether old or young, giving uncles or receiving nephews, let us "not forget His benefits". To you who read the New Life Church at Woodlands column with filial concern, the Lord will say as he exhorted the returnee Jews, "I will take pleasure in it" (Haggai 1:8). If God is pleased with our effort to serve Him, our life will surely be blessed. So, let me conclude with this Chinese New Year wish from III John, "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth" (III John 2). Gong Xi Fa Cai in the Lord!

Koreans Worship Sunday Night

Our Korean brothers and sisters, apart from worshipping in Church after us at 11.45 a.m., also hold a Sunday Night Service at their pastor's house. As more Koreans arrive (2,000), their congregation also grows in numbers. 40-50 now gather Sunday Night. As the congregation has outgrown their pastor's house they are looking to FEBC Hall. Since that is vacant on Sunday night, there is no reason why our Korean friends cannot be accommodated. Let Lifers warmly welcome our Korean friends in the Lord. Let no one give offence to them who sojourn in our country.

"And he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward" (Matt. 10:41). So has Life Church been blessed by the Koreans one way or another. It is our Church's honour to receive another nationality into our midst.

Lifers Invited to Sunset Gospel Hour

"Seek ye the Lord while He may be found,

Call ye upon Him while He is near." (Isa. 55:6)

Instead of taking it easy Sunday night, instead of T.V. and Video tape, instead of yielding to that old mahjong craving when the kakis phone up, here's an invitation to the Sunset Gospel Hour from Calvary B-P Church, Pandan Gardens. Lifers who live in the Western sector of the Island should the more "call upon Him while He is near".

To make it more convenient for Lifers to attend the Sunset Gospel Hour, the pastor's Jesus is Coming Kombi and the CLBC van run a regular service, leaving Gilstead Road 5.25 pm sharp. There is no charge for the ride, for the Lord has provided the patrol without fail!

The series of messages given by Dr John Davis at the Sunset Gospel Hour has attracted a full house. He will deliver his last message there this Lord's Day Evening. Don't miss! Next week Dr Tow Siang Hwa will preach from Chinese Characters in the light of the Bible.

GLTS now "Evangelical Reformed Church of Singapore"

Started in 1965 by Goh Seng Fong, a Lifer, who now heads the Emmanuel Baptist Church, GLTS (Gospel Letters and Tract Society) will be constituted the "Evangelical Reformed Church of Singapore". A great number of GLTS Lifers have remained to become full-fledged Lifers, but those who finally left Gilstead Road sometime in 1976 to River Valley Road make up this group.

Two of their number, Lau Chin Kwee and Tan Boon Kwang, nevertheless, found training at FEBC. The latter is serving with the Church, while the former is in USA for further study.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (JAN 18-24)

MON-THUR 8.00 pm O.T. History (Dr John Davis)
 SAT 12.30 pm Rev Tow to Rawang
 3.30 pm JYF, YF & AF
 SUN 10.00 am Rev Bob Phee (Elder Tay)
 10.00 am Miss Alice Doo
 10.00 am Rev Tow at Living Water, Muar.
 11.45 am Korean Service
 1.30 pm Beulah Service
 4.00 pm Rev Tow at Rawang (Lord's Supper)
 4.30 pm Sharon Service
 5.25 pm Mini-bus to Calvary Pandan

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: \$1,438.45 + \$200 (Ormeo) + \$200 (AF for Dohar)

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS:

2066) \$10; 2067) \$10,000;
 PRAISE THE LORD! 2068) \$200 (USA);
 2069) \$500; 2070) \$55;
 2071) \$1,600; 2072) \$1,460;
 2073) \$405.30; 2074) \$20;
 2075) \$160; 2076) \$2 (My
 first farthing); 2077) \$400;
 2078) \$100; 2079) \$250;
 2080) \$405.60;
 2081) \$661.75; 2082) \$3,600.
 2083) \$200; 2084) \$1,400;
 2085) \$53.51.

TOTAL: \$1,040,984.67

DJUNAIDI PARSONAGE AND CHURCH HALL:

74) \$51.25; 75) \$200 (Chin. Serv.) 76) \$100.
 TOTAL: \$35,789.04 (Target: \$43,000).

The engagement between Miss Lim Li and Mr Andrew Loh solemnised on Thurs. Jan 14, '82 by Pastor Tow at the home of Dr Robert Loh, Cavenagh Rd., is announced.

Expresgram to 1) Mrs Leah Paauwe, 2452 Avondale Ave., Roslyn Pa 19001. Thanks for your Christmas offering for Woodlands. 2) Rev CT Hsu, N. York. Your remittance is for Feb! Much appreciated.

The Inaugural Korean Service, Sunday night, will be held at FEBC Hall, Jan. 24, 8.00 p.m. (Rev Son)

Far Eastern Kindergarten has only a few vacancies. Please ring Mrs Lange, 2513676. Situation Vacant, Clerk for FEBC. Please see Rev Tow the principal.

Catechism Class for Easter Baptism commences Sun. Jan. 31, 11.30 a.m.!

Lost and Found: A small black Lady's purse, with contents. Please see Mrs Tow.

Another, red stripe one, has been claimed by Korean deacon.

Pray for Melissa Phua who is warded at Mt. Elizabeth Hospital Ward 3 Room 7.

Dr Davis will be preaching at Grace B-P Church on 24th Jan. 82 at 9 a.m. before leaving for the airport to catch the 3 p.m. plane home. Godspeed!

Dr Davis is not an ivory-tower professor, but one vitally interested in missions. This "double-rowing" down to Riau will give him an insight into the way of life of our Indonesian neighbours. (Tg. Pinang Church is contactable by phone: 21413).

Don't miss one more week of lectures in the Old Testament by Prof. John Davis, Mon. to Thurs. 8 p.m. Tapes of previous lectures are available from the Tape Library.

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Although GLTS has not chosen to remain BP, we extend them our good wishes all the same. Our prayers are that they might remain separated from the Ecumenical Movement, from the WCC and RC, and from the charismatic movement. The Inauguration of ERCS takes place Sunday Jan. 24, 9 a.m. at 356J River Valley Road, 0923. Two delegates from Life Church are invited!

A NEW BANNER PUBLICATION

is Everybody's RPG Daily Bible Reading Work-Book, the worthy effort by Dr Tow Siang Hwa to promote Bible-reading in his Church (Calvary-Pandan and Calvary Jurong). There is no reason why it should not be adopted by other B-P Churches. One reason why he is moved to write a new series for BPs is his dissatisfaction with SU notes. These are quite different from the earlier publications in which liberal tendencies have been detected.

Getting the congregation to read the Bible daily is no easy task. Therefore, any effort on our leaders to start us on must be encouraged. So the editor of the RPG Daily Bible Reading says in the Preface:

"In Bible reading there are many 'starters' but few 'stayers'. Christians complain: the Bible is difficult, dull, uninteresting, irrelevant. What do we say to that? My answer: it is a matter of taste and appetite. A sick person finds the best 10-course dinner unpalatable, even nauseating! A Christian who has no desire to read God's Word is sick. Now let me give you three reasons why you ought to read God's Word daily.

1. God's Word shows you God's will. Your life will not be what it should be, if you neglect His Word.

2. God's Word helps you grow, but you must feed on it regularly - daily. At least one good meal a day, if you want to grow.

3. God's Word makes you effective in God's service. You cannot serve Him well without knowing His Word.

This is our first attempt at writing our own Daily Reading notes. Your comments will be most welcome. Are the notes too simple? too difficult? too much? too little?

May I wish you God's richest blessings for the New Year. Happy Reading!"

"Double Rowing" down to Riau

One result of our visit to Tanjung Pinang last Christmas was the conceiving of a lay-out plan for their new Church, 7m x 16m x 7m, annexed to the school building. On top of the high-ceilinged Auditorium, there will be another storey housing parsonage and guest rooms. The auditorium itself will hold a mezzanine floor, while below the pulpit on sloping ground it will nestle a library room.

Since we are behind the Tanjung Pinang building project insofar as its design is concerned, and there are administrative matters that need my supervision (having variously received their calls), I will take a quick trip Friday morning there, returning Saturday afternoon. (The distance between S'pore and Tg. Pinang is 48 miles). This allows us to kill two birds with one stone, for Dr Davis who had obtained a visa to Indonesia would profit to come along.

"RELIGION TO BE TAUGHT AS A COMPULSORY SUBJECT"

This Headline in last Sunday's paper was followed by the report that the subject could be taught to upper secondary classes in some schools within the next few weeks.

"Four main religions - Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism and Islam will be taught under the heading of Religious Knowledge, but students need read only one of them."

The plan, at last, to reintroduce Religion (insofar as Christianity is (John 8:32) concerned) into the Schools is conceived and launched by Dr Goh Keng Swee, First Deputy Prime Minister. This is in order to combat the breaking down of morals in the younger generation for he observed "that the schools (without religion) was turning out a nation of thieves".

Hitherto, to combat the declining morality of Singapore's younger generation, the Government has resorted to civics and a secular moral education. This moral education, minus religion, in Dr Goh's opinion, has too slow a rate to succeed. For the First Deputy Prime Minister knows of no country in the world which has a secular moral education programme that has been successful. Western countries have experienced a decline in moral standards. Drug abuse and illegitimate children are some of the results.

Dr Goh said he has evidence to back up his belief that religious knowledge will make the difference. "I can give you evidence in two forms. First, my personal testimony," said Dr Goh, pausing to smile ... "as one who was educated in a mission school, Anglo-Chinese School."

Christianity was taught in school when Dr Goh was a schoolboy. He and most of his classmates were non-Christians, but he believes that the lessons had good effect. None of his classmates has landed up in jail for criminal breach of trust.

His second piece of evidence is circumstantial - the business success of ACS old boys. "If you want evidence of business success, do attend an ACS Old Boys' Dinner. You'll never find more Mercedes cars parked outside a school ground than at an OBA dinner."

Dr Goh linked such success with religious upbringing. To succeed in business, one must have the trust of a banker. "Bankers obviously think ACS old boys can be trusted," he said, "adding that the answer to such success is not brains.... Dr Goh is right. Solomon says, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge" (Prov. 1:7). There must be the education of the heart.

As a Church we heartily welcome this latest move on the part of our Government. We would that only Scripture be taught for Religious Knowledge as in Colonial Days, but since Singapore is a nation made up of all races and religions, we must allow other religions as a matter of principle. But let those schools with a Christian background take this opportunity to reintroduce the Bible into the Religion curriculum. Let Christian teachers in these schools, the born-again ones, those who love the Lord, "come to the kingdom for such a time as this" (Esther 4:14). Although proselytising is not permitted, the teaching of God's Word shall not be devoid of good result. At least, as the Government has concluded, it will rescue young ones from becoming a nation of thieves.

In this connection, the Indonesian Government's programme of teaching religion in the Secondary school, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism and Buddhism, has been implemented way ahead of us. The Government even gives recognition to teachers who have received some form of training from Bible Institutes and Colleges.

Now, since Religion is become a compulsory subject in Sec. Schools with option to offer Scripture for Rel. Knowledge in "O" level and Pre-U examinations, the teaching programme of Far Eastern Bible must be geared to training competent Christian teachers in the schools. Our evening classes Mon. & Thurs. surely can be incorporated into such a teacher-training. FEBC should be given a share to train Scripture teachers vis-a-vis Trinity Theological College.

A further development in the light of Singapore's new educational policy may be the coming together of the BP Churches of Singapore to establish a BP Sec. School in which Scripture for Rel. Knowledge will be offered. The question is will a Christian school be required to teach the other religions? If we can be exempted from this, it will be worthwhile indeed to consider founding a BP Mission School!

In the meantime, there is an effective means of moral education, yea, of evangelising the young, through our Christian school fellowship. One growing group is the Tanglin Bible Class. Another, just sprouting up, is under our Beulah young people. With the ICY (International Christian Youth) appointing Peter Eng as staff worker, more outreach to Sec. schools can be made. The field is wide open. The harvest is plentiful. But labourers are few. FEBC graduates should consider evangelising school children as a vital avenue of service. Qualified Christian teachers should consider taking FEBC courses to further qualify to teach Scripture in Mission Schools.

Jesus says, "And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32).

EPILOGUE: THUS SAITH THE LORD, STAND YE IN THE OLD WAYS, AND SEE, AND ASK FOR THE OLD PATHS, WHERE IS THE GOOD WAY, AND WALK THEREIN, AND YE SHALL FIND REST UNTO YOUR SOUL"

(JEREMIAH 6:16).

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (JAN 25-31)

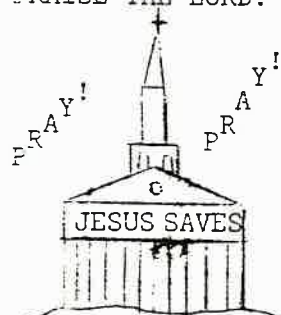
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 THUR 7.30 pm O.T. History (Rev Tow)
 SAT 3.30 pm JYF, YF & AF
 SUN 10.00 am Rev Peter Chua
 10.00 am Rev Tow (Chinese Service)
 11.30 am Catechism Class at Jerusalem Chapel

11.45 am Korean Service
 1.30 pm Beulah Service
 4.30 pm Sharon Service
 5.25 pm Mini bus to Calvary Pandan
 8.00 pm Korean Service (FEBC Hall)

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: \$2,486.30 + \$400 (WF for Kulai) + \$1,000 (designated)

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS

PRAISE THE LORD! 2086) \$120; 2087) \$35;
 2088) \$50; 2089) \$225;
 2090) \$400; 2091) \$100;
 2092) \$50; 2093) \$255;
 2094) \$1,000; 2095) \$500;
 2096) \$2,200; 2097) \$330.
 TOTAL: \$1,046,249.67



DJUNAIDI PARSONAGE AND CHURCH HALL:

77) \$50. TOTAL: \$35,839.04
 STOP PRESS!

78) \$150; 79) \$132.34
 Genesis in Chinese Characters. A series of 4 messages in Feb. by Rev Tow and Dr Tow at Sunset Gospel Hour, Calvary Pandan B-P Church. Did you know that as a matter of historical fact, the Chinese offered sheep in sacrifice in ancient times? Why sheep and not all kinds of animals as they do today? Are your sins cleansed by the Blood of the Lamb?

Letter from Rev W.C. Tan to Pastor

We rejoiced over the bountiful blessings the Lord has poured upon Life Church under your leadership. I can expect major transformations in the landscape and structures at 9A Gilstead Road when I return.

Now a piece of good news to report - this morning the chairman of my dissertation committee invited me into his office and informed me that my dissertation has been approved. I must begin preparation for its defence set for Feb. 18, 82 at 3.00 pm before the whole faculty. I will need to prepare 20 copies of "Table of contents and Annotated Outline" of my dissertation to be distributed to all the faculty members by Feb. 4. If I can successfully defend the thesis of my dissertation on Feb. 18, then I will graduate on May 21, 82. God willing, we should be home in Singapore before July. Your prayers are requested and coveted.

Earlier I wrote to Dn William Teo about the church's Christmas gift to us. We deeply appreciate the gesture. Session is generous in increasing our scholarship by US\$100.00 a month. We felt, however, that we should not accept that increase since we do not need it. Rather, I requested Dn Teo to channel that increase to the Woodlands Building Fund where it is sorely needed. The earlier the church is built, the less it is going to cost since inflation will eat up quite a bit of the building fund.

We are very thankful to the Lord for those few who write to us regularly. They have

"GONG XI FA CAI"

This new-style wishing one a prosperous Chinese New Year (in Mandarin, not Cantonese) should remind us rather of the relentless-ness of time. As it is said that time and tide wait for no man, let us hear in this new pronunciation a rhyme with a more sombre sentiment: "gone with the tide".

Time like an ever rolling stream
 Bears all its sons away
 They fly forgotten, as a dream
 Dies at the opening day

There is a less familiar verse of Isaac Watts' (1719) found in Trinity Hymnal that says:

The busy tribes of flesh and blood,
 With all their lives and cares
 Are carried downward by thy flood,
 And lost in following years.

What a picture of the world, our Chinese world, outside Christ - without God, without hope - carried downward by the flood of time. Gone with the tide!

The man of God, however, should be different. Despite advancing years, God gave Moses proportionate increasing strength of body and spirit to labour for Him. His parting blessing to Israel, "As thy days, so shall thy strength be" came from his daily walk with the Lord. When he died at 120, "his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated" (Deut. 33:7). My "Gong Xi Fa Cai" to you, therefore, is not more wealth but health, for it is with God-given health that we can get wealth. And if we labour for Him, He will favour us with a life that stands against the ravages of time and tide. What will you do for God this Chinese New Year?

O.T. HISTORY, THE BACKBONE OF BIBLE KNOWLEDGE

Do you know that 600 quotations from and allusions to the Old Testament are embedded in the New Testament? One of the most famous verses in the O.T. quoted in the N.T. is "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and bring forth a son ..." Do you know from which verse in which Book in the O.T. comes this quotation? By studying first the O.T. your understanding of the N.T. will be much more enlightened.

After Dr Davis, Rev Tow will continue with the O.T. History lectures Monday and Thurs. evenings. The time will revert to 7.30 pm. We shall continue with the study of the life of King David until we conclude with the story Esther, end of April '82. Come, bring a friend!

been a tremendous source of encouragement. Greetings to our elders and deacons. ... Pastor Tow and family are in Muar this Lord's Day, ministering to Living Water and Rawang. On their return Mon. 10 a.m. they will minister at Kelapa Sawit.

Miss Ng Sang Chiew is now posted to Kelapa Sawit. Elder John Ling says another 1/2 acre prime land adjacent to the Church earmarked for Church use is obtainable from the Govt. Tapes of lectures in the Old Testament by Dr John Davis are available from the Tape Library.

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A Chinese New Year Message to Muar, Rawang, Kelapa Sawit



It has been customary of me to be invited to preach to Kelapa Sawit the last several years at Chinese New Year. This year, as the Lord wills it, Muar and Rawang have also come into the picture.

Chinese New Year is celebrated by the Chinese peoples more enthusiastically than Christmas is by the rest of the world. Where Chinese culture has spread, to neighbouring countries such as Vietnam to the South, and Korea and Japan to the north, Chinese New Year (also called Lunar New Year and Farmers New Year) has been observed with equal zeal. But western culture has made inroads into the Orient. Chinese New Year is now celebrated in Japan only in the rural areas. In Indonesia the Chinese are influenced to celebrate the New Year with the Indonesians which is the universal New Year. Chinese New Year is rather subdued with our Indonesian Chinese compatriots. But not in Malaysia, nor in Singapore! When we went to eat at the roadside stalls (many eating houses were closed) in Muar as Chinese New Year's Eve was approaching, we could see the mountains of Chinese New Year cakes and other foods bought and sold in a last minute rush. On such a festive occasion as this I cannot help but speak to you on some similarities between Chinese New Year and the Hebrews' "New Year" in Ex. 12 from which we can draw many truths for our salvation and admonition.

Chinese New Year is an annual holiday with the Chinese peoples, but like many other holidays it began as a Holy Day. In the dawn of Chinese history religion was practised in a purer form. For example, sheep was sacrificed, but today it is the pig! Our ancestors celebrated Chinese New Year and other festivals according to the seasons, first of all, to return thanks to "Heaven". But today it is rather the filling of the abdomen. Nevertheless, by comparing the rites of Chinese New Year with the Hebrew New Year, which is the Feast of the Passover and Unleavened Bread, we shall draw many lessons for our Christian Faith. The Passover was commanded to be observed by Moses in Ex. 12:2, "This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: It shall be the first month of the year to you."

Now what are the similarities between Chinese New Year and the Hebrews' Passover? And what are the contrasts? At Chinese New Year we have an abundance of protein foods. Chicken, pork, waxed ducks and sausages, fish; cakes and sweetmeats of all sorts. Behind all this eating there are the sacrificial animals killed. At the wet markets, you will see the display of two well-shaven pigs, each with an orange in its mouth. These were offered to the gods.

In the Hebrew Passover it is the killing of a one-year old male Lamb. Do you know that this lamb is slain to foreshadow the death of Christ to deliver us from the oppression of Satan, from death and from hell? Paul says, "For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us" (1 Cor. 5:7). And the whole family must eat this lamb. As you eat a lot of delicious foods this Chinese New Year, think of the Passover lamb. Do you also eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink His blood"? (John 6:53). Do you eat with your sons and daughters and other members of the family? Is your whole household saved? Have you made the most important New Year Resolution - to seek the salvation of that lost son or daughter? Your unsaved father or mother? Husband or wife?

At Chinese New Year we see red paper strips with auspicious words written with a Chinese brush pasted on the door posts and above the doorway. The Hebrews, however, had their doorway reddened with the blood of the Lamb. Now, it was the application of this blood that guaranteed protection to the inmates from the angel of death. The angel of death killed every Egyptian firstborn who lived in houses not daubed with the Lamb's blood. To profess oneself a Christian is not enough. Do you know your heart has been sprinkled with the blood of Christ? Do you know that Christ's blood has cleansed you from sin? Are your sins forgiven? As the children of Israel were about to set out for the Promised Land, do you know you're now on your way to Heaven?

At Chinese New Year, it is the custom to spring clean. Out goes mountains of rubbish and old lumber. The house is thoroughly washed up. Blooming red and yellow coxcombs and tangerines in orange splendor brighten the home. All debts are paid. New clothes for a new life of success over last year's failure are worn. The idea is to get rid of bad times and an evil fate. This is a ritual that reminds us of the casting out of leaven in the Hebrew house. So the Passover must be kept with the eating of seven days of unleavened bread. Yes, New Year should bring newness of life. But how can we enjoy newness of life unless the old sins are purged? Paul says, "Therefore let us keep the feast not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth". Are we still at odds with God and with our brothers and sisters in the Church? Do you say 'hello' to one another with brotherly kindness? Or do we plot in our heart evil against someone? Do you point a finger at this one or that behind another's back? Let us at Chinese New Year forgive one another and keep it with the unleavened bread of "sincerity and truth" Let members make up with one another now, if you had not done it last Christmas!

At Chinese New Year we present our friends and elders with sweet Chinese oranges. At the Passover the Hebrews, however, had to eat bitter herbs. What a contrast! In the midst of sweetness, let us be reminded of bitterness. In the midst of life, we are in death. Chinese New Year is not a time merely to celebrate and have a good time. Of course we who are saved can truly rejoice. Yet there is a sombre note at the turning of the year. It is good for us, during this vacation (the Chinese' only vacation) to reflect on the sterner facts of life. The Hebrews are reminded of their hard times in Egypt. I'm sure, as they ate the bitter herbs, like Chinese eating bitter gourds, they were reminded of their humble state. It will do us well at Chinese New Year to resolve to go through life with Christ in His death. Come what may, we will serve the Lord to the bitter end. Now we all have the means to celebrate Chinese New Year richly and sumptuously. The Day may come when we cannot. Hard times can come any day. Judgment on the world is at hand. Let us be prepared to go through life's sufferings without wavering in our service of the Lord! How we pray for the dropouts in our Churches!

Gong Xi Fa Cai, that Chinese wish for Prosperity
can be so only when you celebrate in the Lord!

Last but not least, is the Angpow! Chinese New Year cannot be so merry without the angpow. You know what I mean? (For our foreign readers it is the red packet with that red \$10 note and multiples thereof). So you trade angpows merrily with one another, hoping to make more this year over last year. Then you hoard them in the bank, all of them. In the Passover Feast God has laid down a precept. In Ex. 23:15 "none shall appear before Me empty". The Hebrews must bring on top of the feast an offering. How about you? Do you bring an angpow for the Lord? To begin with, one-tenth of all your receipts! Gong Xi Fa Cai is Singapore's new pronunciation. When you give, give to Him, lovingly, worshipfully. Don't say "Gone with the Tithe"!

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (FEB 1 - 7)

MON 7.30 pm O.T. History (Rev Tow)
 TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting at Parsonage
 9.15 pm Session Meeting
 THUR 7.30 pm O.T. History (Rev Tow)
 SAT 3.30 pm JYF, YF & AF
 4.00 pm Rev Tow at Zion YF
 SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow; Lin Tah Mon
 (Lord's Supper)
 11.30 am Catechism Class in Jerusalem Chapel
 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: \$4,625.57 + \$200
 (Choon Poh)

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS:

2098) \$243; 2099) \$50; 2100) \$10; 2101) \$90;
 2102) \$50; 2103) \$100; 2104) \$200;
 2105) \$12; 2106) \$20; 2107) \$1,300;
 2108) \$20; 2109) \$100; 2110) \$200;
 2111) \$330; 2112) \$100; 2113) \$200 (I have
 discovered for myself the blessings of
 tithings as God has prospered me with good
 jobs when the need arises). 2114) \$370;
 2115) \$70 (WF); 2116) \$500; 2117) \$1,800;
 2118) \$700; 2119) \$20; 2120) \$300; 2121) \$100
 TOTAL: \$1,053,034.67

DJUNAJDI PARSONAGE AND CHURCH HALL:

80) \$60; 81) \$100. TOTAL: 36,281.38
 4 Indonesian students, 1 Malaysian, 1 mis-
 sionary to Indonesia and the principal met
 at FEBC Hall Thurs. Jan. 28, 9.30 p.m.
 to pray for the starting of an Indonesian
 Service under Life B-PC. A spontaneous
 decision was taken to launch out Sun. Feb. 7
 4 p.m. at FEBC Hall subject to Life Church's
 approval. With thousands of Indonesians
 in S'pore and with our contact with Medan,
 Tg. Pinang and Pontianak our Indonesian
 connections are many. Besides there's no
 other Bible-believing Indonesian witness
 now in S'pore. Pray for the proposed Indon-
 esian service.

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TESTIMONY OF SIHOMBING

God led me to Life Church through Mr Dohar's
 recommendation. Here I have found a peacefu
 place to lodge. Furthermore the pastor bro-
 ught me to Dr Heng who charged me nothing.
 He sent me to hospital where I have been ope-
 rated on. I am now healing day by day. I
 want to praise the Lord for not only saving
 my body, but also my soul. At the Lord's
 Supper in Life Church, I wept as I confessed
 my sins to Him. Please continue to pray for
 me as my wife returns to Medan. I have to
 remain here a little longer to complete the
 treatment. My son has come to keep me com-
 pany.

What are the 16 countries represented at FEBC?

Ans: S'pore, West Malaysia, Sabah, Sarawak,
 Thailand, Indonesia, Philippines, Taiwan,
 Japan, Korea, Australia, England, Kenya, Ameri-
 ca, Norway, Hong Kong. Pray for FEBC's 50
 plus students. Pray for Rev W C Tan's success
 in his doctoral exams. We thank the Lord fo
 2 offerings of \$100 each to FEBC received last
 fortnight.

STATEMENT

The B-P Church of S'pore supports the Govt's
 decision to introduce Religious Knowledge
 as a compulsory subject for upper secondary
 classes in schools.

The B-P Church calls on its members who are
 secondary school teachers and capable of
 teaching Secondary 3 and 4 pupils willingly
 to accept or offer to teach Religious Know-
 ledge in school as an opportunity to teach
 the Word of God even though no attempt is to
 be made at conversion to the Christian faith.
 This is the nearest we can get to presenting
 the Gospel in school. We believe that the
 Word of God will work by its own power even
 under such a circumstance. There be no
 hesitation to use the prescribed t. though
 none is the King James version because the
 choice is not ours, and furthermore we are
 permitted to bring in the relevant verses
 from the King James version as necessary.

FEBC at 9A Gilstead Road, with which the
 B-P Church is closely associated, is prepared
 to assist in the training of instructors with-
 in the ambit of the Govt. programme.

LAUNCHING A LIFE CHURCH INDONESIAN SERVICE!

Although the idea of starting an Indonesian Service at Life Church had loomed three years ago, it did not take more concrete form until January 1982. When Dohar and Glorya our FEBC Indonesian students were teaching an Indonesian Sunday School of another Church we felt it would be far better for them to serve at Gilstead Road. But we had no Indonesian congregation, nor had we the strength to gather one.

Today, the situation is quite different. When the seven of us came to pray Thursday Jan 28 the decision to start an Indonesian service under the auspices of Life Church was spontaneous. Who were the seven so convinced of the decision? They were four Indonesian FEBC students, one Malaysian student (who speaks fluent Malay), one Australian missionary to Indonesia student and the principal. Each of the four Indonesian students can take turn to preach, but one of them, who has had three years of theology before joining FEBC and has himself run an Indonesian service in Hongkong is the mainstay of this proposed service. The Malaysian student, a well-seasoned Christian worker, would be treasurer. The principal-pastor is chairman and adviser. There is adequate manpower, indeed, to start a Life Church Indonesian service.

The need of an Indonesian service is already felt with the arrival of a steady stream of Indonesian contacts - from Kalimantan, Riau Islands and Medan. The testimony of Sihombing in last week's column is a case in point. For two months this brother and wife have been attending Life Church without knowing a word! Then there's another couple for whom we have prayed who know little English. They also have come to Gilstead Road, but have gone elsewhere, to the charismatics, because of our inadequacy. David Amir our part-time gardener is Malay, with limited English and Chinese. He would delight to hear the Gospel in the Malay language. These are the inner circle needing spiritual help.

Beyond these immediate connections, there are living today in Singapore ten-thousands of Indonesians. Thousands of the young come to Singapore for schooling. When it is known that there is a fundamental, Bible-preaching Sunday service being run at Gilstead Road, I'm sure many would come! They would come not only for our faithfulness to the Gospel, but also for our central location. It is so easy to come to Gilstead Road! And since ours will be the only B-P Indonesian service those Indonesian contacts our sister churches have made will logically be channelled to Gilstead Road.

Starting an Indonesian service is part of discharge of our Gospel debt to Indonesia in a most economical and inexpensive way! Instead of sending missionaries to Indonesia, we are training missionaries in our Indonesian students, as they have the opportunity to preach to a congregation Sunday after Sunday. When visitors from Indonesia get converted through our witness and return to their own country, will they not continue to spread the good news? - and this to the Indonesians. There is this potentiality in an Indonesian service not in our English service.

In view of the fact that schools in Malaysia are becoming more and more nationalised, in another ten years we would have to send Malay-speaking pastors to preach in our 3 B-P churches in order to be adequately effective. In Indonesia, this phenomenon is increasingly becoming so. The Y.F. of a Chinese Church in Pontianak could not understand my Mandarin. It had to be translated into Indonesian. By starting an Indonesian service it will provide a training ground to would-be missionaries to Malaysia. This decision is made not too early in the light of our Indonesian experience.

The BP Church must enlarge her vision as a whole. Can we be contented with merely filling the pulpit of our 30 Singapore churches, and not those that must be established beyond, first to Malaysia, second to Indonesia, third to the uttermost parts of the earth?

Since we all believe the Day of Judgment for this wicked world is near, it all the more behoves us to hasten with the preaching of the Gospel to the 130 million Indonesians. Let the launching of a Life Church Indonesian Service be the beginning of many more to follow.

INVITATION

You are cordially invited
to the Inauguration of the
Indonesian Service
at the FEBC Hall
Life Bible-Presbyterian Church
9A Gilstead Road, Singapore 1130
Sunday, 7th February 1982
4 p.m.
Preacher: Rev Dr Timothy Tow

UNDANGAN

Saudara/Saudari diundang dengan
hormat untuk datang menghadiri
Kebaktian Pembukaan
dari
Kebaktian Kristen Dalam Bahasa
Indonesia
Bertempat di: FEBC Hall
Life Bible-Presbyterian Church
9A Gilstead Road, Singapore 1130
Hari Minggu tgl. 7 Februari 1982
Jam 4 sore
Penghotbah: Rev Dr Timothy Tow

LETTER TO LIFERS FROM REV & MRS PAAUWE

I'm writing you at 6.30 a.m. from the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Greyhound Bus terminal. I arrived here about twenty minutes ago from Philadelphia, where I left 10 p.m. last night. Along the way we had a heavy snow fall and although our bus came in half an hour late, my connecting bus will be about ninety minutes late. I just had my breakfast at Burger King (located right at the bus terminal) and I'm making use of my time here to write you all.

My trip will take me to Springboro, PA., about three hours north of Pittsburgh. I'm preaching there tomorrow and I will be showing slides of Life Church, FEBC and Calvary Church. Then on Monday I'll make the 400-450 mile trip back to Philadelphia and Roslyn.

When I get back I have to make final preparations for teaching at Faith Theological Seminary. The second semester starts on Feb. 1st, which is in just one week's time. I'll be teaching Apologetics and Evidences (4 hrs. per week) and Homiletics Theory (1 hr) In addition I'll be supervising two students on an independent research in Missions. It sounds like a busy and challenging semester.

In addition I'm teaching Dutch three mornings per week at the Berlitz School of Languages in Jenkintown (Jenkintown is between Roslyn and Faith Sem.). I've enjoyed teaching my student who is leaving for Belgium in six weeks' time. I've also done some translation from Dutch into English. That was quite enjoyable.

We would like to thank you all again for everything you have done for us. Life Church has always been a generous church and a missionary minded church. Thank you again for your gift of US\$150/- before we left Singapore.

We enjoy reading the Life Church Weekly. It's great to read of the continuing advances in the Lord's work. Developments at Woodlands and in Indonesia (both Dohar and Rev Djunaidi). Reading these reports helps us to update our reports and slide show about every two weeks (when the Weekly arrives). We praise the Lord for your zeal and generosity in serving the Lord.

May the Lord continue to bless you all richly as you continue to draw closer to Him and serve Him daily. P.S. Happy Chinese New Year - in the Lord!

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (FEB 8-14)

MON 7.30 pm O.T. History (Rev Tow)

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting at Parsonage

THUR 7.30 pm O.T. History (Rev Tow)

SAT 3.30 pm JYP, YF & AF

4.00 pm Rev Tow at Zion YF

SUN 9.00 am Rev Tow at Zion

10.00 am Rev Patrick Tan; Mr Teo Siau Hua

11.30 am Catechism Class

11.45 am Korean Service

1.30 pm Beulah Service

3.00 pm Rev Tow at Kelapa Sawit

4.00 pm Indonesian Service

4.30 pm Sharon Service

5.25 pm Mini bus to Calvary Pandan

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: \$3,540 + \$50 +

\$200 (AF for Dohar)

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS:

2122) \$20; 2123) \$50; 2124) \$100; 2125) \$2;

2126) \$10; 2127) \$10; 2128) \$120; 2129) \$740;

2130) \$10; 2131) \$12; 2132) \$50; 2133) \$70;

2134) \$5; 2135) \$5; 2136) \$30; 2137) \$10;

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2146) \$94; 2147) \$50; 2148) \$150; 2149) \$100;

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2154) \$50; 2155) \$10; 2156) \$10; 2157) \$10;

2158) \$138; 2159) \$330; 2160) \$70;

2161) \$50; 2162) \$30; 2163) \$50; 2164) \$50;

2165) \$35; 2166) \$110; 2167) \$200;

2168) \$300; 2169) \$100; 2170) \$50;

2171) \$170; 2172) \$200; 2173) \$200;

2174) \$200; 2175) \$14; 2176) \$20; 2177) \$100

TOTAL: 1,057,716.27

DJUNAIDI PARSONAGE AND CHURCH HALL:

82-85) \$1,000; \$50; \$113; \$300 (Chin. Serv.)

86) \$100 (Indo. Service) TOTAL: \$37,844.38

Expresgram to Rev C.T. Hsu. Your subscription of Life Magazine arriving regularly.

Many thanks for other valuable books to FEBC. Your article on Chinese New Transl. distributed.

LETTER FROM CHANCERY COURT RESIDENTS' ASSOC.

Congratulations on the large and regular attendance at your church. This must result, in part, to your successful discharge of your mission and calling.

As your attention on Sunday mornings must surely be directed to the preparation and performance of the Church's Sunday Service, you may not be aware of the parking situation outside the Church.

The parishioners are parking their cars on both sides of Gilstead Road. This renders the road impassable to two-way traffic and is causing the residents at our estate some concern over the safety of this road.

Can we please prevail upon you to say a few words on this subject to your parishioners. I am sure that they will see that consideration and civic consciousness are part of the Christian way.

PASTOR'S NOTE:

Motorists who park on the side road leading to Chancery Court are kindly advised to keep as near to the kerb as possible. Do not double-park. Keep at least 30 feet from

either side of the back entrance to allow two-way cars to get through. Parking too close to each other poses hazards. Be considerate!

New Life Church At Woodlands Model (1:200)

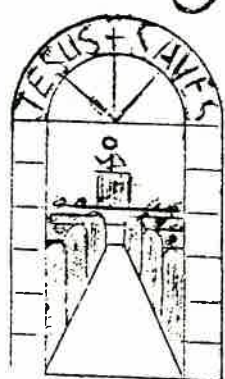
is now on display! Sharon Deacon Kua Keng Seong's labour of love is deeply appreciated. Photos of the model are also on display.

Another Church soon coming up is the Zion Presbyterian Church, Tanjung Pinang. The architect's plan reveals a 3-storey building with parsonage on top and a library room below the pulpit, utilising sloping ground. Come to this afternoon's Inauguration of our Indonesian Service! Bring an Indonesian or Malay friend!

Register for RPG Bible Study notes at the counter.

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A DOOR OPENED BY THE KEY OF DAVID

X Synopsis of Message delivered by Rev Timothy Tow at the
X Inaguration of the Indonesian Service

"These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth; I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it .." (Rev 3:7,8).

May this benediction by our Lord on the Church of Philadelphia be on this latest outreach of Life Church, a weekly Indonesian Service. If this service is begun merely by the will of man, it will come to nought. I've known of a Church started in our neighbourhood by some queer fish of a self-styled Holy Apostolic Church. It closed down within a year or two of its founding. I've known of instances of other misguided Christian organisations that also fizzled. The opening of this Indonesian Service, however, has come about after a decade of associations with Indonesia: 1971 West Kalimantan; 1972 Sumatra; 1973 Riau. The burden for an Indonesian Service was felt some three years ago, but it has not assumed more concrete form until now. It has come about by the spontaneous decision of seven in FEBC who have prayed for Indonesia - 4 Indonesian students, one Malaysian, one Australian missionary to Indonesian student and the principal-pastor. With 40 gathered here today among whom are a goodly number of our Indonesian connections, it augurs well for the future of this new door of service. May it be a door permanently opened. For it is not opened by the key of Saul, but by the key of David, the chosen one of Israel. If God is with us, if God has chosen us, we cannot fail.

Secondly may this Indonesian Service be a door of salvation that leads to Jesus who says, "By Me if any man enter in he shall be saved." There are other Indonesian services in this city. Their pastors smoke and drink after the service with the parishioners, I'm told. The sheep go in but find no green pastures nor refreshing water. Here is a door of salvation opened, even Jesus Christ, whose Cross is our key to heaven. He died on Calvary's cross to pay for the penalty of our sins that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life. Today whoever you are attending this service, if you can truly say you are trusting in Jesus Christ the only Saviour of God, you will be saved. There's a "Jesus Saves" sign over the main door of our Church. Let it also be the door of this Indonesian Service, though we are worshipping in this FEBC Hall. The message we preach is "Jesus Christ the Crucified and Risen Saviour".

Thirdly and lastly, let this Indonesian Service be an open door of missions to Indonesia. Singaporeans who are concerned for the advancement of God's Kingdom cannot go very far with their English language, yea, even with their Chinese language. For we live in a Malay-Indonesian world. With English little spoken in Indonesia and Chinese prohibited in Indonesia and being phased out in Malaysia, you will need the bahasa to spread the Word more effectively. Recently, when I spoke to a Chinese Y.F. in Pontianak my message in Mandarin had to be translated into Indonesian. So will it be necessary in Malaysia in another decade. Is the Lord less interested in 130 millions of Indonesians than 2.5 million Singaporeans? The Indonesian choir in heaven will surely be a powerful one for there will be "a great multitude which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues ..." (Rev. 7:9). If languages will be heard in heaven does it not behove us on earth to learn other languages so as to preach the Word well to those who have not heard in other nations? For me, by God's grace, I have decided to learn bahasa Indonesian henceforth in order that I might preach in their language. Let this Indonesian Service be a training ground for Indonesian-minded workers, even to our own FEBC students. May this be a permanent open door of Indonesian service in worship, in evangelism and in missions, because it is opened by the Key of David.

"Christianity Today" (Dec. 6/81) speaks glowingly of government-sponsored 'Patriotic Three-Self Movement' printing 85,000 Bibles and 50,000 New Testaments and the supply being exhausted. What C.T. omitted to tell was the foul perversion of those "Bibles". A commentary was appended to them:

"The Lord Jesus was set forth as a carpenter engaged in a bitter struggle with the rich men of Nazareth. His father, Joseph, had been an ardent communist. Jesus had won over a small group of fishermen and several others in key positions, including a banker's clerk, Matthew. The Jewish capitalists had Jesus executed, but before He died, He told His followers that Communism would ultimately win and in the meantime they must share everything including their wages. This small group became the first Christian Church which was a Communist society. But the bankers soon bought over most of the members with the result that the church became the tool of the rich. Communism in China is a return of what Jesus taught and it aims at restoring primitive Christianity."

"Christianity Today" is one of the strong voices of New Evangelicalism with which Billy Graham is identified. He has an amicable rapport with both Communism and Roman Catholicism.

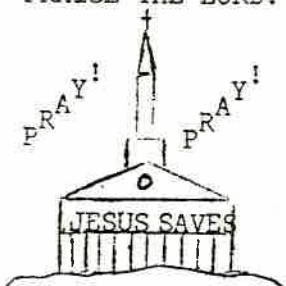
APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (FEB 15-21)

MON 7.30 pm O.T. History (Rev Tow)
 *TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting at Parsonage
 THUR 7.30 pm O.T. History (Rev Tow)
 FRI 7.45 pm WF Meeting at the home of
 Mrs Mary Sitoh, Bik 121, No. 8-1725,
 Ang Mo Kio Ave 3 (2056)
 Tel: 4579040. Speaker: Mrs Emma Turner
 8.00 pm Martin Luther Film in Church
 *WED 7.45 pm FEBC slides at Nazareth
 SAT 3.30 pm JYF, YF & AF
 SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow; Mr Jonah Chan
 11.30 am Catechism Class
 11.45 am Korean Service
 1.30 pm Beulah Service
 4.00 pm Indonesian Kebaktian
 4.30 pm Sharon Service
 5.25 pm Mini bus to Calvary Pandan
 8.00 pm Korean Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: \$3,195.50 + \$100 (FEBC)

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS:

PRAISE THE LORD!



CHRIST, OUR ROCK!

2178) \$35; 2179) \$20;
 2180) \$50; 2181) \$10;
 2182) \$40; 2183) \$150;
 2184) \$794.70 (AF);
 2185) \$200; 2186) \$150;
 2187) \$1,500; 2188) \$200;
 2189) \$50; 2190) \$260;
 2191) \$300 (Chin. Serv.)
 2192) \$129 (Chin. Serv.)
 TOTAL: \$1,061,604.97
 STOP PRESS: 2193) \$200
 (Korean Service).

DJUNAIDI PARSONAGE AND CHURCH HALL:

87) \$70; 88) \$200; 89) \$50 (Indo. Serv.);
 90) \$200 (Chin. Serv.) TOTAL: \$38,364.38
 Expresgram to Rev Timothy Pietsch. Warmest
 welcome! Be the Lord's Messenger at Life
 Church Sun. Apr. 4!

Annual Congregation Meeting Sun. Mar. 7
 11.45 a.m. immediately after the Lord's
 Supper! To approve last year's Accounts
 and this year's budget and the Annual Re-
 port. Every member has a bounden duty to
 attend!

A new electric clock is presented by an
 FEBCer over the FEBC foyer counter.

Sembawang BP Church moves into her new pre-
 mises at the Teachers Estate, Sembawang
 this Lord's Day into the former Salem
 Chapel (cost \$380,000). Jehovah Jireh.

Nazareth moves into Galilee premises Mar. 1st
 Their new service time is Sun. 4 p.m.

Members visiting Kelapa Sawit with pastor
 today are reminded to bring their passports!

Pastor will conduct Catechism Class person-
 ally at the "Forest of Lebanon" (by the
 Bird House). Today, immediately after service.
 The Korean Church will hold 3 special night
 meetings in Church Mar. 12-14.

Pray for Asst. Pastor Tan Wai Choon as he
 defends his thesis at this time.

FEBC Church History Class
 presents

MARTIN LUTHER
 in Church Hall

Fri. Feb. 19, 8.00 p.m.

All Welcome!

OVERFLOWING BLESSINGS FROM FEBC!

As it is said that a picture is worth a
 thousand words, in the teaching of Church
 History in USA, we had several films shown
 to the students. We are repeating the same
 process for FEBC! The first is MARTIN LUTHER!
 Others to follow should be John Wesley,
 William Carey, George Muller, Hudson Taylor,
 John Sung, etc.! If you know of any others,
 let us know.

Lives of great men all remind us
 We can make our lives sublime,
 And departing, leave behind us
 Footprints on the sands of time
 (Longfellow)

The showing of Martin Luther, Friday
 Feb. 19, 8.00 p.m. sharp should draw a full
 house. This film is a positive step in our
 "contending for the faith once delivered un-
 to the saints". Said Dr Clyde Kennedy, for-
 mer president of Shelton College, "If sons
 of the Protestant Church have studied the
 history of their fathers, they will not re-
 turn to Rome today." The reason why Pro-
 testants are fraternising with Roman Catho-
 lics, and Billy Graham is commending the
 Pope, is that they have not studied Church
 History enough. The study of Church History
 is a much neglected part of the Church today.
 So was it in the olden days of Israel. This
 had prompted Asaph to recall Moses: "We will
 not hide them from their children, shewing
 to the generation to come the praises of
 the Lord, and his strength, and his wonder-
 ful works that he hath done. For he esta-
 blished a testimony in Jacob, and appointed
 a law in Israel, which he commanded our
 fathers, that they should make them known
 to the children ..." (Ps. 78:4,5).

Do you know that had Martin Luther not
 arisen you and I might be worshipping at
 the Novena at Thomson Road today? There
 would not have been established the BP Church!
 And there would not have been the many Pro-
 testant missionaries who went into all the
 world from the early 1800s to this day.
 "The just shall live by faith!"

Do you know that Martin Luther was born
 exactly 500 years ago short of one? He was
 born on Nov. 10, 1483. Next year there
 should be a celebration of his 500th birth
 day. (But Ecumenism will smother this).

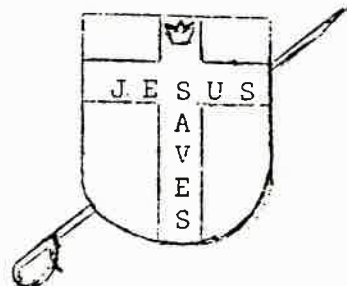
100 years ago, when Martin Luther was re-
 membered, this is what the Encyclopedia re-
 cords "The ovation to the memory of Martin
 Luther, on the 400th Anniversary of his birth
 surpassed in extent and enthusiasm everything
 that has in any age been rendered to the me-
 mory of a mortal man. All denominations,
 all classes, all institutions, throughout
 every country in the world into which the
 blessings of the Reformation have penetrated,
 united spontaneously in celebrating his per-
 sonal merits and his illustrious service to
 religion and progress, and raised him to a
 pedestal of fame which stands without a rival,
 and which can never perish."

It is for your own education that you
 should see the Martin Luther film!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 8.00 P.M.!

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LET OUR SONS DEFEND THE FAITH!

When Goliath the Philistine champion defied the armies of Israel forty days, morning and evening, and Israel "fled from him and were sore afraid," was it not David who rose to the occasion? "For who is this uncircumcised Philistine that should defy the armies of the living God"?

Today another Goliath is domineering the people of God, viz. the Ecumenical Movement. This Goliath is spearheaded by the World Council of Churches with the backing of the Roman Catholic Church. A super church inclusive of every kind of belief and unbelief, Catholics, Protestants; Orthodox, liberals, new-evangelicals, socialists, communist-sympathisers, charismatics - is now poised against our God.

When the Ecumenical Movement was organised in 1948 as the World Council of Churches, God raised Dr Carl McIntire to stand against it by organising an International Council of Christian Churches. The battle for the Faith has been waged for 34 long and weary years. We need young men who will arise to take their place in God's army.

A rekindling of the fire for a 20th Century Reformation witness was seen in June 1981 when the Far Eastern Council of Christian Churches convened in Singapore. Today we need to nurture those sons of the Faith who were touched by the Spirit of God at the FECCC 10th Assembly. Let our sons defend the faith!

This defence of the faith is an eternal battle. It began from the very dawn of history with Abel versus Cain. In modern times, it resumed with Luther's nailing of the 95 theses on the Wittenberg Church Door against the foul practices of Rome. Rome which was and is a dark, superstitious system of a man-made religion must be resisted to the bitter end. Rome which bound and binds the souls of men in purgatory by priestcraft was exposed by Luther's rediscovery of "the just shall live by faith". But, woe to the Church in our generation. The new evangelical bulk of the Protestant Church, headed by Dr Billy Graham, is coming to terms with Rome. But, Rome has not changed an iota of her dogmas. If Luther was right in breaking away from Rome, whereby he has brought light and liberty to the whole world, how can the new evangelicals now fellowship with them? And Billy Graham commend the Pope?

As you will see Wed. Mar. 3, 8 p.m. at Galilee Church how Luther fought the ecclesiastical Goliath at the Diet of Worms, how he refused to recant what he had written against the multiple errors of Rome, may the Holy Spirit open your eyes and touch your heart to join the battle for the Faith.

Let our sons defend the faith!

What Rome is from a Paragraph of Church History

The story is told by Merle d'Aubigne the celebrated Historian of the 16th Century Reformation: There was, in the latter part of the 16th Century, a man in Italy by the name of Aonio Paleario. He had written a book called "The Benefit of Christ's Death". For writing this book he was hauled before the judge by order of the Pope. The judge said, "We will put to him three questions. We will ask him what is the first cause of salvation, then what is the second cause of salvation, then what is the third cause of salvation." They thought that in putting these three questions, he would at last be made to say something that should bring glory to Rome. So they asked him, "What is the first cause of Salvation?" Paleario answered, "Christ". Then they asked him, "What is the second cause of salvation?" Paleario answered, "Christ". Finally they asked him, "What is the third cause of salvation?" Paleario answered, "Christ". They expected him to have said, first Christ; second, the Word; third, the Church. But no, he said, "Christ; Christ; Christ". For saying Christ and not the Church he was put to death by the Church of Rome. So would Rome have done to Luther had not God in His sovereign purpose used Frederick the German Prince to protect his servant. And such tyranny over the Christian Conscience might swoop down on us in these end times.

The Sale of Indulgences to Build St Peter's Church in Rome that led to Luther's Opposition and the 16th Century Reformation

"It was in Germany that this merchandise at this particular time attracted the greatest attention. The central figure in this traffic was the monk of infamous morals, John Tetzel. Travelling in state with a great retinue, he passed from city to city and was received by the authorities with all the honour which they felt was due to the official commissioner of the Pope. Crowds would escort him to the largest church. There Tetzel would explain the need to raise money for the building of St Peter's, Rome, and extol the grace of the pontiff in selling indulgences for the benefit of souls and for the erection of the basilica. Money invested in this way would procure the full pardon of the living and also avail for the dead.

"Come", cried Tetzel, "and I will give you letters, all properly sealed, by which even the sins that you intend to commit may be pardoned". (For polygamy it was six ducats; for murder eight, and for sacrilege and perjury nine ducats).

"I would not change my privileges for those of St Peter in heaven; for I have saved more souls by my indulgences than the apostle by his sermons ... Indulgences avail not only for the living, but for the dead ... Priest! noble! merchant! wife! youth! maiden! do you not hear your parents and your other friends who are dead, and who cry from the bottom of the abyss: 'We are suffering horrible torments! a trifling alms would deliver us; you can give it, and you will not!' At the very instant that the money rattles at the bottom of the chest, the soul escapes from Purgatory, and flies liberated to heaven".

For those unmoved by this appeal the monk would continue, "Stiff-necked and thoughtless man! With twelve groats you can deliver your father from Purgatory, and you are ungrateful enough not to save him! I shall be justified in the day of judgment; but you - you will be punished so much the more severely for having neglected so great salvation. I declare to you, though you should have but a single coat, you ought to strip it off and sell it, in order to obtain this grace... The Lord our God no longer reigns. He has resigned all power to the Pope".

These blasphemous pretensions precipitated the storm which had long been threatening the ecclesiastical scene. The witness of Wycliffe, Huss, Jerome and Savonarola; the labours of Dante and Petrarch; the writings of Reuchlin and Erasmus had not been in vain. Large numbers of sincere church-members were scandalised and perplexed by the wickedness of the popes and cardinals, and the corruptions of the priests and religious orders. This disposed them to listen to any who would read and expound that sacred volume which for centuries had been neglected and proscribed, and for all practical intents and purposes had been forgotten and lost. Thus it came to pass that when the Lord raised up His champions for the truth, each had a hearing and a following. The first "Valiant-for-the-Truth" at this time was Martin Luther. ... (Bishop D.A. Thompson)

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (MAR. 1-7)

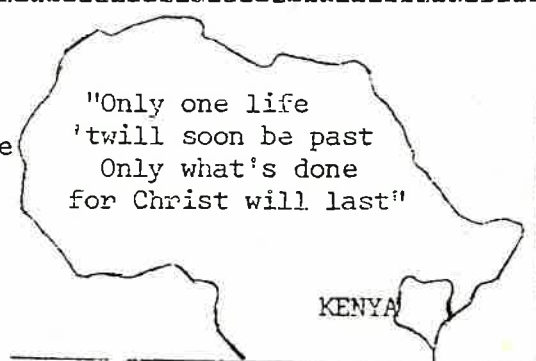
- MON 7.30 pm O.T. History (Rev Tow)
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting at Parsonage
9.15 pm Session Meeting
WED 8.00 pm World Day of Prayer at Galilee
(Martin Luther Film)
THUR 7.30 pm O.T. History (Rev Tow)
9.00 pm Wedding Rehearsal
SAT 2.30 pm Chia Boon Siong-Chew Ching
Ching Wedding (Rev Tow)
3.30 pm JYF, YF & AF
SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow (Lord's Supper)
10.00 am Rev Lin Tah Mon (Lord's Supper)
11.15 am Congregational Meeting
11.45 am Korean Service; Catechism Cl.
1.30 pm Beulah Service
4.00 pm Indonesian Kebaktian
4.30 pm Sharon Service
5.25 pm Mini Bus to Calvary Pandan
(Rev Tow speaking)
8.00 pm Korean Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: \$2,579 + \$500 (WF for Kulai Besar) + \$100 (Naz. for FEBC).
NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS:

PRAISE THE LORD!! 2207) \$46; 2208) \$14;
2209) \$47; 2210) \$100;
2211) \$50; 2212) \$30;
2213) \$50; 2214) \$90
(WF); 2215) \$20;
2216) \$30; 2217) \$1,000;
2218) \$2,861.64;
2219-28) Interest
\$393.21; \$399.31;
\$280.26; \$336.32;
\$465.57; \$729.09;
CHRIST, OUR ROCK \$271.07; \$230.31;
\$373.09; 2229) \$50;
2230) \$25 (Box); 2231) \$500 (Chin. Serv.);
2232) \$40 (YF Camp); 2233) \$462 (Beulah).
TOTAL: \$1,073,167.43. STOP PRESS!
2234) \$3,000; 2235) \$200; 2236) \$200;
DJUNAIDI PARSONAGE : 2237) \$100.
95) \$100. TOTAL: \$39,039.32

Attend World Day of Prayer at Galilee Church, Pandan Gardens, Wed. Mar. 3, 8 pm. Preceded by Martin Luther Film. Dr Tow Siang Hwa is the Lord's messenger. Offering this year will be sent to Dr McIntire. Lim Florist, Tel: 3369011

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KENYA CALLING AGAIN

From Kenya has come the call again for a missionary doctor to take charge of the Mission Hospital at Mwingi. This Hospital is under the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions. Dr Lynn Gray Gordon to Singapore Christians: "It would be wonderful for one or more doctors to go to Kenya and take that as their life-challenging medical work. However, it is not necessary that a doctor go for that long a period. If we had different doctors who would be willing to go even as short a period as three months at a time, it would be of tremendous help and would very probably save our mission work. Would it be possible for the Christian doctors in our movement in Singapore to form some sort of a "medical missionary outreach society" and for each doctor to go to Kenya for even three months and then be replaced by another Christian doctor? If possible, they could take their family. We have adequate housing facilities to take care of them. However, if there are children involved in school, they may not be able to go, but perhaps three months would not be too long for the doctor to be away from his family.

Brethren, I plead with you to do all you can to help us at this time. This is an emergency of the greatest magnitude, and I ask you to help if you possibly can.

Please pray with me about this and let me know as soon as possible. Time is of the essence. We are working together for the furtherance of the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and it is for this reason that I feel free to call upon you in this way."

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A LIFE FOR BANANAS?

Sermon by Jennifer Thien of Sabah to FEBC Students at the Homiletics Class

Have you heard of the banana skin story? Well, I am sure most of you have. Anyway, this is a different version from Rev Tow's.

One of the men on the Navigators staff worked for a banana company near his home town of Kingston in Jamaica. He was doing so well in the company that one day one of the executives invited him into his office to discuss his future. After assessing the young man's potential, the executive said,

"You have a great future with our company, with excellent prospects for rapid promotion. But we are looking for committed men. If you are going to be a success, I want you to know that you will have to give your life in exchange for bananas". If you were in the position of this man would you exchange your life for the bananas?

For some people who are artists, "Their art is their life". That is, during his life, they occupy themselves as often and as intensively as possible with art. Of another, one might say, "His life is his family... his profession ... his sports". One could ask of these people, "What is the real gain of your life?" The answer would be "A great work of art ... a harmonious family life ... professional success... prize for achievement in sports."

The Christian, however, sees life differently. He is reminded of the brevity of life in Ps. 103:14b-16. He remembereth that we are dust. As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth. For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone, and the place thereof shall know it no more.

The Lord God formed man out of dust. We too often forget that we are dust. We try our minds and bodies unduly by excessive mental and bodily exertion. We are also too little mindful of the infirmities of others, and impose upon them burdens grievous to be borne.

The oldest man in the Bible was Methuselah. He died at the age of 969 (Gen. 5:27). But nowadays the oldest may live to be 100. You can live to 70-80 years, whether you are intelligent or ignorant, wealthy or poor, handsome or not handsome, beautiful or ugly, proud or humble, pharisee or publican, saint or sinner. To dust shall we return! All the excellency of man withers away like a fading flower at the first blast of the wind. Moreover, we have nothing except what is dependent on the will of another, and which may be taken from us any hour. Our life is only a shadow that passes away. Paradoxically, this life though frail and brief God has mindful regard of it. Time and again he mercifully pardons us, as it also said in another Psalm "For he remembered that they were but flesh; a wind that passeth away, and cometh not again" Ps. 78:39.

It was Christmas Eve 1974. I remember I was with my cousins, and each of us was sitting on a swing. We swung so high that suddenly my swing came off, and I tumbled to the ground. I was not breathing for a while. Everyone thought I was dead. But, later, my eyes opened. God was merciful. He had saved me. My life might have ended there, but God preserved me. Life is uncertain and insecure. God may take it away anytime.

James 4:14: "Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow" means, "seeing you are of such a nature, that you are ignorant of what shall be on the morrow". So James challenges with the abrupt but arresting question, "What is your life?" or "what sort of a life is yours?" In fact, it is even a vapour, that appeareth a little time, and then vanisheth away. The only certain factor about human life is that it will end sooner or later in death. The failure to remember that it may come at a time unexpected and in a manner unforeseen, is a sign of human arrogance. James uses this verse to remind us the brevity of man's life. It is also to call his readers to a greater sense of their absolute dependence upon Almighty God. How much do you depend on Him? If God were to remove His blessings from our lives, if He were to leave us to fend for ourselves we would be of all people most miserable. But God in His love and mercy has called us to Himself and given us eternal life.

Life as we have seen from the Scripture, is a vapour, is grass that growth in the morning and in the evening it withers. It is a flower that fades away.

It is short, but have your years been wisely used here while you are alive?

What is the purpose of man? What is your purpose in life?

The question is, "What is man for?" "What is the chief end of man?" "Man's chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever" Man is in the world in order to "glorify" and to "enjoy" God. This is his purpose, his "chief end".

Worldliness is the opposite of spirituality. The world is full of corruption and pollution. The fashion of this world passeth away (I Cor. 7:31). "The world passeth away, and the lust thereof" (I Jn. 2:17). The purpose for which we are born into God's family is that we should overcome its temptations and enticements. The purpose of our Lord's sacrifice is to deliver us from it. "Who gave Himself for our sins, that He

might deliver us from this present evil world" (Gal. 1:4).

Dr J H Jowett, in his "Apostolic Optimism", says "Worldliness is a spirit, a temperament, an attitude of soul. It is a life without high callings, life devoid of lofty ideas. It is a gaze always horizontal, never vertical. Its motto is "Forward" never "Upward". Its goal is success, not holiness. Hearing no mystic voices it is destitute of reverence. It never worships in wrapt and silent wonder in the secret place. It experiences no awe-inspiring perceptions of a mysterious presence. It has lusts but no supplications. It has ambition but no aspiration. God is not denied, He is forgotten "and ignored". "Only one life, twill soon be past, only what is done for Christ will last." Our life should be different from the world's life. If your life is no different you had better checked your life. A lack of love for the Lord causes the Christian to hold on tightly to the transient things of the world. What we need to do is to renew our love for the Lord and to allow nothing to rival that first love which should always be reserved for God and none other.

An example in the Bible is Paul's life. Paul says in Phil. 1:21a "For to me to live is Christ". Paul says that for him Christ is the content of life. The life lived with Christ is itself external life, which does not fully flower until after the body dies. For Paul it is thus perfectly clear - to die is more beautiful. But on the other hand, he sees what is more necessary - namely, to help other people in order that the process of transformation could also be begun in them.

God has called each one of us into his ministry, to study at FEBC. Are we ready to glorify God anytime as Paul did? Paul has prepared himself and given himself fully to God. How about you?

When Paul said that for him to live is Christ, he meant primarily that other people were to be won for Christ and to grow in faith in Him. And so Paul knew that he would live on, for a person cannot die as long as God has a task for him on this earth. The fulfillment of this task does not lead to self-glory, however, but increases the glory of Christ on earth.

God has given each of us a task to do. He has given us different talents. One may have more than the other. You may be very good in your Greek or Hebrew or preaching, or in other subjects. It does not mean God will like you best.

I remembered what my teacher said to the class one day. He said it doesn't mean that you will get a better job or better salary because you got good marks in class. It doesn't mean that if you are very intelligent, God will use you more. God has a purpose for each of our lives. But we must be willing to let him use our life the way He wants us to be, and not what we want to be. Ambition is an essential quality in true Christian living, so long as it is for excellent and worthy ends, not merely for self.

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Pride of life is life lived without God, as when a man who wants to be his own boss is impatient of any control. He is self-assertive and boastful. When a person thinks he is intelligent, he tends to show off. This is pride of life. What is your purpose in life? To be good in something, to show off? Or is your motive to be used of God?

To live for Christ is to live the true life. It is to live the words "to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever".

Ours is a life redeemed according to God's purpose. Peter says, "Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ". And in I Cor. 1:26,27, where "Vocation" and "election" are used in the same sense, "Ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, but God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise". In election, is seen a separating of the elect from the miserable condition of world, and a consecrating of a man unto God. Rom. 8:28, 30 says "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...."

The sprinkling has respect to the rite of purification by the sprinkling of blood. The end of sprinkling is expiation because sin merited death. Such is the pollution of sin, that it cannot be washed off but by the blood of Christ (Heb. 9:22).

Filthiness and guiltiness needs sprinkling of blood, and the death it deserves being everlasting death, the blood must be the blood of Christ, the eternal Lord of life.

A mother was about to go on a long journey. Her sons wanted to show how much they cared for her. So each brought her a token of his love before she left. Their expressions of love may be seen in the following poem.

"I love you, mother", said little John;
Then, forgetting his work, his cap went on,
And he was off to the garden swing,
Leaving his mother the wood to bring.

"I love you, mother", said little Neil;
"I love you better than tongue can tell!"
Then she teased and pouted half the day,
Till mother rejoiced when she went to play.

"I love you, mother", said little Fran',
"Today I'll help you all I can".

To the cradle then she did softly creep,
And rocked the baby till it fell asleep.

Then stepping softly, she took the broom.
And swept the floor and dusted the room;
Busy and happy all day was she,
Helpful and cheerful as she could be.

"I love you, mother", again they said,
Three little children going to bed.
How do you think that mother guessed
Which of them really loved her best?

Neither is it difficult to discern who really loves the Lord. That one life of yours is given by Him. Has it been used to His glory, or are you exchanging your life for bananas?

MON & THUR 7.30 pm O.T. History

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting

FRI 8.00 pm Dr T C Lim's House Blessing at
22 First Avenue (1027)

SAT 3.30 pm Rev Tow at YF

LOFD's DAY 10 am Rev Dr Patrick Chan

11.30 am Catechism Class



APOSTASY: THE GREATEST LIE

At a wedding dinner, at which it was discovered that the bridegroom was Anglican and the bride, Presbyterian, the best man Roman Catholic and the bridesmaid Methodist, someone remarked "This is an Ecumenical marriage". Yes, Ecumenism is the spirit of the established Protestant Churches today, and of the Roman Catholic Church. It is the watchword for reunion - even of ultimate coming together of all religions. One religion for one world. The word "Ecumenical", which sounded like some rare species of fish or fowl as recent as 30 years ago, is now the word in vogue.

After service one Sunday morning, at which I had criticised certain dark practices of the Roman Catholic Church, an old lady of another Church came up with the retort, "It was all right to say what you said 30 years ago, but not today. My pastor says Rome has changed her attitude towards the Protestants, so Protestants ought to change their attitude towards Rome. We should love one another."

What is the greatest lie? Or should I say, "What is the greatest lie in the Church today?" It is this double talk of unity and love, love and unity, but truth is poured down the drain. What will be the result of an ecumenical union of Protestants returned to Rome, and ultimately linked to all religions? In the name of unity and love, and not of the Truth? Like the man who heard Jesus' words and "doeth not", building his house without a foundation, great will be the fall of the Ecumenical Church when the storm of judgment comes. No wonder the Ecumenical Church that is prophesied in Revelation 17 is called by the Apostle Paul the "Apostasy". This is a Greek word which is translated in King James as "a falling away".

Is falling from what? The Church, falling away from the Truth!! Unity and love, love and unity, but no Truth. This ecumenical talk of love-making between the Protestant and Rome churches is the greatest lie. Hence, God's judgment must descend upon it, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen!" (Rev. 18:2). And immediately following this is the call to separate, "Come out of her my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins and that ye receive not of her plagues" (Rev. 18:4). Are you member of a Church that is in the Ecumenical Movement?

Is your Church a member of the World Council of Churches? Are you member of a Church that is moving in ecumenical circles? Are you member of the Roman Church? If you are in any of these, you are being nurtured on the greatest lie. Come out and be separate. (II Cor. 6: 14-18). To remain in the Ecumenical Church is to live in a house with no foundation, a house that will collapse on you suddenly when testing comes.

The prophet Amos asked the question, "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" Amos the prophet of the true, living God of Israel could never go along with Amaziah the priest of the gold-calf worship at Bethel. Nay, the Word of God which came to him required him even to deliver judgment on Jeroboam the idolatrous king: "Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel shall surely be led captive out of their own land" (Amos 7:11). Today, instead of having an Amos in Billy Graham, Protestants' No. 1 spokesman, who should denounce all sin including the superstitions of Rome, we are seeing rather in him a Jehoshaphat. Jake Johnson, a Canadian missionary to India wrote a book called "Billy Graham, the Jehoshaphat of our Generation". Now, Jehoshaphat was a good king of Judah, but for one bad thing he did. He aligned himself with idolatrous King Ahab. This brought down the Lord's wrath on the otherwise good king, "Shouldest thou help the ungodly, and love them that hate the Lord?" (II Chron. 19:2). That Protestantism today under Billy's leadership should fraternise with the Pope when Rome has not changed one iota of her dogmas is to invite the same condemnation from the Lord.

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Now when we expose the enemy of truth in the external, and warn against Protestants' alignment with Rome, Satan the Father of lies will not mind it so long as he can put us off guard against the enemy within. The perpetrator of the greatest lie, he who questioned God in the Garden of Eden, is in fact subtly planting Judases within the separated Church. So while we are trying to keep our Church from involvement with the Ecumenical movement, Satan is secretly placing antichrists in our ranks. The apostle John forewarns, "Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists: whereby we know that it is the last time" (I Jn. 2:18). Where actually are these antichrists? In the light of the next verse, "They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us: for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us ..."

(I Jn. 2:19) - we see that these are the tares Satan has sown "while men slept" (Matt. 13:25). In my twenty years as principal of Far Eastern Bible College, I have to keep constant vigil against inroads of unbelief and of modernist and ecumenical teachings and leanings. There was an FEBC graduate who went abroad to study in a new-evangelical seminary. Professing he had not changed in his belief and ecclesiastical stand he wormed his way into the teaching faculty. At first he put on a genial, smiling front, as if heartily to agree with the standards of the College. Very soon it became apparent that he had another spirit. One morning at the College Chapel Hour he spoke from the parable of the Pearl of Great Price. Quoting from the Greek and a commentary he concluded that the pearl of great price was the Gospel. So far so good. But the Gospel, he pointed out, was only the greatest among religions, and not unique! I asked this young lecturer

what was meant by the Gospel? According to St Paul's definition in I Cor. 15:1-4 the gospel "by which also ye are saved" concerns "how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; And that he rose again the third day according to the Scriptures." This Scripture message of the crucified and risen Saviour to save us from our sins is the Gospel. And if this is not unique then Christ had died in vain and is demoted to one of the religious leaders. The young man with the antichrist spirit in him, needless to say, had to leave. And, had not John declared above, "They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be manifest that they were not of us." I have discovered that those of our graduates who go abroad for higher study in neo-evangelical schools are more likely to succumb to their leaven than to stand firm on truth. I have found out that two cannot walk together except they be agreed, according to the prophet Amos. I have discovered it is necessary to warn our own B-P Church of the greatest lie of apostasy, that it beguiles not only those outside of the Church but the dearest and closest to us in the Church. So had I warned in 1975 at the Silver Jubilee celebration of the B-P Church at the National Theatre that unless we are vigilant, this Church movement that began 25 years ago to withstand the ecumenical flood would be carried away by it in the 25 years to come.

I am glad that the Spirit of God has used those words to alert other founding fathers of the B-P Church. I'm glad therefore for a code of ethics to be considered by the whole B-P Church in order to keep our own house from the evil one. As a member or officer of the B-P Church you have a duty to pray not only for purity of our Church in her external ecclesiastical connections, but also for Truth and purity within. The apostasy, the falling away from the faith of the Church is Satan's greatest lie under the subterfuge of unity and love. The apostasy, the falling away from the faith of members hiding in the Church is Satan's greatest lie of the greatest, under the guise of peace and brotherly love. Unless we are cleansed from these twin lies by the power and might of God's Spirit we will find ourselves swept away by the Ecumenical Flood. We will find ourselves in the 20th Century under the shackles of Rome from which we were delivered by the mighty power of God in the 16th Century. Lest we be faint-hearted in this battle against the Apostasy, in and outside of our Church, let us hear the words of the Holy Spirit speaking by the Apostle Jude, "Earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.." And we are also blessed by Jude's benediction to the Church, when we hear him render praise to God Almighty our Saviour, "Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling ...Amen."

(Message preached by Rev T Tow at the Sunset Gospel Hour, Calvary Pandan B-P Church on 7th March 1982.)

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (MAR 15-21)
 MON FEBC Mid Semester Vacation on.
 TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting at FEBC Hall
 (Elder Khoo)
 THUR pm Rev Tow & family returns.
 FRI 7.30 pm Wedding Rehearsal (Monica)
 7.45 pm WF Meeting in the FEBC Hall.
 Speaker: Miss Agnes Wong
 SAT 2.30 pm Tan Wee Boon - Belinda Soon Poh
 Choo Wedding (Rev Tow) FEBC Reception.
 3.30 pm JYF, YF & AF
 SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow (On Marriage & Divorce)
 10.00 am Mr Jonah Chan
 11.45 am Korean Service
 1.30 pm Beulah Service
 4.00 pm Indonesian Kebaktian
 4.30 pm Sharon Service
 5.25 pm Minibus to Calvary Pandan: (Dr.
 8.00 pm Korean Service Whitcombe)

WEEK BEFORE LAST OFFERINGS: (Feb 28)
 \$3,773.70 + (\$100 + \$200 AF for Dohar) +
 (\$100 + \$20 Djunaidi)

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS:
 2238) \$200; 2239) \$150; 2240) \$32 (Box);
 2241) \$22 (CLBC Box); 2242) \$400; 2243) \$150;
 2244) \$70; 2245) \$190; 2246) \$180; 2247) \$50;
 2248) \$25; 2249) \$50; 2250) \$20; 2251) \$130;
 2252) \$100; 2253) \$430; 2254) \$35; 2255) \$300;
 2256) \$50; 2258) \$500; 2259) \$200; 2260) \$950;
 2261) \$2,320; 2262) \$50; 2263) \$100; 2264) \$250;
 2265) \$150; 2266) \$400; 2267) \$100.

TOTAL: \$1,084,321.43
DJUNAIDI PARSONAGE AND CHURCH HALL
 96) \$30 (Box); 97) \$100; 98) \$20.
 TOTAL: \$39,189.38

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: \$3,838.90 + \$50 (David
 Wong Chin. Serv.) + \$450 (WF for Kulai) +
 \$16.15 (Ormeo)

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS:
 2268) \$2,000; 2269) \$100; 2270) \$500 (Beulah);
 2271) \$100; 2272) \$34 (CLBC Box); 2273) \$150;
 2274) \$40; 2275) \$160; 2276) \$30; 2277) \$150;
 2278) \$20; 2279) \$50; 2280) \$482.50 (AF);
 2281) \$20; 2282) \$100; 2283) \$200; 2284) \$10;
 2285) \$500; 2286) \$183.85; 2287) \$1,000;
 2288) \$100 (Khoo & Co); 2289) \$100; 2290)
 \$123.41 (Int.). TOTAL: \$1,090,565.19 STOP PRESS!

DJUNAIDI PARSONAGE AND CHURCH HALL: 2291) \$500
 99) \$70; 100) \$40. TOTAL: \$39,299.38

PASTOR TOW AND FAMILY left this morning for
 preaching appointment at Muar and Rawang,
 en route to Frasers Hill. They will be at a
 Tow Family Reunion Mar. 15-18 organised by
 Dr Tow Siang Hwa. Pray for journeying mercies
 and the Lord's Spirit upon this mountain
 retreat.

FEBC Evening lectures, Mon. & Thurs. will be
suspended this week during mid-Semester break.
 College reopens Mon. Mar 22. 8.00 a.m.

Lectures in O.T. History resumes the same
 night 7.30 p.m. (The age of HEZEKIAH)

If the Lord has spoken to your heart, why won't
you share this Lord's Day Message with someone
who needs it? Order yours after service from
the TAPE LIBRARY, next to the Church Office.

Ready after Sun. Lunch! Price: \$1.50
 (See Mr Yiew Pong Sen).

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INTRODUCTION

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A page of Chinese Church History -

THE STORY OF MY MATERNAL GREAT GRANDFATHER

My maternal great grandfather, Tan Su-Chuan, was born in 1838 into the family of a Manchu mandarin in the prefectural city of ~~Tai-An~~ ^{Tan Khai-lin, also known as}. He lost his father at an early age, and grew up under the tutelage of his widowed mother. A good student, he became a lover of books and calligraphy. He was a model of a filial son with a gentle disposition. *(Santau)*

In 1859 when he was 21 years of age, he came from the inland capital to Swatow to look for a job. As he passed by the Church Hall at Seng Peng Street where Rev George Smith the missionary was preaching, he was gripped by the Word. Seeing how gladly such an intelligent and cultured young man had drunk in the Gospel, the missionary invited him to stay. After several days of further inquiry into the Truth, Tan returned to his hometown. When he declared to his mother the joy of his newfound faith, she became deeply distressed. However, Su-Chuan prevailed upon her with the Truth. Thus, he was permitted to make the trip to Swatow again. Having been fully catechised he was baptised the same year, the first convert of the English Presbyterian Mission. (His mother followed suit after three years).

Attached to the Church Hall at this time was a clinic. When the clinic was shifted out some years later, the premises were converted into a school for the training of preachers. This training school began with an enrolment of four students. Tan Su-Chuan who all these years had understudied the missionaries was appointed tutor. As the gospel had spread far and wide from Swatow to a dozen towns and villages, those early trainees were sent out every Saturday to these stations to conduct meetings, and services on the Lord's Day. Tan Su-Chuan, while helping the missionaries to tutor the students, was elected elder. He was appointed to the pulpit of the Mother Church in Swatow. He served also several other churches such as were in ^{the} Kit-Yang - Poo-Sua circuit. In 1881 he took the first examination prescribed for pastors, and was ordained the next year. Immediately he was appointed superintending minister to four churches centering around Lam-Tsau, *birthplace of my grandfather and father.*

During his term as a preacher, he had to risk his life several times to protect the sheep against the unruly military. His sturdy demeanour and gentle disposition were an asset in his dealing with ruffians. Once he was taken to the gendarme headquarters and roughly treated. In 1884 when he was called to negotiate for the oppressed Christians at Lim-Tau, he was ambushed by young thugs and badly beaten. Such persecutions, however, did not deter the first pastor of the Chinese flocks.

As the Church was young, he would not burden her with a high salary. He sold his father's house in order to supplement his income, his salary being \$12 per month. He had four sons and two daughters and an aged mother to support. Nor would he use his position for self-gain. When he was presented with a gift of \$6 as "tea money" by a "great man" surnamed Teo and was much prevailed upon, he only accepted the sum with the declaration that it be put into the Poor Box. On the other hand, both mother and son were wellknown for their charity to the needy. Rev Tan's home never lacked guests who were often welcomed to a square meal.

Apart from his pastoral duties Tan Su-Chuan took care of much of the Presbytery's secretarial work. His calligraphy was much sought after by the literati. He represented the Swatow Presbytery at the Annual Synod held in Amoy, for both Amoy and Swatow were under the English Presbyterian Mission. (William Chalmers Burns, Pioneer Missionary, founded Amoy 1851 and Swatow 1856). He is said even to have visited Singapore in the course of his duties! (The English Presbyterians came to Singapore in 1881). The church in the outlying districts and Swatow certainly came under his constant care.

He had brought up a family of six filial children, who all put their trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. His eldest daughter was married to Preacher Tow Khi-Hien, who served for 26 years in China until he migrated to Singapore in the early twenties. Rev Tow Khi Hien my grandfather was one-time pastor of Glory Presbyterian Church at Bukit Timah, and for about ten years, pastor of Bethel Presbyterian Church, Upper Serangoon.

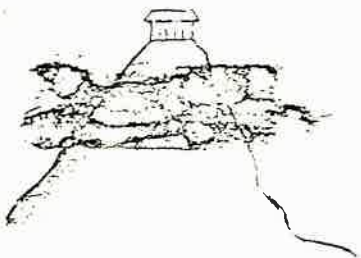
In 1892 complications developed from the old injury my great grandfather had received from the hands of the young thugs of Lim Tau. This was precipitated by a cold he had contracted in a drenching rain. He came to Swatow for treatment, but in vain. On July 23rd, 1892 he was called to glory at the English Presbyterian Hospital in Swatow at the age of 55. As he took leave of his big family, he exhorted them to serve the Lord with all their heart.

Though Tan Su-Chuan was gone from this earth, his works follow after him. In the early thirties, Dr Tan Yak Theng, his eldest son, a graduate of the Swatow Mission Hospital, built a parsonage and office for Bethel Church in Swatow to the father's memory. In 1936, he repeated to commemorate Rev Tan Su-Chuan by building a new Church at Ou-teng with a seating capacity for 500. For Ou-teng was one field where his father had exerted to sow the Gospel seed. And Ou-teng was where the old church was completely devastated by the Earthquake of 1918.

"The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance... He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor; his righteousness endureth forever; his horn shall be exalted with honour" (Ps. 112:6, 9).

(The story above is retold from a Commemorative Magazine of the Dedication of Ou-teng Church dated 1936, to the memory of Rev Tan Su-Chuan and from "The History of the English Presbyterian Mission 1847-1947 by Edward Band)

- T. Tow



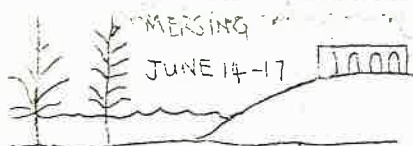
MUSINGS FROM THE MOUNTAIN

At the instance of Dr Tow Slang Hwa, there are gathered 19 members of the Tow Clan including Cousin William Doo and wife visiting from Cornwall, England at the Raub and Pekan Bangelos, Frasers Hill - Mon. Mar. 15 to Thurs. Mar. 18. This retreat from urban Singapore to a mountain 4,200 ft above the sea has refreshed not only our bodies but also our minds and souls. The children have acquired a new skill in skating in a two-day bout. Spiritually they should have received instruction and inspiration at two daily services held at the main bangelo. "Faith of our Fathers" is the theme of this spontaneous family evangelism.

Taking advantage of this visit my brother is arranging with the Frasers Hill management for a camp for Calvinists in June, i.e. as soon as the school vacation comes. This makes me to plan something for Lifers. My thoughts however are turned to Mersing again. Considering the distance and money incurred in such an undertaking, perhaps it is more profitable to go to our old haunt. We were in Mersing, Nov. 1977. It was a missions camp as well since we're able to visit five churches on the East Coast. It was a great success. The distance to Mersing is exactly 100 miles and 3 hours on the road.

The distance to Frasers Hill, however, is 309 miles. Travelling time is 10 hours with two stops. To take advantage of this trip up, I arranged to preach at Muar and Rawang last Lord's Day. The Lord confirmed with a MS200 envelope received from an elder for Djunaidi's Dyak Outreach. A third bird was bagged when I visited Mr and Mrs Chew Fook Wah at their new house in Petaling Jaya. Mr Chew is a real trophy of grace. A staunch idol-worshipper for half a century he finally burnt them all after the conversion of his son Daniel. Mr Chew has spent some time at FEBC. He keeps learning from tapes. He is considering coming back to FEBC in the new semester. Now he is much in demand as a speaker with Brethren Churches. He has burnt a score of idols during this period of service in the Malaysian Capital. I count my visit with Mr Chew a significant milestone in our evangelistic efforts up the Peninsula.

O Lord, increase our strength to go forward and widen our vision beyond these mountain peaks! - T.T.



The day after returning from Fraser Hill saw us headed for Mersing! Mrs. Tow's coming confirmed this drive was from the Lord. Mersing Rest House is beautifully situated on a hill overlooking the white roaring South China Sea. The Hotel manager,

Lau immediately recognised us. He suggested June 14-17 for our block-booking of 12 air-conditioned rooms. The cost of the whole camp is minimal. For a family of four the bill is roughly MS220. For singles, male or female, the cost is MS60. With Session's approval, we shall begin registration next week. Limited to first 60 only.

POINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (MAR 22-28)

- 8.30am FEBC Semester begins.
- 7.30pm O.T. History
- 8.00pm Prayer Meeting at Parsonage.
- 7.30pm O.T. History.
- 2.45pm Seet Chuan Hoc - Wong Tiew Yah Wedding; Reception FEBC Hall. (Rev. Hartog)
- 3.30pm JYF, YF & AF
- 10.00am Rev. Tow; Mr Jonah Chan
- 11.30am Catechism Class (Testimonies)
- 11.45am Korean Service
- 1.30pm Baylah Service
- 4.00pm Indonesian Kebaktian
- 4.30pm Sharon Service
- 5.25pm Minibus to Calvary Pandan.
- 8.00pm Korean Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS : \$2,645.90 + \$2000(FEBC)

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS :

- Correspondence 2291) \$400; 2292) \$250; 2293) \$170;
- 2294) \$100; 2295) \$50; 2296) \$80(WF);
- 2297) \$74.35 ((LCSS Jr Dept); 2298-2299)
- \$199.45; 299.18 (interest); 2300) \$360;
- 2301) \$5; 2302) \$100; 2303) \$67; 2304) \$40;
- 2305) \$150; 2306) \$35; 2307) \$170;
- TOTAL: \$1092,409.17

Program to Rev. C.T.Hsu Many thanks for your Apr-May remittance for Dyak work! FEBC Renovations in final completion. Thanks for your offering.

March. Tenders will be invited the week after Easter! Pray, pray for the Lord's Spirit moving over His people.

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DJUNAIDI PARSONAGE AND CHURCH HALL:

101) \$150; 102) \$500; 103) \$180(M\$200)
TOTAL: \$40,129.38

Warm Welcome to today's speaker and his wife. Dr. and Mrs. John Whitcomb of Grace Seminary where Rev. WC Tan is studying are with us this morning. They are on a round the world trip lecturing and preaching. Dr. Whitcomb is wellknown for the many books he has authored. Dr. Whitcomb will speak also at Calvary Pandan Sunset Gospel Hour this evening 6.00pm.

Under the leadership of Mr. Peter Eng an overnight camp at Calvary Pandan BP Church was held Fri-Sat Mar 19-20 at which 40-50 from 16 groups attended. Dr. John Whitcomb with Rev. K.C. Quek paid this first ICY get together after a lapse of many years and addressed the youth leaders.

Pray for Mr. Froude of Kulai Besar as he is lying ill at a private hospital in J.B. (Mr. Freddy Yong).

The Chinese Presbytery met for the first time in Singapore at Faith Church yesterday afternoon. We have six Chinese congregations:-

Faith, Life, Grace, Calvary Jurong, Calvary Pandan, Toa Payoh and two in Malaysia: Sanit and Rawang. Rev. Tow and Elder Seow Chong Pin represent Life Church. Woodlands! According to latest information Building plans for the New Life Church in Woodlands are expected to be approved end of

PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers

There's a Chinese saying: "A thousand people, a thousand woes. And no two woes the same." This saying is true, but Chinese philosophy offers no solution to our problems. Is that the reason why you are coming to Church to find a solution to your problems? That is the wisest step you have taken!

Praise God, we have the solution. Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour invites you, "Come unto Me all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." This is the first step to the solution. Come as you are, whatever the load of your sinfulness and the burden of your problem. Come and give yourself up to Jesus!

Now the second step, "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. 11:28,29). After we have put our trust in the Lord Jesus Christ we must do as He tells us. The Bible is the Word of Christ. His philosophy of life is opposite to the world's. His yoke, His assignment to our daily living, is an easy one. Not that which starts us off on a rat race and with a vengeance against the one you hate, but rather one of resignation to God's Will. This brings peace and rest to our souls. Jesus is meek and lowly of heart, easy to get along with, but we are high and proud, and often scolding loud. Hence, the woes of our own making. Here's a chorus composed by Dr Tow Siang Hwa which was sung at our 1970 Bob Wells Crusade at the National Theatre: (to the tune of "I'm pressing on the upward way"):

Is there a problem in your life?	Christ is the answer to your quest
Is there unhappiness and strife?	For peace and joy and happiness
Christ is the Answer, He can save	He meets your needs from day to day,
From ev'ry problem you may have.	He is the Life, the Truth, the Way.



Thank God, Christ is the Answer to your every problem. For He who died for your sins, the root of all problems, is able to deliver you inasmuch as He had risen from the dead to conquer sin and death for us.

KJV

The King James Version (Authorised Version) of the English Bible is the official version of our Bible Presbyterian Church. It is the version upon which our RPG Bible-reading notes are based. In order to supply members with low-priced KJV Bibles Christian Life Book Centre should explore every source of publication. Bring your KJV Bibles to Church every Sunday!

For private, comparative study we have allowed the NIV and NASB, though they are not perfect like the KJV. These should not be read in Church and other occasions of public assembly. We take a strong stand against the RSV, NEB, and TEV (Good News Bible) and LB (Living Bible) because these have been found to be unfaithful translations, while the Living Bible is a paraphrase, not a meticulous translation.

In case your KJV Bible is becoming loose through wear and tear we have a book binding service that will give you prompt attention and satisfaction. Let the CLBC serve you!

Infant Baptism

While there are those who baptise only adults and by immersion, we baptise also infants by sprinkling. Since Baptism is not a major doctrine like the substitutionary atonement, we have charity towards those who baptise differently from us.

Nevertheless, we do not apologise what we practise because we sincerely believe infant baptism is according to the Word of God.

We baptise our children inasmuch as Abraham was commanded to circumcise his male-children. Baptism is the N.T. counterpart of O.T. Circumcision. Hence in Col. 2:11,12 baptism is called "the circumcision of Christ."

We believe in the covenant-keeping significance of baptism, a sacrament that should increase the faith of believing parents. If it is asked how it can be given to infants who know not its meaning, our answer is neither can a little infant understand a mother's love when she breast-feeds it. Whether baby knows or not parents give it their best. All the more, infant baptism is a parent's claiming of God's salvation blessing upon his or her child.

Infant Baptism is included in household baptism. When the apostle Paul got a man and his house converted he baptised him and all his (Acts 16:31). Apart from the Philippian jailor's household, we see Paul also baptising Lydia and her household (Acts 16:15). Are infants members of a household or not?

It is the tradition of Presbyterian Churches in the light of the Bible's teaching to baptise infants. No less, B-Ps! We do not quarrel with immersionists but we stand our ground, as on a rock, when faced with the usual hostile questions.

Ministry of Hospitality

This is one unique ministry of Life Church. Christians of all nations passing through who need a pillow to rest their weary heads are warmly welcomed in the bonds of Christ. Now, two brothers from Indonesia are staying with us.

Recently, a young Christian brother from Japan got stranded here. Our Japanese students helped to make a bed and clean the room for him. Here's a letter he has written (of dozens we've received) to express the blessings he had received while staying at Life Church:

"Thank you very much for your wonderful welcome and kind hospitality that was given on me last week. I thank Lord that He led me to your place where I could experience wonderful fellowship with you and students from many countries. I really appreciated the kindness and love through each one of brothers and sisters I met and chatted with. Also, it widened my eyes to the works of Lord and fellow Christians in different parts of the world, which was a tremendous gift of God. I would like to thank God for this and would very much like to make use of this gift and return my thanks to the Lord. I am going to testify what God has done in the course of my trip on this coming Sunday (28th), and would like to share the prayer for your college and blessings on every student working there. I wish I could have had more time to spend with you.

I am going to the job world, working in a construction company. I would appreciate very much if you could add your prayers the one for me. I have to go to different church which would be a great change and even a big challenge.

Thank you again for your love and welcome and I am very much looking forward to seeing you again. Please give my best regards to Sister Takashima, and all the other students.

Psalm 23.

Sincerely in Christ, Masaru Nagashima

Mersing Bible Camp June 14-17



The journey of 100 miles takes 3 hours. The Rendezvous is Government Rest House, situated beautifully on a hillock overlooking the South China Sea. Side trips to visit Churches and mission stations will be arranged so as to leave behind a good Gospel witness. The last camp held at Mersing 1977 was a great success. May the Lord also prosper this one. Limited to 60 only. Should our Assist-Pastor Rev W.C. Tan return in time, he would logically join this camp as a speaker. Register early with Elder Edmund Tay. -TT-

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (MAR 29-APR 4)

MON 7.30 pm O.T. History
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting at Parsonage
THUR 7.30 pm O.T. History
SAT 3.30 pm JYF, YF & AF.
8.00 pm Rev Tow @ Calvary Pandan AF
SUN 10.00 am Rev Timothy Pietsch (Lord's Supper)
10.00 am Rev Lin Tah Mon (Lord's Supper)
11.30 am Catechism Class (Testimonies!)
11.45 am Korean Service
1.30 pm Beulah Service
4.00 pm Indonesian Kebaktian
4.30 pm Sharon Service
5.25 pm Minibus to Calvary Pandan
8.00 pm Korean Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: \$2,755.60 + \$100 (LCSS for BPM).

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS:

PRAISE THE LORD!
2308) \$255.50 (HK\$700);
2309) \$6 (CLBC Box);
2310) \$152 (Chin. Serv.);
2311) \$300 (Chin. Serv.);
2312) \$150; 2313) \$150;
2314) \$200 (Kor. Ch.);
2315) \$200 (thru Sun. Lun.);
2316) \$190; 2317) \$200;
2318) \$70; 2319) \$50;
2320) \$5; 2321) \$20;
2322) \$1,200; 2323) \$1,000;
2324) \$250 (AF); 2325) \$200;
2326) \$154; 2327) \$50; 2328) \$692 (LCSS);
2329) \$300; 2330-32) \$157.07; \$122.05; \$184.93 (Int.); 2333) \$200. TOTAL: \$1,099,573.72
STOP PRESS! 2334) \$300; 2335) \$150.

DJUNAIDI PARSONAGE AND CHURCH HALL:

104) \$500 (Chin. Serv.); 105) \$200 (Chin. Serv.)
106) \$150. TOTAL: \$40,979.38

SEE HUDSON TAYLOR FILM!

at Life Church on Sat. 10th April 1982 7.15 pm sharp. Please bring your friends along. (Auspices of AF).

Do you know that Hudson Taylor often referred to William Burns who brought the Gospel to our ancestors in South China as his "spiritual uncle"?

Edited by Rev Timothy Tow, 9A Gilstead Road,

Pastor Tow will be the Lord's Messenger at Sharon Service this afternoon 4.30 p.m. Miss Kimiko Goto has completed her course of study at FEBC and is returning to Tokyo end of March. Nevertheless, she is applying to come back to S'pore to serve at the Japanese Church to which she has been attached during these years of study. Pray for Kimiko! Welcome Rev and Mrs Timothy Pietsch. We have known the Pietsches since our first meeting in Manila 1951 at the inauguration of the Far Eastern Council of Christian Churches. Rev & Mrs Pietsch are the founders of Tokyo Bible Centre and Bible Kindergarten since the end of World War II. Rev Pietsch is for over 30 years a Radio preacher through several stations, speaking Japanese as he says with an American accent that attracts his listeners. To every inquirer into the Christian faith is sent a copy of the Gospel of John. Rev Pietsch takes a separatist stand against the Ecumenical Movement and New Evangelicalism. He will preach next Lord's Day at Life Church and at the Sunset Gospel Hour, Calvary Pandan. Support the Indonesian Service, every Lord's Day 4 p.m. This service has begun to cater to a number of visitors from Indonesia who find succour under our Ministry of Hospitality. Bring a Malay-speaking friend!

Woodlands! Praise the Lord that we have crossed the first \$100,000 after the Million mark. Also for the Church Kindergarten and Parsonage at Siantan, Pontianak, whose target of \$43,000 is soon to be reached. The Lord bless each giver of a cheerful heart. As you are concerned for His House, God will care for your house!

The ICY Office (Mr Peter Eng) is situated next to the Church Office. Tel: 2505950 Easter Sunrise Service this year will revert to McRitchie Reservoir, time 6.30 a.m. Bring a torchlight!

NURSERY, APR. 4: Miss Hazel Wong, Mrs Yiew Way Chor.

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PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers

MARRIAGE COUNSELLING



This is a popular topic today that will take up a pastor's busy schedule more and more!
In my serial preaching from the Gospel of Matthew, I came to Ch. 19:1-9 last week where Jesus talks on Marriage and Divorce. I expounded the subject in the light of Genesis, I Cor. 7 and Eph. 5. I dealt with adultery, pre-maritals, and instantaneous divorce. I gave the solution to the most difficult situations - surrender to the Lord Jesus Christ, of course. In case you have a marital problem, or your friend has such a problem, why not listen to the tape recorded at last Lord's Day's Service? Get yours from the Reformed Tape Library, by hand or by writing in, c/o 9A Gilstead Road, Singapore 1130. Cost of tape: \$1.50!

"Come out from among them, and be ye separate,

And I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you" II Cor. 6:17,18

Of late several couples from Ecumenical Churches have been attending Life Church. It was a thrill at last Tues. night's prayer meeting to hear one testifying of the joy he has found in the Gospel preached truthfully here, at Gilstead Road. A young man, also from an Ecumenical Church, heard the testimony gladly. He assured me he would "come out from among them". As I write, a dear brother of another Church brought me a Roman Catholic couple. They came to surrender their rosaries and Catechisms to the Lord. Praise God, we have thus about half a dozen couples come to the Lord from Roman Catholic and Ecumenical backgrounds!

Now the Lord does not merely command you to separate, but He also offers you a new home. He is that new home, new circle of fellowship, being the Father Himself, for He says, "And I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you" (II Cor. 6:18).

Here, at Gilstead Road, you will find yourself in God's true family. (This is also the experience of a new catechumen who has separated from the Mormon Church, just across the Land).

Please join us at the Sunday Lunch. Come to Prayer Meeting, Tuesday Night. Come to the Adult Sunday School Class taught by the Pastor every Sunday morning 9 a.m.

We invite you to the Church Camp at Mersing, June 14-17, the pastor himself in charge.

There are other groups in Church you can join such as the Women's Fellowship, Adult Fellowship, Pastor's wife's Bible Class, Mon & Thurs Night FEBC Evening Classes. Who says you have no friends in Life Church?

Woodlands, Built with "Gold, Silver, Precious Stones" (I Cor. 3:12)

While others will resort to human methods, we choose to stick by the Lord's method as given by Moses and David. Those who love the Lord and would have a part in seeing His House built, let them bring love-gifts, worshipfully willingly, and not wearily. Hence, we have no Building Fund programmes conceived by the wisdom of man nor do we belabour members with the subject. My heart was touched last week as a brother brought me a thick envelope (as a matter of happy routine) while another, seeking baptism, one with \$500 inside. The same Sunday a young lady of another Church who has found joy of worship here brought me literally gold in a red plastic casket - rings, bracelets, pendants, which she said, are for Woodlands. ~~They~~ who give of a worshipful heart give gold but they who give less than from a worshipful heart but from some other consideration give brass.

But here's one who gives a diamond! It is described in a letter received with \$50 from a young girl. "This offering of \$50 is from a friend of mine. She is a very new Christian... She has had to keep her faith a secret but has remained faithful to the Lord, who has blessed her recently in her 'A' levels.

S_____, that's her name, wanted to give a thanksgiving offering, but as she has not been able to attend any church, was at a loss as to how to give it and where to give it.

I suggested a number of funds, including that for New Life Church, but S_____ has been led to offer it to God through the New Life Church Building Fund.

I know that she has sacrificed a lot by giving \$50, and I would appreciate it if you could send her a receipt and a note of acknowledgement. This would greatly encourage her, knowing that the Church is behind her, and cares for her."

TESTIMONY OF DAVE DHEVARAJULU

I've been a Christian for the past 4 years. And during all this time I've experienced the joy of knowing that the Lord was leading my life. Everytime I falter and fall into sin, He is always there to guide, and to forgive when I repent.

Quite sometime back I led myself blindly into the Mormon Church not knowing that they were a cult, people who do not minister the true word of God. In this Church I stayed for a little over a year, growing "spiritually" in their faith. After a while I realised something was wrong. Something was missing. No longer was I certain of God's will. For it seemed to me as if it was all based upon the doctrine of men. For their whole concept of faith centered upon man, not God. I stopped going to the Mormon Church. I felt very empty, spiritually declined. I prayed to the Lord. I started reading his word. I started attending Church again. Things began slowly but surely to fall into place. I found myself being filled with a kind of joy that cannot be expressed but can only be experienced. I started sharing the Gospel with my friends. I saw the change it brought into their lives. I am truly grateful to the Lord

for leading me back into his fold. Two months ago a sister brought me to Life Church. Though it was a strange place filled with a lot of strangers, I found myself perfectly at home. It was as if the Lord was telling me, "Welcome home son!"

I know and I bear my testimony, that Christ is the Son of God. Came to save all men. For he is indeed the promised Saviour who died a sinless death on the cross. All men have fallen short of the Glory of God. And can never be saved by their works but through Grace. For it is only through Jesus Christ can we enter into the Kingdom of God."

Today is Palm Sunday, beginning of the Holy Week

On this Lord's Day, Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on donkey to be hailed King by her citizens. This fulfilled Zechariah's prophecy: "Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass" (Matt. 21:5). Let us be reminded of Jesus' kingship over our lives. He rules over us with benignity. He saves us from our enemies. What homage do you pay your King?

Today is the beginning of the Holy Week that leads us to Maundy Thursday, the night when Our Lord ate the Last Supper with His disciples after which He washed their feet. Then He was betrayed by Judas to the Jewish Court to be delivered to Pilate. Good Friday saw the climax of His sufferings. He was crucified. He died a sinner's death that you and I, no better than the two thieves, might be spared. The penalty of our sins He paid with His own Blood. He was buried in a rock-tomb.

Early Sunday Morning He rose from the dead by which we receive everlasting life. Do you have it? Let us celebrate Easter Sunrise Service at McRitchie Reservoir with the spirit of Mary Magdalene and the other women, with Peter and John. Let us tell Jesus how much we love Him. Let us go forth to spread the good news with renewed zeal and power. For He is coming back real soon (in the words of Rev C.T. Hsu). - TT

APPOINTMENTS FOR HOLY WEEK (APR. 5-11)

MON 7.30 pm O.T. History
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting at Parsonage.
9.15 pm Session Meeting
WED 8.00 pm FEK Committee Meeting
THUR 8.00 pm Sharon Service (Rev Tow @ Tg. Pinang) lives.
FRI 8.00 pm Good Friday Service, Lord's Supper
SAT 3.30 pm JYF, YF & AF
7.15 pm AF Film "Hudson Taylor"
SUN 6.30 am Sunrise Service at McRitchie Reservoir (bring a torch)
8.00 am Easter Breakfast under Royal Palms
10.00 am Baptismal Service (combined with Chinese Service)
11.45 am Korean Service
1.30 pm Beulah Service
4.00 pm Indonesian Kebaktian
4.30 pm Sharon Service
5.25 pm Mini bus to Calvary Pandan
8.00 pm Korean Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: \$3,174.00 + \$100 (Dohar)

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS:

2336) \$60; 2337) \$673.50;
PRAISE THE LORD! 2338) \$500; 2339) \$5;
2340) \$110; 2341) \$35;
2342) \$350; 2343) \$20;
2344) \$120; 2345) \$260;
2346) \$50; 2347) \$200;
2348) \$500; 2349) \$100;
2350) \$400; 2351) \$250;
2352) \$1,000; 2353) \$1,000;
2354) \$130.89 (Int.).
TOTAL \$1,105,788.11

CHRIST, OUR ROCK STOP PRESS! 2355) \$30; 2356)
DJUNAIDI PARSONAGE AND CHURCH HALL: \$50.

107) \$100 TOTAL: \$41,079.38

NURSERY, APR. 11: Miss Lim Lee Chin & Mrs Doreen Lee.

Madam Lim Lee Khiam, 57 (Mrs Chua Peng Siak) mother of Rev Peter Chua Chew Chwee of Sharon B-P Church was called to the Lord Mar. 30. Funeral Service was held at Life B-P Church Sat. Apr. 3, 3 p.m. the Rev Timothy Tow preaching (Rev K C Quek) interpreting into Teochew to a large gathering of non-Christian relatives and friends. Madam Lim was baptised about a month before her death. She had her idols destroyed in testimony of her saving faith. Praise the Lord!

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

BECAUSE HE LIVES

God sent His Son - they called Him Jesus
He came to love, heal and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty tomb is there to prove my Saviour

Chorus

Because He lives I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future
And life is worth the living - just because
He lives.

The Son of God, He paid my ransom;
Went to the cross, My sins to bear.
No greater love! His life He laid down;
He died for me and thus forever set me free.

Now I serve Him, My living Saviour;
I walk with Him, from day to day.
He leads me on the heavenly pathway;
I know He keeps me in the shadow of His wings.

And then one day I'll cross the river,
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then, as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory - and I'll know
He lives.

A Warm Welcome to Rev and Mrs Timothy Pietsch of Tokyo who are with us this morning. Hear Rev Pietsch as he speaks at Calvary Pandan Sunset Gospel Hour this evening on "Through Death's Dark Door".

The Pastor will be the Lord's Messenger at the Indonesian Service this afternoon 4 p.m.!

SEMBAWANG BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH *
9 Kalidasa Avenue S'pore 2678
cordially invite
LIFERS

to the Inauguration of their Church and to the Installation of Pastor Rev Bob Phee on the 18th April 1982 at 9.45 a.m. after which a light lunch will be served. Speaker: Rev (Dr) Timothy Tow

Our Treasurer requests that all cheques for Woodlands Building Fund be issued to Life Bible-Presbyterian Church.

Lim Florist, Tel: 3369011

EASTER TESTIMONIESI CLEMENT TAN

I was born into a Christian family. After I was born, I was baptised.

At the age of six, I heard a story at Sunday School that touched my heart. That day, I accepted Christ as my Lord and Saviour. During my earlier years in primary school, I was introduced to more on Christianity, but did not absorb so much.

At the age of nine, I visited the United States where I met many fine Christians. My faith was strengthened.

A year later, I tried to ask my good friend to come to Church. He came. I was delighted that I had brought one friend to church. But due to transport problem he dropped out. I am still trying to get him to come back.

Now, I am in secondary school. I have had many trying experiences. Sometimes, the Lord helped me, sometimes, I failed.

Christ is coming soon. I pray that He will give me the wisdom and determination to win more souls for Him.

II DANNY SNG

I was baptised in 1970 as an infant. As I was too young then, I had only come to know the Lord better in 1979 during the Children's Camp. I accepted Him as my personal Saviour.

I have received many blessings from the Lord and I'm very grateful and indebted to Him. The Lord had enlightened me through His words and also encouraged me in times of difficulties. I love coming to Church more than ever before as I find joy and peace in my heart, and the friendship of one another.

I also want to thank the Lord for enabling me to do well in my PSLE last year. I gained entry to the school of my choice. I am now attending the YF which is held every Saturday. I'm learning more and more of His Word. I've found that memorising Scripture is very helpful. For example, many a time, I was tempted to do wrong. Then the verse, "Resist the devil and he will flee from you" came into my mind. Last but not least, I would like to mention how the Lord in His grace has protected our family from the recent fire in our house.

It is my heart's desire to seek re-affirmation of my faith in the Lord. Hereafter, I'll follow Him as he leads, through the roads of life.

III CHRISTINA WONG YUET MOOI

"I want to be a Christian". This thought has been in my mind ever since I was twelve. As both of my parents were Buddhists, I dared not mention a single word of becoming a Christian. But God knows and He cares.

As the years went by, I began to ask, "Why am I living in this world? Where have I come from? Who made me?" I was lost, for I couldn't answer them. I was sick of the life that I was living then. Many a time, I asked myself, if there were only a rock - a stable, firm, unchanging foundation somewhere - that a person could build his life on ... Thank God there is! And this life is in Christ and Christ in me.

It was the latter part of 1979. Life B-P Church was having a VBS. I was invited to join this Vacation Bible School. It was through this VBS that I came to know the Lord. Sunday School was also a helpful guide to my pilgrimage of faith as I followed the Saviour. Despite all my wrong doings, He still guides.

The love of God is unconditional, for He loves me when I was yet a sinner. I trust in Him truly, for I do not belong to myself anymore but to Him.

IV SUSANNE NAM

When I was in Sec. 4, my friends talked to me about Christianity. I told them that I didn't have the time to go to church every Sunday as I was busy preparing for my 'O' levels. Despite all this, my friends were very determined. They persuaded me to attend a Gospel Rally held at "Tabernacle". At the rally, I was touched by the film. I prayed to God and repented of all my sins. I bought a Bible and started to read it.

When the school results came out, I found that I could not get into a college. I could only qualify for a Pre-U Centre. Although I was very disappointed, I still continued to read the Bible daily. Then I sat for the 'O' levels exams in November. When the results came out in March 1980, I applied to the National Junior College and was accepted. From then on, my faith has been considerably strengthened. I've started attending the Sunday School and the worship service at Life Bible-Presbyterian Church.

Recently, my parents objected when I told them that I was getting baptised. But, I am still praying hard that God will speak to them so that they will come to understand why I really need to be baptised - to declare publicly my faith in God.

God has also blessed me in my 'A' level exams. I've passed the exams and I'm applying for entry to the University.

Praise God for all that he had done for me, my family and friends!

V TEO CHAI LIAN (HELEN)

Before I became a Christian, I was rather rebellious especially towards my parents. I used abusive words and disobeyed them. My parents were rather disappointed with my behaviour. It was then that I met a few Christian friends who brought me to Church and Bible Study.

I found peace and wisdom in God's Word. The turning point of my life was August 26, 1979 when I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour. My parents were surprised to see the change in me. I also became a testimony to my sister who accepted Christ a few months later. I really thank and praise the Lord for choosing me as one of his children.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (APR. 12-18)

MON 7.30 pm O.T. History
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting at Parsonage
THUR 7.30 pm O.T. History
FRI 7.45 pm WF 4th Anniv. (Rev Tow)
SAT 11.00 am Rev Tow at Rawang Wedding
3.30 pm JYF, YF & AF
7.00 pm Hwa Chong CF
SUN 9.45 am Rev Tow at Sembawang Inauguration
10.00 am Rev Patrick Tan; Mr Jonah Chan
11.45 am Korean Service Today's Easter
1.30 pm Beulah Service flowers from
4.00 pm Indonesian "Lehia Paauwe;
4.30 pm Sharon Service Brenda Lai
5.25 pm Mini bus to Calvary Pandan
(Rev Tow on Can the Dead Communicate?)
8.00 pm Korean Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: \$3,917.80 + \$10 (Ref. Tract) + \$540 (WF)

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS:

2357) \$70; 2358) \$200; 2359) \$50; 2360) \$150;
2361) \$50; 2362) \$50; 2363) \$30; 2364) \$50;
2365) \$50; 2366) \$160; 2367) \$7; 2368) \$20;
2369) 50; 2370) \$1,120; 2371) \$35; 2372) \$160;
2373) \$20; 2374) \$162; 2375) \$50; 2376) \$200;
2377) \$185; 2378) \$469.56 (AF & YF); 2379) \$200;
2380) \$150; 2381) \$200; 2382) \$200; 2383) \$50
(Wlds Box); 2384) \$200 (AF); 2385) \$567.15
(Sun. Lunch); 2386) \$241.70 (Pepsi); 2387)
\$53.22 (Coffee). TOTAL: \$1,111,068.74
STOP PRESS: 2388) \$114 (Chin. Serv.);
2389) \$300 (Chin. Serv.).

DJUNAIDI PARSONAGE AND CHURCH HALL:

108) \$50; 109) \$20. TOTAL: \$41,149.38
STOP PRESS! 110) \$200.

Mr Kalliff Fraude, 65, of Kulai Besar, went home to be with the Lord Apr. 6. Funeral Apr. 7 was officiated by Revs Philip Heng, T. Tow and Bob Phee assisted by Miss Ng Sang Chiew and Mr Freddy Yong.

Situation Vacant. Clerk and Teller at our Church's Bank. Please see Deacon William Teo.

INFANT BAPTISM (cont)

5. Ong Lin Xin d/o Dr & Mrs Ong Thiew Chai
6. Ong Shen-Ming, Marcus, s/o Mr & Mrs Richard Ong
7. Tan Li Ping d/o Mr & Mrs Winston Tan
8. Tan Mei Fang d/o Mr & Mrs Tan Eng Hin Rina
9. Tan Xian You, Benjamin s/o Dr & Mrs Tan Yew Ghee
10. Teo Chi Yuan, Esmeralda d/o Dr & Mrs Teo Chong Gee
11. Teo YiLi, Elias s/o Mr & Mrs Teo Gim Thong.
12. Wang Cheng-En, Daniel s/o Eld. & Mrs Peter Wang

GOOD FRIDAY NIGHT'S OFFERING (FOR WOODLANDS)

2390) \$4,000; 2391) \$5,000; 2392) \$200;
2393) \$20; 2394) \$200; 2395) \$2,741.90.
Total: \$1,123,644.64. + \$60 (for Missions).
Stop Press! 2396) \$25.70 (from USA);
2397) \$10 (Swiss ISCF);

TANJUNG PINANG! Further to the Maundy Thursday Service attended by 100; the Pastor will return mid-Aug to lay foundation stone, while Rev Turner will conduct Training Class June '83.

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

EASTER BAPTISM

1. Mr Chen Kwok Chiang, Francis Merchant
2. Mrs Chen nee Lim Ah Kiau, Doris Housewife
3. Miss Chiew Chan Ping Student
4. Mr Edwin Choo
5. Miss Chua Bee Lan, Christine Student
6. Mr Chua Beng Hai Accounts Clerk
7. Mr S Dhevarajulu Student
8. Miss Ho Geok Keng Student
9. Miss Lee Chuey Yong Student
10. Mr Lee Kai Teck Motor Mechanic
11. Mr Lim Ching Wah National Serv.
12. Mr Ling Leong Shiang Student
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4. Mdm Neo Chai Kim
5. Mdm Wong Lian Hua
6. Yong Chui Kiang

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2. Mr Tan Woon Teck, Clement Student

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3. Miss Low Wai Man, Wendy Student
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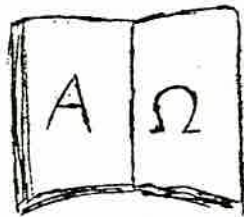
1. Chen Shu Yi, Delia d/o Mr & Mrs Lenny Chen Shou Chun
2. Chew YiMing, Clement s/o Mr & Mrs Richard Chew
3. Chng Chey Siew, Joyce d/o Mr & Mrs Benny Chng Tuan Chey, Grace Chng

PASTORAL CHAT

Jesus is Prophet, Priest and King. The manifestation of His three-fold office came to a climax during Holy Week. As we commemorated our Lord's Triumphal Entry and His stooping to conquer through Death, rising forever over His enemy to save us, we have seen how God's children responded with a vibrant, loving faith! Like Mary of Bethany! Like Peter and John!

The attendance at the Sunrise Service was the biggest ever, the offering highest ever: \$3,275 = US\$1,521.35 is sent to help relieve the Cape May Property Foreclosure (Dr McIntire).

Attendance at Life Church was also the highest ever, both at the Good Friday and Easter Services. A total of \$24,000 was received during Holy Week for Woodlands. A young lady, hearing of the gold offered recently, gave a pendant to add to the "Mary offering". These precious gifts from sisterly hands will be sold "at the right time" for the Lord's Treasury. The New Life Church at Woodlands will surely be lovingly maintained not only by local Woodlanders but by an overflowing Life Church, Beulanders not the least.

EVERYBODY'S RPG DAILY BIBLE READING

These notes, called Work Books, have been produced at great expense of time, energy and cost for the building of our faith. They are being purchased by other churches.

So far Lifers have ordered 200 copies. With a 700-membership, we can readily absorb twice this number. To facilitate those who have not ordered, we will place them at the counter as you come into the Church. Get yours, yes, even earlier numbers, at 50¢ - the price of a soft drink. While a soft drink will satisfy for but an hour or two, the RPG Notes will supply for a month. Get yours today for your soul's sake, for your children's sake. Why not buy one for a friend or neighbour as a service unto the Lord? Personal evangelism.

FROM GANGSTERISM TO CHRIST

If you have not read "Bobby's" story in the Straits Times, April 14, we have made photocopies for you at the Counter! How a bright boy became a dropout through bad company should awaken parents to their responsibility to bring up their children. The best way is to come with your children to Sunday School, spending an extra hour before worship. Let our young people join the YF and the JYF. Use the RPG notes to encourage Bible reading.

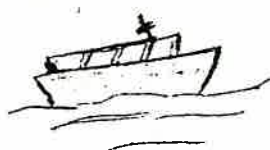


Pray with your children, and for your children, in family devotions.

Incidentally, the "Bobby" who has had such a glorious conversion is a member of Zion B-P Church. He is also a fulltime student at Far Eastern Bible College. This brings to light the social rehabilitation work our Church and College are involved. Zion and Faith have a prison ministry. At FEBC we have a Book-binding service run by converted drug-addicts, which gives employment to others of the same fraternity - now under Christ. Pray for FEBC that we might be of service to both Church and Country.

"NO VENTURE, NO GAIN"

Conversely, when we launch out at the Word of the Lord, we have a bumper crop! A decade ago, we were still sowing in tears. Now, we are reaping with joy.



At the Maundy Thursday Night service to remember our Lord at Tanjung Pinang, there were 100 faithfuls who worshipped. Rev Jim Turner's coming with me has resulted in a S.S. Teachers Training to be held there June 1983.

Two burials in two weeks - for Kulai Besar and Kelapa Sawit. These times of bereavement for our members departed, however, have been used of the Lord to reach out to two hundred relatives and friends who perhaps have never heard of Christ before.

Kelapa Sawit, with Sister Ng Sang Chiew at the helm, publishes a foolscap size Weekly in Chinese with plenty of Gospel in it. Young souls are being saved at the Kindergarten. Kelapa Sawit is becoming a full-fledged Church.

Saturday last, duty took me to Rawang to officiate the wedding of the preacher's daughter to a deacon of the same Church. How good it is to see the rejuvenated Church (60 years old) on the go. This newly married young deacon heads a weekly Children's Bible Class at Bukit Gambier, 12 miles inland. From Rawang to a corner of interior Johore.

And I have not reported on Dohar in North Sumatra and Djunaidi in West Kalimantan. These are the ventures Life Church is supporting, to great gain!

SEMBAWANG B-P CHURCH AND REV BOB PHEE

SBPC is Life Church's first baby! She came even before Zion and Galilee! Sembawang BPC started out as a Life Church branch Sunday School at the home of Elder & Mrs Seow Chong Pin at Nemesu Ave., Jan. 20, 1957. Elder Chia Kim Chwee was superintendent.

On Nov. 8, 1970 the Sembawang Sunbeams, as they were lovingly called, were constituted a church. A corner house (3,000 sq ft) two doors away from the Seow residence was purchased at only \$20,000, with help from mother church. This property in after years was renovated at a cost of \$40,000, and is today a most valuable asset. Nevertheless, the renovated premises could not be used as a house of worship on the Lord's Day owing to legal snags. Since

then it has been used only as Church office, and a meeting place for smaller groups. Sembawang consequently had to worship at Serangoon Gardens under the Zion roof.

Out of Sembawang has arisen a number of young people to answer the Lord's call to fulltime service. Most faithful and persevering of the number is Bob Phee. After obtaining the B.Th. from FEBC and serving a number of years with Sembawang and taking care of Kulai Besar on the side, Bob left for another three years training in USA. His wife also went and obtained an M.A. in Biblical studies. Bob came back later with two Masters' degrees in Theology.

The Lord has significantly blessed our brother's ministry. After his return a door was opened to the Teachers Estate, Sembawang, whereby the former Salem Church was procured for \$380,000. For the last two months the Sembawangites have been worshipping at these "new" premises.

Today is a very happy occasion not only for Sembawang, but also for Lifers (let's not be bogged down by Woodlands!). The pastor of Life Church is honoured to preach the sermon of dedication not only for the church-house but also for the installation of Rev Bob Phee.

Rev Phee besides pastoring Sembawang has returned to supervise Kulai Besar. He has also returned to teach at FEBC. Pray for Sembawang's stand with us in the Faith and for Bob and his wife that they be strengthened further to serve Him.

CALL FOR 100 YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN TO FULLTIME SERVICE!

This call is directed to you, my dear Reader, whoever you are. First it is addressed to young Lifers and to other members of the BP Churches:- Bethany, Bethlehem, Calvary Jurong, Calvary Pandan, Emmanuel, Faith, Galilee, Grace, Life, Mt Carmel, Nazareth, Sembawang, Sharon, Toa Payoh, Zion, Shalom, Beulah, Pulau Tekong, Indonesian, Kulai Besar, Kelapa Sawit, Rawang, Tanjung Pinang, Sumatra and West Kalimantan and other parts of Indonesia.

This call is urgent in the light of deteriorating world situations before our Lord's Second Coming. In the words of Jeremiah to Baruch his secretary, "And seekest thou great things for thyself? Seek them not: for behold I will bring evil upon all flesh, saith the Lord: but thy life will I give unto thee for a prey in all places whither thou goest (i.e. I will protect your life from the danger to come)" (Jer. 45:5).

"For shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" (Matt. 8:36). The recent news of the death of a Hong Kong shipping magnate illustrates our Lord's statement. Consider, young man, young woman, what you will do with your life? Why not give it to serve your Lord and Saviour?

Of the 100 we're asking, a score from our BP Churches have responded. They are now pastors and teachers, serving the Lord at home and abroad. One returning, our assistant pastor Rev Tan Wai Choon, is a good example, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" (Isa. 6:8) TT

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (APR. 19-25)

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting at Parsonage.
FRI 9.00 am FEBC Final Exams begin
SAT 3.30 pm JYF, YF & AF
4.15 pm Rev Tow at Hebron YF
SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow (On being single)
11.45 am Korean Service
1.30 pm Beulah Service
4.00 pm Kebaktian Indonesian
4.30 pm Sharon Service
5.25 pm Mini bus to Calvary Pandan
8.00 pm Korean Service
8.15 pm FEBC Board/Fac. Mtg. at 64 Andrew Road.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: \$4,481.67 (No. 2400)

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS:

2398) \$50 (M\$55); 2399) \$100 (by post);
2400) \$4,481.67; 2401) \$50; 2402) \$20;
2403) \$100; 2404-06) \$277.40; \$130.89; (Int.)
\$280.48. TOTAL: \$1,129,170.78

STOP PRESS! 2407) \$50. ("The Lord provides")

DJUNAJDI PARSONAGE AND CHURCH HALL:

111) \$23 (Box); TOTAL: \$41,372.38

NEW ADDRESS: Rev & Mrs Edward Paauwe, 1316 East Ave., Roslyn, Pa 19001, USA.

EXPRESGRAM TO LEHIA: Please contact Dr Gordon in respect of my letter to him!

OBITUARY Mr Lim Poh, 65, of Kelapa Sawit passed away April 13 at the Gen. Hospital, J.B. Funeral the next day was officiated by Rev Tow assisted by Elder John Ling and Miss Ng Sang Chiew.

* 1982 statistics show 30 BP Churches, 3,500 membership, FEBC enrolment over 50.

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A PAGE OF SINGAPORE CHURCH HISTORY

from "In His Good Time" by Dr Bobby Sng:-

... Rev Tow writes: "In order to distinguish ourselves from the Synod churches we prefixed the word Bible to make ours the Life Bible-Presbyterian Church. January 1955, indeed, saw the birth of the Bible-Presbyterian Church movement, but only the good Lord knew what blessings were in store for us as a result of this separation from the entangling alliance with unbelief".

Since then, the BP Church has developed at a rapid pace but largely in isolation from other churches. Its strong call to all Protestant Christians to separate themselves from churches that had liberal leadership struck a responsive chord in some but antagonized the leaders of the larger churches. Its consistent emphases on solid biblical teaching and evangelistic efforts led to its expansion throughout Singapore, Malaya and Indonesia. In Sept. 1962, the BP Church opened its Far Eastern Bible College at Gilstead Road. Its objectives would not only be to train personnel "for our expanding ministries, but also for the propagation of the Gospel and defence of the Faith throughout the Far East". By the time the Church celebrated its 21st anniversary in 1971, it had grown from an initial membership of 30 to 1,500, worshipping in 13 different churches. The church was also running seven missions and five educational institutions. To-day, nearly 70 have graduated from the Bible College and they are now serving as pastors, missionaries, teachers and church workers in Southeast Asia and other parts of the world." *

NEITHER "WINE" NOR "HOUSE"

(Synopsis of Message delivered at the Dedication of Sembawang B-P Church and Installation of Pastor Bob Phee, April 18, 1982) Text: Jeremiah 35:1-10,18,19.

"The word which came unto Jeremiah from the Lord in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah saying, Go unto the house of the Rechabites, and speak unto them, and bring them into the house of the Lord, into one of the chambers, and give them wine to drink ... And I brought them into the house of the Lord ... and I set before the sons of the house of the Rechabites pots full of wine, and cups, and I said unto them, Drink ye wine.

But they said, We will drink no wine, for Jonadab the son of Rechab our father commanded us saying, Ye shall drink no wine, neither ye, nor your sons forever. Neither shall ye build house, nor sow seed, nor plant vineyard, nor have any: but all your days ye shall dwell in tents; that ye may live many days in the land where ye be strangers. Thus have we obeyed the voice of Jonadab the son of Rechab our father in all that he hath charged us, to drink no wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons, nor our daughters; Nor to build houses for us to dwell in; neither have we vineyard, nor field, nor seed. But we have dwelt in tents, and have obeyed and done according to all that Jonadab our father commanded us....

And Jeremiah said unto the house of the Rechabites, Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Because ye have obeyed the commandment of Jonadab your father, and kept all his precepts, and done according unto all that he hath commanded you: Therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Jonadab the son of Rechab shall not want a man to stand before me forever."

Today we have a double celebration: the dedication of this new house of worship and the installation of Rev Bob Phee as your pastor. On such a day of a double beginning, the Lord has put on my heart to speak of our precious heritage. To speak of our precious heritage must take us to the very beginning when our BP Church was formed in 1950.

This leads me to the passage we've just read about the Rechabites. The Lord tested them with offer of wine by Jeremiah and they passed it with flying colours. They refused the wine, and further added they would not stay in houses, but in tents, according to the command of their father Jonadab whose father was Rechab. They, these Rechabites, were loyal to their ancestors. They clung to their sacred heritage. We are not saying from their example that we should also live in tents (then HDB would have many empty flats) but what we're learning from the Rechabites is their obedience, the faithfulness, their treasuring of a precious heritage. They clung to the nomadic way of life which has virtues of its own, and we should, as sons of the B-P Church, treasure our glorious heritage of a separated Church.

Alas! Not a few of the younger generation today take the words of their fathers lightly, because they do not know the origin of their ancestry. Like those who differ in surname from their fathers through pinvin, so there are BPers who are ashamed of their BP heritage. They are like those whose fathers' names are Tan but now they are called in Mandarin pinvin Chen. Those whose fathers' names are Goh but now they are called Wu. Do you of the younger generation know what is your BP heritage? You have a similar tradition like the Rechabites.

I The Rechabites do not drink wine. So do BPers refuse the wine of modernistic, liberal doctrines. We have come out of the old Chinese Presbyterian Synod through a confrontation with those missionaries in the early fifties who denied the fundamental doctrines of the Faith. At that time the missionaries were leaders of our Chinese Presbyterian Church, but some of them denied the virgin birth of Christ, while others denied heaven and hell. One living English missionary, retired in Singapore, has openly ridiculed the Second Coming of Christ, which fact can be attested by one of our Elders. We have no truck with any, least with any in our midst, who preach or teach a heretical doctrine. We must keep vigilance in the Church at all times, lest our faith be contaminated. (We had to take action at the Far Eastern Bible College when one spoke against the uniqueness of the Gospel.) Be very careful of what you hear from this pulpit and whom you hear!

II The house the Rechabites refused to stay in may be likened to the Ecumenical Movement now incorporating the churches. The word "ecumenical" means "all of the inhabited world" or, as the Japanese say, "All under one roof". We separated from our Mother Church because she was roped into the World Council of Churches, the organised expression of the Ecumenical Movement. The Ecumenical Movement today is driving at a breakneck speed. Here "under one roof" are gathered the main Protestant Denominations, the Greek Orthodox Church (Russian, etc) and now with the Anglicans hastening to return to the Roman fold, we will have the Roman Church play a major role. Eventually a super world church will be formed that will take in the world's religions, inasmuch as the Pope has received the fraternity of Buddhist and Hindu leaders, etc. fulfilling the prophecy on the Harlot of Rev. 17.

From the very beginning our BP Church has abhorred the house of ecumenism. To be separate we came outside the camp, dwelling in our present tent of no compromise. This keeps us also from brethren that "walk disorderly" (II Thess. 3:6, 14) who go along with the Ecumenical movement. Hence we cannot take part in the coming Gospel Rally at the National Stadium June 2-6, '82 with Dr Cho Yonggi of Korea. We cannot be involved with the charismatic movement

that now takes in the Roman Catholics. On this score alone, we must not stay under one roof with brethren who might agree with us on the 'fundamentals of faith. Our Synod will soon pronounce a statement on Dr Cho Yonggi and the coming Citywide campaign. Beware, lest you be led into the Ecumenical fold, into the house of every shade of belief and doctrine. This is particularly the job of the pastor. You, Bro. Bob, are the one to keep watch on the flock.

When we stand faithful and loyal like the Rechabites to the heritage they had received, we will also be rewarded like them. God blessed them that they "shall not want a man to stand before Me forever". Let it be our determination today to drink neither the "wine" of heretical doctrine nor live with the ecumenicals in the "house" of unholy union. And is not the Lord's prospering each of our BP Churches, not the least this new sanctuary, proof of his reward to those who faithfully serve Him?

Vacationing With A Purpose

You younger Readers who are now in the throes of study should persevere, with God's help, until May 28! Meantime your elders are planning a vacation for you, "with a purpose".

The word "vacation" means: "a vacating or making void or invalid; freedom from duty; school and college holidays" etc, (Chambers Dictionary). So, those who go on a vacation, and the fashion is to travel abroad, just go and come in a bigger void. Christians should spend their vacation more meaningfully. Our vacationing must be with a purpose!

In this regard, I have more good news for you! Apart from Mersing, our Church is running another camp right where we are, in the fragrance of our pines and palms. This will afford members an opportunity to get to know one another better. This will be a time of relaxation as well as feeding on the Word of God. This will be a time of self-examination and seeking God's will for our lives. Bro. Eng Lam, YF vice-president, is organiser.

As for the Mersing Camp, we shall be lodged in Govt. Rest House facing the South China Sea. Apart from the objectives stated, we shall visit Churches and Mission Stations on the Johore East Coast - Kota Tinggi, Jemaluang, Kampong Hubong, Endau, and Rompin over in Pahang. At Rompin a new Gospel witness was established a year or so ago, and a fine Church House built. Rompin stands on the white sands washed by the blue China Sea. Perhaps this "uttermost" outreach by the campers will move some young soul to give himself or herself to serve the Lord Jesus Christ beyond Singapore. May 1st, the pastor will meet the Mersing Hotel management personally to confirm bookings, as well as to establish contacts for our June visitations. To make the most of this outing he'll take along a number of Lifers. Pray for us that with a high purpose we might contribute to the advancement of God's Kingdom.

Renovation with a higher purpose

With the country-cottage roof jutting over this side of the Jerusalem Chapel, our renovation is complete! All this is done to make our Church attractive, to offer a place for relaxation of your tired bodies, for restoration of your drooping spirits. Not only is more "lebensraum" (living-room) provided for a congested congregation, but also enhanced aesthetics. The placid water of the fish pools, coming to life suddenly when gold and black shadows fleet across its surface, is for your enjoyment. If you can add some "angels" to the aquatic life, even guppies, we shall deeply appreciate your contribution. For, when Lifers are camping in, they will have time deliberately to sit by these pools, perhaps under a silver full-moon, to reflect among the denizens of the deep. Renovation with a deeper purpose. - T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (APR 25-MAY 2)

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting at Parsonage
FRI 6.30 pm FEBC End of Term Dinner
SAT 8.00 am Minibus to Mersing: confirm booking.
3.30 pm JYF, YF & AF
5.00 pm Ling Kwang Home Ground-breaking
SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow: "The Good Die Young"?
Rev Lin Tah Mon (Lord's Supper)
11.45 am Korean Service
1.30 pm Beulah Service
4.00 pm Kebaktian Indonesian
4.30 pm Sharon Service
5.25 pm Mini bus to C.P. Rev Tow on "Are
8.00 pm Korean Service Heaven & Hell Real?"

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: \$2,424.95

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS:

2408) \$100; 2409) \$150; 2410) \$300; 2411) \$200
(WF 4th An.); 2412) \$80 (WF); 2413) \$100;
2414) \$20; 2415) \$50 (LCYF); 2416) \$300;
2417) \$950; 2418) \$400; 2419) \$75; 2420) \$18
(CLBC Box). TOTAL: \$1,131,963.78 2421) \$150.

DJUNAI DI PARSONAGE AND CHURCH HALL

112) \$150. TOTAL: \$41,522.38 + One Sanso

Pump for Church reservoir from a Malaysian!

Give Fish to replenish the two square pools on either extremity of our fields; for the L-Pool outside CLBC and the Crescent Pool at the back entrance.

Praise the Lord, a new outreach from Kulai Besar to Air Manis (5 miles north of Kelapa Sawit) is started by Sis Chong Loo Chin by way of a monthly children's Gospel Hour. Loo Chin is presently studying at FEBC. Pray for Air Manis.

Our Treasurer Deacon William Teo will be on business abroad for a fortnight from Wed.

April 28. He reports a new \$50,000 pledge!

Addendum to Easter Baptism Register:

Miss Anna Thum Wai Khuan Student

Life Church Bible Camps: I Pine-and-Palm-Garden

June 6-12; II Mersing-on-the-Sea June 14-17.

(Mersing booking closed).

Far Eastern Bible College closes April 30 to complete 20 years and re-opens July 19, 1982.

During the long vacation, the CEF will hold a training school May 2 - July 17 on the College premises. This however will not clash with camps functioning simultaneously. (FEK to make way for Church use).

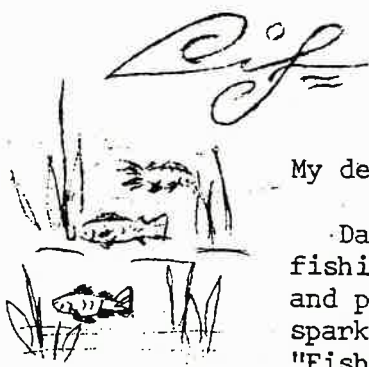
Lt Col Dr & Mrs Patrick Tan leave tonight for a two-week Conference in Athens. Godspeed!

Post of Receptionist cum Dental Nurse available.

If interested, please contact Dr Paul Tsao at 2207853.

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PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers

FISH ARE WHERE YOU FIND THEM

David Poh, one of several newly received into our membership, likes fishing! He goes out beyond the Lagoon on East Coast Parkway with net and pail. This is the season of the kembong. He brought us enough sparkling fish to feed the College family twice. Then it dawned on me, "Fish are where you find them."

So are the teeming souls of men. Unless we go and find them, they are lost in the sea of humanity. While Life Church is like a kelong attracting many on the Lord's Day, let's not forget other ways of catching men. Going with boat and net, and launching out into the deep, was one rewarding method the Lord had used. Let us go out wherever He sends us. We are sure to find some, if not many.

The latest outreach is Air Manis, some five miles north of Kelapa Sawit in Johore. Sis. Loo Chin, FEBC student from Kulai Besar supported partly by our Church, has 40 coming every month to a Children's Hour, held at a public school. This is very heartening to our rather stagnant B-P movement these days.

Insofar as Malaysia is concerned, we have laboured for 30 years to establish three churches and the farthest point is Rawang with Bukit Gambir, 133-145 miles north. Now there is talk of Petaling Jaya where Mr Chew Fook Wah's new house is. It has ample room for assembly, with piano, and the Chews are a wonderful couple gloriously delivered from darkest idolatry. Mr Chew might return for further training at FEBC. During his study here one of our newest graduates, Elina of Calvary, is willing to go and begin a children's work in his house. "Fish are where you find them."

Bring Them In

Then there is the "Bring them in" method. Here the lost souls of men are likened to wandering sheep. Jesus says, "And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring" (John 10:16).

At the Sunset Gospel Hour, Calvary Pandan, for the next two months, we shall be having a series of messages on Heaven and Hell. These are evangelistic messages, specially planned for your unsaved loved ones and friends. They need to be watered by your prayers. The pastor of Life Church is launching this series tonight: "Are Heaven and Hell Real?"

I am so thankful that the pink cards I asked you to take home to invite someone were for the first time all snapped up. Evangelism, soul-saving, is every Christian's duty. Every Christian's bounden duty! "Bring them in" to the Sunset Gospel Hour, Pandan Gardens.

No Wasted Moment

Inasmuch as our Treasurer is diligent to bank in your offerings the first thing every Monday morning to accrue interest for Woodlands, so do we put to good use these Church-and-College facilities. With the College now closed for the long vacation, these premises are made available to Child Evangelism Training School (May 2-July 17).

Since we have "enlarged the place of our tent" and "lengthened our cords" (Isa. 54:2) with Bir House and Squirrel House, etc., etc. we have no problem accommodating our own Camp, June 6-12... In Dec. we've a Church group coming from Kuala Kubu Bahru (foot of Frasers Hill).

The moral is, no talent, no part of our life, should lie fallow, like uncultivated ground, fruitless. And when it is not cultivated, weeds and lalang spring up to further choke it. This makes life the more unbearable. Are you wasting the talents God has entrusted you or are you trading them wisely, not wasting a moment?

"Expect great things from God,

Attempt great things for God" - William Carey

Incidentally, this slogan by the Father of Modern Missions, is coined from the Isaiah passage quoted above: "Enlarge the place of thy tent" and "lengthen thy cords" (Isa. 54:2). William Carey carried out what he declared for a life-ministry. He went to India to preach Christ. There he translated the Bible in more than a score of languages and dialects.

Our Lord's Commission to the Church is to go into all the world, to the uttermost part! We have our Asean world at least to sow the Gospel seed. One good result from the Far Eastern Christian Assembly here June 1981 is our fellowship with Rev Daniel Kalnin of North Thailand. We have a letter from him inviting us to visit the tribal peoples and Chinese refugees there, which field was "covered" by Peter Clements and Lau Choon Poh last December. Since I'm planning a week's vacation for my wife, and there's a cheap excursion ticket via Thailand to Hong Kong, we will be headed for North Thailand to see the Mission work, and for Hong Kong to visit our dear friends Rev & Mrs Jason Linn, of Pioneering Borneo fame.

If the Lord will open a new field for BPs in Thailand, then let us go in! Another field opened will mean another outlet for the graduates of our Bible College. Incidentally, this leads me into Matt. 20: 1-16 for my next Sunday Sermon: "What is the two-dimensional Service of the Cross"? (May 9).

Woodlands Gospel Bridgehead to Malaysia

One reason why God has blessed the Woodlands project and every cheerful giver to the Woodlands B.F. is its position in God's master plan. Woodlands is our Gospel Bridgehead into Malaysia.

Not only does Woodlands save half-an-hour in travel to Malaysia, it will be a strong attraction to J.B. residents to drive over, a matter of 10 mins, to worship.

It is also predictable that no sooner is the new Woodlands Church opened than its pews will be filled. For the New Life Church there will be the only Church (as of now) for Singapore's biggest satellite town of 290,000. The \$5 million Park, a stone's throw from our new Church, is second to none in size and design. Meantime the new Expressway connecting Woodlands and Bukit Timah is under feverish construction.

All the same, let Woodlands not bog us down. If the Spirit of God should lead us further afield, we must not hesitate to follow - all the way. T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (MAY 3-9)

MON 8.00 am CEF Training Begins
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting at Parsonage
9.15 pm Session Meeting
SAT 10.00 am Ng Kok Beng - Koh Kim Ngo Wedding (Rev Tow)
3.30 pm JYF, YF & AF
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LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: \$2,503 + \$100 (Dohar) + \$2,000 (Ormeo)

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS:

2422) \$200; 2423) \$351 (CCW);
PRAISE THE LORD! 2424) \$250; 2425) \$64;
2426) \$100; 2427) \$110;
2428) \$50; 2429) \$200;
2430) \$250; 2431) \$20;
2432) \$1,000; 2433) \$1,200;
2434) \$100; 2435) \$1,400.
TOTAL: \$1,137,408.78
DJUNAIDI PARSONAGE & CHURCH
HALL: 113) \$100; 114) \$20
TOTAL: \$41,642.38

NURSERY, MAY 9: Mrs Goh Mui Cheng, Mrs Leong Lit Miah

ALL LIFERS YOUTH CAMP

Theme: "Our Best For The Master"

Date: 6-12 June 1982

Venue: Life B-P Church

Speakers: Rev Timothy Tow, Rev Patrick Tan

Fees: Earners \$30/-

Non-earners \$20/-

Age range: 14 - 28 years

*STOP PRESS! 2436) \$1,150; 2437) \$300;

2438) \$1,550; 2439) \$200; 2440) \$150;

2441) \$1,000 ("Thank You Lord for giving us a new car"). Hallelujah! Building Plans approved! EXPRESGRAM TO REV DJUNAIDI: Welcome to S'pore any time you can make it! Thanks for your photos.

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 ETERNAL STATE

The concept of a God who sends men and women to an eternity in Heaven or Hell is, to most people, an outdated superstitious belief, distasteful to the modern mind. Modern man prefers the idea of "annihilation", death being the end of body and soul. Some who profess belief in God nevertheless reject the doctrine of Hell. They reason thus: "If God is love He will not let men suffer in Hell forever." A common belief is that somehow things will work out happily in the end.

But that is not what the Bible says.

God's Word has clear teaching on the state of the after-life: "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Heb. 9:27). Man is a creature subject to the authority and jurisdiction of the Creator. "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body ... whether it be good or bad. Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men ..." (2 Cor. 5:10,11).

Our Risen Lord appearing to the Apostle John said, "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).

If we want to know anything about Heaven, we must come to the One who came down from Heaven. Not only will He give us the desired information, but He will also show the way. He is the way, the truth, and the life! Besides, He also controls the gateway to hell.

Our destiny is in His hands! He says "Him that cometh to me, I will in no wise cast out". Believe on the Lord Jesus and thou shalt be saved!

SUNSET GOSPEL HOUR

6.00 pm every Sunday

PROGRAMME FOR MAY-JUNE 1982

"HEAVEN AND HELL"

May 2 Are Heaven and Hell real?

Rev Timothy Tow

May 9 Where are the Dead now?

Dr Tow S H

May 16 This City needs no Sun!

Rev Charlie Tan

May 23 The River and Tree of Life

Rev Philip Heng

May 30 What do the Saints do in Heaven?

Rev Timothy Tow

June 6 Will men believe the dead?

Dr Tow S H

June 13 Will God send men to Hell?

Rev Bob Phee

June 20 What about Purgatory?

Dr S H Tow

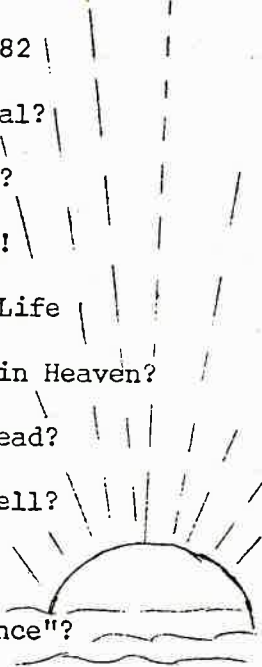
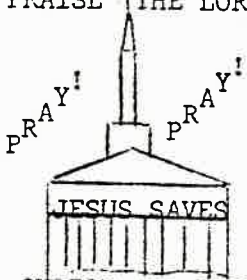
June 27 Is there a "Second Chance"?

Rev Tan Wai Choon

Far Eastern Kindergarten, Tel: 2513676

Lim Florist, Tel: 3669011.

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TRIP TO MERSING TO PREPARE FOR JUNE CAMP

by Dn Han Soon Juan



With Pastor at the helm of his faithful Jesus is coming Kombi we set off from Gilstead at 8.00 a.m. sharp. There were ten of us, three men including Jonathan and three ladies from the Sunday Lunch kitchen group.

In half an hour we reached the Woodlands checkpoint. A sea of helmeted motorcyclists met our eyes. No sooner had we passed immigration than we were shocked to see the huge Labour Day traffic jam stretching the whole length of the causeway.

Pastor had to make a split second decision as to which of the two northbound lanes to take. The queue on the left was about three car length shorter and Mrs Tow with her feminine intuition instructed Pastor to keep left. Pastor, being more experienced in motoring, moved to the right. We were doing fine for the first quarter of the distance until impatient drivers, mostly Singaporeans with their forcefully cultivated skin-deep courtesy revealed their true colours. They jumped queue.

The going was so slow that Jonathan and five of the ladies decided to make it on foot. We literally had to inch our way along. Mrs Tow kept on lamenting that Pastor had taken the wrong lane. Pastor, being the expert marriage counsellor himself, put his expertise into practice after which Mrs Tow seemed to be appeased. Pastor admitted his oversight and added that was a lesson for future trips.

Nearly two hours later, Jonathan and the ladies came aboard. There was no hitch at the immigration and customs checkpoint except that some of us had forgotten to fill in our names on the second section of the cards.

Mrs Tow proved to be the perfect navigator throughout the journey. She was familiar with every nook and corner of the route to Mersing. We were behind schedule. With \$40 of CX3 in the tank, Pastor announced that our Jesus is Coming 747 was all set for the long haul to Mersing. We had a break at Bethany Christian Church, 2 1/4 miles before Kota Tinggi. We had wonderful Horlicks fellowship with Miss Tiew, principal of the Church Kindergarten. Miss Tiew is an FEBC graduate.

We arrived at Jemaluang about 1.00 p.m. We found the thirty-year-old Mission House deserted and the front gate locked. A kind neighbour living opposite who was entrusted with the key to the place let us in for a wash-up. We were all tired and hungry, except for our Pastor, who seemed as fresh as ever! In fact we were so exhausted that on the way here, the chatty ladies and Jonathan had no energy left even to drone on. Some of them fell asleep. I also dozed off. In my half conscious state, I could hear Pastor assuring us that we would soon reach Jemaluang and that we would be treated to the best Wanton noodles. The Wanton stall was round the corner, and while waiting for the food to be prepared, we gulped down the smoothest bean curd in town, which was supposed to be our dessert.

With our stomachs satisfied, we proceeded north. Some stretches of the way were undulatingly straight for as far as the eye could see. Being driven up and down hill at good speed was indeed an exhilarating experience I will always remember. Pastor's skill at negotiating these treacherous Z-bends was also something to be admired. I could not help but breathe a humble prayer to thank Almighty God for blessing us with such a Pastor, a young man in his sixty-year young frame.

Talking of Z-bends reminds me of the foolhardiness of some motorists in their attempts to overtake others at these bends. To be sure these motorists had faith in what they did, but alas; theirs was a blind faith that could mean destruction to their mortal bodies. We thank God that the faith that we have is built on solid rock, the Rock of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ that can save us from eternal damnation.

As we approached Mersing Rest House, we could see hundreds of picnickers enjoying themselves on the beautiful beach. The Rest House stands majestically on a hillock overlooking the South China Sea. For Lifers who love to swim in the deep blue sea or who just want to take a closer walk with God on the beach, this is your haven.

The Manager being away at J.B., Pastor made final arrangements with the Assistant Manager. Though the coming camp is essentially a spiritual retreat, you may wish to know that your physical needs will be well taken care of. All the rooms are airconditioned. The Roman Catholic cook, in his attempt to add more item to his list of good works to earn his way to Heaven, gave instructions to the Manager that the originally agreed charges for dining be reduced by fifty cents per person. Every meal will have a different menu, and what has been agreed upon is guaranteed to be finger-licking good!

In Mersing Town, the ladies had a profitable time haggling over the prices of salted fish, ikan bilis, keropok, preserved fruits, etc. These Singaporean ladies proved too much to the exasperated local shopkeepers. We left with nags of bargains, some as much as 30% off the tag prices.

The journey back was relatively uneventful. Most of us were tired out except for Pastor. The ladies were no longer chatty. They were busy munching sweetmeats. Pastor confided in me that he always made it a point not to eat anything between meals, but on hearing the continuous munching behind and beside him, he succumbed to temptation. He reluctantly accepted

one preserved fruit but after that he asked for more so much so that Jonathan had to feed him while he concentrated on his driving. In a flash, the apostle Paul's words in Romans 7:19,25 came to mind, "For I fail to do the good I want to do and I practice the bad that I do not want to practice. Thanks be to God because of Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with my mind I serve God's Law, but with my human nature I serve the principle of sin."

Not far from Jemaluang, we came across two wrecked cars which had not been there that morning. We really thanked God for journeying mercies for without His protective hand from above, anything could have happened to us. We might have been the innocent victims of the blind faith practised by other road users at the many Z-bends.

We also praised the Lord for the fine weather all the way to and from Mersing. It would seem as if the Lord had sent rain ahead to clean and prepare the way for us. It was a most refreshing ride, filling our lungs with a constant stream of pollution free fresh air while our eyes feasted on mile after mile of greenery. With our mission accomplished, we were delighted and grateful that the Lord had brought us safely home to the garden of fragrant pine and palm.

"WE'RE MARCHING TO WOODLANDS"

And the Day of the March is scheduled for Sunday June 6, 1982.

Now that the Woodlands Plans have been approved and the architect is calling for tenders, it is decided that Ground-Breaking be held on the Day announced.

The time: 1.15 p.m. This is to allow members to take their lunch in Church. At 12.30 p.m. two Pritam Singh buses will leave Gilstead Road to transport members to Woodlands. (Chinese Service, please take note!).

Rev Dr Patrick Tan will chair the Ground-breaking. The Pastor will bring the message. Rev Quek Kiok Chiang moderator of the BP Synod will wield the changkul. Representatives from our branch and sister churches will bring their good wishes. Beulanders will sing a song. Soft drinks will be served.

Let us pray for good weather. Let us make it a joyous occasion. Let our voices of praise rend the air that Woodlanders might know there's a people who worship the True and Living God and Jesus Christ is His only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. - T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (MAY 10-16)

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting at Parsonage
9.15 pm Mersing Camp Committee
FRI 7.30 pm Chin Lien Bible Seminary Graduation (David Wong of Kulai Besar)
SAT 3.30 pm JYF, YF & AF
SUN 10.00 am Eld Chia Kim Chwee (Eld Tay)
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LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: *\$4,377 + (\$50 + \$100 Jason Linn) + \$150 (FEBC)

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS:

PRAISE THE LORD!
2442) \$120; 2443) \$500;
2444) \$2,000; 2445) \$633;
2446) \$100; 2447) \$40 (CLBC Box); 2448) \$500 (Coffee);
2449) \$4,377*; 2450) \$200;
2451) \$400; 2452) \$200;
2453) \$500; 2454) \$40;
2455) \$201; 2456) \$160;
2457) \$100; 2458) \$30;
2459) \$50; 2460) \$50;
2461) \$35; 2462) \$20;
2463) \$100; 2464) \$20;
2465) \$60; 2466) \$150; 2467) \$1,000.

TOTAL: \$1,153,344.78 STOP PRESS! 2468) \$1,000
2469) \$2,000 "In lieu of a frivolous party, and in thanksgiving for 25 years of happy marriage." 2470) \$724.

DJUNAIDI PARSONAGE AND CHURCH HALL:

115) \$400; TOTAL: \$42,042.38

NURSERY, MAY 16: Mrs Alice Yew and Mrs Irene Tan.

Baptised last Lord's Day: Madam Lee Siew Kiat Lim Florist, Tel: 3669011

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All Life Church Youth Camp will use FEK Kitchen, Green Corridor, 2nd Parsonage (girls), FEK classrooms, Fortress Chamber, Upper Room, Bird House, Peter's Housetop, the Cabins. Can you tell how many fish pools there are, and which one has 3 tortoises?

Pastor and Mrs Tow will be on vacation May 12-20, visiting the mission field in North Thailand under Rev Kalnin, and seeing their old friends Rev & Mrs Jason Linn in Hong Kong. The Pastor requests the following to the Mersing Camp Committee: Deacon Sng Teck Leong, Elder Peter Wang, Mr Lee Meng Fong, Mrs Khoo Peng Kiat, Miss Tan Lay Hoon, Mrs Ivy Tow. Please come to Prayer Meeting Tues. night and meet immediately thereafter.

Last frontiers of expansion? The S.S. Library is now opened to the YAF. The partition at the Bell Tower landing is to be removed for better air circulation, etc. A pentagonal office on the Church balcony is planned for Sharon. Please keep Church balcony clean and tidy!

HEAR YE THE MASTER'S CALL, "GIVE ME THY BEST!" For, be it great or small, That is His test.

Do then the best you can, Not for reward, Not for the praise of man, But for the Lord.

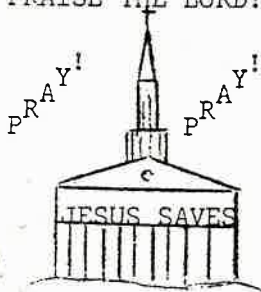
Chorus Every work for Jesus will be blest, But He asks from everyone his best. Our talents may be few, These may be small,

But unto Him is due Our best, our all.

Wait not for men to laud, Heed not their slight; Winning the smile of God Brings its delight!

Aiding the good and true Ne'er goes unblest, All that we think or do, Be it the best.

Night soon comes on a-pace, Day hastens by; Workman and work must face Testing on high. Oh, may we in that day Find rest, sweet rest, Which God has promised those Who do their best.



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REPORT ON WEST KALIMANTAN

by Sarina Omar of Grace B-P Church

(Sarina Omar is one of a Varsity Team evangelising with Rev Djunaide by the Gospel Boat, etc.)



The team has visited numerous places in Kalimantan Barat (KB) for this past week. Together with Rev Djunaide, we visited churches at Sembuat, Tanjong and Batang Tarang.

At Sembuat, we stayed for 2 days. On the 2nd day of our stay, the team leader Michael and I had to cope with an unexpected crisis, - child birth. The missionary's wife at Sembuat was due to give birth only on the 10.4.82 but on the 6.4.82 morning, there were labour pains and before we could decide on anything, Michael and I had to deliver the baby.

Praise the Lord everything went on fine. Mike and I have never delivered a baby before, we have only seen a few deliveries being done at KK. So with prayers, we did what we have learnt and what we have seen before.

We had many opportunities to share and to speak to the Dayaks. The evangelists in KB are truly wonderful. The dedication and love they have for the Dayaks truly affects me to a great extent.

Their lifestyles are very simple. Owing to a low salary, they have to be to a certain extent self-sufficient by growing vegetables and rearing pigs and chickens. The pastors all have had formal training in Bible Colleges in Java before becoming evangelists.

Rev Djunaide is truly a wonderful man. He preaches in all the churches we visit. Because his sermons are in Bahasa Indonesia, I am able to understand them. They are all very good & direct. His oratory is easily the best in Kalimantan Barat. He sings extremely well, can play the guitar and mouth organ. God has truly blessed him with many gifts, all of which he has used for the extension of God's Kingdom. Pray for his health and continued close walk with God.

Christian hospitality is something to be learnt from this simple folk. They give their best to you: food and lodging.

Tonight, I just attended a Good Friday service in the largest Chinese church in Kalimantan Barat (KB). It is called Gereja Kristus KB. There is a choir, organists and a violinist as well. Holy Communion was conducted: the wine served is rather potent.

As I mix around and talk with the people, I see how simple their lifestyles are (the Dayaks). However, people in Pontianak aren't all that simple, the womenfolk dress quite well, makeup is available etc.

I have learnt many precious lessons during this trip especially that of love and patience. Sometimes, I have to overcome my fatigue just to appear friendly by talking to the people and shaking their hands.

Do pray for Michael, the team leader. He's down with a fever. Pray for journey mercies and that we will have teachable hearts and that we will spend enough time each day with God, alone and quiet.

HOW BIG IS GOD'S VINEYARD?

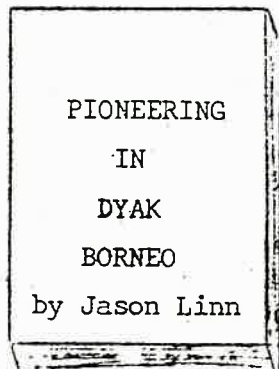
In my sermon on the Parable of the Vineyard last week, I pointed out that its geographical frontiers extended unto the uttermost part of the earth. For this reason I have also exhorted members "not to be bogged down by Woodlands though it will tax our finances to the fullest, we must not relax in the ever on-going endeavour of missions. We must not diminish in the support of our present outreaches in Malaysia and Indonesia. We must be ready to enter any door God will open before us!

I believe we have an immediate responsibility to ASEAN. That is the least we can do for the Lord of Missions. Hitherto the Lord has sent us to Malaysia and Indonesia. There remain Thailand and Philippines not "taken", though substantial material support has gone to Pastor Ormeo's work in Manila.

Nevertheless, a preliminary contact with North Thailand has been made since the FECCC 10th Assembly in Singapore June 1981. Rev Kalnin of the Frontier Labourers for Christ, 17 Keonawarat Soi 2, Chiangmai, Thailand (P O Box 206) has invited us to visit his field. Rev Kalnin is also sending a young co-labourer to study at FEBC in July.

In taking a vacation trip abroad, we have decided to go via Thailand so as to kill the extra bird of seeing God's work in a neighbouring country on the spot. "A picture is worth a thousand words."

Our vacation trip (May 12-20) will take us further to Hong Kong in order to renew fellowship with Rev and Mrs Jason Linn, first Chinese missionaries to the jungles of interior East Borneo, 1929-1945. Rev Linn may be called the Livingstone of China. His book *Pioneering in Dyak Borneo*, a missionary thriller of 250 pages, has gone through several editions in Chinese. Its English translation has a first edition of 6,000 copies.



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THE BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SINGAPORE AND MALAYSIA
STATEMENT ON THE GOSPEL RALLY 1982

The BPC has been invited together with other churches and organizations in Singapore to give support to the forthcoming Gospel Rally '82 to be held from June 2-6, 1982, at the National Stadium. Circulars and publicity materials have been widely distributed in a massive drive for the support of the Christian public in a manner reminiscent of the Singapore Billy Graham Crusade. About 110 English and Chinese-speaking churches and many church leaders have indicated support, but as many churches and church leaders if not more are not giving their support. How should the BPC guide its members concerning the forthcoming meetings?

We affirm the need to preach the Gospel as widely as possible in Singapore and outside Singapore. We affirm also the need of Christian churches to strive for unity in our witness to Christ, but unity must be firmly based on the Truth.

We submit therefore to the authority of God's infallible and inerrant Word which requires us to preach it faithfully without diminishing from it or adding to it. We further stress the need to penetrate with spiritual eyes the truth of Zech. 4:6 that the preaching of the Gospel is not by might (the mobilization of people and other resources), nor by power (dependence on the particular gifts of individuals) but solely by God's Spirit. We note that our Lord Jesus Christ, in calling disciples to Himself, did not promise them material abundance. Rather, He spoke of being poor in spirit, of persecutions, and "taking His cross daily" (Matt. 5:3, 10-12; Luke 9:23). If scripture spoke of knowing how to abound, it also spoke of knowing how to be abased (Phil. 4:12).

Dr Paul Cho Yong-gi, the guest speaker for Gospel Rally '82, is billed as the pastor of the largest church in the world with more than 200,000 members, the Full Gospel Central Church in Seoul, Korea. His book, the Fourth Dimension, unfolds views that are contrary to sound doctrine. His theory of the four dimensions of prayer, a kind of spiritual formula for effective praying, is based on a faulty interpretation of Gen. 1:2 (see FD 36-41). He blurs the distinction between God and man when he infers the "fantastically creative" work of man from the creative work of God (see FD 41). In speaking of "miracles" in Buddhism and other non-Christian religions and linking these with his "fourth dimension", he lowers Christianity to the level of human religions and detracts from its uniqueness (FD 66). His elaborate and fanciful doctrine of rhema (Greek for "spoken word") is not only based on an untenable and questionable Greek distinction but also fails to recognise that it was the power of God rather than any word spoken by man that brings about any miracle. His use of Scripture is cavalier and throws into doubt his whole grasp of Biblical hermeneutical principles (see his use of Prov. 29:18 in FD 44; of Gen. 30:32-43 in FD 50-54; his mention of Jesus as saying to Peter, "Sometimes you get drunk" in FD 63). His theology of miracles is human-orientated, as thus stated: "Miracles come not by blindly struggling God is dwelling within you; but God is not going to do anything for you without coming through your own life. God is going to cooperate with you to accomplish great things" (FD 30, underscoring ours). His view of the Gospel focuses on the gratification of material needs without sufficient emphasis on the moral (see the account of his prayer request for a desk made of Philippine mahogany, a chair manufactured by the Mitsubishi Company and an American bicycle with gears, in FD 10-17). It is also reported in Christianity Today dated Jan. 22, '82 that Dr Cho has serious problems with his Church on the question of ancestor worship.

We conclude that Dr Cho has presented a distorted emphasis of the gospel in his writings (Gal. 1:6-9) and therefore cannot support his ministry.

Nor do we approve his overtly charismatic emphasis to the minimising of the Gospel whose main thrust is calling men to repentance from their sins and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and not in mass healing (Mark 1:38).

What we need today is not man-organised mammoth rallies but a heaven-sent revival as experienced in the thirties in Singapore and S E Asia under the ministry of Dr John Sung. We stress rather on the duty of local Churches and individual Christians to win souls and affirm that by God's grace and in due season we shall reap if we faint not (Gal. 6:9).

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (MAY 17-23)

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting at Parsonage
(Elder Khoo)

THUR Pastor returns

SAT 3.30 pm JYF, YF & AF; 7.30 pm Rev Tow at

SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow; Miss Alice Doo Grace.

11.45 am Korean Service

1.30 pm Beulah Service

4.00 pm Kebaktian Indonesian

4.30 pm Sharon Service

5.25 pm Bus leaves for Calvary Pandan

8.00 pm Korean Service

8.15 pm FEBC Board Meeting

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: \$2,944 + \$10 (Ref. Tracts) + \$840 (WF for Kulai)

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS:

2471) \$20; 2472) \$300; 2473) \$70; 2474) \$50;

2475) \$50; 2476) \$200; 2477) \$100; 2478) \$150;

2479) \$50; 2480) \$150; 2481) \$200; 2482)

\$365.70; 2483) \$500; 2484) \$80; 2485) \$123.20

(Chin Serv.); 2486) \$300; 2487) \$200 (Korean

Church); 2488) \$12; 2489) \$18 (Boxes).

TOTAL: \$1,160,007.68

Another Idol Burnt! Praise the Lord for Mdm Ong Peck Tin, mother of Sock Khim and Sock Eng who delivers her household god to be burnt, with an angpow for the Lord!

Warm welcome to Elder Chia Kim Chwee our speaker at this morning's worship. Elder Chia was one of the old-time Lifers at Prinsep St. and helped in the founding of Sembawang Sunday School. Later he transferred to Zion. He is stated clerk of our Synod.

NURSERY, MAY 23: Miss Khoo Cheng Hiong & Miss Hedy Ho.

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FRONTIER LABOURERS FOR CHRIST

120 to 150 kilometres to the north of Chiangmai there runs a tract of mountainous Thai country that borders with Burma and China, and as you turn eastwards, with Laos. In this no man's land there straddles what is notoriously called The Golden Triangle where the poppies grow, the domain of heroin king Kung Sa with his private regiments. Recently the Thai Army mounted several punitive operations on the Triangle, inflicting heavy losses on the heroin king.

It is in the neighbourhood of these operations that a more honourable people settle. To the northeast there is the Refugee Camp of Chiang Kom which the Singapore ICR Team had visited two years ago at the height of the Kampuchean exodus. Here we contacted Chiao of the

H'mong tribe, a fugitive chieftain from Yunnan, and presented him with a Chinese Bible.

On our vacation to North Thailand this time the Lord led us to Rev Kalnin, Director of Frontier Labourers for Christ, headquartered at 17 Keonawarat Soi 2, Chiangmai.

Kalnin is a young Burmese of the Rawang tribe in his mid-thirties. He "escaped" to Thailand in 1965 after Burma became "Socialist". He understudied an American missionary who sent him to the States. There he remained for the next seven years, graduating from a Bible-believing Seminary. He returned to Thailand with a Canadian wife and now has three lovely children. For the last five years Kalnin gathered a band of "frontier labourers". His second-in-command Samuel Manee, a fellow exiled Burmese. Cooperating with Kalnin is also Lao Su Sae Yao, a Yunnanese who also had found his way to North Thailand via Burma. Lao Su is a graduate of Chin Lien Bible Seminary. It is through his contact that we've come to know Kalnin. (Kalnin joined the FECCC at the 10th Assembly in Singapore, June 1981 at Rev K C Quek's invitation).

Kalnin's "frontier labours" take him to a dozen border villages. In a rough and raw country, the evangelist is head-pastor of each flock and is responsible for their welfare. Whenever he goes on his rounds he is armed with a battery of medicines, mostly pills. He also practises minor surgery and shoots intravenous injections. So does Lao Su. They are recognised barefoot doctors in every sense of the word, in their rubber sandals. Kalnin speaks several tribal dialects, so is perfectly at home among the mountain tribes, except the Chinese. In recognition of the tremendous contribution they have made to the welfare of these border refugees from Communist tyranny, the Thai King has granted Kalnin thousands of acres of jungle land all the way to the Burmese border for resettlement.

Kalnin land-rovered 100 km up north to turn into a 40-km laterite road to visit his territory. We bumped along into Takuti, a Chinese new-village. Here is a small chapel built by the believers. About 30 attend Service on Sunday. When we arrived Lao Su was busy administering cures in the neighbourhood. We therefore took the opportunity to teach a dozen urchins gathered around in curiosity. A big blackboard was handy for us to leave behind three John Sung choruses.

We rumbled on to visit the new resettlement territory. We came to an akhar village, and then to a kachin village. Both were in the pioneering stage of development, silent and isolated. Each village had only half a dozen smokeless huts. For the men were working in the field, and the women had done all their cooking in the morning.

Our destination for that day, and night, however, was Nawng Khio, a growing Lahu village with 500 souls. It is here that a pipeline of mountain water has just been laid with Singapore and Australian funds through Peter Clements. On a slope of the village, the believers have built a high-stilted bamboo bungalow for their beloved pastor.

As honoured guests we were given the best room, partitioned with split bamboo. We had cross-ventilation all round, but privacy? While dinner was being served, the gong, an old motor-car wheel, was struck. This, we're told, was the call to a special evening service, since the pastor from Singapore had come. To make time, Kalnin drove us down to the church house. Over a hundred, old and young and breast-feeding babies, were snugly seated on the floor. Two choirs sang. The AF and the YAF both harmoniously and in parts but the YAF shone with brighter lustre. The village pastor prayed in gentle tonal accents before he asked Kalnin to introduce the speaker.

I was surprised that these village folks, so remote from civilization, should possess a regular printed hymnal like the Inspiring Hymns in the Lahu dialect. But God's Word is limited to the New Testament. (Lahu is a dialect of those Chinese tribes found in Yunnan and Burma). Using the recently laid pipeline which has brought sparkling drinking water to the village, I spoke on Jesus Christ (Yesu Krik in Lahu) as the river of living water. Christ is not the polluted water from a dead well which symbolises the heathen religions and their old superstitions. Christ is the living water that when a man drinks it will bring forth rivers of living waters to quench the thirst of others (Jn 7:38). This bubbling joy of salvation of a born-again Christian is what Christ imparts to every believer. There were nods and smiles to the message, but there were also unmoved, sullen faces. To help deliver some oppressed soul, an invitation was given to which a number responded. This was the high point of our visit, the joy of introducing Christ to some lost souls.

Kalnin's resettlement plan using Christians as pioneers is a policy of great wisdom. He himself is planning to go and stay with these tribal peoples.

He has also requested to send Samuel Manee to FEBC that he might return to teach the mountain folks. From this beginning, it is hoped a Bible School will be established. Here is a field extending all the way to the southern outskirts of Burma and China. A field for the hardy and sturdy, who are avowed labourers for Christ.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR VACATION

You have read how the Lord led us to a new Christian resettlement along the Thai-Burmese border. Let us share some other highlights of this vacation with you for mutual edification.

At Bangkok we were received by Mr Sayan Kusavadee a fellow-graduate with Prachan our FEBC student from Bangkok Bible College. Sayan took care of our brief sojourn at the Thai capital for the better part of the day before sending us on our way by night coach to Chiang Mai. Our thanks are due also to Miss Tippawan and Mr Poon. (Coach travel on the Thai highway, akin to the American Greyhound, is smooth, pleasant and cheap. This is no reason why a servant of Christ cannot travel by Thai coach all the way from Singapore to Haadyai and up north, to save expenses).

And now, Hong Kong! Since the fall of the Gang of Four, the China continent has relaxed restrictions on outside visitors. One reason for liberalisation, apparently, is to earn foreign exchange.

For years there has been established a tourist industry between Hongkong and China, whereby it is now possible for any Hongkong visitor to take a one-day trip to the border town of Shumchun (Shenzhen). This trip costs, HK\$240 or S\$87, all in.



We left Kowloon by air-con coach, a 1½ hour ride to Fanling. There we boarded a train which in 15 mins. took us to Lo Wu, the "Woodlands" checkpoint of Hong Kong before entering the "Johore Bahru" of China. Here we walked the "Bridge of Freedom" to go through Chinese Immigration and Customs. By an ingenious Number-to-number check-list between the Chinese Immigration and the Hongkong Tour Operator, we were let in without visa (the fee was already paid). For Customs we had to declare such items as wrist watch, camera and tape recorder, but were allowed to take in one each, i.e. for your personal use. We could take pictures freely.

An air-con coach on the Chinese side with an English-speaking guide took us round Shumchun, a city of 300,000. Everywhere, since the Relaxation, new buildings and factories, modelled after Hong Kong, are springing up. These are being developed by Hongkong and other investors.

Shumchun can boast of one great good she is doing to the outside world, viz., her Reservoir, which supplies Kowloon and Hongkong. To increase her capacity a pipeline is connected with the East River from which water is pumped into the Lake.

Other than the refreshing waters that descend from heaven we saw in this border city of China, the rest that met our eyes were a dreary picture. The officers on duty looked a dismal, desultory lot. The old houses of China looked more dilapidated. The buses were Japanese-made and rattling because of overuse and age. The shops were half-empty. The model kindergarten of 500 into which we were introduced before leaving was over-crowded with pale, undernourished tots, though they sang us some rousing numbers, after being aroused unwillingly from a midday nap. (In China every worker takes a midday siesta, because work begins early but ends late.) In contrast with such a China, how we thanked the Lord for our Fairest Isle, whose waters are so blue!

The young man, our tourist guide, had a winsome personality which drew us into conversation: "Do you know who said these famous words, "For what shall it profit a man if he should gain the whole world and lose his own soul? Not Chairman Mao," I said, "but Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world."

The young man agreed this was a serious question everyone must answer. He concurred that Chairman Mao before his death had admitted he must prepare to see God. He then confided he had two Bibles given by Christian tourists, and he was beginning to listen to Christian broadcasts from the outside world. What an experience speaking to a young soul inside Red China.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (MAY 24-30)

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting for Marriage
FRI 8.00 pm Film show "In His Step" by NCF
(National Christian Youth)
SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow Mr David Wong
Calvary Pandan: Rev Tow on "What Saints
Do in Heaven"

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORYS: \$2,723.00

NEW YEAR'S OFFERTORYS:

2490: \$120; 2491: \$120; 2492: \$122
(Boxes: 2493: \$120; 2494: \$120; 2495: \$120; 2496: \$120; 2497: \$120; 2498: \$120; 2499: \$120; 2500: \$120; 2501: \$120; 2502: \$120; 2503: \$120; 2504: \$120) TOTAL: \$1,165,061.68
STOP PRESS! 2504) \$150.

BIRTHDAY To Mr & Mrs Tsao San, a girl, Cheryl
On April 21, 82.

OBITUARY The nonagenarian mother of Deacon
Chow Yee of Kelapa Sawit was called home May 20.
Funeral service today 2 p.m. (Rev Tow)
Prof Dr Lee Kuan Yew (Singapore) after an operation
now at the hospital Centre.

Rev & Mrs James Lim are here again! Rev Linn
to foot eye operation.

Farewell to Rev Bo as he leaves Tues. 25th for
Israel. Welcome home to Tan Koon Eng, MBA,
from Tai.

Registration for Morsing Camp at the Church Counter!
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Singapore 1130. Tel: 2560617/2569256.

WHY GROUND-BREAKING SERVICE?

Next Lord's Day, June 6 at 1.15 p.m., Lifers and their brethren from other branches of the B-PC will go to Woodlands to hold Ground-breaking service. Why Ground-breaking Service?

First of all, we have King David who sets us an example. As soon as he had bought over the Temple site from Ornan (or Araunah), before the building of God's House commenced, David built an altar upon it to worship the Lord. Now that building operations are about to commence at Woodlands, dare we launch out without rendering due worship to God? Breaking ground with spade or changkol is a modern ceremony, but its purpose, all the same, is to seek God's mercies. And this is done simply yet efficaciously, in Jesus' Name, the altar being a thing of the past. In its place, we will bring an offering, as God's people under Zerubbabel "offered freely for the house of God to set it up in his place" (Ezra 2:68).

Secondly, ground-breaking will be a time of fellowship and rejoicing. This will be a day of holy outing where we will visit with one another as we worship together. Iced soft-drinks will be served.

Thirdly, ground-breaking will be a time of testimony to the True and Living God and Jesus Christ His Son to the residents of Woodlands. They will see us under the Banner of the Cross. This will be our invitation to them to come to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us therefore prepare our hearts to go to Woodlands next Lord's Day, to witness the consecration of the Land before the building of God's House, to pray together for His blessing upon this single biggest Life Church project. And to you who have been burdened for Woodlands as dutiful children to a Loving Father, may you hear Him say, "Because of the house of the Lord our God I will seek thy good" (Ps. 122:9). [Buses leave church 12.30 p.m. sharp]

OUR GROWING RESOURCES FROM THE LORD

To date God's children have brought in a total of over \$1.172 million. Of this sum \$.933 million was spent on the purchase of the land. So, we have some \$240,000 in bank net. Though we have a long way to go to meet the demand of monthly bills soon to come, we must praise the Lord for an elder's \$50,000 pledge and a couple's \$25,000. A sister of the Women's Bible Class has just given all her sovereign gold dowry. A brother, in token of his love for the Saviour whom he has found at Life Church, pledges to pay for all the furniture of the New Church Auditorium. But the bulk of our growing resources comes from 2500 items of offerings received from an innumerable company of anonymous Lifers, old and young, and from friends. Hallelujah, praise the Lord!

What's Up At Mersing? (June 14-17)

As those of you who have signed up know, we've booked one block of a 12-room first class hotel of the Government Rest House, situated on a hillock overlooking the South China Sea. An improvement over the last camp here in 1977 is the hotel's provision of a whole ground floor facing the sea for assembly, which saves driving to the village Church.

This Mid-year Camp in Malaysia is designed to give you a Christian vacation. Apart from first class accommodation and meals, sea breeze day and night, a tour is planned to five churches and mission stations on Johore's East Coast plus one at Rompin, Pahang. The Pastor will personally deliver a series of messages on "The Kingdom of God and You". Deacon Sng Teck Leong is Camp Master. Seow Chong Keong, Treasurer, Miss Tan Lay Hoon, Junior Camp Mistress, Elder Seow Chong Pin and Deacon Paul Tsao, Co-chairmen for Worship. (These form the Camp Committee. Please meet at the Parsonage on Monday, 8 p.m.).

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (MAY 31-JUNE 6)

MON 8.00 pm Mersing Camp Com. at Parsonage.
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting at Parsonage.
9.15 pm Session Meeting
WED 7.30 pm Wedding Rehearsal
SAT 2.30 pm Jeffrey Lim Seong Kong and Hannah Sim (Living Water) Wedding (Rev Tow)
Reception at FEBC Hall.

SUN 10.00 am Rev Dr Patrick Tan; Rev Lin Tah Mon. + \$176.53 + \$294.70 (Int.); 2528) \$52 (Boxes); 10.00 am Rev Tow at Galilee 22nd Anniversary. 2529) \$200. TOTAL: \$1,172,647.60
11.45 am Korean Service
1.15 pm Ground-breaking Service at Woodlands. June 17, SIA Godspeed!
4.00 pm Kebaktian Indonesian; 4.30 pm Sharon RPG Workbook latest series is on sale, 50 cts.
5.25 pm Calvary Pandan; 8 pm Korean Service. Lim Floxist, Tel: 3369011.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: \$2,296 + \$20 (Djunaidi)

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS:

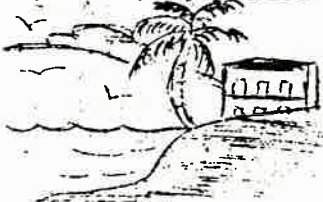
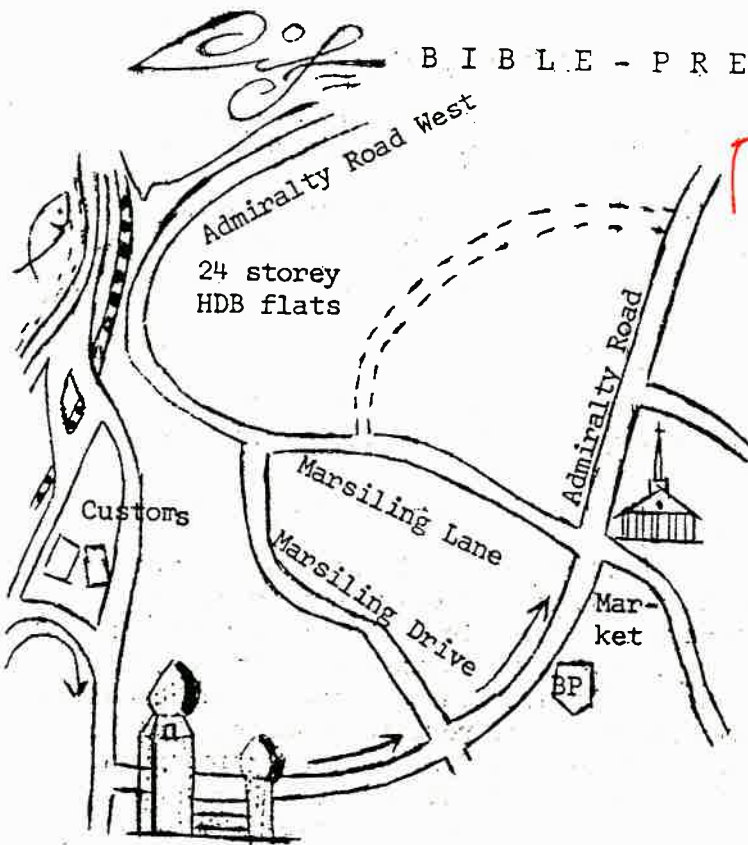
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2512) \$20; 2513) \$80; 2514) \$150; 2515) \$380;
2516) \$55; 2517) \$50 (RTL); 2518) \$1,000;
2519) \$1,200; 2520) \$520; 2521) \$102 (RTL);
2522) \$300; 2523-27) \$481.83 + \$285.94 + \$207.77

Dr & Mrs Tan W.C. are scheduled to return

June 17, SIA Godspeed!

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REV ELISHA WU, WELLKNOWN CHINESE WRITER, IN A 32-PAGE BOOKLET,
DISCUSSES DR CHO YONGGI

While appreciating Dr Cho for his frankness in sharing experiences in his ministry of the Gospel, he deplores the grave errors he has made in expounding his "Fourth Dimension".

Under the heading of Megalomania, Elisha Wu comments:

Having carefully read Dr Cho's book, we perceive that he is not only inclined to megalomania, but indeed he has let this self-greatness craze run its full course. We can see this in what he has said, "When we have the gift of this boldness ... The Holy Spirit will follow after us."

In another place he says, "You are God's channel, and God will not work without passing through your thoughts, your vision and your faith."

"You can say, 'O God, please work a great miracle in the universe, do all kinds of work,' and God will reply, 'No! I am within you. I can never work mightily in the world unless I pass through your life.'"

"...How big you let God to be, He will be that big. If you limit Him to be that small, He will be that small". (see p. 137 Chinese translation).

"God cannot work without you. You can affect God's work." This greatly appeals to those who suffer from megalomania, but to a regular Christian, this is not only hard to receive, much less bear along with it. Must God work only through us? Let alone the great works of the universe which we can never have a part, many a time we can by faith work with God, but in this it is not because we are indispensable to God, but rather God has given us an opportunity. God has permitted us to work with Him to train us up. Paul resisted God, so when he came to Damascus, God struck him down. He could only surrender to God. Lazarus died four days. He had not a bit of faith, nor Mary, nor Martha. But the mighty Lord, without going through any man, called him to life again. On the raging waves of Galilee, the disciples had no faith. Jesus with one word "Peace" stilled the waves. In the wilderness when the multitude was hungry and the disciples didn't know what to do, Jesus fed 5,000 with five loaves, two fishes. God can work miracles alone. He does not need our faith. Let us learn this point clearly.

When we preach salvation we often ask the audience to open their hearts, to receive by faith. This is but God's respecting our freewill, our free choice, not because God cannot break through the bastion of our heart.

But Dr Cho says, "How big you let God to be, that big He will be. How small you limit Him He will become that small." In the light of Isa. 14:13,14, you cannot but feel that he who says this is a megalomaniac.

Prayer is an inventory that God must supply

When we read of Dr Cho's prayer experience, he repeatedly stresses that prayer must have a clearly definite objective. What he means by a clearly definite objective is to make out an inventory to be supplied by God. You cannot but be astonished by Dr Cho's understanding of prayer. It is entirely opposed to the Bible, for it makes the Ego the objective. No wonder his own Church rebuked him to be a fanatic, and cancelled his preacher's licence and had him dismissed.

Dr Cho relates how when he started out he had neither table nor chair, and how he had asked God for table, chair and bed. He prayed for five or six months but got nothing. One rainy evening he had no food, was hungry, tired, and depressed. He complained to God. For going through these circumstances he burst out into tears. Then the Holy Spirit spoke within him. The Holy Spirit said He had heard his prayer for a long time, but since he did not specify which type of table, chair and bed out of scores of them, He could not give. So Dr Cho specified the measurements of the desk, which was to be made of Philippine mahogany. The chair to be of the best kind, with an iron frame and with rollers on the tips, so that when he sat on it, he could push himself around. The bicycle to be American-made, with speed-gears.

With this inventory to God he felt very happy. But when he got up at 4.30, the faith he had the night before vanished. An empty heart. When he read Rom. 4:17, however, he became spirited again. He doubled up to the Tabernacle Church where the people were gone to pray. After the service he announced, "Brothers and sisters, with God's blessing, I have got a Philippine mahogany desk, shining iron chair with wheels, and an American bicycle with speed gears."

All were astonished because they knew how penniless he was. Where did he get these? Three young men came from behind demanding to see them. When he heard this he got a real fright. For he had none. At such a crucial moment he got an idea. He said, "You are looking high and low in my room for what?" Dr Cho further said, "Don't look high and low!" Pointing to one of the young men: "How long were you in your mother's womb?" He said, "Nine months". Dr Cho said, "Now I'm also like that. All these things are also in my belly, slowly growing. When the time comes they will be born"... (Elisha Wu's Chinese booklet available at Counter).

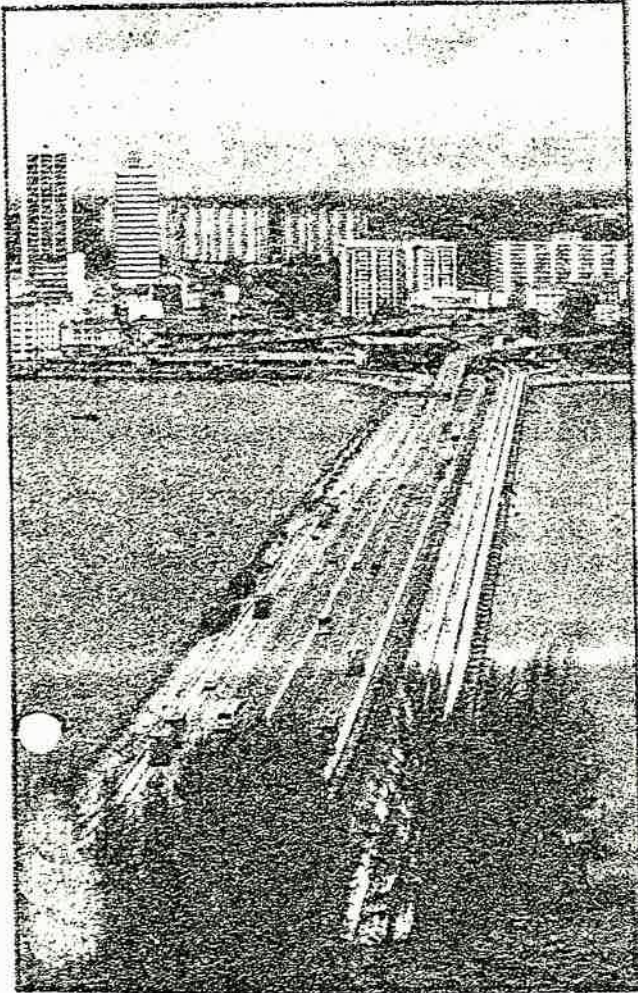
One more Kuan Yin idol from Madam Lee Ah Oi's Queenstown flat, through Albert Ong, was burnt last Mon., as the whole family turned to the Lord. An angpaw was given to Woodlands. Rev Jason Linn is now at Mt Alvernia Hospital, Ward 2, after an eye operation. Continue to pray for Mrs Joseph Chiang at Thomson Medical Centre.

Mersing Camp. All who gave their names before must see Tan Lay Hoon and complete application form.

"Behold He Comes!" the long-promised book by Sunset Gospel Hour will be released June 6. Get your copy!

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

Paying a debt that brings double profit



What does this stencil-photo, a new improvement to our weekly publication, mean to you? Can you recognise this picture? In case you don't, this is what you'll see from one of the 24-storey HDB flats in Woodlands across the Straits of Johore.

Were St Paul here today looking across the Straits from Woodlands, he would see the vision of a harvest of souls to be reaped from Johore Bahru all the way up Thailand's northern borders (beyond are the forbidden lands of Burma, China, Laos and Cambodia). St Paul would say I am a debtor to preach the Gospel to them in Bangkok, and to the tribal peoples, inasmuch as he has declared in Rom. 1:14 his indebtedness to the Greeks and barbarians.

Readers who have been giving to Woodlands to pay the gospel debt are reaping double profit for the Lord! The new Church that will arise here next year this time will not only serve Singapore's biggest satellite town of 290,000, but also become a springboard to Malaysia and the north. For example, we have three churches in Johore under our care - Kulai Besar, Kelapa Sawit and Rawang (Muar). Our pastor at Woodlands, ministering to these outlying churches, has one hour less to travel roundtrip than driving up from Gilstead Road.

This picture of Johore Bahru from the Woodlands' vantage point should also remind us of a string of churches established by Miss Char of Hawaii with the cooperation of the Singapore (John Sung) Evangelistic League on Malaysia's Eastcoast, up to Rompin, Pahang.

Lifers going today to the Groundbreaking, singing "Marching to Woodlands", are reminded once again of the Gospel debt to pay to the regions beyond. We who have received the assurance of salvation, who have tasted of the heavenly gifts, are morally obliged to share these blessings with our neighbours, yea, even with those who are far away, who speak another tongue. In this respect the Beulanders are to be commended for having distributed thousands of invitations to Woodlanders to the Groundbreaking. Why not personally invite a Woodlands friend to our 1st Gospel Meeting?

Results of the Woodlands Tenders

Opened before the pastor in the office of Phua Consultants, Cuppage Centre, at 4.45 p.m. 1st June, 1982: 1) Lim Keenly Construction, \$2,043,028 to complete in 9 mths; 2) Techfield Pte Ltd, \$1,884,944 in 12 mths; 3) So Say Cheong Pte Ltd, \$2,052,500 in 18 mths;

We thank the Lord for the results, 10-20% lower than what would have been 6 months ago. God has his own timing! Session has decided to leave the choice of the contractor with the architect, one who can best cooperate with him.

The amount of cash in hand now is about 15 per cent of the total costs. This means a stiff uphill climb to attain to our objective. The real test for Life Church has just begun. While we must pray, and keep on praying for God's help, there is your will and my will to succeed that also count. David, in his zeal to build God's House, "swore unto the Lord, and vowed ..., Surely I will not come into the tabernacle of my house, nor go up into my bed, I will not give sleep to mine eyelids, Until I find a place for the Lord,..." (Ps. 132:2-5). If you love the Lord, and I love the Lord, let us also vow together with him. Let us so give today as to pass the \$1.2 million mark!

Gakken Stencil Cutter

Do you like the photograph reproduced with a misty touch this week? It's the work of an electronic Japanese stencil cutter. The special price to our Church is \$2,995, with a tithe from Repro Business Machines back to Woodlands. Session has decided to purchase this machine so that the latest photo news can become this Weekly's special feature. Perhaps, there's a Reader moved to make this a gift to the Lord. What photo-news will appear next week?

Welcome Home to the Tans

Rev Dr Tan Wai Choon, Ruby and two children are due to arrive back June 17 (Ask Mr Yiew). Session has elected Elder Dr Lim Teck Chye chairman of Welcome-Back Get together. A pot-luck dinner will be held in Church Sat. June 26, 7 p.m. Members who wish to attend this happy occasion are requested to register. An offering will be taken which will go to the Woodlands Fund.

Welcome to our Sons and Daughters

That you have chosen your own Church grounds against St John's Island is a surprise to some! A hearty welcome to all available premises. But can you find these "Treasure" houses nooks and corners around our campus? (These are built with your camping needs in mind. Welcome also part-time campers. Life Church is your second home.): 1) Fortress Chamber, 2) Bookbinders L-Workshop, 3) ICY Hqrs, 4) Tape Library, 5) Girls Penthouse and Roof Garden, 6) Mezzanine office, 7) Jerusalem Court, 8) Country Outhouse, 9) Green Arbour, 10) Bird House,

Saving the body at the expense of saving the soul

"Miracle rallies" and "Prayers for the Sick" in mammoth meetings with wide-spread and sustained advertising costing ten-thousands of dollars may come from men using Christ's Name, but never from the Lord Himself. And if mass healing in Jesus' day was refused when there was little modern medicine to reckon with, how much more would mass healing be discounted today with effective cures so readily available. Jesus refused to heal the masses because he had a more urgent work to do - to preach the Gospel to those who had never heard in the "next towns" (Mark 1:35-38; Matt. 8:16-18). So did He refuse to make miracle bread again for the five thousand (John 6:26-27) lest He made the mistake of "saving the body at the expense of saving the soul". To heal enmass would detract Jesus from the primary task of reaching the souls of men with the Word.

John Sung recited a famous Peking saying:

When you have a small sickness Go see the Taifu (doctor)

When you have a big sickness Then go and see Yesu.

This principle is seen in the raising of Lazarus. Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead because the disciples could not do it. So He did it. But His disciples could roll away the stone and loose his graveclothes, so Jesus ordered them to do these.

To go to a faith healer for healing that can be obtained from doctors and surgeons reverses the Divine economy. And for a faith healer to practise indiscriminate healing without saving the soul warps the theology of divine healing.

Dr John Sung practised "mass healing" in the thirties when he visited Singapore but out of the 42 revival meetings, 41 were given to preaching. In the light of the intensity of preaching that characterised his work, mass healing was no more than treating a small number of his converts who genuinely needed help. These had their souls saved first before their bodies.

But the mass healings we observe today rather try to save the body, at the expense of saving the soul.

Some Results I've known

1. An old Buddhist towkay went to a healing campaign conducted by an American evangelist two decades ago. His sole motive was to have the faith healer put his hand upon him so he won't lose his two remaining teeth. When asked if he had received Christ, he said Buddha and Christ were the same. All he came to the evangelistic meeting was to get some dental strengthening!

2. An elder's wife went to a faith healing campaign held at the Cathedral when an English pastor was putting electrical sensations, with the cooperation of the Anglican bishop, into his inquirers. So she swooned backwards like many others, "slain by the Spirit". Her desire was to have her backache healed. When she went home she got worse. Where are the miracle healers today? - T.T.

- 11) Solomon's Pool, 12) American House,
13) Cabins One and 14) Two, 15) Rabbit Burrow,
16) Squirrel House, 17) Mouse Hole, 18) Crows-
nest, 19) Peter's Housetop, 20) Korean Room,
21) Pondok, 22) Guest House, 23) Upper Room,
24) Crescent Pool, 25) Triangle Pool,
26) Bamboo Grove Pool, 27) Coconut Pool,
28) Pepsi Store, 29) Attap Arbour, 30) Pentagon,
31) Capernaum Pavilion, 32) L-Fish Pool,
33) Royal Palm Fish Pool, 34) Little Fish Pool.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (JUNE 7-13)

LORD'S DAY 7.00 pm Life Youth Camp begins
MON TO THURS 7.30 pm Dr Patrick Tan speaks
to LC Youth Camp. All welcome.

SAT 2.30 pm Wellington Foo-Jennifer Tay Wedding

SAT 11.00 am Rev Tow at Rawang Wedding. (Mr Chia)

SUN 10.00 am Rev Charlie Tan

Mr Teo Siau Hua (Chinese Service)

11.45 am Korean Service

1.30 pm Beulah Service

4.00 pm Kebaktian Indonesian

4.00 pm Rev Tow at Rawang and Muar

4.30 pm Sharon Service

5.25 pm Bus leaves for Calvary Pandan

8.00 pm Korean Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: \$3,346.80 + \$100 (Dohar)
+ \$100 (Djunaidi)

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS:

2530) \$100; 2531) \$100; 2532) \$200; 2533) \$50;

2534) \$100; 2535) \$20; 2536) \$50; 2537) \$60;

2538) \$12; 2539) \$100; 2540) \$150; 2541) \$50;

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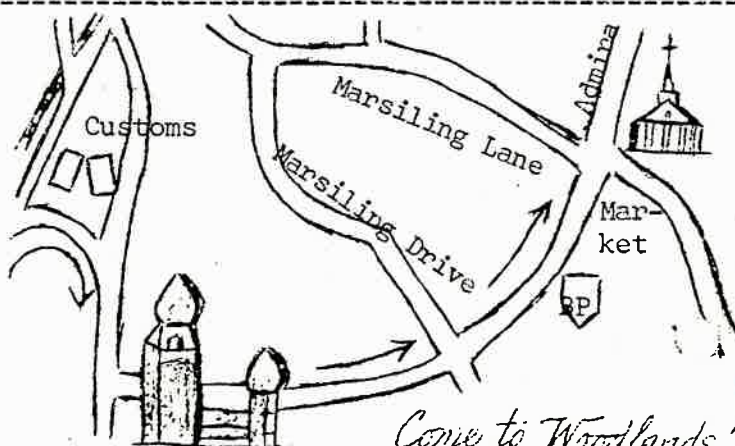
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2552) \$380; 2553) \$200; 2554) \$200; 2555) \$400;

2556) \$60; 2557) \$200; 2558) \$128; 2559) \$12.70

2560) \$60.70 (Coffee); 2561) \$1,400; 2562) \$164

TOTAL: \$1,179,815.00



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2565) \$100; 2566) \$100; 2567) \$50.

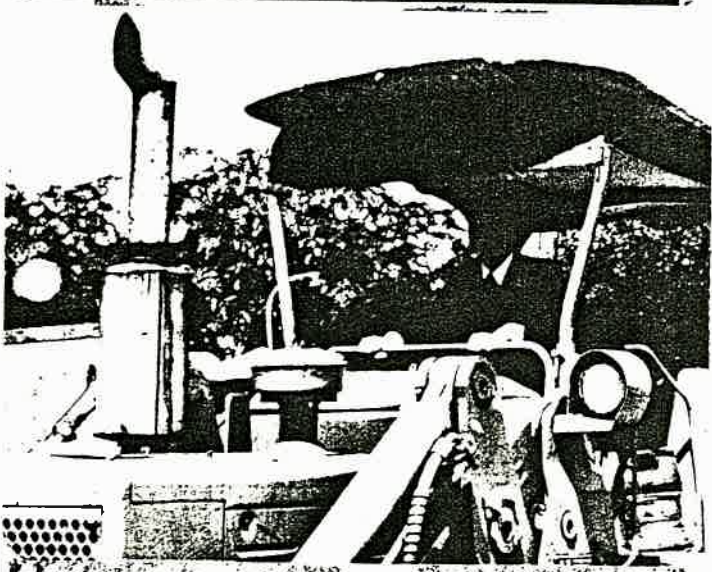
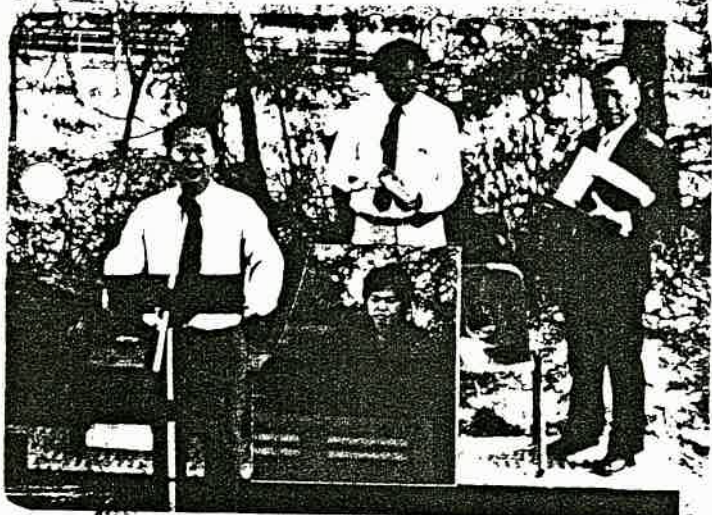
Praise the Lord! Rev Jason Linn has under-
gone a successful eye operation and is now
resting at the Guest House. The Linns are
scheduled to return to Hongkong June 19.

Get your latest RPG Workbook! The coming
series on the Gospel of John is by Rev Tow.
Lost and Found A roll of cut material for
making Father's Day kerchiefs. See Mrs Tow.

THE OLD-TIME POWER

When Singapore underwent a genuine Holy
Ghost Revival in 1935, not one dollar was
spent to advertise John Sung. No choir, no
counsellor, no enforced prayer meeting, no
printed material, were needed to boost up the
speaker. But there was God's power, like a
mighty monsoon, poured down from heaven. The
conversions were thorough, in bitter tears of
repentance. Not 5x45 mins. of preaching, but
42x2 hours! Lord, send the old-time power!
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Woodlands Ground-Breaking a Bull-dozing Success

Under a blue, breezy sky and a maroon New Life Church Banner, over 200 Lifers and well-wishers from the B-P Family and a handful of Woodlanders gathered on a hillock at Marsiling Lane to the call of Rev Dr Lt Col Patrick Tan. They were there in high spirits for this long-awaited Ground-breaking, last Lord's Day June 6, 1.15 p.m. One who had not been to Woodlands before was thrilled to see such a central and handsome location as our new Church Site. The Government is to be commended for reserving this choicest Woodhill for the building of God's House.

After the singing of a hymn with Mrs Anne Tan at the organ specially brought up by Gracians, Rev Philip Heng offered the invocation. This was followed by a song presented by the Beulanders on God's Holiness and Scripture Reading by Dr Lim Teck Chye. The pastor then spoke with the Woodlanders in view. Although only seven or eight had turned up to the hundreds of invitation handbills, nevertheless the message was beamed on our new friends. The pastor noted with greater pleasure a phone call he had earlier received from a Woodlander resulting from two handbills given him, one from us and the other from the Gospel Rally '82. The pastor related how he had identified Lifers to this interested Woodlander. Asking the several Woodlanders present to tell the rest, he preached on the Great Commission under four heads Who? Why? When? and How? Who you know! Why? Because our Lord and Saviour has sent us - into all the world. When? Three years ago, exact, to the month, insofar as man's decision was concerned, but long before the creation, with God! How? Not by might nor by power of men, but by the Power and Presence of God. By His Authority, with the promise of His Presence.

The people present offered over \$9,000. In Church earlier there was collected over \$13,000. In the evening, when the pastor went to the Sunset Gospel Hour, he was given a cash envelope of \$10,000. So the Lord trebly assured us, who are of little faith, that He is able.

The act of breaking ground, instead of the usual changkol, turned out to be a bull-dozer. sent up by Mr Phua our architect, himself superintending! Rev K C Quek climbed onto the yellow mechanised ox. With a pull of the first lever the mighty bull lurched forward. With a second stroke, the scoop went into action, carving a big chunk of earth from the hillside to the delight of all. The moderator read an appropriate verse from Zech. 4:7, to conclude, "Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain." By this time onlookers were quite pent up with thirst, but Mr Yiew was ready with his ice-cold cans of Pepsi. Praise the Lord for a wonderful holy picnic the Father had given His children who went to the Ground-breaking.



One of the joys of boyhood I can fondly recall was week-end camping. At the Purdy Scouts Camp in the ulus of Changi, in the stillness of the wood, by the murmuring sea. Sometimes we went on our own, in twos or threes, to enjoy the mysteries of Nature.

Lord, I will listen
by the way
To humming bees and
singing birds
To speaking trees a
and friendly woods;
And for the moments
in between
Seek glimpses of Thy
Great Unseen

The culture of the soul under the awe-inspiring firmament of God's handiwork is extolled by none other than King David:

When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers,
The moon and the stars which Thou hast ordained
What is man that Thou art mindful of him
And the son of man that Thou visited him?

Alas, as Singapore becomes more and more urbanised like Hong Kong despite all the greenery along our streets, it is almost impossible to find a campsite on our island. The ideal is to go to Frasers Hill or Mersing (Life Church's second rendezvous) but not all are able to make it. As necessity is the mother of invention, the thought came to mind, "Why not develop our own grounds of fragrant pine and palm into a permanent campsite?"

The idea became an obsession and a fever that has resulted in renovations around us - Bird House, Squirrel House, Rabbit Burrow, Crowsnest, etc. It has further extended to construction of a goodly number of fish pools. The planting of pine trees and palm trees from two decades ago has enabled us to drape these campers' delights in green coolness, rustic charm to lure you to Gilstead Road, now literally in a woodland.

A campsite is not for the relaxation of body and soul only, but also for the reviving of the Spirits. As King David in Psalm 19 moves from the glories of nature to the testimony of the Law of God and the fear of the Lord, so it is our purpose to make this campsite available for instant spiritual meetings. We most earnestly pray that as young Lifers gather at the coming June camp they will all have an audience with the Lord Jesus Christ.

May the building of Bird House and Squirrel House be used of God to bring you, my fellow campers, to the God of Creation and to His only begotten Son, our Saviour. Amen.

From YF Camper.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (JUNE 14-20)

MON - THUR Mersing Bible Camp; Tanglin Bible Class Camp in Church

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting (Eld. Khoo)

WED Rev Dr & Mrs Tan Wai Choon return

SAT Rev & Mrs Jason Linn return to Hongkong, Tan Liang Ping escorting.

3.30 pm JYF, YF & AF

SUN 10.00 am Rev Dr Tan W.C.

10.00 am Mr Jonah Chan

11.45 am Korean Service

1.30 pm Beulah Service

4.00 pm Kebaktian Indon

4.30 pm Sharon Service

5.25 pm Bus leaves for Calvary Pandan.

8.00 pm Korean Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: \$3,596.00 + \$100 (for David Wong) + \$585 (WF for Kulai) + \$200 (AF for Medan)

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS:

2568) \$50; 2569) \$1,000; 2570) \$50; 2571) \$200;
2572) \$9,619.55 (Ground-breaking); 2573) \$795;
2574) \$20; 2575) \$100; 2576) \$20; 2577) \$110;
2578) \$20; 2579) \$50; 2580) \$20; 2581) \$30;
2582) \$50; 2583) \$59; 2584) \$150; 2585) \$150;
2586) \$100; 2587) \$50; 2588) \$200; 2589) \$380;
2590) \$30; 2591) \$295; 2592) \$80; 2593) \$200;
2594) \$4,300 (Thanksgiving); 2595) \$165;

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contingencies.

2596) \$150; 2597) \$150 (SSTC); 2598) \$100;
2599) \$80 (WF); 2600) \$100 (Sharon); 2601)
\$1,000; 2602) \$80 (Tithes); 2603) \$10,000
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Attention Mersing Campers!

1. All campers are to meet with Camp Master Deacon Sng Teck Leong after service today for transport arrangement.
2. Check passports, fill pink cards, get car pass!
3. The following by bus must arrive in Church before 6.30 a.m.: Kenneth Chan, Harold Tan, Wong Chin Siong, Charlie Chan, Fam Chuay Lai, Wong Foon Leng, Lim Lee Chin, Lau Sock Eng, Tan Lay Hoon, Cheung Foong Ming, Grace Khoo, Faith Khoo, Mrs Khoo Peng Kiat, Mrs Susan Chan, Mrs Rosalind Cheah, Mrs Ivy Tow, Mary Ho, Jemima Tow and Han Mei Lan. You will be ferried to J.B. to board Mersing bus leaving 8.00 a.m. sharp.
4. Pack only 3 nights' change of clothing not in suitcases but in light, soft bags - to save space.
5. All motorists are to meet in Church before 8.00 a.m. to help transportation of camp beds, etc. (equal distribution).

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Bible

20th June 1982

Synopsis of First 3 Messages Preached to Mersing Campers

THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND YOU

I The Kingdom of God Deprived from Rebellious Man

Do you know that this sin-cursed world now in Satan's grip (I Jn. 5:19) was in the beginning God's Kingdom committed to man's dominion (Gen. 1:28) and the Garden of Eden was Paradise on earth? And earth was married to heaven? For God and man then had perfect communion until man rebelled against God by eating the forbidden through the temptation of the Serpent? As a result God's Kingdom on earth came under Satan's power while man had to pay the penalty of his rebellion. He forfeited his governorship. He must slave instead for his livelihood in the bondage of thorns and thistles. And woman's childbirth was a sorrow multiplied? She came under control of her husband. No wonder the many clashes, heartaches and tears that have overtaken you in your short lifetime! Moreover, there's the sentence of hell to be served in the next life with Satan in the lake of fire (Rev. 21:8). There may be some in this camp bound by Satan because you have also rebelled against God.

II The Kingdom of God Regained for the Submissive

God's love for man, however, did not deprive man's governorship over His kingdom on earth forever. While God had to carry out the sentence of deprivation of man's governorship He simultaneously revealed His plan of regaining "Paradise Lost". He declared war on the Serpent. The Seed of the woman, the Virgin-born Son of God, would come to defeat him. He would bruise the Serpent's head by taking on our death sentence upon Him, which is the bruising of His heel (Gen. 3:15). This is the Gospel of Genesis. The pain of battle He underwent was temporary, since in three days He rose from the dead. He bestows the spoils of war with Satan only on the submissive, not on the rebellious.

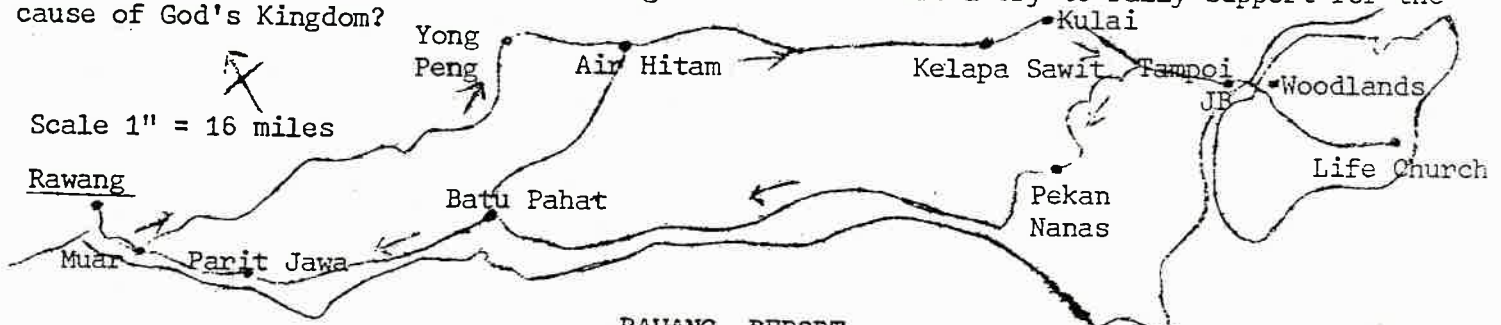
The first to regain "Paradise Lost" was Abel because he brought a lamb in sacrifice, acknowledging his guilt to the Heavenly Majesty. Cain his elder brother was rejected because he did not submit to the Messianic rule, bringing a lamb like Abel. His offering of fruits from the field is symbolic of the mass of mankind who rely on their own goodness. Wretched man bound by sin can never free himself, can do no good to merit salvation. Are you Abel or Cain?

III The Power of God in Reconquering His Kingdom on earth

In the O.T. God's power of reconquering His kingdom on earth was effected in the Lamb sacrifice. In the time of Moses it was greatly displayed in the Passover. The blood of the sacrificial lamb kept the angel of death from every Israelite home, while every Egyptian house lost a first-born. In N.T. times the power of reconquering God's Kingdom on earth is manifested in the declaration of the message of the Cross (I Cor. 2:1-5). The John Sung chorus "In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever. All my sins are washed away in the Blood of Jesus" gives forth mighty power to deliver you and me from the clutches of sin. Unless the message of the cross is declared far and wide, Satan's dominion over the earth remains unshaken. Hence we are calling young men and women to declare the message of the cross to set many prisoners in the chains of darkness free. We need messages of the Light to pierce the Kingdom of darkness.

Rev Ting Li Mei, China's first revivalist before John Sung, called for 1,000 student volunteers to join the Lord's Army. John Sung must have got his 10,000. I am but calling for 100. After teaching 20 years at FEBC I have barely attained to this humbler figure. Fellow-camper, whether you are middle-aged or young, have you considered to be a volunteer for God's Kingdom?

You who have visited the mission stations on the East Coast of Johore have seen how deserted and isolated these pockets of God's Kingdom are. Is there a cry to rally support for the cause of God's Kingdom?



RAWANG REPORT

130 miles northwest of Singapore, $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles on the other side of the Muar River in the blue shadows of Mt Ophir is the village of Rawang. 60 years ago that colony of Teochew Christian settlers newly arrived from South China decided to form a Church. For some years before this date, i.e. 1922, they worshipped every Lord's Day at the Living Water Church (founded 1892) by rowing across the Muar River.

A Malay bungalow built on stilts on a two-acre plot was purchased, which served its purposes until 1972 when it was replaced by the present handsome edifice, a prominent landmark dominating the Muar-Segamat highway.

With the coming of Mr & Mrs Teo Chiam Seng to Rawang in 1974 the Church has regained her former strength, "Taking root downward and bearing fruit upward", (Isa 37:31) a new branch shot forth from Rawang five years ago in the founding of a Gospel station at Bukit Gambir, 12 miles inland. To maintain this witness which was started by the Youth Fellowship, the Church bought a VW Kombi. A Rawangite's house with a spacious hall and a big courtyard is offered for the running of a Wednesday night Gospel meeting. Here are gathered regularly 20-30 children mostly from pagan homes.

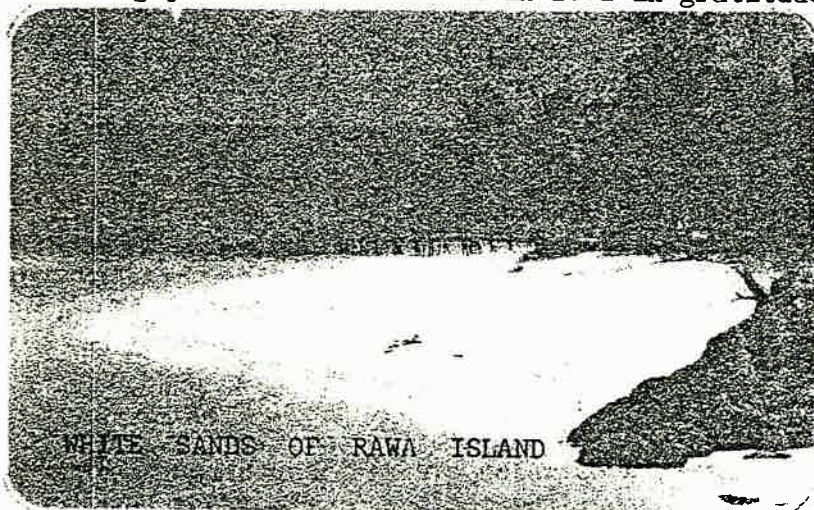
The Gospel light shining out of Bukit Gambir since then has attracted a well-to-do young man living 10 miles farther inland at Kunlang Ulu in the upper reaches of the Muar River. This young man was baptised a year ago, and beatings by his elder brother have been the price he must pay for belief in the Lord Jesus Christ.

To strengthen the faith of this young man, we made a special trip to Kunlang Ulu. This so aroused the ire of the elder brother that he came the same Lord's Day afternoon to Rawang Church to challenge the elders. Satan's dark stronghold of steeped idol-worship has been shaken by the Gospel-power! It is our prayer that this elder brother might also be delivered.

At Rawang last Lord's Day, two young people re-affirmed their faith. Two infants and three adults were also baptised. One was the bride who was married the day before, a K.L. girl coming under the roof of the Chua family, a founding member of Rawang Church.

As 1982 is the 60th Anniversary of Rawang Church and the 10th Anniversary of the building of the second House of God, Session has decided to commemorate this double event mid-September this year. Coincidentally our B-P Synod is scheduled to meet at Rawang the same month with a three day retreat at Port Dickson. God surely had a hand in this merging of decisions. It is hoped that leaders of the B-P Church of Singapore by paying a visit to Rawang will be stirred to venture out for Christ. Unless the Church keeps moving ahead as it is intended by her Lord, we are in danger of becoming a monument.

(Rawang joined the BP Church in 1972 in gratitude of our help in building her new Church)



Having a Holiday With Jesus

We set off in the morning from Life Church at 8.10 a.m. with the full attendance of approximately 41. Mrs Tow and over 10 other campers had already set off early in the morning by a public bus. The rest of us went in cars and, although, there were a few drivers who did not know the way to Mersing, the Captain who is Pastor Tow arranged for drivers who knew the way to guide the others who did not. Fortunately, we passed through the Customs without any trouble.

At about 10 a.m. we arrived at Bethany Christian Church before Kota Tinggi to have a break. Since the lady who was

supposed to serve us red-bean soup was busy, our Pastor played the role of a tour-guide. He told us that the estate once belonged to a European who later sold it to a Mr Fam the present proprietor of the estate. Having rested for awhile, we headed for Mersing. On the way we saw many plantations, especially rubber and oil palm. I fell asleep while nearing the Mersing Resthouse. The moment we reached the resthouse, we started looking for our rooms. The view from our room was breathtaking as it was directly overlooking the sea.

At 1 in the afternoon, we had a most delicious lunch. We had a worship service after lunch and later in the evening. The next day everyone had a Bible Exposition given by Pastor Tow. During those few hours we had already made a few friends. Following that we had lunch and in the afternoon visits to Churches at Kampong Hubong, Endau and Rompin. Everything went well as expected. On our way back we were caught in a heavy rain, but praise the Lord, we returned safely. We had a wonderful dinner which was so delicious that the plates were soon empty. It could be seen by their expressions that the Lifers were contented with the good meal. During the night we had a good night's sleep but the airconditioners were freezing cold, and even without the airconditioners, we still felt cold.

The following day which was Wednesday, Camp Master Deacon Sng Teck Leong, arranged for a picnic to Pulau Rawa. Not everyone went to this picnic, but those who went had a marvellous time. That evening after dinner, the children's choir presented a short song from the Wordless Book Chorus. Later in the night after the evening service, most of the campers went into town to buy foodstuffs to bring back to Singapore. That night, everyone was in their own dorms.

The next day which was Thursday and being the last day of camp, we had a testimony time in which a representative from each dorm presented their testimonies.

At 2 in the afternoon, everyone checked out of the Resthouse, feeling happy and glad that they had walked and talked to God.

I hope this camp has an effect on me and would change my character. During camp, God has indeed spoken and walked with me. I hope that there will be many camps like this to follow.

Amen.

By Joyce Poh Age: 15+



URGENT MESSAGE FOR TODAY

Rev. Timothy Tow

Text: 1 Thess. 5:1-11

BEGINNING THIS LORD'S DAY, for nine weeks we are delivering a series of messages on the Return of Jesus Christ. Jesus is coming. He is coming very soon. He is coming any moment now! He is coming to save His own. But He is also coming to judge the world, this wicked and rebellious world. Are you delighted to hear He is coming? Or are you afraid of meeting Him?

Are you saved? If you are not saved, you will be afraid to meet Him at His coming. When I was a boy I was afraid to hear of Jesus' coming from Grandpa's preaching. I was not saved then. Thank God, I'm no more afraid of Christ's return. He is now my Blessed Hope, my joy for living in the momentous and perilous days ahead. How do you react to the Return of Jesus Christ?

The Urgent Message for Today we're delivering you tonight is, "Jesus is Coming!"

Greater Urgency — Our Unpreparedness!

But the greater urgency of the message is not so much in the imminence, the any-moment element of His coming. The greater urgency is our unpreparedness to meet Him. Paul writing to the Thessalonians predicts, "For when they shall say, peace and safety, then sudden destruction cometh on them..." (1 Thess 5:3). Who are they that shall say, Peace and safety? Like those snoring in deep slumber in their cosy beds when fire has broken out in the kitchen? I can name at least four types of people oblivious or wilfully ignorant of the crisis of the hour.

1. The World-at-large, those who are outside of the Church of Jesus Christ. Those who are so engrossed in the world — money-making, position, power, wealth, properties, careers, ambitions, pleasures, tourism, etc. etc. They who live with no hope beyond this life.
2. More deadly are those who speak lies in hypocrisies. Politicians and men in high places of government, military leaders who, knowing the dangers of impending destruction, hide the truth from the people for their own selfish ends. They pretend to make peace who are most intent to make war. We have learnt some lessons from World War II, e.g. Hitler's treachery and Japan's double-dealing.
3. The third type are what the Apostle Peter calls "scoffers". These **Ally** reject the prophetic Scriptures that foretell the Return of our Saviour.

Their argument is "Where is the promise of His coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation..." I have known of a modernist English missionary who ridiculed our message on Christ's second Coming. He scoffed at His Lord with the sneer: If He says He is coming, why doesn't He? For two thousand years it is preached that He is coming, but He is nowhere to be seen! The same missionary therefore declared: Christ had come — at Pentecost! How crooked is such Scripture-twisting! But if we rarely give a thought to His return, if we are so engrossed with the world that we care little for Him and His Church, we are no better than that scoffing English missionary.

4. The fourth class, and the worst of all, therefore, are ourselves! Christians who leave their first love, carried away by the world. The classic example is Lot, revelling with his family in the pleasures of Sodom and Gomorrah. When God's fiery judgement fell, Lot barely escaped by the skin of his teeth. He lost his wife. What a sombre warning!

Now Paul says we are not in darkness that we should be overtaken as by a thief. Paul reminds us we are in the light. Paul tells us we are not asleep, but are awake, watching. We should all be well-informed, well-prepared for the "sudden destruction" that will come upon the earth.

The Third World War is Inevitable!

What is the sudden destruction? Those of us who have heard prophetic messages from Jesus' Olive! Discourse as contained in Matt 24 and relevant passages in the other Gospels, who have heard messages from Revelation, are well aware of a global holocaust that must come at the Return of Christ. This global holocaust will be...

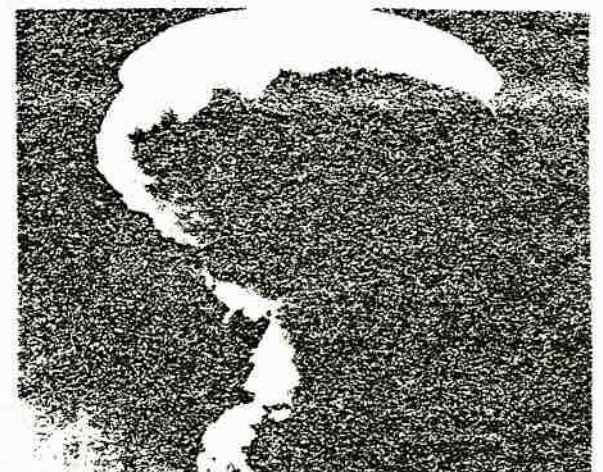
URGENT MESSAGE FOR TODAY is the first of nine messages on the Second Coming of Jesus Christ preached by Rev. T. Tow(3), Dr. Tow Siang Hwa(3), Rev. Edward Pauwe(2) and Rev. Philip Heng(1) at the Sunset Gospel Hour, Calvary Pandan B-P Church, and now printed into a book. It is profusely illustrated with relevant news-cuttings like the mushroom-shaped atomic bomb explosion below. It is a timely message to a lost world, but more important to you and your family. For not every member of your family is saved. Are you not concerned for their salvation?

While there are nations preparing for survival in a nuclear war when 500 million will die in the Northern Hemisphere (New Nation, Oct. 13, 1980), Christians have that Blessed Hope of being caught up to meet Jesus in the clouds (1 Thess. 4:13-18). That is why we have entitled these messages of Hope "**Behold He Comes**". Is His coming for your salvation or for condemnation?

Apart from the evangelistic emphasis of this series of nine messages, there is a wealth of documentation on the signs of His coming both in the secular and church world and in Israel that are now now placed at your finger tips. Such documentation is not only convincing to the enquiring readers, but also valuable to the Bible student as a source of knowledge of end-time developments.

Priced \$6 at the bookshops, it is offered to our Readers for only \$4. Get yours at the Church counter! Give good Christian books. "**Behold He Comes**" is a timely offer!

FOR YET A LITTLE WHILE, AND HE THAT SHALL COME WILL COME, AND WILL NOT TARRY. — HEBREWS 10:37



power to build
1.3 mil Hiroshima
size bombs...

The mushroom-shaped atomic bomb explosion

I thank the Lord for bringing me to the Life Church Family Camp held at Mersing June 14-17. I thank Him for the manifold blessings which He graciously bestowed upon all of us—physical and spiritual manna which we partook of everyday.

Before the camp, I was obsessed with the mundane and temporal things of the world. However, through this camp, my perspective of what really matters has changed. Man's kingdom which appears beautiful and strong ultimately has to fade away, because it is but of a temporal nature. On the other hand, God's kingdom abideth forever more. Why then is everyone so adamant acquiring more wealth than seeking the kingdom of God and His righteousness?

I thank the Lord for opening my eyes to my folly. Indeed, I must learn to walk circumspectly, not as a fool, but as wise, redeeming the time because the days are evil. I thank God for the timely reminder through pastor's message on Nebuchadnezzar's dream. God's kingdom is PERMANENT and ETERNAL; Man's kingdom 'appeareth but for a moment and then vanisheth away.' Whom then shall I serve? God or mammon? No man can have two masters, whom then should I, as a Christian, serve?

I thank the Lord for shaking me out of a state of complacency. I thank Him for this camp where I was refreshed both physically and spiritually. I thank God too for this family camp "where all things work together for good to them who love Him, to them who are the called according to His purpose." And all things were done to His Glory. Amen.

- Mary Ho

YEARNING FOR SOMETHING HIGHER?

For all flesh is as grass, And all the glory of man as the flower of grass.

The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away. But the Word of the Lord abideth forever" (I Pet. 1:24,25).

Have you thought more seriously of the purpose of life? Do the words of the apostle Peter stir within you a yearning for the Eternal? Has Christ been speaking to you, young Readers as you consider some profession or higher study? "If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me" (Matt. 19:21).

If the Lord is calling you, may I offer you a place to study at Far Eastern Bible College, re-opening July 19, 1982. 11 young men and women, from Asean countries mostly, are newly Enrolled. How about you? - T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (JUNE 28-JULY 4)

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting at Parsonage
WED 8.00 pm Korean Service (Rev.Dr. Tan)
SAT 3.30 pm JYF, YF & AF
SUN 10.00 am Rev Tan Wai Choon (Lord's Supper)
10.00 am Rev Tow (Chinese Service) "
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OFFERING FOR JUNE 13: \$2,159.80 + \$1,000 (for Buffet Dinner)

OFFERING FOR JUNE 20: \$2,481.40

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS (JUNE 13)

2605) \$50; 2606) \$90 (Rawang); 2607) \$10;
2608) \$15; 2609) \$150; 2610) \$30; 2611) \$60;
2612) \$100 (Box); 2613) \$504.57 (LCSS);
2614) \$240; 2615) \$100.32 (Int.); 2616) \$200
(Kor. Ch.); 2617) \$1,000; 2618) \$110 (Canada);
2619) \$500 (HK); 2620) \$100; 2621) \$30;

TOTAL: \$1,214,627.94

JUNE 20: 2622) \$200; 2623) \$55; 2624) \$150;
2625) \$100; 2626) \$510 (Thanksgiving);
2627) \$500; 2628) \$50; 2629) \$40; 2630) \$120;
2631) \$50 (RTL); 2632) \$100; 2633) \$250; 26
2634) \$1,350; 2635) \$1,000; 2636) \$200;
2637) \$2,500; 2638) \$300; 2639-42) \$150.98;
\$123.57; \$127.07; \$198.95 2644) \$10

TOTAL \$1,222,703.45 STOP PRESS! 2643) \$50.

Surplus from Mersing Camp to Chin Lien Bible Seminary \$200

Miss Kimiko Goto has returned from Japan.
Welcome Home!

Peter Clements sends greetings from interior Kalimantan.

Rev Andrew Bo is now located at Baraka Hostel P.O.Box 1, Bethlehem, Israel.

Praise God for restoring 1) Mrs. Joseph Chiang; 2) Rev. Jason Linn; 3) Mr. T.C.Eng.

Continue to pray for 1) Paul Wong's mother-in-law, 2) sick Indonesian Christians coming to Singapore for healing.

Work on the Woodlands site by Techfield commences July 1 and should complete June 30, 1983! Pray for Beulanders as they contemplate starting a regular service in Woodlands. If you have a good photo of the worksite we'll publish it.

Rev. Tan will henceforth take over the Tuesday night Prayer meeting and Bible Study.

RPG Daily Bible Reading Notes. The new series on the Gospel are from the pen of Life Church pastor. Please introduce them to your friends. 50¢ a copy at the Church counter.

Rev. Lin Tah Mon and Mr Tsao See are scheduled to minister at Tg. Pinang, Lord's Day July 11, '82.

Praise the Lord, with the gift of \$500 from a member of the Chinese Service last week, the Djunaidi Parsonage and Church Hall Fund reached \$43,162.38! This exceeds the target by \$162.38. Rev and Mrs Djunaidi arrived yesterday by cargo boat and speaks at the

Chinese Service this morning & Indonesian Service this afternoon 4 p.m.

Praise the Lord for adding a piece of land to the Siantan property, the gift of a Jakarta brother. The Church opens a Christian Sec. School next month.

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REPORT ON WEST KALIMANTAN

With Djunaidi's arrival last Lord's Day, we are enabled to present you this latest report on W. Kalimantan.

The top photo shows a group of young people lined up alongside the Gospel Boat, "Kapuas Kourier." Six of them are S'pore Varsity Christians. One of them, Miss Omar, is a member of Grace B-P Church. She had an interesting report on the Team's visit, published in Grace Weekly two months ago and in an early number of this Weekly. Another member of the Team, Miss Catherine Chung, writes of Djunaidi, "Truly, here is a man of God who knows his Lord. His concern for people is seen so evidently in the way he preaches. Whether the congregation is educated as in the Bible School or simple folks as in the villages, his message of salvation rings strongly.... His heart is truly for the Dayaks"

Yes, it was for the Dayaks' sake that the Gospel Boat was built in July 1978, 4 years ago to the day! It was by this Boat that the Team was enabled to visit remote villages on the Kapuas and its tributary, the Landak. Today work with the Dayaks has picked up with Rev. C T Hsu of New York giving monthly support to three workers, and a Christian brother in Singapore giving \$150 to support another.

One of our Dayak workers, Aris by name, is stationed on the border with Sarawak. As the Gospel has advanced not only to the border, but spilled over into Kuching, Djunaidi will return via Kuching to hold meetings, and from there drive to Lundu the border town to inspect Aris' work.

Pontianak's "Kowloon" is Siantan where we have built on 3/4 acre of land a Church-kindergarten as seen in the lower photo, with a two-storey parsonage and social hall at the back.

The kindergarten has completed one academic year. On the Lord's Day 150-200 children from the immediate slums come to S. School. As Christian education is one most effective way of winning young souls to Christ, and is economically viable, Djunaidi has taken a great leap forward now to establish a Christian Secondary School. Over 70 already have enrolled so when he returns, a Christian Secondary School will spring up in the same building, in the afternoon session.

A Jakarta brother recently visited Djunaidi's work. He was so impressed by such a fruitful testimony that he donated scores of Indonesian Bibles for the Dayaks. He also offered 1.6 million rupiah to acquire an adjacent plot of land so as to forestall rising land prices as well as develop this plot for a greater ministry.

Catherine Chung of the Varsity Team tells of his intention "to set up an orphanage. Truly, his heart is for the poor and needy."

Djunaidi invites Lifers to a weeks' visit, perhaps in December. This time you'll be taken care of in comfort from what you can see in these latest photos!

- T.T.

CALL FROM SINGKEP ISLAND 12 hours motor launch from Tanjung Pinang south is the Island of Singkep. Bro. Teo Han Kiat, a convert from Tanjung Pinang, who I married two years ago is settled here. A congregation has been organised and two couples of Christian workers have come here and gone! The field is white to harvest, but where are the workers? An appeal has therefore been made to Tanjung Pinang and from Tanjung Pinang it has been relayed to our ears! "Who will go for US?" And if you cannot relay the Gospel to the lost in Singkep will you pray and give that others may go?



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INTRODUCTION TO JOHN THE GOSPEL OF LIFE

In writing this fourth and last Gospel of our Lord and Saviour, the Apostle John states his purpose: "But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through His Name"(Jn 20:31). John's Gospel is the Gospel of Life, that is what you and I, sons of death, need!

For a panoramic view of the Book, let us bring the 21 long chapters into briefest focus as follows:-

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| <p>01. To seekers of the eternal Logos,
Jesus Christ is the Word of Life.</p> <p>02. To the joined in holy matrimony,
Jesus Christ is the Wine of Life.</p> <p>03. To him not born a second time,
Jesus Christ is the Breath of Life.</p> <p>04. To her unquenched by five-fold philandering,
Jesus Christ is the Water of Life.</p> <p>05. To the invalid, sick and abandoned,
Jesus Christ is the Physician of Life.</p> <p>06. To hungry multitudes of the world,
Jesus Christ is the Bread of Life.</p> <p>07. To those who imbibe of His Spirit,
Jesus Christ flows as Rivers of Life.</p> <p>08. To men and women in dark pleasures,
Jesus Christ shines the Light of Life.</p> <p>09. To the blind of body and spirit,
Jesus Christ is the Sight of Life.</p> <p>10. To His own sheep who hear His Word,
Jesus Christ is the Door of Life.</p> | <p>11. To both dead and living believing,
Jesus Christ is the Resurrection and the Life.</p> <p>12. By His death that many might live,
Jesus Christ is the Seed of Life.</p> <p>13. To the disciples already cleansed,
Jesus Christ remains their Ablution of Life.</p> <p>14. To Thomas and you who grope for Salvation,
Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth and the Life.</p> <p>15. To infuse for more fruitful service,
Jesus Christ is the Vine of Life.</p> <p>16. By procession of the Holy Spirit,
The apostles are led to the Truth of Life.</p> <p>17. To the Father's own elect ones,
Jesus Christ effectuates the Mediator of Life.</p> <p>18. To desperate disciples who defend Him,
Jesus Christ remains their Shield of Life.</p> <p>19. Before Caesar's governor who tries Him,
Jesus Christ royally stands the King of Life.</p> <p>20. To worshippers of the Risen Lord,
Jesus Christ is the Peace of Life.</p> <p>21. To His Flock and undershepherds,
Jesus Christ is the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the everlasting covenant.</p> |
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FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, THAT
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THAT WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM
SHOULD NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE EVER-
LASTING LIFE. - Jn 3:16.

(Be sure you get every copy to make a complete set.)

(Sample page of RPG WORK-BOOK No.8 by Rev. T.Tow)

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (July 5th - 11th)

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting at Parsonage
9.15 pm Session Meeting

FRI 8.00 pm Family Worship at home of Elder
and Mrs Mahadevan - 129,
Hillcrest Road, S'pore 1128.

SAT 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
4.00 pm Kebaktian Indon.
4.30 pm Sharon Service
5.25 pm Bus to Calvary Pandan (Rev Charlie
8.00 pm Korean Service Tan)

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS \$2,651.00 + \$100 (Djunaidi) + \$100 (Dohar)

NEW LIFE CHURCH IN WOODLANDS 2645) \$200;
2646) \$100(TBC); 2647) \$20; 2648) \$32;
2649) \$102; 2650) \$50; 2651) \$170; 2652) \$200;
2653) \$100; 2654) \$240; 2655) \$210; 2656) \$400;
2657) \$100; 2658) \$50(in camera); 2659) \$1,925
(1st month pay; 2660) \$4,312; 2661-65) \$145.60;
\$87.21; \$102.65; \$141.27; \$139.30;(Int.);
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2666) \$2,435.46; 2667) \$200; 2668) \$120;
2669) \$100.

Pray for Mr. T.C.Eng's recovery(Ward 30, TTSH)
Hear Rev. Djunaidi at the Chinese Service this
morning and at the Indonesian Service 4pm. The
Djunaidis are leaving for Pontianak via
Kuching, MAS, J.B., Tuesday July 6th, 9am.
Edited by Rev Timothy Tow, 9A Gilstead Road,
Singapore 1130. Tel: 2560617/2569256.

PREVIEW OF "A Great Nation" a timely message
on Israel to be published next week:

In a very recent issue of the Straits Times,
the story is told of Israel Prime Minister
Begin meeting with U.S. President Reagan. This
is what Begin says of a joke he cracked with
the American President. Begin says President
Reagan told him he had three phones on his desk.
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(Gen. 12:2). The same promise that Israel would
be a great nation He confirmed in Jacob(Gen 46:3)
and with the Israelites under Moses(Dt. 26:5).
Israel's greatness is solely from God....

The Call of Christ is a new series of messages
by 12 B-P ministers. Hear Rev. K.C. Quek at
Calvary Pandan 6pm today.

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ISRAEL A GREAT NATION?

Message delivered at the Sunset Gospel Hour, Calvary Pandan B-P Church by
Rev Timothy Tow, Sunday, September 13, 1981.

Since the end of World War II, many young and vigorous nations have been born, one after the other, which were once colonies of the Great Powers. From the Asean Bloc have "emerged" the Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore. Many nations have arisen in Africa with new names that old-timers have a hard time to follow. Among all these new nations there came into being on May 14, 1948 the State of Israel. The majority of Israel is made up of returnee Jews, after 2,000 years of exile.

In land area Israel is one of the tiniest, ~~being smaller than the State of Johore~~. The only country in the world, to which it can boast of comparative bigness, perhaps, is Singapore. Population-wise Israel has ~~slightly over 2.5 million souls~~, not much bigger than Singapore either. Indeed, Israel is but a speck on the globe, a little dot on the world map. If you stand at a vantage point in the Holy Land on a fine day, say, on the hill of Samaria, you could see almost the four corners of the country. How does a tiny country like Israel become such a great nation as she is today?

Israel is in the news, front page world news, more often than any other of the new-born nations. Israel is in the news side by side with the super powers, most frequent with the United States. How has little Israel gained such global prominence?

In a very recent issue of the Straits Times, the story ^{was} told of ^{former} Israel Prime Minister Begin meeting with U.S. President Reagan. This is what Begin ^{said} of a joke he cracked with the American President. Begin ^{said} President Reagan told him he had three phones on his desk. One was white to call British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. One was blue to call France's Francois Mitterrand. The third which was a red one was for God. But added Reagan, "I don't use it too much, as long distance is so expensive."

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Now, may we ask, "How does Israel become great?" Israel has become great by being God's receptacle, God's chosen vessel, to receive His Special Revelation.

Sin had polluted the whole world and blinded the eyes of the nations to the light of the truth. Instead of seeking the Creator God that had made them, they groped in the darkness of ^{idol}atry. This is particularly condemned by St. Paul in the first chapter of Romans. In the midst of such Egyptian darkness, God came first to Abraham, and after several generations to Moses. God took Israel out of the land of their slavery and gave them the Law. This Law which is summarised in the Ten Commandments God delivered to Moses on two tables of stone. By the light of these two tables Israel was delivered from the pollutions of the world, from sins against God and the sins against her fellowmen. And it is through Israel that the moral Law, as ^{given} in the Ten Commandments, has become the pattern of all modern legal codes of the nations of the world. Thus declared Moses to Israel on the eve of their entry to the Promised Land to remind her of her holy obligations to greatness, "Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgements, even as the Lord my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it. Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes; and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people. For what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the Lord our God is in all things that we call upon him for? And what nation is there so great, that hath statutes and judgements so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day? Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons; Specially the day that thou stoodest before the Lord thy God in Horeb, when the Lord said unto me, Gather me the people together, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they live upon the earth, and that they may teach their children" (Dt. 4:5-10).

We who live under the justice of a good Government in Singapore must remember the British who gave us our law. But, how did the British possess such good laws? Where did they get it then? From the Bible and from the Law of Moses.

In contrast with little Israel, there is that gigantic country China, the land of our ancestors. For hundreds of years until ^{the Manchu Dynasty} today she had sunken into the depths of poverty and misery, of backwardness in science and technology. And all this because our ancestors had departed from the Creator God, being devoid of His Law. Our ancestors were steeped in idoltary,

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not knowing the True God. Hence flourished all the social evils that outgrew from their sin without restraint. As recent as the last generation, the Chinese people did not enjoy such a divine right of man as the weekly Sabbath. The weekly Sabbath had been enjoyed in the West with the advent of Christianity from time immemorial. The keeping of Sunday as a Holy Day was particularly strong in the days of the Puritans in Great Britain. How both man and beast rested from their servile work in the Light of God's Law! This is but one blessing to mention that comes to the whole world from Israel, yea, even from the Law of Moses. ~~Today is Sunday.~~ How is it that ~~that~~ ^{we} ~~you~~ ^{we} had no need to go to office or factory ~~this morning?~~ We in Singapore today are enjoying the blessings of a Law which God first gave to Israel! This law that distinguished Israel from the Gentiles, that made Israel great!

Secondly, Israel is a great nation because not only has God's Law been given through her, but also God's Son. Jesus our Lord and Saviour was born a Jew, from the house of David, from the stock of Abraham. The greatness of Israel, as we have observed, is not in her mental powers, but rather in her spiritual heritage. Through her is the Promised Seed given whereby all the families of the earth are blessed (Gen. 12:3). ~~Tonight you and I who are~~ *We Christ's* ~~saved~~ must remember that we owe the Jews this great debt. Israel was not only, as St. Augustine had said, the Librarian to the Christian Church (she has given us by her prophets the Bible). Through her has come to us the Saviour of the world, Jesus Christ, the only way to God. A young Jewess, the Virgin Mary, was the chosen vessel through whom Jesus Christ was born.



Roman soldiers carrying off the menorah from the Temple in Jerusalem (detail of relief on Arch of Titus, Rome)

But alas! The Jews who were the very recipients of the Salvation of God rejected Christ and had Him crucified. Their Church leaders were not afraid of the guilt of their crime. They even challenged God to take the Blood of the Spotless Son of God upon themselves and their children. Of the Jews that believed in Jesus and were gathered together as a Christian community there were not more than 120. Apart from those 3,000 and 5,000 who believed the Lord at Pentecost, the rest of the Jews rejected the Gospel. Therefore the Gospel was preached to the Gentiles. The Jews who rejected Christ were rejected of God. Hence their Diaspora or dispersion, their scattering, to the ends of the earth. Israel the great nation became a small nation, a stateless nation.

By the mysterious decrees of God Israel, like the olive branch, was cut off when they rejected the Saviour. The Gentiles who believed, like a wild olive branch, was grafted in her place. Today salvation is still given to the Gentiles, so this Gospel continues to be preached freely and without restraint to ~~you~~ ^{us} who live in a free country like Singapore. But soon our time will be up when "the fulness of the Gentiles be come in," i.e. when the predestined number of Gentiles to be saved will be counted. Then Israel, the outcast Olive branch, will be reinstated when "all Israel shall be saved" (Rom. 11:26).

One reason why Israel must be reinstated is God's unchangeable promise to Abraham. The promise given him and his descendants is forever vested in them. Another reason why Israel must be restored to her former glory is that the promise God gave to David of a throne that must ~~also~~ remain forever must be fulfilled. And that throne to be set up again is by none other than Christ, the Messiah, David's Greater Son. In the light of these promises, no wonder we see Israel gathered back together to her land as a nation. Israel is become a great nation again, a super power among the larger but weaker Arab nations.

Satan does not like to see Israel restored to her previous greatness as in the days of David and Solomon. Satan has therefore instigated the Arabs to fight Israel. ~~Four~~ ^{Five} wars were fought: In 1948 the Arabs tried to prevent Israel from becoming a nation but they failed. In 1956 there broke out the Second War. Again the Arabs were defeated. In 1967 Egypt, Syria and Jordan were gravely wounded in the Six Day War. The fourth one, fought in 1973 known as the Yom Kippur War or War of the Day of Atonement, again saw Israel victorious. How is it that the Arabs, like a gang of thugs setting on a teenage boy walking alone in the lane were on the contrary thrown back one after the other like in a Kung Fu drama? The secret of Israel's greatness as a nation is God.

And as God is behind the descendants of Abraham His "friend", so has He helped Israel in the epic Entebbe raid, saving over 100 hostages hijacked by Palestine Arabs. Moreover God has ~~most recently~~ enabled His chosen race to carry out the destruction of the atomic plant in Iraq. Israel continues to be helped by the United States the greatest power in the world. All this is in order that Israel might play her role in the revelation of Jesus Christ. As Christ, like an airplane, needed Israel to land in the First Advent, so must He need Israel a second time to return to earth to judge the nations. 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 sad ending of Hitler, 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 in the War's aftermath. How we thank God for Sadat, his successor, who ~~has~~ so

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With Israel's southern border secure she can face the enemy
bravely stood alone to make peace with Israel. ~~I can predict such a man will not end up like~~ *back*
~~Hitler or Nasser. Inasmuch as he has made peace with Israel, God will be his shield. (Sadat~~ *with her*
~~has since died a martyr's death in the cause for World Peace).~~ *to the*

What is your attitude to Israel? If you have that anti-Jewish feeling like the rest of the world, change over to a lover of Israel. ~~tonight.~~ "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: They shall prosper that love thee." Make peace with Israel! Such a heathen chieftain had the wise insight into the goodness of making friends with Israel: Thus Abimelech, Chieftain of the Philistines, came to Abraham: "God is with thee in all that thou doest..." And thus did Abimelech say to Isaac, "We saw certainly that the Lord was with thee: and we said, let there be now an oath betwixt us and thee, and let us make a covenant with thee; That thou wilt do us no hurt, as we have not touched thee, and as we have done unto thee nothing but good, and have sent thee away in peace: thou art now the blessed of the Lord" (Gen. 21:22; 26:28,29). This wise choice is what King Solomon had observed: "When a man's ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him" (Prov. 16:7). Make peace with Israel because she is destined to be great. She will be the greatest when our Lord comes back to earth, to sit on His father David's throne in Jerusalem.

YERUSHALAYIM, MESSIAH IS COME

Yerushalayim, thy sons and daughters love thee!
Two thousand years they've wandered in exile.
Now by God's grace, they're gathered to thee in peace,
thy embrace, their weeping turns to smile.

Chorus:

Yerushalayim, let peace and freedom ring,
To thee Shalom, to thee Shalom!
Yerushalayim, lift up thy voice and sing,
Messiah is come, Messiah is come!.

Yerushalayim, behold Christ Jesus has come
To save thy sons, if they will turn to Him.
By death and pain, He has become their ransom.
Rising again, He has forgiven their sin.

Yerushalayim, behold Messiah shall come
To save thy Land, when thou shalt cry to Him.
He comes on clouds, with awesome loud trumpet
To judge the earth - peace a millennium. Sound

Yerushalayim, God is thy 'ternal peace,
City of Zion, David's throne rise again!
City of Truth, resplendent in His glory
Till sun shall rise and moon no more shall wane.

- (To the tune of "How Great Thou Art").



PASTOR'S CHAT

My dear Readers,

When a new Lifer did not see me in Church last week, he phoned to ask where I was. Well, I was with the Chinese Service at the FEBC Hall to administer the Lord's Supper (as announced in the Appointments Column the week previous). I was at the Chinese Service also to challenge the congregation to a new phase of God's work in Kalimantan.

Before Rev. Djunaidi spoke I reported to them the advances recently made. Although a Jakarta brother had added a plot of land 544 sq. m. to the Church property, I agree with Djunaidi we should acquire another plot of 867 sq. m. for \$4,500. For with an ever expanding Christian education programme we will soon crowd ourselves out. I therefore asked members to contribute this \$4,500, not neglecting their commitments to Woodlands. (The Chinese Service's Holy Communion offering each month goes to Woodlands, plus individual designated gifts) My challenge was heartily accepted. With accumulated funds plus several spontaneous gifts we had \$2,000 ready. The remaining \$2,500 will be raised through weekly offerings. (A B-P elder gave \$200).

Djunaidi returned Tuesday morning by MAS via J.B. and Kuching. In fact Sarawak is our extended field with Aris, a Dyak worker, stationed on this side of the Indonesian Border. To further promote missions we're organising a 2nd Team to Kalimantan in December. Register early!

Kebaktian Indonesia

Our Indonesian Service was founded Feb 7, '82. Last week we had a record attendance of 22 with an offering of \$50+. This youngest baby in our BP family has received the Lord's special nurture through the enthusiastic support of His children. Mr & Mrs Chia provided tea after the service. The Indo. Service has contributed \$200 to help W. Kalimantan.

Woodlands is undergoing a thorough transformation. No more the hillock and tall trees! The land is all levelled for construction to begin. Now, I'm told by the Architects no

But war will erupt again culminating in the Battle of Armageddon. In this final Battle of Messiah must come to save Israel. Type Zech. 13: 8-14:9.

provision was made for piling because our Church is built on a hill. That saves a goodly sum. Rev. C T Hsu has written from New York to congratulate us for commencing operations.

FEBC Evening Classes Open to Lifers.

This new semester will see a concentrated study on the New Testament. Dr. Tan Wai Choon offers Acts of the Apostles and I the Gospel of John, Mon. & Thurs. 7.30 pm. Wed. 8 pm will see the giving of a one hour course on Modern Religious Problems, mainly by Dr. Tow Siang Hwa. All these on Life Church premises. So we can boldly say there's no Church in Singapore with such a concentrated Bible study programme presented to her members as Life Church.

The Bible College reopens Mon. July 19. Who among the young people has heard God's call to study fulltime?

Session Decisions:

1) Rev. Dr. Tan Wai Choon is now Associate Pastor. 2) Woodlands needs a clerk of works. 3) Team to visit W. Kalimantan in Dec. 4) \$200 p.m. support for new Singkep Outreach. 5) Situation Vacant for Church Clerk. 6) Increase "Inspiring Hymns" to full strength as second Hymnal. 7) No Sunday lunch on Holy Communion Sunday. 8) 4-man committee to assign duties to Session members.

With the Assoc. Pastor taking the Prayer Meeting Bible Study, I shall be his interpreter so our Chinese speaking members can come. I shall also head up the Chinese Prayer Meeting! Mrs. Lee Choon Ngee, please announce to the Chinese Service!

Port Dickson Sept 13-16



Last year, about this time, the Presbytery had a wonderful retreat at Golden Sands, Port Dickson. This year, we're repeating the same. As we have developed into a Synod, this year's will be Synodical Retreat. It is open to all pastors, elders, deacons and their wives, ordinands and Church officers. Golden Sands, Port Dickson is second to none for such a time of gathering because of its beautiful sandy location and its exclusiveness as a Christian Conference Centre.

What enhances the value of the 200-mile trip is a break at Rawang, across the Muar River. For it coincides with Rawang's grand celebration of the 60th birthday and the 10th Anniversary of the building of their handsome Church (through Life Church). Whether the durian season will be on or not the hospitality of the Rawangites is wellknown. So, Session members are specially alerted now - Port Dickson, Sept. 13-16. The Anniversary Service at Rawang will be held Mon. Sept. 13, 11.00 a.m. N.B!

"I must work the works of Him that sent me while it is day" (Jn 9:4)

This statement by our Lord should teach us who are in His service to be time conscious and duty conscious. With FEBC's reopening on July 19, I can no longer delay my assignment to Medan. We have Dohar's third request to visit his congregation and to hold the 1st Lord's Supper after 1 1/3 years! There is also the matter of inspecting land for a Church building and visiting Dohar's father's country church. So, God-willing I shall leave Fri. July 16, a.m. for Medan and return Mon. July 19 in time for College reopening. Pray for your missionary-pastor. - T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (July 12th - 18th)		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting (with Chinese
FRI	7.30 pm	ICY at FEBC Hall Service)
	7.45 pm	WF at the home of Mrs Irene Tan
		Blk 7, 271R, Ghim Moh Road. Car
		pool leaves church at 7.15 pm.
		Speaker is Rev (Dr) Tan W C .
SAT	3.30 pm	JYF, YF & AF
	7.30 pm	YAF Get-Together (21-27 yrs old)
SUN	10.00 am	Rev Tan Wai Choon
	10.00 am	Mr Jonah Chan
	10.00 am	Rev Tow in BPC Medan
	11.45 am	Korean Service
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	8.00 pm	Korean Service
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Expresgram to Rev C T Hsu Your remittance for		
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Djunaidi! Your advice for Woodlands gratefully		
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Save your old Bibles! Let our Breakthrough Book-		
Binders help you(with leather binding). Leave		
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Be sure you get your RPG Bible-reading notes to		
form a set. "Behold He Comes" at \$4 only. Profit		
to Woodlands! Give good books!		
Welcome to Guests 1) Mrs Tan Soon Liang and 3		
children from Tg. Pinang. 2) Richard Wilson from		
Australia return to England. 3) Efendi of Indon.		
Rev Lin Tah Mon and Mr Charles Tsao of the Ch.		
Service are ministering in Tg. Pinang this Lord's		
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Our commitment to reviving the gospel work at		
Singkep Island, Indonesia is \$250 per mensen.		
Who'll support Singkep?		
YAF Get-Together is open to all who are interest-		
ed and are between 21 & 27 yrs old. Come join us!		
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(Notes by Rev. Timothy Fow)

can read more on their own. Let them use the Bible dictionary. Let them use some good commentary. The Ryrie Bible with footnotes, the Thompson Chain Reference Bible, are good helps. The NIV in more modern English can be used for comparative study. There are so many good things in God's spiritual-storage. Like the Tree of Life in the Garden of Eden, you may freely eat.

Yes, every Bible-Presbyterian Lifer should launch out on this Gospel of Life series put out by their own pastor. It is a labour of love. In these notes you will find the Life abundant you so much need. Why not introduce RPG to a friend - if you are a Pleasurable Bible-reading Lifer?

A GREAT DOOR TO NORTH SUMATRA
(and there are many adversaries) I Cor 16:9

On Feb. 13, 1981 the B-P Church of North Sumatra was declared open by a joint visit of the pastor of Life Church and Rev. Andrew Bo (now in Israel).

Since then, a second church has been established by Dohar's father at Bentar Kersik. From Bentar Kersik the Gospel has spread to Kota Baru a neighbouring village. The opportunities are so plentiful that Agus is constrained to work at Kota Baru for a year before resuming his study at FHEC.

Now, let the following two letters tell the story of "A Great Door to North Sumatra."

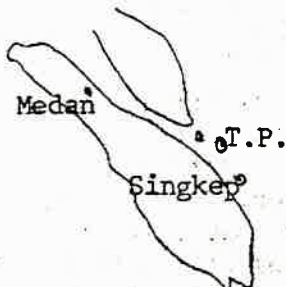
Letter from Dohar

Thank you for sending us a letter of admission of my sister, indeed the Lord has helped us to arrange everything for her coming to S'pore. I am grateful to the Lord for He has chosen our family to be His humble instruments in Sumatra to witness the gospel of His Son Jesus Christ to the lost soul. The Lord is blessing the work in Medan. He has been with us since we started to worship at Perumnas. Just as what you have ever said, "If the Lord is not with the work, time will indicate, after one year it will stop." Praise God that the B-P Church Sumatra does not stop

but instead, it increases and more believers are being added. Now our regular attendance for Sunday Service - are coming to twenty and over, sometimes we have no space for people to sit. The Sunday School has been changed from afternoon meeting to morning at 8.00 - 9.00 a.m. The attendance has increased greatly. We have sixty children now.

The church members have boldly registered to B-P Church Sumatra. Rev. 18 has been preached to them, and a few of the members have come out of their churches. But now we have problem concerning the status of our Church. We are still an illegal Church. We have not got yet the permit from the government. We find difficulties to worship at Perumnas because it is against the rule to make worship service at Perumnas. We have to sing softly so that the neighbours may not be disturbed. Please pray for us so that God may open the way for us to get the permit.

My brother Agus is a great help to me. We are now witnessing to a place named Kota Baru. At this time Agus is ministering to this place. We are truly in need, the fields are wide opened but no one to reap them. My brother Agus has decided to serve the people at Kota Baru (2.5 miles from my father's farm). We really strive to develop B-P Sumatra. How that we may get the necessary Permit from the government and build the church. It is not secure for us to be an illegal church in Indonesia. I don't know how to put this problem in words



but I do believe God will help us do His work. Please pray for us. We have been preaching the gospel wherever we go and whenever there is opportunity. The people like it very much. But the established churches dislike us.

Another problem now arises: that is, we have no ordained minister in the B-P Church Sumatra. What about conducting funeral, and if the members want to get married? I really fear and tremble before the Lord, and pray God to help us. I know I always do my best for His work. I have opened four house meetings every week, and I have appointed every Wednesday for going out to evangelise to people. Sometimes, I can not sleep when I think about the B-P Church Sumatra. When you see the need in Sumatra, you just feel sorrowful, because I can not do much. I just have hope only in God. He who has begun the good work, is He who will accomplish to the end. Do uphold us in your prayers please. May God bless Life B-P Church greatly.

Yours in His service,
Dohar S. Siregar

Letter from Dohar's father

We are very pleased to write this letter as all of us members of Life B-P Church Bentar Kersik are in good health and we hope that all of you are fine there.

As we wrote you on June 21st, 1982, we have proclaimed the gospel to the people in Kota Baru and we feel it necessary that Agus has to stay in Sumatra for one year to teach them the Word of God. Kota Baru consists of about 60 families of ± 200 souls. There is neither school nor church. Most of them are heathens. It is our duty to bring them safely to the Lord. Life B-P Church Bentar Kersik has discussed this matter and are of opinion to build a small church at Kota Baru.

As labourers are very few, Agus is willing to take this hard work upon himself and on this wise it will be easier for us to get license from the Government for building a church in Kota Baru as it is an urgent need for the inhabitants.

Nowadays it is quite difficult to build a Life B-P Church in Medan just as the saying that money makes the mare to go. So it is very expensive to procure permit. For this reason we think it to be wise to start Life B-P Church from the village to the city. All members of our church in Bentar Kersik have decided to work together to evangelise in Kota Baru. Let us pray that our Lord Jesus Christ will bless this work and many souls be won for Jesus. Please pray for the success of the evangelism in Sumatra. We trust that you will have no objection, if Agus is helping Dohar for one year and next year he can continue his studies again.

We are thankful to the Lord and to you, since Evelyn Priscilla (Dohar's elder sister) is accepted as a full-time student at the Far Eastern Bible College here. She is kind, obedient and a fervent follower of the Biblical truth. I trust that she will be a faithful servant of the Lord. May the Lord bless her with wisdom, that through her many lost souls may be won to the Glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please make her as your own daughter. May God bless you and all the members of Life B-P Church. May the Lord grant you wisdom authority and leadership to maintain your daily works.

We are aware of the many obstacles and difficulties we have to face in bringing forth the gospel, but let us leave everything to the kind care of our Mighty Lord; we may rest assured that all will be going well as we are doing His own Holy will.

Let us praise the Lord!

Yours in Christ,
Wesly

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (19th - 25th July)

MON 8.30 am FEBC reopens, Day of Prayer at
64 Andrew Road (No even. lecture)
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
THUR 9.30 am Tanglin Bible Class Meeting
No evening lecture
SAT 3.30 pm JYF, YF & AF
SUN 9.30 am Rev Tan at Calvary Jurong
10.00 am Rev Tow
10.30 am Rev Tan at Calvary Pandan
11.45 am Korean Service
1.30 pm Beulah Service
4.00 pm Kebaktian Indonesian
4.30 pm Sharon Service
5.25 pm Bus leaves for Calvary Pandan
8.00 pm Korean Service
8.30 pm FEBC Fac. & Board Meeting

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$ 3012.00 + \$100
(Singkep) + \$595(WF for K. Besar) + \$500
(Ch.Ser) + \$70(W.Kal) + \$80 (RTL).
NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS 2709) \$50(Ch.
Ser); 2710) \$2(W. Box); 2711) \$100; 2712)
\$100; 2713) \$35; 2714) \$400; 2715) \$33;
2716) \$1000; 2717) \$150; 2718) \$267; 2719)
\$100; 2720) \$200; 2721) \$100; 2722) \$80;
2723) \$250; 2724) \$113(Chin. Ser); 2725)
\$215(Ch. Ser); 2726) \$50(RTL); 2727) \$1500;

2728-2730) \$142.23; \$159.56; \$304.77(
(Interest). TOTAL \$1,247,664.84

OBITUARIES

Mr T.C.Eng, 57, father of Peter Eng, was suddenly called to be with the Lord Sat. July 10 after recovery from a heart attack and treatment at TTSH. Funeral Mon. July 12 was officiated by the pastor and associate at Chua Chu Kang Cemetery. Mr Eng is remembered by the Church for the loving service he had rendered in earlier years in painting of the interior of the Church.

Elder Heng Mui Kiah, 79, Elder of Galilee BPC and former Elder of Life Church was called to be with the Lord Mon July 12. Funeral July 14 was officiated by the pastor of Life Church assisted by associate pastor Rev Dr Tan Wai Choon.

Elder Heng, 79, is a founder member of the B-P Church when it was inaugurated as the English Service of Life Church (Say Mia Tng), Prinsep St., Oct. 20, 1950. With a big family of 4 sons & 5 daughters whom he and Mrs Heng have diligently nurtured in the faith to the glory of God, he is highly esteemed to be a pillar of the B-P Church Movement.

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REPORT ON B-P WORK IN NORTH SUMATRA BY MARK HEATH (FEBC 3rd year student).

On 16th July Rev Tow and I caught the 1.30 pm plane to Medan taking four packages of clothing. Though slightly overweight everything went very smoothly up till Medan where we were thoroughly searched, leaving the neatly tied parcels a mess of cut string.

We expected to meet Dohar but it was obvious he was not coming and so we caught a taxi. Rev Tow was able to direct the taxi to Perumnas Mandala, the Medan equivalent of HDB flats. After a rest I went for a stroll and soon got surrounded by thirty inquisitive children staring at this "Ang Mo"! It was then that Dohar with Glorya appeared and were delighted, though surprised to meet us because they had not received our letter.

After Dohar had informed his Church members of our coming he took us to his father's farm at Bentar Kersik, involving three buses and two hours of travelling through the city and countryside. As soon as we got off the bus Dohar plunged into a forest track and we both expected a short walk - but soon realized that it was more like three or four miles. Though we were wearing unsuitable shoes it was a pleasant journey through the wilds in the cool evening. As darkness was approaching we recognised Agus in sarong coming towards us with his parang. We scrambled down a slope to the farm where we met Mr & Mrs Wesley Siregar. It was a beautiful moment to relax and drink in the peace and beauty of the farm with coconut juice. Even "mandi" was an adventure - clambering down a slope in darkness to a bamboo pipe from which issued sparkling cold water. After warm fellowship, we feasted on mountain rice, egg and melons.

The following morning Agus demonstrated how to catch the enormous gold-fish they rear in ponds, and which tasted beautiful. A group arrived consisting of the Chief of the area, who is a Christian and other people who attended the fellowship at the farm. The possibility of starting a church in the area was discussed.

After breakfast we visited the place they hold the service, which used to be the house Mr Wesley lived. From here we were led up and down the hills to visit the village of Kota Baru. A while earlier Agus had written to the chief of this village asking permission to preach the Gospel and had been warmly welcomed. It's a result of the visit he had been invited to build a church, and this was now the second visit.

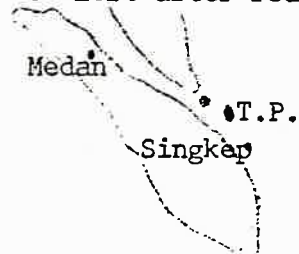
When we arrived at the village we found most of the men were at the farms and the women at the market. However about 10 men welcomed us and after a while there was an opportunity for Rev Tow to preach which attracted a crowd of about thirty people. Everyone seemed happy to see us and sent us away very warmly.

From the village we retraced our steps to the farm, picked up our barang-barang and walked back to the road. We arrived back in Medan in time for the House Fellowship where I gave my testimony and Rev Tow preached. The Fellowship was mainly of women.

The following morning (Sunday) was commenced with a very lively, vigorous but well-behaved Sunday School taught by Glorya and Dohar. The children seemed really attentive and eager. The start of the morning worship was delayed for the group to arrive from Bentar Kersik who were going to be baptised.

At this historic service for the Medan B-P Church, Rev Tow gave clear teaching on Baptism and then baptised nine members, including several children. There then followed a very moving and clearly explained Holy Communion - using large drinking glasses for the juice!

After the service, Sihombing took us to lunch where we were really treated royally. Then we visited his brother. From here we went to a family Dohar had ministered to where the mother was demon-possessed. After a fit, she confessed her faith and prayed very earnestly. We left after reading the Bible and prayer.



We were then taken to Glorya's mother, who has unfortunately been influenced against the B-P Church in Medan. It is clear that the Lord is blessing the work in Medan but the devil is doing all he can to stop the work. Again I gave my testimony and Rev Tow preached with Glorya translating. We stayed the night at (Sihombing's) house. The next morning his son very kindly drove us to the airport with Dohar and Glorya. Thus ended a short but very profitable trip. Within just over a year the one B-P Church has become two and a

new work is being started by Agus. Pressure is being applied to hinder the work but this will be made ineffective and futile as God continues to bless His Church. Do pray for the B-P Church, and for Dohar, Mr Wesley and Agus as well as the new work at Kota Baru. I took slides of the trip so it will be possible in the near future to give you a first-hand view of the work. To God be all the Glory! Amen.

PASTOR'S CHAT: Our Indonesian Connections. From the sketch above you'll see that God has not only opened a great door to North Sumatra but also to Tanjung Pinang, and the latest one: Singkep. \$200 that has come in for Singkep, and Simon Tsai's visit to this Island next month seem to confirm the Lord's moving in that direction. Meanwhile, our Kebaktian Indonesian is being strengthened by the addition of four new Indonesian students - Evelyn, Dohar's sister, Ranto (Medan), Arianto (Kalimantan), Effendi (Palembang).

Evening Classes and Women's Bible Classes, etc.

Instead of two evenings, now we have three! I am teaching Calvin's Institutes IV Monday 7.30-9.30; Rev. Dr. Tan Acts of the Apostles Thurs. 7.30-9.30 and Dr. Tow Siang Hwa Modern Religious Problems Wed. 8 pm.

Mrs Ivy Tow has her schedule of Bible Classes in Old Testament History with the women of the Church. I'm glad to hear of the Bible Classes such as are run by Annie Wong and Agnes Wong.

While some churches stress on tongues, is it not far superior to have God's Word instead? In this connection the RPG Notes have benefited not a few. Why not introduce them to others to start them on a "lively" course?

Sunday Lunch and Worship, etc.

Our Sunday lunch has never been so popular! Over 250 diners, to the last plate. A word of deep appreciation to our ladies and to the young people who wash up. Then why does the Session decide to stop that 1st Sunday of the month? In order to give our hard-working ladies a break! (They have laboured for nearly a decade) If the 250 diners should request its resumption, it is left to the ladies to answer..

The cooking schedule involves each kitchen team, in fact, only once a month. With the coming back of our Malay cook, all the more there is no reason for anyone to remain in the kitchen after 10.00 am, except for one manageress for that day.

It has also been observed that a number of mothers are bogged down in the garden by their tiny tots while the worship goes on.

Time was when the whole family went to Church together, old and young. How can the pastor speak to those who are not in Church? How can the pastor speak to those in Church whose minds are wandering outside? The problem therefore is not Sunday lunch to begin with! Nor is it the pastor's alone.

Woodlands all levelled and pegged

During the week I brought some interested visitors to Woodlands. All levelled and pegged! Soon the foundations will be dugged. (No piling is needed which saves a goodly sum) From the contractor's work schedule ground beams will be completed August, 1st storey RC columns and 2nd storey beams will be up Sept-Oct! By Dec. the Roof will appear! That's the speed of modern construction technique. By end of April, '83 the building will be ready to be handed over! Who will race for the Lord with our contractor?

Speedier Still in West Kalimantan

Rev. Djunaidi is speedier still! The work of the Lord there is in full steam. Government has given overall approval to run the Christian school from Kindergarten right through high school. The enrolments are bursting the seams. The third piece of land is bought with a tithe back to the Lord for \$4,500, which sum is underwritten by the Chinese Service. God willing, we're answering Djunaidi's invitation coming December. Limited to the 1st ten applicants! Let us hasten on as we see the Day approaching. Amen. - T. T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (26th - 31st July)

MON. 7.30 pm Calvin's Institutes (Rev Tow)
TUE. 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting at Parsonage
WED. 8.00 pm "The Impc tance of Inerrancy"
- Dr Tan
THUR 7.30 pm Acts (Dr Tan)
SAT 2.00 pm Rev Tow at Grace Church, Queen
St. (Simon Lau Pak Wai &
Kristine Leong Yoke Lin Wed.)
3.30 pm JYF, YF & AF
SUN 10.00 am Rev Tan (Lord's Supper)
10.00 am Rev Tow (Chin. Ser.)
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+ \$100 (Kalimantan)

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2732) \$45 (Boxes); 2733) \$500; 2734) \$1,000;
2735) \$110; 2736) \$50; 2737) \$130; 2738) \$20;
2739) \$1,000; 2740) \$1,185; 2741) \$1,800;
2742) \$100 (W.Box); 2743) \$50; 2744) \$100;
2745) - 47) \$75 + \$118.74 + \$87.37 (Interest);
2748) \$200 Total \$1,254,285.97 Stop Press!
2749) \$37 (Boxes).

Another HDB Church Site Available for Sale

(by tender) Area 3,068.1 sq.m., at Geylang East Central. Closing date Aug. 16, '82, 11 am. S.T. July 16, '82 refers.

Welcome to guests Dr Y.F. Ho and friend from Hong Kong. (Dr. Ho is son-in-law to Rev Jason Linn).

Expresgram to Rev Andrew Bo, Box 26, Baraka Hospital, Hebron Rd. Bethlehem, Israel.

Remittance on way!

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AT CALVARY

Years I spent in vanity and pride,
Caring not my Lord was crucified
Knowing not it was for me
He died on Calvary.

Chorus:

Mercy there was great, and grace free;
Pardon there was multiplied to me;
There my burdened soul found liberty,
At Calvary.

By God's Word at last my sin I learned;
Then I trembled at the law I'd spurned,
Till my soul imploring turned
To Calvary.

Now I've giv'n to Jesus ev'rything
Now I gladly own Him as my King
Now my raptured soul can only sing
Of Calvary.

Oh, the love that drew salvation's plan!
Oh, the grace that bro't it down to man!
Oh, the mighty gulf that God did span
At Calvary!

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National Day Camps Aug 6-9 (Roland Tay's group) Aug 7-9 (AF) Welcome!

The reason for Pastor to officiate the Lord's Supper at the Chinese Service next Sunday is also to baptise an old friend of 50 years. Mr Chew Hui Kwang, father of Siew Kiang and Miss Chew Guan Kiang who recently went home to the Lord received Christ as his Saviour last week. He has requested baptism together with wife Heng Teck Hui. Next Lord's Day will be a day of great rejoicing for the Chew clan and their many relatives and friends.



What is the Salient Characteristic of the Apostolic Church?

There are not a few in the Church world today who claim to be an Apostolic Church, whether by name or by sheer arrogance. For example, the Roman Catholic Church claims to be the One because of her supposedly immediate succession from St. Peter. Then there are those of the tongues group, some of whose pastors claim also to be in succession of the apostles. These declare they are apostolic because they can speak in tongues. Then there was a self-deluded young scholar with a string of degrees who started a "Holy Apostolic Church" in the vicinity of Gilstead Road. This same young man made a huge cross that he wore round his neck, to show off his apostolic authority. His "Holy Apostolic Church" folded up within a matter of months!

The 16th Century Reformation that broke the shackles of Rome and brought forth the Protestant denomination was a return to the Apostolic Church. Those who are sons of the Reformation and are engaged in a 20th Century Reformation movement are in a sense an apostolic church, though they do not arrogate this title to themselves. If we want to emulate the apostles, let us follow them by deeds rather than by words.

What is the salient characteristic of the Apostolic Church? Not St. Peter the first Pope as claimed by the Roman Catholic Church, because the chief cornerstone of the Church is Christ Himself (Eph. 2:20). Not tongue-speaking because it is the least of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The ratio of effectualness between tongue-speaking and preaching is 5:10,000! St. Paul says, "I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all: Yet in the Church I had rather speak five words with my understanding; that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue" (I Cor. 14:18,17). As we have just said, the salient characteristic of the Apostolic Church is the example set by the Apostles. What example did they set? Inasmuch as the word apostle (apostolos in Greek) means messenger, a man sent out by Jesus Christ Himself to preach the Gospel, the salient characteristic is therefore going into all the world to preach the Gospel (Mark 16:15).

Insofar as Life Church is concerned we can somewhat qualify for the high calling of an apostolic church. Apart from going out to other parts of this Island with the Gospel, we have advanced a little farther into Johore, and to West Kalimantan (1971), Tanjung Pinang (1973) and Medan, North Sumatra (1980). Now, it is of the Lord's own initiative that a call has come from Singkep, 12 hours launch from Tanjung Pinang. If we keep in step with the Lord to Singkep, then we are in true apostolic succession!

Praise the Lord, since our advertisement of the Singkep opening, Simon Tsai, a short-term FEBC student has written of his willingness to go. He is coming here shortly to discuss the Lord's work. Praise the Lord, funds have also come in from hearts moved for missions, the latest being a \$2,000 cheque from a sister. Praise the Lord! (In this connection we must not forget an anonymous Reader who remits \$150 per month to support a Dyak worker with Djunaidi in West Kalimantan).

As our Church seeks to follow the Lord and double up in the closing days of the end-times, notwithstanding Woodlands, I believe He will take care of what seems a crushing burden at home.

Report on Other Outreaches

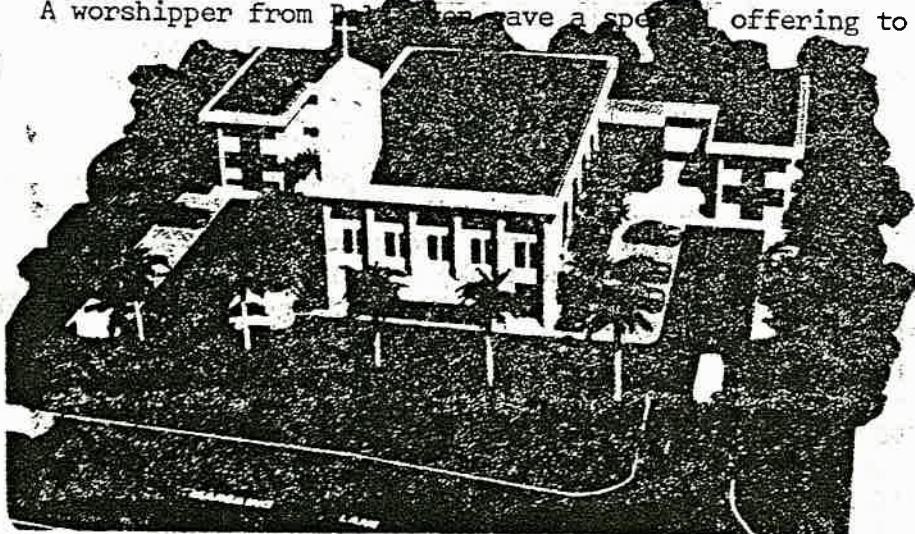
In West Malaysia, our three established churches are wellknown: Kelapa Sawit, Rawang, and Kalai Besar.

Rawang's YF holds a weekly Gospel meeting for children 12 miles inland at Bukit Gambier.

Now Kelapa Sawit with Miss Ng Sang Chiew and sister Chong Loo Chin is starting a regular meeting in Loo Chin's house at Bukit Batu (7 miles north on the main highway). Loo Chin has also a work with children at Air Manis two miles from Bukit Batu.

Our support of Samuel Manee of Frontier Labourers North Thailand to study at FEBC links us to that northernmost part of ASEAN.

The Kebaktian Indonesia has a linkage with Indonesia far beyond the present commitments, because there are those in the audience who come from Surabaya, Palembang, Manado, Bali, etc. A worshipper from Palembang gave a special offering to the Lord.



REPORT ON WOODLANDS

Last Thursday I paid another visit to Woodlands. Over a dozen builders were at work. There was the bull-dozer rumbling at the borders. Near to one corner of the land, next to the main highway, the bangsal (worker's shed) was going up. A carpenter was fixing a door. The rest of the workmen were digging foundations. Earlier, concrete was poured on that part of the annexe that has an underground basement.

As I stood on the Promised Land

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I praised the Lord for such a commanding position He has endowed our Church. "A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid." I praised the Lord for saving us from piling, for the new church is not built on mud but on solid redhill earth. I praised the Lord that our immediate neighbour has spacious grounds in between. It is a watch factory, as silent as the watches it is making. I praised the Lord for the eating market just across the road, so convenient to a hungry visitor like me (it was midday). So, I just walked across the road to my plate of Cha-kway-teow at \$1.20.

As I go over last Lord's Day's accounts, I praise the Lord for a bountiful week. You've brought in \$12,000! But time is steadily advancing on our Treasurer. August is already here! By April 1983 the keys to the new building will be delivered to us. Will the Church be able to "take delivery of the goods" with confidence?

God is pleased with the efforts of His children. He says, "Go up to the mountain, and bring wood (gather your resources), and build my House; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified." (Haggai 1:8)

F E B C

Inasmuch as Far Eastern Bible College is physically linked to Life Church, the welfare of the College is of vital interest to us. The College reopened July 19 with 13 new fulltime and 7 parttime students, with one very special student. If you want to know more, please read the Collegian.

From time to time FEBC graduates are back for a visit with the alma mater. George Kutty of India is now here for a month. His message at FEBC Chapel was a great challenge to the whole College. George was an outstanding student in that he took off to Thailand to evangelise among the refugees without formal support for a year. He returned to study more, then left on a scholarship for the States. There he was given an opening to refugee work, numbering thousands. Through him hundreds have turned to Christ. George is now a permanent resident in USA. He is determined to go on with refugee work, particularly among the Kampuchians.

B-P Banner

The "Banner" is displayed "because of the truth" (Ps. 60:4). Truth, says Zorobabel to the king in the book of Esdras, is the greatest. Against the contestants for the king's prize, one of whom tried to flatter the king is the greatest, Zorobabel declared fearlessly for truth. He says, "As for the truth, it endureth, and is always strong; it liveth and conquereth forevermore. With her there is no accepting of persons or rewards; but she doeth the things that are just, and refrain from all unjust and wicked things; all men do well like of her works. Neither in her judgement is any unrighteousness; and she is the strength, kingdom, power, and majesty of all ages. Blessed be the God of truth."

The B-P Banner, as long as it is displayed "because of the truth" shall prevail. If it is controversial, our Lord is even more! From the RPG Notes of John's Gospel we have seen His Banner fluttering high "because of the Truth", against his enemies, the Churchmen of His day. Who is greater? Jesus or Billy Graham? - T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (2ND - 8TH AUG)

MON	7.30 pm	Calvin's Institutes (Rev Tow)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting. 9.15 Session Meeting
WED	8.00 pm	A Historical Survey of the Ecumenical Movement - Rev Tow
THU	7.03 pm	Acts (Dr Tan)
	8.00 pm	FEK Com. Mtg.
FRI	8.00 pm	Rev Tow at Nazareth Gospel Nite for parents
SAT	2.30 pm	Thomas Yong-Tang Siew Kum Wedding (Mr Richard Chia)
	3.30 pm	JYF, YF, YAF (Rev Tow) & AF
SUN	10.00 am	Rev Tow
	10.00 am	Mr Teo Siau Hua (Ch. Ser.)
	11.45 am	Korean Service
	1.30 pm	Beulah Service
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service
	4.30 pm	Sharon Service
	5.25 pm	Bus leaves for Calvary-Pandan
	8.00 pm	Korean Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING

\$2,549.00 + \$2,000 (Mission) + \$100 (Medan) + \$100 (Kalimantan)

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Total \$1,266,058.86 Stop Press! 2778) \$400 Beulah); 2779) \$20 (CLBC Box).

Treasurer Deacon William Teo will be away for three weeks on a company's assignment. Deacon Khoo Wah Ann acts for him during this leave of absence.

Bible Camps 1. Roland Tay's Group, Aug 6-9 (FEBC Kitchen) 2. AF (FEK Kitchen)

Rev Tan Wai Choon preaches at Kebaktian Indonesia this aftertoon 4 pm. Welcome.

RPG Workbook No. 9 1st 100 copies out. First come first served! 50c per copy. Give also "Behold He Comes" as a part of your soul winning ministry!

Lost and Found 1) A zip Bible 2) Keys belonging to Dr Wong Gabriel.

No Sunday Lunch today! Rather let's partake of Him at the Lord's Table!

The YAF will be meeting on Saturday, 7th Aug '82 at 3.30 pm. The speaker is our Pastor, Rev Tow and the topic is "Young Only Once!"

SERMON WITHOUT WORDS

Saint Francis came to preach. With smiles he met The Friendless; fed the poor, freed a trapped bird, Led home a child. Although he spoke no word, His test, God's love, the town did not forget.

-ELIZABETH PATTON MOSS

What we are is God's gift to us
What we become is our gift to God.

-LOUIS NIZER

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Majulah Singapura!

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Introduction

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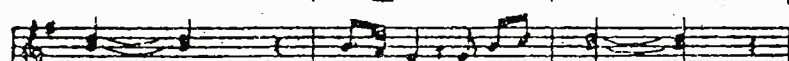
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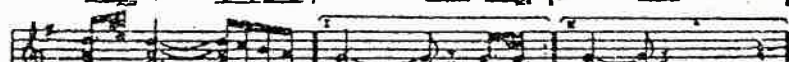
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MA—JU—LAH SI—NGA—PU—RA! Ma—ri RA!

WHAT IS NATIONAL DAY TO YOU?

Every Christian has a dual citizenship. While he is a citizen of heaven, he must not forget his citizenship on earth. Christian nationals in Singapore owe loyalty to the country in which they live. Those who call themselves Jehovah Witnesses, but reject their government as agents of Satan and resist national service are not true Christians. A Christian should give allegiance to his country. A Christian should obey his "governor" and pray for his "king". So those Christian organisations that resist a good and just government such as ours resist to their own condemnation.

What is National Day to you? You who are a Christian? While surging with our soldiers marching and soaring with the fighter-bombers overhead, we should rise in patriotism above the crowds. We should resolve with God's help to make Singapore a safer place to live. We should not only support National Service, but also must nurture the spirit of those who fight for their nation to the uttermost. We heartily endorse the spirit and wisdom of our Second Deputy Prime Minister Mr Rajaratnam and the sentiments of Mr Phua Bah Lee, Sr. Permanent Sec., Ministry of Defence, that "the SAF training must cover all possible contingencies." We agree with Mr Phua that "The price of aggression must be rendered incalculably high so that the aggressor will be deterred by "good sense" from launching an attack in the first place." (S.T. Aug 3, '82) Unless we are strong we will be eaten up.

To quote Jesus' teaching of turning the other cheek is to use Scripture out of place. Our Lord is here talking of an individual Christian willing to suffer loss than taking revenge on his assailant. A private matter

altogether. It has got nothing to do with public justice and national security. As to public justice and national righteousness Jesus says He Himself will take action. To the Jews who rejected Him and crucified Him, He declared "And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken and on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder." (Matt 21:44).

As Christians we cannot be aggressors. But we must defend against any and every aggressor. We should prepare with adequate means to repulse every aggression and in the spirit of Christ we must claim victory against the enemy.

On this National Day, let us thank God for His mercies for seeing us through another year. The best way of thanking our Father is to consecrate ourselves to serve Him in the extension of His Kingdom, "while we guard our beaches." On this National Day let us pray, and pray the more earnestly, as we see a world threatened by war on all sides. Let us pray for our Prime Minister and President, and for all who rule over us - that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. In so doing we will please God our Saviour, "who will have all men saved, and to come into the knowledge of the truth." (I Tim 2:3,4). Christians should be an asset to the nation many times over non-Christians.

ST PAUL ON GOVERNMENT - Romans 13: 1-8

1. Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.
2. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.
3. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have the praise of the same.
4. For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.
5. Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience' sake.



6. For for this cause pay ye tribute also; for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing.
7. Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.
8. Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.

Decentralization, the Key to Church Growth

To be up-to-date and fashionable in the church world today, you must talk of Church growth. To me, it is like planting rice on the classroom's cement floor, this talk, talk, talk!

Seriously, we've found the key. Action, not words! What action? Decentralise! Scatter! Scatter the seed of the Word! Paul says, "But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully." In this connection, it is with pleasure we note the Beulanders are going ahead of the main church to a member's flat in Woodlands. (The new church will complete by April '83) If there is another Life Church group going out for the Gospel's sake, they will also have our support. Isn't the Lord's Commission : Go?! But we prefer to stay, we centralise, not decentralise.

Decentralisation is Church growth without sorrow. When a church grows big, so multiply problems of all sorts. This phenomenon seen in the pattern of the early church. Acts 6:1 says "And in those days, when the number of disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministrations." What did the apostles do? Decentralise! The Twelve, upon whose shoulders fell the administration of the church, did not plod on stubbornly. They quickly appointed seven deacons, men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, to "serve tables."

Let us learn from the apostles' example, not to carry the load of the Lord's business upon our lame decisions. Let us give over God's work, and "serving tables" is as sacred a work as preaching, to those who can do it, and are willing to do it. Let us, not restrain others who are able and are willing to do what otherwise seems not able to be done. For our decisions, good or bad, will affect the whole church, though only a portion is involved. There's a beautiful Chinese proverb for our situation, "Fen kung he tsuo" - "Divide labour, work together." We should never rival each other in preaching or in any other thing. Paul says, "Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of goodwill. The one preach Christ of contention not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds: But the other of love, knowing that I am set for the defence of the gospel!" (Phil 1:15-17)

As our church grows, it has been observed soon there will not be standing room! How not to jostle one another? Decentralise! Put more seats in the empty spaces around. Stretch upwards to the ceiling voids by elevated structures, such as we've done throughout the FEBC Hostels, and how those "sleeping capsules" are filled everywhere with barang-barang.

But when we have "decentralised" seating to the limit, what must we do? Decentralise again, and keep on decentralising, the best we know how! Decentralisation, the key to Church growth!

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (9th - 15th Aug)				=====	
MON		National Day, No lecture		2813) \$1700; 1814) \$500; Total \$1,278,643.21	
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting		Stop Press! 2815) \$200; 2816) 1500; 2817)	
WED	8.00 pm	Modern Rel. Problems (Dr Tow SH)		\$100; 2818) \$200; 2819) \$100.	
THU	7.30 pm	Acts (Dr Tan)		Catechism Class for Oct. Baptism begins today	
SAT	2.00 pm	JYF		at 11.30 am (Rev Tan Wai Choon).	
	3.00 pm	Tan Nee Keng - Cindy Thiam Boon		Pastor leaves 1 pm for Kelapa Sawit Any comir ?	
		Yan Wedding (Rev Tow)			
	3.30 pm	YF & YAF		O FAIREST ISLE OF SOUTHERN SEAS,	
SUN	10.00 am	Rev Tow	Birth! To	Thy waters are so blue;	
	10.00 am	Mr Jonah Chan	Rev & Mrs	Waft by a balmy ocean breeze,	
	11.30 am	Catechism Class	W C Tan a	Thy land is decked with dew.	
	11.45 am	Korean Service	girl Anna	Singapura! Singapura!	
	1.30 pm	Beulah Service	Mei En,	Thou favoured Isle of ease	
	1.30 pm	AF	Aug 4, 82	God bless thee yet with thine increase	
	4.00 pm	Kebaktian Indonesian		And peace from year to year.	
		(Mr George Kutty)			
	4.30 pm	Sharon Service		Our fathers came to this green shore	
	5.00 pm	Rev W C Tan at Bethany (Living		From many climes and lands;	
		for Jesus)		They found a richer life in store	
	5.25 pm	Bus to Calvary-Pandan (Rev Tow)		Beneath just ruling hands.	
LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS \$3,845.85 + \$100				Singapura! Singapura!	
(D. Wong) + \$26 (Djunaidi)				Thou Haven of the free.	
NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS 2780) \$120;				God bless thee yet with thine increase	
2781) \$62.35; 2782) \$150.00; 2783) \$50.00'				And peace from year to year.	
2784) \$50.00; 2785) \$100.00; 2786) \$260.00;				Today we sail as one nation	
2787) \$1200.00; 2788) \$60; 2789) \$292; 2790)				Our flag is flying high.	
\$200; 2791) \$20; 2792) \$150; 2793) \$20; 2794)				May our Captain by wise action	
\$500; 2795) \$110; 2796) \$50; 2797) \$30; 2798)				Steer us with Compass nigh.	
\$50; 2799) \$50; 2800) \$630; 2801) \$270; 2802)				Singapura! Singapura!	
\$200; 2803) \$500; 2804) \$200; 2805) \$100;				Lightship of liberty.	
2806) \$150; 2807) \$200; 2808) \$500; 2809)				Sail on unto prosperity	
\$500; 2810) \$290; 2811) \$1400; 2812) \$1500;				And peace a thousand years!	
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Read "IN HIS GOOD TIME" by Bobby Sng, and learn of God's Kingdom in Singapore... \$13.50 only!

PASTORAL CHAT

• Kelapa Sawit

Woodlands

Pleasant Surprise from Kelapa Sawit

Last Lord's Day my bi-monthly appointment with Kelapa Sawit came around. To make full use of the transport we brought along Elder and Mrs Khoo, Deacon and Mrs Han, Bro and Mrs Peter Chng and brother-in-law. We were glad to see an increased attendance and a greatly improved Church grounds. A new Japanese piano enlivened the service.

Elder John Ling presented a \$500 cheque for Woodlands on behalf of the Church. With our B. Fund still at a low ebb, this gesture cheered me not a little. After service we were treated to a sumptuous meal by "Mary and Martha". Other members gave papaya and rambutan. A couple whom I had married a year or so ago handed a brown envelope also for Woodlands.

On our way back we detoured into Woodlands Town to inspect the building operations. All foundations were fully concreted, and soon pillars would be up! At the new Church site we opened the envelope. To our pleasant surprise, out came two S\$1,000 notes!

For 28 years we have been ministering to Kelapa Sawit. This has been a labour of love. We had also done our utmost to help Kelapa Sawit build their church. Not ever expecting anything in return, the Lord has blessed us with such a double love gift. Our labours farther afield into Malaysia have not been in vain. In fact this was Kelapa Sawit's generosity for the third time. Then came the words of the Lord, "Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters, that send forth the feet of the ox and the ass." (Isa 32:20). In this connection we are not forgetful of a gift received from Rawang and another from Kulai Besar in earlier days when we were struggling to pay up for the land.

Stone-laying Service, Sat. Nov 20, 1982

According to the contractor's work schedule, the roof would appear by December! It is not too early to set a date for the stone-laying service. Will Saturday Nov 20, 1982 be OK? That's the day after school vacation begins. That's a day our sister churches could join us for the happy occasion.

Ordering of furniture

A brother has offered all the pews and pulpit furniture for the new church. In view of the fact that it takes three months to dry the wood and several more months to put them to shape, it is not too early to call for tenders! The pews at Gilstead Road have cracked at the seams during the years and have cost quite a sum to repair. Why? Because we gave our furniture maker too short a time to dry the wood. So, let us order the furniture now for better results! As to the pattern, I should be most pleased with those lined up on the two sides and at the back of our church. These all-wooden pews though slenderer look elegant. What is most important is the reflexive comfort they provide in the way they are made. Quite different from certain massive ones we sat, but they are stiff like iron, unbending like steel.

Church Bell, Grand piano, etc.

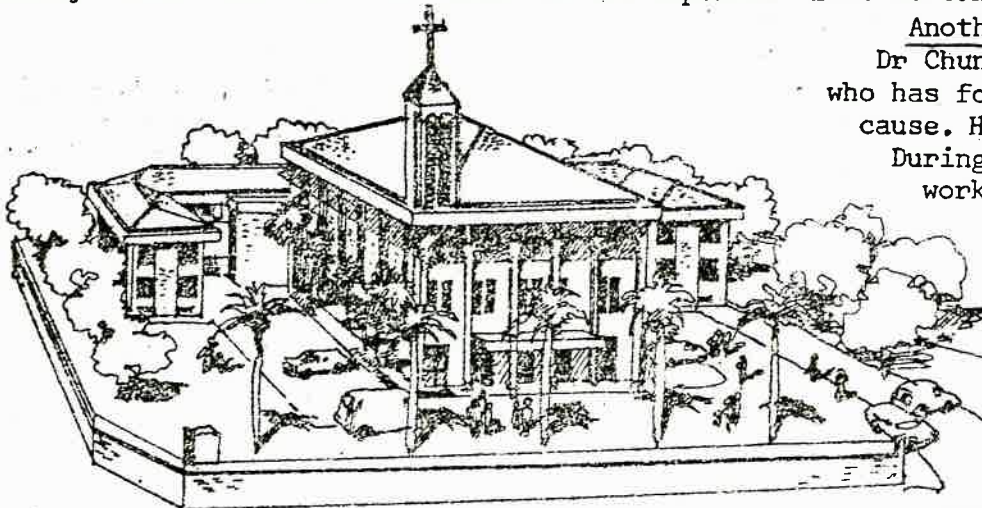
What has so distinguished our Church at Gilstead Road from other BP Churches is that big church bell resounding through the bell tower. There's a bell tower for Woodlands too, but unless we order the bell now, it will also be too late for Dedication. I wonder if some contact may not be made with Korea since Korea is a land of church bells. Perhaps some one would want to offer the bell? And surely a grand piano. As for the electric organ the one standing in the balcony should suffice. (The architect might order the bell from England after all!)
Woodlands by Expressway, etc.

An expressway connecting Woodlands with Kampong Chantek is presently being constructed, to complete by 1984. The time taken from Gilstead Road to Woodlands can be reduced to 20 minutes. Woodlands also has an \$8 million park, the biggest for any new town. Here's where we can gather for picnic fellowship. Woodlands Church has been planned for a camping centre with adequate quarters and bathrooms. What we lack in playgrounds is made up by the Park, less than a mile away. Woodlands has an excellent eating market just across the road. No worry about cooking Sunday lunch since the food there is not expensive like Newton's.

Another Idol Smashed!

Dr Chung is one of my ACS classmates who has found the Lord and loves His cause. He has given twice to Woodlands. During the last decade he has been working as a dentist in Holland.

Whenever he passes through Singapore he would ring me up, or attend our Church. Last Thursday he rang me about a relative in trouble. A successful businessman at 70, this relative is, nevertheless, gripped by fear. Fear as a result of serving so many Chinese gods -



Tua Peh Kong, Kuan Kong, Kuan Yin, etc., etc. Evil spirits at night would disturb him in his sleep. He would find himself in a nightmare of being chased and whipped, and even cut by swords and spears. He suffered such terrible pains that he would cry out in his sleep. Doesn't that reflect on the tormented souls of the departed, like the rich man in hell?

Two things, however, have worked together to draw him closer to Christ. His wife has become a Christian. Together with a sister-in-law she would pray nightly for her husband's salvation. Secondly, this businessman was healed by an evangelist of a slipped disc in the Name of Jesus Christ. Being steeped in idol worship all the days of his life, he has grave apprehension of leaving Tua Peh Kong's "jurisdiction".

We talked for two hours on the falsehood of idols. We showed from Scriptures that Jesus the Light of the world completely casts out the darkness of every Satanic power. We showed how Jesus comes to save and not to condemn, and that the humble who come to Him, He will in no wise cast out. We testified how we have literally burnt or smashed up over 100 idols, Indian elephant gods with multiple arms included. We urged our friend to receive Christ there and then and not delay any longer "For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold now is the accepted time: behold now is the day of salvation" (II Cor 6:2).

Having heard this Word our friend gave in to the Lord. Humbly he knelt down with us to offer the penitent's prayer. We sang the famous John Sung chorus:

In the cross, in the cross, Be my glory ever!

All my sins are washed away, In the Blood of Jesus.

Having surrendered his heart to the Lord Jesus, our friend gave up the remaining idol in his house, a porcelain Kuan Yin idol. This the wife put into a plastic bag for me to take away.

Upon arrival back at Life Church, a girl student saw me handle the idol by the neck. She went with me to the "church" incinerator in the backyard. She watched me smashing it into smithereens. And this might be the 102nd idol destroyed in the last 32 years. For, many a time, a trio of idols would be consigned to the hell of the burning rubbish heap - the famous white, red and black Chinese gods.

Their idols are silver and gold,

The work of man's hands

They have mouths, but they speak not:

Eyes have they, but they see not:

They have ears, but they hear not:

Noses have they but they smell not:

They have hands but they handle not:

Feet have they, but they walk not:

Neither speak they through their throat

They that make them are like unto them.

Psalm 115:4-8

Dear Reader, are you one from a home that is filled with idol worship? Don't be afraid of these dumb and deaf figures. Do not ever consult mediums and bomohs nor wear any charms. If there are these accursed trinkets in your possession, deliver them to be destroyed. Those of you who have a Roman Catholic background deliver up your rosaries and crucifixes, icons and images. For the Second Commandment forbids the bowing down to images of any sort. "Be ye holy, even as I am holy" says our God. When shall we have another idol smashed?!- T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (16th - 22nd AUG.)

MON 7.30 pm Calvin's Institutes (Rev Tow)
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
WED 2.00 pm Koh Kim Seng - Ow Chong Yong
Wedding (Rev Tow)
7.00 pm George Kutty - Kamala Enggert
Engagement (Rev Tow)
8.00 pm Mod. Rel. Problems (Dr. Tow SH)
THU 7.30 pm Acts (Dr Tan) *****
SAT 2.00 pm JYF ***** WF Mtg- 20.8.82
3.30 pm YF & AF *****
4.00 pm YAF *****
SUN 10.00 am Mr George Kutty (Chairman Dr Tan)
10.00 am Miss Alice Doo (Ch. Service)
11.30 am Catechism Class
11.45 am Korean Service
4.00 pm Kebaktian Indonesian
4.30 pm Sharon Service (Dr Tan W C)
5.25 pm Bus leaves for Calvary-Pandan
8.00 pm Korean Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$3363.00 + \$100.00 (Agus)
+ \$100 (Thai Mission) + \$460 (WF for Kulai)

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS 2820) \$250 (H.K.)

2821) \$450 (MS500 Kelapa Sawit); 2822) \$2000

(K. Sawit); 2823) \$100 (W.Box); 2824) \$100

(W. Box); 2825) \$50 (Campers); 2826) \$541.50;

2827) \$200; 2828) \$20; 2829) \$25; 2830) \$50; Singapore 1130. Tel: 2569256/ 2560617/

2831) \$155; 2832) \$200; 2833) \$60; 2834) \$200;
2835) \$400; 2836) \$1,000; 2837) \$300. Total:
\$1,286,894.71 Stop Press! 2838) \$217 (N. York)
2839) \$80; 2840) \$1,000; 2841) \$120 (Medan).

HIS WAY WITH THEE

Would you live for Jesus and be always ^{and good} pure?
Would you walk with Him within the narrow road?
Would you have Him bear your burden, ^{carry all} your load?
Let Him have His way with thee.

Chorus:

His power can make you what you ought to be;
His blood can cleanse your heart and make you ^{free} free
His love can fill your soul and you will see
'Twas best for Him to have His way with thee.

Would you have Him make you free and follow at
His call?

Would you know the peace that comes by giving ^{all} all
Would you have Him save you, so that you can ^{never} fail?
Let Him have His way with thee.

Would you in His Kingdom find a place of
constant rest?

Would you prove Him true in providential test?

Would you in His service labor always at your ^{best?} best?
Let Him have His way with thee.

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WOODLANDS!

How many of you have visited Woodlands since Ground-breaking on June 6? Have you seen the transformation that has taken place - from a wooded hill it has become a flat top, and from a flat top steel skeletons of pillars are rising "like bamboo shoots after the spring rains" - literally, insofar as the rains are concerned! Praise the Lord, the foundations were firmly laid in good weather. Now the rains have come to soak and cure the reinforced concrete and make it strong! The Lord watches over His own house.

Thank God also for the support of fellow-believers. You have read how Kelapa Sawit gave us a pleasant surprise. I had another last Lord's Day evening when a cheque for \$3,500.00 was received for Woodlands from a woman's thanksgiving. May God bless this lady.

We pierced the million mark Dec. 31, 1981. If we reach \$1.3 million this week, that means \$300,000 has come in from January to August this year.

Thank God also for the brother who is offering the church furniture for Woodlands. This brother said to me last week, having brought his carpenter friends to see our pews, that the pews and pulpit will all be made of teak. And he added, "The Lord must have the best." The Lord has blessed this brother ever since he and his family joined Life Church a decade ago. The Lord has opened a way for his son to study in the States.

Meantime, the Beulanders have shifted to Woodlands. They are worshipping in a member's home. Don Robert Ong's sister-in-law has a flat also at Woodlands. She is offering her home for, perhaps, a Chinese Service. Who will come forward to head a Chinese section? As for me, I offer myself to Woodlands to see to it that the spiritual foundations are also properly laid. And may the spiritual rains from God come to cure and strengthen those whom He will appoint to head the work.

Medan GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD

Singapore

* Tanjung Pinang

+ Church

* Christian Primary Sch.

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+ Borden

Evangelism

Singkep

+ Mission

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* Christian

Kindergarten
to High School

+ Gospel Boat

+ Dyak

Evangelism

The Story of Singkep

The young couple, Bro. and Mrs. Teo Han Kiat I had married two odd years ago at Tanjung Pinang settled back at Singkep. They became the nucleus of a new congregation by starting a Sunday School. The Chinese Presbyterian Synod took over support of Singkep by renting a house for worship. They had in fact sent in a couple to evangelise Singkep before this, but it ended in failure.

A second couple sent a year ago also left at the job. So the Synod decided to relinquish Singkep and turn over its oversight to Tanjung Pinang.

Now that Singkep is come under Tanjung Pinang it becomes automatically our baby! (For Tanjung Pinang is affiliated with Life Church).

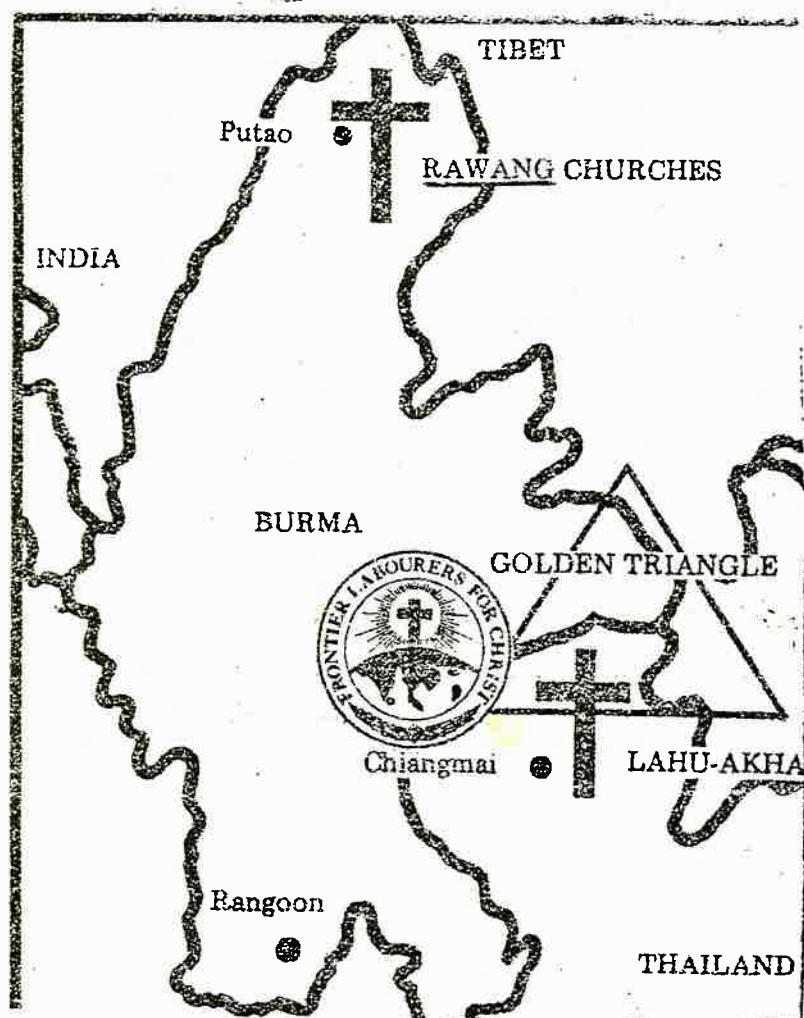
Elder Sim of Glory Presbyterian Church who has been overseer of Singkep now aligns himself with us, so long as God's work is maintained! He brings also a monthly gift of \$300.00 from another elder for the support of the new worker. The crux of the whole matter is the new worker. Praise the Lord. Simon Tsai, a short-term FEBC student, has offered his services with repeated determination. On our part, we have also to contribute \$300.00 per month. To run a mission station in a far off island, 12 hours by boat from Tanjung Pinang at \$600.00 is not what any western society can do. Here's the genius of missionary outreach by Asians.

For the fruition of this third attempt to Singkep, I am leaving this Saturday for Tanjung Pinang with Elder Sim (my good friend from John Sung's days). After ministering to Tanjung Pinang, we shall find our way to Singkep. Unless we see the situation on the spot, how are we to report intelligently to you? Please pray for us that God's kingdom will be firmly established in this big island. There's a charismatic church there, I heard, but it is solely Indonesian speaking. Charismatic churches in Indonesia are called "the crying religion" according to the impression they have made on the minds of the Gentiles.

BP Conference at Baptist Centre,
Port Dickson, September 13-16.

This is a time of fellowship and mutual exhortation in the Lord's Service. Pastors, ordinands, elders, deacons are urged to come. Open also to FEBC students. Cost about \$35.00 per head, not counting transport.

En route to Port Dickson, conferees are specially invited to Rawang's (Muar) 60th Anniversary Thanksgiving, Mon. Sept. 13, 11.00 a.m. An eye opener to what God is doing beyond Singapore. A 5-min halt at Woodlands is added blessing! Register with Life Church Office, 2569256.



RAWANG CHRISTIANS SENDING THE LIGHT BY SAMUEL MANI

My name is Samuel Mani. I belong to the Rawang people. Our original home was in ancient Persia. Through oral tradition it is stated that we arrived in Western Tibet in 590 B.C. and finally settled in Putao North Burma in 500 A.D. We have many different clans and 75 distinctive dialects.

My people believed and worshipped a Theistic God. We had a special cow called "Nga Phu" which we sacrificed to the Supreme God, Creator of the Universe, once a year. In later times, we worshipped the evil spirits of the mountains, rivers and trees. My people were totally oppressed and lived under the ruler of darkness.

The gospel came to our land in 1900 and through the teaching of the gospel, my parents became Christians and later I, too, became Christian. Our churches are indigenous and self-supporting. Every year, the Christians hold a one-month Bible school for preachers, elders and teachers. We have a three-year Bible Institute, Vacation Bible School, Women's Bible School and a one-week Bible School for Christian government officials. Every Christian family tithes 10% of their crops and income for these projects. For the training programmes, we desperately need Bibles, hymn books, teaching materials and teaching tapes in Rawang and other languages. Now, we are

sending out Rawang missionaries to Naga and Tibetan people. No foreign missionaries are allowed into Burma, Tibet, China, and north-east India but we are going there and bringing the Living Water of Jesus Christ to the perishing souls.

Ed. Note: Samuel Mani is a new student of FEBC. He is assistant to Rev. Kalnin, director of Frontier Labourers for Christ, who was at FECC 10th Assembly, Singapore 1981. On our vacation to North Thailand earlier this year, we met Samuel Mani. Through our recommendation, Session has awarded him a scholarship. It's our principle to have a share in the Gospel outreach to the Tribal peoples of N. Thailand and Burma through Samuel Mani.

What has struck me about the Frontier Labourers like Samuel Mani is that though they are poor, they know how to tithe. Dear Reader, do you give 10% of your income to the Lord also? If not, then you are behind the tribal peoples!

Though a good number of Lifers are giving of their tithes for the support of the Lord's work, the greater number are not. As a result, His work is slowed down. Our share of responsibility over the Lord's Vineyard extends from Singapore to Malaysia, to Indonesia, and now to North Thailand. If you cannot go to these countries with the gospel, you can help others with your tithe. Samuel Mani, Simon Tsai and Agus are new soldiers enlisted.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (23rd - 29th AUG.)

MON	7.30 p.m.	Calvin Class to see slides of Refugee work by George Kutty
TUES	8.00 p.m.	Prayer Meeting
WED	8.00 p.m.	Mod. Rel. Problem (Dr S H Tow)
THURS	7.30 p.m.	Acts (Dr Tan)
FRI	7.00 p.m.	Annual FEBC Dinner at Calvary Pandan & Thanksgiving Service
SAT	2.00 p.m.	JYF
	3.30 p.m.	YF
	4.00 p.m.	YAF
SUN	9.30 a.m.	Rev Tow at Galilee Elections
	10.00 a.m.	Rev W C Tan
	11.30 a.m.	Catechism Class
	11.45 a.m.	Korean Service
	12.15 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	4.00 p.m.	Kebaktian Indonesian
	4.30 p.m.	Sharon Service
	5.25 p.m.	Mini-bus to Calvary Pandan
	8.00 p.m.	Korean Service

Our new Secretary is Miss Nancy Ong of Jubilee Church.

Mr. George Kutty will show slides of his work among refugees (Kampuchians, Laotians and Vietnamese) who are now settled in America. The Calvin Class will join in seeing these slides as part of their course "Bearing the Cross of Christ". Special notes on Life of Calvin and photos will be distributed.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING: S\$3,474.00

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS 2842) \$200
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Stop Press! Simon Tsai has arrived from H.K. in time to go to Singkep with Rev. Tow.

A GREATER UNFINISHED COMMISSION?

Before Sun Yat Sen, father of the Chinese Republic, died, he exhorted his followers to continue the fight. "The Revolution is yet unfinished, let comrades struggle on." 2,000 years after our Lord had commissioned His disciples to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature, the cause of Christ remains a Greater Unfinished Commission!

It seems to me that the more it is spoken to the Church of her mission to the world, the more it falls on deaf ears. A wealthy elder of a certain church retorted, "There are still many thousands of people in Singapore who have not heard the Gospel. Why talk of going out when you have not evangelised them within?" The argument seems plausible enough, but apostolic history proves him wrong. If every soul in Singapore is to be won for Christ before the Church can branch out, then no missionary outreach would ever have extended beyond our shores. But, as the disciples were so contented with sitting in Jerusalem, did there not fall upon them a great persecution that scattered them to Judea and Samaria (Acts 8:1)?

A more sensible observation than the rich elder's self-circumscribed view is Rev. Djunaidi's: "If every church in every country will go out into the world, you coming to me and I going to you, here, there, everywhere, then can we begin to fulfil the Great Commission."

Another defeatist attitude to missions is that only the white people can do it. We have no expertise. We have no personnel. We have no funds. By God's grace, this defeatist attitude, the dregs of a spiritual colonialism, we had thrown to the winds when the B-PC was founded 32 years ago. Insofar as Life Church is concerned, we have been enabled to keep on going out with the Gospel from year to year. First, in the establishing of branch churches in Singapore, who are spreading out themselves. Second, in the founding of three churches in West Malaysia, each of which is now going out to regions beyond. Third, our entry to Indonesia, since 1971, which today has resulted in the opening of the West Kalimantan-Sarawak fields, North Sumatra, Riau Islands and now Singkep Island. Our support of Samuel Mani at FEBC links us with the border tribes of North Thailand and Burma. Were we to heed that wealthy elder's advice, where are the precious souls now being brought into the kingdom from every quarter of Asean?

As the saying goes, "No venture, no gain", so let me take you along to see what the Lord is doing in the Indonesian Islands south of Singapore Straits. We arrived at Tanjung Pinang last Saturday afternoon in time to witness to the Y.F., meeting 7.30 that night. 100 young people were gathered, and some older ones too, since it was noised that a Singapore team had come - these were Elder Sim, Simon Tsai and myself. Simon gave a word on how he was saved after 20 years of nominal Church attendance, and how he gave himself thereafter to full-time service. I preached on the rich young ruler and our love for gold over love of God.

The Lord's Day saw 300 gathered for the Sunday School - bigger than LCSS! Simon spoke in Indonesian to the upper classes. The Church service counted 100 worshippers. My sermon in Teochew challenged the congregation to a joint support of Simon Tsai to Singkep. S\$80 and Rupiah 58,575 (310=1) were offered to get our brother started.

The same evening our team drove to Kijang, 28 km. east on the other side of the Island, facing the South China Sea. Kijang was Tanjung Pinang's first outreach under Rev. Tan Peng Koen and to his hand Life Church handed \$2,500 for the purchase of a piece of land. This land is now Tanjung Pinang's property, but is not built upon through Muslim opposition. Nevertheless, another property in town was purchased by the Chinese Presbyterian Synod. A new pocket-sized church is perched on a slope above a side street. Kijang has an Indonesian pastor whose wife is a former-Singaporean. With her help on the electronic organ, the service was an attraction to over 40 Hakkas with one or two Indonesians. Here my message was on God's initiative in saving us,

and the purpose of our salvation (John 15:16; 17). ~~By the Lord,~~ in such a remote corner of the Riau Islands, there stands that little church, Gereja Presbeterian di Indonesia with a red cross of Christ, like a little lighthouse on a rock.

Since our mission this time was the re-opening of Singkep Church, we waited patiently till Tuesday afternoon for the cargo boat to sail. The trip from Tanjung Pinang to Singkep took 12 hours. Fortunately, it sailed during the night so that time was gained while we slept.



As the boat had to pass through some stormy "triangle", it rocked and rolled from side to side. This gave us a taste of what the apostle Paul had undergone in his missionary journeys. As the Southwest Monsoon was blowing hard, we were obliged to land at Sungei Bulu, Singkep's northern port. A Japanese minibus was loaded Indonesian style, double its normal capacity. We drove the length of the Island, over a 30-mile stretch to Dabo the southern port.

Here we found Bro. Teo Han Kiat and his parents at their Chinese Provision shop. 100 yards from the shop in a residential district stood the Mission House of Gereja Presbeterian di Indonesia. In this house the Gospel has been proclaimed off and on for the last four years. The last missionary couple left in June. We spent a couple of hours cleaning up God's House in order to settle Simon Tsai in. Then called the landlady, a Hakka woman of means. She was delighted to see her house re-opened, and assured us Simon Tsai would get a good hearing from young people who are desirous of learning English!

The most important link to the Gospel work in Singkep is Teo Han Kiat's father. While he entertained us in his home, we tried our best to witness to him. With a rich background of Christianity since China days, he was conversant with what we said. We exhorted him and his wife to prepare for Baptism this Christmas, when we shall visit Tanjung Pinang.

Singkep is an island in the Lingga Archipelago, 120 miles south of Tanjung Pinang. It is bigger than Singapore. It has a flourishing tin mining industry and offshore explorations. It has a European syndicate working on these projects. Of the Chinese races that have settled here, the Hakkas predominate. A good number of Indonesians are coming in to work in the mines and offshore industries.

With an increasing population, the airport is now modernised. Thursday morning we took an eleven-seater charter plane to Tanjung Pinang in 40 minutes. From Tanjung Pinang back by speed boat in 1 hour 45 minutes. Thanks to improved transportation, I arrived back in good time to resume teaching at Bible College the next day.

If more students from FEBC, like Dohar in North Sumatra or Simon Tsai in Singkep will extend the gospel to regions beyond, our efforts towards the Greater Unfinished Commission of Jesus Christ will not have been made in vain. (Pray for Simon Tsai and for his wife who will join him next month.)

FEBC Thanksgiving Service (Aug 27) Offering
: \$1,010.00

Woodlands Steel skeletons of pillars continue to rise above the ground. Bricklaying over foundation columns has begun. Mr. Louis Teo is site overseer for Techfield our contractor. Visit Woodlands whenever you can!

Calling all ministers, ordinands, elders, deacons! Attend Port Dickson Conference Sept. 13-16. Visit Rawang Church 60th Anniversary Celebration en route, Sept. 13, 11.00 a.m. Cost, exclud. transport is about \$35.00.

Attend ICCC (International Council of Christian Churches) 11th World Congress Cape May, New Jersey, USA, June 16-30, 1983. If interested in an inclusive trip to the Holy Land, please see the pastor who is invited to lead such a team and to address

the ICCC Congress. Pray!

Rejuvenate your old Bibles! Superior leather-binding by Christian workers, inquire CLBC. Every Christian should be interested in Church History. Read Dr. Bobby Sng's History of the Christian Church in Singapore, "In His Good Time," and read the story of the B P Church therein. \$13.50 only from CLBC. Bro. Philip (Fassan) Jawabreh, Arab Christian from Israel who studied before at FEBC will arrive Sept. 1 with wife and child en route to New Zealand their new homeland. Warm welcome.

Deacon William Teo is delayed in his business schedule abroad.

Sharon B-P Church cordially invites Life Church Session Members to their 11th Anniversary Service on Sept. 12, 4.30 p.m. and thereafter to a buffet dinner at FEBC Hall.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (30th AUG - 5 SEPT.)

MON 7.30 p.m. Calvin Class (Rev. Tow)
TUES 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting
WED 8.00 p.m. Mod. Rel. Problems (Dr. Tow)
THURS 7.30 p.m. Acts (Dr. Tan)
SAT 2.00 p.m. JYF 3.30 p.m. YF
4.00 p.m. YAF
4.00 p.m. George Kutty-Kamala wedding (Rev Tow)
SUN 10.00 a.m. Rev. Tow (Lord's Supper)
10.00 a.m. Rev. Lin Tah Mon (Lord's Supper)
11.30 a.m. Catechism Class
11.45 a.m. Korean Service
12.15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
4.00 p.m. Kebaktian Indonesian
4.30 p.m. Sharon Service
5.25 p.m. Mini-bus to Calvary Pandan (Rev. Tow on "Holy Trinity")
7.30 p.m. Couples' Bible Study (Dr. Tan)
8.00 p.m. Korean Service

Rev. K. C. Quek is scheduled to return Sept. 3.

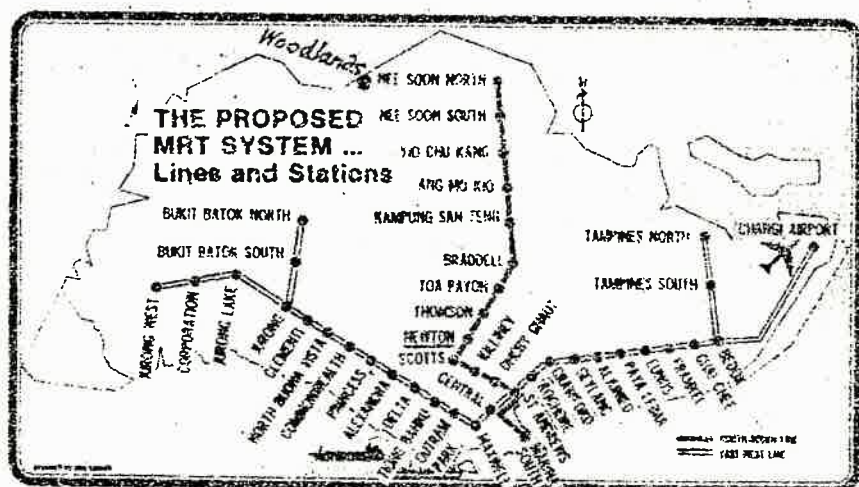
Situation Vacant Teacher for FEK our own Kindergarten! Ring Mrs. Lange 251-3676. Renovation of the Balcony Sunday School Room will begin next week. This will become FEBC's extension library. The SS Library will shift to incorporate into the library of the AF room. Every talent must be put to productive use and not remain buried! Visit to West Kalimantan. It is proposed to visit Rev. Djunaidi's work at Siantan, Pontianak and along the Kapuas River early December 1982. Pray for the Lord's guidance and for Djunaidi's opening of a Christian Primary and Secondary School. Knockout Pest Control, 3362929, is now our Church warden against white-ants.

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The Strategic locations of
Newton and Woodlands



So, the MRT will begin rumbling operation in a matter of months! For first contracts will be awarded in the middle of 1983 (S.T. Aug 29, '82), and we are now heading for Christmas!

Where does Life Church stand in the MRT System? Right in the centre of it all, if you will pinpoint Newton. Life Church will be only one ride away from Nee Soon North to Thomson, from South Marina to Scotts. Two rides away from either East or West. This means our Church will be within easy reach of those who now live so far away. This means our present congestion will become more acute, though it is hoped this equally congested car parking situation will be relaxed.

How can we relieve this mounting congestion at our Lord's Day services? First we must increase seating in the balconies. This we can do by making graduated wooden platforms. We have an idea how best to construct them, with another purpose in mind! Second, we must add chairs in the centre aisle and on the two sides up front. But we need your cooperation! Let early worshippers fill up the front pews, and the front seats in the corridors. Easily there are a score or two of seating accommodation not taken advantage of every week. This can relieve tightness at the back. Is it possible for Life Church to provide 1,000 seats? We'll announce the final count when renovations are complete!

That Government has shifted the North-South Line from Woodlands to Nee Soon North makes the New Life Church at Woodlands more strategic insofar as Gilstead Road is concerned. Since Woodlanders will not enjoy MRT travel, our establishing the new church there will more facilitate the people there. No doubt a new expressway linking Woodlands with Kampong Chantek will benefit motorists, but we are thinking of the day when cars will not be needed as they are today.

Let this map remind you to pray and work together for the improvement of Gilstead Road, and for the erection of the new House of Worship, now fast rising at Woodlands. The second test of first love in our hearts for our Lord, as advanced by the Associate Pastor in his sermon last Lord's Day, if you will remember, refers to giving to Woodlands. His was an accurate diagnosis that whereas we gave plenty to God in the early days after conversion, and we were much poorer, now we give lesser and lesser in proportion to our increasing wealth because the zeal of that first love has since cooled off! Could I say any more to this? But that there is a strategy of loving and giving too. If we don't show our love to the Lord now, the day may come when we would have missed the train!

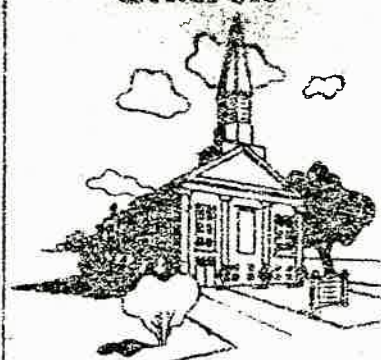
The Strategic Location of Far Eastern Bible College

The spacious grounds of Life Church with all her ancillary buildings has provided a home for Far Eastern Bible College. And inasmuch as Life Church is strategically located, so is FEBC. We are within walking distance to Orchard Road, the hub of international tourism, and yet we are out of town, in an ideal, quiet, residential area, conducive to learning. From the halls of FEBC will have graduated 100 students when we meet in jubilee convocation on FEBC's 21st anniversary, July 1983.

FEBC is strategically located in the time-stream of modern church history. The College has been raised of God for "such a time as this". It is not just another college, but one that takes a stand for our fathers' faith, the Protestant faith that came to us from the 16th Century, through Luther and Calvin, Zwingli and Knox. It bears a clear witness in a day when Christianity is beclouded by liberalism and ecumenism.

The College is strategically located in her position vis-a-vis the Bible Presbyterian Church. It is purposely constituted an independent institution not under ecclesiastical control. It is governed by a board of directors who stand on separation from the ecclesiastical entanglements of our day.

The Perfect Church



I think that I shall never see
A church that's all it ought to be;
A church whose members never
stray
Beyond the straight and narrow
way;
A church that has no empty pews,
Whose pastor never has the blues;
A church whose deacons always
seek,
And none is proud, and all are
meek;
Where gossips never peddle lies,
Or make complaints, or criticize;
Where all are always sweet and
kind,
And all to others' faults are blind.
Such perfect churches there may
be,
But none of them are known to me.
But still we'll work, and pray, and
plan
To make our own the best we can.
—Author Unknown

Financially, it has no guaranteed support from any church, though, by being given free premises and utilities by Life Church, the College enjoys a great advantage. Still there are the honoraria to be paid to the staff and many incidentals in expenditure. As the College grows (60 students enrolled) so renovations have to be made to increase accommodation. The latest is the extension of the College library to the Church Balcony. We are therefore thankful to readers, who being mindful of this vital ministry of God's Kingdom, send in their gifts to keep the school of prophets going. Your contributions are strategically given, to a cause most productive for the Lord.

PEACE HAVEN

Gilstead Road, as you have noted from the MRT map, is where our grand central station is. Visit your church any day of the week and you'll find it a hive of activity. We are pleased to note the nature of our young people's activities. While badminton and ping pong, football and handball, are forms of physical recreation, the exercise of the spirit is specially commendable. Bible classes and prayer meetings are most frequently held. Is there any other place more conducive to meditation than the Garden of pine and palm?

A inevitable peace haven, here is a resting place for any weary Christian passing through, our ministry of hospitality. To Indonesian Christians, this is Wisma Tuhan Indonesia, where they may join in worship at the Kebaktian Indonesia every Lord's Day 4 pm. Here is a refuge for the emotionally depressed, insofar as we are able to cope.

Here is also a permanent campsite for our working young man and young ladies. Whenever there is an opportunity to relax overnight some public holiday, or even the recurring weekend find in your mother church the thrill of lying under the palm trees. Yea, beneath the moon and stars, the balmy breezes lulling you to a good night's sleep. And hear the birds chirping at daybreak making as Shakespeare says, a merry, sweet note (though there is no winter).

For this reason we have expended no little energy to renovate such a valuable property for the utmost, maximum use - to God's glory and for the edification of the church. - T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (6th - 12th Sept.82)

MON	7.30 pm	Calvin (Rev Tow)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting; 9:15pm Ses. Mtg.
WED	8.00 pm	Mod. Rel. Problems (Rev KC Quek)
THU	7.30 pm	Acts (Dr Tan)
FRI	6.30 pm	FEBC Mid-Semester Vac. begins)
SAT	2.00 pm	JYF; 2.30 pm TBC; 3.30 pm YF;
	4.00 pm	YAF.
	7.15 pm	Rev Tow at Grace Church
SUN	10.00 am	Rev W C Tan
	10.00 am	Rev Tow & Dr P. Tan at Beulah, Woodlands.
	10.00 am	Mr Teo Siau Hua (Ch. Ser.)
	11.30 am	Catechism Class
	11.45 am	Korean Service
	12.15 pm	Choir Rehearsal
	1.30 pm	Bible Study Group on Song of Solomon.
	4.00 pm	Rev Tow & Dr P. Tan at Rawang
	4.00 pm	Kebaktian Indonesia
	4.30 pm	Sharon Service
	5.25 pm	Minibus to Calvary Pandan
	7.30 pm	Couples' Fellowship on "Spirit-Controlled Family Living." Topics to be discussed (a) The Key to a Happy Marriage, (b) The Six Major Problems in Marriage.
	8.00 pm	Korean Service

Last Two Weeks' Offerings \$2,475; \$3,319 + \$100 (ea. fr. David Wong, Dohar, Djunaidi).

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS (I) 2858) \$50; 2859) \$150; 2860) \$120; 2861) \$100; 2862) \$430; 2863) \$30 (W. Box); 2864) \$50; 2865) \$50; 2866) \$100; 2867) \$720 (Off. bag total) TOTAL \$1,298,542.86. (II) 2868) \$1,190 (Off. bag total); 2869) \$400; 2870) \$1,000; 2871) \$800; 2872) \$1,600; 2873) \$100; 2874) \$400. TOTAL \$1,304,032.86 STOP PRESS! 2875) \$292 (by post).2876) \$100; 2877) \$2,500(Thanksgiv.)

Attend B-P Conference at Port Dickson, Sept 13 - 16 and join with the Rawangites in their 60th Anniversary Thanksgiving, Mon. Sept. 13, 11 a.m. Rev K C Quek will be the Lord's messenger.

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A Teak pew, beautiful sample teak pew for Woodlands is placed at the side entrance for your inspection! Praise the Lord, the furniture for the new Church auditorium is all taken care of!

The architect, contractor and pastor paid a joint visit to the Woodlands site, Thurs Sept 2. A clerk of works has been hired by the architect to supervise between Woodlands and Galilee, also now under construction. This will halve expenses.

Congratulations to Mr Lau Chin Kwee on the occasion of his ordination as minister of the Evangelical Reformed Church of Singapore, Sept. 5, '82.

Congratulations to Albert Ong, FEBCer 1982, for admission to Biblical Seminary, USA. God-speed!

Expressgram to Rev C T Hsu Yours for Woodl etc. received, many thanks.

RPG Daily Reading Work Book No.10 on the Gospel of John is out today. Get yours to make up a complete set! Hear Rev Tow tonight 6pm (Sept 5) on the Holy Trinity! at Calvary Pandan.

Tell It To Jesus

Are you weary, are you heavy-hearted?
Tell It To Jesus, Tell It To Jesus;
Are you grieving over joys departed?
Tell It To Jesus alone.

Chorus:
Tell it to Jesus, tell it to Jesus
He is a friend that's well known;
You've no other such a friend or brother,
Tell it to Jesus alone.

Do the tears flow down your cheeks unbidden?
Tell it to Jesus, Tell it to Jesus;
Have you sins that to men's eyes are hidden?
Tell It To Jesus alone.

Do you fear the gath-'ring clouds of sorrow?
Tell It To Jesus, Tell It To Jesus.
Are you anxious what shall be tomorrow?
Tell It To Jesus alone.

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SON OF A MOTHER'S VOW

II Timothy 1:5-9; 3:14,15; 4:2-5

(Message delivered at the Sunset Gospel Hour, Calvary Pandan B-P Church by Rev Timothy Tow, Sunday, August 15, 1982)



We have been hearing a series of messages on the Call of Christ. I'm sure some young man or woman in this audience tonight has been touched by the testimonies given. If the Lord is calling you, He will keep on speaking in your heart. He will not give you peace until you say, "Yes, Lord, here am I, send me."

Tonight we want to learn from the call of young Timothy, Paul's "dearly beloved son" in the faith, Paul's successor. It was on Paul's second missionary journey that he took Timothy, whose mother was a Jewess and a believer, but whose father was a Greek. This young man was "well-reported" by the Christian brethren of his city and beyond (Acts 16:2). Paul was strongly attracted to this young man, and enlisted him into the Lord's army. From that time forward until Paul's imprisonment in Rome, Timothy was Paul's closest associate. He was one disciple most filial and loyal to his master and spiritual father from beginning to end.

Perhaps Timothy was 35 years old when he was left in charge of the church at Ephesus (I Tim 4:12). Tradition says he became the first bishop of Ephesus, and martyred in the reign of Emperor Domitian. Today we are also looking for young Timothys, who are loyal and steadfast in God's service. We are recruiting a second eschelon in our Bible-Presbyterian Church movement.

I

In Paul's letters to Timothy, a portion of which we have just read, there is revealed to us as regards Timothy's involvement in the Lord's service a more profound and higher call than meets our eyes which is hidden in God's plan "before the world began" (v.9). If you feel called tonight, this is no quick impulse from God or sudden reaction from yourself, but rather the effectual outworking of a divine decree made in eternity! How mysterious, how awesome is our appointment from God! How reassuring the realisation that our God is working out His salvation plan from age to age, through weak vessels like me and you. Although great revivalists like John Sung are gone from us, Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever (Heb 13:8). Is He calling you tonight?

Therefore, notice also that when you respond to Christ's call, it is not due to your wisdom or merit, "not according to our works," but entirely "according to His own purpose and grace which was given in us in Christ Jesus." (v.9). God chose us to become His servants today not because He saw any good in us, but because He loved us despite our sinfulness and unworthiness. Praise God, there is nothing for us to boast or crow about. Our call is entirely of His mercy and grace. We are but unprofitable servants. (Luke 17:10)

II

The next thing we learn from Timothy's call is this. There is no call to fulltime service until there has happened in us the call to receive Christ as Saviour. The call to repentance from a life of sin and depravity. Commentators think Timothy was saved when Paul visited his town on the first missionary journey. Timothy had come to the Lord in repentance when Paul held a revival campaign then at Lystra. Timothy came to the Lord in dedication and consecration, when Paul visited Lystra a second time. Yet the apostle did not claim credit from this. He acknowledged rather the godly upbringing Timothy had received under his grandmother and mother. Paul says, "When I call to remembrance the unfeigned (sincere) faith that is in thee which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also." (II Tim 1:5) Paul surely spoke from his own experience, for without the Bible knowledge he had been taught all the years before Damascus Road, he would not have responded so readily to the Lord either.

In giving my testimony to the call of Christ, although it is recorded by Leslie Lyall in his book "John Sung, Flame for God" that I was one of his converts at the Singapore Campaign 1935, and truly I was one who went through that Pentecost, I must witness to the years of godly upbringing I had received through my mother and grandfather.

During our childhood, our parents lived in Johore. To go to school, we had to board with Grandfather in Singapore. Grandpa was pastor of the English Presbyterian Mission Church in Upper Serangoon, now the Bethel Presbyterian Church. Through primary and secondary schools, I grew up under the tutelage of Grandpa. He was a man of faith and prayer. He gathered us grandchildren every night at eight in family devotion. The sermons on faith and salvation, heaven and hell and Christ's coming that he preached made a deep impression in our hearts. He taught us to pray for more faith, solid faith. He taught us to be thrifty but generous to the poor and needy. These virtues became our spiritual heritage. How we felt God's blessing as he put his hands on us grandchildren, praying for our salvation.

Mother brought us up with equal attention. From a young age, when we began to go to school, she would urge us children to study our best, or else face a hard future. She had high ambitions, like Mrs Zebedee for James and John. She hoped my elder sister would become a doctor (which has come true), my younger brothers would be lawyer and engineer (both are

better off as doctors, and one of the two doctors more than a doctor). As for me, her eldest boy, she offered me to the Lord.

She told me time and again, "You are to be a pastor." She also said Grandpa had offered the prayer of dedication to the Lord at my birth. As I loved my mother very much, I kept her words in my heart, often wondering.

In 1929 the world's economy crashed! We had a slump, not as they try to hide now under a euphemism called "recession". Grandpa's stipend which he received from the English Presbyterian Mission was \$30 a month. A young clerk in the Government service started with a salary of \$45 a month. At a time when our family was bordering on starvation, when we did not know from where the next meal would come, I felt it would be more sensible to open a kedai, the Chinese provision shop so common in those days. How my mouth watered when I passed by the Cold Storage and had a whiff of the smoked ham hanging near the doorway. But it was no better than eating in a dream. When I told Mum how small Grandpa's salary was, that to be a pastor was not an easy life to lead, she said not a word. I'm sure she prayed in her heart that God would see me through. She must have rededicated me to the Lord that I should not retract from her solemn vow.

Yes, it was her vow, her prayers, her tears, her love, her devotion to God in bringing us up that we are what we are today. (It is said that the children of a praying mother cannot be lost). Thus, when I was born again at the John Sung Revival one September morning, 1935, I understood clearly all that mother had said about serving the Lord as a pastor. Before Dr Sung appealed for young people to dedicate their lives to fulltime service, I had already made up my mind to serve Him all my life. And the strength of my ministry all these years has always stemmed from the knowledge that I am son of my mother's vow, and the Lord had heard it. Why are there so few sons and daughters of Christian families in the Lord's service today? Is it because our fathers and mothers have not dedicated their children nor prayed for their salvation?

III

When a servant of the Lord is called God has also appointed elders of the Church to ordain him to his ministry. So Timothy was set apart for the Lord's work by the laying of hands of the presbytery (I Tim 4:14), the apostle Paul himself moderating (II Tim 1:6). What was Timothy's ministry? As successor to Paul, he had both a pastoral and a teaching ministry to carry on (II Tim 2:2).

After I graduated from Seminary in 1950, I was ordained by the Philadelphia Presbytery of the Bible Presbyterian Church, USA in Geneva, while attending the Second Congress of the International Council of Christian Churches. Dr Buswell the moderator asked what was the call I had received from the Lord. I replied, "To pastor and to teach. I cannot say which precedes which." As the Lord had put this conviction in my heart, so as the projection of one's inward thoughts lengthens, I have now come to the 32nd year of my pastorate and 21st year of principalship of the Far Eastern Bible College. Let me tell young people now preparing for the ministry this one thing. Find out what God wants you to do, and stick to it. How sad it is to see pastors and theological professors change their vocations after a brief term of service. Not all are called to be ministers, but if God has called you to be ministers, then neglect not that gift which Paul has emphasized to Timothy, and which this Timothy emphasizes to you.

One particular aspect of Timothy's ministry is that of contending for the faith. Paul reminds Timothy to reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine, for the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap upon themselves teachers, having "itching ears" (II Tim 4:2,3). Timothy's ministry is likened to warfare. In I Tim 6:12 Paul urged him, "Fight the good fight of faith".

Today we are in a Bible-Presbyterian Church movement, and our Church is in a Twentieth Century Reformation, known as the International Council of Christian Churches. We are a fellowship of separatist churches come out of the Ecumenical movement, organised as the World Council of Churches. The WCC is uniting Protestants and Catholics, liberals and evangelicals, charismatics and non-charismatics, into a super-world church. It's final outcome will be union with human religions to form a united nations of religions. Our taking a separatist stand, whereby God has bountifully prospered us, stems indeed from another call I had received from the Lord through Dr Carl McIntire, president of the ICC and president of Faith Seminary where I studied. It was a wintry morning in January 1948 that I heard the message of separation, and of the need of a return to the 16th Century Reformation that I gave my life to the Cause of Jesus Christ. For the last 32 years, I've done my bit for the Lord in this respect, not without setbacks and heartaches. Nevertheless, "the foundation of God standeth sure" (II Tim 2:19). The good work that He had begun in us He will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ (Phil 1:6). Today God is raising up younger leaders in our midst to stand in the gap of the Twentieth Century Reformation movement. A great uplift to the Lord's cause was effected right in this Church last year, when the Far Eastern Council of Christian Churches met at her 10th Assembly. This separatist movement is by no means negative, for by it we have seen how missionary outreaches have been multiplied through the years, and the increasing number of churches built.

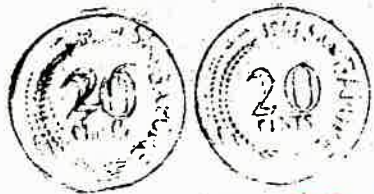
It is no coincidence that four Bible Presbyterian Churches are simultaneously building - Woodlands, Ling Kwang, Galilee and Mt. Carmel, at a time when land in Singapore is so scarce and hard to find. The Lord has been pleased with those who take a stand for Him, and it seems He is confirming it with concrete signs.

Yes, when we answer God's call, we must be prepared to take up the cross. We must be prepared to lose our lives for His sake and the gospel's. But it is also true that those who have forsaken all to follow Him will have brothers and sisters, houses and lands a hundred-

fold, and shall inherit everlasting life (Matt 19:29). These are my personal discoveries in having answered His call which first began in my grandfather, and the more intensely in my beloved mother and I am more than ever persuaded in me, by the laying on of hands of the Presbytery.

May God help us to renew our faith in Him tonight, and to transmit it faithfully to our children through much prayer and teaching of the Word and by holy example that we might have more Timothys called in these last days to serve Him till He comes. Amen.

PASTORAL CHAT



At this month's Session Meeting, we praised and thanked the Lord for moving many more Lifers to give to the Woodlands Building Fund. This is a healthy sign. One envelope containing \$30 in dollar notes and \$32.40 in coins added: "Lord, thank you for all the blessings and also the trials you have given me. This portion I'm returning to you maybe small, but hope it may be used to widen your kingdom - love always from your unworthy child." The Lord does not look down on

little gifts. He declares that the widow's two mites, perhaps worth \$2 by today's reckoning, is more than all given by the rich (Luke 21:1-4).

If I should make an appeal for Woodlands this week, I would speak to you who are widows, housewives, students, S.S. pupils, YAFers just starting to earn. Don't say what can our two mites, our \$2 and \$5, do for a project of \$3,000,000? As long as you give lovingly like the "unworthy child" above with the desire to "widen Your Kingdom", God can multiply your little gifts. He will bless you too with clear tokens of His favour.

This week's report for Woodlands shows the grand total received to date from Sept. 2, 1979, when the Fund was launched. After 3 years and 3 days we have given \$1,320,357.26 Minus \$907,000 for the land and about \$40,000 for stamp duty and other incidentals we have about \$380,000 cash remaining in bank. Since the building costs \$1.8 million we have still a long, long way to go.

Now, I must say a word to you who have! It has been a long time since a five-figure cheque came in. Will you be the one the Lord will say, "Send it in my daughter, my son, to bolster My Treasury!" I calculate the first bill from our contractor will come before the month is out. Who will come to the Lord's help?

Do you realise that our 32nd Anniversary is just round the corner - Oct. 17? This year our Commemoration will be streamlined to take place all on the Lord's Day. The Sunday School, Chinese Service, Chinese S.S., will combine with the Church. The time of this combined worship will be advanced by half-hour to 9.30 a.m. Remember, 9.30 a.m. Set your alarm clock! Rev W C Tan will preach and I translate into Hokkien (unofficial Singapore language, as the old generation can't understand Mandarin).

Service over the congregation will be treated to a curry lunch, etc ordered from some wellknown restaurant through Elder (Dr) Lim Teck Chye. The Session will pay the bill pro rata, to play their part as Session members. A free will offering from diners will be received for Woodlands. It will be an informal makan under the palm trees. Invitations will be sent to BP Churches and special friends.

As to increasing seating accommodation to meet a growing church, the matter of closed circuit T.V. is to be looked into. It is also suggested that the sample teak pew for Woodlands be the model for 24 more to make for Gilstead Road. These will be placed parallel to the U-Balcony to pack in more worshippers. If we can increase seating in the U-Balcony to 200, our total capacity will exceed 800. If T.V. is installed in the green porch, then the 1,000 target will be reached.



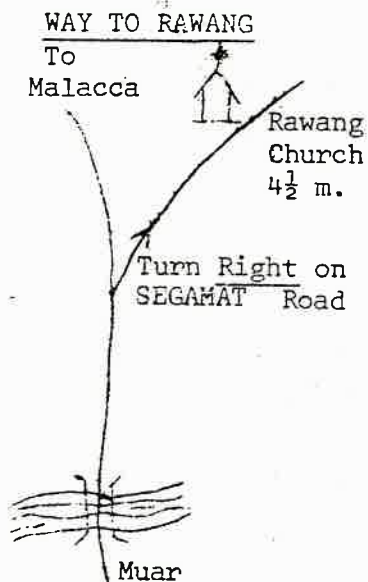
In order to encourage more daily Bible-reading, Session has decided henceforth to distribute the RPG Bible-Reading Work Books on a free-will offering basis. "Freely receive, freely give." Like tract-distribution, you can help out by introducing RPG to your family members, to some office colleagues, to your friends. "He which soweth sparingly shall reap sparingly, and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully" (II Cor 9:6). Don't you want God's Word to be sown in the hearts of men? Can you not do this for the Lord?

In regard to raising platforms on the U-Balcony and adding more seats so that more people be accommodated, there was some talk whether the upstairs was strong enough to carry this extra load. With utmost confidence we assure you absolute safety! For we have learnt in the course of building God's House that the law requires dwellings to be constructed to a safety factor of 8. That is to say, the building must be strong enough to carry 8 times its normal load! Unless this is so, it would not be possible, for example, for the "Tiger House" of Selegie Road to add a storey to its flat top, nor for the CID building opposite Telok Ayer Methodist Church. Did you ever observe this?

RAWANG, OUR NORTHERNMOST OUTREACH!

That is, in our West Malaysian field. Rawang, across the Muar River, is 133 miles north of Singapore.

Rawang Church was founded in 1922 by a little colony of Swatow Christians who migrated here to seek a better livelihood. Before this the early settlers worshipped rather at Living Water Church, Muar by rowing across the Muar River. By starting a worship service on their side of the River, more people naturally could come to Church. And so the Church grew and multiplied. A school was also started.



With the first generation gone in the course of time, however, the Church fell into hard times. No shepherd, no leadership, for a score of years! In 1966 an appeal was made to Life Church to allow your pastor to supply the Rawang pulpit once a month in conjunction with his regular preaching at Trinity Church, Muar. This led to our entering into a building project, which took six years.

In September 1972, a handsome church designed by Miss Tay Siew Mui of Trinity, Muar was completed. At that time the Church voted to join the BPC family.

New life surged in the revived congregation so that not only a good number of the lost sheep returned to the fold, but also an evangelistic effort was directed at Bukit Gambir, a flourishing village 12 miles inland. The Youth Fellowship with a VW Kombi makes regular preaching trips to Bukit Gambir every Wednesday. The Church also runs a kindergarten with nearly 100 children.

Sept. 13, 11 a.m. will see some of BP pastors and church leaders and FEBC students take part in Rawang's 60th Anniversary celebration. It will be a time of mutual blessing as we warm up one another in the

service of the Lord. It will encourage the country folks of Rawang to know we are on their side. It will inspire Singaporeans to labour further as they see fruit, good fruit, the result of going out for the Lord.

SIMON TSAI REPORTS FROM DABO, SINGKEP

Thank you very much for all your help (financial, moral, etc.) to me in the past two weeks. Also thank you very much for your great kindness to go together with me to Tanjung Pinang and to Singkep. If I had arrived alone, the impression that it would make on people would be very different. But arriving together with you and Elder Sim, the impression and welcome were most perfect, because of the presence of both of you. For this I also thank and praise the Lord. I also treasure the memory of your presence (the field-marshal's presence) in that rather small wooden boat resembling the boat of the Apostle Paul on his missionary journeys. It is comforting to know that our sea missionary journey has some resemblance with the sea missionary journey of the great apostle.

On Sunday (29 August) not a single child came to the Sunday School. I think gradually they will be coming.

In the Evening Worship Service two adults (male) and three young people came. Thus with Bro. Han Kiat and me, there were seven people. I think gradually also more people will be coming to the evening service.

I have written a letter to my wife asking her to enter Singapore on 18th September and to telephone you on 20th September, thus after you have come back from Port Dickson

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (13th - 19th Sept.)

MON - MON FEBC Mid-Semester Vacation
 MON - THU BP Conference, Port Dickson
 TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
 FRI 7.45 pm Meeting at home of Mrs Gladys Sng, Blk 207, 1257D, Toa Payoh North. Speaker - Dr P Tan.
 SAT 12.30 pm Chinese Presbytery at Kelapa Sawit.
 SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow
 10.00 am Mr Jonah Chan
 11.30 am Catechism Class
 11.45 am Korean Service
 12.15 pm Choir Rehearsal
 1.30 pm AF Bible Study
 4.00 pm Kebaktian Indonesia
 4.30 pm Sharon Service (Rev Tan W C)
 5.00 pm Rev Tow at Bethany
 5.25 pm Minibus to Calvary Pandan
 7.30 pm Couples Fellowship
 8.00 pm Korean Service

2914) \$650; 2915) M\$200; 2916) \$1250; 2917) \$1600; 2918) \$900; 2919) \$300; 2920) \$100; 2921) \$560 (Chin. Serv.); 2922) \$997 (AF); 2923) \$1400 TOTAL \$1,320,357.26

Visit the Notice Board to see latest photos of the New Life Church rising above the red earth of Woodlands! (Beulah, Blk 201, 116... Just Arrived from USA! Constitution of the BP Church \$7.20 net. Visit CLBC!

The architect, contractor and pastor are to meet at the Woodlands site, Thurs Sept. 16, 2.30 pm to approve work done hitherto before 1st payment is made.

Woodlands calling! The Assoc. Pastor has indicated his readiness to serve at Woodlands.

Apart from the Beulanders who are already there, 3 young couples have voted to go along. The pastor is ex-officio on the Interim Committee to be formed. A great privilege to open up a new country! Who'll give 200 copies of Inspiring Hymns?

The Evangelical Reformed Church has opened a branch which is meeting Sunday evenings at the Toa Payoh BP Church, (Chinese); Rev Lau Chin Kwee, pastor.

Volunteers for the nursery - please contact Miss Hazel Wong.

We welcome TBC to hold Sat. meetings. At first the "Bird House" was allotted because we clean forgot there were Kindergarten rooms available. When it was discovered these premises were untapped, we decided to give one FEK room to the TBC. Since they will not have to meet in the backyard, the Bird House would not be needed either. Let us share these beautiful premises with understanding.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: \$3684.69 + \$200

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NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS 2878) \$50;

2879) \$750 (Beulah); 2880) \$40; 2881) \$500 (Ch. Serv.); 2882) \$200; 2883) \$100 (Sunset Gos. Hour); 2884) \$150; 2885) \$80; 2886) \$60; 2887) \$44; 2888) \$60; 2889) \$150; 2890) \$30; 2891) \$50; 2892) \$50; 2893) \$50; 2894) \$150; 2895) \$120; 2896) \$10; 2897) \$35; 2898) \$150; 2899) \$50; 2900) \$50; 2901) \$260; 2902) \$24; 2903) \$80; 2904) \$50; 2905) \$62.40; 2906) \$200; 2907) \$20; 2908) \$150; 2909) \$150; 2910) \$1000; 2911) \$270; 2912) \$200; 2913) \$100;

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EVERYBODY'S
RPG
(Read Pray Grow)
DAILY
BIBLE READING

WORK-BOOK NO. 10

WEEKS 37 - 40

SEPTEMBER 5 - OCTOBER 2, 1982

(Notes by Rev. Timothy Tow)

The Driving Spirit Behind Everybody's
RPG

The driving spirit behind Everybody's RPG, is my brother Dr. Tow Siang Hwa. He is not so much for our brand of daily Bible-reading notes as for stirring up everyone to read the Word everyday.

From Prinsep Street days, it is he who has been stressing the necessity of daily Bible-reading as daily, regular feeding. The soul needs spiritual food daily as the body needs physical food.

We accepted the widely accepted SU Bible-reading notes in the fifties, and have gone on ever since until recently. For, with the passage of time, things have changed. So the S.U. notes.

In recent years, it has been felt the S.U. notes are becoming more and more diluted. Nay, more and more adulterated! It is now contaminated! According to Dr. Tow's testimony, the last spoon of adulterated feeding from S.U. notes that made him throw it all up was the exposition of the Noah Flood. These new S.U. notes did not give credence to the Bible account. The unlearned author, whoever he was, simply brushed aside the Universal Flood account as a housewife would wipe away a puddle of water on the table. In other words, the

new notes adopt the modernist, liberal view that Noah's Flood was some local affair.

The Lord led Dr. Tow to launch our own BP daily Bible-reading. He started off with the Book of Genesis, and diligently pushed on to the 7th Book. He also urged other BP ministers to introduce these RPG notes to their members, so that the fruit of much labour of love might be profitably shared. These notes were readily received as the number of 2,400 copies taken per issue attested. This number is still being maintained.

From Book 8 onwards, however, we gave Genesis a rest. We introduced for your daily study the Gospel of John. The lot of writing on John fell on me and it has been accepted and worked out with a sense of sacred trust. I crave your prayers in this labour of love.

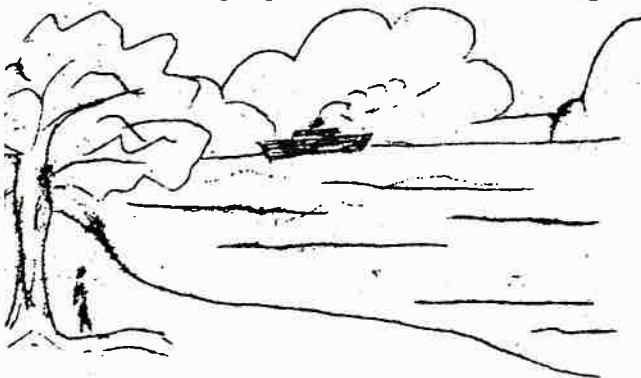
In order that the RPG Bible-reading might be used far and wide, we are distributing them on a freewill offering basis. The Book costs 50 cents per copy. If you take a number of copies to share the blessings therefrom with your friends, your students, a little remembrance on your part will help maintain its currency. These RPG notes do not mean to restrict your daily Bible reading to just a few verses. They are starters, to whet your appetite to more and more reading. Until the end of your earthly life, you will still need to read the Bible as a new Book full of wonderful truths yet to be discovered. So keep it up. Be an RPG member and make more RPG members by introducing this booklet to your friends! Then you will encourage the driving spirit behind RPG to greater works for the Lord!

B-P Retreat at Port Dickson

by Rev. Dr. Patrick Tan

This is the second BP Retreat and was held from 13-16 Sept. at Port Dickson. 40 pastors, ordinands, elders and FEBC students attended. The most valuable lesson is the lesson on learning. Learning is a continuing process. You can learn from your teachers, your peers and from the school of experience. This retreat provided many opportunities to learn spiritual lessons from the pastors, from one another and from the Lord Himself.

From the very beginning I learnt about the doctrine of the sovereignty of God. This is one of the tenets of Calvinism and of our BP Church. God is sovereign, He elects, He oversees and He overrules. God's sovereignty is mysterious yet effectual. I learnt it in this way. I was to drive Rev Tow and Mrs Chew Kia Song in my car. With all possible caution I had the car serviced early last week. But the car developed problems after and in spite of services. Rev Tow calmly said that we should then travel by taxi. On Sunday Rev Tow preached at Beulah Service at 10 am. At 11.30 he felt it was time for us to go to the Woodlands check point for our northbound journey. We were warned by Peter Eng that there were thugs across the causeway and at the bus Terminal there. I was apprehensive, but I was assured as Rev Tow was a seasoned traveller. He said that the sword



of the Spirit (the Bible) would protect us. A little later he informed me that this was the first time he was travelling by taxi and he did not know exactly where the taxi stand was, but no problem we could find out, he said reassuringly. His coolness was in deep contrast to my apprehension. But a soldier must not show fear. Chor Hoon dropped us at the Woodlands check point and we walked to the immigration. Suddenly a bus appeared. It was the Singapore Malacca Express. Characteristically Rev Tow said, that God had sent us our transport. He hailed to and the driver acknowledged that we could board it. In the bus was Mrs Mok, a Rawangite, who was returning home to attend the 60th anniversary of the Rawang B-P Church. God's sovereignty was wonderfully learnt through experience.

Rev Tow and I had a most comfortable ride in airconditioned coach, and we could fellowship with each other. We arrived at Rawang B-P Church at 3.30 pm, a good half hour before the Sunday Worship. I preached on Psalm 121 and Rev Tow interpreted into Teochew. Then followed the baptism of 3 adults and a baby. Holy Communion was also served.

On Monday all the Singaporeans arrived at Rawang at 11 am for the 60th Anniversary of Rawang B-P Church. There were about 200 people at the service. Rawang Young People's Choir sang beautifully. Rev Lau Woon Hui of Tangkak wrote a poem to mark the occasion. Rev Quek Kiok Chiang preached on the topic "striving together for the faith of the Gospel." This was also the 10th year of the rebuilding of the church. The beautiful church and the lush surroundings stand as a testimony of the grace and goodness of the Lord. The Rawangites love the Lord and the young people are actively serving the Lord. They run a weekly Bible class at Bt. Gambir, 12m inland.

Golden Sands at Port Dickson was the venue of the BP Retreat. The serene and beautiful conference centre contributed not a little to the spiritual benefits of the retreat. There were 3 devotional messages on the 3 chapters of 2 Peter by myself, Rev Tan Wai Choon and Rev Bobby Phee. Peter wrote of the knowledge of God and the Christians' growth (chap 1), the Christians danger (chap 2) and the Christian's Hope (chap 3). Much benefit was derived from the forums on Biblical Separation (led by Dr Tow Siang Hwa), How's your Prayer Meeting (Rev David Wong), Better Preaching (Rev Timothy Tow), and Facing a Task Unfinished (Rev Quek Swee Hwa). The Keynote message was delivered by Dr Tow Siang Hwa. He asked, "Whither the B-Ps?"

The Retreat will remain only a classroom exercise if there were no living testimonies. Mr Chew Fook Wah of Petaling Jaya moved me to tears. God's grace and mercy is abundant and overflowing. The Chews came to know the Lord through a series of crises, but when salvation visited them they brought no less than 10 idol-worshipping families to submit to God's irresistible grace. The B-P Church is growing. God is blessing. Much is expected of us, Luke 12:48. "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required."

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (20th-26th Sept. '82)

MON 7.30 pm Calvin (Rev Tow)
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
WED MRP - No class tonight
THU 7.30 pm Acts (Dr Tan W C)
FRI 8.00 pm Gospel Film night at FEBC Hall
Story of Evangelist Zeoli.
SAT 2.00 pm JYF; 3.30 pm YF; 4.00 pm YAF.
2.30 pm Chan Kwok Sang - Yeo Geok Hua
Wedding; FEBC Hall (Rev David
Wong).
SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow
10.00 am Mrs Alice Doo
11.30 am Catechism Class
11.45 am Korean Service
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1.30 pm AF Bible Study
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5.25 pm Mini-bus leaving for Calvary
Pandan.
8.00 pm Korean Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$3,025.80 + \$540 (WF for
Kulai) + \$160 (RTL).

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS 2924) \$200 (Kor.
Ch.); 2925) \$100 (W. Box); 2926) \$1,500 (Cal-
Jur); 2927) \$63.50 (Boxes); 2928) \$30 (CLBC
Box); 2929) \$80; 2930) \$25; 2931) \$62.20;
2932) \$10; 2933) \$100; 2934) \$66; 2935) \$150;
2936) \$300; 2937) \$250; 2938) \$100; 2939) \$20;
2940) \$100 (RTL); 2941) \$100 (Khoo Cater.);
2942) \$70 (WF). TOTAL \$1,323,683.96. Stop
Press! 2943) \$2000 (Cal-Pan); 2944) \$500;
2945) \$1,362.22 (Sun. Lunch, Apr-Aug); 2946)
\$13.35 (Coffee); 2947) \$300.

Hear Dr Tan Wai Choon on the radio this even-
ing 6.05 pm, the FEBC choir singing.

Expresgram to Rev Charlie Tan 307, Apt 2
Mineral Springs Ave., Winona Lake, Indiana,
USA 46590. Thanks for your letters. Praying
for you.

Expresgram to Rev Jason Linn Your letters recei-
ved. "The joy of the Lord is your strength" Sing
Hallelujah, praise His Name!

Pray for Mrs Tan Wee Chwee who is now warded (5)
at the Toa Payoh Hospital.

20 Commissioners to our Chinese Presbytery met
Saturday at Kelapa Sawit. One decision is to hold
a joint camp at Port Dickson, Mar. 1983. Our 8
chinese churches are Faith, Life, Toa Payoh,
Calvary-Jurong, Calvary-Pandan, Grace, Kelapa
Sawit and Rawang.

BETHANY SONG

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

Chorus:

My heavy burdens He puts them on Himself;
Through Valley of Tears no more bereft.
For Jesus is my Home Sweet Home,
I must see Him day to day.
His love endures till worlds be gone,
With Him life brings no dismay.
My heavy burdens He puts them on Himself
Through Valley of Tears no more bereft.
For Jesus is my Home Sweet Home
I must see Him day to day
His love endures till worlds be gone.
I'll go with Him all the way.

My Home Sweet Home, by Olivet
Finds grace in Emmanuel's eyes
Where joined in one are heart and heart
Then soar our souls to the skies
I pour on Him my ointment sweet
Little token of my love
O Bethany, my Home Sweet Home-
Endless blessings from above.

The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit

Rev. Timothy Tow

We are living in the perilous times of the last days prophesied by the Apostle Paul (II Tim. 3:1). (Our Prime Minister calls the days ahead "tempestuous times".) What makes our days the more perilous is the deception that is practised in every sphere of life. In the ecclesiastical world, the apostle forewarns of false apostles (II Cor. 11:13) and false brethren (11:26) that shall arise. Our Lord warns of false Christs and false prophets: "and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect" (Mark. 13:22). Peter mentions another class of deceitful men in the Church, and certainly in the theological colleges and seminaries — false teachers. But John is alarmed by the deception of deceptions — false spirits, spirits that are not of God, not of the Spirit of God, not of the Holy Spirit (I Jn. 4:1-3).

These false spirits are antichrist. It is those who have the spirit of truth that can recognise them to be the spirit of error. Now, I say, whether these be false apostles, false brethren, false Christs, false prophets, false teachers, false spirits, they are energised by the Evil One. Paul sums them up as follows: Inasmuch as the deceitful one, Satan himself, is transformed into an angel of light, "therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works" (II Cor. 11:5). Notice the term, "Ministers of righteousness". Ministers appearing so saintly in bishop's garb, ministers wearing pastor's collar, but such are described by Jude as men crept in unawares, "denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ" (Jude 4).

In the October 1980 issue of the Courier, on the back cover we have the inset photo of the Anglican Bishop with the Roman Catholic Archbishop chanting above a charismatic service of Anglicans and Catholics in progress at St. Andrew's Cathedral. Now what business has a Protestant Bishop got to do with a Roman Catholic Bishop? Not only for the fact that the latter represents the

dark and foul system of Rome, but also for the same Roman leadership sinking further into darkness. In a letter I've received from a Seminar jointly sponsored by the Inter-religious Organisation and Institute for the Study of Religions and Society at which Sikhs and Muslims take a leading part, the name of Archbishop Msgr. Gregory Yong of the Roman Catholic Church is mentioned. Bishop Yong has graciously consented, it states, to open the said seminar at the Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Building, Race Course Lane, Jan. 3.

As regards the Cathedral service with hundreds of hands raised to the "Holy Spirit" under the sway of the Anglican and Roman Bishops, are they also voting for the Truth? Or are they raised for Error? But do not numbers have weight? When you can quote meetings attended by hundreds and thousands, ten-thousands, hundred-thousands, and millions? Unfortunately, the bigger the crowd is, it is recorded in Scripture, the deeper might be the deception! Hear what our Lord says, "For many shall come in my name, saying, 'I am Christ and shall deceive many.'" Is Truth bolstered by numbers or rather often blurred by them?

There is an interesting story of big numbers versus a small number in the Old Testament to show how Truth standing alone can defeat the show of numbers. There were the 400 false prophets of Ahab versus Micaiah, the propnet of Jehovah. The "lying spirit" who spoke through the 400 prophets of Ahab with united voice chanted victory for the war-mongering King. But the Spirit of the Lord, the Spirit of Truth who spoke through Micaiah, warned of disaster. The 400 false prophets of Ahab speaking by the lying spirit were utterly defeated when Micaiah's prediction of Ahab's death came true (I Kings 22). Tonight, it is practically the lone voice of the Bible-Presbyterian Church that speaks against the false apostles, false brethren, false Christs, false prophets, false teachers and false spirits of our time in Singapore, but we may be right. We may be right against their mountains of erring numbers, after all! Why do these Church leaders who fraternise in the spirit of error

claim to be under the influence of the Holy Spirit?

Leslie Lyall in his biographical study of John Sung in his book, "John Sung, the Flame for God in the Far East" mentions the doctor as chiding certain charismatics in his preaching mission to North China. These who were speaking in tongues and claimed the speaking in tongues as proof of the Holy Spirit in their lives were soundly rebuked. John Sung declared: were the sins in their lives not confessed, the spirit they had in them was unholy, to say the least.

Today, the spirit of tongues-speaking as the declared manifestation of the working of the Holy Spirit is drawing both Protestants and Roman Catholics together. In fact the charismatic movement is that which is promoting the Ecumenical Movement on a new dimension in a real big way. And the Ecumenical Movement, which is seeking to organise a world church of all faiths, called the Harlot in Rev. 17, is the ultimate of unholiness, "full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication". This is the adulterous religion of so-called "togetherness," where "Anglicans and Catholics unite".

I am very happy with the title assigned me for discussion tonight "The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit" and the subtitle "What do you know of the Holy Spirit Renewal?" (The "Holy Spirit Renewal" is particularly claimed by the charismatic movement.)

Now, what is doctrine? As the recipe is the doctor's prescription of the medicine that must be accordingly dispensed (to the last drop and the last milligram) so the doctrine is to the subject that it teaches. The Bible, the inerrant, infallible Word of God, is Doctrine comprehending all doctrines. The Apostle John, so loving yet so intolerant of error, relies on Scriptural doctrine to safeguard the truth. He declares, "whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not in your house, neither bid

him godspeed." Doctrine of the Deity of Christ, his equality with the Father in power and glory is absolute teaching which if compromised so much as one hair-breadth is to be utterly anathema. Those who today ridicule the Virgin Birth of Christ and cast doubt on Christ's Resurrection have not the doctrine of Christ. They shall not receive our fellowship, as commanded by the Apostle John. But in the Ecumenical Movement, new evangelicals and modernists are shaking hands and bear-hugging, drinking Coca-cola and beer together, let alone the Anglican Bishop worshipping with the Roman Catholic Archbishop.

How about the Doctrine of the Holy Spirit? It will be interesting to hold a simple quiz with those charismatics who claim they speak by the Holy Spirit how much they know of the Doctrine of the Holy Spirit. "Doctrine is dead doctrine", I have heard some of the untaught evangelicals say. "What we want is Christ, a living Person." That is only half right. Christ and the Doctrine of Christ are one inasmuch as the doctor's prescription and the medicine accordingly dispensed are one. To claim the Holy Spirit to justify one's behaviour and action without knowing the doctrine thereof is a contradiction.

Now it is impossible in this brief hour to state the whole doctrine of the Holy Spirit. In the Bible College I need 32 lecture hours to teach Pneumatology or "The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit." How much in this brief hour can I say of Him who is the Third Person of the Blessed Holy Trinity?

Suffice me to state only three points of doctrine of the Holy Spirit which are pertinent to our subtitle "What do you know of the 'Holy Spirit Renewal'?"

1. The Holy Spirit is not some divine power as modernists and cultists teach, but is indeed the Third Person in the Holy Trinity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit though third in position in the Divine economy is of one substance, power, and eternity with God the Father and God the Son, even as He is God the Holy Spirit. The Trinity is revealed in the O.T. as early as the

Creation Account, but it is in the N.T. that we see the Three Persons mentioned by Name together. We see this in the Baptism Formula in the Great Commission and in the Apostolic Benediction pronounced at the end of the service by the pastor. The Triune God was visibly and audibly manifested at Jesus' Baptism when, according to B.B. Warfield, there was "God in heaven, God on earth, and God descending from heaven to earth" working in unison.

But while we worship the Triune God, the Holy Spirit is He whom the Father and Son send to testify Christ. In our divine worship, we should therefore praise God the Father Almighty, petition in the Name of Jesus the Son and pray with the help of the Holy Spirit. We do not pray to the Holy Spirit, and call on the Holy Spirit as the charismatics do, but we pray rather to the Father in Jesus' Name, through the Spirit. Paul says, "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities for we know not what we should pray for as we ought; but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered" (Rom. 8:26). Our doctrine of the Holy Spirit at this point should lead us to worship God in spirit and in truth. Modernists and cultists who take the Holy Spirit as some impersonal power can never attain to sincere and true worship inasmuch as they deny Him. "Whosoever denieth the Son the same hath not the Father." By corollary, those modernists and cultists who also deny the Son as they deny the Spirit are doubly negated. What is your position in regard to the doctrine of the Holy Spirit tonight?

2. The Holy Spirit being God is sovereign. The Holy Spirit manifested His sovereign power at Pentecost "as of a rushing mighty wind and appeared like cloven tongues of fire." The Holy Spirit did a miracle that caused the Message of God to be heard in every national language and dialect of the hearers, which miracle has never been experienced in the ears of today's tongues-speaking people. Their brand of tongues is different from the Scrip-

ture's. They run foul of this aspect of the Doctrine of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit's sovereignty is further manifested in His being sent by the Father and Son as Director of Church and Missions. The Holy Spirit leads and the Holy Spirit hinders and redirects. The classic example is recorded in Acts 16 where Paul's footsteps are traced in detail. We must not impose on the workings of the Holy Spirit. All our work for the Lord must have full assurance that it is from Him and not from our intellect, our prowess and our resources. The energy of the flesh diametrically clashes with the promptings of the Holy Spirit. Paul says in Eph. 4:30-32: "And grieve not the Holy Spirit whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger and clamour, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." The Holy Spirit flickers almost to extinction under the blast of our raging temper, but rekindles when we are at peace with God and men.

3. The third and last point on the doctrine of the Holy Spirit I would like to bring out insofar as this message is concerned is this. The chief work of the Holy Spirit in Church "renewal" is not tongues-speaking, but sin-confessing, since He who is holy cannot tolerate unholiness, and unholiness is sin. Jesus stated the mission of the Holy Spirit whom He will send as follows: "And when He is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness and judgment." (Jn. 16:8).

Though I am not a charismatic who talks so much of the Holy Spirit, I have undergone a Holy Ghost Revival by God's grace in John Sung's Revival, 1935. Dr. Sung's preaching against sin, each individual sin in my life and your life, from stealing money and things, to sex sins, cheating in class, going to the cinema, mahjong, gambling, smoking, adultery, worshipping idols, borrowing books and not returning them, etc., etc., was mightily anointed by the

Holy Spirit. Until these unconfessed sins were openly confessed, the Holy Spirit gave no peace of heart. When, however, I realised how lost and hell-bound a condition I was in, I surrendered to the Lord by receiving Christ as my Saviour (who died on the cross to pay the penalty of my sins), I was born again by the Holy Spirit. I found new life, and the witness of the Spirit within that now I was a child of God. The Holy Spirit manifested Himself in joyful utterances, not so much in tongues as in song and in praises. Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Hallelujahs were spontaneous and uttered not as stereotype shibboleths.

If the Renewal of the Holy Spirit is in tongues-speaking as the charismatics claim, let them heed St. Paul's final verdict on the whole matter. To the tongues-confused Corinthian Church, Paul says, "I would that ye all spake with tongues, but rather that ye prophesied: "(that is, preached the Word)," for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh in tongues, except he interpret," (which means the tongue should be a foreign language and not some unintelligible bird-hooting), "that the church may receive edifying . . . yet in the Church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach them also, than ten thousand words in a tongue." (*unknown* in italics is not in the Greek) 1 Cor. 14:5, 19.

Beloved, what the Church today needs is not tongues that confuse, but tongues that convince. What we need is preaching the Word of God in power, convicting of sin and converting sinners, delivering them from the clutches of Satan. Tongues that confuse confound the speakers themselves, like drinking Pepsi-cola and drinking Pepsi-cola is no solution to a hungry stomach. What you and I need is rice, yea, even the Bread of Life.

What I say here sincerely is directed not only to charismatic churchmen who should spend more time meditating God's word than socialising with an emotional crowd, but also to ourselves and to me. The revival of the

Church, or renewal if you will, cannot be attained but by unctioned preaching of Christ and Him crucified, and sound Bible doctrine. So, I conclude on this third point in St. Paul's words to Timothy, "Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all. Take heed to thyself, and unto doctrine; continue in them: for in so doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee" (1 Tim. 4:13-16).

This brief meditation on "The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit" with the subtitle "What do you know of the Holy Spirit Renewal" is humbly submitted not from one emerging from some theological cloister, but from one who has moved amongst charismatics time and again, and from one who has gone through a modern mighty Pentecost. Such a person has discovered that what the Holy Spirit requires of us is not so much an outward sign but the inward grace. Until sin is cast out, genuinely confessed, and until one is daily living a holy life without hypocrisy, a life motivated by the love of Christ for all men, there can be no Holy Spirit Renewal in the doctrinal sense. Amen.

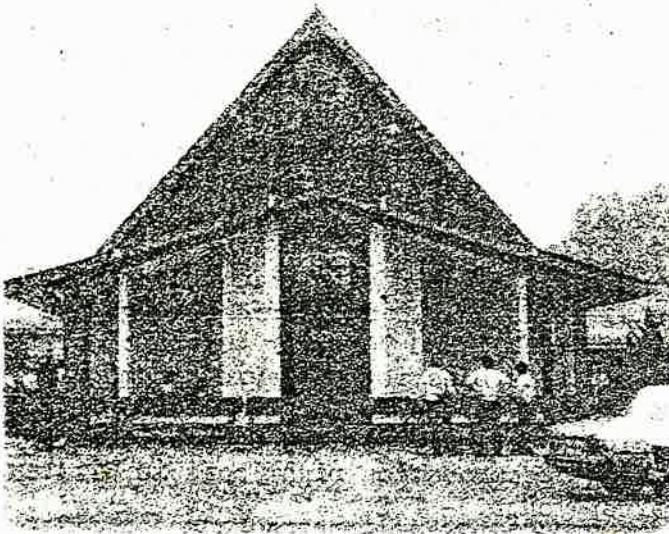
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B-P WEEKLY

MY FIRST TIME PARTICIPATION IN A B-P RETREAT

By Elder Seow Chong Pin



Rawang Church, Rebuilt 1972

Under the natural canopy we held the three-day meetings. The open-air amphitheatre overlooking the Malacca Straits not only makes for an excellent meeting place, it gives us a sense of heavenly provision where the sun peeps through the foliage, birds chirp overhead and the sea sings a murmuring hymn. We basked in the wonders of the creation.

This was the 2nd B-P Retreat for pastors and leaders at Port Dickson Baptist Golden Sands Holiday Camp, 13th to 16th September 1982. A group of 40 arrived in the afternoon from Rawang. Strange - why from Rawang and not Singapore? We did start from Singapore but stopped at Rawang to attend Rawang Christian Church's 60th Anniversary cum 10th Anniversary of the rebuilding of the Church. This was killing two birds with one stone for the Lord. A beautiful building in its own right, Rawang Church with parsonage and kindergarten stands on land along the Muar-Segamat Road.

The service was conducted in Hokkien-teochew translated into English and was fully attended. We praised the Lord. We were then treated to a sumptuous lunch with local star fruit and buah duku for dessert. The fellowship was one of the warmest with traditional country hospitality. Thank God for this lone beacon radiating a bright light in this backwoods region.

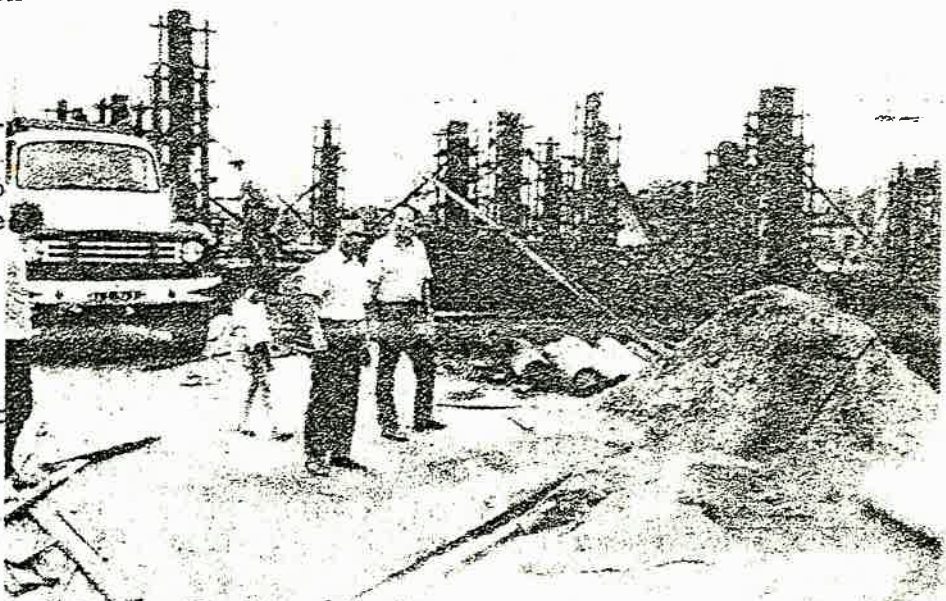
The retreat was one of abundance spiritually and physically. Mornings were fully utilised for meetings. There were messages, prayers and forums. Topics included those on "Separation", "Better Preaching" and "Missions". Very well-prepared papers were presented and enlightening messages delivered by main and supporting speakers. Then followed full discussions in a forum after each presentation. Speakers were all pastors - 14 in number - Bible College students and others who were without portfolio found nothing to do! They were not left in outer darkness either. Each had a share of the blessings, for the testimonies session had in fact been planned for them. This was a lively part of the conference. Testimonies were vividly narrated, some of which, like drama in real life, made us laugh. One who recounted his boisterous act gripped everyone of us. But this had led to his subsequent conversion and a chain of friends and relatives. On the last night the meeting went on for 1½ hours. Afternoons were free for all.

Physically we were fed 3 substantial meals a day - Continental breakfast, Chinese lunch and dinner. We even had tea after night sessions. As to lodging, I would like to mention one special feature. Our rooms, though of a dormitory type with minimal facility, are protected with mosquito netting over the windows and doors. This is important as it gave us the double assurance that we would be free from the attack of Dengue mosquitoes which is now rampant in Malaysia. Before arrival I honestly had apprehension of this fatal virus but after seeing the special netting protection my fears disappeared instantaneously. I prayed in my heart: "Thank God, thy provision and care are truly complete and beyond men's comprehension." So, all are safe and sound - we had not even a single mosquito bite. Since afternoons were free, some took to the sea for a dip in the clear blue water whilst others preferred a nap to recharge their lost energy.

This retreat brings to memory a time of togetherness of Christian brothers and refreshment of spirit. Truly it benefits me a great deal and, I am sure, others too. It gives us an insight into deeper Christian living, mutual understanding and what roll church leaders are to play. The B-P Church should make this an annual affair and it is understood that the initiator, Rev Tow Siang Hwa, has already made a booking for next year. Where are the elders? Sign up for 1983!

THIS PHOTO OF WOODLANDS was taken on Thurs. Sept. 16 on our way back from Port Dickson. A third bird, after Rawang! As the building operations are proceeding very smoothly, this picture is rather behind time. If you go to Woodlands now, you'll see the first floor also up!

The day we took this picture (recognise Elder Seow?) we also met with the architect on the site. We also received from Teohfield our contractor a first bill for \$208,800. At the rate they are going we should expect bills for \$200,000 coming at monthly intervals. The building costing \$1.8 million will be



completed April 1983.

But all we have in the kitty is \$400,000. We are as it were coming with Israel to the Red Sea. (Ours is a sea of red ink). We have no way out. Our help is only in God. This was the same situation we faced at Gilstead Road two decades ago. (Ask Elder Seow about it!) God led us through then. Will He do it again?

A more appropriate comparison should be with Israel engaged in battle against the Amalekites. According to Exod. 17:8-16 we see Israel commanded by the Lord to battle with Amalek. While Joshua captained the army in the field Moses prayed on the hill, assisted by Aaron and Hur.

In writing about the Economy of Miracles in the RPG notes, we noted that what we cannot do, God will do for us, like the raising of Lazarus. What we can do, we must ourselves do, like rolling away the tomb-stone. Beloved, for lifers to give \$1.5 in the next 1 year is something within our reach. Therefore we must put our shoulders to the wheel to fight this financial battle with all our might. Those who cannot preach or teach but are blessed with funds can serve the Lord at such a time as this! Those who cannot give, let them pray. Like Moses, with Aaron and Hur. Come to Tuesday night prayer meeting! Will you pray at least once for Woodlands everyday?

When King David felt he needed to build God a House, God was pleased with this holy resolve. God reciprocated to David, "I will build you a house!" Thus He blessed David through the prophet Nathan, "And thine house and thy Kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever." (II Sam. 7:16). Let this blessing on David's family be upon you, whoever you are, when you are stirred with a resolve to see to the completion of God's House at Woodlands. (May God bless the brother who is giving not only all the Church furniture for Woodlands, but in addition, 24 pews to augment seating accommodation right here in Gilstead Road! And you who have been giving your tithe, month after month!)- T.T.

DO YOU KNOW the recent WAR and KILLINGS in Lebanon are prophesied? Read Zechariah 11:1-6. Bashan and Jordan, Northern Palestine (PLO?) are involved? Lebanon is invaded! The great and lofty are burned. This spreads terror to the great and lofty in Bashan, just next door in Northern Palestine. The rulers of Lebanon cry (for help and in suffering). The young lions (PLO fighters?) are routed. The people are massacred whose "buyers" say "We're not guilty" and whose sellers say "Blessed be the Lord; for I am rich" Their own shepherds (rulers) pity them not. The Lord says, "Feed the flock of the massacre."

God will no more pity the inhabitants of Lebanon for He will hand them to their "king" and everyone to his neighbour and they will oppress the land. I will not preserve them - does not this prophecy on Lebanon fit the recent War and killings?

"Behold ... I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle" (Zech 14:1-2). As the whole world now turn against Israel because of the Massacre, is this not another omen of Armageddon?

Time is running out! Reader, are you ready when Christ comes?

YERUSHALAYIM, THY SONS AND DAUGHTERS LOVE THEE!

Two thousand years they've wandered in exile. Now by God's grace, they're gathered to thee. By they embrace, their weeping turns to smile. ^{ce,}

Chorus:

Yerushalayim, let peace and freedom ring,
To thee Shalom, to thee Shalom!
Yerushalayim, lift up thy voice and sing,
Messiah is come, Messiah is come!

Yerushalayim, behold Christ Jesus has come
To save thy sons, if they will turn to Him.
By death and pain, He has become their ransom.
Rising again, He has forgiven their sin.

Yerushalayim, behold Messiah shall come
To save thy land, when thou shalt cry to Him.
He comes on clouds, with awesome loud trumpet ^{sound.}
To judge the earth - peace a millennium.

Yerushalayim, God is thy 'ternal peace,
City of Zion, David's throne rise again!
City of Truth, resplendent in His glory
Till sun shall rise and moon no more shall wane.
(Songs and Verses from the Holy Land, p. 75)

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (27th Sept - 3rd Oct)

MON 7.30 pm Calvin (Rev Tow)
TUE 11.00 am Serena Cheok Lian See - Woo Fook
Wah Wedding (Elder Lionel Ong)
FEBC reception.
8.00 pm Prayer Mtg
THU 7.30 pm Acts (Dr W C Tan)
SAT 2.30 pm Peter Koh Kian Teck - Lim Yat
Ling Wedding (Mr Huang Ee Yuan)
FEBC Reception.
2.00 pm JYF; 3.30 pm YF; 4.00 pm YAF.
SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow (Lord's Supper)
10.00 am Rev Lin Tah Mon (Lord's Supper)
11.30 am Catechism Class 10.00 am Rev Tan
11.45 am Korean Service W C at Beulah
12.15 pm Choir Rehearsal
1.30 pm AF Bible Study (Proverbs)
4.00 pm Kebaktian Indonesia
4.30 pm Sharon Service
5.25 pm Mini-bus to Calvary-Pandan
8.00 pm Korean Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: \$2582.40 + \$52 (W.Kal)
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A Warm Welcome to Guests Rev and Mrs Hutchinson
of Perth, Australia; Mr Sihombing and son of
Medan.

Mrs Simon Tsai left for Tanjung Pinang, Friday to
join her husband at Singkep. Pray for the new
outreach.

Lost and Found: A blue purse; A blue Bible.
Rev Tow will be speaker at the Indonesian Service
this afternoon.

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Three Branches on the Israeli Fig-Tree

One of the signs of Christ's second coming and of "the end of the world" as given in Matt. 24:32-34; Mk. 13:28,29 and Lk. 21:29-31 is the sprouting fig tree, whereby we know summer is near. This fig tree, according to all students of prophecy, is Israel in the end-times.

From Old Testament study, we have discovered three great events in modern Israel that fulfil prophecy relating to Christ's return.

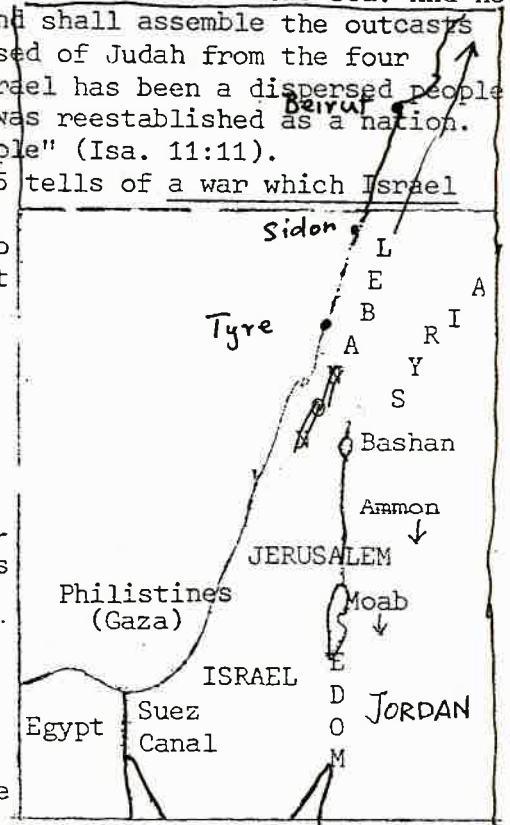
I. The Regathering of Israel back to her homeland. This prophecy is given by numerous O.T. prophets: Isa. 11:11,12 says: "And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall remain, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth." For 2,000 years Israel has been a dispersed people to the ends of the earth. In 1948 Israel was reestablished as a nation. God has "recovered the remnant of His people" (Isa. 11:11).

II. After Israel's reestablishment as a nation Isa. 11:14-15 tells of a war which Israel will fight with neighbouring countries toward the west (Gaza, which is Philistine country), to the east (Syria) with Edom, Moab and Ammon (which is Jordan whose capital is Amman) and with Egypt in which the tongue of the Egyptian Sea (Red Sea) is utterly destroyed. How meticulously these details were fulfilled in the 6-Day War (1967) and the Yom Kippur War (1973)!

III. After Israel's return to her homeland by way of the sea (shiploads of early returnees smuggled up the Lebanon sea coast) there will be an invasion of Lebanon. The high and mighty, the rich and powerful, described as cedars will be burned. This terrifies the rich and mighty (fir trees) in Bashan, in neighbouring north Galilee. There is heard the voice of howling shepherds (the government of the land), a voice of roaring young lions (rebels), "for the pride of Jordan is spoiled" Thus saith the Lord my God: "Feed the flock of my slaughter," whose possessors slay them and hold themselves not guilty; and they that sell them say, "Blessed be the Lord; for I am rich: and their own shepherds pity them not" What a befitting description of Israel's invasion of Lebanon, the routing of PLO and the massacre of the refugees."

It is marvellous before our eyes! Within 34 years of our lifetime three prophecies on Israel have been fulfilled.

What next? Things will get worse and worse till the whole world is against Israel. Then Armageddon, the last battle to be fought on Israel's territory, leading to Jerusalem. Zech. 14 tells how Christ will descend on the Mount of Olives to save His people, and to judge the nations. Are you ready to meet your lord? What are you doing these days of impending doom? If I were you, I will re-think my future. I will occupy till He comes, that is work for Him, not for myself.



APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (4th - 10th OCT. '82)			NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS 2968) \$40; 2969)	
MON	7.30 pm	Calvin (Rev Tow)	\$100; 2970) \$70; 2971) \$75; 2972) \$200; 2973)	
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting	\$40; 2974) \$40; 2975) \$180; 2976) \$500; 2977)	
	9.15 pm	Session Meeting	\$100; 2978) \$50; 2979) \$30; 2980) \$20; 2981) \$10;	
THU	7.30 pm	Acts (Dr Tan W C)	2982) \$150; 2983) \$350; 2984) \$100; 2985) \$20;	
SAT	2.00 pm	JYF ; 4.00 pm YAF	2986) \$324; 2987) \$500; 2988) \$400; 2989) \$40;	
	4.00 pm	ICY RALLY; Speaker: Rev Tan W C	2990) \$1400; 2991) \$8.50 (RPG).	
		Theme: Christian Youth Values and Social Attitudes	TOTAL: 1,335,791.73 Stop Press! 2992) \$20;	
SUN	10.00 am	Rev Tow	2993) \$50; 2994) \$100; 2995) \$7,291; 2996) \$10	
	10.00 am	Mr George Kutty (Chin. Service)	(ISCF); 2997) \$15 (RPG). *Interest (Aug-Sept)	
	11.30 am	Catechism Class (Written testimonies by Oct. 10)	Treasurer's Note! Paid to Techfield \$189,000.	
	11.45 am	Korean Service	Mr and Mrs George Kutty are leaving us, Sat.	
	1.30 pm	AF Bible Study (Proverbs - Dr Tan)	Oct. 16 for the United States. They will return	
	4.00 pm	Kebaktian Indonesia (Mr G. Kutty)	to work with the Cambodian and Vietnamese refu-	
	4.00 pm	Rev Tow at Bethlehem Jurong	gees as independent missionaries. Their U.S.	
		Thanksgiving	address is c/o Lucille Russo, 2 Terry Street,	
	4.30 pm	Sharon Service	North Providence, Rhode Island, USA 02904.	
	5.25 pm	Mini-bus leaves for Cal. Pan.	Meantime they can be reached by dialing 4524771.	
	6.00 pm	Rev Tan W C at Sunset Gospel Hour.	Mr. Kutty will be the Lord's messenger at both	
	8.00 pm	Korean Service	the Chinese and Indonesian Services next Lord's	
LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$3004.80 + \$100 (BP Sumatra)			Day, 10 am and 4 pm respectively.	
+ \$100 (W. Kal.)			Expresgram to Rev C T Hsu. Your previous	
			cheque for Woodlands, etc, and this one for	
			Kal. (elec.) both received. Many thanks.	

Song to the New Jerusalem

Stephen C. Foster

T. Tow

1) The summer sun shines o'er new Jer-u-sa-lem: Gold-en days of

2) The autumn showers freshen new Jerusalem, Happy feasts are

3) The spring rains drive winter's biting cold away: Wheat and barley,

4) The Sun of Righteousness shines o'er earth's Dark Night: No more war, nor

peace so di-vine. Messiah has come to this war-torn earth from Heav'n

held over the land olive and grain- hunger nor pain! We worship Messiah the Prince of Peaceful Realm, Ten thousand flowers in the balmy breezes away, Christ Jesus reigns till Right triumphs over Might,

Besto'ing rest to we-a-ry mankind Weep no more, O

Who makes roses bloom across the sand. While young men and maidens praise His Name. All resplendent in Jerusalem.

Is-ra-el O weep no more to-day We will sing this song to the

new Jer-u-sa-lem To the new Jer-u-sa-lem for aye.

YERUSHALAYIM, MESSIAH IS COME

(To the tune of "How Great Thou Art!")
Yerushalayim, thy sons and daughters love thee!
Two thousand years they've wandered in exile.
Now by God's grace, they're gathered to thee in
By thy embrace, their weeping turns to smile. ^{Peace}

Chorus:

Yerushalayim, let peace and freedom ring,
To thee Shalom, to thee Shalom
Yerushalayim, lift up thy voice and sing,
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City of Truth, resplendent in His glory
Till sun shall rise and moon no more shall wane.
(Songs and Verses from the Holy Land, p. 75)

32nd Anniversary Thanksgiving and 17th Anniver-
sary of the Chinese Service, Sun Oct. 17, begins
at 9.30 am! Don't miss preliminary Praise items!
Followed by 'curry lunch by famous caterer. Elder
Lim Tock Chye, chairman of after-makan short
service.



William Chalmers Burns

FROM WILLIAM BURNS TO New Life Church at Woodlands

"Behold, I have set before thee an open door,
and no man can shut it" (Rev. 3:8).

Our Fathers sat in prisons dark
Amidst South China's plain,
Till one from England did embark;
Bearing the Light from Heaven.

The vessel whom the Lord had sent:
His name was William Burns.
To Hongkong Island first he went
In eighteen forty-seven.

From thence sped he forth to Canton,
But God soon turned his step
To Amoy where he found a town
That gladly sought his help.

'Twas in Amoy he did settle,
That God's Word might go forth.
From thence again he went to battle,
Farther, yet farther north.

To Shanghai, and on to Nanking:
He scanned her from the bow.
But meanwhile God was planning
To bring him to Swatow!

The Captain of a British ship
Offered to take him south,
And so in eighteen fifty-six
On Swatow soil he ploughed.

'Twas on this trip to our city,
That Hudson Taylor came
With Burns in the same ministry,
And they were not ashamed.

As the gospel grew and flourished
In Swatow and Amoy,
From these havens our sires cherished
Sailed southwards ships ahoy!

Our Fathers came to Singapore
And Malay States beyond.
A church soon sprang on this new shore
By eighteen eighty-one

Among the first congregations
Was one at "Bamboo Tree",
Founded by the E.P. Mission
In eighteen eighty-three.

There stood before on Prinsep Street
An old, grey, little church.
'Twas here from the nineteen fifties
That we have grown so quick....

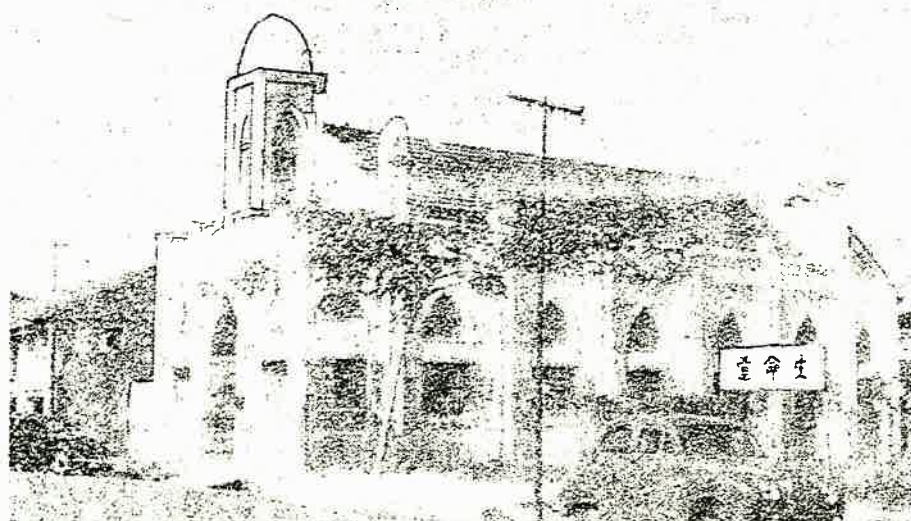
From Life we went to Sembawang,
From Life we went to Zion,
From Life on to Pasir Panjang,
From thence on to Jurong!

Faith, Carmel and Kelapa Sawit,
Hume Heights and Seletar,
Tekong and the Bible College,
Sharon and Toa Payoh.

From Life again sprang Calvary,
Kulai, Grace and Rawang,
Then came the call from yonder sea -
Riau and Kalimantan.

In North Sumatra there's Medan
In South Singkep Island
Moreover an Indo Service
A new church at Woodlands.

Praise God, His Kingdom marches on,
Though His servants falter.
Glory to Christ the Son alone,
Whose Light shines on forever!



← That old, grey
little church at
Prinsep Street.

Pastoral Chat

My dear Reader,

"Jesus is coming real soon!" so reminds our brother Rev C.T.Hsu from New York City. And he adds, "The Americans here are living day by day, and the Europeans hour by hour." He means the times are critically critical, to use a Hebrew expression. This is true of us in Singapore. There is no safe place on earth.

What must we do then in the light of world-shaking events before His coming? We must reorientate our goal in life. We must subdue our selfish interests to the Cause of Christ. We must redouble our efforts in the service of His Kingdom. Jesus says, "Blessed is that servant, whom his Lord when He cometh shall find so doing" (Matt. 24:46). What have you done for Christ? What have you decided to do henceforth? What about giving your whole life to God?

Next week we shall hold our 32nd Anniversary Thanksgiving. To let younger Lifers know their roots, we've brought up-to-date the poem on William Burns, the last of his "descendents" being the New Life Church at Woodlands. Let us be thankful to God for our precious heritage. Note the photo of that grey, old, little church at Prinsep St., and the 3 Chinese characters meaning Life Church.

I was at its dedication as a small boy, and I saw its demolition 46 years after. We worshipped in this Church from 1950 to 1962 before transferring to Gilstead Road. From Gilstead Road in the last 20 years the Lord has opened as many doors for advancement into other parts of Singapore, to Malaysia and Indonesia.

Let our 32nd Anniversary Thanksgiving next Lord's Day truly be a time of many praises as well as for heart-searching. Remember we shall start at 9.30 a.m. After service the Session will host the congregation to a simple lunch after which Elder Dr. Lim Teck Chye will lead in a Testimony Meeting. This will be a time to get to know one another better.

In view of the great numbers of people expected the Green Corridor will be served with closed circuit TV. (We had a first try of Video-taping last week. If you like the message on the Three Branches of the Israeli Fig Tree, please place your order at the RTL office, upstairs next to the Church office).

Last year we held an all Life Church Family Camp to great success. We're repeating it this year, Nov. 22-26. One unique feature of this Camp at Church is that it takes in parttimers, who cannot get leave. Come and relax in the evening anyway. Sleep beneath the palms with the stars peeping down the swaying featheries. Our latest Campers' delights are what? We promise you a time of radiant spiritual and physical refreshing. (Don't forget your mums and Chinese speaking uncles. We have a Chinese section!).

Your affectionate pastor, T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (11th - 17th OCT)

MON 7.30 pm Calvin (Rev Tow)
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
THU 7.30 pm Acts (Dr Tan W C)
SAT 2.00 pm JYF; 3.30 pm YF; 4.00 pm YAF.
2.30 pm Lim Eng - Tan Seek Kee (of Bible Church) Wedding (Rev Tow)
FEBEC Reception
SUN 9.30 am 32nd Anniversary Service combined with 17th Chinese Service. Dr Tan W C preaching.
11.45 pm Korean Service
1.30 pm AF Bible Study
4.00 pm Kebaktian Indonesia
4.30 pm Sharon Service
5.00 pm Emmanuel B-P (Dr Tan W C)
5.25 pm Mini-bus leaves for Cal - Pan.
8.00 pm Korean Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS \$4532.97 + \$100

(D. Wong) + \$300 (Singkep) + \$27.80 (RPG).

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS 2998) \$200

(Kor. Ch.); 2999) \$500 (Chin. Ser.); 3000)

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3012) \$30; 3013) \$292; 3014) \$260; 3015)

\$62.40; 3016) \$50; 3017) \$160; 3018) \$167;

3019) \$20; 3020) \$400; 3021) \$20; 3022) \$50;

3023) \$150; 3024) \$20; 3025) \$60; 3026)

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3030) \$120; 3031) \$430; 3032) \$300; 3033) \$150

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3041) \$1300; 3042) \$1200; 3043) \$500; STOP

PRESS! 3044) \$1200 (AF); 3045-49) \$121.87;

\$100.23; \$105.35; \$89.76; \$59.84; (Interest)

TOTAL \$1,357,405.69. STOP PRESS! 3050) \$100;

3051) \$151 (Boxes).

Catechumens for next week's baptism are to hand in their testimonies at the last

THERE'S A CHURCH IN A GARDEN BY A GREENWOOD,
No love-li-er 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 in 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 a-way in-to night.
I would fain from this haunt of my childhood
Wing my way to the mansions of light.

Catechism Class today!

Come to Family Camp under the royal palms Nov. 22-26. Children, adults, Chinese speaking mothers and parents. Speakers Rev Timothy Tow, W C Tan, Miss Ng Sang Chiew, Mr Peter Clements. The 32nd Anniversary of the B-PC will be held at Cal-Pan. Oct 31, 6 p.m. Dr Tow Siang Hwa speaking.

Mr. Peter Eng will be speaker this afternoon at the Kebaktian Indonesia.

FEBEC Library has received a new set of Encyclopedia Britannica for the library new wing in Church Balcony Room.

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THE ORIGIN OF OUR ANNUAL THANKSGIVING.

Do you know how and when our Annual Thanksgiving came about? Old timers who started out at Prinsep Street 32 years ago should know, but I'm afraid that as time goes on Thanksgiving will become just a big, noisy Church festival. To be exact, our Annual Thanksgiving began 32 years ago!

The Spirit of our Thanksgiving is derived from the more renowned American Thanksgiving which occurs on the 4th Thursday every November. (Ours is held on the 3rd Sunday every October).

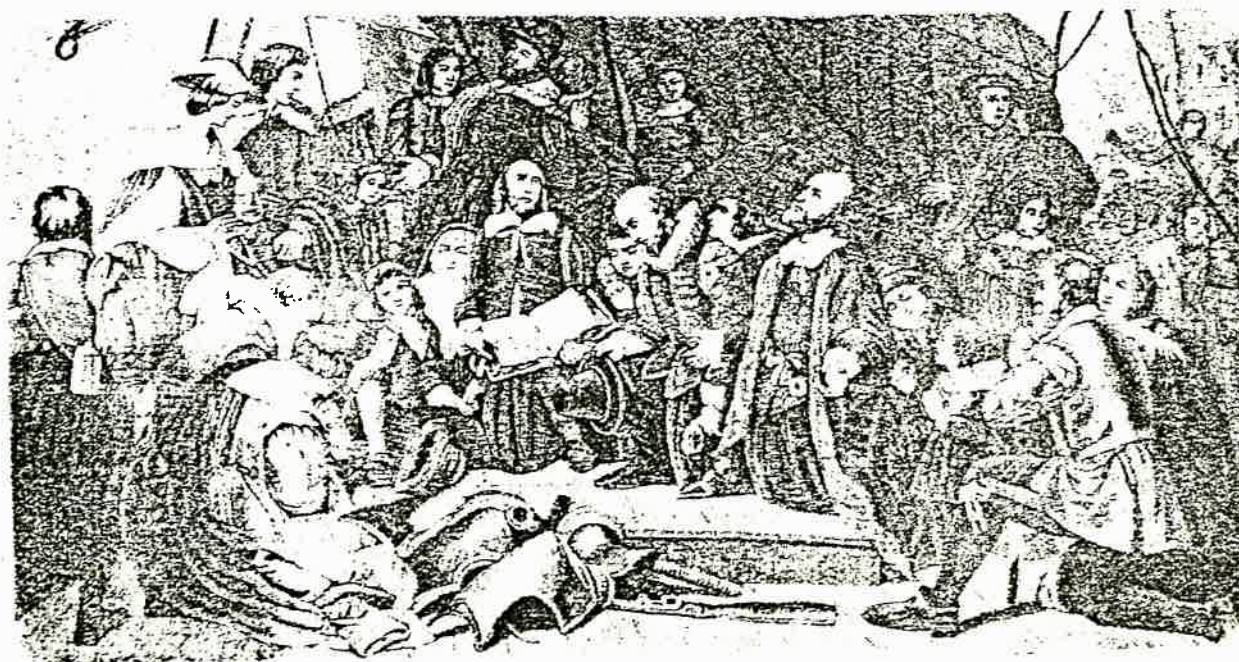
Now, how did the Americans come to make the 4th Thursday every November their national Thanksgiving Day? It all began with the spontaneous expression of overwhelming gratitude in the hearts of the Pilgrim Fathers, the founders of one of the early English colonies on the American continent at Plymouth, Massachusetts. The Pilgrim Fathers were Puritans, English Separatists who would not conform to the ways of the Church of England. They wanted a purer religion, but being restricted and persecuted, they migrated to Holland. Though the Dutch gave them a hospitable sanctuary they felt ill at ease in a foreign land. This made them to migrate farther - to America in 1620. The ship they sailed in, the Mayflower, carried 102 men, women and children. Did those pilgrims know half of them were going to perish in the fierce winter of their new country?

Faith in God helped them to persevere through another rigorous winter when spring this time came with bright sunshine, and with it good planting and a successful harvest. Governor Bradford made this first Thanksgiving Proclamation "Inasmuch as the great Father has given us this year an abundant harvest of Indian corn, wheat, peas, beans, squashes, and garden vegetables, and has made the forests to abound with game and the sea with fish and clams, and inasmuch as He has protected us from the ravages of the savages, has spared us from pestilence and disease, has granted us freedom to worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience. Now, I, your magistrate, do proclaim that all ye Pilgrims, with your wives and ye little ones, do gather at ye meeting house, on ye hill, between the hours of 9 and 12 in the day time, on Thursday, one thousand six hundred and twenty-three and the third year since ye Pilgrims landed on ye Pilgrim Rock, there to listen to ye pastor and render thanksgiving to ye Almighty God for all His blessings."

You, younger Lifers! Know also that your Church was established at Prinsep Street as a Separatist congregation. We refused to join the Ecumenical movement that is now engulfing the Church world, uniting Protestants and Catholics, charismatics, liberals, modernists, socialists and eventually adherents to other faiths. We were a despised little group, but we have a great God. We were lost in the winter of sin bound for everlasting death, but the Lord Jesus saved us and established us a young congregation, full of life, ready to strike out with the proclamation of the Gospel. From that small beginning on Oct. 20, 1950 we have grown to 30 congregations in Singapore and Malaysia, with outreaches in Sumatra, Riau, Singkep, Kalimantan and other parts of Indonesia.

Through 32 years the Lord has blessed our people. Think of the dark days you went through like the Pilgrim Fathers and the bright days you're now in. If they knew how to give thanks for deliverance from physical death and sorrows, how shall we not give thanks for deliverance from our troubles, but above all from the eternal fires of hell? Moreover we have been specially favoured of all Asian peoples to live in such a peaceful and prosperous country, away from war and bloodshed and spared the fate of the Boat People and of our neighbouring Kampuchians.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy. O that men would praise the Lord for His goodness and for His wonderful works to the Children of men! (Ps. 107: 1-8).



WORSHIP ON THE MAYFLOWER BEFORE SAILING FOR AMERICA.

HOW GOD BROUGHT THEM IN (Candidates for baptism)

ANG ENG KHIM I come from a Buddhist family. In 1979 when I was at Ngee Ann Technical College I came to know Jesus Christ.

CHAN, MAGDALENE I was a staunch Buddhist. For the past 24 years I had lots of problems, leading a miserable life. Thrice unhappy incidents happened to me and my family in 1982, so I made up my mind to attend Church. Thank the Lord He has guided us out of danger. I sincerely believe our Lord Jesus.

CHAN FOONG LEEN, PRISCILLA Two years ago I knew a boy who brought me to Life Church where I came to know about the Lord through attending Elder Khoo's class and also by listening to every Sunday sermon.

CHEUNG SIEW MAI, RACHEL The lessons during the past few weeks have been very meaningful. It has assured me of my salvation.

CHIA, WILLIAM I was of very little faith until I came to Life Church where I've gained more faith than all the earliest years of my life put together.

CHIN CHOON WAI In 1973 Egypt attacked an unprepared Israel. It was during this time that I first heard of the Gospel when my teacher discussed the war and preached the Gospel to the whole class.

CHNG SUAT NEO I first heard of Christ when I was in Sec. 4. After Sec 4 I joined Ngee Ann where I attended a Gospel rally.

CHOO, CINDY One day in June 1979 during school vacation someone came to my doorsteps and told me about Christianity. She invited me to VBS.

HONG LENG TEE, NANCY I first came to know about Jesus Christ through a Correspondence Course. Two years back I was led to a rally where I accepted Christ. I felt like a new person; I was born again.

KOH C.S., VICTOR I came to know the Lord only 7 months ago and since that day I live each day with inner joy and peace and calm understanding of my life and existence.

KOH LEE KOON, JENNIFER I came to the Lord when I was enrolled in a Mission school. The warmth and friendliness of the people touched my heart.

KOH MUI LIN I raised my hand to the Lord at a YF meeting of Grace Assembly. I joined the GLTD in 1976. Recently the sisters in AF encouraged me to join the AF camp where I made my resolutions.

KOH SIONG KHOON, SEBASTIAN I was born again at Bible Assembly. The following Sunday I brought my wife and daughter to the Bible Assembly. My wife was born again a few months later. My daughter was dedicated to the Lord.

KOH, LORETTA nee CHOU MEOW HWA One evening we attended a Miracle Rally. I liked the Gospel very much but was not pleased with the "healing" act. Sometime in mid-1981 I was born again and a few months later my daughter was dedicated to the Lord.

LIM PIN I accepted the Lord in 1972, but I turned away from Him for many years and lived like a non-believer. I'm thankful He has now called me back.

PHOON CHEN FOWN, JANE It was through the AF Cameron Camp that He has confirmed His love and grace for me.

TAN, JACQUELINE One of the many blessings I have received from God is having found Life Church. Here my search is complete and now I can live in peace.

TAN KENG SWAN, FRANCIS I came to know Christ through a friend who urged me to read the Bible.

TAN MEI LIAN A few years after I heard the Gospel I attended a Christian camp and was converted there. LEE, JASON I was given a tract which I threw away...

TAN SOO PHIOW Suddenly by some unseen power I found myself following my family to Church every Sunday. I strongly believe that it was the Lord leading me to green pastures.

TEO CHENG SENG My fear of death was urgent, but thanks be to God, there was a voice which said, "Don't worry God can help. Go to the (Life) Church and pray...."

CANDIDATES FOR INFANT BAPTISM

1. GOH SHI - YUAN, JEREMY, s/o Mr and Mrs Benny Goh.
2. KOH PING PING, REBECCA, d/o Mr & Mrs Koh Siong Khoon.
3. LIU LIWEN, MARK, s/o Mr & Mrs Low Woh Weng.
4. TAN MEI - EN, ANNA, d/o Rev (Dr) & Mrs Tan Wai Choon.
5. TSAO CHIEH LIN, CHERYL, d/o Mr & Mrs Tsao San.

CANDIDATES FOR BAPTISM (Chinese Service)

1. MADAM ONG PECK TIN, mother of Rev. Lau Chin Kwee
2. MADAM SEAH YEE HUI, mother of Mr Peter Sim.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (18th - 23rd Oct '82)

SAT 7.00 pm YF Praise Service at FEBC Hall
7.30 pm Christian Fellowship & Missions (Church Sanctuary)

SUN 5.25 pm Mini-bus to Calvary-Pandan (Rev Tow on Miracles of Jesus)
6.00 pm WF at FEBC Hall; Speaker is Rev David Yan.

WOODLANDS BUILDING FUND AS OF 30th Sept. '82

Offering + Int.	1255814.27	1345814.27
earned		139000.00
Transferred from		1485114.27
General Fund	90000.00	
+ Loans		
Sub-total		
Less: HDB	900003.92	
Stamp duty	26605.00	
Miscellaneous	14905.53	
Techfield Cons.		
- 1st payment	189000.00	1130514.45
Balance as of		354599.82
Sept. 30, '82		

A special "Thank You" to the various language groups offering praise as today's 32nd Thanks-giving:- 1. Chinese Service; 2. Bethlehem-Jurong Tamil-English; 3. Kebaktian Indonesia; 4. Thai couple, FEBC; 5. Korean Trio from Korean Church and FEBC; 6. Japanese Duet (FEBCCers) 7. Kenyan Duet.



PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Reader,

The Gospel Sounds Sweeter in Another Language.

I'm sure this sentiment that was expressed in the "Lively Stones" found a responsive chord in you last Lord's Day - our 32nd Annual Thanksgiving. The Name of the Lord was greatly magnified in 8 languages, and the more, as the idea of gathering these language groups from our Church and FEBC came from Him!

It all began when your pastor was invited the previous week to Bethlehem-Jurong's 22nd Anniversary. The medley of songs rendered by a lively Tamil choir was so striking that he spontaneously invited them to sing for us. From this spark of inspiration a great fire of enthusiasm was lit, resulting in the further enlistment of the Trio from the Korean Church, another from the Japanese under Kimiko, the Prachan Thai couple, another Trio from our Kebaktian Indonesia and Stephen and Richard our African boys. On our part we had our English and Chinese choirs, the Children's Choir and the Sunday School Primary Department.

These efforts were used of the Lord to bless an audience of 900 - over 200 were counted in the green porch which was served by closed circuit T.V. (A note of apology must be offered here - we missed out the Filipino group under Abel worshipping at Life Church).

Now we must not forget that the 32nd Anniversary of the English congregation was simultaneously the 17th Anniversary of the Chinese congregation. As there was a good representation from the Chinese Service, the message was interpreted in Hokkien. The Associate pastor's message on giving was reassuring to the congregation as he pointed out how none in Life Church has become the poorer by offering to the Lord.

Precious Gold and Lively Stones

Our offering bags gathered a record \$19,000. Plus individual sums and a five-figure from the Korean School, we came close to \$50,000. This sum includes pledges from two whose hearts were evidently touched on the spot! God loveth such cheerful givers! Precious gold.

Of greater praise to the Lord are the lively stones gathered through baptism. There were 25 adults (2 from Chinese Service), 3 re-affirmations of faith, 3 transfers and 5 infants. May their names be written in the Book of Life above.

Lend to the Lord

One recurring theme that is heavy upon our hearts is Woodlands. With the 32nd Thanksgiving we are enabled to meet the Contractor's bills up to December, at about \$200,000 a month. After that we'd still need \$1.3 million. This extremity becomes your opportunity to do good! King Solomon says, "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord, and that which he hath given will He pay him again." (Prov. 19:17) When Gilstead Road was building we were even shorter of funds (by ratio), but those who loved the Lord rallied. One new convert loaned the Church \$15,000, payable in two years (which we honoured). A session member took a bank loan of \$12,000 to help pay one of the urgent monthly bills. This elder has been blessed by the Lord 100-fold! These are only two of scores of examples I know!

Campers' Delight

The whole of our garden of fragrant pine and palm is now transformed into a permanent camp-site. Can you find one of the latest innovations called "Campers Delight"? This is your instant spiritual-and-physical vacation grounds, because the coming Family Camp (Nov 22-26) will avail part-timers with relaxation, leave or no leave. This Camp is tailored to suit everybody.

Kalimantan!

Kalimantan! As we have promised to visit Rev. Djunaidi about Dec. 2, we must keep our word. We want to see the new classes he has started for 70 high school pupils, his Dyak work, the Gospel Boat, and evangelism on the border regions of Sarawak. The cost of travel is around \$700 for the week. First come first served! Closing date Oct. 31!

Blessed 32nd Anniversary

Dear Rev Tow, Rev Tan, Session, Deacons, honoured members and friends of Life BP Church, and her sister churches,

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate you on this memorable occasion. Though I am not able to be with you in body, I am very much with you in the spirit. May the Lord continue to have first place of honour in the BP movement and Life Church. It is a privilege and blessing for me to be a part of this dedicated movement. Each week in the United States moves me to bless God even more for blessing Life Church. May she continue to be a blessing to His people, especially the younger generation (I have the Tanglin Bible Class, YF, YAF, AF, JYF, CF and Sunday School in my heart), for they will be the leaders of tomorrow. Thank you pastors and session members for the spiritual support you have given me and my beloved.

Manaratha!

N.B. I am presently a doctoral student in Educational Psychology specializing in Research Methods and Evaluation in UCLA.

Sinner saved by grace,
Jonathan Chan Chuen Rong
3243 Greenfield Avenue
Los Angeles CA 90034
USA

Church History a Compulsory Subject for the Church

In order to keep the new generations of Israelites from straying from the Faith, the fathers were commanded to teach their children and children's children the history of their

Exodus from Egypt. "That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments" (Ps. 78:7). When this sacred history was neglected in later generations, apostasy set in. "The children of Ephraim being armed, and carrying bows, turned back in the day of battle" (Ps 78:9).

Today the Protestant Church is little informed of the Exodus from their Egypt, viz., the Roman Catholic Church. They came out of a foul system of a man-made religion in which the Pope takes the place of Christ on earth while Mary reigns as Queen of Heaven, Mother of God and Co-Saviour with her Son. Salvation is by works and not by faith only in the Lord Jesus Christ and repentance toward God.

All the dark practices and erroneous doctrines of Rome have not changed one single letter. But we have been delivered from all these superstitions by Martin Luther's stand against the whole Holy Roman Empire, 1517 - 21.

But now, the Ecumenical Movement is bringing Roman Catholics and Protestants together. The Church of Rome will be represented at the coming consecration of Dr Moses Tay as the new Bishop of the Anglican Church of Singapore. It is like having an Egyptian priest participate at the consecration of a new high priest in Jerusalem. Will Protestants in Singapore raise a voice of alarm at such a mixed gathering? What does the Evangelical Fellowship of Singapore say to this? Shall today's Ephraim (supposedly armed with evangelical truth) remain silent in the day of battle?

In order that you might know your precious Protestant heritage, Life Church and FEBC will present the Martin Luther Film, Saturday Oct. 30, 7.30 p.m. This is a mandate from the Lord's teaching to the Israelite fathers. Church History is a compulsory subject for the Church! Come, bring your whole family. Bring a friend. - T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (25th - 31st)

MON 7.30 pm Calvin (Rev Tow)
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
THU 7.30 pm Acts (Dr Tan W C)
FRI 7.30 pm Reformation Lecture (Rev Lau Chin Kwee of Ev. Reform. Ch.)
SAT 2.00 pm JYF; 3.30 pm YF; 4.00 pm YAF
7.00 pm Christian Fellowship and Mission
7.30 pm Martin Luther Film (Life Ch. & FEBC).
7.30 pm Reformation Lecture (Rev Lau Chin Kwee)
SUN 10.00 am Rev W C Tan
10.00 am Rev Tow at Chinese Service
11.45 am Korean Church
1.30 pm AF Bible Study
4.00 pm Kebaktian Indonesia
4.00 pm Rev Tow at Nazareth B-PC
4.00 pm Rev Tan W C at Living Waters Church, Toa Payoh
6.00 pm BP 32nd Anniversary at Cal-Pan. (Dr Tow Siang Hwa)
8.00 pm Korean Church
8.15 pm BP Synod

LAST 2 WEEKS OFFERINGS (I) \$3961.96 + \$565 (WF for K Besar) + \$200 (AF for Sumatra) + \$80 (RTL); (II) \$19,485.61 (Woodlands).

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS 3052) \$80; 3053) \$1,000 (FEK); 3054) \$300; 3055) \$798; 3056) \$60; 3057) \$200; 3058) \$150; 3059) \$35; 3060) \$120; 3061) \$20; 3062) \$630; 3063) \$240; 3064) \$20; 3065) \$20; 3066) \$30; 3067) \$600; 3068) \$310; 3069) \$70; 3070) \$100; 3071) \$30; [(3068 - 3071) - W. Box] 3072) \$150; 3073) \$50; 3074) \$50; 3075) \$2000; 3076) \$40; 3077) \$250; 3078) \$100; 3079) \$1000; 3080) \$119.25 (Int.); 3081) \$193.96 (Int.); 3082) \$95.34 (Int.); 3083) \$50(AF); 3084) \$150; 3085) \$5000; 3086) \$100; 3087) \$100; 3088) \$100 (Indo. Serv.); 3089) \$24.36 (CLBC Box); 3090) \$100; 3091) \$100; 3092) \$100; 3093) \$100; 3094) \$12000 (Kor. Sch.). Total: \$1,384,442.60
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3132) \$200; 3133) \$150; 3134) \$25 (Mt Carmel); 3135) \$320.
Lost and Found: 1) New Ryrie Bible; 2) Gent's umbrella.
Obituary. Madam Kor Seok Liang (Mrs Quek Heng Soon), grandma of Quek Swee Luan, passed away peacefully Oct. 19, '82. Funeral Oct. 22 was officiated by Rev Tow, assisted by Messrs. Peter Eng and Eric Kwan.

MARTIN LUTHER FILM

is worth seeing 3 times!

Come Sat. Oct. 30, 7.30 p.m.

***** Under the Royal Palms. *****



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existence of God.

When in the Seminary, I heard, several times, our Superior, the Rev. Mr. Raimbault, tell us that a French priest having been condemned to death in Paris, when dragged to the scaffold had, through revenge, consecrated and changed into Jesus Christ all the loaves of the bakeries which were along the streets through which he had to pass; and through our learned Superior condemned that action in the strongest terms, yet he told us that the consecration was valid, and the loaves were really changed into the body, blood, soul and divinity of the Saviour of the world. And I was bound to believe it under pain of eternal damnation.

Before my ordination I had been obliged to learn by heart, in one of the most sacred books of the Church of Rome (Missale Romanum, page 63) the following statement: "If the host after consecration disappear, either by accident, as by the wind, or a miracle, or being taken and carried off by any animal, and if it cannot be recovered then he shall consecrate another". And at page 57 I learned, "If after consecration a fly has fallen in, or anything of that sort, and a nausea be occasioned to the priest, he shall draw it out and wash it with wine, and when the mass is finished, burn it, and the ashes and lotion shall be thrown into the sacrarium. But if he have not a nausea, nor fear any danger, he shall drink them (ashes and lotion) with the blood".

When a priest of Rome, I was bound with all the Roman Catholics, to believe that Christ had taken His own body, with His own hands, to his mouth; and that He had eaten Himself, not in a spiritual, but in a substantial material way! After eating Himself, He had given it to each of His apostles, who then ate Him also!!

Has the world in its darkest hours of paganism ever witnessed such a system of idolatry, so debasing, impious, ridiculous and diabolical in its consequences as the Church of Rome teaches in the dogma of transubstantiation?

When with the light of the gospel in hand, the Christian goes into those horrible recesses of superstition, folly, and impiety, he can hardly believe what his eyes see and his ears hear. It seems impossible that men can consent to worship a god whom the rats can eat! A god that can be dragged away and lost by a drunken priest! A god who can be eaten, vomited and eaten again by those who are courageous enough to eat again what they have vomited!

The religion of Rome is not a religion; it is the mockery, the destruction, the ignominious caricature of religion. The church of Rome, as a public fact, is nothing but the accomplishment of the awful prophecy! "because they received not the love of the truth that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them delusion, that they should believe a lie" (II Thess. 2:10-11).

Taken from chapters 17 and 18 of "Fifty Years in the Church of Rome."

JOHN CALVIN IN HIS "INSTITUTES OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION" devotes a whole chapter to the doctrine and practice of Transubstantiation. He declares the papal mass to be not only a sacrilegious profanation of the Lord's Supper, but a total annihilation of it.

Calvin declares:

1. The mass offers an intolerable blasphemy and insult to Christ.
2. The mass suppresses and conceals the cross and passion of Christ
3. The mass obliterates and expunges from the memory of mankind the true and alone death of Jesus Christ.
4. The sacred supper, in which our Lord had left us the memorial of his person impressed and engraven, has, by the erection of the mass been removed, abolished and destroyed.

"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron."

- I Tim 4:1,2

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof from such turn away.

.....But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." - II Tim 3:1-5; 13-15.

Rev and Mrs Timothy Pietsch of Japan who preached in Singapore earlier this year write of their meeting with Jack Chick and Alberto Rivera. They send also an extract from Charles Chiniquy "50 Years in the Church of Rome".

They write: "It was a thrill to meet the very brave men, Jack Chick and Alberto Rivera. Jack Chick is to be highly commended for republishing "The Priest, the Woman and the Confessional" and "Fifty Years in the Church of Rome" by Charles Chiniquy and the comic books "Alberto", "Double Cross" and "The Godfathers" concerning the revelations of the ex Jesuit spy and infiltrator into protestant denominations Alberto Rivera. It was a delight to be in his home and hear him so clearly declare the doctrines of God's Sovereign grace. He said that it is the main intention of the Vatican to annihilate the doctrines of grace. Please pray for these men. It is not difficult to see why they are so hated by many "evangelicals" and why so many are confused who cannot see clearly because of spiritual astigmatism (Matt. 7:24).

FIFTY YEARS IN THE CHURCH OF ROME Charles Chiniquy

To make one's self believe that he can convert a piece of bread into God requires such a supreme effort of the will, and complete annihilation of intelligence, that the state of the soul, after the effort is over is more like death than life.

I had really persuaded myself that I had done the most holy and sublime action of my life, when in fact I had been guilty of the most outrageous acts of idolatry! My eyes, my hands and lips, my mouth and tongue and all my senses, as well as the faculties of my intelligence, were telling me that what I had seen, touched, eaten, was nothing but a wafer; but the voices of the Pope and his church were telling me that it was a real body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ. I had persuaded myself that the voices of my senses and intelligence were the voices of Satan, and that the deceitful voice of the Pope was the voice of the God of Truth. Every priest of Rome has come to that strange degree of folly and perversity, every day of his life, to remain a priest of Rome.

What has the church of Rome done by giving up the words of Christ, "Do this in remembrance of me", and substituting her dogma of Transubstantiation? She has brought the world back to the old heathenism. The priest worships a Saviour called Christ, yes; but that Christ is not the Christ of the Gospel. It is a false and newly-invented Christ whom the Popes have smuggled from the Pantheon of Rome, and sacrilegiously called by the name of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

I have often been asked: "Was it possible that you sincerely believed that the wafer could be changed into God by you?" And, "Have you worshipped that wafer as your Saviour?"

To my shame, and to the shame of poor humanity, I must say "Yes". I believed as sincerely as every Roman Catholic priest is bound to believe it, that I was creating my own Saviour - God every morning by the assumed consecration of the wafer; and I was saying to the people, as I presented it to them, "Ecce Agnus Dei" - "This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world; let us adore Him;" and prostrating myself on my knees I was adoring the god made by myself, with the help of my servant; and all the people prostrated themselves to adore the newly-made god!

The Egyptians worshipped God under the form of crocodiles and calves. The Greek made their gods of marble or of gold. The Persians made the sun their god. The Hottentots made their gods with whalebone, and go far through the storms to adore them. The Church of Rome makes her god out of a piece of bread. Is this not Idolatry?

From the year 1833, to the day that God in His mercy opened my eyes, my servant had used more than a bushel of wheat flour, to make the little cakes which I had to convert into the Christ of the Mass. Some of these I ate; others I carried about with me for the sick, and others I placed in the tabernacle for the adoration of the people.

I am often asked, "How is it that you could be guilty of such a gross act of idolatry?" My only answer is the answer of the blind man of the gospel: "I know not; one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind now I see" (John 9:25).

On the day of my ordination to the priesthood, I had to believe with all the priests of Rome, that it was within the limits of my powers to go into all the bakeries and change all the loaves and biscuits, into the body, blood, soul, and divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ, by pronouncing over them the five words: HOC EST EMIM CORPUS MEUM. Nothing would have remained of these loaves and biscuits but the smell, the colour, the taste.

Every bishop and priest firmly believes and teaches that he has the power to turn all the loaves of their cities, of their dioceses, nay, of the whole world, into the body, blood soul, and divinity of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. And, though they have never yet found it advisable to do that wonderful miracle, they consider, and say, that to entertain any doubt about the power to perform that marvel, is as criminal as to entertain any doubt about the



“Jeremiah shook his fist at God, and asked him what he was about. I don't believe prayer is necessarily peaceful. It may mean arguing with God.”

“Would you like him (God), do you think,” Mortimer pried, “if you

were really to know all about him?”

Dr Runcie answered: “Jeremiah shook his fist at God, and asked him what he was about. I don't believe prayer is necessarily peaceful. It may mean arguing with God.”

“And this God you argue with, what's he like, exactly?”

“He's not an amiable father like me. He makes demands.”

“Is he a judge?”

“No.”

“But you believe in an afterlife?”

“Of course. I can't believe, when I see the promise of Christ expressed in a particular person, that that's all coming to an end. But as for the geography and climate of an afterlife ... well, I'm agnostic about that, too.”

“So you don't see God as a celestial Lord Chief Justice?”

“Not at all,” Dr Runcie said. “I had an old landlady when we were at Oxford. And when we got into any sort of trouble, she'd say: ‘There's One above who seeth all’. I can't think of God like that.”

The Archbishop of Can-

terbury was reluctant to toss off an Easter message when Mortimer pressed him for one.

message to “a bunch of school-leavers waiting in a queue in North-east England”.

But he reflected: “I suppose I'd say that no human situation is so tragic that it can't be turned to good effect. I'd say that there's a future that's worth waiting for.”

“You mean a future on earth?” Mortimer was quick to ask.

“Oh yes. And that despite all appearances, the world is on our side. If we were more Christian, we'd be more concerned with

Dr. Runcie Archbishop of Canterbury is presently in Singapore to enthrone Dr. Moses Tay, the new Bishop of Singapore. These excerpts are from a write-up on the Archbishop's faith in S.T. Oct 27 '82.

These excerpts are reproduced here for every born-again Christian to judge and to warn against, inasmuch as our Lord has predicted that before His Return many false Christs and false prophets will appear.

“My sheep hear My voice,” said the Lord Jesus. And a stranger that you will not follow ... (Jn 10)

Jesus says, “Beware of false prophets which come to you in sheeps' clothing, but inwardly they are raving wolves” (Matt. 7:15). The Apostle John says, “Beloved, believe not every spirit but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world...and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come... (I Jn. 4:1-3)

human values than regulating the money supply or curing inflation.

“We've produced a competitive society which condemns anyone who

doesn't succeed on its own terms. It's very cruel, and it's a new form of deprivation.”

“What do you think of military padres?” Mortimer asked after the Archbishop had spoken about his involvement in the war as a soldier.

Dr Runcie said: “All that glib patriotic stuff is difficult for me. But of course, as an archbishop, I have to live with it. I can do a good Armistice Day sermon at a public school, just as I can do a good middle-class confirmation.”

“But you're for nuclear disarmament?”

“For all sorts of disarmament. We haven't had a nuclear war yet, but we've had terrible misery caused by the arms trade making a fortune out of small wars.”

“I'm in touch with East European churches about disarmament. Of course, I don't know if they're all just tools of the Kremlin. But we must try, we must keep on trying.”

“One thing that worries

me about God,” Mortimer said. “I mean, is he just ours? You said that if you had happened to have been born in Delhi, you'd probably be a Hindu, or in Iran, a Muslim.”

“Oh yes,” the Archbishop said. “I can't believe in a God who only saves people who live in certain latitudes.”

“I used to lecture to Hellenic cruises about mosques, and I found great spiritual values in them ...”

“So what does it matter which religion we have?”

“I find the easiest way to enlightenment is through Jesus Christ. I find the greatest fulfilment in that.”

“But I don't believe in creating a vacuum into which we insert the Christian religion. I went to

Rangoon and found a Buddhist priest examining some teenagers. One of the questions was: ‘What ethical effect does a belief in the afterlife have on our actions?’ I thought that was very good.”

“I'm against extravagant claims made for one faith, but of course, as an archbishop, it doesn't do to let the side down.”

Which brought Mortimer to zoom in on the Pope and his position on birth control.

“I think the Pope's mistaken about birth control,” Dr Runcie said. “He's a magnificent character, but I'm not sure he understands the ethical ambiguities of a free society. I don't think the papacy has grasped that there has been an explosion in human knowledge.”

“It's much harder these days than ever it was, but people must be able to make a choice. If love, not fear, is to rule the world, we must have freedom.”

“I'm against extravagant claims made for one faith, but of course, as an archbishop, it doesn't do to let the side down.”

“I had a dream of a maze. There were some people very close to the centre, only a single hedge separated them from the very heart of the maze, but they could not find a way through.

They had taken a wrong turn right at the beginning and would have to return to the gate if they were to make any further progress.

But just outside the gates, others were standing. They were further

away from the heart of the maze, but they would be there sooner than the party that fretted and fumed inside ...

I long to be able to speak, while archbishop, with men and women who

stand outside the Christian Church.

I would say to them: ‘You can teach us so much if together we could look for the secret of the maze-like muddle in which the world finds itself.’

There's a Chinese saying, what you think in the daytime, that you dream at night.” Dr. Runcie whose theology on salvation is plainly universalism must of logical necessity end up in a maze. We who believe in the Christ who died for our sins and rose again from the dead have found the Way, the Truth and the Life, who also says, “No man cometh unto the Father but by Me.” (Jn. 14:6). “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” (Acts 4:12)

PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

WORSE THAN ROMANISM

Rome with all her dark superstitions and extortions on souls sent to purgatory is not one tenth as heinous or blasphemous as wanton Protestant modernism. Should saintly Bishop J.C. Ryle be living today, he would identify Dr. Runcie as one of those thousands of Anglican clergymen of his day whom he denounced as knowing nothing about Christ except His Name. The Archbishop of Canterbury's talk to the press about his faith is a "Canterbury tale". The Jesus Christ he mentions is only a sheep's covering for the ravening wolf inside!

Where in Jeremiah's writings did he shake his fist at God, even metaphorically speaking? Dr. Runcie would want to use Jeremiah for a glove of his own mailed fist. From what he has said:

01. God is neither a Father nor Judge;
02. There is no such place as Heaven or hell;
03. God is not the Almighty Omniscient One;
04. He finds it hard to preach the Easter message because it must be concluded from the context that he has none;
05. He is a socialist versed in Liberation Theology;
06. He ridicules Christian patriotism in chaplain's uniform;
07. He is against national service;
08. He has links with Communist churches in Eastern Europe for "disarmament".
09. His ecumenism includes Hinduism and Islam;
10. He refutes Jesus Christ Himself who declares "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life; No man cometh to the Father but by Me" (Jn. 14:6).

How could Dr. Moses Tay, if he is true to his Lord, be ordained by such an antichristian Archbishop? Listen to the Apostle John: "Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not unto your house, neither bid him God speed. For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds" (II Jn. 9,10).

Today is Reformation Sunday. B-P Churches are reminded of the precious heritage that is theirs from the deliverance God had given them through His servants Martin Luther and John Calvin. In the mid - 19th Century this Protestant faith was brought by William Burns to our ancestors in South China. It was revived by John Sung in the 1930s and re-emphasised by BPism.

Faith of our fathers living still, In spite of dungeons fire and sword;
O how our hearts beat high with joy, Whene'er we hear that glorious word!
Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to Thee till death!

Good News from North Sumatra (Agus writes)

It is a great joy to let you know about the works of God at Bentar Kersik and Kota Baru. First: The worship service is held on one Sunday at Bentar BP Church, on the next Sunday at Kota Baru. So it is held in turns now. Second: Let us praise the Lord that the number of the members is gradually increasing and more and more are attending the worship service. The Chieftain (Kepala Kampung) of Kota Baru has become our member, and another man a Dukun (Magician) whose surname is Sinulingga, he has left his Dukunship and become our member.

A few days ago while I was at Kota Baru, the Dukun and his wife gave a testimony to some people. They said, "There were so many denominations (Roman Catholics, GBKP, Charismatic Church) that came to persuade us to become members, but we refused until the B-P Church came to invite us. The people at Kota Baru are still remembering the coming of Rev Tow and Bro. Mark Heath from far countries to tell them the good news about Jesus Christ. Third: Every Monday we all members of BP Church go to Kota Baru for evangelism Bible Study and Prayer Meeting.

Every Wednesday afternoon we have Bible Study from the Book of John and prayer meetings. Fourth: Now we are planning to take 12 young men and train them to bring the Gospel to Indonesian people. Three persons have been registered. They are not charged for anything though support from their parents is welcome. Now I have planned the Daily time-table for them.

We are following the footsteps of the Lord of Lords and the King of kings, our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, I hope for your earnest prayer for this difficult work, but we believe we shall succeed because this is God's will.

We are very glad to receive the amount of money (100,000 rupiah) from our Treasurer Deacon W Teo, we are thankful to the Lord and to all brethren who love the Lord Jesus and His work. Now we can use the money for this work.

Please receive warmest greetings from my father Wesley to all brethren in Christ and especially to Rev and Mrs Tow.

Today is Reformation Sunday. Attend simultaneous 32nd BP Anniversary Service at Calvary-Pandan this evening 6.00 p.m. Dr Tow Siang Hwa speaks on "The Need of the Hour". Synod follows.

Attend Woodlands new church Stone-laying service Sat. Nov. 20, 5 p.m. Total receipts to date: \$1,441,867.34. Target \$3 million.

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PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

"Even a dog . . ."

By photo-scanning we were able to roll out 2,000 copies last week to answer Dr. Runcie Archbishop of Canterbury's subtle attacks on our Lord Jesus Christ in S.T. Oct. 27, '82. The 10-point exposure we made of the Archbishop's insinuations were adopted in full by the Synod the same night at Calvary-Pandan as a B-P Declaration on the issue.

Some who have vouched for a less polemical stance in the name of love and peace should rather hear the prophet Isaiah on silent watchmen: "They are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber." (Isa. 56:11) But there are more honourable members of the canine tribe, those who are known to have defended their masters from intruders or sudden danger. In reference to this nobler order of four-footed watchmen, Calvin says, "Even a dog will bark when his master is attacked." Are we dumb dogs or barking dogs? What is the purpose of keeping dogs, even two legged ones, by the Good Shepherd?

Polemics and Poimenics

Polemics, from the Greek polemos = war refers to controversial preaching, which is a much neglected part of the Church's ministry. "Contend earnestly for the faith" is an apostolic injunction we should remind ourselves faithfully to pursue.

Poimenics, from poimen = shepherd refers to pastoral theology, the feeding aspect of a pastor's ministry. In this connection, may I urge you to read your Bible daily and systematically. To this end our RPG (Read, Pray & Grow) Daily Reading Work Book was launched almost a year ago by Dr Tow Siang Hwa for the whole B-P Family. Over 2,000 copies are in circulation which have already blessed countless lives. If you have tasted the goodness of the Lord, why not introduce RPG to a friend?

From time to time we add an extra sheet of reading material to this Weekly. Now, in commemoration of the Reformation Sunday, we've put out a foolscap on "The Life of Martin Luther" and another, an excerpt from Chiniquy's "Fifty Years in the Church of Rome." They're yours for the asking at the Counter as you enter the Church.

Record Hilarious Giving

Never in the history of Life Church has the Lord showered us with such hilarious giving as the Anniversary month of October just past. Look up the last 4 Weeklies and do a little counting and praise the Lord!

Giving begets giving. To set an example, Session members have unanimously decided to give their 13th month pay (or equivalent thereof by professionals and the self-employed) to Woodlands. This would be the true spirit of celebrating Christmas, just round the corner. What say you?

Yes, why spend so unnecessarily to the tune of Jingle Bells as the money-manipulators will soon be casting their Christmas spells on you? We'd rather save and give that sum saved from self to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Stone - laying Sat. Nov. 20, '82, 5 p.m.

Saturday Nov. 20, 1982, 5 p.m. is designated Stone-laying for the New Life Church at Woodlands. This marks a new mile in the extension of God's Kingdom by the BPC movement. It is not Life Church alone, but include the whole BPC. Why? Because God has moved many in our BP family to help us, seeing God is with us.

We're grateful to our Sister churches for giving us a loan totalling over \$100,000. The latest is a spontaneously happy one from Sharon, \$5,000. This is deeply appreciated. This is lending us arms to fight the Lord's battle against the Amalekites as we try to take on Woodlands hill. Any loan from our sister churches or individuals will be honoured, as when we kept our word while building at Gilstead Road.

Alma Mater

Alma Mater, (Latin for bounteous mother) is a term used lovingly by graduates for the College or institution in which they were nurtured. Life Church is an alma mater to her young members, a goodly number now using her quiet precincts for studying for exam

Alma mater, the whole Church grounds will be declared a campsite for numerous groups coming in to meet with God. Apart from BPers, special consideration has been given to a Malaysian Church coming down from Kuala Kubu Bahru (foot of Frasers Hill). And we do not want to forget our Annual VBS (Dec 6 - 11) holding their sessions in the Church Auditorium.

The 1st Camp to be in, Nov. 22 - 26, will be our own Family Camp. Welcome to Squirrel House, Rabbit Burrow, Peter's Housetop, Upper Room, Campers Delight, Crowsnest and Hidden House (where is it?)

Another Idol Removed

We praise the Lord for saving Audrey Lui's parents from idols to serve the living and true God (I Thess 1:10). Young men from the YAF came in force to help carry away a load of idol shelves and paraphernalia. Since we cannot burn anything in our Church grounds, we had all the idol stuff stashed in the rubbish bins. By now they're turned into ashes in the public incinerator.

Kalimantan Trip Postponed

As it costs too much in time, mileage and expense (no through passage via Kuching which was possible the last time) we have postponed the Kalimantan trip until the shorter way via Kuching opens or when we can get a Pelni cargo boat. Bro. Djunaidi, so we will not bother you this December. But you are welcome to visit us whenever you can hop on a Pelni cargo boat.

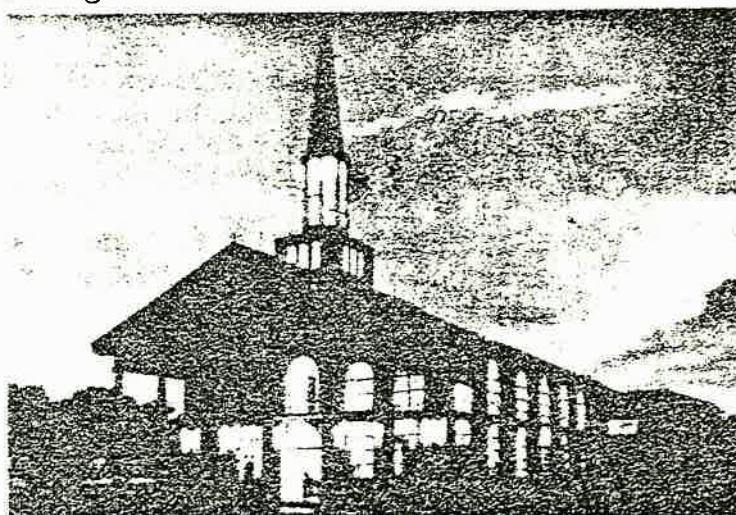
Bring Mrs Djunaidi along!

While we postpone the Kalimantan visit, we want to confirm our Christmas Day trip to Tanjung Pinang. We shall stay overnight and speak to the big crowds the next day which is the Lord's Day. We sail back after the service arriving in the afternoon in time even for the Sunset Gospel Hour at Calvary-Pandan. - T.T.

"THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE"(I Cor 13:13)

Please let the kitchen helpers and cooks know that this card is for them; they really deserve it. They have been working very hard and especially during our Church Anniversary. I pray that our dear Lord will continue to bless them and give them strength. It is really not easy to cook for so many people, but with our Lord Jesus Christ, everything is possible.

With thoughts,
just an observer



APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (8th - 14th Nov'82)

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
FRI 8.30 pm FEBC Exams begin
SAT 2.00 pm JYF; 3.30 pm YF; 4.00 pm YAF
7.00 pm Christian Fellowship and Mission
SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow
10.00 am Mr David Wong (Chinese Service)
9.45 am Rev Tan W C at Sembawang BP
11.45 am Korean Service
1.30 pm AF Bible Study
4.00 pm Kebaktian Indonesia
4.30 pm Rev Tow at Sharon Service
8.00 pm Korean Church
8.00 pm SMCCC at Gilstead Road

LAST 2 WEEKS' OFFERINGS I \$3,240.49

II \$4,397.00 + \$100 (Medan) + \$100 (D. Wong)

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS I 3136) \$550

(W. Box); 3137) \$750 (Beulah); 3138) \$22,000;

3139) \$300; 3140) \$150; 3141) \$109.33 (Int.);

3142) \$1,400; 3143) \$200 (funeral); 3144)

\$18.80 (Boxes); Total \$1,441,867.34 STOP

PRESS! 3145) \$400 (LCSS); 3146) \$150; 3147)

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\$50; 3157) \$20; 3158) \$70; 3159) \$140; 3160)

\$120; 3161) \$120; 3162) \$200; 3163) \$600;

3164) \$600; 3165) \$50; 3166) \$50; 3167) \$210;

3168) \$100; 3169) \$310; 3170) \$71; 3171) \$20;

3172) \$200; 3173) \$50; 3174) \$300; 3175)

\$1,300; 3176) \$42; 3177) \$540; 3178) \$400;

3179) \$100; 3180) \$60 (LCYF & YAF); 3181)

\$200; 3182) \$427 (Pepsi - June/Oct); 3183)

\$120; 3184) \$1000 (W. Box); 3185) \$2410 (W.

Box); 3186) \$200; 3187) \$120; 3188) \$100;

3189) \$50; 3190) \$400; 3191) \$220; 3192)

\$105; 3193) \$20 (Chin. Serv.); 3194) \$430;

3195) \$150; 3196) \$1,600; 3197) \$1,300;

3198) \$1,550; 3199) \$340. Total \$1,461,213.34

Stop Press! 3200) \$200 (Kor. Ch.); 3201) \$50.

RPG: \$44.50 32nd B-P Anniversary at Calvary

Pandan: \$2000 (for FEBC).

Hear Mr Dohar At The Indonesian Service this

afternoon. Stop Press! 3202) \$350 (YAF)

All Life Church Family Bible Camp at the

Garden of Pine and Palm, Nov 22 - 26. Speakers

Revs. Tow, W C Tan, Peter Clements, Miss Ng

Sang Chiew (Chinese Section). For everybody

except children under 6. Fulltimers \$30;

Parttimers and children under 12, \$25.

Register today! Limited to first 120.

RPG (Read, Pray, Grow) Daily Bible Reading

LEAD, KINDLY LIGHT

Lead, kindly Light, a-mid th'encircling gloom,
Lead Thou me on.

The night is dark, and I am far from home;
Lead Thou me on.

Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see
The distant scene, one step enough for me.

I was not ever thus, nor prayed that Thou
Shouldst lead me on;

I loved to choose and see my path, but now
Lead Thou me on.

I loved the garish day, and spite of fears
Pride ruled my will, remember not past years.

So long Thy power hath blest me, sure it still
Will lead me on,

O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till
The night is gone.

And with the morn those angel faces smile
Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.

Amen

Work Book No. 12 (Oct 31 - Nov 27) is available
Get your belated copy!

Hear our FEBC Students at the Sunset Gospel
Hour during the month of November. Message,
testimony and song! Calvary B-P Church, 6 - 7 pm
Dinner follows.

ICY has gained entry to two more schools, These
two ICY school groups will be attached one at
Life Church and the other at Grace, Bedok. Please
ring Mr Peter Eng. Tel: 2505920.

Another group meeting at Life Church regularly is
the Christian Fellowship and Mission group, Sat.
7.00 pm, Mr Colin Wong.

Far Eastern Kindergarten Committee is notified
to meet at the Parsonage Mon. Nov 15, 8.00 pm.
Important!

With the CCTV implemented at the 32nd Thanksgiv-
ing, this will continue as a permanent feature
of our Sunday Worship. The cost of rental of
the TV and service is \$100 a month.

Attend Stone-laying Service
at Woodlands on Nov 20, 5 pm.
Buses will be leaving Life
Church at 4 pm.

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In the Life B-P Weekly of 14th Nov. 1982 the printer was wrong on

WHY FOUNDATION STONE-LAYING SERVICE?

That is, a special worship service on the occasion of laying of a commemorative stone on the foundation of the new church edifice. This is a tradition we can trace all the way back 2,500 years to the time of the returnee Jews who rebuilt their temple under Zerubbabel and Jeshua. "And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the Lord, they set their priests in their apparel with trumpet, and the Levites the sons of Asaph with cymbals to praise the Lord, after the ordinance of David, king of Israel. And they sang by course in praising and giving thanks unto the Lord: because He is good, for His mercy endureth forever toward Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid." (Ezra 3:10,11) ~~And the date of the Jews' foundation laying is given as the 2nd month of the 2nd year of their Return from Babylon.~~

As Nov. 20, 1982 5 pm is the date given for our stone-laying, I have been deeply conscious all these days of both the solemnity and hilarity of the hour. I therefore took off Monday evening, Nov 8 with my family to visit the site to make preliminary preparations for the coming celebration. As the streets of Woodlands are brightly lit we had no difficulty going about our inspection. Praise the Lord, a prominent sign has now been painted, big black capital letters on the white flank of the worksite office: PROPOSED NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH, MAIN CONTRACTOR TECHFIELD LTD. The pillars of the ground floor were standing sturdy and strong while those of the upper floor were rising one by one into the sky. As the ground was rather wet owing to intermittent rain, a prayer rose from our hearts: "O Lord give us sunshine for Nov. 20."

Now for that Red Letter Day let us resolve everyone to attend! How can we miss such a historic gathering, with its blessings? Let us resolve not only to come ourselves but also bring our whole family, and our friends. Invite those friends who love our Church and have given to the building of the new church through your hands. They will feel honoured and blessed. They will be thrilled to see what their contributions have done for God.

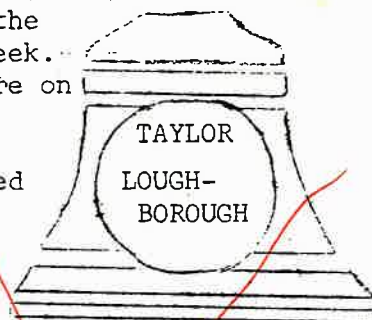
The service will be chaired by Rev Dr Tan Wai Choon, pastor-designate of the new Church. Dr Tow Siang Hwa will bring the message. Who will lay the foundation stone? Which of the many youth groups of our Church would like to present a song of praise? Will the Beulanders be forward as at the Ground-breaking, our vanguards? And as it is commanded of the Lord, "None shall appear before Me empty" (Ex 23:15), let us bring an angpow unto the Lord. "For God loveth a cheerful giver" (II Cor 9:7).

Woodlands is fast coming up as Johore Bahru's Kowloon! After our inspection we paid a visit to the Oriental Emporium. Big crowds of people, mostly from Johore Bahru, were gathered this side of the Causeway to do their shopping. The 8 million Woodlands Park, I understand, is the biggest. Only two or three weeks ago our PM was there to plant a tree. Beulanders, meantime, have come to the Park to give tracts to Malaysian visitors. To kill two birds, on your way back from the Stone-laying, why not drop into Woodlands Park for a little stroll?

Nov. 10, I had an appointment with the architect and contractor on the site to inspect the work. We also arranged for the stone-laying next week.

Happily, at this joint inspection, the architect handed me a brochure on Church bells by John Taylor & Co (Bellfounders) Ltd, of Loughborough, Leicestershire, England. Here's a paragraph on the history of bells:

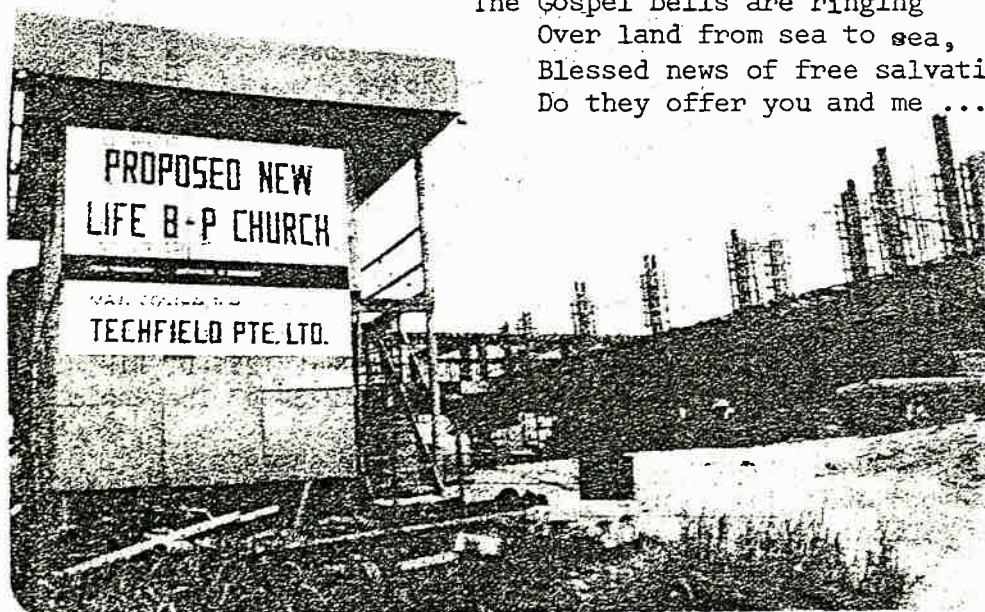
"Bells have been attracting attention since the dawn of modern civilised man. Taylors have been casting bells since 1784 and can trace their origins back to the 14th Century. In 1896, after much research, they re-discovered the art, which had been lost for 200 years, of casting bells with profiles such that the harmonics could be perfectly tuned. To demonstrate that the difficulties were solved the Taylor Family (in 1904) installed in a tower specially constructed in their Works a carillon of 37 bells with the largest bell 31" diameter, note C. This ultimately led to the installation of many



carillons by Taylors in North America and to the supply of the finest ringing peals in England."

From the John Taylor brochure it is certain we have found the answer for a bell at last. And we agree with them, "In considering any installation from a single bell to a carillon, it is vital that the first priority is quality and not cost. Unlike virtually all other objects, bells last indefinitely, and if perfectly produced and tuned in the first place, they will continue to give pleasure and increase value for the foreseeable future."

The Gospel bells are ringing
Over land from sea to sea,
Blessed news of free salvation
Do they offer you and me



For the consideration of quality and not cost, we had our present Church bell in the Tower ordered from London through United Engineers (Mr Chan Choon Keng). Our big bell, 24" diameter, was cast by Mears Stainbank. It cost \$1,300, which sum was offered by two sisters, old-timers from Prinsep Street. If you are interested in our own church history at this point, read p. 32 of the BP Church 1950 - 71 Magazine.

Now for our bell at Woodlands, should we not install one of the same size? With facing bricks costing 47 cents apiece when it was a few cents 20 years ago, what do you think the present price of bells is? A 24" bell with fittings (not counting freight and insurance) sells at \$1,425/=. This bell is tuned to the key of E. Musicians, can you find out the key of our big church bell at Gilstead Road? Perhaps some Reader about the bell to be installed at Woodlands might want to offer it to the Lord? - T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (15th - 21st Nov.)

MON 8.00 pm FEK Com. Mtg. at Parsonage
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
WED 7.30 pm Wedding Rehearsal
FRI 6.30 pm FEBC End of term dinner
SAT 2.00 pm JYF; 2.30 pm YF
2.30 pm Danny Tang Sim Ping - Carol Toong Chek Keow Wedding (Rev Tow)
4.00 pm Buses leave for Woodlands
5.00 pm Stone-laying Service, New Life B-P Church, Marsiling Lane, Woodlands. (opp. Market)
7.00 pm Christian Fellowship and Mission
SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow
10.00 am Mr Jonah Chan (Chinese Serv.)
9.30 am Rev Tan at Galilee
11.45 am Korean Service
1.30 pm Bible Study - AF
4.00 pm Kebaktian Indonesia
4.30 pm Sharon Service
5.00 pm Rev Tow at Bethany
5.25 pm Mini-bus leaves for Cal-Pan
8.00 pm Korean Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$4,043.73 + \$200 (AF for Medan) + \$200 (Family Camp)

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS 3203) \$167.30 (Chin. Ser.); 3204) \$80; 3205) \$39.50 (Boxes) 3206) \$35 (CLBC Box); 3207) \$50; 3208) \$50; 3209) \$200; 3210) \$160; 3211) \$20; 3212) \$50; 3213) \$100; 3214) \$150; 3215) \$150; 3216) \$292; 3217) \$250; 3218) \$160; 3219) \$200; 3220) \$2500; 3221) \$20; 3222) \$200; 3223) \$477; 3224) \$400; 3225) \$2400; 3226) \$1350; 3227) \$150; 3228) \$60 (WF); 3229) \$570 (Chin. Ser.); 3230) \$1270 (AF).

TOTAL \$1,473,364.14 Stop Press! 3231) \$300; 3232) \$10,000.

Hear Elder Koa Keng Woo (Muar) and Mr Stephen Khoo (Bible Ch.) at the FEBC Testimonies, Sunset Gospel Hour, Calvary-Pandan, 6 pm. Rev Tow speaks at Sharon this evening. Attend SMCCC Annual Meeting in Church this evening, 8 pm!

All Life Church Bible Camp Rev Tan Wai Choon will be the evening speaker on "Salvation." Rev Tow will teach the "Great Laws of God." Miss Ng Sang Chiew the Chinese section. Peter Clements the youngsters. Gospel films and outings. Hurry! Limited to 120.

The holy matrimony between Mr Dohar Siregar and Miss Glorya Tobing was solemnised Nov. 13, 1982.

Have you joined the growing family of RPG Bible readers? From a BPer in Taiwan: "I write to tell you how much I appreciate your notes on John in the RPG booklets. Thank you for the spiritual meat therein."

In John Sung's Steps, the Story of Lim Puay Hian and Calvin's Institutes (Abridged) are offered free to our readers. Phone office: 2569256!

WILL JESUS FIND US WATCHING?

When Jesus comes to reward His servants,
Whether it be noon or night,
Faithful to Him will He find us watching,
With our lamps all trimmed and bright?
Chorus:
O can we say we are ready, brother? (sister?)
Ready for the soul's bright home?
Say, will He find you and me still watching,
Waiting, waiting when the Lord shall come?

If, at the dawn of the early morning,
He shall call us one by one,
When to the Lord we restore our talents,
Will He answer thee - Well done?

Have we been true to the trust He left us?
Do we seek to do our best?
If in our hearts there is naught condemns us,
We shall have a glorious rest.

Blessed are those whom the Lord finds watching,
In His glory they shall share;
If he shall come in the dawn or midnight,
Will He find us watching there
- Inspiring Hymn 140

WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH JESUS?

Oh, what will you do with Jesus?
The call comes low and sweet;
And tenderly He bids you
Your burdens lay at His feet;
O soul, so sad and weary;
That sweet voice speaks to thee:
Then what wilt you do with Jesus?
Oh, what shall the answer be?
What shall the answer be?

Oh, what will you do with Jesus?
The call comes loud and clear
The solemn words are sounding
In every listening ear;
Eternal life's in the question,
And joy through eternity;
Then what will you do with Jesus?
Oh, what shall the answer be?

Oh, think of the King of glory,
From heaven to earth come down;
His life so pure and holy;
His death, His cross, His crown;
Of His divine compassion,
His sacrifice for thee;
Then what will you do with Jesus?
Oh, what shall the answer be?

- Golden Bells 209

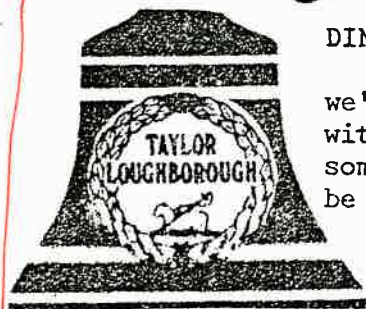
Chorus:
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WF Meeting next Sunday, 21st Nov. at 6 pm, in the home of Mrs Gladys Sng, 1257-D, Blk 207, Toa Payoh North. Tel: 2534947. The topic is on Evangelism.

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DING DONG MEANS TWO BELLS
Reporting on the Bell we've found last week, I ended with a tail note: "Perhaps some Reader about the Bell to be installed at Woodlands might want to offer it to the Lord." No sooner was this appeal read by the Lord's people in Church

than it was answered after service by a Session member. Praise the Lord!

As our hearts were brimming with praises by the spirited giving of the Lord's people, a call came from a young banker Lifer: "My bible study group would like to contribute to the offering of the Bell." Wasn't my spirit lifted by this second happy response, to the clouds?" But, brother, the Bell has already been offered." What a flat echo my voice must have sounded! "Never mind, I'll tell you of some other need of the Lord's House."

I think that young banker and his Bible study group will not mind if we suggest now piano. This will make a joyful noise to the Lord for thousands upon thousands to come! Let me hear from you, brother!

Never in the history of our church has there been manifested such a hilarious hilarity of giving! Nobody complains of irksomeness as we carry this load of building His House. If it is called a burden it has for Lifers been turned into a blessing. As the hymn goes, "Every burden becomes a blessing, When I know my Lord is nigh."

Such hilarious giving was not experienced even when our first Church at Gilstead Road was built. When that brother who is offering the Church furniture for the whole auditorium was recently approached for another 24 pews to replenish the U-Balcony of the old Church, he readily said yes, with a brighter glow on his face. This same brother informed me last week that the 24 pews are nearing completion. The moment they get installed in the Balcony, the furniture for Woodlands would commence.

Our Woodlands Building Fund was launched on Sept. 2, 1979. By Dec. 31, 1981 we pierced the million mark. This week Nov. 20 we would have hurdled \$1.5 million. Can we ride on to \$2 million as the old year gives way to the new? It all depends on the mood of the congregation. The Session has unanimously decided to give their 13th month or its equivalent in a concerted effort to boost the Lord's work. If all the congregation will follow suit, there's no telling what new height will have been scaled! Can we surprise the Lord some?

The Message of the Big Church Bell



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

—from Holy Land Songs by Rev. Timothy Tow.



"Let there be light!"

Our contract with Techfield is \$1.8 million, but this does not include the church furniture, nor the bell, nor the piano and a host of other essentials. Lighting is one of them. To wire up the whole complex would cost \$67,000. This is one item, perhaps, some Reader or Readers might want to offer to the Lord. What a beautiful gesture - bringing light to the whole institution and compound! "Let there be light!"

And let these words be the offerer's testimony:

Come to the light, 'tis shining for thee;
Sweetly the light has dawned upon me
Once I was blind but now I can see:
The Light of the world; Jesus.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (22nd - 28th Nov '82)

MON 9.00 am Family Camp opens
 MON to THURS 9.30 pm Messages on Salvation by Rev W C Tan and Gospel Films (All welcome)
 FRI 11.00 am Camp closes
 SAT 11.00 am Rev Tow at Rawang Wedding (Muar)
 2.00 pm JYF; 3.30 pm YF; 4.00 pm YAF
 SUN 10.00 am Elder Khoo Peng Kiat (Eld Tay)
 10.00 am Miss Alice Doo
 9.30 am Rev Tan W C at Calvary-Jurong
 11.45 am Korean Service
 1.30 pm AF Bible Study
 4.00 pm Rev Tow at Rawang Church (returns same evening)
 4.00 pm Kebaktian Indonesia
 4.30 pm Rev Tan W C at Sharon
 5.25 pm Mini-bus to Calvary-Pandan
 8.00 pm Korean Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$2714 + \$10 (RPG)
 NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS 3233) \$50;
 3234) \$80; 3235) \$100; 3236) \$160; 3237)
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 \$139.70; \$1089.25 (Int.).
 TOTAL \$1,491,355.38
 For T. Hymnals \$700 + \$350 + \$350

Stone-Laying Service Offering: \$4,486.40

ONLY JESUS

I've found a refuge from life's care in Jesus,
 I am hiding in His love divine;
 He fully understands my soul's deep longing,
 And He whispers softly, "Thou art mine."

Chorus

Only Jesus! Only Jesus! Only He can satisfy;
 Ev'ry burden becomes a blessing,
 When I know my Lord is nigh.

I've found a precious joy in knowing Jesus,
 Never dreamed of in this world of woe;
 No clouds, however dark, can dim the radiance
 Of the heav'nly light He doth bestow.

I've found a blessed hope divine in Jesus,
 'Tis a Day Star ever shining bright;
 It fills my earthly way with heav'nly glory,
 And it turns life's darkness into light.

A warm welcome to our guests:

- 1) Mr & Mrs Willard Stone of Indon ia at the Guest House;
- 2) Mr & Mrs T.E. Scotland of Australia at the "Mouse Hole."

If you are called to National Service, we recommend you to join the Pre NS Camp to be held at NCC Loyang Camp, Dec 8 - 11, 1982.
 Closing date: Nov. 30.

Agus writes of big preparation for Christmas celebrations for the "mountain" people of Bentar Kersik and Kuta Baru in order to preach the Gospel to them. Many are coming! Pray for Agus!

REPORT ON STONE-LAYING SERVICE

For the whole afternoon of Saturday, Nov. 20, the showers came, intermittent, non-stop. By 4.00 pm however, the sky began to clear. God heard our prayers.

At 5 pm, there were gathered 200 Lifers and other members of the BP family, ministers and elders at the rising edifice to praise the Lord. Dr & Mrs Tow Siang Yeow drove down from J.B. while Peter Clements brought visitors, Mr & Mrs Scotland from Australia. Robin Tan, back from Australia, was easily spotted!

After a prelude of organ music by Mrs Annie Tan, Rev Dr Tan Wai Choon called to worship (Ps. 15). This was followed by a rousing singing of "Marching to Woodlands." Elder Khoo offered the invocatory prayer and Elder Peter Wang read Eph. 2:11-22. The chairman Dr Tan related the brief history of Woodlands from the time Young Lifers under Peter Eng discovered this Promised Land to our successful bidding, early 1981. After Beulanders had sung a special number, Dr Tow Siang Hwa preached from I Chron. 29:1-9, stirring many devout hearts. The pastor of Life Church then laid the stone with loud singing of Gloria Patri. Rev Quek Kiok Chiang pronounced the benediction.

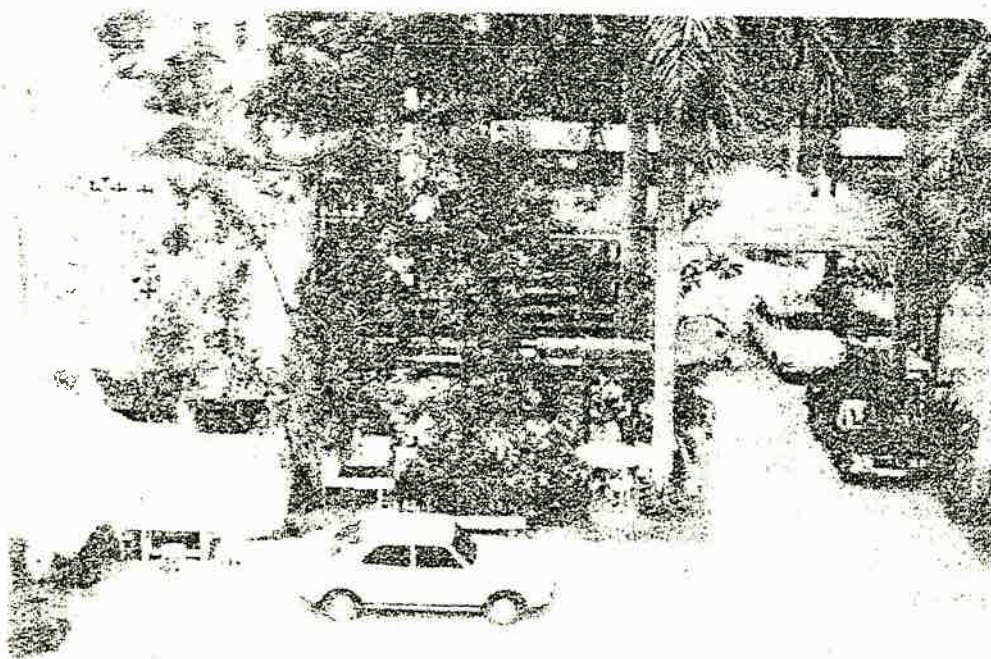
Note: Woodlands at present has over 5,000 HDB units with a population of 18,000. By 1990 the second phase development would be completed when this biggest satellite town will have increased to 290,000 souls. Come and witness in Woodlands. The Beulanders are at present worshipping at Blk 201.

FAMILIARITY BREEDS CONTEMPT?

These "squirrel" houses playing hide and seek with the pines and palms are a camper's delight not only to young boys and girls but also to grown-ups.
 Registered - 100!

Don't miss a time of fellowship, recreation, meditation and salvation in the Lord. A few vacancies available. First come first served!

To further bring you nearer to nature there will be outings conducted by Peter Clements for the youngsters. All will visit the Bird Park on Wednesday, after early lunch.
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Woodlands New Life Church Stone-Laying Service

Saturday Nov. 20, 1982

(Message by Dr Tow Siang Hwa)

Building God's House is a joyous privilege not given to many believers. We read in 1 Chronicles 28 how the great King David himself was denied this blessing, which was given to his son Solomon. Nevertheless, King David was undeterred in his enthusiasm. He continued to set an example in giving towards the building. "Now I have prepared with all my might for the house of my God the gold....and the silver and the brass and the iron and the wood and all manner of precious stones, and marble in abundance. Moreover, because I have set my affection to the house of my God, I have of my own proper good which I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house." (1 Chron. 29:2,3)

1. The King gave and challenged the people.

Having set the example in cheerful giving, David then challenged the people saying, "And who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?" The response was an outpouring of joyous offering for the building of God's House. "Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly, because with perfect heart they offered willingly to the Lord: and David the King also rejoiced with great joy." (1 Chron. 29:9)

The secret of joyous giving is to offer to God willingly and with a perfect heart. Life Church Session has set a worthy example of giving a whole month's earning each, to Woodlands' Building Fund. This is in the spirit of St. Paul: "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give, not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver." (2 Cor. 9:7) The rest of the congregation being challenged by the leaders will surely respond by giving willingly and cheerfully. Blessed are the cheerful givers!

2. A Gospel Lighthouse beaming toward the North.

To all those who have worked hard and given, may I say a hearty congratulation. You have great part in a very important and significant advance into the north of Singapore. From Woodlands, the Gospel Light will be beamed to Johore Bahru and beyond. What a glorious ministry lies ahead for you all!

Today, the building is already half completed. Here it stands solid and majestic, a complex of many rooms and large halls. Before long the job will be completed and our latest B-P Church will be opening its doors. As an old Lifer, I am thrilled at the prospect.

3. You can never outgive God!

The Lord has done great things today! Lifers, rejoice! All sister B-P Churches, rejoice! Everyone who gives, rejoice! Thank God for giving you this blessed privilege. As you give to complete the building, do so with a perfect heart, and willingly. And see if God will not open the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing so that there will not be room enough to receive it! (Mal. 3:10) If we remember that in giving to God, we are merely returning part of what He has given to us. So, the more we return thanks, the more He gives again! You can never outgive God, for He is the Giver.

There are a few more months left for the building, before it shall be finished. So, my dear Lifers, (and other B-P members), now is the time to give. If you want to serve God and return thanks, do it before the building is completed. No one who gives with a perfect heart has become the poorer for it!

May the name of our Lord Jesus Christ be magnified.

Chairman's Remarks at Stone-Laying of New Life Bible-Presbyterian Church

I Introduction

It's been 20 years since the mother (better than old) Life Church at Gilstead Road was built, and 32 years since the founding of the first congregation from which sprang our Bible-Presbyterian movement, which has since moved into almost all the Asean nations, establishing over 30 churches and mission stations. This is the Lord's doing and is marvellous in our eyes.

There are two things which the Lord takes a special interest in - His Word and His Name. His Name is synonymous with His character while His Word is the expression of His character. The Lord ever takes cognizance of those who are jealous and zealous of His Word and His Name. He told the church in Philadelphia: "These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth; and no man openeth; I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name" (Rev 3:7,8). The New Life Bible-Presbyterian Church is God's open door to us.

II Sovereignty of God in His choice and use of means

As in the time of the Acts of the Apostles, the Lord still uses the young and the old, the male and the female, the rich and the poor for His own glorious end. The Lord granted the desire of some young hearts in the Life Church YF, under the leadership of Brother Peter Eng, to launch a mission work in Woodlands, with the goal of founding a new Church. That was in Dec. '78. Six months later the HDB called for tender of a church site in Woodlands New Town, but all tenders were rejected. In September, 1980 the HDB called for a retender of that same Church site, specifying that minimum offer be \$8.00 per sq. ft. Praise the Lord, our Pastor Rev Timothy Tow, Churchbuilding expert, was on hand during those crucial moments. There was much prayer, excitement and consultation. Though the land was

predestined for us, God's decree was unknown to us. His desire for us was that we did our best with all the means available to us, and He would take care of the rest. Good news came in January 1981 that we had won the tender. This was the Lord's doing and it was marvellous in our eyes. D.V.(Deo Volente) this beautiful edifice will be the strategic headquarters of the real church made up of living stones for missions into West Malaysia and evangelism in and around the Northern part of our island as well as establishing a Bible-Presbyterian testimony in Northern Singapore, testimony to a movement blessed of God.

III New Life Bible-Presbyterian Church - A Separated testimony

Although there are some Christian worship services meeting regularly in houses in this town, There is no significant fundamental testimony, let alone a separated Bible-Presbyterian testimony. The population right now is about 18,060 and the number of HDB units 5,160. The population is Singaporean with the majority being of Indian and Malay origin. There is a minority of Singaporeans of Chinese origin, a good percentage of whom are Chinese speaking.

1985 - 1990 will see the Phase II development of Woodlands into the largest of all New Towns (area-wise), (a triangle development from Mandai Road and Woodlands Road to the Causeway to Sembawang Shipyard area), with a projected population of about 290,000 (i.e. over $\frac{1}{4}$ million).

Beulah B-P mission, our pioneer young people have been meeting here since the middle of this year doing the ground works. We are thankful that it is the zeal of the youth that the Lord has used to bring us here; just as the young church in Antioch brought the leaders of Jerusalem there. It pleased the Lord that His anointed church building servant, our own pastor, should be chosen to lay the foundation stone of this new edifice, to be used once again to hold forth the Word of Life that we may rejoice in the day of Christ (Phil. 2:16).

Amen. - Rev Dr Tan Wai Choon

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (29th Nov - 5th Dec) RPG Daily Bible Reading Work Book No 13 is out.

MON - THURS Galilee Children's Camp

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting

SAT 2.00 pm JYF; 3.30 pm YF; 4.00 pm YAF.

2.30 pm Wedding Bells for FEBCers
Loh Hui Choo and Charlotte Leong

SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow (Lord's Supper)

10.00 am Rev Lin Tah Mon (Lord's Supper)

10.00 am Rev Tan W C at Beulah Service

11.45 am Korean Ser ice

1.30 pm AF Bible Study

4.00 pm Kebaktian Indonesia

4.30 pm Sharon Service

5.25 pm Mini-bus to Calvary-Pandan

8.00 pm Korean Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$2,591.04

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS 3255) \$50

(Sembawang); 3256) \$1,300 (Jesus Saves);

3257) \$4,486.40 (Stone-Laying); 3258) \$250;

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Total \$1,503,212.44 Stop Press! 3272) (USA)

\$10,000 (Cal-Pan); 3273) \$500 (Beulah); *

Our 13th month for the Lord! So far 12

Session members have indicated, totalling

over \$25,000. / Edited by Rev Timothy Tow, 9A

Includes Commentary on John's 3 Epistle. Now,

you can have the complete set No 8 - 13. The

Assist. pastor of Galilee says of RPG: "I have

in the past used other guides but what a

contrast to find in the RPG notes I am chewing

real meat"

This week's photos by Elder Seow. More Woodlands

photos on Notice Board by Dn William Teo.

Peter Eng travels with the pastor to Rawang

Muar this week in order to meet with Kim Kah

Teck, re B-P testimony in North Malaya. Pray

for wisdom and journeying mercies.

We thank the Lord for 20 Sleepwell mattresses

from Hotel Mandarin, and 45 bedsheets.

Calvary-Pandan sets example of brotherly love:

By giving \$10,000 each to Woodlands, Mt. Carmel,

Galilee and FEBC, that are struggling with their

building projects (FEBC, renovations). Many

thanks from Life Church! And FEBC!

All Life Church Camp. Over 110 attended. One

new feature was the showing of videos by RTL.

Israel 1980, with superb choral singing of

classics, supplied by Dr. J.C. Maris, was deep

appreciated. Hearts were also touched by "Free

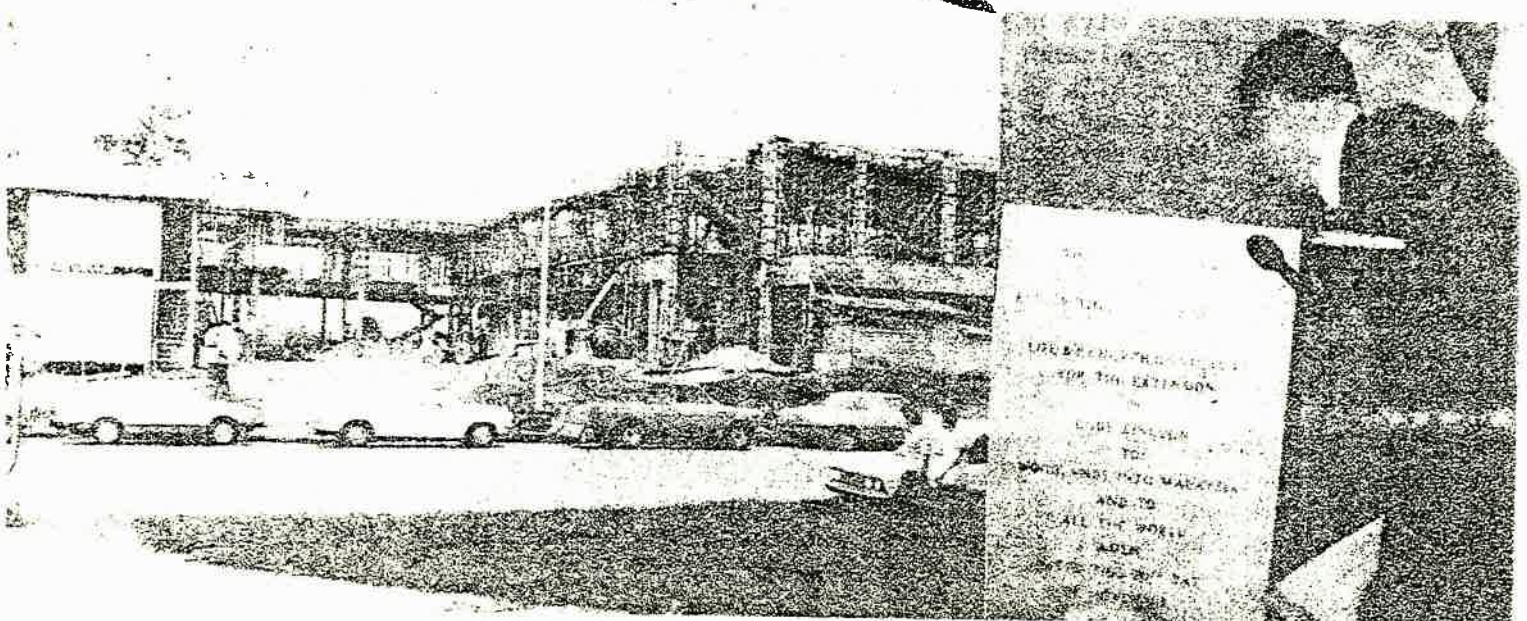
Forever", and the Korean film, "If I perish, I

perish." The visit to the Bird Park was a rare

experience under a monsoon downpour! Our thanks

to the Lord for safekeeping throughout the Camp.

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A GLIMPSE OF LIFE IN THE BACKWATERS (SUNGEI MATI) OF THE MUAR RIVER

Saturday week last, duty called me to Rawang to officiate a wedding between two young people of the Church. As Sunday morning was a free period Mrs Teo, the ex-pastor's wife now in charge of the church, Elder Tee and I went on a 20-mile circuit of Rawang's greater parish. This took us to Bukit Gambir (12 miles inland) where the young people run a weekly Wednesday night service and to Kundang Ulu (20 miles inland) on the upper reaches of the Muar River. As this Sunday is wedding day for the Chinese in these backwaters, I was astonished to count a total of 13 bridal cars with their train of attendant cars speeding up and down this 20-mile "basin". Including the wedding I had officiated, there were 14 weddings on view, not to count those we had missed!

A people without God and without hope, these keep on marrying and giving in marriage, and producing strings of children. In a rich man's house we counted 8 children of the elder brother of a young convert. In another, of a lower social status, this man had 9 children. In the big house at Bukit Gambir where our Wednesday meetings are held, the householder has 6 children. They've never heard of the "gospel" of "Two is Enough".

The Chinese denizens of this low-lying country on the banks of the Muar River are a forgotten people. They live in a secluded world of their own, eking out an existence generation after generation from the soil by tilling and planting, by catching fish and tapping rubber.

The young man we visited at Kundang Ulu who has 9 children makes a living by catching monkeys. These monkeys are sold to the Government for export to western countries and Japan for scientific experiments. A medium sized monkey fetches \$13.50. This is more profitable than tapping rubber, he said, which can bring the tapper at most \$9-\$10 a day. The man's mother is a Christian, but rarely do they go to Church. When the old lady is gone, the younger generation will sooner or later be absorbed back to idolatry.

We preached the Word in the rich man's house where there were over ten children, including the children of the younger brothers. The children, hearing that Christmas was coming, requested the Church to carol at their house and to bring Santa along! What a golden opportunity to preach the Gospel to this younger generation through the coming Christmas celebrations!

Praise the Lord. Rawang has a "crash" programme this Christmas to evangelise Bukit Gambir and Kundang Ulu. Not only will the Y.F. go carolling house to house, they will also show Gospel films at Bukit Gambir Community Centre and at Church. Christmas plays and pageants will attract a record crowd, mostly the parents of Rawang Kindergarten's 80-90 pupils.

Rawang has also built a basketball court costing \$8,000. This will attract the youth outside to come for friendly matches. This will bring them into the sheepfold, if not spiritually, at least physically.

The Chinese dwellers in this dark Sungei Mati (dead water) country, bound by idolatry and superstition, are beginning to loosen up. The people that walk in darkness like the Galileans of old, have seen a Great Light. They that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined (Isa. 9:2). Let this glimpse of life in the backwaters of the Muar River in the Gospel light move us to greater commitment to missions beyond.

Are you a Productive Christian?

Productivity, increasing productivity, greater productivity, is the gospel for a better livelihood harping on our ears these days. More productivity, more pay; little productivity, little pay; no productivity, no pay.

This economic principle, in fact, is a projection from Bible Doctrine. It is our Lord who teaches this. This economic principle applies to a business enterprise as well as to Church work, and to our individual Christian life. It is clearly taught in the parable of the Talents.

What is the parable of the Talents? In Matt. 25:14-30, we see three servants being entrusted with their Master's money. The first receives 5 talents (\$5,000 in Chinese transl.), the second 2 talents (\$2,000) and the third one (\$1,000). These sums of money are committed to them for profitable investment. The first makes \$5,000 out of his capital, the second \$2,000, and both are well commended for their enterprise. The third being a lazy good-for-nothing simply buries the money in the ground to return it later to his Master. With inflation going on, the \$1,000 he returns may be reduced, perhaps, to only \$10, as happened in the last days of the Japanese occupation of Singapore. The third servant receives a good scolding and is thrust into outer darkness.

Are you a productive Christian bringing profit to the Lord, or are you a slothful one to be sorely rebuked?



The parable of the Talents is not so much a parable on salvation as one on production. Productivity is expected of every saved person. Some Christians, though saved, are now become so worldly that they are no more contributing anything to profit God's Business (i.e. the work of the Church) or the extension of His Kingdom (i.e. the outreach of the Church). When we live for self with no regard for God at all, then we are burying our talent, at great loss. When we live for Christ, and direct our energy for Christ's Kingdom, then we are trading the talent, and making good profit.

Some do overtime work on the Lord's Day to get double pay, but through over work they fall sick and lose all that extra income. This is burying the talent, at a great loss. Similarly, those who are so consumed in their newly wedded life that they forget God and parents and rarely appear in God's House are burying their talent. Those who spend all their energy and resources on their children but give God a mere pittance (though they come to Church) will also discover a great loss, when their children turn against them. Unproductive and bankrupted Christians!

Listen, the Parable of the Talents is to remind us who are saved but now backslided that there's a reckoning before God. It is our appearance before Christ for examination. Paul warns us in II Cor 5:10,11: "For we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ, that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men" Paul further tells us in I Cor 3 how on that Judgement Day of Christians, fire will try our works. If our works are not acceptable as gold, silver and precious stones, but are like wood, hay and stubble, they will be burnt. We will be barely saved, a stick of wood plucked out of the fire. What a desperate salvation! Saved, yes, but like one taken out of a burning house, having lost all one's wealth and belongings. Will that be your end after this earthly life? Making money a plenty, enjoying the pleasures of the flesh a plenty, but reduced to nothing before Christ's judgement seat? Saved, but miserably saved. That's the final outcome of an unproductive Christian. If you are living for self you are an unproductive Christian. If you live for Christ, put Christ first in your plans and actions, you will be a productive Christian, well commended like the 5-talent and 2-talent men. In what sphere of your life can you bring productivity, good profit to the Lord? According to our ability, as the Lord says, let us trade wisely to His honour and glory! - T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK(6th - 12th Dec)

7 a.m. MON to SAT Kuala Kubu Ch. Camp
7 p.m. MON to FRI Rev Tow at B-Jurong
9 - 12 am MON to SAT VBS
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg; 9.15 pm Ses Mtg.
SAT 2.00 pm JYF; 3.00 pm YF & YAF
2.00 pm Evangelistic League
7.00 pm Christian Fellowship & Missions (Colin Wong)
SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow
10.00 am Mr Tsao See (Chinese Serv.)
10.00 am Rev Tan at Bethany B-P
11.45 am Korean Service
1.30 pm AF Bible Study (Rev Tan)
3.00 pm Rev Tow at Kelapa Sawit
4.00 pm Kebaktian Indonesia
4.30 pm Sharon Service
5.00 pm Rev Tan W C at Bethany B-P
5.25 pm Mini-bus to Calvary-Pandan
8.00 pm Korean Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$2,833.55 + \$100 (D. Wong) + \$50 (W. Kal.) + \$70 (Medan).

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS 3275) \$50 (B. Serai); 3276) \$400 (Box); 3277) \$606.95 (Sun. Lunch); 3278) \$100; 3279) \$2250; 3280) \$250; 3281) \$50; 3282) \$250; 3283) \$500; 3284) \$60; 3285) \$292; 3286) \$276; 3287) \$50; 3288) \$70; 3289) \$20.45; 3290) \$100; 3291) \$50; 3292) \$800; 3293) \$350; 3294) \$130; 3295) \$1250; 3296) \$1800; 3297) \$120; 3298) \$1000; 3299) \$200; 3300) \$50; 3301) \$136.11; 3302) \$133.86; 3303) \$102.14; 3304) \$131.86; 3305) \$1400 3306) \$225.80 (Coffee).

TOTAL \$1,526,988.05 STOP PRESS! 3307) \$250; 3308) \$50; 3309) \$80; 3310) \$120 (L-Workshop); 3311) \$500 (Beulah); 3312) \$30 (Upp. Room); 3313) \$5000.

Target: \$3 million

Hear the pastor at Kebaktian Indonesia this Lord's Day afternoon 4 p.m.

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MAKE ME A BLESSING

Out in the highways and byways of life,
Many are weary and sad; . . .
Carry the sunshine where darkness is rife,
Making the sorrowing glad . . .

Chorus:

Make me a blessing, make me a blessing,
Out of my life . . . may Jesus shine; . .
Make me a blessing, O Saviour, I pray. . .
Make me a blessing to someone today.

Tell the sweet story of Christ and His love
Tell of His power to forgive; . . .
Others will trust Him if only you prove,
True, every moment you live . . .

Give as 'twas given to you in your need,
Love as the Master loved you; . . .
Be to the helpless a helper indeed,
Unto your mission be true . . .

- Inspiring Hymn 394

A cordial welcome to 43 campers from Kuala Kubu Bahru Church (foot of Fraser's Hill) to our Singapore garden of pine and palm. Give Bibles, Christian Books, tapes this Christmas as a means of spreading the Gospel! The Gospel of Life is title of reprint of RPG Workbooks No 8 - 13, as one book - applied commentary on John's Gospel and Epistles.

John Sung's Revival Sermons Vol II will also be out!

Welcome home to:

- 1) Lt Col Dr Patrick Tan, after an absence of a month's training overseas;
- 2) Major Long, after 9 months sojourn in Australia;
- 3) Bro and Mrs Eric Kwan as they serve with Beulah in preparation for the New Life Church at Woodlands.

Letter from
Rev. & Mrs Contento

Dear Dr Tow,

I am sorry not to have written to you before but we did not expect to leave Manila till next year and then to spend some time in various parts of S.E. Asia and perhaps visit China before visiting the United States. But in February we had an urgent call to come here to teach as the school had a lot of applications from students and needed two more teachers. So we packed up as soon as the school in Manila finished the school year, and we came here via Scotland. I hadn't seen my family for 18 years nor visited my Church, for 18 years either, though it had stood behind us for all these years.

We have been very busy since we got here at the end of August, for I have a lot of preparation to do for my classes, so I have got behind with letter-writing. We follow with great interest all that you are doing and the building of the new church by the Straits of Johore. The Lord has certainly blessed your work and we praise him for the expansion and pray that the Woodlands Church will be a great blessing.

I think the world situation is very unstable and the time of the end is very near. That reminds me - we always like to read "Signs of the Times" by Siang Hwa in The B-P Magazine. He gets an amazing amount of information from many places and they are really sobering facts. We saw Brezhnev on the T.V. yesterday, breathing out threatening and slaughtering against the US. The present recession in the West makes him feel that Capitalism is about to crash. I hope he won't feel that he should start a big push to make it fall faster.

We often think of you all and would rather be out in S.E. Asia than here but the Lord has brought us here and so we will stay until the cloud moves again.

Well, Brezhnev's threats on Nov 7th are now so much wasted breath. Like Judas, he "has gone to his own place" which I think won't be much to his liking. The new man is supposed to be worse - Andropov; it may take him some time to become "supreme ruler" but the Lord is on the throne and He has the final word.

All our students here are Chinese and we usually teach in Mandarin, though we can use English in some of the classes if the students request it. I teach my class in English but I also teach English language separately.

Perhaps this summer we might go to China and visit Singapore as well, but we have not had time to think as far as that yet.

I enjoy your news bulletins and thank God for all that he is doing through your members and thank God for their zeal.

This brings many thanks for all the B-P magazines and all the weekly bulletins, which we read with great interest.

With best wishes for Christmas and New Year, and with warm greetings from us both, to you both. - Maida & Paul Contento.

Who are the CONTENTOS?

Rev and Mrs Contento are our friends since 1946. I first came to know them in Nanking where they were serving under the China Inland Mission. Expelled by the Mao "Liberation", the couple found their new field of service in Singapore. Mrs Contento taught a Sunday School, Teachers' Training Class at Prinsep Street while they opened a Christian Centre at 175 Pasir Panjang Road. Rev Paul Contento helped not a little in the founding of Singapore Bible College.

Rev Contento was one who heartily approved of the establishment of FEBC. He laid FEBC's foundation stone as well as the stone of the new Life Church, 28 April 1962.

In June 1960 when the couple felt called to Saigon, Vietnam they gave the tenancy of 175 Pasir Panjang Road over to Life Church (not to a charismatic church which sought it fervently). From that transfer to Life Church we started Galilee Bible-Presbyterian Church.

With the fall of Vietnam, the Contentos, ever on the move for the extension of God's Kingdom, hopped over to Manila. Since 1975 to recent date they have given themselves to the training of Chinese workers for the Lord's vineyard in a Philippines Seminary.

August 1982 saw the intrepid couple on the move again. Well past retirement age, they humorously declare their new assignment a "re-cycling". Where did they move to this time? To "Oriental" America! Now they are situated at the Christians Witness Institute and Seminary 1525 Solano Ave; Berkeley, Ca. 94707, USA as professors in America's only Chinese Seminary. Incidentally Bro. Lim Jui Kai of Faith B-P Church is now studying here.

In their newsletter dated Sept. '82, Mrs Contento says, "Paul is teaching theology and evangelism. Maida is teaching the history of Christian thought or historical theology and has a heavy load teaching English to these students because some know very little and need much improvement. Los Angeles has 340,000 Filipinos alone! And with 110 Chinese churches in San Francisco area alone we could call this Oriental America. Already I have many calls to preach in Chinese Churches"

With the examples of a modern Aquila and Priscilla couple, may I challenge our middle-aged Church leaders to offer themselves for fulltime service upon their retirement? Who will follow in their train?

"They shall still bring forth forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing."

(Psalm 92:14)



What Profit Can \$3 million Investment in Woodlands Make?

Like the Mother Church at Gilstead Road which is an ecclesiastical grand central station, our New Life Church must develop to become the northern central.

By putting in \$3 million, (of which \$933,000 goes to the land) the new church will soon have a built-in-area of 30,000 sq. ft. The auditorium is about the same size as at Gilstead Road with a social hall downstairs of equal area, housing kitchen and ancillary rooms. With other rooms in the annex, this will facilitate the holding of camps and conferences no less than at Gilstead Road. There is also a 100-pupil kindergarten which can be utilised for Sunday School, for camps and other purposes.

The upper storey of the annex has two living quarters, one for the pastor and the other for another. There is also a caretaker's downstairs. A big room is planned for a book shop, another for a library. A big basement will afford room for storage. Our new church at Woodlands should give employment to a score of personnel.

But it is on the spiritual front that we shall see the earning of big profits in the saving of souls. To begin with, we have the English congregation now taking shape in the Beulanders. (Thank God for increased offerings from the young people). After this should be the starting of a Chinese Service, and next a Tamil service, since the Chinese-speaking and Tamil-speaking predominate in Woodlands. From Woodlands, our workers should reach out easily to Kulai Besar and Kelapa Sawit, yea even to Bukit Batu and Rawang. Johore Bahru comes under our immediate survey. What other benefits our \$3 million investment will bring depends on what we will offer henceforth, our dollars and sense. - T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (13th - 19th Dec.)

MON - SAT	Bethany B-P Camp
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
FRI 8.00 pm	Nazareth Gospel Mtg (Rev Tow)
SAT 2.30 pm	S.S. Christmas Party - All are welcome
	7.00 pm Christian Fellowship & Mission
SUN 9.30 am	Rev Tow at Calvary-Jurong
10.00 am	Rev Tan W C
10.00 am	Mr Jonah Chan
10.30 am	Rev Tow at Calvary-Pandan
11.45 am	Korean Service
1.30 pm	AF Bible Study (Rev Tan W C)
4.00 pm	Kebaktian Indonesia
4.30 pm	Sharon Service
5.00 pm	Rev Tow at Bethany
5.25 pm	Mini-bus to Calvary-Pandan
7.30 pm	Rev Tow at Calvary-Jurong (Chinese Service)
8.00 pm	Korean Service

BETHANY SONG

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

Chorus

My heavy burdens He puts them on Himself
Through Valley of Tears no more bereft
For Jesus is my Home Sweet Home
I must see Him day to day
His love endures till worlds be gone
With Him life brings no dismay
My heavy burdens He puts them on Himself
Through Valley of Tears no more bereft
For Jesus is my Home Sweet Home
I must see Him day to day
His love endures till worlds be gone
I'll go with Him all the way.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$2718.60 + \$50 (Djunaidi)
+ \$200 (AF for Medan) + \$200 (Ormeo)

W LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS 3314) \$100
(Galilee); 3315) \$100 (Indo.); 3316) \$100
(Cal-P); 3317) \$800 (YAF); 3318) \$200 (Boxes);
3319) \$0.90 (W.Box); 3320) \$100; 3321) \$200
(Kor. Ch.); 3322) \$130; 3323) \$130; 3324)
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\$20; 3333) \$50; 3334) \$70; 3335) \$72.40;
3336) \$160; 3337) \$40; 3338) \$200; 3339) \$50;
3340) \$310; 3341) \$330; 3342) \$400; 3343)
\$200; 3344) \$150; 3345) \$200; 3346) \$500;
3347) \$254 (Chin. Ser.); 3348) \$109.02 (Int.);
3349) \$106.85 (Int.); 3350) \$1370 (AF)
TOTAL \$1,540,321.22

13th Month for the Lord! 14 Session members
have now given or pledged a total of
\$77,000/=.

Expresgram to 1) Rev & Mrs Paaue: Thanks for
your letters and invitations. 2) Rev C T Hsu:
Your remittance for Dyak work, next year rec.
etc.

Cordial welcome to December guests:

- 1) Rev & Mrs Yrjola of Thailand;
 - 2) Elder & Mrs David Pilgrim of Sydney.
- We extend a warm welcome to Bethany Camp
next week.

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My Home Sweet Home, by Olivet
Finds grace in Emmanuel's eyes
Where joined in one are heart and heart
Then soar our souls to the skies
I pour on Him my ointment sweet
Little token of my love
O Bethany, my Home Sweet Home
Endless blessings from above.

5 Night Meetings with Bethlehem-Jurong BP Church (Tamil). Truly these meetings were

ordained of the Lord as we saw the people
come in, 60, 70, 80, increasing each night!
Near a dozen hands were raised to the Lord
in faith and repentance, while the majority
of the congregation rose to their feet in
dedication. Elder Mahadevan drove the pastor
every night to the meetings, adding strength
to a concerted effort, with Pastor Burt at the
helm. Praise the Lord, and pray for our Tamil
brethren and sisters.
Women's Fellowship filmshow on Sat. 18th Dec
at 7.30 pm. Theme: Focus on the Family. Title:
Preparing for adolescence, Part I & II
80 - 90 children attended VBS. The church was
filled with the happy sounds of children's
laughter, as they thoroughly enjoyed themselves,
learning more about Jesus.



ROCK IS VIOLENT AND HARMFUL - DOCTOR

Young urged to develop a taste for serious music

A local medical specialist and lover of serious music last night hit out at rock music and suggested that the authorities step in to help wean young people from such "violent and destructive" forms of music.

He said the authorities could initiate a forward-looking scheme to inculcate in the young a liking and taste for serious music, and this would help in no small measure.

How this was to be achieved was best left to the experts in the relevant ministries, said Dr Tow Siang Hwa, a gynaecologist and obstetrician.

Citing scientific studies on the ill-effects of rock music, he said it was not a harmless form of entertainment, nor as many were wont to believe, one way for Singapore youths to let off steam.

Consequences

It produced "profound physical and moral ill-effects" and alarming social consequences, said Dr Tow when he addressed a fund-raising concert cum dinner at the World Trade Centre for the Singapore Symphony Orchestra.

The consequences included drug abuse, moral anarchy, sex perversion, social alienation, youth rebellion, rejection of established norms of common decency, anti-establishment outbursts, senseless violence and wanton vandalism.

In comparison, breaking chairs and tearing holes in the fence of the National Theatre was child's play, he added, and the danger was not lessened by holding rock concerts in parks and open places.

Dr Tow, a fervent supporter of the SSO, which requires \$3 million a year, spoke in his capacity as chairman of the fund-raising committee which aimed to raise \$1 million for the SSO endowment fund which is \$4.2 million short of its \$10 million target.

Referring to the Culture Ministry's recent decision not to issue licenses for rock concerts at the National Theatre because of the nuisance caused by fans breaking furniture and fences, he said this was only one side of the coin.

Wilt

The other was to provide young people here with a healthy alternative as well as to let the public know about the dangers of rock music. Of these dangers, he said laboratory experiments with plants at the Temple Buell College in America showed that three hours of hard rock daily caused various plants to wilt within a month.

Squash plants shrivelled up, philodendron flattened and sweet corn crumpled. At the University of Tennessee, research with guinea pigs showed that four days of exposure to rock music caused many of the cochlear (inner ear) cells of the ear to collapse and to "shriveled up like peas".

Mesmerised

Quoting further examples, he said that authorities at the University of Knoxville were shocked to find that a high proportion of the freshmen had the deafness found normally in 65-year-old people.

"It is pathetic that those exposed to rock music often are mesmerised into a state of physical and moral oblivion, and fail to appreciate the harmful and physically painful effects of noise coming through at 120 decibels," said Dr Tow.

The noise was as loud as the Saturn moon rocket blast-off measured from the press box at Cape Canaveral, he added.

According to the American Medical Association, 90 decibels was the level above which damage to the ear was caused.

On the alarming social consequence of rock music, he said: "During the Sixties when 'flower power' mushroomed and rock music swept the United States like a tidal wave, it left in its wake a trail of social upheaval: drug abuse, moral anarchy, sex perversion, social alienation, youth rebellion, rejection of established norms of common decency, anti-family, anti-authority anti-law outbursts, senseless violence and wanton vandalism.

"Breaking chairs and tearing holes in the fence of National Theatre is child's play by comparison."

Dangerous

While it was impossible to know how many rock fans must have had their health and careers ruined and their lives destroyed through rock and drug-related orgies, the world did know that three famous rock stars, Brian Jones, Jimi Hendricks and Janis Joplin died prematurely because of drug excesses.

"We would do well to learn from the experience and mistakes of others. Certain authorities in America indeed would not hesitate to classify rock music as more dangerous than heroin," he said.

The question was what society could offer as an alternative. "Our youths are teachable and amenable to conditioning," he said.

"A forward-looking programme to inculcate a liking and taste for serious music by the relevant authorities will help in no small measure to wean our youths from the more violent and destructive forms of music."

The SSO could play an increasingly important role in the musical education of the young, he added.

Christmas is a hindrance to true religion if it is celebrated for the pleasures of the flesh - spendthrift use of resources God has entrusted us. Extravagance in eating, drinking, buying, wearing, touring and abandonment in self-enjoyment.

Christmas is an enhancement of true religion if it is celebrated for the honour and glory of our Lord Jesus Christ, if He is worshipped from the heart, if His Word is declared to those outside Christ. If we are mindful not only of the poor, but also our missionaries who are labouring far away from the comforts of city-life. Christmas is giving inasmuch as Christ is given by the Father to the world (Jn. 3:16).

Speaking of giving, our Church has broken all records this year with \$800,000 to date. Some have called for special effort to reach the million mark by Dec. 31. Not in our strength but with concerted effort by His Spirit, it is very possible! If every earner will give his 13th month to the Lord as 14 Session members have done thus far, we can! If every Reader will follow the fragrant example of Mary of Bethany!

Christmas is God's annual declaration of pardon (amnesty) to the world - "peace on earth, goodwill toward men." This He is doing even through the super stores' playing of Christmas carols, so richly charged with the Gospel message. Dear Reader, here is an offer of grace upon grace to you. Time to come to the Saviour! Bend the knee in surrender to your Lord!

In remote Bukit Gambir, our Rawang young people are showing a Gospel film Christmas night at the Town Hall. God is calling them who live in the backwaters of the Muar River. And God is calling them in Singkep through Bro. Simon Tsai, in Medan through Dohar and Glorya, at Bentar Kersik and Kuta Bahru through Agus, in Pontianak and the Kapuas River through Djunaidi and his Dyak workers. God is also sending me Christmas Day to Tanjung Pinang for a Gospel campaign and for the annual baptism. (Those coming must hand Mrs Tow their passports today). Last Lord's Day three more were baptised at Kelapa Sawit. God's Kingdom is marching on.

The new Church at Woodlands is coming up steadily. A growing number of Lifers are considering moving up there to help out in the Lord's work. Here's a tip to young theologues, Why stand ye idle in the market square of much-trodden institutional ground Go into the fields where work awaits you! Woodlands has limitless opportunities to our FEBC graduates. Here we can also hold six or seven services on the Lord's Day as we are doing at Gilstead Road.

A word of advice on the physical replenishment of the new church. While the church auditorium is fully taken care of by a Lifer with all-teak pews and other sacred furniture, we should accept used ones in good condition for the living quarters, kitchen, ancillary rooms, as we've done at Gilstead Road. Ten-thousands of dollars can thus be saved for the Building Fund. Economy is the mother of prosperity. While man looks on the outward appearance, God looks at the heart. Joyous Christmas! - T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Dec 19 - 26, '82)

SUN 6.00 pm (SUN to SAT) TBC Camp (FEBC Blk).
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
WED 6.45 pm (WED to SAT) LCYF Camp (FEK Blk)
THU 6.00 pm Children's Choir Carolling
FRI 8.00 pm Christmas Carol Service (with Chinese & Indonesian Service)
SAT 10.00 am Korean Christmas Service
10.30 am Rev Tow & Co leaves for Tanjung Pinang
8.00 pm Sharon Christmas Service
8.00 pm Tanjung Pinang Christmas & Baptismal Service
SUN 10.00 am Rev Dr Tan Wai Choon
10.00 am Rev Tow at Tanjung Pinang
10.00 am Miss Alice Doo (Chinese Service)
11.45 am Korean Service
1.30 pm AF Bible Study (Rev Tan W C)
4.00 pm Kebaktian Indonesia
4.30 pm Sharon Service
5.25 pm Mini-bus leaves for Cal - Pan
8.00 pm Korean Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS \$5,693.16*(Woodlands) + \$545 (WF for Kulai)

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS 3351) \$100;

3352) \$537.50 (Kuala Kubu); 3353) \$200 (Chin Lien); 3354) \$100 (K. Sawit); 3355) \$5693.16* 3356) \$80 (RTL); 3357) \$50 (RTL); 3358) \$120 (L-Workshop); 3359) \$20; 3360) \$200; 3361) \$60 (WF); 3362) \$600; 3363) \$800; 3364) \$150 (CFM); 3365) \$2,000 (13th month); 3366) \$53.42 (Int.); 3367) \$187.49 (Int.). **3375) \$500. TOTAL \$1,551,272.79 Stop Press! 3368) \$2718.60 (Dec. 5 offering); 3369) \$45 (Boxes); 3370)

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HIS NAME 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 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!

\$29 (CLBC Box); 3371) \$200; 3372) \$140-40 (Gt. Britain); 3373) \$100; 3374) \$160 (K.L.); ** Andrew Beng, eldest son of Mrs Chandra of Jurong was taken home in a motor accident. Funeral Fri. Dec. 17 was officiated by Rev Tow, assisted by Rev Heng and Pastor Burt at CCK Cemetery. Bring you unsaved Chinese speaking friends to Christmas Eve Service, Dec 24, 8.00 pm (Hokkien interpretation).

PASTORAL CHAT

Christmas - Time of Ingathering of Souls

This Christmas season has been a time of ingathering of souls! Several were baptised at Rawang and Kelapa Sawit each in my recent visits. Last Lord's Day four adults and two infants were gathered at Calvary-Jurong Chinese Service. This Lord's Day I'm on my annual visit to baptise at Tanjung Pinang. Perhaps a couple from Singkep will be included. All praise and glory to God.

At the recent campaign with Pastor Burt at Bethlehem-Jurong, about 10 hands were raised to receive the Lord. The Lord is greatly prospering our Tamil outreach. At the funeral service of Andrew Beng, eldest son of Mrs Chandra, the Gospel was preached to nearly 100 Muslims. About 50 of these went all the way to Chua Chu Kang Christian Cemetery. There they received another dose of Christian truth. Pray that some soul will come to the Lord and join our Indonesian Service, in town. Pray for Kebaktian Indonesia, two Session members, Elders Khoo and Edmund Tay have recently preached to our Indo friends.

Christmas, despite all the commercial exploitations, is God's annual amnesty offer to a sinful world. Christmas is a time of ingathering of souls, but oh! Christmas has come and gone. But Christ is here, the same yesterday, today and forever. If we have not done much for God at Christmas, let us resolve to serve Him better in the New Year.

I HEARD THE BELLS ON CHRISTMAS DAY
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth, good-will to men

I thought how, as the day had come
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along th' unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men

And in despair I bowed my head
"There is no peace on earth," I said
"For hate is strong, and mocks the sons
Of peace on earth, good-will to men"

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep
"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail
With peace on earth, good-will to men."

Till, ringing, singing on its way,
The world revolved from night to day,
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime,
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

ANOTHER YEAR IS DAWNING!

For Father, let it be,
In working or in waiting,
Another year with Thee;
Another year of leaning
Upon Thy loving breast
Another year of trusting
Of quiet, happy rest.

Another year of mercies,
Of faithfulness and grace;
Another year of gladness
In the shining of Thy face;
Another year of progress,
Another year of praise,
Another year of proving
Thy presence all the days.

Another year of service,
Of witness for Thy love;
Another year of training
For holier work above.
Another year is dawning!
Dear Father, let it be
On earth, or else in heaven
Another year for Thee.

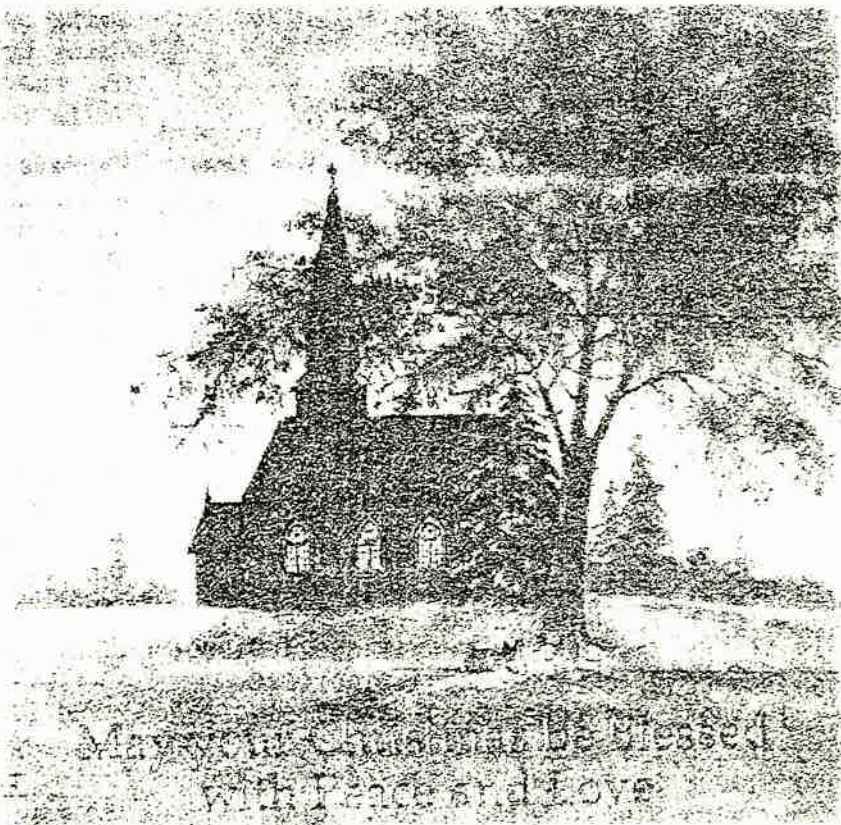
MOSES' PSALM OF LIFE

Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling place,
From age to age our rampart
Before the hills were ever born,
Everlasting God Thou art!
A thousand years before Thy sight
Fly as a watch in the night

When Thou dost turn man into dust,
He fades away like the grass
The days of our years are seventy
Eighty years could hardly pass,
All our strength is sweat and sorrow
All our health fleeting shadow

Our secret sins before Thee lay,
With Thy mercy satisfy
So teach us to number our days
To wisdom our hearts apply
Through days of toil and affliction
May Thy grace 'pon us be shone

Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling place
From age to age our rampart
Before the hills were ever born
Everlasting God Thou art!
Be Thou our strength from year to year
Till 'fore Thy face we appear.



DABO, DECEMBER 11, 1982

Tanjung Pinang

Dear Reverend Tow,

Singkep

Please kindly excuse me for not writing earlier. There is also not much to report because not much changes had taken place. Day after day, life goes on as the day before in this small town. The Chinese people here live with their two eyes always fixed to the ground, i.e., their minds and hearts are only full of earthly things such as making as much money as possible in the shortest possible time. This is their main life goal and they live for this goal. Perhaps it is caused by the hard life on this island, so it is also understandable.

The older people among the Chinese here are so superstitious, worshipping Chinese idols, ancestor worship, hanging small red altars with idols and joss-sticks on the walls of their shops and houses, etc. In this superstition they are greatly encouraged by the presence of the rather big 'toapekong' in the middle of the town.

The younger Chinese here such as teenagers, young adults have as their life goal, earthly pleasures, so after school or after work, they spend their time (better to say they waste their time) to chat together in groups in friends' houses, to watch T.V., video cassettes, to go to the two movie houses, etc.

So it is very clear that the Chinese here, the older, the young adults and the teenagers are all in the firm grip of Satan. Satan live in their hearts. There is a small minority who are not so, but this minority of Christians is too small. So a great harvest of souls can be reaped on this island, if only we can drive the devils of Satan out of their hearts. But no human power can achieve this. Only the power of the Holy Spirit can accomplish this. Therefore I am devoting much time daily beseeching and imploring God the Holy Spirit to do this. I believe this sort of prayer request is in accordance with God's will so He will answer these prayers in a miraculous way. In these prayers, I mention each non-Christian by his or her name. I have befriended quite a number of non-Christians (Chinese) here. I am daily adding my collection of non-Christian friends and their names. I pity them that they are on the road to everlasting torment in hell. But maybe they also pity me thinking in their Satan-controlled minds that I am doing "useless" work that will not make me rich. Never mind, I am already dead to earthly riches.

This pioneering work is difficult, requires patience and perseverance, but it also is full of challenges because this is a great war fare against Satan and his devils. There is not much change in the attendance of the Sunday Worship Service and the Sunday School. Since December 3 this church has already electricity. Thank and praise God. My respectful greetings to Mrs Tow. May God always bless you and your family and your work.

Ed. Note: Pray for Simon! He has been in Singkep since August.

in christ,

Simon Tsai

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (27th Dec - 2nd Jan)

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
 FRI 7.00 pm YF Anniv. & YAF Inauguration
 FRI 8.00 pm Watchnight Service (Sharon)
 10.45 pm Watchnight Service (Lord's Supper) Rev Dr Tan Wai Choon (Hokkien Interpretation)
 SAT 11.00 am Ting Kei Nan - Tee Kim Cheng Wedding (Mr Huang Ee Yuan of Fishermen of Christ)
 2.00 pm JYF; 3.30 pm YF; 4.00 pm YAF
 6.00 pm Rev Tow at Calvary 10th Anniversary Service.
 SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow (Lord's Supper)
 10.00 am Rev Lin Tah Mon (Lord's Supper)
 4.00 pm Kebaktian Indonesia (Rev Tow) etc.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS \$6481.83 + \$150 (D, Wong)

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS 3376) \$20; 3377) \$200 (Bethany); 3375) \$15; 3379) \$100 (Calvary Pandan); 3378) \$15; 3379) \$100; 3380) \$50 (Beulah Service); 3381) \$500; 3382) \$1,000; 3383) \$1000 (Cal-Pan); 3384) \$1,895.55; 3385) \$6,481.83*; 3386) \$500; 3387) \$500 (via Post). 3388) \$80.00; 3389) \$200; 3390) \$4000; 3391) \$200; 3392) \$2550; 3393) \$770; 3394) \$145.35; 3395) \$1000; 3396) \$2000; 3397) \$1500; 3398-3400) \$942.36, \$108.49, \$151.24 (Int.); 3401) \$5000.
 TOTAL \$1,587,335.21 Stop Press! 3402) \$1400; 3403) \$50 (C.C. Carol); 3404) \$100 (C.C. Carol); 3405) \$40 (CLBC Box); 3406) \$17 (Boxes) 3407) \$18,669.75 (Christmas Eve); 3408) \$200; 3409) \$1000; 3410) \$60; 3411) \$5000; 3412) \$6500; 3413) \$1400; 3414) \$1200. TOTAL \$1,622,971.96 Stop Press! The Contractor's

WHILE THE DAYS ARE GOING BY

There are lonely hearts to cherish,
 While the days are going by
 There are weary souls who perish,
 While the days are going by;
 If a smile we can renew
 As our journey we pursue
 Oh, the good we all may do,
 While the days are going by.

Chorus

Going by, going by,
 Going by, going by,
 Oh, the good we all may do,
 While the days are going by.

There's no time for idle scorning,
 While the days are going by
 Let your face be like the morning
 While the days are going by;
 Oh, the world is full of sighs,
 Full of sad and weeping eyes,
 Help your fallen brother rise
 While the days are going by.

All the loving links that bind us,
 While the days are going by
 One by one we leave behind us,
 While the days are going by;
 But the seeds of good we sow,
 Both in shade and shine will grow
 And will keep our hearts aglow
 While the days are going by.

2nd Bill \$2/3 million has come! We're short of \$70,000!

Praise the Lord for addition of 20 new pews offered by the same brother who gives to Woodlands.

Infant baptism, Christmas Eve; Christopher Siow Shun Yi
 s/o Bro & Mrs Siow Chai Sheng.
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PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Reader,

The Gospel Sounds Sweeter in Another Language.

I'm sure this sentiment that was expressed in the "Lively Stones" found a responsive chord in you last Lord's Day - our 32nd Annual Thanksgiving. The Name of the Lord was greatly magnified in 8 languages, and the more, as the idea of gathering these language groups from our Church and FEBC came from Him!

It all began when your pastor was invited the previous week to Bethlehem-Jurong's 22nd Anniversary. The medley of songs rendered by a lively Tamil choir was so striking that he spontaneously invited them to sing for us. From this spark of inspiration a great fire of enthusiasm was lit, resulting in the further enlistment of the Trio from the Korean Church, another from the Japanese under Kimiko, the Prachan Thai couple, another Trio from our Kebaktian Indonesia and Stephen and Richard our African boys. On our part we had our English and Chinese choirs, the Children's Choir and the Sunday School Primary Department.

These efforts were used of the Lord to bless an audience of 900 - over 200 were counted in the green porch which was served by closed circuit T.V. (A note of apology must be offered here - we missed out the Filipino group under Abel worshipping at Life Church).

Now we must not forget that the 32nd Anniversary of the English congregation was simultaneously the 17th Anniversary of the Chinese congregation. As there was a good representation from the Chinese Service, the message was interpreted in Hokkien. The Associate pastor's message on giving was reassuring to the congregation as he pointed out how none in Life Church has become the poorer by offering to the Lord.

Precious Gold and Lively Stones

The offering bags gathered a record \$19,000. Plus individual sums and a five-figure from the Korean School, we came close to \$50,000. This sum includes pledges from two whose hearts were evidently touched on the spot! God loveth such cheerful givers! Precious gold.

Of greater praise to the Lord are the lively stones gathered through baptism. There were 25 adults (2 from Chinese Service), 3 re-affirmations of faith, 3 transfers and 5 infants. May their names be written in the Book of Life above.

Lend to the Lord

One recurring theme that is heavy upon our hearts is Woodlands. With the 32nd Thanksgiving we are enabled to meet the Contractor's bills up to December, at about \$200,000 a month. After that we'd still need \$1.3 million. This extremity becomes your opportunity to do good! King Solomon says, "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord, and that which he hath given will He pay him again." (Prov. 19:17) When Gilstead Road was building we were even shorter of funds (by ratio), but those who loved the Lord rallied. One new convert loaned the Church \$15,000, payable in two years (which we honoured). A session member took a bank loan of \$12,000 to help pay one of the urgent monthly bills. This elder has been blessed by the Lord 100-fold! These are only two of scores of examples I know!

Campers' Delight

The whole of our garden of fragrant pine and palm is now transformed into a permanent camp-site. Can you find one of the latest innovations called "Campers Delight"? This is your instant spiritual-and-physical vacation grounds, because the coming Family Camp (Nov 22-26, will avail part-timers with relaxation, leave or no leave. This Camp is tailored to suit everybody.

Kalimantan!

Kalimantan! As we have promised to visit Rev. Djunaidi about Dec. 2, we must keep our word. We want to see the new classes he has started for 70 high school pupils, his Dyak work, the Gospel Boat, and evangelism on the border regions of Sarawak. The cost of travel is around \$700 for the week. First come first served! Closing date Oct. 31!

Blessed 32nd Anniversary

Dear Rev Tow, Rev Tan, Session, Deacons, honoured members and friends of Life BP Church, and her sister churches,

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate you on this memorable occasion. Though I am not able to be with you in body, I am very much with you in the spirit. May the Lord continue to have first place of honour in the BP movement and Life Church. It is a privilege and blessing for me to be a part of this dedicated movement. Each week in the United States moves me to bless God even more for blessing Life Church. May she continue to be a blessing to His people, especially the younger generation (I have the Tanglin Bible Class, YF, YAF, AF, JYF, CF and Sunday School in my heart), for they will be the leaders of tomorrow. Thank you pastors and session members for the spiritual support you have given me and my beloved.

Manaratha!

N.B. I am presently a doctoral student in Educational Psychology specializing in Research Methods and Evaluation in UCLA.

Sinner saved by grace,
Jonathan Chan Chuen Rong
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USA

Church History a Compulsory Subject for the Church

In order to keep the new generations of Israelites from straying from the Faith, the fathers were commanded to teach their children and children's children the history of their

Exodus from Egypt. "That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments" (Ps. 78:7). When this sacred history was neglected in later generations, apostasy set in. "The children of Ephraim being armed, and carrying bows, turned back in the day of battle" (Ps 78:9).

Today the Protestant Church is little informed of the Exodus from their Egypt, viz., the Roman Catholic Church. They came out of a foul system of a man-made religion in which the Pope takes the place of Christ on earth while Mary reigns as Queen of Heaven, Mother of God and Co-Saviour with her Son. Salvation is by works and not by faith only in the Lord Jesus Christ and repentance toward God.

All the dark practices and erroneous doctrines of Rome have not changed one single letter. But we have been delivered from all these superstitions by Martin Luther's stand against the whole Holy Roman Empire, 1517 - 21.

But now, the Ecumenical Movement is bringing Roman Catholics and Protestants together. The Church of Rome will be represented at the coming consecration of Dr Moses Tay as the new Bishop of the Anglican Church of Singapore. It is like having an Egyptian priest participate at the consecration of a new high priest in Jerusalem. Will Protestants in Singapore raise a voice of alarm at such a mixed gathering? What does the Evangelical Fellowship of Singapore say to this? Shall today's Ephraim (supposedly armed with evangelical truth) remain silent in the day of battle?

In order that you might know your precious Protestant heritage, Life Church and FEBC will present the Martin Luther Film, Saturday Oct. 30, 7.30 p.m. This is a mandate from the Lord's teaching to the Israelite fathers. Church History is a compulsory subject for the Church! Come, bring your whole family. Bring a friend. - T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (25th - 31st)

MON	7.30 pm	Calvin (Rev Tow)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
THU	7.30 pm	Acts (Dr Tan W C)
RI	7.30 pm	Reformation Lecture (Rev Lau Chin Kwee of Ev. Reform. Ch.)
SAT	2.00 pm	JYF; 3.30 pm YF; 4.00 pm YAF
	7.00 pm	Christian Fellowship and Mission
	7.30 pm	Martin Luther Film (Life Ch. & FEBC).
	7.30 pm	Reformation Lecture (Rev Lau Chin Kwee)
SUN	10.00 am	Rev W C Tan
	10.00 am	Rev Tow at Chinese Service
	11.45 am	Korean Church
	1.30 pm	AF Bible Study
	4.00 pm	Kebaktian Indonesia
	4.00 pm	Rev Tow at Nazareth B-PC
	4.00 pm	Rev Tan W C at Living Waters Church, Toa Payoh
	6.00 pm	BP 32nd Anniversary at Cal-Pan. (Dr Tow Siang Hwa)
	8.00 pm	Korean Church
	8.15 pm	BP Synod

LAST 2 WEEKS OFFERINGS (I) \$3961.96 + \$565 (WF for K Besar) + \$200 (AF for Sumatra) + \$80 (RTL); (II) \$19,485.61 (Woodlands).

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS 3052) \$80; 3053) \$1,000 (FEK); 3054) \$300; 3055) \$798; 3056) \$60; 3057) \$200; 3058) \$150; 3059) \$35; 3060) \$120; 3061) \$20; 3062) \$630; 3063) \$240; 3064) \$20; 3065) \$20; 3066) \$30; 3067) \$600; 3068) \$310; 3069) \$70; 3070) \$100; 3071) \$30; [(3068 - 3071) - W. Box] 3072) \$150; 3073) \$50; 3074) \$50; 3075) \$2000; 3076) \$40; 3077) \$250; 3078) \$100; 3079) \$1000; 3080) \$119.25 (Int.); 3081) \$193.96 (Int.); 3082) \$95.34 (Int.); 3083) \$50(AF); 3084) \$150; 3085) \$5000; 3086) \$100; 3087) \$100; 3088) \$100 (Indo. Serv.); 3089) \$24.36 (CLBC Box); 3090) \$100; 3091) \$100; 3092) \$100; 3093) \$100; 3094) \$12000 (Kor. Sch.). Total: \$1,384,442.60 3095) \$500; 3096) \$50 (W.Box); 3097) \$200 (Kor Ch.); 3098) \$503 (Boxes); 3099) \$19,485.61; 3100) \$1000; 3101) \$1,020; 3102) \$300; 3103) \$18; 3104) \$50; 3105) \$250; 3106) \$500; 3107) \$200; 3108) \$100; 3109) \$410; 3110) \$100; 3111) \$1800; 3112) \$600; 3113) \$12; 3114) \$50; 3115) \$50;

3116) \$20; 3117) \$20; 3118) \$30; 3119) \$100; 3120) \$50; 3121) \$50; 3122) \$20; 3123) \$300; 3124) \$200; 3125) \$500; 3126) \$100; 3127) \$1000; 3128) \$45; 3129) \$18; 3130) \$500; 3131) Pledges - \$1,100. Total: \$1,415,694.21. Stop Press! 3132) \$200; 3133) \$150; 3134) \$25 (Mt Carmel); 3135) \$320.

Lost and Found: 1) New Ryrie Bible; 2) Gent's umbrella.

Obituary. Madam Kor Seok Liang (Mrs Quek Heng Soon), grandma of Quek Swee Luan, passed away peacefully Oct. 19, '82. Funeral Oct. 22 was officiated by Rev Tow, assisted by Messrs. Peter Eng and Eric Kwan.

MARTIN LUTHER FILM
is worth seeing 3 times!
Come Sat. Oct. 30, 7.30 p.m.
***** Under the Royal Palms. *****



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