

NEW YEAR MUSINGS FROM THE MANSE

It is customary to wish one another a happy and prosperous New Year. More important, we should have completed our "assignments" for the old year. We should have reckoned our standing before God and men. We should have settled all accounts owing (Rom 3:8) so as to start the New Year with a clean slate. Then can we have a happy and prosperous New Year.

The escalating mass-giving spirit of Lifers whereby the treasury meter spun faster and faster: \$72,000 in October, \$84,000 in November and \$129,000 in December has received a token of commendation from the Lord! For though we have given so much, we still owe \$70,000 to pay our Contractors belated \$2/3 million bill. God knows. Therefore He moved a sister to loan us the said sum for

two years, equivalent to a donation of about \$10,000 in interest earned during the same period. "If we have done our level best, God will take care of the rest." So, we have a clean slate to start with in the New Year, Woodlands notwithstanding.

"Economy is the mother of prosperity." We have not only given, but we have also conserved. "Open up the source and dam up the flow" is a good Chinese proverb to follow.

For the last three months our water bill has been steadily mounting. Oh! A leak! Our plumber is still working on it. Precious water-energy has poured down the drain! This once-in-a-long-while trauma should teach us all to conserve energy wherever and whenever possible. Please switch off after use! It gets on my nerves to see fans spinning in some cases non-stop when the occupants are out, or when the weather has so cooled off that there is no necessity.. Lights on full blast when half that light-energy is more than sufficient. God's eyes see the waste all the same, and He will reckon with the culprit or culprits.

One great saving for the last 20 years is the dispensing with a full-time caretaker, though we have a church cleaner with her daughter and a parttime gardener. Resident foreign FEBC students have maintained a supplementary service. It behoves all users of the Church-and-College campus to keep the premises clean and orderly. If you do not you are trying to be a towkay's-son, but know that our Towkay is God. He does not allow His children to be pampered.

A growing prayer meeting! That is a good sign. Let more members come to the parsonage for prayer Tuesday night. "Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you." (Jas. 4:8). After prayer there's also a little time for fellowship. For counselling too. The Pastor is available, on call, 24 hours of the day, 7 days a week. If you are in trouble, just call him. We are at your service every time, all the time. Doesn't God listen to our prayers a thousand times more readily, for He is awake at all hours whereas frail human creatures need to sleep.

Tanjung Pinang, now a major church. No more that struggling young sapling. Tanjung Pinang is a luxuriant, fruitful tree.

Last Lord's Day and Christmas Day the six of us were there - including Mr Tsao See, Miss Lee Lai Heng, Miss Tan Lay Hoon, Ailian and James Khoo. The testimonies of the two medical students were timely and effective to the whole Church. We baptised 17 including an infant. 115 partook of the Lord's Supper.

The Sunday School has an enrolment of 300. Tanjung Pinang gives \$100 per month to help maintain our newest outreach to Singkep (Bro. Simon Tsai). Who knows God might not have another in store for them and us? As the days darken so must we hasten on with sending out the Gospel light.

Young man, young woman,.... What will you do with your short life despite the wealth of years before you? Have you heard God's call? Have you been touched by the testimonies given the Sunset Gospel Hour?

Do not say, what prospects if you are solely given to the Lord, He will not hesitate to use you. All our young Lifers training at FEBC have a place of service. Ask them how they feel? God is good to those who are sincere and devoted to Him.

Far Eastern Bible College reopens Mon. Jan 3, 1983, 8.30 a.m. with Day of Prayer on the "Roof Top". Two young men, fulltime workers in two Singapore churches, are coming in, while a Bible College teacher from Bangkok and a former Korean chaplain are admitted, but will take a little more time to arrive. (Our big intake is in July, beginning of the academic year.)

Dr John Davis and Mrs Davis of Grace Theo. Seminary, USA arrived New Year's Day. Dr Davis will offer this year lectures on Genesis and Exodus in the evening classes, starting Monday, Jan. 3, 7.30 p.m. Session members, S.S. teachers and youth leaders are specially exhorted to come. Much expenditure is involved to bring our visiting professor to Singapore. Make it profitable by attending! Dr Davis' lectures on Genesis are particularly timely because our RPG Workbooks this year are returned to Genesis.

The work of training ministers and teachers by FEBC has so impressed the Session of Calvary-Pandan BP Church that they voted their Christmas offerings to FEBC's support. Thank God, the College is supplied again in our hour of need.

Please pray for our students, nearly 50 of them from 12 countries. Young Lifers at FEBC are Lau Choon Poh, Jess Lim, Haposan (Indo. Service), David Wong (Chinese Service), Paul Wong. We also support Samuel Manee from Thailand. Remember Agus on leave for a year to start two new stations in Medan.

Life Church greets her sons and daughters 1983 with the usual calendars. Get a copy!
Your affectionate pastor, T.T.

Pray for our
missionaries!

INDONESIA

1. Rev Djunaidi in Pontianak, West Kalimantan;
2. Dohar and Glorya in Medan;
3. Agus at Bentar Kersik and Kuta Baru (Medan);
4. Simon Tsai at Singkep
5. Tanjung Pinang Presbyterian Church.

MALAYSIA

1. Mr & Mrs Freddy Yong Kulai Besar;
2. Miss Ng Sang Chiew, Kelapa Sawit;
3. Rawang Church.

Showers of rain welcomed us at the harbour of Tanjung Pinang. The rain continued to pour throughout the day and kept us in the ancient parsonage. I couldn't help feeling disappointed for I wanted very much to see the place and to stroll down the tranquil beach.

The Christmas Service started at 7.00 p.m. with only half the auditorium filled. I talked to a lady and her two daughters who sat in front of me. They stayed on an off-shore island near Tanjung Pinang and together they braved the rain, wind and stormy sea in a two-hour sampan journey to attend the Christmas Service. Ironically, many townfolks who lived so nearby were kept away by the rain. What a shame!

The Choir sang their hearts out for God. Although not musically flawless, the singing impressed me. It brought to memory that Life Church didn't have a Church Choir to sing for her Christmas Service. There were twice as many male singers to females, a phenomenon not seen in Life Church.

The next morning, I was awakened by the smiling sun. Delightfully, we took a walk down town before Sunday Service. During the service, James and I gave a testimony each. According to a deacon there, more attention would be drawn by medical students from Singapore. Actually my testimony of how my family came to know Christ would be the same, regardless of my profession. Somehow in human eyes, the label of "medical students" makes a difference. I wonder why . . . then in my heart I silently thanked God for accepting me for what I really am, and I thank God for making me what I am.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (3rd - 9th Jan. '83)

MON	8.30 am	FEBC reopens
	7.30 pm	Davis lectures on Genesis begins
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
	9.15 pm	Session Meeting
WED	7.30 pm	Studies in Exodus (Dr Davis)
THU	7.30 pm	SBC Recording
	7.30 pm	Studies in Genesis (Dr Davis)
FRI	7.30 pm	Studies in Exodus (Dr Davis)
	8.00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
SAT	2.00 pm	JYF; 3.30 - YF; 4.00 - YAF.
	3.00 pm	Tan Keng Suan - Ng Poh Teing
		Wedding (Rev Tow)
	7.30 pm	Christian Fellowship & Missions
SUN	10.00 am	Rev Tow
	10.00 am	Mr Tsao See
	11.45 am	Korean Service
	1.30 pm	AF Bible Study
	4.00 pm	Kebaktian Indonesia
	4.00 pm	Nazareth B-P Church (Rev Tan W C)
	5.25pm	Mini-bus to Calvary-Pandan
	6.00 pm	Life Church (Rev Tow) on the air
	8.00 pm	Korean Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS \$8,202* + \$100 (RPG)
+ \$100(W. Kalimantan) + \$100 (Medan).

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS 3417) \$200;
3418) \$20; 3419) \$82.50 (LCSS); 3420) \$50;
3421) \$280 (Carolling); 3422) \$100 (WF);
3423) \$1000; 3424) \$800; 3425) \$200; 3426)
\$61.15 (Int.); 3427) \$144.43 (Int.); 3428)
\$200. TOTAL \$1,636,312.04 Stop Press! 3429)
\$2000 (by post); 3430) \$4 (Cal-P); 3431)
\$50 (Cal-P); 3432) \$1200 (by post).

WATCHNITE XPRES I Praise the Lord for a 2
year free loan of \$70,000 from a sister for
Woodlands, and for a new Electrolux vacuum
cleaner for Life Church from the same person.

WATCHNITE XPRES II (Woodlands) 3434) \$5992.30*
3435) \$1000; 3436) \$1000; 3437) \$200; 3438)
\$3000; 3439) \$69.60; 3440) \$3299.39; 3441)
\$500; 3442) \$240; 3443) \$1000; 3444) \$4000;
3445) \$1500; 3446) \$70.00. TOTAL \$1,662,641.03
+ \$50 (Djunaidi). Stop Press! 3447) \$170
(Canada).

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ANOTHER YEAR IS DAWNING!

Dear 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.

WRITE A LETTER TO DR GOH "Every literate adult
Singaporean should sit down and write a letter
to Dr Goh Keng Swee to express his or her
support for the government's moral education
programme. Any plan to ensure that future
generations of Singaporeans will continue to
know right from wrong deserves that kind of
endorsement" - Straits Times Editorial Jan 1,
'83.

We write herewith an open letter of apprecia-
tion for the Right is Might over Might is Right
policy of our government, and for our
government's guarantee of religious freedom and
toleration. We not only approve of the same but
pray for the longevity of our leaders. Long
live Dr Goh!

And pray for our government according to St
Paul!

Hear Life Church on the air Sunday evening
6.00 pm Jan 9, '83. "The Higher Moral Education,"
Rev Tow preaching.

TANJUNG PINANG - AS OTHERS SEE IT

Medan

Tanjung
Pinang
Singkep

The sky was full of dark clouds and the wind was so chilly. A group of us comprising Rev Tow, Mr Tsao See, James Khoo, Lim Ai Lian, Lee Lai Heng and I climbed into a speed-boat for our journey to Tanjung Pinang. The journey took us only 3 hours through many lovely islands. The four of us were enjoying sweet fellowship together and filling James in on our trip to Kalimantan last year. However at the back of my mind I was praying to God to manifest Himself to us.

All of us were experienced travellers but we went through the Indonesian Customs with apprehension. We thank God for our country where moral values are highly prized especially in the public service.

The rest of the day was spent indoors with the elders, Mr & Mrs Liew filling us in on the latest developments in the church. I was quite lost because they were jabbering away in Mandarin. I was expecting a completed new sanctuary for the church but there was no physical change anywhere. At 7 p.m. a Christmas Service was held in the school auditorium with about 50 people attending in spite of the rain. Mr Tsao See gave his testimony, we sang "Silent Night" in remembrance of Christ's birth and Rev Tow gave God's Word. Behind the school a group of people were laughing and having fun in a house with loud music from the radio. Is that the way to celebrate Christmas? My heart was sorrowful beyond compare.

The next day was the Lord's Day when about 20 people would be baptised and received into the Church. When I saw the young people coming up for baptism, praise and joy were in my heart. Thank God He is our Saviour and Lord, and is no respecter of persons. "But in every nation he that feareth Him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with Him" - Acts 10:35.

We had to rush off to catch the noon boat back to Singapore. I wish we could stay a bit longer but there is work to be done at home and furthermore Ai Lian is suffering terribly from a pain in her side. Little did I realise that God was going to manifest Himself to us as I had prayed for (Sorry, fellow travellers!). Because we had set off an hour later, the boatmen had decided to journey through the open seas instead of among the islands which provide protection. The sea became so rough and the boat was tossed about mercilessly. My first reaction was the fear of death from drowning (I could not swim). I asked myself "Am I ready?" The Lord is merciful and He knows my fears. Almost everyone around me was sick and thank God He sustained me. He kept me busy ministering to a lady sitting in front of me who became violently sick. Through this I forgot myself and my fears. The valuable lesson I learnt was that there is nothing to lose if I give up self and present it to the Lord. He would take care of everything and in turn would give me peace. "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny Himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever wishes to save his life shall lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake shall find it" - Matt. 16:24-25. I really thank God for His presence with us and one thing I am praying for now is for more your Lifers to have a wider vision of God's Kingdom and to dare to go forth into the unknown for the Lord as the apostle Paul, the disciples and even Rev Tow had done.

All praise to God. Amen

- Tan Lay Hoon.

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On Christmas day, the 6 of us set off for Tanjung Pinang. By God's grace, our boat trip as well as our experience with the unscrupulous Indonesian customs were simply plain-sailing.

A bone-shaking ride in the van took us to the Church premises where Mr & Mrs Joseph Liew reside. At once I was impressed by their austere lifestyle and their hospitality. We were treated to a sumptuous dinner that night.

The Christmas Night Service saw both young and old come with warm and cheerful hearts in spite of the cold rainy weather. Some even came by boat from offshore islands. Their church choir although small in strength sang with sweet thundering voices. Later, Rev Tow delivered the Christmas message while Mr Tsao gave his very vivid and encouraging testimony.

The next day, we toured Tanjung Pinang by van. The coastline was lined by sandy beaches interrupted by battery of houses built on stilts. The people there generally live in rustic simplicity.

The Sunday Worship Service was well attended. Rev Tow being their official pastor baptised 17 people and 1 infant. His message on "The Saving Knowledge of Jesus" was very relevant because many of the people there have family members or neighbours who are steep in idol-worship.

After the Service, we were quickly shuttled to the pier - whence a nauseating 5 hour boat ride took us back to Singapore. - James Khoo.

DOHAR REPORTS FROM MEDAN

Last Christmas we had a Christmas Eve service. We thought only 15 people would come (because they are usually busy making cakes at home), but that night 30 people excluding children attended. The next day we had Christmas celebration with the Sunday School. Since our church is too small we rented a school building. Christmas season is truly a time of reaping souls. Thank God, even the non-members willingly contributed some money that we had enough for the building, microphones, cakes and soft drinks. 250 people came!

This Christmas Service was so different from others that the people could feel it. We had only few items but we centered on the message. Other Services have messages only five minutes! The next day we heard people comment on our Christmas Service. Some liked it very much, and

some did not. The message that I preached was about Peace unto all men as found only in Christ. We concluded with an invitation (Visit the photonews display).

This month we start a class for members to train them to win others for Christ. Do pray for this. Agus also will help us when he has time to come down from Kuta Baru. Do pray for this training.

AGUS REPORTS FROM BENTAR KERSIK

A few weeks ago we planned to hold Christmas on the field for members of Bentar Kersik and Kuta Baru

Sunday School boys and girls and their parents had to memorise Scripture verses to repeat before the congregation and they did well. The gathering consisted of 55 persons, and there were 10 Javanese to listen to the Christmas message taken from Galatians 4:4,5 and Matthew 1:18-25. We rejoice that people walking in darkness have seen a Great Light (Jesus) and those living in the land of the shadow of death, a light has dawned (Isa. 9:1).

I have decided to stay here for 6 months more, because on 29th December 1982 at prayer meeting it is decided that 3 of our members would be trained for evangelisation.

Their names are Mberngap Tarigan, Tambus Ginting, Mbetik Tarigan. Please pray for them as well as for me.

I have received the amount of money from my brother Dohar 30,000 for Christmas and 120,000 for support!

We thank Life Church very much for the amount of money. May God give us the wisdom to use the money wisely for good purposes to His glory.

PASTORAL CHAT

After you have read these Christmas reports from our various fields, you'll praise the Lord with me for the souls brought into the Kingdom with the commemoration of His Birth. To keep on arguing about the uncertain date or the abuses by the world without taking advantage of the time to win souls is like trying to wash rice with soap to make sure it is clean, while guests are hungrily waiting.

In true Christmas spirit our congregation has brought in \$160,000 last December, \$850,000 for the whole year. Our figure for 1981 was \$700,000. Praise the Lord for increased productivity.

The Baptist Fellowship Church now headed by Fan Kwai Sang (a former Lifer) has an urgent need to shift out of their meeting place in Changi. Our Kebaktian Indonesia will move to the Jerusalem Court to make way for our brethren, in mutual help. The BFC will meet from Feb. at FEBC Hall 2 to 5 pm. They also set an example to others in saying "Thank you" to their host. Sharon Sunday School henceforth will shift to the Kindergarten side. The Korean Church will also increase considerably their contributions to the high maintenance costs of the whole complex. - T. T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (10th - 16th Jan)

MON 7.30 pm Studies in Genesis (Dr Davis)
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
WED 7.30 pm Studies in Exodus (Dr Davis)
THU 7.30 pm Studies in Genesis (Dr Davis)
FRI 7.30 pm Studies in Exodus (Dr Davis)
SAT 2.00 pm JYF; 3.30 pm - YF;
4.00 pm YAF
7.30 pm Christian Fellowship & Missions
SUN 10.00 am Dr John Davis
10.00 am Mr Jonah Chan
10.30 am Rev Dr Tan W C at Cal-Pan.
11.45 am Korean Service
1.30 pm AF Bible Study
4.00 pm Kebaktian Indonesia
5.00 pm Rev Tow at Bethany
5.25 pm Mini-bus to Calvary-Pandan
8.00 pm Korean Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS \$6726.40* + \$475 (WF for Kulai Besar) + \$200 (AF for Medan)

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS 3448) \$100;
3449) \$750 (Beulah); 3450) \$100 (Boxes);
3451) \$500 (Cal-P); 3452) \$200 (TBC Camp);
3453) \$100; 3454) \$100; 3455) \$450 (Weddings);
3456) \$50; 3457) \$6726.40*; 3458) \$150; 3459)
\$10 (W Box); 3460) \$300; 3461) \$50; 3462)
\$100; 3463) \$500; 3464) \$300; 3465) \$168
(Chinese Service); 3466) \$100 (Chin. Serv.)
3467) \$30 (Chin. Serv.); 3468) \$120; 3469)
\$50; 3470) \$2000; 3471) \$300; 3472) \$500
(Chin. Serv.); 3473) \$1390 (AF).
TOTAL \$1,677,955.43 STOP PRESS! 3474) \$300;
3475) \$104 (USA).

Hear Life Church on the air this evening
6.30 pm, Dr Davis preaching, supported by
FEBC choir. Tapè available from Mr Yiew Pong
Sen, Reformed Tape Library.

IT WAS ALONE THE SAVIOUR PRAYED

It was alone the Saviour prayed
In dark Gethsemane;
Alone He drained the bitter cup
And suffered there for me.
Refrain
Alone, alone,
He bore it all alone;
He gave Himself to save His own
He suffered, bled and died alone, alone.

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

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

Can you reject such matchless love?
Can you His claim disown?
Come, give your all in gratitude,
Nor leave Him thus alone.

Obituary. Mr Tay Kim Wah who received Jesus Christ Dec 31'82 and was baptised by Rev Tan W C New Year's Day '83 was called home the next day. Funeral on Jan. 3 was officiated by Rev Tan, Peter Chng assisting. (Mrs Esther Tay is sister of Francis Chan and Mrs Eio Eng Hwa.)

Have some "Poh Piah" fellowship with the WF on the 16th of Jan, at 6 pm.

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WEEKS 1-4

DECEMBER 26, 1982 - JANUARY 22, 1983

It is great encouragement to see so many Lifers among the 200 who have been coming every night to the Davis lectures on Genesis and Exodus. Genesis is not only the book of beginnings but also of how sin spoilt God's beautiful world. Paradise is lost. Exodus is the book of leading out God's people from bondage to a Paradise regained, as adumbrated in the Promised Land.

In the Providence of God, He has so timed the RPG Workbook that we resume our study in Genesis at this time. This is killing rather one big bird with two stones, to make the capture of our quarry more sure. For Genesis is a massive book of 50 long chapters. If you've not begun the RPG course why not get a copy at the counter today?

The RPG Workbooks should not limit you from reading farther and wider. The RPG Workbooks are designed to stimulate daily Bible study. If you are reading the Bible through in one year, well and good. Merely reading through the Bible in a year is like "riding a horse to view the flowers." The RPG method is like going to the flowers with a gardener's spade.

Please note that the RPG notes are distributed by the Church freely. But the Lord also teaches "Freely receive, freely give", that is to say, having received bless-

ings from reading the Bible through the RPG, we should support the RPG with our free-will offerings. Let us cultivate the grace of reciprocal giving as taught by our Lord.

In this connection I am printing the RPG notes, Nos. 8 to 13 into one book, titled "The Gospel of Life," an applied commentary on the Gospel of John (and on the Three Epistles). Not for sale, it is to be freely distributed on a free-will offering basis. As long as the printing costs are recovered, the project will have paid for itself and profited a much wider circle of readers than originally intended. "Out of the strong come forth sweetness" is my riddle in Samson's words to you who love Bible reading. Answer this riddle from Samson's restatement in Judges 14:18!

A third sanctuary

Hitherto, apart from the Church auditorium, we have the FEBC Hall as a second sanctuary. In view of the Baptist Fellowship Church coming in next month, so that Gilstead Road will have 7 services on the Lord's Day, we have "reclaimed" Jerusalem court to furnish it into a third sanctuary, the Jerusalem Chapel.

The new kapor pews have come in for such a time as this! Though intended for the balcony, seven of these have been diverted to the new chapel, as if they were tailored to order! See how handsomely they fit! Augmented by several Malay pews, the Chapel can seat 40 comfortably. With stone benches on the open wings of the chapel we can easily take in another 40. This new arrangement will now serve not only the Indonesian Service on the Lord's Day 4 pm but also every other group needing accommodation any time, any day. Our motto is "maximum use" and "no buried talent".

Woodlands Payments

By God's grace, we have been spared paying the \$2/3 million bill. Mr Phua, our architect, has broken it to two bills totalling \$450,000. As all our moneys are in fixed deposit we shall not pay the contractor until Jan. 20 and early Feb. when the sums mature. This means a little delay which is quite tolerable. This means we still have over \$200,000 in the kitty to meet the next onslaught. Doesn't this remind us of the widow's oil cruse and flour barrel?

But what, when the 4th bill comes? Perhaps at end of February? Will we have another \$200,000 by then? The strain on the Lord's Treasury is beginning to be felt and the tension will be greater, with no let up for the next half year! Pray we must but we must continue to give, willingly, cheerfully.

We must also work! How? The earnings from Sunday lunch, Pepsi, Coffee, small as they are, are appreciated. The contributions to the Church maintenance from guest congregations help to keep the home fires burning. Yes, from hospitality, and from weddings - all on a free-will basis.

But we should not forget to ask! Jesus says, "Ask and it shall be given, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be open unto you" (Matt. 7:7). We are therefore sending a number of

Appeal letters to sister churches who would gladly help us, much or little. We promise these repayments after one year to 18 months. By then our unabated offerings will have caught up with our obligations.

Catechism Class for Easter Baptism.

How quickly time flies! That we are in fact one week late starting the Easter Baptism Class shows how we need to catch time by the forelock.

Baptism is a sacrament commanded of the Lord. If you have believed in Jesus Christ, if you are born again, you need to be baptised. Are you? If not, why not?

Baptism is a seal of salvation "He that believeth and is baptised shall be saved" (Mark 16:15). Baptism is public confession with the mouth to substantiate faith in the heart unto salvation (Rom 10:9,10). Baptism is a sign of repentance from our old, evil ways of life. Baptism is the outside sign of the inward grace whereby our sins are washed away (Acts 2:38).

Our Catechism Class begins today after Service at the newly "renovated" Jerusalem Chapel!

Our Chinese Service

The Lord has also greatly increased our Chinese Service. A Chinese Catechism Class will greatly nurture the faith and knowledge of our Chinese brethren and sisters.

We would like to congratulate the starting of a Chinese Monthly by Bros. Peter Chng and David Wong, whereby the teaching of God's Word is enhanced and the fellowship between members increased. This work was pioneered by Mr Tsao See when Life Church Chinese Service was inaugurated in 1965. The revival of the Chinese Monthly is of great importance. Let us support this work with our prayers and timely distribution. - T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (17th - 23rd Jan.)

MON 7.30 pm Davis lectures on Genesis
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
WED 7.30 pm Davis lectures on Exodus
THU 7.30 pm Davis lectures on Genesis
FRI 4.00 pm Tea-party for FEBC
SAT 2.00 pm JYF; 3.30 pm YF; 4.00 pm - YAF
SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow
10.00 am Miss Alice Doo (Chin. Service)
11.30 am Catechism Class
11.45 am Korean Service
1.30 pm AF Bible Study
4.00 pm Kebaktian Indonesia
4.30 pm Sharon Service
5.25 pm To Cal-Pandan (Rev Tow on "Perfect Will of God")
8.00 pm Korean Church

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS \$3504.00 + \$100(FEBC) + \$100 (W Kalimantan) + \$100 (Medan)

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS 3476) \$10(ISCF) 3477) \$40; 3478) \$150; 3479) \$200; 3480) \$800; 3481) \$65 (Boxes); 3482) \$100; 3483) \$75; 3484) \$35; 3485) \$105; 3486) \$540; 3487) \$400; 3488) \$20; 3489) \$160; 3490) \$320; 3491) \$50; 3492) \$1900; 3493) \$1600; 3494) \$1200; 3495) \$300; 3496) \$1600; 3497) \$100; 3498) \$10; 3499) \$800; 3500) \$310; 3501) \$200; 3502) \$200; 3503) \$360; 3504) \$114.10; 3505) \$78.90; 3506) \$100.42; 3507) \$50.96; 3508) \$50.96; 3509) \$105.77; 3510) \$158; 3511) \$1200; 3512) \$2000; 3513) \$1300; 3514) \$300 TOTAL \$1,695,468.54 Stop Press! 3515) \$500; 3516) \$100 (In memory of Bro. Tow Keng Chuan).

Obituary Mr Tow Keng Chuan, 78, was suddenly called home Jan 13, 1983, 6.40 a.m. Funeral Sat Jan 15 was officiated by Rev Ng of the Thomson Rd Baptist Church and Rev T. Tow. Deepest condolence.

Dr Carl McIntire, president ICCF, flies in Thurs. Jan 20, 8.20 a.m. en route to Jakarta. A reception will be held in his honour at Faith Church, Serangoon Garden, 9.30 a.m. WELCOME!!

Cordial Welcome to Dr John Davis to Life Church pulpit this morning. Dr Davis' tapes on Genesis & Exodus, and that of the Broadcast last week are available from the Tape library (Mr Yiew).

Mr Leslie Brierley, Editor of Koinonia Information Service, England inquires about SIMON

TSAI: "On reading your 28 Dec issue, I was struck by the letter written by Simon Tsai, thinking it might be a good letter to publish to give others a glimpse into the first impressions of a young man having gone out in obedience to the LORD to some remote spot. Could I have your permission to publish this, please, and if so could I have one or two further facts to round out the report? For example: how old is Simon? Where was he trained and for how long? What is his testimony of his call to this work by the Lord? Did he go to an already existing church or has he himself gathered together this group of which he speaks? Are there any other churches on the island, and if so do they serve only Chinese or are there people of other ethnic groups on Singkep island?"

Answer: 1. Simon Tsai is 55. 2. He has studied 6 years in several Bible Colleges in China, Hong Kong, and at our Far Eastern Bible College, Singapore. 3. Through many trials and disappointments, Simon yielded to be sent by Life B-P Church to Singkep Island, Indonesia. 4. He enters upon the abandoned labours of another Presbyterian Church, whose Mission House comes under our lease. 5. There is an Indonesian Pentecostal Church where some Chinese are affiliated. Simon who is Indonesian-born speaks fluent Indonesian. But he also has a good command of Chinese, Dutch, English, being a journalist before this. He preaches now in Chinese which suits the older generation

NOTE: Singkep Island is about the size of Singapore. It has tin-mining. A European conclave bespeaks some off-shore exploration. A remote island, 12 hours by boat from Tanjung Pinang, Riau.

YOUTH EVANGELISM Pray for LCYF Gospel Meeting

Sat. Jan 29, 1983, 2.30 p.m. Dr Tan Wai Choon will speak on "The Man You Cannot Ignore."

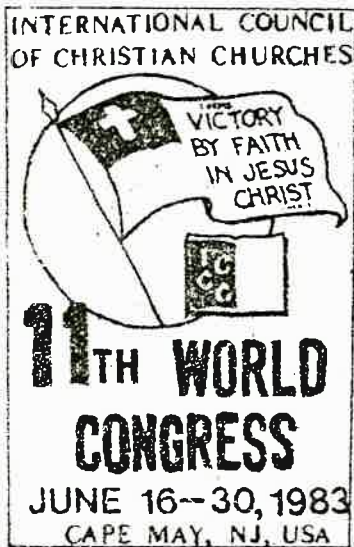
Bring your friends along. All are welcome. RPG Workbook Vol II No 2 is out today. Get your copy. Interest your friend to start daily Bible Study in the New Year. Better late than never.

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WHEN THE ENEMY SHALL COME IN LIKE A FLOOD,
THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD SHALL LIFT UP A STANDARD AGAINST HIM
(Isa. 59:19)



That there is now converging on Cape May, N.J. USA God's people from the four corners of the earth for the 11th World Congress of the International Council of Christian Churches is the writing of another page of Church history. J.D. Douglas, gen. Editor of the New International Dictionary of the Christian Church recognises this. In the paragraph on the ICCC p. 513, he says of this Church movement: "An inter-denominational council of churches of strong fundamentalist beliefs characterised by militant opposition to the World Council of Churches, to Communism, and to defections from orthodox Christianity. The principal founder of the movement was Carl McIntire, an American Presbyterian minister who led also in the founding of the Bible Presbyterian Church, Faith Theological Seminary, Shelton College, and the American Council of Christian Churches. The ICCC was founded at Amsterdam in 1948 and includes constituent bodies (national church groups), consultative bodies (such as missionary societies and Bible leagues). In 1972 there were 155 "Bible-believing Protestant denominations" (now over 300) in ICCC membership, most of them small"

That the ICCC has persevered from 1948 to this year of 1983 of our Lord cannot be better explained than by Isaiah's observation: "When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him" (Isa 59:19). God's Spirit took hold of an American pastor, Carl McIntire to raise a 20th Century Reformation Standard against an onrushing Ecumenical flood that has now engulfed the big established Protestant churches in a reunion with Rome. And God's Spirit has taken hold of men from many other nations to come together, and a banner is given them, "that it may be displayed because of the truth" (Ps 60:4).

The publishing of the Banner of the BP Church of Singapore and Malaysia is one phenomenon of God's Spirit working everywhere for His own Name's sake.

The founding of the BP Church in 1955 was in the stream of that energising power from Above for the earnest contending for the Faith (Jude 3).

Now that the bugle is sounding, who can resist the trumpet call of the Holy Spirit to battle? "We are on the Lord's side, Saviour we are thine" echoes every loyal heart! Yes, God's people are rallying to the standard of the 11th World Congress of the ICCC as the day darkens more ominously before His Return. From Singapore a resolute contingent is beginning to form. We are thrilled to see the younger generation, particularly, responding. And our going to Cape May is to get involved in the front lines! Some are going to do the taping of the whole congress, some are going to help in the Press room. Some are going to edit the Congress Daily. Some to do the recording of minutes, etc, etc. Singapore, though small, can play a part. Those who might not be fully active can nevertheless listen to the Word, and learn how better to serve the Lord when we descend from this great summit.

For the strengthening of our BP Church movement, for the consolidation of our position or separation from Ecumenical apostasy and from compromising neo-evangelical forces, it is well for every local church to consider sending their pastor to the Congress. Elders and deacons too, and whoever should be sent. Every Congress is a Church University in session, yea, even with the extension project this time of taking our Singapore team on an educational tour of the Holy Land.

Recently, sisters Agnes Wong and Ho Siew Lan visited Israel. They made happy contact with Rev Andrew Bo now settled on his new job of renovating and maintaining the Baraka Hostel on the Hebron Road, 12 miles south of Jerusalem. This favourable report from our sisters has beckoned us strongly to the Holy City and to the Lord's Land. So, we are working with our travel agent on a package deal, Singapore-Philadelphia-Tel Aviv-Singapore. Travel this time to the ICCC is a high opportunity to enlistment in the Lord's army, and of attending God's Kingdom before Jesus comes.

Is the ICCC that negative?

In stating the Truth, we've wittingly or unwittingly clashed with error, and those who remain in error. So we are branded negative, lacking grace and love.

Is the ICCC that negative? Let us give some examples of positive results from this so-called "negative" movement. Do you know that were we not for the ICCC stand, there had not been founded our Far Eastern Bible College? It was "for the Word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ" (Rev 1:9) in opposition to modernist teachings in some theological Colleges in this region that FEBC was founded.

Do you know that men such as Andrew Bo have come to us because of the Faith? Graduates, who have gone forth to establish new churches, separate from apostasy, like Dohar in Sumatra, associates like Agus at Bentar Kersik and Simon Tsai on Singkep Island? Because of our ICCC stand! Then there's sister Ng Sang Chiew at Kelapa Sawit also because of the Faith! Brother Peter Eng's involvement in the ICY is another case in point. Bro. Yiew Pong Sen's Tape ministry, yet another. Then our Christian Life Book Centre.

In West Kalimantan, Rev Djunaidi is a stalwart, president of the ICCC chapter in Indonesia, taking a lone stand, but shining forth very brightly. His coming into the movement was

as a result of our visit to West Kalimantan in 1971 to expose the wiles of the World Council of Churches. And so we can go on telling this "positive" story. The ICCC is not that negative as some people think.

"When the enemy shall come in like a flood,
The Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him"
(Isa. 59:19)

PRAYER WORKETH MIRACLES

Last Lord's day, I came to Church with a heart heavier than I could carry and tears flowing inwards. Nevertheless, I was able to play "Matthew" at the Church entrance with a "sparkle," as a member flattered me. He asked me repeatedly, "What is the secret of staying so bright every week?" He added, "You must have peace of mind all the time." He is right; when you serve the Lord, He will bless you with His peace abundantly.

The whole of last week, that peace was replaced by sorrow. I wondered how Abraham felt when he delivered his son to the mountain top for sacrifice. Praise God, he was faithful to Him and he set us an example to follow - never question the Lord!

When the results of Kelvin's head scan was made known to me, it was the end of the world to me. The result was conveyed by a well-known Consultant Neurologist based on the findings of a radiologist through their \$2.5 million computer in a private hospital. I couldn't understand how Kelvin was diagnosed "born with abnormal blood vessels." In dismay, I prayed: "Lord, why did you allow this to happen to my son, why Lord, why?" Obviously there was no answer as the Lord would not hear unless one humbled oneself and spoke to Him with respect and adoration. I was reminded, however, by the recent lectures that what we had received from the Lord was by His grace, and not what we deserved. In fact, the good that we don't get, or the bad that we get, are what we rightly deserve because of our pride, arrogance and self-righteousness. When Pastor prayed for us last Lord's day, tears of comfort were shed.

On Monday we went to see the Neurologist for the letter to TTSH for admission for the "inevitable surgery". He asked me "are you a Christian?" "Yes" I replied. He looked at me with a smile, and said "God must be on your side. That is why nothing had happened to your boy during the 3 attacks." These words lifted me to new heights and I responded "Praise the Lord." From there I drove Kelvin to TTSH with feeling of assurance. It is great to have God on our side. When we arrived at the ward, I was pleasantly surprised to meet the ward doctor who was Kelvin's former Sunday School teacher. God must have put her there to help us. With the moving of the Holy Spirit on higher authorities, she managed to help us get a 2-bed room for Kelvin. This is by no means a coincidence or luck as earlier checks confirmed that no rooms were available. Indeed the Lord must have gone ahead of us to prepare for our needs. This reminds me of how God prepared the stable at Bethlehem for Mary and Joseph.

After admission, the Neurosurgeon examined Kelvin and told me that Kelvin should go for an Angiogram to confirm the head scan findings before he decided on the surgery. Thank God that earlier cries on bended knees had given me the strength to accept the advice. Nevertheless, the thought of surgery was unbearable and I would gladly take it over from Kelvin. Having experienced what a father's love for a son is, I began to realise how much more my Heavenly Father loved me.

I came to last Tuesday's prayer meeting to share my sorrows in tears and appealed for prayer that God might give wisdom to the doctors and give us strength to take what came along the way.

The next morning, my faith was strengthened when the senior doctor, an old Lifer, agreed to administer the Angiogram for Kelvin. I had great confidence that God would guide the skilful hands of Christian doctors to eliminate all risks. I waited anxiously outside the Neurosurgical Theatre while he administered the test under G.A. After 1½ hours, the doctor came out. He said, "I couldn't find anything wrong with your son during the test, but I'll study in detail when the X-ray films are out." "Hallelujah! Praise His Name! He worked a miracle" was my immediate response. Before long the Neurosurgeon greeted me with a cheerful smile to confirm the good news. After all details had been studied carefully, Kelvin was pronounced fit for discharge the next day because God had healed him miraculously without surgery.

I reminded Kelvin he must never forget the goodness and mercy of the Lord and all who had prayed for him. My duty now is to teach Kelvin to serve Him throughout his life. Thank you for all your earnest prayers, love, concern, encouragement and visitation. Praise His Name. Our God is a God who hears our cries, and He heals. Amen. - Dr William Teo.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (24th - 30th Jan)

MON 7.30 pm Gospel of John (Rev Tow)
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
THU 7.30 pm Book Of Romans (Dr Tan W C)
FRI 8.00 pm Family Worship at home of Francis Leong, 14 Jalan Lanjut, (Off Upper Thomson, Opposite Pierce Reservoir)
SAT 2.00 pm JYF; 4.00 pm YAF
2.30 pm YF - Gospel Meeting "The Man You Cannot Ignore"-Fr Tan
SUN 10.00 am Rev Dr Patrick Tan
10.00 am Rev Tow (Chinese Service)
10.30 am Rev Tan W C at Bethany

11.30 am Catechism Class

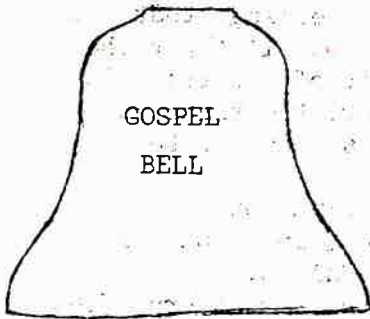
11.45 am Korean Service

1.30 pm AF Bible Study

4.00 pm Kebaktian Indonesia (Rev Tow)

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS \$2629.40

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS 3517) \$100(W. Box); 3518) \$200 (Boxes); 3519) \$500; 3520) \$700; 3521) \$500; 3522) \$60; 3523) \$1400; 3524) \$600; 3525) \$20; 3526) - 3533) Int. earned - \$52.88; \$179.79; \$257.52; \$257.52; \$206.01; \$154.51; \$103.01; \$76.44; TOTAL \$1,701,436.22 Stop Press! 3534) \$430(Gold articles); 3535) \$1769 (In memory of MR Tow Keng Chuan); 3536) \$320(gold article). Edited by Rev Timothy Tow, 9A Gilstead Road, Singapore 1130. Tel: 2560617/ 2569256.



PASTORAL CHAT

In conjunction with Galilee BP Church, we are buying a Dutch Bell instead. Of course on better terms and lower freight than the English one. Moreover, our Dutch Bell Foundry offers to engrave words of commemoration on the Bell, and we have given our version according to Lev. 25:10, "PROCLAIM LIBERTY THROUGHOUT ALL THE LAND UNTO ALL THE INHABITANTS". This idea is derived from the Liberty Bell of USA at Philadelphia. May these words remind New Lifers at Woodlands of their Gospel Mission whenever the Bell is rung. May the preaching of the Gospel at Woodlands bring in many souls, who in turn will go out to tell others.

By the timing of the Almighty, the bell-tower ~~is being~~ completed. How majestically it rises above the Woodlands town centre! And I can almost here a chime coming from the lofty heights: "Make haste in the service of the Lord. Jesus is coming soon!"

Yes, the next six months are truly crucial. While our people have given \$1.712 million to date, we need another million to pay the bills, coming now, one after the other.

For this reason, we have appealed to 8 of our sister churches for help. Nazareth under Rev Anthony Tan which has loaned us \$6,000 has graciously topped it up to \$10,000. Calvary echoes to our Appeal with a resounding \$100,000, which they hope to give (not loan) in two months. Our Chinese Service, I understand from Mrs Lee Choon Ngee, is gathering a big Angpow for the Lord. This rallying of sister churches should encourage every hand and heart. And I hear our Sunday School is rallying with an Angpow too. (More good news next week).

But what we give should come from a cheerful, worshipful heart. And one tenth of our tithings, that sacred tenth should be brought into the storehouse of the Lord, whether there is Woodlands or not.

Paying the Gospel Debt

Though so heavily committed at Woodlands, we have not diminished in the financial support of four of our mission fields: West Kalimantan (Djunaidi), Medan (Dohar, Agus through AF), Singkep (Simon Tsai) and Kulai Besar (Freddy Yong, through WF). A dear brother of another church has been faithfully sending \$150 every month for evangelistic work among the Dyaks. Tanjung Pinang contributes \$100 per month to the Singkep outreach.

God is a very present help (Ps. 46:1)

The package deal my travel agent was working on last week was too expensive! As I was sitting in preplexity, lo and behold, a Dutch lady dropped in from Holland to present us with an unbeatable offer. Mrs Betty Ruygrok of SIAMA (Society for the Interests of Active Missionaries), Leiden, the Netherlands, has two package deals for us. 1) Roundtrip ticket to Philadelphia, via the Holy Land (outward) is US\$1459. 2) Roundtrip ticket to the Holy Land (for those not going to ICCG Congress) is US\$939.

To help make our Holy Land Pilgrimage a reality, we have a wonderful offer from Mr Gary Johnson of our own Hostel at Baraka, Bethlehem-Hebron Road. He has a 10-day programme all mapped out and at a very economical rate. For the Holy Land Tour we need to add US\$600.

These special offers have come to us from the blue, not through our own efforts. They have come in answer to not a few requests to the pastor, and he feels a holy obligation to lead what is now designated First Holy Land Pilgrimage and Study Tour. In order not to "miss the boat", intending pilgrims and Bible students are requested to register by Feb. 15. Date of Departure from Singapore June 1, 1983 (via Bangkok and Jordan).

By the way, Rev Andrew Bo will be a very personable guide to us when we get to Israel. Praise the Lord, our Norwegian brother who had served five years with us in Singapore is a great asset to Beit El Baraka Hostel. "Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing" (Ps. 92:13,14).

PHOTONEWS

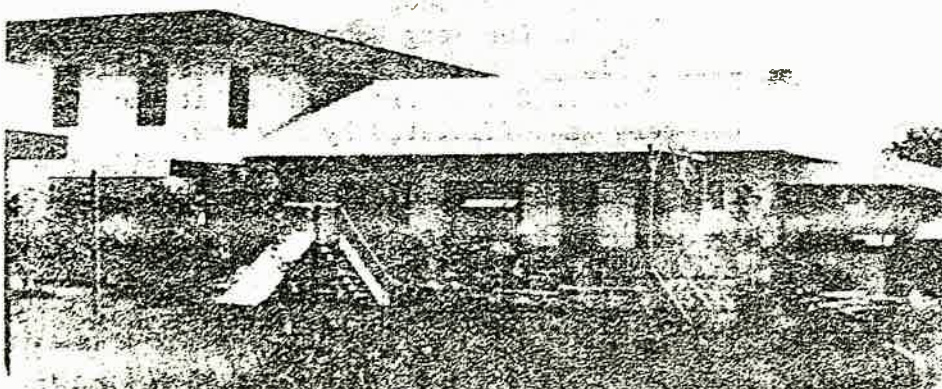
Church, Kindergarten, Djunaidi Parsonage and Social Hall, Siantan; Pontianak, West Kalimantan

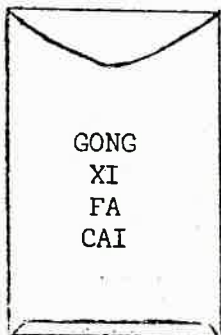
This photo heralds the coming of Rev Djunaidi to speak at the 1st Anniversary of the Kebaktian Indonesia, Feb. 6.

He reports the recent inauguration of the Siantan Church. A few scores now attend the Wednesday Prayer Meeting.

Construction work of a new school building not shown in this picture is further evidence of the Lord's blessing.

The Gospel Boat is moored at Pontianak, on the opposite bank. Trips to Dyak villages are made periodically with Dyak co-workers, supported by Rev C T Hsu and a Singapore brother.





That Sacred Angpow

One reason why Lifers' giving power has greatly increased these years is the members' glad response to the Lord's call to tithe: "~~Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it~~" (Mal. 3:10). "And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord." (Lev. 27:30). Wherefore the tithe is also called the sacred tenth, because 1/10 of all my earnings needs to be offered back to God.

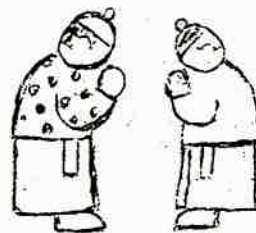
Now when we lovingly obey this command, God reciprocates with bountiful blessings from "opened windows of heaven." He blesses, indeed, in an unseen way: "And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes . . ." (Mal. 3:11). God will keep us from losses - in the farm and orchards, giving us a good crop free from worms and ~~vermin~~. In our work life, in office or factory, from theft, sickness and accident, etc. Conversely, if we care not a hoot for the Lord, if we persist in our stubborn way and a critical spirit against the Lord and His Church, we're pronounced not only to have "robbed God" (Mal. 3:8) but are also "cursed" (Mal. 3:9). Hereat chimes in Haggai, an earlier prophet: "Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes. Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Consider your ways. Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the House, and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the Lord" (Haggai 1:6,7).

There is a sacred tenth in every item of our income. There is also a sacred angpow of the angpows our children will be receiving this Chinese New Year. It will do Christian parents good to inculcate in their children the spirit of worship with an angpow to the Lord. For children to forget their parents at this season of seasons, insofar as Chinese custom is concerned, is unthinkable. For children to get angpow after angpow without giving the sacred tenth, that sacred angpow to the Lord, is a greater moral loss.

What is morality? The beginning of morality is worship of God. In the words of St. Augustine, worship is the mother of all virtues. Teach your children to worship the Lord from their own POSB savings, from the angpows showered upon them this peaceful and prosperous Chinese New Year.

When your child knows how to worship God with substance, he or she will be bound close to the Lord, the Source of Success for his or her young life. Yes, it will do parents good to teach their children to worship God, every week, with a thankoffering.

~~"I will not reprove thee for thy sacrifices or thy burnt offerings, to have been continually before me. I will take no bullock out of thy house, nor he goats out of thy folds. For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the fields are mine. If I were hungry I would not tell thee: for the world is mine and the fulness thereof. Will I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats? Offer unto God thanksgiving: and pay thy vows unto the most High: And call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver thee and thou shall glorify me."~~



(Psalm 50:8-15)

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (31st Jan - 6th Feb)

MON 7.30 pm Gospel of John (Rev Tow)
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg; 9.15 pm - Ses. Mtg.
THU 7.30 pm Romans (Dr Tan)
SAT 2.00 pm JYE; 3.30 pm YF; 4.00 pm YAF
7.30 pm CFM (Rev Tow)
SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow (Lord's Supper)
10.00 am Rev Lin Tah Mon (Lord's Supper)
11.30 am Catechism Class
11.45 am Korean Service
1.30 pm AF Bible Study
2.00 pm BFC
4.00 pm Kebaktian Indonesia (Rev Djunaidi)
4.30 pm Sharon Service
5.25 pm Mini-bus to Calvary-Pandan
8.00 pm Korean Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS \$3190

NEW LIFE CHURCH IN WOODLANDS 3537) \$900

(Beulah); 3538) \$50; 3539) \$32 (Boxes);

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3540) \$50 (Boxes); 3541) \$500 (Calv.); 3542) \$2000 (Calv.); 3543) \$30 (Calv.); 3544) \$100 (In memory of Mr Lee Keng Soon); 3545) \$150; 3546) \$100; 3547) \$20; 3548) \$50; 3549) \$200; 3550) \$160; 3551) \$500; 3552) \$100; 3553) \$100; 3554) \$200; 3555) \$200; 3556) \$1400; (3557 - 3564 = Interest earned) 3557 - 3564) \$172.61; \$176.68; \$163.31; \$69.15; \$267.93; \$357.24; \$118.48; \$92.18; 3565) \$500 (Thanksgiving); 3566) \$50. TOTAL \$1,712,764.60
Stop Press! 3567) \$60.

Obituary. Mr Lee Keng Soon, 82, father of sister Gladys Sng and David Lee was called home Jan. 22, 83. Funeral Jan. 25 at the CCK Cemetery was officiated by Rev Tow.
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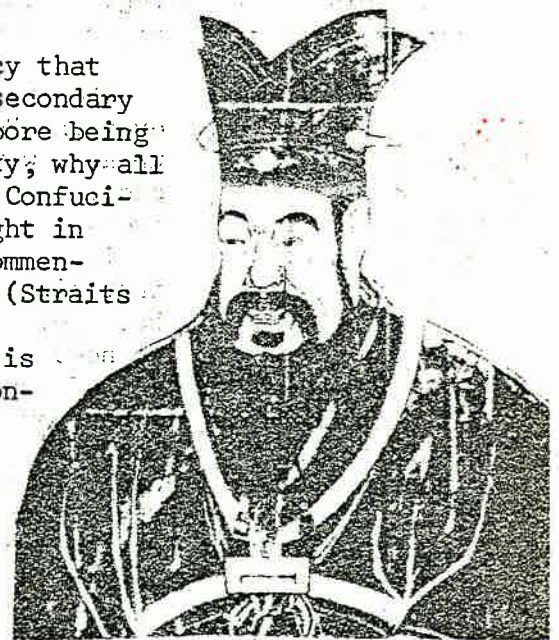
REV T. C. NGA

CONFUSION CONFOUNDING-CONFUCIUS

If it is a just and equitable policy that the major religions be taught in our secondary schools on a free-choice basis, Singapore being a multi-racial, multi-religious society, why all the fuss that is now being made about Confucianism? "Why can't Confucianism be taught in our schools," asked Hu Juren in his commentary in *Sin Chew Jit Poh*, last Friday (*Straits Times* Feb. 2, '83).

Confucianism is not a religion, It is a philosophy of human life and relationships, particularly in its present state. It steers clear of the future state, since the Sage admits, "If I do not know (the present) life, how can I tell of death?"

Insofar as Confucius' observations on the present life are concerned, there is much that we can learn. Words of wisdom for the cultivation of an upright life for the young. For example, the first



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sentence in the Confucian *Analekts* says, "Is it not pleasant to learn with a constant perseverance and application?" This should inspire our young to an enjoyment of studies instead of T.V., T.V., T.V. This tallies with St. Paul's words to Timothy, "Till I come, give attention to reading" (1 Tim. 4:13) which has some relevance to the life of theological students, to be sure!

One of Confucius' most famous sayings is "Do not do to others what you do not want others to do to you." This is the negative aspect of our Lord's positive teaching, "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them" (Matt 7:12)

This is not to say Confucianism can now be accepted as Gospel truth. There are differences, and serious differences between Confucianism and Christianity. While the sage's exhortations to virtue are good, his view of human nature runs counter to the Bible's teaching. Confucius, like all other philosophers, views man as good. But, the Bible declares man "totally depraved" - As it is written, "There is none righteous, no not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God" (Rom 3:10,11). Hence the need of repentance from his sins and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ for the saving of his soul. Confucius has no way of return to God. He says, "When you sin against Heaven, there is no petition (prayer) to be made." A Christian while reading Confucius' sayings should discern between a human philosopher's words and the Word of God.

What confounds Confucius with confusion doubly confused is the Rev T C Nga's declaration on behalf of the Protestant Church in *Straits Times*, Jan 31, '83. It is his statement that "ancestor worship (which is linked to Confucius' teachings) is not in conflict with Christian teachings." He argues: "Ancestor worship" is a Western term. The Chinese call it koubai meaning "supreme respect for a human being, demonstrated by kowtowing (prostrating to the forehead touching the ground). This is different from chongbai which refers only to worship of a deity. Thus, ancestors are not deified, and koubai or so-called ancestor worship is not in conflict with Christian teachings."

This line of argument by Rev Nga, from a liberal and modernistic theological viewpoint, is nothing new. This line of argument is no different from the Romanist argument for Mary worship. The Romanists in Calvin's day used two similar terms, the word service for Mary and the word worship for God. Says Calvin, "Those who wish to be thought Christians whilst bowing down to images have a subtle way of defending their action. It is the use of two Greek words eidolodouleia (service of images) and eidololatreia (worship of images) But what is the difference between service and worship? By this rhetoric they are trying to confuse the simple. What they say is equivalent to a confession that they adore their images without adoration!

With Calvin's words exposing the worshippers of Mary we ask Rev Nga what is the difference between koubai and chongbai when in ancestor worship, as he admits, the son will prostrate to the forehead touching the ground, before the picture of his dead father, and in the worship of God, we kneel before Him? Whether it is koubai or chongbai there is bai all the same! In Chinese evangelistic terminology, when we exhort pagans to leave their idols we say "Don't bai idols, but bai Shangti, ie., Don't worship idols, but worship God." Whether koubai or chongbai, there is the act of bai. These subtle differentiations are not only a confusion to the simple, but also a confounding of Confucius himself, were he alive today. We categorically state, a Christian cannot practise ancestor worship without breaking the Second Commandment which says, "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous

God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments." - Exodus 20: 4-6. To say that "ancestor worship" is not in conflict with Christian teachings confuses Confucius were he alive today. - T.T

Ebenezer Woodlands

Ebenezer is the Hebrew for "Stone of Help". Our Help is sure as a rock, even the Rock Christ. Ebenezer originates from the Stone Samuel had set up as a witness to God's unwavering help to Israel against overwhelming odds. "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us," declared Samuel to the trembling crowd.

Those of you who have been concerned for Woodlands might begin to feel that sinking feeling as the Million \$ Bill looms LARGE and UGLY. You have been told that despite our concerted efforts in the \$1.7 million gathered, we need another \$1 million in the next six months. (The date of completion of construction is April 30, 83). Humanly speaking we cannot find it.

But with Ebenezer, we have every confidence. And we must all pull together as a Divine prerequisite. In this connection let us commend the young Beulanders for their sustaining gifts - another \$900 this week. There is the individual effort to build Woodlands, and there is the group effort. Beulah is a shining example. So are the AFers, steady and regular.

Once again that festive mood is descending on Singaporeans. Chinese New Year means angpows galore and big makan again. Don't you think we can do something above our usual giving by offering back that sacred tenth to the Lord? "If everyone does his or her level best, God will take care of the rest." Then we can say with Samuel "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

January is usually a low month after a high December. Nevertheless, you have kept up the hilarity of worshipful giving. If we will strive together to offer to the Lord \$20,000 per week, we should be doing all right! (Our present strength of giving is \$10,000 per week).

"Self help, with God's help is the best help." Ebenezer Woodlands!

CHRISTIAN, SEEK NOT YET REPOSE

Hear thy guardian angels say;
Thou art in the midst of foes;
Watch and Pray!

Principalities and powers,
Mustering their unseen array,
Wait for thy unguarded hours;
Watch and pray!

Gird thy heavenly armour on,
Wear it ever, night and day;
Ambushed lies the evil one;
Watch and pray!

Hear, above all, hear thy Lord,
Him thou lovest to obey,
Hide within thy heart his word:
Watch and pray!

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (7th - 13th Feb.)

MON	7.30 pm	Gospel of John
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
WED	7.30 pm	BFC Prayer Meeting
THU	7.30 pm	Book of Romans
SAT	2.00 pm	JYF; 3.30 pm YF; 4.00 pm YAF
	7.30 pm	CFM (Rev Tow)
SUN	10.00 am	Rev Tow
	10.00 am	Rev Djunaidi (Chinese Service)
	11.30 am	Catechism Class
	11.45 am	Korean Service
	1.30 pm	AF Bible Study
	2.00 pm	BFC
	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 \$4635.35 + \$100 (RPG)
+ \$100 (D Wong)

NEW LIFE CHURCH IN WOODLANDS 3568) \$50 (sin-offering); 3569) \$1,000 (Cal-Pan); 3570) \$42 (Boxes); 3571) \$40; 3572) \$200; 3573) \$200; 3574) \$140; 3575) \$70; 3576) \$1000; 3577) \$1000; 3578) \$80; 3579) \$96; 3580) \$100; 3581) \$5; 3582) \$300; 3583) \$250; 3584) \$150; 3585) \$327; 3586) \$50; 3587) \$80; 3588) \$100; 3589) \$1000; 3590) \$250; 3591)

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?

Chorus

What shall the answer be? (2x)
What will you do with Jesus?
Oh, 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;
The what will you do with Jesus?
Oh, what shall the answer be?

- Golden Bells 209

\$150; 3592) \$120 (L-Workshop); 3593) \$80 (RTL); 3594) \$50 (RTL); 3595) \$430; 3596) \$20 (WF); 3597) \$100 (In memory of Lee Keng Soon); 3598) \$200; 3599) \$311.91 (Int. earned); 3600) \$71.36 (Int.); 3601) \$112.90 (Coffee); 3602) \$100. Total \$1,721,100.77 Stop Press! 3603) \$60 (Behold He Comes); 3604) \$900; 3605) \$1000; 3606) \$200 (Indo.).

Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Yiew Pong Sen on the birth of their baby boy, LEMUEL YIEW JIN-PING, on the 31st of January 1983.

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THE TEXT OF CONFUCIAN TEACHING ON ANCESTOR WORSHIP

Like an irresponsible pupil putting words into the mouth of his master, so has Rev T C Nga blamed the West for calling the "supreme respect" for Chinese parents "ancestor worship." He does this by pointing out that koubai which is given to one's dead parents is different from chongbai, which is worship given to God. We have answered Rev Nga hereat last week, that whether it be koubai or chongbai, there is bai all the same - a general term for worship.

To find out what Confucius really teaches on the subject, it is important to go to the text. In one of the Four Books of Confucius, in the Doctrine of the Man, the Master says: "By the ceremonies of the sacrifices to Heaven and Earth they served God, and by the ceremonies of the ancestral temple they sacrificed to their ancestors. He who understands the ceremonies of the sacrifices to Heaven and Earth, and the meaning of the several sacrifices to ancestors, would find the government of a kingdom as easy as to look into his palm" (Ch. XX, 6).

By putting sacrifices to ancestors side by side sacrifices to Heaven and Earth whereby service is rendered to God (Shangti), does not Confucius treat sacrifices to one's ancestors on a par with sacrifices to God?

In an earlier paragraph, Confucius talked of mourning for the dead. One year's mourning he prescribed for great officers of state. For the Son of Heaven (the Emperor) he prescribed three years. For parents whether noble or men, Confucius required the same three years. So parents are treated on the same level of the "Son of Heaven".

That sacrifices are made to dead ancestors as sacrifices are made to Heaven and Earth to serve God is the main reason why ancestor worship is deemed worship. And in the sacrificing to an ancestor the filial son is further required to koubai (i.e. to prostrate to the point of the forehead touching the ground). Is this not worship? We say this is worship in the extreme. In so doing Confucius has truly equated one's dead parent to the preme Being.

We are against ancestor worship because the Second Commandment forbids it. From a practical standpoint we are in agreement with Ou Yang Shieu, a noted scholar and statesman of the Sung Dynasty in stressing a lively respect. He says, "It is more important to provide respectfully and affectionately for the needs of the parents when they are alive" Christians should honour their parents when they are alive, when they can receive and appreciate filial piety. For "the dead know not anything, neither have they any more reward; for the memory of them is forgotten." (Eccl. 9:5)

恭喜发财 GONG XI FA CAI

It used to be "Kong Hee Fatt Choy" in Cantonese. Now it is "Gong Xi Fa Cai" in Mandarin. As the whole world has not too long ago revelled in "Merry Christmas", now all the Chinese world is saying "Wishing you increasing prosperity" (with lunar New Year), for that is what those four characters mean.

Whether it be the Chinese world or the English world, the wish to get richer and richer is a natural desire of man. Of the natural man, "For after all these things do the Gentiles seek" (Matt. 6:32).

Now there is nothing wrong about riches. It is the desire, the consuming passion to become rich, that is wrong. "For the love of money is the root of all evil" (I Tim 6:10). And Paul continues to say, "Which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows."

A Christian on any score is richer than a non Christian, but many do not realise this. So they join the world in the gold rush, to their sorrowful discovery later on. Let us, all the more, fulltime servants of the Lord, learn from Paul again: "Godliness with contentment is great gain" (I Tim 6:6). Jesus says, "Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth" (Luke 12:15).

A Christian should make the extension of God's Kingdom and His righteousness his first "seeking". If he is for God's glory, God will take care of his needs. "All these things shall be added unto you (Matt. 6:33).

When you remember what we've said earlier urging parents to teach their children give their angpow sacred tenth to the Lord and have begun to do so, you are seeking God's Kingdom and His righteousness. Then will God begin to add and not subtract from you! When you serve the Lord with that first love, never considering, calculating like employees nowadays clamouring for more pay, then will He shower upon you that unexpected bonus. "Gong Xi Fa Cai," but only in the Lord!

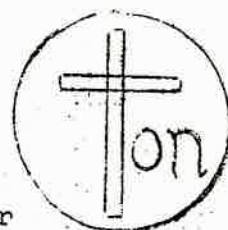
* One Confucian teaching that is good is : "First righteousness, then profit."

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* The way to a just and greater prosperity is from the Lord Himself: "Do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom" (Luke 6:35,38).



"A POUND OF HELP IN TIME IS WORTH A TON"



This slogan we've coined is born of the Relief Ministry our Church had undertaken some years ago with ICR (International Christian Relief, under Rev Quek K.C.) to the Kampuchians. When these refugees from Communist attack were dying because of lack of medicine, starving for want of food and shivering for want of clothing, your offering of money, medicine, food and surplus clothes, which cost you so little, became life savers to literally hundreds, who otherwise would have died. I remember we delivered 765 bales of clothing to the Kampuchean camps on our third mission, several truckloads of food, boxes and boxes of medicine. Truly, a pound of relief goods from each one of you, when put together for the poor in Christ's Name became a ton.

How much more is the love offering, yea sacrificial offering, now asked of you in this greatest hour of need at Woodlands! No sooner had I disclosed last week of the need of \$1 million the next six months than another bill from the Contractor has come. In fact, it is a double bill, for \$448,000! Deacon William Teo says all we have in the bank now is \$250,000. So we need another \$198,000 by early March to meet this obligation. This is a heavy blow.

Nevertheless, we are reminded by St. Paul, "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." (1 Cor 10). What is the way to escape God has made for us?

Next to the Contractor's Bill, I opened another envelope. This comes from a Lifer now on outstation duty in Taiwan. This letter reads: "Thank you for the weekly newsletters. We are indeed encouraged by the Session's decision to give their 13th month pay for the Woodlands building fund. We would like to join the venture." Attached to this venture of love is a cheque for \$1,800. Praise the Lord, thank the Lord!

But if you say the 13th month pay is gone, there is this Chinese New Year's windfall of angpows from the Father of lights (James 1:17). Not only the sacred tenth, but all of it is the challenge now! The Lord does not ask of us what we do not have. He is rather testing the degree of love in our hearts. He who loves much gives much. And Mary of Bethany who loved all gave all. No giving in the three years of the Woodlands Project is as valued as now. "A pound of help in time is worth a ton."

Stop Press! * Meantime a gold necklace offered by a lady of Kelapa Sawit for Woodlands has been received.

* Chin Lien Bible Seminary can help us with a loan of \$98,000 by March 2nd. Praise the Lord our immediate need is reduced to \$100,000. This was the same need on the eve of purchase of the land. At that time, Lifers gave and loaned \$101,000 in one day! And now?

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (14th - 20th Feb)

TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
THU	7.30 pm	Romans; FRI- Family worship*
SAT	2.00 pm	JYF; 3.30 pm YF; 4.00 pm YAF
	3.00 pm	Paul Ho Hoi Long and Linda Foo Shook Hwa Wedding (Sharon Ch.)
SUN	9.30 am	Rev Tan at Calvary-Jurong
	10.00 am	Rev Tow
	10.00 am	Mr Jonah Chan (Chinese Service)
	10.30 am	Rev Tan at Calvary-Pandan
	11.30 am	Catechism Class
	11.45 am	Korean Service
	1.30 pm	AF Bible Study
	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
	6.00 pm	Rev Tan at Sunset Gospel Hour - Word of Salvation.
	8.00 pm	Korean Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS \$4080.70 + \$200 (AF) + \$760 (WF) + \$48(RPG) + \$700 (AF for missions)

NEW LIFE CHURCH IN WOODLANDS 3607) \$200; 3608)\$1000; 3609)\$90(Cal-Pan); 3610)\$80; 3611)\$100.80(Sharon YF); 3612)\$300(Boxes); 3613)\$60; 3614)\$5000; 3615)\$300; 3616)\$80; 3617)\$20; 3618)\$60; 3619)\$80; 3620)\$120; 3621)\$20; 3622)\$100; 3623)\$50; 3624)\$50; 3625)\$50; 3626)\$100; 3627)\$100; 3628)\$600; 3619)\$100; 3630)\$111.30; 3631)\$1800; 3632)\$200; 3633)\$880; 3634)\$124; 3635)\$1000; 3636)\$274; 3637)\$500(WF); 3638)\$700(Ch. Ser.); 3639)\$1700; 3640)\$200; 3641)\$150; 3642)\$76 (off for increment); 3643)\$200; 3644)\$500;

O MOTHER DEAR, THIS DAY TODAY

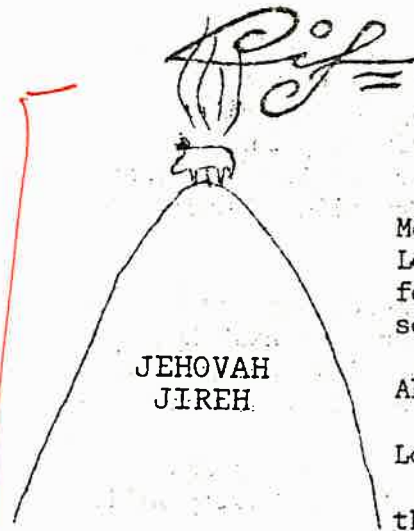
Is set apart for you,
That we may gratefully recall
Your service brave and true.
O Mother dear, O Mother dear
How sweet the memory
Of joyful days when in your care
We lived most happily
How meaningful those words of yours
These years have proved so true
And we have lived most worthily
When we have followed you.
O Mother dear, O Mother dear,
Your heart of sympathy,
With none in all this world compares
And will thus ever be.

We lift our hearts in gratitude,
On this appointed day
And praise the Lord who reigns above,
And to Him with you pray.

O Mother dear, O Mother dear,
When life on earth shall cease,
We hope to be with you above,
In that fair land of peace. Amen.

3645)\$120; 3646)\$600; 3647)\$500(Because God has blessed); 3648)\$200; 3649)\$1000; 3650)\$106.70 (Int.); 3651-3655)\$59.48; \$997.92; \$59.76; \$120.17; \$89.18 (Int.); 3656)\$1410(AF); 3657)\$252(Boxes); 3658)\$100; 3659)\$300(Sharon); 3660)\$1,800(Taiwan); 3661)\$200. Total \$1,748,152.08
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Pray for Madam Choo Hain Liang (Deacon Geoffrey's grandma) for recovery from chronic bronchitis and high blood pressure.
Family worship at the home of Catherine Tan, 20A Taman Serasi, BlKA (1'25) on 18th Feb. '83.



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JEHOVAH JIREH = THE LORD WILL SEE (TO IT).

"Where is the lamb for the burnt-offering?"

"God will provide."

Thus, answering his son, Abraham prepared to sacrifice Isaac on Moriah in obedience to God's command. It was then that the angel of the Lord stopped the plunging knife: "Lay not thine hand upon the lad. . . for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me."

Just then a ram, caught in a thicket, loomed before his eyes. So Abraham offered this ram instead of Isaac his son.

From that day this hallowed mount became known as Jehovah Jireh = The Lord will see (to it). The Lord will provide.

Jehovah Jireh is the experience of everyone, every church, who loves the Lord, who loves the Lord like Abraham. It has come to Life Church

not once, but twice.

You had given your best two years ago to procure the Woodlands site. When our tender for Woodlands had won, we were required to pay up in two weeks \$900,000. We lacked \$100,000. This prompted me to exhort the congregation to underwrite the sum by pledging a gift or loan during the worship service. You responded with \$101,000, just enough, and a little over, as the Lord would provide.

Last week we faced a similar situation. Our Contractor's 4th Bill asking for \$448,000 had come. We had only \$250,000 in the bank. Plus \$98,000 available from Chin Lien Bible Seminary (Building Fund) we needed again \$100,000 to make up the sum. A call was made during service, as before. A total of \$65,000 was given, pledged, loaned. We had not attained to the heights of the first occasion? Praise the Lord, we also made it this time! After service several more sums came in, including a big one, \$25,000, as previously pledged by a young couple. All in all, we cleared \$100,000 again. Truly, this saying from Prinsep Street days has become our Jehovah Jireh: "If every member will do his best, God will take care of the rest."

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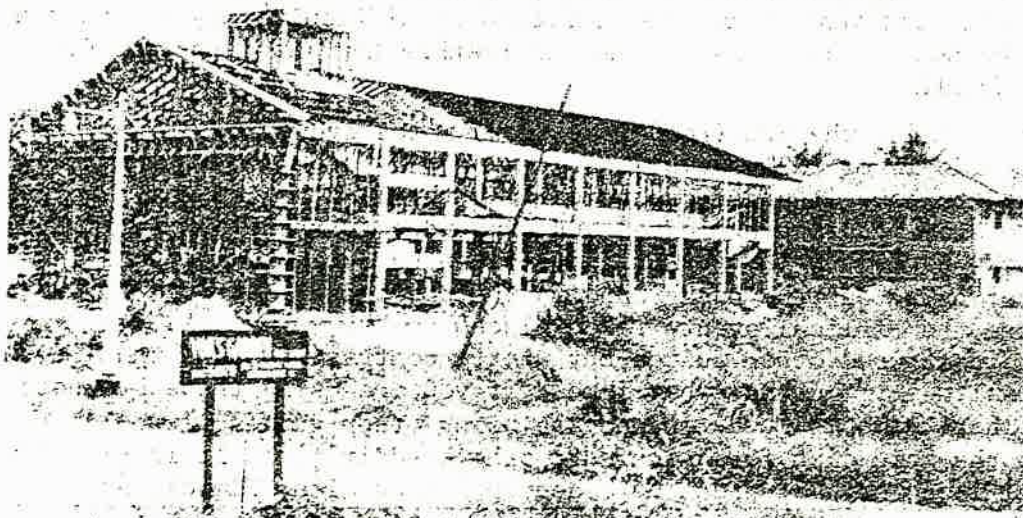
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This old photo showing our Gilstead Road Church and FEBC Annexe about the same stage of development as Woodlands today should encourage your heart. (How handsome the structure!) The year was 1962. The month around Chinese New Year too. After three or four payments, our funds were exhausted. But Jehovah-jireh. Month after month (it took 15 months to complete) the money kept flowing in, so that when the new Church was inaugurated in Feb. 1963, almost every bill was paid!

If the Lord had seen us through 21 years ago, surely He can do the same today. Hitherto He has helped us, even this latest bill of \$448,000. What of the next, when the treasury is practically "kosong"? We must continue looking up. We must pray to our loving heavenly Father. But we must keep busy with our hands and feet. We must labour, we must run together, we must give. As in those days! No sum was too big, no sum was too small. Not a few rallied with loans. One brother even loaned to give to the Building Fund. The Lord has since multiplied him 100 times. Another loaned the Church \$15,000 for two years, free of interest. One sold his car to give to the Lord. One and all came to help the Lord's cause, the Lord who for our sakes, became poor that we through His poverty have become rich. Has not the Lord blessed the older generation who had a part building Gilstead Life? Has not the Lord prompted you of the second generation now giving to Woodlands? "Bring ye all the tithes (1/10) into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it" (Mal 3:10). "Offer unto God thanksgiving and pay thy vows unto the Most High: and call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee and thou shalt glorify me." (Ps. 50: 14,15).

I was touched by the remarks of a young brother who has given liberally and consistently

to Woodlands. He said, "Since we did not give to the building of this beautiful Gilstead Road property, and we are enjoying it today, it is proper that we give now to Woodlands." With such spirit of doing one's best, how shall not God come to make up for the rest?

Note: This is how we scored our second century last Lord's Day: 1) Offering Bags: \$13,378.60; 2) Individuals \$5,450; 3) Pledges: \$24,352; \$2,000; \$25,000; \$1,100. 4) Loans: \$23,350; \$2,000; \$5,000. Grand Total \$101,630.60. (And two are a confirmation of God's gracious intervention to deliver us).

GOD'S WORD IS MY NECESSARY FOOD (Job 23:12)

If God's Word is my necessary food, then it is not enough for me to merely attend Church once a week. Can one meal sustain a person for seven days? To stay strong and healthy, I need to eat three meals a day (some with snacks in between). I need to drink, going to the fridge ever so often. To stay strong and healthy spiritually I must learn to read and meditate God's Word everyday.

Why are there so many cases of nervous breakdown, depression, fear, backsliding among Christians these days? The reason is the lack of spiritual nourishment through daily Bible reading.

To augment the Sunday Sermon we have the Sunday School just one hour before Service. From 9.05 to 9.50 am, insofar as the Adults' class is concerned, we have 45 minutes of solid Bible study. We've finished Revelation. Now we are in John, declared the most precious book of the Bible by Bishop J.C. Ryle.

Then there's a half-hour Bible-study in Psalms at Tuesday night's prayer meeting conducted by Rev Tan Wai Choon. After Sunday lunch, he takes another Bible study hour.

Furthermore we have the two FEBC evening classes Mondays and Thursdays, on John and Romans. All these are open to the public.

RPG

BIBLE
READING

To help you self-serve a daily diet, Dr Tow Siang Hwa has launched this RPG (Read, Pray, Grow) Daily Bible Reading series for the whole B-P Church. It is fast catching on with other Churches, one in Malaysia ordering 30 copies regularly. We have ordered 500 for Life Church, They are freely distributed, but if you have profited thereby and would help pay the costs, it's your offering to the Lord.

Dear Reader, why is your soul so restless? Why are you so unsure of yourself? It's because you are spiritually starved. You are spiritually sick. If you have not been reading your Bible regularly (which is food and medicine and tonic) because it seemed so difficult, may you make a good start this year with the help of RPG. Here's what Mr Frankie Low, Asst Pastor, Galilee B-P Church says of the RPG:

"I am glad I am using the RPG (Read Pray Grow) notes every day. To me, it is an indispensable guide in my daily devotions.

I have learned to love it and I'm particularly thrilled by the wealth of truth in words with shades of meanings explained and expounded from the original manuscripts of Hebrew and Greek. Moreover, the authors have given us numerous insights into Bible Times and Customs that bring out the background in their original settings so that you can actually picture the Biblical events taken place.

I have in the past used other guides but what a contrast to find that in the RPG notes, I am chewing real meat. You know what I mean if you are using these RPG notes daily.

To those who have no such guide or who are using other guides, I would encourage you to put the RPG as the main dish for breakfast, others additional. It is high time we feed on solid spiritual food. May God grant us a deeper hunger after Himself and His Word."

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK(21st - 27th Feb.)

MON 7.30 pm Gospel of John
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
THU 7.30 pm Book of Romans
SAT 2.00 pm JYF; 3.30 pm YF; 4.00 pm - YAF
SUN 10.00 am Rev Tan Wai Choon
10.00 am Rev Tow (Chinese Service)
11.30 am Catechism Class
11.45 am Korean Service
1.30 pm AF Bible Study
2.00 pm BFC
4.00 pm Kebaktian Indonesia (Rev Tan)
4.30 pm Sharon Service (Rev Tow)
5.25 pm Mini-bus to Calvary-Pandan
8.00 pm Korean Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS \$13,378.60*

NEW LIFE CHURCH IN WOODLANDS 3662) \$100;
3663) \$100; 3664) \$30; 3665) \$55(Cal-Pan);
3666) \$13,378.60*; 3667) \$1000; 3668) \$50;
3669) \$300; 3670) \$50; 3671) \$50; 3672) \$200;
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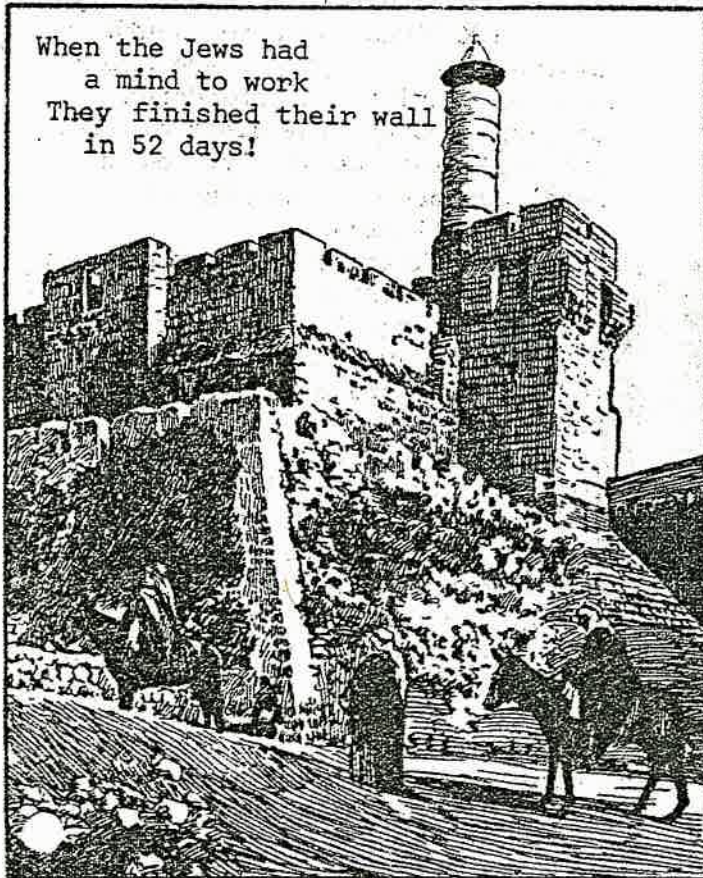
3684) \$100 (CFM); 3685) \$600 (Beulah); 3686)
\$500; 3687) \$200; 3688) \$80; 3689) \$120.

TOTAL \$1,769,261.03 STOP PRESS! Kelapa Sawit
rushes New Year Angpows through Elder John-
Ling. 3690) \$506.52; 3691) \$180; 3692) \$45;
3693) \$54; 3694) \$200; 3695) \$200; 3696) \$50.
(Cheques for the New Life Church at Woodlands
should be made simply to Life B-P Church).
Congratulations to Ling Kwang Home on the
occasion of their Stone-Laying Feb. 26, 1983,
5 p.m. Life Church will be represented by the
pastor.

Pray for 1) Mrs Roalnd Tay (Ivy); 2) Mrs
Loretta Koh and 3) Mr Sihombing of Sumatra,
that the Lord will heal them of their present
sicknesses.

Come to Tuesday night prayer meeting!
"Draw nigh to God and God will draw nigh to
you!"

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When the Jews had
a mind to work
They finished their wall
in 52 days!

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THE TOWER OF DAVID

52 days? Not rather 52 weeks?

To make doubly sure, let's reread the epic story narrated by Nehemiah:

"So built we the wall; and the wall was joined together into the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work So the wall was finished in the twenty and fifth day of the month Elul, in fifty and two days." (Neh 4:6; 6:15).

What was the secret of Nehemiah's quick success? 1) Every Jewish returnee from the Babylonian captivity played a part. 2) The Governor, Nehemiah himself, set the example of sacrifice and frugality. He says, "Moreover from the time that I was appointed to be their governor in the land of Judah, from the twentieth year even unto the two and thirtieth year of Artaxerxes the king, that is, twelve years, I and my brethren have not eaten the bread of the governor. But the former governors that had been before me were chargeable unto the people, and had taken of their bread and wine, beside forty shekels of silver; yea, even their servants bare rule over the people: but so did not I because of the fear of God. Yea, also I continued in the work of this wall, neither bought we any land: and all my servants were gathered thither unto the work . . . (Neh. 5: 14-16).

How do we as a congregation and session now building Woodlands measure up to Nehemiah and

the Jews in their wall-building? To God's praise, our congregation is also united, everyone playing a part. Our session, by giving their 13th month salary last December, has also set an example. The utmost frugality that governs our Church administration and the increasing productivity of our assets have all contributed to the speedy building of God's House.

If you will recollect, we had ground breaking of the Woodlands site on June 6, 1982. We are scheduled to complete the sanctuary April 30, 1983. There are only 62 days left for us to finish it.

62 days! And we are to finish it! Can we? If every Lifer will do something about it. If every session member will continue to pull together, heading right on target. If we conserve every resource by frugality and productivity, we will make it, under God.

An example of the younger generation of Lifers' determination to build is this: This young man is with a Bible-study group. This group has been contributing towards a piano (target \$12,000). Hearing of our immediate needs his group has decided to channel the whole sum to the Building Fund. First things first!

Another example: This young man came with a solid gold wristlet. This is my advance tithe for Woodlands, he said. (Lord, look down on his heartfelt giving and bless his home, in answer to his cry).

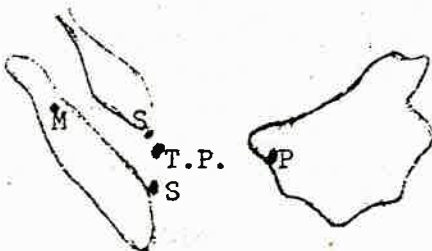
"Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days" (Eccles. 11:1). We helped Kelapa Sawit to build their church in 1978. Now the members of Kelapa Sawit have rallied to help in return. Last week's STOP PRESS column listed over half-dozen New Year angpows from Kelapa Sawit. A week or two before this, there was offered a gold necklace, and some months before that, an envelope of S\$2,000 by a newly married couple - all from little Kelapa Sawit.

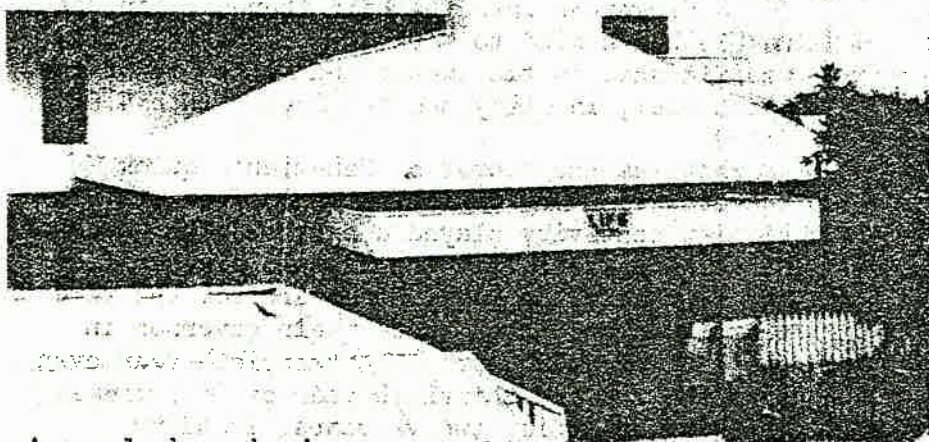
So we have also an epic story to tell. But we dare not relax now. Let us all pray and work together until we all stand before Him on Dedication Day of the New Life Church and hear the Lord say to each one who has played a part, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant. Enter thou into the joy of the Lord" (Matt. 25:21). (New Life Church Dedication: Oct 1983 our 33rd Anniversary Thanksgiving).

Our Five Indonesian Parishes

The most flourishing of our five parishes in Indonesia is West Kalimantan. From Rev Djunaidi's recent visit we've learnt how God has multiplied the development of kindergarten, primary and middle schools, church, parsonage, and now - a three-storey boarding school and orphanage, with funds from Jakarta. The Lord has "finally" added a fifth piece of land of 1200 sq. metres, on which is proposed a clinic and maternity home.

While Rev Djunaidi was here, we talked of the starting of an Indonesian Bible School. Dohar and Glorya were proposed since they





both hold the B.Th from FEBC. An invitation has been extended to the couple to help in the many branches of the sacred work at the West Kalimantan capital.

From Kalimantan we hop south westwards to Singkep. Here Simon Tsai has revived an abandoned station, though the signs of life are appearing but slowly. How he needs our prayers and support, standing all alone.

Turning upwards and northwards on a 12-hour boatride, we come to Tanjung Pinang. I must visit this Church the day before Good Friday to hold the Lord's Supper and baptise.

From Tanjung Pinang we head north to Medan. Dohar and Glorya having left for Java before going onto West Kalimantan, the church in Medan has come under brother Agus' charge.

A couple here having repeatedly requested a Christian wedding, I am obliged to answer the call. I am leaving Feb. 28 with Peter Clements. Another call has come from the mountains, Bentar Kersik and Kuta Bahru where a good number are awaiting baptism.

The fifth and last is our Sunday afternoon Indonesian Service (Kebaktian). This service is chaired by Dohar's brother Haposan and meets at the Jerusalem Chapel. It has been a source of spiritual succour to Indonesian friends lodging here under our hospitality ministry. It is a marvel to see this service kept alive week after week. You can help out at the Indonesian Service too. If you speak some Malay! Remember our five Indonesian parishes!

P/S You can uphold our missionaries' hands by writing:

Agus P. Siregar, Jalan Murai IX 255, Perumnas II Mandala, Medan, Indonesia.

Simon Tsai, c/o Toko Selamat, Jl. Dewa Ruci No. 3, Dabo, Singkep, Indonesia.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Feb 28 - Mar 6)

MON 7.30 pm No class. FEBC vacation
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
THU Pastor returns
FRI 8.00 pm World Day of Prayer at Galilee Church
SAT 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 "
11.30 am Catechism Class
11.45 pm Korean Service
12.00 pm BFC
4.00 pm Kebaktian Indonesia (Rev Tow)
4.30 pm Sharon Service
5.25 pm Mini-bus to Calvary-Pandan
8.00 pm Korean Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS \$2532.40

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS 3697) \$50;
3698) \$300 (YAF); 3699) \$20; 3700) \$31;
3701) \$500 (W.Box); 3702) \$900; 3703) \$90;
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\$2; \$60; \$30; \$6; \$40; \$600; \$40; \$22; \$50;
\$6; \$76; \$20; \$50; \$10; \$100; \$58.65; \$500;
\$12; \$70; \$200; \$15; \$3000; \$100; \$5; \$20;
\$60; \$20; \$20; \$160; \$6; \$100; \$36; \$1500;
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\$100; \$200; \$1000; 3771) \$900; 3772) \$300;
3773) \$150; 3774) \$100; 3775) \$3000 (Cal-P);
3776) \$500. TOTAL \$1,800,251.30

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held Lord's Day Mar 13, 11.15 a.m. Every member is requested to attend this brief meeting "to fulfil all righteousness."

Session Meeting is postponed to Tues. Mar 8 and the FEK Committee Meeting, Wed. Mar 9, 8 pm Pilgrims to the Holy Land and ICCC Congress, USA are requested to pay a deposit of \$500 on March 11 when a general meeting is called at the Parsonage, 8.00 pm.

A GOSPEL FILM highly recommended by the pastor

THE LIFE OF BLIND Dr. An Yo Han, Ph.D

If you who can see have been blinded
By the dust of Singapore's gold rush,
Then bathe your eyes in the tears
Of the story of a young Korean pastor.
In the tears of one forsaken by home & wife
But found his way to the TRUE LIGHT.

TONITE 8.00 pm, Feb 27 at Life Church
(At the conclusion of the film Dr An will appear in person) Film projection by the AF

FEBC'S mid-semester break is on. The College resumes classes Mon. 8.a.m., Mar 7.

Rev An Yo Han, Ph. D will preach at the Korean Church this Lord's Day both at the 11.45 am and 8 p.m. services. Meet him at our Film Special too!

Praise the Lord! Do you know that we have now passed the \$1.8 million mark? This is the Lord's Doing. "God loveth every cheerful giver."

Rev Tan W C will be serving Holy Communion next Lord's Day at the Beulah Service at 10.30 am; Catechism class at 9.30 am. there Rev Tan will be speaking at Bethany at 5 pm AF Bible Study will resume today, after Sunday lunch 1.30 pm on Proverbs.

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WINDFALL OF BLESSING

Special-Film Night Last Lord's Day

An Yo Han (John), son of a Korean pastor, was urged to study for the ministry, because "he was predestined to be God's servant." Instead of following his father's footsteps, he sought rather for the glitters of the world. With appointment by the American Embassy to teach the Korean language in USA, he seemed to have attained so early in life a position other young men might take years to reach. Married and blessed with a young child, he hoped to go abroad in a month's time.

At the height of his youthful aspirations suddenly disaster struck. An felt a blurring of one eye, which soon affected the other. He was becoming blind. This resulted in his loss of the prize appointment and the taking of a teacher's job at a girls' high school on Cheju Island. As he was a major in French at College, he became the French teacher of the girls school. This was a sort of work cum recuperation arrangement for An, since the school was located on a breezy island. But the disease worsened and An was obliged to resign.

Meantime the folks on his wife's side urged her and her daughter to leave him. With no hope of retaining their love and sympathy, An lived a solitary life in an empty house. Hoping to end his troubles, he attempted suicide, but the breaking of the cord he had improvised saved his life by an hairbreadth. While trying to cook a meal for himself he almost set the house on fire.

As he lay in despair God came to him in a voice which told him to read page 320 of the Korean Bible. It turned out to be the Book of Joshua chapter 1:1-5. Having the promise of God's presence with him wherever he would go, he left his empty house. He found shelter at the Seoul Railway Station.

There he lived in an underworld of urchins and hoodlums. He began to see the darkness into which these scums of society conglomerated. He remembered how his father had urged him to study theology, so he took steps to write to an American missionary. As a result, he found admission to a Korean Seminary. Having mastered braille, he became an ardent student of the Scriptures. He graduated with honours and was soon ordained a pastor.

He started the New Light Church for the Blind which attracted not only his blind fraternity but also many who have their sight. From this church he has now branched into schools and a magazine for the Blind. (There are 100,000 blind in Korea).

As the story was coming to a climax on the screen, Dr An appeared over the pulpit (while the last reel was being mounted). He spoke with power, giving his secret for youth and happiness: "Take these three tonics", he said, "Old Testament, New Testament and Praise the Lord." He called the audience to come to Jesus by repenting of their sins. He revealed to us that we have great power to do God's work if we will surrender our all, like the boy with five loaves and two fishes, to Jesus. (This truth is now being enacted at Woodlands).

Many eyes were dimmed by the pathos of Dr. An's life. Many pockets were touched to offer a part to the extension of God's Kingdom. A total of \$2,394.16 + M\$2,00 + US\$200 were gathered from the boxes. What a windfall of blessing to us all to be showered with the powers of God's mighty working through the life of a 45-year-old Korean pastor. What life has been touched by the testimony of Dr An himself will be revealed when we all appear before the Judgment Seat of Christ.

Reader, were you among the six hundred that saw the film? Are you one of the number we had prayed would give their life to the Lord? For salvation? For dedication to fulltime service? Blessed windfall!

REPORT ON MEDAN TRIP

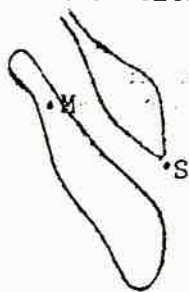
by Peter Clements

"Flight GA 941 now boarding,....." After having obtained a visa in record time, and then packing in less than 10 minutes, it was hard to believe that I was about to leave on an international flight. The last minute timing with the visa was an assurance to both our hearts that it is the Lord who rules and overrules in the affairs of men.

Medan is only 50 minutes flying time away, so we were soon jostling through the customs with 3 boxes of selected used clothes for the people in the mountain villages. It was a relief to spot Agus and also Ranto's sister.

Mr Sihombing (receiving medical treatment in Singapore, and staying at FEBC) had arranged for his own car and driver to be at our disposal. We were soon whisked away to the "Perummas" house (Indonesian HDB) where some 60 souls were gathered. Agus apologised for the heat under the low iron roof, but reminded us that our fellowship with Christ needed to be hot, or else the Lord would be displeased as He was with Laodicea. We sang praises to the Lord, then testified of His goodness, before Rev Tow shared the Word of God. Then it was time for baptism. One family had come from the mountains - several hours journey, so as not to miss the opportunity of baptism.

Mr Sinulinga proved to be a trophy of grace. He was the village witch doctor before he turned to Christ a few months ago. He testified to having used deceit as a means of getting money from the people with his various treatments. He now has an open shining face. The darkness has passed, the True Light has come. His wife and 3 children were baptised too. Another who testified was formerly a thief. Though he enjoyed stealing, he was both poor and sad. Now he has turned to Christ, and no longer steals. "I am still poor, but now I am



happy," he said. The Lord's Supper was shared by baptised members before we enjoyed makan together. We proceeded to the home of an elderly couple where the husband professed salvation. During the sharing together, Rev Tow was able to lead the wife to the foot of the cross, and she too came to trust in Christ, and shared in the bread and cup. We spent the night in the palatial home of a relative of Ranto - an FEBC student. Next morning Sihombing's driver was ready at 8.00 a.m. with a jeep to take us up the Siregar farm. This was a two hour drive weaving in and out of bicycles, bechans, buses, pot holes. The jeep was able to go almost to the farm leaving just a short walk to cover. The Siregar farm abounds with cloves, bananas, fish, coconuts, tapioca, and a few chickens. The name of the village is Bentar Kersik, which means 'white sand'. This explains the sugar-like substance I had noticed all over the ground.

After packet lunch and coconut water, it was time to move on to Kuta Baru (New Village), with Agus and his dad leading the way. Rev Tow only gets a B+ for mountaineering! He descended one tricky section in an undignified manner on the seat of his trousers. Our total of falls was four. Agus and dad - nil. Mr Wesly is as agile as a mountain goat. Although an old man, he is like Moses in that "His eye has not dimmed, neither his natural force abated"!

Arriving at Kuta Baru there was an impromptu meeting with 50 present. Perhaps as many were peeping through the cracks and around the corner of the buildings. The 'Angmo' with white skin and long nose provided quite an attraction! Again we scattered the Seed, believing that some would fall on good ground. The 'dukun', or witch doctor who had been baptised the previous day was there. The head man of the village was happy for us to preach Christ. These people are not bound by the iron hand of Islam, so this may account for their seeming openness to the Gospel. A school is presently under construction in this village of about 300 souls. There is a great potential harvest here for the kingdom.

Mr Wesly treks to this village every Thursday night for prayer meeting - armed with a walking stick, kerosine lamp, and God's Holy Word. He returns to his house about midnight. He testified of a recent fall which left him breathless and lying on his back. Thanks to God - nothing broken! He is a true servant of Christ who has gone without many comforts so that the village people may find the comfort that comes through sins forgiven. We returned without mishap, believing that our labour in the Lord had not been in vain that day.

The following day we ventured down Lake Toba. Rev Tow believes this site could be useful as an alternative for BP camps and conferences in the future. It is only 3 hours from Medan by a "super" highway. What shall we say to all this? God is building His Church in North Sumatra, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. There have been set backs and no doubt there will be problems in the future. But the Gospel seed is firmly rooted, and watered by the faithful servants of the cross. I counted it a great privilege to accompany Rev Tow on this trip. My original application for missionary service was for Sumatra, yet for reasons known best to God Himself, this never eventuated. To be able to visit even for a short time this trip was one of those undeserved blessings which the Lord has showered upon me from time to time. Let us keep the needs of this vast land before us in our prayers, and in our support.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (7th - 13th March)

MON 7.30 pm Gospel of John
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg; 9.15 pm - Ses. Mtg
WED 8.00 pm FEK Com. Mtg at Parsonage
THU 7.30 pm Romans
FRI 7.30 pm ICCG Delegation Gen. Meeting
SAT 2.00 pm JYF; 3.30 pm YF; 4.00 pm YAF
7.30 pm Rev Tow at CFM
SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow
10.00 am Mr Tsao See
11.30 am Catechism Class
11.45 am Korean Service
1.30 pm AF Bible Study
4.00 pm Kebaktian Indonesia
4.30 pm Sharon Service
5.25 pm To Calvary-Pandan (Rev Tow on "I Thirst")
8.00 pm Korean Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS \$4869.72 + \$100(D Wong) + \$100 (RPG)

NEW LIFE CHURCH IN WOODLANDS 3784) \$100 (W Box); 3785) \$400 (Boxes); 3786) \$100 (Boxes); 3787) \$30 (Boxes); 3788) \$814.50; 3789) \$20; 3790) \$50; 3791) \$500; 3792) \$25,000; 3793) \$2,000; 3794) \$900; 3795) \$2,000; 3796) \$1400; 3797) \$1204.61 (LCSS); 3798) \$150; 3799) \$120 (RTD); 3800) \$80 (RTL); 3801) \$50 (RTL); 3802) \$50; 3803) \$430; 3804) \$500; 3805) - 3829) \$600; \$150; \$4200; \$734.20; \$1.20; \$200; \$100; \$50; \$50; \$413; \$140; \$100; \$60; \$211.30; \$160; \$300; \$100; \$1000;

\$100; \$80; \$17; \$10; \$20; \$50; \$50; 3830) \$10; 3831) \$1,000; 3832) \$10 (K. Sawit); 3833) - 3844) Calvary-Pandan : \$5,000; \$500; \$5,000; \$100; \$200; \$50; \$100; \$100; \$100; \$100; \$50; \$30. TOTAL \$1,858,687.11
Stop Press! 3845) \$300 (Beulah); 3846) \$100
Hallelujah, Thanks be to God!

PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND,
Lead me on, help me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night
Lead me on to the light,
Take my hand, precious Lord
Lead me home.

When my way grows drear,
Precious Lord, linger near;
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call
Hold my hand, lest I fall,
Take my hand, precious Lord
Lead me home.

Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, help me stand
I shall rise, I shall run, up and on;
In thy strength, in thy might,
Let me run, through the night,
Take my hand, precious Lord
Lead me home.

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BUILDING THE CHURCH

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

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

By Rev Frank Mood
Assist. Pastor
Collingswood BP Church
USA

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

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

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

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

"And teach them in the tasting, To know the gift is Thine"

Life Church is about the only Church in Singapore that has neither fence nor gate to its compound. It is a Church that extends an open welcome to one and all to the Lord's House for whatever need they have.

One open door to Life Church is the Wedding Door. Couples from branch Churches, from small Bible-believing Churches that have no appropriate sanctuaries, are received with courtesy and Christian love. Life Church does not impose any red tape of filling forms nor require any stipulated fee. Other Churches, however, have rightfully required of users a fee of \$150 for the sanctuary, another \$150 for the fellowship hall and kitchen facilities, etc.

Do users of our premises for weddings and other purposes like Bible Camps feel thankful for the Lord's generosity? Some do, but these are a rare breed. Most take advantage of "Aunty" with a small angpow. Some do not care even to send a thank you card. On record there are four cases (including two from one branch Church) of even professionals making use of the Lord's House with nonchalant unthankfulness. A certain doctor gave the Lord, in years gone by when money was "bigger", \$20 and the caretaker \$2 when he spent thousands at a nearby hotel.

It seems to me that the blessing of a Church wedding to such a couple could only be proportional to the expression made to the Lord of the Church. By God's grace the open door of Life Church must stay open to one and all, the unthankful notwithstanding.

"And teach them in the tasting
To know the gift is Thine"

In order that the Church premises be adequately compensated for the heavy wear and tear of campers, it has been decided to charge a fee of \$2.50 per person per night. Campers are provided clean dorms with ceiling fans, bed, bedsheet, pillow and pillowcase. The kitchen is also open to their use, and every facility for meeting and recreation. A new bathroom in the gents toilet downstairs is to be constructed to relieve a perspiring queue.

The built-in seating for ten in the attap pondok is another amenity. So is the Jerusalem chapel with a 40-capacity and plenty of additional accommodation on the wings. Finally there is the extension of a mini-amphitheatre. Where is it?

HOW AMIABLE ARE THY TABERNACLES, O LORD OF HOSTS!

SESSIONAL REPORT 1982
By Deacon Han Soon Juan

The Session

Pastor: Rev Timothy Tow, Associate Pastors: Rev Patrick Tan, Rev W.C. Tan.

Elders: Khoo Peng Kiat, Lau King Hong, Lim Teck Chye, Eric Mahadevan, Seow Chong Pin, Edmund Tay Bin Thong, Peter Wang Su Muh.

Deacons: Han Soon Juan, Khoo Wah Ann, Koh Kim Song, Walter Seah Cheng Hee, Seow Chong Kiong, Sng Teck Leong, William Teo Jui Wah, Teo Soon Hock, Paul Tsao Sun, Roland Wong Kway Hin, Geoffrey Tan Hock Jin.

Church Membership

The number of communicant members at the beginning of 1982 was 800. At the Easter and Anniversary baptismal services, 69 new members were added to the Church membership.

Spiritual Growth

Much was done in 1982 to enable every Lifer to "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ". In addition to the regular Worship and Sunday School on the Lord's Day, the prayer meeting on Tuesday night, the FEBC lectures on Bible subjects Monday and Thursday evenings, and family worship on occasional Fridays, the Church subscribed to 500 copies per issue of the RPG to stimulate daily Bible reading among her members. Our Pastor also involved himself in the preparation of RPG, being the commentator of John's Gospel and Epistles.

Missions

The Kebaktian Indonesia, an Indonesian Worship Service was formed in February 1982 to meet the spiritual needs of the Indonesian community, both residents and visitors to Singapore.

In Medan our Gospel witness was extended to Bentar Kersik and Kuta Bahru by Dohar's father and by Agus, Dohar's brother, an FEBC student on leave of absence. Financially, our Adult Fellowship is their main source.

In August 1982, Simon Tsai, an ex-FEBC student, was sponsored under Life Church to serve in Singkep, with cooperation from Tanjong Pinang.

In West Kalimantan, the Lord mightily increased Rev Djunaidi's ministry by doubling the land area with the erection of two more buildings. The buildings are erected with funds from Jakarta. A Christian School from Kindergarten to High School and an orphanage are the late developments.

Rev Djunaidi has an extended ministry to the Dyaks. This work is supported by Rev C.T. Hsu in USA and a Christian brother of another Church in Singapore. The Gospel Boat takes them to kampungs along the Kapuas River.

In Malaysia, we continued to support the Gospel Station at Kulai Besar through the love gifts of the Women's Fellowship. Mr & Mrs Freddy Yong, FEBC graduates, are carrying on this work with a steady increase.

The Pastor oversees all the Indonesian outreaches as well as Kelapa Sawit and Rawang in Malaysia.

Woodlands Project

Development of the Church-cum-Kindergarten complex was in full swing after the ground-breaking on 6th June 1982. By 20th November when the foundation stone was laid, the building was fast taking shape.

In 1982, the Lord moved His people to bring "into the storehouse" a record \$846,238.19, an increase of 20.9% over the previous year. Of this sum, \$651,829.71 or 77% was allocated to Woodlands. This was possible because the Church management was extremely cost conscious, resulting in a hefty decrease of \$73,455.02 in the total expenditure of the Church, or 28% against 1981.

By the grace and mercy of the Lord, as 1982 drew to a close, Lifers began to enter the last and most crucial lap of their race to Woodlands.

The total cost of the Woodlands Project is \$3 million. The first lap, which is the cost of the land, claimed nearly one million. The second and third million go to pay for the building. We are now in the third and last lap of our financial race!

As the \$3 million Woodlands Project does not include furniture and furnishings, we are most thankful to God for a brother for offering to replenish the New Life Church auditorium totally with teak. Spontaneous offers for the Church bell and piano are further expressions of a thankful people.

As we all unite to run the third and last lap together we look also with joy to dedicating the New Life Church in October 1983, our 33rd Anniversary Thanksgiving. Amen.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (14th - 20th Mar.)

Centre (Bible Ch./Mt Carmel BP)

Please see Notice Board for sketch and map

Rev Tow

Mr Jonah Chan (Chinese Service) etc

WF - At home of Mrs Ong Chuay Ying

54 Clover Cres. (2057) Tel: 2513450

Speaker: Mrs Turner

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS \$5030.00 + \$510 (WF for K. Besar) + \$200


WOODLANDS LATEST TOTAL \$1,888,422.21

(Details next week)

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MON	7.30pm	Gospel of John
TUE	8.00pm	Prayer Meeting
THU	7.30pm	Book of Romans
FRI	9.00am	Rev Tow at ICY
	8.00pm	Family Worship at the home of Mrs Lucy Soh, 26 Kasai Rd, Sele-tar Hills Est. Tel: 4812759
SAT	2.00pm	JYF; 3.00pm ICY Conference at C-Pandan; 4.00pm YAF
	3.00pm	Tan Choon Seng - Ng Kwai Leng Wedding (Dr Patrick Tan)
	5.00pm	Ground-claiming of Clementi Bible

ON FURNISHING THE HOUSE OF GOD



Our worship and congregational meeting last Lord's Day was a time of mutual rejoicing before the Lord as we heard how members offered in 1982 a total of over \$846,000, 77% of which went to the Woodlands Building Fund. The same morning the Treasurer received a \$25,000 loan from Grace Church, and another \$25,000 from a young couple. A double confirmation of Divine approval on how His House is to be built - not by funfair, foodfare, jumble sale, walkathon, concert or musicale (nowhere taught in the Bible), but by simple giving from a loving heart. David says, "As for me in the uprightness of my heart I have willingly offered all these things; and now with joy I have seen Your people, who are present here to offer willingly to You." (1 Chronicles 29:17). Glory filled Life Church in the brightness of your faces under that shekinah skylight. Hallelujah, praise the Lord, thank the Lord!

The same week that our Congregational meeting was held that brother who loves the Lord brought his carpenters to Gilstead Road to discuss furnishing the New Life Church auditorium. An order was placed for reproduction of our Gilstead Road pulpit, Holy Communion Table, and elders chairs, plus 100 pews of that design lining the corridors - all in teak. These should be delivered before the Dedication scheduled for October 1983, our 33rd Anniversary Thanksgiving.

Now that the Auditorium needs are taken care of, the next item of furnishing involves the New Life Kindergarten. Our Kindergarten at Woodlands has four standard classrooms, each with an approved capacity of 25. We need therefore tables and chairs for the children and tables and chairs for the teachers. Then there are the blackboards, shelves, almirahs and other essentials. All these are to be made with kapor, not teak, which is doubly costly. Here is another avenue of service that follows after David's example, who prepared "wood for the things of wood". Who would like now to furnish the new Kindergarten?

As for the many rooms and halls of majestic emptiness, we will not require that these be simultaneously replenished with new furniture. Secondhand tables and chairs, sofas and coffee tables, beds, single and double deckers, etc, etc, if they are in good condition, strong and durable, made in a classic age like the teak pews we bought for \$15 from the outgoing British military. These would be far superior to today's breed of skin-deep beauties, but with wobbling legs. "For man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart" (1 Samuel 16:7). Old things but durable are valuable antiques to the spiritually minded. They are of real value. One illustration: that VW with the red JESUS SAVES sign, about the only one left in Singapore, is of more value than a new Mercedes!

Talking of old things that remain useful for years and years, let us counsel those going to the new Church not to forsake "the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls" (But they said, we will not walk therein) [Jeremiah 6:16].

One old way we must never forsake is the King James Bible, used always in Life Church and reaffirmed by the B-P Synod. The KJV is our official version for public reading and preaching. Other versions like the New KJV and NIV could be used in a subsidiary role for comparative study, but none of these shall take over from King James. This is the mandate from the elders of our Synod which New Lifers will do well to keep.

Sometimes our lobby outside the kitchen gets cluttered with parcels of old clothes deposited there by members. We have endured a little untidiness for the Lord's sake. Let it be known that recently when we went to Medan the Indonesian students sorted out three cartons weighing 25 kg, which we brought along for clothing the mountain people. A greatly appreciated gift in a far off land. With old clothes we have blessed the newly born into God's Kingdom.

Old things can cover up the nakedness of the empty new. In the Lord, every economical arrangement is profitable. So, furnish both new and old.

Woodlands Latest

By arrangement with the sub-contractor the Sunday School Room upstairs next to the pulpit end of the Church auditorium will be ready for use. Beulanders, the room is yours by April 3 Easter Lord's Day!

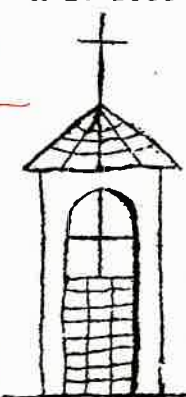
A 10-foot steel cross will rise above the bell-tower. A white neon light will be attached to this cross which rises 80 feet above the road. It will be a new Woodlands landmark that points also the way to heaven.

Fans, fans, fans! Many fans will be needed for the auditorium and other rooms. This is one item not in the contract.

The date of completion of the whole project is now fixed at May 15, 1983.

In relation to our contractor Techfield Pte Ltd we have made 4 payments totalling \$1,055,000.00. The 5th Bill for \$277,017.66 has now come. Praise the Lord, we are just a little short to take care of this. But the 6th Bill will come next month! (All this while we have been cushioned by loans, now amounting to \$300,000).

Our Dutch Bell costs 6,405 francs or just over \$5,000. This sum has been paid for by the offerer, amounting to over \$5,000.



PRE-EASTER TESTIMONIES

1. By Leong Yew Hoong

There are many things that I do not know how to express, but I know one thing, i.e. I am saved by His grace, and I believe our Lord Jesus Christ is the only and true Saviour.

I cannot remember many things in my childhood, but I can remember one incident which threatened me. When I was three years of age, sickness was all over me. I saw many doctors but did not seem to get well. So my parents brought me to a Taoist temple. The people there said that I had to be "baptised" in the name of "Kuan Yin" to be healed. So my parents, without any doubt, got me "baptised" into "Kuan Yin". True enough, I was healed. Years passed, and I remained deceived. Nevertheless, God's hands led me to a small chapel near my house through my brother.

At that time, I was studying at primary five level, and I went there just for the fun of going. I thank God that He had not allowed my parents to object. Weeks passed, and soon months passed, and a year had passed. Since then, I have accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as my Saviour, but I was still very carnal. It was not until I was in secondary one that the Lord showed me the right way in Tanglin Technical School. There I met the Tanglin Bible Class group. Since then I have remained in Tanglin Bible Class. It was through the Bible Class that I really grew more in God. Through the camps, I found spiritual revival. I also attended the Sunday School and I also learned there. I attend worship services where I learn to praise and worship God. Of course, through these years, I faced many temptations, trials, failures, problems and persecutions, but the Lord is ever gracious towards me. His eyes see me when I have troubles, and His hands keep me when I am falling. So I cannot stop, but praise and thank Him.

However, as I grow older and as my studies become more and more tedious, my parents begin to object more and more. Just recently, when I told them of my coming baptism, my father yelled at me because of the "baptism" of "Kuan Yin". But, I still trust in the Lord, that He is able to carry me through.

2. By Tai Kok Meng

Dear Rev Tow, I hope you don't mind I write my Testimony in letter form. As I felt I can express my feelings more freely in a letter especially to a man whom I respect.

Today again is the Lord's Day. I am supposed to be in Church worshipping the Lord, learning the words of God, but now I am in camp performing regimental duty. I feel that I have missed so much, I have missed the wonderful songs we sing every Lord's Day, the Sunday School, the book of John which you describe as the most important book of the Bible, the Catechism Class, the hospital visit and so many more.

Yesterday (Saturday), as usual, O.M.C.F. was having our fellowship at Paul's house. During the Bible study, we came to Acts 5:18-19, "And laid their hands on the apostles, and put them in the common prison. But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth..." I was questioned by Alfred with "what do you think the apostles do when they are in the prison?" I couldn't answer but had a feeling that they might be having a prayer meeting to ask for God's help. As Alfred saw me keep silent, he told me his opinion and it was just what I was thinking.

This is a wonderful truth revealed to me. It tells me that the apostles, under such conditions, so badly treated by the high priest, never failed to pray. As they all trusted in God faithfully, they believed that God would take good care of them. I start to question myself, if I were one of the apostles would I do the same as they did? At this moment, I suddenly felt that I needed to pray. I realised the importance of prayer to a new born Christian and I believe that this is a lesson which the Holy Ghost wants me to learn. To trust in Him, be faithful to Him, obey and pray. He will answer.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, He will give it you" (John 16:23). I am rejoicing when I read this verse. How merciful is our God. He forgave a sinner like me and yet He will give me whatever I ask in Jesus' name.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK(21st - 27th Mar.)

MON 7.30pm Gospel of John
TUE 8.00pm Prayer Meeting
THU 7.30pm Book of Romans
SAT 2.00pm JYF; 3.30pm YF; 4.00pm YAF
3.00pm James Chan Heng Fai - Sally Lim
PALM Geok Cheng Wedding (Mt Carmel)
SUN 10.00am Rev Tow

Miss Alice Doo (Chinese Service)

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS \$4188.00

NEW LIFE CHURCH IN WOODLANDS (Last Week)

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\$50. Total \$1,925,024.21

Easter Baptismal Service, Apr 3, begins at 9.45 am as last year, N.B.! Parents requiring baptism for their children should give their names to the Pastor. Candidates for baptism who have not handed their testimonies and photos must do so latest by next Sunday.

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THE INCREASING BLESSINGS OF COMMEMORATING HOLY WEEK

Holy Week is the last week of our Lord's life on earth. It begins with Palm Sunday, which is today. Palm Sunday is so named from the palm fronds that the children of Jerusalem carried to greet Jesus riding into the City on a donkey. This ceremonial riding is known as the Triumphal Entry, of a victorious Lord, King of kings. For Jesus' ultimate salvation plan is to rule over His people, the elect ones who come to believe in His Name. As we celebrate Palm Sunday with hosannas like the children of old, we reaffirm our allegiance to our Saviour-King. We are His loyal subjects. Are you?

From Palm Sunday we come to Maundy Thursday. Maundy is a French word which stems from the Latin mandatum, command (John 13:34) in respect of the New Commandment our Lord gave to the disciples. On Thursday night actually our Lord held the Last Supper with the apostles, wherein He also washed their feet. Sharon Church commemorates the Lord's Death, Maundy Thursday Night. So does Tanjung Pinang where I minister every year.

Good Friday is the Day our Lord was crucified. I return Good Friday afternoon in time to join you at the Good Friday Night Service, 8 pm. We will have a Combined Service with the Chinese congregation. Rev W C Tan will preach and I shall interpret into Hokkien.

Saturday 8 pm of the Holy Week will see the re-screening of the film on the life of blind Korean pastor Dr An Yo Han (John). This is by popular request.

"If you who can see have been blinded
By the dust of Singapore's gold rush,
Then bathe your eyes in the tears
Of the story of the young Korean pastor
In the tears of one forsaken by home and wife
But found his way to the True Light."

(Those who wish to stay overnight, bring their own sheets).

Easter Lord's Day, 6.30 a.m. finds the whole BP Church gathered at McRitchie Reservoir.

From McRitchie we return to Church to enjoy Easter Breakfast under the palm trees. Then the Church Service which begins at 9.45 a.m. N.B.! There will be about 50 baptisms including infants. Dr Patrick Tan will be the Lord's messenger. A day of great joy and victory!

The increasing blessings of Commemorating Holy Week here in preview must come to life in every lively Lifer!

I WANT TO WALK WHERE JESUS WALKS

(To the tune of "I walked today where Jesus walked," sung by Prof. Fague Springman).

I want to walk where Jesus walks
Along life's narrow way.
He comes to our Emmaus Road
And talks with us today!
He hears our sighs and all our woes
He kneels with us to pray.
I want to walk where Jesus walks:
He wipes my tears away.

My path leads from the Empty Tomb
Where He rose from the dead!
It rings me to the Upper Room
Where all my friends are met
With Thomas I shall worship Him,
And I'll call Him my Lord.
O won't you give your heart to Him,
Jesus the Son of God!

And from the lone Emmaus Road
Christ leads His followers on:
He meets with us in Galilee,
And gives our hearts a song.
Returning to Mount Olivet,
We hear His last command:
Go ye, go into all the world,
Go ye, go into all the world,
Go ye, go into all the world,
And preach the Word of God!
I want to walk where Jesus walks
And serve Him all the way . . .

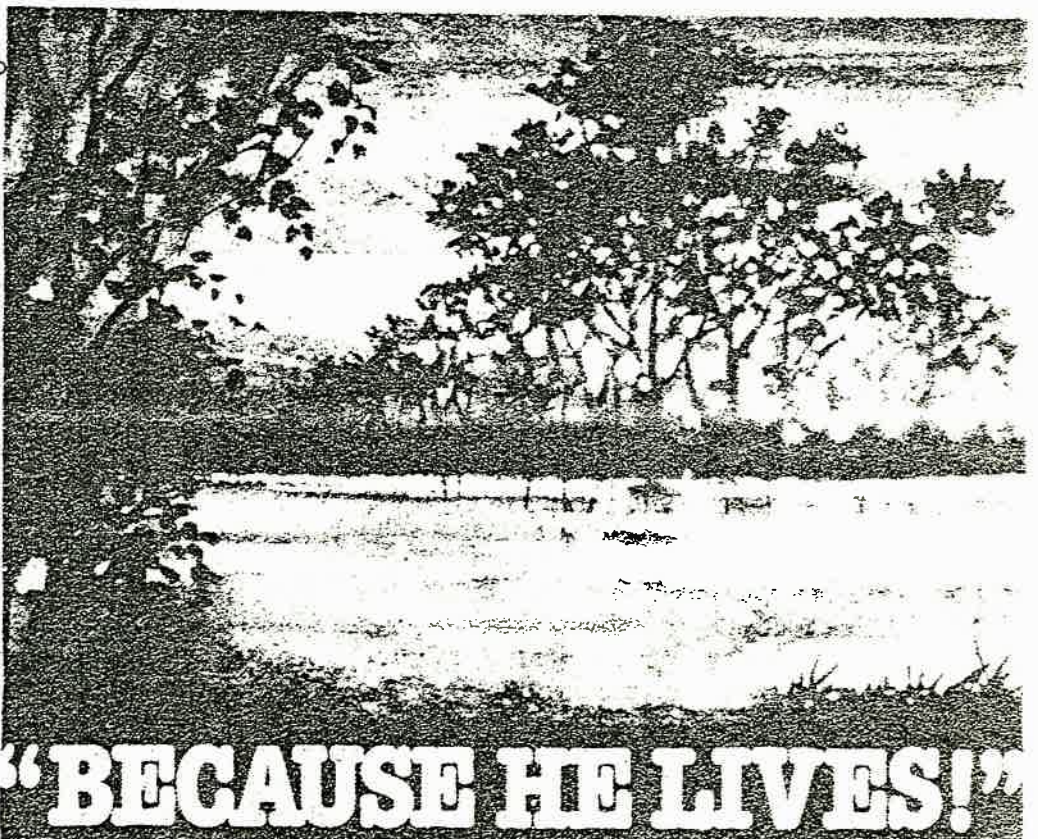
(This song is available from
Christian Life Book Centre in
the FECCC Assembly Tape).

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

AT MACRITCHIE RESERVOIR

(at the Gen. Lim Bo Seng Memorial)

6.30 A.M. ON THE LORD'S DAY 3rd APRIL 1983



Speaker: Dr. S.H. TOW

1. By Han Ming Kuang

A few years ago, my father came home with the book "Chaos", by J.T.Chick. I read the book and fear at once enveloped me. I had been baptised when I was four, what's to worry, I'm saved, I thought.

I then realized later when I read the whole series of Chick's books that me, a sinner, was on my way to hell (Rom. 6:23). I knew only the Lord Jesus could save me, for in John 14:6, "Jesus saith . . . I am the way, the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me." I immediately prayed for salvation and the Lord gave it to me. I had a feeling that my heart was not here but some place else, rejoicing. I was saved!

I had attended Life Church for some years now and I knew more about the Old Testament and the Four Gospels than the book of Revelation which gives us a grandstand view of the coming tribulation period. Chick's books provided me with the news. Since then, I have read Revelation a few times over.

If Mr Chick had not written these books I would certainly accept the 666 mark on my forehead or right palm when Antichrist comes.

Signs are appearing everywhere, the Israeli-Lebanese war was predicted in the Bible. The Bible also predicted earthquakes in the end-times, (1973 saw Asia with 100,000 tremors). The Nuclear Arms race will play a major role in the coming third World War. It will be a one day war. A quarter of the earth's population will die. Satan is on the move, in his last hours. He will try to snatch us away from God's Kingdom and eternal life.

I understand all this, and one thing more. That I am safely in God's Arms and nobody can take that away from God.

2. By Ronnie Ong Lye Hock

I was born again in a church (Bible Assembly) in May 1979. I backslided from 9th Jan '82 to 15th Nov '82. Owing to the lack of personal Bible Study, my faith became very weak. Eventually, my spiritual life began to go down the graph. I left my church on 9th Jan '82 for the world. I lost the joy of salvation from then. Though I am in the world, I belong not to the world. I had no peace. It was horrible! I know that the only solution was to get back to the Lord in repentance. On 15th Nov '82, the Spirit of God moved my heart. In repentance, I confessed all my sins and immediately all my burdens were lifted up. The Lord was so gracious and merciful to me, He welcomed me back into His Holy presence. All the joy and peace were restored to me.

The Gracious Lord led me to Life Church at Gilstead Road on 21st Nov '82 through a friend. I knew that this was a fundamental Bible-believing Church and I thank God for leading me here. The Lord has blessed me very much through the worship services, the series of lectures and the prayer meeting. I know that it's the Lord's will for me to be baptized, to declare my faith publicly and to obey His command.

3. By Lim Tock Boon (Lin Shu Wen)

I received Christ as my personal Saviour on 1.10.81 when I was 15. It all began in late 1980 in the flat where I live. I had a friend who lived just a floor above me. As she was studying in a mission school, while I was not, she came to know Christ before I did. One day, my friend and I went to the Botanic Gardens. Two ladies witnessed to us. I remember vividly one question which one of the ladies asked me. It was "Do you believe that Jesus' blood can wash away your sins?" I did not understand the question how a person's blood could literally wash away all the people's sins. Unworthy though I was, He did not forget me. When two of my friends asked me in February 1981 whether I wanted to have Bible Study with them under a teacher. I did not know why I suddenly agreed to go with them. But one thing I am certain, it was not by chance. So the three of us went down to Life B-P Church every Saturday to start our Bible-study. Slowly I began to see how wretched and sinful I was. Later my Bible-study teacher brought me to the Tanglin Bible Class. Through the Bible Class, I have learnt more about God. It was a turning point and wonderful moment of my life when I accepted Christ as my Saviour. I have never regretted since then and never will. Now I know how Jesus' blood can wash away our sins. I want to be baptised to show the world that I am a child of God.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Mar 28 - Apr 3, 198)

MON	7.30 pm	Gospel of John
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
THU	11.00 am	Rev Tow at Tanjung Pinang
	7.30 pm	Romans
	8.00 pm	Sharon Service
FRI	10.00 am	Korean Service
	8.00 pm	Good Friday Service (Lord's Supper)
SAT	2.30 pm	Ang Tiong Keng-Fong Yoke Mei Wedding (Rev Lau Chin Kwee)
	8.00 pm	Blind Korean Pastor Film
SUN	6.30 am	Sunrise Service, McRitchie
	8.00 am	Open-air Breakfast
	9.45 am	Easter Baptismal Service
	10.00 am	Rev Tan at Beulah
	1.30 pm	AF Bible Study
	4.00 pm	Kebaktian Indonesia (Mr Peter Eng)
	4.00 pm	Rev Tan at Grace B-P (Chin. Ser.)
	5.25 pm	Bus to Cal-Pan (Rev Tow speaking)
	8.00 pm	Korean Service/ Tamil Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$3627.15

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS 3938) \$28 (CLBC Box); 3939) \$35 (Boxes); 3940) \$100 (Indo. Ser.); 3941) \$1,040; 3942) \$900; 3943) \$521.30 (Sharon); 3944) \$100 (Boxes); 3945) \$73 (Boxes); 3946) \$200 (Wedding); 3947) \$20; 3948) \$50; 3949) \$58.50 (JB); 3950) \$50; 3951) \$40; 3952) \$10; 3953) \$22; 3954) \$200; 3955) \$100; 3956) \$500; 3957) \$300; 3958) \$100 (Catering); 3959) \$151.21 (50 from UK); 3960) \$600; 3961) \$300 (Sharon); 3962) \$50; 3963) \$100; 3964) \$500 (Calvary).

TOTAL \$1,931,173.22

Welcome Pastor Burt Subramaniam and Tamil converts at Kampung Chia Heng to Gilstead Road beginning this Lord's Day 8.00 pm to a new Tamil Service. It all began over two months ago when FEBC students evangelising Chia Heng brought some souls to Christ. These being Tamilians they have handed them over to our one and only Tamil B-P Pastor.



By Dr Ang Peng Tiam

As far as I can remember, my life during my childhood days has been a bed of roses. I come from a well-to-do family and was always given everything I wanted. I was good in my studies and always did well in everything I took up. It was not surprising that I was an over-confident egoistic fellow.

To give a few illustrations, in my studies, I could always come up within the top ten in the examination years that counted. In Secondary Four, I scored six distinctions in my GCE 'O' levels. In my Pre-U II, I scored four distinctions in my GCE 'A' levels. In addition to scholastic awards, I was given the honour of being one of the President's Scholars in 1977. In my extracurricular activities, I was the President of the school's LDDS. I was also the top-ranking NCO in the NPCC in my school. As you can imagine, achievements in my life, I certainly had.

Perhaps, that was what made accepting Christ so much harder. I just couldn't accept everything was not man-made. Everything was within control. I always thought that with enough determination, anything can be achieved. Those who needed Christ were those who weren't strong enough to stand on their own two feet.

I come from a Methodist School (Anglo-Chinese School) and Jesus Christ was a name which I learnt when I was in Primary One. So, you can imagine that my failure to accept Christ had nothing to do with not having heard about Christ. There was Chapel every Monday, extra services whenever there was any religious occasion and people around me were all talking about Him. But, somehow, no one ever convinced me that I needed Christ.

For some "unknown reason", my life suddenly fell to bits and pieces when I entered Medical School.

I did very badly in my examinations and very nearly failed. A President's scholar coming so near to failing was not heard of. We were expected to come up tops in everything we did. This was perhaps the first great shock of my life. I went back to my drawing table to figure how it happened. I systematically went through the examinations and came to the conclusion that I didn't work hard enough. No problem!!! I shall put in more hours for my next exams.

Just as I was regaining confidence in myself, my girlfriend suddenly decided to leave me. Her reason - that I was not a Christian and that there would be no future for us together.

I simply couldn't understand it. How could someone give up a nice fellow like me on account of a Book written about a Man thousands of years ago.

As God only knows, I really loved this girl. I went through an initial stage of anger - anger against all Christians. I set my mind to go against Christianity. I would call upon all my Christian friends and try to find loop-holes in their religion. We would talk and talk until the late hours of the night and early hours of the morning. When I was with them, I would always be the aggressor, at all times trying to undermine their faith.

However, it was no use. When they left my room, I would often just lie on my bed and cry. I can hardly believe a person like me could ever be broken. Yes, I must accept it - I was broken. But, I thank God that he had the grace and the mercy to help me pick up those broken pieces.

I remember that there was one night after a fierce argument with my girlfriend when I simply couldn't stand the pain anymore. I cried and I went on my knees and I prayed. I prayed that God have mercy on me and that He could forgive me my sins, I prayed that Jesus Christ would come into my life and take charge of it. I prayed that Jesus Christ would be my Saviour & cleanse me of my sins. After that prayer, all I remember was peace - a peace of mind which I could not achieve by myself. It was a peace of mind given of God.

A few days went by. I told no one of this silent prayer. Although there was no major change in my life, there was a brief relief from the turmoil which I was going through.

One night, a group of Christian friends insisted that I attend an Eagles Gospel Rally. I went along. Why? To be honest, I don't know. Many a time, I have been asked but I've never agreed. But this time, I suddenly felt an urgency; a need to go.

The pastor (I don't remember who he was) spoke no differently from the hundreds I had heard before. But somehow, in my heart, that sermon made a difference. When they called for those who would come forward and commit their lives to Christ, I went. That was perhaps the most joyous day of my life. I suddenly felt a great great burden lifted from my shoulders. I know that from then on, there would be Someone who would be looking after me. My friends were joyous with tears.

After I accepted Christ, I was like a new-born who needed milk to grow. I was involved in Bible-study groups and I attended VCF meetings at the Campus. Gradually I grew stronger and stronger in my faith. It was not as though problems never came my way from then on, they did, but somehow I had the Saviour who could deliver me.

I depend largely on the Bible for guidance. In most of life's problems, I would go to God in prayer and read the Bible. Almost without fail, an answer would come direct from the Bible. In this way, my faith has grown.

In all times of trial; we would inevitably turn to God for help. I can still remember my final examinations. We formed prayer groups to pray for one another. Believe it or not, all those who were involved in these prayer groups passed. Some say it is coincidental but we who believe say it is the power of prayer and blessings from our loving Father.

And by the way, what happened to my ex-girlfriend? Well, she's now my fiancée and we are going to be baptised together.

We do believe that God works in wonderful ways!!

"Because He Lives"

This is a new song partly composed by one of our Church elders for Easter 1983! That is stanza 2 and 3, which you will have at Sunrise Service.

"Because He Lives, now I serve Him, my living Saviour" says stanza 3. In Paul's words, "because He lives," "therefore be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

"Because He lives", He gives us power to live. To increase His Kingdom. Praise God, this Easter Lord's Day, apart from the 40 odd at Life Church, 9 will be baptised at the New Life Church, Woodlands, first fruits from the Beulanders. The same day vanguards of the New Life Church would cease worshipping at the member's flat. Beulanders are the first to occupy the new church sanctuary!

"Because He lives", His Kingdom continues to advance, but in the lowly and meek spirit of the ass-riding Christ. In this spirit, we reported last week (Palm Sunday) the starting of a Tamil Service at 8 p.m. From Singkep has come Simon Tsai's report of his wife's joining him at the battlefield. From Jakarta is received Dohar's account of a work begun with high school students. Maundy Thursday was my assignment to baptise and administer the Lord's Supper at Tanjung Pinang. The Turners also came along in order to discuss their Sunday School training programme next June. No sooner is our Woodlands Church about to finish than I was requested to break ground for the building of another by the people there. Church life cannot remain static "because He lives".

On the financial front we see how before long we shall hurdle the 2 million barrier! "Because He lives", "build the House, and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the Lord" (Haggai 1:8). - T.T.

CANDIDATES FOR BAPTISM

01. ANG PENG TIAM	DOCTOR	24. SIM PHECK HWA, WELYN	STENOGRAPHER
02. CHAN KENG LEONG	LAND SURVEY CLERK	25. DEWI SOFIAN	STUDENT
03. CHAN MEI LIAN, JENNIFER	STUDENT	26. KELLY SOFIAN	STUDENT
04. CHEONG AH THIAM	N.S.	27. NANCY SOFIAN	STUDENT
05. CHEONG HUN CHOO	STUDENT	28. SOH SUAN CHEOK, JENNY	SECRETARY
06. CHEONG WAI MUN	STUDENT	29. TAI KOK MENG	N.S.
07. CHOO CHIEW HOON	STUDENT	30. TAN CHONG TECK	ENGINEER
08. CHUA LEE HONG, VALERIE	TECHNICIAN	31. TAN PECK GEOK	STUDENT
09. CHUA SIOK LIN, LENA	DOCTOR	32. TAN SIOW BUAY, DORIS	CLERK
10. FOO KIM LENG	DEPUTY PROJECT LEADER	33. TEO MEW KHENG, DIANA	CLERK
11. HENG POK CHOON	STUDENT	34. THAM WING KEONG	SUB-EDITOR
12. KOH KENG CHENG	ELEC. SWITCHBOARD	35. THAM WOON PHAN	STUDENT
	DESIGNER	36. WONG KAI YEW, ROGER	ACCOUNTS ASST.
13. KWOK KAI THONG, MARINER	N.S.	37. WONG SIOW FUI	STUDENT
14. MRS LEE PECK CHOW-EU	BANK CLERK	38. TAN CHIN CHOO, MARY	HOUSEWIFE
15. LEONG YEW HOONG	STUDENT	39. YEAP AH AI, PEGGY	QUANTITY SURVEYOR
16. LIM LUIH CHIE	STUDENT	40. YEO MUI LIAN	TEACHER
17. LIM PENG HUAT, JOHNNY	RSAF SERVICEMEN		
18. LIM TOCK BOON	STUDENT		
19. NG CHONG MENG	MARKETING EXECUTIVE		
20. NG SIOK LENG	STUDENT		
21. OH SWEE LENG, DOREEN	STUDENT		
22. ONG LYE HOCK, RONNIE	N.S.		
23. SIAM CHOY NOI	ADMINISTRATOR		

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (4th - 10th April)

MON	7.30 pm	Gospel of John
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg; 9.15 pm - SES. MTG
THU	7.30 pm	Romans
FRI	8.00 pm	Nazareth Mtg (Rev Tow)
SAT	2.30 pm	Peter Eng - Lily Khoo Wedding (Rev Tow)
SUN	10.00 am	Rev Tow
	10.00 am	Chinese Service (Mr Tsao See)
	10.00 am	Rev Tan at New Life Church
	11.45 am	Korean Service
	1.30 pm	AF Bible Study
	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
	8.00 pm	Korean Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS \$4102 + \$100(D Wong) + \$100 (RPG) + \$50 (Djunaidi) + \$48.50 (RPG)
NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS 3965) \$160;
3966 - 3969) \$4,900; \$200; \$1,000; \$250 Cal-

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(RTL); 3989) \$50 (RTL); 3990) \$120 (RTL)

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(Interest); 3993) \$3664.80; 3994) \$1000; 3995)
\$50; 3996) \$150; 3997) \$300; 3998) \$430; 3999)
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PASTORAL CHAT

PRIVATE AND confidential

My dear Readers,

This week I received an envelope labelled "private and confidential" from "a member of the Church for some years". As our Lord has said, "there is nothing covered that shall not be revealed" (Matt 10:26), I shall therefore share the contents with you all. As the writer is concerned both for pastor and sheep, let us examine ourselves and repent where we have gone astray. Where the remarks are overstated from immature judgement, I have a duty to correct them, lest erroneous notions if go unchecked will harm His Cause. The letter reads:

"Having been a member of the church for some years, I have seen the changes that the church had gone through. Recently, I have been on my toes observing things happening in the church and I am very affected by them.

First of all, the pulpit itself is powerless. Most of the messages preached on the pulpit are of superficiality and shallowness. I can think of no other reasons except the want for prayer. The church should see the need to pray for the pastor on the pulpit and it should be stressed. The messages on the pulpit deal usually with physical things such as giving to God etc., but the spiritual life of the congregation is often neglected (I don't mean that giving to God is wrong). "The pastor who is not praying is playing; the people who are not praying are straying." Here, I don't mean that the church members are not praying. They do come to prayer meetings but what about their individual prayer life?

Secondly, pastor, the fear of man dwelleth in you (God knoweth). In your messages, the Word of God is not preached directly to your hearers and usually you would go round the bush before coming to the point. The Word of God cannot be served diluted but must be projected in its purest form. The RPG notes are profitable but too much reliance on it is dangerous. It should only help the church's Bible reading but should not be the source of Bible reading alone.

Thirdly, I remembered you telling the congregation of one incident which you've encountered. Somebody was doubting the spirituality of the church but you defended the accusation by quoting the church's example of giving to the Woodlands Building Fund. You measure the church's spirituality by the cheerful giving of the congregation. My dear pastor, in the devil's workshop there are many sharp tools and deception is one of them. We must not be deceived that, by giving cheerfully to God, we love Him. Yes, giving to God does manifest in some ways that we love Him. But above all, we must love Him with our body and soul. Because the pulpit is weak, the people down the pulpit is weak also (not all but most of them). As far as I've observed, worldliness is creeping into the church very slowly. Cinema goings, listening to worldly music, following after the world's fashion are becoming common in the lives of the people in our church. If you have heard of this before, why did you not rebuke the congregation instantly? Don't you think that the church needs a revival as in the days of John Sung?

Finally, pastor, please do not mistaken that I am passing judgement on you and on the church. Being a member of the church, I am grieved by the things that I see and I simply cannot sit down and watch but to write this letter to you. God Bless You."

My sincere reply

1. As I preach three out of four times, I must bear that much of the blame for "superficiality and shallowness" and "powerlessness". However I've endeavoured to expound the Gospel of Matthew during the last three years, chapter by chapter, paragraph by paragraph, so that every aspect of doctrine and life is touched. Whether these messages "deal usually with physical things such as giving to God etc.,...." or not, the RTL tapes are official records, and hearers are further repositories of the messages given.

I have been "going round the bush before coming to the point." I'm glad to know I do hit the target after all! As for the RPG notes they are never designed to supplant diligent Bible reading but rather to help out the laggards. If RPG has sparked Bible reading, we should encourage and not discourage it.

2. The subject of prayer is most important for both pastor and congregation. And the need to pray for the pulpit stands high on the list. If it is so important, why did not the letter-writer bring it out for prayer? Or was he never or seldom at the Tuesday night prayer meeting himself? In this connection, let us come and pray, session and congregation, and all. We need the Lord in time of peace and plenty, before it is too late. "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found" (Isa. 55:6).

On the third point, I'm afraid my observation on the spirituality of giving to Woodlands is more Scriptural. Those who bring of a willing heart are the spiritual. Those who withhold are disobedient to the Lord's call and therefore unspiritual. Does not Paul say, "God loveth a cheerful giver"? And does not God promise to bless every tither (Mal. 3:10)? A man who talks of spirituality but withholds his tithe from God is rebuked for "robbing God" (Mal 3:8). I cannot conceive of a person who gives and gives to God as one not serving Him "body and soul." Let me tell you a story: A queue of spiritual brothers went to pray for a sick brother in hospital. Only the last one gave the sick brother an envelope (you know what's inside). Which of the queue was more spiritual?

Cinema going I've taught in the Catechism Class to be contaminating to the soul. So is T.V., uncontrolled. Therefore I do not possess a T.V. to be on the "spiritual" side. And lest I be accused of "playing and not praying". Worldly music? "As the young men's hair gets longer, the young lady's skirts gets shorter" is one of my pulpit observations. I support Dr

Augustine Tan against smoking and drinking. I've written against Toto, Turf Club and mahjong on this page too. Shere denunciation of these things is like scolding a case of measles. Christ is the cure. Am I John Sung? I am for Jesus! and I also quote John Sung, "All my sins are washed away, In the Blood of Jesus."

Your affectionate pastor,
Timothy Tow.

DO YOU KNOW?

That worship at the New Life Church, Woodlands was inaugurated last week (Easter) with baptism of nine Beulanders? In a big Sunday School classroom? The time of worship is 10.30 a.m. for the present, but soon it will be set at 11 a.m. (to facilitate greater versatility in pulpit supply). We welcome you to Woodlands. Bring a friend!

That in 35 days the House of God should be completed? i.e. by May 15? This is required by the Government according to the terms of tender. Every day behind means a fine of \$300. If we are late by 10 days, the fine is \$3,000! Pray that our contractor will be enabled to finish on time.

That 100 teak pews with seating capacity for 500 are now under construction? The pulpit furniture etc will be a replica of Gilstead Road's. All these are offered by a brother who loves the Lord. In this spirit let someone offer to the Lord fans for the Church auditorium etc. Praise the Lord, an old Lifer grandma has offered \$1,200 for Hymn Books, Bibles in remembrance of her husband.

Mr Eric Kwan and Mr Lau Choon Poh, both soon to graduate from FEBC with the B. Th., are seconded to serve at Woodlands. They will move up to stay in the Church quarters as soon as possible to guard and develop the sacred property. Mr Peter Chng who has been helping at the Chinese Service and editor of our Chinese Monthly will head the Chinese Service at Woodlands. Time of Service : 9 a.m. (Date to be announced).

Kindergarten furniture with seating capacity for 120 is to be ordered. This will benefit the Sunday School and nursery. Pray for the new Kindergarten principal and staff, and inauguration 1984.

That the New Life Church is now being steered by an Interim Committee comprising Rev Dr Tan Wai Choon (Chairman), Rev Dr Timothy Tow (ex officio), Rev Dr Patrick Tan, Elders Khoo Peng Kiat and Peter Wang, Deacon Dr Paul Tsao, Messrs. Francis Leong (Secretary), Prasad Sivaraj (Treasurer), Peter Eng, Peter Chng, Dr Sim Kee Meng. This committee is subject to the Life Church Session.

That we've paid the contractor thus far \$1,055,000. in four instalments. The 5th bill is \$207,000, which we are paying this month. Several \$10,000 have been paid: for the bell, to P.W.D. for connections to electricity and water supply, etc., etc., (not mentioned). That we are being cushioned by loans totalling \$350,000? That we have \$1 million more to go in our race to Woodlands? Pray, but I think it is more spiritual to give! - T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (11th - 17th April)

MON 7.30 pm Gospel of John
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
THU 7.30 pm Book of Romans
SAT 2.00 pm JYF; 3.30 pm - YF; 4.00 pm - YAF
SUN 10.00 am Rev Patrick Tan
(Rev Tow at Presbyterian Church Changi)
10.00 am Mr Jonah Chan (Chinese Service)
11.45 am Korean Service
1.30 pm AF Bible Study
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
8.00 pm Korean Service
8.15 pm SMCCC Meeting at Life
(Rev Tow)

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$6544.80*+ \$10 (RTD)
+ \$50

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS 4005) \$400
(Beulah); 4006) \$150; 4007) \$1,000; 4008)
\$500 (Boxes); 4009) \$500 (Cal-P); 4010) \$600;
4011) \$100; 4012) \$200 (Cal-P); 4013) \$100;
4014) \$100; 4015) \$100; 4016) \$6544.80*
(Easter); 4017) \$200; 4018) \$600; 4019)
\$1,000; 4020) \$1,200 (Memory of husband);
4021) \$200; 4022) \$20; 4023) \$200; 4024)
\$500; 4025) \$633.75 (Pepsi); 4026) US\$70
(\$146.30); 4027) \$1,200; 4028) \$250; 4029)
\$106; 4030) \$50; 4031) \$315 (Kulai); 4032)
\$100; 4033) \$3,500 (Cal-P); 4034) \$3,000
(Cal-P); 4035) \$312.56 (Sunday Lunch).
TOTAL \$1,986,947.17 On to \$2 million

STOP PRESS! 4036) \$100; 4037) \$327.

Congratulations to Kelapa Sawit as she celebrates her 31st Anniversary this Lord's Day! Pastor leaves 1.30 pm!
Elder & Mrs Seow Chong Pin's new phone: 4698650
All delegates to ICCG Congress USA are requested to fill visa application forms obtainable from Mrs Tow. Joint applications to be made this week!

A Cordial welcome to guests at Hostel:
Mr & Mrs Thomas Mathai and Family, of India
Tanjung Pinang held ground breaking last Good Friday with Rev Turner wielding the changkul. Dec. 22 is set for Dedication of the 3-storey new church!
Easter Sunrise Offering for FEBC : \$3815.00

WOULD YOU LIVE FOR JESUS,
And be always pure and good?
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;
His love can fill your soul, and you will see
'Twas best for Him to have His way with thee.

- Inspiring Hymns 346
(His Way With Thee)

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OUR EXTENDING BATTLEFRONTS



WOODLANDS, OUR NORTHERN BRIDGEHEAD

Inasmuch as the far-flung islands of Indonesia have been our southern field of operations during the last decade - Medan, Tanjung Pinang, Singkep, Jakarta (Dohar) and West Kalimantan - the building of Woodlands, our northern bridgehead, should remind us of our equally important commitment to Malaysia and Thailand. Woodlands is strategic to a new offensive into Satan's territory via North Thailand into Burma! Whether near or far, wherever the Lord of hosts will lead us, we will go!

Last week a team of six FEBC students and I attended Kelapa Sawit's 31st Anniversary Thanksgiving. Kelapa Sawit is our first missions outreach. I have been their moderating pastor for 29 years. Today it has a handsome brick Church and Kindergarten complex standing on $\frac{1}{2}$ acre choicest ground overlooking the village. Miss Ng Sang Chiew, an FEBC graduate, is in charge. Kelapa Sawit is presently turned into a Camp for 100 young people gathered from South Johore.

From Kelapa Sawit the Gospel has of late spread to Bukit Batu, 7 miles north and to neighbouring Air Manis - with cooperation from Kulai Besar. A school bus ferried 40 children from Bukit Batu to sing praises at the Thanksgiving. Praise the Lord, there has been of

late a forward movement from all three of our Malaysian churches - Rawang, Kelapa Sawit and Kulai Besar. Kelapa Sawit has also contributed liberally to Woodlands, a brilliant example to the other two.

From Southern Malaysia, the Lord propelled us into North Thailand in our visit last year to Daniel Kalnin's work on the Thai-Burmese Border. Out of that visit has come Bro. Samuel Manee, co-worker with Kalnin, to study in FEBC (under a Life Church scholarship). As a result of our visit also to Bangkok Bible College, there is now coming one of its lecturers, a highly-recommended Thai brother with wife and child to take further study with us. The completion of training of Manee and of this new brother will strengthen the Thai Church in days to come.

With further approval from the Lord, we have now received an application from a Burmese university graduate through brother Kalnin. Son of a Christian cabinet minister, who knows what this third young man will accomplish from the teachings he will receive at FEBC. So with our Woodlands Bridgehead standing tall and looking across the Johor Straits, whenever you visit us, will you not pray to support the battle in our northern fields?

Indeed, our commission is to the whole world. Hence our participation at the ICCC 11th World Congress, USA, June 16 - 30 and our study tour of the Holy Land June 1 - 14, en route. But, wherever we go, we shall not be satisfied until we've joined battle with the enemy. We shall spend two Sundays in Israel ministering to an Arab Church and three Arab Sunday Schools, under the Independent Board of Presbyterian Foreign Missions.

Nevertheless, our main responsibility is to neighbouring Asean countries, yea, even into Burma. It is high time that our younger people who speak the language open another front in Malaysia! Remember, we've extended the Gospel to Malaysia for the last 29 years. And all we've established are only three churches with two or three branch Sunday schools. Let Woodlands be our Northern Bridgehead to more sorties into Satan's territory!

Ed. Note: Woodlands needs all kinds of good solid furniture, If you've a surplus, why not ring 2560617? Our van will pick them up. Woodlands needs reinforcements! \$120 for one fan! We need 50 of them! We need 30 kindergarten tables at \$40 and 120 chairs at \$12. We surely need a baby grand to make music for the Lord. Whatever you can give, surplus goods, we shall humbly receive them.

MORE LETTERS

I I would like to point out the unjust and misleading comments made by a fellow member in last week's Weekly.

To say that our pulpit is powerless surely is an over-statement. I personally testify how often times I have been lifted up by the messages preached; not to mention also the selected hymns singing which I cherish - for it not only prepares my heart for worship, but even grips me with the closeness of our Lord. Hasn't the Lord blessed us with increasing numbers and missions too? That would surely speak for itself.

To indirectly accuse our pastor of playing is really mean. And as a member of our church, I must surely defend the integrity of our faithful and God-fearing pastor. He has been doing his part well - exhorting, rebuking and feeding the flock with wholesome truth from God's Word. Many a time, he warns us of false prophets, false teachers, false brethren, etc., etc. If you've been listening with a receptive heart and mind, you'll know what I mean.

As far as he is concerned, he has done his part. It is the people's part to obey and walk as the Lord commands. Don't expect our beloved pastor to impose penalties if you possess a TV set. What he had done was to discourage unselective viewing. Surely he has set a good example himself by not even possessing one. So how could you say he is playing? He's a man of his words and full of humility whom we should all respect.

If you should see a wayward brother, why not lend a helping hand and lighten the many needs of our church? Don't just stand around and watch. Get involved with the Lord's work and give your utmost support to the church as well as to our pastor.

May you continue to grow in the saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus as you work for His Cause. Amen. (James 1:25)

II I want to share with you how the Lord has blessed me through reading your newsletter which our church brothers sent me. As I was going through February issues, I discovered the urgent need of our church and the Lord has prompted me to give cheerfully.

Included in this letter are some foreign currencies valued about \$600 which I want to give to the Church's use for the building fund. God has been showing me the stewardship of money, and I know that it is a blessing to give.

I must also thank our brothers and sisters who remembered me for the days out at sea and God has been blessing me tremendously. All I can say is that I am unworthy but He had saved me by His Grace.

MORMONS!

What the Concise Cyclopedia of Religious Knowledge says about Mormons: From founder Joseph Smith, this statement is made about the Bible - "We believe the Bible to be the Word of God, as far as it is translated correctly; we also believe the Book of Mormon to be the Word of God." This is the Mormons' greatest mistake, to add to Holy Scripture man's counterfeit word.

The Cyclopedia continues: "Instead of believing the Trinity, they hold a duality of Persons in the Godhead, the Holy Spirit being merely a spiritual soul. They also believe that God has parts resembling the body of man, and not materially different from him in size. They believe in a twofold priesthood, the Melchizedec and the Aaronic; they believe in a "baptism of the dead" i.e. a living person may save a dead friend by being immersed for him, unless he has committed the unpardonable sin. Polygamy is not so much tolerated as enjoined as a positive duty, a man's rank in heaven being alleged to be largely dependent upon the number of his children"

Ed. note: But while the Mormons are motivated by a zeal to missionary service, we who have the truth lag far behind. Unless we disseminate truth, error will multiply.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (18th - 24th April)

MON 7.30 pm Gospel of John
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
FRI 8.00 am FEBC Final Exams begin
7.30 pm WF 5th Anniversary (Rev Tow)
SAT 11.00 am Rev Tow at Rawang Wedding
2.00 pm JYF
3.30 pm Rev Tan W C at YF
(Topic: Under One Roof)
4.00 pm YAF
SUN 10.00 am Rev Patrick Tan
10.00 am Miss Alice Doo
11.00 am Rev Tan at Woodlands New Life
11.45 am Korean Service
1.30 pm AF Bible Study
2.00 pm BFCSS
4.00 pm Kebaktian Indonesia
8.00 pm Korean Service
8.00 pm Tamil Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS \$3698.42 + \$200(Dohar)

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS 4038) \$3,000;
4039) \$346.50 (Part for. currency); 4040)
\$1087.30 (total offering bags); 4041) \$54.50
(LCSS); 4042) \$40; 4043) \$65 (Chinese Ser.);
4044) \$170; 4045) \$50; 4046) \$591.78 (Int.);
4047) \$900; 4048) \$920 (AF); 4049) \$277;
4050) \$200 (Wedding); 4051) \$5000.
TOTAL \$2,000,076.25

BAPTISM Tai Min Chieh, age 11, of the Chinese Sunday School was baptised at her request at G.H., April 11, 3 p.m.

"Is Jesus' Spirit Moving in His Church Today?"

This is the theme of the message to be delivered by Rev Timothy Tow at the Annual General Mtg of the S'pore-M'sia Council of Christian Churches at Life Church 8 pm tonite! Be up-to-date! Keep up with what is happening in the Church world today. Bring a friend! Dr Yo Han An, Ph. D, the blind Korean pastor writes to thank Life Church for the offerings during the premier screening of his film. His address: Sae Bit Presbyterian Church of the Blind, 21-138, Kileum Dong, Sung Buk, Seoul Korea. Tel: 980-8672

Advance Notice to ICCC delegates & Holy Land

IT'S NOT AN EASY ROAD

It's not an easy road
we are travelling to Heaven,
For many are the thorns on the way;
It's not an easy road
But the Saviour is with us,
His presence gives us joy ev'ry day.

Chorus:

No, no, it's not an easy road,
No, no, it's not an easy road;
But Jesus walks beside me
And brightens the journey,
And lightens ev'ry heavy load.

It's not an easy road,
there are trials and troubles,
And many are the dangers we meet;
But Jesus guards and keeps
So that nothing can harm us;
And smooths the rugged path for our feet.

Though I am often footsore
And weary from travel,
Though I am often bowed down with care;
A better day is coming
When home in the glory,
We'll rest in perfect peace over there.

Pilgrims. You are cordially invited to see film on Hudson Taylor, Fri. Apr. 29, 7.30 pm (end of FEBC term), and thereafter to a general briefing on the coming trip. Important! Thanks to God for giving wisdom to renovate the green corridor between Church and Kindergarten and for the new balcony platform seating 72 with clear vision. Also for the new FEBC Library now taking shape, right up to the Bell Tower! Every hidden talent must be taken out to trade wisely for the Lord! Attend a new series of 5 sermons in May on the mystery of sex and marriage at the Sunset Gospel Hour, Calvary-Pandan 6 pm every Lord's Day. Rev Tow will deliver the first one "Madam, I'm Adam."
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Why this sweltering heat?

The prophet Amos says, "And also I have withholden the rain from you, when there were yet three months to the harvest: and I caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it not to rain upon another city: one piece was rained upon, and the piece whereupon it rained not withered yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord" (Amos 4:7-9). Singaporeans are smart in their go-getting but slow to sense the signs of the times. Let us confess our sins to the Almighty Father. Let us pray for forgiveness that He might send rain to a dry and thirsty land (Ps. 63:1). Let us not take things for granted, but rather double up in devout service as we see that Day of nuclear heat approaching.

Rawang

This weekend I'm called upon to officiate a wedding for a deacon's son. Since Sunday follows Saturday and the Rawangites have not taken the Lord's Supper from November last year, does it not behove me to extend another day of service? Besides the Youth Fellowship have requested me to bring the Word Sunday evening on their Anniversary commemoration. (The YF maintains a Gospel witness at Bukit Gambir).

Fortunately, Elder Koa of Muar who is now studying at FEBC has of late been ministering the Word there every fortnight. An accomplished musician, eloquent equally in English and Chinese, he is one we should ordain to give impetus to the Lord's work in Malaysia.

Woodlands Inauguration

While we have set aside the 33rd Anniversary (Oct. 23, '83) for Dedication of the New Church, it seems incumbent on us to hold an inaugural service May 15 to mark the completion of the Building.

As God's children rejoice to see His House rise majestically and handsomely over Woodlands Town Centre, they have begun to express their rejoicings in kind for its replenishment.

It all started so spontaneously. An old grandma Lifer was first to give \$1,200 for Bibles and hymn books. This is followed by \$1,000 from a Chinese Service couple for Chinese Bibles and hymn books. The same day came a pledge of \$1,200 for 30 kindergarten tables by a couple who has also set a good example by coming to Church before time. Then in answer to our appeal for good surplus furniture, another couple has offered writing desks and other useful articles.

As it was the Lord's condescension to give every willing heart a chance to offer in kind to the new Tabernacle (Exodus 35:5) "and they came, everyone whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom His Spirit made willing." (Exodus 35:21), so God does the same today for His House at Woodlands.

As we have hurdled the \$2 million barrier on the third and last lap to \$3 million, there have come in two big sums, a \$20,000 loan from two children's educational savings, and a \$100,000 loan from a sister. This is another way of serving the Lord, since we are presently coming to a bottleneck in the payment of bills. What must not be forgotten are the miscellaneous bills for many additional items not spelt out in the contract. Furnishing the kindergarten is one. Fans, 50 of them, are another! (You should go through the buildings and rooms to realise this need). Fire hydrants are yet another. Then cookers and refrigerator for the Church kitchen. And so on How about a baby grand? The Woodlands auditorium is 9 ft wider than Gilstead Road. An upright piano does not fill the void. (The Conn electric organ now sitting on the U-balcony would soon be moved up).

Life must go on unimpeded. While the demands for Woodlands continue unabated, we cannot put off renovating the backbalcony of the church. In conjunction with FEBC, we've also "liberated" the green corridor. We have balanced up the Sharon office with another pentagon for FEBC Library extension and S.S. room. We've claimed all the "locked up" mezzanine floors right up to the Bell Tower to facilitate both FEBC and our Sunday School. Seeing is believing!

Materialistic?

Now some members will criticise me for being so materialistic, so concerned with the physical and not the spiritual side of the Church. The Lord does not think so. His House needs renovation. He calls us everyone to duty. He chides those who are declared materialistic for beautifying their own homes, but have not lent a hand to God's House. The prophet Haggai says, "Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in cieled houses, and this house lie waste? Consider your ways and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the Lord" (Haggai 1:4-8).

God is pleased with you, my dear Readers, if you have thoughtfully and lovingly given, and given, for the Cause of His House. Amen and Amen.

SIMON TSAI REPORTS FROM SINGKEP

The problem of my wife's stay permit is now being handled by my sister in Jakarta. I hope her friend who runs a Travel Agency will be able to solve this problem in the near future. I request your prayers for the solution of this problem. Thank you. My wife is settling down in this country which is a foreign country for her. May God help her in settling down here, and working for Him here. There are here about 50 Chinese people who make their living in the evenings, including Sunday evenings, selling food, drinks, etc. I have befriended a number of them, told the Gospel to them and asked them to come for Worship on Sundays in Church. They all answered that they cannot come because they have to make their living in the evenings. From the answers of some of them, I got the impression

that they may come to Church if the Worship Service is in the morning.

Therefore I decided to begin a Sunday morning Worship Service at 11 a.m. starting 3 April. I hope you will have no objection. The Church has now two Worship Services on Sundays, one at 11 a.m. and one at 7.30 p.m.

I hope gradually more people will be coming to both services, so that lots of souls can get salvation in these services. This is the goal. Much prayer is being offered for this goal. At present very few people are coming to these services. But this situation can change. At the 11 a.m. Service, the Mandarin language is used. If all understand Mandarin, no translation (interpretation) is made. Otherwise, there is interpretation into Indonesian. At the 7.30 p.m. Service, the Indonesian language is used. If necessary, there is interpretation into Mandarin. If not necessary, there is no interpretation.

Usually, young people below 20 years old here understand only Indonesian. While people (Chinese) above 25 years old understand both Indonesian and Mandarin. While the old people understand only their Chinese dialect and Indonesian. Therefore Indonesian is used in the work among the young and the old. While Mandarin and Indonesian is used among the young and the Middle aged. English is taught in two groups. One group on Monday and Thursday evenings. The second group on Tuesday and Friday evenings. There are now 5 English language students and one Mandarin language student. There are 6 children in the Sunday School. All the above figures can increase in the future. The work of the Lord knows no retreat, retrogression or standstill.

The work of the Lord knows only advance and victory. The work of the LORD is positive and not negative, knows only optimism and no pessimism. Then only will Satan retreat.

I have not yet established contact with the Dutch people living on this island. I hope to do so in the near future. May God direct.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (25th April - 1st May) for your cheque for Dyak work. S'pore

MON - FRI	FEBC Final Exams.	Delegates to ICCC Congress arrive Kennedy
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting	Airport Tues. June 14, 1750 hours from Amman,
FRI 7.30 pm	Hudson Taylor Film	RJ263. Will arrange for ICCC transportation
	Cordial Welcome to all.	from Airport to Cape May. Your help accepted
SAT 2.30 pm	Henry Koh Kim Seng - Mak Peck	and appreciated!
	Wan Wedding (Ev. Reformed Ch.)	Delegates to ICCC and Pilgrims to the Holy
	FEBC Reception	Land are invited to the Hudson Taylor Film,
2.00 pm	JYF; 3.30 pm-YF; 4.00 pm - YAF.	Friday, April 29, 7.30 pm, Life Church.
SUN 10.00 am	Rev Tow (Lord's Supper)	Thereafter to a General Meeting on the latest
10.00 am	Rev Lin Tah Mon (Lord's Supper)	developments of their trip. Important!
10.30 am	Rev Tan at New Life Church	30 Hours Modern Hebrew for ICCC Pilgrims to
11.45 am	Korean Service	the Holy Land. Beginning Thursday April 28,
1.30 pm	AF Bible Study ; 2.00 pm - BFC	every Monday and Thursday through May 30. Time
4.00 pm	Kebaktian Indonesia	7.30 - 9.30 pm (With 10 hours taught in Israel
4.30 pm	Sharon Service	Classes (with coffee or cold drink) at the
5.25 pm	Bus to Cal-Pandan	Parsonage. Register with Stephen Khoo. Shalom.
	(Rev Tow on "Institution of	Rev & Mrs K. C. Quek leave Monday April 25
	Marriage).	for USA to help in the preparations for the
8.00 pm	Korean Service; Tamil Service	11th World Congress, ICCC, Cape May, N.J.,
LAST WEEK'S OFFERING	\$3497.77 + \$490 (WF	June 16 - 30, 1983. Rev Tow's party leaves
for K. Besar) + \$765 (Rev Orneo)		June 1 for the Holy Land, en route. They covet
NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS 4052)	\$900;	your prayers for a safe and prosperous
4053) \$23; 4054) \$53; 4055) \$50; 4056) \$200;		journey.
4057) \$200; 4058) \$200; 4059) \$150; 4060)		RPG Workbook Vol II No 5 is yours at the
\$120; 4061) \$550; 4062) \$15; 4063) \$1000;		Counter as you leave Church today.
4064) \$1000 (Chinese bibles and hymnals);		Elder Khoo Peng Kiat is the Lord's messenger
4065) \$50; 4066) \$250; 4067) \$50; 4068) \$1020;		this morning. Dr Patrick Tan speaks at Calvary
4069) \$1600; 4070) \$396 (Cal-Pan); 4071)		Pandan.
\$1277; 4072) \$16 (Boxes); 4073) \$18 (CLBC		
Box). TOTAL \$2,009,214.25		

The Holy Matrimony between Francis Koh Hua Mong and Esther Huang Meng Choo of Fishermen of Christ was solemnised Sat April 23. Mr Huang Ee Yuan officiated.

The Holy Matrimony between Joel Seah Geok Leng and Audrey Lui Yoke Ngan will be solemnised Mon. May 2, 11.45 a.m. Rev Tow officiating.

HUDSON TAYLOR FILM Another thrilling and meaningful gospel film that will challenge your life! All welcome! See also the part played by William Burns (Spiritual Ancestor of our B-P Church Movement) in the life of the founder of CIM (China Inland Missions). Date : Friday, April 29, '83, 7.30 p.m.

Place: In Church. Bring a friend! (Life Church Gospel Film Ministry)

Expresgram to Rev C T Hsu, New York. Thanks

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SUNSET GOSPEL HOUR
PROGRAMME FOR MAY 1983

"THE MYSTERY OF SEX AND MARRIAGE"

DATE	SUBJECT	SPEAKER
May 1	GOD'S GIFT: Two shall be one	Rev T Tow
May 8	ABOMINABLE SEX	Dr S. H. Tow
May 15	GOING STEADY?	Rev P Heng
May 22	PREMARITAL COUNSELLING	Rev K.C. Quek
May 29	DARE TO DIVORCE?	Elder Joshua Lim

Far Eastern Bible College closes April 29 and reopens July 18, 8.30 a.m. for the new year. The 14th Graduation Service will be held July 24 to mark the 21st Anniversary.

"Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters,
That sent forth thither the feet of the ox and the ass."
Isa. 32:20



LOVELY SERVICE

With the tenacity of the ox and the ass, your pastor has been sent to the backwaters of Rawang, across the Muar River, the last 17 years. We helped Rawang to build their church in Sept. 1972. Now they have become a lively witness, as this latest report shows.

Rawang's kindergarten now has an enrolment of 70-80. Through the kindergarten, a goodly number are drawn to the Sunday School. As the kindergarten has a surplus of \$11,000, the Church has decided to earth-fill the low-lying land behind the parsonage with the view of adding two more classrooms and a recreational centre. This will enhance Rawang's usefulness as a Youth Conference Centre and Campsite.

At the 17th Anniversary of the Youth Fellowship, \$536.45 was collected for Woodlands. The Church gave \$2320 (from 24 individuals) plus a \$5,000 loan. The deacon whose son got married further gave \$200. The grand total of all sums given and loaned to Woodlands is \$8056.45. Praise the Lord, Rawang has rallied to our help as much as Kelapa Sawit. We want to thank our daughter churches for their loving concern in our hour of need.

Lifers giving to Woodlands are more
blessed than giving to Gilstead Road!

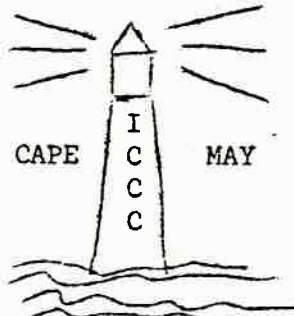
The logic of this statement is taken from Jesus' words to doubting Thomas, "Because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they who have not seen and yet have believed" (Jn. 20:29). By corollary, Lifers who give to Woodlands which they will seldom attend have a greater blessing than giving to the home church. Because it is from a love for the Lord's Kingdom outside their own territory. It stems from a broader love. As Paul has stated, "It is the breadth and length of the cross" (Eph. 3:18). The same apostle adds, "These hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me. I have shewed you all things; how that labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive'" (Acts 20:34,35).

When I was recently at Tanjung Pinang for the Ground-breaking, a new convert rallied to her Building Fund appeal. He put a goodly sum into the Box. Then he opined, "I know of Christians who buy lottery tickets. But if they put the same money into the Lord's Treasury, they are sure to get more dividends, and guaranteed dividends back." How true is the experience of those who have turned from Toto, the idol of gamblers, to serve the living God. Now our giving is without consideration. All the same God has promised to bless every cheerful giver and "God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye always having sufficiency in all things may abound to every good work" (II Cor. 9:7,8).

Let me give you an example how God works things in our favour, according to this promise. As you all know, I am heading a group from our Churches and College on a study tour of the Holy Land and to the ICCC 11th World Congress, Cape May, N.J. June 16-30. Our air-tickets are sold us at rock bottom price, which precludes any benefit to the tour leader, so every member of the party can share that benefit. I have to pay for my ticket like any other.

To my pleasant surprise, the phone rang Monday night last conveying a message from the airline concerned, our main-carrier from Bangkok to New York. "You have been given a complimentary ticket" Praise the Lord, I had faith somehow that God would provide. So I had told Session from the beginning I wouldn't use Church funds for this trip. Yes, so I need not use any sum from Life Church as is proven now, for there is no occasion for it. If we serve without any precondition, like a son and not a servant, like an heir and not a hireling, God sees (Jehovah Jireh). He rewards in due time!

A Lighthouse to a dark world



At Cape May, N.J., there will be gathered stalwarts of the Church from around the world. 50 messages will be given in two weeks besides Statements issued to the press. These messages and statements will be heard by several thousand conferees and cyclostyled for their more permanent record. These messages and statements will be published in various forms and spread to the uttermost parts of the earth. The Truth broadcast from the ICCC summit is like a lighthouse sending its beacon across the oceans, warning mariners of treacherous rocks and shoals.

This role of ICCC is not man given but instituted of God who says, "When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall raise up a standard against him" (Isa. 59:19). Please pray for God's outpoured blessings on the messages to be given, especially. And pray for Dr Tow Siang Hwa and myself who have to deliver each a major message. O Lord, breathe on Thy servants, or else their efforts will be in vain.

SOME POOR FAINTING, STRUGGLING SEA-MAN
YOU MAY RESCUE, YOU MAY SAVE.
LET THE LOWER LIGHTS BE BURNING!
SEND A GLEAM ACROSS THE WAVE!

"When you quench your thirst with water,
Forget not its source" - Chinese proverb

That 37 B-Pers, FEBCers, etc are now preparing to "ascend" the Holy Land and 32 thereafter will continue to the ICCC Congress is a windfall beyond all expectations. Let every pilgrim and delegate not forget the Lord who has helped them one way or another. Let the whole B-P Church which began 1950 with 30 - 40 members but now exceeds 4,000 communicants realise it is God who has given the increase. Let younger leaders of the BPC who take lightly the ICCC and the Separatist stand of our Church realise how the BPC was born of a great struggle with the Ecumenical movement. Where would they be without their alma mater?

As a small boy living with my parents in Guanzhou (Canton) in the days when bugles blew to the clarion orders of Chiang Kai-shek's Northern Expedition (1925), how it stirred within me, if I could join the patriots' march. Praise God, He had called me rather, from my mother's womb to soldier for Christ. In Rev. Djunaidi's words, it is by His special grace that we are enlisted into the Lord's army.

Our Singapore contingent should therefore learn and train well on this Western Expedition. Should any come back disheartened and spread evil news like the Ten "grasshoppers" versus the Two Truehearted, they have only themselves to blame later on. I've seen how case after case of disaffection ended up in the desert sands, but Israel's failure is to teach us not to repeat it. Not detour 40 years, but enter now the Promised Land.

The Spirit of the Lord is working mightily in our midst. While He tarries, Singapore is well able to receive the ICCC 12th World Congress. Rev K C Quek and Dr Tow Siang Hwa both feel elated with such a thought. Insofar as Life Church is concerned, we have seen how "he that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward." (Matt. 10:41). If the Lord has prospered us since we took on the FECCC 10th Assembly, June 1981, let us not forget the source as we drink and are enabled to give drink to others. - T.T
Please speak more plainly, fearlessly!

Another letter I've received says,

"On one hand we are building ourselves up with a strong evangelical faith that proclaims much truth; and yet on the other hand we are pulling it down altogether by our compromise. The church today loves to be called fundamental, yet in their practices they are compromising. Our church tolerates a lot of sins, one of which is the sin of compromise."

How does our Church tolerate a lot of sins, one of which is the sin of compromise? "Christ's unworthy soldier" (the writer of the letter), you have made a serious charge, but I'd rather you name sin and compromise more plainly. I really do not know what's offensive to you in our Church administration? "There is nothing covered that shall not be revealed" (Matt. 10:26).

Incidentally, there has come in another letter from the Women's Protestant Union, Great Britain. It reads:

"Your regular Newsletter from S'pore are always most welcome, and most interesting. My husband and I thank God for your wonderfully faithful stand for THE TRUTH as it is in Christ Jesus and in Him alone, and we remember you and your colleagues in prayer. I have taken the liberty of quoting part of one of your letters in the current issue of the Magazine of the Women's Protestant Union, and enclose a copy for your interest."

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (2nd - 8th May)

MON 11.45 am Joel Seah Geok Leng and Audrey
Lui Yoke Ngan Wedding (Rev Tow)
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg; 9.15 pm - Ses. Mtg
WED 9.00 am FEBC Clean Up!
THU 7.30 pm Modern Hebrew for Pilgrims
SAT 2.00 pm JYF; 3.30 pm-YF; 4 pm - YAF
SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow
10.00 am Mr Charles Tsao (Chinese Ser.)
10.30 am Rev Tan at Bethany B-P Church
11.45 am Korean Service
2.00 pm BFC
4.00 pm Kebaktian Indonesia
4.30 pm Sharon Service
5.25 pm Mini-bus to Calvary-Pandan
8.00 pm Korean Service/Tamil Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$3241.00 + \$100 (RPG)

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS 4074) \$150 (We
(Wedding); 4075) \$200 (Box); 4076) \$50 (Boxes)
4077) \$37 (CLBC Box); 4078) \$2088 (M\$2320
Rawang); 4079) \$482.80 (M\$536.45-Rawang YF);
4080) \$180 (M\$200); 4081) \$20 (Anon.); 4082)
\$50; 4083) \$100; 4084) \$10; 4085) \$1200 (30
tables); 4086) \$320; 4087) \$150; 4088) \$80;
4089) \$1400; 4090) \$350; 4091) \$50; 4092)
\$200 (C-P); 4093) \$188.60 (Coffee); 4094 -
4097) Interest - \$399.06; \$166.43; \$53.38;
\$162.62; 4098) \$360; 4099) \$360; 4100)
\$262.50 (fr. Jap. Yen).

THE GREAT COMMISSION

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

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

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

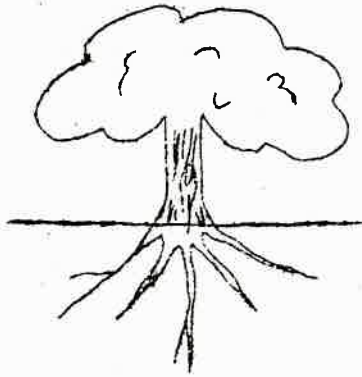
Go ye into all, into all nations,
And make them My disciples, and baptise them
for Me,
And teach them all MY WORD, for I'm with you
to the end. - In John Sung's Steps.

TOTAL \$2,018,284.64 Praise the Lord! STOP
PRESS! 4101) \$42 (from USA).

ECSS is welcome to use the "unlocked"
mezzanine floor below the Bell Tower, the
Tower itself, as well as the new Pentagon.
Every hidden talent must be utilised! (Hence
the new bath room and a new stone table for the
Kitchen outhouse).



THE IMPORTANCE OF KNOWING OUR ROOTS, I



A strong current is sweeping the Church world today. It is known as the Ecumenical movement. Protestant Churches in the Far East which once treasured their glorious heritage passed down to them through faithful western missionaries have, in these last days, no idea how they are called Protestant. They have no knowledge of the blood sacrifices that were paid by their spiritual ancestors for the Gospel's sake. They are led like sheep for slaughter back to Rome, confused by also another current, the rising charismatic movement. New Evangelical leaders, the sons of a faithful Bible-believing parentage, have so softened towards Rome that what their fathers queried about Rome a generation ago are now muffled up. These are murky eddies being carried along by the Ecumenical flood. Protestants have lost the bearings of their most

holy faith.

To preserve the faith of our fathers, are we not instructed to tell it to our children, and children's children? "For He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which He commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children. That the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born; who should arise and declare them to their children: That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments" (Ps. 78:5-7). Fathers are commanded to teach their children the roots of their faith. The importance of knowing our roots, how we have our Bible-Presbyterian Church, is that we might know God more fully and be more devoted to Him and His Truth.

If it were not for Martin Luther who broke the shackles of Rome in the 16th Century, and for other stalwarts like Calvin (Geneva) and Knox (Scotland) who carried on the torch of the continuing Reformation, we would remain Roman Catholics today, or unevangelised, idol-worshipping heathens.

Rome is the same today as it was in Luther's time. She had, in fact, added more errors to her evil system. For example, in order to promote Mary above Christ, in 1950 the Pope promulgated the dogma of the "Assumption of Mary". Pope Pius XII declared that "Mary's body was raised from its grave shortly after she died, that her soul and body were reunited, and that she was taken up and enthroned as Queen of Heaven". And to this pronouncement there was added the usual warning that "anyone who may henceforth doubt or deny this doctrine is utterly fallen from the divine and Catholic faith" (Boettner). Do you believe that Mary ascended to heaven as the Pope would want us to believe? Which chapter and verse of the Bible can the Pope put his finger on to substantiate this claim? (We are Bible-Presbyterians).

The Roman Church at the time when Luther broke away from her was selling indulgences (forgiveness tickets) at a discount, in order to build St. Peter's Church. This is little short of blasphemy. To counter such priestcraft, Luther announced, as he had rediscovered from the Scriptures, "The just shall live by faith" (not of works lest any man should boast, Eph. 2:8,9).

The Protestant faith swept the old corrupt Church like a prairie fire. Everywhere men and women who were stifled by a false religion broke loose in exultation and exuberance. It is Christ who saves, not the Church, not the Pope, not the priest, not a profession.

Calvin, of a generation after Luther, was the theologian of the Reformation. From him John Knox of Scotland learned the true faith who returned to the British Isles to establish what is gloriously passed down to us - Presbyterianism. (Presbyterian comes from the Greek word meaning elder, for as Presbyterians we have no Bishop, no authoritarian to rule the Church, but rather a representative system according to the rule of the Apostolic Church).

In the course of the Reformation, Presbyterianism spread to England. It can be traced to the year 1662 when 2000 ministers were expelled from the Church of England by the Act of Uniformity. You can imagine how those ministers of a more democratic mind struggled to keep their faith against the totalitarian system of the Anglican Church. An example of those who desired a freer form of worship during this time is John Bunyan, the author of Pilgrim's Progress. For refusing to submit to the Act of Uniformity he was thrown into prison. He was arrested while conducting a house-church service. He was confined to Bedford jail for 12 years until 1672 when the Act of Uniformity gave way to the Declaration of Indulgence issued by Charles II. At any rate Presbyterian Churches sprouted throughout the land, but a goodly number of these were linked rather to the Scottish Church.

As with the way of all flesh, a time of declension set in when the founding fathers passed away. In the early 19th Century, however, a movement among non-conformist Churches in England with a Presbyterian origin arose. The movement was a movement of consolidation which resulted, at last, in an independant English Presbyterian Church. The movement was due also to an awakening among English Presbyterians of their duty to foreign missions, particularly to the newly opening continent of China. This took place in 1844, barely 140 years ago - the English roots of Bible-Presbyterianism in Singapore and Malaysia. (to be continued)

Rev. Charlie Tan writes from USA.

Dear Rev Tow,

I read with deep regret and sadness that there should be someone in your midst who would have the audacity to write to you the letter you published in the Weekly. Though we must expect things like that from some quarters, nevertheless, it brings some hurt.

I know that I was hurt when some young people influenced by hyper-spiritual Churches challenged our spiritual walk with the Lord and our very ministry. Though couched in cautious words, reflecting suitable 'humility', nevertheless the spirit of pride and the sin of being judgemental are so obviously there.

In 1 Cor. 4, Paul spoke of his being judged by others. He said that he had a clear conscience (v.4) and yet he would but wait for the Lord to pass judgement on his life and ministry. It is to be regretted that there would be that critical spirit arising in your midst at this time when the Church needs to be fully united in completing the great work at Woodlands. Nevertheless His Spirit and truth will prevail.

I thought I'd just write and let you know that I feel much with you and for you during this time. I am encouraged by the great strength of spirit you have shown in publishing that letter in your Weekly and in refuting the charges.

We all have eyes to see how the Lord raised you up to be a leader in our group of churches. I would be most happy if in my lifetime I can accomplish a fraction of what you have done for the Lord. I give thanks to God for your continued ministry not only in the B-P Churches in Singapore, the College, Malaysia but in Indonesia as well.

My prayer for you and your dear family is that you might be shielded by the Lord's grace from unkind and hurtful remarks. May our hearts forgive those who speak thus, and find comfort that in the Lord there is great love for His children.

I thank you for your ministry in our midst.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (9th - 15th May)

MON 7.30 pm Modern Hebrew Class
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
THU 7.30 pm Modern Hebrew Class
SAT 2.00 pm JYP; 3.30 pm -YF; 4.00pm - YAF
3.00 pm Arthur Yeo - Khoo Cheng Hiong
Wedding. Rev Tow officiating
Reception at FEBC Hall
SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow
10.00 am Mr Jonah Chan
11.45 am Korean Service
4.00 pm Indonesian Service
4.30 pm Sharon Service
5.00 pm Rev Tow at Bethany
5.25 pm Mini-bus to Calvary-Pandan
8.00 pm Korean Service/Tamil Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$4684.00 + \$20 for Missions

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS 4102) \$30;
4103) \$100; 4104) \$500; 4105) \$1014(Nazareth)
4106) \$35 (Boxes); 4107) \$600 (New Lifers);
4108) \$100; 4109) \$200 (Cal-P); 4110) \$40
(Box); 4111) \$200; 4112) \$327; 4113) \$130;
4114) \$250; 4115) \$1300; 4116) \$140; 4117)
\$80; 4118) \$60; 4119) \$50; 4120) \$120; 4121)
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4125) \$50; 4126) \$100; 4127) \$200; 4128)
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4135) \$430; 4136) \$150; 4137) \$200; 4138)
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4141) \$100 (Chin. Ser.); 4142) \$600; 4143)
\$200; 4144) \$200. TOTAL \$2,032,358.04
STOP PRESS! 4145) \$160 (YF); 4146) \$2000

The Pastor speaks this Lord's Day at the Indonesian Service.

Woodlands latest. The address given is No. 10 Marsiling Lane. A brilliant green fence that surrounds it makes a beautiful contrast with the red brick edifice. Water supply is connected. The car park is half-completed. As the contractor hastens to complete the job, let us pray that he will do so faithfully. The Inauguration Day, however, is postponed to July, since there is no need to hurry. Who will offer the new fans at \$120? 120 kindergarten chairs at \$12? 100 yellow chairs for Church use at \$14?

Follow-up to "GOD HAS A PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE" (Message preached Mar 6, '83, taped by RTL)
A series of 4 related sermons:

May 8 How can I make the right choice in day-to-day decisions?

May 15 Does a Higher Hand intervene in our lives today?

May 22 Why blame me when He O.K.s me to do it?

May 29 What is the secret to a happy life?

Bring a friend! Get the whole set of 5 messages from RTL.

Pilgrims to the Holy Land and Delegates to ICCO Congress are requested to advance payment of dues the latest by Tuesday May 17, '83 to ensure bookings.

O WHAT BLESSED THOUGHT IS THIS,
That God led His children on
Through the Sea and Wilderness
He went with them all along.

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

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

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

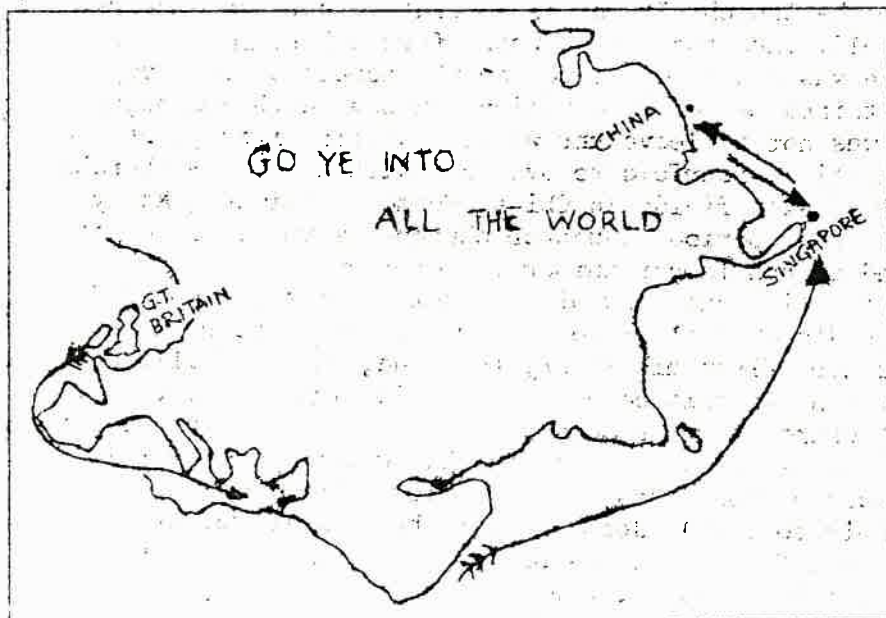
Read your Bible, morn and night,
Think upon Him through the day.
He who turns His face to the Light
Shall find guidance all the way.

- Songs and Verses from the Holy Land
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Far Eastern Collegian Vol 4 No 3 is out!
Secure yourself a copy and keep up to date with the news of the College.

At Sunset Gospel Hour today Rev Dr Tow, Siang Hwa will be speaking on "Abominable Sex" at 6 pm at Calvary-Pandan. Many thanks to Shalom B-P Church (Pastor Tan Choon Seng) for the gift of eight offering bags to New Life Church.

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THE IMPORTANCE OF KNOWING

OUR ROOTS, II

Since our racial roots are predominantly Chinese and the Christian faith was transplanted to Singapore and Malaysia from South China, by the early converts of English Presbyterian missionaries, the records of missionary endeavours of that pioneering period must be of great interest to us all. Edward Hard in his monumental work on the History of the English Presbyterian Mission 1847-1947 writes, "The beginning of Protestant missions in China covers a definite period from 1807 until the (Opium) War and Treaties of 1839-1844. When Robert Morrison, the first Protestant Missionary, arrived in Canton on the 7th September, 1807 China was still a

closed country.... A few European merchants were confined to the 'Thirteen Factories' along the waterfront at Canton under vexatious and ignominious restrictions, while the Roman Catholic missionaries at Macao, whenever they ventured on the mainland, were subjected to frequent persecution and peril of their lives. The East India Company, which had a monopoly of British trade with China, was hostile to missionaries and refused Morrison a passage. He was therefore compelled to travel out via America and reached Canton on an American ship. Though Morrison went out under the London Missionary Society, he was a Presbyterian, being a member of the High Bridge Presbyterian Church in Newcastle where his father was an elder. He was a serious-minded youth who educated himself by studying into the early hours of the morning after toiling twelve to fourteen hours a day in his father's workshop. Immediately after his conversion he joined a Praying Society and nourished his missionary zeal on the Evangelical Magazine which contained news of Carey and other missionaries. Rejecting all inducements to enter into the home ministry, he became increasingly impressed with the needs of the mission field and prayed thus:

My desire, O Lord, is to engage where labourers are most wanted. Perhaps one part of the field is more difficult than another. I am equally unfit for any . . . but through Thy strengthening me, I can do all things. Enable me to count the cost, and, having come to a resolution, to act consistently.

To such broad vision and strong resolution were added persevering industry, competent scholarship, sound judgement and patient endurance. These qualities fitted Morrison for the long, arduous task of translating the Scriptures and sustained him amidst the discouraging surroundings of Canton. On his arrival he uncomplainingly accepted the restrictions imposed upon him and recognized that more aggressive steps were not practicable. Like a wise master builder he devoted himself to the task of laying the foundation and fashioning the tools for other workers who should follow him. With so much literary labour to undertake it is not surprising that it was seven years before he made a convert. In 1813 he was joined by a colleague, a Scotsman named William Milne, who was a like-minded scholar and linguist. By 1819 they had completed the translation of the whole Bible, the Shorter Catechism, and part of the Prayer Book. They also prepared a Chinese-English dictionary and a grammar. . . .

In this initial period of missionary enterprise the work was carried on comparatively quietly through religious, medical and educational agencies within the restricted area of Canton and Macao. At the same time the missionaries aimed at establishing a base from which operations could be extended farther. Ever mindful of the needs of the whole Chinese Empire they prepared to penetrate the mainland with literature. The printed page could carry its life-giving message far into the interior where foreigners were forbidden. In addition to the Bible translation already mentioned, many pamphlets and tracts were issued. One of these, 'The Two Friends', written by Milne, was still regarded by the Centenary Conference in 1907 as one of the best Christian books in Chinese. Another plan to obviate the inaccessibility of the Chinese mainland was the establishment of mission work among the Overseas Chinese who had settled outside the Empire in such places as Bangkok, Malacca, Penang, Singapore, etc. Here Christian workers could be trained under more favourable conditions in readiness for the Christian 'D-Day' when China itself would become open to the propagation of the Gospel.

After three decades of Protestant missionary history in China, it was reckoned that the number of missionaries was over a score and the total of baptised Chinese was under a hundred. . . . And he concludes in his Introduction to the book, "that one of the smallest churches to enter the China field was the Presbyterian Church of England. "But who hath despised the day of small things?" he asks in the spirit of the prophet Zechariah. The English Presbyterian Mission was not only one of the smallest but in fact one of the last of that pioneering period to enter China. The year was 1847, forty years after Morrison.

Better late than never, it is salutary for us to note that "the Synod of the Presbyterian

Church in England had no sooner declared its independence (from Scotland) than it appointed its own Foreign Missions Committee and resolved to institute foreign missions in connection with this Church as speedily as possible. In making this historic resolution, the Synod indicated its conviction that foreign missionary work was not just an optional interest to be relegated to a special Society within the Church. It was an imperative duty and integral part of the work of the whole church itself. Thus the Church whose forefathers in 1662 were called upon to be martyrs for their faith was now ready to become the herald of the Gospel abroad. It was a small Church but it contained men of wide vision, strong faith and magnificent courage, which God in His goodness was not to leave unrewarded. Within fifty years the number of congregations at home was to multiply fourfold to over 300 with a total membership of 70,000 communicants, while on the E.P Mission fields in China, Formosa (Taiwan), Malaya (Singapore) and Bengal (India) during the same period, daughter churches were to arise with 150 congregations, 5,000 communicants and a much larger number of adherents."

Putting missions at the forefront of the life and work of the whole Church had speeded the Gospel to South China, in step with God's eternal purpose, for only three years after her independence she was enabled to send her first missionary to China, the Rev William Chalmers Burns M.A., nevertheless, a Scotsman. In this connection, it is significant to note that God has similarly increased the B-P Church today because from its earliest days we have committed the whole Church to evangelism and missions. "Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God, whose faith follow considering the end of their conversation (the outcome of their conduct). Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever." Let us find inspiration from the lives of great men before us, and go in the strength of our Lord who is the same today as a century and a half ago, who says, "And lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." (to be continued)

HALLELUJAH FOR THE CROSS

The cross it standeth fast, Hallelujah (2x)
Defying every blast, Hallelujah, hallelujah!
The winds of hell have blown,
The world its hate hath shown,
Yet it is not overthrown,
Hallelujah for the cross!

Chorus:

Hallelujah (3x) for the cross!
Hallelujah (2x), It shall never suffer loss!

It is the old cross still, Hallelujah (2x)
Its triumph let us tell, Hallelujah (2x)
The grace of God here shone
Thru' Christ the blessed Son,
Who did for sin atone,
Hallelujah for the cross!

'Twas here the debt was paid, Hallelujah (2x)
Our sins on Jesus laid, Hallelujah (2x)
So round the cross we sing
Of Christ our offering,
Of Christ our living King,
Hallelujah for the cross!

- From the BROADMAN HYMNAL 470

Hallelujah for the Cross, a 3-metre silvery white cross now tops the Woodlands' Church Bell Tower. The Bell, same size as the old one at Gilstead Road, has the verse that's engraved on USA's Liberty Bell (Lev. 25:10). 99% of the job is completed. Praise the Lord! Inaugural Service in July. Dedication in Oct.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (16th - 22nd May)

MON 7.30 pm Modern Hebrew Class
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
WED 7.30 pm Wedding Rehearsal
THU 7.40 pm Modern Hebrew Class
SAT 2.30 pm Sunny Kok Keng Cheng - Andrea Seet Li Chin Wedding (Rev Tow)
2.00 pm JYP; 3.30 pm-YF; 4.00 pm-YAF
SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow (Topic: Why blame me when He O.K.s me to do it?)
10.00 am Miss Alice Doo
11.45 am Korean Church
2.00 pm BFC
4.00 pm Kebaktian Indonesia
4.30 pm Sharon Service

HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

When I fear my faith will fail
Christ can hold me fast!
When the tempter would prevail,
He can hold me fast!

Chorus:

He will hold me fast,
He will hold me fast,
For my Saviour loves me so, . . .
He will hold me fast.

I could never keep my hold,
He must hold me fast!
For my love is often cold,
He must hold me fast!

I am precious in his sight,
He will hold me fast!
Those He saves are His delight,
He will hold me fast!

He'll not let my soul be lost,
Christ will hold me fast;
Bought by Him at such a cost,
He will hold me fast!

- From GOLDEN BELLS 303
(Hymns for young people)

5.25 pm Mini-bus to Calvary-Pandan
8.00 pm Korean Service/Tamil Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$3616*+ \$50 (Djunaidi) + \$100 (D Wong)
NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS 4147) \$120 (Boxes); 4148) \$500 (Rawangite); 4149) \$200; 4150) \$35; 4151) \$250; 4152) \$220; 4153) \$74; 4154) \$10; 4155) \$1000; 4156) \$200; 4157) \$40; 4158) \$150; 4159) \$30; 4160) \$100; 4161) \$240; 4162) \$260; 4163) \$20; 4164) \$274; 4165) \$200; 5166) \$20; Interest 4167-4171) \$501.24; \$154.11; \$92.47; \$61.64; \$118.15; 4172) \$926 (AF) + \$200*(AF for Medan). TOTAL: \$2,040,314.65 STOP PRESS! 4173) \$300 (by post)

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THE IMPORTANCE OF KNOWING OUR ROOTS, III

Midway between Hong Kong and Amoy, two hundred miles eastwards of the British Colony, is situated the port of Swatow, birthplace of early Lifers of Teochew-speaking Prinsep Street Church. It is the hub of communications for that easternmost seaboard of Guangdong Province, where the Teochew and Hakka races have for centuries made their homeland.

One hundred and thirty years ago, before Swatow became an "open port," it was fast growing into an emporium. Foreign merchants from the West had begun to plant a foothold in this burgeoning Southern seaport. A goodly number made lucrative business out of a nefarious two-way trade of importing opium into the country, and out of it exporting the cheapest of Chinese labour. In this "coolie traffic," many were packed like sardines into dark, slimy suffocating hatches of junks and steamers, sailing south. Theirs was a dreary destination, as they were herded like driven cattle to a life of indentured labour in the jungles and mines of Nanyang. (the South Seas).

This was a barbaric age for the Teochew clansmen, not only in their hazardous emigration, which was "due largely to natural disasters and man-engendered tribulations," but also in their scramble to eke out a livelihood at home. Whilst the "offscourings of Chinese society had congregated here from all southern ports," like flotsam gathering in an eddying stream, the country districts and coastal regions were inhabited by a fierce race of farmers and fishermen. Feuds often broke out between clan and clan, village and village. And when these mini-wars were waged, cannibalism was oft-times practised. Victims had their hearts and livers gouged out. These were boiled and eaten, so as to infuse their desperate devourers with "green" courage. Such atrocity perpetrated by ancestors of today's successful sons of Swatow, sounds like a fairy tale, were it not unhappily reenacted in our lifetime in the notorious eating of human soup by Cantonese Red Guards - a horrendous episode from Mao's Cultural Revolution. O the pravity upon pravity of a fallen mankind!

Into this dense darkness of avarice and cruelty of a corrupt, old order shone a new light from Heaven in the providential coming of the Gospel tandem - William Burns and Hudson Taylor.

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 Hong Kong 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 that he settled
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



Hudson Taylor's visit however was short-lived, but that of William Burns, pioneer missionary of the English Presbyterian Mission, remained. It was he, upon seeing the barbarity of the people and experiencing it himself in being robbed and humiliated that made the missionary the more determined to labour and pray for these benighted people. The Gospel had come to stay, at last, in Swatow.

Now, while Swatow was established headquarters of the Mission, there was not lacking an out-going zeal poured upon the early missionaries by the Holy Spirit. This hastened their footsteps to the regions around and beyond. Amidst turbulent weather of opposition and persecution, whereby the first converts were often beaten or thrown into dung-pits in which some lost their lives, the Gospel seed struck root in the "good ground" of Iam-tsau, a little fishing village twenty-five miles north of Swatow. Iam-tsau, which means "Salt oven" has since become, and remains to the this day, a household word among the old faithfuls in the Presbyterian Church of England. Now, of the early converts of this fishing village were the ancestors of Elder Joshua Lim and of the Tows. And by God's grace, William Burns' first convert in Swatow was the writer's maternal great grandfather (1839), who became the first ordained pastor and Bible College tutor (1883).

The Word of God so grew and multiplied that by the early seventies there had sprung a rivulet of converts from Amoy and Swatow to mingle with that stream of emigrants flowing south. These were our forebears who braved the waves in unwieldy Chinese junks to find a new home in the Straits Settlements (Singapore, Malacca and Penang) and in the Malay States, now known as Malaysia.

This southward movement of early converts necessitated the diversion of the first English

Presbyterian missionary Rev J.A.B. Cook to Singapore in 1881, after a year of language study in Swatow. It is from this year that the history of the Chinese Presbyterian Church in Singapore is dated. Rev John Cook (Ko Yok Han) located his residence at No 1 Gilstead Road on a hillock overlooking a swampy waste which today has become the palmy gardens of Life B-P Church and campus of Far Eastern Bible College. Spiritually and physically we have a good lineage!

No sooner had the first English Presbyterian missionary arrived in the Colony than he set about to gather the dispersed flocks together. The first congregation he organised consisted of 39 members meeting in a little attap Church, hitherto under the care of Keasberry whose main work was with the Malay-speaking. This was the beginning of Glory Church, 1881, situated at the 7th mile Bukit Timah, known in those days as the Pony-carriage Road Terminus.

In 1883 Rev Cook brought together three more congregations, viz., Bethel today in Upper Serangoon, Tanjung Pagar now renamed Jubilee at Tiong Bahru and Life Church at Prinsep Street, better known as Say Mia Tng in the Swatow dialect. Edward Band, the Mission historian, records: "After twenty years' work, Cook had established eight congregations, and in 1901 he took the momentous step of organising themselves into a Presbytery... the vision which had dominated all our early missionaries began to be realised - the vision of a Chinese Church, self-governing, self-supporting, and self-propagating."

Cook laid the foundation of work not only in Singapore but also in Johore. In 1885 he procured a three-acre site from the Sultan whereby a church was built for the predominantly Teochew-speaking Chinese of Johore Bahru. With the spiritual needs of the Chinese settlers in mind, he planned to occupy Muar and Batu Pahat, and hoped "to get a string of outstations between Penang and Singapore. Owing to a shortage of Chinese preachers who until the end of World War II were recruited from China, Cook's endeavours were limited to this side of the Muar River. When Cook retired in 1924 there were 13 congregations with a total of 800 members.

(to be continued)

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (23rd - 29th May)

MON	7.30 pm	Modern Hebrew Class
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
	9.15 pm	Advanced Session Meeting (Important!)
WED	8.00 pm	Pilgrims Final Get-together (Important Instructions)
THU	7.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsals
FRI	11.00 am	Eddy Tay Geok Seng - Alice Khoo Chiu Hiang Wedding (Rev Tow) Reception
SAT	2.00 pm	JYF; 3.30 pm - YF; 4.00 pm - YAF
	3.00 pm	William Lam - Nellyne Chua Wedding (Rev Tow) Reception
SUN	10.00 am	Rev Tow (Topic: What is the secret to a happy life?)
	10.00 am	Miss Alice Doo (Chin. Ser.)
	11.55 am	Korean Service
	2.00 pm	BFC
	4.00 pm	Kebaktian Indonesian
	4.30 pm	Sharon Service
	5.25 pm	Mini-bus to Calvary-Pandan (Pilgrim's Send-off)
	8.00 pm	Korean Service/Tamil Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS \$3390.75 + \$680 (WF for K. Besar) + \$200 (WF for Loo Chin)
NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS 4174) \$440
(Wedding); 4175) \$1,500 (Wedding); 4176) \$17
(Boxes); 4177) \$130; 4178) \$100; 4179) \$150;
4180) \$250; 4181) \$100; 4182) \$20; 4183) \$61;
4184) \$50; 4185) \$220; 4186) \$97 (Pepsi);
4187) \$160; 4188) \$2,000; 4189) \$1,240; 4190)
\$500; 4191) \$100 (CFM); 4192) \$300 (Sharon)
TOTAL: \$2,048,049.65 STOF PRESS! 4193) \$900;
4194) \$1,000 (Thanksgiving)

During the week Deacon Han and I visited the New Church. We climbed the Bell Tower with its 3-metre cross soaring above the town centre. Hallelujah for the cross! We see the tall buildings of Johore Bahru and the Government Building - a new discovery!

A new highway linking Woodlands to Chong Pang Village is being constructed. This will facilitate Yishun residents to come to Church at Woodlands. What a blessed thought that building God's House is bringing lost souls to Christ!

I'D RATHER HAVE JESUS

I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold,
I'd rather be His than have riches untold;
I'd rather have Jesus than houses or lands,
I'd rather be led by His nail-pierced hand

Chorus:

Than to be the king of a vast domain
And be held in sin's dread sway;
I'd rather have Jesus than anything
This world affords today.

I'd rather have Jesus than men's applause
I'd rather be faithful to His dear cause;
I'd rather have Jesus than worldwide fame
I'd rather be true to His holy name

He's fairer than lilies of rarest bloom,
He's sweeter than honey from out the comb;
He's all that my hungering spirit needs,
I'd rather have Jesus and let Him lead

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June 4, 2.30 pm	Tan Kah Soo - Tan Khoo Hui (Rev Dr Tan Wai Choon)
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The Importance of Knowing our Roots, IV

Of the 13 congregations organised by Cook, Life Church, Prinsep Street stood prominent among the Teochew-speaking. In the beginning Lifers shared a bungalow house, where now stands the red-brick Straits Chinese Presbyterian Church with their local-born counterparts. This bungalow house was famous in its heyday as The Malay Chapel (built 1843).

In course of time, a site on the same street on the opposite side was acquired and a new sanctuary, 35' x 75', erected in 1929. The Rev Quek Keng Hoon of Swatow, uncle of Rev K C Quek, was called. It is from the generation of the twenties that the founders of our Bible Presbyterian Movement have sprung. They are from the Heng, Lim, Quek, Chia, Chan, Hsu and Tow Clans.

One of the founding members is the pastor of Gilstead Road Life B-P Church. Given to the Lord at birth as a first-fruits offering by his parents, he was brought up at the E.P. Mission Church (Bethel) Upper Serangoon under the nurture of his grandfather, a life-long pastor of the Mission.

When Dr John Sung visited Singapore with a Pentecostal Revival, 1935, the young man became a changed person by the new birth and yielded himself to fulltime service. From 1937 he transferred his membership to Life Church, Prinsep Street. Soon after World War II, he heard God's call a second time. He abandoned a legal career to study for the ministry, first in China and then at Faith Theological Seminary, USA.

When the time of his graduation in 1950 drew near, the Session of Life Church invited him to serve at the home Church as pastor of an English Service. It happened that the International Council of Christian Churches was going to hold its Second Congress in Geneva, August 1950. As the young graduate had wholeheartedly committed himself to this 20th Century Reformation movement and was going to Geneva on his way home to Singapore, Life Church Session requested, through Elder Quek Kiok Chiang who was also attending the Congress, to ordain him. This ordination of Rev Timothy Tow was a first link forged between our B-P Church in the making and the 20th Century Reformation Movement.

Life Church English Service, Prinsep Street was inaugurated Oct. 20, 1950. It is this date that the BP Church of Singapore and Malaysia is now deemed to have been born.

Between the daughter congregation, viz. the English Service and the Mother Church, there existed a harmonious and filial relationship throughout the years. Rev Tow, Elder K C Quek and Deacon C T Hsu, now transferred from the Mother Church to the daughter congregation, were however elected to represent Life Church at the Synod. Let Dr Bobby Sng, author of In His Good Time tell the story of the confrontation between the young church with the Synod that resulted in its secession to form the Bible Presbyterian Church.

[Meanwhile, a serious theological storm was brewing. The Singapore Life Church was a part of the Synod of the Chinese Presbyterian Church which in turn was affiliated to the Malaysian Christian Council. Rev Timothy Tow, Elder Quek Kiok Chiang and Deacon Hsu Chiang Tai, as commissioners from Life Church, sought to get the Synod to dissociate itself from MCC because "not a few of the promoters and leaders of the MCC are modernists who do not accept the fundamentals of the faith, including the infallibility of the Holy Scriptures, the virgin birth of Christ, his bodily resurrection and personal second coming". Further, it was alleged that the "MCC is a part of the one world church movement promoted by the IMC and WCC which include in their membership the idolatrous Greek Orthodox and Unitarians who deny the deity of Christ. Membership in the MCC would thus make this Synod unequally yoked with such unbelievers in disobedience to the word of God" and "the MCC is a part of the ecumenical movement promoted by the IMC and the WCC which are seeking a union of Protestants and Roman Catholics. This is undoing the Protestant Reformation and betraying the very martyrs of the Reformation".

"The debate raged back and forth. Each time the motion for disaffiliation was presented at the Synod, it was defeated. The last battle was waged in January 1955 when commissioners from all parts of Singapore and Malaya met at Muar. Again the motion was defeated. Life Church English Service therefore decided to withdraw from the Synod. 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 movement, but only the good Lord knew what blessings were in store for us as a result of this separation from the entangling alliances 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 September 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. Today, 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.]

Today God has multiplied the Bible-Presbyterian Church so that she has become a fellowship

of over 30 churches in Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia with over 4,000 communicants. The B-P Church has hosted the Far Eastern Council of Christian Churches, a branch of the International Council of Christian Churches three times, 1956, 1970 and 1981. Rev Tow is honoured as president of the Far Eastern Council and Rev K C Quek, Executive Secretary of the ICC. Younger BP leaders have arisen to carry on the torch of Reformation, outstanding among whom is Dr Tow Siang Hwa who edits the Church's official organ the Banner to witness against the Ecumenical Movement. He is also elected President of the Board of Far Eastern Bible College, a bastion for the Truth against all satanic attacks on the Bible.

As in the dark days before the Reformation God had nurtured his servants who should arise one after another for the Truth, so is He doing the same in these darkening days of apostasy. May members of the B-P Church of Singapore and Malaysia rediscover their roots that they may be firmly founded in the faith of their fathers and go on serving Him loyally and faithfully till He comes. Amen.

WOODLANDS LATEST

Like a 3-miler in the 3rd and last lap!

Praise the Lord, the New Life Church at Woodlands is completed within one year (ground-breaking June 6, '83), without loss and without mishap. Both architect and contractor have expressed due thankfulness to our Lord. And we have sung "Hallelujah for the cross!"

To let everyone know clearly how our financial athletics go, let us say, the cost of the land, our first lap, is \$1 million. The whole building complex is \$2 million. Total \$3 million.

From the Weekly Report, you notice we have given to date, from Sept. 2, 1979 when the Building Fund was launched, \$2,056,067.65. How then could we pull through with every bill coming in? By the love of members, friends and B-P Churches, we're cushioned with \$1 million interest free loans.

Now that the contractor has practically finished the job, it is natural to expect a big bill this time. It is \$342,178.84! But all we have in the Treasury is \$105,000. Our present need is almost \$1/4 million!

When the Lord's House had an immediate need of \$100,000 on two occasions, you rallied to the exact dollar. And you who do likewise now will know "... if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." (Mal:3:10)

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (May 30 - June 5)

MON - SAT CEF Camp (FEBC)
TUE - SAT LCYF Camp (FEK)
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
SAT 2.00 pm JYF; 4.00 pm - YAF
2.30 pm Tan Kah Soo - Tan Khooon Hui
Wedding (Dr Tan Wai Choon)
SUN 10.00 am Rev Dr Patrick Tan (Lord's Supper)
10.00 am Rev Lin Tah Mon (Lord's Supper)
11.55 am Korean Service **STOP! STOP!**
2.00 pm BFC
4.00 pm Kebaktian Indonesia **PRESS! 10¢**
4.30 pm Sharon Service **DONATED!**
8.00 pm Tamil Service/Korean Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS \$3190.00 + \$47 (RPG)

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS 4195) \$100

(Wedding); 4196) \$405 (sailor); 4197) \$400

(Wedding); 4198) \$1,200 (Pilgrims four);

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Pastor leaves Wed. June 1st, 8.30 am by Thai Airways with contingent of 38 for Bangkok and Amman on a 14 day study tour of the Holy Land. Six of the team return June 15 while the rest go on to Cape May, N. J. to attend the 11th World Congress of the ICC June 16-30. These return to Singapore July 4. During

I HEAR MY RISEN SAVIOUR SAY

"Follow me, follow me, follow me;"

His voice is calling all the day,

"Follow me, follow me, follow me;

For thee I trod the bitter way,

For thee I gave my life away,

And drank the gall thy debt to pay,

Follow me, follow me, follow me."

"Tho' thou hast sinned, I'll pardon thee,

Follow me, follow me, follow me;

From every sin I'll set thee free,

Follow me, follow me, follow me;

In all thy changing life I'll be

Thy God, thy guide on land and sea,

Thy bliss thro' all eternity,

Follow me, follow me, follow me."

"Bring unto me thy many cares,

Follow me, follow me, follow me;

Thy heavy load my arm upbears,

Follow me, follow me, follow me;

Lean on my breast, dismiss thy fears

And trust me thro' thy future years,

My hand shall wipe away all tears,

Follow me, follow me, follow me."

Pastor's absence, Rev & Mrs Patrick Tan will stay in the Parsonage in full charge of the Church.

Pray for Peter Eng as he plans to enter Grace Seminary this fall. Session has voted to give him partial support with letter of substantiation to the American Embassy.

Pilgrims are reminded to be at Airport Wed. June 1, 7 a.m. sharp for smooth and speedy departure! Dr Howard Carlson phoned in from Philadelphia during the week to welcome our contingent to Israel. Mr Charles Chrisman of Jerusalem is his representative to give us assistance. Keep praying! Edited by Rev T. Tow
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ISRAEL LETTER

1st June 1983

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My dear Readers:

If you have read "The Importance of Knowing Our Roots," I - IV, you will know why such a big contingent from our B-P Church is heading for USA, to Cape May, New Jersey. Here is the 11th World Congress of the International Council of Christian Churches to be held June 16-30, '83. This Congress of the ICCC is in the spirit and tradition of the 16th Century Reformation. The ICCC Congress is urgently needed today to raise a witness against the Ecumenical movement, for many Protestant Churches are being led by their erring leaders back to Rome.

In order that you may know how dark the Ecumenical movement is, I am publishing in advance my address to the Congress, titled "Syncretism in Churches and Missions". Syncretism means "reconciliation of or attempt to reconcile different systems of belief. . . ." In the ultimate, the World Council of Churches under the Pope will bring all religions together to form a super world Church (Read Rev. 17).

Now, why this Holy Land Tour? In autumn last year, I received two letters from USA and Israel - from the Mission with whom we had stayed for 6 months in 1969-70. The Baraka Hospital of the Independant Board for Foreign Missions was converting into a Christian Hostel. So my friends invited me to arrange a tour of Singapore Christians to the Holy Land. (This shed an answer to a number of Lifers who have expressed a desire to visit Israel through the years.) Since most of us are travelling to the US, to stop-over Israel en route would be killing two birds with one stone. Then, there is also the wonderful opportunity available to students of the FEBC to study the Land of the Book. Hence the subsidising of 14 senior students to give them this chance of a lifetime. In all we are a party of 38 plus one from North Thailand, Rev Daniel Kalnin of Frontier Labourers for Christ.

Lifers consist of Elders Khoo and Mahadevan, Sandra Chay and Jacqueline Tan (to Holy Land). To USA: My whole family, J.P. David, Mrs Lee Meng, Dr Tow Siew Ai, Frieda Lee, Jess Lim, Tham Chong Yan, the rest are from FEBC and other BP Churches, adherents. Among them are 4 ordained ministers: Revs Bob Phee, Chan Lay Seng, Peter Chua, Anthony Tan. (Yiew Pong Serr and the Lams and Peter Eng go by their own schedules).

We fly this early morning, Wednesday, June 1 to Bangkok. From Bangkok we transplane to Royal Jordanian that takes us to Amman the same afternoon. After a night at a hotel, we will coach to King Hussein (Allenby) Bridge to cross the Jordan into Israel. A bus on the other side will take us via Jericho and Jerusalem to Bethlehem and then to Baraka Hostel, our "headquarters".

This route we have chosen is most economical. It allows us also to see the Jordanian side of the Promised Land. For you must remember that 2½ Tribes, Reuben, Gad and ½ Manasseh were settled on the east side of the Jordan. These Tribes conquered Moab and Ammon, the descendants of Lot and his daughters. Amman, the capital of Jordan is in former Ammorite territory. See the connection? Can you turn to the maps at the end of your big Bible? Which map will show the places of historical interest just mentioned?

And where is Golan that gives its name to the famous Golan Heights?

A number who cannot come this time have asked if there will be another pilgrimage. If our trip goes smoothly this time, as you must pray for us, Godwilling, we can organise a second one in the near future.

What makes our tour so unique is that we are cared by Christian hands. In Bethlehem there is a Bible Presbyterian Church. Here we will worship on two Lord's Days and testify to the Arabs. We shall also visit some outlying Sunday Schools of the BP Church. Pray that as they see "wise men from the east", they might be more receptive to the Gospel! Philip (Hassan) who spent a year at FEBC and is now settled in New Zealand believed in the Lord after our departure from Israel. The seed we had sown earlier did sprout. So we must never be weary in well-doing (II Thess. 3:13).

With the conversion of the 7½ acre Baraka property into a Christian hostel, we have certainly opened up a new frontier for God's kingdom! Every hidden talent must be traded for Christ. In this connection we have our good friend, Rev Andrew Bo, serve here for a year working on the property as he did the five years he was at Gilstead Road. His services have been deeply appreciated as when he rendered them here. It's a pity we shall miss his presence, for since early May he has returned to Norway. Nevertheless, he is returning to Israel to work on the Baraka property. Who knows our second batch of Pilgrims will meet him there?! Life lived for the Lord, without thought for more gain and bigger increments is one secret of happiness. There are many in their evening years who will regain health and



strength if they will serve the Lord like Andrew Bo. Serve Him, yes, with whatever talents you have.

On the eve of departure, the Israeli Embassy kindly showed us two films on Israel - one on the culture of the people, the other on wildlife in the desert. This was a good prelude to our educational tour.

Then I received a trunkcall from Dr Howard Carlson, Philadelphia. How happy I was to have reassurance from him that the mission at Baraka is doing all they can to welcome us. Also his good friend Charles Chrisman in Jerusalem will be at our service. The only snag in touring Israel is the high price we must pay for coach and official guide (required by law). This is natural since Israel's big dollar earner is tourism, and Israel, like Singapore, is a tiny country with little natural resources. Do you know that Israel is smaller than the State of Johore? Small though Israel is, she is endowed with wisdom and expertise. Let Singaporeans learn from Israel, the chosen people of God. Pray for the salvation and peace of Israel! We leave Amman June 14 for New York (Kennedy Airport) arriving same day 1750 hours. 2nd Group back in Singapore June 15, 1900 hours (TG401). T.T.

DOES THE LORD NEED OUR HELP?

He who owns "the cattle upon a thousand hills"? (Ps. 50:10). He purposely made Himself poor, as the Apostle Paul tells us, "For we know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich" (II Cor 8:9). In order that we might have the honour and blessing of having a part in His service.

By making known the needs of Woodlands in this third and final lap of building His House, we are not materialistic as some members allege. We are speaking in the Name of God Almighty in holy fear and joy. "Bring ye all the tithes (sacred tenth of our income that is the least we can offer) into the storehouse, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it" (Mal. 3:10).

How does God pour out His blessings on His children? By keeping us in good health and provision and keeping us from the bad - sickness, disease, accident, failure in business or study, marital sorrow, legal prosecution, arrest, etc., etc. Despite all our unworthiness, we still take this Singapore-style of a peaceful, prosperous life for granted.

Praise the Lord, never has a Church given as Life Church in building God's Houses. For Woodlands is not the only one. Old-timers gave to Gilstead Road. Are you the poorer? Others have given to Kulai Besar, Kelapa Sawit, Rawang, West Kalimantan and Galilee also. Giving to God's House is a privilege once in a lifetime! A Tanjung Pinang Christian suggests, "Don't gamble, rather put it in the Church."

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (6th - 12th June)

MON - SAT Emmanuël Baptist Church Camp (FEBC)

MON - THU TBC Camp (FEK)

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting

SAT 2.00 pm JYF

3.30 pm YF

4.00 pm YAF

SUN 10.00 am Elder Joshua Lim

10.00 am Mr Tsao See

11.55 am Korean Service

2.00 pm BFC

4.00 pm Indonesian Service

4.30 pm Sharon Service

8.00 pm Tamil Service/Korean Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS \$4666.80 + \$100 (RPG) + \$50 (W Kal)

NEW LIFE CHURCH IN WOODLANDS 4211) \$70 (Beth-J); 4212) \$90; 4213) \$500 (Boxes); 4214) \$77; 4215) \$600; 4216) \$300; 4217) \$327; 4218) \$320; 4219) \$50; 4220) \$50; 4221) \$100; 4222) \$1400; 4223) \$500; 4224) \$100(RTL); 4225) \$80 (RTL); 4226) \$50; 4227) \$250; 4228) \$1000; 4229) \$20; 4230) \$500; 4231) \$200; 4232) \$160; 4233) \$30; 4234) \$100; 4235) \$200; 4236) \$571.75 (Int.); TOTAL: \$2,063,913.40

STOP PRESS! 4237) \$1200 (10 fans); 4238) \$1000; 4239) \$100; 4240) \$100; 4241) \$250

Baptised at Mt Elizabeth Hospital, Thurs May 26 was Madam Tan Cheok Eng, 72, in the presence of her Christian son and daughter-in-law. Rev Tow officiating.

Edited by Rev Dr Patrick Tan, 9A Gilstead Road, Singapore 1130. Tel: 2560617/2569256

OH, TO BE LIKE THEE

Oh, to be like Thee, blessed Redeemer
This is my constant longing and prayer
I'll forfeit all of earth's treasures,
Jesus, Thy perfect likeness to wear.

Chorus:

Oh, to be like Thee! Oh, to be like Thee!
Blessed Redeemer, pure as Thou art!
Come in Thy sweetness,
Come in Thy fullness;
Stamp Thy own image deep on my heart.

Oh, to be like Thee! full of compassion,
Loving, forgiving, tender and kind.
Helping the helpless, cheering the fainting,
Seeking the wandering sinner to find.

Oh, to be like Thee! lowly in spirit,
Holy and harmless, patient and brave;
Meekly enduring cruel reproaches,
Willing to suffer others to save.

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ISRAEL LETTERS

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HOW TO HELP YOUR PASTOR by Herbert Vander Lugt

Every year hundreds of pastors leave the ministry and enter other vocations because they can't handle the difficulties and discouragements of their calling. Many who faithfully carry on their work have serious bouts with depression. One key factor in this trend is that the pastor's effectiveness is directly dependent upon the voluntary, love-motivated service of church members. If you are a Christian, therefore, you ought to ask yourself what you can do to help your pastor fulfill his God-ordained task. Here are five steps you can follow:

01. PRAY

Remember your pastor and his family in prayer. Every sincere minister can identify with the appeal of Paul: "Now I beseech you, brethren, . . . that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me" (Romans 15:30). Your pastor and his family are mere human beings just like you. They have similar weaknesses and problems, in addition to the special difficulties associated with the public ministry. Therefore, you ought to pray for them individually and specifically every day.

SUBMIT

Acknowledge your pastor as the spiritual leader of the congregation. Put into practice the admonition of Hebrews 13:17, "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves; for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief." True, pastors are not to act as "lords over God's heritage" (1 Peter 5:3), nor are they to be viewed as infallible dictators. But they do "have the rule over you," and every church member should acknowledge their position and calling.

03. GET BUSY

Choose a task in your church and do it energetically and thoroughly. Ask the Lord to direct you. Then take to heart the words of Paul: "And whatever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men" (Colossians 3:23). If every able-bodied church member would do at least one thing and do it well, our pastors would find greater joy in their work.

03. BE HONEST

Be open and aboveboard with your pastor. If you feel that his ministry is effective, encourage him by telling him so. But if you are convinced that he isn't preaching the whole counsel of God, discuss that with him too. If you know of individuals he is neglecting, tell him in a kind Christian spirit. But please don't spread discord and dissension by talking to others about him.

05. BE PATIENT

Exercise patience with your pastor. Remember, he is an imperfect man working with a group of imperfect people. In fact, you might be one of his handicaps.

In conclusion, your pastor doesn't need sympathy; he needs support. You can help him by praying for him, acknowledging his leadership, taking your responsibilities seriously, and being honest with him.

ENJOYING THE SERMON

I will hear what God, the Lord, will speak.

You can receive a blessing from even the poorest sermon if it is based on the Word of God. Having had training in speech and logic, I have felt uneasy at times about the way some preachers deliver their messages. Although well-meaning, they seem to lack certain qualifications, and their sermons indicate that little time had been spent in study and preparation. (This is deplorable! The servant of God should always give his best to the preaching of the Word.) Even so, the dullest message can convey some word from the Lord. We should have an expectant attitude and always be listening for the truth God has for us.

Several years ago I read an article by an unknown author that has helped me get something out of any sermon. The writer said, "At least one time in every sermon, God breaks through the words of the preacher and speaks directly to the people. It may be in a single sentence or in just one phrase. We can well afford to listen to the entire discourse with care, lest we miss that one illuminated and searching sentence in which God speaks to us - a sentence that brings conviction, penitence, hope, strength, or renewed faith! So many of us miss that one special word from God because we are comparing the preacher's manner with that of some other preacher we have recently heard. From now on, just listen intently for that one portion God intends to be applied specifically to your heart!"

As you enter your place of worship today, make the earnest cry of the psalmist your prayer: "I will hear what God, the Lord, will speak!" - H.G.B.

Silently now I wait for Thee
Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my ears, illumine me,
Spirit divine! - Scott

THOT: No sermon is dull that cuts the conscience.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (13th - 19th '83)

MON - FRI Bethesda Serangoon Church Camp
MON - SAT Vacation Bible School
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting at Parsonage
SAT 2.30 pm Jason Neo - Serene Lee Wedding
(Rev Lau Chin Kwee officiating)
2.00 pm JYF; 3.30 pm - YF
4.00 pm YAF
SUN 10.00 am Rev Jim Turner
Chairman: Elder Lim Teck Chye
10.00 am Chinese Service
11.55 am Korean Service
2.00 pm BFC
4.00 pm Kebaktian Indonesia
4.30 pm Sharon Service
8.00 pm Korean Service/Tamil Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$4330.80 + \$50 (for
D Wong) + \$200 (AF for Medan)

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS 4242) \$1000;
4243) \$1100; 4244) \$1900; 4245) \$20; 4246)
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4250) \$80; 4251) \$130; 4252) \$1000; 4253)
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4270) \$100; 4271) \$20; 4272) \$200; 4273)
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4280) \$40; 4281) \$735;
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\$192; 4283) \$10; 4284) \$60; 4285) \$0.50;
4286) \$20,000.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP OUTING on 18.06.83,
Saturday 3.30 pm. Meet in Church. The
outing will be at East Coast Park.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

DATE : 13th to 18th June 1983

TIME : 9.00 am to 12.30 pm

VENUE: Life Bible-Presbyterian Church

HIGHLIGHTS OF PROGRAMME

01. Film Show
02. Bible Story Time
03. Sing Song Sessions
04. Picnic

Attendance - Free of charge.

Transport will be provided if necessary

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Dear Friend,

What are you doing this week? If you
are free, then do come and join us
at the VBS 1983. Bring along a friend!

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GOD HATH NOT PROMISED

God hath not promised skies always blue,
Flower-strewn pathways all our lives thro'
God hath not promised sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow, peace without pain.

Chorus:

But God hath promised strength for the day,
Rest for the labour, light for the way,
Grace for the trials help from above,
Unfailing kindness, undying love.

God hath not promised we shall not know
Toil and temptations, trouble and woe;
He hath not told us we shall not bear
Many a burden, many a care.

God hath not promised smooth roads and wide
Swift, easy travel, needing no guide;
Never a mountain, rocky and steep,
Never a river turbid and deep.

- Hymnody 315

"This is the only Church which possesses true
unity. Its members are entirely agreed on all
the weightier matters of religion, for they
are all taught by one Spirit. About God,
and Christ, and the Spirit, and sin, and their
own hearts, and faith, and repentance, and
the necessity of holiness, and the value of
the Bible, and the importance of prayer, and
the resurrection, and judgment to come, -
about all these points they see eye to eye.
Take three or four of them, strangers to one
another, from the remotest corners of the
earth. Examine them separately on these
points. You will find them all of one mind."

This is the only Church which possesses true
sanctity. Its members are all holy. They are not
not merely holy by profession, holy in name,
and holy in the judgment of charity. They are
all holy in act, and deed, and reality, and
life, and truth. They are more or less con-
formed to the image of Jesus Christ. They are
all more or less like their great Head. No
unholy man belongs to this Church.

This is the only Church which is truly
Catholic. It is not the Church of any one
nation or people. Its members are to be found
in every part of the world where the Gospel is
received and believed. It is not confined
within the limits of any one country, nor pent
up within the pale of any particular forms or
outward government. In it there is no differ-
ence between Jew and Greek, black man and
white, Episcopalian and Presbyterian; - but
faith in Christ is all. Its members will be
gathered from north, and south, and east, and
west, in the last day, and will be of every
name, and denomination, and kindred, and
people, and tongue, but all one in Christ
Jesus. (Extracted from KNOTS UNTIED by J.C.
Ryle, pg. 172)



ISRAE LETTER

ISRAEL
June 3, 1983

THE HOLY LAND MISSION

BOX 1 BETHLEHEM

Via Israel

Tel. 02-742627 02-742400

My dear Readers,

On behalf of the Pilgrims may I extend our heartfelt thanks to each one of you who made it to the Airport to bid us Godspeed. Dr Patrick Tan committed us to the Lord in prayer, which gave us further assurance of His good hand upon us (Ezra 8:18). Moreover we are accorded special attention by Royal Jordanian, our principal carrier. We have travelling with us all the way to Amman, even Israel, an escort.

We were delayed 2½ hours at Bangkok. To keep us happy, the escort arranged for lunch at the Airport restaurant. There we were joined by Rev Kalnin our ICCC delegate from North Thailand. Our party now numbers exactly 40. Flying time between Bangkok and Amman is 8½ hours at 31,000 ft and in the 2nd stage at 39,000 ft. May these statistics give you some idea of the time and distance involved.

One interesting side light of this pilgrimage is the co-travelling of 10 Muslims, mostly women, also en route to Jerusalem. After praying at their 3rd holy place, they will retrieve their steps to Amman, thence to Mecca. Our pilgrimage is not to a site but rather to the living Christ who hallowed this Land by His life and works.

Amman, capital of Jordan with one million souls, has caught up with this age of superjets with a new airport, opened only a week ago. Immediately we emerged from the plane there was on hand our tour agent on this far side of Singapore. With his help there was no need of Customs examination. Perhaps the Singapore insignia sown on our jackets had also helped. Majulah Singapura! Our agent reflected the respect Arabs have for little Singapore by telling how our nation has deeply impressed them. He was mightily pleased when I presented him our Singapore ensign. The ride to the city, to Hotel Cameo, took 45 mins.

Travelling to the Promised Land via Amman is not only economical but logical. As I told you in the last letter, the East Bank of the River Jordan was part of the land apportioned to Israel under Moses viz., to the 2½ tribes of Reuben, Gad and ½ Manasseh. Amman is the modern name for Ammon, son born between Lot and his younger daughter. Today this territory is ruled by King Hussein of the Kingdom of Jordan.

From Amman we proceeded by former Moabite country to Allenby Bridge that spans the River Jordan. (Now you must recall that Moab was Lot's son by his elder daughter.) En route we could see Mt. Nebo in the hazy horizon where Moses ascended to view the Land before he died.

Allenby Bridge is named after the Br. general who built it in 1916 when he crossed the Jordan during World War I to liberate Palestine from the Turks. What surprised all of us was that the Bridge is no longer than ours that spans Singapore River at the G.P.O. The Jordan at this point is yellowish brown at a low ebb. No wonder Naaman complained, "Are not Abana and Pharpar rivers of Damascus better than the waters of Israel?" (II Ki. 5:12) The Jordan insofar as Naaman is concerned reflects the offensiveness of the cross. The cross is an ugly one, made of wood and stained with blood. Not made of silver or gold as some hireling like Gehaza and Judas would make. The Jordan becomes today a natural boundary separating Israel from the Kingdom of Jordan.

After clearance by the Israeli Immigration and Customs we were received by Mr. Daryl Creamer, missionary of the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions, head of Baraka Hostel. A Mount of Olives Tourist bus with an Arab guide started us on our way, first, to Jericho situated on the low-lying plain this side of Jordan, with a gushing stream identified as Elisha's fountain bringing life-giving water, Jericho is, luxuriant with vegetation. Date palms abound. Ancient Jericho is discovered just outside modern Jericho where Elisha's fountain flows. It is one of the oldest cities in the world, dated 7,000 B.C.

Jericho is a stone's throw from the Dead Sea, 1291 ft below sea level, lowest point of the earth! From such low-lying land our bus had to make a determined climb all the way to Jerusalem which is 2,800 ft. above sea level. We went through the Judean wilderness where in the distance is the Mt. of Temptation where Jesus fasted 40 days and nights. En route we stopped at the "Inn of the Good Samaritan," at one time a police post. This "Inn" illustrates the place and terrain Jesus mentioned in his parable of the Good Samaritan (Lk. 10:25-37). A Bedouin Arab plied his trade here with a smiling camel (for that is how a camel appears to be most of the time.) One ride, one dollar! Four of our FEBC girls patronised the animal as part of their study tour.

We made a brief stop at Bethany to visit the Tomb of Lazarus, which is over 20 steps below

the open ground. Here we met a first group of pilgrims whose pastor was explaining to his flock from his Bible in French! From Bethany we skirted the old city of Jerusalem, rapidly passing by the Kidron on one side and the Mount of Olives on the other. Then onwards to Bethlehem by Rachel's Tomb and then 10 miles south to Baraka where our headquarters are. Baraka Hostel was built 1950 by Dr Lambie as a T.B. Hospital with 100 beds. It is so named from the valley of Berakah where king Jehoshaphat blessed the Lord after victory over the combined forces of Ammon, Moab and Seir (Edom). Berakah in Hebrew means blessing. Though no more a hospital because the fight against T.B. is won, Baraka continues to bless in her new role as a Christian hospice. It not only takes in pilgrims like us (we're the first big group from the Far East to come) but also serves as a Conference Centre for Arab Christian groups, mostly from the Holy Land itself.

What a blessed difference to settle down for this 14 day tour in a Christian Hostel where we have perfect freedom to sing, worship and pray. Also to participate in dish-washing and wiping tables, in appreciation for the wonderful meals our Christian hostesses are providing. This makes us so much more welcome. This is better than a four-star hotel, indeed, because there is so much warmth, cleanliness, friendliness, peace and tranquility.

As we were overfed the previous day by the food served in the aircraft, I decided not to waste time and expense on a lunch coming down to Baraka. To compromise with some hungry stomachs we had tea served at 3 pm. With such hygienic regulation, dinner the first evening at Baraka was in eager anticipation. Spiritually, we can be overfed, too. How Bro. Robin Tan returning to Singapore from Australia for occasional visits would tell me the joy they experience listening to our RTL weekly tapes. According to a Chinese proverb, "A drop to a thirsty soul is sweeter than dew."

Baraka Hostel is situated on 7½ acres of prime land on the Hebron Road. What was barren and brown 33 years ago when it first started is now a green and fruitful field. The whole compound is afforested with coniferous and pine trees, cypresses, fruit trees of all kinds. In our conducted tour of God's Garden in the Valley of Blessing, we learned many things of fruit trees - apples, pomegranates, grapes, plums, peaches, olives, figs, even strawberry. These brought to mind the seven holy fruits that were mentioned by Moses according to Deut. 8:8. Isn't Israel likened to the Olive, fig and Vine? What passages of Scripture? Who is the True Vine? Who is the wild olive tree?

Today, the 3rd day of our Holy Land Tour, takes us to Bethlehem and the surrounding country. Having rested up from two days of arduous travelling the Pilgrims should no more nod amen without understanding when we preach. Please pray for us as we preach two Sundays here to the Arabs worshipping at Baraka Bible Presbyterian Church, Bethlehem.

Your fellow pilgrim,
T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (20th - 26th June)

O BREATH OF LIFE

SUN - SAT	Bethany B-P Church Camp	O Breath of Life, come sweeping through us,
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg (Eld. Mahadevan)	Revive Thy church with life and pow'r;
SAT 2.00 pm	JYF;	O Breath of Life, come, cleanse, renew us,
3.00 pm	Evangelical Reformed Church	And fit Thy Church to meet this hour.
	Triple Wedding (Rev Lau C K)	
3.30 pm	YF ; 4.00 pm - YAF	O Wind of God, come bend us, break us,
SUN 10.00 am	Rev (Dr) Patrick Tan	Till humbly we confess our need;
10.00 am	Chinese Service	Then in Thy tenderness remake us,
11.55 am	Korean Service	Revive, restore, for this we plead.
2.00 pm	BFC	
4.00 pm	Kebaktian Indonesia	O Breath of Love, come breathe within us,
4.30 pm	Sharon Service	Renewing thought and will and heart;
8.00 pm	Korean Service/Tamil Service	Come, Love of Christ, afresh to win us,

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$3460.00

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS 4287) \$200;
4288) \$50; 4289) \$450; 4290) \$50; 4291)
150; 4292) \$10; 4293) \$10; 4294) \$100;
4295) \$60; 4296) \$5; 4297) \$419; 4298) \$100;
4299) \$40; 4300) \$10; 4301) \$200; 4301)
#50; 4303) \$200; 4304) \$10 (Ch. Service);
4305) \$300; 4306) \$1100; 4307) \$2000;
4308) \$1800; 4309) \$100; 4310) \$1600;
4311-4313) \$579.55+\$96.04+\$53.08 (Interest
earned). TOTAL \$2,112,504.37
STOP PRESS! 4314) \$1008; 4315) \$150.

O Heart of Christ, once broken for us,
'Tis here we find our strength and rest;
Our broken contrite hearts now solace,
And let Thy waiting Church be blest.

Revive us, Lord! Is zeal abating
While harvest fields are vast and white?
Revive us, Lord, the world is waiting,
Equip Thy Church to spread the light.

NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH (NEWS)

7th Progress Claim from Contractor has been received. Our architect has instructed us to remit \$186,936.00. Pray that the Lord's people will bring in their tithes and offerings. Loans on any terms acceptable. Meeting with Architect on Wed. June 15, on New Life Building. Architect assured us that the building is structurally sound.

LIFE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Calling for teachers, administrators and helpers for the Sunday School. Please apply to the General Superintendent, Elder Edmund Tay, ADULTS' FELLOWSHIP EVANGELISM SESSION Meet in church on 25/6/83 at 3.30 pm (Saturday). Rev Patrick Tan will be speaking at Faith B-P Church this Lord's day.

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LATE ARRIVAL!

My Dear Readers,

NO BETTER RETREAT

The skyline of Jerusalem where the Jews are building a new city is totally transformed. Row upon row of four or five storey apartment houses straddle the many hills on the other side of the Old City. Were we accommodated in one of the new city apartments we should return to the din of urban living. Of course there are quieter quarters of Christian hospices such as one located on the Mount of Olives, but these are mostly Catholic or Orthodox. To be quartered at Baraka in the valley of Berachah (II Chron. 20:30), which means blessing, in the stillness of the unspoilt Arab countryside, is most ideal.



Place: Galilee
Date : June 7, '83

Except for a few American Christian hostelites, we have the whole set-up to ourselves. The Dining Hall which seats about 50 people fits our party most comfortably. Then there is a meeting hall where we gather morning and evening for worship and instruction with perfect freedom. This was denied us at the Amman hotel. O the joy of corporate worship, "for He satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness" (Ps. 107:9).

Pilgrims at the Baraka B-P Church, Bethlehem

The Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions owns not only this 7½ acre property but also the Baraka Church and Mission Home on Hebron Road, Bethlehem, within walking distance from Rachel's Tomb. At Rachel's Tomb we found Jewish women mostly praying with devout tears, but why at the tomb? Isn't this superstition and idolatry of another kind, though the Jews are delivered of idol-worship in the crude sense of the word.

At our Bethlehem Church, however, we have come to swell a congregation of our size, made up mostly of Arabs and the dozen American community at this place. At both morning and evening services, the pulpit was chaired by Issa (who studied 8 months at FEBC). I had the honour not only of preaching on both occasion but also administering the Lord's Supper (for it seems they have not an ordained minister). The FEBC Choir sang "Jerusalem" and "Bethlehem" and was supported by a flute duet which deeply touched my heart.

Holocaust Museum

One of the places in Jerusalem you must visit is Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Museum. Here the whole story of the mass killing of 6,000,000 Jews by Hitler in World War II is told by authentic photos from beginning to end. Here you see a hell let loose on God's chosen race, a literal hell where old and young, men and women, are herded like sheep to be gassed. Then the dead bodies are piled up and carted to a crematorium, or else they are buried in mass graves. Here you see them worked to death to boost the German war effort, and when they are to be disposed of like dung, even their clothes are taken away, their wedding rings handed over, their gold teeth extracted.

Jews were confined to life in miserable ghettos, a rounding up before the kill. Here is a poem written by Eva Pickova, age 12, from a ghetto:

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| 1. Today the ghetto knows a different fear,
Close in its grip, Death wields an icy scythe,
And evil sickness spreads a terror in its wake,
The victims of its shadow weep and writhe. | 3. My heart still beats within my breast
While friends depart for other worlds,
Perhaps it's better - who can say? -
Than watching this, to die today. |
| 2. Today a father's heartbeat tells his fright,
And mothers bend their heads into their hands.
Now, children choke and die with typhus here,
A bitter tax is taken from their bands. | 4. No, no, my God, we want to live!
Not watch our members melt away,
We want to have a better world,
We want to work - we must not die! |

The recent Hitler diary hoax has stirred up memories of the older generation. But Yad Vashem is a perennial reminder to not only the Jews but all mankind of what a dictator possessed by Satan can do. A grim reminder of similar pogroms that the Antichrist to come can unleash on subjugated peoples - not the least Christians. In Bible times, the Book of Hebrew tells us: "They were stoned, they were sawn assunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goat skins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented ... they wandered in deserts and in mountains and in dens and caves of the earth." (Heb. 11:37,38). How about the millions of suffering Christians in Russia and China today? Wong Ming-tao, China's greatest saint, got imprisoned for 20 years. So was Watchman Nee, who died just before he was to be released. But, we "have not resisted unto blood, striving against sin" (Heb.12:4). Should we not therefore double up in our witness and service while there is yet day?

Academic and Spiritual

In this marathon study tour, we have been sickened by the many extravagant claims of rivalling Roman and Greek churches as to who has the authentic site of this event or that. Images or icons, they are "Christian" idolatry. Worship of holy relics, even of Peter's breath kept in a jar somewhere is no extravagant invention.

Our study rather is of the land, her peoples, customs, Bible history and Church history. But this would not be complete without spiritual application. Hence the morning and evening hours of worship, instruction and testimonies.

We made our "northern expedition" to Galilee yesterday, passing through Bethel, Shiloh, Dothan, Jacob's well, situated between Mts. Gerizim and Ebal. At Sebaste which is ancient Samaria where wicked Ahab and Jezebel ruled, we saw the ruins of the capital of the Northern Kingdom of 10 tribes. Despite the city being rebuilt by the Romans, it is crumbled to dust, because Samaria was man's choice. But Jerusalem, the city founded by David, flourishes, waiting for the Messiah to come. History confirms prophecy.

O Galilee!

Blue Galilee nestled by brown mountains is 600+ feet below sea level. She remains the same as she was in the time of Christ. We're put up at the Church of Scotland Hospice, a bigger establishment than at Baraka. There's a church attached to the Hospice which holds services on Sunday and Wednesday. Immediately we arrived here yesterday, the young people plunged in to have a dip. What a big swimming pool, measuring 14 x 7 miles at her widest bounds.

At Tiberias, that is the town we're located, high rise hotels are going up. The rich build beautiful homes on the hill slopes overlooking the lake. Galilee was where Jesus exercised most of His ministry, where in the serene surroundings of nature He communed with God. Galilee the beautiful was where eleven of the twelve disciples were called.

For the sake of the Gospel, they were uprooted from the country they loved. Hence this verse is composed for Peter and his friends, who said goodbye to Galilee one day:

Fare thee well, sweet Galilee, Farewell, home sweet home,
There's a field white to harvest, Away and beyond.
He who hears the Master's call, Must go where'er He wills
Farewell home and Galilee, Farewell flowers and hills....

The Five-fold call of Peter

1. When Andrew brought him to the Lamb of God and he found life everlasting. 2. When he gave up his fishing profession to enter the Lord's Service. 3. When at Caesarea Philippi he realised the meaning of the cross. 4. When he consecrated himself again to leave the world to serve Christ after the Rich Young Ruler sorrowfully went away. 5. When the Risen Saviour asked him, "Lovest Thou Me more than these?"

This lesson was taught to the 39 disciples on a high verandah overlooking Galilee last night, with the lights of Golan heights on the distant shore glimmering. We who have found the Lord must be challenged again and again. Are you satisfied with the kind of life you are living? If you are a servant of Christ, can you say you have been faithful to His trust? Are you satisfied with the plane of service you are now on? Has God a greater work for you to do, to His glory? Are you prepared to move on like the disciples called to distant lands for the Gospel's sake? Some of our disciples were moved by these challenges. May God use this study tour not only to expand the mind but also to deepen the heart.

Sojourn on Mt. Carmel

From Galilee we move on to Stella Carmel Hospice tonight. Wed. June 8, we go south to Baraka, to Hebron, Beer Sheba and the Dead Sea. June 13 we retrieve our steps to Amman. June 14 we fly again.

P.S, In God's providence, the hospice we're staying tonight is near the home of Mr & Mrs Ben Asher, our good friends. Mrs Ben Asher while in S'pore had taught us Modern Hebrew. They are most appreciative of our Weekly and the message of comfort to Israel. We shall visit with our friends, most timely. May God use this opportunity to bless them through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Your fellow pilgrim,
T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK(27th June - 3rd July)

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting at Parsonage
SAT 2.00 pm JYF; 3.30 pm - YF; 4.00 pm -YAF.
SUN 10.00 am Rev Patrick Tan
(Lord's Supper)
10.00 am Rev Lin Tah Mon (Lord's Sup.)
11.55 am Korean Service
2.00 pm BFC
4.00 pm Indonesian Service
4.30 pm Sharon Service
8.00 pm Korean Service/Tamil Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$2706 + \$515(WF-K Besar)

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS 4316) \$20;
4317) \$60; 4318) \$200; 4319) \$10; 4320)
\$80; 4321) \$200; 4322) \$160; 4323) \$150
(TBC Camp); 4324) \$650 (Bethesda Camp);
4325) \$103.35 (YF/TBC); 4326) \$1000; 4327)
\$500; 4328) \$500; 4329) \$1600; 4330) \$1000;
4331) \$221.90; 4332) \$106.16 (Interest earned)
4333) \$300; 4334) \$114 (Pepsi)
TOTAL: \$2,120,637.78

STOP PRESS!! New Life B-P Church - short
of \$77,000 to pay the next bill.

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GOD WILL BLESS THOSE WHO LOVE HIM

God has been such a great God to me since the time I became a Christian 12½ years ago. Though I didn't prosper in terms of wealth and career but I had the peace of mind which I will never exchange for anything else in the world.

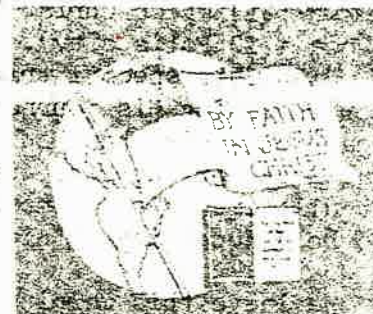
I promised God a big sum of money for Woodlands (note: I have no savings as I have drawn out all my savings for Woodlands earlier), for He answers my prayers. The answers didn't come instantly but through years of prayers, patience and in His best time, He answered.

It has been nearly one year now since I have not been buying anything for myself, trying to repay the sum promised. It was a real burden to me but nevertheless when I think of God's blessings upon my life, I can only say THANK YOU, LORD. So friends, the moment that you stop giving to God, it will also be a time that God will stop blessing you. - Anonymous (Received on June 12 in the offering bag).

AMERICOURIER I

My dear Readers,

Never before in our visits to the Holy Land have we had such a comprehensive coverage, as the saying goes, "From Dan to Beer Sheba". From the very north to the very south. We felt the Lord's presence as we stood on the hill overlooking Galilee, or at the foot of Mt. Hermon (Caesarea Philippi) where Jesus asked Peter who He was. ~~What repels us is the man-made shrine built over ever-multiplying sites. To keep pilgrims from superstitious meanderings or spiritual pride, the Lord has given us these lines (sung to the tune of "I am a stranger here") :-~~



Place: Amman, Jordan
Date: June 14, 1983

A PILGRIM BAND

A pilgrim band we are
From many a distant land.
We've come with yearning heart,
Led by His loving Hand,
To walk where Jesus walked,
And tread the Promised Land-
We're a pilgrim band from afar.
Lord, save Thy sons from each idol-shrine
Man has erected in Thy Name.
Help us seek Thee in truth; in spirit
more sublime,
And help us Thy Word to proclaim.

A pilgrim band we are
Back from the Promised Land.
Our eyes have seen the Christ
Not in the works of man.
We've walked where Jesus walked,
Led by His loving hands -
We're a pilgrim band ever more.
O lead us on to higher ground
To the Promised Land that's above.
A pilgrim band we are back from the
land we've trod,
To the Promised Land that's above.

Second Lord's Day at Baraka B-P Church

~~So~~ We counted it a joy to be able to worship with brethren and sisters of another race in God's House the second Lord's Day of our sojourn, in the Holy Land. Our members were urged to give their tithes to the national Church. ~~Again we were requested to minister to the Arab congregation.~~ This time Rev. Bob Phee preached. The ~~Kwas~~ offered two beautiful numbers, "God's Way" and "Follow Me" on the flute. Our Chinese members sang John Sung's "Jesus My Lord". ~~Our fellowship with the Arab Church was further enhanced by a volley ball match Saturday afternoon the previous day. After that we had a picnic dinner in the Hostel compound beneath pines and cypresses.~~

"O Baraka, sweet Baraka, Thou Pilgrim Home for sons from afar,
O Baraka, sweet Baraka, We love thee our Alma Mater."

With these loving words of parting, we held a marathon service with our American missionary host and hostess, Mr & Mrs Creamer and American hostelites. One of them brought a Jewish couple to testify. His narration of a life that survived the Nazi holocaust, the war of independence 1948, persecution by fanatics of his own race, showed how God is working in most adverse circumstances. His testimony made our visit to Israel complete. For we were in the

ly Land not digging among the dead but rather to learn from lively stones. Mr Chew Fook Wah's testimony of deliverance from idols was a climax to all the stories of salvation experienced by God's children, north, east, south, west. In a sense our Holy Land study tour has been a time of revival not only for our own group, but for all guests staying at Baraka. ~~Who knows, among the younger ones, one might not come to study at FEBC?~~

"Come out from among them....and I will receive you" (II Cor 6:17)

Our testimony of separatism is linked to the ICCC, a much maligned member of Christ's body. But God receives those who separate from unbelief and uncleanness like a Father his children. Baraka is an ICCC-affiliated work the last 35 years, supported by the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions. The same Mission Board that sent the Pauwues to Singapore.

Baraka was a 100-bed hospital built by Dr. Lambie of Middle East fame. Dr Lambie separated to join the Independent Board for the same reason we became a B-P Church. But how God has blessed the work of his hands after 35 years! Baraka is no more a hospital but she is becoming an important centre in Israel for the reception of Christian travellers. Baraka is valuable for her strategic location: to be exact only 10 miles from Bethlehem, and 14 miles from Jerusalem. In Bethlehem itself, not far from Rachel's tomb, is located another property, the size of Life Church, where is built the Baraka Church and missionary quarters. ~~These two properties, if properly developed, will serve a high purpose in days to come. Baraka is suddenly elevated to the international scene. God has rewarded the testimony of separation not only in Singapore but also in the Holy Land.~~

Amman again

We left Baraka the early morning of June 13. We retraced our steps to Jordan via the Jericho Road. Israeli Immigration procedures at the Allenby Bridge to outgoing travellers are the reverse of those for the incoming. In half-an-hour our whole party of 39 was waved off with a smile. On the other side of the Bridge we were also given friendly treatment. This is the way with the Arabs. Once a Jordanian agency has taken us under its wings, it will see

to our every comfort.

We arrived Cameo Hotel where we stayed a fortnight ago. A welcome lunch, and we were on the road again - to Jerash. Here are the ruins of Roman power and splendour, which show the times in which our Lord lived. Jerash is one of ten cities mentioned as Decapolis (Mk. 7:31) which Christ had passed through, perhaps, on His way to Judea, through Jericho (Deca = 10. Polis = city).

With this special trip to Jerash, our Holy Land Study Tour is complete. How we thank God for showering His journeying mercies, that no one is hurt. As to bodily weaknesses, at least one-third has had aches of one kind or another. With an experienced GP as my sister and a senior nursing tutor as Elder Khoo, we have immediate first class treatment available at all times. An accompanying doctor to such a big contingent as ours on a 14-day tour seems to be a necessity. A hint to any second pilgrimage?!

Westward Ho!

We leave this morning 33 strong by Royal Jordanian to New York. The remaining six headed by Elders Khoo and Mahadevan fly home in the evening. Let Elder Khoo, who bears this letter and Elder Mahadevan add their impressions to give you a fuller picture. Pray for us as we assemble at Cape May to lift up the Banner of Truth.

Yours in His Service,
T.T.

A brief resumé on the Holy Land Tour

The tour of the Holy Land, Israel by 38 pilgrims led by Pastor Timothy Tow, was a resounding success. The Lord was with us all the way, true to the words of the hymn, "He Leadeth Me" ... I kept praising Him for the wonderful manner in which each step of the tour was protected and provided for, coupled with the splendid itinerary that was arranged. My special thanks and appreciation go to Pastor Tow and Mrs Ivy Tow for their untiring efforts in making this tour such a memorable one.

Mere words will not justify the portrayal of the rich heritage and splendour of Holy Land, nor can the sacred and spiritual reawakening within oneself be fathomed. It is a profound experience of God-Lord Jehovah's infinite and sublime choice of the Promised Land, and His absolute sovereignty over all mankind. Yet in spite of my and your abject significance, and utter wretchedness; in reality, God's merciful redemption, His magnanimous salvation and His supreme atonement for you and me; is eminently experienced. Notwithstanding "Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed."

It was a tremendous joy sharing Christian fellowship amongst fellow pilgrims. And Pastor's teaching and sharing of God's Word both morning and night at Chapel, together with the pouring out of testimonies, reminded me of revival meetings.

True Christian hospitality was readily demonstrated by the host at BIET-EL BARAKA HOSTEL, by providing us sumptuous meals, comfortable and restful bedrooms, throughout our stay. And that was truly a tribute to Christian fraternity. Our grateful thanks go to the Creamers, Miss Jones, Mr Michael Bentley and Mr Musa.

Finally I am ever so grateful and thankful to our Lord Jesus Christ and my family for providing me this grand tour, which has inspired within me a more meaningful learning of God's Word, and a deeper spiritual sharing of God's Word with fulfilment and rejoicing. Praise be to HIS NAME.

- Elder Eric Mahadevan

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (4th - 10th July)

MON Pastor Tow and pilgrims
return from the tour.
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting at Pastonage
SAT 2.00 pm JYF; 3.30 pm - YF; 4.00 pm - YAF
SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow
10.00 am Chinese Service
11.55 am Korean Service
2.00 pm BFC
4.00 pm Indonesian Service
4.30 pm Sharon Service
8.00 pm Korean Service/Tamil Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$3355.40

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS 4335) \$25; 4336)
\$100; 4337) \$327; 4338) \$35; 4339) \$50; 5340)
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4348) \$250; 4349) \$50; 4350) \$90.70; 4351)
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\$900. TOTAL \$2,129,155.48 STOP PRESS!
4354) \$50; 4355) \$200; 4356) \$250.

SERMON NOTE "The preacher must preach to the church in order that the church may preach to the world" - from The Ministry of the Word, by Cleverly Ford.

OPEN MY EYES, THAT I MAY SEE

Open my eyes, that I may see
Glimses of truth Thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key,
That shall unclasp and set me free.

Chorus:

Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready, my God, Thy will to see.
Open my eyes - illumine me,
Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear
Voices of truth Thou sendest clear;
And while the wave-notes fall on my ear,
Everything false will disappear.

Open my mouth, and let me bear
Gladly the warm truth ev'rywhere,
Open my heart and let me prepare
Love with Thy children thus to share.

- Great Hymns of the faith 163

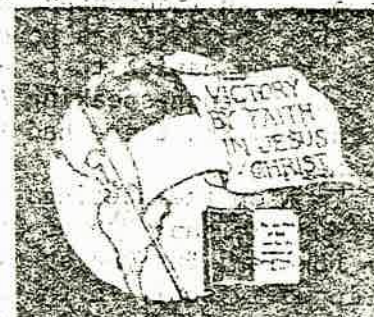
Rev Tan Wai Choon and family have moved up to Woodlands. He can be contacted at 3685363. Address: 10, Marsiling Lane, S'pore 2573.

AMERICOURIER II

My dear Readers,

A ROYAL WELCOME.

What makes a journey pleasant is the welcome you receive at the other end. Although our plane arrived 2½ hours late, there were outside the customs Rev C.T. Hsu and Dan Blizzard, ICCO bus-driver to take care of us. Rom. 8:28, our delay was timed of the Lord for by this we were right on the dot in receiving an Indian couple from Kuwait. What a royal welcome not only to Singaporeans but also to this Indian couple. For Bro. Hsu had showered our contingent with New York City picture books and postcards at the first contact. Then he guided our bus to Lincoln Tunnel. Before putting us on the way south, he stopped by a provision store where he hauled a load of soft drinks, donuts, pancakes to replenish our hungry stomachs. We arrived Cape May 2.30 a.m. Rev & Mrs Quek, Yiew Pong Sen and the Lams (William and Nellyne), were on hand to show us our rooms and help with the luggage. A royal welcome from beginning to end!



Place: Cape May, N.J.
Date: June 24, '83

Labourers together

Other Singaporeans to arrive, after us, were Peter Eng, Bro. & Mrs Lim Jui Kai of Faith Church studying in a Chinese Seminary, L.A., and on June 22, Dr Tow Siang Hwa. Albert Ong, FEBCer 82, now studying at Biblical Seminary visits intermittently. Also my son John. The Paaues are here, Rev Paaue heading the printing room, Daniel serving in the dining room. Miss Park, the Korean girl who studied at FEBC 80-81, drove here from Washington with her husband to invite me specially to preach at one of the hundred Korean Churches in the Washington area, Sun. June 26.

Rev K C Quek who was conferred a D.D. at Faith's Graduation in May is Recording Secretary. Yiew Pong Sen heads the Tape Recording, assisted by William Lam, Nallyne and Tam Chong Yan. The Kuas gave a number on the flute. Stephen Khoo heads our Singapore choir. My sister is house physician to a constant stream of patients with colds, headaches, backaches, stomach-aches, ~~which shows how weak and frail the human body is.~~ As for me, I have an assistant editor for the daily Reporter.

Last, but not least, are the Kuttys who have driven here from 899 Branch Ave., Providence, Rhode Island, USA 02904. As they are working with Indochinese refugees, Kamala, Kutty's wife, is entitled to carry the Vietnamese flag at the Parade of Nations. Jess Lim represents Singapore, Lim Hai Seng Malaysia, and Joanna Yam of Galilee Hong Kong, as she is Cantonese.

Highlights

1. The morning Prayer Session, headed by Dr Henry Campbell of USA, a founding father of the movement. We pray in national groups, each in its own tongue. Prayer is a lesson, Dr Campbell says, he is still learning after 50 years. Did not the disciples ask the Lord to teach them to pray? If Jesus prayed all night on a mountain (Matthew 14:23), how can we afford not to pray? Praying is charging up our spiritual battery. Come to Prayer Meeting!

2. The high quality of messages, right from the start. Some messages are "flat", due to language barrier, but some due to little preparation. Fortunately these can be numbered on the fingers. Dr Bob Jones came specially, so did Pastor Wurmbrand and Russian Pastor Vins, a Baptist minister imprisoned for his faith for 8 years in a Soviet camp. This Russian pastor was imprisoned for conducting Sunday School for children and young people, and was sent to Siberia to work in the forests where the temperature in winter plunges to 60° below F. There at night when he slept rats would snuggle into his blanket to share warmth. How do you like that? The Lord saved him out of Russia when President Carter mentioned him and four others to Breshnev in a sort of exchange deal. Pastor Vins, after his release, was presented to the President of USA. So America with the Liberty Statue at New York Harbour still is a haven of freedom for the enslaved.

3. Statements and Resolutions. A world body issuing resolutions and statements can wield a powerful influence for good or bad. Statements are crystallisations of messages, a standard held high before the world. They keep heresies and irregularities checked. They are a help to weaker churches who need a guide to the Truth. Like the ancient creeds.

4. The Tape recording surely serves a very high purpose. Almost immediately after a message is delivered it is also available on tape. I have written in the Reporter the importance of taking tapes home, and you will have these tapes on hand from our own RTL.

5. The weather this time is most exhilarating. While it steams hot and sweaty in Philadelphia the sea breezes make it like Cameron Highlands. Such cool weather is unusual at this time of year, God sends the breezes. He loves His own.

We want to give thanks to the Lord before you all for all His bountiful mercies. We want to thank you for your prayers as we also remember you before the throne of grace. We have also some offerings for Woodlands to be brought home. (This letter is sent by hand of Dr Tow).

Your affectionate pastor,

T.T.

PS. We are happy to announce the holy matrimony between Jonathan Chan Chuen Rong and Deborah Ho Poh Heng at Long Beach, California, July 17, 1983, 12.30 pm. Pong Sen will be there to witness. T.T.

"Out of every kindred and tongue" (Rev. 5:9)

From a conducted tour of the UN, we learnt there are 157 member-nations. From our ICCC member. Sir Connor, representing St. Kitts, an island in the Carribean, we learnt of its becoming an independent nation in the next three months, thus attaining to the 158th!

That the ICCC has gone to some 80 nations is the work not of man but of the Holy Spirit. The latest nation to be added is South Africa through Bishop Mokoena, representing 4½ million blacks. French-speaking Africans too, from Zaire and Cameroun and other former French colonies. So, there had to be translations made in Japanese, Chinese, Spanish, Portuguese, French, etc.

To keep the meetings lively, each racial group would offer a hymn or anthem in its own tongue. We sang "Jesus my Lord I yearn for thee" in Mandarin and English. The Taiwanese sang in Hokkien. But one special anthem composed in Spanish for the ICCC and sung by Guatemala gripped my soul. In the sweet, sweet strains of The Church in the Wildwood, they sang of the joys of coming to this Congress.

The next day, when it was our turn to report on the Far East, we echoed in the same strains to our Spanish-speaking brethren:

AS WE SAT BEFORE THE LORD TO HEAR HIS WORD,

There came a sweet refrain that we have known.

'Twas the tune of the Church in the Wildwood,

What a sweet refrain of a sweet sweet song.

O what sweet, sweet, sweet refrain that flowed on and on,

From the lips of friends from Guatemala.

Though we heard not a word in another tongue,

We said amen to the Lord in our heart.

We are one in the Lord from every nation,

We have come from the far ends of the earth.

We are rallied around the Christian Beacon,

Thirty years and five more we've marched for Truth.

O what sweet, sweet, sweet refrain that flows on and on,

From the lips of a thousand sons of war.

But we fight not with bomb or with cannon,

Our great strength and our victory's in the Lord.

At Cape May where God's children now have come,

North, east, south, west, from many a distant land.

To renew our first love to God's only Son,

A solemn pledge to serve Him to the end.

O what sweet, sweet, sweet refrain that flows on and on,

The sweet chant of God's army now at arms.

Sword of Spirit and helmet of our salvation,

From victory unto victory till He comes!

church to receive us. A deacon and his wife, both employees of Thai Airways, were a great help to us through Customs. A 20-seater bus, soon whisked us away to their new Church premises where we could stretch our tired bodies. Ministry of Hospitality!

Another hop, and we're back to the land we love. Majulah Singapura! And Todah La El (Thanks to God) for safe return. Many thanks to you who received us back at Changi Airport. TT

The Congress closed in a grand finale of testimonies and hymn singing. The night previous a most unusual event took place - the distribution of 500 giant Bibles with an appended Greek and Hebrew dictionary from an idea conceived by Dr. McIntire.

The ICCC voted to hold the 12th Congress in Seoul, South Korea, June 1986. This move was made in addition to the FECCC holding its 11th Assembly also in Seoul, Sept. 1984.

We said good-bye to Cape May, July 2. Rev C T Hsu and wife were standing ready outside their house when our bus arrived in downtown New York. He gave us a most enlightening tour of the City before our homeward flight. He took us not only to the UN but also up the World Trade Centre of 110-storys.

Rev. Hsu is one of the three musketeers in the founding of the B-P Church. He stands four square today with the ICCC. Hence his wonderful reception and fellows p.

At Bangkok, Rev Kiatisak, our Thai delegate, had arranged for his

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (11th - 17th July)

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg; 9.15 pm - Ses. Mtg.
SAT 2.00 pm JYF; 3.30 pm - YF; 4.00 pm - YAF
SUN 10.00 pm Rev Tow
10.00 pm Chinese Service
11.55 pm Korean Service
2.00 pm BFC
4.00 pm Indonesian Service
4.30 pm Sharon Service
8.00 pm Korean Service/Tamil Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: \$6413.50 + \$200(AF for Medan)

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS 4357) \$180; 4358) \$150; 4359) \$100; 4360) \$100; 4361) \$22.50; 4362) \$100; 4363) \$1000; 4364) \$60; 4365) \$20; 4366) \$20; 4367) \$170; 4368) \$2; 4369) \$90; 4370) \$220; 4371) \$250; 4372) \$60; 4373) \$400; 4374) \$50; 4375) \$200; 4376) \$1700; 4377) \$87; 4378) \$500; 4379) \$100; 4380) \$2000; 4381) \$800 (AF); 4382) \$1000; 4383) \$150; 4384) \$160;

4385) \$430; 4386) \$150; 4387) \$500; 4388) \$400 (Camp); 4389) \$200; 4390) \$243; (Chin. Ser.); 4391) \$24.80 (Children's Choir); 4392) \$600; 4393) \$650 (Camp); 4394) \$1455.90 (Camp); 4395) \$1000; 4396) \$5000; 4397) \$2000; TOTAL \$2,152,000.68 STOP PRESS!! 4398) \$1400; 4399) \$1600; 4400) \$1600; 4401) \$1800; 4402) \$500 (Sailor).

Holy Land - USA Tour A/C: Credit Bal. US\$51.75
Plan to attend 3rd B-P Conference, Port Dickson, Sept. 12-15, 1983. Speaker: Rev Dan Ebert III of USA & P.I.

FEBC reopens Mon July 18, '83, 8.30 a.m. with Day of Prayer at New Life Church, Woodlands.

FEBC OPEN HOUSE EXHIBITION for the 21st Anniversary celebrations at 3.00 pm to 6 p.m. on Saturday, 23rd July 1983 at FEBC premises. Edited by Rev Timothy Tow, 9A Gilstead Road, Singapore 1130. Tel: 2560617/2569256



Pastoral Chat

My dear Readers,

Syncretism in Singapore Again.

Syncretism, derived from the Greek word Synkretismos = uniting against means the attempted reconciliation of inconciliable principles, theological compromise, at first used of Roman Catholicism and Protestantism, but now with every human religion. As the bringing in of human religions into Christendom is the goal of the Ecumenical Movement, it was imperative that the ICCC Congress speak against such an unholy union. I was assigned this topic "Syncretism in Churches and Missions." 1000 copies of this message were released in Singapore while I was away in USA.

No sooner had I warned against the danger of syncretism in USA than I was confronted by it the very Sunday we returned to Life Church. The Sunday Times of July 10, '83 showed Rev J R de Rosario representing Christianity praying with the priests of 5 other religions during a multi-religions blessing of the site for the new Cheshire Home. Previously there would be a Roman Catholic priest and a Protestant minister. With only one representative for Christianity this time the Syncretism now advanced by Ecumenism is complete. The line separating Romanism and Protestantism is totally erased! Let the B-P Church categorically state the Rev Rosario did not represent us, nor the majority of Christians in Singapore who are truly born again. Jesus says, "I am the Door of the sheep. All that ever came before Me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them." We are speaking not only for 4,000 BPs, but for 140,000 of the truly born again in Singapore. We are speaking on behalf of the ICCC in 80 countries.

RTL Tapes

In this connection there is the further outreach of the RTL Tapes made of every message preached at Cape May. Many of these messages are of the finest quality. Those of you who know Dr Tow Siang Hwa will want to hear him on Neo-Evangelicalism. You'll want to hear Dr McIntire who sums up 35 years of the ICCC witness and Dr J C Maris our beloved General-Secretary in Holland. Rev John Stormer on the Communist Peace Offensice and Dr Buraga on Racism are two messages we highly recommend. Rev Dr K C Quek's analysis of the WCC's Liberation Theology was both informative and challenging. Get yours from RTL!

FEBC attains adulthood

Founded Sept 1962, FEBC is 21 years old, 1983. From a tiny beginning of 3 students, she has grown to almost 60 from 14 countries with almost 100 serving in various parts of the world. To God be the glory!

On the happy occasion of her coming of age, the College has therefore declared a Thanksgiving Week from Sat. July 23 to Lord's Day July 31. It will be a week of fellowship, thanksgiving, worship and hearing of God's Word from Australian pastor, Rev D-Shelton of John Knox Theological College. The programme will be as follows:

Saturday July 23	2 pm FEBC 3 pm 5 pm	FEBC OPEN HOUSE - Conducted Tour & Exhi. Inter B-P YF Quiz PRESIDENT'S TEA - Presentation of Bible Quiz Prizes	WEDNESDAY July 27	8 pm FEBC	3. Reformation Today
			FRIDAY July 29	8 pm FEBC	"TOMORROW'S PROPHETS" SPEAK TODAY" plus FEBC Students in action
SUNDAY July 24	6 pm Pandan 7.30	THANKSGIVING SERVICE 'The Word of God' by Rev T Tow, Principal Fellowship Buffet Dinner	SATURDAY July 30	8 pm Hotel Equa- torial	21ST ANNIVERSARY BANQUET "Facing Tomorrow's Issues" Dr Tow Siang Hwa, Presider FEBC.
MONDAY July 25	8 pm FEBC	"OUR REFORMATION HERITAGE"- Rev Shelton 1. Cradle of the Ref.	SUNDAY July 31 FEBC	8.15pm	14th GRADUATION SERVICE "Theological Training in Perilous Times" Rev D Shelton
TUESDAY July 26	8 pm FEBC	2. Enemies Without & Within			

Concrete evidence of Divine approval

From our far-flung mission fields Djunaidi reports from Siantan, Pontianak of the dedication of a new 3-storey building (July 18), Rev Turner who recently held Bible classes at Tanjung Pinang reports the near completion of their 3-storey Church (Dedication Dec. 22). From Bentar Kersik, Agus reports the building of a new Church for Kuta Baru. All on their own!

The mandate we have over Kulai Besar is however transferred to Calvary, so that our WF's offerings can now be channelled to a new outreach. Meanwhile Liew Hon Seng, FEBCer who pioneered Kulai Besar in 1973, writes of opportunities opposite Batu Caves, K.L. Meantime we've visited his house at Taman Sri Melati with happy results.

New Life News Line Merges with Life B-P Weekly

This is for mutual advancement of God's kingdom between the mother and daughter congregations, patterned after Calvary. To New Lifers, may I extend our cordial greetings from

Gilstead Road. Let us also hear from you, especially in this hour of greatest need. When you were Beulanders you sent hundreds, even thousands to the Building Fund, for which we thanked God most heartily. As a gesture of fraternal goodwill, FEBC Day of Prayer, Monday, July 18, will be held at Woodlands!

Your affectionate pastor,
T.T.

"Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you" Matt 6:33. Beginning this Lord's Day, the pastor will deliver a series of messages the Kingdom of God. Today's message is "The Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of man." Next Lord's Day: "Safti (Salvation Armed Forces Training Institute) for the kingdom of God." Pray for your pastor that he might declare His kingdom with power. Are you in man's kingdom or God's Kingdom? "Syncretism in Churches and Missions", delivered in USA, is on tape. A limited number is yours on request from the pastor. Prospect of a B-P Church in Malaysian Capital A favourable report of the pastor's visit with Rev & Mrs Liew Hon Seng will be presented to Session. The location of their corner terrace house, similar to Kulai Besar's, is Taman Sri Melati to the left of the highway to Ipoh, opposite Batu Caves. About 14 miles north of Mr Chew Fook Wah's (of Calvary B-P Church) at Petaling Jaya. Rev Liew will attend the B-P Annual Conference to report to the brethren. Attend 3rd Annual B-P Conference at Golden Sands, Port Dickson, Mon - Thurs. Sept 12 - 15, 1983. Theme: "Missions and Visions for Last Days." Speaker: Rev Dan Ebert III of USA & Philippines. Golden Sands is 197 miles or 5 hrs drive from S'pore at the 9th m. from P.D. "Expect great things from God. Attempt great things for God." Register with the Counter at Church lobby.

Give Christian books for the saving of souls. At ½ the price you pay for imported ones. Just out 1) "The Gospel of Life", an applied commentary on John's Gospel and Epistles in one vol., \$4. 2) John Sung's Revival Sermons, Vol II, \$3.50. Available at CLBC.

Beginning Lord's Day July 31, Catechism Class for Oct. Baptism (33rd Anniversary Oct. 16) will be held at FEBC Hall.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (18th - 24th July)

MON 8.30 am FEBC Reopens (Day of Prayer at Woodlands)
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
SAT 2.00 pm FEBC Open House & Exhibition
SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow
10.00 am Chinese Service
11.55 am Korean Service
2.00 pm BFC
4.00 pm Indonesian Service (Rev Tow)
4.30 pm Sharon Service
5.25 pm Mini-bus to Calvary-Pandan
6.00 pm Rev Tow at Sunset Gospel Hour

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$2397 + \$485 (WF for K. Besar) + \$80.65 & \$100 (RPG)

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS 4414) \$700; 4415) \$2000; 4416) \$2; 4417) \$100; 4418) \$20; 4419) \$100; 4420) \$160; 4421) \$50; 4422) \$50; 4423) \$150; 4424) \$200; 4425) \$140; 4426) \$200; 4427) \$210.96 (US); 4428) \$573.61 (RTL); 4429) \$200; 4430) \$200; 4431) \$20; 4432) \$230; 4433) \$30; 4434) \$1000; 4435) \$320 (RPG); 4436 - 40) \$256.85, \$75.51, \$71.92, \$51.64, \$136.13 (Interest); 4441) \$18 (Boxes); 4442) \$460 (AF). TOTAL \$2,168,167.70 Stop Press!

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FAITH ACADEMY SCHOOL SONG (India)

by Rev Frank W. Andrews
Adapted for FEBC Reopening

The truth will make you free,
Will give you liberty,
The truth that Christ, when He
Was here, spoke faithfully.
So for our school, this is our aim,
To guide us all, truth to proclaim.

When patience holds its sway
In hearts from day to day,
It's then we can convey
True love in every way.
So at our school, we aim to teach
Patience to all we seek to reach.

Justice comes from the throne
Of God, from Him alone,
He's just to every one
And none would He disown.
So in our school, we seek to show
Justice to all, to all we know.

When there is loyalty
In hearts, then we will be
Faithful in all that we
May do, so joyfully.
So through our school, may loyalty
Be seen in all, for all to see.

Oh may we through each day
These qualities display,
That none can help but say
We follow in Christ's way.
So at our school, it's our desire
That one and all to this aspire.

(To the tune of "Rejoice the Lord is king")

NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (18th - 24th July)

WED 8.00 pm Bible Study and Prayer Meeting
SAT 2.00 pm FEBC Open House and Exhibition at Gilstead Road,
SUN 11.00 am Worship Service (Pastor Tan)
1.30 pm Door to Door Evangelism
4.00 pm Mandarin/Hokkien Worship Ser.

Offerings: \$305; Chinese Service: \$21

4443) \$50.
Woodlands Interim Committee Rev Tan Wai Choon (phone: 3685363), Rev Tow (advisory), Rev Patrick Tan, Elder Peter Wang, Elder Khoo Peng Kiat, Deacon Paul Tsao, Francis Leong (Sec.), Prasad Sivaraaj (Treasurer), Peter Chng (Chinese sec.), Peter Eng (on study leave), Dr Sim Chae Seng. Church staff: Eric Kwan (phone: 3685364), Lau Choon Poh. We want to acknowledge our thanks to the Korean Church for fully red-carpeting the pulpit and repairing a number of cracked windows.

Do you know that the Jerusalem Court with light provided for the right wing can easily accommodate 60 people? It now houses both the Indonesian & Tamil services.

Pastoral Chat

My dear Readers,

Greetings from Gilstead Road to New Lifers

Although we have not met you who have recently joined New Life Church at Woodlands, both English and Chinese Services, you have often been in our prayers. We thank God for the good report we've heard, even of some Vietnamese brethren quartered at the Refugee Camp nearby, who desire our fellowship. You are the nucleus of a strategic witness at Malaysia's doorstep. May God increase you to His glory, and for the extension of the Gospel to Johore Bahru for a start!

We rejoice with you also for the way the Lord has led us together to build such a big Church at Woodlands. God has many in Woodlands, I'm sure, to be brought into the fold. A big Church in the concrete takes a lot to build. Do you know that your magnificent property costs over \$3 million (if we include the furniture and fittings)? Insofar as Lifers in town are concerned, we have given, as you can see on the back page, just under \$2.2 million. That means the Lord's House has need of \$800,000 more to clear the bills.

When God's House is in need, we simply call on God's people, without apology, to give! This is the Biblical way, as seen in Moses calling the Israelites to build the Tabernacle (Ex. 35:5), in David his subjects the Temple (I Chron. 29:5), in Haggai the Jewish returnees to rebuild (Hag. 1:8,9). Three times God's House was empty. Three times His people were called upon to fill it.

What an honour and blessing! God purposely reserves the portion of your gift to be turned to Him at this final hour, before He says stop - so that you may not be left out! I say this not to get the better of you by any means. As St. Paul puts it, "Not because I desire a gift; but I desire fruit that may abound to your account" (Phil. 4:17).

Your giving is a matter of worship between you and your God. "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).

A noble example of giving from a young Lifer: "I am giving to Woodlands because I had no part in giving to Gilstead Road Life Church, in which I have found the Lord."

A nobler example has just come from Medan. The village folks of Kuta Baru though poor chip in after their pastor has taken all his old-age savings from the bank and poured it all in. How much you love Him is all that counts.

FEBC Evenings, Sun. 24 - Sat. July 30

In commemoration of her 21st year, the principal will deliver the first message "The Word of God" at Calvary-Pandan tonight! Mon-Wed, July 25 - 27, Rev D Shelton, principal of John Knox Theological College Of Australia will give a series of 3 messages on the Reformation. Every night at 7.30 pm. Thursday 7.30 pm, Rev Jim Turner's class on Christian Education will be on. Friday July 29, at 8 pm will be FEBC Students' Night. The climax is reached Saturday night with a banquet at Equatorial Hotel, Dr Tow Siang Hwa speaking on "Facing Tomorrow's Issues", with the 14th Graduation Service, Sun. July 31, 8.15 pm.

Statistics : New Students 17. Total 58

Graduates : 1982 - 9, 1983 - 12. Total 21

A New Gospel Station at Bukit Gambier

Hot at the heels of our report on the building of three new houses for God - at Siantan, Kalimantan, Tanjung Pinang and Kuta Baru, Sumatra, there has come a 4th item from Rawang. The young people in charge of the outreach to Bukit Gambier, 12 miles inland, praise God for enabling them to launch the building of a new Gospel station, abutting a Christian home with a big front yard. Pray for our Rawang members that this work will be firmly established. - T.T.

New Life Newslines

My dear Readers,

Counting our Blessings

The New Life Church weekly paper the New Life Newslines has appeared for 13 weeks as a separate bulletin until last Sunday when God saw it fit to allow it to merge with the Life B-P Weekly. "This is for mutual advancement of God's kingdom between the mother and daughter congregations", for which I praise the Lord. Hitherto the circulation of our NL Newslines has been less than 100, but now with its merger with the mother Life BP Weekly, its circulation has increased almost 10 fold! Truly, "Our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased" (Ps. 115:3). Our Lord is sovereign and He loves His own Church (cf. Acts 20:28).

The second blessing is that the merger will provide me with an opportunity to speak to all dear Lifers and friends who have been and continue to give to our needs. Like the apostle Paul, I must say, "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you" (Phil. 1:3). Brethren pray for us. We are in the front line battle, so to speak and to know that mother Life Church and friends are solidly behind us is a great source of encouragement. We need every encouragement and support you can give to us, for we are in a spiritual battle, not against flesh and blood but against principalities and powers(Eph. 2:12). Satan and his cohorts are very real, brethren. As Martin Luther puts it: "And tho' this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, we will not fear, for God hath willed His

truth to triumph through us

Our Ministry Here

Opportunities over here are unlimited. Presently, we have only two services (English: 11.00 am, Hokkien/Mandarin: 4.00 pm and Sunday School: 10.00 am). A YAF is in the offing. Last Sunday we had about 80 worshippers, a substantial number of whom are from the Marsiling/Woodlands area itself. Our Man./Hok. service has gotten off to a good start with 20 worshippers. Mr Peter Chng and Mr Lau Choon Poh are ably leading this service. Visitors have come from the Jurong and J.B. area. How about you Lifers? Come visit us. There is no parking problem here. Come first Sunday of August (i.e. 7th), we inaugurate our Sunday lunch. Wednesday night at 8 pm, we have our Bible Study (Minor Prophets) and Prayer Meeting. Sunday afternoons we have an evangelism programme. I already know several Christian teachers in the schools in this area and they are our outreaches to the students. Many residents have already enquired about our kindergarten, which, God willing, we will start next January. We will need a principal and half a dozen teachers and helpers.

The Way Here

There are 3 roads by which you can come to the New Life Church. One is via Bukit Timah Rd, Another is via Upper Thomson Road, then Sembawang Road, then all the way to Canberra Road, then Admiralty Road West which leads to the Church at the Marsiling Lane junction. The third way is via Ang Mo Kio Avenue 6, all the way to Yishun Ave. 2, then left into Sembawang and then right into Canberra, then finally Admiralty Road. Do call me (3685363) if I can be of help. God bless you always. - TWC.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (25th-31st July)

MON 8.00 pm Our Reformation Heritage
(Rev D Shelton)
TUE 8.00 pm Enemies Without and Within
(Rev D Shelton)
WED 8.00 pm Reformation Today
(Rev D Shelton)
FRI 8.00 pm Tomorrow's Prophets Speak
Today - FEBC Students in
Action.
SAT 2.00 pm JYF; 3.30 pm - YF; 4.00 pm -YAF
SUN 10.00 am Rev D Shelton (Chairman: Dr
Patrick Tan)
10.00 am Rev Tow at Chinese Service
11.55 am Korean Church
2.00 pm BFC
4.00 pm Kebaktian Indonesia
4.30 pm Sharon Service
8.00 pm Korean/Tamil Service
8.15 pm 14TH GRADUATION SERVICE
"Theological Training in
Perilous Times" - Rev D
Shelton.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$3308.90 + \$50 (Dju.)

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS

Addendum to last week's list 4403) \$100;

4404) \$100; 4405) \$424(US); 4406) \$212 (US);
4407) \$190.80 (US); 4408) \$63.60 (Holy Land
Tour); 4409) \$200 (Safe return); 4410) \$100
(Indo.); 4411) \$30; 4412) \$20 (Shalom);
4413) \$100 (CFM).
4444) \$900; 4445) \$300; 4446) \$100; 4447)
\$400; 4448) \$20; 4449) \$80; 4450) \$80;
4451) \$20; 4452) \$123 (SS); 4453) \$1800;
4454) \$500; 4455) \$300 (Sharon); 4456) \$56
(Boxes); 4457) \$114 (Pepsi).

TOTAL \$2,173,010.70 Stop Press! (Gold
offering for answered prayer).

Woodlands S.S. needs a second hand piano for
the Junior Dept.

A very warm welcome to Rev D Shelton to our
Bible College. Rev Shelton is the principal
of John Knox Theological College in Sydney,
Australia. He will be giving a series of
lectures on "Our Reformation Heritage" this
week. Come and hear him speak.

Friday 8.00 pm, we will see the students
in action for Students' Night. There will
be testimonies, drama and heart-warming
messages too. Do not miss this opportunity
to hear God's children praise Him!

NEW LIFE CHURCH-APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

WED 8.00 pm Bible Study & Prayer Meeting
SAT 4.00 pm Rev Tan speaks at Life YAF on
Five Points of Calvinism III
SUN 11.00 am Worship Service (Rev Tan)
1.30 pm Evangelism Programme
4.00 pm Man./Hok. Worship Service
(Mr Chng, Mr Lau)

OFFERINGS: \$621.70 (English); \$60 (Man/Hok)

Corrigendum: Offerings last Sunday for
Chinese Service should read \$51, not \$21.

F.E.B.C. ANTHEM

O Father, Thou Almighty art,
Who made the heav'ns and earth and seas,
And deign to dwell in contrite hearts,
And visit with Thy grace and peace:
Today hear us who call on Thee,
And bless us still with Thine increase.
O Father, Thou Almighty art!
For ever bless with Thine increase!

O Jesus Christ, Thou Son of God,
Who came to save the world from sin,
And have redeemed us by Thy Blood,
That we may live and others win:
Today restore our love for Thee,
That we may serve Thee not in vain,
O Jesus Christ, Thou Son of God!
So help us serve Thee not in vain!

O Holy Spirit from on High,
Whom God the Father, Son, did send,
To touch our lips and tongues with fire
That we might speak, and men repent:
Today descend, and breathe anew
A zeal to preach our Saviour's Name.
O Holy Spirit from on High!
Revive our zeal for Jesus Name!

Ye sons and daughters of the East
With in these Halls have learned My Word.
In Christ's domain are not the least,
If you unflinching wield the Sword:
With loyal heart join in the fray,
And fight till dawning of the day!
O Lord grant us Thy truth and grace,
And lead us on till break of Day!

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Pastoral Chat

My dear Readers,

A Time to Commemorate

As it is said there is "a time to every purpose under heaven" (Eccles. 3:1), it is appropriate that Far Eastern Bible College set aside the last one week for a time of special commemoration - on the happy occasion of our attaining 21 years. A time to thank the Lord for what He has done for His Name's sake, and a time to look forward to greater heights of attainment as we await His Return.

We need not say anything more about what has been done in the past since there is a souvenir programme widely distributed. We want to remind you, however, of the Double Graduation Service tonight! It is FEBC's 14th Graduation at which 21 from the 1982 and '83 classes will receive their degrees, diplomas and certificates. Rev Dennis Shelton of John Knox Theological College, Sydney will be the Lord's messenger. Come and meet these graduands and strengthen their hands. Some are already posted to the fields. Others, our foreign students, will soon leave us, e.g. Peter Clements to Australia, Stephen Masila and Richard Kivai to Africa. Kimiko Goto remains with the Japanese Church in Singapore.

Reformation the Way to Revival

Do you know that the 16th Century Reformation is the greatest, widest revival the Christian Church has ever seen? When souls by the hundreds of thousands were set free from the dark and foul system of Rome? When the greatest theological treatises were penned and the Bible liberated through translations by Luther into German and by the Puritans into the English Language? And today men are studying Calvin anew?

With syncretism the order of the day among all religions including Christianity and ecumenism engulfing more and more innocent souls, with charismatics bringing in more confusion, what we need today is a 20th Century Reformation. The Shelton lectures both in the evenings and at the morning lecture hours are a refreshing rain to us. Be sure to get your tapes from RTL.

We want to express our appreciation to the student body for their contributions in art work and display of 21 years of College life, and for Friday night's presentation of sketches and slides. The collection was \$1,205, and for Wednesday night \$1,070.

Rev & Mrs Jim Turner

The way Rev Turner puts across the message on the importance of Child Training (showing slides of some potential prime minister in the FEK photos) hit us between the eyes! Well, you are just in time for the Christian Education Course to open in earnest tomorrow night! Every Monday & Thursday at 7.30 pm for the next 3½ months. Rev & Mrs Turner will teach CE Course, and there are 47 registered. Hurry!

Have you visited Tanjung Pinang New Church?

A new 3-storey Church costing \$80,000 is nearing completion. (In S'pore it will cost much more, the differences being in the cheap Indonesian labour.) It is a credit to our foster-daughter church to have undertaken this project without imposing on the mother. Nevertheless, there is always that extra help needed in the home stretch, the people having to lean their all.

Deacon Tan Soon Kiang, their treasurer has logically come to us this Lord's Day. If you have been to Tg. Pinang and have been blessed, why won't you take this opportunity to put your share into the building of God's House? There is no greater joy than having a part in the building of His House, and for Zion's sake, God will seek your good! - T.T.

New Life Newsline

Clean and Green in New Life

Our very own Singapore is reputed to be a clean and green city. This has come about through concerted and sustained efforts of Singaporeans over the years. Singaporeans do feel a sense of belonging. This land is our land.

Similarly, many BPers do have a deep sense of belonging, of belonging to the Bible-Presbyterian Church. I praise the Lord for such a spirit of solidarity which has been manifested repeatedly by dear brothers and sisters of fellow BPers from other congregations. On Hari Raya Puasa, a brother from Calvary-Pandan with his 3-tier family members visited New Life and we had wonderful fellowship. He brought along a bagful of flower seeds and even in drizzling rain, he planted them in the flower beds before he left. Subsequently, he wrote to seek permission to plant fruit trees and bring potted plants. Without much delay, his heart's desire was granted and by that weekend, the potted plants were all there neatly arranged around the columns. A regular worshipper of Life/Sharon offered some red wax palms and a yellow bamboo. Most recently, the pastor of Calvary offered 10 beautiful potted plants. These are all in addition to the angsanas, pines and bougainvilleas already planted according to the original plan. Our New Life Church compound should be clean and green, thanks to fellow BPers who feel that New Life, given by God, belongs to all BPers. And in the final analysis, it rightly belongs to the Lord. For it is His House.

Lifers, you are especially invited.

We thank God for every Lifer who has already visited, many have joined us in worship. With the addition of 100 new chairs earlier this week, our sitting capacity has more than doubled. Dear Lifers, why not ease the traffic congestion at Gilstead Road, especially during the

first Sunday of each month, by joining us in worship and holy communion at New Life. There are 41 marked parking lots and easily another dozen unmarked ones. There is really no parking problem up here. Besides, on August 7 (first Sunday of the month), we inaugurate our Sunday lunch. Sunday School for children and adults begins at 10.00 am. Do join us, at least once a month. Come worship with us in the Lord's new house. Already the Sharon B-P congregation has booked 10 Marsiling Lane for a camp from Dec. 5 - 9, '83 and the TBC (Tanglin Bible Class), Dec 21 - 27, '83. How about you, YFers, YAFers, AFers? Book early to avoid disappointment.

Building Almost Totally Completed

God's house stands as the most imposing building at the junction of Marsiling Lane and Admiralty Road. The bell is already up the tower. The first batch of 10 beautiful teak pews have arrived. By the end of next month all the pews, the communion table and the pulpit should be ready in time for our first wedding on Sept. 10, '83, and way ahead of time for our dedication in Oct. '83. Apart from some finishing touches and some rectification work here and there, God's House stands ready for the work on His Spiritual house, made up of living stones (1 Pet. 2:5). Building God's spiritual house requires spiritual weapons. For Paul the apostle puts it, "For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries" (1 Cor. 16:9). Brethren, pray for us and visit us. - TWC

Holy Land Mobile Bible Camp - Elder Khoo Peng Kiat

I want to thank God Almighty for making it possible for me to be in the Pilgrim Band through the generous assistance of God's people. What blessings has the Mobile Camp brought to my soul?

First it has helped me to have a keener appreciation of the great sufferings our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ had to undergo: the great distances He had to cover; the steep mountains He had to scale; the very rugged terrain full of thorns and thistles which He had to traverse. Amazing love, how can it be!

Second, it has caused me to walk closer with the Lord through my reflection of one as pilgrim. There is no continuing city here on earth but as Christians we yearn for a heavenly one. What a blessed Hope!

Third, it has enriched my soul through the wonderful fellowship I had with my fellow pilgrims, our humble and gracious hosts, the Creamers, and others in Beit-El Baraka Hostel. The heart-warming and heart-stirring testimonies shared during our morning and evening devotions, the double portion of spiritual manna faithfully and cheerfully supplied by our loving Pastor and the nourishing meals provided by loving hands in the kitchen. What a balanced diet spiritually and physically to one and all! To God be the glory!

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (1st - 7th August)

MON 7.30 pm Christian Education (Rev Turner)
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg; 9.15 pm - Ses. Mtg.
THU 7.30 pm Christian Education (Rev Turner)
SAT 2.00 pm JYF; 3.30 pm - YF; 4.00 pm -YAF
2.30 pm TBC (Rev Tow)
SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow (Lord's Supper)
10.00 am Rev Lin (Lord's Supper)
11.55 am Korean Service; 11.30 am -
2.00 pm BFC Catechism Class.
4.00 pm Kebaktian Indonesia (Rev Tow)
4.30 pm Sharon Service
8.00 pm Korean/Tamil Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$3590 + \$100 (RPG)
NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS 4458) \$200;
4459) \$72 (John Sung Books); 4460) \$150;
4461) \$60; 4462) \$130; 4463) \$10; 4464) \$20;
4465) \$50; 4466) \$250; 4467) \$400; 4468)
\$120; 4469) \$2000; 4470) \$900; 4471) \$1400;
4472) \$350; 4473) \$4000.
TOTAL \$2,183,122.00

RPG Bible Workbooks are out today! Also Far Eastern Beacon with latest pictorial report on ICCG Congress.

Expresgram to Simon Tsai, Singkep. Thanks for your letter. We invite you to the 3rd Annual B-P Conference (for pastors especially) to be held at Port Dickson, Malaysia Sept 12-15, '83. Expenses paid. Also Rev Kalnin welcome!

Hear Rev Tow at the Kebaktian Indonesia this afternoon, 4 p.m.

Expresgram to Elder Lau, Rawang. I shall be in Rawang, Sun. Sept 11, 4 pm for the Lord's Supper Service and stay overnight before

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK FOR NEW LIFE CHURCH

WED 8.00 pm Bible Study & Prayer Meeting
SAT 4.00 pm Rev Tan speaks at Life YAF
SUN 10.00 am Sunday School
11.00 am Worship Service (Rev Tan)
(Lord's Supper)
4.00 pm Man/Hok. Worship Service
(Mr Chng/Mr Lau)

OFFERINGS: English Service : \$505.00
Mandarin Service: \$ 30.30

going to Port Dickson Sept 12.

Reformation Lectures. A full set of these delivered by Rev D Shelton, both evenings and mornings is available from RTL. Also Rev Tow's on The Word of God vs The Word of Man, delivered on the 1st night of FEBC Thanksgiving Week, Calvary Pandan. A panoply of messages delivered by such wellknown speakers as Dr Bob Jones, Dr Maris, Dr Tow Siang Hwa, Rev Ormeo, Dr K C Quek, etc., are yours at a low price.

Books for soul saving! And at a low price! 40 John Sung Revival Sermons, Vol 1 & 2 The Gospel of Life, an applied commentary on John's Gospel and Epistles by T Tow. Bible verse clocks, an ingenious way of gift-presentation. Get them at Christian Life Book Centre, Tel: 2541223

Catechism Class for Oct. Baptism begins today at FEBC Hall!

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National Day Review

How is it we have been celebrating National Day for about two decades with pomp and colour, and our people have never been so well fed despite world recession? Because Almighty God has favoured us with good government within and protected us from enemies without. Peace is prosperity. War is poverty.

As Christian citizens we have one duty above non-Christian citizens - pray! Pray for God's continuing mercies, for health of our leaders that we "may lead a quiet and peaceable life", and that through peace the Gospel might be expedited (I Tim. 1-4).

Our celebration of National Day is best if we can add to the army of missionaries serving the King of kings in many nations. If once a year, we can report on the opening of some new gospel station!

On To Malaysian Capital

In this connection, we are pleased to announce the opening this month of a child-care centre and Sunday School at 70 Jln Melati 11, Taman Sri Melati, Batu Caves, K.L. Tel: 679089 in cooperation with Rev and Mrs Liew Hon Seng, both my students. Bro. Liew studied 4½ years at FEBC and Mrs Liew four years at Chin Lien School. They served with us for about two years after graduation when they were called to Miri, Sarawak for another two years. After that they went to Kuala Kangsar for seven years whereby Bro. Liew got ordained by the Lutheran Church.

Meanwhile they bought a corner terrace house at Taman Sri Melati which resembles the one we have at Kulai Besar. This house they offer for the founding of a B-P Church at the Malaysian capital. With the presentation of this Gospel station to the Lord, we are reviving the earlier endeavours to establish a Gospel highway from Singapore to Penang. Now, with Asean becoming a closer entity, and with several more Thai students training at FEBC, should we not say, rather, "a Gospel Highway from Singapore to Bangkok?"

BP Annual Conference at Port Dickson

The benefits of an Annual BP Conference have grown, year by year. This year, at Port Dickson again, Sept. 12 - 15, we are expecting greater things from God. Rev Dan Ebert of USA and Philippines will be the Lord's messenger: "Visions and Missions". Pastors and Church leaders, like elders and deacons, Bible students, are urged to attend. Therefore we should invite the more earnestly our missionaries to Port Dickson. We're thinking of Simon Tsai at Singkep Island and Rev Djunaidi at Siantan, Pontianak, W Kalimantan, Miss Ng Sang Chiew Kelapa Sawit, Freddy Yong, Kulai Besar, Rev Liew Hon Seng, K.L. All these need mutual encouragement and waiting together in prayer before the Lord. We need to retreat in order to advance!

From Woodlands to Vietnam!

Bro Peter Chng never smiled so charmingly as when he saw me last Sunday evening. For he had good news for us after conducting the Woodlands Chinese Service that afternoon. Bro. Chng said that their attendance shot up 100 per cent! A contingent of over 20 Cantonese-speaking Vietnamese from the Refugee Camp nearby came to the new Church to worship. These w. are sitting in the outer-darkness of a rehabilitation in some foreign country hopefully. Meantime Singapore is their transit centre, while the New Life Church has become their spiritual home. Isn't it wonderful? The money you've poured into the Woodlands project is given not in vain! With the projected addition of a Tamil service to cater to the Indians of Woodlands, our new Church will be occupied from morning to evening, with three services.

Woodlands has many assets

It provides beautifully for her workers in housing. Its hall can seat up to 1,000. It has a bigger social hall than Life Church, which is below the Church proper. It has a 100-children kindergarten. It has a caretaker's quarters. It has many rooms for camping and many showers incorporated for camping purposes. All these are planned for the utmost use of God's House for the propagation of the Gospel. A Church should be built with multi-facilities so as to enable members to use it to the fullest. - T.T.

NEW LIFE NEWSLINE

Eric Kwan and Choon Poh conferred B. Th. Degree

At the 14th Graduation, FEBC, Eric and Choon Poh were conferred the B. Th. degree. Eric's research was on "The Biblical View of Youth" while Choon Poh did his on "Slavery in the context of the Pauline Epistles". Heartiest congratulations! Your four years of intensive concentrated studies have provided sound and solid preparation for years of ministry ahead of you. With continuing self-education, the Lord will surely increase your effectiveness in His service.

Eric Kwan comes to us with a wealth of experience gained while with Galilee and O.M. (Operation Mobilization). Recently he did an excellent job co-ordinating the FEBC sponsored Inter B-P YF Bible Quiz. Choon Poh was a customs officer at Woodlands checkpoint when the Lord led him to prepare for service in the Vineyard. With his gifts of teaching and preaching and his willingness to do menial tasks, Choon Poh will be a great instrument in the hands of the Lord. Proficient in Mandarin and English, Choon Poh is heading the Chinese Service with Mr Peter Chng. Choon Poh moved into his quarters Aug. 4, '83. Brethren, pray for our staff members.

More Pews Arrive

As I write this report another 10 pews have arrived making a total of 20. A sister from another church came to me and asked if we could make use of a dozen or more beds. I replied "Sure, yes". This dear sister saw an ad in a local newspaper of good used hotel beds. The next day the 15 beds arrived. Praise the Lord for such spontaneous and speedy giving. They come in handy for our guest rooms and future camping needs.

Although 100 chairs were purchased @ \$13.00 a piece (special offer), New Life easily needs another 100, while the pews are being prepared. Subsequently they can easily be moved downstairs where they will also be fully used. Who will offer the Lord these additional 100 chairs? Other urgent needs are: 1) A good used piano for the parsonage for our Wednesday night prayer meeting needs; 2) A dozen clocks for the offices (Kindergarten and Church), fellowship hall, Kindergarten hall, kitchen, quarters; 3) Sign boards. Should the Lord move you to give toward any or all of the above needs, please call me (3685363) or Eric (3685364).

We are operating New Life on a "shoe-string" budget in view of the fact that our congregation is small and new though growing steadily each week. We are also mindful of the big contractor bills to be paid. New Life has already taken over the responsibility of paying the salaries of our two staff workers, PUB bills, etc. We have done with a minimum, not even an office clerk. Even the curtain rods were purchased and put up by our own New Lifers. We are very, very grateful for all who have given of their talents, time and treasure. This Friday, another lorry-load of good used furniture was given by a distinguished family (not of our church).

Welcome to Life Church YAFers

This coming Saturday (Aug. 13, 83), the LCYAFers will hold their meeting at New Life premises. We extend a cordial welcome to all of them and at the same time, call upon all New Lifers, especially those in their twenties to come play hosts. After the meeting (from 4.00 pm - 5.00 pm), New Lifers can perhaps invite the LCYAFers to some games. Like the idea? Let's give the YAFers of our Mother Church a rousing welcome. - TWC

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (8th - 14th Aug)

MON 7.30 pm Christian Education (Rev Turner)
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
THU 7.30 pm Christian Education (Rev Turner)
SAT 2.00 pm JYF; 3.30 pm YF; 4.00 pm - YAF
SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow Congratulations to
10.00 am Mrs Yeo Korean Church for
11.30 am Catechism Class their 3rd
11.55 am Korean Service Anniversary!
2.00 pm BFC
3.00 pm Rev Tow at Kelapa Sawit
4.00 pm Kebaktian Indonesia
4.30 pm Sharon Service
8.00 pm Korean/Tamil Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS \$5,536.80 + \$50 (B Wong (D Wong))

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS 4473) \$100;
4474) \$100; 4475) \$100; 4476) \$350; 4477)
\$100; 4478) \$400; 4479) \$200; 4480) \$80;
4481) \$100; 4482) \$160; 4483) \$60; 4484)
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4488) \$1; 4489) \$80; 4490) \$30; 4491) \$50;
4492) \$240; 4493) \$100; 4494) \$20; 4495) \$70;
4496) \$400; 4497) \$500; 4498) \$480; 4499)
\$50; 4500) \$240; (RTL); 4501) \$102 (RTL);
4502) \$160; 4503) \$45; 4504) \$10 (Box).

TOTAL \$2,188,363.85 Be prepared for our 8th Bill coming!

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK FOR NEW LIFE

Mon 8.00 pm Interim Com. Mtg at Church
WED 8.00 pm Bible Study & Prayer Meeting
SAT 4.00 pm LCYAF meeting at New Life premises.
SUN 10.00 am Sunday School
11.00 am Worship Service (Rev Tan)
4.00 pm Mandarin/Hokkien Service (Mr Lau & Mr Chng)

Offerings: English Service: \$401.30 + \$3000 (tithe) + \$46 (PUB). Chinese Service: \$75.25

God-speed to Lily Eng who left last Saturday evening to join husband Peter at Winona Lake, Indiana, USA.

Expresgrams to Rev Djunaidi, Mr Simon Tsai,

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O FAIREST ISLE OF SOUTHERN SEAS

Thy waters are so blue;
Waft by a balmy ocean breeze,
Thy land is decked with dew.
Singapura! Singapura!
Thou favoured Isle of ease.
God bless thee yet with thine increase
And peace from year to year

Our fathers came to this green shore
From many climes and lands;
They found a richer life in store
Beneath just ruling hands.
Singapura! Singapura!
Thou Haven of the free.
God bless thee yet with thine increase
And peace from year to year.

On thee we've built a new city -
Said great port of the world.
Let Right prevail and Equity,
Not by might nor by power.
Singapura! Singapura!
So may thy sons serve thee.
God bless thee yet with thine increase
And peace from year to year.

Today we sail as one nation;
Our flag is flying high.
May our Captain by wise action
Steer us with Compass nigh.
Singapura! Singapura!
Lightship of liberty.
Sail on unto prosperity
And peace a thousand years!

Rev Liew Hon Seng, Mr Wesley Siregar, Rev Kalnin. You are invited to the BP Conference at Port Dickson Sept 12-15. Please bring colour slides of your work for showing! Reply if you're coming!

Praise the Lord, our Tanjung Pinang church is fully subscribed through a number of extra BP gifts. From the Chin-Ser: over \$1000 & \$580 from Kebaktian Indonesia. A one-day return trip by charter express is planned for the Dedicati-

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Our Korean Brethren

Last Sunday, our Korean Brethren celebrated their 3rd Anniversary with a greatly increased congregation of 300. I was invited to give a short message (Jude 3) and to their Sunday lunch of rice and kimchi. On ordinary Sundays the women prepare a meal particularly for the construction workers in order to bring them nearer to the Lord. It is an honour for Life Church to have the Koreans worshipping on our premises. The blessing is mutual.

Multi-National Congregations

Other nationalities and languages in fellowship with us are the Chinese-speaking Lifers, Indonesian Lifers, Tamilians, and now through Woodlands the Vietnamese. Our Bible College students; furthermore, are ministering to the Japanese, Thais and Filipinos.

Geographically we are spread out to northern Singapore this side of the Causeway, to Kulai Besar, Kelapa Sawit, Rawang (Muar) and now to K.L. in Malaysia. For Indonesia, we are involved at Tanjung Pinang, Singkep Island, Medan, Bentar Kersik, Kuta Baru, Jakarta, West Kalimantan. Our missionaries to be remembered in prayer are Freddy Yong and wife, Ng Sang Chiew, Simon Tsai, Mr Wesley, Dohar and Glorya, Rev Djunaidi and Rev & Mrs Liew Hon Seng. At Woodlands Rev & Mrs Tan Wai Choon, Eric Kwan and wife, Lau Choon Poh. Brother Peter Chng, of Life Chinese Service, heads the Chinese Service, New Life Church. We commend all these outreaches and personnel to your prayers. We are the more responsible for them as we continue to enjoy peace and prosperity under our Government. God bless our leaders as they give free course to the Gospel flowing in and out of Singapore.

An appeal to New Lifers, Woodlands

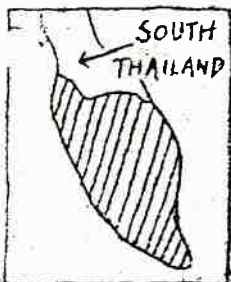
Throughout these four years, your brothers and sisters at Gilstead Road have given cheerfully and sacrificially for the building of God's House at Woodlands. If you read the column overleaf of Weekly receipts, you'll see we have reached just under \$2.2 million. As the Woodlands land costs \$933,000 and the buildings \$1.85 million, not counting scores of unspecified items (the teak pews are from a Lifer privately), the total bill well exceeds \$3 million. So, we are still \$0.8 million in the red.

The decision of the Woodlands Committee to set aside one week's offering in the month for the B.F. has encouraged Lifers in town. The blessing of giving to God's House is mutual. Your giving not only adds to, but multiplies, as you inspire further giving from Gilstead Road. God bless you, New Lifers! (As we go to press, the 1st sum of \$500 has been delivered by the Treasurer.)

"Visions and Missions"

This coming B-P Conference at Port Dickson, Sept 12-15, is exciting great interest in the Kebaktian Indonesia. Members of the Indonesian Committee, practically all FEBC students, are headed for Port Dickson. Also coming are Bro. Sayan and wife of Bangkok, who will bring us information on South Thailand.

While the Lord tarries, there is a stirring of spirits to strike out to regions beyond. Inasmuch as the Lord has professed us in Malaysia and Indonesia, we are constrained to move on to Thailand. South Thailand, which can be easily reached by coach, seems to beckon us.



Pray for Sayan as he makes contact with South Thailand via Port Dickson. We thank God also for a budding interest in certain Session members towards our Asean neighbour.

Our Widening Ministry thru' RPG

Praise the Lord, our RPG Bible Study books are being received by a widening circle of readers. Through ICCO these work books are being read in USA and Canada. If you have not begun regular daily Bible-reading, may we urge you to begin today! "O taste and see that the Lord is good" (PS. 34:8).

We are thankful that the RPG work books on the Gospel of John are now published into a book (190 p). This book, titled the "Gospel of Life", is favourably received by the Christian public. We are grateful to Christian Life Book Centre for publishing it. Also John Sung's Sermons Vol II.

One reason why the Gospel of Life is having a good reception is its adaption for the lay reader with application to our daily life. These work books avoid technicalities and academic questions. They transfuse the rich spiritual food of God's Word into the reader's soul, as well as the medicines, where healing of heart is needed.

Dear Reader, you can help this ministry by introducing the book to your friends. Or give it away to some needy soul as your part in soul-saving. These books, being printed locally, are priced most economically, so as to expedite their dissemination.

Pray for your pastor as he is now engaged in writing notes for ISAIAH, the Gospel Prophet. These will appear in October! - T.T.

New Life Newsline

THE DOOR AJAR AT SI LING SECONDARY

"I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name" (Rev 3:8). These are the words of commendation and opportunity given by the Lord Jesus Christ to the Church at Philadelphia (lit. city of brotherly love). We trust that we have the characteristics of the Church at Philadelphia. We have a little strength - nothing in ourselves to boast about. As the apostle Paul puts it: "What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as though you did not?" (I Cor 4:7). We do love

His Word and we do love the matchless name of Jesus.

Since coming over to New Life, we have prayed for the doors to open to the secondary schools here. There are two in our immediate neighbourhood. There is Si Ling Sec. in Marsiling Lane and Woodlands Sec. in Admiralty Road. Our New Life Church providentially is located at one corner of the junction where the two roads cross each other. On August 3, '83, a New Lifer, who teaches at Si Ling Secondary, arranged for me to meet three missionary-minded school teachers to discuss how the students in Si Ling can be reached with the Gospel. We praise the Lord for opening this door of opportunity. We are confident that the Lord will also open the door to Woodlands Secondary. In Singapore a strategy of missions, yea, church planting and growth is through students. I can think of at least three Christian teachers who were instrumental in leading souls to Christ in their schools. These former students are today leaders of the Evangelical Reformed Church, the Jubilee Church English Service and the Tanglin Bible Class. Should we ignore this strategy, we ignore it to our own loss. Let us prayerfully and zealously capitalize on it instead. Do pray for our ministry among the students here.

CHILDREN'S WORK GROWING AND GEARED FOR FURTHER GROWTH

In the Lord's ministry, one important ingredient is that one must be sensitive to the Holy Spirit's leading. Our children's work began spontaneously and suddenly one Sunday morning when my friend brought in three children. I interrupted my class and invited someone in our midst to give the children a Bible lesson. Praise the Lord, like a scout, this sister was well-prepared and there and then she led the class. The Lord loves our children (cf. Matt 18:1-14) and in His own time He sent one who is well equipped for and experienced in children's work. He sent us Mrs Lim Kim Hee and since her arrival the Nursery/Junior Department (they have Sunday School and Junior Worship) has doubled its attendance within a week. Seeing these children is seeing the future of New Life Church! A group of dedicated New Lifers are helping Mrs Lim.

There is certainly more room for more children and young people in the Sunday School. So, with Francis Leong leading, a VBS is planned for Dec. '83 to bring more children and young people into the Sunday School fold. A dozen New Lifers are preparing themselves, but we can do with more helpers. We issue a Macedonian call to Lifers (school teachers who will have holidays then) and especially those in the GCE "O" to "A" levels (you will be waiting for your results then), to come over and help us. We are claiming the following housing estates for the Lord: 1) Marsiling, 2) Woodlands, and 3) Yishun and 4) perhaps Chong Pang. The Lord will add to the Church such as should be saved.

NEW LIFE KINDERGARTEN GETS READY

Many parents including a Sikh woman have asked about our kindergarten. Our society is one in which premium value is placed on education and especially one run by churches. Praise the Lord, finally after some ground work, our kindergarten committee, under the Chairmanship of our Deacon (Dr) Paul Tsao has announced the go-ahead to advertise the following vacant situations: 1) Principal, 2) Teachers, and Helpers. Applicants may write: NEW LIFE KINDERGARTEN, 10 Marsiling Lane, Singapore 2573. This is another avenue of gospel outreach for which we praise the Lord.

SPEEDY AND SPONTANEOUS RESPONSES

Our Lord moved hearts to rejoice our hearts. Our dear readers have speedily and spontaneously responded to our needs. Calvary has promised at least 100 chairs; one Lifer called to offer the dozen clocks; and another Lifer the two road-side sign-boards. The sister who gave the wax palms, yellow bamboos and some good furniture, last week brought us another good used bed. Lifers have in the past pooled their resources to offer a big item or two. Here is another opportunity for those who love the Lord to pool their resources to offer a baby Grand piano for use in the Lord's worship beginning with our Dedication (Oct 30, '83). We need at least two other pianos, one for our Junior Sunday School & Worship and another for our Wed. night prayer mtg. May the Lord touch some readers to give to this need.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (15th - 21st Aug)

MON 7.30 pm CE (Rev Turner)
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
THU 7.30 pm CE (Rev Turner)
SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow
10.00 am Mr Jonah Chan
11.30 am Catechism Class
11.55 am Korean Service
4.00 pm Kebaktian Indonesia
4.30 pm Sharon Service
6.00 pm Holy Land Message by Rev Tow (Cal-Pandan).
8.00 pm Korean/Tamil Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$5235

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS 4505) \$100;
4506) \$140; 4507) \$400; 4508) \$400; 4509)
\$175; 4510) \$160; 4511) \$327; 4512) \$34;
4513) \$30; 4514) \$100; 4515) \$35; 4516) \$220;
4517) \$100(CFM); 4518) \$250; 4519) \$200;
4520) \$20; 4521) \$1000; 4522) \$1000; 4523)

NEW LIFE APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK(15th - 21st)

WED 8.00 pm Bible Study and Prayer Meeting
SUN 10.00 am Sunday School, Catechism Class
11.00 am Worship Service (Rev Tan)
4.00 pm Mandarin/Hokkien Service
(Mr Lau & Mr Chng)

Offerings: English: \$1062.50; Chinese: \$89.20
Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Jimmi Wok on God's
gift of a baby girl, Sharon born 8 lbs 15 ozs
on Aug. 8, '83.

Prayers coveted for 1) Elder Lim Kim Hee for
good health and strength, 2) for continuing
progress of Lawrence's mother.

\$1000; 4524) \$498 (Boxes); 4525) \$150; 4526)
\$200; 4527) \$600; 4528) \$232.98 (Chin. Ser.);
4529) \$162; 4530) \$1500; 4531) \$1000; 4532)
\$1000. TOTAL \$2,199,427.83 STOP PRESS! 4533)
\$500 (NL). Birth: To Mr & Mrs Francis Chen, a
daughter, Cheryl Pin Hui, Aug 6, 1983!

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Life B-P WEEKLY

The Portion of King David's Blessing
Be Yours, and Always!

What is the portion of King David's blessing? It is mentioned in II Samuel 7:1-17.

David having conquered all his enemies, and having been blessed by the Lord with peace and plenty, wanted to do something for the Lord in return. So has God blessed our members with peace and plenty, but do we feel urged to do something for Him in return?

David felt the greatest joy in his life was to serve God. The need of the Lord at that time was a new House of Worship. For the Tabernacle of Moses was gone! David's desire to build for God a Temple in Jerusalem fitted God's plan beautifully. But because David was a warring king, having shed blood on the battlefield, God did not permit him to build. God gave him the building plans, but Solomon his son was to do the actual construction. Nevertheless, because David's heart towards God was right, God blessed him. Nathan, the prophet said, "Also the Lord telleth that He will make thee an house And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established forever" (II Sam 7: 11,16). David means "beloved" of the Lord. He gave his name even to our Lord Jesus so that He is called the Son of David. When you read of David's life, did you ever desire to have a share of his blessing?

For the last four years we have been deeply engrossed in building a new House of Worship for the Lord at Woodlands. You who have rallied to the Lord's work in this regard are surely blessed. The portion of King David's blessing be yours, and always!

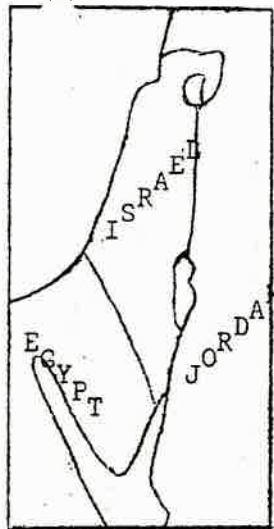
As we pay up the bills and feel the financial load becoming lighter and lighter, the day is even coming when we will say, like Moses to Israel, "Let neither man nor woman make any work for the offering of the sanctuary". So the people were restrained from bringing. For the stuff they had was sufficient for all the work to make it, and too much." (Ex. 36: 6,7).

Praise the Lord, throughout these four years, we've not resorted to human methods like fun fairs and concerts, jumble sales and charities (which are not found in the Bible), but in the Name of the Lord we've called on the faithful to give worshipfully. And has not God blessed us all who have so responded, yea, even spontaneously, like David, taking the initiative to serve Him?

New Lifers, are you not grateful to the Lord that your brethren and sisters at Gilstead Road have given so lovingly to build up Woodlands? While the Building Fund is not closed, here's your chance to have a share of David's portion of blessing.

As I write, some lady phoned me, "Who is your honorary treasurer?" I replied, "Deacon William Teo." He has administered the Woodlands Building Fund most efficiently and meticulously with my assistance (for often funds are brought to the Church during week days). The reason why our New Life Church Building Fund has been swelled each week by a living stream of cheerful gifts, great and small, is the integrity of the officers.

Since receiving the 8th bill for \$147,000, we have paid a first instalment of \$80,000. How long will it take us to clear the rest? Giving now to the Lord is most appreciated by Him above. For, "a pound of help in time is worth a ton."



VITAL STATISTICS OF ISRAEL AT 35 (The Sprouting Fig Tree)

Israel's 35 years of independence (1945 - '83) is rooted in 35 centuries of Jewish life in the land of Israel.

In 1948, about 650,000 Jews and 150,000 Arabs and Druze lived in the country. Today Israel's total population is 4 million of which 0.6 million are Arabs and Druze. The increase of Jews is due to an influx of 1.7 million immigrants from 100 countries. Many were survivors of the Holocaust in Europe or forced to flee from Arab lands.

90% of all Israelis live in 112 urban centres and three major cities - Jerusalem 410,000; Tel-Aviv-Jaffa 336,000; Haifa 230,000. Some 10 per cent live in 125 rural centres, 230 kibbutzim and 360 moshavim. The kibbutz is a democratically run community in which all property is collectively owned and work is organised on a shared basis. Kibbutz members number about 2.8 per cent. Some 3.7 per cent live in moshavim - a cooperative village in which each member family owns and operates its own farm, but marketing and services are organised on a commercial basis.

Education is allocated a major portion of Israel's budget. Today 88 per cent of all 3-year olds and 97 per cent of all 4-year olds attend kindergarten - highest rate in the world. 116,000 students attend 7 universities.

Under social services, every Israeli is guaranteed a minimum income. Those unable to provide for their own needs can obtain social assistance.

As to health services, Israel's 145 hospitals provide 27,500 beds. Israel's doctor to population ratio is 1:415 one of the highest in the world.

Exports of goods was US\$4.8 billion in 1982. More than 90% are industrial products. Israel's agricultural economy has been based on citrus but there is a wide diversification today through revolutionary developments in irrigation.

The tourist industry earned some US\$900 million in 1982 from 1 million visitors. 60 per cent are Europeans and 30 per cent Americans. 100,000 from Arab lands have entered Israel annually via the Jordan bridges.

Israelis read more books than any other people. 3,700 books are published annually, 700

newspapers and magazines. Some 90 museums record more than 10 million visitors each year. Five times in 35 years (1948, '56, '67, '73, '82), Israel has had to fight to exist. The 1979 signing of the Israel-Egypt peace treaty marked a new era in the region. T.T.

NEW LIFE NEWSLINE

An act of God

Last Sunday, attendance at the New Life hit record low. Two of our elders, each with his car load of passengers had to return home after waiting for over an hour at the Woodlands road for it to clear of traffic. Another elder arrived a little before service ended. An act of God through a storm, fell some angkana trees along the way through Woodlands Road. Scores of our members must have been hindered from coming as well. While the fallen trees prevented many from coming to New Life, at least one family was brought to New Life. The Leongs were prevented from going to their church in Jurong. They have expressed the desire to have their membership transferred to us.

Several lessons may be learned from that act of God. First, we need to be reminded often that "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it" (Ps 127:1). In doing God's work, the emphasis should not be our doing God's work, it should rather be God doing His work through us (cf. Acts 13; 14:27; 15:4, notice twice it is stated, "God had done through them"). Second, we must realize that God speaks in and through the storm (Ps 29:3-5) as David tells us. When God manifests His glory, omnipotence and majesty in such an act, we must respond as Job did, in worship and humility (Job 40: 4, 5; 42:1-6). Third, in the final analysis, the bulk of New Lifers must be made up of living stones from around the area. Fourth, Lifers are advised to visit us via Ang Mo Kio or Upper Thomson. These two ways up are never congested.

Our Vietnamese Brethren

"A remnant chosen by grace" (cf Rom 11:5) may well describe our nearly two dozen Vietnamese brethren. Fleeing communist tyranny--at great cost to their lives, they arrived at our shore and are now temporarily settled at Hawkins Road refugee camp. We, who have never been refugees ourselves will have difficulty understanding their plight and misery. Our second deputy P.M. once said that these refugees would have gladly given an arm just to be allowed to stay here. Praise the Lord, there are all who have been accepted by third countries like France, USA or Australia.

After the Chinese Service last Sunday, they stayed behind for a session of hymn-singing which lasted over an hour. The opportunity to sing these Christian songs from memory with Singaporean Christians brought joy to their faces. And when they parted, we presented to them some rambutans, which finished in record time! Our Vietnamese brethren hunger for friendship and fellowship. We have invited them to present us with a medley of Vietnamese choruses and join us for the English worship and lunch on the first Sunday of September. Dear Lifers, you are especially invited.

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SONG TO THE NEW JERUSALEM (Old Kentucky Home)

The summer sun shines o'er new Jerusalem:
Golden days of peace so divine.
Messiah has come to this war-torn earth from
Heav'n,
Besto'ing rest to weary mankind.

Chorus:

Weep no more, O Israel:
O weep no more today.
We will sing this song to the new Jerusalem
To the new Jerusalem for aye.

The autumn showers freshen new Jerusalem
Happy feasts are held o'er the land.
We worship Messiah the Prince of Peaceful Realm
Who makes roses bloom across the sand.

The spring rains drive winter's biting cold
Wheat and barley, olive and grain. away:
Ten thousand flowers in the balmy breezes sway
While young men and maidens praise His name.

The Sun of Righteousness shines o'er earth's
No more war, nor hunger, nor pain! Dark Night:
Christ Jesus reigns till Right triumphs over
All resplendent in Jerusalem. Might,

NEW LIFE APPOINTMENTS (Aug 22 - 28)

WED 8.00 pm Bible Study & Prayer Mtg
SAT 7.00 pm Church Fellowship Inauguration
Pot Luck Dinner
SUN 10.00 am Sunday School, Catechism class
Rev Tan at Mt Carmel B-P
11.00 am Worship Service (Mr Lau)
4.00 pm Mandarin/Hokkien Service
Offerings: Eng: \$170; Chinese: \$113.85
Rev Tan preaches at Bethany B-P at 5 pm today

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (22nd - 28th August)

MON 7.30 pm CE (Rev Turner)
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
THU 7.30 pm CE (Rev Turner)
SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow
10.00 am Miss Alice Doo
11.30 am Catechism Class
11.55 am Korean Service
4.00 pm Kebaktian Indonesia
4.30 pm Sharon Service
8.00 pm Korean/Tamil Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$2350

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS 4534) \$570.95(Sun.
Lunch); 4535) \$900 (BFC); 4536) \$40; 4537) \$150
4538) \$150; 4539) \$60; 4540) \$12; 4541) \$100;
4542) \$200; 4543) \$1000; 4544) \$85; 4545) \$1;
4546) \$100 (Box); 4547) \$195.71 (LCSS); 4548)
\$600 (AF); 4549) \$650; 4550) \$200; 4551) \$120;
4552) \$100 (Box); 4553) \$1,000; 4554) \$300.
TOTAL \$2,206,162.49

Madam Sng Teng Geok, 41, of 158, Mei Ling St.,
#08-92, Singapore 0314 was baptised at G.H.
on Monday, August 15, 1983.

Third Annual B-P Bible Conference held at Port
Dickson from Sept 12 - 15, '83. Rev Dan Ebert
III will be the speaker plus a whole range of
BP speakers. Those interested please register
with Rev Patrick Tan.

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New
RPG.
Notes
out
today!

"Serve the Lord with Gladness"

This exhortation by the pastor of Calvary-Pandan BP Church to his members is taken from Ps 100:2. We are happy to note the extent of the Lord's vineyard covered by the Calvinians from the glad service they are rendering through gifted elders. We want to congratulate them for taking over the mandate of Kulai Besar so that Life Church can channel the offerings gathered by the WF to a new outreach with Rev & Mrs Liew Hon Seng at Batu Caves, Kuala Lumpur. When sister churches work in conjunction, God's work is expedited ten fold. How true the saying, "One (shall) chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight" (Deut. 32:30).

Another frontier of service that has yielded good results is the Sunset Gospel Hour. Apart from gathering some 200 each Lord's evening to hear the Word, the SGH has put together a series of 9 messages into a book titled "Behold He Comes", which has found a ready readership, even beyond our shores. There is now being put together a second series of messages titled "Knowing God".

"Serving the Lord with gladness" has another printed ministry in the RPG Workbooks (3,300 circulation), out of which is the publication of the Gospel of Life, an applied commentary on John and the Three Epistles. All making profit of soul-saving for the Lord (believe me, not in cash!).

How about you, my Reader? Especially you who are well-established with good job and family, with good profits in business? A life lived selfishly is like that of the one-talent man burying the Lord's capital assets and returning with zero value the Day of Judgment. A life lived for the Lord is like that of the two-talent and five-talent man with 100% returns, well commended by the Lord of our lives.

"Serve the Lord with gladness", I'm happy to say, is a blessing the Lord has conferred on our Church, in particular, in the coming in of Dr and Mrs Patrick Tan to stay at the Second Parsonage (from next month). An immediate effect of their coming is the availability of their quarters for Church choir rehearsal after service. With Dr Tan around, I am enabled to visit our far-flung mission fields both in Malaysia and Indonesia. I have to make these periodic trips for the simple reason that I speak their dialects.

Now, we can all serve the Lord with gladness, each one in our station of life and with our own ability. Serving the Lord in accordance with our talents can range from giving up all to fulltime ministry, to picking up litter in the Church compound, to switching off a forgotten fan. Serving the Lord with our talents, in those who have, can be the regular support of our missions abroad which cost several thousands a month. Whatever services given must be "with gladness".

"Another Gospel" by Dr. S H Tow now in Chinese

This blue booklet in English has by now a 10,000 circulation, which first saw light in June 1981 at the FECCC 10th Assembly. It has now been translated into Chinese by the Fisherman of Christ Fellowship and placed on sale at Christian Life Book Centre at 50¢ per copy. If you have friends in the Chinese Church, you can do them a service by presenting them this Chinese translation. The Chinese Church needs to be alerted to the evils of the World Council of Churches and the whole Ecumenical Movement. Look for the white booklet with these words

red: 另一種福音

— J.J.

New Life Newslines

THIRD ANNUAL B-P BIBLE CONFERENCE

Pastors are here to minister: but let it never be forgotten that they also need to be ministered unto - spiritually speaking. Therefore, I am looking forward to attending the Third Annual B-P Bible Conference with my family. "Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while", said our Lord Jesus to His disciples (Mark 6:31). Sep. 12-15, Port Dickson will be a time of spiritual refreshment for us pastors and any who would come.

NEW LIFERS, WE NEED

To Read, Pray, in order to Grow (RPG)

Apart from an occasional spiritual feasting like attending Bible conferences, Christians need daily feeding of their souls. The RPG notes have been painstakingly written to help in that direction. These notes are meant to be read with the Bible passages assigned for the day's reading. They are not substitutes for Bible reading.

For myself, I supplement my devotional reading of the Bible with good Christian literature. Presently I am reading a book entitled Listening to the Giants by Warren W. Wiersbe, a pastor of pastors. Concerning prayer and evangelism, he writes: "The workmen whom Jesus employs in erecting His church are those who labour much of their time upon their knees. A prayerless evangelism is useless for the accomplishment of divine purposes. Called to evangelism, the church is also called to a ministry of intercessory prayer. All spiritual victories are gained in answer to prayer. Moses prayed and Israel prevailed. Daniel was more powerful than the king, because he prayed. Elijah carried with him the keys which locked and unlocked heaven. Paul and Silas prayed and the earth shook and jail doors were opened. At the back of the Reformation of the sixteenth century were the calloused knees of Melancthon. It was not the thunderbolt of Luther's anathema, but the power of persistent prayer, that broke the arm of the papacy. At the back of the great revival under Wesley and Whitefield there was prayer. So with Finney, Edwards, Moody, and Roberts. There never was a genuine revival of Christianity which did not have its roots in prayer. This is apt to be forgotten even in a church which has been aroused to a sense of its evangelistic function. Let it be well understood that to

attempt the work of evangelism without prayer is to insure humiliating defeat, however much time and money have been spent on preparation of a different kind" (p. 193). New Lifers, please come to prayer meeting every Wednesday at 8.00pm.

EPOXY COATING APPLIED TO FELLOWSHIP HALL FLOORING

At last the flooring in the fellowship hall is done. Praise the Lord. The floor looks clean and beautiful with that glossy surface. Last Sunday the Lord encouraged our hearts with record attendance. Visitors came from our own Life Church, Calvary, Mt. Carmel and other non-B-P Churches. Our 100 new chairs were not sufficient and our older chairs came into good use.

Our 300 Trinity Hymnals, ordered through CLBC should arrive shortly. But then, who would like to offer, per copy \$13.50? This is one love-offering which causes Christians to praise the Lord every Lord's Day. "Whoso offers praise glorifies me" (Psalm 50:23a). How about offering a water-cooler for our Sunday Lunch needs? - TWC

A (Love) of help in time is worth a (ton)
Whoever you are, Lifer or New Lifer, the blessing is yours if you come to the Lord's help now!

Though our overall Woodlands project liabilities are reduced to \$0.78 million, and gets lighter each week, we are in urgent need of \$50,000 to clear the 8th Bill. Meanwhile the Contractor has sent a 3rd Variation Claim (i.e. additional work done not in original contract) which amounts to just under \$40,000. These are our last appeals to get through the bottleneck. After that, the regular tithes and weekly offerings should clear the building debt by stages.

Praise the Lord, our members have never been burdened by incessant building fund appeals. You have borne the burden with cheer and devotion. You have also received tokens of the Lord's pleasure upon you in your worship. May New Lifers not be left behind in this portion of blessing from the Lord! Today is your Building Fund Week. You are giving to your Church which is a reasonable service. - T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (29th Aug-4th Sep)

MON	7.30 pm	CE; 8.00 pm - Fek Committee
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting Mtg at
THU	7.30 pm	CE (Rev Turner) Parsonage
SAT	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
	11.55 pm	Korean Service
	2.00 pm	BFC
	4.00 pm	Kebaktian Indonesia
	4.30 pm	Sharon Service
	6.00 pm	Rev Tow at Sunset Gospel Hour (Slides on Indonesia)
	8.00 pm	Korean/Tamil Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$3,333.50

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS 4455) \$160; 4456) \$2; 4457) \$1000; 4458) \$100; 4459) \$100; 4460) \$80; 4461) \$200; 4462) \$500; 4463) \$500; 4464) \$1000; 4465) \$100; 4466) \$20; 4467) \$5000; 4468) \$350; 4469) \$1400; 4470) \$374.63 (Interest). S Press! 4472) \$600 (YF)

TOTAL \$2,217,349.12 Stop Press! 4471) \$450

Treasurer Deacon William Teo will be away on business in Sept. and early October.

Mrs Tan Hui Tin (one of our pianists) will be Acting Treasurer in his absence.

Praise the Lord for New Life Church to open fellowship to 60 Vietnamese refugees who came Sat. afternoon from their nearby camp! These same Vietnamese refugees were entertained a fortnight ago by the Korean Church.

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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^{peac}

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 sins.

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.

APPOINTMENTS FOR NEW LIFE CHURCH (29 Aug - 4 Sep)

WED	8.00 pm	Bible Study and Prayer Meeting
SUN	10.00 am	Sunday School/Catechism Class
	11.00 am	Worship Service (Rev Tan)
		(Lord's Supper)
		Junior Worship Service
	4.00 pm	Mandarin/Hokkien Service

Offerings: English : \$766; Chinese: \$52.20
Junior Worship: \$7.10

Adult Fellowship will be meeting on 3rd Sept, at 4 pm in Life Church

To relieve traffic congestion we have opened the front lawn for parking. Motorists are requested to park as close as possible so as not to waste space. "Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others" (Phil 2:4).

The 3-storey new Church at Tanjung Pinang is nearly completed. Dedication date proposed is Saturday, October 15. A one-day return trip to dedicate God's House in Indonesia. Cost \$62/=. Last Call for Port Dickson BP Conference (An International Conference!) About 70 are coming! Hurry! Register with Dr Patrick Tan.

Have you got your latest copy of the RPG on Isaiah written by our Pastor? Your free-will offering will help to support this labour of love.

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"Visions and Missions for the Last Days"

Commenting on our 3rd Annual BP Bible Conference at Port Dickson, Sept 12-15, '83 the Calvary BP Weekly says: "If the last days are here, ought we not waken to the urgency of the times? Should we not bestir ourselves, redouble our efforts and sound the alarm everywhere?"

We thank God for past blessings on Port Dickson (where we go each year), and we are earnestly praying for the moving of His Spirit on us again.

Continues the editorial, "I am fully persuaded that the days are numbered and there must be a earnest if not drastic reassessment of our whole church ministry: Our motives, our objectives, our methods, our dedication. To go on plodding along in humdrum fashion would be fatal. The last days call for men of vision and obedience to rise up and lead the people of God in the Spirit of the last days!"

We heartily echo to these provoking thoughts for we have been plodding along in humdrum fashion for too long! Let not BPeres rest on their laurels of being called one of the fastest growing Churches in Singapore. Far from that! For though we have launched out to Malaysia, we have for the last 30 years been tethered to a 130-mile radius. During the last 30 years we have established no more than three churches - Kulai Besar, Kelapa Sawit and Rawang, the last by "engrafting".

But the hour of striking out anew has come. It was the month of July when we returned from USA that a call was received from Rev Liew Hon Seng (FEBCer 1970). He offered his corner terrace house at Taman Sri Melati, Batu Caves, K.L. for the establishment of another BP Church. The same month, Calvary proposed to take over the support of Kulai Besar whereby WF funds designated for KB could be released for K.L. Life Church has since complied with Calvary's offer while taking on KB as from the month of September.

Taking advantage of BP leaders' gathering at Port Dickson, Rev Liew has extended an invitation to us all to the inaugural service of the new BP gospel station at Taman Sri Melati, Batu Caves, the closing day of Conference Sept 15. This timing we observe to be of the Lord. It confirms the desire in our hearts to go forward anew in the spirit of the Great Commission. And not K.L. only. We are moving in the direction of Thailand and through contact with Bro. Sayan our FEBC student.

Now that Woodlands New Life Church is completed, is it not time to move on to a new field, yea, even newer fields, till He comes?

Missions is every Church's business. If every BP Church has a missions outreach, our Church will double overnight! "Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness. Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein heavens being on fire shall be dissolved with fervent heat? . . . Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless." Amen.

Why Members like to give to the Church Building Fund

The way you have responded to the New Life Church Building Fund, including New Lifers, is marvellous! From my experience in building churches, members are most cheerful when giving to the Building Fund. Why? It is a sweet savour offering the Lord is pleased with ("build the house and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified" Haggai 1:8). New Lifers, are you not thrilled to see that 10-foot cross rising over your Bell-tower, that highly exalts our Lord Jesus Christ? If you are, the Father Almighty is even more!

Second, it is a giving that yields lasting result. There is concrete evidence of every dollar you give! And it remains as long as the Church Building stands in service of God and men.

Third, it is most productive. The half million dollars that the older generation gave to build the Church, College and Kindergarten at Gilstead Road is easily 25 times its former value. Apart from a daily-functioning College, Kindergarten and Book Centre the weekend and the Lord's day see at least 8 congregations with (Sunday Schools) over 2,000 using the premises. See how productive were the dollars you older generation gave to building up Gilstead Road?

So, while we need \$0.77 million to pay up the Woodlands project, may you consider the Lord's House first over every other need. "Because of the House of the Lord our God, I will seek thy good" (Ps 122:9).

Courtesy in Worship

When I was an interpreter in the Supreme Court, one thing I had learned was the complete silence that reigned during a trial. For there was His Lordship sitting up there, so grave and serene in the administration of justice.

But no such silence at Life Church! Are we less than a Court in session? "But the Lord is in His Holy Temple: let all the earth keep silence before Him" (Hab 2:20).

It is a grave travesty of courtesy in worship to chit chat, though in a twitter, while the service is on. Or to do anything that distracts the attention of fellow worshippers,

To arrive late habitually is another act of disrespect. Not to control one's child running wild during service is yet another.

After the singing of the doxology, members who have some preliminary duties to perform should be promptly seated in to join the rest in worship.

Although the Lord has no visible form, He is present at every worship. Jesus says, "For where two or three are gathered together in my Name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matt

18:20). If it is true they are blessed who believe without seeing, it is equally true they are blessed who keep silence without the Silencer. Amen? - T.T.

NEW LIFE NEWSLINE

More Theophiluses Contribute

When Luke wrote his Gospel and its companion volume, the Acts of the Apostles, he addressed both books to one Theophilus. The name in Greek literally means "lover of God" or "dear to God". It was probably the real name of a real person and not just a symbolical name.

New Life Church has seen God moving one Theophilus after another to contribute lovingly to the various needs. A sister, who is a horticulturist by profession is offering her expertise to improve the landscaping of the church compound. Already she and her friend had put some insecticide on those plants whose leaves have been eaten by beetles. The new leaves are now as pretty as they should be instead of having all the holes as before. This couple have also contributed all the gardening tools.

Another "Theophilus", offered her skills to help in the landscaping and planting too. Together with her husband, they have offered a Yamaha organ. May the Lord bless such loving hearts. Last Saturday evening was a blessed hour of fellowship with our Vietnamese brethren. The response from New Lifers and friends was most encouraging as each brought food for the pot-luck dinner. The hearty singing of our Vietnamese brethren (sisters) touched the hearts of all. Today, they join us in the morning worship and the Lord's Supper.

More blessings from Listening to the Giants, "A Tale of Two Churches"

Last week I mentioned that without prayer our evangelism will be fruitless. But without evangelism, our church will be lifeless. From the same book Listening to Giants, let me share with you a story: "Dr L R Scarborough told at a meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Hot Springs, Arkansas, of an experience which he had when visiting two great churches in the same city. They were alike in wealth, in magnificence, and in the intellectual and social qualifications of their pastors. The one church was visited in the morning and the other in the evening. The weather was ideal in both cases. In the one there was a congregation of fifty and no fellowship abounded. The service was dry and lifeless. The visitor did not feel that he had been to worship. The other church had a congregation of three thousand; glorious fellowship abounded. Intense and spiritual and full of buoyant life were the services. The sermon was stirring and awakening. The choir of three hundred strong sang the songs of Zion, and the visitor felt as the service closed he wanted to go out and win souls. Dr Scarborough asked - Why this crowd? Why this swelling tide of spiritual life? Why this crowd of young people? The pastor modestly answered, "We go after souls here." The more the church does that, the larger the congregation, the better the fellowship, greater the liberality, and mightier the missionary spirit. Surely God's approval today is shown in the spiritual progress of the evangelistic churches." - TWC

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK(5-11)

MON 7.30 pm CE
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg;
9.15 pm Session Mtg.
THU 7.30 pm CE
SAT 3.00 pm Ang Eng Khim -
Chng Suat Neo
Wedding(Rev Tow)
SUN 10.00 am Rev Tan W C
10.00 am Chinese Service

NEW LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

WED 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg
SAT 2.30 pm Rev Tan at Faith
SUN 11.00 am Rev Tow

Offering: Total \$2137.80 to
Building Fund. (see below)

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$4052.60
+ \$100 (W Kali.) + \$1000(Indo.)

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS

4473-78) New Life: \$1000;
\$467.30; \$63.00; \$7.15; \$100;
\$500; 4479-97) \$380; \$100; \$52;
\$240; \$50; \$327; \$267; \$50;
\$250; \$480; \$111; \$500; \$100; \$160; \$150;
\$1600; \$1500; \$304.60; \$190.30. TOTAL:
\$2,227,348.54. Stop Press! 4498) \$2000;
4499) \$100.

Obituary Tai Mei Kiat, 12, of the Chinese
Service, went home to the Lord Aug 31.

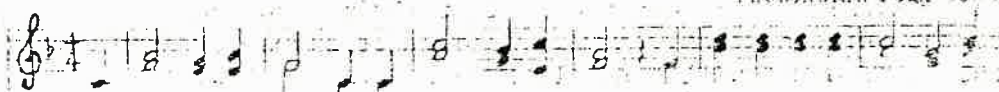
Funeral Sept 1 was officiated by Rev Tow.

Baptised Sept 3 was Mr Teo Siew Jin, 77, of

18, Buckley Road, Revs Tow, Quek and Elder.

Edited by Rev Timothy Tow, 9A Gilstead Road,

THE GREAT COMMISSION



Go in-to the world, into all the wide world, And tell the joyful news to
For you I have sent, into all the wide world, And you shall be my wit-nesses
But first re-ceive po-wer, the Spi-rit of God, And you'll go thru Ju-dea, Sa-
Go ye in-to all, into all na-tions, And make them My dis-ci-ples, and



-ry pe-rishing soul, And tell the joy-ful news to ev'-ry pe-rishing soul,
from Je-rusa-lem, And you shall be my wit-nesses from Je-rusa-lem.
ma-ria, all the earth, And you'll go thru Ju-dea, Sa-ma-ria all the earth
bap-tise them for Me, And teach them all My Word, for I'm with you to the end.



Seow officiating.

Expressgram to Rev C T Hsu Your cheque for Dyak
workers received!

Rev Djunaïdi arrives Sept 10, via Kuching, to
speak at Port Dickson Conference.

If you have a seat to give a lift to a younger
brother to Port Dickson, please inform Rev
Dr Patrick Tan.

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'Silent protest' by Koreans



Rev John Chung Choi presides over the requiem attended by 300 Singapore-based Koreans. The Korean Ambassador Mr

By SURESH NAIR

It was, as one South Korean diplomat aptly summarised, a "silent protest" by the Korean community in Singapore.

A touching requiem at the Life Bible Presbyterian Church at Gilstead Road was the community's way of voicing their "shock and anger" against the "senseless and barbaric" shooting of a Korean airliner by a Soviet jet-fighter over Sakhalin Island on Sept 1. All 269 people on board died.

The Singapore-based Koreans' method of "silent protest" was a stark contrast from anti-Soviet outbursts round

the world in the aftermath of the shooting, which ranged from the burning of Soviet flags and egg-throwing to waving placards and shouting and chanting.

A moving one hour-long ceremony, attended by a congregation of about 300, wearing black ribbons, was testimony of their expression of profound grief over the death of their countrymen.

The South Korean Ambassador, Mr. Kim Kyung Chul, advised the 5,000 Korean residents here to be covered by the arrogant Soviet "crime in the sky". The Sept 1 shooting of KAL Flight 007 should "strengthen further our national

This part reproduction of the Singapore Monitor's photonews, Mon. Sept 5, '83 shows not only our support for international justice, but also providing "a comfortable shelter for Korean nationals, sharing with over 5,000 Korean residents the profound grief over the deaths of 240 passengers and 29 crew members of Korean Airlines . . .", in the words of Ambassador Kim Kyung Chul.

The pastor's attendance at the Korean Service was in fact the culmination of his sermon preached to Lifers an hour ago on "The Kingdom of God versus the Kingdom of Satan". From the theological viewpoint he warned Lifers of the drawing nigh of God's Judgment Day. He bolstered his conclusion by quoting from The Mirror, which reports "A World at War - 1983" issued by the Centre for Defence Information in Washington, D.C. The headlines read: "Nations are fighting nations, citizens are fighting citizens; no less than one fourth of the nations around the world are involved in armed conflicts. They have claimed as many as 5 million lives, and in the on-going Iran-Iraq war alone, casualties run into thousands." This reads like a paragraph from Rev 6.

The pastor has an important message for you. If you missed last week's sermon, get the taped message from our Tape Library today!

Welcome Thai Service

Haadyai

It is reported that Thai nationals in Singapore number at least 50,000. To reach Thais with the gospel, two of our Thai students, Prachan and Sayan, have been heading one or two Thai services in Singapore.

Seeing that facilities at Gilstead Road are superior to those available to them at present, our brethren have applied to Life Church to move their Thai service here. Happily, there's one classroom on the upper floor that the Lord has reserved for them, during the 2.30 pm - 5.00 pm time bloc, Sunday. This Thai Service is now scheduled to move in on the Lord's Day Sept 18.

"Into all the world"

This Thai Service has an attendance of 15. Recently 3 Thai nationals were led to the Lord. These are adding to the numerical strength of the congregation.

Bro. Sayan in the meantime has to return to Bangkok with his wife for delivery in November. Though he will be absent during this period, he will make an exploratory trip to South Thailand on behalf of BP Missions. For some time we have been praying for an outreach into Thailand as the next logical step from Kuala Lumpur.

Do you have any Thai friends? Bring them to the Thai Service, every Lord's Day 2.30 pm commencing Sept 18. Mr Prachan is in charge. Or if you have Indonesian friends, bring them to our Indonesian Service, 4 pm. For Tamil friends, to the Tamil Service, 8 pm.

"The Gospel songs sung in another language sound sweeter."

Acts 1:8 : "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

NEW LIFE NEWSLINE

New Life Church Adopts RPG Bible-Reading Scheme

The apostle Paul in his farewell address to the elders of the church in Ephesus gave them this injunction. "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over that which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood" (Acts 20:28). Elders and pastors are overseers (i.e. bishops) of God's flock. The primary role of an overseer is the feeding of God's flock with the Word of God by every possible means. Taking this injunction seriously, the New Life Church committee unanimously voted to adopt the RPG Bible-reading scheme for the church. Every New Lifer will be encouraged to read the RPG regularly. Preaching from the pulpit as far as possible will follow the RPG. We praise God for introducing the RPG note books through the dynamic, godly pastor of Calvary B-P Church.

Inauguration of Sunday Morning Prayer-Meeting Next Week (Sept 18, '83)

In order to provide an opportunity for New Lifers unable to attend our Wednesday night prayer meeting, we will inaugurate our Sunday morning prayer meeting from 0900 - 0950 hours. The importance of prayer in the life of a church cannot be over-emphasized. The psalmist says: "Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice" (Ps 55:17). Now, here's a short paragraph on the importance of prayer that will surely bless your soul as it did mine:

"The men who have done the most for God in this world have been early on their knees. He who fritters away the early morning, its opportunity and freshness, in other pursuits than seeking God will make poor headway seeking Him the rest of the day. If God is not first in our thoughts and efforts in the morning. He will be in the last place the remainder of the day.

Behind this early rising and early praying is the ardent desire which presses us into this pursuit after God. Morning listlessness is the index to a listless heart. The heart which is behindhand in seeking God in the morning has lost its relish for God. David's heart was ardent after God. He hungered and thirsted after God, and so he sought God early, before daylight. The bed and sleep could not chain his soul in its eagerness after God. Christ longed for communion with God; and so, rising a great while before day, He would go out into the mountain to pray. The disciples, when fully awake and ashamed of their indulgence, would know where to find Him. We might go through the list of men who have mightily impressed the world for God, and we would find them early after God.

A desire for God which cannot break the chains of sleep is a weak thing and will do but little good for God after it has indulged itself fully. The desire for God that keeps so far behind the devil and the world at the beginning of the day will never catch up" (Power through Prayer, p. 28,29).

Mandarin/Hokkien Service will revert to the morning

Effective first Sunday of Oct. (Oct. 2) the Mandarin/Hokkien Service will revert to the morning to worship alongside the English-speaking brethren at 11 o'clock. Many members will like to have their loved ones and friends who speak no English to come to and return from church together.

We rejoice that Bro Kah Teck and wife Pauline are able to help us in our ministry on Weekends. As if to put His imprimatur on this fine couple, the Lord sent half a dozen Christian Indonesian navy-men into our church last Sunday morning to worship. Like a boy-scout, Kah Teck was ever-prepared and an Indonesian service took place. With soul-winning zeal and an ability to speak Chinese and Malay as well, Kah Teck and wife will be blessing to us. -TWC

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (12th - 18th Sep)

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg (Elder Tay)
FRI 8.00 pm Wedding Rehearsal
SAT 10.00 am Herbert Gwee & Susan Ng
Wedding (Rev Tow)
2.30 pm Tiang Thian Chew - Tay Ka Kee
Wedding (Mr Huang Ee Yuan)
2.00 pm JYF; 3.30 pm YF; 4.00 pm YAF
SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow
10.00 am Mr Jonah Chan
11.30 am Catechism Class
11.55 am Korean Service
4.00 pm Kebaktian Indonesia
4.30 pm Sharon Service
5.00 pm Rev Tow at Bethany
8.00 pm Korean/Tamil Service
8.15 pm FEBC Faculty & Board of
Directors Meeting

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS \$4993 + 10,000 Rp +
\$130 (Cheque) + \$50 (for Djunaidi)

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS 4500) \$100;
4501) \$1000; 4502) \$600(Chin Ser); 4503)
\$300 (C-P); 4504) \$500 (C-P); 4505) \$100;
4506 - 23) \$400; \$266; \$50; \$100; \$21; \$200;
\$100; \$175; \$100; \$450; \$50; \$100; \$20; \$150;

NEW LIFE APPOINTMENTS (12th - 18th Sept.)

WED 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg (Elder Khoo)
SUN 10.00 am Sunday Sch & Catechism Class
11.00 am Rev Tan
4.00 pm Mandarin/Hokkien Service

Please pray for 3-4 Pastor's Conference at
Port Dickson (Sept 12 - 15).

Pray for Elder Wang who left last Thursday for
Germany on company business. Remember Mrs
Wang, Debby and Daniel.

Offerings English: \$1936.30; Chinese: \$100.00.
Junior Worship: \$6.90.

\$20; \$35; \$220; \$105; 4524-28) \$100; \$820 (AF);
\$2440; \$1000; \$2000. Total \$2,240,970.54

Organ Fund 1) \$2165; 2) \$1500. TOTAL \$3,665

Hear Rev Djunaidi at the Chinese (10 am) and
Indonesian Service (4 pm) today!

The pastor preaches at Woodlands this morning
en route to the Rawang service (4 pm) and
dedication of Bt. Gambier Gospel Station (15 m
from Muar). On Thur 15, BP leaders will be in
K.L. to inaugurate the new Gospel centre at
Taman Sri Melati. Edited by Rev Timothy Tow,
9A Gilstead Road, Singapore 1130. Tel: 2560617.

AS I SAW IT

(A Report by Jess Lim on the Port Dickson Conference, and extended visits to inaugurate two new BP Gospel Stations)



It had drizzled the morning (Sept 11) Rev Tow preached at New Life. Before we set out after Sunday lunch for Rawang, the sky continued to threaten with dark clouds. Time: 1310 hrs, but Rev Tow thought it was only noon all the while! (New Life Sunday worship commences 11 am)

Zooming 120 miles upcountry in a record time of 3 hours, we were still late by 10 minutes. Nevertheless, the late arrival had become a timely object lesson for his message on the late hour of Christ's Coming! And what better illustration than pulling out the Scripture clock the pastor had brought for the inauguration of Rawang's branch Church at Bukit Gambir.

Following the message was a baptismal service for 2 women and 4 infants, and Holy Communion. We rejoiced to witness a mother's baptism alongside her baby's. We were held in great suspense when one mother was prevented by her mother from going forward to stand by the side of her child. But the power of God prevailed as she stepped forward in response to Rev Tow's urge: "Come, come and get your blessing." I also thank the LORD for offering the latter sacrament to me again for I had missed it the previous week.

At the end of the service, one young man expressed his fear to Rev Tow of a possible WW III. For a Christian who has the assurance of salvation in Christ and the preparedness to meet Him, there shan't be any fear of anything. Can you say you are prepared to meet Him, or do you fear, my brethren in Singapore?

Before registering at the rest house 5 miles away, we dropped in at an elder's house to pray for his ill-health. From there we proceeded to a restaurant for a "makan besar". That's the advantage of travelling with the pastor - you receive also the princely treatment extended to him!

For physical food, Rev Tow had first nourished them with the spiritual. After makan we hurried 12 miles inland to inaugurate the new Bukit Gambir Gospel Station. It is more than a Gospel Station! It is a church! GEREJA BUKIT GAMBIR - with a hall 20' by 60', it is twice that of Kulai Besar. This is the reward of 4 years' faithful labour of the Rawang young people - beginning with a children's club, then Sunday School. This reminds me of the young Beulanders at Woodlands and FEBC's evangelism programme, which has produced an Indonesian Service and a Tamil congregation. Yes, remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth.

At the Inauguration Service, the pastor encouraged the people further to go, teach, baptize, How far has Rawang gone? 12 or 13 miles to Bt Gambir. And how old is she? 61 and that means to say she inched a mile into the interior for every 5 years! Jesus is coming soon. At what pace are we going to labour for Him?

The next day, on our way to the Port Dickson retreat, we remembered to pick up a big basketful of rambutans at the sick elder's house, filling the back of our car, and overflowing into a box of star fruit given by another church member. Now I know why Rev Tow never tires of visiting Rawang! (He made a total of 90 visits in seven years in the course of rebuilding Rawang Church.) Fruits of Missionary Outreach!

"Visions and Missions for the Last Days" was the theme for the 3rd Annual BP Bible Conference. We had an overwhelming attendance of 95. Rev Djunaide of Indonesia led us the morning devotions while Rev Dan Ebert (an American missionary to the Philippines) challenged us to visions and missions every morning. Rev Kalnin (a Burmese by birth) presented a slide show of the work in North Thailand and Burma. BP Missions was revived, and a new committee of 5 was formed to inform all our churches so that we might pray more intelligently for our work.

To confirm the theme of the Conference there was the inauguration of another BP Church in K.L. at the close of the Conference. Six car loads of conferees (including 11 pastors) headed on to Taman Sri Melati, Batu Caves to encourage our Malaysian brethren. We also witnessed the baptism of the 1st convert, a Mr Chew Kam Chuen by Rev Tow. Elder Joshua Lim and Rev Djunaide offered prayers while Rev Quek Kiok Chiang, moderator of BP Synod declared the K.L. B-P Church open and pronounced the benediction. An offering was taken which amounted to over \$200.

Rev Liew Hon Seng will undertake this new work with the help of Mr Chew Fook Wah. Rev Liew, a graduate of FEBC and the first home-missionary to Kulai Besar, decided to return to the BPC after serving some 8 years with the Lutheran Church. Mr Chew has had a year of theological studies at FEBC. He is a wellknown iconoclast. One shall chase a thousand and two shall chase 2 thousand? No, 2 shall chase TEN thousand!! Do pray for them and their co-labourers.

Homeward bound, we saw the loving sovereign hand of God when the vintage "JESUS SAVES" choked to a halt at a road block before the Muar Bridge. Not far from this crisis however lives a motor mechanic of Rawang BP Church, a deacon. How we would have been left high and dry without his instant help! The timing was perfect. And the right man available! How marvellous is our LORD in taking care of His children. For the rest of the trip home, Rev Dr Patrick Tan took the lead. We all reached Life Church at 2 am. Good morning!

AS I SAW IT, SO I TELL IT!

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT REV DAN EBERT IS BACK!

Evening Lectures at Calvary Pandan BP Church
201 Pandan Gardens

TOPIC : GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8.00 pm
September 20, 22, 27, 29

A topic of vital concern to Christians in this day and age of rapid and worldwide decline of historic Christianity. Is the Charismatic Movement of the Holy Spirit? Should Churches unite in ecumenical union? What are God's "grace gifts"? These and other related matters will be dealt with by Rev Dan Ebert.

ALL WELCOME. THESE FOUR LECTURES YOU MUST NOT MISS!

BANNER ANNOUNCEMENT TO YOUTH FELLOWSHIPS

1. Our Bimonthly Bible Knowledge Quiz will be launched with the NOV/DEC BANNER (not the SEP/OCT issue as announced)
2. These Bimonthly Quizzes will carry valuable BOOK PRIZES, and will lead up to the BIBLE LANDS GRAND QUIZ IN JAN/FEB 1985.
3. Full details will be released in the NOV/DEC Banner.
4. Please KEEP YOUR BANNER for future reference.

YOU MAY WIN A TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND!

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (19th - 25th Sep)

MON	7.30 pm	CE (Rev Turner)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
	8.00 pm	Rev Dan Ebert at Cal-Pan
THU	7.30 pm	CE (Rev Turner)
	8.00 pm	Rev Dan Ebert at Cal-Pan
SAT	2.00 pm	JYF; 3.30 pm - YF; 4.00 pm -YAF
	2.30 pm	Edward Yee Swee Sun - Chong Chay Yoon wedding of Fishermen of Christ (Mr Huang)
	6.00 pm	Bapt. Fellowship Church Anniv. (Mr Fan Kwai Sang)
SUN	10.00 am	Rev Tow
	10.00 am	Miss Alice Doo
	11.30 am	Catechism Class
	11.55 am	Korean Church
	2.00 pm	BFC
	4.00 pm	Kebaktian Indonesia
	4.30 pm	Sharon Service
	8.00 pm	Korean/Tamil Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$4,453

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS 4529) \$120;
4530) \$300; 4531) \$500; 4532) \$20; 4533) \$150;
4534) \$110; 4535) \$200; 4536) \$100; 4537)
\$100; 4538) \$200; 4539) \$20; 4540) \$30; 4541)
M\$500 (Rawang). TOTAL \$2,243,270.54. 2544) \$130
STOP PRESS! 4542) \$10 (ISCF); 2543) \$95(Boxes)

We bid Godspeed to Mr Wesley Siregar as he returns to complete the new Church at Kuta Baru. The \$1,000 offering by a brother helps to complete the work!

Hear Rev Djunaidi at today's service and at the Indonesian Service and Sunset Gospel Hour, Calvary-Pandan.

An acknowledgement of thanks to CLBC for a number of theological books given to the FEBC Library.

OUR FATHER, HEAR US WHEN WE PRAY
(To the tune of "He Cares for me")
Our Father, hear us when we pray
With one accord through Thy dear Son
On bended knee before Thy throne
We wait on Thee.

We come to Thee with empty hands,
No merit of our own we bring,
Simply to Jesus' cross we cling,
Our cries attend!

With contrite and with loving hearts,
We seek Thy pardon and Thy grace,
Joy of salvation and of praise
To us impart!

Help us carry our daily cross,
Bear up our burden with good cheer,
Be they so weary and so drear,
Mind not the loss!

We thank Thee for strength of each hour,
For health and wealth for home and friends,
For peace and quiet confidence,
Our shield and tower!

We pray for church at home, abroad,
We pray for gov'nors of our Land.
We pray for missions to earth's end,
Send forth Thy Word!

O Father, bless us when we part.
Thy Spirit pour down from on high.
Till Thy servants again draw nigh,
Breathe in our hearts!

(Songs and Verses from the Holy Land, pg 37)

"O Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness"
The New Life Church Auditorium with the "old" Life Church's pattern reproduced in her pulpit, Lord's Table, elders chairs, and pews, breathes an air of holy beauty. An "old" Lifer said, "Why, its like going to Life Church at Gilstead Road". The all-teak furniture of 100 pews is created particularly to fill the spacious auditorium. These are not only serenely handsome but also comfortable to sit upon. The Crown organ lying in the balcony has now moved up to Woodlands. So we are all set for its dedication in October! Have you observed that the words "O Send Out Thy Light and Thy Truth" at Gilstead Road Sanctuary has also acquired a golden sheen to its deep-blue letters?

NEW LIFE APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

WED 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
SAT 4.00 pm Church Fellowship
SUN 10.00 am Sunday School
11.00 am Worship Service (Rev Tan)
4.00 pm Mandarin/Hokkien Service
Offerings: English: \$647.65; Chinese: \$89.20
Junior Worship: \$27.45

We welcome Rev & Mrs Patrick Tan to the 2nd Parsonage. Their new phone is 2511915. Expresgram to Rev C T Hsu All your remittances to Djunaidi for Dyak work have been handed to him personally, Edited by Rev Timothy Tow, 9A Gilstead Road, Singapore 1130. Tel: 2569256/2560617.



The Story of the Malaysia Pioneer Mission by Rev Timothy Tow

One March evening about two years ago, sixteen members of the Life Church (English Section) met at the home of one of its elders. They were there with one heart, for one purpose. They had come together to pray and discuss about an important phase of the work of the Church - the formation of a missionary society to extend its gospel witness to the unevangelised peoples of Malaysia.

After hearing heart-warming testimonies from the conveners and discussing a draft constitution, being fully assured of the Lord's blessing in this undertaking, the meeting voted unanimously to constitute itself Board of the Malaysia Pioneer Mission. An Executive Committee comprising of a pastor, a school teacher, a doctor, a merchant and three Government officers was elected to run the Lord's business. Thus, the Malaysia Pioneer Mission was born.

The choice of the word "Malaysia" for the name of this mission is obvious. For this work is begun by Malaysians to reach the unsaved in Malaya, and lands beyond known as Malaysia. "Pioneer" is taken in order to remind ourselves of the importance of reaching out to unevangelised regions. This fact was emphasised by the apostle when he said, "Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel not where Christ was named" (Romans 15:20).

The Malaysia Pioneer Mission is not a Missions Committee of the Life Church. It is constituted an independent unit by itself in order to admit other Christians of like mind into its membership; and indeed, several have joined us since its inception.

A thanksgiving offering was taken the same night to indicate our indebtedness to the Lord. It totalled \$241, which sum, upon being announced by the Treasurer, drew a spontaneous "Praise God" from each glad heart. As a little faith mission, we decided not to go before the Lord, but to proceed so far as His strength would sustain us.

At the time of the MPM's founding, the Federation Government was feverishly engaged in a mammoth scheme to resettle Malaya's rural population. Half a million labourers, rubber tappers, farmers and miners were under orders to abandon their homes and move to 450 new villages. These new communities were protected with barbed-wire fencing from the atrocities of the "bandits". The sudden influx of men, women and children from isolated country and jungle lands made populated new villages mushroom almost overnight. Aluminium-roofed plank houses, row upon row, were built, giving a new look of secure congestion to the new settlements. Whilst it spelt hardship on those who left their belongings to eke out a new kind of existence, on the other hand, this situation afforded the soul-winner a golden opportunity to spread the word to the greatest possible number at the least possible cost of time and expense. What used to be hours to contact a dozen families scattered far and wide in a rural region was now a matter of minutes.

When news of this ideal situation was brought to the Board, it was decided that Pastor Tow and Mr Hsu, a deacon, be sent on a mission to the new villages. A full-scale equipment for our brethren was obtained, which included: Mr Hsu's two seater Fiat Marvellette (on loan), a loud-speaking set complete with gramophone, gospel records (donated by Mrs Inglis, Australian Gospel Singer, and Gospel Recordings, USA), 2500 New Testament Portions granted by the Bible Society, and thousands of salvation tracts and some Bibles. These were cunningly packed into the "hold" of the two seater. The car carried a red-white insignia, "Jesus Saves" in both Chinese and English, which made us quite famous wherever we went.

Three major trips were taken to the new villages in the Federation. The first and second journeys covered a total of 60 villages in 2700 miles. Almost every village we visited was virgin soil for the gospel seed. Crowds gathered in curiosity around two Big Town gentlemen. Some asked to buy Tiger Balm, taking us to be Chinese medicine hawkers, others remarked we were vanguard to a theatrical troupe, "coming to town". But they were none the worse off when we gave them instead the water of eternal life from the fountain of Jesus Christ. Everywhere we went the Lord opened a wide door of opportunity. Particularly glad were we for the generous cooperation extended by principals and teachers of the village community schools. We were not hindered from preaching to two to three hundred school children at a time. These were made to line up in the school hall, or in the open, by their superiors. After the message was given, each one gladly received a tract or a New Testament Portion. The third major trip was made by Mr Hsu to East Pahang up to Kuantan on the coast, with the cooperation of Madam Ang, a graduate of Chin Lien Bible Seminary and several others. The procedure was much the same as before.

Having covered the heart of Inland Malaya, Brother Hsu and I decided we should turn our attention to the unbeaten tracks of Eastern Johore. Over half a dozen trips of four to five hundred miles each were made to many heavily barbed-wired villages. Denizens of a world hitherto unknown to us were surprised at the preaching of a new doctrine of the crucified risen Saviour. Many said they had never heard of the name of Jesus before. The trips made along the East Coast of Johore were used also of the Lord to prepare for the coming of Miss Adeline Char, independent missionary from the Kaimuki Community Church of Honolulu. Through contacts thus made the Lord led Miss Char to build a church at Jemaluang, in the Mersing District.

Our thanks are due to the Father Almighty for keeping us safe from all harm despite the terrors of shooting and murder along our jungle paths.

An interesting sidelight to our work in the new villages is the printing of 100,000 tracts, addressed specially to their people. These tracts are made up of four types. Each is a pamphlet of four pages. The front cover carries a picture, the inside pages two short salvation messages, and the back cover a gospel hymn with its tune in tonic solfa, which Chinese scholars are delighted to use. These tracts are written by a friend of the Mission, Miss Tay Swee Lan of Yong Peng. We praise the Lord that some 50,000 of these have been given to missionaries who need them, not only in Malaya, but also in other Southeast Asian countries To be continued

(Extracted from The Malaysia Christian, Vol II No. 4, Oct '53 - Jan, 1954)

NEW LIFE NEWSLINE

Last Tuesday night I began my pastoral visitation programme. One Mr Yoo, a Korean business-man with his able Vietnamese wife have been in Singapore for the past five years. One Sunday morning they visited New Life and on our "Welcome Card", they indicated interest in a pastoral visit. The couple has been a great blessing to the Vietnamese refugees. They have a plant producing industrial gas in the Woodlands area.

The Yoo's may appropriately be called another present-day Aquila and Priscilla. Aquila and Priscilla held the church meetings in their house and so do the Yoo's. Their house has been the Vietnamese saints' home away from home. Aquila and Priscilla had their tent making business in Corinth, Rome and Ephesus. The Yoo's have their business in several Asean cities. Aquila and Priscilla helped the church and the Lord's servants. The night I visited the Yoo's, Mrs Yoo informed me that they have "vans", "pick-ups", "lorries" and if I needed any vehicle for transportation, just give her a tinkle. I thank the Lord for such spontaneous offer of help. More importantly, Aquila and Priscilla loved souls and so do the Yoo's. The night of my visit, she introduced me to a sick Vietnamese lady recuperating in her home. Mrs Yoo has been looking after her. Praise the Lord, that night we had the privilege of seeing her come to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

SANCTUARY FINALLY READY

Since April this year we have been worshipping in the New Life Church building, but in a room behind the sanctuary. The congregation of 40 soon outgrew the room and we moved to worship in the sanctuary using chairs. The pews, pulpit, elders chairs, communion table, were all in the process of completion and so was the floor. Praise the Lord for the wedding of our committee member Dr Sim Chee Seng and Miss Tan Beng Suat on Sept 10. Their wedding was instrumental in expediting the completion of the sanctuary floor and furniture. That Sept 10 was the historic occasion when the furniture was used and Sept 11 was also historic in that it was our first worship service up in the sanctuary using the beautiful all-teak furniture. And guess what? Our advisory pastor Rev (Dr) Timothy Tow was the first to preach from the new pulpit!

May the beautiful, new furniture remind us to "put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness" (Eph. 4:24). - TWC

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK(26th Sep - 2nd Oct)

MON 7.30 pm CE (Rev Turner)
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg at 2nd Pansonage
8.00 pm Rev Dan Ebert at Cal-Pan
THU 7.30 pm CE (Rev Turner)
8.00 pm Rev Dan Ebert at Cal-Pan
(Last lecture on Charismatics)
SAT 2.00 pm JYF; 3.30 pm -YF; 4.00 pm-YAF
5.00 pm Cho Kam Seng - Dolly Loh Kim Lian (Nazareth Wedding at Galilee, Rev Tow)
SUN 7.00 am Rev Tow at Chin Lien
10.00 am Rev Tow at Presbyterian Church, Changi.
10.00 am Rev David Yan (Rev Patrick Tan-Lord's Supper) (11.30 am -
10.00 am Rev Lin Tah Mon Catechism
11.55 am Korean Service Class)
3.30 pm Thai Service
4.00 pm Kebaktian Indonesia
4.30 pm Sharon Service
8.00 pm Korean Service/Tamil Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$2,981

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS 4545) \$100;
4546) \$1,000; 4547) \$100; 4548) \$200; 4549)
\$200; 4550) \$50; 4551) \$900; 4552) \$500;
4553) \$1,400; 4554) \$531; 4555) \$120; 4556)
\$20; 4557) \$300; 4558) \$700.

TOTAL \$2,249,626.54

Received \$214.15 from offering collected for RPG notes.

The pastor is speaking this afternoon 3.30 pm at the Thai Service (The Antioch Church) and Edited by Rev Timothy Tow, 9A Gilstead Road, Singapore 1130. Tel: 2560617/2569256.

NEW LIFE APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

WED 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg
SAT 7.30 pm Rev Tan at Faith BP YF
SUN 9.00 am Prayer Mtg
10.00 am Sunday School
11.00 am English & Chinese Service
Combined (Holy Communion)
Offering: E-\$753.00; C - \$51.20; JW - \$19.65;
Building Fund - \$50; Total \$873.85

"A WHALE OF A TALE"

(the story of Jonah as told by Dr S H Tow)

DATE	TIME	MESSAGE
Oct 9	6.00 pm	A Mighty Tempest
Oct 16	6.00 pm	Submarine Prayer Mtg
Oct 23	6.00 pm	Does God Change His Mind?
Oct 30	6.00 pm	God of All Compassion

Hear all these messages at Calvary-Pandan
Sunset Gospel Hour.

4.30 pm at Sharon. "God takes special care of His children."

RTL Tapes of Rev Dan Ebert's sermons on Charismata preached at Calvary-Pandan are available! Also lectures on Hosea delivered at FEBC and this morning's sermon at Life Church. Instant tapes from RTL!

At the Chinese Presbytery, held day before yesterday at Faith Church, it was noted with Thanksgiving to God that 3 more Chinese services are added :1) Kulai Besar; 2) New Life; 3) Kuala Lumpur. Total of Chinese congregations:11.

The Story of the Malaysia Pioneer Mission
by Rev Timothy Tow

(Continuation of the Extract from the Malaysia Christian, Vol II No 4, Oct '53 - Jan, 1954)

The second phase of our Mission work begins from January 1954 in the launching of a permanent work. The circumstances leading to it are as follows: One new village the first to hear the gospel in our "itinerary" is that of Kelapa Sawit, 43 miles north of Singapore, at the 26th mile, Kulai, Johore. "Kelapa Sawit" incidentally means palm tree, and we seem to see a time of blessing as we think of the Israelites encamping by another place of palms. For one-and-a-half years Kelapa Sawit has been occupied by the Chinese Evangelisation Mission. It has two missionaries, graduates of Chin Lien Bible Seminary. Owing to heavy commitments in other parts of Southeast Asia, it was willing to transfer this work to a Bible-believing mission. The Malaysia Pioneer Mission was offered this opportunity, and the matter was laid before the Lord. A few days after receipt of this offer. I was asked by the Chinese Evangelisation Mission to go to one of its stations on the West Coast to baptise three families, who had burned their idols to serve the living Christ. The power of the Blood to change lives anew became a greater challenge to me than ever before, and I began to feel the Spirit's promptings to take over Kelapa Sawit. Upon returning to Singapore, I put the proposal before a special meeting of the Board.

Praise the Lord, my suggestion to take over the mission station and begin a permanent work for the MPM was heartily approved. Pledges totalling \$117 per month were signed by the twelve present. (We need \$230 per month to maintain two missionaries and a rented house). To save on the house rent, it was further decided that steps should be taken towards the building of a wooden church on Government-granted land.

Since that decision was made I have seen the Resettlement Officer at Kulai for one acre of free land, centrally situated in the village. Verbal approval was given, for which we thank God, and it is a matter of time before permission to build would be given.

Kelapa Sawit is a farming centre. Here are settled 450 families, totalling 2500 souls, in the shadow of the blue Pulau Mountains. Here are a purely Hakka-speaking Chinese Community, without hope, without Christ. Here live seven Christian families, each with about half a dozen children, without a shepherd. Are not the winds favourable to our sowing? By faith we will continue to maintain two missionaries on the spot. By faith we will build a church and gospel centre and hold gospel meetings and services on the Lord's Day. We will run a Church school also, using Christian literature and the Bible for the spreading of the Message.

"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him (Ps. 126:6). On this principle we must advance to regions which need the Word of Life, and as the Lord will provide for our needs, we will sow wider and farther.

Ed. note: It is interesting to look back what took place 29 years ago in our endeavours for the Lord. We have also learned patience and the law of sowing and reaping. Oftentimes we are in haste. We had hoped to build a church in a matter of a few years. But it did not turn out as we wished.

The work at Kelapa Sawit was one of constant plodding uphill. We did not begin to build God's House until 1977. We had to pay for the land, not one acre as hoped, but half-acre, at a cost of over \$6,000. The building cost \$120,000. Part of this sum was made good by selling the old "shophouse" on a side street of Kelapa Sawit Village. It sold for \$20,000. A good percentage of Kelapa Sawit Building Fund came from Lifers. The building, designed by Miss Tay Siew Mui of Muar Trinity Church is a handsome edifice forming a quadrangle with the Kindergarten and Parsonage. This new house of God was dedicated by the Life Church pastor in July, 1978.

Under the leadership of Elder and Mrs John Ling (a Chin Lien graduate) and with the loving service of Miss Ng Sang Chiew (FEBCer) the Church at "the 26th mile Kulai Road" has become a full-fledged congregation. It has outreaches to neighbouring villages such as Bukit Batu, Air Manis and Air Bemban. There is a desire to acquire some property at Bukit Batu to start a daughter Church. This is much in the new spirit of B-P Missions.

Tanjung Pinang Ahoy!

48 miles southeast of Finger Pier by motor launch lies Tanjung Pinang, chief port of Riau, and Singapore's trading satellite in this emerald archipelago of Indonesia.

A retired minister, Rev Tan Peng Koen, came here in 1967 and founded a Presbyterian Church.

In August 1973, Rev Tan invited Elder Joshua Lim and me to Tanjung Pinang. Since then our Church has been closely linked with Tanjung Pinang. We have become their foster mother and big sister.

Since August last year we have joined with Tanjung Pinang to revive a Gospel Station on Singkep Island, 12 hours by boat from Tg Pinang. Simon Tsai, an FEBC student, was sent. He and his wife have remained faithful at their post to this day,

Oct 15, 16 1983 are red letter days for Tg Pinang. For many are converging there from Singapore (with a good delegation from Singkep) to witness the dedication of their new three-storey Church. With cheap native labour this new church is built for less than \$90,000.

Now, our Church had promised years ago to give Tg Pinang a second hand piano. On such an auspicious occasion as this, does it not behove us to present them no less than a brand new one! Through a music teacher, it costs only \$2,400!

Lifers who wish to visit Tanjung Pinang are requested to bring their passports to Church, the latest by Oct 9, with two photos for visa application, plus \$62. Our quota is strictly limited to the first 20. First come, first served! We set out Saturday Oct 15, 11 a.m. from Finger Pier. We return Finger Pier Sunday Oct 16, 6 pm. The journey, one way, takes 3½ hours. May God use this missionary trip to open our eyes. May our horizon be widened to Singkep, to West Kalimantan, North Sumatra, Thailand, and to lands beyond Asean, to the uttermost parts of the earth. Amen.

Correspondence from Down Under

Peter Clements, FEBCer now back in Australia (62 Bong Bong St., Kiama 2533) writes: "Today is the Lord's Day, and I have attended the local Pres. Church twice. I was rather shocked to find announcement in the weekly the Women's Inter Church Fellowship on Wednesday afternoon at the RC Church. This all fits in, as the local Pres. minister is on warmest terms with the RC priest. On one occasion I heard him run down several key Christians in the town saying they were fanatics. This man is a liberal at heart, but it is not always apparent at first sight Last week I had a couple of days in Sydney and visited my friend who led me to Christ in 1969. He urged me to talk with continuing Pres. Church (Ian Murray & Co,) with a view to becoming recognized by Pres. Church here in Australia. Evidently he has already asked some questions (he has just completed his study) and there is a possibility that B.Th from FEBC could go over quite well. Although I am dubious about how the Pres. Church would work out long term, I thought it may be worth investigating.... Please pray for me. There are pressures on all sides, but the only legitimate pressure is that of the Word of God, and the Spirit of God, which happen to be synonymous.

NEW LIFE NEWSLINE

More and more a sense of belonging is felt among New Lifers. When a call was issued on Sunday to come for "an operation clean up" on Saturday, the response was most heartening. New Lifers turned up, the young and the not so young, to move up the pews to the sanctuary and gave them a good cleaning. It was a beehive of activity. There was productive team-work. A contractor brother on Monday brought five of his foreign workers to move up the remainder 20 odd pews to the sanctuary. Wednesday night, a sister (a regular visitor) to New Life, called and informed me that a brand new Chinese piano designated for our Junior Sunday School would arrive on Friday. This is one of the many offerings in kind she has brought to the Lord. May the Lord continue to bless such cheerful givings of time, talents and treasures.

NEW LIFE BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

These words in bold, black letters can now be seen as one approaches our church from Admiralty Road via Woodlands. These words are painted on the front side of the building and paid for by a loving heart.

Good Response to our Sunday Lunch

Our Sunday package lunch seems to have received a very good response. A hawker at the Woodlands Industrial Estate has been very generous with us. He charges only \$1.30 for a \$1.50 package so that the extra 20 cents can be used to pay for the drinks (Chinese tea and orange drink). Moreover this hawker has been very enthusiastic for he promptly and personally brings the packages to church. Sunday lunch provides food for the stomach and fellowship for the saints.- TWC

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK(3rd - 9th Oct.)

MON 7.30 pm CE (Rev Turner)
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg; 9.15 pm - Ses Mtg
THU 7.30 pm CE (Rev Turner)
SAT 2.00 pm JYF; 3.30 pm - YF; 4.00 pm-YAF
7.30 pm CFM
SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow
10.00 am Chinese Service (Mr Tsao See)
11.30 am Catechism Class
11.55 am Korean Service
2.00 pm BFC
3.30 pm Thai Service
4.00 pm Indonesian Service
4.30 pm Sharon Service
8.00 pm Korean/Tamil Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$3226.30 + \$100(RPG)

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS 4559) \$500;
4560) \$100 (Sharon SS); 4561) \$64; 4562) \$139
(Pepsi); 4563-69) \$598, \$314.45, \$15, \$1000,
\$500, \$250, \$100 (New Life); 4570) \$861 (Off.
bags); 4571) \$250; 4572) \$50; 4573) \$50; 4574)
\$40; 4575) \$1200; 4576) \$1300.
TOTAL \$2,256,957.99 STOP PRESS! 4577) \$100;
4578) \$100.

Pastor Tow, instead of preaching at Changi this morning diverts to Woodlands Chinese Service (9 a.m.). He will speak at the Indonesian Service 4 pm.

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

NEW LIFE APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

MON 8.00 pm Interim Committee Mtg
WED 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
SUN 10.00 am Sunday School
11.00 am Worship Service (Rev Tan)
Offering (Refer to offerings for Woodlands nos.
4563 - 4569)

We warmly welcome to our pulpit Rev David Yan of Shalom Church and missionary from N. Zealand. "One stone kills seven birds"! Can you guess what? Go round our sprawling gardens. One is green, another grey, the rest are red! There were 33 at the Thai Service last week! Bring your Thai friends, 3.30 pm!

Congratulations to Bethlehem-Jurong on the happy occasion of their 23rd Anniversary Oct.9 4 pm. Pastor Tow will be the speaker. (Inauguration of Life Church Tamil Service). RPG, RPG, RPG! This month's notes are on Jonah (Whale of a Tale) by Dr Tow Siang Hwa. Get your copy today at the counter.

For Christian gifts, why not get them at your convenience at Christian Life Book Centre. See our new varieties! 40 John Sung Sermons, Vol I & II for \$5.50 only!

"A stitch in time saves nine" While constructing around the gardens we smelt a strong odour of escaping gas. Prompt report to PUB results in discovery of broken main.

PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

B-P Missions

The last two issues carried the story of the Malaysia Pioneer Mission and how we took over Kelapa Sawit as a permanent work in 1954. The Malaysia Pioneer Mission was in latter years renamed B-P Missions.

As the older churches, like Life and Faith and Zion, began to develop missions independently (and much faster), B-P Missions remained a name. At Port Dickson, there was consensus to revive B-P Missions. Whether it will function like one of the western mission boards is left to be seen. At any rate missions from Life BP Church will henceforth be expedited. That Session has decided to present Tanjung Pinang a new piano costing \$2,400 is a case in point.

The Missions we support

Malaysia Kelapa Sawit and Rawang are under our supervision only. Nevertheless, Kelapa Sawit is reaching out to Bukit Batu, 7 miles north. The acquisition of a house will need a goodly sum from us. This situation reminds of buying the Kulai Besar property in 1973. Kuala Lumpur (Rev Liew Hon Seng) is under our support at \$500 per month, not counting special needs.

Indonesia: Tanjung Pinang. Our Chinese and Indonesian services contributed near \$2,000 to their Building Fund lately. Now, the piano from the English congregation costing \$2,400. Singkep (jointly with Tg Pinang) needs about \$4,000 a year. North Sumatra (Medan, Bentar Kersik, Kuta Baru) recently claimed \$2,100, half of which went to the completion of the Kuta Baru church (half wood, half concrete). West Kalimantan (Rev Djuanidi): \$10,000 including US\$150 per month from Rev C T Hsu and \$150 from a local brother was handed our brother for church work and Dyak work for a 6-month duration. Jakarta. Dohar and Glorya. Their support costs several thousand a year. (Dohar works with students in high schools).

Thailand. Support was given to our Thai student who has returned to Bangkok with wife for her sake. To kill two birds, Bro. Sayan will make an exploratory trip to South Thailand.

Theological Scholarships. Apart from those given to young Lifers training at FEBC, we give a substantial sum per year to Bro Peter Eng (for 3 years) now at Grace Seminary, USA. We have just extended two more scholarships to worthy students becoming Lifers at \$1,800 per annum. We give also scholarships to worthy foreign students.

Missions must be expedited is the consensus of all BP pastors and elders meeting at Port Dickson. This report tells the story how your offerings are wisely and usefully channelled for God's Kingdom beyond our shores.

Spreading God's Word through Gifts

Apart from Bibles and sound theological and devotional books, our Book Centre has created a goodly range of art-plaques like "Christ is the Head of this House ..." and Bible verse clocks both in English and Chinese. There is coming a JESUS SAVES clock soon! May we recommend you to these items when giving a gift to someone you love.

Christ-honouring Christmas cards, of highest quality through the help of an American Christian photographer who was given shelter at FEBC recently, are another of our own creations. May these be a service to you when duty of greeting old friends once a year comes round the corner. There's a card with the night scene of Jerusalem's wall and David's Tower, if you'd like to know, photographed by Peter Clements! Yes, we went even to the Holy City to capture this meaningful picture to remind us of Christ's Second Coming while celebrating His first!

Tanjung Pinang, Ahoy!

There are 14 registered for the boat trip to Tanjung Pinang so far. And today is the last day! Monday morning we begin processing our visa application. If you still desire to go, we give you time till Monday morning 10 am! Limited to 20 only!

We leave Finger Pier Sat Oct 15, 11 am. We arrive in 3½ hours over 48 miles of emerald sea. No seasickness! We return to Singapore after the Dedication and baptismal service Lord's Day Oct 16. We arrive back 6 pm. (We shall renew fellowship with Simon Tsai, our lone ranger on far away Singkep Island).

33rd Anniversary Celebration

On Sat Oct 22, the Church will hold a buffet dinner at \$7 per person (\$5 for children under 12). After that we gather inside for a time of testimony under Dr Patrick Tan.

Oct. 23 both the English and Chinese congregations will unite in praise. There will be a goodly number to be baptised.

Oct 30, 8 pm is the big day when we gather at New Life, Woodlands for the Dedication, and for the ordination of Bros. Burt Subramaniam and Thiam of Faith Church. A time of rejoicing you must not miss!

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

"O Send Out Thy Light and Thy Truth" (Ps 43:3), the gold-lined Roman letters that arch over Life Church pulpit under a natural skylight is appropriately chosen, as all must agree.

What Bible verse should be written over the New Life pulpit? Up to last Monday night when the Interim Committee met, there was no decision. After the meeting, however, we all assembled at the new auditorium, so beautiful and serene. In a flash it was then revealed to us. As one of our members uttered, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty", another, with Bible opened at Rev 4, pointed to verse 8 which was just quoted. At which a chorus of praise escaped the lips of all the others present. The Lord had spoken through this consensus of heart and mind. Praise the Lord for the manifestation of His meticulous guidance.

We want to bless that brother who has so opportunely made the hundred teak pews, holy communion table, pulpit and elders chairs, well in advance of the coming dedication. The New Life Church auditorium is definitely bigger than that at Gilstead Rd. Praise be to God.

The Chinese Service which was reverted to 9 a.m. last Lord's Day saw over 30 in attendance. Henceforth, the Chinese service under Mr Peter Chng and Lau Choon Poh should grow with a new vigour. Now, we must pray for a Tamil service. We must pray for the Lord's servants that those who are called be the ones to stand in the gap.

The kindergarten under Dr Paul Tsao's leadership should be able to open Jan. 1984. Meanwhile, we've ordered the furniture through Life Church contractors. -T.T.

RPG reaches 4,400 Circulation

That our RPG Daily Bible Reading workbook has shot up so phenomenally, with one order of 400 from Australia, is a matter of immense thanksgiving to God. But, Lifers have not increased their order, though their membership is steadily rising. Let us keep up with daily Bible reading and study from these notes. Let us contribute our share that this labour of love might continue.

A new series, after Jonah, will open up Isaiah the Gospel Prophet to us. This series is contributed by Life Church. Isaiah the Gospel Prophet has a message for us today, with many predictions of the end-times in which we live. For example, you will find the Six-Day War described in Isaiah 11 after the regathering of Israel which was officially fulfilled May 14, 1948.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (10th -16th Oct.)

MON 7.30 pm CE (Rev Turner)
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
THU 7.30 pm CE (Rev Turner)
SAT 11.00 am To Tanjung Pinang
2.00 pm JYF; 3.30 pm- YF; 4.00 pm -YAF
7.30 pm CFM
SUN 10.00 am Rev Dr Patrick Tan
10.00 am Mr Jonah Chan
10.00 am Tg. Pinang Dedication
11.55 am Korean Service
2.00 pm BFC
3.30 pm Thai Service
4.00 pm Indonesian Service
4.30 pm Sharon Service
6.00 pm Return from Tg. Pinang
8.00 pm Korean/Tamil Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$4,892 + \$200(Rev Tow)
+ \$100 (D Wong)

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS 4579) \$600 (Ch. Ser.); 4580) \$165 (NL); 4581) \$160; 4582) \$100; 4583) \$327; 4584) \$480; 4585) \$1,918; 4586) \$1,000; 4587) \$150; 4588) \$350; 4589) \$200; 4590) \$1,000; 4591) \$200; 4592) \$206; 4593) \$100 (Z). TOTAL \$2,264,113.99
LIFE CHURCH ORGAN FUND 3) \$700; 4) \$2,100; 5) \$1,200; 6) \$1,900; 7) \$1,300.
TOTAL \$10,865.

Praise the Lord, Dr & Mrs Tow Siang Yeow, founder members of Life Church 1950 have now joined the New Life Church from across the Causeway. Dr Tow is invited to join the Interim Committee.

Operation Andrew. Bring a friend to our Chinese, Indonesian, Tamil, Thai Services, and to the Korean Church, 11.55 am & 8 pm. Give books for soul saving! 40 John Sung Sermons Vol 1 & 2 for only \$5.50; Gospel of Life, an applied commentary on John's Gospel and 3 Epistles by T. Tow for \$4. "Another Gospel" by Dr S H Tow in Chinese for only 50 cents. Obtainable at our Book Centre.

FEBC Library. With a second library being established in the Church balconies, \$10,000 worth of theological works are being added with the gift of a new set of Encyclopedia Britannica. The new library is easily accessible from the classrooms through the newly opened corridor over the green colonnade. The middle classroom is now enlarged 50% with a skylighted roof stretch- Edited by Rev Timothy Tow, 9A Gilstead Rd. Singapore 1130. Tel: 2560617/2569256.

The Regions Beyond

To the regions beyond I must go, I must go,
Where the story has never been told (been told)
To the millions that never have heard of His love
I must tell the sweet story of old (of old)

Chorus

To the regions beyond, I must go, I must go,
Till the world, all the world,
His salvation shall know.

To the hardest of places He calls me to go,
Not thinking of comfort or ease (or ease)
The world may pronounce me a dreamer, a fool,
Enough if the Master I please (I please)

Oh, ye that are spending your leisure and pow'rs
In pleasures so foolish and fond (and fond)
Awake from your selfishness, folly and sin,
And go to the regions beyond (beyond)

There are other "lost sheep" that the Master
must bring,
And they must the message be told (be told):
He sends me to gather them out of all lands,
And welcome them back to His fold (His fold).

- Inspiring Hymns 473

NEW LIFE APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

WED 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
SUN 9.00 am Chinese Service
10.00 am Sunday School
11.00 am Worship Service

Offering : English Service: \$913.30; Chinese Service: \$122; Junior Service: \$16.95

ing over the corridor. A boon to middle-size congregational worship (now occupied by the Thais, 2.30 - 5.00 pm.)

Who would offer 3 sets of stone tables and stools to replenish three newly constructed round red-stone bases at \$370 per set? This will relieve congestion!

Bring your Chinese-speaking friends in Woodlands to the Chinese Service of New Life Church, 9 a.m., in charge of Mr Peter Chng (seconded from Life Chinese Service) and Mr Lau Choon Poh. Over 30 attended last Lord's Day Holy Communion Service.

Lim Florist: 3369011 ; Knockout: 3362929

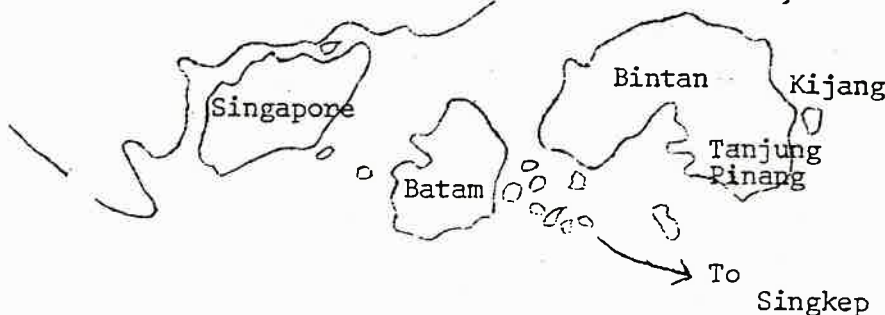
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Life Begins at 60

Why 60? For this is the age more or less agreed in our country as the age of retirement. This is the age when you apply for renewal of your driving license that a doctor's certificate of your good eyesight and health is required. You are considered old. You are deemed to be heading towards the end of your earthly life. How old are you?

To one who is closely linked to the Lord, life at 60 is just the beginning (provided one has good health and has not dissipated one's life). I am saying this not for myself, but for Rev Tan Peng Koen (now in his seventies). He is one of those of whom the Psalmist sings, "The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing" (Ps 92:12 - 14).

As the cedar and the palm tree live for long years and continue to bear fruit in old age, so a Christian can become even more productive in his evening years. Rev Tan Peng Koen retired from his church in his early sixties. He had served in Palembang and Siantar, Sumatra for the best part of his life. He was a John Sung and Lim Puay Hian disciple. Though he retired from the Indonesian Chinese Church, he was full of life and action.



One day, on his way from Palembang to Siantar, he stopped by Tanjung Pinang, port of the Riau Islands. When he discovered a thriving Chinese community not having any Church, he resolved to move here to start one.

He "occupied" Tanjung Pinang in 1967. At first he ran a Chinese Service in an old Dutch Church (now handed over to the Indonesians). Thereafter he acquired a

piece of land (about $\frac{1}{2}$ acre) on a vantage-ground, a mile from the seafront, overlooking the straits. He got this piece of land for a song because it was "haunted".

Rev Tan was assisted by two daughters with their husbands. His elder daughter is a graduate of Southeast Asia Bible College. With their help he started a primary school on the newly bought property. A flourishing Sunday school was built on the students attending the day school.

Elder Joshua Lim and I were the first to be invited by Rev Tan Peng Koen in 1973 to visit Tanjung Pinang. From that year onwards God has directed my path to this new Indonesian outreach.

17 miles on the other side of big Bintan Island (twice the size of Singapore) where Tanjung Pinang is, there is the port of Kijang. Rev Tan showed us this second town, a bauxite mining town, with a big Hakka community. He indicated his desire to acquire another piece of land to build a second church. Life Church responded with \$2,500. Though Rev Tan did not build on the acquired land, the money we gave contributed to the building of the proposed second church at Kijang. This Church has an Indonesian-Hakka service with a thriving congregation at a corner of the town.

In 1978 a first Vietnamese refugee boat carrying 136 people anchored at Tanjung Pinang. An evangelistic campaign was directed to the refugees, incidentally, mostly Teochew-speaking, the language they use at Tanjung Pinang. Out of this contact, we baptised nine young people.

About this time a Gospel station was raised at Singkep Island, 12 hours south by boat. This station was the direct responsibility of the Chinese Presbyterian Overseas Mission, with headquarters in Singapore. After four years this station was abandoned. At this juncture Simon Tsai, an FEBC student with six years Bible-training in China and Hongkong offered his services. Our Church took up the challenge to reopen the station at Singkep. Since Aug '82, Simon and his wife have been labouring there faithfully, week after week.

Two years ago, the main Church at Tanjung Pinang had rebuilt their school. Soon after this the final task of rebuilding their church was launched. After less than a year, a handsome 3-storey concrete building costing S\$90,000 is completed. This is the culmination of 16 years of hard work. This is the reaping of a harvest which has involved years of sowing and nurturing.

This Lord's Day, a party of 17 from Life Church, FEBC and adherents will be present in Tanjung Pinang to join in their joy of Dedication of God's House. There will be the witnessing of another batch of baptism candidates. It will be not only Tanjung Pinang's red letter day, but also Rev Tan Peng Koen's and a joyful day for Life Church, Tanjung Pinang's foster-mother Church.

As we look back to 1967, how we thank God for His faithful servant who declared there's no retirement for those who serve and love God. To this species of long-winded ones, life begins rather at 60. These bear more abundant fruit, like the cedar and palm tree in their old age. - T.T.

NEW LIFE NEWSLINE

Ministry officials visit New Life Kindergarten

On Mon. morning two officials from the Ministry of Edu. dropped over for a surprise visit. They were most cordial and helpful and informed me to contact the architect to apply

for the Certificate of Fitness. I took them round the whole compound, from the kindergarten hall (with complete vinyl flooring), to the toilet facilities. The officials were very pleased and commented that they were more than adequate. Only towel hooks were needed. Immediate action was taken to see that these plastic hooks go up. Another urgent requirement was a railing (preferably a movable one) up the stage of the fellowship hall to prevent children from falling. The same afternoon I called up the architect to convey the recommendations of the officials. Overall our kindergarten facilities have met with the ministry's requirements and NLK should proceed in her recruitment of staff and students and begin operation Jan. 1984.

Trinity Hymnals finally arrive

The long awaited 300 copies of Trinity Hymnals finally arrived this week. Hitherto we have been using photo-copies of song sheets since our 50+ Inspiring Hymns are grossly inadequate to serve the needs of worshippers numbering anywhere from 120 - 200 each Sunday morning. The Chinese hymnals should shortly arrive too.

New Lifers gear up for Dedication Day

8.00 pm, Oct 30, '83 is red-letter day for our mother Life Church for on that day we will dedicate the biggest (building-wise) though youngest daughter ever born to Life Church. May mother Church continue to reproduce and "replenish the earth" with churches!

New Lifers are all set for that great day when brethren from all our B-P churches will congregate, also to ordain two pastors. We will be holding a mini-camp to learn God's Word and prepare the facilities for Oct 30, '83. How the Lord has provided for our needs is a constant amazement to us. A baby grand (gift) will arrive within a week and so will our Conn organ duly repaired. A pastor has promised us two Yamaha pianos (1 for kindergarten and the other for our prayer meeting). A gardening committee has already been formed and the re-landscaping and gardening is moving full-steam ahead. Lights at the bell-tower should be installed shortly (paid for by a Lifer) and the church sign should be up next week (paid for by another Lifer and his wife). A young New Lifer from Marsiling donated the bulletin boxes in the kitchen and the SS rooms. May the Lord richly bless each cheerful giver from His abundance. -TWC

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK(17th - 23rd Oct.)

MON 7.30 pm	CE (Rev Turner)	Reg. Infants for baptism with Dr Tan today!
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting	
WED 8.00 pm	John Wesley Film	
THU 7.30 pm	CE (Rev Turner)	
FRI 7.30 pm	BFC Evang. Mtg.	
SAT 2.00 pm	JYF; 3.30 pm-YF;	
	4.00 pm YAF - Rev Tow speaking	
	6.30 pm 33rd Anniv. Thanksgiving Dinner	
	7.30 pm Worship (Rev Dr Patrick Tan)	
SUN 10.00 am	Worship Service	} combined
	10.00 am Chinese Service	
	11.55 am Korean Service	
	2.00 pm BFC	
	3.30 pm Thai Service	
	4.00 pm Indonesian Service	
	4.30 pm Sharon Service	
	8.00 pm Korean/Tamil Service	

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$4467 + Rupiah 1000

ORGAN FUND 8) \$50 TOTAL \$10,915 + \$700 (Singkep)]

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS 4594) \$200;

4595) \$50; 4596) \$200 (D.P. thru' Pastor);

4597) \$1281; 4598) \$500; 4599) \$160; 4600)

\$100; 4601) \$40; 4602) \$200; 4603) \$250;

4604) \$276; 4605) \$350; 4606) \$70 (Boxes).

TOTAL \$2,267,790.99 Stop Press! 4607) \$100

(NL). (Our target is \$3 million.)

Delegation to Tg. Pinang New Church Dedication: Rev Tow, Rev & Mrs Jim Turner (missionaries), Elder & Mrs Seow, Dn & Mrs Sng Teck Leong, Mr & Mrs Peter Chng, Elder & Mrs Koa (Muar) and daughter, Mr & Mrs Lee Meng Fong and daughter, Mr Tsao See and David Wong (Chinese Service). (With a "Pearl River" piano, gift from our Church).

Have you bought your coupon (\$7 for adults, \$5 for children under 12) for the Thanksgiving Dinner of our 33rd Anniversary, SATURDAY, Oct 22, 6.30 pm? Come for an evening of Christian fellowship under Dr Patrick Tan

Do you have slides on Life Church activities? We'll have a magic lantern too.

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NEW LIFE APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

WED 8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
SUN 9.00 am	Chinese Service
	10.00 am Sunday School
	11.00 am Worship Service
<u>Offerings</u> : English - \$720.55; Chinese- \$108.20	
Junior Service - \$65.00	
Birth! To Mr & Mrs Prasad, a daughter, Joanna, Oct 13, 1983. Mrs Prasad is in Room 505, Gleneagles Hospital.	
Tel (Rev Tan): 3685363 ; Eric Kwan : 3685364	

33rd ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL FILM NIGHT

THE STORY OF JOHN WESLEY

Wednesday Night, Oct 19, 8.00 p.m.

in the Church Hall

Why you must not miss John Wesley Film.

Because he was one prophet God has raised to revive the English Church when she was at her lowest ebb. Through his labours came the Methodist Church movement. One result of Wesley's labours was the Methodist Mission to Singapore and Malaya. From that mission has come such a famous institution as ACS. For your own education you must see the John Wesley Film. (Miss Irene Lee of FEBC is our projectionist, thanks also to AF for the machine).

Bukit Batu, 7 miles north of Kelapa Sawit at the 33rd miles, has a SS maintained by KS and Kulai Besar. At Eld. John Ling's instance, the pastor visited BB yesterday to view a choicest plot of land in a new housing development inside the village. Pray for God's will as we negotiate its purchase for the building of another church/kindergarten. Price around \$11,000 only!

Knockout: 3362929 Lim Florist : 3369011

MY TESTIMONY

By Lucy Lim

(A spontaneous offering of praise in our 33rd Anniversary Thanksgiving)

I believe the Word of God, for if the Lord had not been gracious and sustained me, I would not have been here today. Although I was raised in a Christian home, I often took the Lord for granted. Consequently, I landed myself into more downs than ups till I had to decide whether to see a psychiatrist or to seek God's help. I went to neither, but instead went to some mediums.

Looking back now, I cannot imagine myself doing such a dreadful thing. One consolation remained; I did not realise what I was doing. I turned to the Lord after having been cheated by the mediums. It took me a long, long time to find my own footing (no one could imagine how miserable I felt). Slowly, I came to terms with myself and my misfortune.

One day, I realised the importance of building my children's faith in God. Slowly and with much difficulty but surely, I managed to bring my children to church. Shortly after, my son told me that he wanted to join the catechism class for baptism. Of course I agreed. I am very glad and thankful for this day. My daughter likewise will be attending catechism class but hers will be next year. I pray that the Lord will guide them and help me nurture them in their spiritual growth.

I would like to thank Pastor Rev Timothy Tow, Dr Patrick Tan and Mrs Tan, my sisters, niece and all my friends in church who helped, supported and encouraged me. Above all, I would like to thank them for praying for me especially during my most difficult period. The future is yet to be, but I know the Lord will be with me, and with all your prayers and support, I will live on and maintain peace with God. Praise the Lord!

BP Advance to Bukit Batu!

(Another milestone in our 33 years of Pilgrimage, since 1950)

• Bukit Batu
• Kelapa
Sawit

BB at the 33rd mile trunk road to K.L. is 7 miles north of Kelapa Sawit and 50 from S'pore.

14 months ago Chong Loo Chin, an FEBC senior student, started a SS here. All along she has crammed 30-40 children in a verandah of her father's house. This work is supported by nearby Kelapa Sawit Church. Sister Ng Sang Chiew comes here also to help.

About 8 months ago the pastor of Life Church was invited to visit BB. He was invited again last week, this time with more tangible results. Two lots of prime land in a new housing estate in the village were offered for sale. Embracing over 5,000 sq. ft., each, the double-plot was asked the price of M\$11,000. With some bargaining these two lots are reduced to M\$10,000 = S\$9,100. Session unanimously voted to take over BB!

When news of this golden offer came to the ears of a BP elder, he gave \$1,000. A Life Church sister followed suit with another \$1,000. After last Tuesday night's prayer meeting a new brother responded with \$500. After all we've given to Woodlands, what is S\$9,100 for BB? Here's your opportunity to have a share in another "promised land", your portion of blessing! This advance increases our spirit to hasten with the Gospel extension as we wait for His Soon Return. We are but pilgrims on earth. - T.T.

Our Trip to Tanjung Pinang

by Peter Chng

With excitement and with the allowance Ang Mo Kio residents give to travelling to town during peak hours, Mui Khim and I set out at 7.15 am for Finger Pier. We arrived 8.15 am. When the captain (Rev Tow) arrived at 8.45 am, we were all ready to go. Apart from the 17 of us from Life Church, there were 20 from Glory Church.

There are many 'firsts' for me on this trip. This was my first trip to Tanjung Pinang and Indonesia, first time to Finger Pier, and first boat trip that goes beyond an hour.

We were accommodated in the cabin at the front of the boat. We had a time of togetherness because the trip took over 4 hours. Elder Seow and Mr Tsao made it lively with their humour. We had a calm sea throughout the trip. The deacon of the church was at the pier to receive us. His presence helped us through the immigration clearance.

Tanjung Pinang Church is similar to Kelapa Sawit. It is built on a hill that cannot be hid. The 3-storey building looks majestic with the sanctuary occupying two floors. The top floor is a multi-purpose hall which was transformed into a lodging place for us.

We were certainly given VIP treatment. We were served a seafood dinner. Once settled down, Mr Tsao began to yearn for the coffee that excels our Singapore coffee. So our party of nine set out for the coffee shop. We finally came to one "Kedai Kopi Immanuel" which is turned into a worship place on Sunday night. The zeal of the Christian coffee shop towkay is admirable but he is charismatic. The coffee was indeed superb.

Our spiritual food from Rev Tow were: "The righteous and the wicked" on Sat. evening, and "The light of the world" on Sunday morning. How timely it was to be reminded of our role in this world. Among those present at the dedication were officials from the Government. The piano from Life Church provided perfect accompaniment to several choirs. The church was filled to the brim to give glory and honour to our Lord.

There are two things I have learned from our hosts. Firstly, they come early to church, and they put on their best attire. The Sunday School starts at 8 am but many of them are in

as early as 7 am. Secondly, their church is like the church in Smyrna. They have no big towkays nor professionals, and yet they have built the school, and now the church building. Besides, they are beginning to contribute to Singkep. Should we not give cheerfully to missions outreach?

I echo to Elder Seow's prayer, "Lord, we thank you for the privilege of witnessing your majestic work in Tanjung Pinang."

Tanjung Pinang Dedication
by Elder Seow Chong Pin

This was my second visit and a special one for the Dedication of the new 3-storey Gereja Presbeteryan. It is a very important event marking a milestone in the church annals since its founding 16 years ago by Rev Tan Peng Koen. We were thrilled to see a brand new sanctuary standing majestically on the high ground of Tanjung Pinang overlooking the whole town. From an old wooden structure to a multi-storey concrete modern block, God's Greatness was fully manifested. Indeed, after hearing from Dn Tan Soon Liang the story of how they overcame the difficulty of obtaining the permit to build, I was even more convinced that God had blessed the project in a very exceptional way. The "Pearl River" which travelled with us blends perfectly in the new setting.

The next day, 16th Oct, was a wonderful Lord's Day with flowers in full bloom and the sun shining bright. VIPs were seated in the open on the left front of the church. An Indonesian officer cut the ribbon and the new church was opened. Then followed the Dedication Service. It was overflowing and many had to stand outside. Words of greetings and congratulations were read out. God's name was highly exalted and praised. A reception was held after the service.

Truly the brethren of Gereja Presbeteryan, TP has reaped their harvest of years of hard work. God's plan is a continuing process. This achievement marks the beginning of a new era for the advancement of God's Word in the Riau Archipelago.

NEW LIFE NEWSLINE

The Unexpected Happen at New Life

On Monday afternoon somebody pressed our door-bell. It was a young Indian lady. "I want to be a Christian and I want to know how I can become one and also get baptized." Before she made that most unexpected request I had thought she was a salesgirl coming to sell her wares. Later I invited her into the house and gave her an opportunity to express herself further so that I could "expound unto her the way of God more perfectly." She called herself Rani though named Sarojini by her Hindu parents. She said that she experienced peace of heart as she entered the church compound. She finished her "O" level last year and presently worked at the clock factory nearby - "The Singapore Time". I asked her how many Christians there were in her factory of over 1000 workers. "Very few, her supervisor being one." I told her that I should like to meet these Christians in her factory to see how the Gospel may be brought to the factory workers. She said she would make the necessary contacts with the Christians. Before she left, I presented her with the famous booklet entitled "The Reason Why" and invited her to church on Sunday. Do pray that through Rani, the Lord will save His own in that clock factory.

The sign-board is up. The bold, black beautiful Chinese characters and English words in a backdrop of white spell out clearly the name of our church, the times of our worship services, prayer meeting and youth fellowship. I am sure with the words "All are welcome" in red so that it is difficult to miss, a good number will enter the Lord's house for rest - both spirit and physical. - TWC.

ADULT BAPTISM

1. Chan Chee Wai
2. Fong Yuet Lin
3. Hor Siew Weng
4. Huang Henfu, Jusuf
5. Lai Ee Na
6. Loke Kam Yoke, Betty
7. Ngooi May Kim, Rosalind
8. Prehalath V Cleetus
9. Pretheep V Cleetus
10. Ravindran (Stanley) S.
11. Seah Sok Eng
12. Sian Choy Eng
13. Jenny Sofian
14. Teo Chor Eng
15. Thio Syn Luan, Vicki
16. Toh Lay Eng, Janet
17. Tang Wai Meng
18. Wong Siew Leng
19. Yap Sok Kheng

Re-affirmation of Faith

1. Chan Chee Keen, Casey
2. Sng Peng Yeow, Daniel
3. Soh Puay Meng, Benjamin
4. Tow Shen Han, Jonathan

TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

1. Leong How Yin
2. Michael Lim
3. Cara Low
4. Seet Chin Seng, Charles
5. Soh Kok Wah, Mark

INFANT BAPTISM

1. Chen Pin Hui, Cheryl
d/o Mr & Mrs Francis Chen
2. Lee Weijie, Jared s/o
Mr & Mrs Lee Chee Weng
3. Tan Wen Ming s/o
Mr & Mrs Winston Tan
4. Yap Meow Ju, Esther
d/o Mr & Mrs Eddie Yap Eng Gee

NEW LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

- WED 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
SUN 9.00 am Chinese Service
10.00 am Sunday School
11.00 am Worship Service

Offerings: English: \$615.10;
Chinese: \$481.20; JW: \$60.40

Attention Elders! Tonite 8 pm
at Calvary - Pandan is held the
Annual Synod! Be punctual!

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK(24 - 30)

- TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
FRI 7.30 pm Ev. Reformed Lectures
SAT 7.30 pm Ev. Reformed Lectures
SUN 10.00 am Rev. Patrick Tan
10.00 am Rev. Tow (Chin. Ser.)
8.00 pm New Life Church
Dedication; Installation of Rev Tan Wai Choon; Ordination of Burt Subramaniam & Thiam Fook Pin, etc.

(Bus leaves Gilstead Rd at 7 pm.)

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS \$3631 +
\$730 (WF) + \$200 (AF) + \$200 (AF)

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS

4608) \$900; 4609) \$963 (Off. Bags)
4610) \$820; 4611) \$100; 4612)
\$400; 4613) \$150.

TOTAL \$2,271,223.99 STOP PRESS!

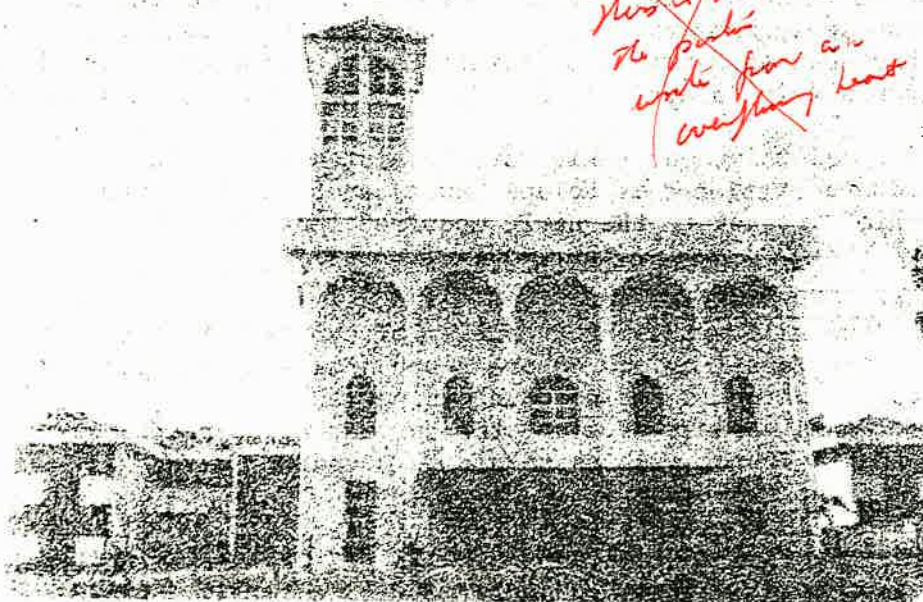
4614) \$50 (Thai); 4615) \$300.

Repayment of loans! The first
urgently required is \$35,000 to
Zion BPC!

Organ Fund 9) \$2600; 10) \$1400;
11) \$2400. TOTAL \$17,315

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*Write with B.P. W. 1983
30th Oct 1983
New in where
the pastor
write from a
writing lead*



To God Be the Glory
Great Things He Hath Done!

Woodlands has been on our lips for the last ^{four} years. And though many of you have given to God's House, only a minority have seen it. Tonight we shall behold His Glory as we appear before Him in holy convocation.

The New Life Church, decked like a bride to meet her groom, will be a shining tower beaming over its dark neighbourhood. She will be beckoning to an estimated 1000 who should gather from all corners of our island. For this will not only be a night for the Dedication of the Church but also for the installation of her pastor Rev Dr Tan Wai Choon and ordination of Burt Subramaniam and Thiam Fook Pin. And all these solemn acts of the Church to coincide with Reformation Sunday and the 33rd Anniversary of

the founding of the BPC. Pray for good weather and for the anointing of the Lord's messenger to this gathering of the whole BPC family. May not the Dedication of this House of God be the end of a long sustained project, but rather the beginning of another, the entrance to a wider door of service while He tarries.

Since the launching of the building fund of the New Life Church at Woodlands on Sept. 2, 1979, God's people have responded with \$2.3 million. Now the cost of the Woodlands property of 42,000+ sq. ft., is \$933,000. The construction bill, including professional fees, is \$1,930,203 (as certified by the architect to Government, dated Oct 21, 83). This adds up to \$2,863,203. This sum, however, does not include a host of other items, such as the teak furnishing of the Church Hall, the Church Bell ordered from Holland (over \$5,000). Kindergarten, Fellowship Hall and office furniture, pianos, organs, clocks and many good used articles big and small brought in by loving hands. The whole project is \$3 million.

How then did we close the gap between the offerings received and the amount expended? By over \$.5 million in interest free loans! We want to express heartfelt thanks to our sister churches, even those in Malaysia, who have loaned and given on top of that. We want to thank our friends who have individually, spontaneously offered these loans and our own members as well. A six figure sum from Chin Lien Bible Seminary's B.F. came very timely to help in the hour of greatest need. Now, although these are free loans we should not neglect to show our appreciation with an appropriate expression in return.

The building of Woodlands is not only for the evangelisation of Singapore's northern ^{sector} but also for the extension of the Gospel into Malaysia, since she stands at the gateway to the Mainland. This is engraved into the foundation stone as a reminder to the New Life Congregation. In confirmation of this holy aspiration, the Almighty has led us, on the eve of Dedication, to a 10,000 ft property in a new housing estate at Bukit Batu, 33 miles north on the K.L. Highway. The story of this dramatic development was published last week. While the acquisition of Bukit Batu is still under legal process, we have received half of the \$10,000 price asked. "God's work, done in God's way, does not lack God's support." With the Woodlands Fund steadily being cleared, the Lord seems to say to us, "Continue with the good work by channelling a portion to the Bukit Batu Fund."

Why does Bukit Batu leap into the picture so soon? Because "the Lord's coming again is real soon," says my good friend Rev C T Hsu now in New York. Are we not exhorted by Peter to hasten unto the coming of the day of God (II Pet. 3:12)?

"We must not be bogged down by Woodlands" is one of our slogans during the last four years. While we're burdened with such a big project, we also developed greater muscles of faith to carry it, and not only Woodlands, we did not diminish in the support of over half a dozen mission projects in Indonesia and Malaysia. "For unto everyone that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance" (Matt. 25:29).

This is a day of great rejoicing in what God has done through His beloved children. Let all glory and honour and power and majesty redound to Him who was and is and ever shall be, world without end. Let His blessings come to everyone of God's children who have had a part in the building of His House in Woodlands.- T.T.

NOTICE TO MOTORISTS

"MARCHING TO WOODLANDS" As there is only one bus leaving Church 7.00 p.m. for Woodlands tonight, motorists who have seats to spare are kindly requested to come by Gilstead Road. Give a brother and sister a lift. One way to serve the Lord!

Bukit Batu Acquisition on Eve of Woodlands Dedication.

Tonight is our Woodlands Dedication. Yesterday afternoon at 3 pm, before the solicitors the 10,000 ft of prime land at Bukit Batu, 33 miles north in Malaysia, was acquired at only \$1 a foot. Is this merely coincidental? Or is it God's seal of approval on the stepped-up missionary programme of our B-P Church?

In this respect, Life Church has been given an open door of outreach no man can shut. But it is also a geometrical progression to those who are minded to trade briskly for the Lord. Bukit Batu does not fall on our lap suddenly from the sky. It is the result of years of labour of love for the Lord by our brethren and sisters of Kelapa Sawit and Kulai Besar. The combined efforts of these two B-P Churches in Malaysia have led, step by step, to this final acquisition.

Presently, a Sunday School is being maintained at Bukit Batu by sisters Loo Chin (FEBC student) and Ng Sang Chiew (FEBC graduate stationed at Kelapa Sawit) and a host of others. Elder John Ling of Kelapa Sawit is chief trustee to the newly acquired land, Dr S Y Tow

Our Bukit Batu Fund has now reached \$4,900, praise the Lord!- T.T.

another.

NEW LIFE NEWSLINE

Reformation Sunday morning (Oct 30) we will witness the baptism of our 17 "first fruits" in Woodlands. All except one are from the Marsiling and Johore Bahru area and even the exception hails from Ang Mo Kio an estate which is included in our parish. Let us rejoice that these "first-fruits" are God's earnest of a greater harvest to be reaped over the years. Truly the Lord is adding to His Church such as should be saved.

Infant Baptisms

1. Zhu-En, Samuel s/o Mr & Mrs Eric Kwan, 10 Marsiling Lane (2573)
2. Jessintha and Jessica d/o Mr & Mrs Sebastian Arulanathan, Blk 13, #03-03, Marsiling Lane (2573)

Household Baptisms

1. Mr & Mrs Cheng Yoke Kong (nee Sim Siew Eng) and daughter Ying Ying, Blk 201, #11-112, Marsiling Drive (2573)
2. Mr & Mrs Foo Meng Ann, Stephen (nee Han Tiew Fong) and sons Chek King, James and Chek Boon Blk 28, #11-263, Marsiling Drive (2573).

Adult Baptisms

1. Chia See Pan, Blk 32, #06-345 Marsiling Drive (2573)
2. Kwah Peng Muay, May, Blk 36, #07-405, Marsiling Drive (2573)
3. Ong Chwee Fah, Julia, Blk 213, #13-65 Marsiling Crescent (2573)
4. Ong Chwee Suan, Christina, Blk 213, #13-65 Marsiling Crescent (2573)
5. Phua Chee Soon, 95 Jalan Pasar (2776)
6. Wong Poh Leng, Jacqueline, Blk 426, #10-256, Ang Mo Kio Ave 3 (2056).

Reaffirmation of Faith

1. Tow Li Hui, Grace d/o Dr & Mrs Tow Siang Yeow, 85 Jalan Songkit 2, Taman Sentosa, Johore Bahru.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (31 Oct - 6 Nov)

MON 7.30 pm CE (Rev Turner)
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg; 9.15 pm - Ses. Mtg.
THU 8.30 am FEBC Exams begin
SAT 2.00 pm JYF; 3.30 pm-YF; 4 pm - YAF
7.30 pm CFM
SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow (Lord's Supper)
10.00 am Rev Lin Tah Mon
11.55 am Korean Service
2.00 pm BFC
3.30 pm Thai Service
4.00 pm Kebaktian Indonesia
4.30 pm Sharon Service
6.00 pm John Wesley Film at Calv.- Pan.
8.00 pm Korean/Tamil Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING *\$5150.15 (To Woodlands)
+ \$40 (for Low Cheng Chye - FEBC) + \$100 (RPG)
NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS 4616) \$50; 4617) \$100; 4618) \$25; 4619) \$5150.15*; 4620) \$500; 4621) \$250; 4622) \$50; 4623) \$50; 4624) \$100; 4625) \$100; 4626) \$520. TOTAL \$2,278,469.14
Stop Press! 4627) \$25; 4628) \$10,000; 4629) \$685.70 (NL).

John Wesley Film Everyone interested in the new birth, revival and the origin of Methodism should see this film. If you had missed it at Life Church last time, here's your chance : Sunday Nov . 6, 6 pm at Calvary-Pandan. Life Church Family Camp: Nov 21 - 25, 83, at our own Garden of Fragrant Pine and Palm in our own cabins! From the youngest to the oldest including Chinese Section. Pastor will speak on "God has a Plan for Your Life"

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NEW LIFE APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

WED 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
SUN 9.00 am Chinese Service
10.00 am Sunday School
11.00 am Worship Service (Lord's Supper)
Offerings Eng Ser - \$549.30;
Chin. Ser - \$71.60; JW - \$64.80.

The new stone tables and stools, including 10 crescent ones to come, cost \$1,296.
Rev & Mrs Jim Turner are returning to USA at the end of FEBC Semester (closes Nov 11).
RPG Notes on Isaiah the Gospel Prophet are out. Get your copy.

Newly arrived gifts and cards for Christmas, a wide range to choose from, available at your own Book Centre. At your service!
Bukit Batu. An old Lifer hearing of BB diverts a gift of \$410. Total \$5,310.

Corrigendum: Tang Wai Yeong for Tang Wai Meng in last week's Baptism list. Baptised (not reaffirmation) Benjamin Soh Puey Meng.
Expressgram to Rev Djunaidi. A young people's group of Life Church is extending you an invitation to hold 4 night evangelistic meetings in Chinese Jan 1 - 4, 1984. Praying for you.

Rev Tan Eng Boo of Grace BPC is elected Chairman of BP Missions.

Knockout: 3362929 Lim Florist: 3369011
Rev Tan Wai Choon: 3685363; Eric Kwan: 3685364
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B-P WEEKLY

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Pastoral Chat

My dear Readers, *Echo to the Pastor*

Wonderful Woodlands

It was an overwhelming gathering as BPers, 1,000 strong, thronged the auditorium and balcony of the New Life Church last Lord's Day evening. This enthusiasm, with the support of friends and visitors, is reflected in the offerings collected in the bags:- \$5,709.76; M\$78.50; Aust. \$20; cheque \$500, envelope \$200; 2 gold earrings. Sums handed me: \$500 from Tg. Pinang; cheque \$330 (+ \$410 for Bukit Batu); envelope \$30; envelope \$500; \$21; envelope \$65. Total \$7,965.41 (not counting the earrings).

As if to confirm the five-fold purpose of the convocation, viz; Dedication of the new church, installation of her pastor Rev Dr Tan Wai Choon, ordination of K. Subramaniam and Thiam Fook Ping, commemoration of 33 years of B-Pism and Celebration of 500th year of Luther's birth (Nov. 10, 1483), the Lord gave us 5 choirs. They were Life Church Choir, LCYF Choir, LC Children's Choir, Combined Life and New Life Choir (Chinese) and Faith Church Choir. Surely they kept us awake through 2½-hour marathon.

We want to express our joy not only in the beauty of holiness from the architect's fine lines, but also bless that brother who furnished the whole church with 100 teak pews and the replica of Life Church's pulpit and holy communion furniture. We want to remember once again the brotherly support given by our branch churches all these years in gifts and loans.

We note with many praises to God that a Chinese congregation of over 30 is building up side by side with the English congregation of 120 - 150. We were thrilled to see young people digging around the church compound, washing up and mopping up. (Our young people at Gilstead Road could do the same to spruce up the old sanctuary.) To God be the glory, great things He has done!



Spontaneous Annual Family Camp

Talking of sprucing up Gilstead Road, this is very timely in view of our spontaneous family camp every year for the last two or three years. While the AF with more leg muscles have run each year to some hill resort in Malaysia (this year up Frasers Hill), the children and their mothers and grandmas, our working brothers and sisters, seem bogged down in Singapore. Never mind! Our church grounds of fragrant pine and palm by a greenwood where you can spot a squirrel or two sometimes and hear a chorus of voices of frogs, insects and birds at night has become a permanent campsite. Every school vacation sees this little plot of Eden booked to the fullest. We've six camps listed for Nov-Dec with more applying.

The first spontaneous family camp registered 120 without any preparation. Now, a tradition has developed. In the meantime, we've spent easily 6 figures to renovate our campsite as to give maximum comfort. Living in is believing! Come, you working brothers and sisters, come after work and relax under the royal palms, or in some secluded bamboo grove. I'll be your camp speaker (automatic) and my topic "God has a plan for your life" should serve a purpose, I'm sure! Does it touch on your vocation, life-partnership, health, wealth, birth, death? What about these crucial end-times in which we live? Don't be charmed to complacency by a balmy Singapore (Motorists are hit 3 times this week). There's something God has for you to do! How about full-time service? All these questions will be discussed!

The children will be taught the Law of God. There's the Chinese section for the mothers and grandmas, run by our Chinese Service with help from the Chinese section, even from Malaysia!

Is CLBC your Book Centre?

Another thing I'd like to chat with you is our Christian Life Book Centre. Do you know that the seed of this young tree was conceived as early as the mid-fifties? We almost wanted to start a bookroom in the old Prinsep Street Church under name of Malaysia Christian Bookroom. When we finally came to Gilstead Road, we set aside the corner room presently used by AF and the S.S. Library, etc, etc, for the book business. A beginning was made, but owing to lack of a manager, it died a natural death.

Then came Jan. 1976 when Life Book Centre came into being with Stephen Kwan. The business came to a halt again in July 1979. It was resurrected after a fortnight "under new management". Now it is all consigned to Bro. Paul Wong. It has revived, it has sprouted, it has branched to Calvary-Pandan. It has served the Church, FEBC and a host of friends in other churches.

But the times, as you all know, have entered a "recession". To merely sell books, which are so much more costly now than before, our Book Centre cannot subsist. Hence the necessity of creating parallel lines of service. Our brother has produced Bible-verse plaques and clocks, and now entered the publishing ministry, eg., the printing of John Sung's sermons and the Gospel of Life locally. These sell at half the price of the imported. To further self-help (with help from the Lord through an American photographer) our Book Centre has produced these sparkling Christmas cards. This is a real hit, but it needs your help. It has helped several churches to promote their youth camps or building projects. If every member who needs Christmas cards will patronise our own, and try some outlet with a view to helping our brother, then our Book Centre can enter 1984 with more confidence. We are blessed immensely by having a Christian book centre in our Church compound, not only in the ready supply of spiritual food to members, but also in the contact it makes for the Church with

outsiders. A young Christian, not satisfied with the light stuff he gets in a charismatic church, through the books he's bought, has joined us every Lord's Day. If CLBC has not been serving the Lord and you faithfully, it would have gone under like several we've known.

Symbiosis is the word. That CLBC can go on is an advantage to the Church, while the Church gives it support with a good patronage.

Rev. and Mrs. Jum Turner

When the Turners first landed in Singapore a decade ago, they asked the cabbie to take them to some Methodist Church. Instead they were brought to Gilstead Road. Since then they have become a part of our Church family (The Lord led them here).

The Turners were directors of Child Evangelism for many years for the Pacific region. For the last few years they became independent. They like our separated stand. They have served humbly and faithfully with our Church and in the curriculum of the Bible College. The evening courses they have been providing this semester, which comes to an end this week, have drawn an attendance of 50 - 60. The training on soul-saving with children must benefit many churches, for the evening classes are open to all.

Alas! As all good things must come to an end, the Turners are leaving us, after 30 years in the Far East, for good. They fly Nov. 12. They are re-locating in Pennsylvannia, where they would open a new leaf of ministry related to supplying materials for the evangelisation of children. We want to show our love to them in every way since the remaining days of their stay are precious. We welcome them back, however, whenever they should come this way again. Just walk right in, our friends! Our rooms are made of rubber! - T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR NEW LIFE CHURCH (7 - 13 Nov)

WED 8.00 pm Bible Study & Prayer Meeting
SAT 4.00 pm Church Fellowship
SUN 9.00 am Chinese Service
10.00 am Sunday School
11.00 am Worship Service
1.30 pm D.V.S. Outreach Work
Offerings Combined Worship Service
\$1,577.80

Prayer Items:-

1. Pray for Mrs Jenny Lin who will be undergoing an operation on 7th Nov. 1983.
2. Pray for the Vacation Bible Camp from 15th - 17th December (outreach work to school children)

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (7th - 13th Nov)

MON 8.30 am FEBC Exam resume
8.00 pm New Life Church Int. Com. Mtg.
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
THU 8.00 pm Wedding Rehearsal NLC (Rev Tow)
FRI 6.30 pm End of Term Get-Together (FEBC)
SAT 2.00 pm JYF; 3.30 pm YF; 4 pm YAF
2.30 pm Elgin Chan Koh Tuck - Grace
Lee Lai Har Wedding (Mt Carmel)
FEBC Hall Reception
3.00 pm Tan Keng Hai Wedding at NLC
Rev Tow officiating
SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow
10.00 am Chinese Service
11.55 am Korean Service
2.00 pm BFC
3.30 pm Thai Service
4.00 pm Kebaktian Indonesia
4.00 pm Rev Tow at Nazareth
4.30 pm Sharon Service
8.00 pm Korean/Tamil Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS \$4279.25 + \$20 (B.B.) + \$50 (W.K.)

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS 4638) \$1167 (Off. bags); 4639) \$20; 4640) \$80 (RTL); 4641) \$1000; 4642) \$1200; 4643) \$500; 4644) \$160; 4645) \$500; 4646) \$100; 4647) \$1000 (Zion); 4648) \$300 (Faith); 4649) \$20 (Bedok Family Gospel Centre); 4650) \$50; 4651) \$20; 4652) \$250; 4653) \$50; 4654) \$400.
TOTAL \$2,304,062.25

SPONTANEOUS LIFE CHURCH FAMILY CAMP

Why worry about going up-country? Up-country is right here. Squirrels, fishes, frogs and birds. Nov 21-25. \$25/ only!

Edited by Rev Timothy Tow, 9A Gilstead Road.

ON TO BUKIT BATU

(Sung according to the tune of Deeper, Deeper, In the Love of Jesus, in song 161, 200 Revival Choruses)

Lord, give us this mountain,
By Thy grace we have come!
To claim the holy hill,
Bukit Batu, Hill of Stone.

On Christ the solid Rock,
Another House of God,
We'll build while it is day,
By the Spirit of the Lord.

O give us this mountain,
And new strength to ascend,
To climb to greater heights,
Till we reach the Promised Land.

"The King's Business Requires Haste"

The words of King David seem to be more than confirmed by the offerings that have poured in since Bukit Batu leapt into the picture last week. We borrowed from the Woodlands Fund naturally to pay for the 10,000+ ft of prime land, Bukit Batu, now in our hands! In the meantime, these are the sums that have come in:- 7) \$150; 8) \$20; 9) \$20; 10) \$100; 11) \$150; 12) \$91 (Rawang); 13) \$3,000. Total \$8,841.00. Now, if the Lord wants us to build His House, this second one 50 miles north of Singapore, let us not be disobedient by dragging our feet.

To build His House, the first person to see is the architect. Praise the Lord, I just learn that the Christian architect Miss Tay Siew Mui of Muar who designed Rawang and Kelapa Sawit is still in Singapore. We pray the Lord will give us an opportunity to see her to discuss the plan for Bukit Batu.

Our needs for Bukit Batu, as for Kelapa Sawit, are the same: 1) a Church auditorium; 2) 2 Kindergarten classrooms; 3) parsonage. Though building costs in Malaysia are slightly lower than Singapore's, our estimate should be around what we would pay for a flat in S'pore.

Why must we go into Bukit Batu without delay? Our Sunday School would greatly expand with proper facilities. Besides we have members of Kelapa Sawit residing at Bukit Batu

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Deacon William Teo's Report at the Dedication of New Life Church

~~It is my joy and privilege to have this opportunity to report on the building fund and testify how the Lord Almighty has blessed us and seen us through the building of His House.~~

The New Life Church building project started in 1979 when a group of young people from Life Church discovered this piece of choice land was earmarked by HDB for a church. When this was reported to the Session, the news was received with mixed feelings. Some were enthusiastic, while others were rather apprehensive. This is quite understandable as we had no more than \$30,000 in the Bank. Moreover, many of us had no experience in church building. As our Pastor Rev Timothy Tow was in Faith Seminary as visiting Professor, Session decided to write to him for guidance. Pastor responded promptly and gave his full blessing.

Not too long after that HDB called for tenders. With all our wisdom we submitted ours but failed badly - our tender was the second lowest. The Lord, however, was most gracious. He gave us a second chance. HDB decided to reject all the tenders including the highest because they were not up to expectation. In the meantime our Pastor returned home. He launched off the building fund with a first offering and a message "Onwards to Woodlands." Indeed he has single-handedly led us to Woodlands to this day.

Our wait for the second tender was a long but a pleasant one as it allowed us to build up our funds. By August 1980 when HDB called for the second tender, our building fund had reached \$300,000. This, however, was but 1/10 of our total need.

On the fateful morning of Sept 17, 1980, the Pastor, the Treasurer and two FEBC students went to HDB personally to submit our tender. The result was supposed to be released within a few weeks, but God delayed it for a purpose - again He gave the congregation more time to give.

When the result was made known on Jan 8, 1981, there was great rejoicing at Gilstead Rd, but those who knew our financial status were trembling. We needed another \$122,000 to make up \$422,000 for payment to HDB within 2 weeks. Pastor turned to the Lord. With His holy guidance, he wrote a heart-warming article in the Life Weekly on Jan 11, '81, encouraging the congregation to give. Praise the Lord, the Holy Spirit moved the entire congregation to respond with \$101,000 in offerings and loans. This was truly the Lord's doing. It was marvellous in our eyes! *(Land area 42,000 sq ft).*

This spontaneous offering inspired more to give. Several young people offered their first month's pay, while several others gave their entire savings. One gave \$1000 every month out of his salary of less than \$2000. Another gave her year's pledge in advance. These are but a few examples of sacrificial giving.

The ground breaking was held on June 6, 1982. The first progress payment certified by our Architect for \$189,000 was paid in full in Oct '82 without any problem. Praise the Lord.

As funds became low after the payment, Life Church Session voted to give their 13th month pay. The total pledged exceeded \$80,000. This moved many in the congregation to do the same, including one in Taipeh. The Lord moved the congregation to match dollar for dollar. The offering collected in December exceeded \$160,000.

Just before the Chinese New Year in Feb '83, we received the third bill from the Contractor for \$448,000. With only \$250,000 in the bank, this bill nearly spoilt the mood of the season. Once again, we asked how and where we would get the balance of \$198,000. On the Lord's Day, Feb 13, '83, which was also the first day of the Chinese New Year, Pastor surprised us with an appeal to pledge on the spot. The congregation responded with their angpows and loans exceeding another \$100,000. This together with a \$100,000 loan from Chin Lien Bible Seminary, brought great relief. Praise the Lord, the two reliefs that God had provided was a confirmation that the Lord was truly behind us.

As I was summarising the accounts for reporting last week, I was amazed with the payments we have made during the last 10 months. Altogether we have paid \$1,760,000 to the Contractor for all the 8 bills and \$70,400 to the Architect. This excludes \$933,000 for the land *(42,000 sq ft).*

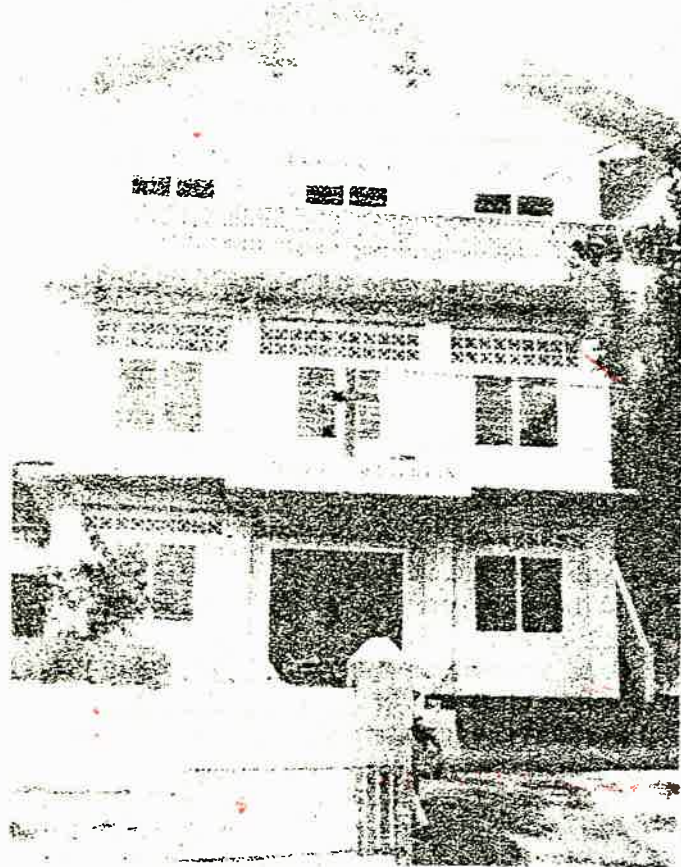
I thank the Lord that He has made my job as Treasurer a pleasant one. I have been strengthened and encouraged by the spirit of giving in Life Church. When I took over the portfolio from Elder Seow in 1976, the grand total of the offering for that year reached was \$97,000. Thereafter it exceeded \$100,000. Every year since it has been a record year. 1983 will be another record year. We will exceed last year's record of \$846,000 soon. Will we cross the million dollar mark?

It is our prayer that members of New Life Church, from the Pastor to the youngest member, will follow the example of your Mother Church, in the spirit of sacrificial giving. May you respond and have a share in the blessing, to help clear our outstanding loans of \$493,000 and another \$100,000 in the final bills to come.

May the Lord bless all our friends and sister churches who have responded to our needs for New Life Church in one way or another.

**** ED. NOTE:** Praise the Lord, New Life Church has lovingly agreed to share the remaining outstanding debt of \$600,000 equally with the Mother Church. \$300,000 = 1/10 of the overall \$3 million project. By this filial gesture the Mother Church can now devote her full attention to the development of Bukit Batu.

From this issue, we shall keep a monthly tally of sums contributed by our daughter congregation to New Life Church Building Fund. To date, their contribution, including the Dedication offering, is \$23,969.01. (New Life Church has now voted to present their Holy Communion Offering to their Building Fund).



GOD'S KINGDOM AT TANJUNG PINANG

Is the Great Commission Your Great Omission?
 "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature" (Mk 16:15), is the Great Commission of our Lord to you and me! I call it the First Commandment to the Church: Because it demands first priority on the agenda of the Lord's Business.

It was this command that sent the English Presbyterian missionaries to our forefathers in South China in the 1850's. It is the same Divine compulsion that has moved every minister and elder at the Port Dickson Conference last September to go out of Singapore to the regions beyond. We have been guilty of sitting at ease in Zion (Amos 6:1).

Although building a Church at Woodlands for the extension of God's Kingdom is commendable, let us realise this is just the beginning of a new chapter in missions. For us to have established 3 stations (Kelapa Sawit, Rawang, Kulai Besar) in 30 years, insofar as Malaysia is concerned, is nothing to talk about. Yes, in September we did hop up to Kuala Lumpur. But let us not stop short at that, for God has now opened another door to Bukit Batu.

If you think this is too strenuous, the Lord, in all fairness, has moved our daughter church at Woodlands to accept their share of \$300,000 in the New Life Church project. Being thus relieved, we can devote a good portion to the development of a church and kindergarten at Bukit Batu (Our SS of 30 at B. Batu is 15 months old).

The question is, what is the Great Commission to you? Have you received it gladly and are cheerfully helping it to move forward? Or is it your omission, your great omission? - T.T.

NEW LIFE NEWSLINE

My dear Lifers,

We earnestly covet your prayers as we gear up for our outreaches into the highways and byways. First, do pray for our kindergarten committee as we continue our recruitment of staff for our NLK. We should begin recruiting students either late November or early December. The NLK committee comprises Dr (Dr) Paul Tsao (Chairman), Pastor Tan (V Chairman), Dr Sim Chee Seng (Sec), Mr Siow Chai Sheng (Trea), Dr Winston Lim and Mr Yap Chee Kian (members). Many parents have been asking about our NLK already. Second, please pray for our SS exe. committee, comprising Dn (Dr) Paul Tsao (Superintendent), Mr Francis Leong (asst. Sup.) and Elder (Dr) Peter Wang, Mr Prasad Sivaraj and Pastor Tan (members). We should be meeting shortly to finalise the curriculum. Our junior department is already bursting at the seams in their room. Its time for our SS to be organised so that the final aspect of the Great Commission (teaching them to observe all things) can be fulfilled. Finally, please pray for our VBC (Vacation Bible Camp) Outreach (Dec 15-17). Already our banner at the front fence has brought parents with their children. We need to bring them the gospel and then to our SS discipleship. Brethren, please pray for us. - TWC

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (14th - 20th Nov)

MON 9.00 am FEBC Cleaning Up
 TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg
 SAT 7.00 pm JYF; 3.30 pm - YF; 4 pm - YAF
 SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow
 10.00 am Chinese Service
 11.55 am Korean Service
 2.00 pm BFC
 3.30 pm Thai Service
 4.00 pm Kebaktian Indonesia
 4.30 pm Sharon Service
 5.00 pm Rev Tow at Bethany
 8.00 pm Tamil/Korean Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS \$4580.50 + \$50 (W.K.) + \$50 (D Wong)

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS 4655) \$1250 (Off Bags); 4556) \$260; 4557) \$200; 4658) \$50; 4659) \$480; 4660) \$200; 4661) \$240; 4662) \$150; 4663) \$1000; 4664) \$200; 4665) \$300; 4666) \$350. TOTAL \$2,308,742.25
 Organ Fund 12) \$1700; 13) \$2000; 14) \$1400; 15) \$1200; 16) \$1100 TOTAL \$24,315
 Nursery duty: Next Sunday - Mrs Judy Lee and Mrs Goh Mong Eng.

BUKIT BATU CHURCH BUILDING FUND 14) \$600; 15) \$100; 16) \$312; 17) \$300 (Off, Bag); 18) \$1000; TOTAL \$11,156.00 Stop Press! 19) \$400.

APPOINTMENTS FOR NEW LIFE CHURCH

WED 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
 SUN 9.00 am Chinese Service
 11.00 am Worship Service
 Offerings: Eng - \$1279.60; Chin. - \$165.70
 JW - \$180.80

Praise the Lord for Mrs Jenny Lin's successful operation. She is now recuperating at Ward 57, SGH. Continue to pray for her speedy recovery.
 Birth to Mr & Mrs Richard Lum, a boy, Clement Jian Hua.

Expresgram to Rev Djunaidi. Please pray for Evangelistic meetings, Jan 1 - 4, '84. I'll be your interpreter. - T.T.
 Life Church Family Camp (Chinese Sec. under Miss Ng Sang Chiew). Part-timers welcome. Evening messages: "God Has a Plan for Your Life" by the pastor. Korean Blind Pastor Film. Fee \$25 only. Date: Nov 21 - 25.
 Edited by Rev Timothy Tow, 9A Gilstead Road, Singapore 1130. Tel: 2560617/2569256.

My dear Readers,

Camp, Camp, Camp!

Now that school vacation has come (though the seniors are in the thick of final exams, "O" level and "A" level, and we are constantly bearing them up in prayer) Gilstead Road is turned into a Shangrila for campers! Youth camps is a rising Church phenomenon. Our AFers are climbing Fraser's Hill, I understand. But what is unique about Life Church is we have now established the tradition of a Family Camp where chinese-speaking grandmas can also come, yea, even you hardworking girls - part-timers. Just come home to your Mother Church after a dreary work-day - and relax.

Here we are :	1. Life Church Family Camp	Nov 21 - 25
	2. Rawang-Bukit Gambier Camp	Nov 28 - 30
	3. Rev Goh Seng Fong Children's Camp	Nov 28 - Dec 2
	4. Changi Presbyterian Church Camp	Dec 11 - 15
	5. Tan Liang Ping's Group Camp	Dec 16 - 17
	6. Fisherman of Christ Children's Camp	Dec 19 - 22
	7. Life Church Youth Fellowship Camp	Dec 25 - 28
	8. Rev Goh Seng Fong Camp	Dec 26 - 31
	9. Bethlehem-Jurong Camp	Dec 12 - 17

4 Nights Chinese Gospel Meetings, Jan 1 - 4, '84

One of our youth groups, the Tanglin Bible Class, have taken the initiative to hold four nights Gospel meetings, in Mandarin, to be interpreted in Hokkien (2 nights), Teochew and Cantonese. This is a heart-warming gesture to the whole church. Let the whole congregation support this good work with increasing prayer. Bring a Chinese-speaking friend! Our Life Chinese service should be most involved. Rev Djunaidei of West Kalimantan, who is well-known to us, is evangelist. Pray for me as the interpreter. Nazareth BP Church which specializes in reach to chinese-speaking parents, should gladly join in!

"He that winneth souls in wise" (Prov. 11:30)

In all our Church work, whether it be camps, gospel-meetings, church building, missions, soul-winning must be the under-lying motive. So is your giving. The ultimate purpose in all these avenues of service is the glory of God.

When we launched the Woodlands Building Project 4 years ago, when we were nothing before a \$3 million mountain, someone questioned the wisdom of such a costly project. Won't it be better to diversify into other channels that cost less?

Now that God has led us through the Red Sea of such a great undertaking, that someone must agree it has been worth its while!

For, having such wonderful facilities bestowed upon it, Woodlands has become a fruitful field almost overnight.

The English Service has a 120-150 attendance, and is increasing with newcomers from the Town every week. The Chinese Service now has increased to 40, but the greater news from this work is that Bro. Peter Chng (seconded from Life Church Chinese Service) has resolved to enter FEBC fulltime training next July!

Woodlands, moreover, will open her kindergarten next January. Thereafter, a Tamil service, I understand. Meanwhile, as vacation has come, her spacious premises are also fully booked for Bible Camps. Woodlands is growing by leaps and bounds because that was expected of her with heavy investment.

From Woodlands to Bukit Batu

From Woodlands, the Lord has now thrust us forth to Bukit Batu! This is His doing, it is marvellous in our eyes.

For the last 15 months, the Lord has opened a Sunday School at Bukit Batu, 7 miles north of Kelapa Sawit, 33 miles from JB. This Sunday School is run in Loo Chin's home (an FEBC senior student) and has an attendance of 30. This work is under the care of Kelapa Sawit Church.

Hearing that we might one day build a Church at Bukit Batu, the owners of two lots of a housing estate in need of cash approached Elder John Ling of Kelapa Sawit. As the price finally arrived at was most agreeable, M\$10,000 for 10,000 sq ft of prime land, we clinched the deal immediately. The sum was paid to the Solicitors at JB on Saturday Oct 29, the very eve of the Dedication of New Life Church Oct. 30. Was such perfect timing by man's manipulation? Never could we have imagined buying up Bukit Batu up to that day! Rather, the Lord was telling us, I've a greater work to do than paying up the Woodlands Bill.

Sure enough, the New Life Church has gladly arisen to the occasion to shoulder \$300,000 of the total Building costs. Their bearing 1/10 of the Church B.F. releases us immediately to take on Bukit Batu. "But by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want : that there may be an equality" (II Cor 8:14). We're all labourers for God. Thus what is supplied abundantly to one should be a help to the other in want. New Life belongs to God. So Bukit Batu belongs to God too. Whatever sum is given is given to God.

From the start, Bukit Batu was favourably received. A sister of another church (old Lifer) spontaneously gave me \$1,000 for Bukit Batu after service, the day after we clinched the deal. Now, the land cost has been oversubscribed - for this is chicken feed after what we've gone through building Woodlands.

As the King's business requires haste we will not delay but look up the architect to discuss the building. Making it a campsite is part of the planning.

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"The night cometh when no man can work"

Why all this hurry, you ask. Why not? If you can read the clock of prophetic events, we are living at the eleventh hour. When the siren sounds, well, that may well be the end of the End (We are at the beginning of the End).

I have been following world events closely through the BBC. I'm not surprised that despite all of man's efforts to bring peace to Lebanon, President Assad of Syria should suddenly get sick. It is not that political indisposition. Well, that all the more reveals God's Hand over the affairs of man. Let me assure you that according to prophecy, Lebanon can hardly gain the peace they want. It seems that from here will erupt the Third World War. Read Zech. 11:1-6. Present day events fit perfectly into this prophecy.

Explanatory notes to Zech. 11:1 - 6.

1. Fire : destruction, such as by bombs and shells
2. cedars : Big trees of Lebanon = the rich and mighty
3. oaks : Big trees of Bashan (neighbour to Lebanon) = the rich and mighty
4. shepherds : rulers of the land, in agony
5. young lions : the rebels, like PLO, and now PLO rebels!
6. flock of the slaughter : the poor people in refugee camps without means of escape
7. possessors : the powerful rivals who care not for their plight, but care only for
8. their own gain : Druze, Shiites, Maronites, etc.
8. not deliver : Lebanon has no hope of recovery. (Christ is the answer!) - T.T.

New Life Newline

Willmington's Guide to the Bible is one book I take pleasure in reviewing and recommending. It's incredible that so much helpful materials can all be found in a book. The author, Dr H.L. Willmington is a very gifted Bible teacher. When I first came across the book about a year, I did not hesitate to purchase one for myself. It is now on my bookshelf as one of my many reference tools.

The average Christian when asked "Understandest thou what thou readest?" will reply as the Ethiopian eunuch did, "How can I, except some man should guide me?" And Dr H.L. Willmington, through his book is that man. Willmington's Guide to the Bible is "Eight Boos in One." It is at once a Bible Handbook, Commentary, Topical Fact-finder, Theological Manual, History Text, Illustrated Encyclopedia, Cross-Reference Guide and Archaeological Update. In addition you get 250 professionally prepared illustrations, the historical stages of Israel, all the parables of Jesus, all the miracles in the Bible, all the prophecies in the Bible, 613 O.T. Commands, 300 most important Bible Figures, Chronological sequences of the Bible and main doctrines of Christianity. All these and more in one handsomely bound volume for the price of only \$39.00! (less than the cost of a family dinner in an average restaurant). Every Christian should own a copy. It is worth every cent you spend on it. - TWC.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (21st - 27th Nov.)

MON 9.00 am Life Church Family Camp
7.30 pm Worship (Rev Tow)
TUE 7.30 pm Film "Hidden Island" for
Young People
Worship (Rev Tow)
WED 7.30 pm Korean Film "Blind Pastor"
THU 7.30 pm Fellowship Night
FRI 9.30 am Break Camp
SAT 11.00 am Rev Tow at Rawang Wedding
2.30 pm Neo Peck Hai and Pang Siew Lian
Wedding (Rev Lau Chin Kwee)
2.00 pm JYF; 3.30 pm - YF; 4 pm - YAF
SUN 10.00 am Rev David Yan (Chairman :
Elder Lim Teck Chye)
10.00 am Chinese Service
10.30 am Malacca baptism (Rev Tow)
11.55 am Korean Service
2.00 pm BFC
3.30 pm Thai Service
4.00 pm Kebaktian Indonesia
4.00 pm Rev Tow at Rawang
4.30 pm Sharon Service
8.00 pm Korean/Tamil Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS \$2638.00 + \$690 (WF
for KL) + \$75 (RPG)

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS 4667) \$1065;
4668) \$200; 4669) \$52 (Boxes)

TOTAL \$2,310,059.25

BUKIT BATU CHURCH B.F. 20) \$100; 21) \$900;
22) \$200 (Box); 23) \$450; 24) \$350; 25) \$80
26) \$300 (WF). TOTAL \$13,636.00

AP Meeting on Saturday at the home of Mr &
Mrs Teo Gim Thong at 4 pm. Meet in church
at 3.30 pm. Topic: "Overcoming Weariness".

NEW LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

WED 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
SUN 9.00 am Chinese Service
11.00 am Worship Service
OFFERINGS Total : \$1092.81

Nursery duty for next Sunday : Mrs Lilian Lim
and Miss Lau Sock Eng

Rev & Mrs Turner's forwarding address

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It is God building the Singapore - K.L.
Gospel Highway

Next Sat. Nov 26 11 am, I shall be at
Rawang to solemnise a deacon's wedding. To
kill several more birds with the same stone,
I've asked Rev Liew of K.L. to meet me at
Rawang.

Nov. 27, Lord's Day a.m. I've an appoint-
ment with Kim Kah Teck to baptise at Malacca.
Sharon Church is considering a new work at a
new seaside estate with Bro. & Mrs Kim. I've
been requested to visit this site to appraise
its worth.

Sunday 4 pm, we hold Lord's Supper Service
at Rawang; 8 pm Gospel meeting at Bukit
Gambier. Here I'll baptise a teacher and his
wife. Incidentally, this teacher is leading
a youth group of 55 to camp at FEBC Nov. 28,
the very next day of his baptism!

We in S'pore welcome especially our up-
country brothers and sisters. Through such
contacts souls have been won to His Kingdom.
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PASTORAL CHAT

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My dear Readers,

A stinking well or A springing well?

Living in the kampungs before WW II, many did not have the automatic sweet water supply that you enjoy today (Don't grudge that new rate for consumers)! Nor did we have a pipeline to the old English Presbyterian Mission Church at 4 3/4m. Upp. Serangoon where we stayed with our pastor grandpa.

How then did we get our water supply? With much muscle and hand-and-leg work, we grandsons had to haul water from a well at the lowest part of the Church compound. The amazing thing was the more we drew water from the well, the more sweet spring water we had. But there was an abandoned old well in the shrubbery beyond our Church. Instead of springing water, we found stinking water.

A life of service, giving of our energy, time and money to the Lord is a springing well. A life that is lived for self, for the pleasures of the flesh, becomes a stinking well. Similarly, a Church that gives is a springing well. A Church that looks to its own interests is a stinking well.

"Give and it shall be given ...

... good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again" (Luke 6:38). Such is the new experience of New Life Church! Last week I reported how New Life had agreed to share the remaining burden of their BF, which is half of \$600,000, i.e. \$300,000. No sooner had they agreed to this sharing than it was reported to me, "Calvary has given \$10,000 to their BF, and much more follows from a Calvarian!" Here's a lesson to the stalwarts of Life Church. In all sincerity for your spiritual welfare may I urge you not to relax in your good work in giving. Instead of becoming poorer, you have become richer through giving to the Lord! Let the regular gifts you offer for Woodlands be channelled to Bukit Batu (as some of you have begun to do).

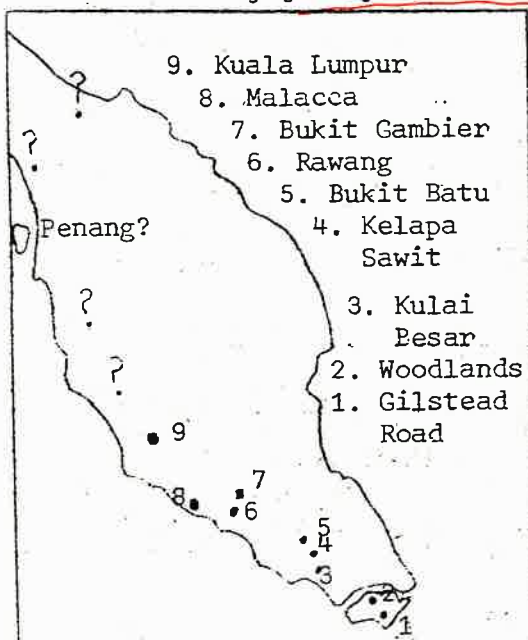
The Story of Bukit Batu

Bukit Batu 33m. north of J.B. was a barren hill 33 years ago. When the communists were becoming a menace to the Malay Peninsula, General Sir Templer, the British C-in-C, conceived a plan to isolate them. 600 new villages with barbed-wire fencing and sentry posts were erected. All scattered farm dwellers and rubber tappers were herded into these villages in order to cut off food supply to the Communists. One of these new villages was established at Bukit Batu, until then only a cluster of attap houses.

I knew Bukit Batu well since 33 years ago, because in the fifties I often drove back to Batu Pahat to visit my parents. Then one of those days I suddenly saw the tower of a big Catholic Church rise above the new village. The Roman Catholics had come in! How it pained my heart to see it towering above our own station at Kelapa Sawit, 7 miles south (Kelapa Sawit was founded 1952, taken over by Life Church 1954).

In the course of 30-odd years, the Lord had at last galvanised us to action - take Bukit Batu! It began 15 months ago when Kelapa Sawit Church started a Sunday School here in Sis. Loo Chin's house (Loo Chin, a convert from Kulai Besar, ^{was then} is now a senior FEBC student). Then when two lots of prime land in a new housing estate were offered to Elder John Ling of Kelapa Sawit, and he asked us (the Mother Church) to come in, we clinched the deal on Oct 29, eve of Woodlands Dedication. Now our Bukit Batu Church Building Fund has exceeded \$14,000 (of which M\$10,000 is paid for the land).

Miss Tay Siew Mui of Muar Trinity Church, who designed Rawang and Kelapa Sawit, saw me last week. She gladly offered her services again to design our projected Bukit Batu Church and Kindergarten with built-in camping facilities. So, the Lord has relieved us of half of Woodlands (very justly) in order to increase His Kingdom at Bukit Batu. **THE END.**



One more station on the Singapore - K.L. Gospel Highway

Can you name the stations? Here we go : 1) Gilstead Road, 2) Woodlands, 3) Kulai Besar 19m., 4) Kelapa Sawit 26m., 5) Bukit Batu 33m., 6) Rawang 133m., 7) Bukit Gambier 145m. Now we come to the "one more station". It is Malacca 160m. Sharon BPC, under Rev Peter Chua, has voted to support Bro and Mrs Kim Kah Teck (grad. FEBC students) to start a new work at a seaside estate in Malacca Town. For this reason I have been requested to visit Malacca, and even baptise there, as I go on my circuit this week. I don't like to leave you on a Sunday morning, but God's higher hand has often led otherwise. At Rawang, where I am solemnising a deacon's wedding there will be a meeting between me and Rev Eiew Hon Seng of our K.L. station at Taman Sri Melati. Our conversation will be on how to improve the work of the Lord there.

Talking about Weddings

Truly the words of our Lord are being fulfilled at Life Church of the many marryings before His return. We've 10 bookings already for 1984. But not all these whose marriages will be solemnised will live forever happily after! Nowadays, Singapore is becoming

more and more like the West! The rate of divorce in US is 1:2 and in England 1:3. The sad thing is marriages are broken not only by the hasty young couples, but also in the middle-aged group. Divorce with pastors in America is another sad phenomenon. BP ministers, let us also take heed!

But this is nothing strange. As the human heart is incorrigibly wicked, it happened even in the days of the prophet Malachi. Malachi asked these Church officers, the Levites and the priests, who had turned from the wives of their youth to other women, "... the Lord hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously, yet she is thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant. And did He not make one? Yet had He the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That He might seek a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth" (Mal. 2:14,15).

Here is homiletic sarcasm. When God made one woman for one man, was it because he had no more strength to make another Eve? He made them one-one because that's the way of holiness, and the way to happiness. So, husbands, young or old, take heed, lest the Lord goes after you as He did through Malachi to the playboys among the Levites and the priests! Ahem. - T.T.

New Life Newsline

New Life Kindergarten begins registration

The NLK principal and her staff began work at 9.30 am on Mon (Nov 19, 83) to prepare the school for official opening in Jan. '84. No sooner did they begin that parents start to walk in to register their young children. Mind you, all these have come in through no publicity on our part. Education provided by the Church has always enjoyed a good reputation. Parents, regardless of their religious affiliation still prefers "mission schools".

NLK takes the Lord's injunction in Prov. 22:6 and Matt. 19:13-15 seriously, and toward that end (D.V.) we shall have three chapels per week with the pastor and the staff-workers taking one chapel each. At the time of writing this report (Wed.) 8 students have been registered and with publicity through Lifers and New Lifers, and a banner to be put up facing the Marsiling Lane market, we should have our quota of 60 children before the month runs out. Parents have called from as far as Kranji, Sembawang, Yi Shun, Bukit Panjang and Jalan Teck Whye.

NL Kindergarten has many needs

As you will have already read that the Lord has given us a challenge to raise \$300,000 as our share. In addition to that we, about 80 members, i.e. 1/10 of the membership of Lifers (though our attendance ranges from 120-180) have been taking care of our maintenance bills. The Lord has been good as He is great. We thank Mother Life Church for helping us most. Calvary Church and her pastor, Rev (Dr) Tow Siang Hwa have strengthened us tremendously by their words and deeds of encouragement (with a gift of \$10,000 and another of \$25,000 for the building fund). Our gratitude also goes to Lifers who continue to help, e.g. the lighted sign board, the clocks, the lighting of the bell-tower, 100 copies of Trinity Hymnals were all gifts from Lifers. The following items are urgently needed before NLK commences:
1) Swings, slide, balance/monkey bars; 2) Furniture and fixtures for principal's office and classrooms; 3) Cups and saucers; 4) Toys and Books; 5) Sandpit and 6) Sign Board. - TWC.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (28th Nov - 4th Dec) NEW LIFE APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

MON 9.00 am G S Fong Children's Camp
9.00 am Rawang - Bkt Gambier Camp
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
WED 8.00 pm Wedding Rehearsal
SAT 2.00 pm JYF; 3.30 pm - YF; 4 pm - YAF
2.30 pm Lau Choon Poh - Monica Tong
Wedding (Rev Tow)
SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow (Lord's Supper)
10.00 am Rev Lin Tah Mon (Lord's Supper)
11.55 am Korean Service
2.00 pm BFC
3.30 pm Thai Service
4.00 pm Kebaktian Indonesia
4.30 pm Sharon Service
6.00 pm Rev Tow at Cal-Pan
8.00 pm Korean/Tamil Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS \$3,713.60

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS 4670 \$307.40

(Off. bags); 4671) \$20; 4672) \$61 (Boxes)

Total \$2,310,427.65.* Praise the Lord for receipt of \$35,000 by New Life for their BF. This sum comes in most timely to repay a loan of \$35,000 we've taken from Bethany BPC, which is now urgently needed to relieve Ling Kwang (Rom. 8:28).

Bukit Batu Church B.F. 27) \$100 (Off. bags); 28) \$200; 29) \$1,500 (Thanksgiving).

TOTAL \$15,736.00 Stop Press! 4671) \$100.*

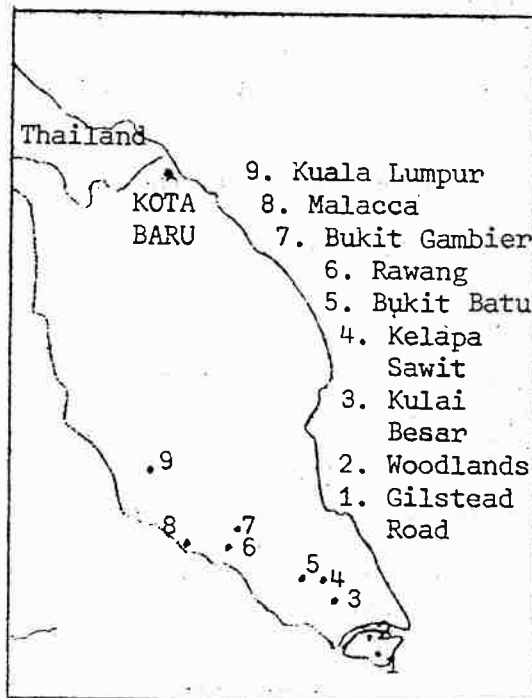
Nursery duty for next week Mrs Evelyn Tay, Mrs Karen Lee.

WED 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
SUN 9.00 am Chinese Service
11.00 am Worship Service (Lord's Supper)
OFFERINGS Total : \$767.85

Life Church Family Camp, as in past years, registered over 100, including part-timers. To enhance our garden facilities, we've added 4 giant umbrellas to the 4 new stone tables. The cost is \$355. One is already offered! Bukit Batu is calling for reinforcement of Sunday School teachers to teach on Saturdays! Can New Life Church help out? Sembawang Children's Camp (Rev Bobby Phee) is scheduled for Dec 5 - 9 (our No. 10). Wilmington's Guide to the Bible is highly recommended to our members. Get yours from the Book Centre (1,500 copies sold!) RPG Workbook on ISAIAH, the Gospel Prophet (No.2) is out! First come, first served! Paving the S'pore - K.L. Gospel Highway: Rev Liew and his 1st convert Mr Chew paid us a visit in advance. On their return they give a lift to Bro. and Mrs Kim Kah Teck. Here's KL - Malacca fellowship all along the Gospel Highway. A special welcome to our Rawang - Bukit Gambier campers! Rev P Tan: 2511915 ; Woodlands : 3685363/4 Edited by Rev Timothy Tow, 9A Gilstead Road Singapore 1130. Tel: 2560617/2569256.

PASTORAL CHAT

4 + $\frac{1}{2}$ + $\frac{1}{2}$ BP Tribes Conquering the Land for Christ!



Last week we noted there are 9 stations on the S'pore-KL Gospel Highway.

This week let us view our advance into Malaysia in the light of Israel's conquest of Canaan under Joshua. We have 4 big tribes whose bases are in Singapore, viz; Life, Calvary, Sharon, New Life and 2 small tribes (which we call $\frac{1}{2}$ tribes) in Malaysia, viz; Kelapa Sawit and Rawang. Life helps Kelapa Sawit to claim Bukit Batu and helps Rawang to occupy Bukit Gambier. Life claimed Kuala Lumpur in September after the Port Dickson Conference. Calvary has taken over Kulai Besar from Life. New Life is claiming Northern Singapore. Sharon is taking over Malacca, most probably, January '84.

Rawang-Malacca-Bukit Gambier-Kelapa Sawit Circuit

We spent full 55 hours on this medium-range circuit. Mrs Tow and I left S'pore last Saturday 7 a.m. We arrived Rawang before 11 a.m. in good time to officiate the wedding of Deacon Chua. The same night we ate the wedding dinner, having established our temporary quarters at the Rest House.

Sunday morning 7.15 a.m. Kim Kah Teck fetched us to Air Keroh Heights, a new housing estate in Malacca. There is established a regular Sunday Service here in his father's house for the last one year. As a result I was requested to bap-

tise one young lady and solemnise the Reaffirmations of his younger brother and sister. 22 were at this service where most partook the Lord's Supper.

From this housing estate we went to another on reclaimed shoreland right in town, next to the Padang. Here is a first floor flat which Sharon, under Peter Chua, desires to rent for Kim Kah Teck and Pauline (both FEBC graduates now taking more studies at the alma mater) to start a new Gospel work. At Sharon's request we made this special visit. I have given full concurrence to Sharon's choice of the site.

Since the Port Dickson Conference, in 4 months, BP tribes have taken possession of 4 towns of their Canaan, viz; Bukit Gambier, K.L., Bukit Batu and now Malacca. Yes, what the Lord wants is not some hit and run expedition but a permanent staking in the land with the view of establishing new churches.

On our return we visited Kelapa Sawit, especially Mrs John Ling who is to go for an operation Dec. 7. Please pray for her safe recovery. We also visited Major Long, spending a month there, a doorkeeper of the Lord's House in some respects. We gave a lift to 3 Rawangites to Singapore.

No sooner had we returned to good old S'pore than 59 Bukit Gambier teachers and students arrived in their Bas Sekolah on a 3 day tour of S'pore. The tour leader and head teacher Mr [Name] was one of six (with his wife) I have baptised this time at Rawang. Opening Life Church-FEBC rooms to our newest contacts in Malaysia is a means of bringing them to the Lord. Do you know that the House of God coupled with Christian hospitality is a means of grace to bring souls to Christ? Hence God's bountiful blessings on all our Church building projects!

Call to the North-east

Rev Yeo, formerly of Living Water Church Muar, is most desirous of a visit from us to Kota Baru, Wakaf Baru and Gua Musang which he is ministering in Kelantan. He desires especially a showing of the latest Holy Land slides with expositions of the prophecies on Israel and Christ's Second Coming. This must tie in with exposures of the Ecumenical Movement and the end-time Harlot Church of course! A door is opened unto us to hitherto untouched Northeast Malaysia (where Islam is strongest). Pray for this new open door with a view also to our entry into South Thailand. If the Lord has moved the whole EP Church to foreign missions, we must keep up with the pace of conquest He has set us!

General Elections 1984

As New Life develops to full autonomy in the new year, it is high time we prepared for a General Elections, March 1984. We need new blood, as a number of the Session have transferred to Woodlands, to replenish and to revive! "Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you (seven) men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business" (Acts 6:3).

For the qualifications of elders and deacons please consult I Tim 3:1-13. A Church of our size needs at least 2 pastors, 7 elders, 14 deacons. Let each be an active one, an example to the flock, full of zeal for God's Kingdom as we await His soon Return. Let those who are elected bear up the burden of the Church in prayer, be present particularly at the Church Prayer Meeting. In this respect Calvary has set us a good example.

Letter from Rev & Mrs Paul Contento

This is just a note to thank you for your kindness in sending the Church newsletter so regularly. We do so enjoy them and we are glad to know of the progress of your work.

We still keep working here and have about thirty students but we need a bigger place and we hope that later on we can find one. Your member Titus Lim is active here and we see him

frequently, as he lives not far away. His wife is also studying at the seminary.

We read all about your visit to Israel. I would like to go back there one day to see how it has changed but it doesn't seem a very safe place to go to at present, though quite a number of tours go from US to there frequently.

We get many opportunities to visit at Chinese churches where those who came out of Saigon now attend. We also have had quite a contact with our former students in Vietnam. They are very active in the Lord's work. Down in Orange county, near Los Angeles, they have already got 40 churches. North of us, in Oregon another Vietnamese group has just dedicated their 20th church. So the Lord is really at work. Praise His name. I know you had some contact with the refugees in Indonesia and near Singapore.

My greetings to any of the church folk who still know us.

This brings warm greetings and we pray that the Lord will continue to bless all the Church work, your outreach to other places, and FEBC.

Yours, wishing you a happy Christmas and a wonderful 1984. Maybe the Lord will come next year.

Correspondance address: 1525 Solano Ave, Berkeley, CA 94707, U.S.A.

Note on the Contentos

They are old friends of our Church, of myself since 1946 in Nanking, China. After Mao's Liberation, they came over to S'pore and served with us at Prinsep St., while opening their seaside house at Pasir Panjang to many youth groups. When they left for Saigon in 1960 they "bequeathed" that seaside house to Life Church, from which has sprung Galilee.

The Contentos were invited to lay the foundation stones of both Life Church and FEBC in 1962. I still remember Rev Contento's prayer, "Lord, raise up a Spurgeon and a Moody from this College in the days to come". Does FEBC live up to his high expectations? The Contentos are a couple I admire because their service of the Lord together must be close to 100 years. But they are young, forever young in the Lord! Now they are teaching in the only Chinese Seminary in USA where Lim Jui Kai and wife of Faith BPC are studying. - T.T.

NEW LIFE NEWSLINE

According to the book, Religious Trends in Singapore by co-authors Bobby E K Sng and You Poh Seng, Christianity is professed by over 10% of the population. Interestingly, "the breakdown figures for those with secondary/upper secondary and tertiary qualifications were significantly higher. 22.9% of the former category and 35.8% of the latter group claimed to be Christians" (pp. 10-20).

A significant study for churches to take note is that "among persons over 50 years of age, 53.7% stated that they had attended church schools while only 27.5% had been associated with parachurch youth ministry. On the other hand, in the age group 15-29 years, the findings were reversed. Only 26.9% stated that they had attend church schools while 56% stated that they had been involved in parachurch youth organisations during their school days" (p. 49).

The contribution of church schools (including kindergartens) and parachurch organisations in evangelism cannot be denied. One important fact is that we must reach the young with the Gospel whenever the opportunity arises. Hence we rejoice that New Life Kindergarten is gearing up to commence in Jan. 1984. We praise the Lord that last Sunday a New Lifer was touched to offer the swing, slide, balance monkey bars, cups and saucers. Many more items are urgently needed within this month before NLK can open its doors. The built-in cupboards, bulletin boards, shelves, drawers, and 8 portable partitions for the 5 classrooms (not counting the tables and chairs) cost around \$11,000. Do pray for us and with us please (Phil. 4:13). - TWC

STOP PRESS! Elder John Ling telephoned Pastor Saturday morning. Owner of land adjacent to ours at Bukit Batu has offered to sell it to us. Area 15,000 sq ft. Price being negotiated. Bukit Batu 7 miles from Kelapa Sawit, pop. 4,000 has R. C. Church and Buddhist temple. Sister Sang Chiew runs 2 Sunday Schools.

PRAY AND GIVE 5 Kelapa Sawit members stay in Bukit Batu. 2 has given to Bukit Batu Building Fund. THE KING'S BUSINESS REQUIRES HASTE. - Rev P Tan.

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

MON 9.00 am Sembawang BPC Camp
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg; 9.15 pm - Ses. Mtg
FRI 8.00 pm Family Worship, new home of
Miss Brenda Lai (address to
announce in Church)
SAT 9.00 am Korean School 10th Anniversary
2.00 pm JYF; 3.30 pm - YF; 4 pm - YAF
2.30 pm Peter Leong - Clara Quek
Wedding (Rev Tow)
SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow
10.00 am Chinese Service
11.55 am Korean Service
3.00 pm Rev Tow at Kelapa Sawit
3.30 pm Thai Service
4.00 pm Indonesian Service
4.30 pm Sharon Service
8.00 pm Korean/Tamil Service

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK FOR NEW LIFE CHURCH

WED 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
SUN 9.00 am Chinese Service
11.00 am Worship Service
OFFERINGS: \$1511.00

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$3251.30 + \$100 (RPG)

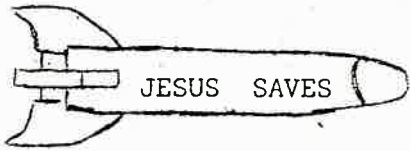
NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS 4674) \$600; 4675) \$480; 4676) \$500; 4677) \$1000; 4678) \$212 (USA)
TOTAL \$2,313,319.65

BUILDING FUND FOR BUKIT BATU 30) \$50; 31) \$50;
32) \$100; 33-35) \$350; \$500; \$10 (Offering bags)
36) \$1400; 37) \$200; 38) \$1400; 39) \$1300; 40)
\$1800; 41) \$1000; 42) \$150. TOTAL \$24,046.00

MISSIONS - FOR THAILAND \$500 + \$100

ORGAN FUND 17) \$25,315. Grand Total \$25,315

Those who wish to go for the AF Camp at Fraser's Hill can still register with Sis Lin Fong or Bro Chin Kam. Date : 12th - 17th Dec '83)



WE ARE FOR CROSS-MISSILES!

Hundreds of thousands in Europe have been demonstrating against the new cruise-missiles now positioned in England, West Germany and Italy. They are scared to death at the thought of the inevitability of a nuclear war. Without God and without hope, theirs is a natural reaction (though fanned by the communists).

Christians, however, can sing "in the fires" (Isa. 24:15), in an age when "the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men are left" (RPG readers, refer this to "Isaiah's Apocalypse"). "Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,

The shadow of a mighty rock Within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness, A rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noon tide heat,
And the burden of the day."

For the Lord has promised us salvation in such a doomsday situation. Luke 21 says, "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." A greater disaster engulfing the world is this flood-tide of carnality and pleasure-seeking. So our Lord continues, "And take heed to yourselves, lest at anytime your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, drunkenness and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares."

But there is a more positive note in our Lord's Olivet Discourse, "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come" (Matt. 24:14). Let us therefore arise from sitting in the shadow of the cross. Let us rise, take up the cross, and level it middle-range, short-range, long-range on target against the forces of evil wherever the Master directs us.

Can we reach out to the world, to all nations? If every church on earth will have some Gospel outreach, says Rev Djunaidi, this task of world evangelisation will have been accomplished.

In last week's sketch map, we saw how our S'pore-KL Gospel Highway has 9 stations established. In the terminology of this week's chat, we have cross-missiles positioned at these 9 stations on the Gospel Highway.

For your encouragement, we have our cross-missiles stationed also in Indonesia at five points : 1) Tanjung Pinang in the Riau Islands; 2) Singkep Island (Simon Tsai); 3) Jakarta (Dohar and Gloria); 4) Pontianak, West Kalimantan (Djunaidi); 5) Medan (Wesley Siregar and David Effendi). At present 10 young men under Haposan are visiting 3 preaching stations there, including Bentar Kersik and Kuta Baru.

Let us answer this world, now gripped with fear and hatred, with the one and only hope of mankind through our cross-missiles. Preach Christ, everywhere you go. Support the Gospel work in every way you can. Reach out to some lost soul everyday with a Gospel tract.

We are for CROSS-MISSILES!

And the war-heads of our cross-missiles are the missionaries

In this regard, let us list them and support them with our prayers. Starting with Life Church on our S'pore-KL Gospel Highway :

1. Life : the pastor and assoc. pastor Dr Patrick Tan, Jess Lim, pastor's assistant David Wong (Chinese section), Peter Chng (New Life Chinese Service).
2. New Life, Woodlands : The pastor Tan Wai Choon, Eric Kwan, Lau Choon Poh (Chinese section).
3. Kulai Besar : Freddy Yong, Chong Loo Chin.
4. Kelapa Sawit : Ng Sang Chiew.
5. Bukit Batu : Ng Sang Chiew, Chong Loo Chin.
6. Rawang : Mrs Teo, Elder Kua and Mrs Kua.
7. Bukit Gambier : Mrs Teo, Elder Kua, Chan Lay Seng (bimonthly).
8. Malacca : Kim Kah Teck and Pauline.
9. K. Lumpur : Liew Hon Seng.

These are our medium range cross-missiles.

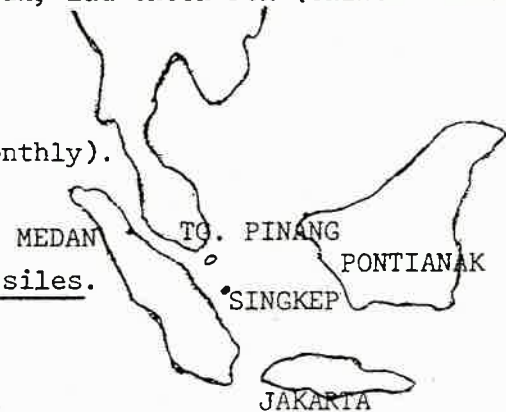
Now our longer-range cross-missiles.

1. Tanjung Pinang, Riau Islands : Esther Tan and husband.
2. Singkep Island : Simon Tsai and wife.
3. Jakarta : Dohar and Gloria.
4. Pontianak, W. Kalimantan : Djunaidi and Dyak co-workers.
5. Medan, Bentar Kersik, Kora Baru (N. Sumatra) : Wesley Siregar and David Effendi.

Despite our heavy commitment to the Woodlands Project, we have not failed to maintain all our missionaries. We thank God for Calvary's taking care of Kulai Besar and for Sharon's support of Malacca. God-lovers like Elder Kua render voluntary service at Rawang and Bukit Gambier twice a month. Kelapa Sawit and Rawang are self-supporting, so is Tanjung Pinang. The rest we are responsible totally or partially.

To encourage our missionaries it has been proposed that part of our Christmas gifts should go to them.

Now, inasmuch as sowing widely will bring bigger crops, you will thrill to see the gathering in of souls should you visit with us each of these stations. This Christmas the Lord has the annual appointment with me to baptise at Tg. Pinang, Dec. 22. In case you are interested to come along (not allergic to the bigger waves of the NE Monsoon) please let me know by



Dec. 15, passport and photo. The trip to Tg. Pinang, to and fro is about \$95.

The missile-arsenal is FEBC

Don't forget, not the least, the very grounds from which our cross-missiles are made. FEBC is becoming more and more congested with students. There's a goodly number coming in Jan. 1984. Another two Kenyans, one with a B.A., both teachers, will arrive by year's end. We have one from India and two from Sri Lanka. Pray for one also trying to come from Burma. All these will become long-range cross-missiles! And now one is coming from USA! - T.T.

NEW LIFE NEWSLINE

SHARON CAMPERS CAMPAIGN FOR NEW LIFE KINDERGARTEN

Sharon BP Church YF has the distinction of being the first YF to hold a regular camp at New Life premises. It was a welcome change from our usually quiet compound. Blessings have been mutual. Perhaps the Sharon YF have blessed us more. How? One afternoon, under the planning and direction of their Campmaster Dn Frederick Tan and our staff worker Eric Kwan, the campers distributed 3000 leaflets informing residents in the Marsiling Area of our New Life Kindergarten registration. With the two banners in Chinese and English written by Dr Sim and strategically placed so that traffic from all four directions can see, our New Life Kindergarten enrollment has shot over the 30 mark. Praise the Lord, He has done "immeasurably more than we ask or imagine." Yesterday, our Kindergarten Treasurer, Mr Siow Chai Sheng and myself supervised the transfer of 2 lorry loads of used (but in good condition) outdoor play equipment. Believe it or not, they have been donated by another kindergarten which closed down recently. God is great as He is good. Thanks to the kind supervision of that kindergarten.

IMITATION IS THE MOST SINCERE FORM OF FLATTERY

Last week a good friend with his family came over to pay us a visit. As his congregation is in the process of putting up a Church building, he came to get some ideas. Among others, one thing that particularly impressed him was our 100 teak pews so skillfully constructed. I told him that these and the pulpit furniture have been donated by a dear member of Life Church who believes in offering the best to the LORD. Immediately, he asked to contact the carpenter. I promised to get him the contact very soon. Just as the Thessalonian Church was a model to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia (1 Thess. 1:7), our pews are a model to another Church because a sincere worshipper believes in giving the best.

NEW LIFE SUNDAY SCHOOL GETS ORGANISED

As our membership gets stabilised, it's time to get organised. The key to any Christian Organisation's effectiveness is its key personnel. They must be men "of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom" (acts 6:3). Our Sunday School Executive Committee are Dn Paul Tsao (Gen. Super.), Elder Lim Kim Hee (Registrar), Mr Yap Chee Kian (Sec.), Mr Prasad Sivaraj (Trea. and J Super.), Elder P Wang (Adult Super.), Mr Francis Leong (Senior Super.), Pastor Tan (Ex-Official & Adult Teacher). We should have a total of over 100 students to start off come January 1984. Brethren, pray for us. - TWC.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (12th - 18th Dec.'83) APPOINTMENTS FOR NEW LIFE CHURCH

MON 7.30 pm Pastor speaks at B-J Camp
TUE 7.30 pm Pastor speaks at B-J Camp
8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
SAT 2.30 pm Daniel Goh - Pauline Cheong
Wedding (Rev Whitmore of
Ev. Free Church & Rev Tow)
2.00 pm Combined Sunday School Christmas Celebrations
SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow
10.00 am Mr Jonah Chan
11.55 am Korean Service
2.00 pm BFC
3.30 pm Thai Service
4.00 pm Indonesian Service
4.30 pm Sharon Service
8.00 pm Tamil/Korean Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$5211.20 + \$800 (for KL missions from WF) + \$400 (For Medan fr. AF)

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS 4679-4684)
\$3533 (New Life); 4685) \$100; 4686) \$1358.80;
4687) \$160; 4688) \$200; 4689) \$200; 4690)
\$304 (Chin. Ser.); 4691) \$1000; 4692) \$750
(AF); 4693) \$1000 (Kor. Ch.) 4694) \$100.
TOTAL \$2,322,025.45

Praise the Lord for 4 of the Thai Service to be baptised today.

Congratulations to the Korean School on their 10th Anniversary. The Korean population in S'pore is now over 7,000.

Praise the Lord for the gift of a Conn organ and for a Yamaha Grand to come in next week. "God loveth a cheerful giver."

Nursery duty for next week Mrs Siriwan & Mrs Esther Lum. Christmas Day - no nursery.

Edited by Rev Timothy Tow, 9A Gilstead Road.

WED 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
SUN 9.00am Chinese Service
11.00 am Worship Service
OFFERING \$3533.00 New Life's tel: 3685363/4
New Life Church's share (\$300,000) of their Building Fund. This month's offering \$3533. Total \$27,502.01 (Another \$30,000+ is forthcoming!) Returned loan \$35,000 to Bethany this week!
Jess Lim, with a few more credits to complete next semester, is parttime employed as the pastor's assistant from this month.
BUKIT BATU CHURCH B.F. 43) \$100; 44) \$500; 45) \$500; 46) \$600; 47) \$10,000; 48) \$68.88 (USA) 49) \$796.60; 50) \$100; 51) \$200.
TOTAL \$36,911.48

P.A. System for FEBC Hall \$1,000 has been received from a couple (Chin. Ser.).
Special Thanksgiving (\$500) for Rinna of Medan for her discharge from hospital. Please continue to pray for her recovery as she returns. This sum goes to Missions.

Pray for 4 nights Chinese Gospel Meetings (Rev Djunaidi speaking) Jan 1-4, '84.

Pray for journey mercies as the AFers with the Tan family travel to Fraser's Hill for a week of Bible Camp.

Motorists are requested not to park on front lawn when wet. Do not park inside vacant lots of Chancery Court. Welcome to outside lots along thoroughfare.

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Life

B-P WEEKLY

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"In the midst of life, we are in death"

This statement is often heard when listening to a funeral sermon. But who can better understand it than the pastor himself? This month, I have three weddings in a row, but when funerals come, they often follow hard upon one another's heels.

Last Lord's Day, I would have taken on the burial of an old lady I had baptised a month or two ago, had I not had my bi-monthly appointment with Kelapa Sawit. All tired out Monday morning after a very full Sunday, I received a call from Bro. Peter Chng (New Life Chinese Service). "There's a young man," he said, "baptised at New Life in October. This young man went swimming with friends Sunday afternoon at Desaru (He did not attend church) He drowned! Can you take care of the funeral?"

At the home of this young man, I talked with his girl friend. In tears she recounted how she had come to know him the last two years. It happened that a certain tour group had three members withdrawn. Her boyfriend therefore invited her and another to fill in - "on a happy trip to Desaru." As she could not swim, she stood watching the young man plunge into the surf. Into the surf of an open China Sea under a full Monsoon! As the waves rolled in and out, higher and higher they rolled, she felt a chill. She cried to her friend, "Come back, come back!" The young man pulled his arms with all his might, but never seemed to get nearer home. All of a sudden, he disappeared. When the lifeguard finally got him out of the water, he was gone.

There's a ditty we learnt in our scouting days:

Man's life's a vapour, full of woes.
He cuts the caper(leaps up) and down he goes
Downy, downy, downy, downy, down he goes.

Yes, that is how vapour works. It goes up, but soon condenses, and comes down in raindrops. What a picture of this transient, earthly life. This is what James says of life too, "Go to now, ye that say, Today or tomorrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell and get gain: Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For that is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanished away..." (Jas. 4:13,14). (The young man was selling life insurance.)

The only consolation in this tragedy is this young man (29) had attended Life Church for some years before transferring to New Life, since he lived at Chong Pang, near to Woodlands. The greater consolation is he finally decided to baptise at the New Life Chinese Service. Reader, have you received Christ as your Saviour? If so, why are you not baptised?

Baptism carries the power of a seal

A seal confirms the validity of a document. Legal documents must be sealed with the Supreme Court seal. Baptism carries the power of a seal from the Court of Heaven.

This is my experience: Whenever a member of a heathen Chinese family turns to Christ and is baptised, when he dies the family will never dare to challenge the dead man's faith. They submit to Christ by the power of his baptism. So did a Muslim father (his Malay wife became Christian) give way to the Church when his deceased son was proven to have been baptised. You young people must never take baptism lightly. While the sacrament itself does not save, it is a seal of salvation that defies the powers of the devil.

Chinese Idols hide their faces

A Christian funeral, with its preaching services at the deceased's house, brings great uneasiness to the inmates, including the idols! At this young man's country house, there sit the usual three musketeers of Chinese gods, one with a red face, one with a white face and one with a black face. The moment it was announced the pastor was coming, the living inmates immediately put up a shield of red linen (red spells "good luck" in Chinese) over the three gods. Every idol paraphernalia was covered with the same red cloth to fend against the awesome majesty of the Christian God. "For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised: he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the nations are idols : but the Lord made the heavens" (Ps. 96:4,5).

Talking about idols, I had the joy of removing the goddess Kuan Yin and a Dragon with the usual idol shelf of incense bowl and joss sticks. This I did at the request of the newly-believing parents of a young man of Tanglin Bible Class. Having cleared the house of all these false gods, we have substituted with a Chinese Bible-verse wall clock. I wish CLBC would create one with a salvation verse and a red cross of Calvary for daily remembrance. We don't allow portraits of Christ which is another breach of the Second Commandment.

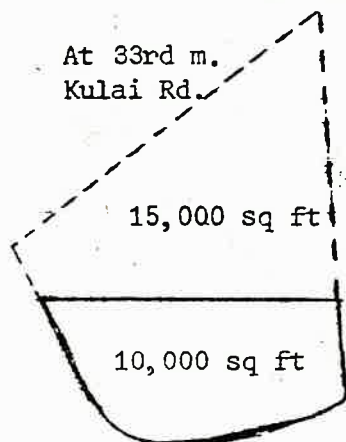
Bukit Batu Developments

This sketch map shows the 10,000 sq ft we've acquired. The adjoining piece of 15,000 sq ft which is sloping land is offered at M\$12,500. Because it is sloping we counter-offered M\$10,000. In compromise the owner would level the land to our satisfaction. This might require some earth-filling. At any rate, it must be done to our satisfaction.

When that is completed we would have 25,000 sq ft of land to develop a Church and Kindergarten-Parsonage complex. May the Lord grant wisdom in all these developments.

A great door is open to our Tamil Service (I Cor 16:9)

I had the wonderful opportunity of speaking twice at the BP Tamil Bible Convention (Rev Burt Subramaniam). About 80 - 90 including children were gathered nightly at Calvary Jurong. There I met a family of



five who have recently joined Life Tamil Service. The father, a police officer, had been attending the Novena with his wife and three children. Somehow he felt uneasy with the idolatrous practices of the RCs. "No different from our Hinduism," he said. So when they were invited to our evening Tamil Service he and all his family gladly received the Lord. He found the true church at last.

Do you know that Eld. Mahadevan is on the Tamil Committee, together with J.P. David and Wan, both FEBC students? Do you know our open classroom facing the upper green corridor is becoming too small for our Tamil brethren? Gather more of them in, before He comes! Amen. T.T.

NEW LIFE NEWSLINE

ARIDA PHUA CHNEE SOON CALLED HOME

A day after we returned from West Malaysia I was shocked and saddened to hear that Arida was drowned while swimming in Desaru, Johore. Arida, from our Chinese congregation, was baptised by me on October 30, 1983. Death causes grief as it always has done. We were grieved that a man so young (age 29), with so much potential should be cut off so soon. Choon Poh was especially joyful to see Arida getting baptised on October 30, '83. Arida was witnessed to by him while both were in the army. It was Choon Poh's joy to see his efforts bearing fruit. But then, alas he was soon to depart this world so suddenly and so unexpectedly. While God is sovereign and does whatever pleases Him, God expects us to be prudent (a Malaysian told me that nobody is supposed to swim off the East Coast between Nov & Dec - the Northeast Monsoon Season) and obedient to His perceptive will, i.e. His directions for us in the Scriptures. Our departed brother should have been in church on the Lord's Day instead of in the sea (cf. Isa 58:13,14)! Nonetheless, we do not grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again and we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in Him. The comfort we have is the assurance that our dear brother Arida has gone to see his Saviour whom he had just confessed a couple of months before.

A special word of thanks must be expressed to Rev Timothy Tow, our advisory pastor who comforted the bereaved and conducted the funeral in my absence.

NLK ENROLLMENT CONTINUES TO SOAR

As of this morning (Dec 15, 1983), the total number of students enrolled for our NLK is over 50. Praise the Lord! The Lord has supplied all our needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus (Phil. 4:19). By next week it may be necessary to put late applicants on reserve.

NL PREMISES A BEEHIVE OF ACTIVITY

Thursday we began our VBS with over 100 children young and old attending. Special thanks to a dedicated team of about 50 helpers, many of whom are Lifers from TBC. Many parents have come bringing their children. May God's Word find these campers' hearts as good soil that will bear fruit, some 30, some 60 and some 100-fold.

Since Monday, the Mt Carmel YF have held their camp. We never before had so much music, activity and noise on weekdays. We welcome all campers and all that they bring - learning desire, music, songs, food, fun and fellowship. Our prayer for each camper is that the Lord will speak to each one clearly through His many servants and His Word. May souls be saved and sanctified to His glory. - TWC.

CHRISTMAS APPOINTMENTS (19th - 25th December)

THU 11.00 am Pastor leaves for Tg. Pinang
FRI 6.00 pm Pastor returns
7.30 pm Sharon/BFC
SAT 7.45 pm Life Church Carol Service/BFC
(Combined with Chin. & Indo. Ser)

SUN 10.00 am Christmas Day Service
11.55 am Korean Christmas Service, etc.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$3943.00

ORGAN FUND 18) \$1200; 19) \$1600

TOTAL \$28,115.00

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS \$4695) \$1875
(Off. bags); 4696) \$300; 4697) \$200-(Tg. Pinang); 4698) \$40 (Sembawang BPC); 4699) \$100 (Idol Removal). TOTAL \$2,324,540.45
BUKIT BATU CHURCH BF 52) \$15; 53) \$50; 54) \$350; 55) \$150; 56) \$500; 57) \$3000 (CLBC). TOTAL \$40,976.48 Stop Press! 58) \$50 (Off. Bag).

Pray for Mrs John Ling's (of Kelapa Sawit) speedy recovery from an operation at JB General Hospital (Intensive Care Ward, 2nd Floor)

Pray for Chinese Dialects Gospel Meetings, Jan 1-4, '84. Rev Djunaidi of W Kalimantan, evangelist. Bring a dialect-speaking relative and friend!

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HIS NAME IS AT THE TOP

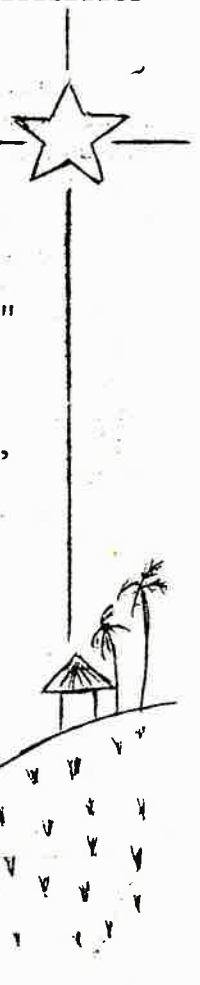
I had the nicest Christmas list,
The longest one in town,
Till Daddy looked at it and said,
"You'll have to cut it down."
I knew that what he said was true,
Beyond the faintest doubt,
But was amazed to hear him say,
"You've left your best Friend out."

And so I scanned my list again,
And said, "Oh, that's not true!"
But Daddy said, "His name's not there,
That Friend who died for you."

And then I clearly understood,
'Twas Jesus that he meant;
For Him who should come first of all
I hadn't planned a cent!

I'd made a Christmas birthday list,
And left the Saviour out!
But, oh, it didn't take 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!



Life

How do you celebrate Christmas?

As I said in my sermon last week, many will celebrate Christmas for their own sakes. They will succumb to the subtle suggestions of the super stores that Christmas, being the Season of Giving, they should buy this or that for their loved ones and friends. Beyond this annual ritual of spending, do they do anything for the Christ of Christmas? Do you?

Praise the Lord, I am persuaded this is not the case with God-loving Lifers. My heart is touched by their gestures of thankful remembrance of their Lord, much more than remembering a friend with a Christmas card. A wife and a husband each lovingly handed me a cheque to thank the Lord on this happy occasion. Two loving sisters gave me their tithes from the proceeds of their inheritance. Having confidence in their pastor, they said, "Put it where you like." I replied, "Bukit Batu?" "Do as you please!" By their tithing in season, Bukit Batu has now pierced the 6-figure mark. By their prompt giving on the eve of Christmas, the Lord seems to indicate His desire to build at Bukit Batu without delay.

Yet there is another way of celebrating Christmas. A dear Lifer said to me, "I will celebrate Christmas in Church this Lord's Day which is Christmas Day. I will thank the Lord and wish Him a Happy Birthday. By His willingness to come down to earth, He has saved me for heaven." I wish every Reader can say this.

Life Church's Christmas Gift to Jesus

As a church, we should give something special to Jesus too. In my Christmas letter, I've suggested a special packet to our far flung missionaries, in Malaysia and Indonesia, to the needy and to worthy theological students at FEBC. This is part of that gift. (Thailand also)

What is the other part? I'm sure it is towards clearing our share of the New Life Church account. But, with the sums that have been added to Bukit Batu, the third part of our Christmas gift to Jesus must be Bukit Batu!

The latest is we are taking over the adjoining 15,000 sq. ft. to the 10,000 already acquired. The owner has bulldozed the two pieces of land to make it one like a football field. When God's Spirit is working, how quickly things fall into shape! The 15,000 sq ft costs only M\$12,500. And this piece is to be acquired this Christmas! (Payment at J.B., Dec 26, 11 am)

Watchnight Service, Dec 31, 10.45 pm

The origin of Watchnight Service may be traced to John Wesley in the revival movement of the Methodists.

Since we started out Oct 20, 1950 we held our first Watchnight Service that year at Prinsep St. The Lord has blessed us richly when we seek Him specially at the turning of the year. May I exhort you to come to Watchnight Service at the Lord's Table. Come and pray for a better year in 1984. "Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you" (Jas. 4:8).

Special Lectures by Dr John C Whitcomb

Dr Whitcomb is a leading professor of Grace Seminary, USA where Revs Philip Heng and Charlie Tan and Peter Eng are now studying. Dr Whitcomb is a world renowned scholar, author and preacher. He is lecturing in the New Year at FEBC, in our Church Hall, both in the mornings and in the evenings. It will be such a loss if after he has taken the trouble to come half the world this side to speak with a handful to hear him? I have known Dr Whitcomb personally, and I can say he is a most dynamic speaker. He spoke at Life Church once before.

Here's the Programme of Whitcomb Messages at Gilstead Rd :

JAN '84	10.30 am - 12.30 am	8.00 pm - 9.30 pm
3 Tuesday	Esther and Israel Today I	Genesis and Evolution I
4 Wednesday	Esther and Israel Today II	Genesis and Evolution II
5 Thursday	Sign-Miracles Today?	-
6 Friday	The Neo-Evangelical Movement	-
9 Monday	The Great Image of Daniel	-
10 Tuesday	The 1000-year Kingdom of Christ	The Flood and Final Judgment
11 Wednesday	The Judgment Seat of Christ	Noah's Faith and Family

4 Nights Gospel Meetings in Chinese Dialects with Rev Djunaidi

January 1-4, at Gilstead Road, every evening, 7.30 p.m. The pastor will translate. Bring a friend! Bring your Chinese-speaking parents!

FAR EASTERN BIBLE COLLEGE REOPENS MON. JAN 2, 8.30 am

Students are reminded to assemble on campus by 8.30 am, Mon. Jan 2, '84 (though it is a public holiday). But, as usual, there will be no lecture in the evening.

A dozen new students are coming in who hail from Singapore, Indonesia, India, Sri Lanka and USA. The brother from Burma, a university graduate, needs our prayers. Men outnumber women 5 to 1! Praise the Lord, four Singaporeans coming in are BPers : 2 Lifers, 1 Sembawangite, 1 Bethlehem-Jurongite.

By tradition, two hours of lectures on Monday and Thursdays are open to the public. Rev Bob Phee will teach Life of Christ, Monday evenings 7.30 pm. The Principal will teach two hours of Modern Hebrew Thursday evenings 7.30 pm. To keep students awake, refreshments will be provided between classes.

Hebrew students would do well to get a copy of Harris' Introductory Hebrew Grammar from the Christian Life Book Centre (first come first served). Willmington's Guide to the Bible, a massive volume containing treasures both old and new, is a tremendous contribution by our Bookroom to the spreading of salvation knowledge in Southeast Asia (printed in Singapore by Christian Life Publishers).

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO OUR READERS

And we know that the Son of God is come... and we are in Him that is true, even in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.
- I John 5:20

NEWLIFE NEWSLINE

Elder Khoo Returns to Mother Life Church

Of the scores of N.T. characters, only Barnabas was ever called a good man (Acts 11:24). The outstanding characteristic of Barnabas was his ability to give inspiration and encouragement to others. This was his spiritual gift (Rom 12:8) which he put to good use serving others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms (I Pet 4:10). Barnabas, whose name means "Son of Encouragement", encouraged Christians young and old by words and works. This man encouraged the Christians in Antioch to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts (Acts 11:23). Barnabas was the first man on record in the early church to have sold his property to help the poor (Acts 4:37).

Eld. Khoo Peng Kiat is the Barnabas of New Life BP Church. A Christian gentleman, a man of spirituality, sincerity, integrity, generosity and impartiality, Elder Khoo has served his Lord, his family and New Life BP with distinction. We praise the Lord for giving him to us for one full year. As he returns to Mother Life Church, we cannot help but feel a great sense of loss to us at New Life. We commit you to the Lord and to the Word of grace as you and your family continue to serve Him.

Dr John C Whitcomb, Jr. - A Treat to Hear Him Teach and Preach

Dr John C Whitcomb, Jr. is director of Doctoral Studies and Professor of O.T. at Grace Seminary. Scholar, author, preacher, teacher and missionary statesman, Dr Whitcomb's books number easily over one dozen, and his several dozen scholarly articles have appeared in such international Bible Dictionaries and Encyclopedias as The New Bible Dictionary, The Encyclopedia of Christianity, The Zondervan Pictorial Encyclopedia of the Bible, The Wycliffe Bible Commentary and the prestigious International Standard Bible Encyclopedia, Revised Edition. His book, The Genesis Flood, co-authored with Henry Morris in 1961 had already gone through 15 printings by 1971!

The thing that impressed me most about Whitcomb is not his literary and scholarly skills, though they are certainly impressive, but his preaching. Whitcomb loves the Word of God and the souls of men. He has made this special trip to Singapore because he loves his Lord and His Word. Having a keen sense of humour, Dr Whitcomb always has time for his students and colleagues and treats each one with respect. It is this respect that he has for others that has impressed me deeply. - TWC

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (26th Dec - 1st Jan)

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting (Dr P Tan)
FRI 3.00 pm Kenyan students arrive Swissair
SAT 8.00 pm Sharon Watchnight Service
10.45 pm Life Watchnight Service (Lord's Supper)
SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow (Lord's Supper)
10.00 am Rev Lin Tah Mon (Lord's Supper)
11.55 am Korean Service
2.00 pm BEC
3.30 pm Thai Service
4.00 pm Indonesian Service
4.30 pm Sharon Service
6.00 pm Sunset Gospel Hr (Cal-Pandan)
8.00 pm Tamil/Korean Services

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$5688.00

NEW LIFE CHURCH AT WOODLANDS 4701) \$1172 (Off. bags); 4702) \$50; 4703) \$100; 4704) \$80; 4705) \$600; 4706) \$64.85; 4707) \$700; 4708) \$150; 4709) \$150 (Boxes); 4710) \$20,000 (N Life); 4711) \$500; 4712) \$400; 4713) \$500; 4714) \$150; 4715) \$50. TOTAL \$2,349,172.30

BUKIT BATU BUI DING FUND 61) \$340 (Off. bags); 62) \$1400; 63) \$38,000; 64) \$36,000; 65) \$400; 66) \$100; 67) \$40; 68) \$900; 69) \$200.

TOTAL \$118,506.48 + gold pendant

New Life Church Contribution to their BF.

\$27,502.01 + \$20,000 = TOTAL \$47,502.01

(Target \$300,000). Life Organ Fund \$1600

SBC Recording 12 Jan '84 by Rev P Tan and Life Choir for Broadcast on Sun 15 Jan '84.

Education Training Seminar for SS teachers

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APPOINTMENTS FOR NEW LIFE CHURCH

WED 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
SAT 10.45 pm Watchnight Service
SUN 9.00 am Chinese Service
11.00 am Worship Service
OFFERING \$2224.90 New Life Tel: 3685363/4
on Jan 2, '84 at 9 am-4.30 pm at Calvary-Pandan.
Registration fee \$5.00.
Welcome to Rev Goh Seng Fong and the Emmanuel Baptist Adult Camp, Dec 26-31. Also our own YF Camp, Dec 25-28.
RPG Bible Study Workbooks (Pink Issue) are out.
First come, first served! \$34+\$123 offered.

Tanjung Pinang Praises

The erection of the new 3-storey church is used of the Lord to draw more young people to the sanctuary. 6 women and 1 man were baptised. Mrs Simon Tsai, wife of our missionary to Singkep Island, came along in our company. She found a boat the next day to rejoin her husband. Praise the Lord, she, a Malaysian, has now obtained permanent residence. Tg Pinang, from '84, will bear the house rent at Singkep. This lightens somewhat our responsibility for Singkep. Simon Tsai has served since Aug 1982.

Rev Liew Hon Seng & Co to Attend

Djunaidi Meetings

Our Gospel Campaign in Mandarin and dialects, Jan 1-4, is drawing attendance even from K.L. Rev Liew and Mrs Chew his convert will attend the Djunaidi meetings. Let us work to fill the whole FEBC Hall!