

God Bless Thy Year

Thy coming in, thy going out,

Thy rest, thy travelling about,

The rough, the smooth,

The bright the dear,

God bless thy year!

My dear Readers,

Upon this first Lord's Day of 1985, may I wish you a peaceful and prosperous New Year in the words of this verse in red. "In the beginning God ..." (Gen 1:1). With God going before us, this is not an empty salutation. If you serve Him with all your heart, He will honour you and bless you (Jn 12:26). If you take Him lightly, you will soon find out: "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain" (Ps 127:1). And the Psalmist reiterates: "It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so He giveth His beloved sleep" (Ps 127:2).
One Week's Grace To Make It A Million

In spite of a rather gloomy forecast by our Prime Minister of a slower economy in 1985, we thank God there is no recession in His Church. Insofar as 1984's financial statistics are concerned, the Treasurer announced a total giving of \$939,000. At the Watchnight Service, this prompted me to challenge you to make it a million by this Lord's Day. Between Watchnight Service and Sat Jan 5, we have increased by about \$56,000. That is, our latest total is around \$985,000. Whether the million mark will be reached depends on each offering today! Giving is loving. Giving is worship. If we love the Lord as much, we can!

Here's a word of encouragement from Rev & Mrs Marvin Dunn, our missionary friends now in Canada:

"We appreciate being on the list for your weekly letter and rejoice with you in all that God is doing in the BP Churches. One certainly couldn't say that STATIC characterised your church situation. Also we are amazed as we read each letter, at the way your people give so hilariously."

Why did I challenge you at Watchnight Service to make it a million? As an expression of our renewed love for the Saviour as we take stock at the crossing of the year.

Sheffey

The Sheffey Film drew a full house including 60 Vietnamese who sat in the rear balcony for Vietnamese interpretation. An offering for BPM and Bob Jones University was taken which amounted to \$1101.80.

Robert Sheffey was a rowdy young man who got converted at a little country church. Thereafter he became a circuit-rider who took the Gospel to the backwoods of America. He was a strong supporter of Gospel Camp Meetings where souls were saved, who never could have found the Lord in the dead churches. His dedicated long life is a challenge to young people hesitating to serve the Lord fulltime. His devotion to Christ should be a means of purifying the hearts of Christian young people contaminated by the pollution of this age. If you missed Sheffey at Life Church Jan 2, here's your last chance to see the film: Tonite at Calvary Pandan, Sunset Gospel Hour, 7 pm!

"In Journeyings Often..." (I Cor 11:26)

One reason why I am not teaching Sunday School this year is my on-and-off appearance due to calls from abroad. For example I had to baptise and administer the Lord's Supper at Tanjung Pinang Dec 23 last year. Next week I've to speak at Grace Church's 9th Anniversary. On Jan 27 duty calls to Rawang, Muar for the same reason and for the installation of newly-elected elders and deacons. Both Tanjung Pinang and Rawang need me because I speak their Teochew dialect.

There was a time I thought I would travel less with advancing years. This sentiment was reversed as God has opened several more outreaches into ASEAN countries. His will be done!

The pastor is also a missionary as shown us by the Apostle Paul. "In journeyings often" is one description of his work. If the apostles did not go out, as they had done, the Gospel might not have come to Singapore as it had. If we do not go out, neither will the many unevangelised corners of SE Asia see the light. This situation is clearly seen in the present outreach to the mountain village of Kuta Baru in North Sumatra. In view of our inability to visit Kuta Baru often, we have therefore ordained Bapa Wesley Siregar, first B-P minister in Indonesia. Happily Rev Frankie Low of Galilee Church has also arisen to take over my North Sumatra field so as to release me to other openings. With Sheffey's inspiration may I be enabled to press on till Jesus comes.

Lifers All to Port Dickson, Mar 18-23

That is, during the first school vacation of the year. The Baptist Assembly Grounds 9 miles south of Port Dickson has become the B-P's favourite campsite. For it is clean and green with the golden sands of Malacca Straits to add colour to the picture.

This All Lifers Camp at Port Dickson is due for a long, long time. Old or young, men or women, let's prepare now and register early. We have 200 places of which 40 are given to New

Lifers. Thus limited, it will be on a first-come-first-served basis.

The theme of the camp is "Prepare to Meet Thy God" (Amos 4:12). The speaker: Rev Keith Coleman, B-P missionary under the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions to the Philippines. Rev Keith Coleman is a Spirit-filled speaker. I had heard him personally, and I am sure he will be a blessing to us. "Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you" (James 4:8).

Far Eastern Bible College

The coming of Dr John Davis has added to the teaching of the College. The College is strengthened further with the return of another FEBCer, Mr Joseph Ong, pastor of Emmanuel B-P Church. Joseph has returned after three years study at the Reformed Theological Seminary, USA, earning two Masters degrees. He has studied further in the Old Testament.

Our student body numbers about the same as last semester. Several who having completed their studies have left for their homelands are substituted by several who have come in. One is from Sharon BPC, another from Australia and another the Assistant pastor of the Korean Church.

Jennifer is returning to serve the Lord in Sabah, Jan 15. Junita succeeds Jennifer part-time in the College-Church office.

Jesus Is Coming Real Soon!

That is how Rev Hsu Chiang Tai of New York reminds us in big letters, both English and Chinese, stamped on his airmail envelopes. Another saying of his is: "America is living from day to day and Europe from hour to hour." He is right. All the renewed talk of reduced tension between East and West is but stalling for time for that Day of Nuclear Destruction.

The pastor needs to remind himself and his flock of the impending judgment so soon to come. Jesus must come real soon not only to judge the world but also to save it. "For thus saith the Lord that created the heavens: God Himself that formed the earth and made it; He hath established it, He created it not in vain, He formed it to be inhabited: I am the Lord, and there is none else" (Isa 45:18).

The Lord will come like a thief in the night, when men are asleep. When was the last time you looked up to His coming? "For when they shall say, Peace and safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape" (II Thess 5:3).

Are you insured against the Destruction to come? Are you safe in the arms of Jesus? Do you increase in doing something good for Jesus' sake, not only once a week, but everyday? Jesus is coming real soon! - T.T.

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

MON to THU
8.30 am Davis Lecture on Occultism
7.30 pm Davis Lecture on Daniel
FRI 8.30 am Davis Lecture on Occultism
8.00 pm Davis Lecture at World Trade Centre Auditorium, 11th flr
SAT 2.00 pm JYF; 2.30pm-TBC; 3.30pm-YF
4.00 pm Bible Lands Grand Quiz at Calvary Pandan BPC
7.30 pm CFM
SUN 9.00 am Rev Tow at Grace BPC 9th Anniversary
10.00 am Dr John Davis (Dr P Tan)
10.00 am Mr Jonah Chan
11.55 am Korean Church Service
1.30 pm CFM Service
3.00 pm Thai & BFC Services
4.00 pm Indonesian Service
4.30 pm Sharon Church Service
6.00 pm Tamil Church Service
6.00 pm Dr Davis at C-Pandan, "A Frustrated Marriage"
7.30 pm Korean Evening Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$6123.40

WATCHNIGHT SERVICE OFFERING \$4636 + \$4215 (pledges)

CHURCH & COLLEGE EXTENSION 123)\$200; 124)\$200; 125)\$5000; 126)\$108.50(USA); 127)\$180; 128)\$200; 129)\$150; 130)\$150; 131)\$400; 132)\$50; 133)\$500; 134)\$50; 135)\$120; 136)\$1000; 137)\$100; 138)\$150; 139)\$300; 140)\$500; 141)\$500; 142)\$500; 143)\$300; 144)\$1000; 145)\$900; 146)\$2000; 147)\$200; 148)\$620; 149)\$10,000; 150)\$1600(Chin.Ser).

TOTAL \$121,076.05

NEW LIFE (WOODLANDS) 5049)\$50; 5050)\$50; 5051)\$89.40(Coinafon). TOTAL \$2,573,823.16
FEBI 180)\$50; 181)\$100; 182)\$354(Galilee).

TOTAL \$124,159.11 Expresgram to Rev C T Hsu:
Your remittance for Effendi received with thanks.
AIR BEMBAN 97)\$200; 98)\$250; 99)\$250; 100)\$200.
TOTAL \$52,998.25 Next progress payment is M\$9015.
OFFERINGS FOR: Philippines \$500(Indo.Ser), \$700(Chin.Ser), \$601.80(Sheffey Film), \$100(Children's Choir); Bob Jones University \$500(Sheffey Film); Vietnamese Relief \$300.
Vietnamese Fellowship Night 75 Refugee friends, 3/4 men, were entertained to buffet dinner and the Sheffey Film. At the Gospel Service 40 came out to receive the Lord as Saviour. Hallelujah! We bid Bro. Yiew Pong Sen Godspeed as he returns Monday morning to study at Bob Jones University.
Birth! To Mr & Mrs Seah Geok Leng, a daughter, Deborah Seah En-En, on 16th November 1984.
Obituary Madam Choo Hain Liang, 84, grandmother of Deacon Geoffrey Tan went home to be with the Lord Jan 3. Funeral Sat Jan 5 at CCK Protestant Cemetery was officiated by Rev Patrick Tan.
Nursery Duty Today: Mrs Lilian Lim & Miss Lau Sock Eng

COMING AGAIN!

Hear Dr John Davis back from Bible Lands

"DEAD MEN DO TELL TALES!"

Dark Secrets From 2000 Yr-old Tombs Unearthed

WTC Auditorium, 11th flr
Fri Jan 11, 1985, 8.00 pm

Free gifts for all

Come early to avoid disappointment!

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My dear Readers,

"Thanks A Million!"



Instead of uttering such an empty expression so often heard from butter-smooth lips, you have offered with your hands that which is genuine and solid. Your hilarious response to our challenge to make it a million was exceeded with last Lord's Day offerings. "To God be the glory, great things He has done." Your giving to the Lord has gone a long way to expedite the Gospel throughout ASEAN, in obedience to the Great Commission.

As our Singapore \$ is strong against other SE Asian currencies, the portion that is used outside Singapore - in Indonesia, Thailand and Philippines especially, has two to three times buying power. For example, when the baht dropped 17.39%, we saved \$10,000 on the price of the 3½ acres of land bought for Frontier Labourers for Christ (Rev Kalnin).

What has a million done for the Lord in 1984? Let us count our blessings and name them one by one.



1. To Maintenance and renovation of Gilstead Road which is simultaneously used by FEBC and 9 other congregations.
 2. To New Life Church Building Fund.
 3. To West Kalimantan FEBC Building Fund.
 4. To purchase of 3½ acres land for Frontier Labourers for Christ, Chiang Mai, North Thailand.
 5. To establishing a Christian kindergarten, Kuching, Sarawak, East Malaysia.
 6. To part-payment for double-corner house at Air Bemban, Johore, W Malaysia.
 7. To 6 FEBC scholarships and 1 USA scholarship.
 8. To support of Rev Liew, K.L., W Malaysia.
 9. To support of Rev Djunaidi, FEBC teachers and staff, Dyak evangelists, West Kalimantan.
 10. To Philippines relief and towards purchase of Manila "HDB" land for Church building.
 11. To Iam Tsau Ancestral Sanctuary, Swatow, China.
 12. To FECCC 11th General Assembly, Korea.
 13. To Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions (Australia and Philippines).
 14. To support of Jess Lim, 1st BP missionary to N Thailand.
 15. To Vietnamese Relief, Masila ministry (Kenya) etc.
- (Balance in fixed deposits \$300,000; New Life owing \$142,000)

"Thanks a million", let this be our slogan and objective for 1985 even more! Now, the Treasurer says, we have 51 weeks to work towards the million mark!

Further, let us hear the benediction of King David as he gathered funds for the building of the Temple:

Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is Thine: Thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and Thou art exalted as head above all.

Both riches and honour come of Thee, and Thou reignest over all; and in Thine hand is power and might; and in Thine hand it is to make great; and to give strength unto all.

Now therefore, our God, we thank Thee, and praise Thy glorious Name.

But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things come of Thee, and of Thine own have we given Thee.

For we are strangers before Thee, and sojourners, as were all our fathers: our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there is none abiding.

O Lord our God, all this store that we have prepared to build Thee an house for Thine holy Name cometh of Thine hand, and is all Thine own.

I know also, my God, that Thou triest the heart, and hast pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of mine heart I have willingly offered all these things: and now have I seen with joy Thy people, which are present here, to offer willingly unto Thee.

O Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, our fathers, keep this for ever in the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of Thy people, and prepare their heart unto Thee.

(I Chronicles 29:11-18)

One New Year Resolution

is that I must strive to learn God's Word by every means! To help members in daily Bible reading we have published the RPG Notes. Our Book Centre has printed the Willmington's Guide to the Bible, at a price you can afford (see the pastor). We have all kinds of other Bible-aids, dictionaries, commentaries.

Now, for our adult members, my big class has been divided into four classes. These classes start promptly at 9 am. This is so timed so you can kill two birds when you come to Church. Can you not make it one hour earlier coming to Church? Here you have personal instruction from well-seasoned teachers.

A word on Sunday School Teacher's Training. It is absurd for a training class in this respect to last 3 to 6 months and for one going to such a class to graduate! Such a training class can but scratch a little surface. If you are devoted to S.S. teaching we have the two evenings of lectures given by FEBC, Mon & Thurs. These two evening classes were started from the beginning, since 1962, and have gone on without a break! These evening classes are run

with S.S. teachers in mind. We have the testimony of Elder Koh Kim Hiang, now at Calvary and the testimony of Bro. Yiew Pong Sen on how they have benefited from such classes.

We are offering Church History, 2 hours Monday 7.30-9.30 pm and Personal Evangelism Thursday 7.30-9.30 pm. Why not start coming right away?

A teacher is one who seeks learning by every means so that he may be able to teach others. No learning, no teaching! In this connection we are pleased to note the enthusiastic attendance at the Davis lectures on Daniel and may we urge you to persevere to the very end. If you take the exam you earn one credit!

FAITH- TRUE OR FALSE?

This is the topic of a salvation message I had preached at the Sunset Gospel Hour, Calvary Pandan May 6, 1984. This is now published in the B-P Banner, Jan-Feb '85 which was distributed in Church last week.

If this message has blessed you, bringing you to the Lord out of a traditional Churchianity, out of Romanism, out of the haze of free-thinkers, why not make it known to others by having it printed into a tract? At the end of the message we can also print an invitation to worship at Life Church, Gilstead Road. Such a tract is more relevant to the local Reader since it is given with Singaporeans in mind. And why not let us multiply it 10,000 times? And set the target for distributing this number within this year? If every Lifer will do it, this outreach into darkened hearts in our City can be achieved. If you cannot do much in distribution you can contribute by paying all or part of its printing costs. Give to the printing of our own Gospel Tract as the Lord shall lead!

"Complete Plan of Salvation"

Wán Chuén Jiù Fǎ (完全救法) is the Chinese terminology coined by Dr Chia Yu-Ming my teacher in China, which is translated as above. May I call this "Complete Plan of Salvation" the Gospel of the Gospel. This is good news of salvation 10 times more secure than you think.

The other day I met an old Lifer now worshipping in another BP Church for geographical reasons. She was worried whether she could ever get to heaven and see her husband (who has departed this life) because she had lived a sinful life. Though now she was trusting Christ, would Christ forgive her of her many sins? I said to her, "If you are trusting Him, and no other, and have repented of your sins, I guarantee you on God's Word you will surely enter heaven." "O, thank you, thank you, Pastor!" she breathed more easily at that.

Some of you are unsure of your salvation because you come from a wrong Church. The Roman Catholic Church, certain Holiness and Charismatic Churches, teach that you cannot be sure of your salvation. But Jesus doubly guarantees that. Jesus says, "And I give them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand" (John 10:28,29). Isn't such a plan of salvation complete? Or as it is Calvinistically expressed, "Once saved, always saved"! Dr Chia calls it, "Wán Chuén Jiù Fǎ". So, say now: "Praise the Lord! I am saved, and I shall never be lost! Amen and Amen." - T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (14th - 20th Jan) AIR BEMBAN 101) \$200. TOTAL \$53,198.25

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| MON to WED | 8.30 am Davis Lecture on Occultism | OFFERINGS FOR: BPM \$50(LCSS); RPG \$100; Philip-pines Land \$100, \$260, \$100, \$80, \$200(Grace), \$100, \$400. |
| | 7.30 pm Davis Lecture on Daniel | |
| THU | 7.30 pm Rev Tow with Nazareth | ALL LIFE CHURCH BIBLE CAMP at Port Dickson, Mar 18-23. Register with Deacon Wee Chin Kam or Teo Gim Thong. Hurry! |
| SAT | 2.00 pm JYF; 2.30pm-TBC; 3.30pm-YF | Far Eastern Bible College Evening Classes |
| | 3.00 pm Lim Eng Chong-Dorothy Ng Puay Ping Wedding (Dr P Tan) | MON 7.30 pm Church History (Post Reformation) (Rev Tow) |
| | 4.00 pm Rev Tow at YAF; AF; 7.30pm-CFM | THU 7.30 pm Personal Evangelism (Rev Goh S F) |
| SUN | 10.00 am Rev Tow | Open to the public. All welcome! |
| | 10.00 am Jonah Chan | Life Church is on the air this evening. Hear Dr Patrick Tan and our choir, SBC Radio 1, 6.00 pm. |
| | 11.55 am Korean Church Service | Baptised at TTSH Jan 11, '85 was Madam Loh Ah Sum, 72, Rev Tow officiating. |
| | 1.30 pm CFM Service | The Holy Matrimony between Hiroshi Shimada and Yukiko Inouye of Japan was blessed in a brief ceremony Fri Jan 11, 2.30 pm, Rev Tow officiating and Miss Kayoko Harata interpreting. |
| | 3.00 pm BFC & Thai Services | Dr Davis leaves by SIA Thursday Jan 17, 9.00 am. |
| | 4.00 pm Kebaktian Indonesia | PRAISE THE LORD for 1,200 present at WTC to hear Dr Davis Friday night Jan 11. |
| | 4.30 pm Sharon Church Service | In conjunction with the BP Banner Bible Quizzes rewarding successful candidates with a study tour of the Holy Land, it is ascertained that a 16-day expedition will be "mounted" beginning Jun 4, '85. Leaders of this Study Tour include Dr Tow Siang Hwa, Eld. Chia Kim Chwee, Dr P Tan. |
| | 6.00 pm Tamil Service | Another Holy Land Tour is headed by Rev Quek Kiok Chiang for the Chinese-speaking, leaving mid-April. Ring 2569256 for more information! |
| | 6.00 pm Rev Tow at Calvary Pandan "The Conjugal Triangle" | Nursery today: Ms Hedy Ho & Mrs Yvonne Cheang |
| | 7.30 pm Korean Evening Service | |

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$12,912.00

CHURCH & COLLEGE EXTENSION 151)\$450; 152)\$386(TBC); 153)\$200; 154)\$300(YAF); 155)\$500; 156)\$50; 157)\$200; 158)\$500; 159)\$100; 160)\$500; 161)\$300; 162)\$1000; 163)\$150(WF); 164)\$50; 165)\$600; 166)\$400; 167)1220; 168)\$400; 169)\$6000; 170)\$25,000.

TOTAL \$159,382.05 Praise the Lord!

NEW LIFE (WOODLANDS) B.F. 5052)\$550(NL); 5053)\$100; 5054)\$200. TOTAL \$2,574,673.16

FEBI 183)\$65(Grace); 184)\$100; 185)\$250.

TOTAL \$124,574.11

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PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

30, 60, 100-fold!

One of the keys to Church growth we've noted on this page is "investment in landed property". Better still, "inheritance of landed property".

How Grace BP Church has come about harks back to 1975 when a Life Church sister offered a castle-like 3-storey mansion on 9,500 sq.ft. of land at Jalan Haji Salam, Bedok to the Lord. At first named Shalom House, it soon gave way to another offshoot from Gilstead Road - Grace BP Church. 30 Lifers living near the Bedok area became the nucleus of this branch church. Dr Patrick Tan was installed its pastor, simultaneously with its inauguration, January 1976.

Having brought up the infant church to adolescence, Dr Patrick Tan committed the flock to Rev Tan Eng Boo who has been pastor of Grace for the last 6 years.

Under Rev Tan Eng Boo's leadership, a Chinese Service (founded by Rev Lin Tah Mon) was developed, while Rev Tan Choon Seng, seconded to Grace from Sembawang, went out to start a Shalom BP Church at Changi Fairy Point. So Grace Church is now increased to 3 churches.

That Grace Church has grown to vigorous manhood is evidenced by the 150 who turned up to commemorate Grace's 9th Anniversary last week. What speaks more eloquently of Grace's blessing from the Lord is her pastor's election to head Bible-Presbyterian Missions. As leader of BPM, he has contributed particularly to the Philippines and West Kalimantan fields.

The renovation of the Shalom House so that its seating capacity is more than doubled is concrete evidence of God's grace upon Grace. All these blessings show a geometric progression of that humble offering by a sister of Life Church. "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth, and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendereth to poverty" (Proverbs 11:24).

The Acceptable Sacrifice

What is the acceptable sacrifice? Surely it is not one that has a respectable form but inside it is hollow. Chides the prophet Isaiah, "To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the Lord: I am full of the burnt-offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs or of he goats. When ye come to appear before me, who hath required this at your hand, to tread my courts? Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the new moon and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting" (Isa 1:11,12).

In the light of this Old Testament setting, let us examine our worship and bringing of offerings every Sunday, and on special occasions such as Easter and Christmas. If we come as a matter of tradition or outward show without the sincerity of heart-worship, it may become even an abomination! The acceptable sacrifice is one offered by none other than King David. He says from experience, "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise" (Ps 51:17). Back to Isaiah, an acceptable sacrifice must come from a repentant heart. He says, "Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil... If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it" (Isa 1:16,19,20).

A sacrifice made according to one's stubborn will is even worse. The story of King Saul's rejection is a classic example. When the self-willed king offered the best of sheep and oxen taken from the Amalekites (he should have destroyed them according to God's command), Samuel rebuked him, "Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry..." (I Sam 15:22,23). Thus the throne was taken from Saul and given to David, for David was "a man after His own heart" (I Sam 13:14).

The acceptable sacrifice in Christian service is not what I can do, in my ability and power for the Lord. Many think they can serve God best if they are first professionally-equipped, able to make a lot of money whereby they need not depend on the support of God's people. An elder said to me, "I'd like to see son get his engineering degree before going into the ministry. Thus qualified he would gain the respect of the Church. Moreover he can earn money on the side to help the Church." But what the Lord wants of young people is not your skill or abundance of material wealth. What the Lord wants of us is a willing heart, like David's, to do His will.

Now the Lord required of the Rich Young Ruler to sell all he had and come follow Him. This ran counter to the plan he had conceived for his young life. Therefore he went away from a wonderful opportunity God had offered him. He went away sorrowful, to an ignominious end.

I had the same idea of "will-worship" as a young man. I wanted to serve the Lord because I was called, but I also wanted fame and power alongside serving the Lord. So the Lord struck me down with two deaths in the family within five weeks of each other. By God's grace, I yielded. Since 1946 when I gave up a legal career to study for the ministry, the Lord has accepted this repentant heart of a sacrifice that receives more and more of His grace as I seek to serve Him from year to year - not according to my will, but His, be done. Think it over, young man, young woman, is your sacrifice acceptable to God?

(This article is prompted by a Tanglin Bible Class youth leader)

"50% of funds went to overheads"

Thus says a Straits Times (Jan 14) report on an American Christian Organisation called International Christian Aid, which is also accused of collecting millions (US\$34m in 1983) for



various aids, including relief of starving Ethiopians, but not one cent was sent! What a lesson to all who handle the Lord's money! But we are determined not to spend on anything that is not in keeping with the servanthood of Christ. And by God's grace we have kept our accounts straight and open for every member to see, so that with confidence you have given unstintingly to the Treasury of the Lord. A banker examining the Church Accounts has remarked, "Never in all my life have I seen such frugality in the running of a Church."



What is Revival?

In Christian terminology Revival is a special manifestation of the Holy Spirit's working in the hearts of His people causing them to repent from their sins to a life of devotion and zealous service, especially in work of soul-saving. In a Revival, God's people are motivated by such love for Him that they are willing to go to great lengths to accomplish His purpose!

Here is one example of a heart that is revived in continuous, loving service of the Lord. A founder member of Life Church now migrated to USA has not ceased to support our evangelistic work for the last quarter-century! His support is directed specially to Dyak evangelism, W. Kalimantan. But this is only one of many we have known, old-timers of Life Church who are the mainstay of our testimony. Be it old or young, one who responded with a \$500 gift marked for "Gospel Hour Tract" to our appeal to reproduce 10,000 times the message "Faith-True or False" is another example of a revived heart. The greatest manifestation of the Holy Spirit's power in the Church, I'm sure, is the moving of some young life to offer himself or herself on the altar of unconditional Christian service. Can you sing this Revival chorus,

"I'll go where You want me to go, dear Lord,
O'er mountain or plain or sea;
I'll say what You want me to say, dear Lord,
I'll be what You want me to be."

- T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (21st - 27th Jan)

MON 7.30 pm Church History (Rev Tow)
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
THU 7.30 pm Personal Evangelism (Rev Goh)
SAT 2.00 pm JYF; 2.30pm-TBC; 3.30pm-YF
2.00 pm Lawrence Wong Ho Siang-Sherin
Leong Ho Leng Wedding (Rev Whitmore, Emmanuel Ev. Church)
4.00 pm AF; Rev Tow at YAF
7.30 pm Christian Fellowship & Missions
SUN 10.00 am Rev Edward Paauwe
11.55 am Korean Church Service
1.30 pm CFM Service
3.00 pm Thai & BFC Services
4.00 pm Rev Tow at Rawang
4.00 pm Indonesian Service
4.30 pm Sharon Church Service
6.00 pm Tamil Church Service
8.15 pm Rev Tow at Bukit Gambir

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$4,329.50

CHURCH & COLLEGE EXTENSION 171)\$300; 172)\$1000
173)\$500; 174)\$100; 175)\$2000; 176)\$500; 177)
\$1400; 178)\$550(YAF); 179)\$1000; 180)\$150.

TOTAL \$166,882.05

WOODLANDS NEW LIFE B.F. 5055)\$10; 5056)\$50;
5057)\$4818.09(NL); 5058)\$100.

TOTAL \$2,579,651.25

New Life Total: \$162,432.97

FEBI 186)\$300; 187)\$1200. TOTAL \$126,074.11

AIR BEMBAN 102)\$69. TOTAL \$53,267.25

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\$1000(Boxes) + \$60 + \$200(Grace) + \$50 + \$1400
+ \$100 + \$150(pepsi) + \$8262.75(Calvary)

TOTAL \$15,345.55 is remitted to Rev Dan Ebert.

5000 Life BPC Calender Cards have been printed for members' use. Please distribute widely to invite friends to Church and other meetings. Pastor is speaking this evening at Calvary Pandan Sunset Gospel Hour on "The Conjugal Triangle".

Catechism Class preparing for Easter Baptism begins promptly on Feb 3, immediately after Church Service at the FEBC Hall.

Rev & Mrs Edward Paauwe, David, Deborah are arriving (D.V.) Thurs Jan 24 en route to Australia to establish a Fundamental Bible College of Australia at Adelaide in conjunction

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- OH, BE CAREFUL -

Oh, be careful little eyes what you see,
Oh, be careful little eyes what you see,
There's a Saviour up above,
And He's looking down in love,
Oh, be careful little eyes what you see.
Oh, be careful little mind what you think,
Oh, be careful little mind what you think,
There's a Saviour up above,
And He's looking down in love,
Oh, be careful little mind what you think.
Oh, be careful little feet where you go,
Oh, be careful little feet where you go,
There's a Saviour up above,
And He's looking down in love,
Oh, be careful little feet where you go.
Oh, be careful little hands what you do,
Oh, be careful little hands what you do,
There's a Saviour up above,
And He's looking down in love,
Oh, be careful little hands what you do.

with the BP Church of Australia (Rev John S MacKenzie).

Reminder! Session members are to meet tonight 9 pm at FEBC Library!

Better than tourism is a Church Family Camp by the Golden Sands of Port Dickson, exclusive, clean and green. Excellent facilities, good makan. "Draw nigh to God and God will draw nigh to you"! Hurry!

The Holy Land Study Tour is scheduled June 4-17.

Make your reservations now with Dr Patrick Tan. Church History Class on Monday evenings is open to the public. The Story of the 16th Century Reformation, of Martin Luther and John Calvin will thrill your soul. The study of Reformation Church History will keep you from the snares of the Ecumenical Movement that is reuniting Protestantism and Romanism.

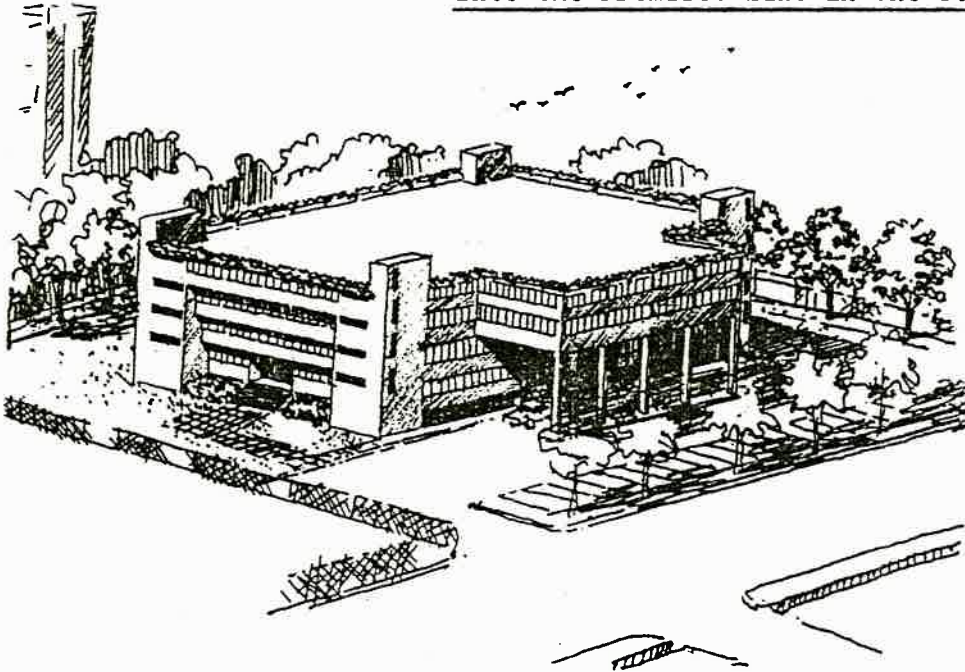
Telephone Nos.: Pastor: 2560617; Dr Patrick Tan: 2511915; Church Office: 2569256; Book Centre: 2541223; Tape Library: 2569256; Coinafon: 254-1304; Lim Florist: 3369011.

Nursery Duty today: Mrs Siriwan Lim & Mdm Karen Leong

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My dear Readers,

Into the Promised Land in One Year:



It is a notorious fact that the children of Israel took 40 years to journey into the Promised Land. This was due to their lack of faith and to an evil spirit against the Lord who brought them out of the bondage of Egypt. Had they the faith of Caleb and Joshua, Israel should have gone into their possession in one year and two months.

Since October 1984 we've been talking about crossing our Jordan into another Promised Land. If we have the faith, we can make it by end of 1985! If we lack faith like the children of Israel, this golden opportunity might be lost, not for 40 years, but forever!

If you ask me for some

calculated plan, I have none. I can only point you to God's greatness in enabling us to acquire Woodlands which was thought impossible by the sceptical. If we could build a Church which we do not see in record time, how should we not attain to our present objective which lies foursquare before our eyes?

But faith must be translated into action! Action has been seen in three months' spontaneous giving exceeding \$170,000. And has not God blessed you who have acted with the blessing of Caleb?

Whether we can make it depends on our will. If every member, every department of the Church would do their best now, and every week until December, God will take care of the rest. The spontaneous offerings coming first from the Chinese Service, from TBC and YAF, agur well for the future.

A couple of years ago we read of two Muslim women who gave \$1 million each to build a mosque. We have a sister who has given a property worth \$1 million to establish Grace BPC (as reported last week). We have the means, and we must double up now, if we heed the Lord's command to cross over. God bless your faith and giving as you respond now, and throughout the days before us until the Day of Victory.

In case some will query, "We've not cleared the Woodlands debt and now we're being saddled with another." Please note that New Life's share, when paid in full, will square it up. Isn't this wonderful! One year and two months ago we were owing \$600,000. Now that mountain has become a mole-hill. No one knew then how this would come about.

Meanwhile we were enabled to take in the stride 25,000 sq.ft. of land at Bukit Batu, a double-corner terrace house at Air Bemban, 3½ acres of prime land in Chiang Mai, a Kindergarten at Kuching, E Malaysia and not the least, the building of FEBC in W Kalimantan. May these landmarks like those of the wilderness journey such as Elim, Massah, Meribah, reassure us of Him who can do "exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us" (Eph 3:20). Amen.

Fundamental Bible College of Australia

We welcome to our pulpit this Lord's Day Rev Edward Paauwe and to our fellowship Mrs Leah Paauwe, David and Deborah. They had served several terms with FEBC and BPC from 1970, under the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions. Now, they are on their way to Australia to establish a Fundamental Bible College of Australia in Adelaide in conjunction with the Bible-Presbyterian Church of Australia (Rev John MacKenzie). From FEBC indirectly has come forth an FBCA!



In this day of darkening apostasy, when the established Protestant churches are uniting with Rome to form a World Church which will take in all the major human religions, the raising of a testimony for the Truth by FBCA downunder requires much of our prayerful support. For most of the seminaries and theological colleges in Australia have succumbed to liberalism and modernism, denying even the Lord who bought them. No wonder its Churches in Australia are enveloped in Egyptian darkness. Mr Peter Clements who studied at FEBC bears witness to this appalling situation. May the raising of a new lighthouse in FBCA show the way to many a "poor fainting struggling seaman... trying now to make the harbour."

The training of young men and women in the infallible Word that they might preach it with power is the key to revival. Rev Paul Contento, my friend now teaching in a Chinese Seminary in Los Angeles, has rightly said, "Without the Bible College, the Church would die." We have seen this truth unfolded as FEBC's training programme since 1962 has graduated over 100. These are now working in the Lord's vineyard, in ASEAN especially. About 20 FEBC graduates have now become pastors of the BP Church. Without them there would not be this growing number

of churches in the 20th Century Reformation movement. It is our hope and prayer that FBCA (Fundamental Bible College of Australia) though like a mustard seed today will grow into a tree in the years to come. That it will be a fruitful plant bearing 30, 60 and 100-fold.

So, if we can encourage our brother and sister along the way, let us do so, "That both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together" (Jn 4:36).

"In journeyings often... the care of all the churches" (II Cor 11:26-28)

Why had the Apostle to journey so often? Not only to sow the seed of the Gospel in heathen lands, but also to care for the churches that had sprung from the good soil. When Paul could not go on such a journey "to ordain elders in every city," he appointed Titus to "set in order the things that are wanting" (Tit 1:5).

This Lord's Day I'm called to Rawang (Muar) again - to a very important appointment, viz., to ordain elders and deacons recently elected (about 100 attending). As Air Bemban is on the way, we should drop in to see the latest of its development. We want a cross to be raised above its gable. We shall preach also at Bukit Gambir, a young offshoot of Rawang now thriving in the light of the Gospel (about 40 attending).

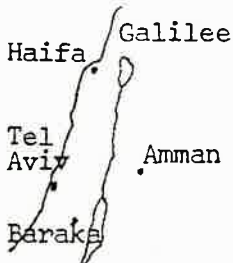
"In journeyings often" I shall set out with Rev Peter Chua to Kuching, Sarawak, E Malaysia via J.B. Jan 29-31. The return trip costs only \$240 by "Apex" fare. We shall meet with Rev Djunaidi who travels overland from Pontianak to confer with us at our newly established mission at Tabuan Jaya. As Kuching comes under Sharon's mandate, her pastor's inspection visit is a matter of course.

"In journeyings often" are St Paul's own words describing the need of going out in order to extend God's Kingdom. Commenting on his Second Missionary Journey, Dr Stalker says that it "far out-rivalled the expedition of Alexander the Great... or that of Caesar when he landed on the shores of Britain, or even the voyage of Columbus when he discovered a new world." These words are no overstatement in the light of Nebuchadnezzar's dream of that great statue of gold, silver, brass, iron, clay which crumbled to dust at the impact of that stone falling from heaven.

"Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last."

May I urge you, dear Readers, to consider seriously: What am I doing in 1985? What can I contribute to the increase of God's Kingdom? If I cannot go, how shall I help?

2nd 14-day Holy Land Study Tour



Not only is it a study tour, it is a veritable pilgrimage! Patterned after our first one in June 1983 this Study Tour is unique in that the Baraka Hostel (of the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions) will be our headquarters and base of operations. Exclusively Christian, it will offer our group excellent facilities for worship and fellowship, immune from the noises of the world. Besides, an opportunity will be given to worship with Arab Christians at the Baraka BP Church, Bethlehem, and for our ministers to officiate the Lord's Supper. This will greatly encourage our Arab brethren and sisters.

The blessings the first Study Group brought to the Church in the Holy Land are still being remembered.

Have you registered with Dr Patrick Tan? The cost of the trip will be tailored to suit your pocket. Correspondence between the former Tour leader and Baraka is in progress. Watch for latest developments. - T.T.

Flight dates: Leave Singapore June 4, 700 hrs, arrive Amman 1045 hrs. Return Amman June 16, 2100 hrs, arrive Singapore June 17, 1200 hrs. Carrier: ALIA (Royal Jordanian Airlines).

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (28 Jan - 3 Feb)

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| MON | 7.30 pm | Church History (Rev Tow) |
| TUE | 8.00 pm | Prayer Meeting |
| THU | 7.30 pm | Personal Evangelism (Rev Goh) |
| SAT | 2.00 pm | JYF; 2.30pm-TBC; 3.30pm-YF |
| | 2.30 pm | Ting Hoon Teng-Lim Beng Dee Wed- ding (Mr Hwang, Fisher of Christ) |
| | 4.00 pm | YAF; AF, 7.30 pm - CFM |
| SUN | 10.00 am | Rev Tow (Lord's Supper) |
| | 10.00 am | Rev Patrick Tan (Chinese Serv) |
| | 11.55 am | Korean Church Service |
| | 1.30 pm | CFM Service |
| | 3.00 pm | BFC & Thai Services |
| | 4.00 pm | Kebaktian Indonesia |
| | 4.30 pm | Sharon Church Service |
| | 6.00 pm | Tamil Church Service |
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LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$4542

CHURCH-COLLEGE EXTENSION 181)\$120; 182)\$749;
183)\$1000; 184)\$250 (Chinese Serv); 185)\$1000;
186)\$1400; 187)\$1400. Total \$172,801.05 (Inter-
est-free loan: \$20,000)

AIR BEMBAN 103)\$900; 104)\$70. Total \$54,237.25

PHILIPPINES HDB LAND 51)\$90; 52)\$100; 53)\$300.

FEBI 188)\$150; 189)\$300. Total \$126,524.11

"The silver is mine and the gold is mine" (Haggai 2:8). In response to our Extension Project a sister has added \$20,000 to her \$80,000 loan. Interest accrued goes to the Ext.Fund, while it alleviates the Church's burden.

All Life Church Camp at Golden Sands Baptist Assembly, Port Dickson, Mar 18-23, '85. Theme: "Prepare to Meet Thy God". Speaker: Rev Keith Coleman. Cost between \$95 and \$115 per adult. First come, first served! Book early with Dns. Wee Chin Kam, Teo Gim Thong, Benny Chng, Tan Nee Keng.

Bible-Presbyterian Church Inaugurated at Madras, India this 27th day of January, 1985! For the last 2 months Rev Burt Subramaniam, pastor of Bethlehem-Jurong BPC, has been visiting Sri Lanka and S India. Expatriate members who were converted in S'pore have now come together to form this newest Indian branch. 2 students from Madras now training at FEBC will eventually head this Madras BPC. Praise the Lord!

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PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

Losing Out Through Prayerlessness

Prayerlessness is the plague of a prosperous people. Singapore being a prosperous place, Singapore Christians, including pastors, are prayer paupers. Instead of praying we are playing. James says, "...Ye have not, because ye ask not..." (4:2). So we are losing out through prayerlessness!

Christians should pray. Christians should "pray without ceasing" (1 Thess 5:17). In Paul's words to the Ephesians we should be "praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints" (Eph 6:18)

We should ask the Church to pray for us when we have an important work to do for the Lord: Paul humbles himself to the Ephesian Church, "And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the Gospel, for which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak" (Eph 6:19,20).

In the tradition of the apostles, great warriors of the faith in Church history have succeeded also through much prayer. Martin Luther has this motto to his students: "To pray well is half the study". During one of the great crises of his life, Luther spent as much as three hours in prayer.

But the One who sets us the immaculate example in prayer is our Lord Himself. Now if He who is also God needs to pray, how much more should we frail human beings. Alas! Like Peter, James and John in the Garden, we fall asleep instead! So we sleep at home instead of coming to Prayer Meeting Tuesday night!

We need to pray because we have no way out of a difficult situation, but by prayer. What are some of the burdens we must bear in prayer?

1) Pray for unction from Above upon Rev Keith Coleman, Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions minister to Philippines, our chief speaker at the coming Church Camp March 18-23, Port Dickson. Pray for conversions and consecrations. Pray for souls willing to serve the Lord fulltime.

2) Pray for God's blessing on our immediate objective - entering another Promised Land by end of 1985. Pray if you cannot give.

3) Pray that we might be spiritually qualified to enter - clean hands and pure heart (Ps 24:4).

4) Pray for all our labourers in the Lord's farflung Vineyard:- For FEBI teachers and students, and for Djunaidi especially who leads the work. For Jess Lim, and the Kalnins, Manis, Frontier Labourers for Christ in North Thailand. For Bapa Siregar and Haposan, North Sumatra. For Pauline and Kah Teck, Kuching. For Tg. Pinang. For 8 Malaysian stations: Kulai Besar, Kelapa Sawit, Air Bemban, Bukit Batu, Rawang, Bukit Gambin, Petaling Jaya, Taman Sri Melati, KL.

5) Pray for wisdom on the part of Baraka and for Mr Herdle, resident missionary to finalise travel arrangements in Israel. That safety and facility be assured to our Holy Land pilgrims. For salvation of Arabs through the Baraka BP Church.

6) Pray for FEBC, students and teachers, for our 10 congregations worshipping at Gilstead Road, for the Sunday School and Youth Fellowships, and for a VBS during the June vacation.

7) Pray for one another, for our families, our wives and husbands, children in Primary, Secondary and Junior College. Pray that we be a godly people, cleansed and separated from a polluted world. Amen and amen!

"Low Road" To Kuching

The reason why we chose to fly MAS via Senai was plain economy. With Rev Peter Chua in company, this trip saved us no more nor less than \$200! Though we arrived 11.30 pm this served a double purpose. We could work in the day and relax in the night.

We were enthusiastically received not only by Kah Teck, Pauline and sister Petra, but also by cousin Charles Wong. Mr Wong is the principal of the Government Vocational Training Institute. Very kindly he and his wife put us up in their new home for the two nights we were in Kuching, while Mr Wong's parents entertained us both lunch and dinner.

The second reason why we came to Kuching by this "low road" was also economy. Kuching is now become our half-way house to FEBI, Pontianak. Here we could meet with Djunaidi driving overland without his paying the exit tax of 150,000 rupiahs were he to fly. And flying means higher expenses too.

But the reason of reasons was to see how our long-projected Kindergarten had taken shape. Hence Peter Chua's coming since he is pastor of Sharon BPC which has taken over full support of this Sarawak outreach.

Praise the Lord, evidences of the Lord's blessing upon this work are manifold. Sharon Rose by name, our Kindergarten has made a resounding start with 45 pupils. And Kah Teck has bought a second-hand Toyota minibus for M\$5000. Without this bus, there could not be but a third of the kindergarten class. Our two-storey semi-detached Kindergarten has a sizeable garden which completes the picture. One lorryload of sand has levelled it up nicely. A triple home-made swing is the delight of the children.

On the second night of our visit, a special Gospel meeting was held for parents and neigh-



bours. 21 old and young came. After a short word from Peter, I had the opportunity of giving our new friends a Message on the afterlife - heaven or hell. Christ is the only way to heaven because He has conquered sin, death and hell by His resurrection from the dead. A Mr Yeo in the audience requested prayer for healing.

As there was a Dyak family, whose young son works for Sharon Rose as a bus-attendant and handyman, Kah Teck interpreted the message into Malay. Surprisingly, he was fluent in Malay almost as his Mandarin and English! Trilingualism is the situation in Sarawak, one up on Singapore. Singaporeans could do well to learn Malay or Indonesian, and what better opportunity than attending our Indonesian service every Lord's Day 4 pm?

Sharon Rose functions as an embryo church on the Lord's Day. A worship offering is taken. A tithe from Sharon Rose is spontaneously offered to our Church-College Extension! Sharon Rose in the meantime has given shelter to friends passing through, such as Kimiko, Mrs Simon Tsai, Rev Goh Seng Fong. In April the NUS Team to W Kalimantan will also shelter here en route to Pontianak. Ministry of hospitality!

Via the "Low Road", we left Kuching Thursday 10:20 am. By 1 pm, the MAS coach had brought us back safely and smoothly to the Singapore Terminal at Orchard Inn. A good way to travel via this "low road" back to Singapore. And blessings to Lifers and Sharonites who have had a part in the planting of the Rose of Sharon. Shalom and Berachak.

"...AND A TIME TO BUILD UP" (Eccles 3:3)

A sister who is well-versed in property dealings had rightly advised us in tendering for the Woodlands project. The same sister remarks what a profitable undertaking it was. She praises God for Lifers and friends who have had a part in building God's House. Every dollar given has gained much more considering what New Life Church can do for the Lord today!

When we consulted her on our Extension project yesterday, she has once again given her wise opinion. This will be conveyed to the Far Eastern Bible College Board of Directors as they meet tonight at 64 Andrew Road.

We are not going it alone. We have the College taking an equal part in this project. The College needs expansion as much as the Church. For example, on a Monday evening when the Church History Class is on we have as many as 60 crammed into our biggest semi-open class upstairs. Properly there should be a lecture theatre to seat 100 or more as more evening students come in. Our College Library, while extending to the Church Balcony and mezzanine floor is not in proper order either. We need one centralised arrangement with air-conditioning which is standard requirement. We intend to set up a language lab for foreign students, but alas! We can find no more space.

Our Chinese Church needs to have a parsonage and office, which exists only in theory. Then there are the other language services which begin to take root and grow up.

Looking at our present premises from all angles, there is no doubt but this is a time to gather our resources and "a time to build up" (Eccles 3:3). And a time to buy up because property prices have dropped and perhaps come down to rock bottom? If we delay to buy (in order to build) the golden opportunity now before us might escape out from our hand forever! - T.T.

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

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| MON | 7.30 pm | Church History (Rev Tow) |
| TUE | 8.00 pm | Prayer Meeting (Session Mtg - Feb 12) |
| THU | 7.30 pm | Personal Evangelism (Rev Goh) |
| | 8.00 pm | Rev Tow at New Life Session |
| SAT | 2.00 pm | JYF; 2.30pm-TBC; 3.30pm-YF |
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A first gift of \$2,200 to FEBC for the College Extension Fund in remembrance of a grandma has been given by phone, as we go to press. A confirmation from the Lord to FEBC to advance with Life Church!

Catechism Class for Easter Baptism begins today 11.30 am sharp at FEBC Hall.

Birth! To Mr & Mrs Lau Choon Poh, a girl, Hadassah, Jan 28, '85.

Hear Dr S H Tow at Sunset Gospel Hour, Calvary Pandan BPC, next Lord's Day, on "Sodom - Ancient and Modern".

Pray for the Gospel Campaign with Rev Dju-naidi in Mandarin, organised by TBC, June

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"There is a tide in the affairs of men,
Which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune;
Omitted, all the voyage of their life
Is bound in shallows and in miseries...
And we must take the current when it serves,
Or lose our venture." - William Shakespeare

1-3, '85. Interpretation into Hokkien and Cantonese by Rev Tow.

Another milestone in the development of our B-P Church will be reached when representatives from our 8 West Malaysian congregations and from Kuching, East Malaysia will meet at Kelapa Sawit, Feb 16, 1985, 2.00 pm. This historic meeting will consider constituting all our groups in Malaysia as a national body distinct from Singapore. This step is necessarily taken in order to comply with Government policy. Pray for wisdom from above as Revs Quek and Tow will steer this new national body in the formation. Bukit Gambir (Rawang's branch church) in the backwoods of Muar district will soon become a strategic centre for Gospel outreach when the new Malaysian Central Super Highway will run through it from Malacca to J.B.!

Reminder! Registration now open for All Life Church Camp at Port Dickson, March 18-23, '85. Register with Deacons Wee Chin Kam, Teo Gim Thong, Benny Chng or Tan Nee Keng after service at the front entrance of the sanctuary.

Nursery duty today: Mrs Grace Seow & Miss Josephine Tan

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My dear Readers,

Our Burden is Reduced by 50%

At last week's FEBC Board meeting, our proposal to go into the Promised Land on a 50-50 partnership was well-received. The need for extension was envisaged by FEBC President as early as three years ago. The need of a master-planned College Building (which will be open to Lifers inasmuch as Life Church is open to FEBC) cannot be delayed. Because of our stand for the Truth, God has prospered the College from year to year. But without increased facilities, the training of more workers will be stymied.

Dr S H Tow and Rev Quek Kiok Chiang were elected to a joint College-Church Building Committee. Dr Su Hong Zee, elder of Galilee Church, was added to the Board. The building of the Extension is recognised to be a total B-P project, since most BP ministers are FEBC graduates. So the Alma Mater will be nourished by her filial sons and daughters. Let them who drink from the tap think of the reservoir!

While Life Church has to date gathered \$182,674.05, FEBC is launched with a \$2,200 gift in remembrance of a grandma. Plus \$800 and \$200 from two FEBCers, the College has advanced to \$3,200 in three steps. Watch for a double scoreboard henceforth, and give glory to Him who owns "the cattle upon a thousand hills" (Ps 50:10).

Praise the Lord, as we go to print, two cheques, \$6,000 and \$2,000 from two Christian firms are received, being their tithes to the Lord. To these is added \$4,000 from the director of the two firms himself. These sums have come to swell our fund to over \$194,000! "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). Hallelujah!

Thought: At this rate of hilarious giving, can we break the 1/2 million mark with our Chinese New Year Hong Baos? Amen?



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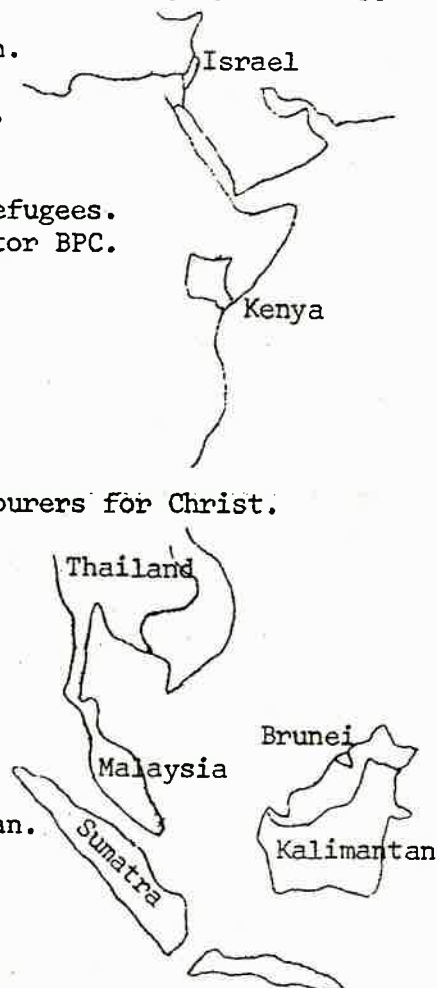
"It takes a decade to plant a tree
Yea, even a century to nurture a man"
- Chinese Proverb

For 23 years Life Church has been closely linked with FEBC in her training of workers for the Lord's Vineyard. Like the widow of Zarephath taking care of the prophet Elijah, our Church has provided all available premises, including many rooms and "extended rooms" for dorms. We have also paid for utilities, maintenance and repairs for the running of the College.

Every Church is a missionary society. By joining hands with FEBC in her training programme we are promoting missions by geometric progression. Our growing number of missionaries are the graduates, those who have attained positions of leadership and those who have gone out to the fields.

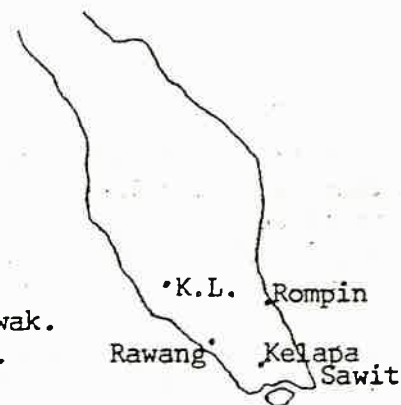
Apart from a score ordained to the pastoral ministry in Singapore, where are the rest? Several BP ministers are simultaneously teaching at their Alma Mater. As we go through the Alumni list we are amazed to see how far and wide are our graduates scattered. We'd like to mention a sampling of those serving in distant lands and in ASEAN for your prayerful support.

- AUSTRALIA : Mrs J Packer, National Convention Speaker.
Peter Clements, Student pastor, Presbyterian Church.
- NEW ZEALAND : Calvin Channing, Reformed Baptist Church.
- USA : Dr Tow Siang Kwang, pastor, Chinese Baptist Church.
Trinh Huong Linh (Vietnam), pastor's wife.
Deborah Lukito (Indonesia), pastor's wife.
George Kutty (India), missionary to Indo-chinese refugees.
- ENGLAND : Mark Heath, missionary to Singapore, assistant pastor BPC.
- NORWAY : Rev Andrew Bo, Lutheran missionary.
- KENYA : Stephen Masila, pastor, principal, Bible School.
Richard Kivai, pastor, lecturer, Bible College.
- KOREA : Han Joong Sik, lecturer, Bible Seminary.
- ISRAEL : Issa Bannurah, pastor, BPC Bethlehem.
- THAILAND : Suvana Ngarmstichoke, Church worker.
Prachan Rodruan, pastor.
Jess Lim, missionary from Life BPC to Frontier Labourers for Christ.
Sayon Kusawadee, lecturer, Bible School.
Samuel Mani, Frontier Labourers for Christ.
- INDONESIA : Wesly Siregar, pastor, Kuta Baru, N Sumatra.
Haposan, Church worker, Medan.
Dohar, lecturer, FEBC, W Kalimantan.
Gloria, lecturer, FEBC, W Kalimantan.
Kimiko Goto (Japan), lecturer, FEBC, W Kalimantan.
Esther Djunaidi, Treasurer, FEBC, W Kalimantan.
David Djunaidi, FEBC Staff, W Kalimantan.
Simon Tsai (Hong Kong), lecturer, FEBC, W Kalimantan.
Sahat Siregar, Baptist Church worker, Medan.
- BRUNEI : Margaret Tan (Singapore), Christian teacher.
- W MALAYSIA : Liew Hon Seng, pastor, Taman Sir Melati, K.L.
Chew Fook Wah, preacher, Petaling Jaya, K.L.



W MALAYSIA : Lau Choon Poh, preacher, K.L.
 Monica Tong, preacher's wife, K.L.
 Elina Tan, Church worker, K.L.
 Lim Hai Seng, Church worker, Batu Pahat.
 Ng Sang Chiew, Church worker, Kelapa Sawit.
 Irene Lee, Christian worker, K.L.
 Tiew Ah Tuan, Kindergarten principal, Kota Tinggi.
 Rev Eddy Ho, pastor, Evangelical Free Church, K.L.
 Freddy Yong, preacher, Rompin, Pahang.

E MALAYSIA : Kim Kah Teck (W Malaysia), preacher, Kuching, Sarawak.
 Pauline Kim, Kindergarten teacher, Kuching, Sarawak.
 Petra Wong, Christian teacher, Sarawak.
 Jennifer Thien, just returned to Sabah.



A Church situated in a global city all the more should adopt a global outlook. Therefore let us be hospitable to all the language groups using our premises - Chinese, Korean, Thai, Indonesian, Tamil, Philippine and last but not least, our monthly ministry to Vietnamese refugees. Amen.



That Inalienable Portion of Blessing

That is pronounced on Mary of Bethany, and increased to global proportions, can also be yours! Find it for yourself in Luke 10:42 and Matt 26:13. (If you are too lazy to open your Bible, you might miss them altogether).

For your sakes, the Church has planned since last September a Bible Camp for Lifers old and young at the American Baptist Conference grounds at Golden Sands, Port Dickson. In such a second-to-none idyllic setting where one can hear God's Word like Mary sitting at Jesus' feet. May you find that inalienable portion of blessing too.

"Prepare To Meet Thy God" (Amos 4:12) is the theme of messages to be delivered by Rev Keith Coleman, BP missionary to Philippines, well-known to the pastor. And what greater blessing can there be to have God come to us, to our spouses, our children, our friends (provided we will come sincerely to Him).

Register early for that inalienable portion of blessing - Golden Sands, Port Dickson, March 18-23. Mrs Tow has a special programme for children at the Port Dickson Camp.

Reagan draws fire for quoting Bible

NEW YORK, Wed. — A furious row erupted around President Ronald Reagan yesterday after he quoted the Bible to appeal for support to increase the military budget.

Several theologians and Biblical scholars criticised Mr Reagan's use of the Scriptures for such a purpose.

The President was criticised for taking a passage from the Gospel of Luke out of context and the point of the passage had nothing to do with military strategy.

The President referred

to Luke 14:31-32 in remarks to a gathering on Monday of business leaders at the White House.

Calling for a continued military buildup, Mr Reagan said the Bible story meant that "the Scriptures are on our side".

In the account from Luke, as told by the President, Jesus tells of a general who finds himself with 10,000 soldiers against an approaching enemy force of 20,000.

In the face of such odds, the general sues for peace.

Mr Reagan then drew a lesson from the passage. "Well, I don't think we ever want to be in a position of only being half as strong and having to send a delegation to negotiate, under these circumstances, peace terms with the Soviet Union."

Reacting to Mr Reagan's remarks, Dr David Adams, Professor of New Testament at Princeton Theological Seminary, said: "When the President cites this verse as a prop for administration policy, he misuses the Bible."

The Reverend Richard John Neuhaus, a conservative theologian who is director of the Centre of Religion and Society in New York, said: "I think the President would be well-advised to make the argument for his military budget and strategies on the basis of public reasoning rather than invoking the Bible."

Both liberal and conservative church scholars assailed the President's effort to give scriptural warrant to his military policy. — NYT.

Straits Times
7th Feb 1985

AS WE SEE IT

Whether President

Reagan misuses the Bible citing Luke 14:31-32 to appeal for support to increase the military budget, judge ye!

We respectfully submit

that God has blessed President Reagan's administration primarily because he has ruled America by the light of God's Word. These theologians who criticise the President with myopic vision of truth are like blind surgeons prescribing an operation to be performed on a clear-sighted man. Amen? — T.T.

LAST 2 WEEKS' OFFERINGS: \$3736.80

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CHURCH-COLLEGE EXTENSION 188)\$150;
 189)\$200; 190)\$50; 191)\$100; 192)\$100;
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APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (11th - 17th Feb)

MON 7.30 pm Martin Luther Film (Church History)
 TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg; 9.15pm-Session Mtg
 WED 6.00 pm Vietnamese Refugee Fellowship
 THU 6.30 pm Modern Hebrew (Rev Tow)
 7.30 pm Personal Evangelism (Rev Goh)
 FRI 7.30 pm Tamil Gospel Mtg (JB) Rev Tow
 SAT 2.00 pm Inaugural Mtg. BPC Malaysia
 SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow
 10.00 am Peter Chng (Chinese Service)
 11.30 am Catechism Class
 11.55 am Korean Service
 3.00 pm Thai Service
 4.00 pm Indonesian Service
 6.00 pm Tamil Service

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 205)\$100; 206)\$672(Chin Serv); 207)\$100; 208)\$20
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TOTAL \$194,674.05

WOODLANDS NEW LIFE 5089)\$150; 5090)\$75(Boxes).

TOTAL \$2,579,876.25

FEBI 190)\$100(Nazareth). TOTAL \$126,624.11

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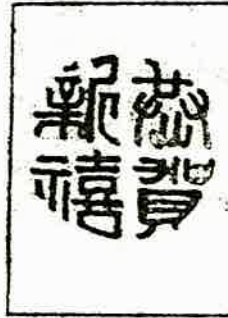
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OFFERINGS FOR: Thailand \$250, \$150; Philippines
 HDB Land \$200, \$200(Sembawang); RPG \$100; Adelaide Bible School \$1000.

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FIRST LUNAR NEW YEAR THANKSGIVING SERVICE



Singapore celebrates two mammoth festivals every year. After Christmas, in a matter of a couple of months, comes the Lunar New Year, which is celebrated by China and other East Asian countries like Vietnam. Since Singapore is 76 percent Chinese, we call it Chinese New Year.

Most Chinese-speaking churches hold the traditional Lunar New Year Thanksgiving Service. Our Chinese Service is one of the

rare exceptions. The reason is she combines with the English-speaking every year in the mother church's Thanksgiving in October.

This year, the younger leaders of the Chinese Service decided to hold a Thanksgiving Service for Chinese New Year and have requested the pastor to give the message. This is a return to a good old practice. There is no harm in reviving Thanksgiving for Chinese New Year inasmuch as we do not refrain from its festivities. There is plenty of good in "re-starting" this religious exercise because we are a thankless people that need to be reminded to give thanks again and again.

In Old Testament times it was required of Israel to present a first-fruit offering to the Lord before they could enjoy the reapings of their harvest. Moses said to Israel about to enter the Promised Land, "When thou hast made an end of tithing all the tithes of thine increase the third year, which is the year of tithing, and hast given it unto the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, that they may eat within thy gates, and be filled; Then thou shalt say before the Lord thy God, I have brought away the hallowed things out of mine house, and also have given them unto the Levite, and unto the stranger, to the fatherless, and to the widow, according to all Thy commandments which Thou hast commanded me: I have not transgressed Thy commandments, neither have I forgotten them... Look down from Thy holy habitation, from heaven, and bless Thy people Israel..." (Deut 26:12-15). The principle given here is "Thanking God first, enjoying ourselves second".

According to this principle, we "say grace" before meals. Calvin says if we do not, we are no better than brute beasts which rush greedily at their food.

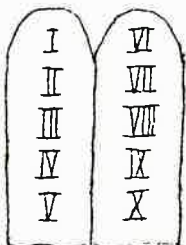
According to this principle, may I remind the English-speaking congregation not to forget to return a Hong Bao to the Lord of the many that we receive. One good example comes from a sister who handed me a cheque last week. She said, "I must not forget the sacred tenth."

According to this principle, we cannot enjoy ourselves without caring for the Levite (tribe set apart for holy service). In this connection let us remember our missionaries labouring afar off, accomplishing for God what we cannot. They need our encouragement.

According to this principle let us do something for the needy in our midst, such as widows and orphans. If we do not have such, then there are the strangers, helpless aliens passing through our land. In this regard, we have a monthly ministry to the Vietnamese refugees. Rev Goh Seng Fong who heads this work makes a request: "What about bringing out of our abundance of Chinese New Year delicacies and sweetmeats a portion on the Lord's Day Feb 24 (i.e. the next week). Leave these with the FEBC Kitchen, which will be collected the following day and distributed to the refugees at their Sembawang Camp. When we see how our children throw away food half-eaten, soft-drinks half-finished, all the more it behoves us to conserve that portion of our abundance which would have gone to waste in order that the hungry be fed in Christ's Name. "Economy is the Mother of Prosperity".

So Thanksgiving is also sharing. While we revel in the luxury of peace and plenty, let us do good to express our gratitude to God - in the spirit of the first Lunar New Year Thanksgiving of our Chinese Service. (Incidentally, the Hong Bao offering of this Service is designated for our Church-College Extension Fund).

House Blessing Day and Night



During the Japanese Invasion of Malaysia and Singapore, many homes suffered in one way or another. An old Christian by the name of Kan who lived with his wife in the village of Jemaluang, Johore was spared because he had a cross erected over his gate. The Japanese came in to search, but apologised for their intrusion at the sign of the cross. This is one episode of the War that was told to me in the course of my up-country ministry.

More than the sign of the cross is the written Word of God. In Deuteronomy 6, Moses commands Israel not only to teach God's Commandments to their children diligently every day, but also to "write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates" (Deut 6:9).

For this reason our book centre has been instructed to produce the Ten Commandments, "Christ is the Head of this House" and JESUS SAVES clocks in teak and gold for your house-blessing day and night. These are truly a means of grace for family salvation, a priceless treasure over every other work of art. We have also observed that when God's Word is displayed in the home, decorations of a worldly nature, semi-nude figures that subtly appear on commercial calenders, are automatically laid aside. That's house-blessing enough. Amen?



Refreshing to Both Body and Spirit

The travel bug that has bitten Singaporeans has sent many to distant lands. Taking a holiday abroad can tax our pocket quite heavily, but the returns are confined to the physical.

Joining the Church Camp at Golden Sands, Port Dickson brings refreshing to both body and spirit. For here we shall have the whole canopy of heaven to ourselves and the open sea for our recreation, good food, Christian fellowship and instruction from God's Word. A five-day week at around \$100 per person. Travelling upcountry

will be by aircon bus.

Mrs Ivy Tow, assisted by FEBC students, has prepared a programme for your children. Mr Peter Chng of the Chinese Service has a programme geared to your Chinese-speaking parents or spouses. This is Everybody's Camp.

"Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you" (James 4:8). You can't tell what blessing there is in store for you... (Please note: The date is March 18 - 22)

Are Pressmen Better Prophets Than Preachers?

An ad in a recent copy of Time Magazine reads: "SURVIVAL: NUCLEAR WAR. Many Americans believe it's coming closer and closer as the arms race speeds on. Others warn that only a balance of nuclear power can prevent it. People everywhere are thinking and talking about the unthinkable. TIME Magazine's continuing coverage of this critical controversy provides a clear perspective on what may determine the fate of us all. Week after week, TIME gives you more than news and information. It brings insight and understanding to subjects that matter to you. Read TIME and understand."

Yes, this ad will draw a host of readers. But how sad! While it certainly tells the truth of what is coming, for pressmen are often better prophets than preachers, TIME Magazine can give information but no solution.

Nuclear destruction, by man-made war or divine judgment is repeatedly forewarned in Scripture. One of the many passages is II Pet 3:7-15: "But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men... But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up..." But God's Word does not end there. It offers us salvation in Jesus Christ through repentance (v.9), and this is offered to you, Reader, even now! Are you saved?

"Prepare to Meet Thy God" (Amos 4:12) our Port Dickson Camp Theme is most timely chosen. In Christ we can meet with any trouble, be it small or great. Through Christ we are exerting every ounce of strength to bring our Readers to Everlasting Life in Jesus Christ.

Preachers must offer something better, yea, much more, than what is offered by Pressmen. Amen. (Gospel of Life, a commentary on the Gospel of John by T Tow is a book that explains salvation to those who have never heard. Obtainable from CLBC).

- T.T.

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| 1. FOR THE CHURCH TO BE REVIVED | 3. Loving parent, filial child, | \$50; 5093)\$80. |
| First the families convert: | Brother, sister, true and mild: | TOTAL \$2,583,594.60. |
| May all members fear the Lord, | Youth and age in harmony, | (New Life Total: |
| Keen to pray and read His Word. | Foll'wing Jesus faithfully. | \$166,021.32) |
| Chorus: | 4. Old and young in truth must | CHURCH-COLLEGE EXT.: |
| Come to our home, Lord, | live, | 213)\$115; 214)\$172(YF & |
| Come to our home, Lord, | Everywhere their witness give, | YAF); 215)\$50; 216)\$100; |
| Come to our home, Lord, | Helping sick and needy ones, | 217)\$150; 218)\$180; |
| Our homes must Christian be. | Thinking not of self alone. | 219)\$200; 220)\$50; 221) |
| 2. Joined in marriage happily, | 5. Families of Christ delight | \$2000; 222)\$373(Kebak- |
| Loyal to Thy Law must be: | In their worship day or night; | tian); 223)\$50; 224)\$ |
| Weal and woe together bear, | Christ the Head they all confess, | 660; 225)\$150; 226)\$ |
| In each other's love to share. | Calm they dwell in happiness. | 1400; 227)\$1000; 228) |
| - The Amoy Hymnal, no. 366 - | | \$1700; 229)\$1000. |
| | | TOTAL \$204,024.05 |

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (18th - 24th Feb) AIR BEMBAN 112)\$50. TOTAL \$54,887.25

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| MON 7.30 pm | Church History (Rev Tow) | RPG \$250; Philippines Land \$66 (Boxes) |
| TUE 8.00 pm | No Prayer Mtg (New Year's Eve) | Bukit Batu, 25,000 sq.(33m, Kulai Rd) was acq- |
| WED 8.00 am | Lunar New Year Service (Chin-ese, Rev Tow) | uired at M\$1 a ft to build a Church and Youth |
| SAT 2.00 pm | JYF; 2.30pm-TBC; 3.30pm-YF | Camp. By your enthusiastic support, the BB Fund |
| 4.00 pm | YAF; 7.30 pm - CFM | has accumulated \$145,603.25. In view of a greater |
| SUN 10.00 am | Rev Tow | need at Gilstead Rd Session has transferred this |
| 10.00 am | Miss Alice Doo (Chinese Serv) | sum to the Church-College Ext Fund! \$145,603.25 |
| 11.30 am | Catechism Class | + \$204,024.05 = \$349,627.31. Hall: lujah! |
| 1.00 pm | AF Mtg at Victor's home | Birth! To Dn & Mrs Paul Wong, a boy, Daniel Wong, |
| 3.00 pm | Thai Service | on 14th Feb 1985. |
| 4.00 pm | Indonesian Service | Among the 90 Vietnamese Refugees who came last |
| 4.30 pm | Sharon Church Service | Wed, 20+ were Chinese. After a message on Jonah, |
| 6.00 pm | Tamil Service | 40 young people including children received Christ. |
| LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$3801.06 | | Surplus clothing & soap were distributed. Leave |
| WOODLANDS NEW LIFE 5091)\$3588.35(NL); 5092) 24) in the Kitchen for further distribution. | | your surplus New Year sweetmeats next week (Feb |
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DA XIE SHEN EN = RETURN THANKS TO GOD

At this peaceful Lunar New Year season the Chinese world is ablaze with lights and colours (though minus the booming fire-cannons and prancing crackers of yesteryears under government regulation). To ask the gods for better luck this year, business houses are inviting the dancing lions, crashing and drumming to play before their shop premises. The women are visiting the temples with gifts to the gods, kneeling and kow-towing under a red and gold tapestry which reads: "Da Xie Shen En" as above.

Though we are not caught up with all this, being Chinese, we enjoy another round of festive vacation. Hong Baos are traded between family members, relatives and associates. Children and young people who profit most from the red packets of new dollar bills (now in the red denominations to begin with!) compare notes with one another. But with all these earthly blessings showered upon us in peaceful Singapore, when a quarter million refugees, the greatest human tide is sweeping into Thailand since the fall of Kampuchea to Vietnam, can we do better than those who know how to say "Da Xie Shen En" at the heathen temples?

ON PAYING ONE'S VOW

After the morning service last Lord's Day, I received a call from a young mother, an occasional worshipper at our Church. She is a believer (not yet baptised) but her husband is a free-thinker. The purpose of her phoning me was to ask how she could pay her vow. She had prayed to the Lord for a child and now He has answered abundantly. Having ascertained I was free at the moment she came immediately to Church to present a double offering to the Lord. Until then, she was burdened by that vow. What an example from a young Christian to the whole Church.

King Solomon says, "When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for He hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed."

"Better is it that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay."

"Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it was an error: wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands?... fear thou God" (Eccl 5:4-7).

OUR CHINESE (MANDARIN-TEOCHEW) SERVICE

Our Chinese Service was founded October 1965, 20 years ago! Out of the death of our loved ones in that fateful trip to Cameron Highlands has come forth life in the establishment of the Chinese Service.

For many years this little plant needed the personal attention of the pastor, week after week, year after year. Its growth was slow, at times stagnant.

Since advancing the worship hour 5 years ago from 4 pm in the afternoon to 10 am simultaneous with the English Service, this slow-growing plant began to develop and flourish. Today attendance has reached 80-90 and 3 figures on Communion Sunday.

Simultaneous with the English Sunday School, the Chinese Service holds theirs in the parsonage and on the balcony that joins parsonage and church. A monthly fellowship is held at 12 pm in an FEK classroom at which testimonies of God's grace are given. Besides these they have organised a youth fellowship and a Bible class.

Mr Peter Chng, now studying at the FEBC, is appointed student-pastor. Mrs Lee Choon Ngee is Treasurer and co-ordinator and interpreter at the pulpit. Mr David Wong, though now seconded to Kulai Besar, continues to assist at the Sunday Worship. The Chinese Service also publishes a Weekly paper. The pastor preaches at the Chinese Service once a month.

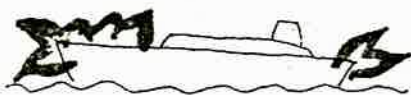
Though a small congregation in contrast with the English-speaking, the Chinese Service has contributed not a little to missions in Kalimantan and the Riau Islands. We need bigger premises to accommodate the Chinese church as she continues to grow and expand. The Hong Bao Thanksgiving for Church Extension is recorded overleaf.

LESSON FROM THE CHINDAMBARAM FIRE

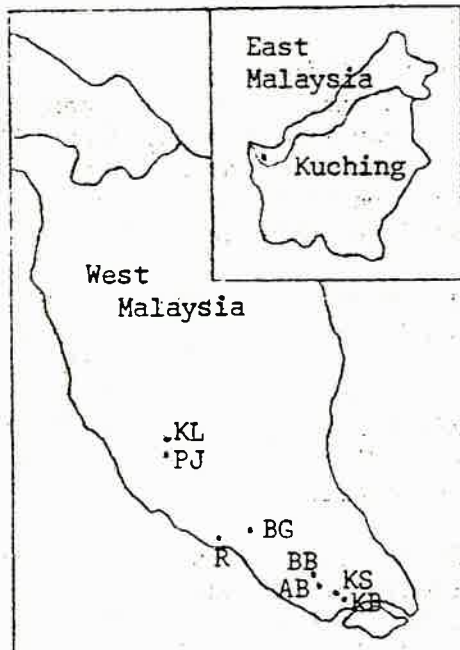
The Chindambaram is a wellknown passenger boat plying between Singapore and Madras. Last week the Straits Times reported how a fire broke out on board which killed over 70 passengers. There should not have been so many deaths, but the cause of this enlarged disaster was due to this - "Many of those who died were trapped in their cabins after returning to try and rescue TV sets, radios and other consumer items they had bought from Singapore."

At the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah Lot and his family were warned by the Angels, "Escape for thy life: look not behind thee, neither stay thou in the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed" (Gen 19:17). Now the whole family of Lot would have escaped the holocaust, but, alas! The sacred record continues: "But his (Lot's) wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt." Notice that Lot's wife had brought death upon herself like those Chindambaram passengers who returned to their cabins to salvage their belongings. So will many lose their lives before that Fiery Judgment rains down from heaven at Christ's Return. Many will not turn to the Lord now because they are bogged down by so many earthly things. Many backsliding Christians will be saved like Lot, a brand plucked out of the fire, losing wives and children.

"Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon" (Isa 55:6,7).



INAUGURATION OF THE BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MALAYSIA



According to our Lord's injunction in Acts 1:8 to take the Gospel to the uttermost part of the earth beginning from Jerusalem and in all Judea, we have since our founding in 1950 concentrated on West Malaysia as our immediate mission field. To-day after 35 years, the Lord has opened for His Name's sake 8 churches and branches in West Malaysia, viz., Kelapa Sawit (1954); Rawang (1972); Kulai Besar (1973); Bukit Gambir (1983); Kuala Lumpur (1983); Bukit Batu (1983); Air Bemban (1984); Petaling Jaya (1984); and one in East Malaysia, Kuching (1984).

The sudden cropping up of new stations in the last two years has necessitated the organising of our Malaysian churches and outreaches with a view to registration with the Malaysian Government. At the instance of Dr Tow Siang Hwa an inaugural meeting of BPC Malaysia was convened at Kelapa Sawit, Saturday Feb. 16. Steering the formation of a BPC Malaysia were Rev Quek Kiok Chiang, Rev T Tow and Elder Chia Kim Chwee, delegated from the mother denomination in Singapore.

The inauguration of BPC Malaysia was effected with the adoption of its Constitution (patterned after that of the parent body), the establishment of its headquarters at Kelapa Sawit and the election of the following to a protem Executive Committee:-

Elder Dato Dr Tow Siang Yeow, President; Elder John Ling, Vice-president; Mr David Wong, Secretary; Elder Teo Teck Heng, Treasurer; Rev Liew Hon Seng, Mr Chew Fook Wah, Mr Kim Kah Teck.

Rev Quek charged the new church to stand for the Faith of the BPC while Pastor Tow challenged the new Malaysian Church to extend the Gospel to their Judea. One field to be entered in the immediate future, for your prayerful support, is Johore Bahru, the second city of Malaysia by 1990.

At the conclusion of the Inaugural Meeting the Singapore Steering Committee, with Elder Tow Siang Yeow and Mr David Wong, drove three miles north to inspect our newest sanctuary at Air Bemban, a double corner terrace house on over 5,000 sq.ft. costing S\$80,000.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Every year member churches of the ICCC (International Council of Christian Churches) gather together for a Day of Prayer on the 1st Friday in March. This year it falls on March 1st. It will be held at Life Church! The pastor of Life Church will bring the message.

Other BP Churches including the Tamil congregations and members of the Evangelistic League will join in this Prayer Meeting in English, Chinese and Tamil. We need to pray all the more in this day of darkening apostasy. We need to draw nigh to God if we want God to draw nigh to us.

The offering this year will be channelled through the ICCC to buy rice and other relief goods for famine victims in Africa. Amen.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (25 Feb - 3 Mar)

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| MON | 7.30 pm | Church History (Rev Tow) |
| TUE | 8.00 pm | Prayer Meeting |
| WED | 6.30 pm | Modern Hebrew (Rev Tow) |
| THU | 6.30 pm | Modern Hebrew (Rev Tow) |
| | 7.30 pm | Personal Evangelism |
| FRI | 8.00 pm | World Day of Prayer at Life Church |
| SAT | 2.00 pm | JYF; 2.30pm-TBC; 3.30pm-YF |
| | 4.00 pm | YAF; AF Bible Study |
| | 7.30 pm | YAF Film Night: "The Greatest Story Never Told" |
| SUN | 10.00 am | Rev Tow (Lord's Supper) |
| | 10.00 am | Mr Peter Chng (Chinese Serv) |
| | 11.30 am | Catechism Class |
| | 11.55 am | Korean Church Service |
| | 1.30 pm | CFM Service |
| | 3.00 pm | BFC & Thai Services |
| | 4.00 pm | Kebaktian Indonesia |
| | 4.30 pm | Sharon Church Service |
| | 6.00 pm | Tamil Service |
| | 7.30 pm | Korean Evening Service |

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$5803.80

WOODLANDS NEW LIFE 5094)\$200.

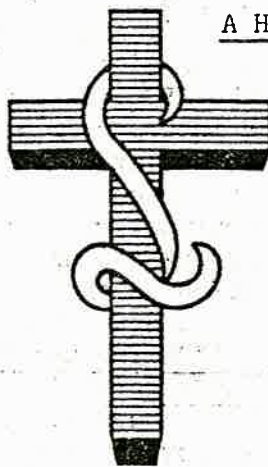
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\$1000; 240)\$300; 241)\$510(Chin.Serv);

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A HONG BAO FROM THE PASTOR



In thanksgiving to the Lord for His mercies upon him and his family, the pastor is giving a Hong Bao to worshippers in the form of a red book titled THE GOSPEL OF LIFE. It is an applied commentary on the Gospel of John and the Three Johannine Epistles. 200 copies are available on a first-come-first-served basis - at the counter! - T.T.
HOLY LAND TOUR June 4-17, '85. All inclusive S\$2875 only. Hurry!

242)\$90; 243)\$1400. TOTAL \$357,204.10. Stop Press! 244)\$500.

FEBI 191)\$65(Grace); 192)\$60(Galilee).

TOTAL \$126,749.11

AIR BEMBAN 113)\$60. TOTAL \$54,947.25

OFFERINGS FOR: Philippines Land \$5000(Galilee); Thailand \$390(WF); KL \$500 (WF).

Birth! To Mr & Mrs Francis KC Chen, a son, Cecil Chen Pinli, on 24th January 1985.

Our deepest condolences to Elder Mahadevan on the passing away of his beloved mother, at J.B., Feb 20, 1985.

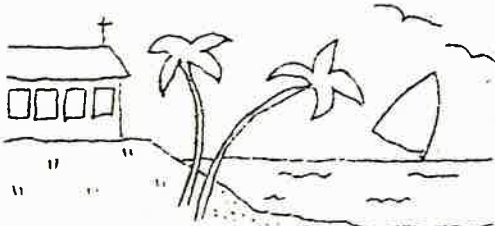
Rev & Mrs Edward Paauwe's new address: P O Box 276 - Magill 5072, South Australia.

Nursery today: Ms Fam Chuay Lai & Mrs Lilian Tan



PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers, "Draw Nigh to God and He Will Draw Nigh to You" (Jas 4:8)



Life Church Bible Camp, March 18-22, 1985 at (American) Baptist Assembly, Golden Sands, Port Dickson promises to give you what any secular tourist party cannot! But unless you join us, how can you tell the difference? Air-con coach comfort in travel, exclusive enjoyment of holiday facilities, away even from the glare of strangers in hotel accommodation. Guaranteed farm-fresh homecooked food. Blue sea (very safe, not like the South China Sea) and sparkling golden sands for the recreation of your tired bodies.

While these physical provisions are planned for a vacation you've been looking to, more important are the spiritual. There is no better theme chosen for this camp than "Prepare to Meet Thy God" (Amos 4:12). And we have Rev Keith Coleman, BP missionary to the Philippines, to deliver God's Word to us. Rev Coleman is personally known to me. His preaching is well-received in Manila where I have had opportunity of hearing him.

To kill three birds with one stone, it is my view our party should visit our two most flourishing churches in Malaysia en route: 1. Kelapa Sawit at the 26th mile Kulai Road, headquarters of our newly-formed BPC Malaysia. 2. Rawang, 4½ miles across the Muar River, two miles from the Malacca Highway junction. The blessing of such a visit is mutual. Henceforth you will be more knowledgeable to pray for missions in our farflung ASEAN fields, while bringing goodwill to the local churches. When we draw nigh to God, He has promised to draw nigh to us. Don't miss that portion of blessing He has in store for you! Who knows...?

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

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...

I Want To Walk Where Jesus Walks

It is also our testimony to the many blessings we had received when the pastor and his family spent their first sabbatical after 19 years, in Bethlehem Aug '69 - Jan '70.

In 1983 I had the privilege of leading a 40-member party on a 14-day tour of Israel. The Lord blessed mightily, so that a second Holy Land Tour is now being organised by BP Banner. This Second 14-Day Holy Land Study Tour, Jun 4-17, is headed by Dr Tow Siang Hwa, assisted by Elder Chia Kim Chwee and Dr Patrick Tan. Despite a surging US dollar we are able to peck it down to S\$2875, inclusive of airport tax, "bridge" tax, entrance fees and tips. As times are very uncertain, this is a rare opportunity while peace reigns to visit the land of our Saviour. Limited to 40! Hurry!

On Food Offered to Idols

Q. (in the mail): "I have this brother whose parents and family members challenge him to eat food offered to idols because they know he believes idols are nothing. However, if he refuses to eat, they say that he is afraid of their idols. Can you please offer your suggestion to counsel this brother?"

A. In my pastoral ministry of 35 years, I estimate I have destroyed (often by burning) at least 100 idols including Hindu gods and Malay charms. And my hands are still moving and quite normal. Does that not prove that idols are nothing? (Read Jeremiah 10:2-5).

Though St Paul says idols are nothing in themselves, when they are worshipped with food and incense, the whole process becomes a sacrifice to devils (I Cor 10:20). So we who drink the cup of the Lord cannot drink the cup of devils. We cannot be partakers of the Lord's table and of the tables of devils (I Cor 10:21). We hate idol food as one hating poison. To take poison for the sake of proving your courage at the taunt of an enemy is foolishness of foolishness. So to eat idol food because your enemy so challenges you is absurd.

The Apostles' decree in Acts 15:29 against "meats offered to idols" is final! All the Old Testament injunctions and examples from the Israelites' apostasy in the wilderness to Daniel before Nebuchadnezzar prohibit God's people from having anything to do with idols, and food offered to idols. Jesus in Rev 2:14 condemns eating things sacrificed to idols.

Jesus says, "Man shall not live by bread alone but by every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Matt 4:4). It is better to go hungry than eat that which Satan tempts you to eat. Amen?

"Thus saith the Lord, Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them. For the customs of the people are vain; for one cutteth a tree of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe. They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move

not. They are upright as the palm tree, but speak not: they must needs be borne, because they cannot go. Be not afraid of them; for they cannot do evil, neither also is it in them to do good" (Jeremiah 10:2-5).

Beit El Baraka = House of the God of Blessing



In the Bible, Baraka is spelt Berachah. It is the site of Judah's triumph over the combined forces of Ammon, Moab and Seir (Edom) through prayer and praise, without a fight. For, as the people praised the Lord under King Jehoshaphat's leadership, the three enemies suddenly fell foul among themselves, so that they were destroyed one of another. So much spoil was found among their dead that they took three days to gather.

On the fourth day Judah assembled in the nearby valley to bless the Lord, hence this place was named Bera-chah (II Chron 20). Dr Lambie of the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions who founded the Barakah Hospital told us in 1950 when we were here the above story, and why he named the Hospital thus - for it stands on the very spot so sacred of ancient memory.

Today the Hospital Dr Lambie founded is closed down. However, the 7½ acres of holy soil with its magnificent buildings is converted into a hospice. A home away from home for travel-worn pilgrims. Better still, there is an Arab Church at Bethlehem founded also by Dr Lambie which caters to the pilgrim's Sunday worship. At Baraka the last time we were there, we had Morning worship before setting out and Evening worship after coming in.

You can see from the map that Baraka is centrally situated, about 12 miles south of Jerusalem. Our party will stay also at other Christian hospices, 2 nights at Tiberias and one night on Mount Carmel (Haifa).

A special visit to Yad Vashem, Jerusalem (the Holocaust Museum showing the extermination of 6 million Jews) is one that you will never forget. Come with us now to the Land of our Saviour. Amen?

Church, Mary or Christ?

In the days of the 16th Century Reformation there was a man in Italy, Aionio Paleario, who wrote a book on The Benefit of Christ's Death. For this he was hauled before the judge by order of the Pope. To find out if he was Protestant, the judge put to him 3 questions: "What is the first, second and third cause of salvation?" Now the inquisitors had thought that in putting these 3 questions he would at least say something to the glory of the Church of Rome. But Paleario answered, "Christ, Christ, Christ." For not giving credit to Rome this lover of Jesus was put to death.

Has Rome changed? The recent visit of the Pope to S. America has a poster of him with the words "A Jesus Por Maria" = "To Jesus through Mary". Now you judge between Paleario and Pope. Is Salvation through the Church, through Mary, or through Christ? - T.T.

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

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| MON | 7.30 pm | Church History (Rev Tow) |
| TUE | 8.00 pm | Prayer Meeting |
| | 9.15 pm | Session Meeting |
| WED | 6.30 pm | Hebrew (Rev Tow) |
| THU | 6.30 pm | Hebrew (Rev Tow) |
| | 7.30 pm | Personal Evangelism (Rev Goh) |
| SAT | 2.00 pm | JYF; 2.30pm-TBC; 3.30pm-YF |
| | 4.00 pm | YAF; AF Bible Study (AF Room) |
| SUN | 10.00 am | Rev Patrick Tan |
| | 10.00 am | Rev Chang See Oon |
| | 11.30 am | Catechism Class |
| | 11.55 am | Korean Church Service |
| | 1.30 pm | CFM Service |
| | 3.00 pm | BFC & Thai Services |
| | 4.00 pm | Indonesian Service |
| | 4.30 pm | Sharon Church Service |
| | 6.00 pm | Rev Tow at Calvary Pandan |
| | 6.00 pm | Tamil Service |
| | 7.30 pm | Korean Evening Service |

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$13,072.02*

WOODLANDS NEW LIFE 5096)\$20.

TOTAL \$2,585,014.60

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- WHAT IS REVIVAL? - \$400; 254)\$150;
According to John Wesley: 255)\$70; 256)
"All the good you can. \$150. TOTAL:
By all the means you can. \$374,258.92
In all the ways you can. Stop Press \$1000
In all the places you can. OFFERINGS FOR:
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To all the people you can. Jess Lim \$50;
As long as ever you can." Thailand \$200;
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ers for Christ \$50(boxes), \$138(Boxes);
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Charges for Issue of 60-year Lease to Life BP
Church Lot 1157 of Mukim 13 Land at Admiralty Rd
/Marsiling Lane totals \$2,305.00. (Trustees:
Timothy Tow Siang Hui, Khoo Peng Kiat, Seow
Chong Pin and Edmund Tay). Our solicitors: Ho
and Ho (Mrs Lim Li).

Expresgram to Rev C T Hsu: Thanks for your cheque
for Dyak work with Djunaidi. God give you many
more years of service! T.T.

I WANT TO WALK WHERE JESUS WALKS to the tune of
"I walked today where Jesus walked" sung by Prof.
Fague Sringmann is available on tape from CLBC.
Special flowers today from Mrs Raymond Ho.

The Story of Joseph and His Brothers

The brothers struck upon a plan
To get rid of Joseph.
They hailed a Midian caravan
Heading south to Egypt.
They sold him for twenty dollars,
A gesture of their love;
For Judah said, "He is our brother,
Beware of Him above."
They put him on a high camel:
(Wasn't he taken for a ride?)
For this was their mode of travel,
Rocking from side to side.
When the traders came to Egypt,
They called on Potiphar.
As if keeping a previous tryst,
They sold him at his villa.
But Joseph was not left alone,
He had the Spirit of God;
Out of his eyes the Radiance shone,
His smiles captured his lord.
The Captain made him chief steward
Over his house to rule.
(Whether a man earns a reward,
He must not play the fool!)
To Joseph came the test one day
When he was all alone;
The Mistress caught him all at bay,
And dragged him to her room.
An anguish surged through Joseph's heart:
To be or not to be?
Now grace did God to him impart,
Which kept him from entry!
He reasoned with her on his feet,
Not to commit such sin!
"Stolen waters are never sweet,
While Death is looking in."
The jilt suddenly turned tigress:
She stripped him in a rage,
As Joseph fled in dire distress,
She had him in her cage!
The Master put the slave in prison,
But he was not dismayed;
For there's a higher Judge in heaven,
And unto Him he prayed.
Soon Joseph was vindicated
By God's visions to him;
Two wierd dreams he interpreted
That won him prisonwide fame.
When God's appointed hour chimed,
He made Pharaoh take fright,
As lean kine swallowed up fat kine
In visions of the night.
The troubled king charged his ministers
To tell him what this meant?
When none could return an answer,
To Joseph then they went.
When Joseph came before the King,
He witnessed for his Lord:
Whoever delves in divine things
Must humbly speak His Word.
Behold there're seven booming years
Of a bumper reaping,
But after this will come the fears
Of Devouring Famine!
One with such Interpretation
Is no less than a king;
Hence came forth the proclamation:
To Joseph Pharaoh's ring.
The lad the brothers sold away
Out of sheer jealousy,

MODEL FOR MODERN YOUTH



This is the title of a message we've been assigned to preach at the Sunset Gospel Hour, Calvary Pandan this evening, 6 pm. As this message will be based on the life of Joseph, may we share with you some lessons from the verses that were composed in the Holy Land on the opposite column.

For the closing hymn, the following number is chosen both for the appropriateness of the words and singability of the tune.

- MAKE ME A CAPTIVE, LORD -

LEOMINSTER. (D.S.M.)

In moderate time.



MAKE me a captive, Lord,
And then I shall be free;
Force me to render up my sword,
And I shall conqueror be.
I sink in life's alarms
When by myself I stand;
Imprison me within Thine arms,
And strong shall be my hand.

2 My heart is weak and poor
Until its master find;
It has no spring of action sure—
It varies with the wind.
It cannot freely move,
Till Thou hast wrought its chain;
Enslave it with Thy matchless
love,
And deathless it shall reign.

8 My power is faint and low
Till I have learned to serve;
It wants the needed fire to glow,
It wants the breeze to nerve;
It cannot drive the world,
Until itself be driven;
Its flag can only be unfurled
When Thou shalt breathe from
heaven.

4 My will is not my own
Till Thou hast made it Thine;
If it would reach a monarch's throne
It must its crown resign;
It only stands unbent,
Amid the clashing strife,
When on Thy bosom it has leant
And found in Thee its life.

GEORGE MATHEWSON, 1842-1906.

Was predestined on such a day
 To High Excellency.
 Now he who kept his vessel pure
 And walked the narrow path,
 Was given a high priest's daughter,
 Her name was Asenath.
 As all good things come to an end,
 So Seven Years of Plenty;
 And sure enough the Famine flamed
 In all ferocity!
 The Drought consumed the meadowed earth,
 It came sore on Canaan.
 The brothers were driven by the dearth
 To buy corn from Mizraim.
 Now when they bowed before Joseph,
 The Premier of the Land,
 They were questioned without reserve,
 If they're a guilty band?
 The second time they came to buy
 From Egypt the cereals -
 'Twas then that their long-hidden lie
 Was shamefully revealed.
 Overcome by brotherly love,
 Joseph pardoned their sin,
 He saw a higher Hand above,
 And God's decree therein.
 He saw in his brothers' betrayal
 God's higher role for him,
 That he should secure survival
 For his own kith and kin.
 Thus out of evil came the good
 By God's decretive power;
 When Israel before Pharaoh stood,
 Was there a grander tower?
 The brothers struck upon a plan
 To get rid of Joseph,
 But God overrules the will of man
 His purpose ne'er shall swerve.
 Yea, out of evil comes the good
 By God's decretive power;
 When you despair of Satan's brood,
 Remember Joseph's hour.

Chiang Mai. To see that a Thai Church is established in Thailand's northern capital Session has voted to support Bro. Prachan, working alongside the Frontier Labourers for Christ (Kalinin, Samuel Mani, Jess Lim). What is revival?

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

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| MON | 7.30 pm | Church History (Rev Tow) |
| TUE | 8.00 pm | Prayer Meeting |
| THU | 6.30 pm | Modern Hebrew (Rev Tow) |
| | 7.30 pm | Personal Evangelism (Rev Goh) |
| | 8.00 pm | Rev Tow at Nazareth |
| FRI | 8.00 pm | House Blessing at the new home of Dn Geoffrey Tan, Blk 140, Bukit Batok St 11, #04-33 (2365). (Tel: 5610927) |
| | 8.00 pm | Rev Tow at Nazareth Family Salvation Night. |
| SAT | 5.00 pm | Rev Tow at Nazareth, Sim Kim Lian-Low Wai Siong Wedding |
| | 7.30 pm | Sharon Film Night |
| SUN | 9.00 am | Rev Keith Coleman at Grace BPC |
| | 10.00 am | Rev Tow |
| | 10.00 am | Mr David Wong (Chinese Service) |
| | 11.30 am | Catechism Class |
| | 1.00 am | AF Meeting at Dn Nee Keng's Home |
| | 3.00 pm | Thai Service |
| | 4.00 pm | Indonesian Service |
| | 6.00 pm | Tamil Service |

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WHAT IS REVIVAL?

As observed last week, one aspect of Revival in John Wesley's words is:

"All the good you can.
 By all the means you can.
 In all the ways you can.
 In all the places you can.
 At all the times you can.
 To all the people you can.
 As long as ever you can."

What John Wesley had said out of his experience to exhort his followers may be applied to the John Wesley of China - John Sung and his followers. One follower of John Sung who has the

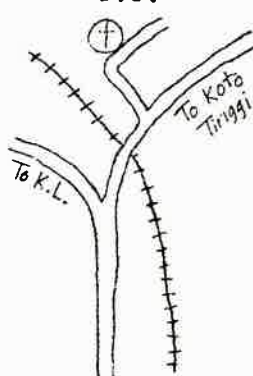
zeal of John Wesley is our dearly beloved co-labourer in New York City, Rev C T Hsu.

Since the founding of the BPC in 1950 Rev Hsu (then Deacon) has been an active member of Life Church to this day. From 1950 to 1960 he did all he could to promote the Gospel in the fellowship of our Church. In 1960 the Lord led him and his family to emigrate to USA. Though he is absent from us in the flesh, he is present with us in the spirit. He shows this not merely by his constant prayer for us, but also by contributing of his substance to every missionary project. He writes us lately, "I'm 68 years old, but will continue to do my best for the Lord as He has so blessed and helped. Glory to His Name." He drives himself hard in the evening years of his life (how old are you?) constantly in hope of His glorious return. So, on every envelope he has his famous slogan chopped in heavy black: "Jesus is coming again real soon!"

To reflect this message we have it in big red letters on our VW Kombi JESUS IS COMING.

What is revival? In the zeal of C T Hsu let us strive to go on without let up in the work of the Lord. We commend the VBS outreach spearheaded by younger Lifers to every Reader. We commend a new Tamil Gospel outreach to be launched this Lord's Day morning in Johor Bahru in the house of Madam Zee (Nancy's mother and a member of our Chinese Service) to your support. Not only by prayer, but also by personal presence - since JB is one hop from Woodlands. (Is this a challenge to New Lifers?)

We have our FEBC graduates labouring in far off - T.T.



Note: As to our JB station, this sketch map shows its strategic position, barely 1 mile from the Town centre. Our going there is by invitation of Mdm Zee who recently felt she must dedicate her house to the Lord's work. Her subtenants consisting of about 20 Tamils staying on the upper floor are automatically brought under the Gospel sound!

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 AIR BEMBAN 114)\$70; 115)\$300. TOTAL \$55,317.25
 OFFERINGS FOR RPG \$100; Adelaide B.Sch. \$50;
 FEBI \$1600(scholarship).
 FEBI 193)\$100(Naz.); 194)\$60(Gal.).
 TOTAL \$126,909.11

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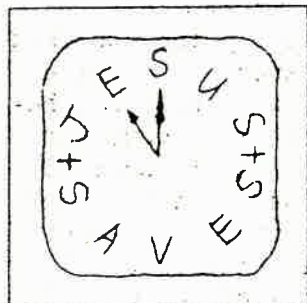
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PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

WHAT TIME IS IT ON YOUR CLOCK?



The Bible has plenty to say about time. Particularly, St Paul and our Lord Jesus Christ.

In Romans 13 Paul exhorts us to look at the clock, to tell what hour it is of the day? It is "high time", he says, "to awake out of sleep." Now, "high time" is defined by Webster: "a time beyond the proper time but before it is too late." So, for most of us who are careless about time, it is "high time" to awake out of our sleep, out of the stupor and complacency into which we are sunk. Can we be asleep when the sun is up, according to a Chinese proverb, "three bamboo poles high"? I'd like to remind young people in school who have not made up their mind to get into serious study, who merely tag along day by day. But if you don't wake up now while there is yet time, it will be too late! The most important exam is your 'O' level!

Our Lord's parable of vineyard labourers (Matt 20) has given us a good idiom - "the eleventh hour". In Jewish usage it is 5 o'clock in the afternoon, one hour before the sun begins to set at six. There's precious little daylight left.

If we regard the eleventh hour to be 11 pm in our usage, then it is one hour to midnight! This reminds of Jesus' parable of the bridegroom and the virgins: "And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold the bridegroom cometh..." (Matt 25:6). What time is it on the clock of God's saving plan? For you and me living in the crucial end-times? We believe it is 11 pm. It may be only 5 minutes to midnight, the hour of the Heavenly Bridegroom's coming!

Any moment this simmering world may burst into nuclear holocaust, or else why should the super-powers be brought to the negotiating table? But the Bible student can see through all the politics of this manoeuvring for peace. In the words of Dr Martin Lloyd Jones there is no hope for the future outside Jesus Christ.

"OCCUPY TILL I COME!"

In the face of this prophetic clock we have one thing to do, to awaken to a more conscientious service unto Him. "The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light... But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof" (Rom 13:12-14). It was after reading these verses that St Augustine turned over a new leaf to serve the Lord at the age of 33.

"Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Jesus will last."

CHURCH COLLEGE EXTENSION PROJECT LATEST

Our Church-College Extension Project to acquire some property in the neighbourhood, was launched October 14, 1984. It seemed a pipe-dream then, but not today five months after. Praise the Lord, with the FEBC joining hands, whereby a College-Church Extension Account is started, we have now exceeded \$400,000. This is the Lord's doing, it is marvellous in our eyes! With New Life to pay in \$131,000 for their share of the Woodlands property we have over $\frac{1}{2}$ million, heading on to \$600,000! The Lord is honouring your faith to achieve this Extension, we believe, the latest by the end of this year. We can do it, and we must do it now! In God's work, with His blessing, there can be no recession. "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 9:8).

Members of the joint Extension Project are: Rev T Tow, Deacon L S Pang (Life Church); Dr Tow Siang Hwa, Rev Quek Kiok Chiang (FEBC). Pray for us! - T.T.

A NEW ADDITION TO THE BPC MALAYSIA - JOHORE BAHRU

By Elder Mahadevan

On Sunday 10th Mar 1985 when the Pastor was absent from the Life Church pulpit, you may have wondered where he had gone at that time. Well it was again on higher service (OHS) for our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ - to inaugurate a Tamil Service house church in Johore Bahru.

It all started a couple of weeks prior to the Chinese New Year when Madam Zee, a mandarin-speaking Shanghainese lady, a devout Christian, expressed to the Pastor her keen desire to offer her home in Johore Bahru for Sunday worship. Madam Zee lives in a large old semi-detached house at Jalan Wadi Hua. She and her family live on the ground floor, but the rest of the house including the upper floor is rented out to five Tamil families. The house has a driveway and an adjoining piece of vacant land behind under her occupancy.

Accordingly Pastor visited the place with a few members of our Tamil Church and decided that an inaugural Tamil Service be held on Sun 10th Mar '85. This place is centrally located and is about 2 km from the Johore Causeway end and is off the Kota Tinggi Road.

On Sun 10th Mar by 9.20 am Pastor Tow, Elder Mahadevan, Stephen Yaletchko (American student at FEBC), and Mrs Maniam and Miss Malika, members of our Tamil Church arrived in JB for the service. By then another group led by Pastor Burt Subramaniam had also arrived. As scheduled the service commenced at 9.30 am with Pastor Burt leading in Tamil and English. Several Tamil hymns were sung to the accompaniment of music and bongo drums. In all there were more than 30 worshippers with representatives from the four Tamil BP Churches (Bethlehem, Life, New Life and Zion) in Singapore. Half the worshippers were from Johore Bahru. An encouraging

testimony was given by Mr S A Khan, a Tamil Muslim who was recently converted and is resident in JB. Pastor gave the message from John 14:27 - "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." Pastor Burt interpreted into Tamil. Truly the service was inspiring and there was an expression of joy in everyone. The worship offering amounted to S\$41 + M\$31.45.

At the end of the service Mdm Zee gave a short testimony of how marvellously the Lord had delivered her and her household from darkness, pain and suffering from sickness. She was a picture of Christian joy and thankfulness to the Lord. Her second son-in-law Henry stood beside her and told of his deliverance from a grave illness. Everyone present was encouraged by their testimonies. From the time the service started till we left the place at about 12 mid-day, Mdm Zee was seen moving around busily with her noticable limp in her left foot and beads of perspiration on her face - providing chairs and stools, reaching out to the front portico and putting up plastic sheets to shade off the bright morning sunlight from shining onto the worshippers seated out in front. After the service she provided delicious home-cooked chicken curry with bread, curry puffs, cakes and cold refreshments. It was manifestly a ministry of Christian hospitality.

It is our prayer that this small humble house church will grow and bring in the harvest. To this end we pray for workers and helpers to reach out to the community around, so that Mandarin and English services could also be held on Sunday. Those who offer to go up to JB on Sunday mornings in their own vehicles could assist in this outreach.

As I will supervise this work in JB, the Sunday School Adult I Class which I have been taking will hereafter be assigned to another teacher. Thus you can see why Pastor said in the Weekly beginning of this year that he could not teach Sunday School. For often he is called abroad in the Master's service.

This new outreach in Johore Bahru has come as a blessing not only for Life Church, but also for the BP Movement. With the recently constituted BP Church of Malaysia, this new addition will also come under its aegis. The Lord is surely opening doors for us. Let us not shut them. "If every Christian is mindful of God's Kingdom and its extension, God will be mindful of his home and welfare, to bless it, as He has blessed all who have lovingly obeyed Him."

As Pastor Tow drove us back in his good old VW jalopy, we shared with him the joy of our coming and rejoiced in the fine example set by Mdm Zee. To this Pastor aptly quoted the words of the Apostle Paul, "... for God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work."

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

- HOME, SWEET HOME -

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| MON - FRI | FEBC Mid-semester Vacation | 'Mid pleasures and palaces though we may roam, |
| MON 8.30 am | Boarding for Port Dickson at Gilstead Rd (NO DELAY!) | Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home; |
| TUE 8.00 pm | Prayer Mtg (Elder Khoo) | A charm from the sky seems to hallow us there, |
| FRI 10.00 am | Campers leave Port Dickson | Which, seek through the world, is ne'er met else- |
| 12.30 pm | Mtg with Chinese Presbytry at Rawang, Muar | where. |
| SAT 2.00 pm | JYF; 2.20pm-TBC; 3.30-YF | Chorus: |
| 4.00 pm | YAF; 7.30pm-CFM | Home, home, sweet, sweet home! |
| SUN 10.00 am | Rev Keith Coleman | There's no place like home, |
| 10.00 am | Rev Patrick Tan (Chinese) | Oh, there's no place like home |
| 11.30 am | Catechism Class (Service) | I gaze on the moon as I tread the drear wild, |
| 11.55 am | Korean Service | And feel that my mother now thinks of her child, |
| 1.30 pm | CFM Service | As she looks on that moon from our own cottage door |
| 3.00 pm | Thai & BFC Services | Through the woodbine, whose fragrance shall cheer |
| 4.00 pm | Kebaktian Indonesia | me no more. |
| 4.30 pm | Sharon Church Service | How sweet 'tis to sit 'neath a fond father's smile, |
| 6.00 pm | Tamil Service | And cares of a mother to soothe and beguile! |
| 6.00 pm | Rev Tow at Calvary Pandan | Let others delight 'mid new pleasure to roam, |
| 7.30 pm | Korean Evening Service | But give me, oh, give me, the leisure of home. |

- John Howard Payne

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$3868.70

CHURCH-COLLEGE EXT FUND 278)\$100; 279)\$722; 280)\$300; 281)\$50; 282)\$4500; 283)\$750; 284)\$50; 285)\$200; 286)\$142 (Chin. Serv); 287)\$1700; 288)\$700; 289)\$550; 290)\$1000; 291)\$250. TOTAL \$397, 606.92

Stop Press! 292)\$1000.

FEBC-CHURCH EXT FUND (A parallel account by FEBC) 1)\$2200; 2)\$800; 3)\$200; 4)\$100 5)\$100; 6)\$230 (FEBC students).

TOTAL \$3630.00

OFFERING FOR THA LAND: \$50.00.

Today is the last day to collect your RPG Notes! The Banner is also out.

Hear Rev Keith Coleman today at Sharon BPC, 4.30 pm.

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Notice is hereby given that the Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Lord's Day Mar 31, 11.10 am.

All Lifers are exhorted to be present "to fulfil all righteousness"!

Port Dickson Campers are reminded that boarding at Life Church begins promptly at 8.30 am. Coaches leave 9 am sharp! (Port Dickson Tel: 06-405292)

STOP PRESS! Mrs Teo Chiam Seng of Rawang BP Church was suddenly called to glory (after an operation at TPH, S'pore) 10.30 am Mar 15. Funeral on the Lord's Day Mar 17 will be officiated by Rev Tow. Cortège leaves All Saints Church, Upp. Serangoon, at 2.15 pm for CCK Christian Cemetery.

Have you joined the Holy Land Tour? Leaving Jun 4, 7 am. Arriving back Spore Jul 17. Price \$2875 inclusive. Register with Dr Patrick Tan.

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My dear Readers,

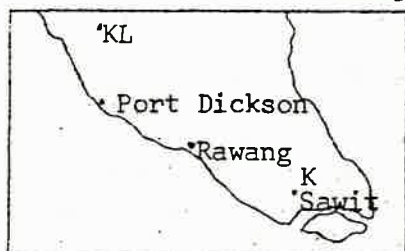
Port Dickson
Friday, Mar 22, '85

Drama en route to Port Dickson

In Bunyan's story of Christiana (sequel to Pilgrim's Progress) which was screened at Port Dickson, we saw Mrs Pilgrim and her children and friend Mercy go through the same hazardous journey to the Celestial City. But when they faltered, there was Mr Greatheart ever ready to come to their help. This reminds us of David's 37th Psalm, vs. 23, 24:

"The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord:
and He delighteth in his way.

Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down:
For the Lord upholdeth him with His hand."



Our journey to Port Dickson met with an unexpected setback and delay costing 150 man-hours. It was exasperating while we waited for Adeline and Chin Kam held up by the Immigration. Finally, when our patience was exhausted and we drove on in our northward expedition, we felt a lingering disappointment all the same until Chin Kam and Adeline caught up at Kelapa Sawit in the nick of time. Now read Chin Kam's account:

"Our party of 85 campers in two air-con coaches arrived at the Johore Bahru Customs checkpoint on Monday 18th Mar at about 9.40 am. The entire party checked through except for sister Adeline who was held back for the reason that the validity of her passport - which expires on 27th Mar '85 was deemed insufficient.

I decided to see the Higher Immigration Officer. In spite of my pleadings he was willing to grant her 3 days' stay in Malaysia. The arrangement was unacceptable as it meant that sis Adeline had to break camp earlier. I was determined she should not be the sheep left behind. When the Higher Immigration Officer ignored us, I decided to ask the officer who was summoned to see us back to Singapore for advice.

We boarded the SBS bus hailed by him to return to the Woodlands checkpoint. All this while, we were out of touch with the main group whom we believed was patiently waiting for us in the buses.

At the Singapore end we renewed the passport. With the new passport we went through the J.B. checkpoint very quickly. By then, it was already close to 11.30 am.

When we found that the buses had left, we decided to take a taxi to catch up. The price to take us to Kelapa Sawit where our coaches would make the first halt was bargained down to \$50. Whilst travelling, I prayed silently that we would find the party either at Kelapa Sawit, and if not, at Air Hitam, the second stop-over planned for our lunch. I guessed that sis Adeline was probably praying too.

When we arrived at Kelapa Sawit, we met a villager who directed us to the road leading to the Church. Our taxi-driver meanwhile arranged with another taxi, licensed to travel to Negri Sembilan, to take us to Port Dickson for M\$120, should we fail to catch our bus at the Church.

Having settled everything, we proceeded along the road the villager had directed us. At a little "valley", we thought we had sighted our bus, so we asked driver to pull up to the side patch. But it was the wrong bus. When the taxi had turned around and was about to start off again, lo and behold, our bus appeared! We waved frantically while the taxi-driver horned. Rev Tow, who was at the front of the bus, spotted us.

In retrospect, we really marvelled at the wonderful timing of our steps. We were in the valley no longer than 2 minutes (!) and our stop made it easier for us to recognise the passing bus and for Rev Tow to sight us. Praise the Lord! To our Malay taxi-driver, it was luck. But to us, it was 'God helped us!'

Let this episode be concluded with another verse of Scripture: "A man's heart deviseth his way, but the Lord directeth his steps" (Prov 16:9). How wonderful that our living Lord is mindful of our travel, of our time scheduled to the very minute! So in difficulty, pray, pray, pray! A Christian must never say, "Die".

Best Camp Ever!

The physical facilities of Golden Sands are second to none for the low price charged. The sea breezes that keep up a steady stream of refreshing coolness are part of the March pre-SW Monsoon weather. This makes our coming to the seaside no less pleasant than going up the hills. Food, both physical and spiritual has been given in substantial quantities. Besides the English programme we ran one in Chinese for the Chinese-speaking elderly folk and an English Bible-study programme for our children. Besides the messages that are centred on the theme "Prepare to Meet Thy God" we had a profitable Forum and two film nights. An Australian young lady, friend of Anne Gradussov, received Christ as her Saviour before leaving for Singapore.

Another evidence of the Lord's approval on the Port Dickson Camp is the receiving of a new song from the Lord, printed on the following page.

"In the Midst of Life, We are in Death"

On Thursday afternoon, while we were busily answering questions at a Forum, I was asked to phone back to K.L. We had received the stunning news from Miss Elina Tan, Calvary Jaya BPC, that our beloved Cantonese brother, Evangelist Chew Fook Wah, was called to glory Wednesday Mar 20. I was requested to conduct the vigil service Friday night 7.30 pm and funeral Saturday Mar 22, 10 am.

PREPARE TO MEET THY GOD

(to the tune of "Rejoice, the Lord is King")

Prepare to meet thy God -

The King of Kings is come!

Behold He comes with flaming Sword
To judge the world.

Behold He comes with flaming Sword
In righteousness to judge the world.

Prepare to meet thy God -

He comes to save His own!

Behold the Son of God our Lord
Sits on the throne.

From heaven He comes, the Son of God
In clouds of heaven to save His own.

Prepare to meet thy God -

All knees before Him bow!

The King of Kings, the Lord of Lords
Will save you now.

Repent! Believe! Give Christ your heart -
Before His throne all knees shall bow.

Alas! "Thou turnest man to destruction, and sayest, Return ye children of men... The days of our years are three-score years and ten..." (Ps 90). Within one week I have to send home two of our colleagues. Mrs Teo Chiam Seng of Rawang who was interred at the Choa Chu Kang Protestant Cemetery. Now, the funeral of Mr Chew Fook Wah. Both are about 67 years old, a little less than man's allotted time.

Fortunately, Rev Liew Hon Seng came to the P.D. Camp on Thursday. Thus he could accompany me back to K.L. via Seremban by bus. He will be my Cantonese interpreter to facilitate a bilingual service.

The passing of Mr Chew Fook Wah at this juncture is a heavy blow to Calvary Jaya BPC because he is the mainstay of the newly-started Cantonese service as recent as Mar 10, '85. But God does not leave Himself without witness. Rev Liew Hon Seng, who is both English and Cantonese-speaking should rally to the need. And he can easily help out because while Calvary Jaya Cantonese Service is held in the morning, the service at Taman Sri Melati (Batu Caves) is held in the evening! (Rom 8:28).

Rev Keith Coleman

Our main speaker Rev Coleman will be the Lord's messenger at Life Church this Lord's Day 10 am and at the Kebaktian Indonesia 4 pm. He will speak at Mon & Tues Chapel at FEBC (8 am) as well as lecture on the Philippines at the Church History Hour, Mon night, 7.30 - 8.30 pm, Mar 25. Those interested in the Philippines should come to hear him. He flies back Wednesday morning. God-willing BP Missions might cooperate with him to start a new work in Manila. Pray for the six teeming millions of the Manila metropolis. - Yours obediently, T.T.

Pride Goes Before a Fall

God judged King Nebuchadnezzar for his pride. In our devotions with RPG Notes (I hope you are using the RPG Notes), Daniel records the dream of the king. His kingdom was like a "great tree, the leaves fair, the fruit much and there was meat for all." The king was rightfully proud of his achievements, but he did not acknowledge the "high God" who performed "great signs and mighty wonders," and whose "kingdom is everlasting". God's judgment was then to cut down that tree and changed the king's heart to that of a beast. The punishment lasted 7 years until Nebuchadnezzar was humbled to recognise "that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever He will" (Dan 4:17).

In a recently published pictorial record of the achievements of Singapore, "A Salute to Singapore", the motto reads, "To look back to the past with pride, to the future with confidence." Indeed Singapore has achieved notable success in 25 years of nationhood. However, let no Singaporean say in his heart that the achievements were due to his ability or cleverness, not even his industry or determination. But let every Christian give glory to God. It is He who exalts a nation and brings peace and prosperity to our country.

Commit to Faithful Men

Our aging politicians have stepped down from office except the Prime Minister. The baton is now passed on to younger men. The men have been carefully selected and diligently tutored to assume high public office. The apostle Paul did the same thing. In his pastoral epistle to young Timothy, he said, "The things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also" (II Tim 2:2). E.M. Bounds said that men are looking for better methods but God is looking for better men. Faithful men. In this respect the Sunday School will begin a Teachers' Training Class on Mar 31, '85 at 8.30 am at the FEBC Library. Will you prepare yourself for a more effective Christian service? - P. Tan

THE SHEPHERD BOY SINGS IN THE VALLEY OF HUMILIATION

He that is down needs fear no fall,
He that is low no pride;
He that is humble ever shall
Have God to be his guide.

I am content with what I have
Little it be or much;
And, Lord, contentment still I crave,
Because Thou savest such.

Fulness to such a burden is
That go on pilgrimage;
Here little, and hereafter bliss,
Is best from age to age.

- John Bunyan

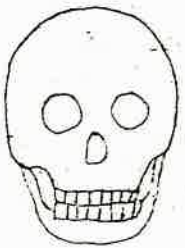
APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (25th - 31st Mar)

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| | | | SUN 10.00 am | Rev Tow |
| MON | 8.00 am | Rev Coleman at FEBC | 10.00 am | Mrs Lee Choon Ngee (Chinese Service) |
| | 7.30 am | Rev Coleman on Philippines (Church History Class) | 11.10 am | Annual Congregational Meeting |
| | | | 11.30 am | Catechism Class (Final!) |
| TUE | 8.00 am | Rev Coleman at FEBC | 8.15 pm | BP Synod at Life Church |
| | 8.00 pm | Rev Coleman at Prayer Meeting | Pastor will hold Maundy Thursday Service at Tanjung Pinang Apr 4, leaving Finger Pier 10.30 am, returning Fri 5th, 6.30 pm. If interested, please contact him early. No visa needed! | |
| WED | 8.00 pm | Wedding Rehearsal | | |
| THU | 6.30 pm | Modern Hebrew (Rev Tow) | | |
| | 7.30 pm | Personal Evangelism (Rev Goh) | | |
| FRI | 7.30 pm | Session at Dn L S Pang's | | |
| SAT | 2.30 pm | Jason Lee Mui Poh-Linda Lee Wedding. Reception at FEBC (Rev Tow) | | |

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THE MYSTERY OF DEATH

(The uncompleted sermon by Mr Chew Fook Wah on the afternoon of March 20, 1985 before he was suddenly called to glory)



Being a heathen and an "idolator of idolators" for 57 years I have noticed the greatest fear amongst the Chinese is death, and after death, what? This is what I intend to share with you this evening. Of course when witnessing to the unsaved, many other relevant factors will come to mind, such as life is short, eternity is long, sin is black, hell is certain and heaven can be yours, etc, etc. From experience I never try to apply all the points to witness to one individual, it depends on his/her personal needs and response. Don't try to use a large bunch of keys to open one lock, just use only the right key.

The Bible tells us that "it is appointed unto men once to die". This nobody will dispute but all agree. The big question that confronts us is "After death, what?" Death is a dark mystery that faces each one of us. King Solomon said long ago, "There is no man that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit; neither hath he power in the day of death: and there is no discharge in that war..." (Eccl 8:8). No one is exempted from facing that final conflict with the "King of Terrors".

The Chinese have proverbs which express fear and perplexity in the face of death. One saying goes like this: "A troubled life is better than a peaceful death" (好死不如恶活). It is better to live to face a sea of troubles than to die peacefully. Another wise saying is "Death is not the conclusion of things" (死不是一了百了). Those who want to kill themselves will soon find out that death does not end all their troubles. After death, what? The thought of that undiscovered country where no traveller ever returns from makes us all cowards. We fear death - mostly because of the dark mystery that enshrouds it, hiding from our eyes the nature of that fearsome "something" that lies beyond the grave. What is it?

"If a man die, shall he live again?" (Job 14:14). This was Job's question asked more than fifteen hundred years before Christ. It is a question that still haunts us today in this twentieth century. What happens to us when we die? I am not referring to our physical bodies, we know that answer too well. I mean what happens to our real persons who live in our bodies? We all feel that our bodies are only temporary dwelling places. The Bible fully agrees to this as we can see in II Peter 1:13-14, where Peter refers to his physical body as a tabernacle or tent, like the temporary shelters used at certain seasons of the year in Palestine by shepherds when obliged to live far from home in order to find pasture for their flocks. What happens to the real us, when we must lay aside our physical tents in the day of death? There are six different answers to this question:

(1) Some say that our soul will go into a coma or profound sleep and remain in that unconscious state until the future judgment day. At that time we will be totally unaware of anything that's going on until the resurrection day comes at last. This is the theory of "soul sleep".

(2) Others say that after the unrepentant sinner dies, he will be punished briefly as his sins deserve. Then he will be totally annihilated - blotted out of existence. He will be as though he had never been. While only those who are righteous will continue to live on and on after death in a state of bliss.

(3) Others say that only those who lived like saints in this life have any hope of going directly to heaven when they die. Most people will first go to purgatory - to a place of pain and suffering that is not punitive but only corrective. In that place of suffering their personal sins will be slowly purged away - particularly so if the living relatives remember them and have masses said for them. Only after this purging process has been completed will they be permitted to pass from purgatory into heaven. However, according to this teaching, certain sinners, who die unrepentant or outside the church, will go directly to hell with no hope of ever escaping.

(4) Fourthly, still others say that when we die the real self inhabiting our bodies becomes a ghost and has the power to wander about at will in this world, helping living relatives who offer sacrifices to it and who continue to do honour to the departed, but bringing much trouble upon the family if this spirit of the departed relative is neglected and not properly cared for. Many claim to have been visited by the ghost of a dead husband or a dead wife. Parents of young men claim that the ghost of the deceased son has returned to them and has spoken to them, or made its presence felt in some startling way. So, many believe that when our bodies die the soul that departs from the body becomes a mobile and very powerful ghost who must be treated with great fear and respect or there will be bad trouble in the home.

(5) Others again believe that when a person dies his soul appears on earth in another visible form: it may in the form of a cow, or of a fowl or fish, depending upon the amount of merit he accumulated during his particular existence on earth. Some may come back as human beings, belonging to a higher or lower caste in society, again depending on the holiness of their previous existence. This process goes on and on until he reaches his final bliss - the extinction of all desires or perfect nothingness! That is why some people in India sweep the path in front of them as they walk, lest they accidentally crush underfoot some insect who may be the reincarnation of a naughty grandfather whose soul came back into this world as an ant because he had not lived a holy life when he had a chance in this world as a human being.

(6) Then sixthly there are the skeptical intellectuals who try to tell themselves that the soul of man has no real future existence, for the simple reason that man has no soul as a separate and different entity. All he has that may be called spiritual is his intellect, his emotional life, and his power of choice. All that will live on after he dies is the impact he may have made upon the world while living. All that will live on are the benefits that his life have imparted to mankind and the contribution he has made to human progress. That is all that will live on after he dies, according to this belief. For example, what has lived on after Shakespeare are his matchless poems and plays. What has lived on after Thomas Edison are his inventions. What has lived on after Abraham Lincoln are the results and influences of his emancipation of the slaves.

According to these modern skeptics, the only life which we have after death is that which is perpetuated through the influence that we had on mankind while living. Other people will enjoy the results of our life after we die, for we will not be able to enjoy anything after we die, for we will have passed out of existence forever.

Of these six ideas about what happens to us at death, which one is true? Or are they all wrong?

We read in Shakespeare's play how Hamlet contemplated suicide but later hesitated over the following words about death: "To be, or not to be: That is the question: Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune, or to take arms against a sea of troubles, and by opposing, end them? To die: to sleep: no more; and by a sleep to say we end the heart-ache and the thousand natural shocks that flesh is heir to, 'tis a consummation devoutly to be wished. To die, to sleep: to sleep: perchance to dream: ay, there's the rub; for in that sleep of death what dreams may come when we have shuffled off this mortal coil, must give us pause.

"For who would bear the whips and scorns of time ... when he himself might his quietus make with a bare bodkin? Who would these burdens bear, to grunt and sweat under a weary life, but that the dread of something after death - the undiscovered country from whose bourn no traveller returns - puzzles the will, and makes us rather bear these ills we have than fly to others that we know not of? Thus conscience doth make cowards of us all..."

It was this uncertainty of what comes after death that caused Hamlet to hesitate to take his own life.

Hamlet spoke of death as that undiscovered country from whose bourn no traveller returns. Hamlet had forgotten his history. One Traveller did return. His birthdate is the jewelled pivot upon which history itself turns. All history is related to that date by our saying that an event took place in such and such a year B.C., or in such and such a year A.D. What do we mean? By B.C. we mean "Before Christ", and by A.D. we mean Anno Domini or the year of our Lord. Who is Christ? Who is the Lord? He was the great Traveller who from the Cross of Calvary took His journey into that undiscovered country from whose borders no traveller had ever returned.....

(Ed. Note: BUT CHRIST RETURNED ON EASTER DAY BY RISING FROM THE DEAD. Hallelujah!)

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (1st - 7th April)

MON 7.30 pm Church History (Rev Tow)
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
9.15 pm Session Meeting
THU 10.30 am Pastor to Tanjong Pinang
8.00 pm Sharon Maundy Thursday Serv.
FRI 10 am - 2 pm BFC Services
8.00 pm Life Church Service (Dr Tan)
SAT 3.30 pm YAF/YF Combined Mtg (Rev Tow)
SUN 6.30 am Easter Sunrise Service (Mac-Ritchie Reservoir)
8.00 am Breakfast at Life Church
9.45 am Easter Baptismal Service

LAST 2 WEEKS' OFFERINGS \$5478 + \$4261.30

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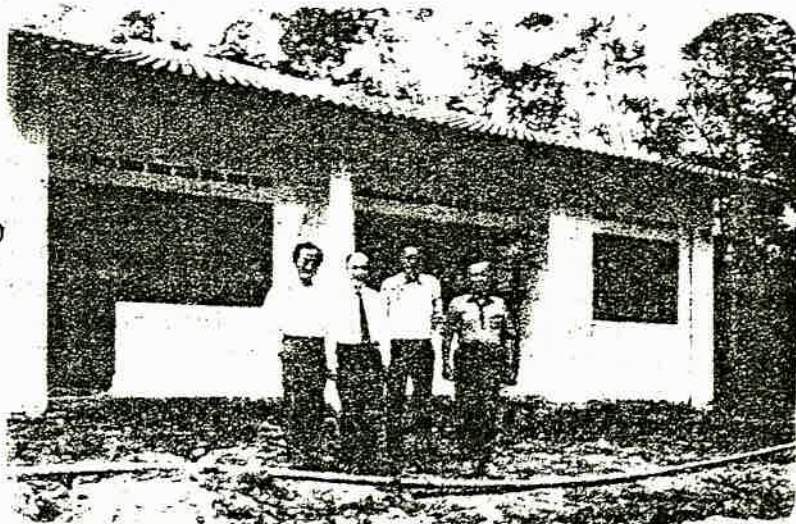
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Praise the Lord, by sacrificing her partitioned bedroom in the meeting hall, Mdm Zee

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- AIR BEMBAN -



HOSANNA, loud hosanna,
The little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple
The joyful anthem rang;
To Jesus, who had blessed them
Close folded to His breast,
The children sang their praises,
The simplest and the best.
2 From Olivet they followed,
Mid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm-branch waving,
And chanting clear and loud;
Bright angels joined the chorus,
Beyond the cloudless sky,
Hosanna in the highest!
Glory to God on high!

8 Fair leaves of silvery olive
They strowed upon the ground,
While Salem's circling mountains
Echoed the joyful sound;
The Lord of men and angels
Rode on in lowly state,
Nor scorned that little children
Should on His bidding wait.
4 Hosanna in the highest!
That ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer,
The Lord of heaven our King.
O may we ever praise Him
With heart and life and voice,
And in His blissful presence
Eternally rejoice.

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has enlarged seating capacity by 60%! We're now praying for a Chinese Service!

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EASTER TESTIMONIES

Koh Lynn : "I first joined Life Church when I was an infant and was baptised on 17th Oct 1971. I started attending Sunday School at the age of five. Since then, I have been attending Sunday School regularly.

I accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour when I was eight. However, I did not understand the real meaning of Christianity till I was thirteen. I began to get assistance from my Dad and Sunday School teacher to enlighten me more about our Lord Jesus Christ and His salvation.

I have been doing my Quiet Time since last year. Sunday School classes did help me a lot in my everyday life especially during these two years. I treasure the sharing sessions most as they help me to understand my (Sunday School) classmates and their lives better during each session. Besides attending Sunday School, I have been joining a Bible study group and Christian Fellowship in my school. My Christian friends in school also encourage me a great deal. Thus, my faith began to increase since then.

I feel that it is a blessing to me when I think of Matthew 22:14: "For many are called but few are chosen." I thank God that I am one of His few chosen ones.

I am re-affirming my faith now and am sure that God has prepared a place for me in heaven (John 14:3)."

Chung Wei Ken : "Being self-righteous, I paid no attention to the Gospel which says that all men are sinful. But when I was in Sec 4, things changed. The death of my uncle changed my attitude. Suddenly, the issues of life and death seemed so real. The fear of death gripped me.

It was then that my classmate witnessed to me. I listened but rejected Christ because of my pride. A month passed and the Gospel that was shared slowly convicted me of my sinful nature. I tried in vain to get rid of these convictions of sin. Finally, I yielded and accepted Christ one night. At once my soul felt at peace, knowing that God had forgiven my sins.

Objections from my family arose when they knew that I had received Christ. For 2 years my Church attendance was intermittent. During this period, through Bible studies and encouragement from Christian friends, my character changed and I gradually took a stronger stand for my faith. My desire changed from that of pleasing myself to seeking approval from God in things I do. And God honoured my faith with numerous answered prayers, one of which was my parents' consent for my church attendance.

Through these years, God has helped me to gain a better insight of life and myself. Though life as a Christian is not plain-sailing, God is always there to help and guide."

Bernard Low Bun Leong : "I was born on the 12th of May, 1967 into this sinful world. Though my parents were not very religious, I was very much exposed to the various religions and their festivities. I delighted myself in reading books about the gods of the various religions; and young as I was, deep in my innermost being, there was this hungering search for the true God, which I attribute to the work of the Divine Spirit.

In my childhood days, besides being exposed to the so-called "holy things", I was acquainted with all the vices which I could conceive of, which resulted in my being often chastised. Despite the chastening, I was as hard as a flint stone and I persisted in sinning against God and my fellowmen.

Had not the good Lord begun a work of grace in my soul when I was eight years old, I do not know where, and what, I would be now. Still living in sin, a friend of mine brought me to a Baptist church, where for a few weeks I sat in listening to the Gospel messages. When I was told how Christ loved mankind and died for their sin, and took upon Himself their penalty, young as I was then, my heart could not withhold from weeping. I wept because of my sin, I wept too because He loved me. His divine and sacrificial love constrained me, and with the enabling of the Holy Spirit, I yielded myself to Him. He visited my sin-stricken soul with His saving grace.

Oh what am I, that God should thus visit me with His salvation grace, and be so mindful about me! 'But drops of grief can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe: Here, Lord, I give myself away - 'Tis all that I can do.' (Issac Watts)."

Lee Bee Teen : "I heard of the Lord Jesus and His crucifixion in my history lesson in Pri 4. By God's grace, I believed that the Lord Jesus was the only true, living God in this world. Since then, I loved to go to church but my parents strongly objected. So I did not follow my teacher to her church anymore.

I did not read the Bible until I was nineteen years old. A classmate gave me a New Testament. I loved reading it. I started to seek God again. Later, I bought a Bible and I rejoiced greatly to know that I could enter Heaven after death. I believe that I was born again in 1975. God led me to Jesus Saves Missions where I was baptised on 25th Dec 1975. I thank God that I did not stay in the Roman Catholic Church, the Charismatic church or the Methodist Church where I had been invited to visit.

In September 1984, my sister and I visited Gilstead Life Church. I am happy to be in this fundamental church that serves God faithfully. I thank the Lord Jesus for saving my wretched soul."

Doreen Oh : "I am thankful to the Lord that I can stand before the congregation this time to profess my faith in Him publicly. Two years ago, when I attended the Catechism Class, I was quite sure I could be baptised, but who knows. I had a tough time with my family regarding this matter. There was a great uproar and disorder in the house, especially with my parents.

Seeing such a situation, I cancelled my baptism on the very day itself. I prayed very hard about this again. I need God to prepare me to face any consequences that I have to face this time. As time passed, His Word gave me peace, comfort and assurance. Through my Quiet Time and listening to messages, God showed me the way I should take.

Claiming God's words in Matt 10:37-39 and Luke 12:4-5, I decided to make a stand for Him this time. After all, Christian life is not a bed of roses. It is either I serve God, or serve mammon. But praise the Lord! This time as I approached my parents, it was a different reply altogether. I could see how God honours me as I honour Him. Praise the Lord."

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (8th - 14th Apr)

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| MON | 7.30 pm | Church History (Rev Tow) |
| TUE | 8.00 pm | Prayer Meeting |
| THU | 6.30 pm | Modern Hebrew (Rev Tow) |
| | 7.30 pm | Personal Evangelism (Rev Goh) |
| FRI | 11.30 am | Kelapa Sawit Wed. (Rev Tow) |
| | 8.00 pm | House Blessing, Mrs Heng Mui Kiah, Blk 97C, Apt 04-11, Lakeview, Upp Thomson Rd |
| SAT | 2.00 pm | JYF; 2.00pm-TBC; 3.30pm-YF |
| | 4.00 pm | YAF; 7.30 pm - CFM |
| SUN | 10.00 am | Rev Patrick Tan |
| | 10.00 am | Rev Tow (Chinese Service) |
| | 11.55 am | Korean Church Service |
| | 1.30 pm | CFM Service |
| | 3.00 pm | Thai & BFC Services |
| | 4.00 pm | Indonesian Service |
| | 4.30 pm | Sharon Church Service |
| | 6.00 pm | Tamil Service |
| | 7.30 pm | Korean Evening Service |

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$5805.00

GOOD FRIDAY OFFERING \$4877.20

CHURCH-COLLEGE EXT FUND 310)\$200(YF); 311)\$200; 312)\$400(Pepsi); 313)\$1620; 314)\$1400

315)\$1200; 316)\$900; 317)\$500; 318)\$1000; 319)\$100; 320)\$250. TOTAL \$419,910.38.

FEBI 198)\$150; 199)\$585; 200)\$100(Naz); 201)\$10(Galilee). TOTAL \$129,169.11

AIR BEMBAN 119)\$300. TOTAL \$57,467.25

NEW LIFE (WOODLANDS) 5099)\$150.

TOTAL \$2,588,353.39

OFFERINGS FOR: RPG \$100; VBS \$50; Easter Breakfast \$20.

ADULT BAPTISMS

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| 01. Chia Eng Seng, Aaron | M | RSAF Officer |
| 02. Chiang Koon Joo | M | Student |
| 03. Chung Wei Ken | M | RSAF Technician |
| 04. Goh Eng Chiang | M | Student |
| 05. Irene Goh | F | - |
| 06. Kee Luan Keow, Alice | F | Lab. Technician |
| 07. Kong Li-Lian | F | Student |
| 08. Lau Hwai Keong, Michael | M | Trainee Offr |
| 09. Lau Ley Yen | F | Student |
| 10. Lee Bee Ha | F | Executive Officer |
| 11. Lim Geok Hong, Sharon | F | Secretary |
| 12. Loke Chee Lan, Annie | F | Housewife |
| 13. Lukman, Henny | F | Student |
| 14. Lukman, Hera | F | Student |
| 15. Ng Tien Ho | M | Student |
| 16. Ng Wai Kuen | M | Student |
| 17. Ng Wan Wei, Priscillia | F | Student |
| 18. Oh Swee Leng, Doreen | F | - |
| 19. Seah Hong Choo | F | Student |
| 20. Tai Ji Choong | M | NSF |
| 21. Tan Poon Chin | M | Student |
| 22. Tang, Jenny | F | Student |
| 23. Tay, Alice | F | Student |
| 24. Tay Chee Wan | M | Student |
| 25. Tay Kew Jin, Bob | M | Student |
| 26. Wee Hian Eng | M | Student |
| 27. Wong, Fiona | F | Student |

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| 28. Wong Khong Toon | M | Technician |
| 29. Wong Mei Foong | F | Student |
| 30. Wong Poh Leng | F | - |
| 31. Wong Shuk Min | F | Student |
| 32. Yap Sai Chu | F | Audit Assistant |
| 33. Yeo Bee Eng, Sandy | F | Personnel Clerk |
| 34. Yeo Bee Soon, Leslie | M | Student |

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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|--------------------------|---|---------|
| 01. Chng Chee Yeong | M | Manager |
| 02. Koh, Jean | F | Student |
| 03. Koh, Lynn | F | Student |
| 04. Lim Lai Keng, Louise | F | Student |
| 05. Low Yen, Theresa | F | Student |
| 06. Tan Woon Hwee, Phebe | F | Student |

TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

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| 01. Lee Ah Chin, Patricia | F | Telecoms Operator |
| 02. Lee Bee Teen | F | Teacher |
| 03. Low Bun Leong, Bernard | M | Student |
| 04. Tang Yoke Sim | F | Staff Nurse |

INFANT BAPTISMS

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| 01. Chen PinLi, Cecil, s/o Mr & Mrs Francis Chen |
| 02. Koh ShuXia, Cherie, d/o Mdm Doris Wong |
| 03. Li Ming'En, Clement, s/o Mr & Mrs Lee Chee Seng |
| 04. Li YiLing, Cheryl, d/o Mr & Mrs Lee Theng Kiat |
| 05. Liao JianXiong, Jonathan, s/o Mr & Mrs Thomas Liaw |
| 06. Seah En-En, Deborah, d/o Mr & Mrs Seah Geok Leng |
| 07. Tan Jing Xian, Colin, s/o Mr & Mrs Tan Kay Boon |
| 08. Wong Zhu Han, Daniel, s/o Dn & Mrs Paul Wong |
| 09. Zhang Zhiyang, Nigel, s/o Dr & Mrs David Cheong |

CHINESE SERVICE BAPTISMS

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| 01. Mdm Chee Yoke Eng |
| 02. Miss Kong Siu Kian |
| 03. Miss Pu Miao Djun |
| 04. Miss Waty |
| 05. Mdm Doris Wong |

TAMIL SERVICE

Baptism: Miss Gandeemathi
Transfer of Membership: Miss R Srimathi

PREPARE TO MEET THY GOD

The King of Kings is come!
Behold He comes with flaming Sword
To judge the world.
Behold He comes with flaming Sword
In righteousness to judge the world.

Prepare to meet thy God -
He comes to save His own!
Behold the Son of God our Lord
Sits on the throne.
From heav'n He comes, the Son of God
In clouds of heav'n to save His own.

Prepare to meet thy God -
All knees before Him bow!
The King of Kings, the Lord of Lords
Will save you now.
Repent! Believe! Give Christ your heart -
Before His throne all knees shall bow.

Nursery duty today: Mrs Siriwan Lim & Mdm Karen Leong

WHY WE BAPTISE INFANTS

Including Jacelyn and Joycelyn, twins of Bro. & Mrs. Chng Chee Yeong, there were 11 infant baptisms last Easter Lord's Day.

Now, one objection to infant baptism we often hear is: "Show us such a command in the Bible!" If theology must be reduced to such simplism, let them who ask this question show how women are included in the Lord's Supper, when at the first Lord's Supper there were only 12 men.

Salvation is a family affair. When God saved Abraham, He made a covenant with him that included his family. This was marked by circumcision of every male child. Conversely, "the uncircumcised man child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken My covenant" (Gen 17:14).

In the New Testament, Abraham is declared "father of all them that believe" (Rom 4:11), while circumcision is defined: "a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had". While we are called children of Abraham by faith, we are not circumcised today but baptised, inasmuch as baptism is the new sign showing our salvation relationship with God. So, Paul calls baptism the circumcision of Christ (Col 2:11,12). And Paul, when he converts the head of a family, he not only baptises him but also his whole household. Read Acts 16:15 about Lydia and her household, 16:33 about the Philippian jailor (he and all his); I Cor 1:16 on the household of Stephenas. Are not children the most precious in a household? "He and all his" would include his children, not his dogs and cats! While it is not stated whether there were children among the 3,000 baptised at Pentecost, it is of great significance that Peter, when commanding the repentant to be baptised, also added, "For the promise is unto you and to your children..." (Acts 2:39).

To argue that a child cannot understand the meaning of baptism is as much as saying that a mother cannot breast-feed her child because it cannot define the super-goodness of mother's milk over powdered cow's milk. We give our children the best of the best and they receive what is given, by faith! Jesus says, "Verily I say unto you, whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein" (Mark 10:15). Why should little children be refused baptism when at this infancy they qualify for heaven?

Under Old Testament law when a male child reached 12 years of age he would be initiated into the keeping of the Passover. Remember Jesus' example? Today, we have Reaffirmation of Faith from every child brought up in a Christian family before he is admitted to the Lord's Table.

Proposing a LIFE CHURCH MISSIONS SOCIETY



Ever since Jesus Christ gave the great commission to His disciples to preach the Gospel, the Message of Grace has gone forth, from Jerusalem, to Judaea and Samaria, and to far corners of the world. In the last century, the Gospel came to our corner of the world through His servant, William Burns, who was a Presbyterian missionary to Amoy and Swatow. From the revival in Amoy and Swatow that followed, Christian migrants came to Singapore, and Life Church was established from a number of them in 1883. Today, the same Gospel is entrusted to Life Church in our generation to be preached to the many unreached corners of Asia. With this in mind, a Life Church Missions Society is hereby proposed.

In these last days, many anti-Christian tendencies have arisen in the garb of Ecumenism, Modernism, Liberation theology, the tongues movement, and most of all, rampant materialism. There is great need today for trained, full-time labourers to preach the uncompromised Gospel to all who have been caught up in these movements, as well as to the perishing millions who have never heard of Jesus Christ. If the Adversary of Christ has thus multiplied his efforts, so should we!

Asia is a great mission field with half the world's population but only two percent who are called Christian. Many are still captive in the darkness of Hinduism, Buddhism, Communism, Islam and Roman Catholicism. Can we rest content in Singapore, without sending men from our church to these teeming millions? "Who will go for us?"

If you have been called by the Lord Jesus to serve Him in a full-time capacity, and are willing to be trained and sent to a foreign country in Asia, come and be part of this Missions Society, which will meet every fortnight from 12 noon to 2 pm on Sunday at the church library in the sanctuary, beginning TODAY!

(Sd) Charles Seet Bernard Low

RONALD REAGAN - IN GOD I TRUST

A book written and compiled by David R Shepherd (Tyndale House) on the President's Statements of Faith in God and their effect on the Nation and the World is being presented by the BP Church of Singapore and Malaysia to the Ministers and Members of Parliament of the 79 constituencies in Singapore, Supreme Court judges, Permanent Secretaries of the Government ministries and to leaders of the Singapore Armed Forces. It is our concerted witness "to bear My Name before the Gentiles and kings" (Acts 9:15) even to leaders of our Government of the saving power of God and Jesus Christ His Son. May God bless our Government and the people of Singapore through this book.

An excerpt from the book: "An evangelical minister and a politician arrived at heaven's gate one day together. St Peter, after doing all the necessary formalities, took them in hand to show them where their quarters would be. And



he took them to a small, single room with a bed, a chair, and a table and said this was for the clergyman. Well, the politician was a little worried about what might be in store for him. And he couldn't believe it when St Peter stopped in front of a beautiful mansion with lovely grounds, many servants, and told him that these would be his quarters.

"[So] he couldn't help but ask, 'But wait, now - there's something wrong - how do I get this mansion while that good and holy man only gets a single room?' And St Peter said, 'You have to understand how things are up here. We've got thousands and thousands of clergy. You're the first politician who ever made it.'

"I don't want to contribute to a stereotype. So, I tell you there are a great many God-fearing, dedicated, noble men and women in public life... And, yes, your help [is needed] to keep us ever mindful of the ideas and the principles that brought us into the public arena in the first place. The basis of those ideals and principles is a commitment to freedom and personal liberty that itself is grounded in the much deeper realisation that freedom prospers only where the blessings of God are avidly sought and humbly accepted...

"I want you to know that this administration is motivated by a political philosophy that sees the greatness of America in you, her people, and in your families, churches, neighbourhoods, communities - the institutions that foster and nourish values [such as] concern for others and respect for the rule of law under God." (From a message to the National Association of Evangelicals Convention, March 8, 1983)

Why Not an English Service Also for Johore Bahru?

On Mar 10, 1985 a Tamil Service was started at Madam Zee's house, J.B.

Last Easter Lord's Day, Apr 7, a Mandarin Service was added, headed by Mr Yap Chin Choon. Mr Peter Chng brought the message. Present at the Inauguration were also Mr & Mrs Eddie Yap, Elder & Mrs Khoo, Deacon & Mrs Sng, Mrs Lee Choon Ngee, Mrs Peter Chng, etc, from Singapore. With half of the total number from J.B. itself, there were 30 old and young. The offering exceeded \$100.

In view of the fact that there is a vibrant spirit among some of our young people to prepare themselves for foreign missions, does not J.B. offer them a golden opportunity to put that into practice? The Tamil congregation worships at 9.30 am, the Mandarin Service at 3.00 pm. Perhaps the proposed English Service can climax at 6.00 pm. "Who will go for US?" (Isa 6:8).

- T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (15th - 21st Apr)

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| MON | 7.30 pm | Church History (Rev Tow) |
| TUE | 8.00 pm | Prayer Meeting |
| THU | 6.30 pm | Modern Hebrew (Rev Tow) |
| | 7.30 pm | Personal Evangelism (Rev Goh) |
| SAT | 2.00 pm | JYF; 2.30pm-TBC; 3.30pm-YF |
| | 4.00 pm | YAF; 7.30pm-CFM |
| | 4.00 pm | Rev Tow at Galilee YF |
| SUN | 10.00 am | Rev Tow |
| | 11.30 am | Filipina Fellowship |
| | 11.55 am | Korean Church Service |
| | 1.30 pm | CFM Service |
| | 3.00 pm | BFC & Thai Services |
| | 4.00 pm | Indonesian Service |
| | 4.30 pm | Sharon Church Service |
| | 6.00 pm | Tamil Church Service |
| | 8.30 pm | FEBC Faculty Meeting |

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$5380.00

LIFE CHURCH EXT. FUND 321)\$4,877.20(Good Friday); 322)\$100; 323)\$100(YF&YAF); 324)\$50 325)\$100; 326)\$2457(Off.bag); 327)\$100; 328)\$50; 329)\$50; 330)\$300; 331)\$260; 332)\$200; 333)\$40. TOTAL \$428,594.58 Stop Press 334)\$40

FEBC EXT. FUND 9)\$220.10. TOTAL \$5,052.10

FEBC 202)\$65(Grace). TOTAL \$129,234.11

FRONTIER LABOURERS FOR CHRIST 8)\$150; 9)

\$300(Off.bag).

PHILIPPINES LAND 64)\$100; 65)\$90(Boxes); 66)\$200(Pepsi); 67)\$665(Sun.Lunch); 68)\$150 (Boxes). TOTAL \$7,597.00

OFFERINGS FOR: Ling Kwang Home: \$100(Boxes), FBCA: \$50.

\$58000 has been remitted to Rev Kalnin, Frontier Labourers for Christ, for the completion of the mountain village church at Nawngkhio, seating 1000!

The final bill for New Life Church is \$4,604.86, for professional services rendered by the architect.

Easter Sunrise Offering for Africa famine was \$6632.41. Plus World Day of Prayer offering and several Church offerings, the

BP Church has remitted US\$4000 to Africa.

Tanjong Pinang Maundy Thursday Service: There were 90 who partook the Lord's Supper, 3 Re-affirmations of Faith, 2 adult baptisms (one a University graduate and high school teacher). Expresgram to Rev Djunaidi: After your Gospel Campaign (Mandarin-Cantonese-Hokkien) at Life Church June 1-3, you are invited to Tanjong Pinang June 8-12 for another Gospel Campaign! Pastor leaves 1.15 pm this Lord's Day for Kelapa Sawit's 33rd Anniversary Thanksgiving. News from Frontier Labourers for Christ: Jess Lim of late has been teaching Bible Classes at the Chinese Village of Takuti. Sayan and Prachan have a preaching campaign in South Thailand, end of April.

- SUNSET GOSPEL HOUR PROGRAMME -

Calvary Pandan BPC, every Sunday 6-7 pm

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| Apr 14 | Panorama of God's Kingdom | Dr S H Tow |
| 21 | Our Blessed Hope | Rev David Wong |
| 28 | How Soon is Soon? | Rev Timothy Tow |
| May 5 | Signs for the Discerning | Dr S H Tow |
| 12 | Rapture! | Rev Timothy Tow |
| 19 | MYSTERY OIKOUMENE | Dr S H Tow |
| 26 | Satan's Last Days | Rev Timothy Tow |
| Jun 2 | Antichrist World Ruler | Dr S H Tow |
| 9 | Time of Jacob's Trouble | Rev Timothy Tow |
| 16 | Armageddon | Rev Charlie Tan |
| 23 | Millennium | Rev Dan Ebert |
| 30 | New Heaven New Earth | Rev Dan Ebert |

Those who have registered for the Israel Tour, please collect application forms for special passport & visa from Elder Chia Kim Chwee after service today.

INTO THY PRESENCE WE COME,
Not by the works we have done,
But by Thy grace and Thy grace alone,
Into Thy presence we come.

Edited by Rev (Dr) Timothy Tow, 9A Gilstead Rd, Singapore 1130. Telephone: 2560617 & 2569256

KALIMANTAN REPORT

FEBI



Praise the Lord, now that the disturbances that FEBI went through have subsided, everything is returning to normal. As for the church there are signs of growth and progress. During Holy Week we held three days of Youth Meetings. Between 80 and 90 participated while 28 persons were baptised. Probably there will be another baptismal service next Christmas.

We are making preparations to build a church for Kampong Biong on the Landak River. We have got all the timber ready. We are waiting for a second remittance from the Spiritual Work Committee in Jakarta to buy the

rest of the materials before work begins.

With regard to Sekumpai (situated near the Airport) for which we had spent not a little energy before, in God's good time we should find a shelter there. For we hope to start a Sunday School and Adult Fellowship there in the near future. This is truly through the Lord's opening and ordering of events.

Please pray for this work.

We have good cooperation at FEBI,



SUNDAY WORSHIP AT SIANTAN, PONTIANAK, W KALIMANTAN

and improvements can be seen on every hand. We have a new batch of students coming in the Second Year.

As for our Orphanage we have been recognised by the Government. We have received from the Government 6 sewing machines, 3 rolls of cloth for school uniforms, 300 kilos of rice, 40 kilos of oil, 40 kilos of sugar plus items of tinned food and various articles of daily use. So our orphanage is beginning to develop an industry for self-support. The years of painstaking nurturing are beginning to bear fruit. God testifies of His own wonderful acts. This is a report to your consolation. Let us praise His Name together for His abundant grace and the cooperative efforts from various Christian bodies. The extended contributions from Singapore are not in vain in the Lord. - Djunaidi

Note: This report is brought by Miss Kimiko's hand who verifies all that is said. Miss Kimiko who has had four years seminary training in Tokyo apart from 5 years at FEBC is here for 5 weeks. She is now FEBI Treasurer and Dean of girl students. She has so improved in Bahasa Indonesia that she will begin teaching in the new academic year.

Rev Djunaidi is holding 3 nights Gospel meetings June 1-3 at Gilstead Road (interpreted by Rev Tow). From June 8-12 he is invited to conduct meetings at Tanjong Pinang.

"Use Our Strong \$ to Build Mission Churches in ASEAN"

We're glad that this missions strategy is approved by an old-timer Lifer. He observed further that the \$3 million we've spent on Woodlands could build 50-100 beyond our shores.

So, we are using our strong dollar to complete a mammoth wooden church for the mountain village of Nawngkhio, Thai-Burmese border, under the ministry of Frontier Labourers for Christ. We sent Rev Kalnin the final sum of S\$8,000 a fortnight ago.

We've sent US\$6,943.69 (inclusive of contributions from Calvary and Grace) to Rev Dan Ebert in Manila to help a worthy Filipino pastor procure 500 sq.m. of "HDB" land. We've accumulated another \$7,500+ (including S\$5,000 from Galilee). We hope to reach \$15,000 by June 23 when Rev Ebert comes to Singapore, that he might have something substantial to take back for final payment on the land. (Session has designated all Box offerings to the "Philippines Land Fund").

The building of the Lord's sanctuary at Air Bemban, South Johore, at S\$80,000 (to be completed by December) is heartening to all who visit the site. Let us plan a time of praise and rejoicing sometime before Christmas to inaugurate AIR BEMBAN BP Chapel. In this regard Kelapa Sawit inform us they have collected over M\$2,000 to express their support.

Life Church Extension Fund Pierces \$450,000 Mark!

Plus \$130,000 owing by New Life, we are heading for \$600,000! Besides, we've started on FEBC's behalf an FEBC Extension Fund which has now exceeded \$5000. Now FEBC is equally committed to the Extension Project, viz. the acquisition of some neighbourhood property so as to relieve the present congestion. FEBC must make a real effort to catch up with Life Church!

As we see how God's children are bringing in their gifts, so willingly and cheerfully, it seems we are re-living the days of Israel building the Tabernacle under Moses. When you have learnt to build God a House, you will begin to see God building your house. Not so much the concrete in brick and mortar, but rather the spiritual in peace, joy, lovingkindness, filial piety, health and strength and length of days.

Benediction on the sacred tenth: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it" (Malachi 3:10).

"Give of the Strength of Your Youth"

But what God needs, above all things, is men. Particularly young men and young women wholly offered up a sweet savour living sacrifice to Him who died for you! "Give of the strength

Two young men who are heavily burdened for foreign missions are calling for comrades to join them at a fortnightly meeting after Church, 12-2 pm. Who is No. 3 and No. 4? - T.T.

主是我友

My Lord's Command I'll obey,
How dare I fall behind?
To save the sheep awandering,
Redeem a lost mankind.
The love of Christ they've never heard,
His blood that's shed for sin.
My hand in His, I must advance!
He is my Friend.

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主是我友

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主是我主 是我與誠 我在離命 尊領登我 重弱合願 我友候我 友候我守 惟我離事 離之是主 知失知登 我望已敢 深憂良落 透慈友後

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主奔福音 愛走離教 何天共亡 等路辛羊 誠領苦處 溫我同奔 低手受定 護共助使 我盡我人 情體力收 奉福音問 受頭門

3. 12. 3. 1. 7. 2. 1. 6. 1. 5. 9.

我以離宜 若杖常傳 離爭我愛 離以示主 離在何處 自我所食 守右留有 保左去無 我恩救主 離高何罪 奔地離人 投厚就流

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| MON | 8.00 | am | FEBC Final Exams |
| TUE | 8.00 | pm | Prayer Meeting |
| SAT | 2.00 | pm | JYF; 2.30pm-TBC; 3.30pm-YF |
| | 4.00 | pm | Rev Tow at YAF; 7.30pm-CFM |
| SUN | 10.00 | am | Rev Tow |
| | 10.00 | am | Mr David Wong (Chinese Serv) |
| | 11.30 | am | Filipina Fellowship |
| | 11.55 | am | Korean Church |
| | 1.30 | pm | CFM Service |
| | 3.00 | pm | Thai & BFC Services |
| | 4.00 | pm | Indonesian Service |
| | 4.30 | pm | Sharon Church Service |
| | 6.00 | pm | Rev Tow at Calvary Pandan |
| | 6.00 | pm | Tamil Service |
| | 7.30 | pm | Korean Evening Service |
| | 8.30 | pm | FEBC Board Meeting |

Nursery duty: Mrs Grace Seow, Ms Josephine Tan
Edited by Rev (Dr) Timothy Tow, 9A Gilstead

Situation wanted: Christian young lady from Malaysia graduate of Inst. of Chartered Secretaries & Admin.(Lon) seeks position in Spore. Please

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PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

Support JB Services With Your Attendance!

Since I had a free afternoon last week, I took the opportunity to speak at our newly opened Chinese Service at 51A Jalan Wadi Hana. Two FEBC girl students also came along to start a Sunday School for children. There were over 25 at the service. Mr Yap Chin Choon chaired the meeting while Nancy Yap played the piano. Present at the service were also Elder & Mrs Tow Siang Yeow of JB and an old Indian member of the morning Tamil service. Though this Indian fellow could not understand a word of Chinese, he enjoyed the sacred music all the same. When the offering bag was passed around he put a dollar into it. His presence was most uplifting to the speaker.

When we make our Rawang-Bukit Gambit circuit May 19, we shall minister to the Indian Service en route. May I challenge you to support our JB outreach with your attendance either at the Indian or Chinese Service. Elder Mahadevan leaves Gilstead Road for JB every Lord's Day 8.30 am. Hitch a ride with him!

For your encouragement, Life Mandarin Service, JB (Apr 7, '85) is BP's 52nd Gospel outreach [after the Tamil Service (51st) and the Calvary Jaya Cantonese Service, Petaling Jaya (50th) both inaugurated Mar 10, '85]. Do you know where are the others?

FEBC Graduate Serving in Hawaii

FEBC students come from all parts of the world and are sent into all the world. I'm very glad to receive an artistic newsletter from Betty Tow my niece, now serving at the Honolulu Chinese Alliance Church as Christian Education Director, 1711 Dole St., #601, Honolulu, HI 96822, USA.

Through our contact with her in Penang, she came to know the Lord Jesus as her Saviour. From there she was led to study at FEBC, graduating 1977 with a B.Th. Betty then left for USA where she obtained her BA and MRE, etc. Our hearts are full of praise that another of our daughters is given to the service of the Lord. What higher attainment?

FEBC reopens July 22, '85 for the new academic year. We're glad to know of one young Lifer, Alfred Yeo, coming in. Where are the others, young men, young women?

FEBC provides a solid, basic theological training including Greek and Hebrew, granting the B.Th. degree. This degree has been recognised by every higher theological school in USA, Canada and the United Kingdom. What we emphasise to inculcate in the students are the spiritual and moral values and character building. To study at FEBC with students from 12-15 countries around the world gives you a global vision. Betty Tow has treasured these values of the alma mater as her sending us her newsletter implies.

Your Surplus Clothing

From Philippines Typhoon Relief, we have diverted the surplus of your surplus clothing to the Vietnamese Refugees, plus feeding them a meal six times, topped up with the Gospel!

The rest of your clothing we have dispatched, wherever needed - to Thailand and Malaysia. Some has been given to our local Tamil brethren and sisters.

When our FEBC Gospel Team goes to N Thailand during vacation they will carry away each a parcel of selected ones. In this manner a stream of goodness for the needy is being kept up by a Church determined to every good work (Titus 2:14).

When sending your surplus, please take care to eliminate the unseemly!

Visiting missionaries who humbly carried home your surplus clothing for distribution include Rev Keith Coleman, Mrs Dan Ebert, Bro. Sayan. So you can "tumpang" with us a big carton whenever any goes to the frontier regions.

God's Promised Blessing for You at Sunset Gospel Hour

At the Sunset Gospel Hour, Calvary Pandan, there is a series of prophetic messages being delivered every Sunday evening. Now, our Lord has promised to bless everyone who "hears the word of this prophecy" (Rev 1:3). So why not make it a point to attend the Sunset Gospel Hour from today?

Incidentally, it is my turn to speak this evening (Apr 28, 6 pm). The topic assigned me is "How Soon is Soon?" Rev C T Hsu my comrade in the Gospel prints in bold black on his airmail envelope in both Chinese and English: "Jesus is coming again real soon!" How soon is "real soon"?

I shall show you how soon He is coming from concrete signs and pointers that cannot be mistaken. From these sure signs we can say His Coming can happen any time now! But how?

More important than now is how. How to be saved is the bigger question. Do you know where you stand when Jesus comes?

Ronald Reagan and the Bible

Every reader should get a copy of President Reagan's book - In God I Trust. Here is part of a message on the Bible he delivered to the National Religious Broadcasting Convention Jan 30, 1984:-

"I was pleased last year to proclaim 1983 the Year of the Bible. But, you know, a group called the ACLU severely criticised me for doing that. Well, I wear their indictment like a badge of honour. I believe I stand in pretty good company.

"Abraham Lincoln called the Bible 'the best gift God has given to man'. 'But for it,' he said, 'we could not know right from wrong.' Like that image of George Washington kneeling in prayer in the snow at Valley Forge, Lincoln described a people who knew it was not enough to depend on their own courage and goodness; they must also look to God their Father and

Preserver. And their faith to walk with Him and trust in His Word brought them the blessings of comfort, power, and peace that they sought.

The torch of their faith has been passed from generation to generation. "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth, but the word of our God shall stand forever."

More and more Americans believe that loving God in their hearts is the ultimate value. Last year, not only were the Year of the Bible activities held in every state of the union, but more than twenty-five states and 500 cities issued their own Year of the Bible proclamations. One school-teacher, Mary Gibsin in New York, raised \$4000 to buy Bibles for working people in downtown Manhattan.

Nineteen eighty-three was the year more of us read the Good Book. Can we make a resolution here today? That 1984 will be the year we put its great truths into action?

My experience in this office I hold has only deepened a belief I've held for many years: Within the covers of that single Book are all the answers to all the problems that face us today - if we'd only read and believe." Ronald Reagan

Rev Robert Thawm Luai of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Burma Writes

Greetings to you in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ. As I mentioned in my letter of Nov 29, 1984, God enabled us to hold our second General Assembly on Feb 11-17, 1985 which is sponsored by Thipchang E.P.C. By the grace of God the meeting ran smoothly. Ninety-eight representatives from local churches and presbyteries, 20 of our ministers, and 37 observers from other denominations - more than 1700 of God's people, were present.

I was given words of encouragement and greetings on behalf of you, and Dr McIntire. And also I introduced the ICCC and FECCC and 20th Century Reformation movement. And again I introduced our Church news according to your BP weekly of 23rd Dec 1984. And again I introduced that the council has been praying for our Church needs.

Certainly we praise the Lord for the ICCC and FECCC. Therefore we the General Assembly also passed resolution as follows:

General Assembly Resolution 1985, Article No. 5: Voted to have special prayer meeting for ICCC and 20th Century Reformation movement every Saturday throughout the year, and now we have been praying for that, and for you. And also we would like to give you our special greetings and best wishes on behalf of our Assembly. Again we further express our heartfelt thanks for your concern over our Church in Burma....

HALLELUJAH, CHRIST'S ASCENDED,
Seated now on God's right hand.
Salvation by Him perfected,
From the dead He rose in triumph.
Praise Him, O what jubilation!
Christ and His glorious ascension.
By Him perfected salvation,
From the dead He rose in triumph.

Hallelujah, Christ's ascension -
Welcome home by all His saints;
Ruler o'er a new creation,
His majesty is regained.
Praise Him, O what jubilation!
Borne on clouds, glorious ascension,
Ruler o'er a new creation,
His majesty is regained.

I am ris'n with Christ my Saviour,
Seated now with Him in heav'n;
Life abundant, in Him secure,
Peace and joy, world without end.
Praise Him, O what jubilation!
Seated now with Him in heav'n.
Secure in Him, life abundant,
Peace and joy, world without end.

- Dr Chia Yu-ming

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

WED 10.30 am Daniel Lim-Lim Sook,
Hia-Wedding

SAT 2.- 7 pm TABERNACLE BOOKS (Lit
Ministry of Calvary)
Official opening

7.45 pm Fanny Crosby Film
(YAF Film Ministry)

SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow

4.00 pm Rev. Tow at Naza-
reth Anniversary

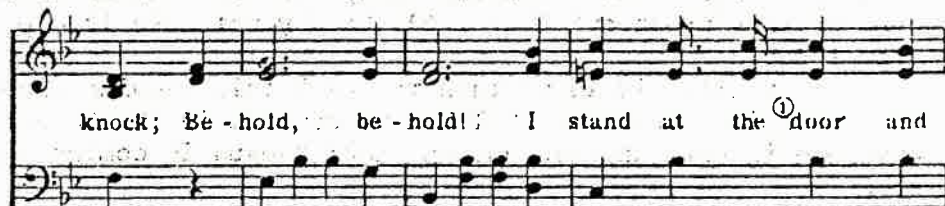
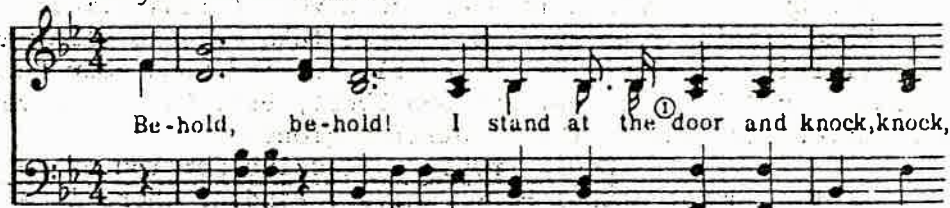
Nursery duty today: Mrs Tan Hui
Tin & Ms Choi Lin Fong

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BEHOLD, BEHOLD, THE SON OF GOD IS COMING AGAIN! (x2)
With thousands angels and saints, (x2)
He comes, He comes, He comes, in clouds of heaven
To judge the world.

Awake, awake, you children of men, awake, awake! (x2)
Prepare now to meet the Lord, (x2)
He comes, He comes, He comes, in clouds of heaven
To judge the world.

Behold, behold, the Son of God is coming again! (x2)
With thousands angels and saints, (x2)
Believe, believe, believe, in Him just now!
And you'll be saved.



My dear Readers,



Five Who Missed

The text of my message at the Sunset Gospel Hour, Calvary Pandan BPC last week was Matthew 25:1-13. "Five who missed" the Wedding Feast were Miss Chabuduor (a Chinese term of ambiguity meaning "so-so"; Miss Belum (an Indonesian term meaning "not yet"); Miss Tidapathy (a word-play on the Malay term, "never mind"); Miss Five-minutes-late; and Miss Failed B.A. (not born again). Are you one of these? I'm not speaking to girls only, but also to boys and men. You'll surely miss the Rapture when Christ comes, if you are taking a tida-apa attitude towards the Lord. You have been coming to Church week after week. But can you say for sure, "Thank God, my sins are now forgiven, I'm on my way to heaven"?

Even the wise virgins fell asleep! This should remind us who are saved but are drowned in the cares and snares of this world. If the day of our going to be with the Lord can be calculated on the fingers (how old are you?), how is it we are not preparing accordingly? If this world is not our home, how is it we have not made provision for the next?

Be Involved In God's Work

The appointed way to prepare ourselves to meet with the Lord is "Occupy till I come" = "Be involved in God's work". The spearhead of God's work is the Gospel on the go. As we get involved in the Great Commission the Lord will open us doors of service that no man can shut.

In my Chat last week, I published a letter from Rev Robert Thawm Luai of Burma in which he appreciated our fellowship. Being a "shut-in" church, what ever little help we can render from the outside will be ten-times appreciated. As a first step, we're sending them a Willmington Bible and a list of our publications, eg. "The Gospel of Life" and booklets on Separation from the Ecumenical Movement. Rev Robert's Church is Evangelical Presbyterian, similar to ours, separated also from the World Council of Churches.

While we are beckoned to this field outside ASEAN, there is a great need to open an English Service in Johor Bahru, right at our doorstep. J.B. is to Singapore as Kowloon is to Hong Kong. Just one hop from Woodlands! "Who will go for us?" A service at 7 pm, if you can sustain it, will be your evening sacrifice, sweet-pleasing to the Lord.

If you cannot make it to J.B., we have a door-to-door evangelistic drive headed by our young people right now. Why not join them after Church to invite children to the VBS in June? How about bringing the dialect-speaking (Mandarin-Cantonese-Hokkien) in your family, next-door neighbours, to come to 3 nights of Gospel meetings, June 1 - 3, Rev Djunaidi speaking? Will you pray earnestly for God's blessings on this part of God's work?

To the young people involved in the Djunaidi meetings, I have a word of encouragement. Your effort in bringing the Lord's messenger from Kalimantan not only blesses Singapore but Tanjong Pinang as well. From here he'll sail south to conduct 5 nights (June 8 - 12) of Gospel meetings in the Riau Islands - an outflow of blessing from Singapore! One door of salvation opens into another!

Called to Indonesia?

Some young Galileans, I understand, are starting to learn Indonesian after visiting Medan and Kuta Baru recently with Rev Frankie Low. What better opportunity than attend the Indonesian Service at Gilstead Road, every Lord's Day 4 pm? Let them come and hear Miss Kimiko of Japan speak in fluent bahasa Indonesia and catch some inspiration. It's of little profit to go to a foreign country without speaking its language.

Now, if you say you are called to Thailand, but have never taken any step to learn Thai, who will believe you? May I invite those FEBC students going to Thailand for a month's ministry to warm up at the Thai Service, 3 pm.

Filipina Fellowship

May I take this opportunity to welcome new friends to the Filipina Fellowship who are coming to the morning service. Mrs Annie Tan who plays host to you is the right person. Through the Filipina Fellowship I pray your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and not in any other person, will be strengthened. And let this Church be a home to you, for here our doors are open day and night.

We have a stock of good, surplus clothing. Perhaps it can be arranged for some of you to come and pack a parcel for some needy ones in your country. Times are getting harder. What's fitting and durable matters. "Economy is the mother of prosperity."

Dr Patrick Tan Seconded to New Life Church

With Rev. (Dr) Tan Wai Choon's termination of office from New Life Church effective April 30, 1985, the New Life pulpit has now come under our beloved brother Rev (Dr) Patrick Tan. There is no one more suitable for the job than Dr Patrick Tan. For he is a devoted and peaceable servant of God who has gained much experience in Church administration by heading Toa Payoh BPC and Grace BPC for a number of years during the seventies. As Associate Pastor of Life Church, Dr Patrick has endeared himself to the congregation. Therefore he has the prayerful support of the whole Church to this important appointment. An outward-looking pastor, he will surely challenge New Lifers to venture across the Causeway. - T.T.

President Reagan and National Day of Prayer

He says, "Our nation's motto - 'In God We Trust' - was not chosen lightly. It reflects a basic recognition that there is a divine authority in the universe to which the nation owes homage.

"Throughout our history Americans have put their faith in God and no one can doubt that we have been blessed for it. The earliest settlers of this land came in search of religious freedom. Landing on a desolate shoreline, they established a spiritual foundation that has served us ever since.

"It was the hard work of our people, the freedom they enjoyed and their faith in God that built this country and made it the envy of the world. In all of our great cities and towns evidence of the faith of our people is found: houses of worship of every denomination are among the oldest structures.

"While never willing to bow to a tyrant, our forefathers were always willing to get to their knees before God. When catastrophe threatened, they turned to God for deliverance. When the harvest was bountiful, the first thought was thanksgiving to God.

"Prayer is today as powerful a force in our nation as it has ever been. We as a nation should never forget this source of strength. And while recognising that the freedom to choose a godly path is the essence of liberty, as a nation we cannot but hope that more of our citizens would, through prayer, come into a closer relationship with their Maker.

"Recognising our great heritage, the Congress, by Joint Resolution approved April 17, 1952, has called upon the president to set aside a suitable day each year as a National Day of Prayer."

Why Not Give a Reagan Book to Your Boss?

Our Synod mailed out 136 copies to our Government Leaders. Some have acknowledged receipt.

Sister Anne our Australian Lifer bought 50 copies which she is now sending to Australian authorities. She used to give Gospel tracts to her boss in Singapore but these would be put away. Not when she gave the same boss the Reagan book, he read! We understand Mount Carmel BPC has used 400 copies to date! Why not give a Reagan Book to your boss? - T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (May 6 - 12)

MON 7.30 pm Wedding Rehearsal
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
9.15 pm Session Meeting
SAT 2.00 pm JYF; 2.30pm-TBC;
2.30 pm Kon Kok Seng-Catherine Lim Wedding (Fishermen of Christ)
3.30 pm YF; 4.00pm-YAF
SUN 9.45 am Rev Tow at Sembawang
10.00 am Dr Patrick Tan
10.00 am Rev Chang Sze Oon (CS)
11.30 am Filipina Fellowship
11.55 am Korean Church
1.30 pm CFM Service
3.00 pm Thai & BFC Services
4.00 pm Indonesian Service
4.30 pm Sharon Church
6.00 pm Tamil Service
6.00 pm Rev Tow on "Rapture" at Sunset Gospel Hour
7.30 pm Korean Evening Service

LAST 2 WEEKS' OFFERINGS \$3703.90 +
\$5331.80

LIFE CHURCH EXTENSION FUND 347)\$151;
348)\$402(Chin.Ser); 349)\$1800; 350)
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(Grace). TOTAL \$129,679.11

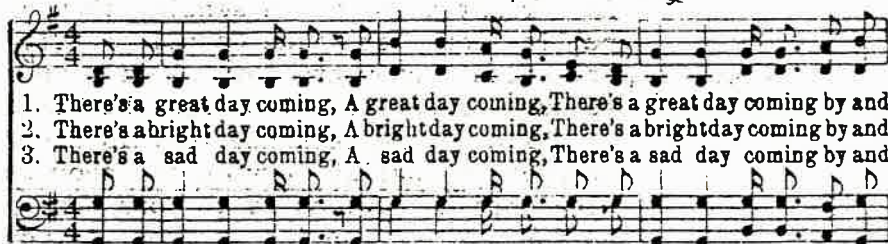
PHILIPPINES 71)\$180; 72)\$100; 73)\$150.
TOTAL \$8,147.00

OFFERINGS FOR: Choir wardrobe \$200;
RPG \$100+\$100; VBS \$350, \$200; Jess
Lim \$50, \$500; Pong Sen \$1100.

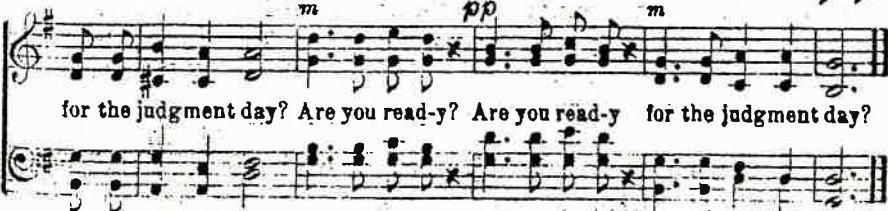
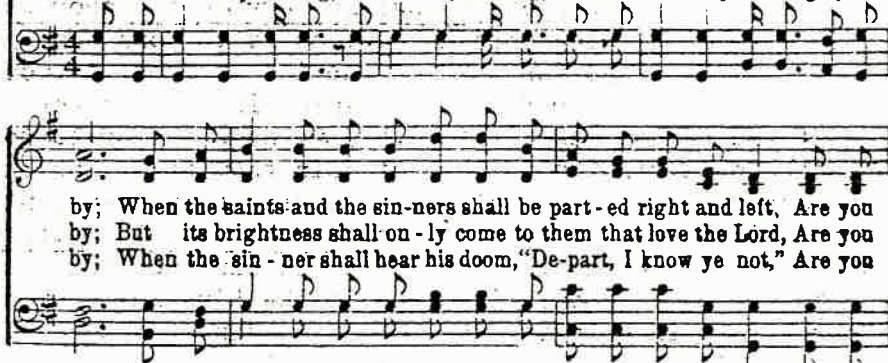
Rev Bob Phee will lead a team May 20
(including medics) to N Thailand to
work in the mountain villages with
Frontier Labourers for Christ. An FEBC
student team of five, headed by Peter
Chng will follow suit at end of May.
They'll be there for one month. Pray
that the building of the Nawngkhio
Tribal Church may be accomplished to
the glory of God.

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There's a Great Day Coming



1. There's a great day coming, A great day coming, There's a great day coming by and
2. There's a bright day coming, A bright day coming, There's a bright day coming by and
3. There's a sad day coming, A sad day coming, There's a sad day coming by and



Expresgram to 1) Rev Paauwe: Thanks for your recent letter. If you like to write Sabah, it is: P O Box 439, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, E Malaysia. 2) Peter Clements: Your gift to N Thailand and Africa received and sent. Praise the Lord for a new deep blue Toyota Corolla 1300 cc station wagon delivered Sat morning for the pastor's use. The old VW S/wagon nevertheless continues to serve, taking Chinese members to the J.B. 3 pm worship.

Pray for the Holy Land Study Tour, June 4-17, now in the final stages of preparation, may be guided of the Lord in every step.

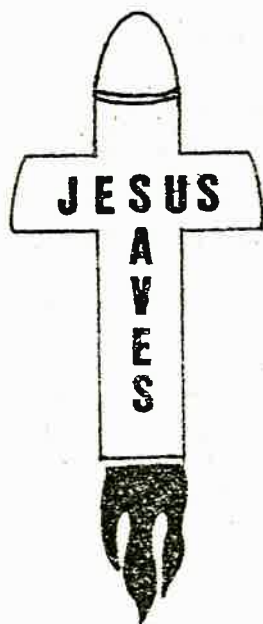
Welcome to guests: Mr & Mrs Chan See of Sydney (thru' Rev Shelton) arriving Thurs May 9, 8 pm SIA from Australia.

June Camps 1)VBS 3-8; 2)CFM 4-6; 3)LCYF 9-13; 4)BFC 17-21; 5)TBC 23-27.

PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

RAPTURE



A BBC survey of the thinking of 15 year-olds in England reveals fear of an impending nuclear war as one of the worries of the younger generation. Is this not a reflection of the older generation that has hitherto demonstrated by hundreds of thousands against the deployment of cruise missiles? Nuclear war is inevitable not only from the unchanging and unyielding stance of the super-powers, but also from the word of prophecy flashing a warning light in so many Bible passages. Peter says, "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up." (II Peter 3:10).

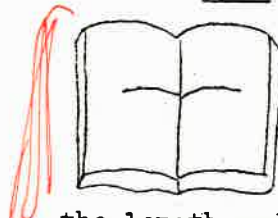
While the world will be scared to death, "men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken" (Luke 21:26), devout Christians, those who are saved (are you?) have a sure escape route! For our Lord says, "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads: for your redemption draweth nigh" (Luke 21:28). Jesus says again, "Fear not... behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the

keys of hell and of death" (Rev 1:18).

How shall we be saved then when "these things begin to come to pass"? World War III breaks out! Great armies are sweeping Europe, Asia, Africa. Nuclear bombs are hurled.... We should not seek to escape when things go bad. It will be too late then! Call on Christ now! Seek to do His will everyday now! Occupy, get busy in the Lord's work, now! "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near" (Isa 55:6). For Christ will come to save His own in the flash of a split second. Christ's coming to save us from an earthly hell is called "the Rapture". "Rapture" is a Latin word which translates the Greek, meaning a "forceful catching away" - "then we which are alive shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord" (I Thess 4:17).

The present series of messages on Christ's Impending Coming (Rev C.T. Hsu says "He is coming again REAL SOON"!) at Calvary Pandan BPC Sunset Gospel Hour (every Sunday, 6 pm) is receiving increasing attention from a growing crowd. A young lady phoned to ask more about the Rapture. She is directed to Calvary and she says she's coming today. What about you? "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that HEAR the words of this prophecy, and KEEP those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand" (Rev 1:3). Do you want a blessing? Come and hear!

Why Every Church Should have a Book-ministry



Daniel Webster says, "If religious books are not widely circulated among the masses in this country, I do not know what is going to become of us as a nation. If truth be not diffused, error will be; if God and His Word are not known and received, the devil and his works will gain the ascendancy; if the evangelical volume does not reach every hamlet, the pages of a corrupt and licentious literature will; if the power of the Gospel is not felt throughout the length and breadth of the land, anarchy and misrule, degradation and misery, corruption and darkness, will reign without mitigation or end."

Therefore, by running a Christian Book Shop, or simply having a book table on display every Lord's Day when members come to Church, is an added arm of outreach with the Gospel. A book ministry first of all enriches the life of members. Secondly it goes as a silent witness to the periphery of the Church. It goes even to governors and kings, as the dispatch of the Reagan books recently shows.

We want to congratulate Calvary BPC for starting a TABERNACLE BOOKS ministry. We urge every BP pastor to promote good Christian books alongside their pastoral work.

We thank God that our Christian Life Book Centre has been enabled to carry on a Christian Book ministry all these years. Our own publications, e.g. "The Gospel of Life", have reduced the price of books and therefore increased readership. (A new book to be published soon is "The Gospel Prophets", an applied commentary on Isaiah and Micah by T. Tow)

Now you can kill two birds with one stone by giving a good Christian book next time the chore of finding a suitable present for someone comes up again.

Economy is the Mother of Prosperity

And, in the case of our Lord, a stricter economy than what is being practised at Gilstead Road all these years!

Why did Jesus tell the disciples after the feeding of the 5,000 to pick up the crumbs? KJV says, "That nothing be lost." NIV says, "Gather the pieces that are left-over. Let nothing be wasted."

If the Creator of Heaven and Earth, the Multiplier of miracle bread, practises such stringent economy, how much more need the Church, His bride and handmaid, live frugally.

At Life Church and FEBC, frugality has been our way of life these 23 years. Apart from the sanctuary and classrooms, you can see that these halls of majestic emptiness from the

beginning were being furnished, stage by stage, with good, solid furniture brought in by God's people, particularly the College dorms. This has saved the College especially tens of thousands of dollars.

There is a reservoir of manpower in the FEBC students. This has been tapped to keep the Church-College campus in shape, apart from a part-time gardener and a part-time cleaner and sweeper. How much had it cost us these twenty-three years to have a regular care-taker, giving him room, paying him CPF? The rule of the House is: every department using the premises should be its own caretaker. A rule of love for God's House is: every member, seeing anything not in order, such as litter on the ground, has a duty to make it right (pick it up).

Our surplus clothing ministry has seen literally hundreds of cartons of select material go out to the needy in all ASEAN. Vanloads have been taken by the Vietnamese Refugees. When a number of us go to North Thailand for the dedication of the 1000-seat Nawngkhio Village Church, whose members are ragged and ill-clothed, we shall bring along 10 kilos each of warmer clothing, for it can be very cold up in the mountains. The conservancy and dissemination of otherwise wasted substance surely is in line with what our Lord has said, "Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost" (Jn 6:12).

Some people wonder how Life Church was able to pay the bills that kept coming in tens and hundreds of thousands in the building of the Woodlands project (\$3 million). Stricter economy, trusting God, was our way to payment. Lifers had to tighten their belts in order to give to their daughter church. Many things could have been spent legitimately for Gilstead Road, but these we withheld for the enrichment of others. As there is a great need to accumulate in order to acquire extended property, Life Church is frugally tethered as ever.

A Church management that spends lavishly without considering her responsibility to prior obligations soon loses the members' support. An American charitable organisation that spent 50% on its own staff and maintenance was, some months ago, exposed even by the secular press.

My pastor grandfather has taught me two great principles of economy, "Grandson," he said, "Never borrow. Never pay interest." When we overspend we are borrowing and paying interest. It is like a running tap wasting precious water. Rather, let us, as the Chinese saying goes, "Open up the source, regulate the flow (that nothing be wasted)". What is this but economy, which in the Greek means "the law of the house" (which is wise management), which leads to prosperity? - T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (13-19 May)

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| TUE | 7.30 pm | Pastor at Chin Lien |
| | | Graduation |
| | 8.00 pm | Prayer Mtg (Dr P Tan) |
| FRI | 8.00 pm | Wedding Rehearsal |
| SAT | 2.00 pm | JYF; 2.30pm-TBC; |
| | 2.30 pm | David Wong-Un Yuet Min |
| | | Wedding (Rev Tow) |
| | 3.30 pm | YF; 4.00 pm-YAF |
| | 7.30 pm | CFM |
| SUN | 9.30 am | Pastor at JB Tamil |
| | | Service |
| | 10.00 am | Rev Bob Phee |
| | 11.30 am | Filipina Fellowship |
| | 11.55 am | Korean Church |
| | 1.30 pm | CFM Service |
| | 3.00 pm | Thai & BFC Services |
| | 4.00 pm | Indonesian Service |
| | 4.00 pm | Pastor at Rawang |
| | 4.30 pm | Sharon Church |
| | 6.00 pm | Tamil Service |
| | 7.30 pm | Korean Evening Service |
| | 8.15 pm | Pastor at Bukit Gambir |

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$6,133.50

LIFE CHURCH EXT. FUND 366)\$880 (Off.

bag); 367)\$150; 368)\$50; 369)\$200;

370)\$50; 371)\$300; 372)\$100; 373)

\$260; 374)\$50; 375)\$50; 376)\$410(CS)

377)\$900; 378)\$600; 379)\$3300; 380)

\$1900; 381)\$600; 382)\$100. TOTAL:

\$480,781.82 Praise the Lord!

FEBC EXT. FUND 13)\$500.

TOTAL \$5922.10

VBS \$100. (Session has voted to support Tamil Service, JB \$200 p.m.)

Need to repair your suitcase? Loosened handle? Send yours to Chiang Kong Mfg Co, 11 Aljunied Rd, Tel: 7482786.

Echoes of Fague Springmann and Combined BP-Chin Lien Chorus from FECCC

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An Evening Prayer

1. If I have wound-ed an - y soul to - day, If I have caused one
 2. If I have ut - tered i - dle words or vain, If I have turned a -
 3. If I have been per - verse, or hard, or cold, If I have longed for
 4. For-give the sins I have con-fessed to Thee; For-give the se - cret

foot to go a - stray, If I have walked in my own will - ful way,
 side from want or pain, Lest I of - fend some oth - er thru the strain,
 shel-ter in the fold, When Thou hast giv - en me some fort to hold,
 sins I do not see; O guide me, love me, and my keep - er be.

Verses 1, 2 & 3. D.C. 4th Verse only.

1-3. Dear Lord, for - give (for-give)!
 [Omit.] 4. [Inst. only.] A - men (A - men).

7th General Assembly, Spore 1970. Twelve classical hymns and anthem included. "I want to walk where Jesus walks" composed by Pastor Tow in the Holy Land. \$4 from CLBC. Many words of comfort to your aching heart!

Situations vacant 1) Clerical assistant for Church office. 2) Full-time care-taker for Church-College. Please apply to the pastor.

Nursery duty today: Miss Pam Chuay Lai & Mrs Lilian Tan

Pray for salvation of parents. Three nights Mandarin Gospel meetings with Rev Djunaide (Rev Tow interpreting into Hokkien and Cantonese), June 1-3, 1985. Bring a friend!

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PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

Cost-effective Evangelism



In line with what we wrote last week on "Economy is the Mother of Prosperity", we believe also in cost-effective evangelism. For there are societies that are known to spend as much as 50% on their overheads, and there are evangelistic efforts such as a city-wide crusade that takes a year to prepare and over \$1 million to finance. How effective are such efforts, God knows, but in the eyes of economists, these are lavishly costly to say the least.

What we mean by cost-effective evangelism may be shown by these latest examples:

1) The newly opened Tamil and Mandarin services at Johor Bahru have a house freely offered by Madam Zee. 2) The Mandarin Service might need a little help from Life Church Chinese Service, but self-support seems quite certain in a matter of months. 3) The Tamil Service needs but \$200 support per month from Life Church. 4) Members of BPM and FEBC teams going to N Thailand are loaded to the fullest with surplus clothing for our poorer brethren in the mountains. One hundred kilos should be shipped along at no extra cost. 5) Ten thousand gospel tracts, a reproduction of a Gospel message preached at the Sunset Gospel Hour, Calvary Pandan, costing \$485, are ready for free distribution (This is paid by a designated offering of \$500). 6) Rev Djunaidi's Gospel Campaign June 1-3 in Singapore is followed by a second series June 8-12 at Tanjong Pinang. This capitalises on his exit tax and air tickets. 7) The steady accumulation of box offerings for acquisition of 500 sq.m. of Manila "HDB" land costing 350,000 pesos = S\$35,000 will see the building of another Filipino Church with our strong Singapore dollar.

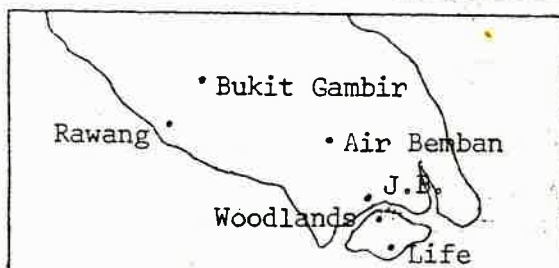
The cheerful loving gifts you have brought in for the extension of God's Kingdom are used with utmost care and with a devotion to a cost-effective evangelism. We do not believe in an evangelism that is lavishly promoted at great cost. "Cost-effective Evangelism" is another of our mottoes.

Dedication of 1000-seat Nawngkhio Tribal Church

With a final boost of S\$8000 from Life Church, the Nawngkhio Tribal Church in the Golden Triangle, N Thailand is now completed. The pastor and his wife are invited to officiate the Dedication of the new church Tuesday May 21. Coincidentally Rev Bob Phee and Rev Anthony Tan had planned to be up there on the same day with 5 other members for a fortnight's ministry with the Tribal people. We see God's Hand bringing us together so that a united Christian witness may be raised before the Thai authorities, particularly the armed forces of the Northern Command.

Indeed, it is through such concrete work carried out by the Frontier Labourers for Christ under Rev Kalnin that Jess Lim is enabled to stay on in Thailand as a missionary. After the dedication there will be held a Conference of the Tribal Leaders with evangelistic meetings held for the farming people uprooted from the Golden Triangle. These who are diverted to grow rice and vegetables away from poppies and drugs must needs be spiritually fed. Our coincidental coming together in this hour is cost-effective, especially planned of the Lord.

On the Malaysian Gospel Highway Again



In line with our cost-effective evangelism I should preach first at the Tamil Service, J.B. this Lord's Day 9:30 am, on our way to Rawang. Since Air Bemban is also en route we will pop in to see how far the corner house Church is from completion. We speak at Rawang 4 pm and Bukit Gambir, 12 miles inland, 8.15 pm. By the time we get to the Rest House, it will be 10.30 pm.

In this connection we want to thank our members for providing their pastor with the new Corolla 1300 station wagon. Nevertheless, the old VW is far from retirement. It carries a full load every Lord's Day to boost the Mandarin Service at J.B. As the VW belongs to FEBC, it will be passed on to Rev Bob Phee, Registrar.

Effectual Calling of More YOUNG Lifers

1) Jess Lim is one we know, serving in N Thailand. 2) Peter Chng, 2nd year FEBC student, is student-pastor of our Chinese Service. 3) J.P. David, 3rd year FEBC student is with Life Tamil Service. 4) Ronnie Khoo, part-time student, helps with TBC. 5) Now, his wife, Lean Im has applied to study at FEBC fulltime as she has felt the call to be a "Bible woman". 6) Frieda Lee, 3rd year student, is our artist and there is 7) Sandra helping at the Chinese Sunday School. 8 & 9) Agus and Arianto of Indonesia are on Life Church scholarships, and 10) Wan also who serves at the Tamil Service. 11) Charles Seet who is soon finishing national service is rejoining FEBC. He and 12) Bernard Low have got together to pray for a Life Church Missions Society. Last (but not final, we hope) is 13) Alfred Yeo who had studied part-time before, but is now ready to enter fulltime in July. These are our young Lifers and associates in the Lord's army, out of a congregation of 850. Pray for them.

The FEBC is founded primarily to train workers for our growing number of Churches. A word to our sister churches: We also have students from your congregations at FEBC, but more can come to swell the ranks.

We challenge once again Lifers and other BPers who have retired or are on the verge of retirement to consider studying at FEBC in order to better equip for the Lord's service. As the days get shorter and the shadows of night begin to fall, there is no time to lose.

If the Lord should open another half-dozen doors in the next two years as He has done in the immediate past, where are our workers?

Fortunately for the Mandarin Service at J.B., we have Bro. Yap Chin Choon my old-time John Sung colleague! We cycled out to many a street-preaching appointment together 50 years ago. Bro. Yap even became a fulltime preacher in Seremban, Malaysia for a couple of years. But the world took hold of him, and he entered politics. For a person who was called to go away from Him spelled only failure and disappointment. Today Bro. Yap is fully returned to the Lord. So we are commissioning him to be preacher to the J.B. Mandarin Service.

Were it not for so many young men and women called to train at FEBC, and for brethren like Elder Mahadevan in charge of J.B. Tamil Service and Life Tamil Service, how could we extend to 52 outreaches as of the present? We have a feeling that a 53rd (think of Isaiah 53!) is in the offing. "Who will go for us?" - Faithfully, T.T.

Note: We have not mentioned Dr Patrick Tan our associate pastor now seconded to New Life. He sets you and me a bright example of learning. Though in the Army, he takes courses at FEBC such as Modern Hebrew, Church History and Personal Evangelism on Monday and Thursday evenings. Even Confucius must take off his hat to him (if he wore one)!

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (20-26 May)

MON 12.55 pm Pastor leaves for N. Thailand
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg (Dr Tan)
FRI 2.10 pm Pastor returns (TG 413)
SAT 2.30 pm Pastor at Nazareth Wedding (Foo Moo Tim-Jan Tan Eu Zee)
2.00 pm JYF; 2.30pm-TBC;
3.30 pm YF; 4.00 pm-YAF
4.00 pm Chin Kein Hoong-Lydia Tan Wedding (Rev Whitmore of Bethany Ev. Free Church)
SUN 10.00 am Rev Peter Chua (Elder Tay)
10.30 am Pastor at Mt Carmel 18th Anniversary
1.20 pm Pastor at CFM Service
3.00 pm Thai Service
4.00 pm Indonesian Service
4.30 pm Sharon Church Service
6.00 pm Tamil Service
6.00 pm Pastor at Cal-Pandan
7.30 pm Korean evening Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$3751.00
LIFE CHURCH EXTENSION FUND 383)\$1320;
384)\$20; 385)\$200(YAF); 386)\$1400;
387)\$1000; 388)\$150; 389)\$200; 390)\$1400. TOTAL \$486,471.82
NEW LIFE (WOODLANDS) 5101)\$2525 (NL)
FEBI 207)\$150; 208)\$150.
TOTAL \$129,979.11
PHILIPPINES LAND 74)\$740(boxes).
TOTAL \$8887

AIR BEMBAN 120)\$200; 121)\$50.

TOTAL \$57,717.25

OFFERINGS FOR: Thailand \$300; Frontier Labourers for Christ \$100; FBCA (Adelaide) \$50; VBS \$500.

Galilee Port Dickson Camp, Rev Dan Ebert speaking, is open to other BPers, including Lifers and FEBCCers. Date: June 24-28. Cost \$80 only. Half-price to FEBC students. Please ring Rev Frankie Low, Tel: 5602410/5601340.

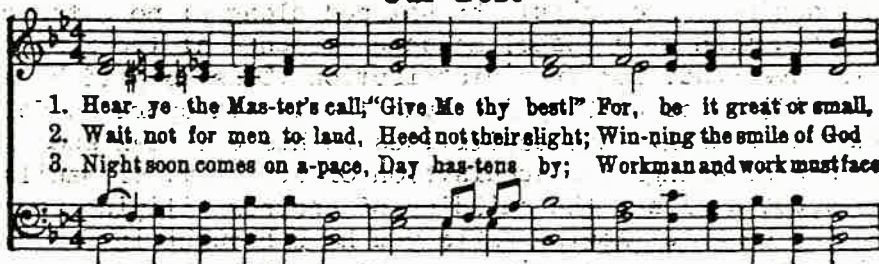
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FAITH - True or False? is a Life Church Gospel Tract you may freely use. Get yours from the Tract Rack.

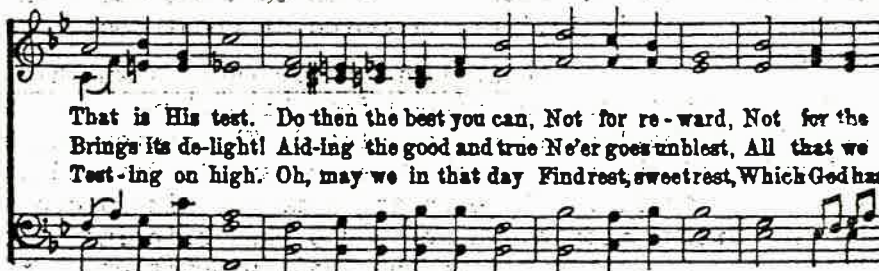
Books by the pastor are available from CLBC 1) Gospel of Life (good for evangelism); 2) Story of Lim Puay Hian

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Our Best

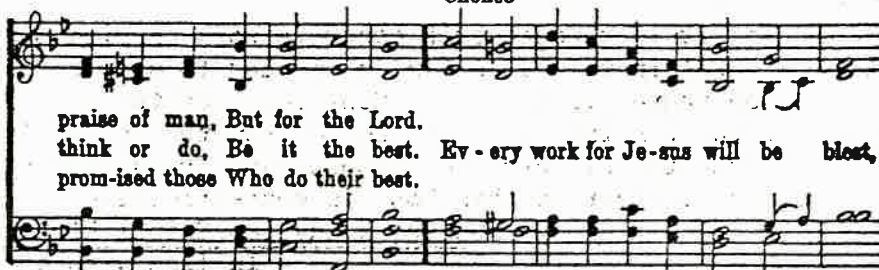


1. Hear ye the Mas-ter's call, "Give Me thy best!" For, be it great or small,
2. Wait not for men to laud, Heed not their slight; Win-ning the smile of God
3. Night soon comes on a-pace, Day has-tens by; Workman and work must face

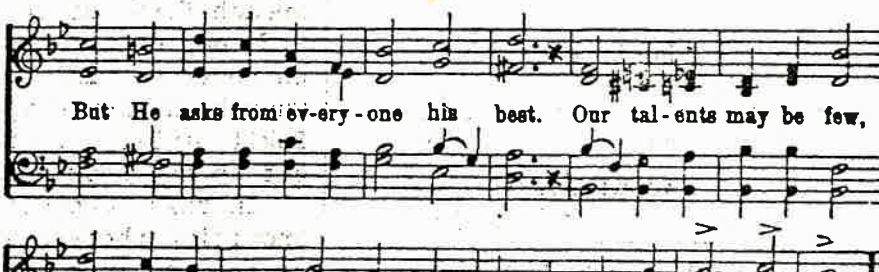


That is His test. Do then the best you can, Not for re-ward, Not for the
Brings its de-light! Aid-ing the good and true Ne'er goes unblest, All that we
Test-ing on high. Oh, may we in that day Find rest, sweetest, Which God has

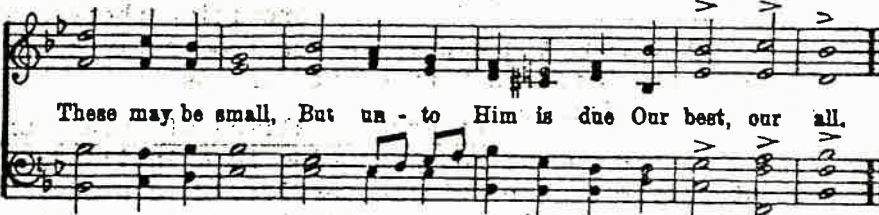
CHORUS



praise of man, But for the Lord.
think or do, Be it the best. Ev-ery work for Je-sus will be blest,
prom-ised those Who do their best.



But He asks from ev-ery-one his best. Our tal-ents may be few,



These may be small, But un-to Him is due Our best, our all.

(challenge to the young); 3) Pioneering in Dyak Borneo, (transl. from Jason Linn) a jungle thriller; 4) Calvin's Institutes (Abridged); 5) 40 John Sung Sermons (translated).

Expresgram to 1) Rev C T Hsu, thanks for remittance for Dyak owrk. Have you received books airmailed to you? 2) Communications are on the way to Masila, Agnes, Kutty, Gross!

Pray for the Chinese Gospel Meetings June 1-3, 8 pm with Rev Djunaiddi (Mandarin into Hokkien & Cantonese). Bring your parents and friends!

A cordial welcome to Rev David Mitchell, a close associate of Peter Clements, Australia as he worships with our Churches this Lord's Day.

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PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

51 Jalan Wadi Hana

With this address painted in big letters on the garden embankment, the location of our J.B. worship centre is easily recognisable by people from Singapore. Moreover Madam Zee has the meeting hall white-washed, the car runway partly levelled up to the porch so as to increase seating accommodation.

Now, though we left Gilstead Road last Lord's Day at 8.05 am we almost did not make it to the service at 9.30, for the whole length of the Causeway was double-lined with cars headed for the petrol stations on the other side. Five thousand cars make this trip every Lord's Day to buy cheaper Malaysian petrol.

Thirty old and young came to worship. There were Elder Mahadevan and Deacon Mani driving up the two Subramaniam girls and others from Jurong tp provide the music. Simon from Galilee was my interpreter. I spoke from John 4:1-26 on Jesus the Living Way of Life and Jesus the Living Way of Worship. (Do you live a sinful life like the Samaritan woman having 5 husbands? Do you worship dead gods like the Samaritans and by application the idols of any nation, the work of man's hands?)

Marked Increases at Rawang and Bukit Gambir

The death of Mrs Teo has rallied the Session and Youth leaders, so that more are being brought to Church. About 100 came to the Rawang service and 50 to Bukit Gambir. At Rawang there were one Re-affirmation of Faith and 3 infants baptised.

Rawang enjoys the luxury of sprawling on 2 acres of land. Up to now one acre is developed. The other acre is filled up with good red earth in preparation for extension to both church and kindergarten.

As for Bukit Gambir, since the new super Highway will pass through its outskirts, we should acquire some land for future development before the price goes up.

There's a greater future for these three Gospel outreaches, as you can see.

North Thailand Church Dedication Report

the golden triangle



That the Lord had brought on two teams together for the Dedication of the Nawngkhio Church taught me once again that our steps are ordered of the Lord.

Arriving Chiang Mai Monday evening, we were ferried the same night, with the bags of surplus clothing in two vans, to Nawngkhio 110 km north. We were put up at the Mission's bamboo "Nawngkhio Hilton". As the house is constructed practically of split bamboo and grass thatch, we had natural air conditioning, which obliged me to duck under two thick blankets.

At 10 am the next day the village gong was struck. This summoned the villagers up the highest point of the village where the new church sits in lofty splendour over 153

lowly huts in the valley, a hamlet of 1,000 souls. Soon a crowd of 350 gathered, the girls and women in their colourful Sunday best.

My soul has always thrilled to the inauguration of a new church, but never so much touched as at this new tribal sanctuary. Measuring 10 x 7 cubits or 105 x 45 feet it is 5 ft narrower than Life Church but 15 ft longer insofar as the auditorium is concerned. Although the roof is low and constructed of zinc and plastic sheets for light, the rest is concrete! The wall is exquisitely wrought with exposed mini-bricks outside. If there is a Nawngkhio Hilton, it is more than matched by a Nawngkhio Cathedral. And the cost? 170,000 baht or only S\$14,000! This sum has come largely from Life Church, with support from Nazareth, Calvary, Sembawang, etc. To put up such a big brick building in Singapore (with better roof) would cost easily 10 to 15 times over. What's the secret of the low cost? Most of the labour is free, from the villagers themselves. Since the church is built on a hilltop, there is no need of piling, another big item saved.

Taking advantage of the Dedication, Rev Kalnin planned a three-day marathon at which a total of 12 messages were preached. The Theme, "Christ is the Head of the Church" was well chosen. The initial messages were beamed on individual salvation and consecration. About 20 hands were raised to receive Christ and 13 stood for consecration. The day meetings were attended by 150 and the night by 300. Gospel films shown at the service were an attraction.

The Gospel Pierces the Golden Triangle

"Frontier Labourers for Christ", founded by Rev & Mrs Daniel Kalnin has been involved with Gospel work in the Golden Triangle for the last 5-6 years. As a result of attending the 10th Assembly of the Far Eastern Council of Christian Churches in Singapore June 1981, Kalnin has

joined the 20th Century Reformation Movement and also received our support. The latest is the building of this Nawngkhio Church, the sending of Jess Lim to the Mission since last October and the acquisition of 3.5 acres of land 3 km from Chiang Mai City. Nazareth BPC has also come in to support 3 tribal pastors.

Although Nawngkhio Village is a Lahu village (10 km from the Burmese border), participants at the 3-day campaign from other villages speak Akha, Kachin, Wa, Rawang, Yunnanese and Burmese. But Thai is the official language. Fortunately God has prepared Kalnin, who, hailing from the Burma hinterland, speaks a number of these dialects. Apart from Lahu-speaking Nawngkhio village, the Frontier Labourers reach out to 7 other villages, speaking some of the other dialects. (There are 5,000 villages in these frontier regions! So you see how great the harvest is and the labourers are so few.)

Now, the coming of Kalnin to Nawngkhio was by request from the Christian villagers themselves. The Lahus are a tribal people inhabiting the hinterlands of Burma, Thailand, Laos and Yunnan. They were first evangelised by American Baptists three generations ago. They possess a Lahu New Testament (not O.T. yet) and a Baptist Hymnal, both of which are found in every home. Four-fifths of the audience indicated by upraised hands they were baptised. They have their own pastor and hold the Lord's Supper once a month. Here is John 14:6 in Lahu: "Ye Su ko've, Nya leh ya kaw'yo, Hte ve caw ve te ceu ka, co ha te ve ka, co ha te ve ceu ka hpeh ve yo."

Tribal Christians Need Outside Help

Now, if the Lahu Christians have their own pastors why do they need the missionary? They are a dying race (culturally) it seems to me. The older generation read their own Romanised Testament but the younger ones learn only the Thai language. The Lahus have no Bible training school, so when the older ones are gone the younger ones, neither Lahu nor Thai, will not cope. Hence one work of Frontier Labourers is to organise Bible study sessions and Gospel campaigns.

Besides, the King has entrusted Kalnin with thousands of acres of royal forests for the resettlement of the Tribal peoples. The Christians being delivered from poppy growing, can obtain land through Kalnin to start anew.

Kalnin has been instrumental in bringing medical teams to help the villages! Sometimes he serves as ambulance driver with the mission van. Dr (Miss) Ang from Nazareth came this time with us. She attended to some cases. A young father suddenly appeared from nowhere trembling with a pale baby in his arms. Dr Ang transferred it into hers, felt its pulse, listened to its heart, and after a short prayer pronounced the baby OK! What a benediction to the village from our Christian medical team!

One logical development of the Frontiers Mission seems to be the establishment of a Bible School to train tribal pastors. In this connection the 3.5 acres of land we've bought is ideal for future development.

Since Jess came into the Mission a Thai Church has been inaugurated. This will become the nucleus of a strong base from which the Labourers will launch out to the frontier regions.

Incidentally, Rev & Mrs Kalnin and 3 children are leaving Monday May 27 on furlough in Canada and USA, Mrs Kalnin being Canadian. They will visit Rangoon, Kalnin's previous domicile. This contact with Burma is precious in view of the Lord's opening up with more outside contacts. With the Kalnins away, Jess is all the more needed in the running of Frontier Labourers. Therefore we request your fervent prayers for our colabourers in N. Thailand that their work might go on unimpaired.

Mt. Carmel's 18th Anniversary

This morning I am invited to speak at Mt Carmel's 18th Anniversary, the first time in their new sanctuary on West Coast Road. I am also bringing along a gift to express Life Church's felicitations.

Mt Carmel first started out in 1960 as a Sunday School at Deacon Robert Ong's Redhill flat. Later it shifted to a shack near the HDB Estate, but our next door neighbour was a pig-sty! Such humble beginnings! We named it Mt Carmel because opposite our Sunday School there was a Chinese Temple. We were like Elijah confronting Baal everytime we held our Sunday School and later our worship service. In 1967 we shifted to Lengkok Bahru renting a downstairs HDB shophouse, for a song. These premises are still retained to carry on the Gospel work though the bulk of Carmelites are now worshipping in their new sanctuary. Rev David Wong (not of Life Church and Kulai Besar) is their pastor. It is good to introduce every now and then a daughter church that Lifers might rejoice together with their younger brothers and sisters.

- T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (27 May - 2 Jun)

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
WED 8.00 pm Wedding Rehearsals
FRI 8.00 pm House Blessing, Deacon & Mrs Tan Nee Keng's, Blk 221, Bukit Batok E, #12-166, Ave 3. Tel: 5620922
SAT 2.00 pm JYF; 2.30pm - TBC, YF & YAF
2.30 pm Loh Yew Wah-Lim Eng Wed. (Rev Lau Chin Kwee, Ev. Reformed Ch)
5.00 pm Terrance Yap-Brenda Cheng Wedding (Rev Gan Kah Hock, Emmanuel Baptist)
SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow (Lord's Supper)

More Wedding Bells! (Mon June 3)

10 am Ong Eng Lam-Shirleen Chee Wedding (Rev Tow)
4.30 pm Victor Koh-Linda Wong Wedding (Rev Tow)
Mandarin Gospel Meetings June 1-3, 8 pm
Speaker: Rev Djunaidi of Indonesia (interpreted into Hokkien and Cantonese by Pastor Tow). Pray and work! Bring your Chinese-speaking relatives and friends!

Send your child to Vacation Bible School, June 4-8, 9 am to 12.30 pm daily. Application forms obtainable from the front counter.

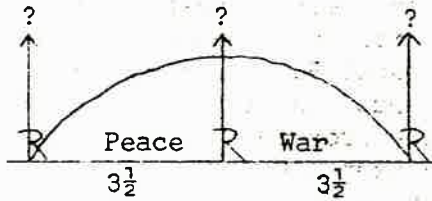
Nursery today: Mrs Betty Chan & Mrs Jenny Lum

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OUR THEOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE OF THE RAPTURE



Christians have the Blessed Hope of going through life without death! It will be by that globe-shaking event when our Lord will break through the blue to catch us up beyond the clouds.

What is the logic behind this? To save us from that nuclear holocaust that will burn this earth (read TIME Magazine, June 3, 1985). Jesus says, "And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars (star wars?); and upon earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring (natural disasters such as have lashed Bangladesh); Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." (Luke 21:25-28)

While the logic behind the Rapture is to save us from "these things" and from wrath (I Thess 5:9), the point at which Christ will come and rapture His own is not clearly indicated. As Bible students view the Rapture from different angles, there have evolved three cardinal positions in respect of the Seven Years of Antichrist rule to come. These Seven Years of the World Dictator are foretold in Daniel 9:27, which are divided into two $3\frac{1}{2}$ years. In the context of this prophetic "week" some theologians have pin-pointed the Rapture to occur at the beginning of the Seven Years. Others think it will happen in the middle of the Seven Years. Yet others are inclined to the view of a Rapture that takes place at the very end of the Seven Years.

In view of the fact that Daniel says there will be peace during the first $3\frac{1}{2}$ years of Antichrist's reign and Revelation 12 sees Satan cast down to earth during the second half, we believe the Rapture will occur in the middle of the Seven Years. In theological language we hold the Mid-Tribulation theory.

But whether we hold the Mid-Tribulation, Pre-Tribulation or Post-Tribulation position, there is a more important position we must take: Three men were going on a journey by train. All of them got time-tables from the railway station. While the first two occupied themselves studying the time-tables and discoursed on which train was best to take, the third made sure he went to the station early and bought his ticket. While the first two were heatedly arguing on the train schedules so that they arrived late and missed the train, the third man who had his ticket left his friends behind. It is more important to know one is saved, one's sins forgiven, with assurance to go to heaven at any moment's notice.

To say, "I am saved," however, is not enough. Paul who comforts us with the Blessed Hope of meeting Christ in the air in his Thessalonian Epistle also qualifies our eligibility to the Rapture with "unblameable in holiness before God" (I Thess 3:13). Suppose Christ comes on Sunday morning 10 am. Instead of seeing you in Church He finds you in the room of another woman, or swimming at Desaru, or at the Cathay Cinema. Will you be taken up to meet Him in the air? That is a good question to answer!

Paul not only says we must believe in Him, Paul also says we must be blameless in Him. And to be blameless is to live a consistent, devout Christian life. A Christian who does not attend Church regularly is in a dangerous situation indeed!

"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 the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements melt 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." (II Pet 3:11-14).

"Zealous of Good Works"

This phrase is taken from Paul's letter to Titus (2:14) where the Apostle exhorts us who are saved and whose hope is in meeting our Saviour, to be a people eager to do good (NIV). Why should we be a people "zealous of good works"? Not to earn our way to heaven as the Roman Catholics teach, but rather the reverse - being set on our way to heaven by His saving grace, we should do good to promote God's Kingdom.

The gathering of 300 to the VBS June 3 - 8, is by a section of Life Church "zealous of good works". The Mandarin Gospel Meetings now on have been planned and executed by another group "zealous of good works". The offerings specified for Thailand and Frontier Labourers are from yet another and individuals outside our Church. These are "zealous of good works".

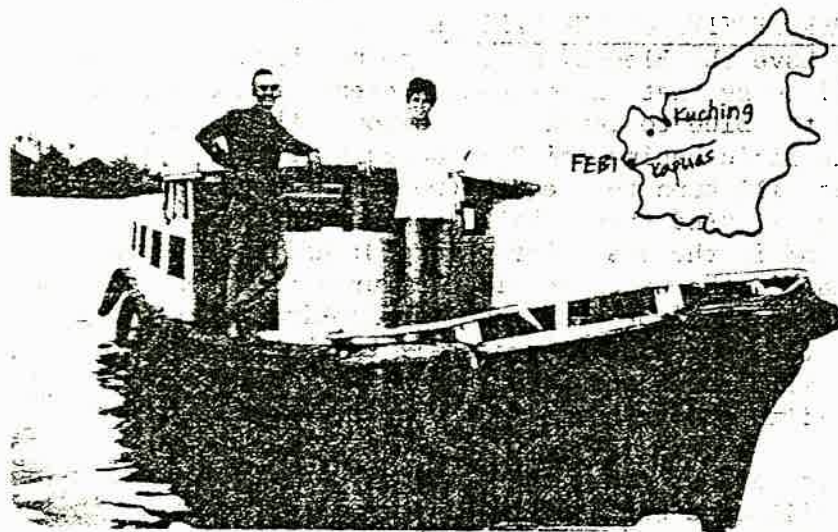
There is a small church group worshipping with us known as CFM (Christian Fellowship and Missions), Pastor Colin Wong. I was invited to speak there last week. Another people "zealous of good works", they handed me a cheque for \$902 for our Church-College Extension. On top of that an envelope of \$59 earmarked for Thailand. The same afternoon, a lover of FEBC handed to Elder Khoo \$500. Then, almost immediately after that, came the promise by a lady recently baptised at Bethany BPC of a sum of \$30,000 for FEBC Extension!

All these monetary expressions are from a people saved, on their way to heaven, who have become "zealous of good works." This is another theological perspective of the Rapture!

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

- II Corinthians 9:7,8

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



Though the establishment of FEBI has made Djunaidi's a more land-based ministry, his love for Dyaks has not diminished that Gospel Boat outreach. By selling the Kapuas Kourier (built 1978) he has used the proceeds to make a smaller one, a 25-seater (but no cabin) called the Landak Kourier. With this new Gospel Boat, the Dyak outreach is maintained.

On the banks of the Kapuas at Kumpai (and in the Landak tributary at Biong), two mission churches are in the process of building. These two places, the latter 5-hours sailing distance, were visited by Life Church Gospel Team some

years back, which led Miss Kimiko Goto to give her life to West Kalimantan. And the financing of these two projects has come from lovers of God in Jakarta. Praise the Lord!

Pray for the remaining two nights of Chinese Gospel Meetings with Djunaidi, tonight and Monday night, 8 pm in Church.

Prior to coming to Singapore, our brother has preached several times with Bro. & Mrs Kim Kah Teck at Kuching. One family is requesting baptism.

Pray also for five nights Gospel meetings to be held at Tanjong Pinang, June 8-12 before our brother returns by sea to FEBI, Pontianak, West Kalimantan.

The Bible Institute reopens in July with several new applicants. FEBI students "do their practical" by going out to Kumpai and Biong. Kimiko and Simon Tsai remain on the staff. Esther, Djunaidi's daughter who graduated with a B.Th. (1978), joins FEBI as Treasurer and lecturer.

J.B. Chinese Service with English Interpretation

This is another step taken to extend God's Kingdom in Malaysia. If you are interested, please get in touch with Mr Yap Chin Choon. New Lifers are welcome.

The pastor plans to meet with Rev Liew Hon Seng in K.L. June 24. Praise God for Calvary Jaya that has now an attendance of 50!

- T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (3-9 Jun)

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| MON 10.00 am | Ong Eng Lam-Shirleen Chee Wedding (Rev Tow) |
| 4.30 pm | Victor Koh-Linda Wong Wedding (Rev Tow) |
| 8.00 pm | Dialect Gospel Meeting (Mandarin/Hokkien) |
| TUE - SAT | VBS (9 am - 12.30 pm) |
| TUE - THU | CFM Children's Camp |
| TUE 8.00 pm | Prayer Meeting |
| 9.15 pm | Session Meeting |
| WED 8.00 pm | Wedding Rehearsal |
| SAT 10.00 am | Collin Toh Kim Ho-Elizabeth Ng Chai Pin Wedding (Rev Tow) |
| 2.00 pm | Jack Tan Jeck Tong-Susan Tan Puay Huan Wedding (Rev Tow) |
| 2.00 pm | JYF; 2.30pm-TBC; 3.30-YF |
| SUN 10.00 am | Rev Peter Chua |
| 10.00 am | Rev Tow (Chinese Service) |
| 11.30 am | Filipina Fellowship |
| 11.55 am | Korean Church |
| 3.00 pm | Thai Service |
| 4.00 pm | Indonesian Service |
| 4.30 pm | Sharon Church |
| 6.00 pm | Tamil Service |
| 6.00 pm | Rev Tow at Calvary-Pandan (Time of Jacob's Trouble) |

Hear Rev Djunaidi at the Chinese Service this morning and at Kebaktian Indonesia, 4 pm.

Come to Tonite's Mandarin Gospel Mtg (Cantonese interpretation) and Tomorrow nite's. (Hokkien Interpretation). Rev Djunaidi is the Lord's messenger. Bring a friend.

Christians, Go and Tell of Jesus

1. Chris-tians, go and tell of Je - sus, How He died to save our souls;
2. Tell the guilty of their dan-ger, While they wan-ter far from God;
3. Tell them of the joys of heav-en, Pur-chased by the Sav-ior's blood;
4. Tell them how He hath as-cend-ed To pre-pare a home on high,

How that He from sin might free us, Suf-fered ag - o - nies un - told.
While they live to Christ a stran-ger, And re-ject His pre - cious Word.
How that they might be for-giv - en, Je - sus left His home a - bove.
Where all sor-rows shall be end - ed, Where the saved shall nev-er die.

CHORUS.

Yes, we'll go and tell of Je - sus, The pure and ho-ly, meek and lowly Je - sus,

Yes, we'll go and tell of Je - sus, Who died our souls to save.

We bid Godspeed to 44 Pilgrims to the Holy Land head-ed by Dr Tow Siang Hwa, Elder Chia Kim Chwee and Dr Patrick Tan.

Pastoral Chat

My dear Readers,

5-fold Joy to the 3 Nights Chinese Gospel Meetings

On the second night, when the Gospel Invitation was given, the younger sister of a Chinese Service woman believer raised her hand to receive Christ. The third night there were 4 hands, all from the elderly - for these Gospel meetings were held with their salvation in view. So, altogether 5 have openly decided for Christ, and we rejoice 5-fold with them. "Likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth" (Luke 15:7).

This evangelistic outreach by Tanglin Bible Class, one thriving member of our Youth groups, is amply rewarded. For, though there are others who should have openly declared for Christ, these not having indicated are also blessed. Some first-timers have expressed their desire henceforth to attend the Chinese Service. The majority of our Chinese-speaking senior members who have come to support the meetings (average 150) cannot but be led to a deeper knowledge of their salvation.

The presentation of sacred songs by Faith BP Church choir with such spirited rendition lifted the congregation to new heights of worship and praise. The pastor was so touched that he invited the choir to sing at Life Church before they set out in December to Thailand. The lovingkindness of our young people in topping up each night's spiritual feast with a light Cantonese supper is hereby further acknowledged. What better filial piety than all these?

By inviting Rev Djunaidi to our City, our young people have brought a windfall of blessing to Kuching (3 Gospel meetings were held) and another to Tanjong Pinang, Riau Islands June 8-12. Pray for the Lord's messenger as he is now in the thick of the Lord's Battle with the forces of heathen darkness in this part of Indonesia.

"For a Great Door and Effectual is opened unto me
And there are many adversaries" (I Cor 16:9)

In reference to our new Gospel Boat report last week, two new churches are being established. One at Kumpai on the Kapuas is to the Chinese. The other, 5 hours' sailing inland on the Landak, is for the Dyaks. How do we get to these out-of-place situations? By the new Gospel Boat, Landak Courier, with supply of coworkers from FEBI, our Bible Institute students.

We began with 14 students. Because of disturbances we are now reduced to 8. But 3 have applied to come in July, the opening of the second academic year. Pray for FEBI!

Johor Baru Chinese-English Service From July 7, 1985

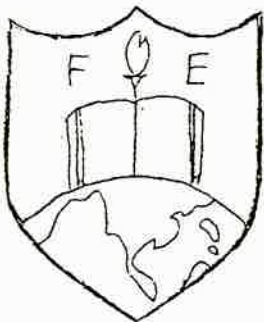
Mr Yap Chin Choon (cousin of Elder Peter Yap recently received into glory) is an old John Sung hand. He was a Methodist preacher in Seremban for two years, but left like Demas for the world. Praise the Lord for his return, and the rekindling of that old fire. As he is bilingual, it is thought best to introduce the J.B. English service through the Chinese service. For the congregation is mostly bilingual.

As the service is held at 3 pm on the Lord's Day, Lifers can go up and support. New Lifers, under Assistant Pastor Eric Kwan can easily cross over from Woodlands. While it is yet day, let us do what we can before night comes, when no man can work. How many of you drive into J.B. for cheaper petrol? You go to that extent for your own. What about doing the same for the Lord? (The pastor will be at J.B., July 7, 3 pm to inaugurate the Bilingual Service).

Establishing this first station in J.B. at 51 Jalan Wadi Hana is not the end. It is just the beginning! We can open five more in J.B., the fastest growing city in Malaysia. J.B. will outstrip Penang by 1990 to become No. 2 after K.L.

We have two stations at K.L. Calvary Jaya now has 50 in attendance. We pray for Taman Sri Melati that our numbers there might also increase, and souls converted.

Far Eastern Kindergarten



One ministry of Life Church that has reached out to the City through Christian education of the young is Far Eastern Kindergarten. With two sessions, 8.30 - 11.30 am; 11.45 am - 1.45 pm, we have a total enrolment of 170-180. Here is a wonderful opportunity of planting the Gospel seed in the heart of the young. We have maintained a weekly Evangelistic story-time to the children through the mouth of a white missionary or white FEBI student. This Gospel telling in purer English is one unique feature of FEK.

Not only are the children influenced by the Gospel. The parents too! One father who was won to the Lord has now become a Session member of Life Church. The Lord has blessed our Kindergarten since its founding two decades ago.

Our first principal was Mrs William Seah. Mrs Lange, our second, who has served for over a decade has just resigned. Here is a golden opportunity for Lifers to step in and uphold a noble tradition. We need a principal who is not only Christian, but who feels a call from Above. Here is a place of service wherein you can say, "I am building not for time but for eternity." The souls of 200 precious children are under your guidance. As Rev Jim Turner had said, "Who knows one of these boys may not become the Prime Minister of Singapore one day." This statement can be prophetic!

O Lord, we pray Thee to touch some heart among our members to respond to Thy call! Amen.

What is "Time of Jacob's Trouble"?

This is the subject I shall be speaking about at the Sunset Gospel Hour, Calvary Pandan, this Lord's Day evening. The caption is taken from Jeremiah 30:7 wherein the prophet sees the suffering of sufferings the Jews will undergo in the end-time before Christ's Return to save His own.

ARMAGEDDON

This "Time of Jacob's Trouble" is reiterated by Daniel: "And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation even to that time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book" (12:1). Though the trial coming on Israel will be of superhuman proportions, God will send his Archangel Michael (which means: Who is like God) to deliver His people. But is your name written in the Book of Life? (Rev 20:12; Phil 4:3; Lk 10:20)

Jesus says it again in Matt 24:21,22: "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened."

Now if we look into Rev 12 we shall see the "Time of Jacob's Trouble" will last 3½ years. During this time when Satan is cast down to earth by Michael the Archangel, the Evil One will torment Israel the worst he can.

Zechariah gives us a more detailed description of the sufferings Israel, people and land, will go through. "And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the Lord, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein. And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The Lord is my God" (13:8,9). My dear Jewish friend, this two-thirds destruction of your beloved country as prophesied is all called Armageddon (Rev 16:16). Nevertheless, there is still one-third remnant and Daniel says you will be preserved if your name is written in the Book of Life. How do you know your name is written in the Book of Life? By calling upon the Name of the Lord, on our Saviour Jesus Christ (Rom 10:13).

Zechariah continues: "Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when He fought in the day of battle. And His feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south. And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains" (Zech 14:1-5).

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (10th - 16th June) - YERUSHALAYIM, MESSIAH IS COME -

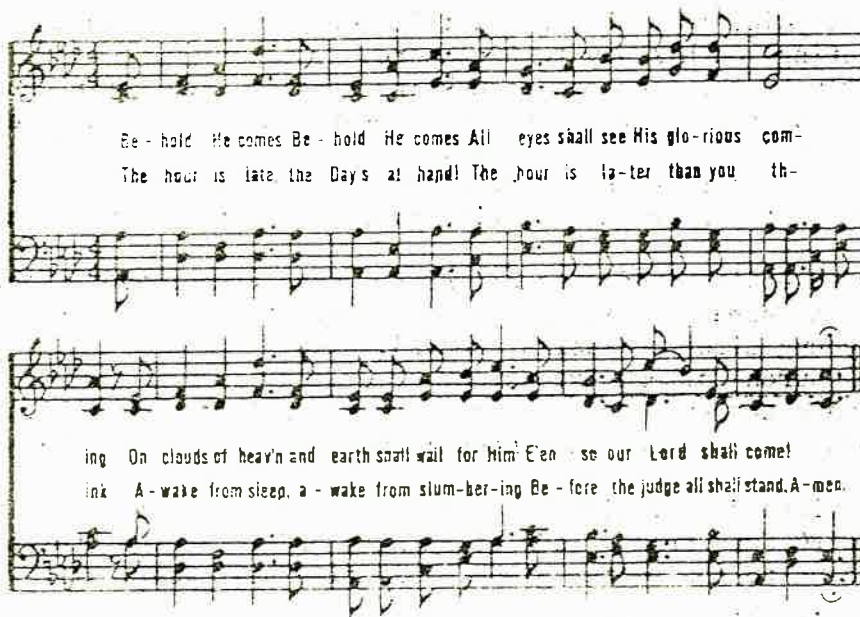
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| SUN - THU | LCYF Camp | Yerushalayim, thy sons and daughters love thee! |
| MON - FRI | Life Tamil Children's Camp (8 am - 1 pm) | Two thousand years they've wandered in exile. Now by God's grace, they've gathered to thee in peace, |
| TUE 8.00 pm | Prayer Meeting | By thy embrace, their weeping turns to smile. |
| SAT 2.00 pm | JYF; 2.30pm-TBC; 3.30pm-YF | Chorus: |
| 4.00 pm | YAF; 7.30 pm - CFM | Yerushalayim, let peace and freedom ring, To thee Shalom, to thee Shalom! |
| 5.00 pm | Ng Beng Hong-Rosalind Wedding (Rev John Cheong, Toa Payoh CNEC Bible Church) | Yerushalayim, lift up thy voice and sing, Messiah is come, Messiah is come! |
| SUN 9.30 am | Rev Tow at Galilee | Yerushalayim, behold Christ Jesus has come To save thy sons, if they will turn to Him. |
| 10.00 am | Rev Peter Chua (Elder T C Lim) | By death and pain, He has become their ransom; Rising again, He has forgiven their sin. |
| 11.30 am | Filipina Fellowship | Yerushalayim, behold Messiah shall come To save thy Land, when thou shalt cry to Him. |
| 11.55 am | Korean Church | He comes on clouds, with awesome loud trumpet sound, |
| 1.30 pm | CFM Service | To judge the earth - peace a millennium. |
| 3.00 pm | BFC & Thai Services | Yerushalayim, God is thy 'ternal peace, City of Zion, David's throne rise again! |
| 4.00 pm | Kebaktian Indonesia | City of Truth, resplendent in His glory Till sun shall rise and moon no more shall wane. |
| 4.30 pm | Sharon BP Church | FEBI 209)\$585; 210)\$65(Galilee YAF); 211)\$65 |
| 6.00 pm | Rev Tow at Life Tamil Service (Lord's Supper) | (Grace BPC). TOTAL \$130,694.11 |
| 7.30 pm | Korean Evening Service | AIR BEMBAN 122)\$120; 123)\$100; 124)\$200; 125) \$100; 126)\$100; 127)\$100; 128)\$400; 129)\$70(Off. bags). TOTAL \$58,907.25 |
| LAST 3 WEEKS' OFFERING | \$4,371 + \$4422 + \$7016.35 | PHILIPPINES LAND 75)\$200(Boxes); 76)\$50; 77)\$140 TOTAL \$9,277.00 |
| LIFE CHURCH EXTENSION FUND | 391)\$100; 392) \$3000; 393)\$500; 394)\$1351(Off.bags); 395) \$2500; 396)\$902(CFM); 397)\$900; 398)\$50 (SBPC); 399)\$200; 400)\$500; 401)\$800; 402) \$1400; 403)\$1000; 404)\$500; 405)\$300; 406) \$2141(Off.bags); 407)\$100; 408)\$50; 409) \$200; 410)\$1000; 411)\$200; 412)\$200; 413) \$50; 414)\$100; 415)\$100(YF & YAF); 416)\$50 (Indo.Ser); 417)\$260; 418)\$328(Chin.Ser); 419)\$1400; 420)\$250. TOTAL \$506,903.82 | OFFERINGS FOR: VBS \$200, \$470; David Wong (Chin. Ser) \$250; RPG \$100; KL \$400(WF); Thailand \$310 (WF); VBS \$50. |
| NEW LIFE (WOODLANDS) | 5102)\$115; 5103) \$3168.64. TOTAL \$2,597,358.73 | Nursery duty today: Mrs Lilian Lim & Miss Lim Sock Eng |
| FEBC EXT. FUND | 14)\$150; 15)\$500; 16)\$100; 17)\$30,000 (Bethany BPC). TOTAL \$36,672.10 | |
| Stop Press! | 18)\$100. | |

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BEHOLD HE COMES!

The five prophetic messages I've delivered at the Sunset Gospel Hour, Calvary Pandan have blessed my own soul above anything else. Let me share with you the extra-terrestrial alertness He has aroused within me as expressed in these two verses, after John Sung (chorus 158):

Behold He Comes



Be - hold He comes Be - hold He comes All eyes shall see His glo - rious com -
The hour is late the Days at hand! The hour is la - ter than you th -

ing On clouds of heav'n and earth shall wait for Him! E'en - so our Lord shall come!
ink A - wake from sleep, a - wake from slum - ber - ing Be - fore the judge all shall stand. A - men.

Be not too sure to say, "The Lord won't come this month. I'm planning a nice vacation." Vacation or no vacation, we must be prepared to meet Him at a moment's notice. In less than one second! Are we ready? Many will be caught unawares! The Apostle puts it this way, "For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry" (Heb 10:37).

Dr Tow Siang Hwa, writing in Calvary BP Weekly says, "In 142 years we shall enter the year 2000, a new millennium. Can that be the Golden Thousand Years of our Lord's Millennium? ... Our Lord's coming is nearer than you think! Be prepared! Re-think your plans, re-order your life - TODAY!" I pray some young Reader will give Him your whole life to serve Him before He comes. Amen.

Rev Dan Ebert III

This is the third time he is invited to Singapore! Apart from speaking at the Sunset Gospel Hour, Calvary Pandan June 23 and 30, Rev Ebert will minister to the Galilee Bible Camp at Port Dickson June 24-28. Rev Frankie Low warmly invites Lifers and FEBCers to the Galilee Camp. If interested, please ring 5602410.

Rev Ebert has a special ministry to Life Church and FEBC Mon-Thurs July 1-4, 8 pm, "Why Christians Suffer". It is a study of the life of Job, which should serve to counsel many an aching heart. With school vacation over and all of you returned from gallivanting, here's a chance to replenish your famished spirits! I shall personally take charge of the meetings with a new song or hymn each evening. Refreshments will be served. Rev Ebert will speak at Mt Carmel BPC, Lengkok Bahru, July 7, 10 am.

Haposan Reports on North Sumatra

Medan

Though our North Sumatra field has been taken under care of Galilee Church, we receive occasional reports from co-labourers there that warm our hearts, "forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord" (I Cor 15:58).

Haposan who met with an almost fatal traffic accident over a year ago but was restored of the Lord took a year's sabbatical from FEBC. While he rested from heavy mental work, he has not neglected to minister to hungry hearts in his home country. His love for the Batak people is manifested in this letter just received:

"Greetings in the most powerful name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thank you very much for sending us Life Church Weekly regularly. I am blessed by reading those weeklies because they are talking about God's Kingdom.

I have decided to come back to Singapore to continue my studies on the 18th of next month. Therefore, before I come back I would like to serve the Lord for the Lord is good.

On 13th-15th June 1985 we are having combined camps for about 40 young people from Medan, Kuta Baru and Tala Peta. These camps will take place at Kuta Baru.

Rev Tow, please pray for these camps that the Lord may bless us and people be won for Christ. I will be the main speaker in this camp.

Please pray for Dohar and his wife that they may sincerely take over my place when I leave. By God's grace I enjoy serving the Lord, for the Kingdom of God must go on.

Sister Roska (another FEBC student) is joining us in this camp for she is good in singing...."

If We Could See Beyond Today

If we could see beyond today
As God can see,
If all the clouds should roll away,
The shadows flee;
O'er present griefs we would not fret,
Each sorrow we would soon forget
For many joys are waiting yet
For you and me.

If we could know beyond today
A God doth know;
Why dearest treasures pass away,
And tears must flow;
And why the darkness leads to light,
Why dreary days will soon grow bright,
Some day life's wrong will be made right
Faith tells us so.

If we could see, if we could know
We often say,
But God in love a veil doth throw
Across our way.
We cannot see what lies before,
And so we cling to Him for more,
He leads us till this life is o'er,
Trust and obey.

Norman J. Clayton



Rev Peter Chua Goes to Kuching, Sarawak, E Malaysia



Not only has N Sumatra made good under Galilee (Rev Frankie Low), but also Kuching, E Malaysia, under Sharon (Rev Peter Chua). Soon after establishing a Christian Kindergarten named Sharon Rose with Kim Kah Teck and his wife Pauline in August 1984, we transferred this newest field to our daughter church. This work costs Sharon S\$1,000 per month.

"All things work together for good" (Rom 8:28), the Kims had to vacate by end of May the original premises by action of an uncooperative landlord. But God has given them a much better house (owned by a Christian and sympathetic) which is located at 454, Blk 16, Jalan Tun Jugah, Kuching, Sarawak, E Malaysia, Tel: 450152. In this new house Rev Djunaidei was able to hold a series of Gospel meetings on his way to Singapore.

A Christian family contacted recently by the Kims are requesting baptism. Rev Peter Chua is thus constrained to visit the young church to baptise and incorporate the small congregation as Sharon-Rose BP Church. The date is Sunday June 23, 1985.

As Kah Teck is conversant in Malay, Sharon-Rose is trilingual! Rev Djunaidei plans to organise an evangelistic team to Kuching in the near future, with emphasis on the Ibans (Dyaks of Sarawak).

By God's grace, the BPC have extended God's Kingdom to all ASEAN, save Brunei and Sabah. "Who will go for Us?" Pray for the BPC in Madras, India and for new contacts in Burma. (We are sending a special gift from a new young Lifer to Masila, Kenya). Amen.

Whither Our Church-College Extension?

The land immediately opposite our main entrance was advertised mid-April for \$3 million! With the property market on the downward, we can pick and choose! The Lord, we believe, has a better piece prepared for us!

That the Church Extension Fund has pierced $\frac{1}{2}$ million in 7 months is the work of God! That suddenly \$30,000 has come to the FEBC Fund from a lady of Bethany BPC is another token of His grace. Now, should the Lord lead us to the better piece this time next year, will we have enough to negotiate the deal? - T.T.

Vacation Bible School

"I have decided to follow Jesus". The voices of two hundred children filled the church. Praise God that so many children were given an opportunity to hear the Gospel. Altogether, 300 children attended this year's Vacation Bible School. The average attendance was 180.

Our initial number of teaching staff was only 17, but it soon swelled to 44. Love offerings also poured in. We extend warmest thanks to all who gave so generously to this work.

This year's theme was indeed appropriate because a total of 120 children accepted Christ. However, we do not wish to terminate our work like this. We have planned a comprehensive follow-up programme. This will mean recurring costs incurred in transport and postage since we will be conducting correspondence courses as well as bringing the children to church on Saturdays and Sundays.

We praise God for seeing us through VBS, and we wish to thank all Lifers who have supported us in their prayers. - Chia Poh Yok

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (17th - 23rd June)

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| MON - FRI | BFC Camp |
| MON 11.40 am | Pilgrims return ALIA from Holy Land |
| TUE 8.00 pm | Prayer Meeting |
| WED 8.00 pm | Wedding Rehearsal |
| THU 11.00 am | Chia Beng Hoe-Christine Lee Yoke Mui Wedding (Rev Tow) |
| FRI 7.05 pm | Paauwe arrive SQ23 |
| SAT 2.00 pm | JYF; 2.30pm-TBC; 3.30pm-YF |
| 4.00 pm | YAF; 7.30pm-CFM |
| SUN 10.00 am | Rev Tow |
| 11.30 am | Filipina Fellowship |
| 11.55 am | Korean Church Service |
| 1.30 pm | CFM Service |
| 3.00 pm | BFC & Thai Services |
| 4.00 pm | Indonesian Service |
| 4.30 pm | Rev Paauwe at Sharon BPC |
| 6.00 pm | Rev Dan Ebert III at Calvary Pandan Sunset Gospel Hour |
| 6.00 pm | Tamil Service |
| 7.30 pm | Korean Evening Service |

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$3381.00

LIFE CHURCH EXTENSION FUND 421)\$300; 422)

\$150; 423)\$250; 424)\$355(Off.bags); 425)\$1400

426)\$100. TOTAL \$509,458.82

FEBC 212)\$100(Nazareth); 213)\$65 (Galilee YAF). TOTAL \$130,859.11

PHILIPPINES LAND 78)\$50; 79)\$50(YF Camp); 80)\$150; 81)\$100. TOTAL \$9,627.00

OFFERINGS FOR: Choir Wardrobe \$100; RPG \$100; 82 0900hrs for Manila. Accommodation confirmed.

J.B. Tamil Service \$90; North Thailand Church \$500 (Galilee); Rev Tow's HK trip \$1200;

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Stephen Masila, Kenya \$1000.

Pastor and Mrs Tow will be on a vacation trip to Hong Kong, Mon June 24 - Sun June 30 where they will visit with Rev Jason Linn, Rev Tan Peng Koen (founder of Tg Pinang Church) and Mr Lee Meng Fong. After worship with the Linns Sun 30, they fly back in the evening. Dr Patrick Tan will act in his absence.

Situation Vacant: Far Eastern Kindergarten requires immediately Principal. Please phone 2560617 for Pastor Tow.

Pray for Jess Lim and Samuel Mani as they carry on the work of Tribal Evangelism. 5 FEBC students serving for a month in N Thailand with Frontier Labourers have preached at the Thai Service, Chiang Mai and to the Chinese village of Takati and Kachin village of Samakhi. They leave Thailand for S'pore June 23.

Pray for Kimiko as she waits on the Lord to re-open the door to FEBC, W Kalimantan.

Welcome home to Bro. Yiew Pong Sen, as he spends his long vacation from BJU, working parttime in S'pore.

Rev Paauwe and son Daniel will spend a week, Jun 21-28 in Spore en route from US to Australia.

Rev Paauwe will speak at Sharon BPC next Lord's Day, 4.30 pm.

Expresgram to Rev Craig Hendrikson, Jakarta:

We'll take good care of the 9 missionary children arriving SQ 207 July 14, 1930 hrs/Dep. SQ-

Praise the Lord for 30 new pews added to the

Balcony by a Deacon.

HOLY LAND LIVELY STONES

By Dr Patrick Tan

BEIT EL BARAKATHE HOLY LAND MISSION

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These words in Hebrew mean the House of God's Blessing. It was here that the Holy Land tour organised by the BP Banner stayed. Forty pilgrims left Changi Airport early morning of June 4 followed 14 hours later by a second group of 4. We landed in Amman airport and proceeded to Allenby Bridge which connected Jordan to Israel. The security was extremely tight and it took us one and a half hours to clear the Israeli customs.

Beit El Baraka, located on Hebron Road, 10 miles south of Bethlehem, began as a sanatorium for the treatment of Tuberculosis patients. It was founded by Dr

Lambie, a missionary of the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions of the USA. The inscription to the founder was as follows: "Thomas Alexander Lambie, MD DSc, 1885-1954 Built this his seventh Hospital in his last year, Author and Pioneer doctor 1907-1954 in Egypt, The Sudan, Ethiopia and the Holy Land, Beloved for his selfless life and steadfast service, Man of Faith and Prayer." This was a wonderful tribute to a great man of God. After the Israelis took over the west bank of Jordan, Baraka Hospital became an outpatient clinic with X-ray facilities. From 1981 Beit El Baraka became a Bible conference centre and hostel for Holy Land pilgrims. Beit El Baraka is managed by a team of missionaries: Mr & Mrs Howard Herdle, Mr & Mrs Bill Snaverly and the former matron of the sanatorium, Miss Olwen Jones.

BARAKA BIBLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Sunday morning service started at 10.30 am. The church hall was filled to capacity. Including our 44 pilgrims there must have been around 150 in the congregation. This included a group of blind women from the House of Hope for the blind, the staff of the Evangelical Arab School in Hebron and Khoi Myung Duk, a Korean pastor studying at the American Institute for Holy Land Studies. The morning of June 9 was warm and sunny, reflecting the power and eternal hope of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Issa Bannurah was the chairman of the service. Issa and his wife Malvine worked in the Beit El Baraka as fulltime staff. The service was conducted in Arab with English translation. This was a special service for we were requested to ordain a deacon, an elder and a pastor who had been earlier elected by the church in January this year. The deacon was Jabber Sa'adeh who was the radiographer at the Makased Hospital at Mt of Olives in Jerusalem. Howard Herdle, the elder elect was the missionary of the Independent Board and manager of the Beit El Baraka. George Habib had grown up in the church. He worked in the Makased Hospital as a male nurse. God blessed him with a lovely wife and four children. Habib the eldest son was 19 years and he presented a special musical number playing the guitar and singing "He's Alive". George would serve as a part-time pastor while continuing his hospital work. He had a wonderful testimony of the Lord's calling into a pastoral ministry not unlike mine.

George Habib was examined the night before by Rev Tow Siang Hwa, elder Chia Kim Chwee and myself. He was found to be a Christian of maturity and he knew his Bible well. His ordination was requested by the session and congregation of the Baraka BP Church. We were thrilled and honoured to lay our hands on him. Dr Tow gave the charge and also preached the morning's message. He gave the exhortation on the signs of the coming of the Lord Jesus again in glory and majesty. There were 7 reasons for His soon return: 1. False christs and spurious gospel, 2. Wars and rumours of wars, 3. Famines, 4. Earthquakes, 5. Pestilences, 6. Israel reborn and 7. Repeat of the Days of Noah. There was the baptism of Ghadir and Amani, the daughters of Adnan Hanush.

THE SHABIBA

This is the Youth Fellowship of the Baraka BP Church. On the Saturday afternoon of 16 June we played a game of volley ball with the shabiba at the Beit El Baraka. We only narrowly beat them with 3 games. After the rigorous game we had a time of testimony.

The most outstanding testimony came from Gabriel David. He worked as a laboratory technician in the Makased Hospital. He came from a large Arab family and he had to support other members of the family. He came to know the Lord several years ago in a Bible Camp. His greatest problem was an intense hatred for the Jews who had ill-treated his people and had put him into prison several times without a reason. But the Lord's teaching was for him to love his enemies. He could testify that the Holy Spirit was helping him to love the Jews. He said that he now no longer bore them any hatred, only sorrow for their unbelief. This was a most fitting conclusion of our 14 days Holy Land tour sponsored by the B-P Banner.

My dear Readers,

Praise God for Safe Return

We have prayed regularly and fervently for a safe and prosperous journey for our 44 Pilgrims to the Holy Land (under the auspices of the B-P Banner). They have returned safe and sound with glowing reports. Now we take this opportunity to offer special thanks to God for 100% answering our prayers. (Pilgrims, forget not to give thanks yourselves). As we have publicly committed them to God, it is proper that Elder Chia Kim Chwee, one of the leaders, give a verbal report this Lord's Day. We have Dr Patrick Tan's written report to round it off.

A New Gospel Highway Back to Jerusalem via Amman

While the 14-day tour of the Holy Land was primarily a sight-seeing tour, which is ten times more educative than classroom study, we have established a bridgehead for the Gospel in a sort of reverse order! 1950 years ago the Gospel was commissioned to be preached in all the world from Jerusalem. Now, we are under the same Commission to send it back, according to the principle "The last shall be the first" (Matt 20:16).

The report of our ministers and elders being requested by the Arab church (Baraka BP Church, Bethlehem) to ordain a deacon, an American elder and an Arab pastor and baptising two infants is most thrilling. Our Pilgrims joining their Arab brethren and sisters in worship and the young people with their youth in a game of volley ball is equally precious - such brotherly love in the Lord is like Ps 133's description of the revival that comes to the parched hills of Zion by the descent upon it of Hermon's dew. In this case our visit to Baraka was like a Southeast Asian Monsoon.

I am thrilled to hear of Elder Chia's deep interest in leading another team to the Holy Land. Let it be a permanent and regular feature while the Lord tarries. In fact there is an urgency about this new movement, because the days are evil. The world situation, particularly in the Middle East, is in flux.

Now, I believe always in "Economy is the Mother of Prosperity". From all angles, we've discovered no more economical route than via Amman, capital of Jordan. I personally would like to see our 14-day package tour at \$2,875 reduced in order that more can come.

Open to FEBC Students

Dr Tow Siang Hwa, president of FEBC and I concur we should work it out so that FEBC students might come on the same tour as a study project, like what American Seminaries and Bible Colleges are doing, granting two credits. In which case, a qualified professor should be in attendance so as to give added lectures after visit to every site of historical, geographical and archaeological interest.

Beit El Baraka, Converted 100-bed Sanatorium

Our speciality against any other tour agency is Baraka Sanatorium, now converted into a Christian Hospice and Conference Centre. This is our headquarters under missionary management. Here we stay as a family, worship as a church, lecture as a College, play as a community centre. There's the Church in Bethlehem besides where we mutually benefit from united services with our Arab brothers and sisters. From Bethlehem two Arab brethren were sent to FEBC for a year's training each. Mr Issa Banurah who said he found "revival" in Singapore is back at Bethlehem serving actively at Baraka Church. Not only is another Holy Land Tour open to FEBC, FEBC is open to the Holy Land! Yours in His Service, T.T.

Expresgram to Ben Asher : Many thanks for your kind reception of Sister and brother, and for your beautiful present. God bless!

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

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| SUN - THU | TBC Camp |
| MON 8.30 am | Pastor leaves for Hong Kong |
| TUE 8.00 pm | Prayer Meeting (Dr Tan) |
| FRI 7.00 pm | VCF Meeting |
| SAT 2.00 pm | JYF; 3.00pm-TBC; 3.30pm-YF |
| 4.00 pm | YAF; 7.30 pm-CFM |
| SUN 10.00 am | Rev Charlie Tan (Elder E Tay) |
| 10.00 am | Miss Alice Doo |
| 11.30 am | Filipina Fellowship |
| 11.55 am | Korean Church Service |
| 1.30 pm | CFM Service |
| 3.00 pm | BFC & Thai Services |
| 4.00 pm | Indonesian Service |
| 4.30 pm | Sharon Church Service |
| 6.00 pm | Tamil Service |
| 6.00 pm | Rev Dan Ebert at Cal-Pandan |
| 7.30 pm | Korean Evening Service |

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$4,667.30

LIFE CHURCH EXTENSION FUND 427)\$50(YF); 428)

\$200; 429)\$262; 430)\$500; 431)\$250(Ch.Service); 432)\$850. TOTAL \$511,570.82

FEBI 214)\$150. TOTAL \$131,009.11

PHILIPPINES LAND 82)\$150; 83)\$350. TOTAL \$10,127.00

OFFERINGS FOR: Jess Lim \$50(LCSS); Jason Linn \$500(Ch.Service); KL Missions (Women's Fellowship) \$400; Thailand \$420(WF), \$700. Hear: 1) Rev Edward Paauwe at Sharon Church 4.30 pm today.

2) Rev Dan Ebert III this evening at Sunset Gospel Hour, 6 pm.

Why not join Galilee Camp at Port Dickson with Rev Dan Ebert III, June 24-28? Contact Rev Frankie Low, tel: 5602410.

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As the FEBC Team to N. Thailand returns next week, Frieda Lee and Junita will have succeeded them to serve with Jess for another 10 days. Pray for their safe return. Pray for Kimiko now at Kelapa Sawit awaiting visa for Kalimantan. Pray for Rev Dan Ebert to speak at Life Church July 1-4 8pm nightly.

- SONG TO THE NEW JERUSALEM -

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,
Bestowing 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 away:
Wheat and barley, olive and grain;
Ten thousand flow'rs in the balmy breezes sway
While young men and maidens praise His name.

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

No more war, nor hunger, nor pain!
Christ Jesus reigns till Right triumphs over
Might,

All respendent in Jerusalem. *(To the tune of "Old Kentucky Home")*

Far-Eastern Bible College

presents a series of timely messages

"WHY CHRISTIANS SUFFER?"

(insights from the story of Job with printed notes)

by Rev. Dan Ebert III



**MONDAY-THURSDAY JULY 1-4 8PM NIGHTLY
AT LIFE CHURCH-FEBC 9A GILSTEAD ROAD**

Another stalwart we're visiting is Rev Tan Peng Koen, founder of Tanjong Pinang Presbyterian Church. Since knowing him in 1973, we have been moderating this Church and seeing it grow to maturity. Rev Tan who is now in his late seventies has been living in retirement with his children in Hongkong. We are bringing a gift from his children in Tanjong Pinang to him. He has many children!

And there's Bro. Lee Meng Fong in Hongkong promoting a brand of his goods called Speedo, a cleaning liquid for watches and jewellery. Who knows we might not meet Deacon William Teo there! He travels to China via HK often for his company. But it is Elder Mahadevan who suggests we should establish a Gospel outreach in HK, something well ahead of our thinking!

Honestly speaking, I should take at least one month off to write the Life of John Sung, whose name is well-known in BP circles, but whose Life is little known. Like the "Forgotten Spurgeon". The reason why I am in a straits is the time element. September 1985 will be the golden jubilee of Dr Sung's coming to Singapore which brought what is known as the Singapore Pentecost. Is it not circumspect to have his Life published to greet this great occasion of a golden jubilee? I believe that the story of John Sung, as I know it, will bless many lives. Please therefore bear me up in prayer that I might be enabled to do this work and finish it. By His grace, I must take off for another 12 days somewhere in Malaysia, away from the pressures of Singapore. I must get away from July 8 to 19, God willing. Somewhere in Malaysia!

John Sung is One Big Root of the BP Church

The first echelon leadership of our Church is rooted in the Pentecostal Revival, 1935-1939. Therefore the study of the Life of John Sung is an essential requirement for every younger BP leader, indeed for every member. In case someone will say we are playing up a man, our reply is, "Far from it!" Read Hebrews 13:7: "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 (way of life)."

My dear Readers,

One reason why our vacation to Hongkong is limited to one week is that I might come back in time for the 4 nights' special meetings with Rev Dan Ebert III, July 1-4. A special feature of these meetings is the issuing of a cyclostyled study book on Job. Let JOB answer your questions on life's many problems.

The reason why we choose to visit Hongkong is that we might see Rev Jason Linn, author of *Pioneering in Dyak Borneo*. This book of 250 pages is translated into English, is Jason Linn's autobiography, the greater part of which relates to his 15 years missionary work with the Dyaks of interior East Borneo. This book is relished particularly by western readers. If you have not read it, get yours from our Book Centre at only \$3.00.

Rev Jason Linn is the founder of Zion Kindergarten. He bequeathed the property to us in 1957 which soon came under Zion and Faith churches. For this reason alone, he should be remembered! We are bearing a gift from both the English and Chinese congregations, as well as one from an elder to honour a faithful servant of Jesus Christ. We want to take this opportunity to thank one who has given us a gift, most timely!

- Yours in His service, T.T.

Faith Is The Victory

We should come to hear Rev Dan Ebert, July 1-4, 8 pm on "Why Christians Suffer". Some years ago I was doing a ward round at Tan Tock Seng Hospital. There was a young lady in her twenties who had a rare lung disease. It was a progressive disease and there was no cure. On her bedside table was a book entitled "Where is God When It Hurts?" A question like this is most soul-searching. Christians are often tempted and tried by sin and Satan. On Tuesday night during prayer meeting, I made reference to I Jn 5:4, "For whosoever is born of God overcometh the world." Wonderfully God promises the Christians who are born again into the Kingdom of God that they can be overcomers. Read the whole chapter and you will find 3 reasons for this confidence.

Firstly, we are overcomers because of the love of God (v.3). God's love for us is absolute and unchanging. It is more than we deserve. God's love for us caused Him to send His only begotten Son into the world to die for us. Because of the love of God we willingly and joyfully keep His commandments. This obedience protects the Christian from the awful sorrows of sin. Secondly, we are overcomers through faith in Jesus Christ (vv. 4,5). Faith is believing and come by hearing the Word of God. Through the preaching and meditating of the Bible we are led to believe that Jesus is the Son of God. Our faith is firmly grounded in the person of Jesus who is the same evermore. Thirdly, we are overcomers through the witness of the Holy Spirit (v.6). The Holy Spirit is also the Spirit of truth and He will lead the Christian into all truth. If we know the truth, then it will set us free. We are free from fear and uncertainty.

Dear reader, do you see what the apostle John is leading us to believe? We are led to believe in the Holy Trinity. The work of encouraging, comforting and helping the weary and depressed Christian is the ministry of the Triune God. Hence "there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one."

The apostle John closes his first epistle by emphasising that the Christian has 3 certainties. Firstly he is certain of his salvation (v.13). He knows that he is saved. Secondly, he has confidence in his prayers (v.14). God hears him. And thirdly, he is consistent in his Christian walk (v.18). The Christian then can have victory. This is a promise from God's Word.

- P. Tan

WE THANK GOD FOR 5 ENJOYABLE DAYS

As this is high season, we had to accept returning on Friday (June 28 instead of 30), and it's very O.K. with us. Though it was a short vacation, we thank God for every minute of it. Thanking God for everything is very important, so we'll list all the blessings He's bestowed on us: 1) Visit with Rev Liew at Subang Airport and prayer together. 2) We arrived HK at the tail of a typhoon to the degree of 8. Though rather bumpy, we had a smooth landing. 3) A good room at YMCA, Wok Loo Road, costing around S\$300 for 4 nights. 4) Fellowship with Rev & Mrs Jason Linn. 5) Fellowship with Bro. Lee Meng Fong who guided us through the subways to visit Rev & Mrs Tan Peng Koen. Having seen their plight we are more knowledgeable to sustain them in their old age. 6) A great lesson learned from the sea lions, porpoises and whale in their precision acting at the Sea World. How well do we do the Lord's work? 7) Procuring some primary source materials for my book on John Sung. 8) For 4 days of cool weather and safe arrival and our Kombi to take us home.

Arriving early gives us the opportunity of ministering to the Tamil Service at JB this Lord's Day, and visiting Mrs John Ling at Kelapa Sawit who is recuperating after a major operation. *Travel Note: HK airport tax now HK\$120!*

- T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (1st - 7th July)

MON - THU 8.00 pm Dan Ebert's messages on JOB

FRI - SAT 8.00 pm Korean Revival Meetings

SAT 1.00 pm TJBC; 2.00 pm - JYF

3.00 pm Rev Tow with TBC; 3.30 pm - YF

4.00 pm YAF; 7.30 pm - CFM

SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow (Lord's Supper)

10.00 am Rev Dan Ebert at Mt Carmel (Lengkok Bahru)

11.30 am Filipina Fellowship

11.55 am Korean Church Service

1.30 pm CFM Service

3.00 pm BFC & Thai Services

3.00 pm Rev Tow at JB Inauguration of Bilingual Service

4.00 pm Indonesian Service

4.30 pm Sharon Church Service

6.00 pm Tamil Service

6.00 pm Rev Dan Ebert at Calvary Pandan

7.30 pm Korean Evening Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$4128.00

LIFE CHURCH EXTENSION FUND 433)\$900; 434) \$1515; 435)\$1200. TOTAL \$515,185.82

NEW LIFE (WOODLANDS) 5104)\$10.

TOTAL \$2,597,368.73

FEBC 215)\$300(Ch.Ser); 216)\$100(Nazareth).

TOTAL \$121,409.11

OFFERINGS FOR: Alfred Yeo Schol. \$100; Thailand \$50; Jess Lim \$700; Adelaide Bible Sch. \$50; VBS \$20.

FEK News We have found a principal who was once on the FEK staff. Elder Mahadevan is supervisor in the meantime.

Expresgram to: 1)Rev C T Hsu, thanks for your latest letter and gift. 2) Peter Eng, thanks for yours. Be assured of our prayers. Continue to study your best! (Rev Philip Heng returns Aug 8. Welcome home!)

Who would like to offer new chairs for the Church at JB?

Rev Dan Ebert III will lodge at FEBC Hostel, Room 4 July 1 onwards.

Attend JB Bilingual (Chinese-English) Service

Inauguration at 51A Jalan Wadi Hana, JB July 7, 3 pm, Rev Tow speaking.

Nursery duty today: Mrs Jennifer Goh and Mrs Doris Chng

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PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

An Advance-dated Edition

This Weekly normally is turned out Saturday afternoon and released dated Sunday. For the purpose of speaking to the 300 who have come to the Dan Ebert Meetings, July 1-4, I am advancing this edition to Thursday July 4, 1985 instead of its regular appearance, Sunday July 7.

First of all, let me welcome you who hail from other churches, or have no church to attend at all. Second, a brotherly handshake to BPers who apart from Lifers are observed to come from Galilee, Calvary, Nazareth, Bethlehem Jurong, Life Tamil, New Life, Sharon, FEBC, Life Indonesian, Thai, Korean, Life Chinese, Kulai Besar, J.B., yea, even from West Kalimantan. We thank God for your presence and support which encourages us to hold more of such meetings in future. There's a series coming in September with Dr Peter Masters of Spurgeon's Tabernacle when the BPC will celebrate her 35th Anniversary at the WTC.

This series of 4 lectures on JOB with accompanying booklet of 76 pages is held under the auspices of the FEBC. It is a sort of exchange programme with the Philippines inasmuch as we have in turn been invited to teach there last November. Unity is strength. Interchange of ideas begets brighter ideas. Separatists who isolate stagnate.

Why Christians Suffer? This is the theme of our study of God's Word. What are the 3 reasons Rev Ebert has discovered for you? If after these 4 meetings you will sing these two lines with enlightened assurance, you'll be all right - "For I know whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well." I was asked on the afternoon before we began our Evening meetings to go to a member's home to pray. The lady, sitting on her sick bed, uttered the most beautiful sentence ever since coming to Life Chinese Service. She said, "This is truly (her survival after two operations) by the grace of God!" Whate'er be the suffering you're going through, believe me, God knows, and God will not allow you to be tempted (tested) beyond your capacity, "but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it" (I Cor 10:13). Look to God! A Christian will never say DIE!

How About Your Book On John Sung?

Dr John Sung, Ph.D., who brought Pentecost to Singapore September 1935, through whose ministry thousands of young people out of the several hundred thousands saved gave their lives to the Lord fulltime, is a story every Christian must read! "Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow...." (Heb 13:7).

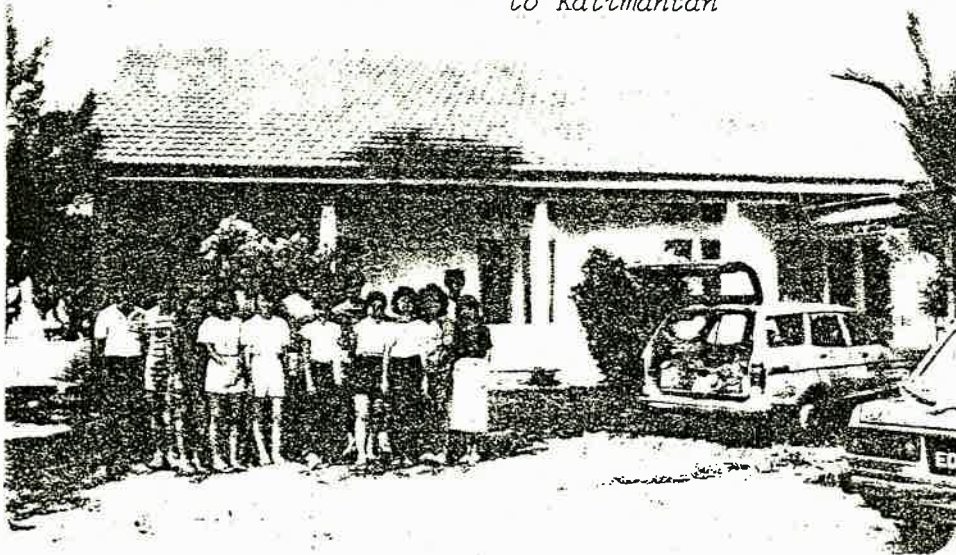
To commemorate the Golden Jubilee of Dr Sung's coming to Singapore I have been moved, in a conversation with my brother Dr Siang Hwa, to write his life from my personal knowledge and angle of understanding - under the title John Sung My Teacher. Many of you have been interested in this work, have inquired and prayed for me. I do need your prayer support. I am happy to report that being gripped by the spirit of writing, I have made some progress. As accuracy of every detail is imperative in relating the events of a great life, much time is given to research. By God's help, I believe I have covered some 40-50 pages by now of a projected 200 pages. The journey ahead is still long and steep. So, again I say, pray for me.

Inauguration of Chinese-English Service, J.B., July 7, 3 pm

As if to keep up with the rapid growth of Johore Bahru, Malaysia's boomtown and No. 2 by 1990, God has so prospered our outreach to J.B. that apart from the Tamil Service (9.30 am), our Chinese Service there at 3 pm will henceforth extend into the English. Mr Yap Chin Choon our Chinese preacher who is equally conversant in English is the right man on the spot. By having English it will lighten his load in sermons, so the benefit is mutual.

We are happy to note New Life who is on this side of Johore Straits is looking across the water and will help us sow beside all waters (Isa 32:20). Those who are attending the Inaugural of the Bilingual Service should start from Gilstead Road the latest by 1.15 pm owing to the long queue up for cheaper petrol in J.B.

New Lifers Camp at Kelapa Sawit. Pray for Miss Kimiko on extreme right for visa to Kalimantan



This is Kelapa Sawit B-P Church handsomely standing on $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of prime land on the top of this Village of 10,000.

Kelapa Sawit is the headquarters of our newly constituted BPC of Malaysia. Elder & Mrs John Ling head this important work. Miss Ng Sang Chiew, FEBCer, is fulltime worker.

The registration of BPC Malaysia has enabled Kuching to form the Sharon BPC, Kuching with a Sharon Rose Kindergarten. This is our outreach to E. Malaysia.

Pray for Mrs John Ling who has undergone a second major operation. Visit her at Kelapa Sawit when you're on your way upcountry. - T.T.

THE WORK OF A BIBLE COLLEGE

By Rev Charlie Tan in *Bethany Weekly*

In the days when Jesus walked on the earth, He took special pains to disciple a group of men. This group of well-instructed Christians became the leaders of the early church. They stand out as people who demonstrated that the human potential when properly and effectively trained can amount to much for God.

In the age of the apostles, this kind of personal discipling work was practised widely. Thus Paul had his group of disciples whilst Peter also had his. However they must not be seen as rivals. They merely demonstrate further that the work of personal discipling is very effective.

With the passage of time, the needs became greater than the supply of Christian workers. There were also sometimes more disciples than there were teachers. Schools were set up. The way Jesus used to disciple His disciples appeared to be something the Church in later ages failed to apply.

Today, if a person wishes to prepare himself to go into the full-time ministry, the individual would not seek to apprentice himself to an experienced or famed Pastor. He would instead look around for a Bible School to enrol in.

The Bible College student then immerses himself for the next 3-4 years in intense studies. These studies are designed to prepare the individual so that he can serve more effectively. The areas of study include the original languages of the Bible, Homiletics (how to preach), Hermeneutics (principles of interpreting the Bible), Theology, Christian Education, Church History and many more subjects.

The work of the Bible College is very important, for from the College will emerge the future leaders of the Church. From the halls of our own Bible College (FEBC), the next generation of pastors will emerge. They may not receive their final degrees from FEBC, but their foundational years will likely be at our local Bible College.

The needs of the College may not appear to be obvious, but in fact there are many needs. There are administrative duties, books to be purchased, meals for students and many other invisible items that form a sizeable budget.

FEBC takes in students not only from Singapore but from neighbouring countries: Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia, etc. These students are going to do a work that we can never hope to enter into. They will go back to their lands to bring the Gospel.

Today is designated "FEBC SUNDAY". FEBC is sending a team to worship with and minister to us. Some of the students will sing, one will give a testimony and yet another will bring the Lord's Word for the Morning Service. Let's take time to welcome them. Let's make them feel at home with us. Let's encourage their hearts by giving towards the Lord's work at FEBC.

At the moment, Bethany is giving support to the College. We may not be able to give much, but we give regularly and we are behind the work of the Bible College. May the Lord continue to bless the work of the College and raise up many effective servants. The field is ready for harvesting, but the good workers are so few. Would you be prepared to give your life in the full-time ministry? May God bless your heart as you receive the Lord's Word on FEBC SUNDAY.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (8th - 14th July)

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
9.15 pm Session Meeting
SAT 1.00 pm TJBC; 2.00 pm - JYF
3.00 pm Rev Tow at TBC; 3.30 pm - YF
4.00 pm YAF; 7.30 pm - CFM
SUN 10.00 am Dr Patrick Tan
10.00 am Rev Chang Sze En (Lord's Sup.)
11.30 am Filipina Fellowship
11.55 am Korean Church Service
1.30 pm CFM Service
3.00 pm BFC & Thai Services
4.00 pm Indonesian Service
4.30 pm Sharon Church Service
6.00 pm Tamil Service
7.30 pm Korean Evening Service

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TOTAL \$519,511.82 Stop Press 449)\$100

Write Rev Dan Ebert III, Box 955 M.C.C., Makati, Metro-Manila, Philippines.

Pray for: 1) Miss Kimiko, that her visa to Kalimantan be approved early. 2) Mr & Mrs Simon Tsai as they prepare to return to teach at FEBC. 3) The newly established Sharon B-P Church, Kuching with Sharon Rose Kindergarten. 4) Thai Service with us, for Prasit (FEBC student) and wife's student visa.

5) Prachan now pastoring at Yala. 6) Jess and Samuel Mani at Chiang Mai and newly established Thai Service. 7) Full recovery of Mrs John Ling from recent operation (Kelapa Sawit).

PROGRAMME FOR SUNSET GOSPEL HOUR

Calvary Pandan BPC, 6 pm every Lord's Day

"THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT"

7/7 General View From the Mount Rev Dan Ebert
14/7 The Poor in Spirit Rev David Wong
21/7 They That Mourn Mr Mark Heath
28/7* The Meek Rev Timothy Tow
[*8 pm Holy Land Reunion - Testimonies, Songs, Slides, Video, etc. All Welcome.]
4/8 The Hungry and Thirsty Dr S H Tow
11/8 The Merciful Rev Frankie Low
18/8 The Pure in Heart Rev Timothy Tow
25/8 The Peacemakers Rev Philip Heng
1/9 The Persecuted Christian Dr S H Tow
8/9 Rejoicing in Tribulation Dr Peter Masters
15/9 The Salt of the Earth Dr Peter Masters
22/9 The Light of the World Dr Peter Masters
29/9 Let Your Light Shine Dr S H Tow

Our new FEK Principal is Mrs Rosie Chua. Elder Mahadevan is acting for the month of July before she assumes office.

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Inaugural Service of J.B. Life Mandarin/English B-P Church

By Elder Chia Kim Chwee

I was very sure that I could get a lift from Rev Tow last Lord's Day to Johore Bahru to attend the inaugural service of Life Mandarin/English B-P Church. Too sure it turned out to be! Rev Tow because of an appointment elsewhere before proceeding to J.B., could not accommodate me. Praise God Elder and Mrs Khoo had a seat for me in their car together with Peter Chng and Frieda.

We set off from Life Church at 1.30 pm expecting a long queue at the causeway, what with cheap petrol luring Singaporeans across the Straits by the hundreds. However we were greeted by an open and free causeway and we breezed across, grateful to the Lord for sparing us a tedious, long and uncomfortable crawl behind a string of cars.

Soon we arrived at the semi-detached house of Madam Zee. We were warmly welcomed by the Zee family. Rev Tow was already there, seated in his full suit on a stool, chatting with an elderly woman. He was happy to see us, and I could see, happier still with the inauguration event to take place in 40 minutes' time. Yes, indeed, when he later preached during the service, his face was aglow, his smile was more cheery than any seen on a courtesy campaign poster, his spirit was evidently elated. I was moved by the man. He had so much joy for in this humble house of Mdm Zee, a bilingual service was being inaugurated. The house was no grand edifice, far from it. The materialistic and earthly minded would certainly be scornful of this unpretentious house as the house of God. Yet can we ever forget that Jesus Christ chose to be born in a stable in Bethlehem? How blessed and sanctified then must that stable be.

Mdm Zee herself wore a cheshire cat smile as Rev Tow delivered the Word. Her happiness was evident to all. Doubtless she was rejoicing in the knowledge and confidence of God's blessing upon her home and upon the people that had come and the people that would come from this day on to worship the Lord.

Rev Tow preached on the tongue-speaking at Pentecost. He said it was not merely a miracle of speaking but also of hearing. The Apostles spoke in various languages they had never learnt before and all present could clearly understand them whatever their own language was. This bilingual service, he said, was similarly tongue-speaking for two languages were being spoken. The significance of Pentecost was the first descent of the Holy Spirit and the eventual witnessing of the Gospel far and wide. The Church today must carry out this mission of reaching out to souls with the Word to the ends of the earth.

The service ended after an hour. Peter Chng was the service leader and Mr Yap Chin Choon was the ardent and spirited interpreter for Rev Tow who spoke in English. Nancy played the piano. The forty or so people present, half of whom was from Singapore, rejoiced in the Lord as they fellowshiped in the post service refreshment of cakes and coffee. Mr Yap was most encouraged by the presence of so many of our YAF members and some young people from New Life Church.

As I finally walked down the driveway to Elder Khoo's car, I saw a used sign-board painted over with white paint standing idly on the ground. That long sign-board will soon proclaim the name of Life B-P Church to beckon one and all passers-by to service and worship of the Lord. Mdm Zee means business for Him whom she loves.

Frieda teaches in the Sunday School of two and sometimes three little children. My admiration goes out to her. Here is one willing to travel far and spend many hours each Sunday afternoon to teach the Word of God to three little children. Who can say the seed that is sown will not take root and grow and multiply? It is God that gives the increase. Pray for her and for Mr Yap Chin Choon and Peter Chng as they labour for the Lord each Lord's Day. It is for initially and outwardly small work like this that labourers are few. The seemingly smaller the work, the greater the need is of men and women of faith and faithfulness and humility. Praise God for willing hearts and hands and feet. The mustard seed can grow.

PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

Thank God for Your Part in Building New Life Church

Paul exhorts us in I Thess 5:18, "In everything give thanks." Since it is the will of God that we give thanks in everything, when we do so, He will surely bless us further.

We want to thank God for leading us to the New Life Parsonage. This not only saves us money (we wanted to go somewhere in Malaysia), this is better than a hotel because we have perfect privacy. Moreover we have fellowship with Assistant Pastor Eric Kwan and his wife, with Amir and Ah Eng, caretakers. And I have a study room with a table facing the real Woodlands and the blue sky that help to brighten my thoughts. As to makan, it is one hop across the street, though Ah Eng cooks our evening meal. Morning, I am satisfied with 50 cents of Chee Cheong Fan and cup of coffee. What more convenient situation than Woodlands?

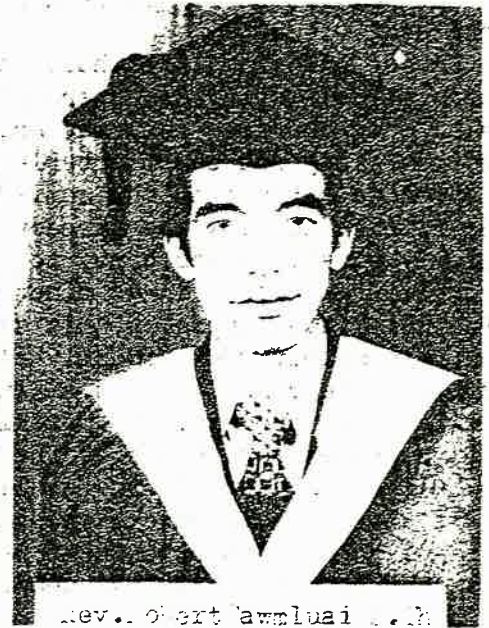
Writing a book is like going over mountainous terrain. Sometimes you go downhill, how exhilarating! Most times it's climbing, climbing, climbing. Right now I've to step on the accelerator - so you know the going is rough. Nevertheless we must thank God also for this. Since coming up here last Wednesday morning we've finished another 40 pages. So we're about halfway. I must not forget Sock Eng for typing the manuscripts.

Having said all this, I want to thank Lifers and friends who have given hilariously to this magnificent Church complex. Surely God has blessed each and everyone of you who had a part. How it thrills me everytime I see the cross from a distance, approaching Marsiling Lan. How majestic it sits in a most commanding position. It looks like the Town Hall of Woodlands

if not for the Bell Tower.

Old Lifers gave \$2.7 million. New Lifers \$0.3 million, but they have quite a bit to make up. So spending this sum is not in vain, when we consider there are 3 congregations using this Complex and a kindergarten with overflowing enrolment. When New Lifers will cross over to J.B. to help the new Church that will further prove its worth. Pray for Dr Patrick Tan the New Life Pastor.

The Assembly Congregation standing in the tent.



Are You in the Kingdom of God Movement?

Let me re-state the outworn mission call. It is so familiar - the word "missions". So we don't pay attention. What is missions but claiming heathen lands for Christ with the Sword of the Gospel? When souls are saved and Churches are established to nurture them, we have God's Kingdom taking over man's kingdom. And if we claim more and more heathen lands for Christ, are we not in the Kingdom of God movement?

The Lord has called you to be a part of our Church's outreach - thus far the ASEAN. But the order is into all the world. We must not get wearied when the call comes from more heathen lands. But if BURMA is just across the Thai border, and the Christians there, for so long restricted by a socialist government, appealing to us for help, what is your reaction?

We have Rev Robert Thawm Luai, leader of the newly established Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Burma with several thousand members seeking our fellowship. We've sent them a Willmington Bible and other Christian books which they write to appreciate. Now Session has voted to bring him to the Pastors Conference at Port Dickson so that he might have a refresher course and closer fellowship with us. Are you in the Kingdom of God Movement - to Burma?

- Yours faithfully, T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (15th - 21st July)

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting (Elder Chia)
SAT 1.00 pm TJBC; 2.00 pm - JYF
3.15 pm Rev Tow at TBC on "Baptism"
3.30 pm YF; 4.00 pm - YAF; 7.30pm-CFM
8.00 pm Rev Tow at Calvary Pandan AF
SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow
11.30 am Filipina Fellowship
11.55 am Korean Church Service
1.30 pm CFM Service
3.00 pm BFC & Thai Services
4.00 pm Indonesian Service
4.30 pm Sharon Church Service
6.00 pm Tamil Service
7.30 pm Korean Evening Service
8.15 pm FEBC Faculty Mtg at Andrew Rd.

LAST TWO WEEKS' OFFERINGS \$5296 + \$5028.40

LIFE CHURCH EXTENSION FUND 450)\$820; 451)\$1500
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463)\$200; 464)\$250; 465)\$150.

TOTAL \$528,602.82

FEBC BUILDING FUND 19)\$100; 20)\$100; 21)\$20.

NEW LIFE (WOODLANDS) BLG FUND 5105)\$10; 5106)
\$10; 5107)\$5; 5108)\$2,084.75(NL).

TOTAL \$2,599,478.58

FEBCI 217)\$65(Grace). TOTAL \$131,474.11

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: RPG \$200; VBS \$201;
J.B. (Chairs) \$570; Philippines \$80; Australia
\$50; Thailand \$50, \$300; Jess Lim\$100; Thailand
& Africa A\$100.

Church-College Storeroom keys missing since
last Sunday afternoon. Please return to Mrs
Tow.

Mr Prachan (Thai service & FEBCer) is now serv-
ing at Yala. Write: 47 Pitichit Road, Yala,
Thailand 95000.

Peter Clements: Many thanks for your gift to
N. Thailand and Africa. Will remit accordingly.
Rev Robert Thawm Luai, Burma: A cordial invita-
tion is extended to you to our Pastors Confer-
ence at Port Dickson, West Malaysia Sept 9-12,
1985. Good you appreciate our books.

FEBC re-opens Monday July 22, 8.30 am with Day
of Prayer at 64 Andrew Road. We welcome back
Rev Philip Heng to lecture on Missions. There
are 11 new students from Singapore, Indonesia,
Thailand, Korea.

Pray for Kimiko's visa to Kalimantan.

TOTAL for FEBC FUND \$36,992.10

Nursery duty today Mrs Tan Hui Tin & Miss Choi
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Can You Answer the Following Questions?

By Elder Mahadevan

- a. Do you know the names of the 51st and 52nd Mission stations in the BP Movement?
- b. Where are they situated and their addresses?

As you carry on reading you may find the answers below.

Going to Church on Sunday mornings for some can be an irksome task, and yet for the remaining good majority it is a joyful occasion to be in the House of the Lord. But ask yourself this question and be truthful in your answer: What is your response if you had to attend Sunday Worship service with a small lowly group that gather in a humble dwelling? And if the time taken to get there varied from between 40 minutes to 1½ hours, depending on the traffic jam along the way? Perhaps you will think it over several times.

Well, despite of all these short-comings, and inspite of his heavy schedule of duties and pastoral commitments, on 14th July Sunday morning last week, our pastor Rev Tow dressed in full suit and Bible in hand arrived at 9 a.m. at 52A Jalan Wadi Anna, J.B., for the Life Tamil Service which was due to commence at 9.30 a.m. Since I had arrived there earlier that morning to prepare the place for Pastor Burt Subramaniam to preach, I was both surprised and delighted to see Pastor Tow. Surprised because I was not aware he was coming and joyful because it was truly the Lord's working that had brought Pastor Tow there.

When the service commenced, the front entrance and hall were full with 30 adult worshippers and 20 children. Pastor preached on seeking God's kingdom first before anything else. He exhorted the new believers to accept Jesus without condition, for thereafter Jesus Christ would meet and fulfil all their needs.

This stirring and timely message was not only well-received by all present but was pertinent to two families who had come to hear about Jesus Christ for the first time. They were the parents and brother of Simon who worships at alilee, and the other was a family comprising of father, mother and 3 children - the eldest a 13 year old retarded, invalid girl. Pastor Tow's sermon was interpreted by Pastor Burt Subramaniam. With both pastors delivering God's Word, it was truly spirit-filled, and all of us were fed with God's manna.

The greatest thrill was to know and feel God's holy presence even in this poor, humble house service. For those who thirsteth had come to be quenched with God's Word, and Holy Spirit.

Those of us who know Simon were particularly happy to see that the Lord had answered Simon's prayers. His father particularly was obstinate and had objected to Church attendance. And this was the very first time he had come to a Tamil Church Service. This indeed was a testimony of God's providence and grace - HE had brought this family and others to Church, and also Pastor Tow to give the message. Pastor Tow was not due in J.B. last week, but here again it was the Lord's leading. Rev Tow was in retreat at New Life writing on John Sung and having felt the urge to serve the Lord on Sunday morning, drove up to J.B. to encourage the Tamils and tend to the new young outreaches in J.B.

It was truly a practical lesson in church growth to see our Pastor making an unscheduled visit to this outreach on a busy Sunday morning with the objective of giving encouragement and tending the small congregation. It was also a time for sharing with Madam Zee and family, the owner of the house who was responsible for the Tamil; Mandarin cum English services at this house. Madam Zee also continues zealously to serve the Lord and bring in Tamils all the way from Masai and Pelantong in Johor.

Finally, do you also know that both Pastor Tow and Rev Hsu Chiang Tai had in the early fifties preached and reached out to the people in Masai and Pelantong in Johor. And did you know that Pastor Tow's late father and family had lived in Senai during the early days of the Depression (1929). And that his father wanted to emigrate to the rich rice basin of Siam (now known as Thailand) during the recession, but it was Pastor Tow's dear mother who objected to it because was then (and still is now) a Buddhist country without Christianity.

How wonderful it is to serve the Lord. He always gives His best for His loved ones.

P.S. Do not forget that some of the finest anecdotes of Pastor Tow can be obtained when you follow him on his mission tours. May the Lord continue to uphold our Pastor in everything. Praise the Lord.

PASTORAL CHAT

Dear Readers,

Health is Wealth

My heart is full of praises to the Lord as I complete another 50 pages of John Sung's Life Story. This leaves me a home stretch of another 30-40 to go. God's Spirit has helped me to do this as He has also listened to your prayers for me. He has enabled me through good medicine to fight off a cold. Once again I realise the value of the adage: "Health is wealth". Particularly, we who are older need it. But we must also keep it!

Reflections

The more I research into the evangelist's life, how he poured it all out for God, the more I feel the need to double up for the Lord - in prayerful devotion first, then in cheerful service. Lord, teach me to number my days, as Your servant carefully numbered his. I still remember how the doctor said he had only 15 years allotted to him, and how his life span was made up of 5x3 periods.

Let me tell you, I am no prophet of gloom, the times are getting harder and harder! Rise up and serve Christ! We see such a movement in Elder Mahadevan going regularly to J.B., in

Mr Yap Chin Choon my old friend of 50 years, serving the Lord fulltime again.

FEBC

You younger Readers, may I exhort you to carry the cross fulltime for Christ cheerfully, not like Simon the Cyrenian who was conscripted. In this respect there's our FEBC offering you a basic training we're not ashamed of. Incidentally, the new academic year is opening tomorrow with Day of Prayer at the President's house, 64 Andrew Road. We have at least 15 new students enrolled, hailing from Singapore, Indonesia, Thailand, India, Korea.

We asked you to pray for sis. Kimiko Goto. Praise the Lord her visa was granted in the nick of time. So she's left with Mr & Mrs Simon Tsai of Hong Kong for Kalimantan via Kuching where the Kims have a better house for Church and Kindergarten. Praise God for their ministry of hospitality too as a half-way house between Kalimantan and Singapore.

We have received good report from Prachan who is now pastoring a Thai Church at Yala, South Thailand. We are happy also for Prasit, Thai student at FEBC who takes charge of the Thai Service every Lord's Day 3.00 pm, having his wife with him. His wife, an FEBCer before, had to leave for maternal reasons. Now that she can study at FEBC again and help at the Thai Service, we pray that greater progress will be made.

Haposan had to return to Medan after the head injury he received in a motor accident. Now fully recovered, he has returned to resume study. Praise the Lord, many young souls have turned to the Lord through him. He should add to our Indonesian Service which has seen improvement recently. Pray for our International services.

New Life Church

The New Life Church has a bigger seating capacity than Life Church, I'm sure. It has great potential for the development of God's Kingdom. During school vacations, here's a campsite that BPers should not miss. Being so centrally situated, and yet so quiet on the far end from the main road, this place has become my hideout.

Woodlands is a jumping board to Malaysia, so I'd once again urge New Lifers to help out in J.B., whether it be at the Tamil Service at 9.30 am on the Lord's Day, or 3.00 pm at the English-Chinese Service.

I shall preach at the Tamil Service J.B. again on the Sunday I'm going to Rawang, preceding the Port Dickson Conference for Pastors and Church leaders, September 9-12, 1985. In this connection may I urge Session members and FEBC students to plan early - to come! Amen.

Yours faithfully, T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (22nd - 28th July)

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| MON | 8.30 am | FEBC reopens with Day of Prayer at 64 Andrew Road |
| | 7.30 pm | English Test for Entrants |
| TUE | 8.00 pm | Prayer Meeting |
| THU | 7.30 pm | O.T. History (Rev Tow) |
| SAT | 1.00 pm | TJBC; 2.00 pm - JYF; 3 pm-TBC |
| | 3.30 pm | YF; 4.00 pm-YAF; 7.30 pm-CFM |
| | 7.00 pm | "Flame in the Wind", YAF Film Night |
| | 7.30 pm | Rev Tow at Faith YAF |
| SUN | 10.00 am | Rev Tow |
| | 11.30 am | Filipina Fellowship |
| | 11.55 am | Korean Church Service |
| | 1.30 pm | CFM Service |
| | 3.00 pm | BFC & Thai Services |
| | 4.00 pm | Indonesian Service |
| | 4.30 pm | Sharon Church Service |
| | 6.00 pm | Tamil Service |
| | 6.00 pm | Rev Tow at Calvary Pandan |
| | 7.30 pm | Korean Evening Service |
| | 7.45 pm | Rev Tow at Calvary Jurong AF |

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$5,968.00

LIFE CHURCH EXTENSION FUND 466)\$300; 467)

\$620(Off.bags); 468)\$2000; 469)\$260; 470)

\$2000; 471)\$900. TOTAL \$534,682.82

FEBC EXTENSION FUND 22)\$100.

TOTAL \$37,092.10

Offerings for Thailand: \$100, \$100 (Grace

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FLAME IN THE WIND

YAF Film Night, this Saturday 27th July
7.00 pm

Set in the splendour and terror of the Spanish Inquisition, *FLAME IN THE WIND* is a gripping drama of heriocr Christian faith. It tells the story of Carlos, an earnest young nobleman who becomes involved in the age-old struggle between truth and error.

*In the twilight shadows,
When the sun gone down,
Sounds a distant siren
Calling men from town.*

*'Tis the Captain calling:
"All my crew aboard!
Night has come on too soon,
Time to leave the sod."*

*Come life's twilight shadows
Over me and you:
Time to leave earth's harbour,
Time to say "Adieu".*

*Wise the soul that's ready
At the siren sound;
When the ship weighs anchor,
May your hands be found!*

*In the twilight shadows,
When the sun gone down,
Sounds a distant siren
Calling men from town.*

- T.T.

FEBC Faculty meeting tonight (July 21), 8.15 pm
at 64 Andrew Road.

RPG Have you got your latest copies?

Nursery duty today: Mrs Gladys Sng & Mrs Yeo
Cheng Hiong

Carlos is faced with a choice: the church system offers safety, protection and respectability; the Scriptures offer Christ and salvation from sin - and with it, torture and death. *FLAME IN THE WIND* is a challenge to all those who trust Christ to be willing to endure persecution for the sake of the truth, even if it means the sacrifice of their lives. Acclaimed by critics who call "every frame a Rembrandt".



CHRISTIAN LIFE book centre

9A GILSTEAD ROAD · SINGAPORE 1130 · TEL 2541223 & 2522736

The idea of a Christian Book Ministry for Life Church is almost as old as the founding of the Church itself! Soon after we started out at Princep Street in October 1950, we thought of asking our parent Church the use of one of the two little rooms flanking the main entrance. The name of our intended Bookroom was "Malaysian Christian".

As things did not work out, the pastor, nevertheless, became a self-appointed colporteur. He tried to promote God's Word by taking stocks from the Bible Society and selling them wherever he could.

With the building of Life BP Church on our own property at Gilstead Road, the book ministry idea took more concrete shape. That corner-room now used by AF, S.S. and a host of others was originally our Malaysia Christian Bookroom. Starting out with little capital we continued to sell Bibles and slowly added Christian books. The little profit realised provided a work scholarship for one FEBCer student who was its sole colporteur and manageress. When upcountry gospel trips were made we brought along Bibles and books, which always enjoyed good patronage, which shows the importance of outdoor salesmen.

In January 1976, another FEBCer, upon graduation, found a job with Life Book Centre, now an official project of the Church. This business was managed by a Church Committee, leaving the sole employee to do the day-to-day business. The business without private initiative and whole-hearted devotion was bound to fail. It ground to a halt in August 1979, when the pastor had just returned from a year's service in the States.

In September 1979 the business was given over to a new management, a private enterprise headed by another FEBCer, Bro. Paul Wong. With much drive and vision the old bookshop was given a completely new dressing. One adjoining classroom of the Church was annexed to the new bookroom, now called Christian Life Book Centre, to enhance its efficiency.

It is almost six years since our Christian Book Ministry was committed to private enterprise. But that does not mean that it is not our Book Ministry. As long as Bibles and sound Christian Books and associated goods such as Christian gifts (like the Jesus Saves Clock and Ten Commandments) continue to be sold, this CLBC is as much our continuing witness as their enterprise. The Church benefits CLBC and CLBC benefits the Church in a symbiosis relationship. How many times when you needed a Bible, a music book, a Christian gift, a book on theology, have you not walked in, without trouble, to get that thing you wanted? The approved one-hour opening of the Book Centre after Sunday service has met many an urgent need.

At present everybody knows that recession has set in and held down many lines of business. CLBC is naturally affected. As founder of the Christian Book Ministry of Life Church, the pastor is most concerned. O the amount of Gospel firepower that will be lost by our Church should CLBC be no more!

How can we help? Apart from bearing this mutual burden in prayer, say a kind word to our brother, his wife and associates. Patronise our own Book Centre! ~~For example, with Christmas in the offing, you can buy our self-manufactured Christmas cards instead of buying from outside.~~ When giving a birthday or wedding gift, get yours from our own bookroom. *Give Bibles! Give go...*

What can my few dollars do, buying a book or a dozen post-cards? "Many a mickle makes a muckle", says a Scottish proverb. In Chinese it is: "Little hairs can make a quilt". The story of Christian Life Book Centre began in a small way, but the avenue ahead is wide.

Bible-Presbyterian Church of Singapore and Malaysia5TH ANNUAL PASTORS' AND LEADERS' CONFERENCE

Golden Sands Baptist Assembly, Port Dickson
Monday-Thursday, September 9-12, 1985



THEME : "THE HOLY SPIRIT'S WORK IN SOUL-WINNING
AND CHURCH BUILDING"

"THE TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR BELIEVERS
TODAY"

SPEAKER : DR PETER MASTERS

Minister, Spurgeon's Metropolitan
Tabernacle, London

Registration forms may be obtained from the Church counter or Church office.

"BEHOLD, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"

PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

John Sung, John Sung!?

The last three weeks I have been locked in a race against time to finish writing the life-story of John Sung, to the extent I was down with a cold. Praise God, I have finished my course and I've also got over the cold. We hope the book will be published by October, the 50th Anniversary of the Singapore Pentecost God sent through John Sung.

Am I talking too much of a man? I believe the writing of this book is in the will of the Lord, because He says, "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." NIV has it: "Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith."

There are books written about Watchman Nee, Wang Ming Tao, but I consider John Sung the most inspiring of all. I have been revived studying and retelling the story of his life, and I hope I can be of benefit to you sharing what I have learnt. Hence the title of the book is John Sung My Teacher.

I'm glad that Session has backed me up and has considered the work not of an individual but of the Church. The Church will publish it.

Port Dickson, September 9-12

It's only 40 days to Port Dickson for Church leaders, elders, deacons, pastors. This is better than touring. Here is your space station! Here we meet to talk of God's Kingdom, how to advance it and to await His glorious coming. The registration forms are ready at the counter. First come, first served!

"I was a stranger and ye took me in" (Matt 25:35)

We have had half a dozen "Gospel dinners" with Vietnamese refugees. Usually about 90 came in one bus (packed like the way they came by boat!). Having stayed a fortnight at New Life and seeing the proximity between the Hawkins Camp and the Church, we will henceforth hold these Gospel dinners at Woodlands, saving \$70 on the transport. For the distance from the Refugee Camp to Woodlands is 2-odd miles, so they self-propel their way there.

These Gospel dinners are run first by feeding our Vietnamese friends. Second, a Gospel message follows. We work in conjunction with Rev Goh Seng Fong. As another batch of boat people have arrived, we should meet with them on a Wednesday night - now at Woodlands. But we need items of food. I hear the Vietnamese like sardines and Chinese condiments. If you ladies are minded to feed "the strangers", please see Mrs Ivy Tow. Cost of feeding 100 is around \$200. This is one social work worth doing because we give the Gospel after feeding them.

"Self help, with God's help, is the best help"

This is a re-statement of St Paul's philosophy of life as given to the Philippians: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Phil 4:13). He said this while sitting inside the prison.

Conversely, "Asking others to help you, without God, will fail you." The Bible verse for this is "Give us help from trouble; for vain is the help of man" (Ps 108:12). This is David's experience who said elsewhere (can you find it?) that he encouraged himself in the Lord.

The philosophy of working out our salvation in the strength of the Lord has been imparted to all our BP Churches through the leadership of the mother Church. So, with many mountains to conquer every now and then, we have not budged, we have surmounted working our hardest, trusting Him. Woodlands is our most recent example.

Beloved, what is your trouble, however great? Do your best, trusting the Lord. You will succeed!

- Yours in His glad service, T.T.

| APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (29th Jul - 4th Aug) | | | \$350; 474)\$200; 475)\$100; 476)\$245; 477)\$250 |
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| MON | 7.30 pm | O.T. History (Rev Tow) (with refreshments) | 478)\$2000. TOTAL \$538,727.82 |
| TUE | 8.00 pm | Prayer Meeting | FEBI 218)\$150; 219)\$100(Nazareth); 220)\$100(Gali- lee YAF); 221)\$20; 222)\$65(Galilee YAF); 223) |
| WED | 8.00 pm | Pastor to counsel | \$400; 224)\$700. TOTAL \$133,009.11 |
| THU | 7.30 pm | O.T. History (Rev Tow) (with refreshments) | OFFERINGS FOR: Thailand \$450 (WF), \$500(LCSS), \$100(Grace), \$100(Grace); KL Missions \$440(WF). |
| SAT | 1.00 pm | TJBC; 2pm - JYF; 3pm - TBC | Offering for Dan Ebert Meetings, last night's |
| | 3.30 pm | YF; 4pm - YAF, AF; 7.30pm-CFM | collection = US\$820. |
| | 7.30 pm | Rev Tow at Chinese YAF | Tonite, 6pm! Pastor will speak at Calvary Pan- |
| SUN | 10.00 am | Rev Tow (Lord's Supper) | dan Sunset Gospel Hour on "First Instalment of |
| | 11.30 am | Filipina Fellowship | Heaven Here and Now!" Thereafter, see video and |
| | 11.55 am | Korean Church Service | slides of recent Holy Land Tour under BP Banner. |
| | 1.30 pm | CFM Service | "The Gospel Prophets", an applied commentary on |
| | 3.00 pm | BFC & Thai Services | Isaiah and Micah by Rev T. Tow is out. Price: |
| | 4.00 pm | Indonesian Service | \$4.00. Get yours from the Book Centre. This is a |
| | 4.30 pm | Sharon Church Service | second in a series after "The Gospel of Life", |
| | 6.00 pm | Tamil Service | an applied commentary on the Gospel of John by |
| | 7.30 pm | Korean Evening Service | the same author. |
| | 8.15 pm | FEBC Board Meeting at 64, Andrew Road | Nursery duty today: Miss Fam Chuay Lai and Mrs Lilian Tan |

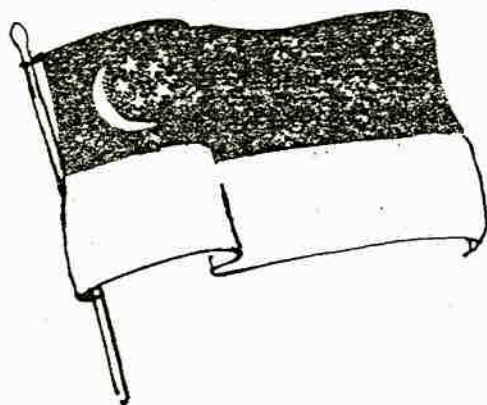
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PASTORAL CHAT



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 -
Second great port of the world.
Let Right prevail and Equity,
Not by might not 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!

My dear Readers,

The Message of Recession

The Lord spoke by Amos to the northern tribes of Israel at a time when God's people, being engrossed in materialistic wealth, had strayed far from Him. God would send them a sudden downturn in their booming economy, because they had run after the world and grovelled in idolatry. But what grosser idolatry is there than worshipping the mighty \$ sign? As it was in Amos' day so it is in our day. Thus Amos says to them and to us, "And I also have given you cleanness of teeth in all your cities, and want of bread in all your places: yet have ye not returned unto Me, saith the Lord." Have we heard God's message through the present recession? Let us turn to Him and seek Him anew. Why is our business gone down to such an extent? Has it anything to do with our wicked heart and evil ways? What are our unconfessed sins? Will we repent from our evil doings?

Christians who love the Lord, however, have testified how despite others going down in the same business line, they somehow have been kept from ruin. God knows who are His. Wage earners too have been affected when they receive the sack because their bosses say they have to trim down for a healthier state of business. If you are affected, may God help you to another job early, according to His will.

But we can thank God generally that our congregation has been well-preserved. In which case let us not forget to help weaker brothers and sisters. Let us not diminish in our service of the Lord, in the support of His work, while we wait for His Return. Indeed, the whole world lieth beneath the Evil One, and what hope is there except in the Return of God's Son? "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 the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall be dissolved with fervent heat?" (II Peter 3:11,12).

- T.T.

From Calvary B-P Church Weekly (Dr Tow Siang Hwa)
dated July 28, 1985:-

1. Momentous Events in Perilous Times

Straits Times (July 25, 1985) World news reported "Pope to address 80,000 Muslims in Morocco"; to climax his 12-day visit to Africa, on August 19. This

event is of the utmost prophetic significance for three reasons. 1) This is the first time a Roman Catholic pontiff will be greeted as an official guest of an Arab state. 2) The pope's speech to a Muslim audience of 80,000 will be "unprecedented". 3) The Muslim leadership in Morocco regard Pope John Paul "as a man of peace and reconciliation, and as a friend."

Dear reader, do you not recognise this "momentous event in perilous times?" The groundwork is being laid for the eventual acceptance of one man as the religious leader of the world.

2. "After Liberation, Attitudes Still Unchanged"

Another significant article in S.T. 25.7.85 by John O'Sullivan of London Times highlights the latest sex trend: Combination of carnal lust with religion, a potent partnership for sin. The sexual revolution of the 1960s was supposed to "liberate" men from resorting to illicit sex, and become more mature and free from furtive sexual activities. These were the theoretical goals in the 60s.

Mr O'Sullivan finds that the results are nowhere near the goals. His conclusions are: 1) Men remain unchanged in their sexual attitudes and activities, if anything worse. 2) They remain still "adolescent" and not "adult" as they claim to be. 3) The number of pornographic magazines and their circulation are greater than ever. 4) These magazines have become coarser, more intense and more perverse. 5) Readers of pornography have become more bold and open.

3. The Days of Noah Are Back With Us

As in the days of Noah, so in our day: The chief concern of men is "eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage." Food, fun, sex is the order of the day - until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came and took them all away. In our generation, men and women will do likewise, until the day that our Lord returns to this earth, and the fires

- THE GRUMBLERS' SONG -

In country, town or city
Some people can be found
Who spend their lives in grumbling
At everything around;
O yes, they always grumble,
No matter what we say,
For these are chronic grumblers,
And they grumble night and day.

They grumble when it's raining,
They grumble when it's dry,
And if the crops are failing,
They grumble and they sigh.
They grumble 'bout their wages
And grump at prices high;
They grumble all the year 'round,
And they grumble till they die.

They grumble at the preacher,
They grumble at his prayer,
They grumble at his preaching,
They grumble everywhere;
They grumble at God's people
And say 'tis all display;
But holy folks don't grumble,
They have only time to pray.

They stay away from meetings
Because it's hot or cold,
Or else it looks like raining,
A headache or a cold;
And when the off'ring's taken,
They're sure to pout or sigh
And say they feel so sorry;
Always money is the cry.

Chorus:

O they grumble on Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday, Grumble on Thursday too,
Grumble on Friday, Saturday, Sunday,
Grumble the whole week through.

51A Jalan Wadi Hana, our 51st Mission station in Johore Bahru

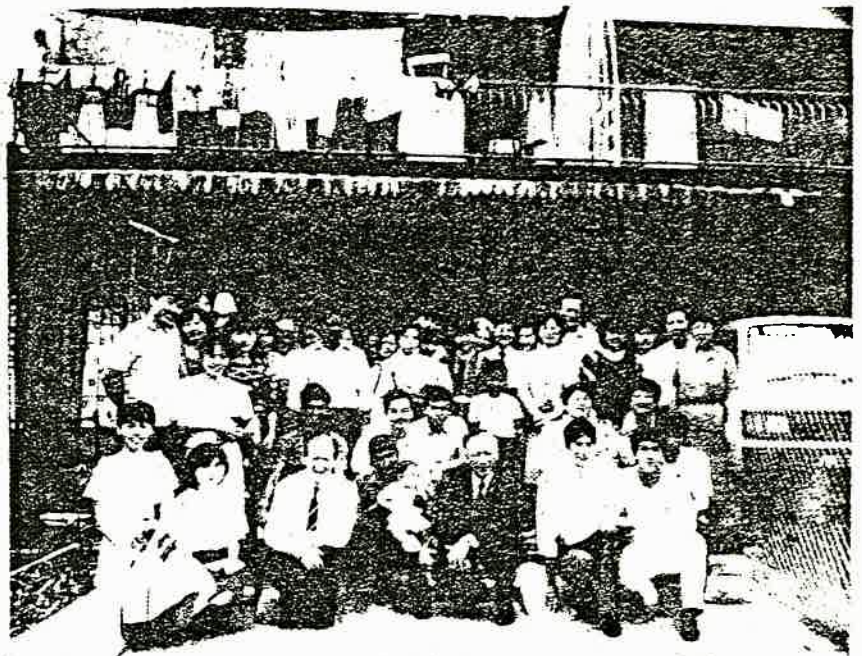
of the Great Tribulation take them all away.

God's Word forewarns: The unbelieving, the abominable, the whoremongers, the adulterers and fornicators shall face the judgment.

4. In the Name of God: STOP IT!

It is reported that some among us are indulging in illicit sex. Reader, search yourself before God, our Judge who knows every secret. God's Word says, REPENT! STOP IT! Turn back before judgment falls. Repent before it is too late. "But fornication and all uncleanness ... let it not be once named among you" (Eph 5:3). For no unclean person hath any inheritance in the Kingdom of Christ and of God. Let our B-P Church be clean and pure from every kind of sexual perversion (including lewd pin-ups, books, magazines, pictures, tapes, films, etc.).

If the people of God contaminate themselves with the lusts of the flesh and the world, the Church of God has been turned into the synagogue of Satan. In love I say to each guilty person: REPENT BEFORE GOD AND LIVE TO HIS GLORY! The Church must, and shall, purge itself of unrepentant offenders. GOD HELP US.



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

MON 7.30 pm O.T. History (Rev Tow)
9.00 pm FEK Committee Meeting
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
9.15 pm Session Meeting
THU 7.30 pm O.T. History (Rev Tow)
FRI 7.00 pm David Fung Priscilla Chan House
Blessing, Blk 236 #03-102,
Serangoon Ave 3
SAT 1.00 pm TJBC; 2pm - JYF; 3pm - JYF
3.30 pm YF; 4pm - YAF; 7.30pm - CFM
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LIFE CHURCH EXTENSION FUND 479)\$3145; 480)\$490; 481)\$250; 482)\$1000; 483)100; 484)\$20; 485)\$300(Ch.Ser). TOTAL \$544,032.82
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OFFERINGS FOR: Thailand \$700, \$200; RPG \$100, \$100; J P David \$500; Kutty \$210; JB Chairs US\$50.

Received from WF 3 cartons of sardines for Vietnamese refugees, to be used for Gospel supper at New Life.

Expresgram to Rev C T Hsu: Many thanks for your cheque (Sept-Dec) for W Kalimantan and one for JB chairs.

FEBC total student enrolment is 57.

Do you have a good photo of Dr John Sung or any aspect of the Singapore Revival in 1935? If chosen it will be incorporated in our coming book "John Sung My Teacher" scheduled for October, 1985.

Expresgram to Prachan: You are invited to Pastors' Conference at Baptist Assembly, Port Dickson, Sept 9-12 with Dr Peter Masters.

FEBC Graduation: September 15!

For over a decade that bouquet of flowers at worship service is the offering to the Lord from Lim Florist, tel: 3369011

Nursery duty today: Mrs Goh Mong Eng & Miss Hazel Wong

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PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

Quoting Confucius and Reagan

In my sermons I have quoted Confucius once in a while, and when I did that it was for the sake of exalting Christ and advancing the Gospel. But when I was younger, in my student days at Faith Seminary, I took an unnecessarily extreme view on Confucius by saying that he brought confusion. For this I was heavily reprimanded by a lady-student from Nanking (in fact she was my schoolmate in Nanking) and she was right. She was an M.A. from a Chinese university, and she was a devoted servant of Jesus Christ, returning to China despite Mao's "liberation" to help Dr Chia Yu Ming our teacher. Some younger Christians in Life Church are zealous like me when I was young and seem stumbled by my quoting Confucius, because they think Confucianism is a human religion and therefore opposed to Christ.

The fact is Confucianism is not a religion at all, but a philosophy of ethics, teaching how man and man should treat one another in their various relationships, such as between father and son, husband and wife, brother and brother, friend and friend, subject and ruler.

But when Rev T C Nga of the National Council of Churches quoting Confucius tried to defend ancestor worship, I was the first of all BP ministers to refute him in the Life BP Weekly, and my treatise was adopted by the whole Synod, which when sent to the Straits Times was published without delay. When Confucius has taught contradicting to Christianity, we must expose it to the hilt. So in another sermon I criticised Confucius for his overdose teaching on filial piety that we must mourn for our parents three years, because when young our mother (in ancient times) breastfed us three years.

But when Confucius says things that are right, we cannot unChristianly say he is "Confucious". I remember quoting Confucius giving the negative aspect of Jesus' teaching, "Do not do to others what you do not want others do to you." The idea was to appeal to the Chinese mind to come to Christ who is the Positive.

In my coming book, "John Sung My Teacher", you will read of Dr Sung quoting Confucius that if he heard the Word (Truth) in the morning, he would die without regret in the evening (子曰:朝闻道,夕死可矣), that this therefore manifested his yearning search for Truth. Then John Sung concluded, "If Confucius lived 500 years after (Chinese speak in round numbers), i.e. in the days of Christ, he would surely become a Christian." I have quoted the same in my sermon too and declared the need of Confucius for salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ (but my hearers might not have paid attention). Before I was saved, in my teens, I thought Confucius, being a sage, had a place in heaven, but now I say he must go through Christ.

I have quoted Confucius on his "respect for youth", but I improved on such by quoting St Paul to Timothy, "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity" (I Tim 4:12).

From Confucius we come to Reagan. Some say I should not quote Reagan because when he said he was born again he merely wanted to get votes in a Christian America. But when I quoted it was because I was convinced by the book "In God I Trust" that he is a true follower of Jesus Christ and a born again person by the consistent stand he has taken from his young days under Mother's devout training. For this reason I was the one who moved the BP Synod to present Reagan's book to our Prime Minister and 130 other heads of Government including the Judges and leaders of the Armed Forces, and we have received a good number of their replies. I sincerely believe by presenting Reagan to our heads of Government we have done a little good for our country. Someone says, but Reagan meets with Roman Catholic leaders, etc. Of course we are not making Reagan to be a minister of the Gospel of a Protestant Church. As head of State these are part of his functions.

Whether quoting Confucius and Reagan is right or wrong must be judged in the light of Scripture. St Paul is our authority even as he has called us to follow him several times in his epistles (I Cor 11:1; Phil 3:17; I Cor 4:16; I Thess 1:6). On Mar's Hill at Athens when he preached to the heathen, in order to win them he said, "As certain of your own poets have said, For we are also His offspring" (Acts 17:28). Now this quote by Paul is from the poet Aratus, a heathen. In Titus, Paul again quotes from a well-known heathen source to establish a common ground with his hearers, "One of themselves, even a prophet of their own, said, The Cretians are always liars, evil beasts, slow bellies." But the heathen philosopher who said these words was right, so Paul had used a true statement to convince the bad guys in Crete.

If what Confucius, being a human teacher and therefore not infallible and inerrant, says is wrong we must refute him. If right, and we quote him to establish a contact with the Chinese mind (so China missionaries must study Confucian Classics as part of their training), then it is profitable as Paul quoting Aratus and a Cretian prophet is profitable.

It all depends how you quote it. But I'm sure you know that I have always exalted my Lord, and am not afraid to go into the arena to defend his cause. Yet, when we use the Sword of the Spirit we must jab at the right place and not anyhow, nor "below the belt". To play up Confucius was the least in my mind (Ps 131). Amen.

Chinese in Our School System

I want to congratulate Dr Tony Tan for his wise reorientation of Chinese as a required school subject in its proper place. I have always opposed the impossible demands made by our previous educators on our youth, and I have given a good reason. Genesis 11 tells of the curse God had pronounced on our tongue. From that time on, many languages developed, so that

it becomes an irksome thing to learn another language. Though Chinese is our Mother tongue, yet it is true that when we learn English before Chinese, "He who comes in first becomes the master" (先入为主).

But let not our young people get away with the idea they can now neglect their Chinese! I full-heartedly agree with our Government that Chinese must be taught and emphasised, else when we go abroad and Americans begin to ask us things Chinese and we do not know what to say, will we not become a laughing stock? A Chinese not knowing Chinese is a real shame! A Chinese not able to explain Chinese culture and customs will be looked down upon by Westerners! A good Chinese saying (Confucius?) - "A man must abuse himself before others can abuse him".

Learn Mandarin, the Most Beautiful Chinese Language

Why do we learn Mandarin, which is what the Pekingese speak? Because if you study all the dialects you will soon find that Mandarin is the most elegant (though the Cantonese like the Texans in USA will dispute this). How do you prove this? I can't tell you until you have learned enough Mandarin!

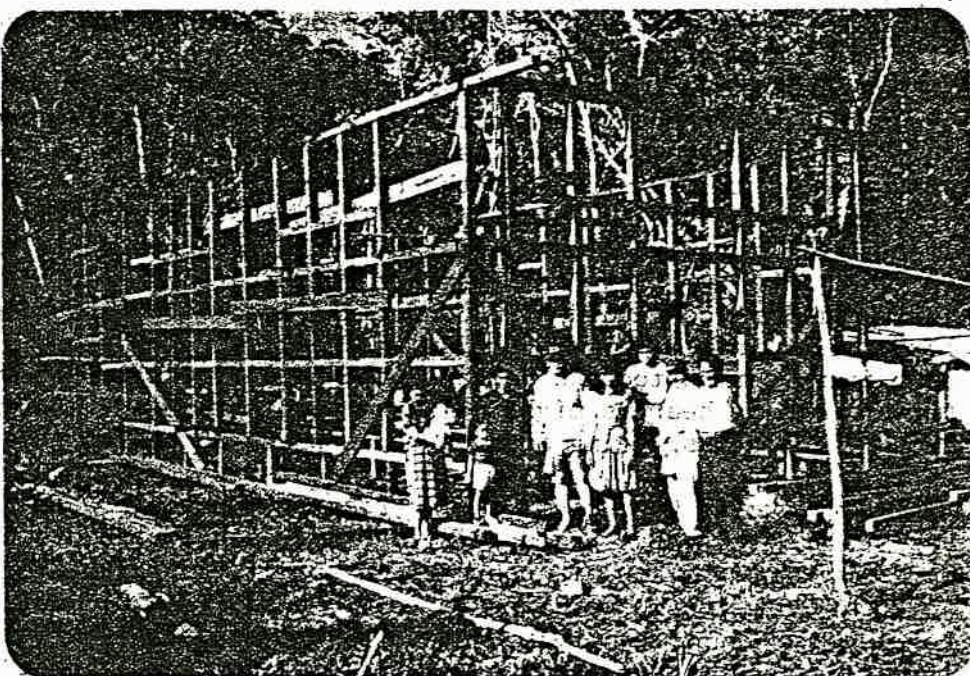
Do You Want To Improve Your Mandarin Painlessly?

Come to our Mandarin-Teochew Service. Come to our Chinese Sunday School and Youth Fellowship.

Learn the 37 Chinese phonetics. With a Phonetic Chinese Bible you can learn standard Mandarin as easy as ABC. That's how I learned my Mandarin - through the phonetic Chinese Bible. Mandarin is an exciting language, a most beautiful language!

EXTENDING GOD'S KINGDOM IN WEST KALIMANTAN

Photo shows Rev Djunaidi (with cap) at Biong, a river village on the Lan-dak, a tributary of the Kapuas 4-5 hours' sailing from Siantan, Pontianak, where the FEBI (Far Eastern Bible Institute), Church, Kindergarten, School and Orphanage are. Biong is now assigned to the Bible students to take care. The FEBI students visit Biong by a new Gospel Boat called "Landak Kourier". Present student enrolment is 12.



APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (12th - 18th August)

MON 7.30 pm O.T. History (Rev Tow)
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
WED 8.00 pm BP Tamil Gospel Convention
THU 7.30 pm O.T. History (Rev Tow)
SAT 1.00 pm TJBC; 2pm - JYF; 3pm - TBC
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4.00 pm Indonesian Service
4.30 pm Sharon Church Service
6.00 pm Tamil Service
6.00 pm Rev Tow at Sunset Gospel Hour

7.30 pm Korean Evening Service
Pastor visits Kelapa Sawit this Lord's Day 3 pm!

Senior members of Life Chinese Service are desirous of attending the J.B. Bilingual Service every Lord's Day 3 pm. Which motorist would offer your car to ferry them in? Please contact Mrs Lee Choon Ngee, tel: 7375170.

Ring Lim Florist, Tel: 3369011

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Congratulations to: 1) Elder Khoo Peng Kiat for receiving the Efficiency Medal; 2) Elder Eric Mahadevan for Long Service Second Clasp; 3) Mrs Chia Sock Jiu for Long Service Medal.

Expressgram to: 1) Jess Lim. Come to Port Dickson Sept 9-12 and FEBC Graduation Sept 15; 2) Rev Liew Hon Seng, also welcome!

We extend deepest condolences to Mrs Rosie Chua on the sudden passing away of her husband on Friday night in a motor accident.

Indonesian Service 4 pm, Rev Frankie Low who preaches once a month will henceforth administer the Lord's Supper. Numbers are increasing!

In case you need carpentry advice our brother Joseph Sitoh is available. Tel: 2571160.

Session has decided to air-condition 2/3 of FEBC Hall and the Church Balcony Library right up to the Bell-Tower Mezzanine floor - to relieve present mounting congestion.

Books by the Pastor at the Book Centre: The Gospel of Life \$4.00 and The Gospel Prophets \$4.00. Calvin's Institutes Abridged \$3.00, Pioneering in Dyak Borneo \$3.00.

Beware of Pickpockets! Several members have lost their wallets or ladies handbags after service when hundreds jostle one another. A reflection of more evil times.

Nursery today! Mrs Loh Li & Mrs Jenny Lum

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OUR MISSION TRIP TO MALAYSIA

By Elder Khoo Peng Kiat

I accompanied Rev Tow to Kelapa Sawit BP Church last Lord's Day. He went to administer a baptismal and Holy Communion service. We left Singapore at about 1.30 pm and reached our destination after an hour and ten minutes. Thank God there was no traffic congestion at the Causeway as expected because it was after a public holiday.

The church service started at 3 pm with about sixty people gathered for worship. It was chaired by sister Sang Chiew. Rev Tow preached from a text taken from Hebrews 5:11-14 on eating spiritual meat, not drinking milk. The pastor baptised two women - one from Kelapa Sawit and the other from Bukit Batu as well as two boys under their parents' care.

Since I had never visited Air Bemban and as it is only 3 miles away from Kelapa Sawit, Rev Tow felt we should go there. I learned from him that it was Mrs John Ling who first drew his attention to that double-corner terrace house. Thank God for giving Rev Tow the foresight in alerting the Session to acquire it quickly. The Lord certainly had predestined it for us, for the contractor had been eyeing it but lost out to our church because he came in one day late to put in his deposit. God's timing is perfect!

Construction work for the church began middle of last year and will not be completed till early next year. To date a total of \$50,000 in several instalments has been paid to the developer. The remaining \$30,000 will be paid in due course. The building is beautifully taking shape and the location is pleasant. The church building faces a hill at a distance - an enchanting view. It reminds me of Psalm 121:1-2: "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth." This church will certainly be a beacon to the neighbourhood and a "kelong" for evangelism.

After Air Bemban, Elder John Ling invited us to his home where Mrs John Ling cooked a very delicious dinner for us, Major Long and sister Sang Chiew. We had a very warm fellowship together. We were very touched by Mrs John Ling's labour of love, more so when we realised that she had recently undergone a second major surgery. We were further refreshed after the meal with "mata kuching" and red date tea. On top of that, we had something to "ta pau" home for our families. This is typical of up-country Christian hospitality.

After bidding farewell to the Lings, Rev Tow drove Major Long back to Kelapa Sawit Church and sister Sang Chiew to Kulai Besar Church (7 miles south) which was celebrating her 5th Anniversary that evening. At Kulai Besar, we exchanged greetings with brother David Wong who is ministering there. Thereafter, it was home sweet home. We arrived home about 7.15 pm. It was a well-spent Lord's Day.

Personally, I thank and praise God for a very smooth ride in Rev Tow's new station wagon, a timely gift from the church, a gift which is very much appreciated but which he had never asked for all these 35 years of his ministry. The engine was superb and purring away. Incidentally, Rev Tow had an old V.W. station wagon which broke down several times during his up-country trips. And that was the last straw. Members of the Session had to compel him to "surrender" his old car.

PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

Modern Hebrew Class, Commencing August 22!

From the inception of FEBC in 1962, we have all along taught the two Biblical languages, Greek and Hebrew. To loosen up "Biblical Hebrew", we have introduced Modern Hebrew by way of a Godsend. Years ago Mrs Ben Asher, wife of an Israeli engineer under contract with our Government, taught a class for some months. Now there is Mrs Yaar, wife of an Israeli diplomat resuming that good tradition. That we are favoured with such "high" contacts reflects Singapore as a global city.

Now Modern Hebrew is practically the same as Biblical Hebrew, for after all it was through Eliezer ben Yehudi (1857 - 1922) that the defunct Hebrew language was revived from Biblical and ancient Hebrew. Modern Hebrew not only helps our Hebrew students to pursue the study of Biblical Hebrew, it also gives the student a thrill that what he is learning is practical. When he goes to Israel he can understand, at least a little, what the people are saying, and also be able to speak some simple sentences. As Hebrew is a powerful and versatile language, it is one that stands high on the list of cultural studies.

Hereby we announce the re-opening of the Modern Hebrew class, Wednesday August 22, 7.30 - 9.30 pm, Mrs Yaar instructing. This class is open to you - free of charge. We have 28 FEBC students signed up!

Port Dickson Conference With Dr Peter Masters

This is so scheduled as to coincide with the school vacation, Sept 9-12. You who are Sunday School teachers especially should join hands with elders and deacons to come to this Pastors' and Leaders' Conference. Come apart from your daily chores and find refreshing by the golden sands and Blue Sea, where creation shines in all its purity. Register with sister Seen Seen after service today! And why spend hundreds going to Lake Toba when you need pay but a fraction for Port Dickson?

Patronise Your Own Book Centre

Once again let me remind you to patronise Christian Life Book Centre. It is virtually our Church's own Bookstore. As the Church could not run a business and survive, it was closed down for a fortnight in August 1979. So, it was given over to run as a private enterprise and has since been called Christian Life Book Centre. As long as Deacon Paul Wong keeps to the

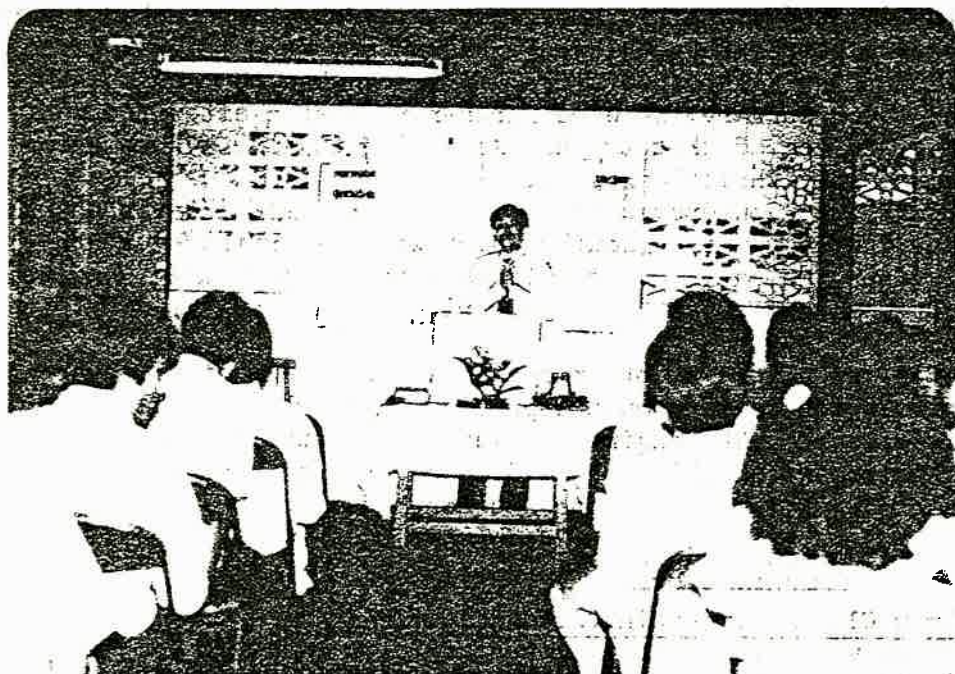
Bible and sound Christian books, Christian gifts, we must support this ministry on behalf of the Church. The benefit is mutual. How it spares you going to a town Christian bookstore where parking is a burden and prices are higher because of higher overheads. But patronising your own Bookroom is not only helping a good cause but also it is pleasant and convenient - no worry of parking overtime, etc, etc.

We need to patronise our own because hard times really have fallen on our economy. I have casually learnt of two of our members being retrenched. Those in business are sitting in the doldrums, hardly able to make ends meet. That CLBC is still afloat is all by the grace of God, and by your brotherly, prayerful concern. If you pray, it is good. If you pay it is better! (Reserve your Christmas shopping list for CLBC!)

Are You Born Again?

This is a good test question on whether you are truly saved or not. A young lady "converted" from Chinese paganism sincerely told me she could not say. So, it must be concluded there are a good many of you attending Church who are in the same boat! You have believed, yes, only up in the head. Calvin says this is not salvation at all. You must believe in your heart. Jesus says, "You must believe right down into your stomach!" "Except ye eat of the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you" (John 6:53). You may be partaking of the Lord's Supper and yet be unsaved if you have not experienced the joy of sins forgiven. When are your sins forgiven? When you have turned from your corrupt sinful ways to obey the laws of God. If you use the vulgar language you were accustomed to before, if you have no compunction eating idol food, if you lie without feeling any guilt, if you are secretly womanising (the first of four Chinese sins), if you come to Church not really to worship God but to oblige someone, to make a show of religiosity, the presumption is you are not born again. A not born again person, Jesus says, cannot enter Heaven. He is lost, bound for hell.

- Yours truly, T.T.



Since Jess Lim was sent last October to Chiangmai, N Thailand, Frontier Labourers for Christ has inaugurated a Beulah Bible Christian Church. Photo shows Acharn (Rev) Tawichai conducting a Lord's Supper service in Thai at the Mission headquarters. Eventually, it is a national Thai Church that will anchor the outreaches to the tribal churches. As the church expands, the Land Life Church has acquired will come in handy for further development. Welcome Thailand to Port Dickson Conference, Sept 9-12!

Pray for Bro. & Mrs Prachan who are pastoring a Thai Church at Yala, South Thailand.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (19th - 25th Aug)

MON 7.30 pm O.T. History (Rev Tow)
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
WED 7.30 pm Modern Hebrew (Mrs Yaar)
THU 7.30 pm NOAH'S ARK Film in Church
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4.30 pm Sharon Church Service
6.00 pm Tamil Service
8.00 pm Special Faculty Mtg at home of Dr S H Tow

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TOTAL \$555, 362.82 Stop Press! 508)\$1000; 509)\$100; 510)\$50.

FEBI 225)\$150; 226)\$100(Nazareth); 227)\$1305.50; 228)\$100; 229)\$130(Galilee YAF); 230)\$900(Life AF); 231)\$100. TOTAL \$135,794.61 Stop Press! 232)\$150.

WOODLANDS NEW LIFE 5110)\$2425.92(NL); 5111)\$1. TOTAL 2,602,905.50

OFFERINGS FOR: Adelaide \$50; Frontier Labourers \$100(pledges); Mrs Khoo Lean Im Scholarship \$150; FEBC Scholarship \$900(Life AF).

Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Ng Kok Beng on the birth of a boy.

Pastor speaks tonight at Calvary Pandan Sunset Gospel Hour: "Man's Greatest Delight"

Eddy and Nancy Yap are now shifted up to Woodlands, Blk 346, #01-174, St 32 (off Ave 3), Spore 2573. Tel: 3681703. The new expressway to Woodlands will be ready end of this year.

Two films next week: 1) NOAH'S ARK under auspices of FEBC OT History class, Thu Aug 22, 7.30 pm. 2) FLAME IN THE WIND under auspices of BFC, Sat Aug 24. Don't miss either!

LAST TWO WEEKS' OFFERINGS: \$7015.50 + \$4693
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PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

The Way Out of the Recession

Retrenchment, no pay increase, increased productivity, automation, looking for new markets, better service, etc., etc., are the salvation choruses sung by economic experts. Does our Lord have a word on Recession?

In the Sermon on the Mount He says there is no recession for the Christian, nor for the little sparrows that fly about our house. The way out of the Recession is not to tackle the symptoms, like rubbing "Tiger" Balm on the temples when you have a severe cold. Take two cold pills, like Decolgen, which I've found to be most effective, to tackle the cold itself. Take to the Lord any difficult situation in life and He will help you.

During hard times like these, when you suffer retrenchment, a loss of profits, or even negative growth, the first thing is to return to God. Perhaps you have been so engrossed in the world, in the rat-race for money, money, money, that you've neglected coming to Church? Neglected to pray? Neglected to keep close communion with Him in His Word? With your family? Jesus says, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." "Added"! Not minus!

Perhaps the case of Peter catching no fish all night will help illustrate this. Hungry and thirsty the next morning he met Jesus. As there was no more he could do, he surrendered his boat to Jesus' use. Jesus preached from the boat to crowds gathered on the seashore. Having "hired" Peter's boat, our Lord would do something for Peter in appreciation. He told Peter now to launch the boat out again to the deep side. Peter reluctantly obeyed. To his great astonishment, he caught not one but two shiploads of fish. In today's calculation two shiploads would fetch easily several thousand dollars. Is that not your experience also, when you have sought God sincerely, as you come to Church week after week? As you worship Him, and give Him His dues, before enjoying yourself? "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 9:8).

In times like these, the heathen who are seeking their idols and temples with greater devotion are on the wrong track. Yet their desire for divine help should speak to diehards, Christian in name, who know not it was high time to return to their God. James says, "... ye have not because ye ask not. Ye ask and receive not because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts" (Jas 4:2,3). If you pursue to be rich without the least consultation with your God, but go all out simply to satisfy your desire, you will not only get nothing but lose everything! Until when will you learn this lesson?

Do Pastors Try to Save Souls Like Firemen a House on Fire?

Elder Khoo rings, "There's a neighbour dying of cancer in hospital. It seems his days are numbered. Could I come in half an hour and fetch you to hospital?"

"I'm ready!"

At the hospital the patient Mr Lim Kim Chua was quite conscious. He could answer my questions, though he would lapse into drowsiness as I spoke the Word to him. (Do you get drowsy by my Sunday Sermon?)

Hearing that he was an old boy of ACS, I had greater hopes. He could understand my message of Christ dying on the cross for his sins. Having confidence my message was sinking in, I asked for a decision. Mr Lim said, "Yes," nodding his head. Then I said, "I'll pray for you." To which he not only acquiesced but followed right through every word I uttered. This he did automatically, without my asking. My heart warmed to his response, so when prayer ended, I asked him if he was ready for baptism, quoting Mark 16:16. Knowing what baptism was after my explanation, Mr Lim said "yes" again. When water was brought and I confirmed in him the guarantee of life everlasting through His shed Blood, our patient glowed in the cheeks as the water was applied. "Praise the Lord" said the Christian friends gathered (from Calvary) and "Praise the Lord" said Elder Khoo. Before departing, we taught Mr Lim to pray, "Just say, Jesus save me, Jesus save me, OK?" "Jesus save me, Jesus save me," repeated Mr Lim.

That night, in the wee hours, Jesus took him. Next morning Deacon Benny Chng who is his neighbour phoned to make arrangements for a Christian funeral. Said I to myself, "Praise God, here's a soul saved in the nick of time."

I relate the experience not only to tell you how unexpectedly God may take us away from this earthly scene, but also to remind fellow pastors of our need to be urgent in soul-saving, like the firemen going out to put out a fire. Amen.

Is Tithing Merely A Legal Requirement?

Those who say so declare it is no more binding on us, who live in New Testament times. They also say it is an obsolete Mosaic law that applied only to the Jews. This is an erroneous interpretation of Scripture.

The correct view of tithing is that it is a moral requirement under the 8th Commandment. The prophet Malachi says to an unthankful people, "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me ... In tithes and offerings." As it is always a sin to steal under Moses, or under Jesus, it is a sin not to give tithes to God whether it is in the Old Testament or New Testament.

Abraham gave tithes (Gen 14:20). So did Jacob his grandson (Gen 28:22). Both patriarchs offered to God before the law of tithing was proclaimed many hundred years later by Moses. So tithing is not merely a Mosaic requirement.

Jesus, My Lord, I Yearn For Thee

(Hymn taken from JOHN SUNG CHORUSES)



- 1 Je - sus, my Lord, I yearn for Thee. How sweet art Thou to me!
- 2 in all the world there's not a sound That can Thy mer-cies sing.
- 3 Tho' hearts are faint and tears do flow; Our sighs we can't con-trol
- 4 Great is Thy love that far trans-cends The bounds of time and realm.



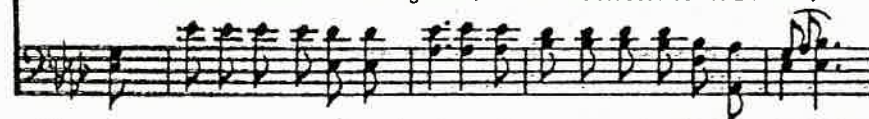
O that we're ta-ken up to-day For-e'er with Thee to stay.
Nor has that heart on earth been found: Thy brimming love con-tain:
When of Thy com-pas-sion I think, Grief goes and joy comes in.
'Tis the Be-lov-ed who can tell: Thy love all loves ex-cell.



CHORUS



O Thou the Balsam of the garden, O Thou the sweet Rose of Sha-ron,



Thou art the Li-ly of the valley. How shall I part with Thee?



Jesus also supports tithing (Luke 11:42). While He denounces the Phari-sees for an outward show of religion in paying tithes but neglecting the higher laws of justice and love, yet He makes it clear that they should not leave off paying tithes. Jesus comes to fulfil Moses' law and not to des-troy it (Matt 5:17, 18). Moses' law is Jesus' law.

To think that Christians give wil-lingly and cheerfully and Jews gave under compulsion by requirement of the law of Moses misses the spirituality of Old Testament Law. Are not the Ten Commandments given to teach Man how to love God with his whole heart and strength and our neighbours as our-selves? (Matt 22:36-40) Not to give tithes is not to love God. Tithing should also be with love and cheer-fulness, or else the sum given to God becomes a sour offering. Tithing is God's Test of a Christian's love for his Lord. Tithing is just the begin-ning, not the end.

Those who say, "We Christians give lovingly and cheerfully according as God has prospered us", but according to their own standard and not to God's standard, quoting II Cor 9:6-8, are like throwing other passages on giving, from Genesis to Revelations, overboard! How audacious! How mis-guided!

Incidentally, here lies the secret of the tithing Christian's prosperity against creeping poverty from the Recession. To whom does God make all grace to abound? To the tithing Christian. Read Malachi 3:10, 11. Amen?

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Aug 26 - Sep 1)

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| MON | 9.30 am | Synod Meeting on Revision of BP Constitution at Calvary-Pandan (all elders & deacons!) |
| TUE | 8.00 pm | Prayer Meeting |
| WED | 7.30 pm | Modern Hebrew (Mrs Yaar) |
| THU | 7.30 pm | O.T. History (Rev Tow) |
| FRI | 7.30 pm | House-blessing for Bro. & Mrs Yap Eng Ghee, Blk 346, #01-174, Woodlands St 32 (off Ave 3) (2573). Tel: 3681703. |
| SAT | 1.00 pm | TJBC; 2pm - JYF; 3pm - TBC |
| | 3.30 pm | YF; 4pm - YAF; 7.30pm - CFM |
| SUN | 10.00 am | Rev T Tow (Lord's Supper) |
| | 10.00 am | Chinese Service |
| | 11.30 am | Catechism Class |
| | 11.30 am | Filipina Fellowship |
| | 11.55 am | Korean Church Service |
| | 1.30 pm | CFM Service |
| | 3.00 pm | BFC & Thai Services |
| | 4.00 pm | Kebaktian Indonesia |
| | 4.30 pm | Sharon Church Service |
| | 6.00 pm | Tamil Service |
| | 7.30 pm | Korean Evening Service |

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$4668.90

LIFE CHURCH EXTENSION FUND 511)\$100; 512)

\$100; 513)\$240; 514)\$120; 515)\$900; 516)\$500

517)\$665; 518)\$200(YF/YAF); 519)\$50; 520)\$400; 521)\$200. TOTAL \$559,987.82

FEBI 233)\$65(Grace). TOTAL \$136,009.61

OFFERINGS FOR: Rev Tow \$380; Thailand \$50; Viet-nameese Refugees \$50; KL Missions \$400(WF); Thailand \$455(WF).

Congratulations to Calvary Jaya on their 1st Anniversary, Sep 8, 1985. (Service: 10 am at CARE Bldg 1st flr, 23, SS22/23, Damansara Jaya) All Elders and Deacons are reminded of their duty to attend special Synod Meeting at Calvary Pandan Mon Aug 26, 9.30 am to consider Revision of the BP Constitution, as required by law! Don't miss coming!

Rev Paaue sends greetings from Adelaide and reports reopening of the Bible College Sep 23, 1985.

Godspeed to Bro. Yiew Pong Sen as he leaves for Bob Jones U tomorrow to resume his studies.

The funeral of Mr Jim Kim Chua, 57, was offi-ciated by the pastor Sat Aug 24, Choa Chu Kang Protestant Cemetary. Dn Benny Chng assisting. Evangelise with John Sung Sermons! 40 Sermons, vol I & II cost only \$5.50 from our Book Centre.

Nursery today: Mrs Lilian Lim & Ms Lim Sok Eng Edited by Rev (Dr) Timothy Tow, 9A Gilstead Rd, Singapore 1130. Telephone: 2560617 & 2569256.

PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

Kebaktian Indonesia, Every Lord's Day 4 pm at the Jerusalem Court

For some months I have not worshipped at our Indonesian Service owing to other commitments. Last week I was glad to see the little Church grown in size. Made up principally of our Indonesian students at first, we have now a number, mostly women, who have joined us from outside. The attendance is around 25.

Haposan and Agus, the Siregar brothers, head the worship. Mr & Mrs Charlie Chia, who worship at the English service in the morning, have faithfully and loyally given their services to "anchor" the Indonesian group. Bro. Charlie Chia is Treasurer, while Mrs Chia is the "Auntie" who spreads a table of refreshments after every service. Roska often plays the guitar, while Grace Khoo ministers at the piano. Amir our gardener is a regular worshipper.

As the membership has increased and our Medan field has come under Galilee Church, Rev Frankie Low has been requested to conduct the Lord's Supper for the Indonesians every third week.

Are you joining any mission trip to Indonesia? Here's a little Indonesian world for you to visit to get acquainted. Do you have any Indonesian domestic servant? It's your duty to bring her to Christ by introducing her to the Indonesian Service.

The Indonesian Service has a special ministry in hospital visitation. Mount Elizabeth Hospital which has many patients from Indonesia welcomes our FEBC students. Thus, those who have been prayed for and are blessed have gravitated to the Kebaktian. A Mrs Ginting, a dentist, came to see me at the parsonage and we prayed earnestly for her husband now recovering at Mt. Elizabeth. May God bless all our Indonesian friends who come our way.

Incidentally, we have a firstfruit from our Tanjong Pinang outreach. After 12 years, a young Chinese-Indonesian has given his life to study at FEBC. Naturally he was at the Indonesian Service, and he also brought a friend from the Riau Islands.

"Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters, that send forth thither the feet of the ox and the ass" (Isaiah 32:20).

Kimiko Goto Writes to Life Church

Greetings in the Name of Jesus Christ.

I am thankful to all of you for your prayers about my visa. The Lord answered your prayers so wonderfully that I could come here just in time to serve Him again. I praise the Lord for His faithfulness. He had kept my heart peaceful and assured during the time of waiting for visa.

It was a great joy for me to be able to attend the Day of Prayer of FEBC on 22nd July. This year, the Lord sent 6 new students to FEBC. I am teaching the Book of Romans this semester. The Lord has been helping me so much that I enjoy teaching very much. I feel that it is a glorious task that the Lord has given to me. I am really thankful for Rev Tow and the rest of the lecturers who taught me at FEBC.

In the beginning of August we visited the village Biong, with the FEBC students. It was a great joy for me to see the building of Biong Church. Now membership in this upriver Dyak Church is over fifty.

Every Sunday afternoon we go to Kumpai to have Sunday School and Public Service there by motor boat. The Lord has been blessing the work there.

I hope that the Lord opens a way for you to visit us. I am sure that you will be a blessing to all of us here.

May the Lord continue to bless you and use you mightily for His glory.

At this moment I have only social visit pass as before. But Rev Djunaidi tries to apply for longer visa for me. Please continue to pray for my visa, so that I may serve Him here. Now Esther Djunaidi is here, and she sends her regards to all of you.

Stephen Masila Writes From Kenya

The receipt of the US\$450 was indeed an answer to my prayers for a typewriter. I have been persistently praying for a motor-bike and typewriter and the "JEHOVAH JIREH" has graciously provided both now. I will use this hilarious and cheerful gift to purchase it (i.e. the typewriter) and as soon as I buy it, I will send a photo to you in order that the giver(s) of this gift may rejoice with me. This will be an ideal assistance to my ministry, both in the pastoral areas as well as in the institute.

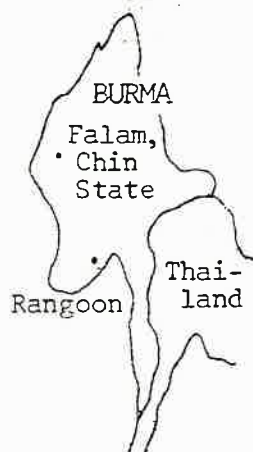
Yes, the fact remains that "every good gift and every perfect gift is from above and cometh down from the Father of lights with whom is no variableness neither shadow of turning" (James 1:17). I am fully persuaded that "God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward His name, in that ye have ministered to the saints and do minister." May the Lord abundantly and exceedingly continue to richly use each one of the Life Church Christians to be a faithful part and parcel of His Kingdom.

Last Lord's Day (4th August 1985) was such a unique and special day in my life. This was the day when I was ordained as Rev Stephen Masila. Please do uphold me in your prayers. For "I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake and for the love of the Spirit that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me", in order that I may continue to render unto Him unflinching and obedient service.

May the God of love and peace be with you, your beloved pastor and all those of the household of faith in Life Church.

"A Witness Unto All Nations" (Matt 24:14)

The gift of US\$450 to Rev Masila in Kenya actually came from a young artist who donated S\$1000 for African famine relief, which was being administered by ICCC. As this fund was closed (a good sign), we asked this young man if his gift could be channelled for spiritual work, to which he readily agreed. Are you not happy that Rev Masila, FEBC graduate, is helped in his ministry as pastor and principal of a Bible School - in Africa?



In the same spirit, we are determined to advance into Burma, "while it is day". For our Lord has told in advance that the doubling up of the Gospel outreach is the Church's mandate in the last days. In the prophetic discourse before His Crucifixion, He says, "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).

Why do we specify Burma? Because, as you have read before in the Weekly, a Macedonian call has come to us from Rev Robert Thawm Luai of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Bruma (Falam, Chin State, bordering India). Under a Socialist-Buddhist government the Church in Burma has been "self-contained" all these years. Now that Burma is opening up a little, let us take this opportunity to help our Burmese brethren. Session has decided to bring Rev Thawm Luai to the Port Dickson Conference and thereafter to meet with our churches. Even when we guarantee his passage here, he has to wait for his passport. Let us pray he may come on time. - T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (2 - 8 Sept)

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| MON | 7.30 pm | O.T. History (Rev Tow) |
| TUE | 8.00 pm | Prayer Meeting |
| | 9.15 pm | Session Meeting |
| WED | 7.30 pm | Modern Hebrew (Mrs Yaar) |
| THU | 7.30 pm | O.T. History (Rev Tow) |
| FRI | 8.00 pm | Rev Tow at Nazareth Gospel Meeting |
| SAT | 1.00 pm | TJBC; 2pm - JYF |
| | 3.00 pm | TBC; 3.30pm - YF |
| | 4.00 pm | YAF & AF Combined Mtg |
| | 7.30 pm | CFM |
| | 7.30 pm | Rev Tow at Sharon Anniversary & Musical |
| SUN | 9.30 am | Rev Tow & Phee at JB Tamil Service |
| | 10.00 am | Rev Patrick Tan |
| | 11.30 am | Catechism Class (Dr Tan) |
| | 11.30 am | Filipina Fellowship |
| | 11.55 am | Korean Church Service |
| | 1.30 pm | CFM Service |
| | 3.00 pm | BFC & Thai Services |
| | 4.00 pm | Indonesian Service |
| | 4.00 pm | Rev Tow & Phee at Rawang |
| | 4.30 pm | Sharon Church Service |
| | 6.00 pm | Tamil Service |
| | 7.30 pm | Korean Evening Service |
| | 8.30 pm | Rev Tow & Phee at Bukit Gambir |

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$5165.90

EXTENSION BLDG FUND 522)\$60; 523)\$410;

524)\$570; 525)\$615; 526)\$200; 527)\$20.

TOTAL \$561,862.82 Stop Press! 528)\$70

NEW LIFE (WOODLANDS) 5112)\$100.

TOTAL \$2,603,005.50

FEBI 234)\$100(Nazareth).

TOTAL \$136,109.61

OFFERINGS FOR: RPG \$120; Fan installation \$385; Rev Tow \$1000; Kimiko \$300; Weekly mailing \$45(Aust.)

Vietnamese Relief. All the 3 cartons of sardines have been committed to Rev Goh. A Gospel supper was held at New Life, Woodlands last week.

Port Dickson Conference: 170 have registered!

J.B. Bilingual Service, Lord's Day, 3 pm at 51A Jalan Wadi Hana, off Kota Tinggi Road, by the railway! Bring a

Heavenly Melodies

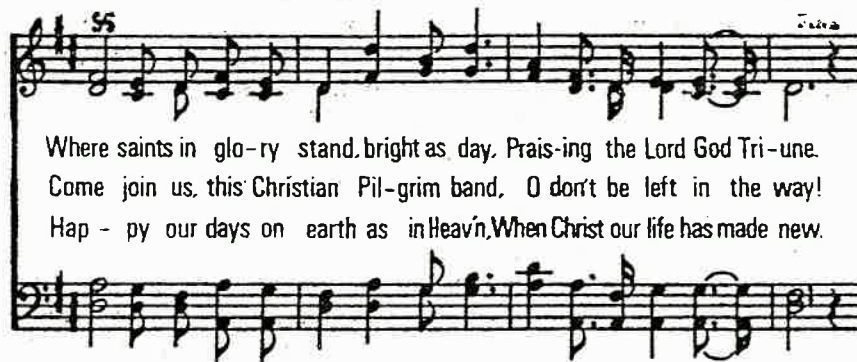
by Timothy Tow



1 There is a hap-py land far a-way. Far 'bove the blue.
2 Come a-way, come a-way to this Land, O don't de-lay!
3 Won-der-ful, won-der-ful, this new Land, Far 'bove the blue.



Where saints in glo-ry stand, bright as day, Prais-ing the Lord God Tri-une.
Come join us, this Christian Pil-grim band, O don't be left in the way!
Hap-py our days on earth as in Heav'n, When Christ our life has made new.



Where saints in glo-ry stand, bright as day, Prais-ing the Lord God Tri-une.
Come join us, this Christian Pil-grim band, On-ward and up-ward a-way...
Hap-py our days on earth as in Heav'n, When Christ our life has made new.



Hal-le-lu-jah, hal-le-lu-jah, I can hear them sing.
Hal-le-lu-jah, hal-le-lu-jah, Hark how sweet they sing.
Hal-le-lu-jah, hal-le-lu-jah, Raise our voice and sing.



friend or relative resident in J.B.!

Expresgram to Simon Tsai: Your remittance is being attended to.

"In God I Trust" by Ronald Reagan, only \$5 from our Book Centre. Use this book for evangelism! Give it to the educated, rich and powerful. They also need Christ!

Nursery today: Mr Hedy Ho & Mrs Yvonne Cheang.

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STATEMENT AGAINST LEGALISED GAMBLING by the Bible-Presbyterian Church of Singapore

The Holy Scriptures teach:

1. That righteousness exalts a nation (Prov 14:34);
2. That Christians live in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation (Phil 2:15);
3. That the love of and greed for money is the root of all evil (I Tim 6:10; Eccl 5:10; Jer 17:11; and Jas 5:3);
4. That an avaricious attitude is the cause of many domestic troubles (Prov 15:27);
4. That it is a sin to covet (Ex 20:17) and to steal (Ex 20:15); and
6. That it is the duty of all who can to work or else they should not eat (II Thess 3:10).

We note with regret:

1. The announcement by the Finance Minister of the Singapore Government (in the Straits Times 20.7.85) that gambling "cannot be totally eliminated from human nature. Far better that some controlled legal outlets be provided than to allow the urge to be satisfied by illegal operators;
2. The decision to continue the present policy of legalised gambling (for Toto, etc.) with plans to computerise four-digit gambling and other forms of gambling made available through 150 computer terminals at strategically-located shop units.

Even though we are assured that the Government will not actively promote gambling or encourage children to take part (something very difficult to curb), we affirm:

1. That this decision is in essence a surrender of moral principles and a capitulation to an unhealthy practice which threatens to undo the good emphasis of the present Government on moral values and education;
2. That computerisation of legalised gambling serves only to open the door wider to "a decline in the work ethic, financial ruin for some families and more speculative investments" (Dr Augustine Tan).

We therefore advise the members of the Bible-Presbyterian Church of Singapore and all Christians in Singapore:

1. That it is against Biblical principles to advocate or participate in gambling, legalised or otherwise;
2. That while we respect the decision of a government, these are not sacrosanct and whenever they conflict with our Biblical teachings we have the responsibility to express our dissent (Acts 5:29);
3. That while we certainly do not want to impose a Christian ethic on a non-Christian majority in Singapore, and while we detest the "holier-than-thou" attitude ("Management Adviser" in Straits Times 20.7.85), nevertheless it is our duty as citizens of Singapore to speak our minds and bear witness to the truth.

We therefore urge the leaders of our nation to reconsider their decision concerning computerisation of legalised gambling. The present policy is bad enough: let us not make it worse. Let us help promote a vision of a nation of hardworking, honest and thrifty people.

PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

In Regard to Gambling

Let it not be argued by any Christian that since Government sponsors it, it must be O.K. Such as TOTO. Nor let it be argued that playing mahjong between friends with a little stake is a pastime that hurts nobody. When you were outside Christ these were some of the sins you unknowingly engaged in, but now "you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvellous light" (I Pet 2:9).

Some might even ask for a direct injunction against gambling from the Bible. It is like a smoker asking for an explicit command against smoking. But if you demand one, it is the X commandment, which says, "Thou shalt not covet..." (Ex 20:17). Now if you gamble, is it not a fact that you desire to win? Does not that desire spring from a covetous heart? So the X commandment prohibits it. Gambling, in simpler words, proceeds from a love of money, which is condemned per se. "For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows" (I Tim 6:10).

Gambling never gains. As it is said, "Easy come, easy go." Those who win easily, spend easily and lose easily. And, when they lose, is it not a fact that they will try their luck to win it back? But the more they stake, the more they lose! Either way, gambling is a losing game. It contravenes the law of God. What runs counter to God's law comes under His wrath or curse. You gamble at your own risk!

A Christian, having been delivered from heathen darkness into the light of His salvation will not indulge any more in making money unrighteously. He will now work hard with his two hands to acquire honest gain. Here's St Paul's word of counsel: "For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you; neither did we eat any man's bread for nought; but wrought with labour and travail night and day, that we might not be chargeable to any of you: Not because we have not power, but to make ourselves an ensample unto you to follow us. For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat" (II Thess 3:7-10). To get dishonest gain without working will result in negative satisfaction.

Killing Many Birds

To take advantage of 200-odd miles we'd be driving to the Pastors' Conference, Port Dickson, with Dr Peter Masters, I've arranged for Rev Bob Phee and family to ride with me. Then we time it to reach J.B. this Lord's Day 9.30 am so as to preach to the Tamils. After settling down at Muar Rest House for an hour or so, we'd be at Rawang to baptise and administer the Lord's Supper. We preach at Bukit Gambir 8.30 pm returning to the Rest House 10.15 pm. Monday morning we leave for Port Dickson.

Please pray for journeying mercies; for a season of spiritual nurture and reviving under Dr Masters' ministry; for an enlarged vision in the Lord's work before He comes! Pray for Rev Liew Hon Seng and the Gospel Station at Taman Sri Melati, KL. When we look to Him in prayer, He will direct us what to do.

Hear Dr Peter Masters at Calvary Pandan Sunset Gospel Hour

1. September 8, 6 pm "Rejoicing in Tribulation"
2. September 15, 6 pm "The Salt of the Earth"
3. September 15, 8 pm "An All Round Ministry" (FEBC 16th Graduation)
4. September 22, 6 pm "The Light of the Word"

Highlight

The highlight of his praching at Calvary Pandan will be at FEBC's Graduation Sept 15, 8 pm when Faith B-P Choir and FEBC Choir will sing. Come and witness the passing out of 7 soldiers of Christ - Conferment of the B.Th. Degree on Stephen Khoo (now at Grace Seminary, USA); Kimiko Goto (now teaching at FEBC, Kalimantan); Prachan Rodruan (now pastor of a Thai Church, Yala, South Thailand); Benjamin Loo (now pastoring home church, S'pore); Jennifer Thien (of Sabah, waiting on the Lord). Two Diplomas in Theology will be awarded to Ruth Chan (serving at home church, S'pore) and to Patrick Lee (serving at home church, S'pore).

FEBC Latest

This year our student enrolment has exceeded 60, an all-time high. They come from 12 countries. As the College grows it has sparked an Extension Project parallel to Life Church's. Pray with us and for us that we might know God's will exactly. Some adjacent property that will also relieve our Sunday parking problem seems the best solution!

The Lord bless every Reader who has so enthusiastically supported this Extension Project, as you can see from the Weekly Column. What is given to our Life-FEBC joint extension is a double blessing, nay, a multiple blessing! Don't you see it in the many nationalities in our student body and in the graduates returning to their own countries to serve? Your giving to Life-FEBC is sowing that brings 100-fold!

"Music is Next to Theology" - Martin Luther

As for St Paul, he exhorts: "And be not drunk with wine wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord" (Eph 5:18,19).

As for John Sung, we had "Jesus, My Lord, I Yearn For Thee" published three weeks ago, and "Heavenly Melodies" (inspired by his chorus) to Stephen Foster's "Swanee River", sung in Church last week. When the pastor commented on the importance of good songs for good singing, requesting for suggestions from the congregation, he sparked a kindred spirit in Phillip Goh, a founder-member of Life Church since 1950. Bro. Goh has given me a list from which half have been sung, but we will sing those not yet sung, one by one. We welcome more choices! Yes, here comes by post a good one from Mrs Chan Ong Lan.

Singing from the heart is one characteristic of a revived Church, but the leader of a worship service must introduce hymns and songs that are singable or else singspiration becomes perspiration.

But we are a little apprehensive of hymns with that modern and carnal lilt, of their singers who lift up themselves and not Christ. Spiritual things are spiritually discerned. Songs that are not worth their sweetness will wilt like flowers and be cast aside down the avenue of time. But we sing only the time-tested ones.

Yours for singspiration, T.T.

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

MON 7.30 am FEBC bus leaving for P.D.
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting (Elder E Tay)
SAT 2.30 pm Sng Hock Soon-Tan Seok Bee
Wedding (Fishermen of Christ)
2.30 pm AF Bible Study (AF Room)
5.30 pm Khoo Yew Hock-Irene Chua
Wedding (Rev Patrick Tan)
SUN 10.00 am Dr Peter Masters
8.00 pm FEBC Graduation Service
(Calvary Pandan BPC)

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$6106.20

EXTENSION BLDG FUND 529)\$1750; 530)\$100; 531)\$1743; 532)\$460(Ch.Ser); 533)\$100; 534)\$50(Ch.Ser); 535)\$100; 536)\$1400; 537)\$500; 538)\$500; 539)\$35; 540)\$500; 541)\$500; 542)\$50; 543)\$50; 544)\$100; 545)\$1000; 546)\$20; 547)\$200; 548)\$500. TOTAL \$571,590.82 Stop Press!
549)\$100; 550)\$800.
NEW LIFE (Woodlands) 5113)\$20.

TOTAL \$2,603,025.50

OFFERINGS FOR: RPG \$100; Philippines \$170; Philippines Land \$198(boxes); N. Thailand \$510, 1000 guilders (Philippines); Frontier Labourers for Christ \$50.

FEBC takes a mid-term break Sept 9-14. Lectures resume Mon Sep 6, 8 am. During the short vacation most of the student body will be at the Port Dickson Conference. Lord's Day Sep 15 at 8 pm the College will hold her 16th Graduation Exercises at Calvary Pandan BPC after the Sunset Gospel Hour at both of which Dr Peter Masters will be the Speaker.

Expresgrams to: 1) Rev Dan Ebert. Thanks for letter. Our date is Nov 18-29 confirmed. 2) Dr Chung, Philippines. Thank you for your gift to N. Thailand! 3) Bro. & Mrs Lim Jui Kai. Many thanks for your gifts to missions.

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*** B-P 35TH ANNIVERSARY ***

3 Nights at World Trade Centre, September 19-21, 8 pm

The 35th Anniversary of Life B-P Church is also the 35th Anniversary of the whole B-P Church. Although Life Church's Anniversary falls on Oct 20, our 35th Anniversary this year will be commemorated earlier for 3 nights at the World Trade Centre, Sept 19-21, 8 pm (Thurs to Sat) to take advantage of Dr Peter Masters' coming.

Dr Peter Masters of Spurgeon's Tabernacle, London spoke at the WTC to overflowing crowds last year. He has just delivered a series of heart-warming messages to 185 at this year's Pastors' and Leaders' Conference, Port Dickson. So, you who have missed Port Dickson will have a chance to hear him the 3 nights at the World Trade Centre. The theme of the 3 nights at WTC is "Fulfilling the Great Commission".

An equally important reason why you must not miss the 3 nights at WTC is the audio-visual presentation of 35 years of B-P history by our Calvary BP crew of experts. I hear of what a scintillating product of their labour of love will be displayed to bring to your remembrance what is so soon forgotten! The 3 nights at WTC will take you by many a magic lantern back to old times at Prinsep Street, to the Singapore Pentecost of the thirties under the Revival of Dr John Sung, to William Burns the pioneer English-Scots Missionary who brought the Gospel to our ancestors in South China in the eighteen fifties. As the Chinese saying goes, "When you drink water think of the source." The Biblical injunction is, "Hearken unto Me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the Lord: look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged. Look unto Abraham your father, and unto Sarah that bare you: for I called him alone, and blessed him, and increased him" (Isa 51:1,2).

FROM WILLIAM BURNS TO LIFE CHURCH

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.

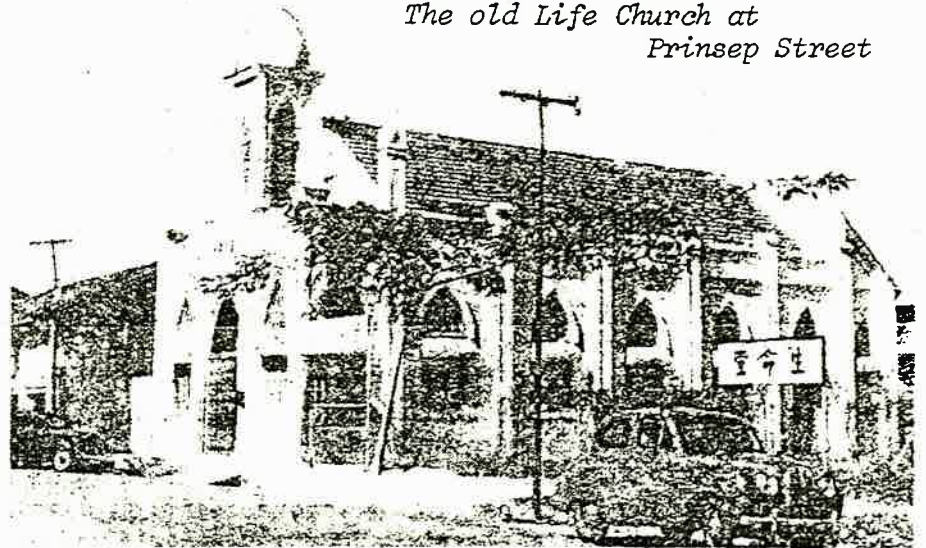
'Twas on this trip to our city,
That Hudson Taylor came
With Burns in the same ministry,
And they were not ashamed.

As the Gospel grew and flourished
In Swatow and Amoy,
From these havens our sires cherished
Sailed southwards ships ahoy!

Our fathers came to Singapore
And Malay States beyond.
A church soon sprang on this new shore
By eighteen eighty-one.

(These verses were penned in 1969 to commemorate Life Church's 19th Anniversary. Today, 16 years after the penning of the verses above, the B-P witness has spread to all ASEAN and beyond with the establishment of over 50 churches and congregations, FEBC and a branch school, FEBI, in West Kalimantan, etc. As we review the history of Life Church and the Bible-Presbyterian Church Movement at the WTC, let us be further encouraged to go in the strength of the Lord, to bear witness to Him in all nations, till He comes. Even so, come Lord Jesus. Amen.)

*The old Life Church at
Prinsep Street*



Among the first congregations
Was one at "Bamboo Tree",
Founded by the E.P. Missions
In eighteen eighty-three,

There stood before on Prinsep Street
An old, grey, little church.
'Twas here from the nineteen fifties
That we have grown so quick.

From Life we went to Sembawang,
From Life we went to Zion,
From Life on to Pasir Panjang,
From thence on to Jurong!

Faith, Carmel and Kelapa Sawit,
Hume Heights and Seletar,
Tekong and the Bible College,
Chia Heng and Toa Payoh.

Praise God, His Kingdom marches on,
Though His servants falter.
Glory to Christ the Son alone,
Whose Light shines forever!

Along the Gospel Road

By Rev Bob Phee

We left Singapore Sunday morning (8.9.85) at 8.20 am, and made our way to Johore Bahru. We thank God there was no jam at the causeway - an apparent consequence of the drop in petrol prices in Singapore. We arrived early at the Tamil Church in J.B. It was interesting to see the new board that was put up on the fence: "Life B-P Church" with Chinese and Tamil translations on it.

The house that is used for the Church services belongs to Mrs Zee, who lives with her daughter and son-in-law. Though only the living room was available, the worshippers felt free in their worship in the small space. Even the little out-house, which was meant for a car, was used for a Sunday School class. There were more than 12 children.

The worshippers, about 40 of them came: some walked, others on bikes and motorbikes, and some in cars. They came in families - with infants and toddlers. One brother at a point of attempting suicide found Christ, and in gratitude made a little Church-house as a present to the Lord. Elder Mahadevan chaired the Worship Service. The singing was lively, with accompaniment of drums and tambourines. Rev Tow preached on "Why Must Men Die?", and a brother from Galilee translated into Tamil.

Lunch was served after Service - nasi berani and sandwiches, which were offered by Kaveri, FEBC student-pastor. After lunch we continued on our journey to Muar. We arrived Muar at 3.00 pm and checked into the Government Rest House. We rested for a while before we drove to Rawang Church. At Rawang, there are 3 elders and 6 deacons who are very fervent for the Lord.

Rev Phee preached and Rev Tow interpreted into Teochew. Rev Phee preached on "Signs of the Times" stressing on false prophets and teachers, Jesus' warning that these would appear before His Second Coming. This sermon reminded the 80 plus worshippers of "This stone is laid for a second house of prayer on the faith of our fathers, a beacon beaming brighter far from Muar's dark streams across the waves. 1922 - 1972." Rev Tow conducted the Holy Communion Service and baptised one adult and three infants.

After dinner, we rushed up to Bukit Gambir, which was about a 20-minute drive from Rawang. As we turned towards the house Church, Rev Tow showed us a vacant piece of land at the corner of the road. The Rawang Church hopes to buy this piece of land which is priced at \$40,000. The land measures 5717 sq.ft. The Session envisages a lower price at this period of recession. At present, the Church there worships in an out-house which is leased to them for 8 years, and they have already used it for 2½ years. Thus, it is good foresight to work towards purchasing some nearby land.

About 40 worshippers were present, of whom 10 were non-Christians. Some of these were school teachers. One very fervent Christian came from Kundang Ulu, 10 miles from Bukit Gambir. Rev Tow preached in Hokkien. He preached also on the signs of the times, stressing on the need of greater service to the Lord.

One significant point brought up in Rev Tow's sermon was the confessed fault of missionaries in China. They told the Chinese to build their own churches, while they cared rather for themselves. The Chinese had only porridge to eat, but the missionaries had butter and jam. In Leslie Lyall's book, "God Reigns In China", he admits to this mistake of missionaries in China. He felt that the missionaries should have contributed their share while encouraging the nationals to self-support.

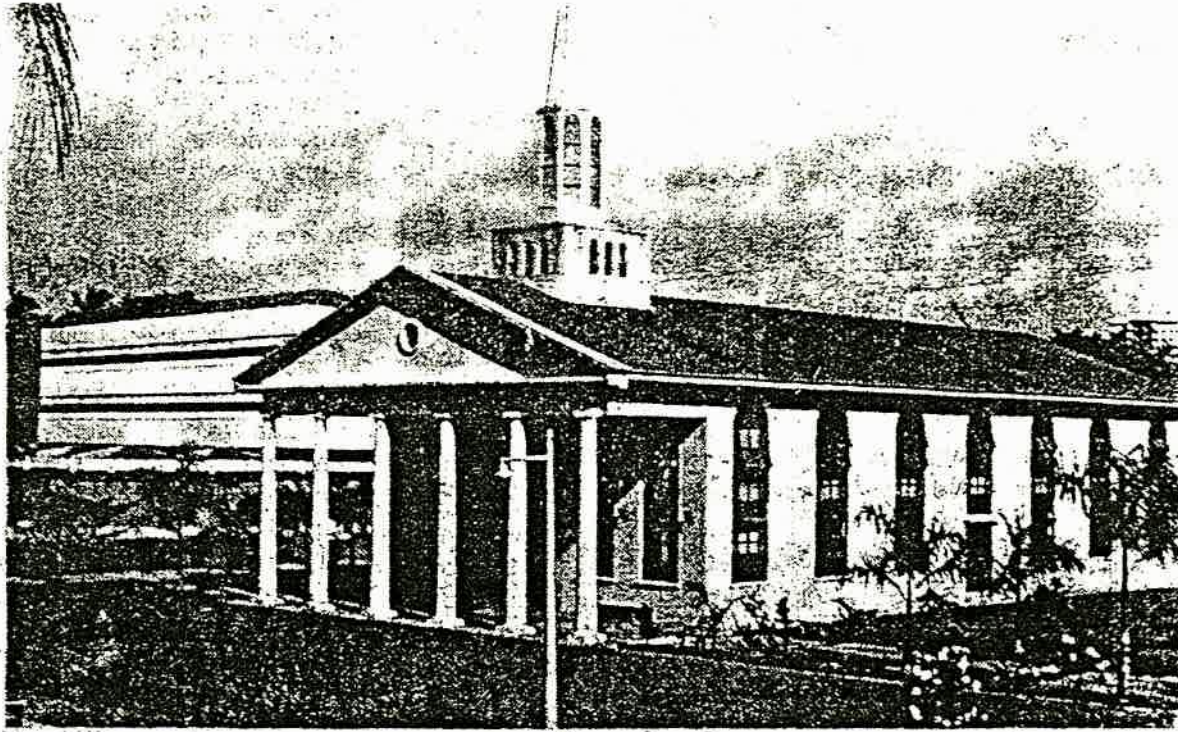
Rev Tow also conducted the Holy Communion at Bukit Gambir. By the time we returned to Rawang, it was 10.30 pm. An Elder invited us to his house for supper. It was an unusual one - we had a durian treat! It was a good supper.

Next morning we were on the road again, this time to the B-P Conference at Port Dickson.

| <u>APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (16th - 22nd Sept)</u> | | | 6.00 pm | Dr Peter Masters at Calvary-Pandan |
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| MON | 7.30 pm | Old Testament History (Rev Tow) | 7.30 pm | Korean Evening Service |
| TUE | 8.00 pm | Prayer Meeting | <u>Expresgram to Peter Clements:</u> Many thanks for your message I Cor 15:58 to FEBC graduands at 16th Graduation tonight at Calvary Pandan. | |
| WED | 7.30 pm | Modern Hebrew (Mrs Yaar) | | |
| THU | to SAT: | | | |
| | 8.00 pm | BP 35th Anniversary, WTC (Bus leaves Church 7.25 pm) | <u>To Dr John Davis:</u> For your kind letter on "The Gospel Prophets". <u>To Masila:</u> For yours to FEBC. <u>A Special Bus for Lifers</u> (all language groups) is chartered to take members to BP 35th Anniversary Commemoration at World Trade Centre Auditorium, Thu - Sat, Sept 19-21, leaving Church at 7.25 pm sharp. | |
| SAT | 1.00 pm | TJBC; 2pm - JYF; 3pm - TBC | | |
| | 2.30 pm | Sng Hock Soon-Tan Seok Bee Wedding (Fishermen of Christ) | | |
| | 4.00 pm | YAF; 7.30 pm - CFM | <u>LAST WEEK'S OFFERING</u> \$3983.00 <u>EXTENSION BLDG FUND</u> 551)\$500; 552)\$115; 553)\$150 554)\$4000; 555)\$250; 556)\$300(AF & YAF); 557)\$50; 558)\$50; 559)\$150; 560)\$150; 561)\$400; 562)\$260; 563)\$520. <u>TOTAL</u> \$579,385.82 <u>NEW LIFE (Woodlands)</u> 5114)\$2693.05(NL); 5115)\$150; 5116)\$500. <u>TOTAL</u> \$2,606,368.55 <u>FEBI</u> 235)\$200; 236)\$1300. <u>TOTAL</u> \$137,609.61 <u>OFFERINGS FOR:</u> <u>Thailand</u> \$100, \$1200, \$150; <u>RPG</u> \$200; <u>FEBC</u> \$200. <u>Nursery duty today:</u> Mrs Jennifer Goh and Mrs Doris Chng | |
| | 5.30 pm | Khoo Yew Hock-Irene Chua Wedding (Rev Patrick Tan) | | |
| SUN | 10.00 am | Dr Peter Masters | | |
| | 10.00 am | Chinese Service | | |
| | 11.30 am | Catechism Class | | |
| | 11.30 am | Filipina Fellowship | | |
| | 11.55 am | Korean Church Service | | |
| | 1.00 pm | AF Mtg at Chee Seng's home | | |
| | 1.30 pm | CFM Service | | |
| | 3.00 pm | Thai & BFC Services | | |
| | 4.00 pm | Indonesian Service | | |
| | 4.30 pm | Sharon Church | | |
| | 6.00 pm | Tamil Service | | |

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THE B-P STORY



"The B-P Story", which is the title of a 35-minute computerised multi-lenses audio-visual screen presentation is the story of God saving a people out of sin, misery and death into the Kingdom of life everlasting.

I

"The B-P Story", as told on this auspicious occasion of the 35th Anniversary of the B-P Church movement, is the reenactment of the story of Exodus, of a pilgrim people not only coming out of Egypt, but headed for the Promised Land. Now here is St Paul's commentary on the Exodus story: "But with many of them God was not well-pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness." While we have grown from a little congregation of about 40 communicants to well over 4,000, we have also countless drop-outs, like those "overthrown in the wilderness". And "not everyone that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven" (Matt 7:21). The B-P Story is the story of every individual's relationship with his God. Father cannot save son, mother cannot save daughter, husband cannot save wife, wife cannot save husband. Like Christian in Pilgrim's Progress, each one must make up his own mind. Are you only a member of a B-P Church, or also a member of God's Kingdom, washed by His Precious Blood? Is your name registered with some B-P Church, or is it also written in heaven?

II

The B-P Story is the story not only of a people called out of their Egypt from the world, but also separated from the heathen tribes when they enter the Promised Land. Here is a picture of separation from every kind of false religion which has infiltrated the Church today - modernistic unbelief, also called liberalism, and its newest brand called Neo-Evangelicalism, Roman Catholicism, and finally union of all churches which will lead to inclusion of human religions under the Ecumenical movement. Charismaticism which brings further confusion into the churches is another undoing of His Church. Now when the children of Israel first entered the Promised Land, they not only kept separate from the heathen Canaanite tribes but also fought them. The B-P Story is the story of leadership of the first generation of our Church movement taking a positive separatist stand against the Ecumenism of our day. But will the next generation persevere in the same stand or join up with the enemy, as the generation that came after Joshua? Let me put it to you in the words of Joshua, "And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15). What is your answer to Joshua's challenge? Will you be a B-Per loyal to God's charge?

III

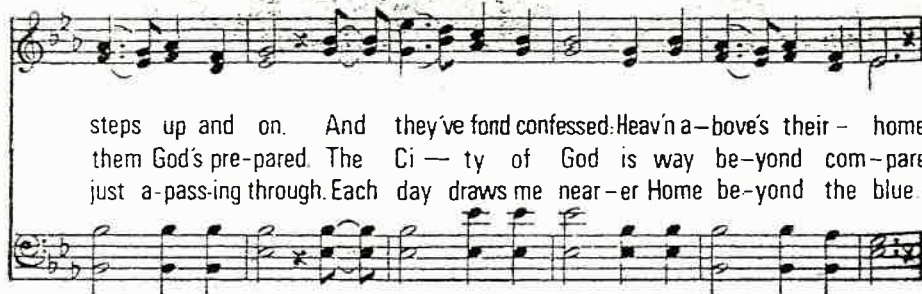
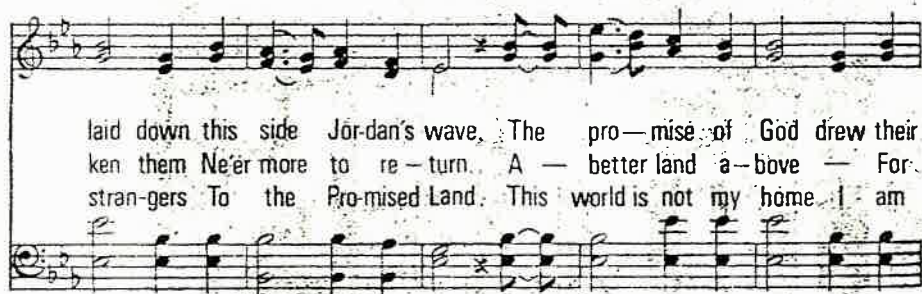
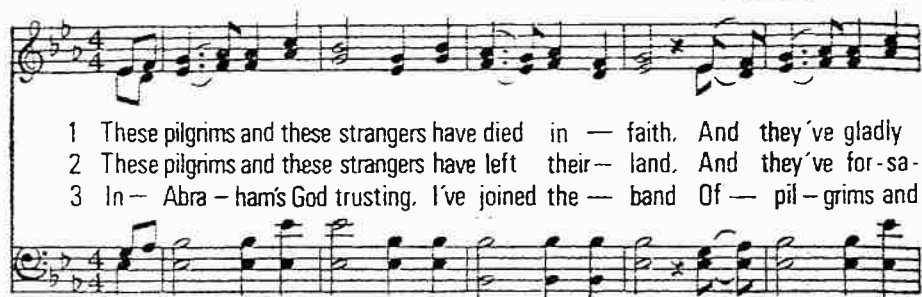
The B-P Story is the story of Israel's conquests in the Promised Land, east, west, south and north. A Church is not a machine nor a monument, but a movement. The B-P Story is the story of a Church movement, and by God's grace, we have been on the move from the beginning. Although we have grown to over 50 churches and congregations in Singapore and Malaysia with further outreaches to the ASEAN countries, yea, even to India, etc., we will grind to a halt like an outworn machine and finally become a monument if we fall into complacency like the children of Israel.

That we have been motivated from the beginning to strike out for Christ is the on-flowing of revivalistic and evangelistic zeal since the Singapore Pentecost of 1935 under

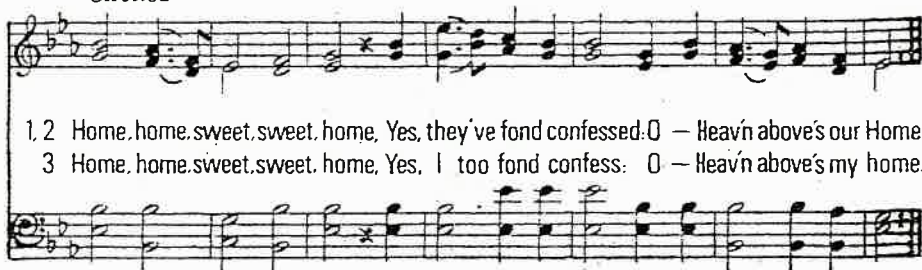
The Pilgrims' Home Sweet Home

T. TOW

HENRY R. BISHOP



CHORUS



B-P leadership must squarely rest on FEBC graduates inasmuch as the leadership of our Singapore armed forces must be shouldered by a new generation of soldiers.

V

"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). So when we are ready to do His will, because despite our weakness we do love Him, He will open a door of service for us to yet another door of service. The Lord has not only opened a door to all ASEAN for the B-P Church movement but also beyond it. While we cannot personally go to far off places, it is of strategic importance that we support those faithful nationals on the spot who need our help. We must not withhold that which God has put into our hands, from them to whom it is due. The B-P Story is the story of a new chapter in Missions, of a vigorous establishment of God's Kingdom in West Kalimantan, North Sumatra, East Java, Rhio Islands, North Thailand, and not the least West and East Malaysia. Philippines is becoming another field wherein we can work in the English language inasmuch as India has come into the orbit of our Tamil brethren. The voice calling Isaiah into service is calling you tonight, to you, young men and young women standing at the crossroads of life. If you do not know where to turn, then turn to Him tonight, who is calling you into service, to continue the B-P Story.

Conclusion

We must not forget that the B-P Story is the least our Story. It is the Story of a Sovereign God, who out of His infinite wisdom and bountiful grace has called our founding fathers for a high purpose and is calling you today to follow in their train. John Calvin, quoting Jonah 2:9 says, "But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that which I have vowed. Salvation is of the Lord." Amen. — T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (23rd - 29th Sept) HEAR DR PETER MASTERS at Life Church, Gilstead

MON 7.30 pm Modern Hebrew (Mrs Yaar)

Road, this Lord's Day, Sept 22, 10 am.

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting

Pray for Rev Charlie Tan as he recuperates at

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

Gleneagles after an operation.

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

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$5249.60

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Dr John Sung. That zeal in our founding fathers was not the least manifested in Rev C T Hsu who formed our third musketeer. The B-P Story of our founding fathers is incomplete without honourable mention of our dear brother in the faith. Rev C T Hsu, who has supported the missionary outreaches of our Church without a break to this day was my comrade in missions for a decade until he migrated to USA in 1960. Yea, he serves not an earthly monarch, but the King of kings.

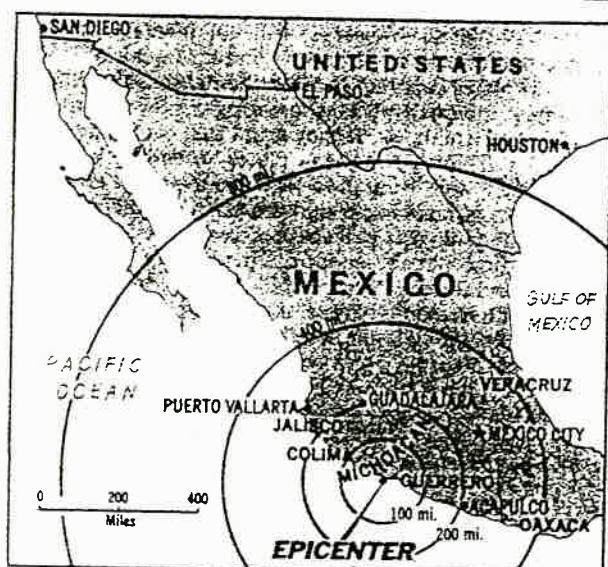
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Finally, it must be noted that the B-P Story cannot be very effective without the part played by the Far Eastern Bible College. When the priesthood began to apostatise, God raised up Samuel the prophet, and through him a school of prophets was founded. These were men who were touched by the Spirit, whom the Lord used to lead His people, apart from the priests. "Without a Bible College or Seminary to train a new generation of workers in God's vineyard," said Rev Contento who "bequeathed" the tenure of the former Galilee Church grounds to Life Church, "The Church will die." How true! Many churches are dying for lack of a trained leadership. The FEBC has nurtured over 30 of our ordained ministers and church workers apart from twice that number that are serving in various positions around the world. Indeed, the next generation of

PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

The Message of Mexico



Under the caption "A NOISE LIKE THUNDER", *TIME* Magazine Sept 30, '85 reports: "A devastating earthquake had hit Mexico City. The quake's force, measured at 7.8 on the Richter scale, was the world's most severe since a tremor measuring 7.8 struck the coast of Chile last March. In four chaotic minutes, an estimated 250 buildings collapsed in downtown Mexico City; 50 more were later judged dangerously close to falling, and the condition of 1,000 others was regarded as unsafe.... U.S. Ambassador John Gavin, who flew over the devastation in a helicopter, predicted that some 10,000, perhaps even double that number, would eventually be found dead or trapped in the ruins. Said he, 'It looked as if a giant foot had stepped on the buildings.'"

What lessons can we learn from this most recent disaster of disasters that constantly plague this planet?

1. SIN is at the bottom of all troubles on earth. The earth was cursed when man rebelled against God - "thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth unto thee" (Gen 3:18). In Luke 13:1-5 SIN is presupposed in Jesus' admonition to the Jews.

2. REPENTANCE. There are those who are quick to judge the afflicted, but our Lord says we should rather judge ourselves in repentance. We are all sinners, in the same boat. By corollary, we should least take comfort when disaster falls on our enemy. Solomon says, "Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, and let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth: Lest the Lord see it, and it displease him, and he turn away his wrath from him" (Prov 24:17,18).

3. IN THANKFULNESS SERVE HIM. When others suffer and we do not, it is high time we reconsecrate ourselves in thankfulness to serve Him. Too often we take things for granted. We have never had it so good for the last 20 years, says Dr. Tay Eng Soon. As the Lord follows His admonition to the Jews (Luke 13:1 - 5) with the parable of the barren fig tree He would want to see in us a more productive life. Thankfulness begets service and service begets fruits of thankfulness. Let us remember to do something for Jesus everyday! Let us spend the Lord's Day all for HIM!

4. BE READY FOR HIS COMING! One of the signs of Jesus' Return is earthquakes (Matt 24:7). God has spoken not only to Mexico City but to us on this hemisphere of the globe. And be sure of this, when men persist to ignore Him, He will send more earthquakes! Christians who are so drawn by their worldly ambitions from serving Christ must awake, reorientate their plans, be ready for the Rapture when the Lord comes with great power in the clouds of heaven to save them from a burning earth. Do you know if you're saved? Your sins forgiven? You've a place reserved in heaven?

Rev Stephen Masila's Church Struck By Typhoon

"I was indeed caught yesterday with great surprise and shock when I arrived at the Church and found that the entire 85 ft by 30 ft roof of the Church was completely blown off and destroyed by wind. The wind was so strong that it broke down a half of one strong wall. The building project was not yet completed.

"We were carrying sand on our backs for the plastering. We were gathering money for the cement. But when we were in this process, yesterday at 7 pm a very strong summer wind came and did a very terrible job. This has cost a great damage. My first response to this was to pray and I found Romans 8:28 very encouraging.

"I praise the Lord because none of the 300 children, who come regularly every Sunday, and the 150 worshippers, were hurt. If the wind had come on Sunday morning it could have killed many souls. This was all the Lord's protection and preservation.

"Today we were collecting the debris. And on Friday we will just come to build a temporary mud house in which we will be worshipping, waiting to see God's provision when the Lord, in His good and perfect timing, provides us with the necessary amount, we will start a fresh building right from the foundation, because the remainder of the walls have been weakened. Please do pray with and for us for this urgent and great need."

Use Our Reinforced Singapore \$ to Help Build Two More Churches in Philippines

Hitherto our "Philippines Land" offerings have contributed to the purchase of 500 sq. metres of "HDB" land in Manila to build a Church.

We have two other requests, one from a pastor also in Manila whose Church I've visited but now it is to be shifted because of town development. The other is from another pastor who was my student when I taught in Faith Seminary 1978 - 1979. S\$5000 to each of these two requests will suffice! A brother last week handed me an envelope of \$1500, a tithe from his earning. He gladly channelled this sum for Philippines Land.

Now, we have an invitation to teach at the Bible Institute and Graduate School of Theology (Rev Dan Ebert) Nov 18-29, 1985. Won't it be wonderful to be enabled to help two other

ANON.

OH, BE CAREFUL

Old Melody
Arr. by H. D. L.

1. Oh, be care-ful lit-tle eyes what you see, Oh, be care-ful lit-tle
 2. Oh, be care-ful lit-tle ears what you hear, Oh, be care-ful lit-tle
 3. Oh, be care-ful lit-tle hands what you do, Oh, be care-ful lit-tle
 4. Oh, be care-ful lit-tle heart whom you trust, Oh, be care-ful lit-tle
 5. Oh, be care-ful lit-tle mind what you think, Oh, be care-ful lit-tle

eyes what you see, There's a Sav-iour up a-bove, And He's
 ears what you hear, Je-sus died up-on the tree, And He
 hands what you do, Je-sus did the work for all, You need
 heart whom you trust, Je-sus in that home so fair, He a-
 mind what you think, Let us think for me He died, For my

look-ing down in love, Oh, be care-ful lit-tle eyes what you see.
 said "come un-to me," Oh, be care-ful lit-tle ears what you hear.
 but to heed His call, Oh, be care-ful lit-tle hands what you do.
 lone can take you there, Oh, be care-ful lit-tle heart whom you trust.
 sins was cru-ci-fied, Oh, be care-ful lit-tle mind what you think.

pastors to their feet in their church building programme? Our dollar in the Philippines can do easily 2-3 times what it can in Singapore.

The Burmese Story

Of late we have been in correspondence with Rev Thawm Luai, Secretary of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Burma. We have invited him to the Port Dickson Conference. Short of that, to fellowship with our leaders and speak in our Churches. For about two months he has been working on his passport, but, alas, it has been refused!

So Bro. Thawm Luai cabled to have me visit Burma instead. When I promptly went to the Burmese Embassy to apply for visa the lady officer pointed me to a notification on the window to the effect: "Pastors are not allowed." So Burma, a hermit country of Buddhist monks, is hermetically sealed to the outreach of the Gospel. So sealed up that it is hard for Christianity to breathe!

For a Church to grow, to be enlivened there must be the free flow of spirits, the exchange of ideas, the fellowship of saints. In the circumstances, the Christians of Burma all the more need our prayerful support. One way to bring them sustenance is the sending of Bible Commentaries and good Christian books, or to support some worthy student to study at FEBC!

It is our prayer that Burmese Church leaders may not be debarred from attending the 12th ICCW World Congress in Seoul, Korea, Sept 12-26, 1986. One of the four freedoms enunciated by President Roosevelt near the end of World War II is Freedom of Religion! Let us pray that freedom of religion may be granted to our Christian brethren in Burma. Amen.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (30 Sep - 6 Oct)

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| MON | 7.30 pm | O.T. History (Rev Tow) |
| TUE | 8.00 pm | Prayer Meeting |
| | 9.15 pm | Session Meeting |
| WED | 7.30 pm | Modern Hebrew (Mrs Yaar) |
| THU | 7.30 pm | O.T. History (Rev Tow) |
| FRI | 8.00 pm | Family worship at home of Mrs Lee Choon Ngee, 127 Emerald Hill Rd (Rev Tow) |
| SAT | 3.00 pm | AF Bible Study |
| | 5.00 pm | Henry Lam Kam Kuan-Serene Chiang May Siew Wedding (Grace BPC, FEBC Hall Reception) |
| SUN | 10.00 am | Rev Tow (Lord's Supper) |
| | 10.00 am | Chinese Service |
| | 11.30 am | Catechism Class |
| | 11.55 am | Korean Church Service |
| | 3.00 pm | Thai Service |
| | 4.00 pm | Indonesian Service |
| | 4.30 pm | Sharon Church |
| | 6.00 pm | Tamil Service |
| | 6.00 pm | Sunset Gospel Hour (Rev Tow) |

LAST TWO WEEKS' OFFERING \$5249.60 +
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WOODLANDS (New Life) 5117)\$10.

TOTAL \$2,606,378.55

FEBC 237)\$200; 238)\$150; 239)\$100(Naz.); 240)\$106.50(USA); 241)\$900(AF).

TOTAL \$139,066.11 Philippines Land \$1500

AIR BEMBAN 130)\$400. TOTAL \$59,307.25

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an extraordinary congregational meeting will be called on Lord's Day Oct 13, 11.15 am immediately after worship to consider and approve Constitution for individual BP Churches and the Revised Constitution of the Bible Presbyterian Church of Singapore (as required by law). Meanwhile copies of the afore-said Constitution and Revised Constitution have been distributed to members to give ample time for their study. Members are duty-bound to stay after service for a brief 15 minutes to give the their views (if any) and consent "to fulfill all righteousness". Dr Patrick Tan will chair the Meeting to expedite the Lord's Business as the pastor will be at the Chinese Service and Lord's Supper immediately after which the Catechism Class follows.

Notice is also given of our BP Annual Conference and Synod Meeting to be held at Life Church, Gilstead Rd on the Lord's Day Oct 27, '85, 8 pm. Congratulations to Galilee Church which celebrated her Silver Jubilee with dedication of new 4-storey Christian Education Annex yesterday, Sat Sept 28.

Obituary Mdm Lee Kin Hoe, 68, mother of Bro. Wong Bak Kiang went home to be with the Lord Sept 22. Funeral on Sep 24 was officiated by the pastor at Chua Chu Kang Protestant Cemetery. Nursery today: Mrs Tan Hui Tin & Ms Choi Lin Fong

PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

Of Weekly Sabbaths and Yearly Feasts (and Church Anniversaries)

In order that God's people in the Old Testament (the Israelites) might be preserved "an holy nation" the Lord gave them not only weekly sabbaths but also yearly feasts to keep.

With the coming of the Saviour, our sabbaths are kept on the Lord's Day (so you come to Church) while in place of the yearly feasts the Christian Calender reduces to two big commemorations, viz., Christmas and Easter. Insofar as the local Church is concerned, it is the practice of each Church to celebrate its own Anniversary.

In two weeks Life Church will celebrate her 35th Anniversary. To celebrate, according to the Oxford dictionary, is "to perform publicly and duly (religious ceremony); officiate at Eucharist; observe, honour, with rites, festivities, etc. (festival, event); publish abroad, praise, extol." In the spirit of honouring and praising our Saviour who brought us out of our Egyptian darkness into the marvellous light of His salvation we have pronounced, since the beginning, every Church Anniversary is our Thanksgiving.

Neither in keeping a Feast in the Old Testament can the element of Thanksgiving be missed. How do we celebrate Thanksgiving? To express our gratitude to God for His saving grace, we are, first of all, to bring an offering. Second, we rejoice in the salvation by eating together. Third, we are to give to the poor, to some Cause where there is a need.

With these principles adduced from the Levitical statutes let us be reminded to prepare (as you respond from your heart) to bring a Thanksgiving offering to the Lord. Let us set aside a time to eat together with other members of the Life Church family. Let us channel the offering to the Lord for a worthy Cause.

Now to specifics, our 35th Anniversary will be celebrated with a Worship Saturday October 19, 6 pm sharp. At 7.15 pm it will climax with a Dinner under the palm trees. Adults \$15; Children under 12, \$7. FEBC students \$5. The next day being the Lord's Day, the whole Church gathers again in total worship with items of praise and baptism of new converts, reception of new members transferred to Life Church. The offering taken this year is designated for the Extension of Far Eastern Bible College, whose Extension Fund has now topped \$40,000.

As our 35th year coincides with the Golden Jubilee or 50th year of the Singapore Pentecost through Dr John Sung, and the pastor's book on John Sung is published by the Church, every worshipper on Lord's Day Nov 3 will get a free copy. Originally we planned to give the book to you Oct 20, but the time element has eluded us! The book being 300 pages long it takes a little longer to print! (Price: \$7; Hard covers \$9.50). In this connection, we're happy to report Dr Peter Masters has pre-ordered 300 copies and Calvary Pandan BPC 1000 copies. If you want to know more of the roots of our church, you must read "John Sung My Teacher".

Our Church and College Extensions

Life Church and FEBC are in a unique relationship. The Church has blessed the College and in turn is blessed by the College. The Church needs more parking space as of the present and the College needs more study and living room in the immediate future. Therefore since October last year a double Extension Fund has spontaneously sprung up. Today the Church Extension Fund has soared to \$620,000 and the College Extension Fund has gleaned \$40,000. To show our oneness with FEBC Session has therefore decided to channel your gifts to FEBC Extension Fund.

Originally we thought of acquiring some property immediately opposite our Church. But as the Chinese saying goes, "A thousand gold can hardly buy your neighbour's land", the price asked was \$130 p.s.f. This is far above the market price. As this is the buyer's market, we will not buy. We will wait, while we keep accumulating, for the right buy at the right time. There are other adjacent properties available.

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt 6:33).

J.B. Bilingual Service, Lord's Day 3 pm

The Chinese-English Service needs our help! The ladies of our Chinese Service at Gilstead Road would mutually benefit the J.B. 3 pm service if some motorist will ferry them in. Leave Gilstead Road every Lord's Day at 2 pm! Who will go for the Lord?

Madam Zee the landlady had a fall last week. It hurt her shoulder and face. Fortunately there was no fracture. Pray for Madam Zee's quick recovery. - T.T.

Rev Liew Hon Seng Reports on K.L. Outreach

It has been a great pleasure to co-labour with you since 15th Sept 1983 in the opening of a B-P Gospel Mission at 70, Jalan Melati-11, Taman Sri Melati, Batu Caves, Selangor (Tel. 03-882935) which is our house. We appreciate very much your supporting us S\$500 per month.

The work here from the beginning was a difficult one. We have been tracting and visiting often, but the result seems not promising. Residents here look courteous on receiving Gospel tracts, but it would be wrong to say that they are responsive to the Gospel message. Moreover the Assembly of God and the Full Gospel Chapel have also established a work here.

The worship service was actually started before 15th Sept 1983, but the inaugural service was on that day officiated by Rev Timothy Tow with a Baptism attended by some B-P Singaporeans. The time for service is 8.30 pm at present. The attendance is about 10 people. We have

K.L.

never stopped holding services since the inauguration. Hopefully, there will be two women to be baptised. We have our Sunday school at 3 pm. About 12 children attend. At first we had more, but due to parental opposition, some dropped out.

Our Bible Study Class is held Thursday night 8.30 pm. We have 6 people attending regularly. The Scriptures we have studied are Ephesians, Matthew and now the Gospel of John.

Perhaps one thing worthy of mention here is our Book Room. Since March of this year Mr William Ong the manager had asked me to help him part-time with a monthly allowance of \$250. The Book Room uses our house facilities, such as telephone and room, to store books. I have to meet the orders from Kuala Lumpur, Petaling Jaya, Seremban and elsewhere. The Book Room helps us somewhat, financially.

Recently Calvary Jaya B-P Church at Petaling Jaya has invited me to preach. The first speaking engagement was on 22nd Sept. The next is 6th Oct. I pray that I can be of more service to them.

We are grateful for Rev Tow and the B-P Life Church (both English and Chinese), especially the Women's Fellowship, for their kind support. The work here shall continue, and we desire your prayerful support.

Ed. note: Rev Liew, B.Th. (FEBC 1970) is conversant in Chinese and English. His wife who is a graduate of Chin Lien Seminary was also my student.

We are delighted that Rev Liew can be of service to Calvary BPC, Petaling Jaya (15 miles away). Pray for the Liews that their service for the Lord might increase to His glory.

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

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| MON | 7.30 pm | O.T. History (Rev Tow) |
| TUE | 8.00 pm | Prayer Meeting |
| WED | 7.30 pm | Modern Hebrew (Mrs Yaar) |
| THU | 6.30 pm | O.T. History (Rev Tow) |
| FRI | 8.00 pm | Family Worship, Home of Elder & Mrs Seow Chong Pin and Mr & Mrs Edwin Seow, 7 Lily Ave (off Sixth Ave), tel: 4698650 |
| SAT | 1.00 pm | TJBC; 2 pm - JYF; 3 pm - TBC |
| | 2.15 pm | Goh Hwee Kheng - Cheng Theng Chye Wedding (Ev. Reformed Church, Rev Arie Den Hartog) |
| | 3.30 pm | YF; 4 pm - YAF; 7.30 pm - CFM |
| | 7.30 pm | Pilgrim's Progress (in Mandarin) |
| | 8.00 pm | AF combined mtg at Galilee BPC, Dr Lim Teck Chye speaking |
| SUN | 10.00 am | Rev Patrick Tan |
| | 10.00 am | Rev Tow (Chinese Service) |
| | 11.15 am | Extraordinary Congregational Mtg |
| | 11.30 am | Catechism Class |
| | 11.30 am | Filipina Fellowship |
| | 11.55 am | Korean Church |
| | 1.30 pm | CFM Service |
| | 3.00 pm | BFC & Thai Services |
| | 3.00 pm | Rev Tow at Kelapa Sawit |
| | 4.00 pm | Indonesian Service |
| | 4.30 pm | Sharon Church |
| | 6.00 pm | Tamil Service |
| | 7.30 pm | Korean Evening Service |

--- A PSALM OF THE SEA ---

(to the tune of "Eternal Father, Strong To Save", Melita)
 Ye mariners on high seas steep
 That toil amid the foaming deep,
 Behold the mighty works of God,
 And His great wonders as you plod.
 O that all men would bow to Thee,
 Thou God of heaven and earth and sea.

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

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

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

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$5386.30

EXTENSION BLDG FUND 574)\$100(YF); 575)\$64(USA) 576)\$381; 577)\$20; 578)\$1000; 579)\$200; 580)\$250; 581)\$1400; 582)\$530; 583)\$13; 584)\$240; 585)\$100; 586)\$100; 587)\$312. TOTAL \$623,730.82

FEBC EXT FUND 34)\$45. TOTAL \$40,099.10

FEBC 242)\$200; 243)\$65(Grace BPC).

TOTAL \$139,331.11

EBF Stop Press! 588)\$42(USA)

PHILIPPINES LAND \$200; \$80; \$190; \$50; \$200; \$213(USA); \$1000(Thanksgiving for daughter's exam success)

OFFERINGS FOR: Africa \$250; RPG \$100; Thailand \$170; Children's Choir Gowns \$1000.

A BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF THE BIBLE by Noah Quashie is highly recommended! Sale price only \$4.50. After Oct, \$6! IN GOD I TRUST by Ronald Reagan has sold several thousand, hurry! Price \$5. The Gospel Prophets by T Tow (Read comment by Dr Davis) Price \$4. Pioneering in Dyak Borneo by Jason Linn, \$3! Available from CLBC.

Hear Pastor Tow at Sunset Gospel Hour this evening 6 pm on Christ and the Law.

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Expresgram to Peter Eng: Thanks for your letters & gift. To Dr John Davis: For your kind commendation on The Gospel Prophets. To Set-suko, Japan: God bless your unique evangelism! To Samuel Bala: Thanks for your newsy letter. Notice is again given of an extraordinary Congregational Mtg to be held next Lord's Day, Oct 13, 11.15 am immediately after worship to approve Constitution of individual BP Churches and the Revised Constitution of the BPC of S'pore (as required by law). Members are reminded of their duty to stay behind for this business mtg in order to make up the quorum, "to fulfil all righteousness." Dr Patrick Tan will chair the meeting to expedite the Lord's business as the pastor will be at the Chinese Service and the Lord's Supper, which does not end until 11.30 am. Infant Baptism Please register with pastor with necessary particulars today and last next Lord's Day.

'Reagan will leave his mark in history'

He has never let any problem weigh him down: PM

THE Prime Minister, Mr Lee Kuan Yew, has said that Mr Ronald Reagan's presidency would be a "noticeable landmark" in American history.

In his toast during a White House dinner hosted by President and Mrs Reagan in honour of Mr and Mrs Lee on Tuesday, the Prime Minister said that Mr Reagan has restored American leadership in the maintenance of a just and equitable world order.

"I have been a regular visitor to the United States for two decades," Mr Lee said.

"It was an ordeal to watch America writhe in self-inflicted agony at home during the years she tried to fight the war in Vietnam.

"Even after the war she did not bounce back from her depression. And morale dropped to a new low when American hostages were held in Teheran," he said.

Mr Lee added that when Mr Reagan was taking his oath of office as President, at the start of his first four-year term in 1980, the hostages were

released.

"It was proof to me that the Iranian mullahs were not as crazy as the media had made them out to be. You made your fellow Americans and your friends again feel proud and optimistic by the confidence you radiated," he said.

Mr Lee described Mr Reagan as a man who has never allowed any problem, however daunting, to weigh him down.

"Now as imports surge into America because of an over-strong dollar.

Congress in its pessimism moves towards protectionism. You have not yielded to such despair.

"You will astound your critics yet again when you turn this spell of apparent adversity to advantage by opening up foreign markets and creating new jobs for Americans," the Prime Minister said.

Mr Lee, who held talks with Mr Reagan earlier in the day, added: "The friendly relations between the US and Singapore are at their best. This is as they should always be."

EDITORIAL COMMENT

"When Mr Reagan was taking his oath of office as President, at the start of his first four-year term in 1980, the hostages were released," says our Prime Minister in his toast during a White House dinner hosted by the President and Mrs Reagan. "It was proof to me," continues Mr Lee, "that the Iranian mullahs were not as crazy as the media had made them out to be." Our question is, "Why did the Iranian mullahs suddenly relent?" Mr Lee observes, "... by the confidence you radiated."

In the light of God's Word, however, we have a higher answer from King Solomon: "When a man's ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him" (Prov 16:7).

I. In what way can a man please the

Lord? In seeking Him with a humble heart as we shall show from Mr Reagan's upbringing. "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise" (Ps 51:17).

II. "In what way may a man please the Lord?" again we ask. "In seeking to do that which is right, come what may, as we shall show from Mr Reagan's direction of Government. "Then shalt Thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness...." (Ps 51:19).

As to I., i.e. the President's humble seeking of the Lord, we have this record from "Ronald Reagan: In God I Trust", a collection of his statements of Faith in God. Herbert E. Ellingwood, a close friend of Reagan, testifies of him:

"1. Ronald Reagan has a good understanding of the Bible because his deeply religious mother took him to Sunday school regularly. He has also been a Sunday school teacher.

"2. His favourite Bible verse is John 3:16. (For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.) When asked what it means to him personally, he responds, 'It means that having accepted Christ as my Saviour, I have God's promise of eternal life in heaven, as well as the abundant life here on earth that He promises to each one of us in John 10:10.'

"3. He has responded to questions from Christian leaders and shared his faith with such people as Billy Graham, Demos Shakarian, Bob Mumford...."

In Frank der Linden's book, *The Real Reagan*, still more is revealed about the President's personal spiritual life through private discussions that he had with Christian leaders... (with Otis of High Adventure Ministries in 1976...). Here is an excerpt from these conversations:

Otis: Have you been born again?

Reagan: Yes, I can't remember a time in my life when I didn't call upon God and hopefully thank Him as often as I call upon Him.

Otis: Do you really believe Somebody is listening up there?

Reagan: Oh, my! If I didn't believe that, I'd be scared to death!

Reverend Adrian Rogers, president of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1980 met with Reagan early in the primary campaign of 1980, cross-examined the governor at length. Rogers said afterward: "Governor Reagan said that his faith is very personal, that God is real to him. He had a personal experience when he invited Christ into his life. I asked if he knew the Lord Jesus or just knew 'about' Him. Reagan replied, 'I know Him.'"

The Real Reagan also gives us other insights into the spiritual upbringing and character of the president:

"1. He was raised in the Disciples of Christ church and attended Eureka College, a school maintained by this denomination.

"2. He has never consulted a psychiatrist. He is very secure mentally, emotionally, and psychologically, which is a direct result of his Christian faith.

"3. He is remarkably calm and peaceful, which comes directly from his belief that God has a divine plan and purpose for his life.

"4. He entered the 1976 presidential race only after much meditation and prayer.

"5. Before moving to Washington, the Reagan family attended worship services at the Bel Air Presbyterian Church and often sought spiritual guidance from its pastor, the Reverend Donn Moomaw. Moomaw told an interviewer that he and Reagan 'have spent many hours together on their knees.'

WHO IS ON THE LORD'S SIDE?

Charles Seet

Daniel Chia

1. Who is on the Lord's side? Who will preach His Word? Pierce the hearts of
 2. Who is on the Lord's side? Who will share His love? Of the great Re-
 3. Who is on the Lord's side? Who will bear the cross? Leave the world be-
 4. Who is on the Lord's side? Who His stan-dard raise? For His truth con-
 5. Who is on the Lord's side? Sing the vic-tor's song? Ha-ving fought the

sin - ners, with His migh-ty Sword?
 -dee - mer, sent down from a-bove?
 -hind him, count all gain but loss? Here I give Thee, Sa - viour,
 -ten - ding, on - ly for His praise?
 good fight, la-boured for so long?

All that Thou must own, To be Thine for-e-ver, By Thy grace a-lone. A-men.

"As interesting as these personal glimpses are, they usually come through others close to him or from the president only when he is specifically asked to comment on his personal faith. He is very careful to avoid making his piety an issue. For example, during elections, he does not campaign in churches. He chooses to address any Christian constituency from a public forum and discuss political and social issues that are of concern to them."

As to II., i.e. In seeking to do that which is right, come what may, our text continues:

"However, when it comes to Ronald Reagan's vision for America and what it takes to make and keep America great, he is not the least bit shy about stating his deeply held convictions that are based solely on his faith in God and his moral world view.

"He feels his faith in this instance should not be limited to private conversations and interviews, be-

cause he is a firm believer in Benjamin Franklin's statement: 'He who introduces into public office the principles of primitive Christianity will change the face of the world.'

"Ronald Reagan goes public with principles of his Christian faith because he believes that he was destined to have a part in shaping the nation's destiny. Some have called it his compulsion to make America great again. He would say that he has felt called to lead the nation.

"This inner drive is reflected in a statement that he made repeatedly from the time he left the governorship to the time he was elected president: 'The time has come to turn back to God and reassert our trust in Him for the healing of the nation.'"

"Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 14:34)

- T.T.

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

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| MON | 7.30 pm | O.T. History (Rev Tow) |
| TUE | 8.00 pm | Prayer Meeting |
| WED | 7.30 pm | Modern Hebrew (Mrs Yaar) |
| THU | 7.30 pm | O.T. History (Rev Tow) |
| SAT | 1.00 pm | TJBC; 2pm - JYF; 3pm - TBC |
| | 2.30 pm | Tan Jack Soon-Leong Choy Kuan Wedding (Fishermen of Christ) |
| | 3.30 pm | YF; 4pm - YAF; 7.30pm - CFM |
| | 6.00 pm | 35th Anniversary Thanksgiving Worship |
| | 7.30 pm | 35th Anniversary Thanksgiving Dinner |
| SUN | 10.00 am | 35th Anniversary Baptismal Service |
| | 11.55 am | Korean Church Service |
| | 1.00 pm | AF mtg at Victor's home |
| | 3.00 pm | BFC & Thai Services |
| | 4.00 pm | Indonesian Service |
| | 4.30 pm | Sharon Church Service |
| | 6.00 pm | Tamil Service |
| | 7.30 pm | Korean Evening Service |

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$5358.20

EXTENSION BLDG FUND 589)\$80; 590)\$1620; 591)\$20; 592)\$100; 593)\$150; 594)\$150; 595)\$100; 596)\$50; 597)\$211(Ch.Ser); 598)\$100(YAF);

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599)\$500; 600)\$300; 601)\$20; 602)\$100; 603)\$64.40(USA); 604)\$1000; 605)\$400.
 TOTAL \$629,138.22
 NEW LIFE (Woodlands) BLDG FUND 5118)\$550; 5119)\$10,000(NL). TOTAL \$2,616,928.55
 FEBI 244)\$65(Galilee YAF). TOTAL \$139,396.11
 OFFERINGS FOR: Philippines Land \$80, \$280(Box); Africa \$200, \$154, \$150; Adelaide Bible Sch. \$50; Thailand \$50, \$250, \$100; RPG \$100.
 Baptism Mr Hong Yee Chong, 78, Father of Nancy Hong, was baptised at his home, Blk 105, #05-410 Towner Road in the presence of his family and Elders Tay and Khoo, the pastor officiating, Oct 8, 1985, 10 pm.
 Pastor visits Kelapa Sawit this afternoon with Rev Peter Chua. Pray for Mrs John Ling.
 Expresgram to Miss Julie Chiang, 1806 Walnut St, Berkeley, CA 94709. Your two tithes to the Lord received. God bless.
 35th BP Anniversary Commemoration Financial Statistics. Rental of WTC for 3 nights \$4800.
 Offerings received: 1st night: S\$3542+M\$21(for Dr Masters); 2nd night: S\$2282.60+M\$24(for BPM); 3rd night: \$4725.76(for FEBC). There will be a re-screening of the BP Story at Sunset Gospel Hour, Cal-Pandan, Lord's Day Nov 3, 6 pm.

35th Anniversary Thanksgiving First Fruits

Melissa Low, 13 "I was born into a half Christian family. My mother is a Christian but not my father and grandmother. Now, I am very thankful to the Lord that my father has accepted the Lord Jesus Christ, too.

"I can vividly recall one Easter morning in 1982 when my mother and I attended Bedok Methodist Church for the Easter Service. It was the Pastor's message and the song 'Were You There When They Crucified My Lord', that made me realise how sinful I was. From then on, I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Saviour. All along, I wanted to be baptised, but did not have the courage. Now that I have found my courage, and also with encouragement from my mother, I am getting baptised. Praise the Lord always!"

Khoo Yang Hui, 18 "I was born into a family of free-thinkers. Through a mission school, I got to know the Gospel. Later I accepted Jesus Christ was my personal Saviour during my secondary school days. I joined my local church at Toa Payoh. I was fervent in spirit to serve the Lord, my Saviour. However, due to lack of spiritual food, which my church was unable to give, I decided to worship in Life B-P Church. The reasons why I worship in this present church are: 1) By God's grace, I awakened to the ecumenical heresy that is quietly seeping into Methodist churches. 2) The contemporary approach to witnessing - such as musical rallies and dramas which fail to deliver the full impact of the Gospel to sinners. 3) The wonderful doctrine of "once saved, always saved" expounded by Bible-believing churches.

"The reason why I desire baptism is the Lord's command. The Lord commands each born-again believer to be baptised and to partake the Lord's Supper. Baptism will dispel all doubts among my relatives and friends that I am taking up a temporary religion. Baptism is a solemn affair and is equivalent to the confession of faith of the Muslims - the circumcision. Another important reason is my army enlistment. In a few months' time I shall be entering National Service. The first 3 months of military training makes it impossible for me to worship on the Lord's Day. Hence the need for baptism to remind me of my commitment to Jesus Christ...."

Sarah Lee Bee Gek, 18 "I am sincerely reborn only recently, to be exact, July this year. I realise that before that, I was a wretched soul professing to be a Christian. I came to know the Gospel in my pre-primary years from my Christian aunt. Throughout my eighteen years, I have been having an on-off relationship with God.

"Although deep in my heart I knew there is an Almighty God, I used to hold 'conferences' with my Muslim, Buddhist and Christian friends. I remembered that there were many heated and fruitless arguments. In the midst of this search, I got involved in the school's 'Youth For Christ' and became a 'once-a-week' Christian. This was because my acceptance of Christ was a verbal and mental acknowledgement, and my heart and soul were not in it.

"My search for salvation brought me to a strange 'religion'. I was brought to a flat with an atmosphere thick with smoke from incense. A 'medium' uttered some words and claimed that our names were written on the gates of Heaven! Whenever I think of this incident, I marvel at my naivety.

"The hollowness of my heart was most deeply felt when I entered Junior College. I was not able to concentrate on my studies as I pondered over the futility of life. Things worsened when my parents separated. I turned bitter, selfish, and cynical. One day, I noticed two Christian collegians who were different from other Christians. I could feel their sincerity and assurance. I was drawn to them. Then, the Truth hit me - I just need to believe and commit myself to Him totally. Since then, I have looked at life with a different perspective; I treat people differently, learn to be patient and humble. Most of all, I know where I am going - to my Father's Home.

"The Lord has answered my prayers - my mother has returned home. Praise the Lord! Although there are still ups and downs in my spiritual life, I am comforted by the presence of the everlasting Lord, even to the end of this world."

Yeo Chay Ngee, 19 "I came to know God for the first time in Sept 1983. I was invited to a Gospel rally at Life Church by two of my former schoolmates, Pin Liew and Chuey Yong. It was on that day that I came to accept Him as my personal Saviour.

"Now, two years later, I know I have made the right decision. My life has changed for the better with increasing knowledge of God. God has blessed me.

"In times of sorrow, God is always with me to comfort me with caring friends and concerned parents. When I am happy, God shares my happiness and I experience eternal joy. Wherever I am I know that He is also there by my side. I love my God and promise to obey Him with all my heart, all my soul and all my mind."

Lee Keng Huat, 28 "Born in a non-Christian family, I was brought up to worship idols. Like any man I prayed for wealth, success, status, etc. I did not know much about Jesus Christ until my colleague brought me to church. The first few months my attendance was irregular as I did not find anything special in the church except those songs which I enjoyed singing.

"Things began to change when I started reading the Bible. I began to reason to myself about creation. How did living things, earth and planet exist, if there was no creator. Of course, I did think of evolution which some people believe, but no one can prove that man evolved from apes. I was very certain that there must be a great God who created the earth. At this time I stopped praying to idols and attended the services regularly.

"From the services, I came to know about salvation and God's great love for us, so great that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have

eternal life (John 3:16).

"For the past two years I have been attending the church services. Each day my faith increased until recently I decided to be baptised as I have accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour whole-heartedly. I thank God for being so merciful and patient with me. Praise the Lord."

Aileen Foo Say Wah, 31 "I accepted Christ some 14 years ago, during one of the Youth for Christ meetings. The date is not significant because I did not feel convicted at all. It was more of obligation, not to disappoint my friend. Twelve years had gone by until my former colleague started a Bible-study group in my Department. We were able to help one another and confide in one another. My prayers were answered except (1) my ability to conceive, (2) change of job/environment.

"This made me disappointed with God. Eventually I stopped attending Church and drowned myself in self-pity and depression. I consulted astrologer, fortune-teller, went to Novena and even to Chinese temple. I almost fell pray to Satan by wanting Japanese sutras.

"Despite my many sins, my Lord has been gracious to me. I was at the beginning of this year that I returned to Church and was encouraged to attend Elder Khoo's Sunday school class. Meanwhile, I received news from MINDEF about my job transfer. My second prayer was answered (after 1½ years) when I secured the job of Radiographer with RSAF (2/5/85). With this new job, I am able to spend more time reading His Word. I no longer feel depressed at not being able to conceive, but am committing the timing to His gracious hand."

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (21st - 27th Oct)

ADULT BAPTISMS

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| MON 7.30 pm | O.T. History (Rev Tow) | 01. Chew, Michelle | F | Housewife |
| TUE 8.00 pm | Prayer Meeting | 02. Chia, Helen | F | Student |
| WED 7.30 pm | Modern Hebrew (Mrs Yaar) | 03. Chiam Tok Ling | F | Student |
| THU 7.30 pm | O.T. History (Rev Tow) | 04. Foo Say Wah, Aileen | F | Radiographer |
| SAT 2.00 pm | Rev Tow at Chin Lien Commemoration of John Sung Golden Jubilee | 05. Ho Heng Sau | F | Student |
| | 7.30 pm "John Hus" Film by YAF Film Ministry | 06. Khoo Yang-Hui | M | Student |
| | | 07. Koh Kah Lam | M | Student |
| SUN 10.00 am | Rev Tow | 08. Koh Siew Min | F | Student |
| | 3.00 pm Rev Tow at Chin Lien | 09. Koh Suan Lam | M | Student |
| | 8.00 pm B-P Synod at Life Church | 10. Koh Yuet Yau | F | Student |
| | | 11. Lee Bee Gek, Sarah | F | Student |
| | | 12. Lee Keng Huat | M | Self-employed |
| | | 13. Lee Seow Chye, Ezekiel | | |
| | | Alick | M | Sales Rep. |
| | | 14. Leo Boon Keng | M | Student |
| | | 15. Loh Jie-Yin, Marianne | F | Student |
| | | 16. Loh Kwee Chin | F | Secretary |
| | | 17. Loh Pei-Yin, Melissa | F | Student |
| | | 18. Low Ju Huey, Esther | F | Staff Nurse |
| | | 19. Ow Kuan Tai | F | Student |
| | | 20. Sin Kwai Fah | F | Student |
| | | 21. Tan Kwang Meng B.B. | M | Student |
| | | 22. Yeo Chay Ngee, Yvette | F | Student |

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$4869.00

LIFE CHURCH EXTENSION FUND 606)\$1000; 607)

\$100; 608)\$100; 609)\$50; 610)\$521; 611)\$260.

TOTAL \$631,169.22 Corrigendum Item 604)\$1000 of last week should read \$1400.

FEBC EXT FUND 35)\$150; 36)\$50; 37)\$100; 38)\$200. TOTAL \$40,599.10

FEBC 245)\$150; 246)\$100. TOTAL \$139,646.11

PHILIPPINES LAND \$300, \$352, \$27, \$100.

OFFERINGS FOR: KL Mission \$400(WF); Thai Mission \$370; Anniversary Dinner \$750.

Elders are reminded of Synod meeting at Life Church next Lord's Day, Oct 27, 8 pm particularly to consider our new Church Constitution, as required by law.

Rev & Mrs Paauwe and FBCA (Fundamental Bible College of Australia, Adelaide send greetings to Life Church on the occasion of our 35th Anniversary.

One lot of sardines earmarked for Vietnamese refugees have been delivered to Rev Goh Seng Fong for their feeding at New Life Church.

INFANT BAPTISMS

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| 01. Feng ZhiWei, Samuel, s/o Mr & Mrs Fong Fook Heng |
| 02. Goh JieHao, Gabriel, s/o Mr & Mrs Goh Seng Huat |
| 03. Goh ShiWei, Timothy, s/o Mr & Mrs Benny Goh |
| 04. Huang QingYao, Daniel, s/o Mr & Mrs Ng Kok Beng |
| 05. Koh Hui Min, Clarissa, d/o Mr & Mrs Sunny Koh |
| 06. Kong SuHui, Faith, d/o Mr & Mrs Denis Kong |
| 07. Lim WenSiang, Kevin, s/o Mr & Mrs Lionel Lim |
| 08. Seah ZhongMin, Gary, s/o Mr & Mrs Seah Seow Hock |
| 09. Tan Shi Ping, d/o Mr & Mrs Winston Tan |

TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

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| 01. Gradussov, Anne | F | Student |
| 02. Loh Keh Chuan | F | Student |


CHINESE SERVICE BAPTISMS

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| 01. Miss Ang Yam Boi |
| 02. Mdm Ong Gek Hong |
| 03. Mdm Sitoh Siew Yoke |

"JOHN HUS"

See it this Saturday Oct 26, 7.30 pm at Life Church. All are welcome!

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Don't Miss
An Outstanding
Dramatic Motion Picture
John Hus

Hus was the accused
but his testimony
put a whole civilization
on trial.

One hundred years before
Martin Luther he planted
the seeds of
The Reformation.



My dear Readers,

REFORMATION SUNDAY AND JOHN HUSS

Apart from Christmas and Easter we do not observe any other Day except Reformation Sunday. This Day falls on October 31, the Day Luther protested against the tyranny of Rome by nailing his 95 theses on the door of the Castle Church at Wittenberg. Since October 31 this year falls on a Thursday we celebrate to the nearest Sunday, which is October 27.

The need of commemorating the 16th Century Reformation was never greater as we see the tide of Ecumenism drawing more and more Protestant Churches back to Rome. In this connection we give hearty support to the Evangelical Reformed Church as their pastors Rev Hartog and Rev Lau Chin Kwee (former Lifer) present two lectures on the Reformation Oct 31 and Nov 1, 7.30 pm on our Church premises. Don't miss these two glorious evenings!

The corrupt system of the Roman Catholic Church which persists without changing an iota to this day is reflected in Christ's message to the church in Thyatira. This corrupt church harbours Jezebel the false prophetess "who seduces my servants to commit fornication and to eat things sacrificed to idols" (Rev 2:20). To commit fornication spiritually is to depart from Christ and His Word unto an idolatrous and superstitious system of Mary and martyr worship, Pope and priests, confession, purgatory and indulgences, which are completely alien to the Bible. So, true servants of God must denounce such "fornication".

While Luther was the faith hero that made the breakthrough to the 16th Century Reformation, I propose this year to commemorate John Huss (1374-1415), a forerunner of Luther in Bohemia.

JOHN HUSS



John Huss lost his father at an early age, but under his devout mother he grew up to be a great scholar. He became Rector of Prague University when only 34 years old. What made him great was his love for and faithfulness to the Word of God and devout consecration before Him. He was greatly influenced by the writings of John Wycliffe of England (1329-84), the "Morning Star of the Reformation". Wycliffe questioned many of the evil doctrines and deeds of the Roman Catholic Church, and for doing that his grave was dug up and his remains thrown into the River Swift.

Two cartoons also made a deep impression on John Huss. One showed Jesus wearing a crown of thorns but the Pope wearing a crown of gold. The other cartoon showed the woman to whom Jesus said, "Thy sins are forgiven thee" with the reverse side of a Pope selling indulgences ("forgiveness tickets") to the people.

In Prague there was a Bethlehem Chapel where the common people could hear the Word, not in Latin, which only the clergy understood, but happily in their own language. Here Huss spoke earnestly of the need of turning away from the many superstitions in the Church. He also exposed the sins of the clergy. He spoke fearlessly from what he had learned from the Bible, but truth which cuts straight spares no crookedness in its path. In denying the infallibility of the Pope and in challenging the crafty powers of the priests, he committed the unpardonable sin against the Church. This brought him into confrontation with the Archbishop of Prague who had his and Wycliffe's books publicly burnt.

Things came to a head when the Pope excommunicated him and placed the city of Prague under an interdict (ban), which forbade the Church and people from having anything to do with Huss. Anyone helping Huss would be damned. When the General Council of Constance (Switzerland) was to be held in 1414, Huss was summoned to attend as Luther was summoned to the Diet of Worms. The Emperor Sigismund promised him safe conduct, i.e. he would not be arrested, but it was of no avail under the overwhelming presence of the Church. Huss was caught like a bird in a net. The Church could bring no charge of heresy against him save his stand for a return to the Bible.

Nevertheless he was sentenced to death, but that was the price forerunners of the Reformation had to pay. Remember also Wycliffe! Kneeling before his persecutors Huss prayed, "Lord Jesus, forgive all my enemies for the sake of Thy great mercy. Thou knowest that they have falsely accused me, brought forward false witnesses and concocted false charges against me. Pardon them for the sake of Thine infinite mercy."

The Archbishop of Milan and six other bishops were appointed to deprive him of his office of priest, who also committed his soul to the devil. As they burned him at the stake, to add insult to injury, they put a crown of blasphemy on his head: "This is an arch-heretic"

with devils tearing at his soul. Though Huss was put to this cruel death by burning, in the Spirit of Christ he could calmly say, "Into Thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit." What a testimony to faith in our Lord Jesus Christ and in His Word: "Fear not them which kill the body but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell" (Matt 10:28).

The Bohemian delegates to the Council of Constance returned to their country filled with indignation. They were sorry not only for Huss but also for others of like precious faith who were cast into prison. A revolt broke out which became a war lasting 15 years. Those who revolted in sympathy with John Huss were called Hussites. Later they were known as Bohemian or Moravian brethren.

False Christs and False Prophets Today

Beloved, we are living in the last days. As for signs of His coming, not only are there increasing occurrences of earthquakes and wars, famines and pestilences, but more and more false christs and false prophets are appearing on the Church scene. They impress with big numbers, great prestige and power. A new power is Ecumenical Church Unionism, like the totalitarian power of the Roman System is raising its ugly head. But we who stand in the tradition of the 16th Century Reformation must separate from all ecumenical entanglements. We must also preach the Truth that cuts straight across all crookedness. We must stand with Luther. We must stand with Huss. May this commemoration of a hero of faith make this year's Reformation Sunday a meaningful one.

Yours for the Faith, T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (28 Oct - 3 Nov)

MON 7.30 pm O.T. History (Rev Tow)
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
WED 7.30 pm Israel Cultural Films (all are welcome)
THU 7.30 pm O.T. History (Rev Tow)
THU 7.30 pm Rev Hartog on Reformation
FRI 7.30 pm Rev Lau on Reformation
SAT 1.00 pm TJBC; 2pm - JYF; 3pm - TBC
3.30 pm YF; 4pm - YAF/AF Combined Mtg; 7.30 pm - CFM
SUN 10.00 am Rev Peter Chua (Elder E Tay)
10.00 am Chinese Service
11.00 am Rev Tow at New Life BPC
11.30 am Filipina Fellowship
11.55 am Korean Church
3.00 pm Thai Service
4.00 pm Indonesian Service
4.30 pm Sharon Church Service
6.00 pm Tamil Service
6.00 pm Rev Tow at Calvary Pandan Launching of "John Sung My Teacher"

7.30 pm Korean Evening Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$8101.16

LIFE CHURCH EXTENSION FUND 612)\$3315; 613)\$150 (LCSS Pri.); 614)\$50; 615)\$200; 616)\$50; 617)\$500; 618)\$900(BFC).

TOTAL \$636,434.22

FEBC EXTENSION FUND 39)\$50; 40)\$100; 41)\$50; 42)\$450; 43)\$6000; 44)\$50; 45)\$80; 46)\$200; 47)\$100; 48)\$50; 49)\$50; 50)\$100 51)\$20; 52)\$50. TOTAL \$47,949.10

PHILIPPINES CHRISTIAN RELIEF \$3507.16, \$100(WF), \$300(Indo.Ser), \$150.

OFFERINGS FOR: Stephen Masila \$150; M\$200 (K.Besar); RPG \$120; FBICA(Adelaide) \$200; General Offerings \$1700, \$2200.

A Telegram of Good Wishes was received from Dr Lynn Gray Gordan, President, Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions to Life Church on her 35th Anniversary last Lord's Day, two hours after service. Many thanks, Dr Gordan!

Pray for the sick: 1. Mrs John Ling of Kelapa Sawit; 2. Mrs Thomas Effendi of Indonesia; 3. Bro. J.P. David and his operation Oct 29; 4. Madam Zee of J.B. Deepest Condolences to Deacon and Mrs L.S. Pang on the home-going of Mrs Pang's mother, Madam Mary Wee Peck Geok, Oct 21. Nursery today: Mrs Grace Seow & Ms Catherine Ong

The Session of New Life BP Church cordially invites members of Life BP Church Session and their spouses to their anniversary lunch, Lord's Day Nov 3, 12.30 pm. N.B.!

To add to the joy of the 2nd Anniversary of New Life Church, our Children's Choir will sing at the service, beginning 11 am. Parents are requested to bring their children to New Life Church (Woodlands) and join in the service.

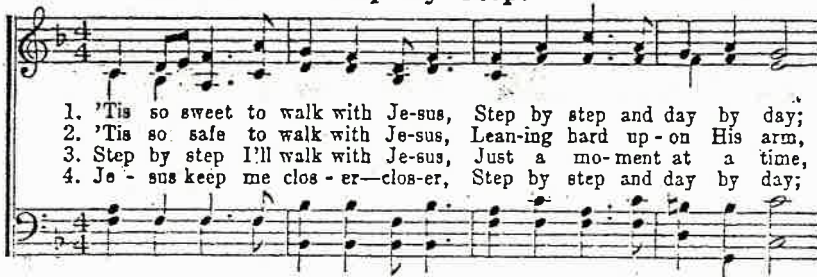
Corrigendum to last week's Baptism Records. Loh Jie Yin, Marianne should list under Infant Baptisms. Addendum: Jenny Lam Lee Nghoh under Transfer of Membership.

John Sung My Teacher, a 300-page biography of Dr Sung by T. Tow, published by Life BP Church, will see the light next Lord's Day, price \$7 and \$9.50 (hard covers). A \$7 copy will be given free to every worshipper who will fill in a coupon and present the same to the Deacons in charge. A Golden Jubilee Celebration!

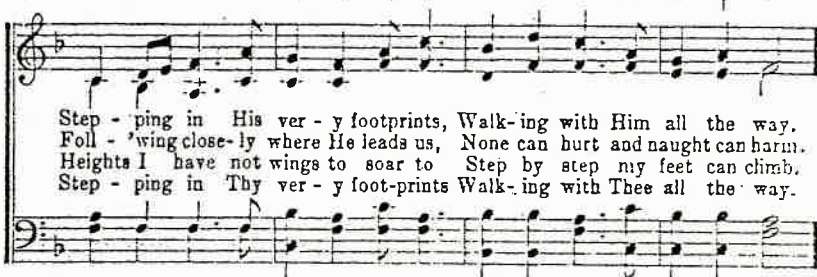
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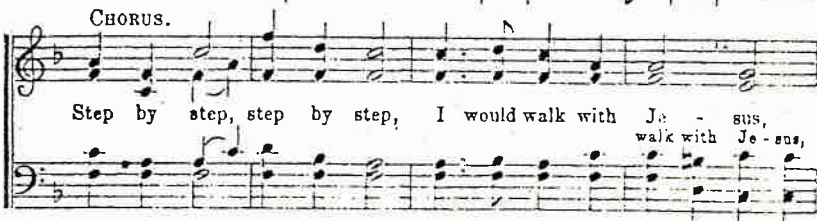
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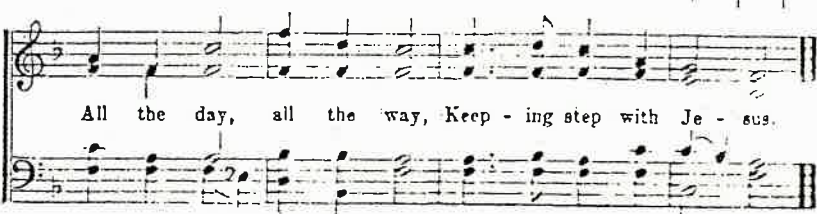
1. 'Tis so sweet to walk with Je-sus, Step by step and day by day;
2. 'Tis so safe to walk with Je-sus, Lean-ing hard up-on His arm;
3. Step by step I'll walk with Je-sus, Just a mo-ment at a time,
4. Je - sus keep me clos - er - clos - er, Step by step and day by day;



Step - ping in His ver - y footprints, Walk-ing with Him all the way.
Foll - 'wing close-ly where He leads us, None can hurt and naught can harm.
Heights I have not wings to soar to Step by step my feet can climb.
Step - ping in Thy ver - y foot-prints Walk-ing with Thee all the way.



CHORUS.
Step by step, step by step, I would walk with Je - sus,
walk with Je - sus,



All the day, all the way, Keep - ing step with Je - sus.

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My Brief Life's Testimony

by Phillip Goh

During the Japanese occupation I was with Oka Butai as a motor mechanic, receiving \$2.50 Japanese currency per day. They offered the best cigarettes to employees but I was not interested in smoking. After the Japanese Surrender in 1945, I worked as a fitter. Then I started smoking a packet a day. When I changed my job to a clerk, I increased smoking to 2 packets a day. When I left this job for better prospects I became a sales representative of a soft drinks firm. Then my smoking increased to 4 packets a day. I also took to drinking with the staff every weekend.

I did attend Church, but not regularly. One day, I had a serious accident due to the alcohol drinks. So I tried to quit both alcohol and cigarettes. Alcohol was easier to quit than cigarettes.

By God's grace I managed to stop both the evil habits. I praise the Lord for what He has done for me to this day. Sometime in August 1985 I read the Life B-P Weekly and noticed Rev Tow was giving O.T. History lectures on Mondays and Thursdays. I joined the evening classes to learn more of the Bible from Genesis. I am still attending these classes which take us now to Judges.

Meanwhile I got a temporary job lasting 3 days. I was going to quit the O.T. History Class. That same night that I got the job I took a bus home, but as I was getting out at the bus centre and walking across the road, my left leg stumbled into the road-side drain. I got a cut on my shin bone with slight bleeding, but I managed to reach home safely.

As most idolatrous people who are superstitious will say this was bad luck, to me it was the Lord telling me not to waste my time getting a few dollars extra a day.

Instead of taking the extra job, I have concentrated on O.T. History with Rev Tow. It is better to further my knowledge of Jesus Christ. I am warned by the verse, "A double minded man is unstable in all his ways" (James 1:8).

Testimony From One Who Attends Prayer Meeting

By Magdalene Tan

On 16th July 1985 my son Harold was called up for National Service. I was worried as he might not be able to go through the training. For the first 3 months every NS boy must go through what the Army calls B.M.T. (Basic Military Training).

I was worried sick, which affected me mentally and physically. Suddenly I thought of our Saviour Jesus Christ and from that day I began to attend Prayer Meeting every Tuesday evening. I also prayed at home with my husband. We asked our Lord for His help, and prayed that our son be given strength and courage to see him through this critical period.

Truly our prayers have been answered. On 11th October '85 the big day arrived. My son was one of them at the Passing Out Parade. With our Lord's help he is now deployed to the Army School of Driving for 6 weeks. Thereafter he will return to his present regiment until R.O.D.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the pastors, elders, deacons, brothers and sisters for their assistance during Prayer Meeting.

Through the Valley of the Shadow of Death

Mrs. John Ling, Kelapa Sawit

Praise the Lord, since I contracted cancer, I have found more time to commune with the Lord and serve Him. I have been fully at peace.

In March 1985 we held a Gospel meeting for 80 Primary 6 students. Though I felt very tired after the meeting my heart was filled with joy.

On May 28 I went to see Dr Tow and it was found that the cancerous cells had spread and surgery was necessary. Dr Su gave the anesthetic and Dr Tow operated on me. I was touched by their lovingkindness. I was more confident on the operating table this time.

I underwent another operation after this because of internal bleeding. When I woke up I thanked the Lord for leading me through the valley of the shadow of death. As I received the blood transfusion I thought of the Lord who bled for us. All the more I loved Him. And I would want to thank the anonymous blood donor.

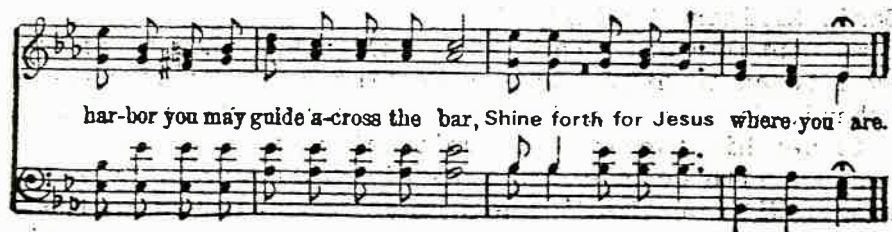
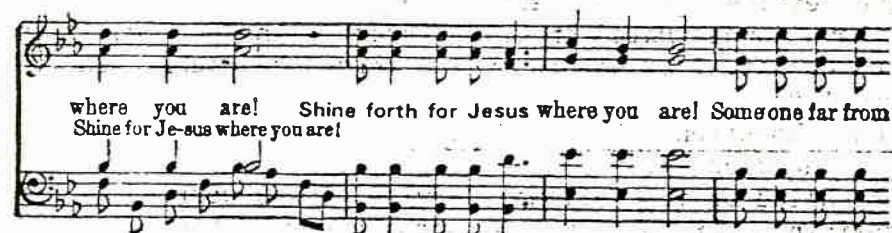
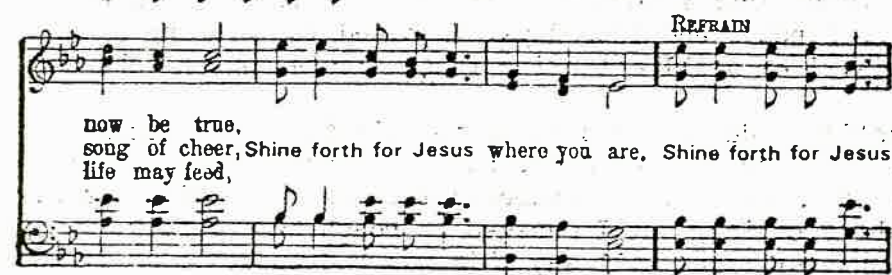
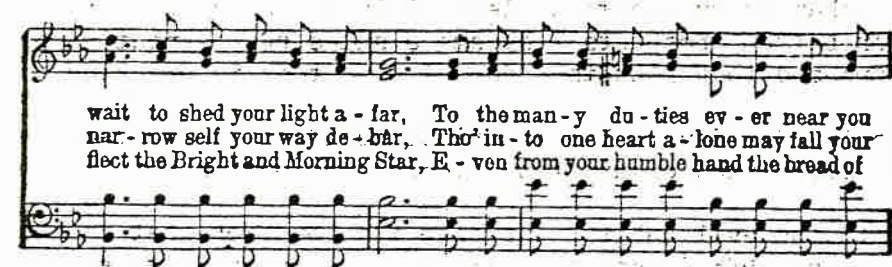
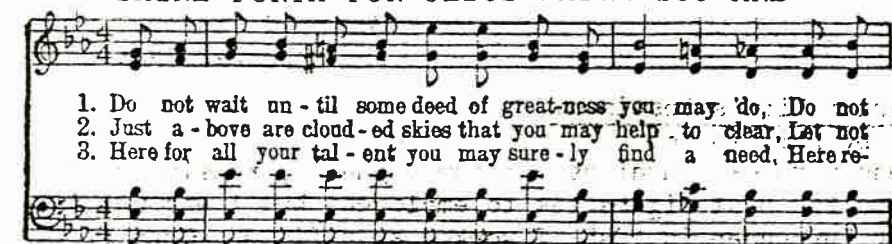
Six days after operation I left hospital. I recovered quickly. By July I had completed 1½ years of preventive injections, with only six more months to go to complete the course. However, after injection this time, my stomach began to pain and I lost appetite. My body weight deteriorated. The doctor told me cancer had now spread to the stomach. There was no way of curing. Only a miracle would help.

Man's extremity is God's opportunity! On the way home I thought of the Lord's rod and staff that comfort me. In the midst of pains I trusted the Lord to alleviate my suffering. Many brothers and sisters in Christ have visited me and prayed for me. This has touched me deeply. The Lord, the High Priest who prays for me at God's right hand is faithful. Before Him I have confessed my sins, knowing He has mercies abundant for me. I want to remain faithful to His Word till I see His glorious face. Amen.

A Flying Visit to Our K.L. Stations

Hearing that William Ong was driving up Tuesday morning to K.L. on CLBC business, I hitched a ride with him. The purpose of my "flying visit" was to see how our Gospel Station at Taman Sri Melati on the Ipoh Road, K.L. was getting on, though Rev Liew Hon Seng had given us a written report a few weeks back.

SHINE FORTH FOR JESUS WHERE YOU ARE



New Life, Woodlands, 2 Years Old

The pastor of the mother Church is honoured by being invited to speak this Lord's Day at New Life's 2nd Anniversary. Under Dr Patrick Tan the Church is adding over twenty by baptism, praise the Lord.

The Church Service has increased substantially in attendance. Mr Yap Chin Choon, seconded for JB, fellowships with Woodlands. The Tamil Service under Mr Kumar (FEBC student) is also growing. New Life also opens her premises to Vietnamese Refugees quartered nearby at the Hawkins Camp.

Our prayer, according to the Foundation Stone, is that New Lifers would start an English Service in J.B. from their vantage position. The Gospel must be on the go! God bless all cheerful givers in the building of New Life BP Church. Amen. - T.T.

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

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| MON | 7.30 pm | O.T. History (last class) |
| TUE | 8.00 pm | Prayer Mtg 9.15 pm-Session Mtg |
| WED | 7.30 pm | Modern Hebrew Exam |
| FRI | 8.30 am | FEBC Exams begin |
| | 8.00 pm | Wedding Rehearsal |
| SAT | 1.00 pm | TJBC; 2pm - JYF; 3pm - TBC |
| | 3.00 pm | AF Bible study; 3.30pm - YF |
| | 4.00 pm | YAF; 7.30 pm - CFM |
| SUN | 10.00 am | Rev Patrick Tan |
| | 10.00 am | Rev Tow (Chinese Service) |
| | 11.30 am | Filipina Fellowship |
| | 3.00 pm | Thai Service |
| | 4.00 pm | Indonesian Service |
| | 4.30 pm | Sharon Church Service |
| | 6.00 pm | Tamil Service |
| | 8.00 pm | Ordination of Mr Joseph Ong at Zion BP Church |

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$4719.00

EXTENSION BLDG FUND 619)\$513; 620)\$1000; 621)\$20; 622)\$320. TOTAL \$637,927.22

Passing through Kelapa Sawit en route we visited Mrs John Ling, now in excruciating pain. We could only pray with her and commit her to the Lord. "O Lord, give her the grace to go through this vale of tears and groaning! Amen."

Rev Liew reported previously two women had believed and were considering baptism. One lives opposite the Station. She has stopped worshipping her husband's idol and led her children also to believe. The other woman has a son who is a new and zealous Christian. Sooner or later she should also follow suit.

A happy development is that one room in Rev Liew's house is now given over to CLBC in her outreach to the Malaysian capital. Rev Liew also gives some spare time to represent CLBC with the Christian Bookstores there. Our JESUS SAVES clocks and X Commandments are popular in Malaysia.

Another happy development is that Rev Liew is invited twice a month to help at Calvary Jaya Cantonese Service. We visited Mrs Chew at Petaling Jaya to establish a closer fellowship with Calvary Jaya.

As the second class sleeping berth rocks me to sleep, I "flew" back by the 10 pm Night Mail the same day through Slumberland, arriving Singapore Wed 8.05 am, after a cup of hot Kopi-O at the Buffet Car.

The mission of my Flying Visit was accomplished.

FEBC EXT FUND 52)\$200. TOTAL \$48,149.10

PHILIPPINES CHRISTIAN RELIEF \$200, \$300, \$500 (N. Thailand); \$200.

OFFERINGS: 14,000 rupiahs (boxes); Thailand \$50; Stephen Masila's Church \$220.

Praise the Lord for idols removed from the home of Mdm Chee Yoke Eng, 5 Watten Drive with concurrence of her eldest son. Fri Nov 1, '85, 10.15 am (Chinese Service).

November Camps: 1) Bukit Gambir Students (Dn Goh of Rawang Church) Nov 18 & 19. 2) BPC (Chinese) Camp. Nov 25-29. 3) Korean Christmas Carol Rehearsals every Fri night from Nov 15 to Dec 13.

Pray for the sick: 1) Mrs John Ling; 2) J.P. David (after an operation, TTSH); 3) Hong Yee Chong (TTSH).

*REV Quek Kiok Chiang leaves Nov 12 for Korea to prepare for ICCC 1986. Nursery today: Mrs Goh Mong Eng & Mrs Yvonne Cheang.

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PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

Mrs John Ling, a B-P Dorcas, was received into glory last Lord's Day afternoon. "Blessed are the dead from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow after them" (Rev 14:13). The Lord be praised who has relieved her of many days of bone-deep pains and groanings.

That Kelapa Sawit Church is what she is today, with branches at Bukit Batu and Air Bemban, is due in no small measure to Mrs Ling. Like Dorcas, a woman full of good works and alms-deeds, she has served the Church there 30 years since her conversion. That the Church was filled to the brim at her farewell service last Tuesday shows the love and respect members owe her from near and far.

Indeed, Kelapa Sawit will miss her very much, as she is about to expand her kindergarten and occupy Air Bemban. At this juncture, our daughter church has made a request for assistance to buy a minibus. Recognising such a mechanical addition will expedite God's Kingdom between the three villages, Session has voted \$10,000 to help acquire the much needed vehicle.

Kelapa Sawit is also the registered headquarters of the BPC of Malaysia. She is often used as a conference centre and Bible Camp. Air Bemban after her is suitable for a mini-youth camp.

"The Law of Moses and of Jesus"

By the Lord's timing, this is another book that will soon come off the press. Its publication has been urged by a number who have read it in the form of a thesis that the pastor had presented to his alma mater for the degree of Master of Sacred Theology. Dr Peter Masters who read it at the Port Dickson Camp has kindly written a Foreword to introduce Readers to this new book.

Dr Masters' Foreword says:

"I count it a privilege to contribute a Foreword to this work, which I commend to preachers and all serious Christian readers with great enthusiasm. Dr Timothy Tow has been used of God in Singapore, Malaysia and elsewhere in a very remarkable way over the last thirty-five years, both in the upbuilding of the large congregation which he pastors, and in the emergence of an entire constituency of thriving churches and mission outposts. A key element in this wonderful work of church planting has been the Far Eastern Bible College, of which Dr Tow is founding Principal.

"This book was originally compiled as a scholarly critique of the attitude of many 'popular' dispensationalists to the Law of Moses and also to the Psalms. Its value will be obvious from a glance at the Table of Contents, which literally bristles with topics of vital interest to Bible students. In recent years the importance of the Christian Sabbath has again been challenged, particularly among evangelicals in the U.S.A. Dr Tow examines the grounds



The Metropolitan Tabernacle,
Elephant & Castle, London, SE1 6SD

on which many dispensationalists reject the Moral Law of Moses, and with clear and powerful arguments he shows that the Reformed position is scripturally correct.

"The author holds to a premillennial view of 'last things', and so this study has the added value of demonstrating that by no means all premillennialists are dispensationalists. In our day these two positions are often, quite wrongly, equated together.

"In these pages the ideas of teachers such as C.I. Scofield are repeatedly contested. One high point in the study occurs when Dr Tow brilliantly contrasts Scofield's attitude to the Law of Moses with the attitude of the Lord Jesus.

"This book undoubtedly fulfills a great need. While it takes the form of a serious study, yet because the author is by nature and calling a preacher, and because of his stature as a communicator, the pace and flow of the book draws the reader into each argument, to provide a very stimulating 'read'. May we all emulate this endeavour to make important theological issues intelligible and challenging to the soul.

"It is good to see emphasised in these pages the place of the Law in evangelistic ministry. It is also extremely helpful to have the place of the ancient Law in the life of the New Testament believer so clearly presented and explained. Truly, as the author says, it is not so much the Law of Moses, as the Law of Jesus.

"May the Lord bless this study, all who read it, and its author, with continuing and expanding instrumentality, to the glory of His name."

In conclusion, I would like to thank the Church for financing the publication of this new book. This is another form of missions, the mission of theological instruction that members might treasure God's Law and obey it, and in so doing, find life, yea, abundant life on earth, even as the Israelites were promised the same in their land. Amen.



Rev Robert Thawm Luai

is the Executive Secretary of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Burma with Headquarters at Falam, 03031, Chin State, Burma. On behalf of this newly established Church (separated from the World Council of Churches) he is inviting the pastor of Life Church to speak at their General Assembly, Feb. 1986.

In view of the fact that the Burmese Embassy here refuses ENTRY to passport holders whose occupation is "missionary" or "pastor", I regret I have to decline the kind invitation.

"If Mohammed cannot go to the mountain, the mountain must come to Mohammed". Session has therefore renewed our invitation to Rev Thawm Luai to visit us. We will send out official invitation to Burma with adequate time for processing. We will time it so our Burmese brother could come with us to Korea where the ICCC is holding her 12th World Congress, June 1986.

Our Burmese Church is like an orphan, cut off from parent and brother churches. As this is a Presbyterian Church, it all the more comes under our purview. Let us pray fervently that this time Rev Thawm Luai will make it to Singapore - and Korea. And inasmuch as John Sung had visited Burma in his evangelistic outreach, we should send the book to our Burmese brethren for their enlightenment. - T.T.

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

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| MON | 8.30 pm | FEBC Exams on |
| TUE | 8.00 pm | Prayer Meeting |
| FRI | 6.00 pm | FEBC End-of-term Dinner |
| SAT | 1.00 pm | TJBC; 2pm - JYF; 3pm - TBC |
| | 2.30 pm | Michael Toh-Jaime Choy Wedding (Fishermen of Christ, Mr Huang) |
| | 3.30 pm | YF; 4pm - YAF |
| | 7.30 pm | CFM |
| SUN | 10.00 am | Rev Tow |
| | 10.00 am | Chinese Service |
| | 11.30 pm | Filipina Fellowship |
| | 11.55 am | Korean Church Service |
| | 1.30 pm | CFM Service |
| | 3.00 pm | BFC & Thai Services |
| | 4.00 pm | Indonesian Service |
| | 4.30 pm | Sharon Church Service |
| | 6.00 pm | Tamil Service |
| | 7.30 pm | Korean Evening Service |

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$6549.50

EXTENSION BLDG FUND 623)\$300; 624)\$400;
625)\$150; 626)\$100; 627)\$20; 628)\$250;
629)\$50; 630)\$150; 631)\$100; 632)\$500;
633)\$500; 634)\$200(AF&YAF); 635)\$100;
636)\$360(Ch.Ser); 637)\$200.

TOTAL \$641,307.22

FEBC EXT FUND 54)\$380(Naz.)

TOTAL \$48,529.10

PHILIPPINES \$500, \$40(Calvary), \$1082
(Naz.), \$80, \$100, \$100, \$200(Mt Carmel).

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FEBI \$400; RPG \$100; Pauwes \$500.

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Rev. W. C. MARTIN My Father Watches Over Me CHAS. H. GABRIEL
Solo or unison



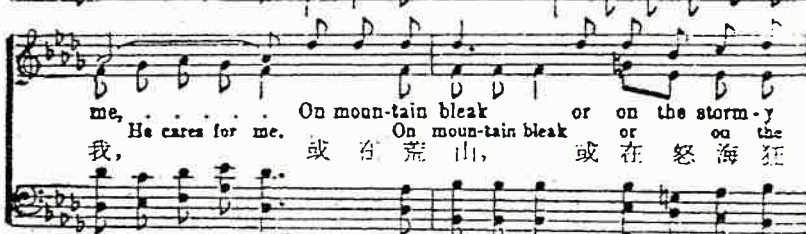
1. I trust in God wher-ev-er I may be, ... Up-on the land or
2. He makes the rose an ob-ject of His care, ... He guides the ea-gle
1. 我信靠主, 不論我在何處, 或在陸地, 或
2. 野地玫瑰, 天父尚且看顧, 天空飛鷹, 祂



on the roll-ing sea, ... For, come what may, From day to day, My heav'nly
thru the path-less air, And sure-ly He ... Re-mem-bers me, My heav'nly
在大海中途; 每日所遇, 全仰望主, 慈悲天
也指引歸途; 我蒙主愛, 恩更豐富, 慈悲天



Fa-ther watch-es o-ver me. I trust in God, - I know He cares for
父必常看顧保護。我信靠主, 深知主看顧



me, He cares for me. On moun-tain bleak or on the storm-y
我, 祂愛我。或在荒山, 或在怒海狂



sea; Tho' bil-lows roll, He keeps my
sea, the storm-y sea; 主賜洪恩, 使我安



soul, ... My heav'n-ly Fa-ther watch-es o-ver me.
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PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

From J.B. to Woodlands South

For future records it is necessary for me to chronicle the shifting last Lord's Day of our 7-month old Chinese-English Service from J.B. to Eddie Yap's new home in the southern suburbs of Woodlands Town. While human relationships had precipitated this, in the light of Bible events, we perceive there is the moving of the higher hand of God. Instead of a smaller gathering as we had supposed, it turned out to be a bigger one. A half-dozen sisters and brothers came from J.B. while New Life Chinese Service was adequately represented. Deacon Sunny Chew from the English side who has been to J.B. on numerous occasions was also present. With more people moving into Woodlands South, this newest Gospel Station must attract some new-comers. Truly we rejoice in this scattering of the Seed to this far corner of the Lord's field.

Now that J.B. is left open the latter part of the Lord's Day, is it not a wonderful opportunity for New Lifers to go in and start an English service? Decentralisation is the secret to Church growth. It is high time that Lifers also revive the pioneering spirit of branching out to the housing estates. You who live in 5-room flats should seriously consider opening your premises to the Lord. This also helps to ease the congestion in the Mother Church. Who will open his flat for Us?

Invited a Second Time to Manila

Last November we were in Manila to teach at FBBI. This November we are returning to teach at the FBBI again and at the Graduate School of Theology under Rev Dan Ebert III. As Rev Ebert has been with BP Singapore on several occasions, so we must do a good turn or two at least as they so request.

The subject I'm teaching at FBBI is Prophets, and here comes handy "The Gospel Prophets". The subject to be taught at the Graduate School is "The Law of Moses and of Jesus", and here comes its publication very timely too. This new book which is again published by the Church is gratefully appreciated by her pastor. This book will help not only theological students but Church leaders and Sunday school teachers and lay Christians who begin to study the Bible more seriously.

I'm grateful also to Life Church for paying the way for Mrs Tow. She not only will minister to my needs, but also to a goodly number of girl students who readily confide in her. Pray for us your representatives in Philippines. Pray that fruit might remain and God's Name glorified.

From Christian Belief to Christian Relief

We see the practice of Christian Relief a outstanding characteristic of the Apostolic Church, and we do well to follow it. After the Jerusalem Pentecost, did not the rich sell their possessions and goods, "and parted them to all men, as every man had need"? (Acts 2:45). When there was a great famine, did not "the disciples at Antioch, every man according to his ability, ... send RELIEF unto the brethren which dwelt in Judea"? They sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul (Paul). And here is the Apostle's Benediction from his many missions in relieving the poor, "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).

By our hands you had sent a sizeable sum for the relief of many typhoon victims last year. Now we shall be delivering your sacrificial gift to a five-member missionary-national committee to administer this Fund to the most needy areas in Negros.

Patronise Your Own Book Centre

Let me remind you once again of the virtue of practising charity, beginning at home. While CLBC is transferred to Paul's proprietorship, it is still the Lifers' Book Centre. The Bookshop idea was conceived by the Church from 35 years ago! Your pastor was a self-appointed Colporteur.

When Life Church was shifted from Prinsep Street to Gilstead Road, we had the present AF-SS Room all built in for a Christian Bookshop. It was moved up to its present corner in January 1976 and given over to Paul Wong Sept 1979, since the business directed by a committee had failed. By God's grace Paul has carried on the Lord's business to this day.

With the recession on, the book business is also affected. While we look to the Lord, we must remind our Readers of your holy responsibility to promote it. As Christmas is just around the corner and somehow purse-strings are loosened, why not buy your gift items from CLBC? The S.S. when giving prizes can get yours also from CLBC. There is a wide range of our own Christmas cards to choose from, so why look elsewhere? By keeping CLBC afloat you are lending a hand to the Lord's work. "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord, and that which he hath given will He pay him again." (Prov 19:17). - T.T.

On "John Sung My Teacher

By Dr Tow Cheng Im

After hearing of Dr John Sung's revival meetings and knowing of their lasting effects in the lives of those who were saved, I had often wished that I was able to also sit at his feet. My parents were told by their Church during the time of these meetings that he was a very eccentric man and had spent time in a lunatic asylum, so they missed the blessing of revival. However, now that I have read this book, I can feel the sense of urgency in him to bring sinners to Christ and for Christians to be revived and be on fire for Him. He took

C. B. W.

Come and Dine

C. B. Widmeyer
Arr by S. H. Bolton

1. Je - sus has a ta - ble spread Where the saints of God are fed;
2. The dis - ci - ples came to land, Thus o - bey - ing Christ's com - mand,
3. Soon the Lamb will take His bride To be ev - er at His side;
He in - vites His chos - en peo - ple, "Come and dine;" With His man - na
For the Mas - ter called un - to them, "Come and dine;" There they found their
All the host of heav - en will as - sem - bled be; O 'twill be a
He doth feed And sup - plies our ev - 'ry need: O 'tis sweet to sup with
hearts' de - sire, Bread and fish up - on the fire: Thus He sat - is - fies the
glo - rious sight, All the saints in spot - less white, And with Je - sus they will
Je - sus all the time!
hun - gry ev - 'ry time. "Come and dine," the Mas - ter call - eth, "Come and
feast e - ter - nal - ly.
dine;"
O "come and dine;" You may feast at Je - sus' ta - ble all the
time;
O "come and dine;" He who fed the mul - ti - tude, Turned the
wa - ter in - to wine, To the hun - gry call - eth now, "Come and dine."

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

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| MON | 9.00 am | FEBC "Spring Cleaning" |
| | 9.45 am | Bkt Gambir Sch. Camp for nite |
| TUE | 8.00 pm | Pastor & Mrs Tow leave for Manila |
| FRI | 4.00 pm | Prayer Mtg (Dr Tan) |
| | 8.00 pm | FEBC Dorms vacated |
| SAT | 2.00 pm | Korean Choir Rehearsal |
| | | Huang Shoo Chyuan-Lim Sau Hoong Wedding (Fishermen of Christ, Mr Huang) |
| | 1.00 pm | TJBC; 2pm - JYF; 3pm - TBC |
| | 4.00 pm | YAF; 7.30 pm - CFM |
| SUN | 10.00 am | Dr Patrick Tan |
| | 10.00 am | Chinese Service |
| | 11.30 pm | Filipina Fellowship |
| | 3.00 pm | Thai Service |
| | 4.00 pm | Indonesian Service |
| | 6.00 pm | Tamil Service |

Shalom BPC \$250; Sembawang BPC \$1000
PHILIPPINES LAND Life BPC \$5040. TOTAL \$15,340
 Obituary Mr Hong Yee Chong, 78, father of Nancy Hong, went home to be with the Lord Nov 9.
 Funeral at CCK Protestant Lawn Cemetery, Nov 11 was officiated by the pastor.
 Pray for Peter Sim's mother at Ward 2, Alexandra Hospital.
 Pray for the new Chinese-English Service at Eddie Yap's home, Blk 346, #01-174, Woodlands St 32 (off Ave 3), S2573. Tel: 3681703.
 We extend a warm welcome to Deacon Goh of Bukit Gambir and his students camping in Nov 18 & 19.
 Rev Dan Ebert's Phone: Manila 771413.
 Nursery duty today: Mrs Irene Tan & Ms Choi Lin Fong

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this message across the length and breadth of China -- to Manchuria in the far north and south to Hong Kong and beyond to Southeast Asia. He also travelled to the deep interior of China, never sparing himself. He answered the call to preach and teach in big cities as well as remote little towns and villages. Considering the primitive modes of transport when he went to rural China, he must have been exhausted many times on arrival, and yet he preached and taught with the greatest zeal and fervour to win more souls to His Kingdom.

One feature of the book which impressed me greatly were the very suitable Bible verses which the author added in relating meetings, instances, etc. This is the best book written on Dr John Sung so far. Once I had started I could not stop and I do hope others will not miss this blessing. The important lesson learnt: To bring more into the Kingdom of God. It is even more urgent now than in the time of John Sung.

If there was anyone who truly burned himself out for our Lord it was Dr John Sung.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$5117.00
 EXTENSION BLDG FUND 638)\$58; 639)\$160; 640)\$100; 641)\$200; 642)\$260; 643)\$50; 644)\$200; 645)\$20; 646)\$159. TOTAL \$642,514.22
 FEBI 249)\$585; 250)\$65(Grace BPC); 251)\$65(Galilee YAF).
 TOTAL \$140,861.11
 OFFERINGS FOR: Paauwes \$50; Samuel Mani \$50; Extension of Gospel in China \$135; Repair of Jesus Saves Van \$100; Philippines \$50.
 PHILIPPINES CHRISTIAN RELIEF:
 Bethany BPC \$200; LC Indonesian Ser. \$300; Mt Carmel BPC \$200; Grace BPC \$2320; Nazareth BPC \$1082 +\$100; Beth-Jurong BPC \$100; Sharon BPC \$200; Life BPC \$3678+\$50+\$500+\$650; Life Chinese BPC \$520; Zion Evening Ser. \$400. TOTAL \$10,300.
 Stop Press! From Emmanuel BPC \$1000

MANILAGRAM

My dear Readers,

Fundamental Baptist Bible Institute
Manila, Philippines
November 19, 1985

Thank the Lord, we arrived Manila safely after a smooth 3-hour flight yesterday morning. Rev & Mrs Dan Ebert III and Dr Chung my classmate in ACS since 1933 were at the airport to receive us.

PAL had agreed to 20 kilos extra for us to ship along that amount of surplus clothing for Philippine Christians. But their grace has a limit. When our personal luggage (much weighed down by books) exceeded 9 kilos, we were obliged to pay \$90. This teaches us the difference between God's grace and man's grace. It teaches me to bring extra money along, for in travel one is bound to meet with exigencies along the way.

Business Upon Arrival

Immediately we settled down at Rev Ebert's we got into the business of handing over the sums entrusted us to Rev Ebert, head of the 4-man Relief Fund Committee. The others are Rev Edwin Ormeo, Rev Coleman and Rev Comising. \$11,550 = US\$5466.16 is earmarked for Relief + \$1,000 from Sembawang (which came Sun. evening, so there was no time to change). Then there is a sum of \$5040 for Philippines "Land" = US\$2,385.39 which is converted into P44,126.75. This sum is divided between 6 small churches for their building fund. See what our strong \$ can do!

Teaching Schedule

During these two weeks here I'm to lecture 1½ hours a.m. at the Bible Institute (120 students) and 1½ hours p.m. at the Graduate School (20 students) in Rev Ebert's house. On the Lord's Day I shall preach at Dr Chung's Grace Church and at two Baptist Churches in the afternoon. There are also two mid-week meetings. Please pray for us that we might speak His Word with power. No babble, but Bible.

"God Loveth A Cheerful Giver" (II Cor 9:7)

Promised Returns: "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." The \$11,216 Lifers gave last Sunday for Filipino Relief and the \$1,500 towards our travel are manifestations of your love for the brethren and for the Cause of Jesus Christ. Galilee had also responded with \$3,000. These sums will be remitted here together with a goodly sum, I'm sure, from Calvary, in December. Such giving brings joy to your soul, like tonic to your system.

Sathya Sai Baba

According to a study pamphlet on Major Cults handed me by Bro. Francis Sng, Sathya Sai Baba was born 1926 in India. Sa means Divine, ai means "mother" and Baba means father - the Divine Mother/Father. So he claims to be God, the Christ of this age. And he has now invaded Singapore with great show of force by having our buses carry his ads on "The Unity of Faiths".

I have heard many non-Christians being taken in by Sai Baba, so much so whole families would fly to India to worship him. A woman has even sold her house in order to make her "pilgrimage".

How is it that Sai Baba is able to command the adoration of Chinese devotees from Singapore? According to his own biographies he was able to perform miracles since he was a boy. "At age 13 he suffered a scorpion bite and lapsed into a coma ... His parents consulted a witch doctor who failed in an attempt to exorcise any evil spirits from the lad. Two months and fifteen days after the bite, he suddenly started producing objects out of the air with a mere flick of his hands. 'I am Sai Baba' he declared."

It is said he has power to cure cancer, and to turn rocks into candy. He could change a flower into a diamond. His favourite miracle is to produce sacred ash from his waving hand. This ash represents the regenerative aspect of the Hindu god Shiva. Connected with this ash is the production of obscene objects too revolutive to describe. Apparently Sai Baba has supernatural powers, but such powers are not from a holy God, but from the Devil, the Arch-demon of Evil. Our Lord foretells this, "For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders (even Hindu fire-walking) to SEDUCE, if it were possible, even the elect" (Mark 13:22).

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" (John 10:7,8). "... I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me" (Jn 14:6). Peter declares, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

The invasion of Singapore by so many spiritual forces, even in the Name of Christ, should remind us of the lateness of the hour of Christ's Return. Are you ready to meet Jesus at His coming?

As to Sai Baba's theology, it is classical Hinduism. Man is divine, but has forgotten his god-nature. "Man is not born in sin," Baba declares. Man can attain to eternal bliss only by conquering earthly desires to reveal the spark of divinity. When that is attained he becomes God himself (what blasphemy!). There are three ways to attain this: 1. karma (action); 2. juana (knowledge); 3. bhakti (devotion to a guru). Sai Baba stresses on devotion to guru, by which he makes himself God to his devotee (simple as that!).

Sai Baba has established two centres in California, one at Los Angeles (City of Angels?).

"If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or

I.F.S.

I Know Who Holds Tomorrow

Ira F. Stanphill

1. I don't know a - bout to - mor - row, I just live
 2. Ev - ry step is get - ting bright - er As the gold
 3. I don't know a - bout to - mor - row, It may bring

from day to day; I don't bor - row from it's sun - shine,
 en stairs I climb; Ev - ry bur - den's get - ting light - er,
 me pov - er - ty; But the one who feeds the spar - row,

For it's skies may turn to gray. I don't wor - ry o'er the
 Ev - ry cloud is sil - ver - lined. There the sun is al - ways
 Is the one who stands by me. And the path that be my

fu - ture, For I know what Je - sus said; And to - day
 shin - ing, There no tear will dim the eye; At the end -
 por - tion, May be through the flame or flood; But His pret -

I'll walk be - side Him, For He knows what is a - head.
 ing of the rain - bow, Where the moun - tains touch the sky.
 once goes be - fore me, And I'm cov - ered with His blood.

CHORUS

Man - y things a - bout to - mor - row I don't
 seem to un - der - stand; But I know who
 holds to - mor - row, And I know who holds my hand.

a wonder, And the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them; thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the Lord your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul..." (Deut 13:1-3). Are you for Sai Baba or for Jesus Christ? If Sai Baba talks good of Jesus Christ, it is the same trick Satan played through the "damsels" of Acts 16:16-18, which please read! - Faithfully, T.T.

I Call You Friends

Friendship is a Biblical Theme. Abraham was called a friend of God. He was an example of true faith which pleased God. David and Jonathan were friends of the first order, a friend who stuck closer than a brother. Jesus lovingly called His disciples friends rather than servants, for He loved them and chose them to follow Him. There are some very precious qualities of true friendship. "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you" (Jn 15:13).

Dependability

A good friend is always dependable. The circumstances many change but it will not affect dependability which is borne out of true friendship. Other synonymous terms are trustworthiness, reliability and loyalty. A true friend is someone who will act for my interest; he will not let me down. I can trust him with my most intimate thoughts and he will maintain confidentiality. If I ask him to help me he will go out of his way to support me. When I am in danger he gives me courage by his concern, when I am grieved he comforts me in practical ways. A good friend is very difficult to find.

Jesus says, "I have called you friends and not servants." Our relationship with Jesus is not servanthood but friendship. We are rightfully His servants as Paul admits this fact by calling himself "a prisoner of Jesus", "a bond

- P. Tan

slave" and other subordinate terms. But Jesus condescends to be our friend and calls us His friends.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (25 Nov - 1 Dec)

MON - FRI BP Chinese Church Camp
 TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting (Dr P Tan)
 FRI 6.20 pm Rev Tow arrives back, PR501
 8.00 pm Korean Choir Rehearsal
 SAT 2.30 pm Steven Tham Peng Wai-Serene
 Lim Lay Hoon Wed. (Rev Tow)
 SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow (Lord's Supper)
 10.00 am Chinese Service
 11.30 am Filipino Fellowship

3.00 pm Thai Service

4.00 pm Indonesian Service

4.30 pm Rev Tow at Sharon BPC

6.00 pm Tamil Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$10,116 (Philippines Relief)

Pre-NS Camp, Dec 9-12 at Loyang NCC Camp. Register with Dr Patrick Tan.

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3369011; Dr Patrick Tan 2511915

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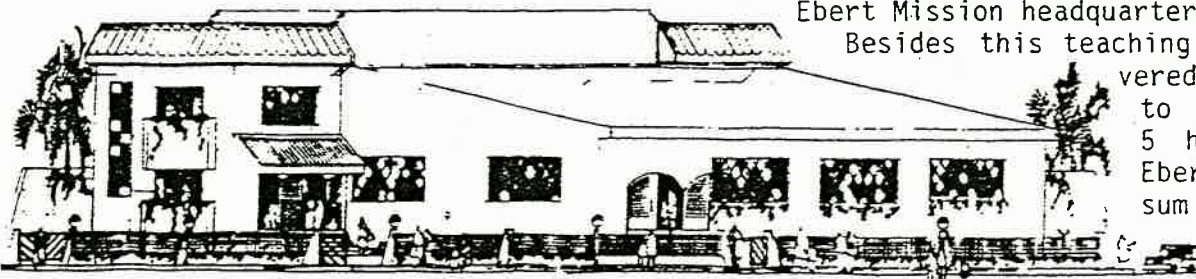


Centre for Biblical Studies
P.O. Box 955, Makati
Metro-Manila, Philippines
Thursday November 28, 1985

My dear Readers,

Mission Accomplished

Today is the last day of our labours in Manila. During our 11-day stay, the Lord enabled me to lecture 20 hours and speak at 7 churches. This is our main task, teaching Prophets to 137 students at FBBI and the LAW to about 20 at the Graduate School located at the Dan Ebert Mission headquarters.



Proposed Sanctuary of KAPITBAHAYAN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
Phase III, E2, Kaunlaran Village
Malabon, Metro-Manila

Besides this teaching job we have delivered the Relief Fund to the Committee of 5 headed by Rev Dan Ebert III. Also a sum offered at WTC to Rev Keith Coleman for his car fund. Last of all S\$5040 from Philippines LAND Fund which

is converted into greenbacks (US\$1=P19) and divided into six to assist as many young churches getting established. The sums we'd sent earlier to help Pastor Ligmon acquire 500 sq metres "HDB" land are now bearing fruit. They began construction of their new Church the week after we came. The architect's drawing as reproduced above is concrete evidence of how your offerings have been used in the Philippines. This extending of the Gospel "for a witness unto all nations" (ASEAN to begin with) is in the spirit of hastening unto the coming of our Saviour. If we believe we are living in the last days, we will contribute more of our resources for God's Kingdom. "Only one life, 'twill soon be past. Only what's done for Jesus will last".

Paragraph From Rev Dan Ebert III

"The Saviour promises that faith the size of a grain of mustard seed will accomplish impossible tasks for Him. In 1984 when Dr Timothy Tow preached a challenging message to the nine graduate students at our Centre for Biblical Studies in the Philippines, Pastor Atil Ligmon was faced with just such an impossible task. The housing authority had unexpectedly awarded his Kapitbahayan Church a 300 sq metre lot. However, the church members were extremely poor and the deadline for purchase was drawing near. Before leaving the Philippines, Dr Tow stood with Pastor Ligmon and some friends to claim the land for God, not 300, but 500 sq metres!

"In the twelve months that followed, gifts from Life Bible-Presbyterian Church have enabled the church to place a 50% downpayment and receive papers for the land. Plans, as seen above, were submitted and approved early November.

"When Dr Tow visited the Centre for Biblical Studies this year to conduct a two-week seminar on "The Law of God", the mustard seed of faith he had stirred up the year before at Kapitbahayan had grown and spread its branches! Not only has the Kapitbahayan Church begun to lay the foundation of its sanctuary, not only has our Centre grown to 20 students, but 5 more churches have been challenged to build. (These worship in homes and one in a garage.)

"The Philippines lies in the darkness of uncertainty today. Communist rebels are in the provinces, bankruptcy and major unemployment everywhere! Yet in the midst of it all, God is quietly working. The mustard seed of faith is in effect moving mountains. In the midst of poverty, there is spiritual wealth. As God's people band themselves together in faith and works, the blessings will continue to flow. The church in the Philippines being helped by the church in Singapore is sprouting into new life, to the glory of God."

Philippines Brief

The Republic of the Philippines comprises 7,000 islands with an area of 115,000 sq miles. The population is 50 million, which is made up of 111 linguistic groups. The national language is Pilipino (Tagalog). English is the second official language widely spoken. The dominant religion is Roman Catholicism. Islam has a strong following in the south.

Philippines' modern history began in 1521 when Magallen landed during the ill-fated first circumnavigation of the globe. In 1565 Legaspi claimed the Islands for Philip II of Spain. His conquest of Manila 1571 put the Philippines under the Spanish yoke for 327 years. In 1898 the Filipinos won independence, but from 1900 to 1942 were ruled by the Americans. The Japanese occupied the Islands from 1942 to 1945. In 1946 the second Philippine Republic was born.

Manila is 1481 miles (2383 km) from Singapore, flying time 3 hrs 15 mins. When in Manila say "Mabuhay" (ma-boo-high), which means "Live!" to express welcome, congratulations, thanks, godspeed, as you say "Aloha" in Hawaii, "Mabuhay", Manila and Majulah, Singapura!

Ecumenical Meetings Sponsored by Sai Baba Cult

Sunday 1st December 1985, representatives from various religions will meet at the Singa-



pore Conference Hall to share a "blissful experience" on the occasion of the 60th birthday celebration of the cult leader Sai Baba. Rev Father G Kean (representing the Roman Catholic Jesuit Society of Singapore) will represent Christianity; Datuk Patinggi Abdul Taib Mahmud (Chief Minister of Sarawak and a high-ranking Islamic leader) will represent the Muslim Faith; the Ven N Sumana (Chief Monk of the Sri Lankarama Buddhist Temple) will represent Buddhism; Dr M V Nadkarni (Senior Fellow from the Department of English and Lecturer, NUS) will represent Hinduism; and Behram V Vakil (President of the Inter-Religious Organisation of Singapore) will represent Zoroastrianism. Emphasis will be placed on the Sai Baba teaching on the Unity of Faiths. The meetings will involve chanting of mantras and the prayers of the various religions. We condemn this unholy and unbiblical gathering and appeal to all Christians not to be involved. - Zion Bulletin

Ed. Note: Jesus says, "Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many... And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many... For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before. Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not." (Matt 24:4,5, 11,24-26). There is a seven-fold warning against false Christs (Matt 24:5); false prophets (Matt 24:11); false apostles (II Cor 11:13); false brethren (II Cor 11:26); false teachers (II Pet 2:1); false spirits (I Jn 4:1); false witnesses (Mark 14:56). "Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them" (Matt 7:20).

Rev & Mrs Quek Kiok Chiang

are leading a singing gospel tour of Thailand December 11-20, 1985. Apart from singing in Bangkok and the Refugee Camps, they will also visit North Thailand, performing at Chiang Mai and the Tribal Village of Nawngkhio where we have contributed to build a brick church. Jess Lim will be on hand to guide the singing gospellers.

Next Lord's Day Dec 8, Rev Quek and Faith Church Choir members will sing at Life Church 10 am sharp after the Church Bell. This will be a spiritual fillip to our Worship. The Chinese Church is informed to sit with the English Congregation before 10 am so as not to miss this windfall of blessing. As the singers leave the Hall quietly after singing, the Chinese Congregation will make straight for their own service at FEBC Hall where Pastor Tow is speaking. Rev Patrick Tan will be at the English Service. - T.T.

John Sung My Teacher

I commend to you Rev Timothy Tow's latest book. Those who have read this have warmly appreciated this account of the life of this great spiritual leader who is now with the Lord. Rev Tow writes in an interesting way, with much narrative. It is certainly not heavy reading, although the spiritual depth of the revival brought about by Dr John Sung was profound and we would do well to consider whether the principles on which they were based could be applied today. I find them a good and essential alternative to the unbiblical practices that we find in the church today. John Sung's ministry included deliverance and spiritual healing. But it was always within Biblical bounds. Read this book for yourself and pray for the revival of the church in Asia in throughout the world. - Zion Bulletin

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

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| TUE | 8.00 pm | Prayer Meeting |
| | 9.15 pm | Session Meeting |
| THU | 8.00 pm | Wedding Rehearsals |
| FRI | 8.00 pm | Rev Tow at Nazareth |
| SAT | 1.00 pm | TJBC; 2pm - JYF; 3pm - TBC |
| | 2.30 pm | William Lim Hui Kow-Chew Tiew Heng Wedding (Rev Tow) |
| | 3.30 pm | YF; 4 pm - AF Bible Study |
| | 4.00 pm | YAF |
| | 5.30 pm | M. Mani-B. Susila Wedding (Rev Tow) |
| | 7.30 pm | CFM |
| SUN | 10.00 am | Faith Gospel Choir to Thailand |
| | 11.30 pm | Filipina Fellowship |
| | 11.55 am | Korean Church Service |
| | 3.00 pm | Thai & BFC Services |
| | 4.00 pm | Indonesian Service |
| | 4.30 pm | Sharon Church Service |
| | 6.00 pm | Tamil Service |
| | 7.30 pm | Korean Evening Service |

LAST TWO WEEK'S OFFERINGS (I) \$10,116 + \$1,000 + \$100 (Philippines Relief) + \$500 + \$1,000. (II) \$4,650.

LIFE CHURCH EXTENSION FUND 652)\$150; 653)\$500; 654)\$100; 655)\$4500; 656)\$1000.

TOTAL \$653,144.22

FEBC Scholarship 282)\$390(Galilee AF).

TOTAL \$141,251.11

PHILIPPINES RELIEF \$1000, \$100(YAF/TBC).

OFFERINGS FOR: KL Missions \$400(WF); N. Thailand \$300(WF).

Pastor speaks this afternoon at Sharon B-P Church 4.30 pm on "The Power of Brotherly Love" and this evening 8 pm at the Singapore Council of Christian Churches (ICCC in Singapore) on "Reformation is a perennial Process".

The Green Colonnade is no more green but paved with maroon ceramic tiles with a piano-house. This allows FEK to shift its chapel and music-action classes to a more airy surrounding, more conducive to the children's development. This opens another meeting place for our multiple church groups. By having gutters attached to the eaves of the flat roof, the semi-open colonnade is protected from rain. Welcome to our Maroon Colonnade, where wedding receptions will henceforth be held. With this new arrangement the FEBC Hall will be converted into a proper sanctuary-cum-lecture hall. The FEBC Hall is now air-conditioned, but the aircons are allowed only for worship and "regular" services.

Nursery duty today: Miss Fam Chuay Lai & Mrs Jenny Kan

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PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

"While the Days Are Going By"

There's a song by this title (Broadman Hymnal 394) that reminds us as we busily prepare for Christmas that 1985 is fast slipping away! When we come to the chorus, it exhorts us not to let 1985 (insofar as we are concerned) depart without fulfilling our obligations:

"Oh the good we all may do, While the days are going by."

Doing good is one characteristic of a Christian. St Paul reminds us, we are "a peculiar people, zealous of good works" (Titus 2:14). What good should we do which we have not done before the dying year is out? To God? We should pay all our vows (Eccles 5:4). To man? We should owe no one anything (Rom 13:8). When we have met these obligations, then that is the beginning of doing good! And, "withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it" (Prov 3:27).

Kelapa Sawit Forges Ahead!



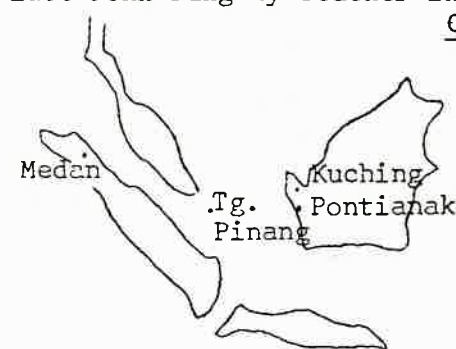
"All things work together for good to them that love God," the recent home-going of Mrs John Ling has galvanised the Church, both old and young to action. With a grant of S\$10,000 from Life Church, Kelapa Sawit has acquired a Toyota 1600 mini-bus (M\$17,500) so that work in the other two villages, Air Bemban (29th m.) and Bukit Batu (33rd m.) might be more consolidated.

Incidentally, our Tamil brethren had recently shown a series of Gospel films in South Johore, attracting great crowds. The Oil Palm Estate, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from Kelapa Sawit was also visited, where a work with Tamils has been carried on for years. The number of Tamil young people coming to the Lord after seeing these Gospel films has so moved Elder John Ling that he has offered the facilities of Kelapa Sawit Church to them for the starting of a Sunday Service. In this connection the Gospel Van has obviously come in handy.

Miss Ng Sang Chiew, B.Th., our Church worker at Kelapa Sawit, has been appointed to translate John Sung My Teacher into Chinese. Kelapa Sawit is forging ahead!

Our Missions In Indonesia and Sarawak

There are four of them:

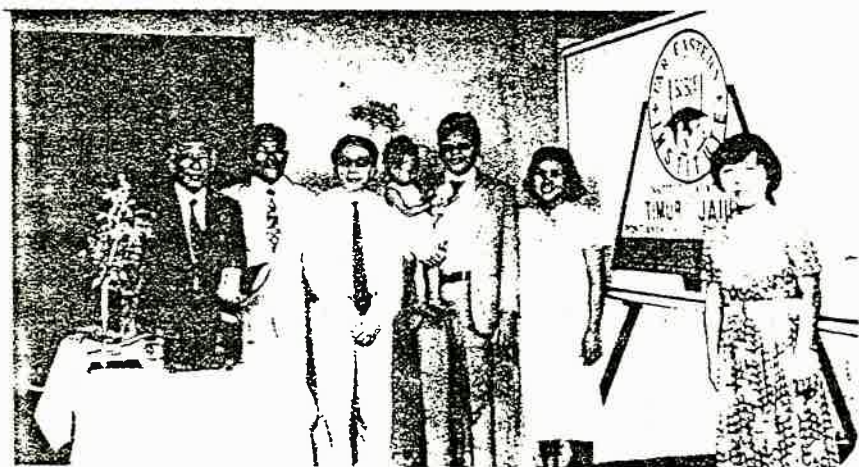


1. Medan and North Sumatra are now under the supervision of Galilee Church. Agus of Medan who has completed 4 years' study at FEBC is now returned to help Bapa Siregar and elder brother Dohar.

2. Kuching, which was opened in Sept 1984 is committed to Sharon. Rev Peter Chua is now in Kuching, a short-term help to Kah Teck and Pauline. They have a kindergarten and a young church with several recently baptised. (Kuching is Sarawak's cap.)

3. Tanjong Pinang, a sizeable Presbyterian Church affiliated with us since 1973. Yearly the pastor of Life Church is scheduled to visit both at Christmas and Easter, to baptise. Who will join me to Tanjong Pinang, Dec 20-22 by motor launch? Cost \$100 for the 3-day trip.

4. Pontianak. Here is a thriving Christian colony on 2.5 acres of prime land under Rev Djunaidi. They have a school system from kindergarten to high school, an orphanage, a Church and a Bible Institute which was built at a cost of S\$150,000. There's also a small Gospel boat that plies between Pontianak and the two branch churches at Kumpai (nearby) and Biong (Dyak colony 4 hours upstream on the Landak River).



As to the Far Eastern Bible Institute which was built mainly from Life Church funds, there are now 16 students. Kimiko Goto, independent missionary from Japan, is on the staff. We support Simon Tsai and another teacher, Djunaidi and son, with 6 scholarships, 4 from Life, one from Grace and one from Galilee YAF. Rev C T Hsu and Deacon Sunny Chew contribute to Dyak work, separately.

Pontianak, capital city of West Kalimantan, is an important link in our Reformation Witness in S.E. Asia. Djunaidi is president of the ICCC for

Indonesia. He is a gifted evangelist and has been a blessing to us whenever he visits Singapore.

In view of the fact that his coming to Singapore entails payment of Rp.150,000 (S\$300) exit tax, I shall rather go to him in our half-yearly transaction of the Lord's business. I shall be leaving Dec 18 morning for Pontianak and returning the next afternoon. With Garuda flying a regular thrice-weekly service to Pontianak, the round trip air ticket which before cost \$500 (via Jakarta) is now reduced to \$420. Would anyone come with me on an overnight round trip? We have not visited Pontianak since July 1984.

Agus' Latest From Medan

"I thank God that we arrived Medan safely. I am glad to be back home to find my father, brother and sister-in-law and family safely in good health.

Truly the Lord has been good to me for the past years in FEBC. I am very thankful for the elders and deacons of Life BP Church. They have shown me much love. I really admire their kindness and hospitality. I appreciate the gifts from Junior Worship \$200, AF \$300, and Casio organ from Kebaktian Indonesia.

We are very busy now preparing for Christmas and the coming team from Galilee Church. People here are beginning to notice the difference between the BP Church and other churches. The Sunday School has 100 children, all packed together. The youth fellowship will profit from the visit of Galilee young people.

My father is serving at Kuta Baru. He is facing many difficulties. Please pray for the work there.

Brother Dohar and I are concentrating on the work in Medan. Sometimes I go to Kuta Baru to help father. Please pray for us."

Give Christ This Christmas

Christmas time is Giving-time. When we give we must give our best, not some surplus stuff from last Christmas!

Inasmuch as Christ is showed under commercial tassels and tinsels and more and more worldly goods are introduced in exploitation of the sacred Event, the pastor has a duty to instruct his people in the buying of Christmas gifts.

The best gift to give of course is the Bible, some study Bible, some Bible that suits your friend. Other than that there are the good Christian books, commentaries; gifts that display Christ, like the X Commandments, JESUS SAVES Clock, Gospel music cassettes. Now there is our recent book *John Sung My Teacher*, 300 pages for \$7, many have found effective in the reviving of heart and soul (also bringing salvation to the unborn-again). Selling at the counter is also *SINCERELY YOURS*, a publication of Singapore Poetry in which three of the pastor's poems are included. This little book not a fifth the size of the John Sung book is priced at \$8 and \$15, hard cover. This is by way of contrast, to show the difference in price between a Christian and a non-Christian publication. So, give Christian books this Christmas for the enrichment of souls, and at a much more reduced price. Yet, its value far transcends the worldly-type. Solomon says, "Wisdom is the principal thing (Prov 4:7)... For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold. She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her" (Prov 3:14,15). Amen?

- T.T.

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

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
WED to SUN Kuala Kubu Camp (Rev Tow)
SAT 1.00 pm TJBC; 2pm - JYF; 3pm - TBC
2.00 pm Evangelistic League at Parson-
age
3.30 pm YF; 4pm - AF Bible Study/YAF
4.30 pm Fan-Chua Wedding (BFC, Rev
Mauning) Reception
7.30 pm CFM
SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow
10.00 am Chinese Service
11.30 am Filipina Fellowship
11.55 am Korean Service
3.00 pm BFC & Thai Services
4.00 pm Indonesian Service
4.30 pm Rev Tow at Sharon
6.00 pm Tamil Service
7.30 pm Korean Evening Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$7149.80

LIFE CHURCH EXT BLDG FUND 657)\$300; 658)
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672)\$900. TOTAL \$658,884.22

NEW LIFE BLDG FUND 5120)\$2477; 5121)\$1868.65

TOTAL \$2,621,274.20

PHILIPPINES LAND \$200 (Boxes)

OFFERINGS FOR: RPG \$100; \$2800 for Micro-
wave Oven (FEBC) and balance to Extension
Bldg Fund; Thanksgiving for Missions in
Thailand or Sarawak \$5000.

Pastor visits Kelapa Sawit this afternoon,
leaving 1.30 pm.

We extend a cordial welcome to campers from
Kuala Kubu Church, Dec 11-16, to worship
with us Dec 15 (Pastor is chief speaker to

our Malaysian campers.

Bro. Robin Tan sends greetings from Perth (Dec
5), requesting baptism for daughter Fachel Li-
jing on Christmas Eve (24th). Another register-
ed for Christmas Baptism is Shaun Lai Jinghao
s/o Mr & Mrs William Lai Wee Ngen. Any others?
John Sung My Teacher hardcover edition is out!
Price \$9.50 only. Other books by T. Tow, ob-
tainable from CLBC are: Calvin's Institutes
Abridged Vol 1, Bk 1&2 \$3; Pioneering in Dyak
Borneo by Jason Linn (transl. from the Chinese)
\$3; Gospel of Life \$4; Gospel Prophets \$4; John
Sung Revival Sermons Vol I \$2; Vol II \$3.50. In
John Sung's Steps (the Story of Lim Puay Hian)
\$2; I Remember John Sung by William E. Schu-
bert.

BP Australia Mission. At the instance of Dr
Tow Siang Hwa, a BP Australia Mission is in the
course of formation with a view to founding a
BP Church in Perth where are located 4 BP fami-
lies. Pray for Perth! As we were on this matter
Rev John Hunt of 75 Pavetta Crescent, Forest-
field, W.A. 6050 phoned to say "Hello". He is
U.S. missionary to Perth.

HE IS LORD, He is Lord,
He is risen from the dead and He is Lord;
Every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord.

Public Holidays 1986: Chinese New Year Feb 9 &
10; Good Friday Mar 28; Labour Day May 1; Vesak
Day May 23; Hari Raya Puasa June 9; National
Day Aug 9; Hari Raya Haji Nov 1; Christmas Day
Dec 25.

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PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

Kelapa Sawit = Oil Palm

Kelapa is coconut in Malay. Kelapa Sawit means oil palm. Our church is standing on top of this village next to a vast European oil palm estate with its own refinery; hence Kelapa Sawit.

This brings to mind Ps 92:12-14, "The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree.... 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." Did you know that Kelapa Sawit is the oldest offshoot from our Church, since Jan 1954? Today she is the centre of three stations and headquarters of our newly established BP Church of Malaysia.

With the acquisition of a 12-seater mini-bus (Ford, not Toyota as reported last week) there was a marked increase in attendance, especially as a bus-load of school children were brought in under pouring rain. We baptised two young men who gave testimony of how the Lord had brought them out of the quagmire of sin. Elder John Ling's son who read "John Sung My Teacher" came up to me, "This book should be translated into Chinese!" Doesn't this reflect the spiritual thirst of young people in quest of deeper things? Praise the Lord, Miss Ng Sang Chiew has begun to translate. Incidentally she is coming to Singapore for an operation. Let us remember her in prayer!

Air Bemban

For some months, Air Bemban has been lying low. Progress in the development of this housing estate is hindered by the Recession. Nevertheless, another stage of construction has been completed, so we've received a second-last bill which totals M\$13,522.50. The date of completion is delayed by about 2 to 3 months. When completed we should start a kindergarten. Air Bemban is excellent for a limited Youth Camp.

We Need Volunteers, Not Profiteers, in the Lord's Service

We publish the following challenge, excerpted from Jess Lim's "Frontier Fortnightly", Nov 25, '85:

Say not—How shall I go?

But—How can I stay?

Say not—Have I a call?

But—I'm His disciple!

Say not—How long can I wait?

But—How soon can I go?

Say not—Is the thing possible?

But—God is Omnipotent!

Say not—I am so weak!

But—He is Almighty!

Say not—I could do nothing!

But—Christ can do all things!

Say not—I dread temptation!

But—He is able to save!

Say not—Look what I'd lose!

But—See what I'd gain!

Say not—Will friends applaud?

But—God will approve!

Say not—What salary shall I draw?

But—The Bible's my cheque book!

Say not—I fear the hardships!

But—I shall reign if I suffer!

Say not—I might die young!

But—The more time in heaven!

Say not—Alas, I'm betrothed!

But—She is also invited!

Say not—I have no talents!

But—Christ is my wisdom!

Say not—I lack experience!

But—No fear! My Christ has got plenty!

Say not—Have I the faith?

But—Doubting is sin!

Say not—I am not eloquent!

But—Who made man's mouth?

Say not—I don't want to be fanatical!

But—Make me a flame of fire!

Say not—"Good-bye" (in tears) I'll
soon come back again!

But—Hallelujah! I'm off to the
devil's den to turn the devil out!
How fortunate I am!

What a contrast with that spirit of a new breed of professionals who acquire higher degrees with the view of higher pay, special rights and comfortable city churches, who also imbibe a "more knowledgeable than thou" haughty spirit.

While it is true that the BP Church is one of the fastest growing churches in Singapore, this movement will become a machine, and machine to a monument, unless we continue to branch out. We need young men and women who will go out in the spirit of the preceding challenge. We need Hudson Taylors and another William Chalmers Burns. We need another John Sung and Lim Puay Hian. We need volunteers, not profiteers, in the Lord's service. "But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth.... The hireling fleeth because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep."

A Word to Young School Leavers

As you stand at the crossroads of life, wondering what you should be, I come to you in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to call you into His Service, "Follow Me (Jesus) and I will make you fishers of men". Give up your petty ambition for a successful career in your own strength to one of serving Christ. For He died to save you from hell, and He has now given you life everlasting. Does not such love constrain you to be His servant? And His terms to you, as to the disciples of old, are the same: "For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. For what is a man profited if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" (Matt 16:25,26).

There was a rich young ruler who approached Jesus on how to be saved. Jesus convicted his heart not only on his need of salvation but also wanted him to serve Him fulltime. You have already rejoiced in your salvation in Him. Why do you resist to give yourself up to serve Him fulltime?

When should you come to the Lord's school for training? When your heart is fervent! Peter Eng who is returning from Grace Seminary in February 1986 applied to study at FEBC after leaving school. Some said he was too young, but I received him, as his heart was warm. The Lord has blessed that decision as you can see. So, if you are called, come and see me. We'll talk about it, pray about it, and seek the Lord's mind together. Amen.

GEORGE COOPER While the Days Are Going By IRA D. SANKEY

humbly, acknowledging your sins, and seek Him with all your heart, you are blessed 10 times more than when you see signs and wonders.

Christ is present with only two or three who meet in His Name (Matt 18:20). Where you see a man highly exalted, where you see the fleshly display of human power, He says, He is not there - "And they shall say to you, See here; or see there: go not after them, nor follow them." (Luke 17:23).

- Yours, T.T.

| APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (16th - 22nd Dec) | | EXTENSION BLDG FUND 673)\$80; 674)\$200; 675)\$565 676)\$100; 677)\$50; 678)\$295; 679)\$250. |
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| MON 10.15 am | Kuala Kubu Camp ends | TOTAL \$660,424.22 Stop Press! 680)\$100; 681)\$500. |
| TUE - SAT | Bethesda Serangoon Camp | FEBI 283)\$150; 284)\$200; 285)\$300 (for Kimiko). |
| TUE 8.00 pm | Prayer Meeting | TOTAL \$141,901.11 |
| WED 8.00 am | Pastor leaves for Pontianak | Thai Missions: \$100 |
| THU 6.00 pm | Pastor returns from Pontianak | Thai Missions. We sent 7 angpows by Rev Quek's hand to 7 Thai pastors who received the Gospel singers and a copy of John Sung to each of the 43-member team. |
| FRI 10.00 am | Pastor & co. leaves for Riau | For Kalimantan, 20 kilos of surplus clothing and \$500 worth of theological books donated by Galilee to FEBI library (from '86 we will support another teacher). |
| SAT 1.00 pm | TJBC; 2pm - JYF; 3pm - TBC | Give books this Christmas! Books galore and Christian gifts are available at CLBC. (John Sung My Teacher, hard-covers at \$9.50 only). |
| 3.00 pm | Wee Chin Kam-Choi Lin Fong Wedding (Dr Patrick Tan) | Nursery today: Mrs Goh Mong Eng & Mrs Yvonne Cheang |
| SUN 10.00 am | Dr Patrick Tan | |
| 10.00 am | Rev Tow at Tanjong Pinang | |
| 10.00 am | Chinese Service | |
| 11.30 am | Filipino Fellowship | |
| 11.55 am | Korean Church Service | |
| 1.00 pm | AF mtg behind Bookroom | |
| 3.00 pm | BFC & Thai Services | |
| 4.00 pm | Indonesian Service | |
| 4.30 pm | Sharon Service | |
| 6.00 pm | Tamil Service | |
| 7.30 pm | Korean Evening Service | |
| LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$4689.00 | | Edited by Rev (Dr) Timothy Tow, 9A Gilstead Rd, Singapore 1130. Telephone: 2560617 & 2569256 |

Reinhard Bonnke Mission

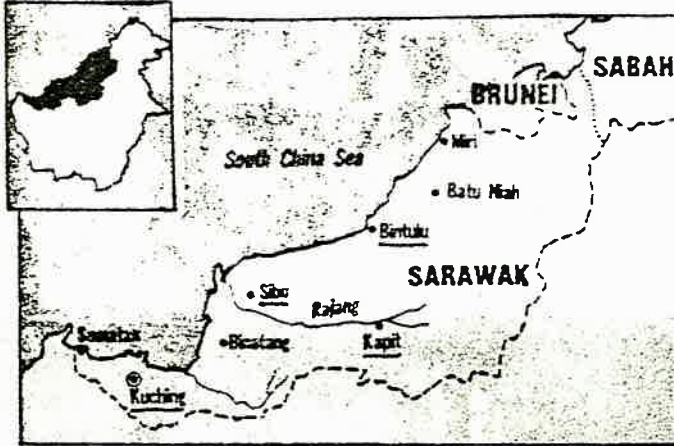
"Hear Evangelist Reinhard Bonnke preach the gospel of Jesus Christ with signs and wonders following" is how the organisers of this mission are trying to draw the crowds, Dec 11-15, to the National Stadium.

To forestall those who will use His Name but are severely reprovved for their misguided actions, our Lord warns, "For there shall arise false Christs and false prophets and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect" (Matt 24:24). But you say, "Doesn't Evangelist Bonnke come in Jesus' Name? Isn't he sponsored by a host of churches?" Precisely his coming in Jesus' Name is in the strategy of false Christs and false prophets, as our Lord has pointed out. Precisely, his being sponsored by a good number of churches (praise God, not all) reveals the deep deception he brings - "insomuch that if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect" (Matt 24:24).

Signs and wonders in Jesus' Name to be performed before our Lord's return are condemned (Matt 24:24). When an evangelist resorts to outward manifestations to dazzle the eyes, he falls in line with Thomas who demanded to see and touch the nail prints of his crucified Lord. Jesus rebukes Thomas in no uncertain terms, "Because thou hast seen Me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed." When you come to Christ



From Kuching to the Ends of Sarawak



In August 1984 our Church opened a Gospel station at Kuching, capital of Sarawak, manned by Pauline and Kah Teck, FEBC graduates. This station was transferred to Sharon's care the following month.

Under Sharon's support the work has progressed. Rev Peter Chua visited Kuching Nov 29 - Dec 10 and delights us with his report, as follows:-

Mission in Action at Kuching

The 11-day mission in Sarawak was outreaching and enriching. During my stay, the Lord had enabled me to preach eleven times both at Sharon Rose and Christian homes. My mission was mainly to baptise four children of a Dyak Christian family and to form the committee for Sharon Rose BPC. Augustine Liang, aged 33, who was baptised in June this year was appointed treasurer. He works in the Malayan Bank. He was recently blessed with a baby boy. We have the confidence that Mr Liang will keep a systematic record of the church accounts.

The church at Kuching is housed in a beautiful residential estate. It is less than 3 miles to the airport. Sharon Rose consists of only two Chinese families, the Chiews and Liangs. The Chiew family will be moving soon to Bintulu.

The Lord provided us opportunity to witness to the Dyaks at the construction sites nearby. Many of these Dyak workers are Christians, but most do not attend church. Anthony Ibau Sten, a site supervisor, had his four children baptised last Lord's Day. Although he is a supervisor, he has difficulty supporting his four children. His decision to give his youngest son to a rich Chinese family was opposed by his wife. His wife said it was better to give her children to the Lord than to the Chinese family.

From Kuching to Sibul and Kapit

The circumstances leading me to Sibul and Kapit were the conversion of Mrs Chiew at Kuching. After hearing the Good News she mentioned that her brother-in-law, Rev Daniel Chiew, is superintendent of the Methodist Church in Sibul. Anthony, a Dyak, requested us to visit his mother at Kapit. To go to Kapit we stop at Sibul overnight. We stayed at the Methodist House at \$5/- per person.

Sibul is a thriving town, consisting mainly of Foochows. The Methodist Church at Sibul has a membership of 2,000. According to the book, "John Sung My Teacher", a recent addition to Rev Tow's writings, Sibul is one of the chief cities in Sarawak. But, what is pertinent about this town is her Christian heritage, a heritage somewhat akin to Plymouth in New England which was colonised by the Pilgrim Fathers in 1620. Sibul was founded in 1901, the year John Sung was born, by Wong Nai Siong, a Methodist entrepreneur. With 600 Christian settlers sailing in two junks from Foochow, his purpose was to provide a better livelihood to all Foochow Christians emigrating to South-east Asia, who might choose Sibul's Christian colony as their new home.

The founder of this Foochow Christian colony in Sarawak being a devout man, he saw to it that services were held on the Lord's Day for the settlers. Indeed, the newcomers from Foochow were gathered together to a Thanksgiving Service the first Sunday, led by Bishop Frank Warne from Singapore, who simultaneously organised the same as a part of the Singapore District of the Methodist Malaysia Mission.

Though Sibul was almost all Christian in the thirties, it had degenerated in three decades to a nominal Christianity, not a little of it a dead Christianity. Dr Sung's 10-day evangelistic campaign in 1936 had brought revival to Sibul. A total of 1,583 persons were saved, an event never seen or heard of in Sarawak's hundred years' history (1841). There was not a Christian house that was not affected by the coming of God's messenger. Today, Sibul Methodist Church where Dr John Sung preached has turned liberal. Many become Christians for name's sake.

From Sibul to Kapit

Kapit is the last town up the river Rajang and head of the seventh division. It is the gateway to the interior of Borneo. The river Rajang provides means of transport. The river winds through the Sarawak Swamps. Everything travels along the river - hovercraft, fibreglass speedboat, tug, barge or small coastal ship. People build their longhouses, shophouses, farmhouses and sawmills along the river, fish in it, wash themselves and their clothes in it and use it to float huge rafts of logs torn from the jungle down to the sea. The river is the very soul of Sarawak.

At Kapit we visited Anthony's mother. Truly she was overjoyed to hear of her son returning to God. We met the pastor of the church and he expressed a desire to receive further theological training at FEBC.

From Kapit to Bintulu

My going to Bintulu was to visit Mrs Chiew's mother and to see the possibility of another mission station as Mrs Chiew will be shifting there in a month. Mrs Chiew's mother has seven sons and one daughter. She gave each son a house and a car. She welcomed us to stay at her

home and requested to have family worship that evening. The next day I visited all her sons and prayed for them. A family worship was held at the eldest son's home the next day. Although she loves the Lord and God's people, her children are cold towards God. Perhaps there will be a Macedonian call when Mrs Chiew moves to Bintulu.

Back at Kuching

When we returned to Kuching, Mrs Simon Tsai had just come over from Far Eastern Bible Institute at Pontianak to renew her passport. She informed us that a middle-aged woman by the name of Goh Liang Teh sat beside her while on the plane journey to Kuching. She shared with her the Gospel. And she requested us to visit her. The Gospel was again presented to her.

If you look at the map, you will see that Kuching, Sarawak's capital, is 400 nautical miles due east of Singapore. It is very convenient for us to make a mission trip next year to encourage our brother Kim. Who will come with us? - Peter Chua

THERE'S NO CHRISTMAS WITHOUT JESUS

*There's no Christmas without Jesus,
It's to Him our eyes should see;
Not to jolly old Saint Nicholas
Nor a glitt'ring Christmas tree!*

*Shops in town are decorated,
Decked with colours bright and gay;
Tinsel, light and shapes, created,
Merge into one grand display.
"There's no Christmas without buying
Gifts and toys to give," they say.
Oh, that they should be realising
All these things will fade away!*

*Santa Claus is just a story;
Reindeer never pulled his sleigh.
Why then, does he get the glory
On this sacred holy day?
But a Baby in a manger
Really lived in Is-ra-el:
He was born to be our Saviour
It's His story we must tell!*

*I will think of Christ, this Christmas:
How He left His throne above,
Gave up all His heavenly riches
For to manifest His love!
Take the tinsel and the glitter
And the "santas" all away,
For God's love is far, far greater
Than this man-made, grand display!*
- Charles Seet

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

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| MON | 7.30 pm | Wedding Rehearsal |
| TUE | 7.45 pm | Christmas Eve Service (Bap- tism of Infants) |
| WED | 10.00 am | Korean Christmas Service |
| | 2.00 pm | Christian Disciples Ch.(FEBC) |
| | 2.00 pm | BFC Service (Church) |
| | 7.30 pm | Sharon Christmas Service (Rev Tow, FEBC Hall) |
| THU | 8.00 pm | Wedding Rehearsal |
| FRI-SAT | 10 am | Rev Tow at Rawang Wedding |
| SAT | 1.00 pm | TJBC; 2pm - JYF; 3pm - TBC |
| | 3.30 pm | YF; 4pm - YAF; 7.30pm - CFM |
| SUN | 10.00 am | Rev Tow |
| | 6.00 pm | Rev Tow at Sunset Gospel Hr |

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$5326.70

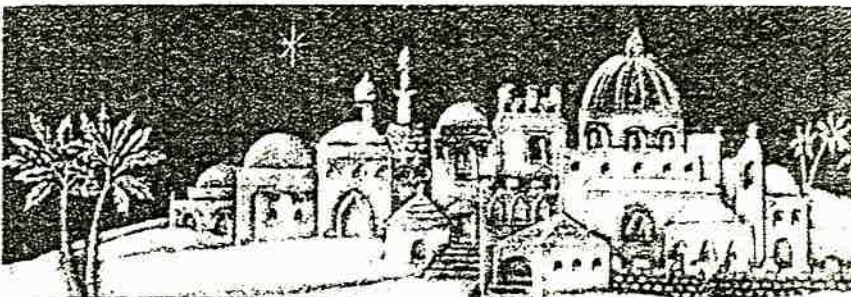
EXTENSION BLDG FUND 682)\$200; 683)\$300; 684)\$960; 685)\$20; 686)\$260; 687)\$200; 688)

\$150. TOTAL 663,114.22

FEBC 286)\$200(Kimiko). TOTAL \$142,101.11

OFFERINGS FOR: KL Missions \$400(WF); Thai-land \$400(WF); Indonesian Missions \$1000; Missionaries \$100.

FEBC: "In gratitude to our Almighty God, His goodness and His grace, enclosed is a cheque of \$1000 for the work of FEBC. The book *John Sung My Teacher* has been a great challenge



- 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!

to my Christian life."

CHRISTMAS EVE INFANT BAPTISMS

1. Lai JingHao, Shaun, s/o Mr & Mrs William Lai
2. Liang Chorng Wen, Alvin,
3. Liang Chorng Min, Melvin,
4. Liang Chorng Yee, Kelvin, sons of Mr & Mrs
Leong Chin Yong
5. Lim Wei Liang, Samuel, s/o Mr & Mrs David
Lim
6. Ong Lin Min, d/o Dr & Mrs Ong Thiew Chai
7. Tan Geok Teng, Elizabeth, d/o Dn & Mrs Tan
Nee Keng
8. Tan Lijing, Rachel
9. Xie ShuBin, Rachel, d/o Mr & Mrs Chia Boon
Siong
10. Yeo HuiLing, Rachel, d/o Mr & Mrs Arthur Yeo
Nursery today: Mrs Jennifer Goh and
Mrs Doris Chng

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YEAR-END MUSINGS FROM TANJUNG PINANG

I am writing from the Zion Presbyterian Parsonage, Tanjung Pinang, 48 miles south of Singapore and 3 hours by motor launch. With me are Ng Kok Cheng, Leong Kok Whye and Sharon Wong who have responded to my invitation. Mr & Mrs Charles Tsao of the Chinese Service who had wanted to come could not make it, because Mr Tsao had a preaching engagement.

God's Timely Provision to the Second!

As I had no time to arrange for transport to Finger Pier, not having returned from Kalimantan until the previous evening, Mrs Tow suggested Anne Gradussov could help out. Just as I had Anne come along, lo and behold, right on the dot of 9.30 am drove into our back "gate" Paul Wong in his Toyota van. Having assurance beforehand the Lord would provide transport in His own way, I thanked Anne for her kindness and hopped into Paul's van. "Where are you going?" I asked. "To the World Trade Centre," answered Paul. Praise the Lord, Finger Pier is right on the way to WTC by the Express Flyover. When God provides, He does it economically too. This timely provision to the second strengthens my trust in God that He is our never-failing Provider. What is your need, be it big or small? Tell it to our Heavenly Father. (Matt 7:7).

Zion Presbyterian Church, Tanjung Pinang, A Miniature City of God

This Church is now 18 years old. Today it stands three storeys tall on the higher side of the main highway. Forming an L with the new Church is a two-storey Primary School with six classrooms and 450 pupils in two sessions. Forming a U with the L is the old parsonage of wooden structure. In the quadrangle is a badminton court. Two Japanese mini-buses belonging to the Church and school are parked in shadows.

This Church has 120 baptised. This time to be baptised are 10 adults and three infants. The Sunday School numbers over 300; the Christian Fellowship is a beehive of activity every Saturday. The prayer meeting is attended by 60-70, mostly young people. One young man, Kiantoro, is a first-year student at FEBC.

The founder of this miniature city of God is Rev Tan Peng Koen, 78. He and his wife are retired in Hong Kong, whom we visited last June. They are sickly and in a pitiful condition. So Session has voted a Christmas gift for them. On the other hand you would rejoice with the Lord as He commends Rev Tan for his good work.

Two Examples of Glorious Service

Rev Tan reached retirement age in 1967, having served in the Methodist Church, Palembang, and elsewhere in Indonesia. Despite his retirement, he was moved to start a Church here at Tanjung Pinang when he passed through en route to North Sumatra. With his son-in-law Deacon Teck Hock, he bought this golden site for a song, because in 1967 this converted parsonage was a haunted house. Why do I relate this story? To challenge older-timers amongst us to rededicate our lives, to be fruitful even in old age (Ps 92:14).

Incidentally, I was saddened lately to read Bro. Lim Jui Kai's prayer letter from USA that Mrs Contento, aged 90+, has left us. But I praise the Lord for her long years of unstinted service, teaching seminary at 80, being "recycled" according to her equally exuberant husband. So, if you're retiring at 55, you are just starting out in life! Our evening years should be our most fruitful years! Or what will you show the Lord from the talents He has entrusted you?

"My Word Shall Not Return Unto Me Void" (Isa 55:11)

A patient of my doctor brother testifies how her mother, knowing she was going to die of cancer, sought baptism from her hospital bed in Singapore. That she should seek the Lord was due to the Gospel seed sown in her heart at a young age while a student in Fairfield Methodist Girls' School. After she came home to Tanjung Pinang her illness worsened. Meanwhile the pastor who baptised her had promised to visit her in Tanjung Pinang. When the pastor arrived she brightened up to hear the Word preached and her favourite hymn (which she had learnt as a child) sung. At which, she willingly departed into glory with a smile! This dying testimony should eventually bring her loved ones to the Lord. We have spent time witnessing to her daughter and husband. The husband, being English-educated, was given a copy of John Sung.

Make It A Clean Slate For 1986

It has been the custom of good Chinese business practice to clear all accounts before the old year is out. I wonder if Chinese merchants are as meticulous as their forbears? It is good for Christians to clear all accounts before 1985 is gone that we might face 1986 with a clean slate. How the weights of sin and debt drag us down in our heavenly race! Thus, the children of Israel were appointed one day in the year to search their hearts and confess their sins on what is known as Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. What better time for this sacred exercise than these last two days while the hours are going by? What do we owe our God? Remember the vow we made in the hour of trial and agony, and God has delivered us? Have we kept that vow? Do we owe Him the sacred tenth, in whole or in part?

What do we owe our fellow men? The promise we made but have not carried out? The accounts not cleared as scheduled? Have we hurt our brother, our sister, in unkind word or deed? Am I always the right one and he the wrong one? "Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil."

Finally, let me remind you of Watchnight Service, Dec 31, 10.45 pm. The Lord's Supper



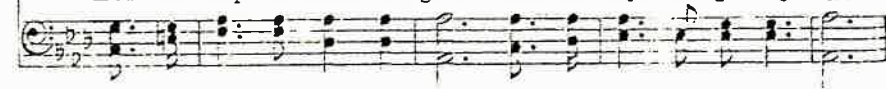
1. {There are lone - ly hearts to cher - ish, While the days are go - ing by;}
2. {There are wea - ry souls who per - ish, While the days are go - ing by;}
3. {There's no time for i - dle scorn - ing, While the days are go - ing by;}
4. {Let your face be like the morn - ing, While the days are go - ing by;}
5. {All the lov - ing links that bind us, While the days are go - ing by;}
6. {One by one we leave be - hind us, While the days are go - ing by;}



If a smile we can re - new, As our jour - ney we pur - sue,
Oh, the world is full of sighs. Full of sad and weep - ing eyes;
But the seeds of good we sow, Both in shade and shine will grow.



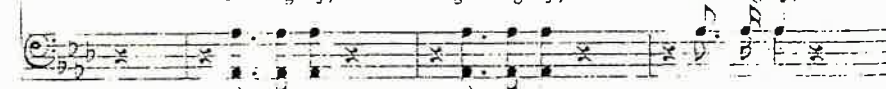
Oh, the good we all may do, While the days are go - ing by.
Help your fall - en broth - er rise, While the days are go - ing by.
And will keep our hearts a - glow, While the days are go - ing by.



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will be served. Dare we enter the New Year without worshipping at the throne of grace? And have our feet washed before we walk in 1986?

Pre-Christmas Visit to Kalimantan

Garuda's GA 911 flight to Pontianak

took only one hour and five minutes! (When we first went by cargo boat in 1971, it took 36 hours). Rev Djunaidi and daughter Esther were on hand to receive us, to transport 47 kilos of relief goods and books for FEBI Library. (For extra 7 kilos we paid \$17 this time).

Since we last visited in July 1984 to inaugurate the Bible Institute, Djunaidi's "colony" has grown somewhat. The Kindergarten has over 30 pupils, the Secondary School 100. The Orphanage numbers 30 growing-up young people, one of whom is admitted to the U. A sewing department with 6 machines granted by the Government gives the girls opportunity to learn a useful trade. The boys keep fish in the ponds and grow sweet potatoes and yams in the adjoining field, the last of the 2.5 acres to be acquired. The land that we had bought several years ago is now worth 2.5 times its former value, inspite of Recession.

What we're more interested in is the Church. With 28 baptised earlier this year, mostly conversions from the Secondary School, the Sunday attendance reaches 100. Recently another 6 were added by baptism (Djunaidi immerses and sprinkles according to the "water situation"). At Midweek Prayer Meeting 60-70 came. David Djunaidi chaired the service while his father played on the Yamaha pedal organ. The congregation sang lustily to the moving of my heart. They offered prayer spontaneously with greater zeal than townspeople.

As the Chinese members in the Indonesian congregation could not understand Mandarin, and my message had to be interpreted into Indonesian by Rev Djunaidi, I was obliged to speak in Hakka. With the Spirit's help, somehow the right syllables came readily. If not, Mandarin (which is quite akin to Hakka) served as a bridge across the language gap! I spoke on Isa 9:6,7 on the Deity and Royalty of Christ.

Sister Kimiko's service with the Institute and Orphanage has been noted by the Social Affairs Department. She has been a tremendous blessing to all. Simon Tsai continues faithfully, lecturing 5 hours a week, while his wife is being assigned a job around the "colony". Suwano, a Dyak pupil of Djunaidi's, now in his thirties, has a B.Th. from Malang. He is Djunaidi's Secretary while teaching a number of Bible subjects. Two Indonesian pastors from friendly Churches come in as part-time lecturers.

The student body has settled down to 12, though a goodly number are applying to come in the next semester. One problem is the lack of scholarships, for most of the Dyaks are without means of support. A goodly number are applying to come in the new academic year.

Nevertheless, as the school progresses, the students are growing in knowledge and strength of character. Two of these are assigned to two new churches, the fruit of several years of sowing. The first is Kumpai (2 hrs upstream) and the 2nd is Biong (4½ hrs up the Landak). On Dec 19, the day we left, Djunaidi sailed up to Biong to dedicate the New Church. "The King's business requires haste." - T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (30 Dec - 5 Jan)

TUE 10.45 pm Watchnight Service (Lord's Supper)
WED 3.00 pm Peter Wong-Quek Hui Miang Wedding (Rev Tow)
THU 8.30 am FEBC Reopens with Day of Prayer
8.00 pm Wedding Rehearsal
SAT 3.00 pm Seow Boon Wah-Tracilla Koo Wedding (BFC)
SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow (Lord's Supper), etc.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$7,108.00

EXTENSION FUND 689)\$420; 690)\$620; 691)\$500; 692)\$760; 693)\$1400; 694)\$1200; 695)\$2000; 696)\$600; 697)\$500; 598)\$30; 699)\$250; 700)\$1000; 701)\$600; 702)\$900; 603)\$300.

TOTAL \$675,194.22 Offering for RPG: \$200

Christmas Eve Offering: \$8674 + \$100 each for Paauwe, Mani & Jess.

This year's total giving to date is \$880,000. Who'll make it to "a round sum"?

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