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MAN PROPOSES, GOD DISPOSES

(Message to be delivered this evening 6.30 pm over SBC)

Inspite of the Recession and a forecast of zero growth this new year of 1986, Singaporeans are a resolute and resilient people. We are told to develop a more enterprising spirit. So, here we go.

According to a Chinese saying, "Spring is the time to make plans for the year." So you young entrepreneurs are studying new ways and means to revive your business. You are making an inroad into a new country this year to make back what you've lost last year. ASEAN is too limited a scope for a go-getting Singaporean like you. A new field to cultivate, this year, is China, where all the people go! So far so good!

While we have the Chinese proverb that teaches us to plan ahead, here's another proverb well-known to the English-educated, "Man proposes, God disposes." In other words, human plans are good up to a point. There is one overriding factor in the affairs of men and that is God. In all our endeavours, do we consider the Almighty? Or do we think ourselves all powerful and all sufficient?

The apostle James does not think the way we do, In James 4:13-16, he says, "Go to now, ye that say, Today or tomorrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that. But now ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil."

All our planning is good, but, says James, let us not forget God, let us not neglect to seek His will. Did we pray for guidance? Are our plans in accordance with the teachings and commandments in the Bible, His Holy Word? If a servant of God, a pastor or evangelist, a church worker or missionary, an executive officer of a Christian organisation, serves God in his own strength and by his own wisdom, with no reference to His Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, he is bound to fail. One famous saying of Dr John Sung, China's greatest evangelist who brought Pentecost to Singapore 50 years ago, which I vividly remember, is this, "If a pastor tries to make money on the side, he will go bankrupt."

Once there was a young prophet of Judah who was sent on a mission to the breakaway northern kingdom of Israel. He was instructed to confront Jeroboam the rebel king. After denouncing him for revolting against God, the young prophet from Judah is to return by another way, nor should he linger to eat after his mission is accomplished. Now although this young prophet had done a good job in denouncing the rebel king Jeroboam, he disobeyed God's command by sitting down to eat with an old prophet. For disobeying God by eating with the old prophet, the young prophet was bitten by a lion. If our plan is clearly out of line with God's plan, we are bound to fail, and fail miserably. Dear Listener, will you reconsider your plan?

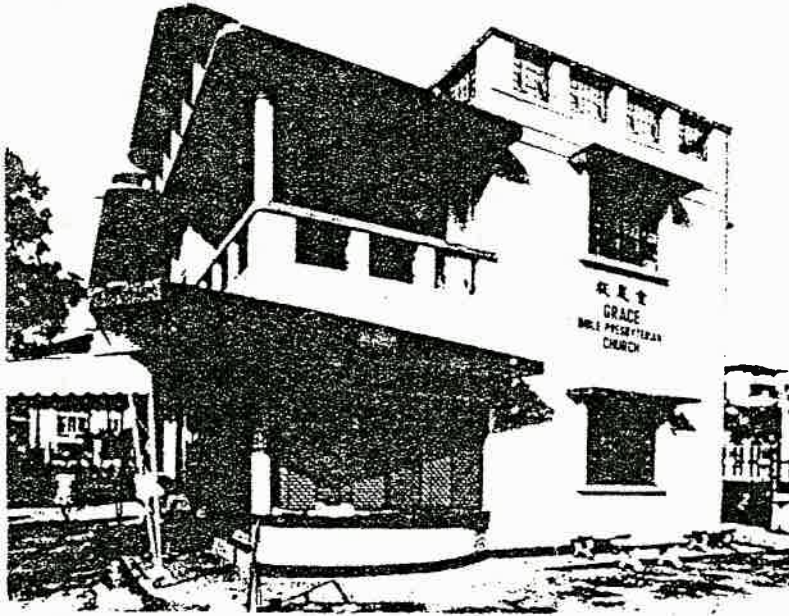
The other consideration in James's observation is the shortness of life. Our life on earth is likened to a vapour. A Chinese proverb says that our life is like dew in the morning sun. Job says our life is like the wind (Job 7:7). According to Moses it is like a flood that comes suddenly and goes as suddenly. According to King David, it is at most a handbreadth. Now, even if we stretch our hand span, we can extend it but by only a few inches. Such is the shortness of life. It is therefore foolish for you to plan your life, your savings, your property on that long term policy as if you are going to live on earth forever!

Another Chinese proverb says, "From time immemorial, for man to live up to 70 is a rare thing." Moses says exactly the same, but adds a little consolation, "and if by reason of strength they be fourscore (80) years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off and we fly away." How up-to-date is God's Word! According to the Straits Times dated Jan 2, 1986, Japan's women have a highest life expectancy of 79.4 years. For a Singaporean male the same newschart gives a lifespan of 69.1 years. How old are you this year? Do you not see that there is no stemming the tide of advancing age? And yet, you are planning this year to make more and more money. But who will use the money when you are gone? But I'll live another 10 years, at least, you retort. How can you be sure of ten years, when God's Word says you can't be sure even of one year?

Have you heard the story of the rich fool told by our Lord Jesus? This is recorded in Luke 12. As this rich fool plans in the early morning to build bigger and higher, like the many high-rise buildings of Singapore, God said to him in the late morning or early afternoon, "Thou fool, this night shall thy soul be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." Man proposes, God disposes.

Dear listener, perhaps you are a Christian, but you have ceased attending Church for years. Let me tell you it is a dangerous situation you are in by staying outside the fold of God's people, and outside His will for your life. No wonder all the plans you make, ever since you left God's House, have gone wrong. May I urge you to return to Him. "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye 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. For my thoughts are not your thoughts and my ways are not your ways, saith the Lord" (Isaiah 55:6-8).  
Amen. - T.T.

## See What A House Given to God Can Do!



On the occasion of my speaking at the 10th Anniversary Thanksgiving of Grace BP Church, 5 Jalan Haji Salam, Bedok, I am moved to report to you what a house given to God can do! This is the house wherein Grace our daughter church is thriving - a three-storey mansion standing on 10,000 sq.ft. of land. This house was offered to the Lord's use by a sister of Life Church.

Today this Church, which was pioneered by Rev Dr Patrick Tan, is under Pastor Tan Eng Boo. It has well over 100 communicants, 30 originally transferred from the mother church. Out of Grace BPC has come forth Shalom BPC, located en route to Changi Village, using the premises of a Church formerly built by the British military. Besides this fruitful outreach, Grace Church has given birth also to a Chinese service (pioneered by

Rev Lin Tah Mon) and an English Evening Service.

Rev Tan Eng Boo, the overall pastor, is an FEBC graduate. He is chairman of BP Foreign Missions and has been forward in reaching out to the Philippines, especially. His church supports a Bible school in the Negros and provides a scholarship for FEBC, West Kalimantan. Shalom BPC, daughter of Grace Church, founded and pastored by Rev Tan Choon Seng another FEBC graduate, supports the Madras BPC, India. What will God do with the Grace group of Churches in the next ten years if He tarries?

Dear Reader, do you have a house suitable for starting another Bible-Presbyterian Church? With all the blessings of God upon you all these years of your life, have you ever considered bequeathing your property to the Lord, so that when you see Him face to face He will say to you, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of the Lord" (Matt 5:21).

But very few Readers have a house to give! If you have not a whole house to give, you can give a part, no matter how small. We have our own Church Extension Fund and we mean business unto the Lord. That thus far over \$686,000 has been given shows you also mean business with the Lord. If you have been preserved from retrenchment and bankruptcy in this Recession, don't relax from your bountiful giving of past days. If you mind God's business, God will mind your business. If you have been retrenched, we pray for your speedy recovery with an even better job. God is our Heavenly Father who is mindful of our every need.

Is it only with the charismatics that houses and gold are freely given? While we lag not in this respect, our prayer is that every Reader may give himself/herself first to the Lord, to love Him and serve Him in any way He wants.

But if you can give a house, why not? See what a house given to God, like the one which is now Grace BPC, can do! - T.T.

### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (13th - 19th Jan)

MON	7.30 pm	Theology for Everyone
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
WED	7.30 pm	Modern Hebrew
THU	7.30 pm	Theology for Everyone
SAT	1.00 pm	TJBC; 2pm - JYP;
	2.30 pm	Patrick Lim-Cindy Kuo Wedding (Rev Whitmore)
	3.00 pm	TBC (Rev Tow)
	3.30 pm	YF; 4pm - YAF; 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	Thai & BFC Services
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service
	6.00 pm	Tamil Service
	7.30 pm	Korean Evening Service

Tune in to SBC this evening 6.30 pm and hear your own Church on the air. Both our Church Choir and the Children's Choir will sing. Tapes of this broadcast will be available from CLBC at \$2.50 next Tuesday!

Over 200 have registered for the Basic

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Theology Course for Everyone. Dr Tow Siang Hwa was special lecturer last Thursday on "Neo-Evangelicalism".

Another idol destroyed! This Chinese icon was removed from 258 Orchard Road, home of Mdm Ong Beng Choo, 68; mother of Lucy Koh, Jan 9, '86. Madam Ong has requested baptism.

Pray for Sis. Ng Sang Chiew of Kelapa Sawit after an operation for speedy return to health.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$6,876

EXT. BLDG FUND 724)\$100; 725)\$50; 726)\$100; 727)\$159(USA); 728)\$100; 729)\$1200; 730)\$110; 731)\$50; 732)\$100; 734)\$20; 735)\$200; 736)\$375 (Ch. Ser); 737)\$100(YAF). TOTAL \$686,009.42  
FEBC 291)\$65(Grace); 292)\$750; 293)\$200; 294)\$1000(Orphanage); 295)\$900(AF)

*EACH STEP I TAKE MY SAVIOUR GOES BEFORE ME,  
And with His loving hand He leads the way;  
And with each breath I whisper, "I adore Thee!"  
O what joy to walk with Him each day.*

*\*Each step I take I know that he will guide me,  
To higher ground He ever leads me on;  
Until some day the last step will be taken,  
Each step I take just leads me closer home.*



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PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

"The King's Business Required Haste" (I Sam 21:8)

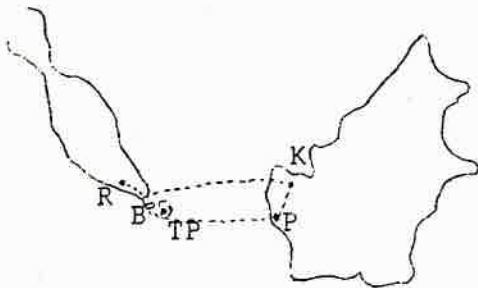
With the opening of direct flights between Singapore and Pontianak, I was enabled to visit FEBI Friday morning Jan 17 and return Saturday 18 afternoon, not missing Sunday worship at Life Church. This second visit to West Kalimantan, one month after December '85, was necessary in order to iron out certain administrative problems. One of the problems was the need of increased support to FEBI and Orphans. Praise the Lord, the spontaneous offerings that have come in for FEBI and Orphans have anticipated this need. A portion of this windfall has been dispensed to relieve an acute situation. God bless the two cheerful givers.

The last time we visited FEBI, we had no opportunity of visiting the riverine missions. This time the "Landak Kourier", a 25-seater river-bus owned by FEBI, took me and a number of the staff, including Kimiko, on a near two-hour upstream ride to Kumpai. (The return downstream ride takes one hour). Here, on an eminent spot up the riverbank in a kampong next to a timber factory, Rev Djunaidi has opened a new Gospel station, after Biong, where a Dyak Church was recently dedicated.

The Kumpai station runs a regular Sunday School and worship service and is visited fortnightly by FEBI staff and students by the "Landak Kourier". A Bible woman from Ambon, who had worked with Djunaidi alongside FEBI for a season, is stationed here. She is helped by an FEBI girl student during school vacations. A kindergarten is being planned for the village children.

Djunaidi's secondary school students have now moved up to high school. The next morning after coming, I had the privilege of speaking to both FEBI and high school students at chapel. There were about 60 young people altogether. Telling the young audience that the Bible is the textbook of the highest and deepest knowledge whereby life's destiny may be discovered, I asked for a show of hands of those who possessed the Bible. Only a half dozen hands were up. Happily Djunaidi informed me they had just received a consignment of 200 Gideon New Testaments which would be distributed to the students forthwith. Perhaps some reader would offer 100 Indonesian Bibles for distribution to the high school (SMA) students. (In 1985 two batches of 28 and 6 young people, mostly high school students, were baptised.)

"The King's business required haste." So I talked over with Djunaidi if he could visit Tanjong Pinang in June to conduct a series of revival meetings in answer to Tg Pinang's request. After this he could do some work at Batam Island where Faith BPC is starting a new work, visit Singapore and Muar (Rawang), which also has a request, and end up with Kuching before completing the circuit. This is another outcome of my flying visit.



"The King's Business required haste." Calvary BPC has timed the Chinese New Year for the inauguration of a BPC in Perth. One of three BP families linked together in this newest outreach is the Robin Tan family from Life Church. The pastor of Life Church has been invited to go "downunder" the weekend before the March School vacation to help in its founding. Flying down on a Friday and ministering to the new congregation that weekend, the Lord's messenger can return to Singapore Sunday night after a brief 4 hours in the air. Each round trip costs us over \$900. But if it is the Lord's will

for us to go, He will provide.

In missions beyond our shores we assure you that utmost economy is practised. We believe in cost-effective evangelism. We believe not in the hit-and-run method. We seriously practise the 4-point programme of the Great Commission. We must not only go, but convert, and after converting, baptise them into the local church and further instruct them in the truth in a sustained Church-building programme. Our pattern of missions, as practised by Djunaidi in West Kalimantan and now bearing much fruit, proves the point. So is the N. Sumatra work now committed to Galilee. While the leaders of the BPC are forward in Church-founding, we need a new echelon of young men and women to fill the gap when they are gone. In this respect, we thank God for Kimiko at Pontianak, Jess Lim at Chiang Mai, Kim Kah Teck and wife at Kuching. Let some young man hear the call coming from "Downunder", not only from Perth, but also from some other Australian city. We are determined to go to the regions beyond, wherever the Spirit of Missions will lead us!

"The King's Business required haste," and our Church being represented at the ICCC (International Council of Christian Churches) 12th World Congress, Seoul June 12-26, 1986, we must prepare members for this date right away. In order that the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Burma might fellowship with such a world Christian Assembly, our Church has voted to help its chief representative, Rev Robert Thawm Luai, on his way to Seoul (via Singapore). Read III John vv. 5-9.

Insofar as I am concerned, I shall not spend the whole two weeks in Seoul, but return earlier, with a view to keeping an appointment in London July 1, '86. These are momentous days, and God's servants need the supportive prayers of the Church. Pray that the Lord will give us wisdom and strength from above, that we might speedily accomplish each assignment from the King of kings.

Yours faithfully, T.T.





#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (27th Jan - 2nd Feb)

MON	7.30 pm	Theology for Everyone
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
WED	7.30 pm	Modern Hebrew
THU	7.30 pm	Theology for Everyone
SAT	1.00 pm	TJBC; 2pm - JYF
	3.30 pm	YF; 4pm - YAF
	5.00 pm	TBC 10th Anniversary
	7.30 pm	CFM
SUN	10.00 am	Rev Tow (Lord's Supper)
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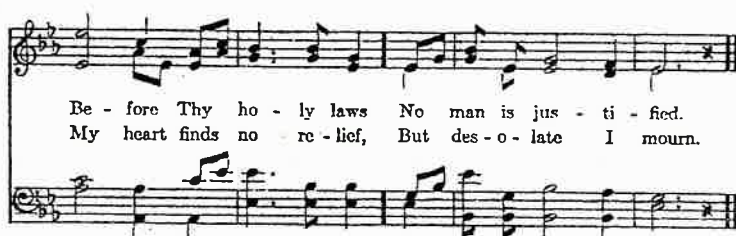
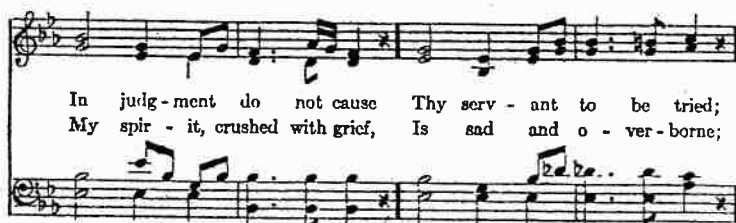
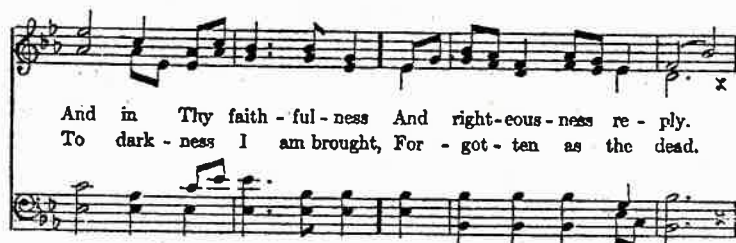
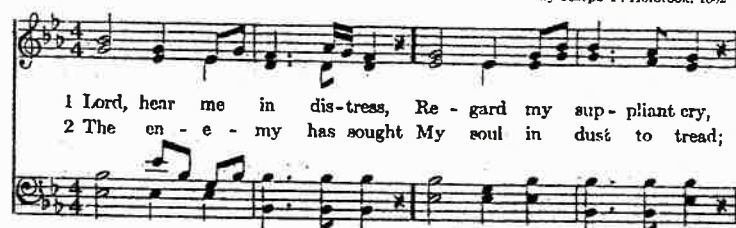
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## Lord, Hear Me in Distress

PSALM 143

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Arranged from Carl M. von Weber  
by Joseph P. Holbrook, 1862



3 Recalling former days  
And all Thy wondrous deeds,  
The memory of Thy ways  
To hope and comfort leads.  
To Thee I stretch my hands,  
Let me not plead in vain;  
I wait as weary lands  
Wait for refreshing rain.

5 Lord, save me from my foe,  
To Thee for help I flee;  
Teach me Thy way to know,  
I have no God but Thee.  
By Thy good Spirit led  
From trouble and distress,  
My erring feet shall tread  
The path of uprightness.

4 My failing spirit see,  
O Lord, to me make haste;  
Hide not Thy face from me,  
Lest bitter death I taste.  
O let the morn return,  
Let mercy light my day;  
For Thee in faith I yearn,  
O guide me in the way.

6 O Lord, for Thy Name's sake  
Revive my fainting heart;  
My soul from trouble take,  
For just and true Thou art.  
Remove my enemy,  
My cruel foe reward;  
In mercy rescue me  
Who am Thy servant, Lord.

3.00 pm Thai & BFC Services

4.00 pm Indonesian Service

4.30 pm Sharon Church

6.00 pm Tamil Service

7.30 pm Korean Evening Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$5,995.00

LIFE CHURCH EXT. FUND 748)\$450; 749)\$200; 750)\$170;

751)\$200; 752)\$100; 753)\$20; 754)\$200; 755)\$500;

756)\$1000; 757)\$200. TOTAL \$691,259.42

RENOVATIONS FUND 4)\$1000; 5)\$150; 6)\$600.

TOTAL \$4,100

FEBI 296)\$585; 297)\$65(Grace); 298)\$200(Kimiko);

299)\$150. TOTAL \$148,296.11

AIR BEMBAN 131)\$200. TOTAL \$59,507.25

PHILIPPINES LAND 13)\$200; 14)\$200; 15)\$100.

TOTAL \$2,935

OFFERINGS FOR: RPG \$120; Missionaries \$50; Vietnam

Relief \$420; KL Missions \$400(WF); Thailand \$350;

Jess Lim \$500; FEBC Scholarship \$2000.

Enjoy singing? Why not serve the Lord with your  
voice? Join the church choir. Meet us for Sunday  
lunch and after that for practice at the Open Cha-  
pel (next to the FEBC Library) at 12.15 pm.

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PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

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John Wesley's advice to his followers was:

"Do 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."

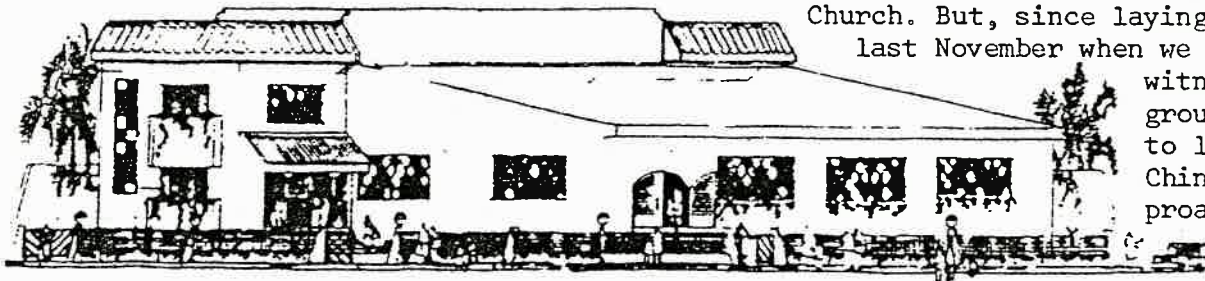
By corollary, I have challenged you to do something for Jesus everyday, and seven things for Him every week.

Methodism, which began with John Wesley's conversion in 1738, has 30 million members throughout the world today. Methodism came to Singapore 100 years ago. The founding of Anglo Chinese School has benefited ten-thousands of Singaporeans, though we lament Methodism's involvement in Ecumenism today. Nevertheless the founder of Methodism has set us a good example, and those who follow in his train are not ashamed. Dr John Sung, a Chinese Methodist, went all out for Christ no lesser than his predecessor, and did he not revive the Church in China and Southeast Asia in a matter of 15 years? If every Reader, realising we are in the last of the last days, will do his or her bit, conscientiously, for Jesus' sake, everyday and every week, 365 times in the whole year, how much good would we have done to promote God's Kingdom?

One thousand copies of this Weekly go out every week. If each Weekly moves but one Reader to do something for Jesus everyday, in one year 365,000 items of good will have been done for His Kingdom. By 1987 we could have doubled the number of conversions, added a half-dozen more mission outreaches, trebled our giving to the work of the Lord! What an avalanche of good upon good, well-pleasing to the Lord, will be set in motion out of Wesley's motto!

Oftentimes, God's work bogs down because His people, instead of putting their shoulders to the wheel, sit tight in their seats of ease. O the good that we can do if we adopt an attitude of accelerated service. Happily, Lifers have by and large learned to do, to act, to help, to give, to make themselves available to the Master at a moment's notice. We were tremendously encouraged when some Reader responded immediately to our request on behalf of the Vietnamese Refugees for a Chinese New Year makan, inclusive of their transportation to town.

Incidentally, there is another area where we can do something for the Lord, and that is under "Philippines Land". By your past contributions to "Philippines Land" you have not only helped a young Filipino pastor, highly commended by Rev Dan Ebert III, to acquire 500 sq. m. of "HDB" land in Manila, but also enabled him to lay the foundations of a new two-storey Church. But, since laying the foundations



PROPOSED SANCTUARY OF KAPITBAHAYAN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Foundations laid, your angpow can see it rise

last November when we were in Manila to witness, the work has ground to a halt owing to lack of funds. As Chinese New Year approaches and Singaporeans again will be lavishing upon themselves all kinds of goodies, I wonder

if you will not do something to give our Filipino pastor a lift for Jesus' sake? Let us see how many Readers will respond to this need. While every worshipper, in good tradition, will present an angpow to the Lord, if you respond to "give our Filipino pastor a lift", then mark it "Philippines" on your red envelope! Will there be enough concern to do something for Jesus' sake in a very poor country? Remember also that our strong Singapore dollar can do two to three times more abroad. This is literally killing two, yea, three birds, with one stone!

Rev Dan Ebert III is visiting us in March when he speaks at the Calvary Family Camp at Port Dickson. He will verify what I've said here. Meanwhile, as we respond to do our bit for the Philippines, we have an FEBC student from the Philippines, Amy Quirino, who is ministering to the Filipino maids at Life Church. The blessings of God flow all round and on and on. What did John Wesley say to you?

"Do 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."

And your pastor? "Something for Jesus everyday, seven things for Jesus every week." Amen?

Kebaktian Indonesia Four Years Old!

This Indonesian Service of ours was started four years ago on Feb 7, 1982 by four Indonesian students, viz., Agus, Haposan, Macarewa, Simon Tsai; one Malaysian student, Irene Lee, one Australian student, missionary designate of Indonesia, Peter Clements, and their principal. Of the original seven only Haposan and the principal are left, but we thank God for Agus who is returned to labour in his hometown Medan, for Irene Lee to K.L. in AVL Evangelism, for Peter



Clements pastoring a Church in Australia, for Simon Tsai teaching at FEBI, West Kalimantan.

Though the Indonesian Service attendance today is around 20, we thank God for Mr and Mrs Charles Chia who joined us shortly after its inauguration. They are a mainstay for the Kebaktian, being Treasurer and "Stewardess". One who has lately come to support this work is Elder Chia. Rev Frankie Low, who is burdened for Indonesian Missions, officiates the Lord's Supper once a month.

The pastor is preaching this afternoon. Come and fellowship with us at "high tea" after Service. Pugi Tuhan, praise the Lord. Amen.

#### SONG TO SOLOMON

(Written for "Theology for Everyone", tune of "Master Speak")

When King Solomon departed  
From the good Lord and His Way,  
For he multiplied to himself  
Wives and horses day by day,  
How they led him more and more  
To stray from God and His Law.

God's Law says to the Anointed,  
"Do not in gold put your trust.  
But in His Word that is written,  
And read therein, read you must."  
Though the King had done his lot,  
By and by he soon forgot.

His wives misled him to new gods,  
To Ashteroth and Milcom,  
To Molech and Moab's Chemosh -  
A heap o'abomination.  
He who was the Wisest of men,  
What a great Fool he became.

He who ruled with good and justice  
Declares now his might is right.  
When a king is drunk with power,  
Beware lest day turns to night!  
When a King begins to oppress,  
He lands himself in distress!

When King Solomon departed  
From the good Lord and His Way,  
His kingdom so great and mighty  
Was rent from him in a day!  
How is judged the Judge of Israel  
In tonight's lesson see we shall!

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MON	7.30 pm	Theology for Everyone
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
	9.15 pm	Session Meeting
WED	7.30 pm	Modern Hebrew
THU	7.30 pm	Theology for Everyone
SUN	10.00 am	Rev Patrick Tan
	10.00 am	Rev Tow (Chinese Service)
	3.00 pm	Thai Service
	4.00 pm	Kebaktian Indonesia
	6.00 pm	Tamil Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$5,053.00

LIFE CHURCH EXT. FUND 758)\$50; 759)\$203; 760)

\$50; 761)\$250; 762)\$266. TOTAL \$692,078.42

PHILIPPINES LAND 16)\$100; 17)\$80; 18)\$25

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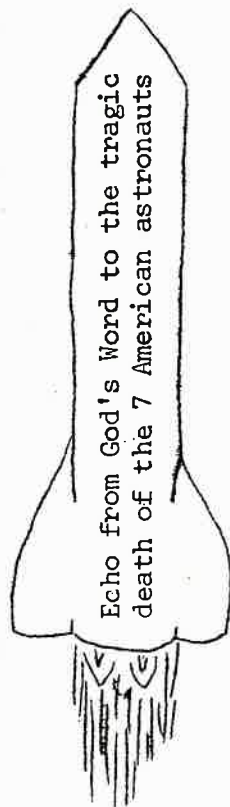
OFFERINGS FOR: Malay Tracts \$50; Jess Lim \$100; RPG \$100.

New Address 1) Mr & Mrs. Tow Siang Ling, 224 Loyang Ave, Loyang Valley, #03-01, Spore 1750. Tel: 5422774. 2) Mr & Mrs Kim Kah Teck, 454, Blk 16, Jln Tun Jugah, 93350, Kuching, Sarawak, E. Malaysia. (Kah Teck arrives FEBC Friday 7th, p.m.)

Hear Pastor at the Indonesian Service 4th

Anniversary Thanksgiving this afternoon 4 pm.

Mrs Charles Chia invites you to high tea!



#### A PSALM ON THE DESTINY OF MAN

(Tune: Spanish Hymn, Psalter 64)

Lord, O Lord, we adore Thee,  
O Thou God of earth and heaven!  
May Thy Name and Majesty  
Ever shine on resplendent.  
Thou art pleased with infants' praise,  
Faltering lips Thou dost not spurn,  
Thou wilt destroy and abase  
All who laugh Thy Name to scorn.

When I look up into heaven,  
Filled with twinkling stars and moon,  
Then deep thoughts arise within:  
What is man that dies so soon?  
Thou art pleased with us Thy sons  
By the Man Whom Thou'st ordain.  
Low'r than angels, He has won  
Crown o'er all Thy vast domain.

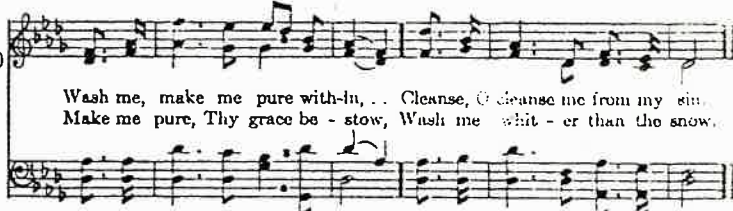
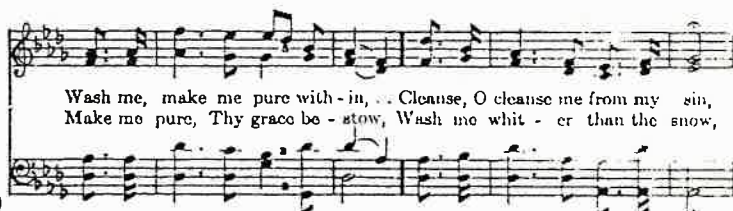
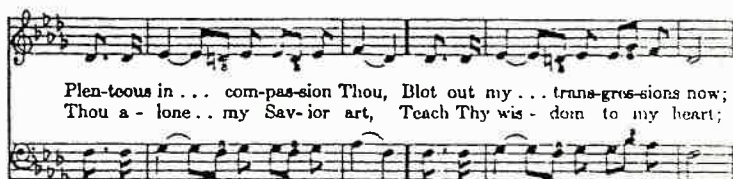
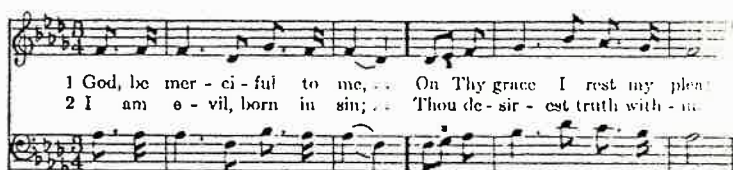
Thou hast made us kings to rule  
O'er Thy terrestrial domain:  
Sheep and oxen, birds and fowl  
All the teeming hosts that swim.  
Lord, O Lord, we adore Thee,  
O Thou God of earth and heaven!  
May Thy Name and Majesty  
Ever shine on resplendent.

God, Be Merciful to Me

PSALM 51

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Joseph P. Hollbrook, 1862



[Selected Stanzas]

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

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

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### Two Ways of Celebrating Chinese New Year

To the non-Christian Chinese, this is the celebration of celebrations, the festival of festivals. This is the time for yearly family reunions when the grown-up children come home to visit their aged parents. For a whole week before New Year, all buses, trains, planes between Singapore and Malaysia were fully booked. Private buses, cashing in, demanded a higher fee.

Chinese New Year is a time to indulge in feasting and attire. Despite the recession, the Chinese people can still afford to lavish good things on themselves and their children. Angpows (red packets of money) still exchange hands briskly, the seniors pampering the juniors, even as nephews and nieces call on one another's uncles and aunties, etc. The philosophy of the Lunar New Year celebrants seems to be: "Why worry, once a year at least, let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die!" (I Cor 15:32; Isa 22:13). As for the angpow recipients, they compare notes with one another to see if this year's angpows yield more than last year's. Then, like squirrels hiding away a windfall of nuts, the juniors will stash the sums earned from the angpows in the POSB with a chuckle.

Let me here give you, young people, a word of advice for your own good. "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth...." (Eccles 12:1). Learn to honour God from your youth with your substance. Be sure you give back to Him that sacred tenth, worshipfully. If you honour the Lord, the Lord will honour you. When you leave school to earn your own livelihood, you'll soon find out if my words, based on God's Word, are true.

In pursuance of all of the Wesleyan mottoes I gave you last week, "Do all the good you can ... at all the times you can," instead of merely enjoying ourselves, we have felt it a golden opportunity for our Church to give 140 Vietnamese Refugees a Chinese New Year treat. This will be on Friday evening Feb 14, after which Rev Goh Seng Fong will arrange for a Gospel message to be preached to them. All the surplus of your surplus clothing (much has gone to Philippines and Kalimantan) will be distributed accordingly.

In keeping with the good tradition of the pastor giving to his congregation an angpow in the form of his red book "The GOSPEL of LIFE" when a good number were distributed last year, 100 copies of the same are available this year at the counter as you leave Church. These are for you, especially, who have recently come to our services from other churches, or from an unchurched background. The "GOSPEL of LIFE" is an applied commentary on John's Gospel which Bishop J.C. Ryle declares to be the most precious book of the whole Bible. My prayer is: whoever receives it, on a first-come-first-served basis, will read it and be assured of his or her soul's salvation. If you do, why not drop us a line for mutual encouragement?

In further pursuance of Wesley's advice to do good "at all the times you can", Dr Tow Siang Hwa is flying to Perth during the Chinese New Year holidays to inaugurate a BP Church of Western Australia. I hear that there is great enthusiasm downunder among BPs headed by Bro. Robin Tan. They have rented a Community Hall centrally located, at A\$20 an hour. This newest and farthest outreach of the BPC movement needs our prayerful support.

The solution to this great undertaking is a man called of God and trained to shepherd a lost and wandering Asian population in Australia. Which young man hearing God's call will go? In the meantime, brother ministers of the BPC who can help, must help. The need is bilingual, for there is a substantial number of the older generation who are purely Cantonese-speaking.

In pursuance of Wesley's motto to "do all the good you can ... in all the places you can," may I remind you who have read about a Filipino church whose foundations are laid but owing to lack of funds, building operations are ground to a halt. If you are moved to give this struggling Church a lift, then mark your New Year angpow offering "Philippines". How is it that Methodism has 30 millions in the world today? Because Wesley was an indefatigable worker, by whose example Methodists went out zealously for the

Lord. So some of them came to Singapore 100 years ago and founded not only Churches but also schools, such as the ACS from which not a few Lifers, including myself, have graduated. In Wesley's steps our Church is determined to go all out for Christ, as we see His coming so near, even at the door. Is this not a better way of celebrating Chinese New Year?

### Why Man Should Not Venture Into Space

In Gen 1:28 God gives man dominion only over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. Insofar as the air is concerned, it refers only to the atmosphere. Space is way beyond the atmospheric region. Moreover, when the Babel builders wanted to reach unto "heaven" (or "heavens", which transcended the air region) God confounded them. Lucifer, who says, "I will ascend into heaven, ... above the stars of God" (Isa 14:12-15) is cast down to "hell".

"And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven, ... and the Lord scattered them." (Genesis 11:4ff)





# MT CARMEL VICTORY SONG

(to the tune of "Faith is the Victory")  
 Arrayed upon the Mount of God  
 Stood Baal's four hundred men,  
 To fight the servant of the Lord:  
 Elijah was his name,  
 'Twas a contest 'twixt Wrong and Right,  
 That now still rages on!  
 The battle sways from morn to night,  
 With God it must be won!

## Chorus

Truth brings the victory,  
 Truth brings the victory,  
 O glorious victory  
 Upon the Mount of God!

The Truth of God is Christ the Lord,  
 The Way t' Eternal Life.  
 Ye who believe must wield the Sword  
 'Gainst every fear and strife.  
 And set the souls of prisoners free,  
 Who now are chained in sin.  
 O come and serve the Prince of Peace,  
 And bring the lost ones in!

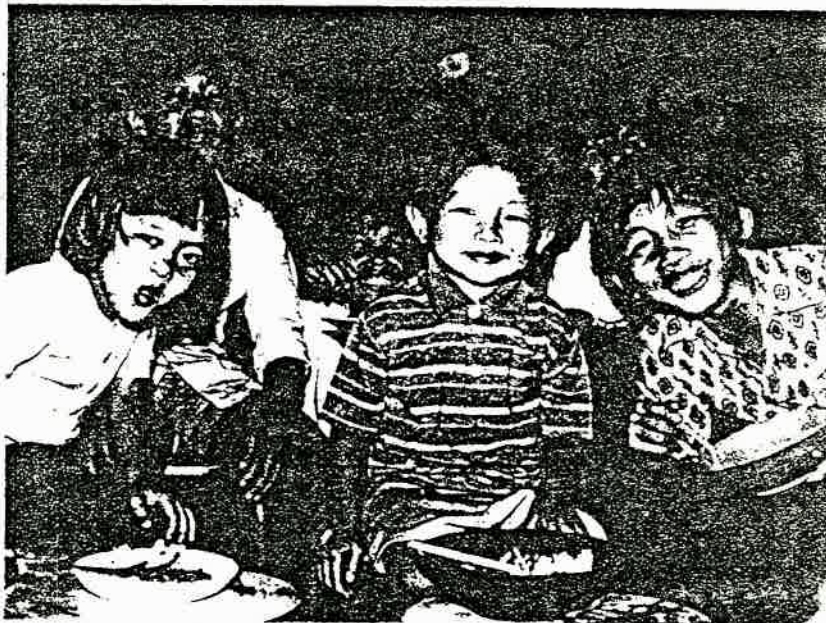
Mount Carmel's messenger is here  
 To teach the Truth of God  
 To all who come from far and near  
 That you may know His Word.  
 Eternal life, Eternal Death -  
 On which side do you stand?  
 In Christ there's peace and joy and  
 wealth -  
 Life in the Promised Land.

## APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (10 - 16 Feb)

MON No Theology Class  
 TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting  
 WED 7.30 pm Modern Hebrew  
 THU 7.30 pm Basic Theology for Every-  
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 FRI 7.00 pm Vietnamese New Year Makan  
 & Gospel Meeting  
 SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 2pm - JYF  
 3.00 pm Life Bible Class;  
 3.30 pm YF; 4 pm - YAF  
 7.30 pm CFM  
 7.30 pm Rev Tow at at Zion  
 SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow  
 10.00 am Chinese Service  
 11.30 am Catechism Class  
 11.30 am 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  
 6.00 pm Rev Tow at Calvary Pandan

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$8,038

LIFE CHURCH EXTENSION FUND 763)\$100;  
 764)\$1430; 765)\$1872; 766)\$100; 767)  
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 \$120(YF/YAF); 772)\$20. 774)\$80  
 TOTAL \$697,340.42 Stop Press! 773)\$900  
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 TOTAL \$49,679.10 22)\$320  
 PHILIPPINES LAND 21)\$50; 23)\$110(1000  
 pesos). TOTAL \$5,720.00 24)\$1010(Grace)  
 OFFERINGS FOR: Thai missions \$765; RPG  
 \$100; Indonesian Bibles \$200; Samuel  
 Mani \$50; Rev Paauwe \$50.  
 FEBI 301)\$1000. TOTAL \$149,932.11



LITTLE VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

Your Chinese New Year surplus sweetmeats may be left at FEBEC Kitchen for the Vietnamese Refugees before Friday 14th Feb, 7 pm (their makan time) The pastor will be showing colour slides of general missionary interest on Feb 16, 6 pm Calvary Sunset Gospel Hour and of West Kalimantan on Feb 23, 6 pm. God's Kingdom overrules man's kingdom! Come and get involved in an enterprise that brings unfailing, multiplied hundreds dividends. Don't miss the two nights' blessings.

\$3,000 is voted towards Galilee's acquisition of a house on 6027 sq.ft of land in Medan for the establishment of a BPC of N. Sumatra. At present our witness there is established at three points: 1) At the Government Housing Estate at Mandala, Medan; 2) Benta Kersik (Siregar Farm); 3) Kuta Baru (45 min. walk from Benta Kersik).

About 35 attended the 4th Anniversary Thanksgiving of Kebaktian Indonesia last week. The offering which amounted to \$453 was channelled to Galilee towards purchase of a piece of land for BPC Medan. A fortnight ago the Lord added 7 members by baptism to the Thai Service (Mrs Prasit leaves for her hometown in North Thailand).

Baptised Feb 3, 2.15 pm at GH was Mr Ang Ga Tua, 82, of J.B., father of Belinda Ang of our Chinese service.

The pastor will baptise Madam Ong Beng Choo, mother of Lucy Koh, at the Chinese New Year Service this morning.

If you desire to become a member of Life Church by transfer, please meet with the pastor or any elder after service!

Basic Theology for Everyone Mon Feb 10 being a Chinese New Year holiday, there will be no class that night. Lecture resumes Thurs Feb 13, 7.30 pm sharp. Get the lecture notes you've missed from the teacher.

Tanglin Bible Class was officially declared changed to Life Bible Class at her 10th Anniversary last Sat, Feb 1, 1986.

Mr Peter Chng preaches today at Kelapa Sawit Chinese New Year Service.

Plan to attend: ICCO 12th World Congress in Seoul, S. Korea, June 12-26, 1986.

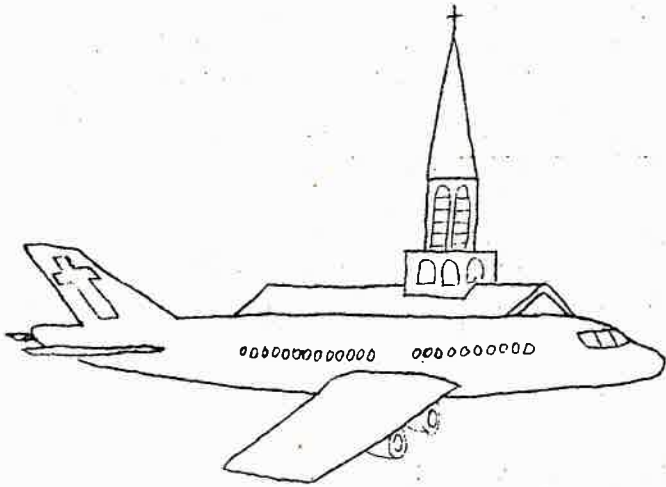
Basic Theology for Everyone: Back numbers of class notes, maps, etc., are available on request. Important for your coming exams!

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When Does a Church Become Airborne?



A Church is not merely a community of God's people who are in the habit of coming together to worship on Sunday, to prayer meeting midweek, to some other function such as fellowship meetings. A Church without a high sense of mission is a professional Church, grovelling on the ground.

A Church becomes airborne (oh, how good it is when you have lift off the ground) when she has received the Mandate from her Lord. The reason for her existence is not only her being called out from the world, but also her being sent into the world — on the wings of missions and evangelism. Does not our Lord put missions and evangelism the foremost of His injunctions to the Church before He ascended into heaven? In what is known as the Great Commission Jesus says, "Go ye

therefore (this is missions) and teach (make disciples of) all nations (this is evangelism)." These two injunctions stand out before baptism and further indoctrination which complete the Mandate.

Many churches, I have observed, are satisfied to see souls baptised in their communions, and further instruct them in the things of God. But they stop short at that. Like in the proverbial saying, "A man, a movement, a machine, a monument," they are satisfied to churn along, and feel at ease, standing like a monument in their locality, year after year. Let more churches wake up to their duty to evangelise, to convert and to go out beyond their four walls, beyond their country boundary, to extend God's kingdom. In other words, the Church is missions and evangelism, if it is called a Church.

Such a Church does not depend on some city-wide evangelistic outreach to feed new converts into her fold. Conversions should be a regular feature of her life and work. Missions is not giving a sum here or there to some missionary society or missionary for the sake of keeping up with the Joneses. Missions should be as vigorous a part of church life as worship and fellowship. When a Church has a vigorous emphasis on evangelism and missions, like the two wings of a plane, these will lift up the body so as to make it airborne. Oh the joy every Church will experience when she is adding many converts into the communion by baptism, and extending a mission station here and a mission station there, waiting for His coming (Matt 24:14).

Insofar as missions is concerned, how shall we go about it? First is the missionary! How good it is if every church can send out her own sons and daughters to preach Christ in regions beyond, for this is implied in the order "Go!". Life Church has a first daughter sent to North Thailand with Frontier Labourers for Christ. What a channel of blessing for the Church and to the Church! Kimiko has laboured in Kalimantan for 1½ years, and she has been a blessing to Life Church and vice versa. Kim Kah Teck, another FEBCer, has laboured in Kuching for about the same duration, and souls have been baptised into the kingdom. Are there no other young people willing to go?

If we cannot get on the way, we can pray and pay! We must pray as a Church and pray as individuals, especially when you are being informed of the missionaries and their work. We must pay as a Church and as individuals when we know their needs, and our Singapore dollar can yield two to three times its worth abroad!

We should use our funds wisely, like investing in some high-yield interprise. For example, we have earmarked \$2,000 to help Tanjong Pinang buy a brick house (S\$20,000) at the 4th mile from the Church to start a Sunday school with the view of developing it into a Church. We have designated \$3,000 towards Galilee's purchase of a valuable property (S\$50,000) in Medan also with a view to developing a BPC Sumatra. Last year we helped a young Filipino pastor under Rev Dan Ebert's direction to acquire 500 sq.m. of "HDB" land and this year we are accumulating another sum to help them build on the foundations already laid. We believe in building Churches, because these are concrete evidences of a flourishing outreach, permanent and beautiful too!

We believe in starting Bible schools in cooperation with our overseas co-workers, eg. Rev Djunaidi. The \$150,000 given to W. Kalimantan whereby the FEBI is founded and 12 students are in training will see graduates going out to villages in riverine jungles by May 1987! Simultaneously, the giving of theological scholarships, and even such gifts as are for printing Gospel tracts and purchasing Indonesian Bibles are a help to missions. And we can go on enumerating other ways and means to promote missions ....

We praise the Lord that Life Church, by giving to evangelism and missions, is blessed in other aspects of her life, so that that feeling of being airborne has given members joy of service in a happy family. When does a Church become airborne? When she has put on wings of evangelism and missions! Amen? - T.T.

"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."  
Matthew 24:14

DR. TOW REPORTS  
FROM DOWNUNDER

# 1. "A Great Door and Effectual is Opened"

What happened to the Apostle Paul at Ephesus 1900 years ago happened to us in Perth today. Chinese New Year 9th February 1986 saw the gathering together of 92 souls at the See Thor home in a Thanksgiving Service, thus signalling the beginning of a new Gospel outreach to the great continent of Australia. With Robin Tan leading and the congregation singing "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow", the B-P Church of Western Australia was born. To God be the glory!

## 2. Believers Gathered From Many Lands

To our great delight we welcomed worshippers from ASEAN and beyond: Singapore, Kuching, Sandakan, Sabah, Hong Kong, Penang, Johore, Jakarta, Brunei, USA and Australia. They had come from near and far to see a new thing, being Chinese New Year! The house being too small, we assembled in the patio and overflowed into the garden. As the rays of the sun streamed down through the overhanging branches, it seemed that God's blessings were flowing from above upon His people. My message was "Homes for Christ" fluently interpreted by Miss Rita Choy from Hong Kong into Cantonese. At the close, Rev John Hunt, Principal of the Westminster Institute for Biblical Studies, Perth, prayed and gave the benediction.

## 3. The Harvest Plenteous But Labourers Few!

Tonight (9.2.86) we had Family Worship and Business Meeting at the See Thor home. The business of the Lord was thoroughly reviewed and discussed. Our Protém Committee is re-constituted: Robin Tan, Chairman; Sunny Kwong, Vice-chairman; Michael Kwong, Secretary; June Lim, Treasurer; Mrs See Thor, Chan Siew Leng, Members; and George Tan, Corresponding Member. We prayed for full-time workers, pastors (English and Chinese), and for other helpers. Rev John McKenzie (Adelaide B-P Church) phoned with the offer of a gift for the Inauguration. Yee Keong Hui (Life B-P) earlier had sent the first offering. George Tan feels the call to prepare for future service in Australia. We see the higher hand of God moving! Pray, brethren, pray!

## 4. Mrs See Thor's Salvation Joys

Five years ago, the See Thors were ardent idol worshippers. When their sons were converted, they opposed strenuously. But God's power was greater than their resistance. Coming under the sound of the Gospel, their resistance broke down. Listen to her testimony: "I shall never forget the patience and perseverance of the staff and members at Calvary Jurong Mandarin Service, especially three sisters who helped and encouraged us as we contemplated baptism. Since my baptism three years ago by Rev Timothy Tow, life has taken on new meaning and things have never been the same since.

"After my baptism, my craving for mahjong disappeared. My husband's craving for cigarettes died automatically. We have a newfound joy and contentment, even though we have less money now that we have retired. But God is gracious, and our little income is enough for our daily needs. Now our greatest desire has been reslised, to see our home used for the Lord's work. Please convey our greetings to all the folks in Singapore, especially those who regularly send us the Church bulletins, tapes, letters, etc."

## 5. "Sow in Tears, Reap in Joy"

February 23 will be the official Inauguration of the Bible-Presbyterian Church of Western Australia. We shall be meeting, from next week, at the Melville City Council Community Hall (next to Garden City Shopping Centre, Booragoon). We see much hard work ahead, as we sow the Gospel seed and follow with watering, caring, nurturing in the days and months to come. But we are not daunted, for the work is the Lord's! He is in charge and we are but His servants. Let us all be faithful!

All B-P Pastors and Members: please PRAY for Australia!

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (17th - 23rd Feb) Infant Baptism: Mark Cho.  
Baptised at TTSH, Feb 10, 6.15 pm before his wife & children (Heah Eng Lin), Mr Heah Ah Juey, 68.  
Notice is hereby given of our Annual Congregational Meeting to be held March 2, 11.15 am sharp.  
Elder Chia Kim Chwee plans to lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, (D.V.) June 10-22 (at S\$2800). Six have booked to go, and we need at least 30 by April 15, closing date. Hurry!  
140 Vietnamese were sumptuously treated last Fri with additional food items from WF. 40 received Christ who were further counselled with salvation booklets.  
Obituary: Deepest sympathy to Deacon William Teo on the passing of his father, Feb 11.  
Mr Tan Yeow Joo, 91, grandfather of Dr Patrick Tan, went home to be with the Lord Feb 14, 8.30 pm. Cortege will leave 4-B Emily Road home Tues Feb 18, 1.30 pm for Choa Chu Kang Christian Cem.  
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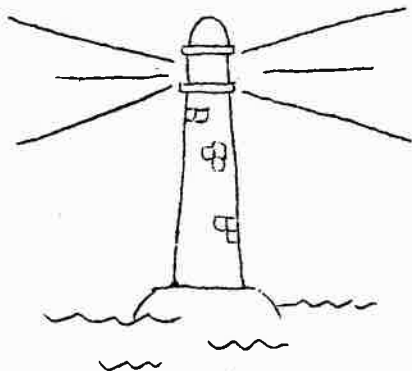
MON 7.30 pm Theology for Everyone  
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting  
WED 7.30 pm Modern Hebrew  
THU 7.30 pm Theology for Everyone  
SAT 3.00 pm Teo Cheng Seng-Fiona Lee Wed.  
SUN 10.00 am Rev K.C. Quek  
10.45 am Rev Tow at Faith BPC  
6.00 pm Rev Tow at Calvary Pandan

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$9,197.00  
EXT. BLDG FUND 775)\$1000; 776)\$100; 777)\$280; 778)\$100; 779)\$1570(Ch.Ser); 780)\$40(by post); 781)\$100; 782)\$50. TOTAL \$701,460.42  
PHILIPPINES LAND 25)\$500; 26)\$20; 27)\$28; 28)\$35; 29)\$10; 30)\$100; 31)\$110; 32)\$10; 33)\$20; 34)\$100; 35)\$50; 36)\$20; 37)\$50; 38)\$100; 39)\$250; 40)\$400; 41)\$200; 42)\$50(Naz); 43)\$550(Grace). TOTAL \$8,783.00  
OFFERINGS FOR: Jess Lim \$100; Refugees \$50; KL Missions \$500(WF); N. Thailand \$430(WF); Maintenance \$50.  
Baptised last Lord's Day at Chinese Service: Mdm Ong Beng Choo; Reaffirmation: Dawn Cho;



PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

A Lighthouse in a Stormy Night

The sinking of the Soviet pleasure cruiser on the rocky coastline of New Zealand's South Island on a dark and stormy night last week could have been averted if a lighthouse was nearby! As the world situation grows darker and stormier, the Church, which is called a city of light set on a hill, must send a brighter beam across the waves.

Your enthusiastic response to help build a Church in Manila, augmented by two sizeable sums from Grace BPC, will soon be rewarded with a new edifice rising out of a thickly populated housing estate. From the new Christian Fellowship Church at Kapitbahayan, the Gospel light should begin to shine by September this year! Let us work together so that it will!

Rev Dan Ebert III who will be here next month can say more definitely.

"Draw Nigh to God and He Will Draw Nigh to You" (Jas 4:8)

I have good news for you! Calvary BP Church which has enlisted Rev Ebert and me as speakers, is opening Port Dickson to Lifers and FEBCers, March 17-22. Airconditioned coaches will take you from Church to Camp and back. The charges, inclusive of transport, are around \$100, depending on the type of accommodation you take. As the closing date for registration is drawing near, may I exhort you to apply immediately. Fill in your forms at the Counter as you leave Church.

What better vacation could you find? At such a price? With such an offer - rich food both spiritual and physical by the golden sands of Port Dickson? You won't be wrong by coming to listen to God's Word, to fellowship with God's people. And what greater blessing than to have God Himself come to you?

What Psychiatry Cannot Do the Psalms Can Do  
(Shcharansky adds to the Testimony)

Thirty years ago, when I visited a Lifer in hospital who was nervous about the operation table, I prescribed the Psalms. "Turn to any Psalm and read onwards from there. When you come to the end, start from the beginning." When I saw the same the next day he beamed, "Pastor, I've read the Psalms twice. I'm no more afraid. I'm ready for the operation."

Recently, I prescribed the Psalms to a Sharonite who had vainly consulted both psychiatrist and pastor: "Read the Psalms and seek the Lord! I have no other way!" This member of Sharon Church came to Life Church Prayer Meeting. He came spontaneously to testify how the Lord had healed him and how he gained back his former weight and more. During his depression period he had lost 20 pounds, but now he has not only been healed but restored to his job. He thanked the Lord for the Psalms.

Now let us read Time's report (24/2/86) on Shcharansky, most famous Jewish dissident in Russia released to Israel in an exchange of political prisoners between East and West:-

"The Psalmbook kept him company. During the nine years he spent in Soviet prisons and work camps, most of his other possessions were taken from him. But he clung to a miniature copy of the Book of Psalms that his wife Avital had sent from Israel. In fact, he once spent 130 days in solitary confinement because he refused to allow the authorities to confiscate the book. Early last week the Soviet guards tried again to seize it. In desperate fury, the prisoner defied his captors by throwing himself into the snow. 'I said I would not leave without the Psalms that had helped me so much,' he later explained. 'I lay down in the snow and said, "Not another step." The guards scrutinised the book completely, then handed it back....'"

We conclude: "Each Psalm is Balm for your sick soul. What Psychiatry cannot do, the Psalms can do."

Parents for Christ

There is a "Parents for Christ" movement among our Churches. Started by Nazareth, it spread to Life (former Tanglin Bible Class) and to Zion last Lord's Day (when the Lunar New Year was still new). Rev Djunaide, who spoke to Life Church before this, will be in Singapore in June, after preaching in Tanjung Pinang. If you are interested in having him, let me know early!

Recently several parents of English-speaking young Lifers have been baptised. The most recent of Heah Eng Lin's father has brought great rejoicings to the family. Now a Mr & Mrs Kao couple are contemplating baptism, parents of young Lifers of the Bible Class.

That our Chinese Service is run simultaneously with the English is a most advantageous timing which other BPCers (with adequate premises) might consider. Bring your parents to Christ every Lord's Day.

- Yours faithfully, T.T.

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." Acts 16:31

JONAH IN THE DAYS OF JEROBOAM II  
(Tune of Bohemian Folk Song)

When Israel new gods chose,  
Then war in the gates arose.  
For generations the Syrian Band  
Kept on coming without end,  
From Jehu to Jehoahaz,  
Israel mourned in distress.

Not until Joash did the tide  
Slowly turn and subside.  
When another Jeroboam,  
Stood up for Israel in great form,  
Damascus was retaken,  
Hazeal's power was shaken.

When reigned Jeroboam the Second,  
To Nineveh the East End  
Jonah was commissioned to go,  
But to Tarshish by a boat slow,  
He tried to sail to the far west.  
He thought his way the best.

When a great storm began to blow,  
Jonah soundly slept below.  
Did he from his great God hide?  
From the typhoon and the tide?  
Until his sin he had confessed,  
All were gone in the tempest.

A great fish God did despatch:  
Jonah found a new hatch!  
Three days 'n three nights he joined  
the swim

In that dark hole, whale of a whim!  
Till he woke up on the land dry,  
Jonah now he knew why.

To Nineveh East Jonah came,  
His tongue lit a mighty flame!  
It burned into the heart of the king,  
Every heart the flame did singe.  
Nineveh as one did repent:  
God's judgment, He relent.

While Nineveh was delivered,  
Israel's days were numbered!  
Great Jeroboam the Second,  
Forty-one years long did he reign.  
Israel's history soon would close  
By the new gods she chose.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Feb 24 - Mar 2)

MON 7.30 pm Theology for Everyone  
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting  
WED 7.30 pm Modern Hebrew  
THU 7.30 pm Theology for Everyone  
FRI 7.30 pm BFC  
SAT 1.30 pm Life Junior Bible Class  
2.00 pm Life Junior Fellowship  
3.00 pm Life Bible Class  
3.30 pm YF; 4.00 pm - YAF  
5.00 pm Sam Tan-Grace Tam Wedding  
(Rev Bob Phee)  
SUN 7.00 am Rev Tow (at Chin Lien)  
10.00 am Rev Tow (Lord's Supper)  
Annual Congregational Meeting postponed  
to Mar 9  
10.00 am Chinese Service  
11.30 am Catechism Class  
11.30 am Filipina Fellowship  
3.00 pm BFC & Thai Services  
4.00 pm Indonesian Service  
4.30 pm Sharon Church Service

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- TO KALIMANTAN -

(to the tune of "The Patriots", a Thuringian Folk Song)

To Kalimantan, on to Kalimantan,  
O send the gospel light into West Kalimantan,  
Along dark Kapuas River in West Kalimantan.

To Kalimantan, on to Kalimantan,  
Beyond dark Kapuas River in West Kalimantan;  
There're countless little rivers in West  
Kalimantan.

To Kalimantan, on to Kalimantan,  
O speed the gospel light to Dark Kalimantan,  
Where men are rowing, rowing to no destination.

SUN 5.00 pm Rev Tow at Inauguration of Kelapa  
Sawit Tamil Service

6.00 pm Tamil Service

7.30 pm Korean Evening Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$7,114.40

LIFE CHURCH EXTENSION FUND 783)\$2000; 784)\$900;  
785)\$200; 786)\$300(Ch.Serv); 787)\$200; 788)\$150;  
789)\$20. TOTAL \$705,230.42

PHILIPPINES LAND 44)\$200; 45)\$40(boxes); 46)\$62;  
47)\$70; 48)\$20; 49)\$50; 50)\$20; 51)\$6; 52)\$60;  
53)\$20; 54)\$20; 55)\$100; 56)\$100(P1000); 57)\$100  
58)\$10. TOTAL \$10,201.00

FEBC EXTENSION FUND 57)\$100. TOTAL \$49,779.10

OFFERING FOR: Thailand \$100; Renovations Fund  
\$1400; RPG \$70, \$100.

Annual Congregational Meeting is postponed to  
March 9, 1986, 11.15 am after worship service.  
Spend your school vacation, Mar 17-22, at Cal-  
vary Bible Camp, Port Dickson! Speaker: Rev Dan  
Ebert III. Application forms at the Counters.  
Cost, inclusive of air-con transport, around  
\$100 depending on accomodation.

When in Perth, worship (Lord's Day 10 am) at  
Calvary BP Church, WA, Melville City Council,  
Lesser Hall, Almondbury Rd., Ardross (next to  
Garden City Shopping Centre) Booragoon. Phone  
Mr Robin Tan (09) 448-5557. (64 Carr Crescent,  
Warwick 6024, WA).

With the last payment of M\$18,030 on our Air  
Bemban property, we have taken possession of the  
same. The total cost is M\$90,000. Pray for the  
starting of a Kindergarten and Kelapa Sawit's  
first branch Church.

Jess Lim paid us a visit during the week to dis-  
cuss the work in N. Thailand. One advance made  
is the establishment of Beulah Christian Church  
and translation of RPG into Thai, which needs  
our added support.



NEW LIFE BP CHURCH Photo by Phillip Goh





## HOLY LAND TOUR - June 10-23

Elder Chia Kim Chwee



I am constrained to lead another group to the Holy Land by my desire to experience more deeply the immense feeling of being where Christ was born, lived, ministered, suffered, died, rose again and will return. In particular, I am constrained by one student in my class who so earnestly desired to go and submitted to me two more names for the trip. That same day another person told me he wanted to go too. Now there are 13 of us. When the number reaches 30, the Tour is confirmed. Only by the Lord's will and leading will we go. Ask the Lord if He wants you to go! I wish the whole church could go together. One whole plane load! For two weeks no Sunday Service in Life Church. All have gone to God's Holy Land. Raptured and then return!

Constance Wee who went last year writes: "The blessings that God bestowed in me during this Holy Land trip are varied and bountiful. Each time I look back at the experience, I cannot help but be overwhelmed by the Lord's goodness and grace towards us."

From Ho Wee Min after the visit: "I must really thank God for my being able to go to the Holy Land. The visit to the Garden Tomb of Christ was a fruitful one for me. As I entered the place where the body of Christ was said to have been placed, I was encouraged by His love for me. The visits to Megiddo where the final battle will be, and the Mount of Olives, where our Lord will return one day, were the ones that captivated me most. They left me with a question to ponder over and that is, 'Am I ready to receive Him?' My faith has been strengthened after the visit to the Holy Land. I must do something for the Lord with this increase in faith. Farewell Israel. I love you."

Please see me if you want to come along.

### A NEW CHURCH TO RISE UP IN MANILA THIS YEAR!

Yes, we have every confidence from your hilarious response to our appeal during Chinese New Year! Isn't it wonderful that Lifers, with support from other BP Churches, especially Grace, can raise up a concrete witness in a City that is presently enveloped in gross darkness? "Why do the heathen rage and the people imagine a vain thing? ... Yet have I set my King upon my holy hill of Zion" (Ps 2:1-6). This new church on 500 sq.m. which we are building at Kapitbahayan, a new Government Housing Estate, will accommodate 300 and be a centre for many Christian activities apart from Sunday worship. When we desire like King David to build God a House, God will bless by building us a house (II Sam 7:11). - T.T.

Dr Jack Murray, Founder-Director of Bible Evangelism, Mentions "John Sung My Teacher" at Chapel Service in Honour of Dr MacRae

I have just received your excellent book entitled - "John Sung My Teacher". I was absolutely delighted with its contents. In fact, on Tuesday, Feb 11, I was one of the speakers at the Biblical Theology Seminary Chapel Service in honour of Dr MacRae. Swee Wha, Dr R. Laird Harris and Dr Wilbur Willis and I spoke before Dr MacRae spoke. I was so filled with the blessing of reading your book I included in my remarks the fact that I had just received "John Sung My Teacher". I quoted from the Foreword written by your brother: "Dr John Sung was probably the greatest preacher of this century. I have heard almost all the great preachers from 1910 until now, including R.A. Torrey, Billy Sunday, Henry Jowett, the great holiness preachers, the Methodist bishops, including Bishop Quayle, even Harry Emerson Fosdick, who set a great example of the homiletic art, though I did not agree with him, and finally Billy Graham. Yet John Sung surpassed them all in pulpit power, attested by amazing and enduring results...." - quoted from William E. Schubert in his book "I Remember John Sung", as well as the words, "In this day of ecclesiastical confusion, ecumenical deception and theological compromise, ... John Sung burnt out for his Lord in fifteen flaming years, in the process ushering several hundred thousand fellow Chinese into God's everlasting Kingdom. To God be the glory! Tow Siang Hwa"

I also quoted from the Preface written by Rev Quek Kiok Chiang: "The reading of this book not only will warm up the old timers like me, but should instill in the younger generations now and to come a revival zeal and fire so lacking in this age when the world is intruding more and more into the Christian Church both in doctrine and life and when hearts generally are growing colder and colder."

I publically thanked Dr MacRae for all he did in training you and so many others.

Swee Wha is still here and I have talked to him about arranging for a quantity of these books so that I may share them with many who need to read your very vital message. Thank you for writing "John Sung My Teacher" and may God continue to use you.

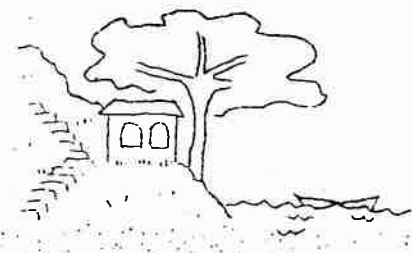
Ed. Note: "John Sung My Teacher", over 300 pages, sells only S\$7 and S\$9.50 for hard-covers, Christian Life Book Centre, 9A Gilstead Road, Singapore 1130. Give this book to some loved one, as we seek to promote God's Kingdom together!

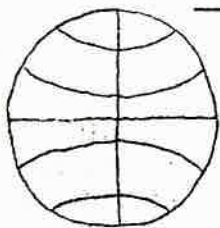
### PORT DICKSON!

Last call to Port Dickson! All who desire to join this camp, March 17-22 are requested to register immediately after Church today! Hurry!

Camp fees (inclusive of accommodations, meals & transport):

- a. Dormitories - \$95 per person
- b. Double room with separate bath - \$105 per person
- c. Double room with attached bath - \$120 per person





## World Day of Prayer at Life Church, Friday March 7, 1986, 8 pm

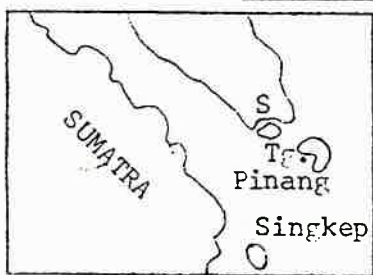
It is a good thing that we who are for a 20th Century Reformation, since the founding of the International Council of Christian Churches 1948, have come each in his own country for the Annual World Day of Prayer. We are meeting this year again at Life Church. May I exhort you who deem our Protestant Faith precious to come and support our Reformation movement in prayer. The need of coming together is all the greater since we have a crucial battle ahead at the 12th World Congress of the ICCC in Seoul, June 12-26.

Rev Timothy Tow will deliver the message according to the ICCC Congress theme: "The Power and Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" (II Pet 1:16). What a timely subject! We are living in perilous days of power struggles. There is the power of the gun. This power is defeated by people power so recently in the streets of Manila. There was the power of the mighty dollar in Pan-El shares so far as Singapore and Malaysia are concerned. This power evaporated into thin air when the company went into receivership. Let not the Church rely on gun power, people power or dollar power! All these we have none. But we have the power and (better still) presence of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ as promised in the Great Commission and reiterated by the Apostle Peter.

Let us come to Gilstead Road Fri. Mar. 7, 8.00 pm to pray. The Church has little power today because we tend not to pray in peacetime. "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near" (Isa 55:6). "For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matt 18:20). "Maranatha" (I Cor 16:22).

### TEO HANG KIAT, SON OF SINGKEP MERCHANT, WRITES PASTOR TOW

#### OF PARENTS' REQUEST FOR BAPTISM



"You visited Singkep Island before and stayed at our house one night. Now, it happened that on Feb 12 (Chinese New Year 4th day) a great fire suddenly broke out at 2 pm which burnt down 200 shop-houses. It came from an electrical repair shop though its cause is not yet known. Gratefully the fire did not touch our shop. I returned to Singkep (from Tanjung Pinang) to visit my parents, and I praise the Lord for keeping my parents, brothers and sisters safe.

One outcome of this fire is my parents' realisation that the end-times are here and the Lord is soon coming. They begin to hear the Lord's call, and are now asking when you will visit Tanjung Pinang, because they want to be baptised. When are you coming to Tanjung Pinang? I shall inform my parents to come for the baptism this time. It really thrills my heart that my parents are requesting baptism on their own initiative. Pen and ink will not be able to express this joy! The grace of God has come to our whole family, according to our prayers. He has called me and my wife to be saved first.

Let me also thank you for visiting our home when you went to Singkep Island the last time on the Lord's business. My parents' coming to the Lord is due to your visit to Singkep Church. I hope you will accept my saying that they are fruits of your labour."

Ed. note: My visit to Singkep Island was in conjunction with Simon Tsai, in helping him to settle there as our missionary. Simon Tsai left the Island after 1½ years of apparent fruitlessness. That Bro. Teo's parents' decision to baptise no doubt is precipitated by the great fire. In this, Simon Tsai has also played a part. "Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days" (Eccles. 11:1).

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Mar 3 - 9)

MON 7.30 pm Theology for Everyone  
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting  
9.15 pm Session Meeting  
WED 7.30 pm Modern Hebrew  
THU 7.30 pm Theology for Everyone  
FRI 8.00 pm World Day of Prayer at Gilstead Road  
SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 2pm - JYF; 3pm - LBC  
3.30 pm YF; 4pm - YAF; 7.30pm - CFM  
SUN 10.00 am Dr Patrick Tan (Congregational Meeting)  
10.00 am Rev Tow at Chinese Service (Lord's Supper)  
11.15 am Congregational Meeting  
11.40 am Catechism Class  
11.30 am Filipina Fellowship  
11.55 am Korean Church 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 \$5,479.00

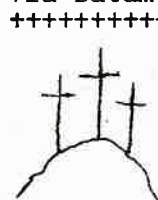
LIFE CHURCH EXTENSION FUND 790)\$100; 791)

\$102; 792)\$20; 793)\$1000; 794)\$200; 795)\$2000;  
796)\$50; 797)\$300; 798)\$50. TOTAL \$709,232.42  
FEBI 302)\$65(Grace BPC); 303)\$150; 304)\$300(AF).  
TOTAL \$150,447.11  
PHILIPPINES LAND 59)\$150; 60)\$1374(Boxes); 61)  
\$100; 62)\$100; 63)\$500; 64)\$110. TOTAL \$12,535  
OFFERINGS FOR: FEBC Scholarship \$300(AF); FEBC  
Students \$200; VBS \$50.

New Address : Peter Clements, P.O. Box 269,  
Cootamundra 2590, NSW Australia. Expresgram:  
Thanks for your gifts for Jess and Manila  
through Dr Tow.

Expresgram to Rev Hsu: Your previous remittance  
arrived safely. Thanks for the present one for  
W. Kalimantan.

Pastor Tow will visit Tg. Pinang Maundy Thurs-  
day, returning Good Friday evening. If you want  
to come please see him early. Trip costs \$105,  
via Batam.



Come to the  
EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

30th March 1986, 6.30 - 7.30 am

MacRitchie Reservoir

Speaker: Rev. Dan Ebert III



PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

Extending God's Kingdom With Our Strong S\$!

If you cannot go out to remote places with the Gospel, you can help others with the resources God has blessed you with, your strong S\$!



This photo showing Elder John Ling of Kelapa Sawit (26th m. Kulai Rd, Johore) is corporate concrete expression of Lifers of what I've just said. An English teacher of a Government school and a long-time elder of our BP movement, he is in charge of this FORD Kombi (to which you have contributed S\$10,000). Behind is the completed double corner terrace house we've just taken possession to start a branch church and Kindergarten at Air Bemban (3 m. north of K.S.). To this extension of God's Kingdom you have contributed S\$80,000.

Insofar as the Ford Kombi is concerned, it has wonderfully helped the labours of our missionaries and co-labourers. The latest service it has

rendered is to transport Indian children from the Kelapa Sawit Oil Palm Estate to the Inauguration of our Tamil Service at Kelapa Sawit last week. In this connection, two Life Church elders have offered their services to foster the infant Tamil Church, viz., Elders Tay and Mahadevan. (The BP Tamil Churches now number seven, viz., 4 in Singapore: Bethlehem Jurong, Life, New Life, Zion; 2 in Malaysia: J.B. and K.S.; 1 in India: Madras). With the opening of a church at Biong in the upper waters of the Landak River, West Kalimantan last December, and of the BPC of W. Australia Feb 23, '86, our BP constituencies in ASEAN countries total 55).

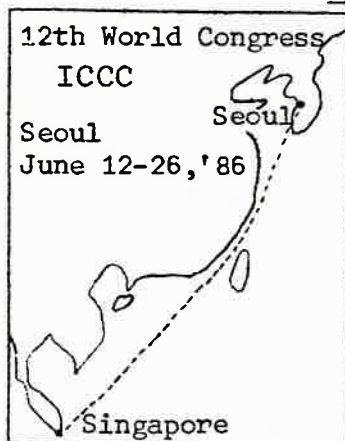
God's Kingdom is always on the go when the Gospel is preached and supported. But we dare not go before the Lord, not dare we lag behind. Whenever and wherever He opens a door, as He did to Philadelphia (the 6th Church in Revelation), Lifers will be quick to enter!

Pray for Your Pastor as He is Sent to Perth

Talking about the BPC of West Australia, our Church is sending me there March 14 to minister to the young church. Pray for me, for Dr Tow Siang Hwa its founding pastor, for Bro. Robin Tan, Lifer-coordinator in Perth and for the 95 who came to the Inauguration on Feb 23. Last week there were 45. I shall be in Perth again for 4 weeks in May to preach a series as well as to get my abridgment of Calvin's Institutes Vol.II Bk 3 & 4 completed. Meanwhile there's Rev Paauwe coming from Adelaide to Perth to keep the home fires burning. (To contact Robin Tan, ring (09)4485557!)

Now, when we go from such a distance we want to make our visit cost-effective. We'd add to our visit a gift of the Gospel of Life (commentary on John) to each worshipper and a quantity of the "Faith, True or False" tracts. "By all means save some!" Our Weekly is flown every week, fresh from our duplicator, as requested, to Robin Tan.

12th World Congress ICC, Seoul, June 12-26, '86



The Battle for the Faith between Fundamentalism and Modernism in USA headed to a world level when two Church Councils were organised in Amsterdam Aug 1948 - the ICC (International Council of Christian Churches) for the continuation of the Protestant Reformation, and the WCC (World Council of Churches) for liberalism and Ecumenism, even for a return to Rome.

For 38 years the Battle for the Faith has been waged around the globe. Now, in every warfare, casualties are part and parcel of the struggle. While many stalwarts in the ICC have gone on their way, the Lord has preserved Dr Carl McIntire in good health to fight His battles.

Recognising that the battle is the Lord's and is not limited to any nation, we in the Far East must join in the good fight of faith with what contributions we can. We need to assume leadership where it is vacated, particularly when Seoul is not English-speaking. With our strong Singapore dollar, we have the honour and blessing of helping out financially where there is a need.

We need your prayerful support for Rev K.C. Quek's part in the grinding work of preparing the groundwork for the 12th Congress. He will leave for Seoul one month earlier. As editor of the Congress daily, the Reformation Reporter, I have this added duty from day to day during the fortnight we are there. Pray that God's Spirit will give us His strength.

The 12th Congress ICC is to be convened at the Hilton Hotel, being most centrally located with facilities for an international conference. For Singaporeans' accommodation we will not be burdensome to be quartered with Korean families but rather be housed at the



YMCA, a stone's throw from the City Hall. The YMCA has given us a 40% discount on the rooms.

As to our travelling schedule, there is no better arrangement than: Departure S'pore June 11, KE 624, 0950. Arrival Seoul 1650 and Dep. Seoul June 27, KE 623, 1825. Arrival S'pore 2335. Group fare via Korean Airlines is S\$1030. This will be a non-stop flight, which makes it so convenient!

O Lord, speak to our younger delegates that they might hear Your Call to battle for the Faith in these end-times, before He comes! "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." (Rev. 2:10)

World Day of Prayer Meeting at Life Church, Friday March 7

drew an attendance of 250 from a goodly number of B-P Churches and from FEBC and Chin Lien Bible Seminary. Life Church pastor was the Lord's messenger. Preaching from II Peter 1:16; 2:1-3 under the theme "The Power and Coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ not fraudulently preached for self-gain but fervently for the salvation of souls", the speaker pointed to the all-victorious power we have in Jesus Christ over gun power, people power, money power, etc. This power is that which must motivate our Church in her task of extending God's Kingdom. This power culminates with the 2nd Coming of Jesus Christ when, as the Rock from heaven strikes down the statue of Nebuchadnezzar, the symbol of all worldly powers, the Lord will bring in a kingdom of peace over the ruins of the nations of this world.

Now, while many coming in Jesus' Name will preach this message, we must beware of them who use "cunningly devised fables" and "through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you." As predicted by our Lord and the apostles, there are false prophets, false Christs, false apostles, false teachers, false witnesses, false spirits and false brethren - like the monkey god appearing in many forms, we are exhorted to beware of these, who while making a good living out of the Church deny the Lord who bought them. We are exhorted to declare the message of the power and coming of our Lord as eyewitnesses, honestly and fervently, that souls might be saved.

The prayer meeting of a half-hour following the message was held in English, Chinese and Tamil. The offering, totalling S\$870, was channelled to ICR for relief work among the new Bangpu Camp of 7000 Kampuchean refugees in Thailand.

Dr & Mrs McIntire Visiting Singapore March 15-17, '86

Dr & Mrs McIntire, having received a windfall of a free round-the-world ticket from Northwest Airlines, will be visiting Korea next week to make final arrangements for the coming ICCG Congress, Seoul June 12-26. After Korea they will visit Singapore March 15-17, en route to the Philippines.

On the Lord's Day morning March 16, Dr McIntire will preach at both Zion and Faith Churches. A reception dinner for them will be held Sunday night 8 pm at the Equatorial Hotel, where they will be staying. Rev and Mrs K.C. Quek who are hosting this dinner are inviting all B-P pastors and elders to the reception. Rev Dan Ebert III who will be with us before he goes to the Port Dickson Camp Mon 17, is also cordially invited.

The Door to Port Dickson is Still Open

Although the last call to Port Dickson was made last week, I understand there is still opportunity to join up. Why not? For a vacation that will bless you both spiritually and physically, we cannot think of anything better. If you feel led to come, just give Seen a ring (2569256). The forms are available immediately after service.

Yours sincerely, T.T.

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

MON 7.30 pm Theology for Everyone  
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting  
WED 7.30 pm Modern Hebrew  
THU 7.30 pm Theology for Everyone  
FRI 10.45 pm Pastor leaves for Perth  
SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 2pm - JYF; 3pm - LBC  
3.30 pm YF; 4pm - YAF; 7.30pm - CFM  
6.00 pm AF mtg at Dr Tan's home  
SUN 10.00 am Rev Dan Ebert III  
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LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$7,021.00

LIFE CHURCH EXT. FUND 799)\$1400; 800)\$100;  
801)\$200; 802)\$80; 803)\$6895(Off.bags); 804)  
\$500; 805)\$20; 806)\$3000. TOTAL \$721,427.42  
PHILIPPINES LAND 65)\$100; 66)\$100; 67)\$120;  
68)\$50; 69)\$170. TOTAL \$13,075.00  
FEBI 305)\$200(Off.bag); 306)\$645(CT Hsu).  
TOTAL \$151,292.11

OFFERINGS FOR: Missionaries \$850; RPG \$100; Jess Lim \$500; Thailand \$100; ICR \$870 (World Day of Prayer Offerings); Masila A\$100(Peter Clements).  
Obituary. Deepest condolence to the bereaved family of Mr Heah Ah Juay, 69, who went home to be with the Lord Sun Mar 2. Funeral Mar 5 was officiated by the pastor with special service in Church, thereafter to CCK Protestant Cemetery.  
Catechumens for Easter Baptism are to meet with pastor with testimonees and registration forms at FEBC Hall. Don't be left out!  
Corrigendum. In last week's Weekly under Peter Clements, for Manila read Masila.  
FEBC closes for mid-semester break Friday Mar 14 and reopens Mon Mar 24, 8.00 am.

THE B-P CHURCH OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA  
warmly invites you and yours  
to the  
LORD'S DAY WORSHIP SERVICE  
at Melville City Council, Lesser Hall  
Almondbury Road, Ardross 6153, WA  
(next to Garden City Shopping Centre)  
on every LORD'S DAY  
at 10.00 am

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



REMINISCENCES SWEET

For forty years, almost to the day, I have left my Government job to serve the Lord. I spent the first four years to study theology. From 1946 to 1947 I was in Nanking. In late 1947 the Lord, knowing Mao was coming, got me out of China. I took a cargo boat from Singapore to New York. From there I headed for Faith Seminary in Delaware. Graduating in 1950, I have served as your pastor ever since. Though the cross means suffering and sacrifice, yet the Lord has promised that with Him bearing it together, the yoke is easy and the burden is light. Hence "Reminiscences Sweet" is my brief testimony to the Lord's service - especially my joining the 20th Century Reformation Movement while a student, and leading the whole B-PC into it as founding pastor.

In this connection two persons that are closely associated with me from the very beginning are Dr McIntire and Rev K C Quek. It was through the former's impassioned challenge at our chapel hour one wintry morning, Jan 1948, that my heart became "strangely warmed" towards the Reformation. Immediately I wrote home to stir up my friends to join up with me. Rev K C Quek is one who is with me in the fight to this day. (Another just as zealous and supports me to this day is Rev C T Hsu now migrated to New York.)

In Faith Seminary I spent three of the happiest years of my life, daily drinking in the teachings of the Reformed Faith. My esteemed teachers were Drs. MacRae, Laird Harris, Buswell, Eppard, Sanderson, Douglas Young, Jack Murray, Harold Mare and Dr Seville (father-in-law of Francis Schaeffer, while Schaeffer was one of the earliest to graduate from Faith). From Dr McIntire's sermons, nevertheless, I was constantly challenged to preach Christ and defend the Faith.

When August 1948 saw the founding of the International Council of Christian Churches in Amsterdam and Dr Chia Yu Ming my teacher in Nanking was there elected Vice-president for China, I almost went! For the sake of summer school, however, I desisted. Nevertheless, I was there in the spirit. Therefore when the ICCC met in Geneva 1950 at its Second Congress, I made sure not to miss it! Rev Quek (Elder then) also made it to Geneva. It was through him, bearing an epistle from Life Church, Prinsep St., that got me ordained in Calvin's City.

For bearing witness to the need of a 20th Century Reformation, we came to many a clash with the English Presbyterian Mission, who in the fifties had much to say in our Chinese Presbyterian Synod. The English missionaries were for the Ecumenical Movement, a union of all Protestants with a view to reunion with Rome. They belonged to the liberal school and we are Fundamentalists. My sweet reminiscences must include the final break with our mother denomination for the sake of preserving the faith. By 1955 we were totally independent, whereby we became known as BPs. We affixed "Bible" in front of our traditional name Presbyterian. We are Presbyterians, a church governed by presbyters or elders, tracing our precious heritage to John Calvin.

Joining the ICCC movement has led to my attendance at every one of its World Congresses except the first, and to my election to president of the Far Eastern Council since 1968. Attending these congresses has enlarged my perspective of the Church's role in the world. By coming together in witness and fellowship, and by issuing Resolutions and Statements on matters relevant to our Faith, our Council sends out a beam of truth to guide churches that are engulfed in the darkness of Liberalism and Ecumenism. Rev K C Quek's monthly publishing of the Far Eastern Beacon and the Southeast Asia Christian (in Chinese) has shed a constant light over the dark and stormy sea of unbelief to keep the faithful from the rocks. The raising of another Beacon called the BP Banner through the pen of Dr Tōw Siang Hwa has bolstered the 20th Century Reformation movement not a little.

For the sake of cultivating the hearts and minds of delegates and visitors to the Congress, the Lord has moved me to run a Congress daily, a cyclostyled newsheet, foolscap size, with "all that is fit to print." This I have been doing without a break since our Third Congress, Philadelphia 1954, and I am moved to do the same at the 12th Congress in Seoul, June 1986. By then, I should have completed 10 editions of the "Reformation Reporter".

For taking a polemical stand against the false apostles and prophets of our day (to make up the list, there are also false Christs, false teachers, false witnesses, false spirits and false brethren) we have been accused of negativism. "What we need is to preach a positive Gospel" is the slogan of the mainstream churches flowing with the incoming Ecumenical tide. With mass evangelism of the Billy Graham type commingling, the average unaffiliated church is being swept along. These need our help and guidance!

In my sweet reminiscences, let me testify how because we have taken a separatist stand, the Lord has given us 55 BP churches and mission outreaches in the ASEAN countries. And every one of our extensions to ASEAN - to Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand and Philippines has come about as a result of raising the separatist testimony. How did we extend to N. Sumatra? As a result of receiving a request through Dr Maris our General Secretary in the Amsterdam office. How did we establish the FEBI (Far Eastern Bible Institute) in Pontianak, W. Kalimantan? As a result of winning Rev Djunaidi in 1971, and he is now our Indonesian president for the FECCC. How did N. Thailand come into the picture? As a result of holding the FECCC 10th Assembly in Singapore 1981 whereby Rev Kalnin was led to affiliate. How did Calvary BPC get involved in building up the FBBI in the Philippines? Because of our Filipino



brethren being in the same Reformation movement.

The classic passage on the imperative of separation from evil ecclesiastical connections is II Cor 6:14-18. Now when we come out from among them we come in also to the Father's family. And v. 18 says, "And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." Reminiscences sweet must bear testimony to my Heavenly Father who has supplied my needs all these years to the World Congresses.

Now, while going to an ICCC Congress is like climbing a mountain, coming away from it to the daily grind is like sweating in the fields. As your pastor, and principal of FEBC, I have stuck to my twin jobs without a break. Laborious is the job of wielding the sickle day after day. But this can also be sweet, if one's mind is made up that this is the Father's will. "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish his work" (Jn 4:34). That was Jesus' daily grind, but that was His "meat". With these sweet recollections, we would step spiritedly into the future, while He tarries, knowing that the battle now being waged for the faith once delivered unto the saints is fought not in vain. Maranatha. Amen.

#### We Can Help Build a Church in Philippines This Year!

When we first went to teach in Manila Nov 1984, Rev Dan Ebert III showed us a 500 sq.m. plot in a new Govt. Housing Estate. We felt urged to adopt this as our missions project. When this was reported back to the Church, we gave over half of the sum needed to purchase the land.

When we were back in Manila Nov 1985 we were given the architect's drawing of the proposed church and parsonage, and shown the newly laid foundations. By this time the Filipino brethren had exhausted all their funds!

We challenged Lifers to give your Chinese New Year angpows to help out. To date you have responded with \$14,000! With a sum previously given after we had left for Manila Nov 1985, we should have accumulated \$25,000. Though this sum is inadequate for the erection of the whole project, we had faith the church would rise up this year!

Since Rev Ebert is with Life Church this Lord's Day before he goes to Port Dickson, Lifers can find out from him personally what the situation is. Let us uphold his hands! - T.T.

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (17th to 23rd March 1986)

MON - SAT Pastor speaks at Port Dickson

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting

SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 2pm - JYF;

2.30 pm Norman Lau Chee Kiat-  
Er Liam Hwa Wedding  
(Dr P Tan)

3.00 pm LBC; 3.30pm - YF

4.00 pm YAF; 7.30 pm - CFM

#### PALM

SUN 10.00 am Mr Peter Eng(Eld.Chia)

10.00 am Chinese Service

11.30 am No Catechism Class

11.30 am Filipina Fellowship

11.55 am Korean Church Service

3.00 pm BFC & Thai Services

4.00 pm Indonesian Service

4.00 pm Rev Tow at Rawang

4.30 pm Sharon Church Service

6.00 pm Tamil Service

8.15 pm Rev Tow at Bt. Gambir

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING 5\$5,259.00

EXTENSION BLDG FUND 807)\$3345; 808)

\$990; 809)\$50; 810)\$1000; 811)\$100;

812)\$20; 813)\$100(YAF); 814)\$100.

TOTAL \$727,132.42

PHILIPPINES LAND 70)\$100; 71)\$55

(boxes); 72)\$1000(AF). TOTAL \$14,230

FEBI 307)\$390(Gal.AF); 308)\$65

(Grace BPC). TOTAL \$151,747.11

OFFERINGS FOR: Jess Lim \$10; Thai

Missions \$700; Frontier Labourers

for Christ \$60(Calvary); VBS \$50;

Thai Missions \$100; General Fund

\$1300, \$760; P.A. System \$60; Com-

puter Fund \$60.

New Address: Sayan Kusawadee,

Kittikhoon Kindergarten, 90 Prachuab

Siri Road, Prachuab Khirikan, Thai-

land.

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#### Love and Peace



1. God loved the world. His on-ly Son He gave. Who  
2. I am the Way. Christ speaks a solemn Word. I  
3. Be born again - Test of your sal-va-tion! Ex-  
4. Come un - to me. Ye hea-vy la-den ones. Come  
5. I give you Peace. My Peace I give to you. Not



e'er believes in Him shall have Life now and e - ter - nal.  
am the Way, the Truth, the Life, The on - ly Way to God.  
cept a man be born a - gain, How shall he en - ter heaven?  
un-to me without de-lay. And I will give you rest!  
as the world be-low gi-veth, My Peace I leave with you.



Expresgram to: 1) John Tow. Received yours and cheque.  
2) Rev C T Hsu. Received all your cheques, given to  
Dyak work accordingly. 3) Stephen Khoo. Prayer for  
you at Summer School. 4) Dr Davis. Many congratula-  
tions on your new appointment. Standing welcome to  
Singapore!

We extend a warm welcome to Dr & Mrs McIntire visit-  
ing S'pore Mar 16-18. A reception is held for then at  
the Tanglin Club this Lord's Day evening at 8.00 pm.  
Theology for Everyone Class in O.T. History resumes  
Mon Mar 24, 7.30 pm!



PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF PERTH

When I got out of Customs after one-and-a-half hours of queuing at the Immigration counter, I was glad to be warmly greeted by Robin Tan, Mr. & Mrs See Thor and son Fei Hong. We arrived at the Tan home in the first streaks of a new dawn. A further nap of two hours in the natural coolness of autumn refreshed my body and spirit immensely.

We set out for the day to lunch at a Hong Kong restaurant and to the airport again to send-off Doris Seah, Mrs Robin's cousin, who had been vacationing with the Tans. Here we met the See Thors once more who on their part were sending off their son Fei Hong back to Singapore.

While we visited with one another we felt as if we were old friends from the same village. Though I had forgotten baptising Mrs See Thor in 1982 at Calvary Jurong Chinese Service one Sunday night, Mrs See Thor could say I looked a little slimmer than before. Brimming with joy she told how she found Christ through son Fei Hong's witness. Before she came to Christ her life was filled with misery and discontent. After baptism she found life changing for the better day by day. Her husband whom she led to the Lord a year-and-a-half ago is also rejoicing in the Lord. Upon his baptism his life-long smoker's habit was automatically snapped! It was through Mrs See Thor's impassioned appeal to Dr Tow Siang Hwa that the BPC of WA came into being Feb. 23, 1986.

The Ecumenical movement in Australia has got a good number of churches, Presbyterian and Methodist, for example, "united". This has resulted in churches closing their doors, so that the sign, "Church for Sale", can be seen as in America and Great Britain. Robin took me to see two of these for sale churches. After this we inspected an old house with the view of establishing a parsonage. Robin who is an experienced businessman was not very satisfied. Then he took me to his town office where he edits and photocopies a folded foolscap size Weekly. This newest mosquito paper of our BPC movement carries a weekly letter from Dr Tow. The rest contains "all that is fit to print" from Robin's pen. Robin who "manages" the young church with the whole-hearted support of Patricia his wife is God's man, "standing in the gap." When they migrated here five years ago, did they know they were sent for a higher purpose? Old Lifers, they believe in "predestination".

When we ended our day at the beautiful See Thor home, there was a sumptuous Cantonese meal awaiting us. Here I settled for the night. After the Tan's leaving we saw a video of Elder Dr Cheng Wei Nien giving a powerful sermon on "Prayer" in Mandarin. Meanwhile Peter Clements had phoned in and told of the collapse of an hotel in the New World area, hot news from S'pore. Then came another phone call from Dr Tow, and a third from daughter Leah in Adelaide. In this age of super jets and satellite transmissions, the earth has shrunk.

In all my experience in Church-founding, there is not one comparable with the BPC, WA insofar as physical arrangements are concerned. We have an instant auditorium provided for a song at the Lesser Hall (size of a badminton court) of the Melville City Council. Attached is a kitchen where drinks can be prepared after service to enhance fellowship. The See Thors who brought me earlier than others worked right away to arrange the chairs, piano, pulpit, etc., for worship. Attendance was 52, including an American missionary couple and Mrs Gradussov, Anne's mother. I spoke from John 10:1-16 on "Life and Life More Abundant". "The Gospel of Life", 50 copies were given away to every worshipper. With the completion of this most important part of my lightning Australian mission I took leave of Perth by 3.30 pm flight. My first impressions of Perth are God has raised for Himself a Lighthouse here! Amen.

Lifers at Calvary Family Bible Camp

220 attended the previous Calvary Camp at Port Dickson in 1984. When only a few scores registered for this Camp, it was quite a letdown to the Camp Master. The final count is around 110, including four Lifers - T. Tow, Tow Siew Ai, J.P. David and Phillip Goh.

The theme is "Fight the Good Fight", taken from I Tim. 6:12. Rev Dan Ebert is the chief speaker on the whole book of I Timothy. He bolsters his presentation with 60-page cyclo-styled Study booklet. I have to follow up with Three evening messages on "Fight the Good Fight" - 1) in Doctrine, 2) in Reputation, 3) in Happy Livelihood; with two messages for the morning prayers on Friday and Saturday.

I'm glad that Rev Liew Hon Seng, our missionary at Taman Sri Melati, KL has come at my suggestion. He reports a second batch of baptisms this Easter: 3 women and 1 man. He preaches regularly at Calvary, Petaling Jaya 3 times a month, twice in Cantonese and once in English. Praise God, there is some progress.

Killing Three Birds This Lord's Day

We strike camp Sat. 10.30 am. Since we've come thus far it behoves me to pay the Gospel debt to our Rawang Church and Bukit Gambir en route this Lord's Day. Deacon Peter Goh will give me a lift to Muar where I shall lodge at Elder Koa's for the night. After the night service at Bukit Gambir, Elder Koa will drive us out arriving back midnight.

Apart from the regular duties of baptising and administering the Lord's Supper, my visiting Gambir is to study the feasibility of buying a valuable property for the growing church. This property will appreciate when the North-South Super Highway takes shape in a few years 2 miles from the town. This means, Singaporeans driving to KL will bypass both Muar and



Segamat. Bukit Gambir will then become an important junction of the Trunk Road.

#### New World Hotel Suddenly in the Underworld

What does the New World Hotel's sinking into the earth say to us? Luke 13:4,5 tells of the toppling of the Tower of Siloam by which 18 were killed. Some judged that these were worse sinners than others dwelling in Jerusalem. Jesus said, "I tell you, Nay: but except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." We should feel very sorry that such a disaster has overtaken those hotelites. We should examine ourselves, repent of our own sins, rededicate our lives to serve the Lord. Scofield says, "Men are not to judge, but to repent." The New World Hotel disaster should awaken the faithful to greater woes coming in the light of many other ominous signs around the world. "And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts hailing them for fear and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And they shall see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory" (Luke 21:25-27). Will you be in the Upper or Underworld when Jesus comes? Yours faithfully, T.T.

#### Life Church Leadership Training Programme 1986

"Thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties and rulers of tens: and let them judge the people at all seasons." (Exodus 18:21,22). This was how Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, advised him to raise up a group of leaders to help him judge and rule the whole congregation of Israel. Life Church is a big Church with about 800 members. The pastors cannot get to know all the members of the Church and meet their spiritual needs. We must constantly identify talented young men and women with leadership qualities. We must challenge and train them for leadership in the Church. The pastors and session need the help of younger leaders to provide an effective total ministry for the whole Church. Committee members of the various fellowships of Life Church have met together to plan a one-year programme. The aims are to identify young leaders, to train them in leadership and to use them in leadership roles in the Church. We call on all of you to offer your talents and to prepare yourself to serve God and the Church.

#### Leadership Training Programme 1986

MAY 23 8.30 am - 1 pm "LEADERSHIP SEMINAR"

Theme: The Making of a Man of God

Speakers: Rev Philip Heng, Rev Charlie Tan, Elder Khoo Peng Kiat, Elder William Seah

Venue: Life BP Church

JUNE 4-7 "LEADERSHIP CAMP"

Theme: Spiritual Leadership

Speakers: Rev Bob Phee, Mr Peter Eng, Elder Chia Kim Chwee, Elder Lim Teck Chye, Elder Ang Beng Chong

Venue: New Life BP Church

SEPTEMBER 8-12 "B-P PASTORS' CONFERENCE"

Speaker: Dr Peter Masters

Venue: Golden Sands, Port Dickson.

NOVEMBER 1 8.30 am - 1 pm "LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP"

Topics: (a) Dealing with members' problems

(b) Building members spiritually

(c) Missions and Evangelism

Venue: Life BP Church

- P. Tan

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR HOLY WEEK (24th - 30th March 1986)

MON 7.30 pm Theology for Everyone

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting

WED 7.30 pm Modern Hebrew

#### MAUNDY THURSDAY

9.30 am Pastor & Co. leave for Tanjung Pinang

8.00 pm Sharon Service

#### GOOD FRIDAY

9.00 am CFM Service

8.00 pm Life Church Service

#### SATURDAY

1.00 pm LJBC; 2pm - JYF; 3pm - LBC

3.30 pm YF; 4pm - YAF; 7.30pm - CFM

7.30 pm Film: "He is Alive"  
(YAF Film Ministry)

#### EASTER SUNDAY

6.30 am Easter Sunrise Service at MacRitchie Reservoir (Speaker: Rev Dan Ebert)

8.00 am Easter Breakfast in Church

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

9.45 am Easter Baptismal Service

11.55 am Korean Church Service

3.00 pm Rev Tow at Chin Lien

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 OFFERINGS \$5,365.95

The Church Office is trying to obtain the following issues of the Life Church Weekly to complete its records: 21st Feb. 1982, 29th Aug. 1982, and 24th Oct. 1982. Should anyone have any of these Weeklies, please contact Mrs Tow or Seen Seen (Office tel: 2569256).

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#### "HE IS ALIVE"

Four short films "Nicodemus", "The Crucifixion", "The Lord is Risen" and "The Lord's Ascension" are combined to give us a film on the Lord's Passion, Resurrection and Ascension. Bring your non-Christian friends this Saturday, 29th Mar '86, 7.30 pm. All are welcome!

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PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

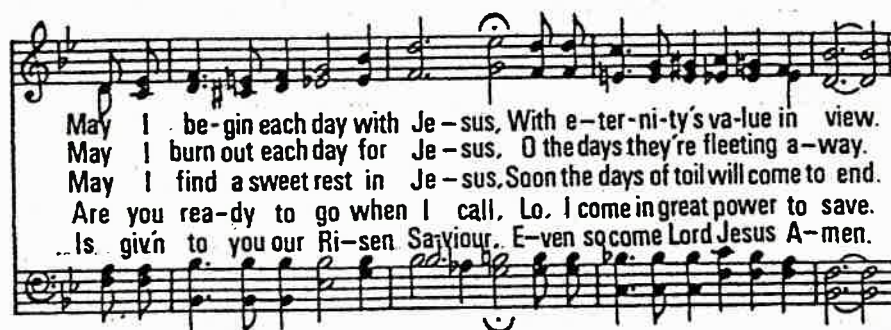
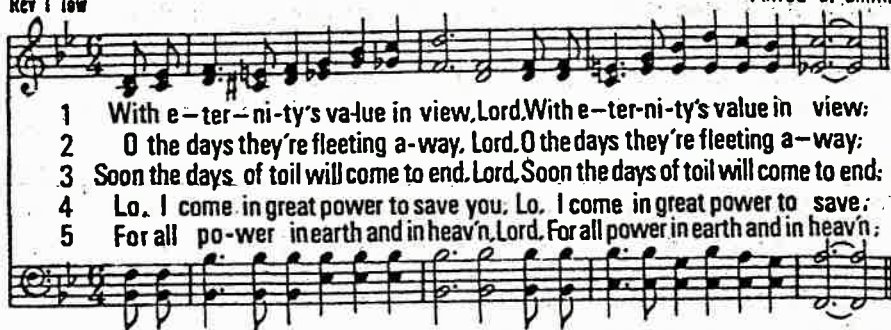
"Iron Sharpeneth Iron...." (Prov. 27:17)

Among the well-chosen hymns sung at the Port Dickson Camp was a chorus by Al Smith, No. 477, Revival Hymns. The tune immediately gripped me as Dr Tow Siang Hwa used it the first time for the early morning Devotions. With a little modification in the third line, he also added a second stanza. To make it into a full hymn, I had three more stanzas added. It is proposed that we sing this new hymn this Easter Day to echo our message which is taken from I Corinthians 15:58.

**Days of Toil and Waiting for Jesus**

Rev T Tow

Alfred B. Smith



On Eating Food Offered to Idols

This is one question that came up at the "Q & A" Hour at the P.D. Camp. In the light of all the relevant Bible passages: Dan 1:5-16, Acts 15:28,29; I Cor 8 and 10; Rev 2:14;20, our answer was a unanimous NO.

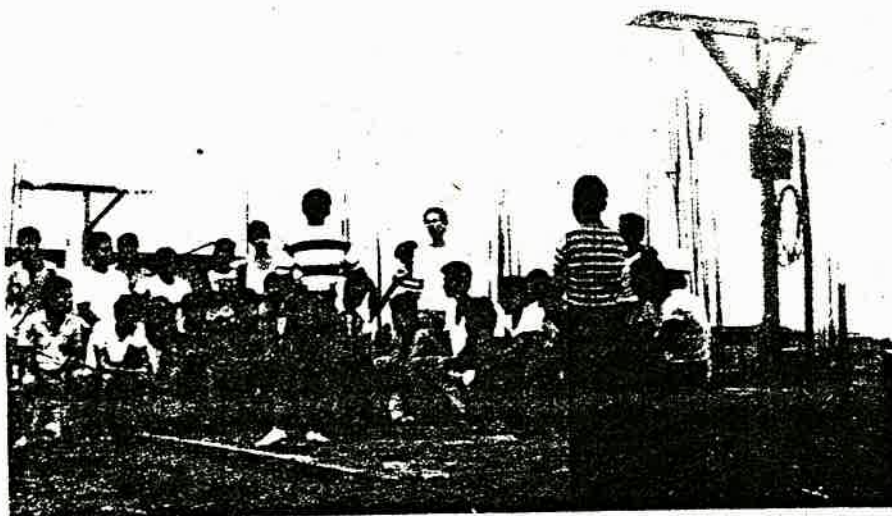
A moving testimony was presented by Elder Koh Kim Hiang on how he and believing brothers and sisters refused to eat food offered to the idols at home after they had come to the Lord. That was their united action springing from the Bible knowledge they had obtained at Life Church. Instead of compromising with their parents, the latter had to compromise with them! So, a portion of cooked food was separated for the children before the rest was offered to the idols. The food offered to the idols was declared by their father to bring good luck to its eaters. Significantly paradoxical was the parents' description

of the idol-food as "unclean" and the food not offered to idols "clean".

As to taking a stand against eating idol-food, I have known of case after case of Christian children thus bringing their parents to Christ. The most recent case which results in the baptism of Mr & Mrs Koh of the Chinese Service this Easter arose some three months back. One day Mr Koh brought his two sons to see me in a rather agitated mood. Demanded Mr Koh, "I have compromised with my sons by allowing them to attend your church. Why can't they compromise with their mother to join us at the table when we have food offered to our family gods?" Replied I, "You ask them why they refuse your idol-food. I've not so instructed them. That is from their own conviction as a result of reading the Bible."

The tussle between eating and not eating food offered to idols in the Koh Family was resolved in victory to the children. Actually Mr Koh was on the children's side, for at a young age he had heard the Gospel, and now he saw his mistake. The stumbling block was his wife. When Mr Koh dramatically sided with the children his wife became totally isolated. In the ensuing struggle, she yielded to her children and husband. To bring peace to the family she allowed the idols to be sent back to the temple from which they came. Now that the idols were gone they can eat a hearty meal together. On this happy Easter Day, the couple is admitted for baptism.

Let Us Help Build This Filipino Church!



The gifts you have designated for "Philippines Land" have contributed to the steel rods rising from the foundations of this Filipino Church at Kapitbahayan. This latest picture is brought by Rev Dan Ebert III. Yes, by your continuing support we will see the glory of God when this Church is dedicated, we pray, within this year!

Do you know that with S\$440 you can get P4,000? This sum is actually given by our Children's Choir to the children of Filipino pastors studying with Rev Dan Ebert. Children can minister also to children!

Yours faithfully, T.T.



## Visit to Tanjung Pinang Church

By Phillip Goh



Rev Goh Seng Fong sent Pastor Tow and me to Finger Pier the morning of Maundy Thursday. From Finger Pier we took an aircon fast boat to Batam Island for Immigration and Custom clearance. From there we sailed on to Tanjung Pinang, arriving 2.30 pm. Mr Liu and his wife Esther were at the wharf to receive us.

After a light tiffin we took a nap. Soon it was dinner time and after that the Service began at 7 pm. Mrs Liu took the preliminaries after which Rev Tow preached on John 10:9-16. This was followed by a baptism of six adults with one reaffirmation of faith. I understand the Church has 130 baptised during the last 13 years. At this service about 120 attended.

Of the six baptised an elderly couple Mr & Mrs Teo flew in from Singkep Island to keep their appointment with Pastor. They were grateful that God had spared them from a big fire which destroyed 200 shophouses on Singkep Island. Another elderly man, Mr Tan, sought baptism after his wife had received Christ before she died. It was the Lord who had brought them to this baptismal service.

On Good Friday morning we were driven to a new housing estate five miles from town. This estate is at Jalan Rasawari. After Pastor Tow had surveyed the housing estate he told Mr Liu and his wife of the Zion Presbyterian Church in Tanjung Pinang that he would ask Life Church to pay 50% of the cost of a corner-terrace house. As the recession has also hit Tanjung Pinang the price has come down to only S\$18,000. With the corner-terrace house the Church can start a new preaching station with a kindergarten.

We had breakfast of Bah-Kut-Teh from the kindness of Mr Tan who was baptised. We left by the morning boat and arrived back in Singapore at 1.30 pm.

### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Mar 31 to Apr 6)

MON	7.30 pm	Theology for Everyone
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
WED	7.30 pm	Modern Hebrew
	8.00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
THU	7.30 pm	Theology for Everyone
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 2pm - JYF; 3pm - LBC
	2.30 pm	Goh Kee Nguan-Tan Su Yen Wedding (Rev Tow)
	3.30 pm	YF; 4pm - YAF
	4.00 pm	AF Bible Study
	7.30 pm	CFM
SUN	10.00 am	Rev Tow
	10.00 am	Chinese Service
	11.30 am	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
	6.00 pm	Rev Tow at Sunset Gospel Hr

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$6,773.00

EXTENSION BLDG FUND 816)\$456.05; 817)\$100; 818)\$200; 819)\$20; 820)\$200; 821)\$100; 822)\$200; 823)\$280; 824)\$900(BFC); 825)\$415.60.

TOTAL \$730,304.07

PHILIPPINES LAND 73)\$50; 74)\$200; 75)\$50; 76)\$100; 77)\$20; 78)\$21.50.

TOTAL \$14,671.50

FEBI 309)\$150. TOTAL \$151,897.11

OFFERINGS FOR: Missions \$200; FEBC \$50; RPG \$130; Thai RPG \$70; China \$140; Masila \$100 In memory of Mr Heah Ah Juay \$50; Thailand \$400, \$200; Renovation Fund \$50, \$100, \$1000; PA \$20; KL \$400; Maintenance \$2000; Easter Breakfast \$20.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE OFFERINGS \$2,656

Expresgram to: 1) Rev Bo, Norway. Welcome back to FEBC any day!

2) John and Leah. Thanks for yours and the flowers!

3) Rev Hsu. A/cs all correct!

4) Peter Clements. Thanks for bulletins.

### ADULT BAPTISMS

01. Cheong, Serene	F	Book-keeper
02. Cheong Siew Khim	F	Staff Nurse
03. Chew Sow Wan	F	Student
04. Chia Chin Hup	M	Student
05. Chia Swee Lian, Elsie	F	Church Secretary
06. Chong Tuck Weng	M	NSF
07. Goy Ling Ling	F	Student
08. Lau Chee Kiat	M	Bldg Technician
09. Lee Cheng Ho, Ivan	M	-
10. Lee Lay Geok	F	Student
11. Lee Yew Seng, Alan	M	Tutor
12. Loo Siok Ming	F	Lab. Technician
13. Ng Ai Liang, Corinne	F	Student
14. Ng Keng Loong	M	Student
15. See Lay Keng	F	Student
16. See Lay Yong	F	Student
17. Tan Bee Lay	F	Sales Executive
18. Tan Guek Mui, Claudia	F	Library Assistant
19. Tan Kim Song, Ivan	M	Technical Officer
20. Teo Tat Lin, Gerald	M	Sales Executive
21. Wong Heng Ming	F	Radiographer
22. Wong Po Yee, Cecilia	F	Private Tutor
23. Yeo Eng Heng	M	Sales Executive
24. Yeo Sew Hoon	F	Technician

### REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

01. Lim Lai Peng, Nicole	F	Student
02. Sng Ju Yee, Joy	F	Student
03. Tan Boon Keong, David	M	Student

### TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

01. Mr & Mrs Chen Shoy Chun, Lenny
02. Han Chiu Yan, Corinne Janice
03. Heng, Kathlyn (Mrs)
04. Koh, Jeanette
05. Mrs Ong Hwee Beng, Nancy

### CHINESE SERVICE BAPTISMS

01. Mdm Chua Poh Sio
02. Miss Goh Kwee Moy
03. Mr Koh Chin Chong
04. Mdm Lim Ah Laan
05. Mdm Lim Thiam Neo

### INFANT BAPTISM

01. Lee Yi En, Matthias, s/o Mr & Mrs Ezekiel
Alick Lee

THE WAY TO SUCCESS IN THE  
CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

Message delivered at the 42nd Commencement of  
Faith Theological Seminary, USA, May 14, 1979  
(TEXT: John 21:22, "Follow Thou Me.")

by Rev. Timothy Tow, D.D.

Let me begin by quoting a poem I've gleaned from a  
booklet I was recently given by Rev. M. M. Myers of  
Woodland Park Bible Conference, Beckersville, Penna. It  
reads:

"What is success?" I asked a tree,  
Standing beside a wall.  
The leaves looked down at me and said,  
"Why success is growing tall."  
"What is success?" I asked a brook,  
Gurgling through the leaves.  
It laughing, dancing, said to me,  
"A river then to the sea."  
"What is success?" I asked a bird,  
Singing in the wood.  
It answered me in lilting song,  
"Success is gratitude."

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"What is success?" I asked a man.  
His cheek aglow with health.  
He answered me with mighty scorn,  
"Why, success is gaining wealth."  
Then on bended knee I asked the Saviour,  
"Who on the earth had trod,"  
And a wee small voice within me said,  
"Success is knowing God."

From this little poem you have the hint that the theme  
of my message, based on John 21:22, "Follow Thou Me,"  
is "The Way to Success in the Christian Ministry." I have  
preached from this text at this pulpit once before, and the  
same text has been quoted, you say, for the hundredth  
time! So, why this text again? Well, let me tell you an  
anecdote about Dr. Harry Ironside. One day, he was invited  
to speak by a certain church. The message he preached  
was, "Ye must be born again." When invited back a few  
weeks later, Dr. Ironside preached on the same theme,  
"Ye must be born again." A member of the church asked  
him, "Why do you preach again, 'Ye must be born again'?"  
Answered Ironside, "Because, ye must be born again!!"

Why do I preach, "Follow Thou Me?" from this pulpit  
again? Is it because you have not been following Him  
since my last sermon? How often we follow, but reluc-  
tantly. How often we go each our own way. We refuse  
to follow! "The Way to Success in the Christian Ministry"  
is addressed not only to the graduands, but to us, ministers  
of the Gospel, to all who are gathered here tonight, to you  
my brothers and sisters!

Now, "Follow Thou Me" is a very short, simple  
sentence. It has only four syllables, one syllable shorter  
than our Chinese text. It is so short that any foreigner  
without any English can learn in one minute. To follow  
Christ is to take one step at a time, one step at a time.  
"Follow Thou Me" is as easy as A - B - C! Yes, the rud-  
iments of success in the Christian ministry are easily learned  
if you take one step at a time. As the prophet, Isaiah,  
has said, "For precept must be upon precept, precept upon  
precept; line upon line, line upon line, here a little and there  
a little." (Isa. 28:10) See, we have Scriptural authority to  
require our students not to learn Greek from an interlinear,  
but by patiently learning their paradigms!

Now, while the rudiments of "Follow Thou Me" are  
easy, one step at a time, one step at a time, the way to  
success is a long, long, long, long, long one! It is the  
journey of your whole life span on earth; as the Chinese  
saying goes, "It is only after the coffin lid is sealed," that  
you can tell of one's success or failure. That is why,  
though you've come to the successful conclusion of your  
academic training, we do not call this graduation  
'completion' or 'consummation,' but, 'commencement.'  
You are just commencing, just starting out in life. There is  
a long way ahead of each one of you. (So, don't throw  
away your Hebrew grammar and Church History notes yet!)

"Follow Thou Me" to some of my graduate students  
in Singapore who have returned with higher degrees, seems  
too elementary a lesson to learn! They would rather run  
ahead, holding high the keys of their newly acquired know-  
ledge. For, has not Peter been given the keys to bind and  
loose, to remit sins and to retain sins? Cocksure like  
Peter before his fall, these soon are found crestfallen from  
their haughty heights. There was a classmate of mine in  
China, who studied Greek with me from Huddleston's little  
grammar. After six or seven weeks of barely learning six

or seven paradigms, he began to wax eloquent, correcting  
the Chinese translation of the Bible. In the Homiletics class,  
he began to point out a mistake here, and an error there  
"My translation," he said, "is the one and only perfect  
one!" When will young upstarts begin to "follow?"

Does Peter talk like this to his congregation? to his  
students? In his Second Epistle, see how lowly he con-  
ducts himself. Speaking to the whole Church, from the  
highest to the lowest, he says, "The elders which are  
among you I exhort, who am also an elder (he did not  
assert his apostleship though he could), and a witness of  
the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory  
that shall be revealed: Feed the flock of God which is  
among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint,  
but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;  
Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being  
ensamples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd shall  
appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not  
away. Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the  
elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be  
clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and  
giveth grace to the humble." (II Peter 5:1-5)

Yes, until we are humbled before God and before one  
another, we cannot succeed to follow. Calvin, quoting  
Chrysostom and Augustine, gave three rules on the Christian  
religion. "The first rule," he said, "is humility; the second  
rule is humility; the third rule is humility!" Humility is the  
strength that will carry us through life's journey to success  
in the Christian ministry, and indeed, in any kind of human  
endeavour.

Now, "Follow Thou Me" is a call the Lord has given  
Peter; do you know, five times, as recorded in Scripture?  
Following Christ is of quintessential importance!

I

The first time Peter heard "Follow Thou Me" was  
when his brother, Andrew, brought him along, and there  
were John, Philip, and Nathaniel. In taking this first step  
to follow Jesus, Simon was changed to Cephas, which is  
the Aramaic for Peter, a stone. Some of you foreign  
students coming to this country might have acquired a new  
name, like me. I got my new name, Timothy, from a  
classmate, Schuyler Marshall, when Faith Seminary was in  
Wilmington, Delaware. The reason why he called me  
Timothy was that there was another Chinese student whose  
name was Paul. I like the name Timothy because it's the  
name of a disciple, a lowly person. It is so much easier  
to live up to Timothy than to Paul!

What I'm trying to say about Peter's change of name  
from Simon to Cephas is not so much the form as the  
content. It is his conversion. He was changed from the  
Simon that he was, from his slimy, sinful self, to a born  
again Cephas, a stone, a rock!

The trouble with the Christian ministry these days is  
we have so many professional, unconverted ministers! Is  
this not reflected in the infamous Auburn Affirmation  
(Defamation) signed by 1,294 U.S.A. Presbyterian ministers  
in the Twenties, that they were not bound to believe these  
five fundamentals: the inerrancy of Holy Scripture; the deity  
of Christ; His virgin birth; substitutionary atonement; and  
miracles? Ministers of Jesus Christ who repudiated His  
Word and spurned His saving works! I dare say these  
1,294 ministers were unregenerate, blind guides of the blind,  
the unsaved trying to save others, "rice-tubs" in our Chinese  
expression, or lazy professionals

I have a graduate student who after some years in  
your country returned to teach in our college in Singapore.  
This young man preached a series of sermons from Jesus'  
parables. When he came to the parable of the Pearl of  
Great Price, he gave his exegesis, quoting the Greek and  
referring to Lenski. Then he concluded, "The Gospel is not  
unique. It is the best of religions." Do you agree to that  
piece of idle talk? It's the most subtle, yet devastating  
statement against our Lord I've ever heard in our college.  
What is the Gospel? It is defined for us in I Cor. 15:1-4.  
In substance, the Gospel, if it is to save us, must be none  
other than the Christ who died for our sins according to  
the Scriptures, who was buried, and who rose again the  
third day, according to the Scriptures. How then can it be  
said that the Gospel is not unique, unless he doesn't know  
what "unique" is? There is one Gospel, and only one,  
no other. "If any man preach any other Gospel unto you  
than that ye have received, let him be accursed." (Gal. 1:9.)

Coming back to Simon, changed to Cephas, let me  
make this loving warning again! It is very possible there  
is one or two or even more unregenerate students right  
here in this Seminary. How unfortunate to leave the school  
of the prophets unsaved, unregenerate still! Are you a  
Simon or a Cephas?



The second step in Peter following Christ to success in the Christian ministry is found in Luke 5. Here we see him discarding his boat and nets to serve the Lord full time. He was overwhelmed by Christ's power to provide so abundantly for him. By today's calculation, the two shiploads of fish could easily fetch \$10,000.

When we are decided to follow Christ, to serve Him full time, let us have faith to trust Him to provide. I'm not against taking a secular job, but often we are found blindly struggling and foolishly relying on our own strength and power, not relying on the Lord. If He has called you into full time service, then one evidence of that call is He'll give you the Word to preach! There are many vacant pulpits in this country. If Seminary students are not beginning to fill them, who will? What's wrong with many of us is that we are still "riding two-legs-in-two-boats," to use another Chinese expression. What we need if we are to succeed is to burn our boats behind us and launch into the deep with Peter at His Word.

## III

Thirdly, we see Jesus telling His disciples He must go to Jerusalem to be crucified (Matt. 16). Immediately, we have Peter jump up to stop our Saviour. While he didn't want his Master to suffer death, neither did he resign to it himself. He tried to shun the cross. So was uttered this famous saying of Jesus, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." (Matt. 16:21-26.) Following Christ without the cross of sacrifice and suffering disqualifies our discipleship. If you want to serve Christ, He can give you no prospects but a cross. But, we would rather transform that cross into an airplane, into a flying bed of ease. The cross is a yoke, rather, when it is horizontally placed, a yoke for the oxen to carry. In our day-to-day service, this is our lot. The reason why the church has no power today is that the cross is missing. As William Burns, the great pioneer English Presbyterian missionary to China said, "No cross, no crown." Because he was willing to suffer, therefore he achieved great success, yea, even that of a modern St. Paul, in China. Will you submit to the cross He has given you to carry, yes, your own cross (each one has a specific one) if you examine the text above. This is a most crucial step to success in the Christian ministry.

## IV

After this, we see Peter watching the interview between Christ and the rich young ruler. The requirement that the young man give up his riches to follow Christ is a second lesson on a Christian's need to overcome materialism. This emphasis was made to Peter and the Twelve. Praise the Lord, since Peter forsook his boat and nets, he never looked back. He has well succeeded in this step. His avowal that he had given up all to follow Christ was accepted by the Saviour, who blessed him a hundredfold. But, I have seen how many a minister after serving the Lord for five, ten, or fifteen years, comes to the season of drop-outs, like over-ripe fruits. I have known a Filipino minister, a graduate of this Seminary. This brother came through our city one week-end, so I invited him to preach for me on the Lord's Day. He gave a powerful, thrilling sermon on salvation. When I asked him what church he was now ministering to (I had not seen him for 20 years), he said,

"No, I'm now manager for a big American firm." Oh, how good it would be if he should continue preaching full time as he did that Sunday morning. How will you end up, my fellow theologues, five or ten years from now?

## V

Lastly, we see Jesus confronting Peter the third time on materialism. "Lovest thou me more than these?" The fishes he has caught so plentifully, 153 of them "great fishes," perhaps ten-pounders! Why the third time? Because materialism, money, is of greatest temptation to every one of us.

We are beset with not only the temptation of money, but of sex, of friendship, of associations and alliances. These all pull away from Christ. How can we conquer them? Only by love of our Saviour. By that first, fervent love! But, we have left that first love like Ephesus, and that discourages and dampens our Lord. How often in human relationships we see a third party come into the picture to form a triangle. So that first love between husband and wife is gone. O, the broken marriages we witness today and the broken relationships with our Lord! Even broken marriages in ministers' lives, and the consequence of many fallen by the wayside.... What is the reason? Love is lacking. Love is no more. So, Demas has forsaken Paul, having loved this present world (II Tim. 4:10). Without that first, fervent love, we will not make it to success in our Christian ministry.

As we review the five steps of Peter's following, let us also stress the negative side of following. If we are to follow in the way to success in the Christian ministry, we have plenty to forsake. We must forsake that old self of a sinful, slimy Simon; we must forsake the self-reliance in our livelihood. We must forsake that spirit of self-ease and self-security, and embrace the cross of daily suffering with Christ. We must, a second time, be examined in regard to riches, forsake the love of self that smothers the first love we had for Him.

Praise the Lord, Peter, having three times been asked the question, "Lovest thou me," was trebly revived. He followed Christ to the very end. Like Paul who could boldly say he had fought a good fight and finished his course, Peter could refer to his faith and example he had shown his disciples to the very eve of his departure. "Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance; Knowing that shortly I must put off this tabernacle, even as our Lord, Jesus Christ, hath shewed me. Moreover, I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance." (II Peter 1:13-15). Can you and I follow Christ to life's very end?

"What is success?" I asked a man.

His cheek aglow with health.

He answered me with mighty scorn.

"Why success is gaining wealth."

Then on bended knee I asked the Saviour,

With Peter by the sea,

And a wee small voice within me said,

"Success is 'Follow thou Me.'"

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#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (7th - 13th April)

|     |          |                                 |
|-----|----------|---------------------------------|
| MON | 7.30 pm  | Theology for Everyone           |
| TUE | 8.00 pm  | Prayer Meeting; Session Meeting |
| WED | 7.30 pm  | Modern Hebrew                   |
| THU | 7.30 pm  | Theology for Everyone           |
| SAT | 1.00 pm  | LJBC; 2pm - JYF; 3pm - LBC      |
|     | 4.00 pm  | AF Bible Study; YAF             |
|     | 7.30 pm  | Rev Tow at CP YAF               |
| SUN | 10.00 am | Mr Peter Eng (Elder Tay)        |
|     | 10.00 am | Rev Tow (Chinese Service)       |
|     | 11.30 am | Filipina Fellowship             |
|     | 11.55 am | Korean Church Service           |
|     | 3.00 pm  | BFC & Thai Services             |
|     | 4.00 pm  | Indonesian Service              |
|     | 4.30 pm  | Sharon Church Service           |
|     | 6.00 pm  | Tamil Service (Rev Tow)         |
|     | 7.30 pm  | Korean Evening Service          |
|     | 8.15 pm  | FEBC Faculty Meeting            |
|     | 10.00 pm | FEBC Board Meeting              |

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$6,096.00

LIFE CHURCH EXTENSION FUND 826)\$50; 827)\$300; 828)\$100. TOTAL \$733,454.07

PHILIPPINES LAND 79)\$200(YF); 80)\$20; 81)\$419 (Grace BPC); 82)\$20; 83)\$100.

TOTAL \$15,430.50

SUNRISE SERVICE OFFERING FOR PHILIPPINES:

\$7,887.00

RENOVATIONS FUND \$500

OFFERINGS FOR: Masila \$50; Tg. Pinang \$160, \$100; Thailand \$100; Peter Masters \$10.

Addendum to Easter Baptisms (for Grace Hall)

1. Cheng Song Chua; 2. Tan Eng Chuan; 3. Goh Yong Hock; 4. Lee Soy.

Holy Land Pilgrimage: Closing Date of application is Apr 15. Hurry! (Elder Chia)

Congratulations to Dr Daniel Chia on his success in medical finals!

Ammunitions for Frontier Labourers: 1 motor-bike, 2 bicycles, 1 English Electric Type-writer. \$100 for Thai RPG, 1 Thai Typewriter. Telephone Life Bookroom 2541223; Rev Tow

2560617; Lim Florist 3369011; Dr P Tan 2511915

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My dear Readers,

De-centralisation is Church Growth

Church growth is a popular subject discussed at missiology classes in seminary. We have from experience seen how decentralisation is. By shifting out new shoots from an overcrowded banana grove, we find not only the young transplants growing faster but the mother tree producing fruit earlier. By transferring 80 or so Lifers over to Woodlands, we have a new congregation there double that number, while the mother Church at Gilstead Road has "doubled up" too. I write on this subject because we almost ran out of holy communion bread and cups last Sunday!

While it is evident that we need some adjacent property to relieve the congestion, it seems the starting of another branch church away from Gilstead Road is a twin necessity. With property prices still on the downward, is it not opportune to think of this new branching out? Yes, this subject is being discussed at Session Meeting. Members in the pews can contribute your wisdom too.

Nor is New Life our daughter church sitting. They have a plan to start an English-speaking church across the Causeway, since Johore Bahru is Malaysia's fastest growing city. We propose they resume using the premises at 51 Jalan Wadi Hana where the Tamil brethren have met for over a year until the Lord gives them a new opening. The Chinese service which migrated to Bro. Chin Choon's flat in Woodlands New Town is carrying on.

Coming back to Gilstead Road, we are thankful that the Extension Building Fund is growing steadily. "As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man... happy is the man that has his quiver full of them ...." (Ps 127:4,5). As we had launched the New Life Building Fund by faith, not having any land in possession, so must we keep up with the EBF. Do military planners start making the bomb after war is declared?

Meantime Our Overseas Church-building Projects Continue

With well-wishers for the Filipino Church at Kapitbahayan designating their offerings for "Philippines Land", Rev Ebert expressed confidence this Church will rise up before end of year. How glorious! Let us pursue this project without let-up, seeing that our strong Singapore dollar is beginning to weaken. "Make hay while the sun shines."

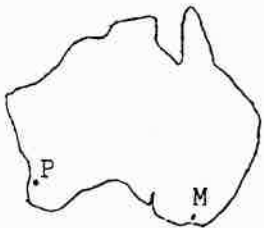
I'm also very touched by the sums spontaneously offered for the starting of a branch church at the new housing estate five miles from Tanjung Pinang town. When this S\$18,000 corner terrace house is acquired, the crowded T.P. Church will have a place for "decentralisation". The young people who make up two-thirds of the congregation will have a station to teach young children in the new housing estate.

It seems we have to make an effort to keep up with these concrete projects. And how thoughtful the \$150 gift that is earmarked for Kelapa Sawit! For our daughter church there has thrust under her charge the newly-completed double corner terrace house at Air Bemban. This Lord's Day I'm administering the Lord's Supper at Kelapa Sawit. Driving three miles up will come to Air Bemban. We must get ready soon for the Day of Dedication!

BPC, W.A. Latest

Bro. Robin Tan is enthusiastically involved in the young church. He reports an attendance of 49 last week. Without a pastor, they showed a video of Dr Tow Siang Hwa bringing the Easter message.

Meanwhile they have found a flat on the 4th floor of a 20-storey condominium. The congregation went over after the service to clean it up, for Rev Paauwe is coming to minister two Sundays in April, 13th and 20th. Mrs Tow and I will be there four Sundays in May.



Interestingly, a young lady has inquired whether she could join our "tour". Do ministers of the Gospel specialise in tourism? We hope not! The reason why I am filling in at Perth arises from an original intention to go to some quiet spot in Malaysia to finish my Abridgement of Calvin's Institutes, Vol. II. Since there is an urgent need in the new-born Australian Church, I might as well stand in, killing two birds. And since we're there for a longer season, we intend to run some mid-week Bible study classes, apart from the Prayer meetings. Mrs Tow's coming is a necessity to take care of my needs, while she can also play her part by ministering to the womenfolk (Chinese-speaking too). I think I'm following the good example of our PM when he travels!

Of the two churches on the "for sale" list, the first one which has over 20,000 sq.ft. seems more suitable. It has a main hall seating 200 and a side hall for fellowship meetings and S.S. I believe the price is around A\$150,000. In this connection are we not thankful to God to hear of some sister spontaneously offering a portion towards its purchase? Is this not confirmation again of God's hand upon us?

Hard at the heels of the Perth development comes Melbourne. BPers in Melbourne are coming together on the Saturday, Apr 19 for a Gospel Rally with Dr Tow as speaker. My first wife's sister and her husband and their children are settled in Melbourne. They will surely make up the number of the redeemed to start, if the Lord wills, a second BPC in Melbourne!

I Covet Your Special Prayers for London

Dr Peter Masters of Spurgeon's Tabernacle has kindly invited me to speak on lessons learnt first-hand at the Singapore Pentecost, 1935 when Dr John Sung was mightily used of God to bring revival. I have to speak 5 times on the various aspects. May the messages be used of God to bring refreshing to His people. My departure date should be June 29, in the



night. Please pray for me!

Dr Masters has kindly promised to visit Singapore again for the Pastors' Conference, Port Dickson, Sept 8-13, '86.

#### Halley's Comet and Cavemen

We also drove to the Science Centre precincts to have a peep at the Comet, Apr 5. Though we failed to catch a glimpse we had an interesting talk with an architect-astronomer. In the course of conversation he revealed himself to have graduated from a Catholic school. He knew his Bible well, but he could not believe owing to the "evidences" of cavemen. But why should these prehistoric finds obscure our faith? The embarrassing fact is that during these 40 years the age of prehistoric man has been increased two to three million years! "The "scientists" themselves keep on revising their discoveries, how dependable!

Our conversation led to another cave, the empty tomb of the Risen Saviour, since Easter had just come and gone. Having witnessed to the Risen Saviour from my conversion experience, I wished my chanced comet-friend well, "It is better seeing you than Halley's Comet!" We invited him also to Gilstead Road service. Will he come?

Whether a comet is a bad omen or not, it reminds of One descending from the blue. And He will be a bad omen to those who reject Him; but a good omen to them who look for His appearance.

#### Singapore at ICCC Congress in Seoul, June 12-22, 1986

As the apostasy darkens we in Singapore are determined to contribute our strength to the Reformation Standard that will be raised at the 12th ICCC Congress, Seoul, June 12-22, 1986.

Rev and Mrs Quek are leaving May 12 to prepare the groundwork. Rev T. Tow will speak on "Winning the Battle for the Far East for Christ" and edit the Reformation Reporter, the Congress daily newssheet. Dr Tow Siang Hwa will speak on "The Same Commit Thou to Faithful Men". A contingent of over 30 representing Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, will leave S'pore June 11. Life Church sponsors Rev Robert Thawm Luai who represents the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Burma.

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#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (14th - 20th Apr)

|     |          |                               |
|-----|----------|-------------------------------|
| MON | 7.30 pm  | Theology for Everyone         |
| TUE | 8.00 pm  | Prayer Meeting                |
|     | 9.15 pm  | FEK Committee Meeting         |
| WED | 7.30 pm  | Modern Hebrew                 |
| THU | 7.30 pm  | Theology for Everyone         |
| FRI | 8.00 pm  | Rev Tow at Nazareth           |
| SAT | 1.00 pm  | LJBC; 2pm - JYF; 3pm - LBC    |
|     | 3.30 pm  | YF; 4.00 pm - YAF             |
|     | 7.00 pm  | CSF Gospel Rally at FEBC Hall |
|     | 7.30 pm  | CFM                           |
| SUN | 10.00aam | Rev Tow                       |
|     | 10.00 am | Chinese Service               |
|     | 11.30 am | Filipina Fellowship           |
|     | 11.55 am | Korean Church Service         |
|     | 12.15 pm | Choir Practice                |
|     | 1.00 pm  | AF Meeting (Elder Lim TC)     |
|     | 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 \$7,416.00

EXTENSION BUILDING FUND 829)\$365; 830)\$50; 831)\$100; 832)\$20; 833)\$332; 834)\$363; 835)\$100; 836)\$307; 837)\$35(Chinese Serv); 838)\$1200; 839)\$200; 840)\$100; 841)\$160; 842)\$100. TOTAL \$736,886.07 Stop Press! 843)\$200 (from Japan).

PHILIPPINES LAND 84)\$100; 85)\$50; 86)\$160 (Off.bag); 87)\$1000; 88)\$88(boxes); 89)\$150. TOTAL \$16,978.50

FEBI 310)\$65(Gal.YAF); 311)\$65(Grace BPC). TOTAL \$152,027.11

OFFERINGS FOR: RPG \$160; PA Fund \$50; Maintenance \$50(Indo.Serv), \$100(CFM); K. Sawit \$150; Thailand \$500; Tg. Pinang \$1000; Paauwe \$500; Pastor \$1000.

Kelapa Sawit members have contributed \$5000 themselves to develop Air Bemban. "We help them to help themselves."

The Seduction of Christianity (Spiritual Discernment in the Last Days) by Dave Hunt and T.A. McMahon. A most revealing book that exposes big names like Robert Schuller, Cho Yonggi, Sun Myung Moon, Norman Vincent Peale as Seducers. A Best Seller, 240 pages, obtainable from our Bookroom at only \$7.90. Read up to keep up! Expresgram to Djunaidi. Tanjung Pinang invites you to preach May 24 and 25 at their YF and Lord's Day Service. Thereafter to Batam. FEK Registration for 1987 begins Monday Apr 14 for children ages 3 to 5. Parents hurry!

#### Edwin Seow Writes From Japan

Time really flies by and it's already been 5 months since we first set foot in Japan. The first 2 months were a little difficult for us as we moved from hotel to temporary lodgings to permanent accomodations, at the same time I was trying to settle into my work at the office. In the first weeks, we visited a few churches but were utterly sad and shocked at the type of "gospel" being preached. Regretfully, however, this brand of ecumenical/social gospel is prevalent among the English-speaking churches here and command a very large following.

We found the Pietsches and we thank God for this wonderful pair of God fearing and loving servants of God. Rev P's preaching is faithful, right-out-of-the-Bible and adopts a totally uncompromising stand for the Truth. We have been tremendously blessed worshipping with them and the small group of believers in the P's living room every Sun. morning. Rev and Mrs P however are both getting on in years... We ask your prayers for their physical wellbeing and their work here as they both toil unceasingly and faithfully for the true Gospel ....

Nursery today: Miss Fam Chuay Lai & Mrs Jenny Kan

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PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

There were 24 from the English and 9 from the Chinese congregation baptised last Easter. Every candidate for baptism had to write a testimony. Testimonies in English will soon be available in booklet form for distribution to the congregation. Testimonies in Chinese appear serially in the Chinese Weekly.

Below is one from the Chinese congregation. And a special one from the English, which is particularly moving. May these testimonies encourage your heart, new Reader, as you seek to follow the Lord.

1. My Children Brought Me to Christ

I come from an old-fashioned, conservative family. After marriage, I continued to worship idols.

When my children became Christians, my mother-in-law gave me a hard time. I had to put up with her. By the Lord's teaching and the filling of the Holy Spirit, my children exhibited filial piety and obedience. This caused the Old Lady's bickerings to subside.

A year-and-a-half ago I got sick. I consulted both western and Chinese doctors to no avail. When this went on for five months I got very worried. In my hopelessness, my children preached the Gospel to me, and asked me to receive Christ as my Saviour. When I had lost all hope, I received Christ as my Saviour. I attended Church regularly.

After two weeks the doctor at my place of work introduced me to the General Hospital Specialist. By the grace of God I got cured. After this I destroyed all our family idols. My mother-in-law did not oppose. Praise the Lord.

- By Madam Chua Poh Sio

2. Ready to Leave Home for Jesus' Sake

On Easter Sunday morning I packed up my clothes and left the house with my sister. We were going to be baptised and we were joyful yet fearful. The previous Sunday, my father had scolded and kicked me. He threatened to chase me out of the house if I stepped into Church again. We did not know what was ahead, but just took one step at a time. When we returned home, we expected the worst to happen. I was told that my father had just scolded me. I was very fearful and depressed. I kept praying. In the evening, my sister told me that father wanted to see me personally. I was really frightened. We prayed and asked God for mercy. I went into my father's room, expecting to get "slaughtered". To my amazement, he gave me my pocket money and did not scold me. Indeed, the God who stopped the mouths of lions is in control of my father's heart. When we informed our mother about our baptism, she was shocked initially, but she approved of it. She even inquired as to which church we were attending. We witnessed to her and told her about our church's teachings, and that our pastor is a Chinese and can speak Hokkien.

- By Hadassah See Lay Keng

Holiness is Foremost in Our Church's Teachings

Peter quoting Lev. 11:44 says, "Because it is written, 'Be ye holy; for I am holy'" (I Pet 1:16). I was glad to read in "Lively Stones" last week of our Sunday School's stand against cinema-going. The article by "Maurice" says:

"... Tertullian, a great Christian teacher of the third century, told of a Christian lady who went to an indecent show and came back possessed. During the exorcism, when the unclean spirit was upbraided for having dared to attack a believer, he firmly replied, 'I did it most righteously, for I found her in my domain.' Thus I learnt that to enter into the Devil's domain is to be absent from the Lord's protection and blessing.

"Dear brethren in Christ, I encourage you to stop visiting cinema and theatre, not because I don't like them, but because I had been in it before and later I realised that I should not have done it. The things of the world such as movies, night clubs, discos, etc., which are in the world will never contribute to Christian growth but are conversely harmful to our souls to a great extent. For instance, I concede that in many shows there are things that are both pleasant and innocent in themselves. However, the explanation is quite simple. No one dilutes poison with gall. More often than not, the accursed thing is put into delicacies well-seasoned and of sweet taste.

"The Bible teaches us to 'abstain from all appearance of evil' (I Thess 5:22) 'Neither give place to the devil' (Eph 4:27). We should always walk in the light and keep close to the living Word of God which is able to keep us from falling into sin and shame. Be on guard against the devil for he is 'a roaring lion, seeking any that he may devour' (I Pet 5:8).

"Evil forces strive to keep us far away from the blessing and protection of God in order to keep our minds muddled here on earth with its lust, pleasure and fun. Let us learn to number our days and to utilise our energies to study and meditate on the Scriptures, to have fellowship with God's people and to share Christ with our neighbours."

Kelapa Sawit Nurtures Air Bemban

After service at K.S. last Lord's Day we drove 3 miles up to Air Bemban. There Elder John Ling showed us the M\$5000 spent on window grilles and a U retaining wall to accommodate a badminton court.

The property is all paid for. We have the keys. What hinders our entering the premises is Government tardiness in connecting water and electricity supply. Once this is effected, we will hold the long-awaited Dedication. We will make special arrangements for Lifers especially to see what God has done for Air Bemban. There are 189 units in this housing



estate who will henceforth come under the Gospel sound.

Rev Goh Seng Fong at Rawang and Bukit Gambir

He reports: "It has been some sixteen years since I last visited Rawang Christian Church. The Lord has blessed it in many ways. Then, the building was a wooden structure; now, it is a towering, impressive brick one, with a seating capacity of 200, a beacon house along the highway.

"Elder and Mrs Koa and I had the privilege of ministering to an average crowd of some 80 young and old for three meetings. The Lord gave some good responses for dedication and decisions for salvation. It blessed our hearts to see some Senior citizens professing faith in the Lord. Parents too were concerned for the salvation of their children. The Church has also obeyed the Great Commission to get the Gospel to the regions beyond and has started another work at Bukit Gambir.

"It blessed my heart to see this new work, especially as church-planting has been God's calling in my life. We had a great attendance of over 80 at Bukit Gambir and the Lord gave some good responses during invitation time. We yearn to see more churches established in the new villages and towns in Malaysia. A challenge was also given to the Christians there to take up the challenge of taking the Gospel to their own people. May the Lord challenge our hearts to help in whatever way we can! 'Say not ye, There are yet four months and then cometh harvest? Behold I say unto you, Lift up your eyes and look on the fields; for they are white unto harvest.' (John 4:3)."

#### MAN PROPOSES, GOD DISPOSES

The much talked-about ICCC 12th Congress in Seoul, June 12-22, is cancelled! This is the decision of the leaders of the ICCC through telephone conversation.

Dr McIntire discussed the matter with Rev K.C. Quek and with me, 11.30 pm Friday, Apr 18. He has the concurrence of Dr J.C. Maris our General-Secretary in Holland. His proposal to suspend the 12th Congress until 1988, D.V., on the 40th year of ICCC's founding, in Amsterdam, was well accepted.

The reason for cancelling the Seoul meeting is that Vice-president Bush has advised all Americans to refrain from flying in the sinister light of retaliation to America's attack on Libya. America's advice to her citizens against exposing themselves vulnerably, particularly, flying on American airlines is understandable. Since ICCC carrier airline is Northwest (which is American) it leaves delegates and visitors from America no alternative.

Insofar as I am concerned, I have all along felt uneasy about the Seoul Congress by the events preceding. There was the renting of Hilton, but this fell through in favour of Hyatt. There was the duration, June 12-26, reduced to June 12-22, upsetting the timetable. Was the Lord preparing us for this latest "shock"? "Two are a confirmation" is the principle derived from Joseph's word to Pharaoh.

This sudden, bolt from the blue changing of decision leads us to heed once again James's sermon on the vicissitudes of life: "Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that" (James 4:14,15).

This cancellation of the ICCC 12th Congress in Seoul teaches us that man's life is most uncertain. His life is totally dependent on God the unchanging One, who holds the reins of our future, who orders our footsteps. Therefore, when we have long-term plans, we should add "D.V." = Godwilling, in our announcements. If the Lord wills otherwise, we can only humbly submit, to the glory of His greatness. Amen.

- T.T.

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

(21st - 27th Apr)

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting  
9.15 pm Wedding Rehearsal  
WED 8.00 pm Pastor to Pontianak  
THU 5.25 pm Pastor returns  
FRI 8.30 am FEBC exams begin  
SAT 4.30 pm Lim Ai Lian-Jimmy  
Loon Wed.(Rev Tow)

SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$6,749.00

EXT. BLDG FUND 847)\$7425(off. bag); 848)\$6000(Heah Ah Juay); 849)\$150; 850)\$280; 851)\$20; 852)\$50(YAF). TOTAL \$751,051.07  
NEW LIFE BPC 5126)\$7411.54.

TOTAL \$2,643,263.13

PHILIPPINES LAND 90)\$270.

TOTAL \$17,248.50

FEBC \$50 + \$50(Boxes)

FEBC Final Examinations Fri Apr

25 - Fri May 2. Theology for Everyone Exam in O.T. History

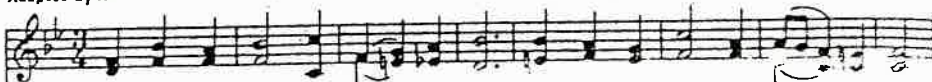
on Mon Apr 28, 7.30 pm

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## The Ten Commandments

Adapted by I.I.

GERMANY L.V.



1. T-h-o-u no gods shalt have but ME. Be-fore no i-dol bow the knee.
2. Nor dare the Sab-bath d-a-y pro-fane. Give to thy par-ents ho-nour due
3. Abstain from words and deeds un-clean. Steal not for thou of G-o-d art seen.



Take not the name of God in vain. Nor dare the Sab-bath day pro-fane  
Take heed that thou no mur-der d-o. Ab-stain from words and deeds un-clean.  
Tell not a wil-ful lie. nor love it. What is thy neigh-bour's do not co-vet. A-men.





## 3RD NAZARETH MISSION TO N. THAILAND (APR 5-12)

By Rev Anthony Tan



Our mission comprised Rev Anthony Tan, Elder Adrian Wong, Dn Charles Fong, Dn Cho Kam Seng, Mr Charlie Ng, Mr Francis Ng, Mrs Cecilia Tan, Miss Lim Lay Swan from Nazareth and Mr Boon Yean Leong from Calvary Pandan. There were 6 medical final year undergraduates from the National University of Singapore who joined us.

The 10 of us departed from Changi International Airport Saturday, Apr 5. On reaching Bangkok, the electrical typewriter given by Life Church to Frontier Labourers for Christ (FLC) worth more than S\$400, was not taxed upon showing a photostat of Rev Daniel Kalnin and the king of Thailand! From Bangkok we flew to Chiang Mai in the north.

Ministry at Chiang Mai (Apr 6, Lord's Day)

Our team joined the Beulah Thai Worship Service in the basement of the FLC mission house in the morning. Rev Anthony Tan exhorted the brethren to serve the Lord victoriously both in the city and up in the mountains, while Mrs Cecilia Tan spoke at the Junior Worship. There were 18 local adults and 13

Thai children at the service.

In the afternoon, the medical group conducted the Young Adult Fellowship meeting. At 4 pm we visited "Beulah Land" (bought by Life Church for FLC). It is a 3½ acre orchard of various fruit trees, eg. longan, jack fruit, mango.

Ministry at Mae Goon Village (Apr 7-9, Mon-Wed)

To reach the village, it took us 1½ hours by land-rover and 2 hours on foot. Seven horses were provided by the villagers to carry our luggage. We climbed 10 km uphill and crossed 23 times the cool streams.

Mae Goon has 120 people, comprising 4 tribal groups. There are 6 Akha families, 3 Kachin, 2 Karen and 2 Lahu. The village chief, La-mai (37 years old) is an active witnessing Christian. Buddhist monks came to stay in Mae Goon with the purpose of giving free education and Buddhist indoctrination. They were however not welcomed by the villagers and thus had to leave the village. The villagers welcomed us with open arms. They expressed it by building a new hut, a toilet and a declaration of a 2-day public holiday. A believing Akha family even slaughtered a pig. Mae Goon is not a Christian village. Lahu is the common language, but they are learning Thai.

Our daily programme consisted of conducting Sunday School for the children and follow-up class for the adults in the morning, visitation in the afternoon and evangelistic meetings in the night. The messages were translated from English to Thai and Thai to Lahu. Thanks be to God for the following results:

Salvation - 18 children and 8 adults (4 Akhas, 2 Karens, 2 Lahu)

Baptism - 3 women were baptised (2 Karen and 1 Lahu). The last baptism was 2½ years ago.

Consecration - 6 men and 4 women.

A bonfire was set up to burn the amulets, little idols and Buddhist coins which cost about 5,000 bahts from one of the new converts, Aput Sipok (Karen), a 30 year old man. On the last night, the meeting ended with Holy Communion conducted by Rev Anthony Tan.

Ministry at Nawngkhio Village (Apr 10-11, Thu-Fri)

A night meeting was held at the new Nawngkhio Bible-Christian Church. About 300, including children, came for the meeting. There were Lahus, Kachins and Was. The medical group presented a sketch. Rev Anthony Tan preached on "Our Oneness in Christ" (I Cor 12). At the close of the meeting, 11 souls were won to the Lord.

On the next day, we visited the site where the Kachin Church pastored by Adoi will be building their new Church, 12 m by 25 m with cement floor, wooden walls and zinc roof. Nazareth church has agreed to support the building project. The whole project will cost 40,000 bahts (S\$4,000).

Medical Work

Thank God for the medical students who treated a total of 25 patients at Mae Goon. Supplies of medicine were given to the village chief who was taught how to give prescription.

Sister Jess Lim was used of the Lord mightily to interpret into Thai. Besides interpreting, there were other areas she needed to attend to. The Lord has raised up another young man, Pung Sa, cousin of Rev Kalnin, to interpret for us. Dee Ram was our chief cook. Ah Joung and Ah Pung were very helpful in many ways.

We returned to Singapore safely on Apr 12, Saturday, with great joy in our hearts knowing the Lord has done great things for His own name's sake. Truly, the team has experienced the promise of God in I Cor 15:58, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." Amen.

From Thailand South to Indonesia

Our Church has invested heavily not only in N. Thailand but southwards in Indonesia (not to mention Malaysia and Philippines). As for Indonesia, you have read often of N. Sumatra, Kalimantan and Tanjung Pinang. There is another Indonesian field you might not have noticed, and that is the Indonesian Service right inside our compound.



The nucleus of Kebaktian Indonesia is the half-dozen Indonesian students at FEBC. This little congregation is over 4 years old. When I attended it last week as moderating pastor, I was glad to sit among some 22 worshippers. Rev Frankie Low of Galilee who has now taken over our field in Medan, N. Sumatra, was the Lord's messenger. He comes on the 3rd Sunday to administer the Lord's Supper. Haposan who heads the service was the spirited interpreter.

Of the Indonesian students serving together, Ranto and Arianto, graduating with a Dip.Th., will be leaving us in a month's time. Ranto has a burden for Irian Jaya while Arianto, who hails from Kalimantan, will return to work with Djunaidi.



Talking about Kalimantan, Djunaidi has a "colony" at Siantan, Pontianak where are established a church, kindergarten, secondary school, orphanage and the Far Eastern Bible Institute on 2.5 acres of valuable land. I have just returned from a flying visit with the FEBC. Having established FEBC from this end, we are determined to see it grow as the young plant takes root, through cloud and sunshine.

At the Wednesday night prayer meeting, I spoke on Christ's second coming (I Thess 5:1-11) to about 70 Hakkas and Indonesians. Thursday saw the Bible School (10 students) at the morning worship. My message was: "3 Steps to Prosperity According to Paul: Honesty, Industry, Generosity" (Acts 20:33-35). God's blessings upon Djunaidi's work were a living testimony to the message. One new step taken for FEBC is the proposed starting of another preaching station 2-3 kilometres from the Institute, so as to give students practice in soul-winning while school is in session.

#### K.L. Intermezzo

Between attending the Indo service last Lord's Day and the flying trip to Pontianak Wed-Thurs., there was this K.L. Intermezzo. I took the mail train Monday 10 pm to answer a call by Rev Liew to inspect a 1st floor flat to start a branch at Selayang Segar, 2 miles north of Taman Sri Melati. I'm convinced this flat with a 360 sq.ft. hall is worthy of support because it is in a situation second to none, and there is no Protestant witness. Besides, this extension will not cost us much, since the Liews are putting the down payments. Last Easter Rev Liew had baptised 4 adults and 4 infants. He is now preaching in Cantonese twice and in English once a month at Calvary Jaya BPC and helping in upstations. - T.T.

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Apr 28 - May 4)

|              |                                                           |
|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| MON - FRI    | FEBC Exams                                                |
| MON 7.30 pm  | O.T. History Exam.                                        |
|              | ("What is learned with pleasure is learned full measure") |
| TUE 8.00 pm  | Prayer Meeting                                            |
| WED 8.00 pm  | Wedding Rehearsal                                         |
| THU 12 noon  | David Tan Tuan Siau Siong-Rosie Chan Wedding (Rev Tow)    |
| FRI 10.30 pm | Pastor & Mrs Tow to Perth                                 |
| SAT 1.00 pm  | LJBC; 2pm - JYF; 3pm - LBC                                |
|              | 3.30 pm YF; 4pm - YAF AGM;                                |
|              | 4.00 pm AF Bible Study                                    |
| SUN 10.00 am | Rev Peter Chua (Lord's Supper)                            |
|              | Elder Tay                                                 |
| 10.00 am     | Chinese Service                                           |
| 11.30 am     | Filipina Fellowship                                       |
| 11.55 am     | Korean Church Service                                     |
| 12.15 pm     | Choir Practice                                            |
| 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 \$4,299.00  
 LIFE CHURCH EXT. FUND 853)\$600;  
 854)\$632; 855)\$1000; 856)\$20;  
 857)\$200. TOTAL \$753,503.07  
 PHILIPPINES LAND 91)\$10; 92)\$100.  
 TOTAL \$17,358.50  
 FEBC \$400.

OFFERINGS FOR: PA System \$100;  
 Thailand \$400(WF); Thai RPG \$100;  
 Samuel Mani \$50; Tanjung Pinang  
 \$51; Tg. Pinang Kindergarten \$200  
 PA System \$100; Computer Fund  
 \$200; KL Mission \$400(WF); RPG  
 \$180; FEBC Students \$100; Ade-  
 laide Bible School (FBCA) \$50.

Nursery duty today: Mrs Grace Seow and Mrs Loh Li. Lim Florist: 3369011; CLBC 2541223.  
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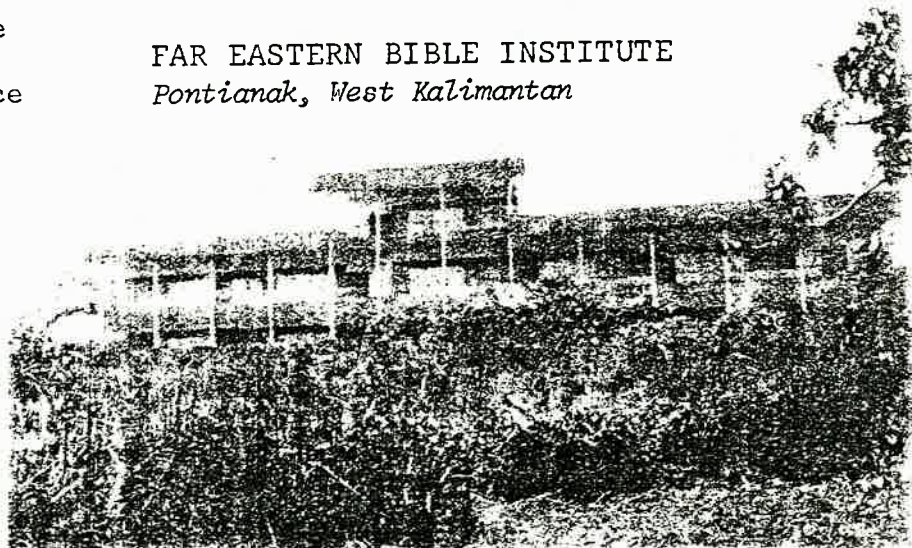
Elders are reminded of the Synod Meeting to-night at Life Church 8.30 pm!

STOP PRESS! Rev Jason Linn, 83, author of "Pioneering in Dyak Borneo" was received into glory Apr 18. His body was laid to rest at the Christian Cemetery, Hong Kong, Apr 26. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them" (Rev. 14:13). (His "thriller", 250 pages, is available at our Bookroom for only \$3).

#### May Speakers

Lord's Day, 11th: Dr T.C. Lim (Elder Khoo)  
 Lord's Day, 18th: Rev Goh Seng Fong (Eld. Chia)  
 Lord's Day, 25th: Rev Dr Patrick Tan  
 Rev & Mrs Djunaidi will be serving the Lord at Tanjung Pinang, May 31 & Jun 1. They will arrive in S'pore about June 6, and preach at the Life Church Indonesian and Chinese services and at Sharon service.

FAR EASTERN BIBLE INSTITUTE  
 Pontianak, West Kalimantan





JASON LINN -

LIVINGSTONE OF CHINA



## A Page From "Pioneering in Dyak Borneo"

Apart from the cumbersome pump-organ (we reduced our package to the simplest) our inventory included the following: mosquito net, bed sheet, canvas bed and a few changes of clothes, Bible, gospel posters and their kind, and portable cooking utensils. My cereals and tinned foods consumed, we roasted chicken and wild boar meat and brought along a packet of chillies and salt, several bamboo-tubes of cooked rice and a pot of water. Besides we were armed with a parang (long knife) each, two sheets of woven palm leaves. With all this accoutrement, we launched out to Banjarmasin. Though heavily packed, we covered the first six or seven days' rugged journey with ease. We crossed high mountains and lonely valleys, thick foliage blotting out the sun. Thorns, thistles, tall lallang grass overgrew little-trodden foot-tracks. Like sharp spears they stood in the way. The forward man naturally had to hack a way for his comrades behind.

Though we were spared meeting with wild beasts and robbers, we were the targets of swarms of mountain leeches with outstretch-

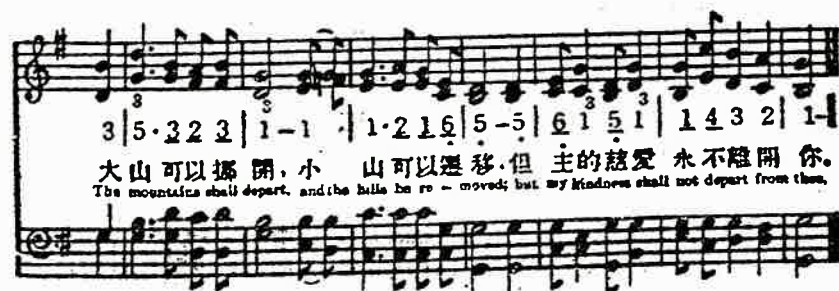
ed heads like hungry devils ready to strike each passerby with a "kiss". Howsoever careful, you could hardly escape this nuisance. Bare-legged, those brethren and sisters painted themselves with a thick coat of crimson. As they walked on, red drops of blood trickled like oil onto the unending mountain path. My heart soured to see this squad of seven or eight bleeding afresh each day. I was fully accoutred, shoes and stockings up to the thigh, tightly fitted. On top of that I had soap and tobacco rubbed in. So, I requested them to let me take the vanguard to alleviate somewhat their bleeding pains. But, to no avail. I was inexperienced. I did not know jungle lore. What appeared to be openings ended up in blind alleys. I was obliged to step down and follow in rearguard, under their lead again. When I sang "Jesus Saves the Lost Sheep" how they thrilled with joy (to the tune).

As we pushed through this sunless jungle we bumped into the stench that rose from the mountain vapours and miasma. Big and small streams kept criss-crossing our path, soaking us wet while fording. We had spent three days cutting through untrodden paths. "Sleeping on the dew and dining in the wind" through the unbeaten track of a jungle wilderness we each made for the night-halt a temporary arbour of a hotel. Of the two palm sheets we each brought we improvised one for roof and the other for a bed covering. We cushioned our beds with branches laid side by side. We made smoky-fire out of dead wood around the four quarters of our encampment to keep poisonous snakes from attack.

At dead of night, there orchestrated a chorus of voices from insects, birds and wild beasts to the sighing of the wind and the gurgling of mountain brooks. They formed themselves into a natural band striking up a melodious note with such perfect precision, that you must say it was a hilarious performance! Who says travel is lonesome? At midnight the mountain rains pattered down. One was obliged to behold the heavens weep till daybreak while embracing a bed of sleepless night. (pp. 126-130)

以賽亞 五四 10 THE MOUNTAINS SHALL DEPART  
ISAIAH 54:10

蘇佐揚  
John E. Su



Coupled with this Bible-verse chorus which is found on p. 180 of the same book, the perusal of this page from Jason Linn's jungle-thriller should move you to read the whole book.

Jason Linn was received into glory April 18, 1986 at the ripe old age of 83. Though dead, like Abel he yet speaketh with his pen. His book, first published in Hong Kong in the fifties, has gone through several printings and continues to be the only Chinese missionary memoirs read and re-read. His English translation is sold both in Hong Kong and Singapore, but we have limited stock.

What we would like to say here is: If God has raised up Chinese stalwarts like John Sung to revive the Church, it is not too much to state here is



China's counterpart of a Livingstone. Unless we introduce his life and work of 15 years in Borneo's wildest interior, as shown on this sketch map, you would not realise that the Orient also has a son to rank with the west.

Jason Linn and his friend Paul Lenn were products of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, under the tutelage of Dr R.A. Jaffray. After graduation from seminary Jason was called to a Methodist pastorate in Hong Kong, but soon God had his steps directed to East Borneo. This was in 1929, with Paul Lenn. While his classmate had been a great help to him in the beginning, it was Jason and his wife who persevered through 15 hidden years - until the end of World War II.

In his exploits into the heart of Borneo (Kalimantan), reaching the headwaters of two mighty rivers, and smiling through each of them, he was lurking not only in head-hunting territory, but also hemmed in by Japanese invasion. It is most educative to read his description of Dyak lore and the way they subsisted when cut off from the outside world during the war years. Such an experience will rarely be repeated today. Nor are there to be found from the Chinese Church in this age men so intrepid as Jason as "to go to the hardest of places, not thinking of comfort and ease" (A.B. Simpson). Jason Linn's 258-page Autobiography, titled "Pioneering in Dyak Borneo" should find a niche in every seminary and Bible College library. (Obtainable from Christian Life Book Centre, 9A Gilstead Road, Singapore 1130, Tel. 2541223)

After Jason's jungle days were over he came to Singapore to establish Zion Kindergarten in 1956. Through reading his book we have become bosom friends. His kindergarten property which he could not manage owing to various reasons, was "bequeathed" to Life Church, and thereafter, in our BP spirit of decentralisation, to Zion and Faith.

O that the Lord would raise up Jason Linns among our BP Churches to take the Gospel to places where the good news has never been preached. It is a fond wish of Jason's translator to visit the field cultivated by him and retrace some of his steps. With direct flights now between Singapore and Balik Papan (via Pontianak) available, it is a matter of hours before one lands himself on estwhile head-hunting territory. But before you enter the jungle, why not first go pioneering with Jason in his Dyak Borneo book? - T.T.

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (4th - 11th May)

MON FEBC closes for summer vacation  
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting (Elder Chia)  
SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 2pm - JYF; 3pm - LBC  
2.30 pm Lim Wee Beng-Keng Siew Kiong Wedding (Rev Hartog)  
3.30 pm YF; 4pm - YAF  
4.00 pm AF Bible Study; 7.30pm - CFM  
5.30 pm Lee Tong Fatt-Susan Yap Wedding (Rev Phee)  
SUN 10.00 am Elder T.C. Lim (Elder Khoo)  
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4.30 pm Sharon Church Service  
6.00 pm Tamil Service  
7.30 pm Korean Evening Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$5,205.80 (Off.bags)  
EXTENSION BUILDING FUND 858)\$200; 859)\$800 (Off.bags); 860)\$100; 861)\$20; 862)\$130 (Chin.Serv); 863)\$100. TOTAL \$754,853.07  
Stop Press! 864)\$50.

PHILIPPINES LAND 93)\$100. TOTAL \$17,458.50  
FEBI \$600(AF). TOTAL \$152,777.11

OFFERINGS FOR: PA System \$50; FEBC \$600(AF)  
Maintenance \$1000; Paaue \$100; BPC WA \$100; \$200(Indo.Serv); \$107.82(books).  
(Remitted to Rev Ebert US\$13,000 to build Church in Manila)

Birth. To Mr & Mrs Michael Lim, Apr 12, a boy.

Far Eastern Bible College closes for the summer vacation and reopens Mon. July 21.  
The Theology for Everyone courses (in the N.T.) will be taught by Rev Charlie Tan and Dr Quek Swee Hwa.

Congratulations to Chin Lien Bible Seminary on the Ground breaking for Chin Ling Memorial Hall (Miss Leona Wu, successor to John Sung and founder), May 3, 1986.

When in Perth: Welcome to the Lord's Day worship (10 am) of the BPC of West Australia, Melville City Council, Lesser Hall, Almondbury Rd., Ardross 6153 WA. Pastor and Mrs Tow are located at the Parsonage, Unit N4, Windsor Tower, 10 Parker St. (opp. zoo), South Perth. Phone 474-1200. Watch for Australetter No. 1 next week!

The Law of Moses and of Jesus by T. Tow with Foreword by Dr Peter Masters of Spurgeon's Tabernacle is now available at the Bookroom. \$6 a copy. Hard covers \$8.50 (coming soon).  
The Lord's Prayer and a 3-character Prayer verse in Chinese are CLBC's latest gift product. Every Chinese Christian home should display it!  
Renovations launched! Two dying royal palms flanking our boundary with Family Planning are the first to go!

Lifers of the Chinese Service under Mrs Lee Choon Ngee are joining Galilee Camp at Port Dickson. A family camp, English-speaking Lifers are exhorted to accompany their parents, etc.  
Date June 2-6, '86. Hurry!

#### May Wedding Bells

Sat 17, 2.30pm. David Tan-Lum Chui Leng (Mr Huang, Fishermen of Christ)

Fri 23, 4pm. Chern Chai Lai-Cheong Siew Yoke (Rev Leow, BFC)

Sat 31, 2.30pm. Ng See Kiat-Ricky Ong Kim Cheng (Dr P Tan, Grace BPC)

#### Chairmen for Tuesday Night Prayer Meeting

May 6, Elder Chia Kim Chwee

May 13, Elder Edmund Tay (no session meeting)

May 20, Dr Patrick Tan (returns May 14)

#### June Bible Camps

June 2 - 6 Fishermen of Christ

8 - 10 CFM Children

10 - 14 VBS (using FEK)

12 - 14 Fishermen Children

16 - 21 Bethany BPC

16 - 20 LCYF (Maurice) using FEK

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My dear Readers,

Coming DownunderUnit N4, Windsor Tower  
10 Parker St., South Perth  
W. Australia  
May 5, 1986

We left good old Singapore by Qantas May 2, 10.55 pm, arriving Perth after 4½ hours of uneventful flight. Thank God for journeying mercies.

We were deeply moved by the whole FEBC student body who sent us to the airport, to Phillip Goh and George Tan and his wife. Their spontaneous singing of "God be with you..." made many heads turn. We pray the sweet-sad refrain would strike a responsive chord in some pent-up heart. How we need Him who is our Creator and Saviour along life's way. We were confident "the good hand of God was upon us" as we set out for this mission - to minister to the new-born BPCWA. "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms..." (Deut 33:27).

When I came here in March, Immigration procedures took 1½ hours. This time, less than half-an-hour, because the queue was shorter. This put Robin Tan off his guard. Nevertheless with 20 cents by public telephone we found great relief. Should you need help coming downunder, ring Robin: 448-5557.

The Parsonage

Though our Lord "hath not where to lay His head," He provides us with a cosy corner second to none. The Parsonage is located on the 4th floor of a 24-storey condominium overlooking the Swan River, quiet and serene, most conducive to meditation and writing. It costs A\$110 per week. "Though He was rich, yet for your sakes, He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich" (II Cor 8:9).

Here Rev Paauwe stayed for a week. Now it is our turn. After this, Mark Heath. Though unfurnished, we have everything we need, including a study table that was rushed in before our arrival, with an extension phone on it, in our room. How thoughtful are our hosts, for we can conveniently pick it up when it rings long distance in the night.

The Parsonage has a hall 12 x 24 ft. Here is the place for the Weekly Prayer Meeting, for Committee meetings, etc. So, it is busily occupied.

An Instant Church Hall

Though members of BPC had gathered at the See Thors home at Chinese New Year for Thanksgiving, they found an ideal venue for Sunday worship at the Lesser Hall of Melville City Council the week following. It is 2½ months now since the BPCWA started out here. "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it" (Ps 126:1). Conversely, "He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ" (Phil 1:6). To give you an idea how the infant church is coming along, here are the statistics of the last three Sundays, Apr 20, 27, May 4 -- Attendance 36; 57; 47. Offerings \$110.05; \$163.69; \$144.47. To gather 36 to 57 people for the Lord's Day worship is no easy task. It needs the cooperation of everyone, but particularly the leaders. The publication of a Weekly bulletin has contributed not a little to gathering God's people together.

During my 4 weeks here I have tailored my messages under JESUS - the Word of Life, the Wine of Life, the Breath of Life, and the Water of Life. The text is taken from John 1-4. For the half-hour Bible study before Prayer Meeting, I'm to speak on the meaning of the Lord's Prayer. Two special meetings will be held on Saturday afternoon at which the message will consist of the showing of Holy Land slides and an exposition of the X Commandments. Friday 23rd will see the coming together of the Ladies Fellowship. Saturday 10th will see the Church go tracting the 3rd time.

Among the 47 worshippers May 4, there were two from Shalom BPC who extended their vacation stay here with the purpose of joining us in worship. They were Lily Tan and Tan Chew Gim. Surely they have set the example of spending your vacation in Perth. Do contact beforehand Robin Tan, (09)448-5557, or Sunny/Michael Wong, (09)451-9716.

Who Comes to Worship?

Apart from the See Thors, the leadership of this young church is in the 30-40 age group. There are two or three families with growing up children. The bulk is made up of students. These hail from the ASEAN countries, and Hong Kong. A young man who has believed told me how he could not attend Church while in Singapore because of parental objection, but now he rejoiced to be in God's House. What thrilled me most was meeting with an old friend of our family of 50 years ago in Batu Pahat. She came with her daughter, son-in-law and two grand-children. This family came also last week to hear my brother who is their family doctor. "Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters, that send forth thither the feet of the ox and the ass" (Isa 32:20). Yes, Lord, whether it is to the banks of the Kapuas in dark Kalimantan or to the city of the Swan River, wherever You'd send us, we will go!

To Kalimantan With Jason Linn in the Twenties

Talking about Kalimantan, I also have penetrated the jungle to primitive Dyak territory with Djunaidei by motorbike and by boat. The Dyakland we've visited are our parishes quite different from the wild country Jason Linn had to open up. To whet your reading appetite of "Pioneering in Dyak Borneo", let us turn to p. 110. It reads:

"Talking about skulls, there existed among the Dyaks a hocus-pocus known as "Ayau". This mystery was widely rumoured even during the first years of our arrival in Borneo. The "Ayau"



was supposed to be a head-hunter of the night. After the Dutch Government had taken action this "Ayau" disappeared. Actually, the Dyaks have a hero-worship instinct. When a girl picks out a husband, she does not consider the wealth he possesses but rather the numerosity of human skulls. Such a term for dowry is never heard of anywhere else in the world. Another reason for head-hunting stems from furtive murder originating in revenge, or lucre. Head-hunting, however, is now a thing of the past.



An ox totem, part of the ox-spearing rite.

"Every 'Pilihan' involves the spearing of an ox. First there is planted in the middle of a field a totem pole carved with a weird naked figure. A thick cane several score feet long tethers the ox to this pole. Then comes a witch-doctor who recites incantations over the ox for a long while before the animal is ready for execution. Now, as soon as the mumblings are over, the ox is surrounded in a tight circle of hostile spearsmen. As the spears find their mark, the blood-oozing ox lurches forward and sideways, to find himself enclosed by the enemy. This action becomes more and more tense until the ox loses all breath of life, and down he collapses. The ox is purposely made to suffer pain on behalf of the sins of the whole village. It is said that some forty years ago a human being bought with money was made a sacrifice in this manner. After he died, his head was chopped off and hung in the centre of the village. As it is said that his soul still lingered over his skull, a fire was lit to smoke it away until the blood was dried. The soul of the victim became the guardian-hero of their houses. This is cruel business and foolish darkness, but the belief in the shedding of blood to atone for sins tallies exactly with the Judeo-Christian truth. How did they get this idea we can hardly know. However, this opens for us an effectual door to lead them out of darkness into the light, to receive the truth of sins forgiven through the Cross."

Why do I bring up Jason Linn again? "Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen in Israel?" (II Sam 3:38). "The memory of the just is blessed" (Prov 10:7). "Whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation" (Heb 13:7). My reference to Jason Linn's book is for no other purpose than to stir up the spirit of some young person to tread in the noble footsteps of missionaries of

a bygone age. Especially from among us Asians, inasmuch as Jason has led the way. In this connection, let me give advance notice to FEBC students, especially, to hear Paul Chiang of Taiwan, July 22 (who had studied at FEBC for a season) and has served a term in Africa with an American mission. Who says missionaries are from western countries? In this connection, let us not forget to pray for Jess Lim with Frontier Labourers for Christ in the Golden Triangle of North Thailand.

#### Who'll Join Jess Lim at Chiang Mai?

Life Church has staked heavily with Frontier Labourers. We've helped them acquire 3½ acres of orchard land with a view to establishing a Bible school for the Tribal peoples. Lately we've bought them a motorbike and two bicycles, a Thai and English typewriter. As Jess is all alone by herself (the Kalnins are on furlough and Samuel Mani has gone elsewhere), the burden on her is truly heavy. By God's grace Jess is a projection of the FEBC and Life Church spirit. For, we have always urged our young people to go out, to be lions daring to forage far and wide for Christ.

- Yours in His Royal Service, T.T.

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (12th - 18th May)

|     |          |                                                                 |
|-----|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| TUE | 8.00 pm  | Prayer Meeting (Elder E.Tay)<br>(No Session meeting)            |
| WED |          | Dr P Tan returns                                                |
| THU | 8.00 pm  | Wedding Rehearsal                                               |
| SAT | 1.00 pm  | LJBC; 2pm - JYF; 3pm - LBC                                      |
|     | 2.30 pm  | David Tan-Lum Chui Leng Wed.<br>(Mr Huang, Fishermen of Christ) |
|     | 3.3 pm   | YF; 4pm - YAF; 7.30pm - CFM                                     |
| SUN | 10.00 am | Rev Goh Seng Fong (Eld. Chia)                                   |
|     | 10.00 am | Chinese Service                                                 |
|     | 11.30 am | Filipina Fellowship                                             |
|     | 11.55 am | Korean Church Service                                           |
|     | 12.15 pm | Church Choir Practice                                           |
|     | 1.00 pm  | AF meeting (Speaker: Eld. Chia)                                 |
|     | 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 \$8,058.00  
 LIFE CHURCH EXT. FUND 865)\$740(Off.bags); 866)  
 \$50; 867)\$100; 868)\$100; 869)\$20; 870)\$200;  
 871)\$20; 872)\$50; 873)\$50. TOTAL \$756,233.07  
 FEBI 314)\$250. TOTAL \$153,027.11  
 PHILIPPINES LAND 94)\$100; 95)\$250; 96)\$160.  
 TOTAL \$17,968.50  
 RENOVATIONS FUND \$2000; \$400; \$500; \$1200;  
 \$2800; \$500.  
 OFFERINGS FOR: Thailand \$150, \$100, \$200;  
 Paauwe \$100; Perth BPC \$200; RPG \$50; Sayan  
 \$500; Stephen Masila \$100; PA System \$60.  
 Calling all Group Leaders, S.S. teachers, Ses-  
 sion members: Come to the Life Church Leader-  
 ship Seminar "The Making of A Man of God",  
 23rd May (Vesak Day), 8.30 am - 1pm. Speakers  
 are Rev Philip Heng, Rev Charlie Tan, Elder  
 Khoo Peng Kiat & Elder William Seah. Hurry!  
 Register with the Church office (2569256) by  
 next Lord's Day, 18th May.



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# B-P WEEKLY

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AUSTRALIAN LETTER NO. 2

My dear Readers,

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In telling the story of JASON LINN, now received into glory, I must not forget PAUL LENN his comrade, who appears with Jason and Dr Jaffray in the BP Banner. In this photo Paul Lenn stands in the centre of Dyak hunters. As "one shall chase a thousand and two put ten thousand to flight" (Deut 32:17), may some young woman be willing to help Jess Lim now serving in N. Thailand.

◀ Paul Lenn among the brave.

## Another Page From "Pioneering in Dyak Borneo"

In late March the following year, we opened a campaign at a small neighbouring village called Djempedas. This village had a population of only several scores. We baptised fifteen unto the Lord here. This village was the first in this riverine district to receive the Word of the Lord.

During our first campaign here there was a deputy village headman who, while listening to the sermon, fixed his eyes on our gospel poster. Suddenly, like one having discovered something, he exclaimed in a loud voice, "Ah, now I know!" Were it not for his own explanation, none of us understood what his eureka was. He iterated, "It's the One in white robes in the poster. He is not a stranger to me! Where did I meet him? I've racked my mind for half a day, and I know it now! It was one night five years ago when this white-robed Teacher came to our village, in my sleep. He came into our home. Pulling up the skirts of that dazzling-white robe, he took a pail and fetched water in to wash the floor. While I wondered he said, 'Don't be afraid. Five years after, I shall send men to cleanse your village, and your heart.' While I pondered his word that Man vanished." With uplifted hands he continued, "As I counted my fingers, this dream happened exactly five years ago. Now, it has come to pass!" I investigated if any had come here before us to preach, but their reply was no. As to Jesus' picture, this was the first time they ever saw it. But, the deputy headman had seen with his own eyes five years ago!

The day after baptism, we pushed inland by boat via the little Lawa river up the jungled, mountain country. We arrived at Suwakong, the village contacted half a year ago wherein over forty firstfruits were reaped. The village folk, seeing our arrival as promised, were delighted.

Our original plan was to spend a fortnight to visit with the forty-odd believing brothers and sisters, to consolidate their faith, and to preach to others as they came. Upon arrival, Paul Lenn dashed further up the riverhead to reconnoitre several more villages and blaze a trail for future work. I stayed behind to nurture the believers, and to our surprise the forty-odd believers had a living, vibrant testimony under God's mighty blessing. During the half-year they went everywhere preaching the gospel, witnessing for the Lord. Amongst them were several brethren from the riverine Teweh district of Banjarmasin, who came to stay with their in-laws here. Now the riverheads of Teweh and Lawa come from the same source though they are separate districts in administration. Their village folk, however, inter-marry.

During the half-year gone by, they had sown the Word not a little among their relatives at Teweh. A believer's big cousin brother said to him, "Since you've received this full-perfect religion, it is a great mistake your not introducing that preacher to us here." When I got wind of this, my spirits were drawn towards it, for the opportunity to work had come ....

(extracted from "Pioneering in Dyak Borneo" by Jason Linn, translated by T. Tow, pp. 124 - 125. Available from the Christian Life Book Centre)



"Go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor,

And thou shalt have treasure in heaven, and come and follow ME" (Matt 19:21)

Having introduced Paul Lenn, Jason Linn's comrade in their jungle evangelism, to appeal to some girl to help Jess Lim in N. Thailand, I'd like to speak to some young man to give up your ambition, even a very promising future before you, to serve the Lord full-time. I am appealing to you on behalf of the Lord. If He has given His lifeblood to save you, how shall you refrain from offering yours to HIM?

The Lord has opened a "great door" (I Cor 16:9) to the increasing hundreds of Asians migrating to Australia. Here is a wide harvest field and we are here to consolidate the newborn BPCWA. When we return to Singapore, who will fill the gap?

Proposed Bible Camp at Mandurah (80 km from Perth) in December

The day after we purchased the VW Kombi, Robin arranged with Mr & Mrs See Thor, Siew Leng and Eunice, of course including our two families, to go to Mandurah - not only to put our new steed through his paces, but also to search for a campsite for a proposed Bible Camp in December. Through the local Tourist Agency we were directed to the Mandurah Holiday Camp, a spartan but clean conference grounds situated right by the sea, facing the Indian Ocean. The rates are A\$3.50 per person per night, but Robin says, "We will make a package deal with them." The Church Committee will have a final inspection before the deal is closed.

Visit to the Australian Church We've Bought

One paramount result of the Ecumenical Movement spreading to Australia is not the starting of new churches but rather the closing of existing ones. As the Gospel is stifled by modernism and ecumenism, once-upon-a-time overflowing churches have shrunk so small that closing them would be the only way out. Hence the movement of uniting churches. When two or three churches in the same locality have barely thirty or forty on a Sunday morning, the solution is to bring them together into one of them. The other two are put on sale in this recession).

For a month or so, we've been negotiating for one of these uniting churches, the former St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church, situated at Ullapool Rd., off Canning Highway, Mt Pleasant. This Church stands on 1887 sq. metres of prime land. It was built in 1960. Offered to us at A\$154,000, we have clinched the deal (May 12 '86), through Robin's hard bargaining at A\$140,000. What makes this contract so pleasant is that the said sum is offered to be paid by a sister of Life Church in thanksgiving to the Lord. Hallelujah!

"Jesus the Wine of Life"

The wine that Jesus made is not today's booze (Beer), Brandy or Whiskey, but grape juice with a very low alcoholic strain. No excuse therefore for Yam Sengs and drunkenness! The miracle wine "manifested forth His glory, and His disciples believed on Him." They believed by this act that Jesus is God. Do you believe also? Jesus says to the unbelieving Jewish Churchmen, "For if ye believe not that I am He, ye shall die in your sins" (John 8:24). In order to save us, however, "the Son of God had to become the Son of man, that the sons of men might become the sons of God" (Calvin). Before the miracle Jesus manifested His humanity: 1) He heartily rejoiced with those that rejoiced. Such a great personality as He did not say He was too busy. Do pastors rejoice with those whose marriages they officiate, or perform them perfunctorily? 2) He obliges with graciousness. Do we? 3) He obeys His mother. Do you young Reader? It happened this message was preached on Mother's Day (May 11). 4) He gives His best, for the wine was praised beyond measure by the M.C. "The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it" (Prov. 10:22). Do we give the best when we wrap a present for someone? The Cana story shows our Lord not so much in His Divine power as His concern for our human needs. He comes to make your marital life sweeter, more stable and secure, tincturing with the Heavenly wine of unclouded happiness. But we often adulterate with our lusts, turning it into bitter water. Jesus blesses those of single life too, if that is God's appointment for you. For those who do the will of the Father are His brothers and sisters and, if of Mary's age, His mothers. This is the gist of the Lord's Day message May 11. (There were 67 in attendance. Offering A\$255.01)

Calvin on Praying in Public (Abridged)

This should be practised in a language understood by the whole congregation. Paul states this by way of a question, "When thou shalt bless with the Spirit, how shall he that occupieth the room of the unlearned say Amen at thy giving of thanks, seeing he understandeth not what thou sayest? For thou verily givest thanks well, but the other is not edified." (I Cor 14:16,17) In the affirmative, Paul declares, "I will pray with the spirit and I will pray with understanding also:..." (I Cor 14:15), signifying by the word spirit the peculiar gift of tongues which was abused by some of its possessors when they separated it from understanding. Thus both in public and in private prayer the tongue unaccompanied by the heart cannot but be highly displeasing to God. Likewise in meditation the mind must rise much higher than the tongue. Under strong emotions the tongue may break forth into sounds and the other members into gestures without the least ostentation, as in the case of Hannah (I Sam 1:13). (Calvin's doctrine is good medicine for Charismatics today!)

Yours faithfully, T. T.

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APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (19th - 25th May) FRI 4.00 pm BFC Wedding (Rev Leow)

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting (Dr P Tan)

FRI 8.30 am Leadership Seminar

Edited by Rev Timothy Tow, 9A Gilstead Road,  
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Better Methods Or Better Men?

It has been said that the Church is looking for better methods but God is looking for better men. This was the case of Nehemiah whom God had chosen to lead the third return to Jerusalem. Nehemiah was a civil servant, a Jew serving in the court of King Artaxerxes. Like Daniel and his three friends, Nehemiah was no doubt chosen to be the King's cupbearer because he was honest, upright and reliable. A cupbearer was one who tasted the wine before it was served to the King. In ancient times this was a most honourable job. The King's life depended on him, as the method of political assassination was by poisoning. One day a relative who had just returned from Jerusalem came by and informed Nehemiah the state of affairs in their homeland. The report was, "The remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province are in great affliction and reproach: the wall of Jerusalem also is broken down, and the gates thereof are burned with fire." (Neh 1:3). Immediately there was a mighty stirring in the heart of this Jewish patriot. Nehemiah sat down and wept and mourned certain days. He fasted and prayed. He finally made a decision to ask the King for leave to return to Jerusalem. Armed with a letter and governorship from the King, Nehemiah organised the Jews to return to Jerusalem to rebuild her walls and gates. The King provided him with an armed escort.

Sword and Trowel

I feel that the most outstanding result of Nehemiah's leadership is seen in the manner the Jews worked to repair the walls of Jerusalem. The inspired record says, "For the builders, every one had his sword girded by his side and so builded." Dr Peter Masters edits a magazine called *Sword and Trowel*. This no doubt refers to Nehemiah. The Trowel represents Christian enterprise - it may be missions, evangelism, church planting and other activities. To be sure, Satan will attack the Christian. The Sword represents the defence of the faith and the protection of the believer. All that we believe in, the whole body of Christian truths, must be defended. Nehemiah felt it necessary to work with both sword and trowel.

The wall was built in 52 days. This record time was no doubt achieved through Nehemiah's administrative skill. Yet we may miss the truth if we do not consider two other factors. Firstly it was said that the people had a mind to work. Without unity and cooperation, no work can succeed. By biblical mathematics, one will chase a thousand, two will put ten thousand to flight (Deut 32:30). Secondly, prayer was made unto God and a watch was set night and day. The price of peace is eternal vigilance. Watch and pray were the same key words used by our Lord at the garden of Gethsemane.

Leadership Training

Nehemiah illustrates the timeless principle of leadership. The session of Life Church feels it necessary to plan a leadership training programme. The church is led not only by pastors, but also by elders and deacons. The various Fellowships have elected leaders. In the simplest term, a leader is one who leads, even if there is just one follower. But the church must set higher targets. We must seek and train leaders of tens and hundreds. May I remind you of the Leadership Training Programme 1986:

- LEADERSHIP SEMINAR 23 May 1986, 8.30 am at Life Church  
Theme: "THE MAKING OF A MAN OF GOD"
- LEADERSHIP CAMP 4 - 7 June 1986 at New Life BPC (Woodlands)  
Theme: "SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP"
- B-P CONFERENCE 8 - 12 Sept 1986 at Port Dickson  
Speaker: Dr Peter Masters
- LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP 1 Nov 1986 at Life Church

- P. Tan

THE SEARCH FOR LEADERS

Give me a man of God - one man,  
Whose faith is master of his mind,  
And I will right all wrongs  
And bless the name of all mankind.

Give me a man of God-- one man,  
Whose tongue is touched with heaven's fire,  
And I will flame the darkest hearts  
With high resolve and clean desire.

Give me a man of God - one man,  
One mighty prophet of the Lord,  
And I will give you peace on earth,  
Bought with a prayer and not a sword.

Give me a man of God - one man,  
True to the vision that he sees,  
And I will build your broken shrines  
And bring the nations to their knees.  
- George Liddell

"Promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. But God... putteth down one, and setteth up another" (Ps 75:6,7).

God and man are constantly searching for leaders in the various branches of Christian enterprise. In the Scriptures, God is frequently represented as searching for a man of a certain type. Not men, but a man. Not a group, an individual.

"The Lord hath sought Him a man after His own heart" (1 Sam 13:14). "I beheld, and lo, there was no man" (Jer 4:25). "Run ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem and see... if ye can find a man... that executeth judgment, that seeketh the truth: and I will pardon it" (Jer 5:1). "I sought a man... that should... stand in the gap" (Exek 22:30).

Both Scripture and the history of Israel and the church attest that when God does discover a man who conforms to His spiritual requirement, who is willing to pay the full price



of discipleship, He uses him to the limit, despite his patent shortcomings. Such men were Moses, Gideon and David, Martin Luther, John Wesley, Adoniram Judson, William Carey, and a host of others.

The supernatural nature of the church demands a leadership which rises above the human. And yet, has there ever been a greater dearth of God-anointed and God-mastered men to meet this crucial need? In a sense it has always been true that this type of dedicated leadership has been in short supply, for the simple reason that its demands are too stringent.

"The Church is painfully in need of leaders," lamented William E. Sangster. "I wait to hear a voice and no voice comes. I love the back seat in Synod and Conference, I would always rather listen than speak - but there is no clarion voice to listen to."

The overriding need of the church, if it is to discharge its obligation to the rising generation, is for a leadership that is authoritative, spiritual and sacrificial. *Authoritative*, because people love to be led by one who knows where he is going and who inspires confidence. They follow almost without question the man who shows himself wise and strong, who adheres to what he believes. *Spiritual*, because a leadership that is unspiritual, that can be fully expalined in terms of the natural, although ever so attractive and competent, will result only in sterility and moral and spiritual bankruptcy. *Sacrificial*, because modeled on the life of the One who gave Himself a sacrifice for the whole world, who left us an example that we should follow His steps. (Excerpted from the book, "Spiritual Leadership" by J. Oswald Sanders)

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (26 May - 1 Jun)

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting  
 THU 8.00 pm Wedding Rehearsal  
 SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 2pm - JYF; 3pm - LBC  
 2.30 pm Ricky Ong Kim Cheng-Ng See  
 Kiat Wedding (Dr P Tan,  
 Grace BPC)  
 3.30 pm YF; 4pm - YAF; 7.30pm - CFM  
 7.15 pm Film: "Shout For Joy"  
 YAF Film Ministry  
 SUN 10.00 am Rev Anthony Tan (Elder Tay)  
 10.00 am Chinese Service  
 11.30 am Filipina Fellowship  
 11.55 am Korean Church Service  
 12.15 pm Choir Practice  
 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 TWO WEEKS' OFFERING \$4,914.35 +  
 \$5,239.50

LIFE CHURCH EXTENSION FUND 874)\$115; 875)  
 \$100; 876)\$50; 877)\$150; 878)\$200; 879)  
 \$1000; 880)\$372(Chinese Ser.); 881)\$100  
 (YAF); 882)\$628.50(Off.bags); 883)\$100;  
 884)\$1000. TOTAL \$760,048.57

FEBI 315)\$100. TOTAL \$153,127.11

Renovations Fund \$50 + \$280 + \$1200.

OFFERINGS FOR: Thai Missions \$700, \$50,  
 \$50, \$400; PA System \$100; Chinese Service  
 \$432; Wesley Siregar \$100; Samuel Mani  
 \$50; Fundamental Bible College of Aust.  
 \$50; RPG \$130.

NEW LIFE BUILDING FUND 5127)\$3406.64(NL)  
 TOTAL \$2,646,669.77

Praise the Lord for a good turnout at the  
 Leadership Seminar on May 23. 120 people  
 heard pertinent messages from the 4 BP  
 speakers. Session members were present to  
 mingle with the participants.

LEADERSHIP CAMP "Spiritual Leadership",  
 4th-7th June '86 (Wed-Sat). This will be  
 the second part of the Leadership Training  
 Programme 1986. Registration forms are  
 available at the front of the Church.  
 Register soon! Closing date: May 31, '86.  
 The latest RPG workbook for June is out.  
 "Godly Living in the Local Church" (I Tim.  
 5 - II Tim 2) is written by Rev Dan Ebert  
 III, missionary to the Philippines.

#### O GLORIOUS DAY!

(tune: Revival Hymns 227, S. Hamblen)

O weary soul, are you by sorrows burdened?  
 Look to the Lord, our glorious coming King;  
 He reigns on high, our blessed Intercessor,  
 He pleads our cause, who serve Him here below!

Chorus:

So till He come, I'll watch and pray, rejoicing;  
 Till He come, each day I'll labour on.  
 Then soon, one day, my eyes shall see my Saviour  
 Descend the clouds - O glorious day!

I think of Him - 'twas first He thought about me  
 And chose me by His grace so rich and free;  
 He gave to me a garment pure and spotless,  
 He wrote my name in Heaven's Book of Life!

He bids me walk in pathways strait and narrow,  
 And shun the gate so wide, and broad the way;  
 For me He has prepared a place in Heaven;  
 Some day He'll come to take me Home on high!

"O weary soul, let not your heart be troubled;  
 Believe in God, believe also in me!"  
 When Christ shall come, believers shall be trans-  
 formed;  
 We'll be like Him - O glorious, glorious day!

Pastor and Mrs Tow will be flying back June 3 by  
 Qantas, QF 7, arriving at approx. 8.30 pm.

Pastor's Australetter No. 3 has been delayed in  
 the mail.

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#### "SHOUT FOR JOY"

An evangelistic film about a youth who has  
 high expectations in life, but at its peak he  
 found that it is really empty. Not until he  
 found and trusted Christ, a new kind of life be-  
 gan for him.

This Saturday, 31st May 1986  
 7.15 pm at Life Church

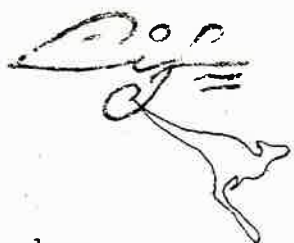
Bring your non-Christian friends and relatives.  
 All are welcome!

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Nursery duty today: Miss Fam Chuay Lai and  
 Mrs Jenny Lam

Lim Florist 3369011; Bookroom 2541223; Dr Patrick  
 Tan: 2511915; Church Office 2569256.

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Unit N4, Windsor Tower  
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May 24, 1986

My dear Readers,

"Witnesses unto Me ... unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8)

If there is one country in S.E. Asia that can be counted as an uttermost part, it is Burma. Cut off from the outside world for the last 40 years, neither have the Bible-believing churches received succour from brother churches abroad. Rev Robert ThawmLuai, leader of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, has been referred to us by the ICCC office. Since a year ago we have been trying to get him out to visit our churches for mutual fellowship. We have prayed for him and the Lord has opened a door for him to come. It has taken maximum human effort, and the special help of the Lord.

Let Rev ThawmLuai be kindly received at Life Church. Let him be used by the Lord to speak at our BP Churches, beginning perhaps at Grace Church whose pastor is BPFM chairman. Let him spend some time at Calvary camp, Sentosa June 2-7.

A Burmese Letter that Reveals Much of the Church "Inside Burma"



Incidentally, I have received a copy of a letter written by a young Burmese Christian worker to Rev K.C. Quek from which you can get a good picture of the Church "Inside Burma". It is published here for your interest, and praying support. We should be willing to sponsor this young man to FEBC. Baptist or Presbyterian, our policy is to support any honest and efficient servant of the Lord in "handicapped" countries, and Burma stands surely at the forefront needing help. The letter reads:

Dear Rev Quek, My name is .... In 1981 I sent you a letter with a different name, ..., through Mr Daniel Kalnin of Chiangmai, Thailand. In that letter I told you about what was happening in Baptist churches of Burma. I am not a Burmese. I am a Kachin, a tribe people who live in Kachin State, north of Burma. It is the most remote area in Burma, close to the borders of India and China. Most of the people there are uneducated and ignorant to world affairs.

The Baptist churches of Burma have been liberal for generations. The Burmese Churches Council (B.C.C.) is also liberal as W.C.C. has been their god-father. In the late 60's the clergy of the Kachin Baptist Convention introduced a new doctrine to the Kachin Baptist churches. We sensed that that new doctrine sounded quite differently. (Only last year we learned that that doctrine originated from Moscow.) At that time my mother was an executive member of K.B.C. as representative of the laity. My mother did not know much Theology. At that time nobody knew there are liberal, fundamental and pentecostal in this world. My mother, because of her conscience, tried for several years to prevent that new doctrine from being applied in the churches. The clergy are clever imposters. Asserting that being leading, learned and responsible clergy they do not need to consult with or take advice from the laity, they said. The congregation must accept and submit to their leadership.

Almost all followed them but my mother quit in 1972. From that time on our family stayed apart from them. But gradually some realised that they were on the wrong track when they saw the fruit of the new form. Undisputable ecclesiastical power to veto any charge against the clergy's immorality and violation of "Separation of Church and State" and others. We tried our best to restore to compromise, fearing the Baptist might split. We didn't know that there already had been so many kinds of Baptist. We are afraid if we split it would bring disgrace to Baptist Church History. After years of our approaches to negotiate had been refused, we split in 1982.

We named our churches, ..., a name they dislike because they are claiming that being main-line denomination and recognised by the authority they said they are the original. They can boast, on legal ground, because registration is in their hands and they possess all the churches, buildings, mission compounds.... In a Socialist country, "Who holds the legal registration?" is the question that matters the most. When we tried to worship separately at the churches we were beaten and thrown out. In some places they even raided the houses with a mob. When we complained to the authorities they took no action. But by the grace of God, the more they press, the more we spread and increase in number.

In 1983, I was sponsored by Far Eastern Bible College to attend their college. When I applied for passport I told the official that I am a Baptist but a fundamental who separated from the Burma Baptist Convention. They laughed at me saying I am an illegal one. I didn't get my passport. When we were told that if we split from the B.C.C., which is recognised by the W.C.C., we would be ousted from the Christian Community all over the world, we believed it. But don't blame us. Living in a far, remote area in a Socialist country, how can we know the truth? As we see B.B.C. is financially supported by W.C.C. and clergy going abroad so often to attend meetings, conferences, Bible training, and so on, we thought the W.C.C. is a super-power. The problem we are facing now is we are not sound in doctrine and lack in thorough Biblical knowledge. All we are relying on is a very few books



we have from fundamental circle.

We need doctrinal guidance and information on church affairs. We also need moral support. I want people to know that what we are doing now is Biblical - "Separation from Apostate Church." Presently I am trying to establish a Church in .... It is a very face-losing task. If I didn't remind myself often that my Lord Jesus Christ bore the Cross for my sake, I would have abandoned this task, I mean, I would not have even started it! With brotherly love in Christ, - -.

#### This Side of Burma, N. Thailand Frontier Villages

Our cooperation with Frontier Labourers for Christ has given succour to two new villages on the border with Burma. There is Mae Sae, a border town on the banks of a river that separates Thailand from Burma. Rev Kalnin took me on one occasion to Mae Sae to visit a Chinese elder who helps him send Bibles and Gospel literature into Burma. As I stood on the bridge, I suddenly realised I was standing one foot on Burma and the other on Thailand!

I am very pleased to hear of a new Church being built in one of the two new villages with funds from Nazareth BPC (Rev Anthony Tan). The several mission trips our brethren at Nazareth have taken have borne good fruit. Should Life Church WF visit N. Thailand they would greatly uphold our member stationed at Chiang Mai. The round-trip airticket to Chiang Mai costs about \$550. "And the 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). "As a bird that wandereth from her nest, so is a man that wandereth from his place" (Prov 27:8). Our pastoral and writing ministry downunder almost completed, praise God for good health, we are returning QF7, Tuesday June 3, 2030 hours. Amen. Yours in His Higher Majesty's Service, T.T.

#### What's Wrong With Mass Evangelism Today?

Mass evangelism is becoming increasingly popular around the world and in Singapore. It receives support from many cooperating local churches which contribute financially and provide manpower for various activities. There is mounting expectations of many decisions for Christ. Christians are set on fire for evangelism. The apostles conducted mass evangelistic meetings. At Pentecost 3000 were saved and after healing of the lame man at the temple gate, a record 5000 decisions were obtained. However it seems to me that the apostolic gospel meetings were not organised. They simply preached where the people were gathered in large numbers, or where they were and people were willing to listen. The Holy Spirit gave them the increase.

There are some definite differences between today's mass evangelism and the New Testament records.

1. The messenger draws the crowds, not the message. Promotional literature and advertisements magnify the achievements of the speaker. People are invited to hear the speaker.
2. There is an air of mystery about the message one is to hear. Human psychology is skillfully used so that people are not offended by the invitation to attend the meetings. Rather they are drawn to the meetings out of curiosity and not out of need for salvation.
3. The message is man-centred and not Christ centred. There is a difference between "Man is in trouble and Christ has the answer" and "Man is a sinner and he needs Christ's forgiveness." The former message makes Christ man's servant, the latter establishes Christ as the Sovereign God.
4. The invitation to receive Christ is to attain peace of mind and enjoy fullness of life. There is nothing to lose and everything to gain. It appeals to man's materialistic needs. But the gospel comprises of confession of sins and receiving Christ as Saviour and Lord. Sin is the key and Christ's Lordship is the ultimate concern.

The apostle Paul argued for a simple preaching of the gospel, without frills or coercion. The Jews expected full proof before believing and the Greeks judged the gospel for logic. But Paul said, "But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness. But unto them which are called, Christ the power of God." (I Cor 1:23,24). The most effective form of evangelism is personal evangelism. Converts are committed to Christ and they remain faithful. The Holy Spirit moves the hearts of men to conversion, not the oratory of the speaker nor the magnificence of the programme. Let every Christian be a witness for Jesus. Evangelism is spontaneous, not forced upon. If we honour Christ, He will honour His word, and bring souls to Himself through our simple personal witness.

- P. Tan

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (2nd - 8th June)

MON - FRI Fishermen of Christ Camp  
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting  
8.30 pm Rev & Mrs Tow arrive from Perth, QF7  
FRI 8.00 pm Family worship at home of Mr & Mrs Chua Kok Kee, Blk 6, Ghim Moh Rd., #08-200 (1027) Tel: 4686224. (Rev Tow)

SUN 10.00 am Rev Patrick Tan

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$4,739.00

EXT. BLDG FUND 885)\$811(off.bags); 886) \$1000; 887)\$200; 888)\$20. TOTAL \$762,079.57

OFFERINGS FOR: Computer Fund \$120; VBS \$400 India \$100; Missions \$60; KL Missions \$500

(WF); Thai Missions \$300(WF); Undesignated \$600. Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be held daily from 10th to 14th June '86, 9am - 12.30 pm at Life Church, Gilstead Rd. Please pray for the 200 plus children who have responded to attend that they will find Jesus as their Saviour before the VBS ends. For those who would like to help finance this project, kindly channel all offerings through Elder Edmund Tay. Come to the Leadership Training Camp, this Wed. to Sat (4th-7th June) at New Life BPC, Woodlands. If you cannot attend fulltime, come part-time for the evening messages at 8 pm.

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## PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

### Home Sweet Home!

It has been a most fruitful five weeks ministering to the BPCWA, working closely with Robin Tan and fellowshiping with the See Thors and young Calvinians, students and new immigrants from all parts of SE Asia. Sixty-five turned up last Lord's Day and 34 partook of the Lord's Supper. Four girl students from Sabah, Brunei and Indonesia came to us the night before we left Perth to be assured of their salvation. The climax of it all was the finalising of the purchase of the Church the day we departed, and with more praises, the completion of Calvin's (Vol. II) Abridgment.

Throughout our month's service abroad, we have felt the goodness of the Lord's Hand upon us (Neh. 2:8) up to the last step before boarding. We want to thank God also for a smooth ride home in 5 hours, which reminds us again of our closeness and affinity to Perth. But there's no place like home, to be back at Gilstead Road again.

### The Church Is A Movement - BPCJB

Though the Church we bought in Perth had become a monument, henceforth it will be joining a movement, the BPC now reaching out to Australia. The Church must be on the move, inasmuch as our Lord's Commission before He ascended on high is "Go..." (Mk 16:15; Matt 28:20).

Since coming home, I have been thrilled to learn of the opening of another BPC this Lord's Day June 8, 7.30 pm at the home of Elder Tow Siang Yeow, 85 Jalan Songkit Dua, Taman Sentosa, Johore Bahru, Tel. (07)326-543. This is New Life's outreach across the Causeway. Mr Peter Eng will be the Lord's messenger. Since it is my bi-monthly visit to Kelapa Sawit this Lord's Day, on my return I shall represent Life Church at the inaugural service with Elder Mahadevan. The newly established BPCJB is situated at the 3rd mile Jalan Tebrau.

### Bi-lingual Service at Mr Yap Chin Choon's Flat, Woodlands New Town

Since this Chinese-English Service left Jalan Wadi Hana, JB, it has not ceased holding Sunday Services at Mr Yap's new ground floor HDB flat, Blk 346, St. 32, #01-174, Spore 2573, Tel. 3681703. Three FEBC senior students who are bilingual and Mr Yap form a team to maintain the pulpit. Attendance: 15-20. There are Eddie Yap and wife Nancy who staunchly hold the fort to keep this little house church going. Mr Yap, who was converted with me 50 years ago at the John Sung Revival, is one who revives again to serve the Lord in his evening years. What a challenge to you who are retiring - be never tiring!

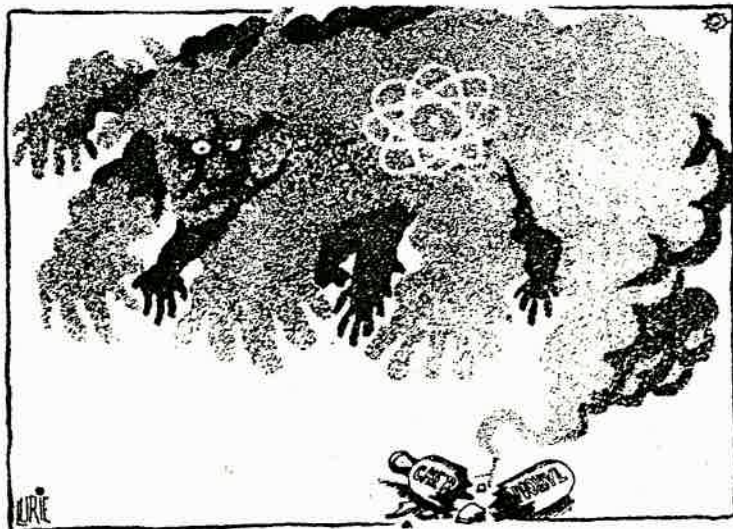
### "Newfoundland, Sentosa!"

The day after our return, I was invited together with a dozen BP pastors by Dr Tow Siang Hwa to inspect a remnant British barracks of the type that is now turned into the Wax Museum at Sentosa. Situated on a hilltop above the S.U. Camp, it has a floor space of 31,000 sq.ft. In six weeks or so, we learn the Government will call for tenders to develop this "relic". We are quite unanimous that if all the BP Churches will band together in a joint project under the leadership of Dr Tow, we will succeed. There will be no more need of travelling hundreds of miles into Malaysia for a campsite. Hundreds of dollars per trip will be saved. Why not invest those dollars in a Christian Conference Centre, only one hop across the southern waters? "Newfoundland, Sentosa!"

### Answering a Lifer's Q's

Further to the Leadership Seminar, our brother has written me on the problems of: 1) succeeding leadership in the Church; 2) donation of kidneys; 3) cremation.

My A's: 1) The way to leadership is willingness to be led. Lowly service without seeking recognition. "For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. But God is the judge: He putteth down one and setteth up another" (Ps 75:6). 2) There is no Bible teaching against donating one's kidneys. To donate them comes from a sense of doing good, against which there is no law (Gal 5:23). If one's next of kin objects, one should reconsider, also in the spirit of love. 3) Cremation is not a Biblical practice but of human religion. We bury, earth to earth, inasmuch as Adam (which means earth) is made of earth. We bury, in hope of the Resurrection from the grave. To say that the Singapore Government will impose cremation on the population is a problem we can safely say will not bother us for the next hundred years.



### Four Consecutive Fiascos and One Nuclear Meltdown!

For 25 years, apart from inevitable occasional mishaps, the NASA programme has been gliding on most successfully. At the zenith of success, when a teacher was also lined up in the space exploration with 6 others more professional, DISASTER struck! What a fiasco, the Challenger explosion within minutes of launching, Jan 28, 1986. This was followed by the Titan, April 18, 1986 and in quick succession by the failure of the Delta, May 3. Hopes now turned to the European Ariane system, but when the French sent up Ariane II the fears that have gripped America froze the French within 10 minutes of Ariane's launching, May 30. Another fiasco!



As if all these fiascos are not enough, in the midst of all these descended the disaster of a deadly meltdown of the Chernobyl Nuclear Plant, 80 miles north of Kiev.

Did all these happen by chance? A streak of bad luck? Hear Pastor Tow speak this Lord's Day 10 am on "What Does the Bible Say On Space Rockets and Nuclear Bombs."

#### ON PAYING ONE'S VOW OF THANKSGIVING

A Lifer handed me a \$10,000 cheque in payment of his vow of thanksgiving. On his behalf the pastor has channelled the same into various fields that are most productive in the Lord's Service. This gives me occasion to introduce you Calvin's teaching on vows from the Abridgment of Vol. II:-

"Vows are made in regard to the past and to the future.

To the time past belong those vows of which we testify our gratitude to God for benefits received. Or, in order to deprecate His wrath, inflict punishments on ourselves for sins we have committed. The former may be called vows of thanksgiving. The latter, vows of penitence.

Of the former we have an example in Jacob, who vowed to give God the tenth of all he should acquire, if the Lord would bring him again from his exile to his father's house in peace (Gen. 28:20-22). Thus we are to understand all those places in the Psalms which speak of vows, such as Ps. 22:25; 56:12; 116:14,18). Vows of this kind may also be used among us, whenever God delivers us from any great calamity, from a severe disease, or from any other danger. For on such occasions it is not inconsistent with the duty of a pious man to consecrate to God some oblation that he has vowed, as a solemn token of grateful acknowledgment, that he may not appear unthankful for His goodness ...."

Ps. 22:25 -- My praise shall be of Thee in the great congregation: I will pay my vows before them that fear Him.

Ps. 56:12 -- Thy vows are upon me, O God: I will render praises unto Thee.

Ps. 116:14,18 -- I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all His people ... I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all His people. Amen!

- Yours sincerely in His Service, T.T.

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (9th - 15th June)

|              |                                     |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| MON - TUE    | CFM Children's Camp                 |
| TUE - SAT    | VBS (9 am - 12.30 pm)               |
| TUE 8.00 pm  | Prayer Meeting                      |
| 9.15 pm      | Session Meeting                     |
| TUE - SAT    | Fishermen of Christ Children's Camp |
| SAT 3.00 pm  | LBC; 3.30 pm - YF                   |
| 4.00 pm      | YAF; AF Bible Study                 |
| 7.30 pm      | CFM                                 |
| SUN 10.00 am | Rev Tow                             |
| 10.00 am     | Chinese Service                     |
| 11.30 am     | Filipina Fellowship                 |
| 11.55 am     | Korean Church Service               |
| 12.15 pm     | Church Choir Practice               |
| 3.00 pm      | Thai & BFC Services                 |
| 4.00 pm      | Indonesian Service                  |
| 4.30 pm      | Sharon Church Service               |
| 6.00 pm      | Tamil Service                       |

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$6,664.00

EXTENSION BLDG FUND 889)\$1040(off.bags); 890)\$1000; 891)\$50; 892)200; 893)\$200; 894)\$150; 895)\$20; 896)\$500; 897)\$413(Chinese Serv); 898)\$50; 899)\$92(Boxes); 900)\$100; 901)\$100; 902)\$600. TOTAL \$766,594.57

NEW LIFE BLDG FUND 5128)\$130.

TOTAL \$2,646,799.77

FEBI 316)\$130(Grace BPC); 317)\$150.

TOTAL \$153,407.11

PHILIPPINES LAND 97)\$600(Boxes).

TOTAL \$18,568.50

OFFERINGS FOR: Thai Missions \$50, \$200, \$600; Jess Lim \$100, \$200(USA); VBS \$230; Djunaiddi \$200(USA); Church Curtains \$3000(Chinese Lifer); \$10,000 (for 10 fruitful fields)

Pray For: 1) Rev Robert ThawmLuai that he may obtain passport to come to Singapore, June 15-22.

2) Mr Mark Heath also that his visa to Perth may be expedited.

3) The printing of Calvin's Institutes Abridged Vol. II, Bk III & IV through Christian Life Book Centre.

4) Pastor as he prepares to minister at Spurgeon's Tabernacle, July 1-3.

5) Dr P Tan & co. as they visit N. Thailand June 11-22, for journeying mercies.\*

Expresgram to: 1) Dr John Davis: Many thanks for your two precious books!

2) Rev Hsu: Your cheque for May, June received. Also that of Nov. '85. God bless!

Pray for\*(cont'd): 6) Robin Tan as he heads the BPCWA from week to week. 7) The Paaupes who are now maintaining a fortnightly presence in Melbourne.

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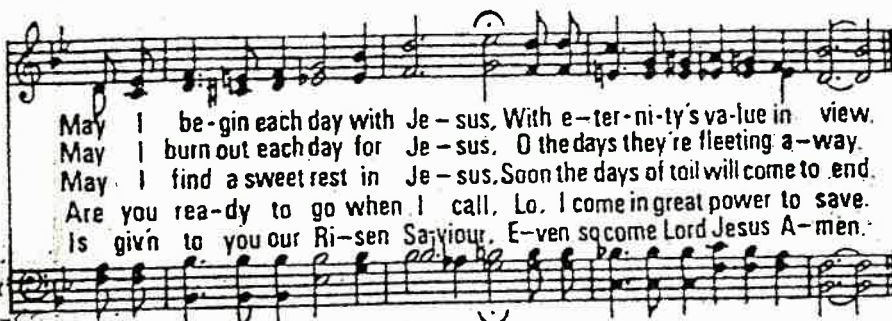
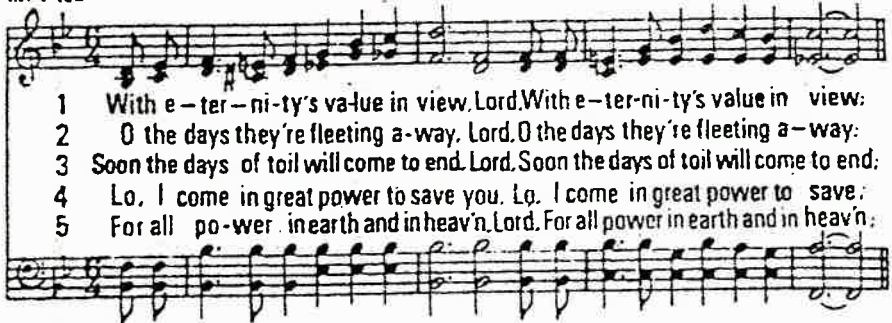
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#### Days of Toil and Waiting for Jesus

Rev T Tow

Alfred B. Smith





My dear Readers,

Another Church is Born

In last week's Chat I told you how my bi-monthly visit to Kelapa Sawit coincided with the Inauguration of the Bible-Presbyterian Church (English-speaking), Johore Bahru. This gave me opportunity to invite Elder John Ling, Miss Ng Sang Chiew and a mini-bus load of young people to the Inaugural the same evening. With full support from New Life, both Session and Youth, the L-sitting area that takes in the car porch was filled to the brim with 70 adults. A newly erected white aluminium sign-board, with the name of the Church in bold letters, both English and Chinese, had drawn the attention even of one of our Kelapa Sawit young men whose work-place is in the vicinity.

Mr. Peter Eng, now serving with New Life, brought the Word from Nehemiah 4 on overcoming obstacles in this great task of Church-founding, like building the Wall of Jerusalem. The pastor of Life Church encouraged the congregation from Jesus' message to Philadelphia on the open door that was set before them, which no man can shut. On behalf of the mother church, he presented the new church (No. 572) in the BPC movement (S.E. Asia, India and Australia) 3 momentoes - a JESUS SAVES clock, the X Commandments and a gold and "rosewood" plaque "Jesus is the Head of This House" in Chinese. The Inaugural offering exceeded \$200. Now that the Church is launched, she will cater to worshippers in J.B. with the Lord's Day Service, 7.30 pm. There is no other hour, since Johore State's strong Muslim tradition makes Sunday a working day. Friday is their Sabbath. In contrast, we in Singapore having Sunday the Rest Day are blessed, indeed.

A specially prepared supper drew the participants to a sweeter fellowship. Mrs Tow Siang Yeow beamed brightly, "Now I've got back my old job," as she served "Chee Cheong Fan". For a year in 1964 we used to drive 250 miles monthly to Temerloh in interior Pahang to officiate the Lord's Supper. In those days, Elder Tow was a young Government medical officer posted there. As a result of opening their quarters for a Sunday School and worship, a sanctuary was built in Temerloh, which today is run by the Brethren. Mrs Tow served good meals which we have not forgotten. Now she delights to cook for the Church whenever there is a need. We shall give her back the old job!

Psalm 115:16

Deacon Sunny Chew agreed with me that these recent falling space rockets are an austere answer from Almighty God to puny man who dares invade His territory. For they have transgressed beyond the atmospheric region (domain over the ... air. Gen 1:28) into the stratosphere, ionosphere and "I don't know what more sphere". Then he gave me another verse to confirm my view from Ps 115:16, "The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's; but the earth hath He given to the children of men." The Hebrew here literally is: "The heavens-heavens" which means "all the heavens", apparently in the context to refer to the heavens above earth's immediate regions (the atmosphere). This Hebrew construction is like the Malay expression, "orang-orang" to mean "all the people".

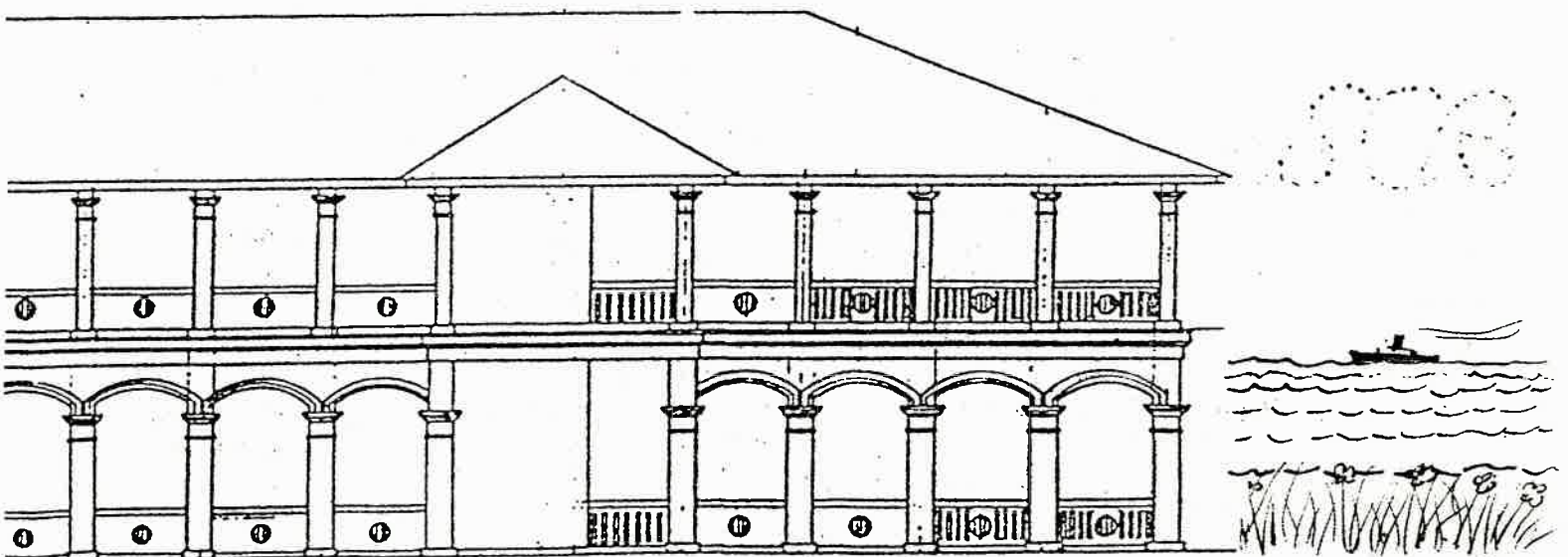
Five, Not Four, Consecutive FIASCOS

In last week's Chat I referred to the fiery fiascos of: 1) The Challenger in which seven perished, Jan 28, '86; 2) The Titan, Apr 18; 3) The Delta, May 3; 4) The Ariane II, May 30. According to Time magazine dated May 19, '86, p. 60 "America's Space Programme Grounded", there is a fifth smaller rocket tucked in between Titan and Delta, the Nike-Orion which was downed on Apr 25, 1986. Five in a row in 5 months! How many more times must the Almighty speak? The Psalmist says, "God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this" (Ps 62:11). When God speaks once we must hear with both ears, twice-effective! But mankind is in a torpor, in a slumber of death. "For when they shall say, peace and safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them..." (II Thess 5:3).

In these momentous days of the last days, I have urged you to do something for Jesus everyday. Now I have this slogan, "Live as if Jesus is coming next Monday!" But today is Sunday!

"Sentosa Christian Resort"

This is the name we have given to show our confidence in the Lord as we wait upon Him





to grant us the lease of developing the hilltop old British Barracks for a Christian Conference Centre. But it will be more than one for seasonal meetings and camps. It will be developed as a year-round House of Rest (40 rooms) with full facilities, an exclusive Christian hotel. For such a complex of dorms for campers, and rooms for guests, we have therefore chosen the name "Sentosa Christian Resort".

What makes our "hotel" superior to the Apollo is that we have a full view of the sea whilst the defunct hotel is situated as on any piece of ground in urban Singapore. To spend two or three days, during a weekend, at the coming "Sentosa Christian Resort" is to be transported to a sphere of luscious green treetops beyond which one's spirit is carried to where the sea merges with the sky. One cannot help but be drawn into the gentlecaress of the Creator-Redeemer.

This joint BP project is the brainchild of Dr Tow Siang Hwa. He will head this project. He will run this project. Pray for the Lord's Hand upon him.

"Sentosa Christian Resort" is a sure investment with assured results.

#### "Against Such There is No Law"

If one woman can pray to the Lord herself, why cannot a group of women also pray? I'm answering this question from a distant reader who is confronted with Bunyan's opinion on the leadership of man over woman even in prayer. The answer is so simple. In Acts 1:13,14, it reads of the Eleven who "continued with one accord in prayer and supplication with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers." If man must precede women in even a prayer meeting, why did the Holy Spirit cause to put "the women" before Jesus' brothers? If man must always be first, why did the Holy Spirit put Priscilla before Aquila three times in Acts 18:18; Rom 16:3 and II Tim 4:19? "... there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus" (Gal 3:28).

It is also said that a woman can never teach nor lecture in a Bible College. But the Holy Spirit by Luke wrote about Apollos coming under the teaching of both Aquila and Priscilla (Acts 18:26). When Miss Leona Wu founded Chin Lien Bible Seminary 1937 in the wake of the John Sung Revival, Presbyterian prelates laughed her to scorn. But, that school has produced several hundred graduates, both women and men. Those prating prelates could not lift a finger for Christ in evangelism or Church extension. Does not the Holy Spirit also promise to cause "your daughters" to "prophecy", and "on my servants and on my handmaidens ... and they shall prophecy"? (Acts 2:17,18).

When women come together to pray in "love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law" (Gal 5:22,23). - T.T.

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (16th - 22nd June)

|     |          |                               |
|-----|----------|-------------------------------|
| MON | SAT      | Bethany BPC Camp              |
| MON | FRI      | LCYF Camp                     |
| TUE | 8.00 pm  | Prayer Meeting                |
| SAT | 1.00 pm  | LJBC; 2.00pm - JYF; 3pm - LBC |
|     | 3.30 pm  | YF; 4pm - YAF; 7.30 pm - CFM  |
| SUN | 10.00 am | Rev Tow                       |
|     | 10.00 am | Chinese Service               |
|     | 11.30 am | Filipina Fellowship           |
|     | 11.55 am | Korean Church Service         |
|     | 12.15 pm | Church Choir Practice         |
|     | 3.00 pm  | BFC & Thai Services           |
|     | 4.00 pm  | Kebaktian Indonesia (Rev Tow) |
|     | 4.30 pm  | Sharon Church Service         |
|     | 6.00 pm  | Tamil Service                 |
|     | 7.30 pm  | Korean Evening Service        |

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$5,264.70

CHURCH EXTENSION BLDG FUND 903)\$50; 904)\$80; 905)\$320; 906)\$500; 907)\$100.

TOTAL \$767,644.57

RENOVATIONS FUND \$20, \$100, \$1300, \$3000, \$100.

OFFERINGS FOR: China Missions \$40; Thai Missions \$200, \$50, \$200; Thai RPG \$500; Samuel Mani \$50; Rev Paauwe \$50; VBS \$50; PA System \$50; Perth BPC \$100; Wesley Siregar \$250.

Mr J.P. David who has completed his Dip.Th. at FEBC will join the Life Church staff as a preacher (evangelist) from July 1, '86. He will assist the pastor especially in counselling and visitation.

Praise the Lord, Mark Heath left Friday 13 for Perth!

Expresgram to Sayan: Welcome to study at FEBC!

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Pray for Rev Robert Thawm Luai that he may obtain his passport to come to Singapore. Pray for the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Burma.

Pray for Rev Djunaidi who is invited by Life Bible Class to preach to our parents who speak Hokkien and Cantonese, Aug 16-17, 1986.

Pray for pastor as he prepares to speak at Spurgeon's Tabernacle July 1-3, and 6th on "Revivalism".

#### SHINE FORTH FOR JESUS EVERYWHERE

In this world of darkness men are groping in their sin -

Who will go and bring the lost ones in?

Let us who are redeemed by our Saviour's precious blood,

Shine forth for Jesus, bring them in!

Shine forth for Jesus everywhere,

Shine forth for Jesus here and there.

Souls are wand'ring, men are groping in in this world of sin,

Shine forth for Jesus everywhere.

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, forever,

His love to us never shall sever.

Let us who are redeemed by our Saviour's precious blood,

Shine forth for Jesus everywhere.

Jesus Christ is coming back to these rebellious lands,

With ten thousands of angels and saints.

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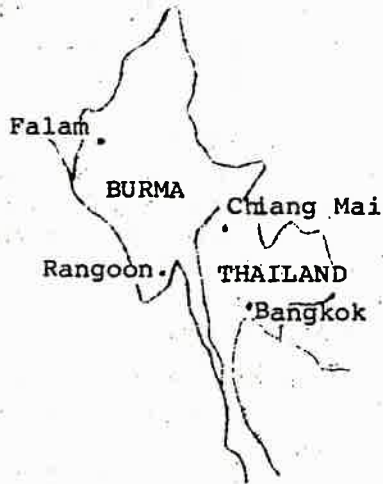
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PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,



Thank God For Your Singapore Citizenship

My heart is heavy as I write you this Wednesday afternoon, June 18. We have done everything humanly possible to bring Rev Robert Thawm Luai out. We went Sat. night June 14, hoping to see him step out of Belt 17 at the Airport, for from calculations this side, he should have got his passport. But, no, even to this late hour! Are you not thankful you are a Singaporean, as free as you were living in USA? Are you not thankful you have not only freedom but also peace and security under a good Government by His Gracious Hand?

Burmese Presbyterians are a Rare Gem

Burma is famous for jade and precious stones. But more precious are God's children, who are like "corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace" (Ps 144:12). Burma is full of lively stones (I Pet 2:5) hidden in the mountains among the tribal peoples, thanks to Adoniram Judson, first American Baptist missionary (1813) and those that came after him. Many Baptists are found with the Karens, Chins and Katchins. The Lion Handbook on "Christianity: A World Faith" lists Burma as having nearly 2 million Christians or 5.6% of the population.

If the Baptists are precious stones, the Presbyterians are a rare gem. Insofar as Rev Robert Thawm Luai is concerned, he is the General Secretary of a group of 20-odd churches separated from their denomination that has become modernist and joined the World Council of Churches. His new church group which is only 3 years old has joined the ICCC, because they believe in the old faith. Thus, they have been referred by the ICCC Office to us, and we have resolved to stand with them. That is why we have sent the air-ticket to Thawm Luai. We desire he should have personal contact with our BPCs, that we might know them better. They are a Church deprived of outside help, much more than the Church in China. Since 1966 the country has been hermetically sealed against foreign Christian influence.

God Sent Both John Sung and Lim Puay Hian His Disciple to Burma

Burma was the uttermost western part of S.E. Asia visited both by John Sung and Lim Puay Hian. So, the Lord did not exclude them from the Revival of the thirties. To give you some idea of the good work done in Burma by John Sung's disciple, Evangelist Lim Puay Hian, let me introduce a page from the book written about him, viz., "In John Sung's Steps":

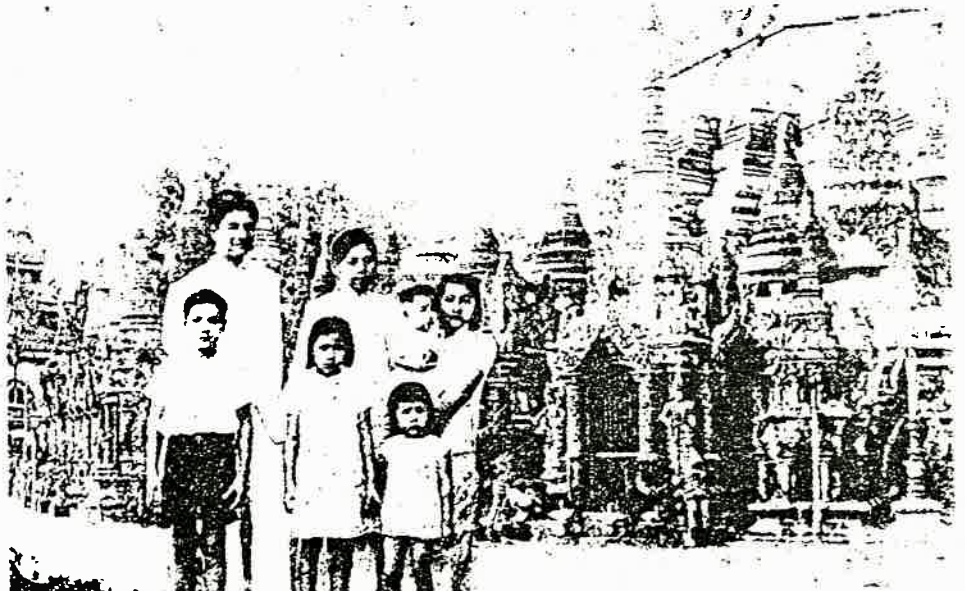
"Hitherto, Puay Hian's ministry was one of reviving the Chinese churches both at home in South China and overseas, particularly, Singapore and Malaya. Suddenly he found himself cast upon a strange land of "three abundances" - not the proverbial ones of "happiness, longevity and sons" of Chinese philosophy, but of "crows, monks and pagodas". And five months after his coming to Burma, there were his wife and five children also transplanted to this new country to join him.

'A man deviseth his way: but the Lord directeth his steps' (Prov 16:9). Though Puay Hian was invited by the Chinese church which consisted of a minority of Anglicans and Methodists, the Lord had a higher plan to send him to the Baptist Burmese kindreds.

Talking of the Baptist work, the name of Adoniram Judson (1813), representing American Baptist Missions, must stand head and shoulders above all others. Indeed, the life and work of Judson, pioneer even of the first American Protestant mission outside the Western Hemisphere, became the inspiration of a growing missionary work from the New World. It was by him that the Burmese Bible was translated, and under his direction that the Karens, the biggest of the Christian tribes, were first evangelised. The Karens seemed to have found special favour with God in responding most readily to the Gospel.

Before the missionaries arrived, the Karens had a belief in a Creator and had a story somewhat similar to the Biblical account of man's fall into sin. They cherished also a story handed down from generation to generation of the loss of a sacred white book by their fathers, and of a day when a white teacher would restore it to them.

Other tribes that came much under the attention of the Baptists were the Kachins, Chins, Shans, Lahus





and Was, though the strongheaded Buddhist Burmese were the very first to be evangelised, with too little success.

To some of these Burmese kindreds, Puay Hian was sent during his ten-month domicile in Burma. Did he not have his wife and children shifted here from Malaya?

Inasmuch as the Karens were receptive of white missionaries, wherever fair-skinned Puay Hian went in his white Chinese gown, he was equally welcomed. Curiosity was one reason why. Crowds who attend his meetings in South China became his audience again in riverine villages and mountain recesses.

Puay Hian's attack on sin, however, was not too readily received. In fact he met firm resistance by the Burmese church itself. But Pentecost was for Burma too. When hearts were soon convicted of sin under the sledge-hammer blows of earnest preaching, repentance in tears and restitution resulted. The Burmese tribes who loved singing but loathed to kneel in prayer humbly prostrated before the Lord as His power became manifested.

When it came to saying good-bye at the close of campaigns, mutual tears of Christian love were shed. In one instance, a village headmaster led his pupils to sing to Puay Hian this parting song:

There's a Gospel preacher come from China  
To preach God's Word to Burma's peoples.  
He comes even to our little village  
And teaches how to love our Saviour.  
Praise the Lord! Thank the Lord!  
He teaches how to love our Saviour.

Puay Hian's biggest catch of souls was at another church-and-school community. A thousand came to the meetings. Apart from a congregation of 300-400, there was another of 800-900 students crammed together into their new church auditorium. 180 gave their hearts to serve the Lord, of whom 16 preaching

bands were organised from among the adults and 36 bands from among the students. On the eighth day when the campaign came to a close, many late-comers lamented, "What an opportunity lost! What an opportunity lost!"

Preaching in the north, Puay Hian was taken as far as 360 miles up by train. A great part of his travels, however, was done in the south, by boat and sampan, on foot and by bullock cart. This reminded him of the days he spent traversing the rugged country of Fukien Province uphill and down dale. As he was sent to do a more thorough spade work with the upcountry churches in South China, so Puay Hian kept up his stint among Burmese kindreds, on lonely roads not trodden by John Sung.

The time came for him to leave wife and children in pursuit of his ministry, for his course was far from finished. Puay Hian, on the early eve of his fortieth birthday, said good-bye to his beloved with many a mixed feeling. This was the late afternoon of Feb. 27, 1941. As the Chinese steamer 'Hong Keng' slid out of Rangoon harbour in the shadows, as he waved a final farewell to his beloved wife surrounded by a brood of five growing children, attended upon by a handful of Chinese believers, suddenly, it groaned from within him, 'Shall we meet again, my Hui Lan?'

#### Extension Skywards

At an Extraordinary Session Meeting held last Tuesday night, it was unanimously decided that instead of extending horizontally, we should go vertically -- Extension Skywards! This is to be done, subject to Government approval, by adding one storey to the Kindergarten Block and two on the L-Annexe. Our buildings are safe, standing on firm foundations!

Through Deacon L.S. Pang, our architect Mr Heng is proceeding forthwith to draw up a Master Plan for the whole compound. Praise the Lord, this will solve the growing problems increasingly besetting us. The whole project from now to completion would take a year at least.

Let us pray that the Lord's will be done. Let us pray the Lord to bless our architect with wisdom, and the building committee with understanding. Jesus says, "Occupy till I come!" (Lk 19:13).

- T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (23rd - 29th June) EXPRESGRAM TO: 1) Rev & Mrs Paauwe: Thanks

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting

for letters. 2) Mr & Mrs Irvine: Also for

THU 9 am to 4.30 pm Children's Choir

yours. Praying. 3) Robin Tan: How are you?

FRI & SAT 7.30 pm Korean Meetings

Praying for you all.

SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow

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10.00 am Goh Ngiam Heng (Chinese Serv.)

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$5,878.30

EXTENSION BLDG FUND 908)\$420; 909)\$600; 910)

\$120. TOTAL \$768,794.57

FEBI 318)\$666(Hsu); 319)\$585; 320)\$150.

TOTAL \$154,808.11

RENOVATIONS FUND \$20, \$200, \$15, \$200, \$300,  
\$100.70(YF & YAF), \$280.

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: PA System \$50;

RPG Notes \$130; Kimiko \$400; KL Missions

\$400(WF); Thai Missions \$400(WF); Daniel

Arianto \$300.

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#### MIRACLE AFTER MIRACLE

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Date of Presentation: Saturday, July 19

Time: 8.00 pm

Place: Life Church, Gilstead Road

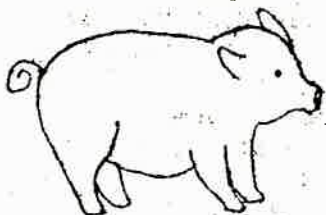
See the walls of JERICHO

Tumbling Down!

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PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

EVEN A PIG...

In Straits Times last week the story is told of the world's only drug-sniffing pig. The pig which had proved vastly superior to German Shepherd dogs in detecting hidden drugs was suspended from police duty when higher authorities decided she was bad for the force's image. The pig got a reprieve from a looming sentence to the bacon factory only after action was taken by a Government opposition party right up to the State Assembly.

After the reprieve the pig got a promotion to the rank of SWS, short for Schnueffeli-vildschwein, German for "tracker swine". The pig's special talents stem from the fine sense of smell common to all pigs. The idea of training one in sniffing out drugs came from their use by farmers to sniff out truffles (underground fungus used for seasoning dishes). The pig picked up the skill of sniffing drugs much quicker than German Shepherds. Even a pig....

Trading For Christ

The same issue of the Straits Times reports how high-powered teams from our Government are fanning out to a number of neighbouring countries to promote goodwill and trade. No doubt we have a good and caring Government trying their best to improve the economy during this recession period.

In the Biblical context, the business mandate of the Church is prescribed in the parable of the pounds (Lk 19:11-27) and in the parable of the talents (Matt 25:14-30). The Lord, having committed the capital resources to his servants, expects a good profit when he returns. By trading diligently good profits are made, in different amounts, by the faithful. By doing little or nothing not only is no profit made, but total loss sustained, for money that is buried or wrapped up can neither sprout nor hatch. More often than not they are eaten by white ants, if not actual, by the inflationary.

Missions is the trading enterprise of the Church for profit in souls. Souls not only from our own people or nation, but from all nations. It is of the Lord's favour that to our Church have been opened seven language doors. Every Sunday, the Gospel is preached to nearly 2000 people (including Sunday Schools) in English, Chinese, Tamil, Thai, Indonesian, Korean, Tagalog. This is the Lord's doing, it is His bringing these groups under our roof because we are so centrally located, and by much renovation work during the last six years, medium, small and even mini auditoriums (3 in number) were created, not counting the main church. Not a few baptisms have been registered in these extra-linguistic services. Twenty have been baptised of the Thais so far, as I have told you before.

Lately you have sent me to Perth downunder. By God's grace He had Robin and Mrs Tan, old-time Lifers, there five years ahead, vanguards as it were to establish an advance trading station. Through another Lifer, a Church on 1887 sq.m. of prime land has also been purchased. Telling this story about West Australia is for mutual encouragement in the Lord's business.

If we are blessed to know that our Church is reaching out to so many national groups, in fulfilment of the Great Commission, should we not be thrilled to see our Burmese brother -- Rev Robert Thawm Luai, General-Secretary of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Burma with headquarters at Falam, in the northwest, this side of the Indian border.

A New Strategy in Missions

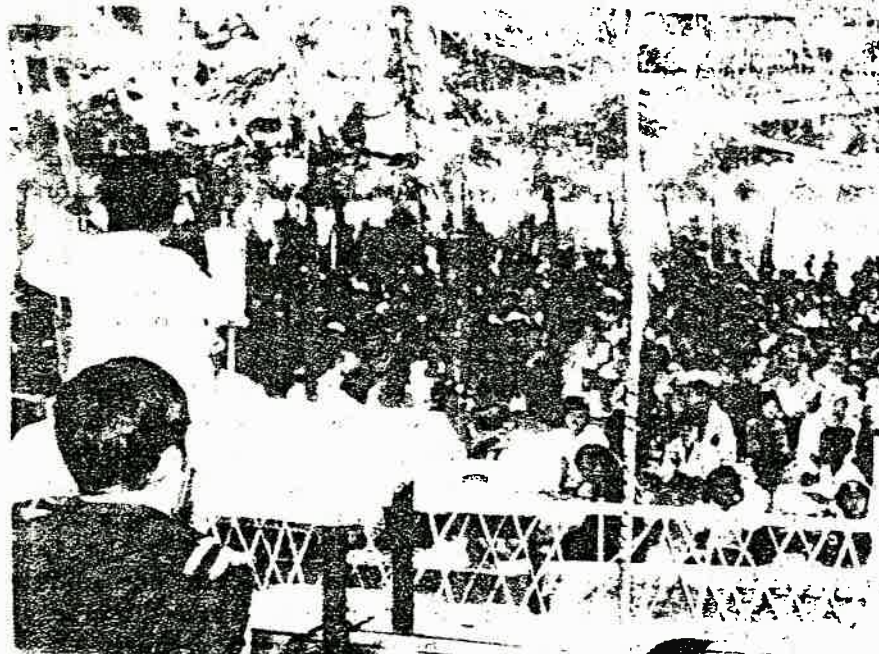
Until recent years, missionaries were thought only to be white people, American and British, in our S.E. Asia context. As far as our Church is concerned, we started out immediately as a missionary church, to be exact in less than a year after her founding. Rev C.T. Hsu (Deacon then) and I went on two long and sustained trips to some 60 towns and villages in Malaysia (1951 and 52) during the Communist uprisings, preaching and distributing thousands of tracts and Bible portions. By Jan 1954 we took over Dr Andrew Gih's mission station at Kelapa Sawit. Today Kelapa Sawit has Air Bemban and Bukit Batu under her charge. She has also a Tamil service, and is headquarters of our Malaysian BPC.

Our new strategy in missions has so developed that we are happy to support missions, church and theological education work abroad, in cooperation with national leaders of integrity and efficiency. Hence the coming into our fellowship of Djunaidi of Kalimantan, Siregar of North Sumatra, Kalnin of North Thailand, Rev Tan Peng Koen (now retired) of Tanjong Pinang (Riau Islands, Indonesia).

Welcome Rev Thawm Luai

Today we have Rev Robert Thawm Luai of the EPC Burma whose credentials have been established through the ICCC and from Burmese leaders known to us. We therefore extend our right hand to him. Let us count it our honour to have fellowship with him and his church, and let us establish another "trade" link through him to make profit of souls from the vast land of Burma. In last week's report, John Sung and Lim Puay Hian were remembered for the revival work they had done in Burma 45 years ago! And only now, after 45 years, are we re-establishing a new relationship. Let us welcome Burma into our midst. Let us do all we can to encourage our Burmese brethren, rare gems and lively stones hidden in a far-off corner of Asia, yea, even an uttermost part of the earth. Amen. - T.T.





Ministers and workers of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Burma (top); Rev Thawm Luai preaches at their annual convention

#### THE GREAT COMMISSION

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

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

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

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

Apart from Session's decision to extend sky-  
wards, there is a suggestion from the pew to  
inquire about the Family Planning Building  
next door which is underused. Pray for the  
Lord's will to be done.

CALL Lim Florist 3369011; Bookroom 2541223;  
FEBC Office 2569256; Dr P Tan 2511915

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#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (30th June - 6th July)

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting.  
N. Thailand Slides  
(Dr Patrick Tan)  
SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 2pm - JYF  
2.30 pm David Fong Mun Leong-  
Priscilla Chan Foong.  
Len Wed (Dr P. Tan)  
3.00 pm LBC; 3.30pm - YF  
4.00 pm AF Bible Study; YAF  
7.30 pm CFM  
SUN 10.00 am Rev Peter Chua  
(Lord's Supper)  
(Elder Tay)  
10.00 am Chinese Service  
11.30 am Filipina Fellowship  
11.55 am Korean Church Service  
12.30 pm Church Choir Practice  
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 Serv.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$4,010.00  
EXTENSION BLDG FUND 911)\$1332(Off.  
bags); 912)\$20. TOTAL \$770,146.57  
PHILIPPINES LAND 98)\$20; 99)\$100;  
100)\$100; 101)\$150; 102)\$200; 103)  
\$100; 104)\$200; 105)\$59(boxes).  
TOTAL \$19,497.50 FEBI)\$260Emmanuel  
OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: Thai  
Missions \$700; PA System \$50; Mis-  
sions \$400; Missionary to China  
\$100 (by post); Wurmbbrand \$100.

Nursery today: Mrs Grace Seow &  
Mrs Loh Li

Christian couple has room/rooms  
to let at Ford Rd. Only Christians  
need apply. Please ring 4404602/  
7344017. Mdm Seah, mother of Peter  
Sim went home to be with Jesus Jul  
28. Cortège leaves Casket Co., Sin  
Ming Dr, Mon 2 pm for cemetery.

Pastor leaves AC859 this Sunday night  
2205 hrs for London to speak at the School  
of Theology, Spurgeon's Tabernacle, July  
1-3 and on the Lord's Day July 6. His  
subject: 1. The Asian Awakening, thru'  
John Sung; 2. His Doctrinal Emphasis and  
Methods; 3. His Ministry in Contrast with  
Evangelists Today; 4. The Spirit of John  
Sung in the BPC Movement in Southeast  
Asia today; 5. What Fundamentalist Churches  
Lack Today. The Pastor leaves London  
July 9, 1125 hrs, AC 858. Pray for jour-  
neying mercies!

#### MIRACLE AFTER MIRACLE

A musical drama of  
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SUNG BY

LIFE BP CHURCH CHILDREN'S CHOIR

\*Saturday, July 19, 8.00 pm

COME AND SEE the walls of Jericho  
fall!

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# TRUTH WILL OUT

## Reality catches up with crusades

Mass evangelistic crusades have always claimed massive response figures, and since the war an enthusiastic and responsive Christian public has invested literally billions of dollars, pounds and other currencies in this form of outreach. However, in recent years statistical surveys have come to hand showing that such crusades do not really have the success which they claim for themselves.

Indeed, figures tend to show the very opposite, that these crusades are quite stunningly *unsuccessful* by comparison with the growth rate secured by very ordinary local church activities. The facts are so very contrary to everything that we generally hear that they are not easy to take in. But it would appear that modern 'co-operative' crusade evangelism, though by far the most expensive and applauded method of outreach, is by far the least effective!

Serious doubts began to be expressed in 'pro-crusade' circles in the mid 1970s. In 1977, for example, the American magazine *Eternity* published an article showing that of the half million 'commitments' recorded in the *Here's Life America* crusade, only 15,000 were later to be found attending a church. In other words fewer than 3% of the recorded commitments survived.

When we consider that most of these were probably regular church-goers *before* the crusade, and that many would have continued to attend churches which could hardly be called ineffective such enterprises can be.\*

One mass evangelistic crusade of recent times has proved susceptible to very effective survey analysis because of the well-contained nature of its location. In 1978 Singapore churches organised a Billy Graham crusade, with all its related activities, which packed a 65,000-seat stadium, recording a staggering 20,000 decisions. The crusade was supported by 237 out of 265 Protestant churches in the republic, and more than 15,000 people enlisted as volunteer workers.

### 96% fall away!

About 18 months after the crusade ended, Singapore *Youth For Christ* conducted a detailed survey of the progress of those who had recorded a commitment. The results (as summarised by Keith Hinton in the eighth chapter of his book *Growing Churches, Singapore Style*) show that the crusade failed by a long way to approach the results achieved by churches in the ordinary course of events.

Of the 20,000 decisions registered at the crusade meetings 62% were classified as 'first time commitments'. This amounted to 12,400 people, though doubtless many of these were already under the ministry and influence of a live church. However, only 49%, or 6,076 of these first time commitments ever attended a follow-up class or church.

The picture gets progressively gloomy, for of these 6,076 people, only 1,336 ever completed a follow-up

course, and then another 850 lost interest before they could be baptised or join a church. 18 months after the crusade ended there were only 486 people (out of 12,400 first time commitments) who had continued in their Christian profession. Once again it must be remembered that many of these 'survivors' would have already been under the influence of a church when they attended the crusade.

If the figure of 486 is divided by the 237 churches which supported the crusade, we find that the result of all their phenomenal stewardship and effort was two 'decisions' per church. So far we have raised no questions about the *quality* of these 'decisions', only the quantity. If the quality were to be challenged, matters would probably be even more gloomy, because (as always) a large proportion of the surviving 'decisions' would doubtless be found happily worshipping in churches which were not evangelical at all.

However, the greatest surprise comes when we set the final figure (of two people per participating congregation) against the growth rate which is normally experienced by Protestant congregations in Singapore. In the six years before the Billy Graham crusade, and in the four years after it, the average *net* growth rate for these congregations was twelve people each year! This figure is derived from a survey carried out by Keith Hinton of the OMF in 1982. (These congregations belong to ten different denominations representing the whole spectrum of theological opinion within 'Protestantism'. Altogether they gained a total number of new members of over 3,000 per year.)

Against such a background of church growth, which is at present very vigorous in the Far East, the Billy Graham crusade could not accomplish more than one sixth of the ordinary annual expectation of congregations working in their normal manner.

Yet to mount this most spectacular of crusades these congregations had to support a budget of enormous proportions, provide an army of volunteer workers which amounted to 63 people per congregation, and dedicate more energy than they would deploy during two or three years of ordinary activity. In addition the crusade organisation provided the usual witness training programmes, and Singapore was saturated by advertising, giving rise to unprecedented media attention.

### Painful conclusions

Two conclusions force themselves upon us. First, how *vastly* inferior these modern crusades must be by comparison with *ordinary* outreach



Billy Graham with 5,000 evangelists in Amsterdam, 1983, promoting his style of co-operative, decisionistic crusades. A repeat event this year will attract 8,000 evangelists, indicating the continuing confidence in such methods. But hard statistics are emerging which reveal their true ineffectiveness.

activities if only one-sixth of a normal year's growth can be achieved in spite of so great an input of resources.

The second conclusion is that if these congregations had been willing to invest the same amount of prayer, effort and resources into the *ordinary* proclamation of the Gospel, they may well have reaped a much greater harvest.

Of course, these remarks do not take account of important factors such as the true faithfulness and spirituality of the churches involved, but the plain fact is that when these were called upon to make a much greater effort in *co-operative* evangelism, the results were gravely disappointing to say the least.

How is this explained? After all, the message preached in the crusade meetings would surely have been theologically adequate to convey the fundamentals of the Gospel. Furthermore, many true believers would have been very much in prayer for the crusade, and working very hard to introduce unconverted people to the meetings. The publicity campaign would have so successfully penetrated the 'target' community as to make it impossible for people to be unaware of the crusade. How could such an enterprise be so unsuccessful?

The answer, surely, lies in the spiritual compromise which nowadays characterises all these large-scale crusades. Even though many genuine Christians are involved there is an

\*It has long been accepted that in the USA these crusades draw their crowds mainly from church people, and that many 'converts' subsequently attend Catholic or modernistic churches.



should not be surprised that He rewards to some degree the efforts of genuine believers, however ill-advised their participation, when they commit themselves to take unsaved folk to the meetings and pray earnestly for their salvation.

Nevertheless, it is unarguable that Billy Graham's Singapore meetings were left untouched by any real breath of the Spirit, and the same would seem to be true of many other similar enterprises. Whatever superlatives the evangelists and their public relations men use to describe the blessing and the results, subsequent evidence shows that there is a yawning chasm between their claim and reality.

Should we expect great blessing when contrary to the Lord's commands we join hands with those who deny the fundamentals of the faith, as these crusades do? Should we expect great instrumentality as messengers of Calvary when we drown the stadium with the noise of music offered to idols? Should we expect to see wonderful, powerful, Holy Ghost conversions when the whole event is corrupted by the smooth-tongued half truths and exaggerations of professional salesmen whose job seems to be to work up unquestioning confidence in all the gimmickry and glamour of the crusade and its personalities?

When we come back to the straightforward evangelistic efforts of the New Testament we begin to see so much that is wrong with today's compromising efforts, and we begin to marvel that the Spirit of God uses them even in a small way!

Dr Peter Masters  
(from "Sword & Trowel",  
1986 No. 1)

Church at Hue-Kok-Mu and Nawngkhio. He is a gentle man in his fifties, unassuming but extremely hard-working. Without any means of transport he walked from one village to another, barefooted. "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the Gospel of peace, and being glad tidings of good things" (Rom 10:15).

Our team stayed at Nawngkhio "Hilton". This mission house, like all other houses here, is built of wood and bamboo. It is raised 3 metres above the ground. The accommodation is spartan with hardly any furniture; there is none in the bedrooms. We slept on the bamboo floor which of course was very airy. From here we held a one-day clinic. One hundred and fifty patients came from different villages. Dysentery and worm infections were very common. Several had skin infections including ear infections. Some grateful patients brought eggs and fruit in payment. Medical treatment is far from adequate as there is no follow-up and therefore no assessment of our medication. Let some doctor hear God's call to enter into missionary service. Pray for Jess, our missionary. She is maintaining a fine witness and doing a tremendous job. She has recovered from an attack of malaria. Pray for the tribal pastors and the staff at the FLC Office.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (7th - 13th Jul) PA System \$50; RTL \$100; Burma Outreach \$130.

MON - SAT 7.30 pm BFC Mtgs (Dr John Mincy) House Moving? Bro. Roland Tay can help. Ring 7776341.

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting  
FRI 8.00 pm Family worship at home of Mr & Mrs Edward Heng, 7 Bartley Rd, tel: 2860672 (Dr P Tan)  
Mr & Mrs Peter Sim would like to thank Lifers who had offered condolences and donations during their recent bereavement.

SAT 2.30 pm Tay Sui Tee-Cynthia Fong Wed. (Fishermen of Christ)  
"MIRACLE AFTER MIRACLE", a musical sung by the Life Church Children's Choir, will be performed in Sat. Jul 19, 8pm in the Church auditorium, Gilstead Rd., and on Sun. Jul 20, 7pm

SUN 10.00 am Dr John Mincy (Dr P Tan)  
10.00 am Rev Tow (Chinese Service)  
6.00 pm Rev Tow at Calvary Sunset Hr.  
at Calvary Pandan. Come, and bring a friend!

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$10,222.00  
Pastor will return from London Thurs. Jul 10 by AC 858. Pray for journeying mercies!

EXTENSION BLDG FUND 913)\$3800(Off.bags).  
Nursery duty today: Mrs Jennifer Goh and Mrs Doris Chng

Total \$773,946.57  
PHILIPPINES LAND 106)\$100. Total \$19597.50  
RENOVATIONS FUND \$500, \$300, \$500, \$2200  
\$1000, \$50.

OFFERINGS FOR: RPG Notes \$50; Thailand \$100  
your forms today! Closing date Jul 14.  
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## SPIRITUAL WORSHIP AND MISSIONS

The Samaritan woman who spoke to Jesus was certainly not prepared to receive a new form of worship. The Jews worshipped in Jerusalem, the Samaritans at Mt Gerizim. Although God in the Old Testament chose to manifest His special presence in the tabernacle and later in Solomon's temple, really God is a Spirit and therefore He is everywhere and can be worshipped anywhere. What is important is not the place of worship but the heart's attitude in worship. "They that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth" (Jn 4:24).

This was not a chance meeting with the Samaritan woman but divinely arranged. The Gospel must begin in Jerusalem, then it must be brought to Samaria and then to the uttermost parts of the world. Missions kept our Lord completely busy that He forget to eat. He was not hungry; He was fed with the meat of missions. He obeyed God through doing His will. Missions is God's will for the Church. The Christian is instructed not to have myopic vision but to focus his eyesight clearly on the mission field. It is white already to harvest (Jn 4:35).

In far away Northern Thailand the tribal Christians worship the Lord in much the same way as we do. In the village of Samakhi, a beautiful new church was built with the offerings from Nazareth BP Church. It was declared open and dedicated on Sat. morning June 14 by Rev Anthony Tan. There were no pews but the Christians sat on the cement floor. Samakhi is a village of the Kachins who come from Burma. They possess the Bible in their own language and a hymn book. They also have their own pastor who is theologically trained.

The Frontier Labourers for Christ is raised of God to bring the Gospel of Christ to the tribes living in the long mountainous border between Thailand and Burma. It was established in 1978. The tribes reached include the Lahu, Akha and Kachin. Churches were established and tribal pastors raised and trained to lead the flock. We had the privilege to know pastor Jamok who looked after the

"Basic Theology for Everyone" courses will begin on Jul 24, '86. Call the FEBC Office for



## LONDON LETTER

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Sunday, July 6, '86



The Metropolitan Tabernacle,  
Elephant & Castle, London, SE1 6SD  
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My dear Readers,

The name Charles Haddon Spurgeon as Britain's greatest preacher is known throughout the Christian world. He was born 1834 and died 1892. This Prince of Preachers ruled the pulpit of the Metropolitan Tabernacle for over 30 years. His sermons were published in the newspapers and transcribed in other countries which totalled 200 to 300 million copies (Dallimore). His "Tabernacle" could seat 6000 and he would preach to as many both morning and evening on Sunday, year after year. Spurgeon was not only pastor of his Church but also principal of the Pastors' College which he founded, as well as head of an Orphanage. Through his ministry scores

of branch churches were established in and beyond London. He supported a continuous line of missionaries, such as those who went to China. Hudson Taylor was well-received by him. Moody and Sankey esteemed him as their friend and counsellor. Spurgeon was a great defender of the Faith against the inroads of modernism in his later years. He became a separatist against the tide of higher criticism and unbelief sweeping in. He championed an infallible and inerrant Bible.

After his death 94 years ago the Church held on for two to three decades. The 1st World War (1914-18) and the 2nd WW (1939-45) did much to disperse the congregation, especially the men-folk who had to serve in the battlefields. But worse than the physical disruption was the spiritual, while the men who filled the Tabernacle pulpit could not measure up to the founding pastor. In the circumstances it pleased God to allow German bombs to destroy the superstructure of the Tabernacle, leaving intact only the 6-pillar facade and the cellars. When we visited London in 1950 we had the opportunity of worshipping at the Tabernacle on a Sunday, but the congregation, including visitors from the International Council of Christian Churches, numbered much less than a hundred.

In 1970 Dr Peter Masters came to shepherd the remnants of the Tabernacle. Today, practically none from the original congregation can be found. A new generation has arisen under this new shepherd. Dr Masters has restored much of the decimated building. He has regrouped a congregation of 150. Sunday attendance is over 200, which includes a number of USA Christians visiting Spurgeon's continuing work, and a goodly number of Malaysian and Singaporean and other Asian and African students with their friends. It is of God's hand that Dr Masters has been introduced to us, that he might have a better insight into the needs of Asian students. His coming to Singapore and Malaysia, speaking at the Port Dickson Conference for B-P pastors and leaders, has brought rich blessings to us. It is the third time that Dr & Mrs Masters are visiting us at Port Dickson, Sept 8-12, 1986.

Dr Masters' visit to Singapore has been a particular blessing to me. It is he who has discovered my thesis "The Law of Moses and of Jesus" to be of relevant value to this day and age to point out the errors of Dispensational theology. And it is he who has kindly written a Foreword to the book and introduced it to the Christian reading public in England. Dr Masters is also thrilled by the book "John Sung My Teacher". As he wishes that the Church in London should have a firsthand report of the "Asian Awakening in the Thirties," he has invited me to speak at their summer school of theology. Meanwhile he has also ordered 300 copies of the book to further spread the knowledge of what God has done so mightily in the Far East.

The summer School of Theology has come and gone! There were 380 registered for the course. A dozen who have bought the book have discussed the Revival with the writer. So, we have found new sympathies and friends. These who have approached me have also been given a copy of "In John Sung's Steps - the Story of Lim Puay Hian". Incidentally, Elder Joshua Lim and his wife and daughter came to the Lord's Day service this morning. I surprised them with a copy of Lim Puay Hian!

Dr Peter Masters is doing a great work here of spiritual rehabilitation, like Nehemiah rebuilding the Wall of Jerusalem. One work of rehabilitation is the revival of Spurgeon's "Sword and Trowel" magazine. This magazine which runs over 7000 copies is a help to hundreds of pastors. It is now available from Tabernacle Books, Calvary Pandan, S'pore. It is a must for our pastors, elders and deacons. An extension of the magazine ministry is the Tabernacle Bookshop which recommends only books that strengthen the fundamental faith. One book you must read is a new biography of SPURGEON by Arnold Dallimore, published by Moody and Banner of Truth Trust.

Several Lifers coming this way have asked me to recommend a good Church. Of course, my reply is, "Attend Spurgeon's Tabernacle at the Elephant and Castle." This is a central



location in South London. Of those who have attended are Deacon and Mrs Han Soon Juan. Here you will not only be led into the Truth, but also find a home away from home. The young deacons of the Tabernacle are hospitable people. They love those who love the Lord.

Mrs Masters is a wonderful help-meet to her husband. She heads the Sunday School, which has an attendance of over 200. Most of these are from non-Christian homes, a good number of whom are West Indians. So the Tabernacle's present missionary programme is to evangelise those who come from Asian and African races. A Malaysian student and a Hindu young man told me, "We found the Saviour here." Reader, have you found the Lord to be your Saviour yet? Or are you still lost, wandering aimlessly, not knowing what life's destiny is?

During my stay here at the Parsonage, it was a joy to hear my brother phone in from Singapore. One item that gladdened my heart was the news of Rev Thawm Luai of Burma having come through at last! So he was the Lord's messenger at Life Church and was speaking also at the Sunset Gospel Hour, Calvary Pandan. I believe that despite his delay in coming to S'pore, the timing under God's rule was perfect.

It is our privilege and honour that God should lead our Burmese brother and his 2000-member Church to our fellowship. For 20 years Burma has been sealed to any outside Christian influence, even now. But the Government of Burma will allow their people to study abroad provided they are given scholarships and guaranteed support. Whatever we can render for the Gospel outreach into Burma will bear fruit 30, 60 and 100-fold in days to come. Let us add Burma to our prayer list. Let us offer sweet sacrifices for His Testimony in Burma.

As I have fulfilled my speaking engagement today, I shall fly AC 858 Monday 1125 hours, arriving in time to report to you at the Tuesday night prayer meeting! Lord, give me a safe journey home.

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Yours in His Extended Service, T.T.

#### In Singapore, Even Orang-utans Have to Work for a Living!



Mrs O'Brien who worshipped with us at Prinsep St. 24 years ago paid us a visit from Adelaide, bringing greetings also from the Paauwes. We took her to the zoo. To our delights of delights, the zoo people now put the animals up for show. Elephants, sea-lions, snakes, penguins, orang-utans troop in and out of the show-stage, orang-utans outshining even with "magic" tricks. Every time an act is performed, the orang-utan gets a peanut. Comes the thought, "Here in S'pore even orang-utans have to work for a living. That is what makes S'pore tick." I'm proud to be a Singaporean. We believe in our PM who says all must work or starve. Nobody owes us a living.

The Bible says, "If any would not work, neither should he eat" (II Thess 3:10). - T.T.

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (14th - 20th July) Pray for:

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting  
9.15 pm Session Meeting  
SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 2pm - JYF; 3pm - LBC  
3.30 pm YF; 7.30 pm - CFM  
8.00 pm "Miracle After Miracle"

SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow  
10.00 am Chinese Service  
11.30 am Filipina Fellowship  
11.55 am Korean Church Service  
12.15 pm Church Choir Practice  
1.00 pm AF mtg at Dn Teo Gim Thong's home - "Called to Holiness"  
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 \$8,886.00  
EXTENSION BLDG FUND 914)\$380; 915)\$20; 916)\$100; 917)\$300; 918)\$100; 919)\$100.

Total \$774,946.57

FEBI 322)\$65. Total \$155,133.11

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: PA System \$50; Burma \$200; Thailand \$100; Renovations Fund \$20; Children's Choir \$120.

RECEIVED from boxes \$16, HK\$10.

Plan to attend Inauguration of new church of West Australia Lord's Day Dec 28, '86 and Bible Camp from Dec 29 to Jan 3, '87 at Ern Halliday, Sorrento, W.A. (Pray for Mr Mark Heath and Mr & Mrs Robin Tan).

Obituary. Mr Loh Mah Siong, 71, was taken home peacefully July 4. Funeral Sat. 6, was officiated by Rev Dr Patrick Tan.

1) Deacon L.S. Pang who is now in Australia for an operation. 2) Reopening of FEBC, July 21, 8.30 am with Day of Prayer at 64, Andrew Road. 3) Jess Lim, and a helper to go to Chiang Mai!

Mr & Mrs Albert Ong and child are back from USA to attend brother's wedding. We welcome them to stay at the Guest House until their departure Aug 17.

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Register for the "Basic Theology for Every-

one" course. Brochures and application forms

are available from the Church/FEBC Office

(tel: 2569256).

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## FEBC Entering 25th Year

As Far Eastern Bible College reopens Monday July 21, 8.30 am with Day of Prayer at 64 Andrew Road, she will be entering her 25th year. While out-going students number a dozen, incoming students exceed that figure. We have ten from BP Churches (Charles Seet and Jemima Tow from Life) and four from overseas, viz., two from Thailand, one from India and one from Burma, and one from Korea/Indonesia. The countries represented on the student body are S'pore, Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, the Philippines, Burma, India, Australia, Kenya, Japan, Korea.

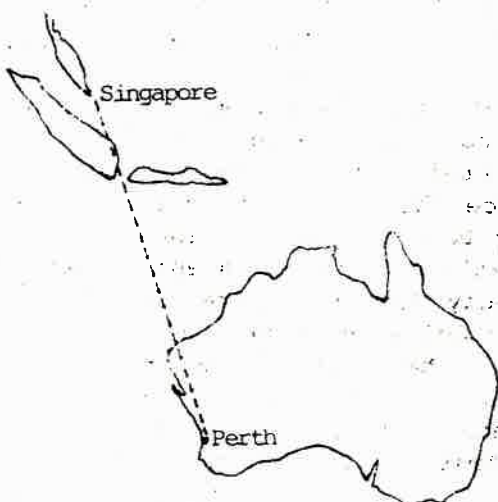
FEBC has expanded greatly also in providing a course in Divinity for 'A' level students taking their Higher School Certificate. Under Rev Bob Phee's faithful teaching and management, over 20 are registered this year.

The Theology for Everyone course in O.T. History last semester is continued this year with two courses in N.T. by Rev Charlie Tan and Dr Quek Swee Hwa. In addition to the two N.T. courses, the Principal is offering 2 hours of Calvin's Institutes on Wed. night 7.30 to 9.30 pm, July 23 to Sept 3, granting one credit. Text Books: Calvin Bk II, ch.7-17; "Law of Moses and of Jesus". I understand 80% of those registered for the Night Classes (Mon & Thu) are from Calvary! What about Lifers? The first to become the last? Hurry up, you Lifers! Prove yourselves! Let all pray for this epochal year as FEBC attains 25! Let those who have been blessed spiritually and academically by the College forget not the physical needs of the alma mater. "If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal (material) things?" (I Cor 9:11). Sometimes, paying is more effective than praying!

## "The Law of Moses and of Jesus"

Since this book is authored by the pastor and published under the auspices of the Church, Session has earmarked 500 complimentary copies for any who desires to it. Please obtain yours from CLBC, giving your name and address. A copy has been designated for every FEBC Board member, faculty and student.

## Calling Readers to BPCWA Inauguration, Dec 28, 1986



1. We plan to block-book SIA/QANTAS Singapore - Perth on two days: 25.12.86 and 26.12.86. Earlier departure can be arranged for groups of seven or more.
2. The return fare will be below S\$700.00 per adult, if our group is big enough.
3. December is "peak period". Seats are taken up months ahead. We must book as soon as possible. Perth will be "invaded" by tourists because of the America's Cup yacht races.
4. Accommodation at special low rates is being organised in Perth by Mr Robin Tan. (Less than A\$10 per day).
5. Our BPC, WA, is having a Bible Camp Dec 29-Jan 3 (Mon - Sat). Singapore BP members are welcome to join. Camp Speaker: Rev Timothy Tow.
6. Please pass on the news and let me have your bookings, not later than July 27, 1986. Thank you.
7. Return dates are flexible.

May I also take this opportunity to inform you that with Session's approval I'm taking a 3½ month working holiday in Perth, pastoring the infant church and writing a biographical account weaving in the history of our BPC movement and of the FEBC. My leave should begin Sep 17, '86 and end Jan 5, '87. During this interval I want to write on the Psalms for RPG as well. Should any Lifer visit Perth during our sojourn there, we would be most delighted to serve you. To get that cheap ticket, you must decide before July 27!

## Added Blessing to Port Dickson



Our Annual BP Conference for Pastors and Leaders (members are welcome) at Port Dickson with Dr & Mrs Peter Masters will be held Sept 8-12. One added blessing is that on your return Sept 12 en route, there's the Air Bemban new church house awaiting you. Adorned as a bride to meet her Bridegroom, Who is none other than our Lord Jesus Christ, you who are the guests must come to her Inauguration! You will see this M\$90,000 property of 5,300 sq.ft. set in a big housing estate flanked by rubber trees on two sides with a forested hill fronting the double corner house. Already a Sunday School has been started which is drawing between 20 and 40 scholars.

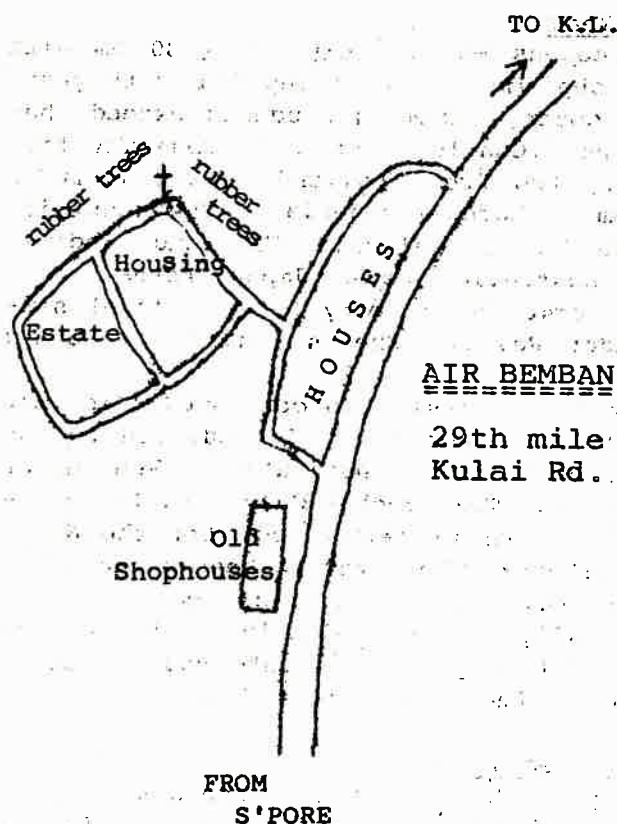
This acquisition of Air Bemban was the good work of Mrs John Ling, two years before her death. Elder John Ling is now in full charge.

Lifers who do not attend the P.D. Conference who wish to go to Air Bemban may set out



from Singapore without the chore of getting a car permit. Just drive in, that's all.

**"Occupy Till I Come!"**



Air Bemban, which is 3 miles north of Kelapa Sawit at the 29th mile Kulai Rd is another field our S'pore young people can cultivate. The FEBCers and young Lifers who drew 400 to a Gospel film at Kelapa Sawit recently can get a sizeable crowd at Air Bemban too. A dozen miles up Air Bemban into the railway town of Layang Layang, another field has been developed by Rev Goh Seng Fong. Here FEBC students have also penetrated (with surplus clothes). A family who came to the Lord not long ago is now attending Kulai Besar. What an open harvest field!

As He says to us, "Occupy till I come," let our youth leaders re-consider the above-mentioned fields and double-up by every means. As for senior leaders, the Lord has sent me during the week to K.L. Rev Liew came to the station to pick me up, after which we had a profitable discussion of the work there. I am glad the work at Taman Sri Melati has increased in attendance (15-20) and offerings (M\$140 p.m.). The S.S. numbers over 20 children. Rev Liew also ministers every week at Petaling Jaya with Calvary, either as chairman of the English or Chinese service, or as a speaker. He helps the Chinese Church in visitations. He also keeps up a constant trans-

lation of RPG Notes into Chinese.

On his own initiative, he has taken a corner 1st floor flat of a 5-storey block in the centre of the new town of Selayang Segar (near Batu Caves) two miles from Taman Sri Melati. By advancing him his monthly stipend to the equivalent of 2½ years' salary, he is enabled to pay the 4th and 5th instalments without borrowing at 14%. He greatly appreciates this timely help from Singapore.

When the new flat is completed in the next few months, we can look forward to the inauguration of another BP Gospel station which our brother has named "Peace". This Biblical word, says Rev Liew, was written on the wall of the flat-in-construction by some unknown hand. May the Lord help the Liew family to introduce the Prince of Peace to this new town that has no Gospel witness at all. I say family because Mrs Liew is also another of my students whom I had taught at Chin Lien Bible Seminary many years ago. Daughter Liew, 19, is a piano teacher. Mrs Liew heads the Sunday School at Taman Sri Melati and will work towards the opening of a Bible Kindergarten at Selayang Segar next January.

"Occupy till I come!" Please pray for BP outreaches in Malaysia: 1. Kelapa Sawit; 2. Rawang; 3. Kulai Besar; 4. Air Bemban; 5. Bukit Batu; 6. Petaling Jaya; 7. Taman Sri Melati (KL); 8. Johore Bahru (Tamil); 9. J.B. (English, Taman Sentosa); 10. Kelapa Sawit (Tamil); 11. Layang Layang (with Rev Goh); 12. Mersing (Tamil); 13. Kuching (E. Malaysia); 14. Selayang Segar (KL). - T.T.

**APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (21st - 27th Jul)**

|     |          |                                         |
|-----|----------|-----------------------------------------|
| MON | 8.30 am  | FEBC Reopens                            |
| TUE | 8.00 pm  | Prayer Meeting                          |
| WED | 7.30 pm  | Calvin's Institutes (Rev Tow)           |
| THU | 7.30 pm  | Four Gospels & Acts (Dr Quek)           |
| SAT | 1.00 pm  | LJBC; 2pm - JYF; 3pm - LBC              |
|     | 2.00 pm  | Tony Poon-Sandra Fox Wedding (Rev Phee) |
|     | 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                   |
|     | 12.15 pm | Church Choir Practice                   |
|     | 3.00 pm  | BFC & Thai Services                     |
|     | 4.00 pm  | Kebaktian Indonesia                     |
|     | 4.30 pm  | Sharon Church Service                   |
|     | 6.00 pm  | Tamil Service                           |
|     | 6.00 pm  | Rev Tow at Sunset Gospel Hr.            |

**LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$4,325.20**

**EXTENSION BLDG FUND** 920)\$340; 921)\$198.50; 922)\$313.35; 923)\$50; 924)\$1000; 925)\$100; 926)\$3186.20(New Life); 927)\$465; 928)\$1000; 929)\$200; 930)\$50; 931)\$280.  
**Total \$782,129.72**

**OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: College Ext \$100**

PA System \$50; Thailand \$200; RPG \$130; Burma \$600; Tamil Service \$5; Missionaries \$50; Thai Missions \$50; Jess Lim \$150; Medan \$150. Our Church has established a Welfare Fund which is to minister to the needy during this Recession.

Praise God for Deacon L.S. Pang's successful operation in Sydney and quick recovery. If you have missed "Miracle After Miracle" at Life Church, there's a repeat presentation by Life Church Children's Choir at Calvary Pandan BPC this Sunday night, 7.15 pm. Miss Kimiko has been given re-entry to teach at FEBI, W. Kalimantan. Praise the Lord.

**Statistics on Religion in S'pore** The S'pore Census of Population 1980 of persons aged 10 yrs & over by religion - Taoism (580,535) Buddhism (529,140), Islam (323,867); Christianity (203,517); Hinduism (72,401). Other religions (11,069) and No religion (261,433). Christianity is 10.3% of the total population.

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## B-P WEEKLY

### MY TESTIMONY

By Michael K.H. Heng

In my early days, I truly loved God. I worshipped Him and obeyed Him, faithfully. But as the years went by, things began to change. I became like the seed that fell among thorns and soon was choked-up by the cares and deceitfulness of this world. I was so pre-occupied with my worldly pursuits that for more than 20 years I put God out of my life. I stopped going to Church entirely. In fact, I went very far away from Him, and like the prodigal son, I soon got into all sorts of trouble which caused great unhappiness and pain to my family members; also to those with whom I was closely associated.

It was in the course of my selfish desire to attain the goals I set for myself, that I continually fell into sin. So much so that I became a slave to the pleasures of life. And when my cup of iniquity overflowed, God, in His love and mercy, began to deal with me. Proverbs 3:12 tells us, "FOR WHOM THE LORD LOVETH, HE CORRECTETH..."

Many of us know that problems usually come in pairs, but in my case, they came in numbers, and they kept coming. I was heavy laden. Indeed, I was reaping what I had sown.

God hates sin and in His eyes my sins were so repulsive that He had to punish me more severely. That He did when He took my beloved mother home. The pain of losing someone so dear to me was very great, but in my hours of sorrow and desperation, I came to realise God's purpose.

My mother suffered from a rare type of nerve disease and was confined to bed for more than 2½ years, totally helpless -- unable to do anything on her own.

By taking my mother home, God not only relieved her from further sufferings, He also turned me around. I praise and thank God for what He did. I bowed in humble repentance and I asked Him to take full control of my life.

Beginning 1985 saw me going back to Church and suffice it to say, my return to Life Church was indeed the work of the HOLY SPIRIT. It was very timely, and a blessing to me because many opportunities were opened to me to hear and learn the Word of God. First, there were the lectures by Dr Davis on the Book of Daniel. The lectures by Dan Ebert III on the Book of Job. I believe he also spoke on "The Charismata" which touches on God's grace and gifts. Then the Basic Theology for Everyone on Old Testament history. The teacher was our Pastor, Rev Tow. And then the Bible study class held at the beginning of each Lord's Day.

At this point, I must say my joining the Bible study class has done me a lot of good. It has inspired me to read and study the Word of God, seriously and faithfully.

It is now more than 18 months since I sat in Elder Chia's class, and I must confess that the Lord, through His Word, has helped me set right the many grey areas in my life. The Lord has also helped me to be constantly alert to the influences that may again draw me away from Him.

In short, I am now a new creature. God indeed has fulfilled His promise given in II Corinthians 5:17,18 which says, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, He is a new creature: old things are passed away: behold all things are become new and all things are of God who hath reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ..."

God has forgiven my sins. He has forgotten my transgressions. He has given me a new life. I praise and thank God for giving me a SECOND CHANCE. Also I thank Him for this opportunity to witness, for HIM.

### PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

Now that you have read Michael's testimony you have every assurance that our God is a loving Father to all who come to Him in repentance. If you have sinned, if you have gone out of His way to seek the world and found nothing but disappointment and sorrow, won't you turn to Him today? "Him that cometh unto Me," says our Lord Jesus, "I will in no wise cast out." (Jn 6:37).

### Baptism

If you have come to trust in the Lord the first time, then you must also be baptised. This is the Lord's command given in the Great Commission (Matt 28:19-20). Hence our two Baptism classes every year, one for Easter and the other for Anniversary in October. For the Anniversary Baptism, our class will begin August 3, i.e. next Lord's Day after service at the FEBC Hall. And do not miss any class until it is concluded Oct 19, your Baptism Day! The Apostle Peter says, "Repent and be baptised everyone of you in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission (forgiveness) of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you and to your children..." (Acts 2:38,39). We baptise not only believers but also the children of believers as practised by the apostles in household baptisms (Acts 10:48; 16:15,33; I Cor 1:16). Parents give their best to bring up their children. What better blessing can they claim for their young than the salvation covenant God has given to all believers, beginning from Abraham, the father of all the faithful (Rom 4:11)? We baptise our children inasmuch as Abraham circumcised his in O.T. times, which circumcision is substituted by baptism, even as baptism is called the circumcision of Christ (Col. 2:11,12).

### Revival of Family Worship

In line with baptism, let me stress what I have recently stated at a house-blessing: the importance of family worship. In the early days of Life Church, we held family wor-



ship from house to house every Friday without let up. As the days went by, without changing patterns of livelihood, this family worship spirit began to dissipate, so that it has become an occasional one. Let us revive family worship inspite of our busy schedules.

One reason for rotary family worship within the Church is the need for more fellowship. As our Church grows in size, so weakens the bond of fellowship between families and individuals. But the greater importance in conducting a family worship weekly from house to house is the emphasis on each family's relationship with their God and Saviour. So please let us know! By inviting God's children into your house, you receive the promised blessing of peace brought by them to you in Jesus' Name (Matt 10:13).

"There is That Scattereth, and Yet Increaseth" (Prov 11:24)

We see this principle in action in banana planning. By transplanting young shoots from a clustered grove, we see an accelerated growth in both the parent and daughter plants. We have experienced this blessing in Life Church time and again. While other churches centralise, we de-centralise. Of recent memory are the transplantings to Woodlands and Bedok. As our auditorium, including the balconies and the Kindergarten corridor are filled to capacity, it seems the time has come for another holy exodus. With property prices at rock bottom now, won't it be a good idea to acquire some big old bungalow recently vacated by restaurants on the East Coast? This is a suggestion by a Lifer in the realty business. Let us pray for the Lord's guidance.

Extending sideways also seems more profitable than extending skyways to our situation at Gilstead Rd as commented by certain members. So, we are making inquiry into the Family Planning property next door. Will the Lord lead in this direction? Pray, pray, pray!

Yours affectionately, T.T.

# Ron Hamilton *O Rejoice In The Lord* Ron Hamilton

1. God nev-er moves with-out pur- pose or plan When  
2. I could not see through the shad-ows a head; So I  
3. Now I can see test-ing comes from a-bove; God

try-ing His ser-vant and mold-ing a man. Give  
looked at the cross of my Sav-ior in stead. I  
strength-ens His chil-dren and purg-es in love. My

thanks to the Lord though your test-ing seems long; in  
bowed to the will of the Mas-ter that day; Then  
Fa-ther knows best, and I trust in His care; Through

dark-ness He giv-eth a song.  
peace came and tears fled a way.  
purg-ing more fruit I will bear.

Chorus  
O re-joice in the Lord, He makes no mis-take. He

know-eth the end of each path that I take. For when I am

tried and pur-i-fied, I shall come forth as gold.

## APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

(28th Jul - 3rd Aug 1986)

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|-----|----------|--------------------------|
| MON | 7.30 pm  | N.T. (Rev Charlie Tan)   |
| TUE | 8.00 pm  | Prayer Meeting           |
| WED | 7.30 pm  | Calvin (Rev Tow)         |
| THU | 7.30 pm  | Gospels & Acts (Dr Quek) |
| SAT | 1.00 pm  | LJBC; 2pm - JYF          |
|     | 3.00 pm  | LBC; 3.30 pm - YF        |
|     | 4.00 pm  | AF Bible Study           |
|     | 7.30 pm  | CFM                      |
| SUN | 10.00 am | Rev Tow (Lord's Sup)     |
|     | 10.00 am | Chinese Service          |
|     | 11.30 am | Catechism Class          |
|     | 11.30 am | Filipina Fellowship      |
|     | 11.55 am | Korean Church Service    |
|     | 12.30 pm | Church Choir Practice    |
|     | 3.00 pm  | Thai & BFC Services      |
|     | 4.00 pm  | Indonesian Service       |
|     | 4.00 pm  | Rev Tow at Nazareth      |
|     | 4.30 pm  | Sharon Church Service    |
|     | 6.00 pm  | Tamil Service            |
|     | 7.30 pm  | Korean Evening Service   |

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS \$5,797.75

EXTN. BLDG FUND 932) \$200; 933) \$200 (Rawang). Total \$782,499.72  
FEBI 322) \$65 (Grace BPC); 323) \$654 (Hsu); 324) \$150. Total \$156,002.11  
FEBI \$500; \$100.

OFFERINGS FOR: Thailand \$300 (Jess); PA System \$50.

Pray for the Chinese Gospel Campaign with Rev Djunaidei, Aug 16 & 17, in Mandarin/Cantonese & Mandarin/Hokkien.

"Miracle After Miracle" tape by the Children's Choir is available at the Bookroom.

Read "Sword & Trowel" magazine, edited by Dr Peter Masters, Spurgeon's Tabernacle. Cost \$1.80.

Call: Lim Florist 3369011

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PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

"Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings..."

Thou hast perfected praise" (Matt 21:16). Thus said our Lord to the chief priests and scribes who took the children's Hosanna songs lightly, yea nastily, because they sang to welcome our Lord to His royal city.



Our children have sung "Miracle After Miracle" both at Life Church and Calvary Pandan to the thrill of two full houses of God's people. With the advancement of electronics, their lovely voices were put to tape and made available within a week. With the enthusiastic responses from the audience also captured therein, these tapes are really live! As I listened to the musical drama in the parsonage

sitting room, I was touched by the messages in song to tears.

"Miracle after Miracle" was manifested to the children of Israel in their wilderness journey, culminating in the fall of Jericho's Wall. Didn't you see how it went tumbling down in a booming crash? But a greater miracle is a hardened heart that crumbles to Jesus Christ. "Miracle after Miracle," will your heart, now hardened to Christ by the pleasures of the world, break down in tears as you hear the children's pleading voices? It is a good tonic to your soul if tears do flow by the prompting of the Holy Spirit through the mouths of "babes and sucklings". If you have heard the Miracle drama through the singing of our own children that Saturday night, your pastor would sincerely urge you to get that tape to listen again. If you have not, you should all the more hear it! There's a balm for your aching soul here, when you can't find it elsewhere, not even from the Bible, since you belabour to read it. Perhaps, after hearing, you will spend time more intimately with God again through His Word.

Church-centred Evangelism

While we find citywide crusades at theatres and stadiums a dissipating effort, we believe in Church-centred evangelism. From our early days at Prinsep Street, we had held, literally, a score of gospel meetings during the first 12 years of our Church life. Both in English as well as in Chinese, often with interpretation to reach the greatest number. Old-timers can bear me up! We even ran a daily news-sheet for some of these meetings, with conversion testimonies.

It is a commendable effort on the part of a section of our young people, the Life Bible Class, to head a Chinese Gospel campaign with Rev Djunaidei, Aug 16 and 17. The Word will be preached in Mandarin with interpretation into Cantonese the first night and into Hokkien the second night.

I'm glad to hear of the Chinese service being fully committed to this special season of Gospel preaching. How about us, the English service? How about our other Youth groups, the Women's Fellowship, Sunday School, etc.? If we have to go overseas to bring the Lord's messenger, it will be a real loss if we do not bring in someone who needs the salvation message living next door. Let us see our auditorium fully packed! To bring a soul to Christ is every Christian's responsibility. This we must do, all the more, as we see the Day approaching. "But and if that servant say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming, ...the Lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with unbelievers" (Lk 12:45,46).

Meanwhile, let us pray fervently for the Lord's blessing on His messenger, and on everyone who has a part in the campaign.

But Don't Forget the College!

Our FEBC enrolment has reached an all-time high of 60 fulltime students and several part-time, plus 24 in the Divinity class preparing for the 'A' level school examinations, and some 300 for the Theology for Everyone! Now, more students means more teachers. More teachers means more expenses!

By God's grace, FEBC is uniquely supported insofar as housing and maintenance is concerned by our Church. I have likened the College to the prophet and the Church to the widow -- in the Zarephath story.

During the year gone by, I have seen how you have zealously given to the support of every outreach of this Church. The building of a Church in Manila will soon be shown to you by photo. The dedication of Air Bemban, Sept 13, 3 pm is another concrete example. And there are a good many others I need not mention.

But, I will mention FEBC and commend her to your prayerful support. For, as the saying goes, "Familiarity breeds contempt". One good reason why we should remember FEBC is that she is the invisible caretaker, day in, day out, of our Church grounds.

And don't forget our two watchwords: 1) Live as if Jesus is coming next Monday (but today is Sunday!), 2) Do something good for Jesus everyday!

An International Missionary Institution

When we named the College "Far Eastern" our vision was focused on the Eastern Hemisphere. We saw beyond Singapore and Malaysia. God has honoured that outlook beyond all expectations. Our students have come from farther afield -- from Africa, Israel, England, Norway, USA, Australia, New Zealand, etc. And these from afar have returned to



minister in their homelands, fulfilling the missionary commission of our Lord. Let us bear them up before the Throne of Grace.

One of our ex-students, Paul Chiang, has returned from Liberia, Africa, after completing his first term as a missionary. He has given us an account of the many open doors to missionary service to a hundred villages. He tells how his wife, who was a missionary to Thailand and Vietnam before their marriage, has become his strong right hand.

We would not venture to Africa as yet. We need one to go to nearby North Thailand to assist Jess Lim. We need to pray for Burma, so recently come into our fellowship. We pray for Bro. Wan who has just completed his B.Th. and who is now solely given to Tamil work. He is released from Newton Life to join Life Tamil Service. Let us also remember Kim Kah Teck and his wife labouring in Kuching, Sarawak; Kimiko teaching at FEBI, Pontianak; Mark Heath in W. Australia. These precious few are those who leave their homelands and culture to minister to another race after their training at FEBC. Pray for the principal and his wife who will be ministering in Australia after mid-September for 3½ months, that some full-blooded Australian might be won to Christ. Pray for Anne Gradussov of Perth, a second-year student, brought to Life Church and FEBC through our Indonesian Service! Pray for the other services held at Gilstead Rd -- Thai, Tamil, Korean, Chinese, Filipino, and last but not least the biggest of all, the English-speaking! -T.T.

# ST. CECILIA 6.6.6.6.

Rev. Leighton G. Haynes, 1863

1 Thy king-dom come, O God, Thy rule, O Christ, be-gin;  
Break with Thine i-ron rod The tyr-an-nies of sin. A-MEN.

2 Where is Thy reign of peace,  
And purity, and love?  
When shall all hatred cease,  
As in the realms above?

3 When comes the promised time  
That war shall be no more,  
And lust, oppression, crime,  
Shall flee Thy face before?

4 We pray Thee, Lord, arise,  
And come in Thy great might;  
Revive our longing eyes,  
Which languish for Thy sight.

5 O'er heathen lands afar  
Thick darkness broodeth yet:  
Arise, O Morning Star,  
Arise, and never set.

Rev. Lewis Hensley, 1867

## APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

(4th - 10th August)

|     |          |                                                                                                              |
|-----|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| MON | 7.30 pm  | N.T. History<br>(Rev Charlie Tan)                                                                            |
| TUE | 8.00 pm  | Prayer Meeting                                                                                               |
| WED | 7.30 pm  | Calvin (Rev Tow)                                                                                             |
| THU | 7.30 pm  | Gospels & Acts<br>(Dr Quek)                                                                                  |
| FRI | 8.00 pm  | Family worship at<br>Paterson Mansion,<br>7C Fort Road,<br>home of Bro. &<br>Mrs Teo Cheng<br>Seng (4404602) |
| SAT | 9 - 5pm  | Tamil Gospel<br>Counsellors                                                                                  |
|     | 9 - 5    | LCSS at 11B Queen<br>Astrid Park                                                                             |
|     | 1.00 pm  | LJBC; 2pm - JYF                                                                                              |
|     | 3.30 pm  | YF; 4pm - AF                                                                                                 |
|     | 7.30 pm  | CFM                                                                                                          |
| SUN | 10.00 am | Rev Patrick Tan                                                                                              |
|     | 10.00 am | Rev Tow (Chinese<br>Service, Lord's<br>Supper)                                                               |

## LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$5,465.35

EXTN BLDG FUND 934)\$2670.25; 935)\$1026; 936)  
\$600; 937)\$600; 938)\$100; 939)\$400(Chinese  
S.). Total \$787,895.97 Stop Press! 940)\$350  
FEBI 325)\$195(Galilee YAF); 326)\$1900(AF).  
Total \$158,097.11

FEBC \$900(AF). Total \$157,097.11

RENOVATIONS FUND \$50, \$1000, \$300, \$1800.

OFFERINGS FOR: PA System \$50; Burma \$70, \$100  
(Indonsian S.); Chinese Gospel Mtg \$200; KL  
Missions \$400(WF); Thailand Missions \$390(WF)

Our Indonesian Service has launched a weekly  
paper, "Mingguan Gereja Alkitab Presbyterian  
Indonesian di Singapura" and its editor is  
John Haposan Siregar. It is a newsy paper  
patterned after the Life Weekly with a hymn  
tailored for the occasion. If you are inter-  
ested in Indonesian Missions, why not join  
us every Lord's Day 4 pm at the Jérusalem  
Court. Read the Mingguan! Learn Biblical In-  
donesian!

Register for Port Dickson Conference Sept  
8-12. Forms available at counter.

200 RPGs (extra) are available too!

Pray for Rev Djunaidi's speaking at Chinese  
Gospel Campaign Aug 16-17 in Mandarin/Canto-  
nese/Hokkien.

|     |          |                                      |
|-----|----------|--------------------------------------|
| SUN | 11.30 am | Catechism Class                      |
|     | 11.55 am | Korean Church Service                |
|     | 12.15 pm | Church Choir Practice                |
|     | 3.00 pm  | Rev Goh Seng Fong at Kelapa<br>Sawit |
|     | 3.00 pm  | BFC & Thai Services                  |
|     | 4.00 pm  | Indonesian Service                   |
|     | 4.30 pm  | Sharon Church Service                |
|     | 6.00 pm  | Rev Tow at Sunset Gospel Hour        |
|     | 7.30 pm  | Korean Evening Service               |

Air Bemban Dedication Sept 13, 3pm (not  
Sept 12!). This change to Saturday the 13th  
caters better to Johore young people at  
work. Motorists, enjoy the expressways from  
here to Senai! From Senai to Air Bemban  
is a short distance of 14 miles. Total dis-  
tance 43 miles.

Revival of Family worship started with the  
Chinese Service at the home of Dr Goh, Me-  
yer Tower, via Fort Rd., last Friday.

"Miracle after Miracle" videos available  
from CLBC at \$20!

Give "Christ is the Head of this House"  
in Chinese calligraphy to a newly-believ-  
ing Chinese family. Available in gold and  
"rose-wood" from CLBC!

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PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

"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)

A corollary to the maxim above, also from the pen of King Solomon, is, "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet [fitting], but it tendeth to poverty" (Prov 11:24). And a corollary to the corollary is Prov 11:25, the verse that follows immediately: "A liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself." In a word, what we want to stress here is liberality. It is the key to a thriving life, a brimming life, both to the giver and to the recipient!

This principle is clearly manifested also in nature. For an illustration, let us compare and contrast two famous "seas" in the Holy Land. One is called the Dead Sea, the other the Sea of Galilee. The Dead Sea is rightly so called because it is dead. It receives but withholds what it receives, yea, all the water that flows into it from the River Jordan, but it "tendereth to poverty" — insofar as fish is concerned. Fishes that swim into the Dead Sea become salt-fish, but not the edible type!

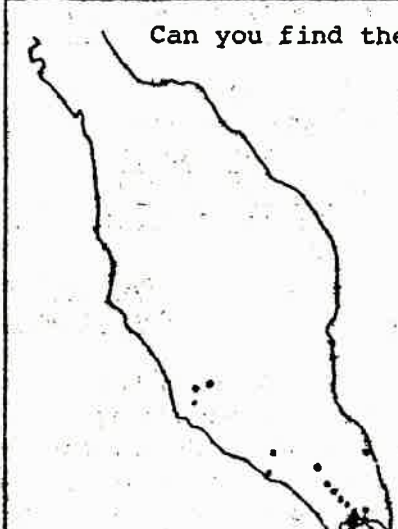
The Sea of Galilee gives us the opposite picture. It receives the waters of three head-springs that carry into it the fresh-cold waters from the snow-capped Hermon in the north. It does not hoard the refreshing streams gushing into it. It gives forth liberally at its southern end to feed the River Jordan, which in turn brings life to fields irrigated by it along the way. The Sea itself teems with fish, big and small. It is a rendezvous of merriment whenever the fishermen come home with a good catch. At Jesus' word Peter and his partners caught two shiploads. On another occasion, 153 "great" fishes were netted. What riches, what liberality!

A Christian should never be a miser. A Christian should be willing to give liberally as the Lord prospers him. If he withholds, the Lord will not make all grace abound toward him, as He has promised those that "soweth bountifully" (II Cor 9:6).

Since we have learned to give hilariously to building New Life at Woodlands, our Church has been blessed like the Sea of Galilee. As we continue to give out, to scatter and not to withhold, God has not relented pouring upon us plentifully from windows of heaven above (Mal 3:10).

The area where we should channel His bounty is not those who have not (by their own default), but those who have (by their own initiative). This is doubly taught by our Lord in the parable of the pounds and in the parable of the talents (Lk 19 and Matt 25). The verdict by our Lord in each case is the same. In Matthew 25:29 it reads, "For unto everyone that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance; but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath."

In practising liberality, we should reward those who take the initiative! (Those who do nothing get nothing.) Let us resist that miserly spirit that withholds. Let us give a helping hand to those who deserve it.



Can you find the following on the map?

1. Selayang Segar
2. Taman Sri Melati
3. P.J.
4. Bukit Gambir
5. Rawang
6. Layang Layang
7. Bukit Batu
8. Air Bemban
9. Kelapa Sawit
10. Kulai Besar
11. J.B.
12. Taman Sentosa
13. Mersing
14. (Woodlands, prep. to Taman Daya)

Woodlands New Town Bilingual Service

is the outreach of Life Chinese Service for the last one year and four months. This work is run by a committee of five — Rev Tow, Mrs Lee Choon Ngee, Mr Yap Chin Choon, Eddie Yap and Nancy. It was launched one month after the founding of Life Tamil Service at Jln Wadi Hana, J.B. As a number of worshippers today come from Plentong, 7 miles from J.B., we have felt that the future of this work should be located where the sheep are. Hence, the desire to buy a corner house in Taman Daya near Plentong, off the Tampoi — Pasir Gudang Expressway. Receipts for offerings received will henceforth be stamped "Taman Daya B-P Church".

Air Bemban B-P Church

I made a speedy trip with Bro. Yap Chin Choon to Air Bemban last Monday morning. A blue signboard with white letters in Chinese and English announces our presence in the new village. A wooden cross is to follow suit. New kindergarten furniture is also made and fills half the Church hall. Slowly and surely the new Church is taking shape for the Inauguration and Dedication Sept 13, 3 pm.

Meanwhile, for the last three months, a Sunday school has been in operation. Attendance fluctuates between 20 and 40.

Kulai Besar

On our way home we dropped in at Kulai Besar B-P Church at the 19th mile. Bro. David Wong informed us there were 80 out at last Lord's Day service! Elder Joshua Lim of Cal-



vary who was the speaker came with 27 strong. Others converged from JB and Kelapa Sawit. What a concourse of BPers in one night in this little church. K.B. runs a kindergarten with an enrolment of 16.

This fledgling church, founded in 1973 by Life Church, was given over to Calvary's oversight in 1983. It is now working towards self-support.

**"An Open Door No Man Can Shut" (Rev. 3:8)**

When we held a seminar on Missions at the Port Dickson Conference 1983, we had only four Churches in Malaysia, viz., Kelapa Sawit, Rawang, Kulai Besar, Bukit Gambir. At the close of the Conference we auspiciously opened a fifth station at Taman Sri Melati (K.L.A.) with Rev Liew Hon Seng. In quick succession in Nov 1983, we established Bukit Batu. Calvary BPC then started one at P.J. Others that have followed suit have now lengthened the list to 14.

This door of missions that the Lord has opened no man can shut! It began 32 years ago with Kelapa Sawit. Jesus says, "Hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown" (Rev 3:11). While we spread out, we need also to consolidate. We need to occupy till He comes. We appreciate all our co-workers who go to Malaysia week after week to assist the local churches. God will make you pillars in His temple!

**"Into all the world - to all nations" (Mark 16:15, Matt 28:19)**

The open door of missions has led us of late to Australia, which Deacon L.S. Pang has felt, from his visits there, to be a most needy field. Hard on the heels of Australia has come Burma, through our contact with Rev Thawm Luai. Our going downunder to serve from Sept 18 to Jan 4, '87 will help the infant church to attain one year by Feb next. We have received a Macedonian call also from Adelaide!

Of all the fields the Lord has committed to us, we believe Burma is the neediest! For, our brehtren there have been shut in for the last 20 years, since 1966. The Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Burma, headed by Rev Thawm Luai has 22 churches and a membership of over 2,000. What is the best way to help them? There is no faster and surer way than help them establish a Bible School.

While our readers have responded to every missions project with our strong dollar, here is a channel through which you can give in kind. Our Burmese brethren need English typewriters, a cyclostyling machine, copying machine, theological books and commentaries for the establishment of the Bible School. Rev Thawm Luai who has a B.Th. from India is taking a semester's refresher course here to be better equipped to head this Bible School.

- T.T.

**- DON'T STOP PRAYING -**



Don't stop praying the Lord is nigh! Don't stop praying He'll hear your cry.



God has promised, and He is true. Don't stop praying, He'll answer you.



Don't stop praying, when you are tried,  
Don't stop praying, stand in His might!  
Christ has suffered, He understands,  
Don't stop praying, He holds your hands.

Keep on praying, trust and obey,  
Keep on praying, till light of day;  
God has promised, and He is true,  
Don't stop praying, He'll answer you.

SUN 8 pm SMCCC  
LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$4,923.65  
EXTN BLDG FUND 946)\$545; 947)\$20; 948)  
\$508(Ch.Serv.). Total \$790,238.97  
FEBI \$65(Grace). Total \$157,842.11  
Philippines Land 109)\$80; 110)\$50; 111)  
\$50. Total \$20,127.50  
OFFERINGS FOR: Tracts \$30; PA System  
\$50; Thai Missions \$100; Renovations  
Fund \$400; FEBC \$100.

Practising Prov. 3:27, Session has voted encouragement gifts to 4 deserving individuals and the following Church enterprises: Chinese Gospel Meetings (with Djunaidi), BP Tamil Convention, Air Bemban, New Sharon Rose Outreach in Kuching, Taman Daya BPC (Yap Chin Choon), Selayang Segar BP Kindergarten (Rev Liew), BPCWA (Perth). All these with the Lord's commendation in Matt 25:29!

FEBI Latest Rev Djunaidi, principal of FEBI, is here to hold Chinese Gospel Mtgs. Tonight at Life Church the service will be in Mandarin/Hokkien. In the afternoon at 4pm he will speak at Kebaktian Indonesia.

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**APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (18th - 24th Aug)**

|     |          |                                                                                  |
|-----|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| MON | 7.30 pm  | NT History (Rev Charlie Tan)                                                     |
| TUE | 8.00 pm  | Prayer Meeting                                                                   |
| WED | 7.30 pm  | Calvin (Rev Tow)                                                                 |
| THU | 7.30 pm  | Gospels & Acts (Dr Quek)                                                         |
| FRI | 8.00 pm  | Family worship at 127 Emerald Hill Rd, home of Mrs Lee Choon Ngee (Rev Djunaidi) |
| SAT | 1.00 pm  | LJBC, 2pm - JYF; 3pm - LBC                                                       |
|     | 3.30 pm  | YF; 4 pm - YAF; 7.30 pm - CFM                                                    |
| SUN | 10.00 am | Rev Tow                                                                          |
|     | 10.00 am | Chinese Service                                                                  |
|     | 11.30 am | Catechism Class                                                                  |
|     | 11.55 am | Korean Church Service                                                            |
|     | 12.15 pm | Church Choir Practice                                                            |
|     | 3.00 pm  | Thai & BPC Services                                                              |
|     | 4.00 pm  | Indonesian Service                                                               |
|     | 4.30 pm  | Rev Tow at Sharon                                                                |
|     | 6.00 pm  | Tamil Service                                                                    |



PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS!

Last week I listed on a sketch map 14 BP outreaches into Malaysia, from Woodlands (preparatory to Taman Daya, Plentong) our southernmost point, to Selayang Segar (K.L.) our northernmost (across 250 miles). When we consider there were only 5 in 1983, isn't it wonderful to see such an advance on a broad front in the last three years? This increase is from God (I Cor 3:7).

Of the 14, Air Bemban at the 29th mile Kulai Rd., 3 miles north of Kelapa Sawit, will be dedicated Sat Sept 13, 3 pm. Since Elder Chia Kim Chwee who has been there before is coming, I shall ask him to arrange a car pool to take as many as possible to this joyous occasion. Motorists, this is one good thing you can do for Jesus!

Chinese Gospel Meetings

The two Chinese Gospel Meetings with Rev Djunaidi under the auspices of LBC, at which 250 came in the first night, were rewarded with 8 souls and another the second night. "Joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth" (Lk 15:7).

Kuching, E. Malaysia

Rev Djunaidi meanwhile has gone with Elder Koa to minister at Rawang and Bukit Gambir. He returns home tomorrow via Kuching, where he will be preaching Aug 26 & 27 at Sharon Rose BPC. He will bring along an "encouragement gift" to help in the building of a two-storey wooden house in a squatters' district, where a children's work is started. (As for FEBI, he reports an enrolment of 12 students this year.)

Perth

Bro. Robin Tan phoned in to report on our latest advance. Our VW Kombi now makes another round to bring in a second busload of students at WAIT (West Aust. Institute of Technology). This increased the Sunday attendance to 78 last week!

The Dedication of the "new" Church on Dec 27, '86 with a package tour has attracted a registration of 89, mostly Calvinists! We can expect a concourse of 300 easily that happy Saturday to come. What an opportunity to make an inroad into paganistic Australian territory with the Gospel message! Pray for Perth. Pray that firm foundations might be laid and for an extended outreach to her environs. Pray for the speaker to the Bible Camp, Dec 29 - Jan 3, '87.

Pray for the Paauwes who are labouring in Adelaide and Melbourne. There is a stirring of souls on the other side of the Continent. A repeated request has come to us to speak to the infant congregation there. Pray for the Lord's will to be done.

Back to Port Dickson, Malaysia

As the date of Sept 8-12 draws nigh when our 6th Annual Pastors and Leaders Conference will be held at Port Dickson with Dr & Mrs Masters, may I remind you once again to register, now! A coach will take care of Lifers and FEBCers. Each night will be given to a time of viewing the latest slides of our far-flung mission stations, from N. Thailand to Australia!

A time of intensive instruction from the Word of God and a happy fellowship awaits you. "Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you" (James 4:8).

Marching Orders for Burma

The urgency of pressing on with the Gospel is reiterated by our Lord in His Olivet discourse: "And this Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come" (Matt 24:14).

Of all the lands to which we have been sent, I'm sure you'll agree with me that BURMA stands out to be the neediest. Land of monks and pagodas in the tight grip of Satan, it has been sealed off from outside Christian influence since 1966. But God has opened a door through Rev Robert Thawm Luai. His coming into our midst is not by human effort nor by chance. We believe with all our heart his coming is for the purpose of establishing a lifeline with the Church in Singapore, whereby spiritual food might be sent to their aid.

The mention last week of starting a Fundamental Bible School for Burma through the Evangelical Presbyterian Church has sprung from the Macedonian call we've received from their General Assembly. This proposed Bible School is needed not only to train labourers for the harvest field, but also soldiers to fight for the faith. As in Singapore, so in Burma, the union institutes have become liberal and modernist, denying the Lord who bought them. The proposed Burmese Bible School will be patterned after FEBC and stand in the line of a 20th Century Reformation. As the Lord has issued this clarion call, we are glad to report the beginning of a rallying for the Cross in Burma in the funds sent in, one by one!

While we work to form this new Bible School to Burma, we do not forget the needy Chin tribal people. Our surplus clothing is beginning to enter Burma in 10-kilo packings at \$22.50 postage per parcel. Christian belief spells Christian relief.





## The Awakening of a Cathedral



NEWSWEEK JUNE 16, 1986 (article by Kenneth Woodward with Deborah Witherspoon)

At the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York, the Very Reverend James Morton "has lent its vast sacred space to events and causes not even remotely connected to the Anglicans' Book of Common Prayer. For example: a thanksgiving service in the sanctuary by Japanese Shinto priests, and biannual *dhikirs* danced by whirling Muslim Sufis ---- ecological Lenten sermons on "the passion of the earth".... Jewish rabbis, Muslim imams, Buddhist monks, secular politicians and atheists share the pulpit with preacher-politicians like Jesse Jackson.

The Cathedral also has its own company of dancers, musicians and artisans, ten artists-in-residence: two painters, three photographers, a sculptor, a calligrapher, a poet, a blacksmith and last week's high-wire performer. It has also a permanent memorial for AIDS victims and a huge crucifix with a female Christ.

OUR LORD JESUS SAID: "it is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves." (Matt 21:13)

COMMENT: This Cathedral of St. John is part of the Anglican Communion. It has received into its fellowship a host of non-Christian persons and things: Jews, Muslims, Buddhists, Shintos, atheists, homosexuals, images and idols.

QUESTION: Whatever has happened to the Church of England?

and place a 20th Century Reformation movement to counter it through the International Council of Christian Churches. Our BPC has been a constituent member of the ICC from its founding in 1950. We have hosted 3 Far Eastern Council Conferences in 1956, 1970 and 1981. We have striven for the Separatist cause because it is the teaching of Scripture "to come out from among them" (II Cor 6:14-18).

Locally we are organised as the Singapore Council of Christian Churches which will hold our Annual General Meeting at Life Church this evening, Aug 24, 8.00 pm. Come, join us! "How long halt ye between two opinions? If the Lord be God, follow Him: but if Baal then follow him," says Elijah to every Reader today (I Ki 18:21). (Speaker at SCCC meeting tonight is Mr Stephen Khoo, who is back for a visit from Grace Seminary, USA.) - T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (25th - 31st Aug) OFFERINGS FOR: RPG \$100; Thai Missions \$200;

MON 7.30 pm NT History (Rev Charlie Tan)  
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting  
WED 7.30 pm Calvin (Rev Tow)  
THU 7.30 pm Gospels & Acts (Dr Quek)  
FRI 8.00 pm Family worship at the new home of Bro. & Mrs Peter Chng, Blk 229, Toa Payoh Lor 8, #12-170, (1231). Tel: 2544431  
9.20 pm Peter Clements arrives A.India  
SUN 10.00 am Mr Stephen Khoo (Elder Tay)  
10.00 am Rev Tow at Sion Pres. Ch.  
11.30 am Catechism Class  
4.30 pm Rev Tow at Sharon

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$5,189.00

EXTENSION BLDG FUND 949)\$4000(Sharon); 950)\$4; 951)\$195; 952)\$200; 953)\$280; 954)\$200.

Total \$795,117.00

FEBI 329)\$150; 330)\$240. Total \$158,232.11

BURMA 1)\$200; 2)\$100; 3)\$200; 4)\$150; 5)

\$2000. Total \$2,650 Edited by Rev Timothy Tow, 9A Gilstead Rd, S'pore 1130. Tel: 2560617

"Come out of her, my people"

(Rev. 18:4)

When a Protestant Church can degenerate to the level of this church in New York City, she has outdone even her Mother, the Roman Catholic Church, which is seen by the Reformers as MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH (Rev 17:5). In Singapore there have also been held many an inter-faith meeting, Christianity standing side by side with human religions. This is the ultimate of the Ecumenical Movement - a World Church of all faiths.

In the eyes of the Apostle John, this "is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird" (Rev 18:2). When the Pope receives the heads of human religions, as is frequently reported in the press, and Billy Graham fraternises with the Pope, those who get carried away by the Ecumenical Movement will finally end up in Babylon. In this situation John tells us, "And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her (the Harlot Church), my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not her plagues" (Rev 18:4).

When the Ecumenical Movement organised as the World Council of Churches in Amsterdam 1948, God raised up at the same time

PA \$50.

Obituary 1) Mrs Tan Peng Koen of Tanjong Pinang went home to be with the Lord in Hong Kong Aug 12.

2) Mr Stephen Kuan, FEBCer 1973, was taken home suddenly Friday Aug 22. Funeral Monday Aug 25 will be officiated by Revs David Wong and Tow. Cortege leaves Blk 338, Clementi Ave 2, Monday Aug 25, 10 am (Tel: 7761470).

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"Faith of our Fathers living still...  
We will be true to thee till death."

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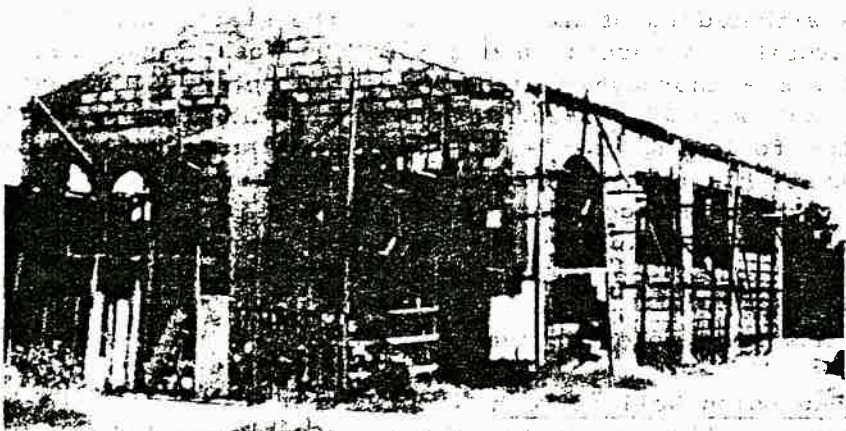
at Life Church

Speaker: Mr Stephen Khoo

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WHAT BETTER INVESTMENT?



"Investment promotion was very much on the mind of President Corason Aquino of the Philippines as she began her two-day state visit yesterday - and she wasted no time getting to work on it" -- so runs Straits Times Wednesday report. Philippines is wooing more of our business enterprise now that a "new day" has come, and more Singaporeans will visit her for mutual benefits.

When we went to teach in Manila 1984 we were drawn to helping Rev Dan Ebert III build a church with one of his graduate students, Pastor Ligmon. Since then, Life Church has sent them several sums, the last being US\$13,000. The result now is this solid brick building

to be completed before end of this year. What better investment in the Philippines can Singapore make than this concrete investment?

When Rev Tan Eng Boo, chairman of BP Missions, visits Manila in October, we shall close our Philippines Land A/C. He will bring with him all moneys contributed up to date of his departure. So, if you would invest more concretely, here is your last opportunity!

Other regions in ASEAN where we have invested concretely are Indonesia, Thailand, (W. Australia), and not the least, West and East Malaysia. The coming dedication of the new double-corner house at Air Bemban Sept 13, 3 pm is concrete evidence of this statement.

As in business, investment is not restricted to any region, but wherever good profit is obtainable, so with the Gospel. A good sector the Lord has opened before us, undoubtedly, is Burma. The following paragraph from Rev Nun Pum, Moderator of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Burma, reveals God's hand in the deal. Praising the Lord for Rev Thawm Luai's exit to Singapore in the nick of time, he says, "As you know, to get out of Burma is really not easy. The exit of Rev Thawm Luai is like Lot's family leaving Sodom. (Thawm Luai managed to get out on June 30.) On July 1, 1986, Burma stopped issuing passports for social visit travel. In the light of this situation, we see the Lord has answered your prayers and our prayers. We see God's hand in action. The future of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Burma is dependent on the Lord and your Church."

This report telling how Thawm Luai had beaten the latest Immigration closure to foreign travel by his Government must be read in the light of Rev. 3:8, "... I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it ...."

Our Gospel investment in Burma has just began. First by bringing Rev Thawm Luai to Singapore and giving him a semester's refresher course at FEBC. Second, in shipping surplus clothing in 10-kilo cartons at \$22.50 postage per carton for the relief of the poor among his tribal people - the Chins in mountainous N-W Burma. Third, in supplying him a small library of theological books with the view of a projected Bible School.

"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep,

To gain what he cannot lose" - Jim Eliot

This saying by Jim Eliot, one of five martyred American missionaries to the Auca Indians of South America, should inspire us to a more fruitful life as we live this transient life on earth. Elizabeth, the wife of Jim Eliot was sold to this doctrine of the Cross. So, when news of her husband's martyrdom came to her ears, she had "no regrets." She said, "This was not a tragedy ... God has a plan and purpose in all things." Both husband and wife could say with St. Paul, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me" (Gal 2:20). Therefore they can conclude with Paul, "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain" (Phil 1:21).

But we have not given our lifeblood yet, which is the greatest investment, even as Tertullian the Latin Church Father has said, "The blood of martyrs is the seed of the Church." We do well, especially more elderly Readers, when we give of our substance now, when we can do so blissfully, before it is left cold to others at our home-going. What shall it profit a Christian if he hoards up a fortune for his rebellious children and to be suddenly taken home before he can show a more meaningful piety to his Heavenly Father? "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep, to gain what he cannot lose." Amen?

LeTourneau's Bitter Experience

R.G. LeTourneau, the Christian earth-moving machinery manufacturer who died in 1969, failed often in the earlier years of his career.

Ironically, though, he made \$35,000 profit one year in the middle of the depression.



Puffed up with pride, he withheld the payment of his \$5,000 annual pledge to the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church in order to reinvest it in the business and give the Lord an even greater share the following year when he anticipated a net profit of \$100,000.

God was not mocked by LeTourneau's withholding of his tithe from the storehouse. Within a year, his anticipated \$100,000 profit was turned into a \$100,000 loss, and brought the erring servant to his knees. It was a thoroughly cleansed and repentant LeTourneau who by much courage and faith pledged not only \$5,000 to his church for the year he skipped, but also the same amount for the following year - in the face of a \$100,000 debt and no money for payroll. On top of that, his book-keeper was ready to quit.

From that point on, LeTourneau's fortune changed and within four years, he and his wife founded the LeTourneau Foundation comprised of 90 percent of the stocks of LeTourneau Corp., the earnings of which financed evangelical Christian work world-wide. At one time, this foundation was worth \$40 million.

LeTourneau often said, "It is not how much money I give to God, but how much of God's money I keep for myself."

#### LeTourneau Doing Well in Both

R.G. LeTourneau told Forbes magazine, "I like to do two things. One is to design machines, turn on the power, and see them work. The other is to turn on the power of the Gospel and see it work in people's lives."

He did pretty well in the first department. At his death he held over 200 patents. One of his monster earth-moving machines, weighing 200,000 hundred pounds, can cut a thirty-five-foot swath through a jungle, knocking down trees five feet in diameter and chewing them up.

He did well in the second department, too. Besides giving up to ninety percent of his income to Christian work, he would fly anywhere to speak for Jesus Christ. He is the only man to have been president of both the Christian Businessmen's Committee International and the Gideons International. (Encyclopaedia of 7700 Illustrations) - T.F.

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (1st - 7th Sept)

MON 7.30 pm NT History (Rev Charlie Tan)  
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting  
WED 7.30 pm Calvin (last class)  
THU 7.30 pm Gospels & Acts (Dr Quek)  
FRI 6.30 pm FEBC end-of-term dinner at Rev Charlie Tan's  
SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 2pm - JYP; 3pm - LBC  
2.30 pm Leong How Yin-Fam Chuay Lai Wedding (Rev Tow)  
3.30 pm YAF; 4pm - AF Bible Study/YAF  
5.00 pm Pastor at Shalom Anniversary, RELC  
SUN 10.00 am Mr Peter Clements (Lord's Supper)  
10.00 am Chinese Service  
11.30 am Catechism Cl. (Elder Chia)  
11.30 am Filipina Fellowship  
11.55 am Korean Church Service  
12.30 pm Choir Practice  
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 Service  
7.30 pm Korean Evening Service  
8.15 pm Mr Clements at Bkt Gambir

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$4,697.00

EXTN BLDG FUND 955)\$50. Total \$795,167.00

PHILIPPINES LAND 112)\$50; 113)\$30(boxes).

Total \$20,207.50

BURMA 6)\$100. Total \$2,750

FEBI 331)\$1290(Hsu). Total \$159,522.11

OFFERINGS FOR: PA System \$50; Tape Library \$15; KL Missions \$450(WF); N. Thailand \$350 (WF).

FEBC closes Fri Sept 5 for mid-semester break and reopens Sept 15, 8 am.

Obituary. Madam Tay Siew Kin of Muar Trinity Presbyterian Church went home to be with the Lord at Mt Elizabeth Hospital 26/8/86.

Funeral in Muar was officiated by the Life Church pastor 30/8/86. Call: Lim Florist 3369011; Bookroom 2541223; Dr P Tan 2511915

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Expresgram to Rev C T Hsu. Your 2 cheques received with thanks.

Pray for 1) Safe arrival of Dr & Mrs Masters and P.D. Pastors and Leaders Conference, Sept 8-12. 2) Air Bemban Dedication Sept 13, 3 pm. 3) Rev Paauwe's safe arrival Sept 2; QF5, 9.05 pm. 4) Elder Khoo who is recuperating at home from a slight fracture of his toe.

Extension Skywards. Our architect recommends adding one storey to the L-Annex to bring it in line with the FEK block. The Church-FEK Corridor be roofed over. Scheme under consideration.

Those wishing to go to Air Bemban Inauguration Service, please see Elder Chia Kim Chwee. Only 4 seats available.

May the mind of Christ my Saviour  
Live in me from day to day,  
By his love and power controlling  
All I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly  
In my heart from hour to hour,  
So that all may see I triumph  
Only through His power.

May the love of Jesus fill me  
As the waters fill the sea;  
Him exalting, self abasing,  
This is victory.

May I run the race before me,  
Strong and brave to face the foe,  
Looking only unto Jesus  
As I onward go.

May this beauty rest upon me  
As I seek the lost to win,  
And may they forget the channel,  
Seeing only Him. - Alan Redpath  
(Contributed by a young Lifer)



PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

Retreat to Advance

In military science, strategy demands retreat at a certain juncture of battle in order to recoup for a later advance. In the service of the Lord, we need to do the same. Even our Lord, in the days of His flesh, would go to some secluded place to "rest a while" (Mk 6:31) before they "go on into the next towns" (Mk 1:38).

Next Monday will see the setting out from Singapore to Port Dickson of 170-180 from all our BP churches to the Pastors' and Leaders' Conference, Sept 8-12. This will include the major part of the FEBC student body. The theme of the Conference is "Worship and Service in Perilous Times". Dr & Mrs Peter Masters will be the main speakers.

The Baptist Assembly grounds at Golden Sands, 9 miles south of Port Dickson, no doubt, is a beautiful site for camping. For physical exercise, the sea is the added attraction. But the spiritual side is our emphasis. We are coming apart to "rest a while" from the chores and hubbub of urban life. We are giving our spirits time to refresh that we might be more strengthened to fight the Lord's battle. We are coming apart to meditate and pray, to rethink the issues of the day. "Jesus is coming again real soon!" (C.T. Hsu).

Dedication of Air Bemban

Air Bemban, 3 miles north of Kelapa Sawit, is the latter's second outreach with Life Church's financial support. Mrs John Ling (now with the Lord) was the prime mover, inasmuch as she held a Sunday School here many years ago.

Adorned like a bride to meet the bridegroom for the Dedication, Sat Sept 13, 3 pm, she is even prettier in her natural surroundings. A double corner house sitting high on 5,300 sq.ft., she is bought for M\$90,000.

At present a Sunday School is being regularly maintained by K.S.Y.F. Attendance is between 20 and 40. A kindergarten is the next step, inasmuch as the classroom furniture has been installed. To help Readers going to the Dedication, we reproduce the sketch map that appeared some weeks before. Motorists driving upcountry are advised to be very cautious: SAFETY FIRST!

Weekly Friday Night Family Worship, etc.

Since this house-to-house family worship was revived recently, we have kept it up without a break every Friday. We have seen God's blessing upon us.

In view of our going downunder, I shall not be here to carry on this work. Who will head up this Friday Night Family Worship? As Dr Patrick

Tan has to act for me while supervising New Life, I feel constrained not to add to his burdens. The logical choice of a new coordinator must fall on an elder. In this respect, Preacher J.P. David can also help.

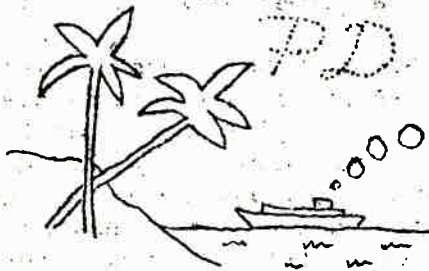
Since the issuing of the Visitor's Cards and Prayer Request Cards, we have established a closer rapport with many new friends. We appreciate your comments and the questions you've asked.

Let Me Answer 2 of These Qs

1. "How can a Christian businessman, while trying to make profit, practise not making too much?" To make profit by overcharging may work in one or two deals. If one is found out, well, that's the end of it with the victims concerned. "Honesty is the best policy!" My rejoinder: If a Christian withholds his tithe, can he be richer? Mal. 3:8-10 gives the answer. Last week's story on LeTourneau is an eye-opener. When we play fair with men and God, success will come to us for sure. So we need not try to make more than is warranted. The secret is, by making less from men we get more, and by giving more to God we get less - of troubles! Be sure to read Malachi 3:8-10!

2. "Announcements at Church service should be given at the end and not as we do one-third-way." From my observation Chinese Churches make announcements at the end, but western Churches as we do. We follow the western because the message that is preached should climax with an appropriate closing hymn and solemnised by the Benediction. To say anything further is an anti-climax.

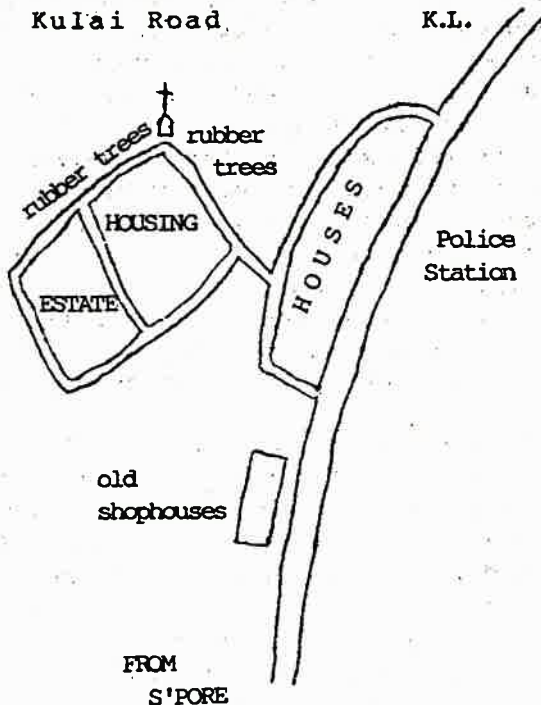
In making announcements, we should not say or repeat obvious items that are in the Weekly. Some Church services I have attended are spoilt by wordy but not worthy announcements, taking as much as 10 mins! Our announcements at most take 1 or 2 minutes. Besides, it always begins with a note of welcome to new worshippers.



AIR BEMBAN

29th mile  
Kulai Road

TO  
K.L.





## "In Everything Give Thanks..."

By Elder Khoo Peng Kiat

Yes, even in adverse circumstances, we can still praise and thank God!

Something much worse could have happened to my right foot when a 20-inch TV set landed on it. This TV set was presented to me by a bosom friend, a former colleague of mine who is now retired.

On Tuesday 25/8/86 at about 6 pm I was trying to type my Sunday School lesson. There was a stapler on the stool which was covered by a face towel. A reflex action took place when I sat on it which resulted in my toppling backwards. I tried to avert the fall by using my hands to prevent my head from hitting the floor. But instead my shoulders hit against the movable TV stand which rolled backwards and knocked against my bedroom wall, causing the TV set to topple and land on my right foot. Praise and thanks be to God that the TV screen and the glass cover and the plastic eye protector did not break. Otherwise, I would have sustained a very severe laceration and nerve injury. The doctor told me how fortunate I was. But I told him it was by the grace of God that I only sustained a fracture of one of my metatarsals and with some lacerations on the dorsum of my foot. I was prescribed three weeks of rest plus some analgesics by the orthopaedic surgeon.

"In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (I Thess 5:18). According to King Solomon, "In the day of prosperity be joyful, but in the day of adversity consider: God also hath set the one over against the other, to the end that man should find nothing after him" (Eccl 7:14). Like David of old, "I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy: for thou hast considered my trouble; thou hast known my soul in adversities" (Psalm 31:7). It has been said that "the soul that gives thanks can find comfort in everything; the soul that complains can find comfort in nothing." To me, to complain against God our Creator and Redeemer is to sin against Him and cause Him to grieve. I always believe in the sovereignty of God. He rules and overrules in our affairs. For those of us who honour and delight God in our ways, our steps are directed and established of Him (Ps 37:23). And for those of us who love God and are called and fashioned according to His purpose, we can rest assured that He works out everything for our good to the glory and honour of His Name (Rom 8:28).

Yes, "in everything give thanks" and "always for all things", for this is well-pleasing to God, for this is the will of God. Even in buffeting which is for a while has come forth blessing for me through this testimony. How true it is "...every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit" (Jn 15:2). Abraham Wright said, "We may feel God's hand as a Father upon us when He strikes as well as when He strokes us." Martin Luther said, "Our suffering is not worthy the Name of suffering. When I consider my crosses, tribulations and temptations, I shame myself almost to death, thinking what are they in comparison of the sufferings of my blessed Saviour Jesus Christ."

I have received much comfort through Deacon Benny Chng's kind assistance in bringing me to hospital, your prayers, visits, words of encouragement, "get well" cards, gifts, etc. From "the God of all comfort" I have received much encouragement from this verse, "Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth..." (Heb 12:6). Indeed, God's grace is sufficient for me, and His strength is made perfect in weakness (II Cor 12:9).

I pray that this testimony will bring encouragement to anyone who reads it; to anyone who is undergoing buffetings and bewilderments. May the words of Paul encourage our hearts: afflicted but not forsaken, knocked down but not knocked out (II Cor 4:9). For God loves us with His everlasting love. Amen.

### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (8th - 14th Sept)

MON 8.30 am sharp FEBC/Life coach leaves for P.D.

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting (Elder Mahadevan)

SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 2pm - JYF; 3pm - LBC

4.00 pm AF prayer mtg

7.15 pm Film "Ordinary Guy"

YAF Film Ministry

SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow

10.00 am Rev Paauwe (Chinese Service, Lord's Supper.)

11.30 am Catechism Class (Elder Chia)

11.30 am Filipina Fellowship

3.00 pm Thai Service

4.00 pm Indonesian Service

4.30 pm Rev Tow at Sharon Anniverary

6.00 pm Tamil Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$6,153.85

EXTN BLDG FUND 956)\$19,200; 957)\$600; 968)

\$365; 959)\$20; 960)\$2493.07(NL); 961)\$139

(Chinese Ser.); 962)\$300. Total \$818,284.07

BURMA 7)\$760; 8)\$330; 9)\$100; 10)\$1000.

Total \$4,940 Stop Press! 11)\$30; 12)\$100

PHILIPPINES LAND 114)\$50; 115)\$270.

Total \$20,527.50

OFFERINGS FOR: Maintenance \$1000, \$1800,

\$1200, \$1400; Thailand \$50; S. Mani \$50;

Paauwe \$50; PA System \$50; Thai Service \$150

Welfare Fund \$34; FEBC M\$1,200; Jess Lim \$500

Those taking our coach to P.D. are to meet

at Life Church, Mon Sept 8, 8 am. Coach leaves 8.30 sharp!

Obituary. Madam Lee Boey, 72, mother of

Audrey Seah, went home to be with the Lord

Sept 2, '86. Funeral Sat Sept 6 was officiated by Rev James Chan. Deepest sympathies to the bereaved family.

The engagement between Miss Kayoko Harata and Mr Cheong Chin Meng is announced at FEBC,

Friday Sept 5, 1986.

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PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

Killing Many Birds

Every year we hold our Annual Conference at Port Dickson, we make the best of the long journey by visiting Rawang and Bukit Gambir en route. This year we brought Peter Clements along, as well as Phoebe Wong and Anne Wong, two FEBC students. We gave a lift to Dr Patrick Tan from New Life to Kulai Besar where he administered the Lord's Supper.

We arrived Rawang five minutes late, owing to "slow coaches" blocking our path. Nevertheless, we had a wonderful time worshipping with a house brimming with children! For the Sunday School tiny tots were here. They sang "Rolled away ... every burden of my heart rolled away" in perfect English. To top it all, we baptised three infants. Over 50 adults partook of the Lord's Supper. A father handed me M\$100 from his son for Life Church Extension Fund!

From Rawang, we penetrated 13 miles inland to Bukit Gambir where about 30 adults met. Peter Clements gave an enlivening message on "Reconciliation and Ambassadors of Reconciliation". Bukit Gambir is going to become an important station on our Gospel Highway when the North-South expressway is completed.

Elder and Mrs Koa were our hosts. Not only did they provide us with dinner, but also bed for the night and breakfast the next morning.

Biggest Attendance Ever

This was our biggest conference with 180 registered. The biggest groups were FEBCers and Lifers, including a Korean lady and her son. Rev Liew Hon Seng came with his daughter and a young convert. He hopes we could attend the opening of Salayang Segar early next year. Salayang Segar is close to Batu Caves which is visited yearly by ½ million Indian pilgrims at Taipusam.

The theme of this year's Conference is "Worship and Service in Perilous Times". This is a vital subject because many things are done in a Church service which are not worship at all. The employment of more and more musical instruments, but less and less singing from the heart, is one phenomenon of unworthy worship. Coming late to Church habitually is disrespectful to the Lord. (Ushers should be seated in Church with the completion of the opening hymn. To linger at the door further encourages tardiness in late-comers.) The singing of Amen intensifies our earnestness in worship. Worship should cost us something according to David, "Neither will I offer burnt-offerings unto the Lord my God of that which cost me nothing" (II Sam 24:24). The Day of Worship, which is the Lord's Day and Christian Sabbath, is desecrated when Sunday afternoon is spent in sports, catch-up study, T.V., and participation in worldly activities. "If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable; and shalt honour Him, not doing thine own ways, not finding thine own words; Then shall thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I shall cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it" (Isa 58:13,14).

Dr Tow Siang Hwa presented the Conference each with this Sabbath Covenant:

O W O R S H I P T H E L O R D  
in the beauty of holiness

Recognising that Lord's Day Worship  
in God's House is a joyous foretaste  
of our eternal rest in Heaven

I HEREBY COVENANT BEFORE GOD  
to keep the Lord's Day for Holy Service;  
to treat God's House with utmost reverence;  
to regard the Worship Service as sacred.

For this cause,

I SHALL ENDEAVOUR MY UTMOST  
to keep early night on Saturday;  
to abstain from needless work on Sunday;  
to prepare early on Sunday for worship;  
to arrive 15 minutes before time;  
to be seated 10 minutes before time  
for QUIET MEDITATION in the Sanctuary;  
to subdue all conversation and noise;  
to discipline my children to do likewise.

So, help me, God!

But as for me and my house  
we will serve the Lord!

Conversely, if we take the Lord's Day lightly, if we miss Church habitually, neglecting the Lord's Supper, if we have no reverence for the Lord nor respect for His House, we might have to pay heavily for our irreverence. Dear Reader, if you have been missing the company of saints, if you have stayed away from Church on the excuse that others are not caring enough, there is the visitor's card you can fill (Tel. No., please!). Put that in the Box at the Church entrance. Mr J.P. David our staffworker is ever ready to serve you. The pastor's phone, 2560617, is a direct line 24 hours of the day, if you have need of him.

Inasmuch as Worship is our vertical communication line with God, Service is our horizontal line of communication with our fellowmen. Evangelism and missions is the theme of such service. As the Lord's coming is so near, let us devote our energy and substance for the extension of God's Kingdom with increasing intensity.



## Australia Appreciates

BP Missions is now active in Perth, Adelaide and Melbourne. Insofar as Perth is concerned, the Church Weekly brings this latest news (dated Sept 7, '86). Attendance of the previous week: 77. Offering AS401. Bible study/Prayer meeting: 18. Renovation of the Church Sanctuary commences Mon Sept 15. A portable sound system is purchased. The Church looks forward to the Bible Camp, Dec 29 - Jan 3, Rev Tow speaking. The theme is "Prepare to Meet thy God".

Our Life BP Weekly is mailed weekly to Robin Tan. The Aug 24 issue is reproduced for the Church at Perth as additional literature for their edification.

Deacon L.S. Pang, who had his surgery in Sydney recently, experienced the icy climate of the Australian Church. He has urged us to look beyond Perth to other Australian cities. O Lord, speak to some young Reader! May he or she hear this Thy Call: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. ... For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Matt 16:24-26). Will some of our young people at P.D. this time dedicate their lives to God's service?

Yours affectionately, T.T.

SEELENBRAUTIGAM (ARNSTADT). (55.88.55.)

PSALM 43

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1874 ADAM DREXEL, 1820-1701



1. Why art thou cast down?  
Thou wand'ring lost one?  
Why art thou disquieted in me?  
Hope thou in God who sustains thee.

I shall yet praise Him,  
Who my soul redeemed.

2. Leave me not alone,  
My poor soul doth groan.  
Save me from a wicked nation,  
Deliver me from oppression.  
Judge me, O my God!  
Search me by Thy Word.

3. O send our Thy light,  
And Thy Truth so bright.  
Let them lead me, let them guide me,  
Onward, upward Thy face to see.

To Thy holy hill,  
May Thou guide me still.

4. Thou my great delight,  
Thou Judge of my plight.  
At Thy altar let me offer -  
By Thy mercies save me ever!  
On Thy holy hill,  
I will praise Thee still.

## APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (15th - 21st Sept.)

MON 8.00 am FEBC reopens  
MON-WED 9.30 am - 12.30 am Dr Masters lectures  
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting  
9.15 pm Session Meeting  
WED 7.30 pm Session farewell to Pastor  
THU 8.45 pm Pastor leaves for Perth (SIA)  
SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 2pm - JYF; 3pm - LBC  
2.30 pm Chai Ying Whye-Chong Chai Gian  
Wed. (Fishermen of Christ)  
4.5.30 pm Khoo Wah Ann-Yap Sai Choo Wed.  
(Dr P. Tan)  
7.00 pm BFC Anniversary  
SUN 10.00 am Rev K.C. Quek  
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LAST WEEK'S OFFERING: \$5,907.05  
LIFE CHURCH EXTENSION FUND 963)\$460; 964) Rd., Singapore 1130. Tel: 2560617/2569256

\$20; 965)\$280; 966)\$500; 967)\$100; 968)\$50;  
969)\$1000; 970)\$264 (Chinese Service); 971)  
\$205.20; 972)\$83 (Rawang). Total \$821,246.07  
Stop Press! 973)\$375.  
PHILIPPINES LAND 116)\$103. Total \$20,630.50  
BURMA 13)\$215; 14)\$350. Total \$5,635  
OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: Missionaries \$50;  
Reformed Tape Library \$10; Peter Clements  
\$50; PA System \$50; N. Thailand \$50; FEBC  
\$150; Thailand Missions \$100; Rev Turner  
\$150.  
Expresgram to Rev C.T. Hsu: Thanks for your  
cheque!  
Pray for Brenda Lai now warded at Mount Eli-  
zabeth Hospital.  
"Basic Theology for Everyone" classes resume  
as usual Mon Sept 15, 7.30 pm.  
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2541304; Bookroom 2541223; Dr P. Tan 2511915  
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PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

Air Bemban Dedication

The dedication of Air Bemban B-P Church was a joyous occasion when over one hundred gathered from near and far last Saturday Sept 13, 3 pm.

Air Bemban is an offshoot from Kelapa Sawit with Life Church's help of M\$90,000 to purchase the 5,300 sq.ft. double cornerhouse property. The running of this new Gospel Centre is entirely under the Session of Kelapa Sawit Church. From this Lord's Day a regular worship service will be commenced at 7.30 pm. There is a Sunday School that has been maintained the last two months. Fifteen of these S.S. children sang "Jesus Loves Me" at the Dedication.

One development out of the Air Bemban Dedication was Elder John Ling's appeal to build Bakit Batu. There are 60 S.S. children who meet regularly under a durian tree. And we have a 25,000 ft. property which was purchased Nov 1983 at M\$1 per sq.ft. The logic to building Bukit Batu is the mounting need and the favourable economic climate. Materials and labour are at rock bottom prices today! An elder from Malacca, hearing this, presented Kelapa Sawit with a gift for Bukit Batu.

Another appeal by Elder John Ling was that more Singaporeans come to help in the Lord's work at Kelapa Sawit and Air Bemban. Incidentally, Rev Goh Seng Fong is scheduled to speak at Kelapa Sawit this Lord's Day 3.00 pm at the Chinese Service, 5.00 pm at the Tamil and 7.30 pm at Air Bemban. This is how the Gospel should be extended.

Sharon BPC 15th Anniversary

As soon as Air Bemban was over, I was invited to speak at Sharon's 15th Anniversary. I was glad to see Rev Peter Chua back in Church. There was a great gathering of over 250 to Sharon. Two adults and one infant were baptised and one re-affirmation of faith. I was glad also to see a number of Lifers now worshipping with Sharon. This helps relieve our congestion and adds to the strength of our daughter congregation. After service the whole Church came together to a buffet dinner all prepared by Sharon ladies. This not only saved for the Lord but also increased the spirit of service between the families.

Sharon Church has a mission station in Kuching, Sarawak, called Sharon Rose. There's a kindergarten and Sunday service manned by Pauline and Kah Teck. Recently, Kah Teck built a two-storey wooden house in a squatters district to start a Gospel work with slum children. Here Rev Djunaidi held a two-night campaign and several souls came to the Lord. Kuching is a Gospel Link between S'pore and Pontianak, West Kalimantan.

Another Sharon contribution is Elder Joseph's part at the Life Tamil Service.

Extending Skywards!

The pastor is elected head of the Building Extension Committee. There have been several meetings with Mr Heng our architect. We believe it is not the Lord's will for us to move across the street, but rather stretch upwards, where we are.

Insofar as the Church Auditorium is concerned, there is the suggestion to add another balcony with access from the base of the belltower. This should increase 50 seating capacity. A 30x45 ft. library could be projected over the 6-pillar driveway, above the pillar-cap line, with access also from the bell-tower base. As to how much we can add above the L-Annexe, that will be determined by the Engineer's study of the old foundations. If one storey be added above the Parsonage, the top floor will become the new Parsonage while the present one should be converted into a meeting hall. These are some ideas under "bombardment" which are shared with our Readers. Your views will be much appreciated.

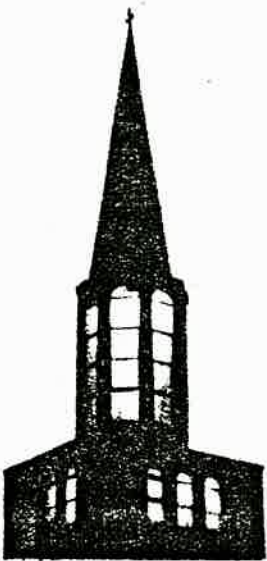
Another Service?

There is talk of starting another service to relieve the present congestion. Citing the practice of other churches might add to the argument, but there are responsibilities the Life Church pastor carries little known in other churches.

As things stand there is no possibility of holding another service except on Sunday night when the Church hall is usually not in use. Let me speak from past and present experiences that to run a Sunday night service is not an easy thing. Though enthusiasts in this direction are magnanimous enough to leave the pastor alone, they will know the weight of the burden once it is launched. Has this not been the burden felt by the Calvary Sunset Gospel Hour? I would rather that Lifers continue supporting the Sunset Hour to mutual benefit. Going to Calvary Pandan is now easy and breezy by the PIE, not as in older days of going through many red lights and traffic jams.

On the principle enunciated by Oswald Smith, "Why should anyone hear the Gospel twice when others have not heard it once," your pastor has all these years bent his efforts on outreaches to Malaysia (12 are out of Life Church); since 1971, to ASEAN; and now to Australia and Burma.

If Life Church is becoming too congested, on the same principle of going outwards, to start another branch church in some other part of Singapore Island, as we did at Wood-





lands, is following a good pattern. Decentralisation is one genius of BPism.

#### Divine Guidance for Our Journey Through Life

Though we may be settled in a beautiful home, remember, life is a journey. To appreciate this truth more vividly, what is the milestone of your years?

In our journeying, we are liable to go on the wrong track. Particularly, when we are in a new country, or when our vision is blurred by foul weather. I have experienced this every now and then in my travels. When the Bukit Timah Expressway was opened, I had the joy of a smooth, speedy drive to Woodlands. Coming back in the night to where the road divided, left to City and Airport and right to Jurong, I got on the wrong one which landed me in Jurong. If there was a co-driver who had warned me beforehand, this detour would have been avoided.

Paul in his Second Missionary Journey was saved from such a situation, from going up Bithynia, which would lead him towards Russia. The Holy Spirit forbade him, and by turning him west to Troas, he was led into Europe. To confirm him and his comrades, a vision of a Macedonian man praying that he should go over to help the people there was given to him in the night. A further confirmation that God had wanted Paul in Europe was the conversion of Lydia and her household.

Our going to Perth this time is seen in the light of Paul's experience at the cross-roads in Asia Minor. When we returned from WA in June, the thought of going downunder was least in our mind. But God has so worked out events following our return that we are directed back to Australia once more. The strong desire of the people there for our going again, plus the conversion of several R.C. girls, further confirms this. So our sabbatical is become a working holiday! What we are asking for your prayer support especially is the Bible Camp, Dec 29 - Jan 3. Pray for the Lord's Spirit upon His servant as he speaks on "Prepare to Meet Thy God." Pray for Rev Paauwe who is bringing in a party of 12 from Adelaide, and for his part in delivering the devotional messages. Pray for Mrs Tow as she plans to teach a Women's Bible Class.

As my years are numbered, I pray that the Lord will enable me to use all my spare hours for a writing ministry. I shall try to write the Psalms for RPG and the history of the BPC woven around my testimony. Much reading up will have to be undertaken for accuracy and perspective.

During our sojourn in Australia we shall be quartered at Unit N4, Windsor Tower, 9 Parker St., South Perth, WA 6151, Tel. (09)474-1200. The Church we've bought is now under renovation. So we continue to worship at Melville City Council, Lesser Hall, Almondbury Rd., Ardross 6153, WA. We shall be away for 16 Sundays, but we have confidence in Dr Patrick Tan holding the fort, and in the Lord's messengers who will minister in our absence. But we will keep in touch, through 16 numbers of Australetters. To make sure none is lost or late, we shall mail them at the GPO.

We want to express our heartfelt thanks to well-wishers, to LCYF and LBC individuals, and to all who see us off at the airport. We pray God to take good care of you all, watch over His House and dwellers at Gilstead Road. Amen. Yours faithfully, T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (22nd - 28th Sept) PA System \$50; Thai Missions \$760; RPG \$100;

MON 7.30 pm NT History (Rev Charlie Tan)  
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting  
THU 7.30 pm 4 Gospels & Acts (Dr Quek)  
SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 2 pm - JYF; 3 pm - LBC  
2.30 pm Leo Tai Suan-Marie Chan Mui  
Hoon Wedding (Dr P. Tan)  
3.30 pm YF; 7.30 pm - CFM  
SUN 10.00 am Rev Goh Seng Fong (Dn Wee C.K.)  
10.00 am Chinese Service  
11.30 am Catechism Class  
11.30 am Filipina Fellowship  
11.55 am Korean Church Service  
12.15 pm Church Choir Practice  
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 \$4,520.50  
EXTENSION BLDG FUND 974)\$255; 975)\$200; 976)\$200; 977)\$200; 978)\$20; 979)\$150; 980)\$50; 981)\$700. Total \$823,396.07  
FEBI 332)\$150. Total \$159,672.11  
PHILIPPINES LAND 117)\$50; 118)\$100; 119)\$50.  
Total \$20,830.50

BURMA 15)\$200. Total \$5,935 Stop Press 16)\$200  
FEBI \$100; \$200; \$100; \$100.

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: Missionaries \$300; over 9,000 sq.ft.

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Jess Lim \$100.  
Public Holidays in 1987  
New Year's Day Thu, 1st Jan  
Chinese New Year Thu & Fri, 29th & 30th Jan  
Good Friday Fri, 17th Apr  
Labour Day Fri, 1st May  
Vesak Day Tue, 12th May  
Hari Raya Puasa Fri, 29 May  
Hari Raya Haji Wed, 5th Aug  
National Day Sun, 9th Aug\*  
Deepavali Wed, 21st Oct  
Christmas Day Fri, 25th Dec

\* Mon, 10th Aug will be a public holiday

#### School Vacations in 1987

Sat, 14th Mar - Sun, 22nd Mar (1 week)  
Sat, 30th May - Sun, 28th Jun (4 weeks)  
Sat, 5th Sep - Sun, 13th Sept (1 week)  
Sat, 21st Nov - Thu, 31st Dec (6 weeks)

Pray for speedy recovery of Elder Khoo, also for Eld. Koh Kim Song with a fractured foot, for Mdm Tan, for Brenda Lai warded at Mt Elizabeth Hospital, and for Mrs Peter Chua.

Extension Building Plan It is confirmed to add a whole storey to the L-Annexe. The green corridor connecting Church balcony with FEK Block will be roofed over to become a multi purpose hall. Total extended area:



My dear Readers,

## "Praise the Lord!"

Greetings from Downunder! We want to thank all of you who bade us Godspeed at the airport - Session members, (Chinese Service), young Lifers, LBCers, FEBCers, Rev K.C. Quek, etc.

As we had extras in our luggage, including parts of a P.A. system for the Church, BP Banners and Calvin's for the Bible class, the SIA weighing machine flickered 63.6 kilos. "You are overweight quite a lot," affirmed the girl counter clerk. "Those two cartons are for the Church," pleaded I sheepishly. A short pause, and the 4 pieces of luggage were cleared, SIA smile! "Praise the Lord!" said sis. Lai Cheng. How God and those who love Him thrill to every doxology.

"For God resisteth the proud but giveth grace to the humble" (I Pet. 5:5)



If this is true with God, it is true also with men. One reason why we have chosen SIA this time over our previous carrier is we were rudely treated by the latter. Hasn't SIA that waived that extra charge for the sake of the Church already made a good impression? What a difference to travel in our own flagship! How elated I was to see our S'pore hostesses heartily attending to every need of the passengers on board. That humbling, lowly service has won an overwhelming majority of Westerners, so that I can safely judge SQ23A was filled almost to the last seat. The other reason why we're booked on SIA is their right timing. We need to hurry back in the new year, and SIA's schedule saves us 2 days.

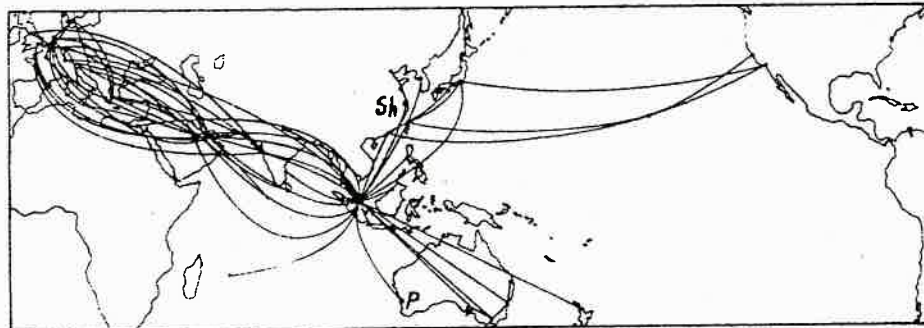
"God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble." By corollary, "It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth" (Lam 3:27). Our SIA hostesses and stewards are comparatively younger. They are more easily bendable. "Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder" (I Pet 5:5). Peter, who once vied for No. 1 now learned the lesson of humble submission from the Lord who says, "Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light" (Matt 11:29,30). Lowliness is the Christ-way to leadership.

## Tax on new goods, thorough search of luggage

The 2 cartons of our P.A. system were assessed for A\$236. Despite my appeal that these were for the BPCWA, the Customs officer would not relent. Neither would I. He compromised by impounding them, issuing a receipt and saying I could see the higher authorities at the Headquarters. Robin Tan agrees that a new day has dawned, but a little cloudy, for visitors to Australia. He says he should be able to reduce that amount. One fringe benefit of this tax procedure insofar as we are concerned is that the examining officer was distracted from going through our suitcases. What a relief!

As our plane arrived before schedule, flying time being only 4 hours 20 mins., the welcoming party was pleasantly overtaken! But, sure enough, our bright yellow VW Combi sailed in, Michael Kwong at the wheel, Robin Tan co-pilot, with the 3 girls who love the Lord since their coming to the Saviour, like the 3 Marys of old. We got to the parsonage almost 3 a.m.

## Perspective



In point of distance, Perth is 3909 km or 2,350 miles from S'pore. By comparison, S'pore is 2373 km to Manila, 2576 km to Hong Kong, 1443 km to Bangkok. Coming to Perth is like going to Shanghai.

Right now, it is 10°C upon landing. The weather is a little chilly for us. When coming to Perth, consult the Daily

Weather Report on the last page of your Straits Times, for henceforth, the days will become warmer.

## How it all started

An LBCer asked how the BPCWA started. It all began with the See Thors of Calvary Jurong migrating here. Mrs See Thor especially wrote my brother about the need. In answer to her Macedonian call, Dr Tow held a Thanksgiving service at her home. Through Robin Tan's initiative the Church services were shifted to the Melville City Council Lesser Hall.

To keep the ball rolling Dr Tow had to come here personally several times. In between, videos were used. Then Rev Paauwe also pitched in, and Rev John Hunt. This is my third time, and our longest stay, being 3½ months. Before this Mark Heath was here for 3 months and now he is back at his K.L. post.



We thank God for Mark's ministry. During the interval attendance had climbed from the 50-60s to 60-70s. Two BP families from S'pore have joined the Church while the VW, making a second round, has brought in male students at W.A.I.T. God has given the increase. While the English Church seems to be growing steadily, there is the gap of a Chinese service to be filled. For the See Thors are Chinese-speaking, and so are some of the older generation within our church family. O Lord, save us out of this situation. Pray for us.

Praying for you, too!

While we need your prayer support in the total ministry of this infant Church and in my writings, we are praying for you, especially for Elders Khoo and Koh, Madam Tan, Brenda Lai and Mrs Peter Chua. "Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you" (Jas 4:8).

Yours affectionately, T.T.

Leadership Workshop, November 1, 1986

God gave to the early church many gifted men. Some were appointed apostles, others prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. The Apostle Paul gave three reasons for appointment of these men: (a) For the perfecting of the saints, (b) for the work of the ministry and (c) for the edifying of the body of Christ (Eph 4:11,12). I hope you have not forgotten that the Church held a Leadership seminar on May 23, 1986 and then a Leadership Camp in June 1986. We have just finished a very profitable B-P Pastors and Leaders Conference in Sept 8-12, 1986. The lessons learnt may be lost if we do not act upon them quickly. Nov 1, 1986 has been designated for a Leadership Workshop. The theme is "For the Perfecting of the Saints" and the keynote message will be delivered by Rev (Dr) Tow Siang Hwa, pastor of Calvary B-P Church.

The call is made for the total mobilisation of the Church. The Church Session is concerned that there should be raised a generation of young leaders who will participate in the total ministry of the Church. The concern is that all the members of the Church and regular worshippers be ministered to. We thank God for a strong pulpit ministry. This should be augmented by personal ministry through some older Christians. The workshop will look into 4 major areas of church ministry, namely, (a) Evangelism, (b) Discipleship, (c) Christian Education and (d) Welfare Services. Each discussion group led by Session members will study in depth what programme may be introduced and what rules young leaders can play.

Is there a need for a strategy for the local church? "Yes," said Dr Peter Masters at the B-P Pastors and Leaders Conference at Port Dickson. St. Paul had a strategy. He had a plan to reproduce himself for a continuing pastoral ministry. He instructed Timothy, "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). Paul gave clear principles, plans and purposes. Dr Masters gave 10 points for a strategy in the local church: (1) a worshipping church; (2) a praying church; (3) a working church; (4) a sanctified church; (5) a learning church; (6) an intensely evangelistic church; (7) a separated church; (8) a sacrificial church; (9) a loving and caring church; (10) a believing church. - P. Tan

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (29 Sep - 5 Oct)

|     |          |                                 |
|-----|----------|---------------------------------|
| MON | 7.30 pm  | NT History (Rev C. Tan)         |
| TUE | 8.00 pm  | Prayer Meeting (Elder Seow)     |
|     | 9.15 pm  | Building Committee Meeting      |
| THU | 7.30 pm  | 4 Gospels & Acts (Dr Quek)      |
| SAT | 1.00 pm  | LJBC; 2 pm - JYF; 3 pm - LBC    |
|     | 3.30 pm  | YF; 4 pm - YAF                  |
|     | 4.00 pm  | AF Bible Study; 7.30 pm - CFM   |
| SUN | 10.00 am | Rev Patrick Tan (Lord's Supper) |
|     | 10.00 am | Chinese Service                 |
|     | 11.30 am | Catechism Class                 |
|     | 11.30 am | Filipina Fellowship             |
|     | 11.55 am | Korean Church Service           |
|     | 12.15 pm | Church Choir Practice           |
|     | 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 \$4,956.00

EXTENSION BUILDING FUND 982)\$515(Off. bags); 983)\$50; 984)\$100; 985)\$2568.02(New Life).

Total \$826,629.09

BURMA 17)\$100. Total \$6,135.00

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: FEBC \$710; Missionaries \$245; RPG \$100; Jess Lim \$30; PA System \$50; KL Missions \$400(WF); N. Thailand \$250(WF); Daniel Arianto \$100.

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The Building Committee will meet this Tues Sept 30 after prayer meeting in the FEBC Library.

Plan to attend the Leadership Workshop, Sat Nov 1, '86 (Deepavali), 8.30 am - 12.30 pm at Life Church. Theme: "For the Perfecting of the Saints" (Eph 4:12). Keynote speaker: Rev (Dr) S.H. Tow, pastor of Calvary BPC.

RPG Bible Reading Guide for October is out. Rev Denis Shelton writes on "The Weeping Prophet" (Jeremiah 34 - 45). Get your copies from the counter today.

"Christian Living For Today" is the theme of a new series of messages at Sunset Gospel Hour, Calvary Pandan BPC, beginning next Lord's Day, 6 pm. The programme for Oct - Nov is given below:

|       |                               |                   |
|-------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Oct 5 | This Man Shall Not See Death! | - Rev Philip Heng |
| 12    | The Two-Edged Sword           | - Dr S.H. Tow     |
| 19    | The Lost Sheep                | - Rev Frankie Low |
| 26    | Robbing God?                  | - Dr S.H. Tow     |
| Nov 2 | The Best Donation             | - Rev Philip Heng |
| 9     | Better Than Your Birthday!    | - Dr S.H. Quek    |
| 16    | Kisses for Sinners            | - Dr S.H. Tow     |
| 23    | Let Your Light Shine          | - Rev Charlie Tan |
| 30    | The First Last                | - Dr S.H. Tow     |

Don't miss any of these messages!





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AUSTRALLETTER No. 2

Unit N4, Windsor Towers  
9 Parker St., S. Perth  
WA 6151, Australia  
Sept 22, '86

My dear Readers,

## Renovation of God's House in West Australia

The day after our arrival Bro. & Mrs Robin Tan took us to the Church now under renovation. The contractor and three assistants were feverishly at work. Australian building labour is paid by the hour at A\$15 per hour. It was good also to see the architect on the site.

Renovation Phase I is what we are now involved in, viz., the Church auditorium, toilets and fencing. The auditorium, after renovation, measures 9x22 m. This is roughly 1/3 bigger than the FEBC Hall. Annexed to the Church auditorium is a social hall, roughly 2/3 its size. The land area is 1887 sq.m.

Now, I can think of no surer investment in the Lord's work than God's House. In case some Reader is moved to give to West Australia as giving to "Philippines Land", please indicate, and yours will go a long way when directed "downunder"! The distance from Singapore to Perth is equivalent to Singapore to Shanghai. Your investment in the Lord will go a long, long way, indeed.

## 1st Sitting With Camp Committee

We arrived just in time to sit with the Camp Committee. We estimate the number of campers to touch 3 figures. Rev Paauwe, who is the other speaker, is bringing in 12 from Adelaide (by coach 36 hours). Five are coming from the Loke family in Melbourne. The Camp Theme is the same as ours at P.D., "Prepare to meet thy God" (Amos 4:12). One special feature is the showing of 3 Gospel films -- Pilgrim's Progress, Christiana, John Wesley and the BP and FEBC Story (video). Pray for both speakers and for souls to be brought into the Kingdom.

## 1st Worship Service, Sept 21

With the "instant church" at the City Council Lesser Hall there is ample space for a growing congregation. Praise the Lord, Church attendance reached a new high of 80 last Lord's Day. One family of 5 from Galilee has migrated here - Mary Anne Pflug. Several Australians are also new additions, among them the Millers, a missionary couple. We want to reach the white people for Christ. The VW Kombi brought in a full load from Jewell House, the girls' hostel; and from WAIT (West Australia Institute of Technology). This is a young Church in which everyone plays a part. The See Thors said, "Praise God, He has answered our prayers in sending you back to us again." This evening we are invited by Mrs May Low, whose mother Madam Hsu, principal of a girls' school in Batu Pahat, had known us since 45 years ago!

The text of the Lord's Day message is taken from Prov 20:24, "Man's goings are of the Lord; how can a man then understand his own way?" Restatement: "The mystery of God's higher Hand in our lives." David's testimony, "The steps of a good man are ordered of the Lord: and He delighteth in His way." By application: "Quo Vadis? Where are you going?" Your coming to Church this morning may be due to friend's invitation, parents' exhortation, or by force of circumstances. Nevertheless, God is the originating factor -- for a higher purpose. That purpose is your soul's salvation and edification. The coming together in such a dramatic way to establish the BPCWA is by the higher Hand of God. Therefore let us all strive to serve Him as members of the same Family.

## "New Gold Hill"?

In my younger days I used to hear of Australia being called "New Gold Hill" by our elders. This was in comparison with California, the "Old Gold Hill". Like Dick Whittington going to London to find gold in the streets, many think that migrating to Australia would be a quick solution to their livelihood. From members of the Church here, we find many are struggling to survive. Particularly, of late, when the Government is tightening up their revenue collection. School fees have gone up beginning next academic year. As the Australian \$ has gone down, prices have gone up. Good old Singapore, with the Recession on, is still the best! With the Singapore \$ still strong, no wonder Singaporeans have not decreased going abroad. There is an increase, as a matter of fact. Hence your wisdom in designating funds for the mission-fields. Believe me, Australia has come under this category! When we were here 3 months ago the exchange was A\$1 = S\$1.60. Now it is A\$1 = S\$1.35.

## Conservation and Productivity

Before we came the rupiah was devalued 45 percent. Though prices have gone up in Indonesia, our S\$ is still on the winning side by a good margin. It is important that Church leaders to whom Church funds are entrusted know about profit and loss in accounting. The parables of the pounds (Lk 19) and of the talents (Matt 25) require that God's money be profitably managed!

One reason why you have given so unstintingly is you know every dollar the Church Session spends is for a good cause and meticulously considered. Conservation and productivity are principles of economy we constantly practise. In Chinese, it is: "Open up the water sources and regulate its flow."

Users of the Church and College premises must be careful about the switches. Don't forget to switch off! Nor be switch-happy, turning on power and light unnecessarily.

As the College lives on the premises of the Church, may I remind students to carry out your duties properly that the Church grounds and buildings be kept clean and tidy. When vacation comes, those who stay in, foreign students especially, are morally obligated to the Church. Blessings must flow mutually between Church and College.

#### As in Singapore, So in Australia

The renovation of the church here is carried out as economically as we maintain our Church grounds. A church that is over 30 years old and running down in membership and money can only deteriorate. Where there are cracks and leaks, these must be repaired. The Church Renovation Committee here, praise the Lord, are in the same mind with me. With Robin's efficient management, we have been able to get the best prices for every job. Whatever can be used will be retained, that, according to our Lord's doctrine, "nothing be lost" (Jn 6:12). Why did the Lord tell the disciples to pick up the crumbs, to "gather the fragments that remain"? "That nothing be lost."

So it shall be with the renovation of our Church-College, and the building skywards. To tear down what should remain will be a great loss. One tearing down that will benefit the Tuesday Night Prayer Meeting is the removal of 2 rooms in the parsonage to create a new hall for meetings. With the parsonage kitchen so near, our prayer meeting will be sweetened with a cup of tea and our fellowship enhanced therefrom. Amen.

Yours faithfully, T.T.

#### I Will Build My Church

Did the disciples know the impact of what Jesus said? This is the first mention of the Church in the New Testament. It followed the discussion with the disciples on the public identity of Jesus. Jesus knew all men, yet He asked who people thought He was. Because His public ministry was restricted mainly to Palestine and His audience mostly Jews, the public opinion was that He was a prophet like Elijah, Jeremiah or even John the Baptist who was recently executed. But the inspired answer came from Peter: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matt 16:16). This is the full title of Jesus and expressing His divinity and relation to God. "Upon this rock I will build my Church," Jesus proclaimed. The rock does not refer to Peter, although Peter's name means a stone. The rock is Christ and we know this when we compare this verse with other Scriptures (I Cor 10:4). The foundation of the Church is Jesus Christ. We can also say that by Peter's confession the Church was founded. Jesus builds His Church around people who confess Him to be their Lord and Saviour. The Apostle Peter calls the Christians "lively stones" which are built up into a "spiritual house" (I Pet 2:5).

The impact of the words of Jesus was not immediately realised. Then came Pentecost and the Christian Church was born. Multitudes believed and daily there were added into the Church such as should be saved (Acts 2:47). The Church grew and spread beyond the borders of Palestine to the entire Roman empire. There are many books on church growth but none to be compared with the principles given in the Bible. Firstly, Church growth is the prerogative of the Head of the Church. "I will build My Church." The Church which preaches and teaches Christ will grow. Evangelism in the name of Jesus is the life-line of the Church. Without Jesus you can do nothing (Jn 15:5).

Secondly, the Church uses men of talents. God gives to Christians various gifts so that together they will build the Church. Among many different gifts 7 are mentioned in Rom 12:6-8, namely, 1) prophecy or preaching, 2) ministry or administration, 3) teaching, 4) exhortation, 5) alms-giving, 6) ruling or leadership, and 6) mercy or welfare. Naturally, with different gifts, Christians are given appointments for the total ministry of the Church. Some of these appointments are given in Eph 4:11, namely, 1) apostles, 2) prophets, 3) evangelists, 4) pastors, and 5) teachers. I see that the New Testament leaves us without doubt that the Church must be well administered. It must grow in strength and in numbers.

It is a matter of rejoicing that there are so many worshippers every Lord's Day at Life BP Church. A deacon of our Church was asked, when he was in Australia, how large the congregation of Life B-P Church was. The Australian pastor who asked was rather embarrassed when his congregation was very small by comparison. With numerical growth comes the responsibility of spiritual growth. How can the Church meet the spiritual needs of all God's children? Firstly, there is the pastoral care. The most powerful, and of course cost-effective, will be the pulpit ministry. However personal ministry of counselling, prayer and visitation is not to be neglected. Secondly, the task of building the Church belongs to all the saints, every believer. Those who are stronger in the faith will teach the weaker brothers. There is the ministry of the Sunday School. The various Bible study groups meet to share God's Word and provoke one another unto faith and good works (Heb 10:24). - P. Tan

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (6th - 12th Oct)

|                                        |                               |                                               |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| TUE 8.00 pm                            | Prayer Meeting                | Infant Baptism, Oct 19: Parents see Rev P Tan |
| 9.15 pm                                | Finance Committee Mtg         | or Elder Chia. BP members desiring transfer   |
| SAT 2.00 pm                            | Building Extn Committee Mtg   | of membership to Life BPC register immediate- |
| 2.00 pm                                | Evangelical Ref. Ch. Wedding  | ly. Both parents and transferees please meet  |
| SUN 10.00 am                           | Rev Bob Phee (Eld. Mahadevan) | Elders next Lord's Day Oct 12 after worship   |
| <u>LAST WEEK'S OFFERING</u> \$5,961.00 |                               | service at the FEBC Hall.                     |

Condolence: The passing into glory of Mr Life BPC Anniversary on Oct 19. Praise items Sng Char Lee, elder brother of Dn Sng, on see Rev P Tan.

22 Sep. Dn Sng expresses thanks to all Tel: Rev P Tan 2511915; Elder Chia 2888653  
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My dear Readers,

First Teochew Convert of the English Presbyterian Mission to Swatow

I have with me several "ancient" records of the early labours of the E.P. Mission in South China which Rev Philip Heng has kindly loaned for research during our "sabbatical" in Perth. I am delighted to discover the Mission's account of the conversion of Tan Khai-lin (Tan Soo Chuan) my maternal great-grandfather. It reads: "Take for instance, the first convert of the English Presbyterian Mission in Tie-chiu. His name was Tan Khai-lin. At the age of twelve he was left to the care of his mother on the death of his father, who had been a military officer of no grant rank. An uncle with whom he had lived became involved in difficulties on account of a lawsuit brought against him by the relatives of a man who was accidentally shot during archery practice. To escape from his difficulties Khai-lin's uncle came to Swatow, and brought his nephew along with him. While there they heard that a foreigner was, as the Chinese say, 'telling old stories' in a street chapel. They went to hear and see. Khai-lin continued his attendance for some time and attracted the attention of the missionary who was in charge. He was by this time sixteen years of age, and having received a good education, he was asked by the missionary to assist him by doing some Chinese writing. When the work was finished he proposed to return home, but on conversation with the missionary it appeared that the truth which he had been hearing now for some months had found lodgment in his mind. He was told that if he was indeed a believer in Christ, it was his duty to confess him in baptism. He said he would return home to consult his mother, but after some conversation made up his mind that he would seek baptism before he left. In later days he remarked, 'At that time though I said I was a sinner and believed in Jesus, both my sense of sin and my faith were very shallow, and I have since found out more fully how great the grace of Christ is.' He was baptised, and shortly after returned home. On telling his mother the new truths which he had learned, he was greatly surprised and delighted to find that instead of showing displeasure as he had expected, she bowed her head in token of assent and approval as he put forward point by point of Christian teaching. She too afterwards visited Swatow, accepted the Gospel, and received baptism." (Tan Khai-lin was baptised by Rev George Smith, successor to William Burns, on Sept 25, 1859).

This Story of the Earliest Conversion is Re-enacted in LBC, etc.

... and not in one or two isolated instances, but in case after case. Thus a number of families are happily worshipping at Life Church, the children at the English and the parents at the Chinese Service. At the 3rd Gospel Campaign to parents in Cantonese and Hokkien, 10 souls of the elder generation came to the Lord through Rev Djunaidi. I'm sure some of these have now joined our Chinese Church. Let us pray and work for the salvation of more parents and uncles and aunts. Another example of bringing parents to Christ is the ministry of Nazareth BP Church. Through several years of persistent witnessing, I am told seven souls have come to the Lord. Keep up the good work, LBCers! When is the next Gospel Campaign to come?

YAF Film Ministry

While there are those concerned for the salvation of parents, there are others whose burden is for the young. In this regard the film ministry by YAF is deeply appreciated. I understand the recent film was a moving one. How about showing Christiana, sequel to Pilgrim's Progress? If you have discovered a good film, don't hesitate! Another recommended film is "Flame in the Wind" by BJU, now in charge of Calvary Pandan.

The evangelistic ministry, which was an extension of Pentecost, is the concern of every lively Church. This can be pursued by many ways and means. In the 1935 Singapore Pentecost, we formed into Preaching Bands and covenanted with the Lord to go out soul-winning every week. During the early years at Prinsep Street, we would hold special Gospel meetings once or twice a year. Let us not slacken in this forward ministry of the Church. If we do not evangelist, we fossilise!

Evangelising in Perth

This being a young Church with visitors from every quarter and background, there is a high proportion of those who are not born again. Hence my serial preaching from John's Gospel, the Gospel of Life. The coming Bible Camp, "Prepare to Meet Thy God" is similarly beamed on the nominal Christian or inquirer. Pray for a harvest of souls during our 3½ month stay in this southern land. Apart from Sunday and Wednesday night, we have added a Friday night Basic Bible Knowledge Course. A dozen young people are attending this "catechism" class. One has requested Baptism, praise the Lord. Baptism is now fixed for Jan 4, '87 while we take time through catechising. Apart from the night class, there's the newly-formed YF with 30 members which is meeting again at the Parsonage Oct 11. A Choir has also been formed. This meets immediately after worship.

Latest Statistics

In my first letter, I told you how we were rebuffed at the Customs. As I felt the tax slapped on the PA System we brought in was exorbitant, I let the goods be impounded, knowing Robin would redeem them much cheaper. Sure enough, we're let off at only A\$40.50! The Lord has saved us \$335.50.

Day before yesterday, the Lord's Day was bright and sunny, 28°C! I had to change to light summer suit. Eight-five came to worship, while the offering touched A\$467. After service we had our monthly Sunday lunch, lovingly prepared by the ladies.

The BPCWA is the natural rendezvous of all BPer's. A young couple from Mt Carmel on honeymoon here contacted Robin Saturday, so they were with us worshipping Sunday morning. They knew BPCWA from Mt Carmel Bulletin.

After service we drove to Ulapool Road, off Canning Highway, to see the latest on Renovation. The Committee here is of opinion that whatever can be used or saved cannot be discarded. Economy is God's will in finance. Even then, the 1st Phase of Renovation will cost S\$80,000!

Since 3/4 of our worshippers are students and a number are pensioners, the financial strength of the 7-month old Church is limited. For the sake of extending God's Kingdom Downunder, may I appeal to you who love the Lord to consider this young Church in your tithing? "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). We need a piano!

Financial Note: With Australia's new economic policy, foreign students' college fees are now considerably increased. As a student working my way through seminary in USA, I know the hardships of these young people.

#### Talking About Renovation

... you have been informed the extent of work to be done in the bell-tower regions, the Church-FEK corridor and one whole floor above the L-Annexe, in total covering over 9,000 sq.ft. This area = twice the size of our Church Auditorium. Our Church Auditorium measures 50x90 = 4,500 sq.ft.

As this Australetter No. 3 will reach you Oct 12, which is one week before our 36th Anniversary Thanksgiving on Oct 19, may I urge every Reader to bring a gift in Annual Thanksgiving for our Church-College Extension Building Fund. This is Session's decision. "I will offer to thee the sacrifice of Thanksgiving, and call upon the Name of the Lord. I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people" (Ps 116:17,18).

Yours affectionately, T.T.

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (13th - 19th Oct) Life Church Directory - 1987 Update

MON 7.30 pm NT History (Rev C Tan)  
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting (Elder Lim)  
9.15 pm Session Meeting  
THU 7.30 pm 4 Gospels & Acts (Dr Quek)  
SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 3pm - LBC; 3.30pm - YF  
4.00 pm YAF; 7.30 pm - CFM  
SUN 9.45 am 36th Anniversary Thanksgiving  
& Baptismal Service (Dr P Tan)  
11.30 am Filipina Fellowship  
11.55 am Korean Church Service  
1.00 pm AF mtg (Mr R Khoo'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 \$6,981.00.

EXTENSION BUILDING FUND 986)\$1000; 987)\$200;  
988)\$20; 989)\$2000; 990)\$200(Off.bag); 991)  
\$20; 992)\$500; 993)\$20; 994)\$1000; 995)  
\$100; 996)\$100; 997)\$50; 998)\$1252; 999)  
\$200; 1000)\$231(Chinese S.); 1001)\$30(Chinese S.). Total \$833,552.09

BURMA 18)\$150(Off.bag); 19)\$500; 20)\$150.  
Total \$6,935.00

PHILIPPINES LAND 120)\$50; 121)\$500.

Total \$21,380.50

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: PA System \$50,  
\$50; Thailand \$100, \$50; India \$100; Renova-  
tions \$50; China Missions \$50; RPG Notes  
\$60; Wee Eng Moh \$100; Jess Lim \$200, \$150;  
Reformed Tract Distributors \$40; FEBC \$150,  
\$60.

Groups wishing to offer praise items for  
the Anniversary Service please see Rev.  
P. Tan.

Prayer Requests. Fill card and hand to prea-  
cher J.P. David. Make a date to attend  
Tuesday Prayer Meeting.

Do not waste water and electricity: Remember  
to switch off fans and lights when not in  
use.

The last Directory of members of Life Church was published in 1984. The next Annual Congregation Meeting is in March 1987. It would also be election year for the election of members of the Session. It is necessary to determine the list of active members who will make up the electorate. Our previous effort at updating resulted in over 400 respondents out of a total membership of 800 members. This time we hope for a great respondent vote as we will mount a 3-stage, 3-month updating exercise.

I. Oct '86. Sending a 36th Anniversary letter with an updating form, and a self-addressed and stamped envelope.

II. Nov '86. Pulpit announcement for 4 Sun-  
days for members who have not received their  
letter to respond. Forms will be placed in  
the pews.

III. Dec '86. Telephone calls and, if neces-  
sary, visits to determine the whereabouts  
of non-respondents. Their names will be an-  
nounced in the Weekly to get friends to not-  
ify the Church.

For the purpose of election the quorum  
will be based on an active membership. We  
will still regard non-respondents as mem-  
bers.

Life Church Pulpit: Oct 26 -Rev Robert Thawm  
Luai; Nov 2 -Rev Anthony Tan; Nov 9 -Rev  
(Dr) Tow Siang Hwa; Nov 16 -Rev Charlie Tan;  
Nov 23 -FEBC Sunday; Nov 30 -Rev David Wong.  
Leadership Workshop, Nov 1, 8.30 am - 12.30  
pm. Get your forms from the various fellow-  
ships or from the Church Office. Closing  
date for applications: Oct 25.

To fill the void in a Chinese-speaking home  
converted from idolatry, give "Christ is  
the Lord of my house" in Chinese calligra-  
phy. Obtainable from the Bookroom.

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My dear Readers,

Musings From My Australian Manse-On Our 36th Anniversary

As this No. 4 Letter will come to your hand on the happy occasion of our 36th Anniversary Thanksgiving, may we greet you with these musings on paper rather than with my voice as a Session member suggested. As we have determined each Anniversary to be our Annual Thanksgiving after the Pilgrim Fathers, we are exhorted to bring a special offering in token of our gratitude. This year our Thank-offering will be channelled to the Extension Building Fund as decided by Session. The best, the firstfruits offering, however, are the young people to be baptised. We have remembered you in prayer that you might be steadfast to the very end. We who are old-timers should rededicate the remaining days of our life to a more productive witness. How old are you as you will soon add another year in 2 months' time? Do you carry out your Church motto: Do something good for Jesus everyday? (This motto has intensified my tracting.)

From One Congregation to Over 60, in Many Countries, Praise God!

When we started out on Oct 20, 1950 we had 30-40 Communicant members transferred from our mother church, Say Mia Tng, to the afternoon English Service. From this tiny nucleus, the Lord has given a hundredfold increase. We can find some good reasons for this, such as our decentralising principle in Church growth. The training of our fulltime workers through the FEBC is another. The liberal giving to the extension of God's work is yet another. The Church-founding principle, a self-reproducing principle vs. the para-church principle, is another still.

I would like to make this observation, however, that we might not fall backwards, because human intervention can stifle this growth. We must never allow any leader to cultivate the personality cult. Paul saw this in his day, so he said, "For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake" (II Cor 4:5). When any preacher speaks in such a way as to hint of his superiority in knowledge, never admitting things he doesn't know, that is preaching self. I have observed this too: When any preacher stresses on a secondary doctrine to advance his own cause, that is also preaching self. There was one flourishing Chinese Church leader who so stressed on his brand of the Church, that only his Church was patterned after the Bible, so all must join his Church. Well, where is that Church today?

Who are greatest in God's Kingdom? Those who are servants for Jesus' sake. Who will bring glory most to Jesus. Those who preach Christ, not the Church; those who evangelise and not theorise; those who are willing to go to the most difficult places (A.B. Simpson) and not sit in ivory towers of ease. Those who in a day of Ecumenical Confusion are willing to speak out, to take a stand with Luther and Calvin, with Knox and Wesley, for the purity of the Faith.

One fundamental reason why God has prospered our Church is the fundamental stand we have taken all the years with the ICC. We thank God for raising Dr Carl McIntire through whom our Church has been led to separate from the Ecumenical morass which is spreading wider and deeper today. We thank God for delivering us from all the deceptions of Satan behind big names, from a misguided charismatic emphasis on healing and tongues. Incidentally, as I have been researching into the roots of our fathers' faith, I've found that none of the revivalists we've known ever dabbled in the babble of tongues. From William Burns (he was compared to Whitefield) down to Miss Dora Yu, to Ting Li Mei, to John Sung -- insofar as our Chinese spiritual ancestry is concerned -- none of them ever spoke in tongues. Paul says, "I had rather speak 5 words with my understanding ... than 10,000 words in an unknown tongue" (I Cor 14:19).

Now while we name all these names, we are not followers of men, but of Christ. Christ and Christ alone must have the pre-eminence. For example, we are in the ICC. But we don't preach ICC, nor McIntire. We preach Christ. That is why the Lord has multiplied us. But be careful, someone might come in to usurp Him. A man may not do it "positively", but "negatively". It is like this: I had an assistant who constantly criticised the work and doctrine of other preachers. He even criticised St. Paul! At that I had to put a stop to him. Then said I to him, "Ever since you came to work with me, while I have heard your criticisms, I've never heard you say 'Praise the Lord', or 'Thank the Lord'."

When we praise God from a humble heart, that is the greatest preaching of Christ. When we teach theology and we admit there are deep areas of truth the Lord has not revealed to us, we exalt not ourselves, but Christ. When any teacher says I know, I know, then beware!

Church for Migrants

While five or six white Australians are now regularly worshipping with us, more migrants are coming to BPCWA. A young lady from K.L. had discarded her idols before coming to settle in Perth. As a young Christian she took to our Church like a fish to water. She comes with her 3 children, and through our personal invitation her husband came Sunday Oct 5. The Church becomes a sort of meeting-place for "new-comers" who otherwise

would not attend Church. "As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings: So the Lord alone did lead him, and there was not strange god with him" (Deut 32:11,12).

Mr Michael Lee, an older-timer here, kindly transported the remainder of the P.A. System weighing 30 kilos. He delivered the goods to the Church without any Customs duty this time. Praise the Lord.

Yours faithfully, T.T.

#### MY TESTIMONY

by Miss Chong Choon Lee (catechumen)

I received the Lord Jesus six years ago. My brother brought me to Life Bible Class (then TBC). Gradually I believed and accepted Christ. I became a regular member of LBC and served Him there. However, I was unable to attend church service because of my parents' objections. My faith was too small to "defy" my parents' orders. I managed to grow spiritually by God's grace and, thank God, I was able to continue attending the Saturday meetings without my parents' knowledge. (My father thought that I had ECAs on Saturday.)

After my 'A' Levels, I decided to go ahead with attending worship service whether or not my parents allowed. By then, I had been a Christian for almost 5 years. The need to be more serious with God was even more evident then because I was backslidden during my 2 years in college. Merely attending a youth fellowship group was not enough. I became entangled in worldly affairs and earthly pursuit of things that did not glorify God. So my mind was made up to bear whatever consequences that resulted.

My father did not object to my first attendance in worship service. I had gone home with apprehension, but, lo and behold, he did not reprimand me in any way, though he was visibly unhappy. Well, I continued to attend services since then and the Lord has been ever faithful to me though my faith was weak oftentimes.

I had attended two catechism classes before this, but I withdrew from baptism at the last moment because of my father's objection. I could not make myself to get baptised without my father's knowledge because I believe that baptism is a public confession of my faith. It would utterly defeat the whole purpose of baptism if my father did not know that I am serious with God. Well, this time it is final as I cannot put off the Lord's commandment anymore. I must obey my Lord. Whatever my father's reaction to my baptism might be, I pray that the Lord will give me faith and strength enough to see it through. His grace is sufficient for me. I do not doubt His faithfulness to me -- only I am unworthy to receive His goodness, tender mercies and loving-kindness all these years.

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (20th - 26th Oct)

MON 7.30 pm NT History (Rev C Tan)  
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg (Rev P Tan)  
THU 7.30 pm 4 Gospels & Acts (Dr Quek)  
SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 3pm - LBC; 3.30pm - YF  
7.30 pm Tamil Gospel Rally  
SUN 10.00 am Rev Robert Thawm Luai  
(Dn P Wong)  
10.00 am Chinese Service  
11.30 am Filipina Fellowship  
12.15 pm Church Choir Practice  
3.00 pm Thai Service  
4.00 pm Indonesian Service  
4.30 pm Sharon Church Service  
6.00 pm Tamil Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$5,355.00

EXTENSION BLDG FUND 1002)\$250; 1003)\$50;  
1004)\$50; 1005)\$20; 1006)\$200; 1007)\$280;  
1008)\$400; 1009)\$100; 1010)\$20.

Total \$834,922.09

OFFERINGS FOR: PA System \$50; Jess Lim \$50;  
BPCWA \$300; S. Mani \$50; FBCA \$50.

Bring a Tamil friend or neighbour to the  
Tamil Gospel Rally, this Sat, Oct 25, 7.30  
pm.

Have you handed in your form for the Lead-  
ership Workshop, Nov 1?

26. Mr Wu Funan, Philip Student  
27. Mrs Leong Chin Yang,  
Shirley Staff-nurse  
28. Mr Koh Hock Heng Retired  
Teacher

#### CHINESE SERVICE BAPTISM

1. Mdm Goh Siew Keng  
2. Mdm Say Siu Kheng  
3. Mdm Yeo

#### INFANT BAPTISM

1. Li MingYuan, Sarah, d/o Mr & Mrs Lee Chee  
Weng  
2. Tan Li-Ting, Jean, d/o Mr & Mrs Tan Kay  
Boon  
3. Wang Zhu-Ai, Hannah, d/o Deacon & Mrs  
Paul Wong

#### BAPTISM

1. Miss Chan Hui-Ling, Angelena Student  
2. Miss Chong Choon Lee Student  
3. Mr Chua Kok Keong Student  
4. Mr Chua Kok Yong, Clifford NSF  
5. Mr Foo Mooh Shung Student  
6. Mr Koh Swee Tian Accountant  
7. Mr Lee Heok Seng Admin Asst  
8. Miss Lee Sock Sim Student  
9. Miss Lee Ye Kee, Jade Student  
10. Mr Leong Fook Thim Student  
11. Mr Lu Soon Chee, Terence  
Tremain Bank Clerk  
12. Mr Ong Chong Lay, Murray Student  
13. Miss Ong Meng Ann, Marianne Student  
14. Miss Pang Moh Ching, Belinda Clerk  
15. Miss Phua Soh Mui Audit Asst  
16. Miss Tan Bee Lan, Lydia Student  
17. Mr Tan Heng Cheong Technician  
18. Miss Tang Puay Lee, Camilia Student  
19. Mr Yeo Keng Chye, Henson Student  
20. Mr Yeo Keng Puan, Daniel Sales Rep  
21. Mr Yong Yuen Kwang, Peter Student  
22. Mr Wong Soo How Student

#### REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH and/or

#### TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

23. Miss Susana Jaja Kesuma Student  
24. Mrs Rebecca Tang Teacher  
25. Miss Teo Lee Kim, Jessie  
Berlyna Bank Clerk



My dear Readers,

## Pope's visit 'will shake up Catholics in Australia'

By Religious Affairs Writer  
JOAN PHYLAND

Pope John Paul II's 1986 visit will shake up Catholics in Australia and provide an injection of "great enthusiasm" into the Church, the Pope's Australian representative says.

And the cost of the visit was unimportant compared with the benefits Australia would receive, Archbishop Franco Brambilla said during a visit to Adelaide yesterday to meet Church and Government leaders.

Archbishop Brambilla said the Pope's visit — beginning on November 24 — was also the Pontiff's most gruelling world tour as it followed a week of engagements in Bangladesh, Singapore, Fiji and New Zealand.

The Pope had an incredible ability to cope with the pace and to look refreshed while his entourage sagged under the busy schedules.

"It's a kind of miracle," he said.

Archbishop Brambilla, the new Apostolic Pro-Nuncio to Australia, dismissed the cost of the papal visit. The public should not concentrate on the material side of the visit.

"Any travelling, any visit requires expenses but we shouldn't look at that. This is the material side of the visit and we should look at the spiritual part of the visit," he said.

"I'm sure the Holy Father will encourage Australia to be generous, to



Archbishop Brambilla... cost of Pope's visit "unimportant".

help other poor people and the nations of the Third World.

"I'm sure the cost will really disappear if you compare this other effect.

"The eyes of the world will be watching Australia through television coverage. In Africa and America, they know Australia is a big, big island down there but they don't know anything else about it... so indirectly, the cost will be repaid over and over again. I can assure you."

The Advertiser, Wednesday, September 3, 1986

By now I'm sure you have been made aware of the Pope's coming to S'pore, just as Australia is now being stirred! As early as Sept 3, Archbishop Brambilla, as shown here, has been preparing Catholics for a financial shock. "The cost of the Pope's visit is unimportant considering the benefit he'll bring to Australia," says the Archbishop.

Well, on Oct 14 the news media revealed, as of the present, a shortage of A\$3,000,000! And an appeal has gone out to the business community to help pay the Pope's expenses.

This visit "will shake up Catholics in Australia and provide an injection of 'great enthusiasm' into the Church," says the Pope's Australian representative. Yes, I agree. Wherever the Pope goes, tens of thousands, yea, hundreds, will gather around him. Why? Because he can dispense salvation to those who submit to him. As he celebrates mass, multitudes of Catholics will rush to attend who are duped by the belief that by eating the flesh of Christ (the bread is turned into actual flesh) they will be saved. The Pope's power to convert that wafer into the actual body of Christ is called "transubstantiation". Calvin

denounced "transubstantiation" as the "doctrine of devils".

### The Pope and Our Lord in Contrast

According to Jesus, a man cannot go to heaven until he is born again. "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God" (Jn 3:5). "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (Jn 3:3). Does the Pope ever preach such a spiritual message? NO! Jesus says, "For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45). The Pope comes to be carried on a throne of majesty and power. When he becomes Pope and wears a three-tiered crown, this is the divine honour conferred on himself, through the cardinal, "Receive the tiara adorned with three crowns and know that thou art the Father of princes and kings, Ruler of the world, Vicar of our Saviour Jesus Christ." Christ also wore a crown, but it was a crown of thorns that made Him bleed, being crushed by our sins! What a contrast!

### The Pope is the False Prophet of Revelation 13

"And I beheld another beast coming out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon" (Rev 13:11). Satan, the Dragon, will use all kinds of power to attain his wicked purpose. The world today is under Satan's rule. He will use the gun, the bomb, the mighty \$ of whatever currency, yea, even religion. He will use religious power to advance his nefarious cause. The Pope is that religious power now used by the Devil. The end-time Church, the Ecumenical Church that is the union of all faiths — Protestant, Catholic, Orthodox, liberal, modernist, charismatic, neo-evangelical, cultic, plus all the human religions — answers to the great whore, the woman arrayed in purple and scarlet (colour of the Pope's gowns) of Rev 17. The Reformers identified the Pope, in fact as Antichrist.

But now, Protestant leaders are returning to Rome — Dr Runcie, Archbishop of Canterbury, Billy Graham who declares the Pope the world's spiritual leader, Luis Palau who works with the Roman Church in Catholic countries, etc. It is our duty to speak out for truth, come what may. Evangelical Church and Missionary leaders who maintain a discreet silence are betraying the Lord by default.

As sons of the 16th Century Protestant Reformation, we must take a stand with Luther. We have such a testimony in the ICC (International Council of Christian Churches) to

which the BPC belongs. We have our own articulate witness through the BP Banner. Our BP Synod must meet to discuss the Pope's coming to S'pore in sheepskin, wearing even "two horns like a lamb". Let us, though outnumbered, speak for the True Shepherd our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Let us be imbued with the Spirit that moved Elijah against 450 Baal prophets. There are 7,000 who have not bowed the knee to Baal who stand with us, because we're on the Lord's side.

"Hasting unto the coming of the Day of God" (II Pet 3:12)

Whether the 2 superpowers' meeting at Reykjavik succeeds or not, both sides are preparing for war! From Bible prophecy, War is inevitable! While we must pray for peace, work peace with one another, we must also hasten in the Lord's work because the day of peace is short! Therefore a day spent in extending God's Kingdom is a day gained. "The night cometh when no man can work" (Jn 9:4). So we work downunder in earnest hope of His coming! (Are you doing something good for JESUS everyday?)

Last Lord's Day 83 came to Church. Offering for Church Renovations A\$393 + S\$100. A couple is giving us a piano. From Adelaide comes news of the formation of a Hope BP Church, using a repainted Scouts' Hall. Hallelujah!

Now God has opened a door to Burma that no man can shut. The door is through the ICCC, our Reformation movement. Rev Robert Thawm Luai is in our midst with a live testimony. He could not go along with the Ecumenicals, the liberals and modernists. Hence the founding since 3 years ago of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Burma with 23 churches and as many pastors and evangelists. Our Session has decided in principle to help Burma start a Bible school, commissioning Rev Goh to visit the people there in company with Thawm Luai on his return in November. The Burmese deserve our prayer-support most as they are in the most difficult circumstances. What a privilege to be assigned Burma by the Lord!

Not only Burma, but wherever the Lord will send us. Apart from Burma it seems Australia is high up on the Agenda for our prayerful consideration! Pray for us.

I have received good news of Rev & Mrs Peter Chua's recovery. Please take good care of them as long as they are resting at the Guest House downstairs! Ever welcome, the Chuas!

Yours affectionately, T.T.

Testimony by Mr Leong Fook Thim

I thank God for my salvation, which is the greatest gift I have received (Eph 2:8).

When I was a non-Christian, I used to avoid talking about Christianity. The reason might be my educational background. I am Chinese-educated. The Chinese tradition is deeply implanted in me. Some of the teachings of Christianity are contrary to those of the Chinese, eg. Chinese stress on "self"; Christians stress on "dying to self and living for God."

I went to NTI to study engineering. By the grace of God, I met Kit Hoong, Lye Heng and Poh Lin. All of them are Christians. They started to have a prayer meeting once a week. I was invited to join them. As time went by, I was still quite hardened. They gave me a Chinese Bible on my birthday. May the Lord bless them! They also warned me of eternal destiny whenever a disaster occurred in the world. However, I turned a deaf ear to them.

After I received the Bible, I started to read it. Then one night, through reading the Gospel of Matthew, the Holy Spirit touched my heart. I realised how wrong I was. I broke down in tears and received Christ as my personal Saviour.

My life has been very much blessed by the Lord since then. The Lord has worked miracles in my walk with Him. I had received many gifts from Him, too. But whatever the gifts are, they can never compare with the gift of eternal life, which is so rich and free, and given to me.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Oct 27 - Nov 2)

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|-----|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| MON | 7.30 pm            | NT History (Rev C Tan)                                   |
| TUE | 8.00 pm            | Prayer Meeting (Elder Koh)                               |
| WED | 7.00 pm            | Reformation Day Lecture<br>(Evangelical Reformed Church) |
| THU | 7.00 pm            | Reformation Day Lecture                                  |
|     | 7.30 pm            | 4 Gospels & Acts (Dr Quek)                               |
| FRI | 7.00 pm            | Reformation Day Lecture                                  |
| SAT | 8.30 am - 12.30 pm | Leadership<br>Workshop                                   |
|     | 1.00 pm            | LJBC; 7.30pm - CFM                                       |
|     | 2.30 pm            | Lee Keng Huat-Wong Foon Leng<br>Wedding (Rev P Tan)      |
| SUN | 10.00 am           | Rev Anthony Tan (Elder Chia)<br>(Lord's Supper)          |
|     | 10.00 am           | Chinese Service                                          |
|     | 11.30 am           | Filipina Fellowship                                      |
|     | 11.55 am           | Korean Church Service                                    |
|     | 12.30 pm           | Church Choir Practice                                    |
|     | 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 \$8,287.85\* (for EBF)  
EXTENSION BUILDING FUND 1011)\$905(Off.bags);  
1012)\$8287.85\*; 1013)\$2824.70(NL); 1014)\$100  
1015)\$200; 1016)\$100; 1017)\$205.20; 1018)  
\$150(Thai F.); 1019)\$2000. Total \$849,694.84  
PHILIPPINES LAND 122)\$5. Total \$21,385.50  
FEBI 333)\$150. Total \$159,822.11  
OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: Missionaries \$50;  
RPG \$100, \$100; Air Bemban \$50; Missions  
\$300; PA System \$100; Children's Choir \$150;  
BPCWA(Perth) \$200, \$200; Rev Tow \$1000;  
Deeram \$150; Sayan \$200.

RPG Workbook for November is out. Get your copy from the Church counter.

Have you sent in your survey form for updating of the Church Directory? If you are a member and have not received one, forms will be made available to you next week.

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My dear Readers,

"As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country" (Prov 25:25). I want to thank all of you who have written, including the Prayer requests and sermon tapes. How refreshing! As you remember us, so we remember you. We are praying especially for you young people going through EXAMS. Don't stay away from Church to study! That will give you negative results, like Peter who toiled all night, but caught nothing. So I exhort the people here in the Colleges and Universities. Rather come before Him in time of need, and He will increase your strength (Isa 40:29-31).

Another who has a broken and contrite heart before the Lord is advised to read Luke 7:36-50. If you feel miserable still after confession, then resolve to love Him the more. I hope you will find peace now from v. 50!

"This work goeth fast on and prospereth in their hands" (Ezra 5:8)

That was the image of the Jews returned from Babylon rebuilding God's House to the Gentiles around. This is the same image, praise God, the BPCWA is projecting on the people here. The City Council is most cordial to approve plans so that the renovations of the Church proceeds apace, according to schedule. The Lord has also given us good contractors with a fair price. This afternoon a good number will join in a "gotong royong" to cut down unwanted trees and clean up the Church grounds, for labour here is expensive. "Self help, with God's help, is the best help."

Another family, Indian, has joined us. They are brethren from Singapore. They were recommended to a Church which turned out to be charismatic, so they left. It happened that Ivy met the wife at a bus-stop and struck up a conversation with her. As a result the husband and their daughter have now joined our Church. Last week's attendance touched 90. Offerings per week average 3-400.

While pastoring this young Church, I've two things to accomplish: 1) To write a testimony of my life in the context of our Church; 2) To write on the Psalms for RPG. "One thing at a time, and that done well." As of today I have written 140 pages for the first assignment. Pray for me that I might finish it in another month's time, so that I can start on the second. In whatever we do the chief aim is to bring glory and honour to God. Even in soul-winning and teaching theology!

A Pastor Should Also Be a Prophet Unto the Nations!

... inasmuch as prophets of old were pastors of Israel. And the prophets were concerned not only for God's people, but also for the nations around Israel. Read Isaiah 11 - 23. Incidentally, there is my RPG Notes on Isaiah and Micah bound in one book called "The Gospel Prophets". If you want to understand prophecy, this booklet will help you.

When Reagan and Gorbachev went to Reykjavik, the nations of the world hoped there would come some disarmament. As could be predicted, they failed. This is history before WWII repeating itself. When they fail, nations lose their tempers, too. See the cutting down of diplomatic staffs against one another. This is like slapping each other. I do not want to be pessimistic, but we had better prepare when two giants get angry with each other.

Reagan has the burden of Atlas cast upon his shoulders. What an awful burden of responsibility! O Lord, save us! Here's a news report from the BMA (British Medical Association) on what doctors should do "when BOMB drops" (Wed. Oct 22, UPI). According to a 1983 study, BMA estimated 26 million deaths, half of the nation, in a nuclear war. The Government estimates 16 million. 26 million =  $\frac{1}{2}$  of England's population; 16 million =  $\frac{1}{3}$  approx. Revelation 8 says, "The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up ... And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed" (vv. 7-9).

Dearly beloved, it is nearer than you think. "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" (1 Thess 5:3). The world is blaming God for all these terrors to come, but not themselves who turn away from Him to the pleasures of the flesh. Awful are the scenes you see once you are taken into a worldly crowd. Young people, "flee youthful lusts." How wicked the TV here -- "for adults only." That all the more attracts non-adults, who become polluted and warped in their thinking and behaviour! I counselled young girls who approached me here, for example, about "The Exorcist". I told her to switch off. All that Satanic stuff can get the weakminded off-balance. Some might be so mentally affected as to be possessed. Cursed TV shows! Be master of the TV and not slave to it!

- Faithfully, T.T.

Testimony by Miss Camilia Tang Puay Lee

My name is Camilia Tang Puay Lee and I'm 18 years old. I'm presently studying in ACJC doing my 'A' Levels this year.

I was first brought to the Bible Church's branch church called Ebenezer Chapel. I was

introduced to the Gospel in a rally. During this rally, the congregation prayed for my sister and me and others. My Christian aunt urged us to step up to the front. Some time later, this aunt and another asked me, my elder sister and my younger brother to attend a Church camp at Port Dickson in June 1983. As it turned out, only I went because I had been very interested in Christianity and had even taken a liking to verses written on Christmas cards. I was curious to find out about Christian activities and most importantly, about the faith itself. I was also a very troubled girl with absolutely no zest and interest in life. There were parental conflicts. I was also not happy at all in school.

At the camp, there were times I felt very sick and worried especially during the continuous worship. I was out of place and felt myself a sinner who was lost. However, there were some very nice, kind people who asked me to attend church even after this camp. Eventually I did, partly because during the last days of the camp, I was truly touched and hungered to read the Bible and the Scripture print-outs given during this camp. Of course, the members of my family thought I was a fanatic and discouraged me. I had a tough time but I kept remembering God's promises in His Holy Word. I determined to learn more of the Word. I attended Sunday School at Bible Church for 2 years until I slacked off. This was partly because Bible Church shifted to Clementi and partly because I felt I could not fit in with the people anymore, especially when I did not show up consistently. I was recommended to Life Church by an uncle studying in FEBC who lives with my aunt here.

I now confess Jesus Christ as my Saviour.

## Queen is told of Anglican scandal

From BRYAN BOSWELL in London (via *Australia*)

THE Queen was last night made aware of a growing scandal over the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, a scandal experts say may soon engulf her in a grave constitutional crisis.

For within the Anglican Church there is a clamour for the dismissal of Dr Runcie, who is the spiritual leader of the Church of England worldwide.

The Queen, concluding her trip to the Orient with a visit to Hong Kong, is its constitutional head, and the only person who can dismiss him from his post.

Such an action would be unprecedented.

The problem with Dr Runcie is his bizarre marriage — and even worse, the strange behaviour of his wife, Rosalind, from whom he is said to be living separately in all but name.

Mrs Runcie has had a reputation for odd antics since before they were married 29 years ago.

A London newspaper at the weekend described her as "an outrageous flirt, head-strong, vivacious, capricious, flamboyant, party-loving and capable of shocking the breath out of the most broadminded of observers".

Mrs Runcie is 50. Known as the "flirting lady of Lambeth" she has her own home in St Albans, 45km north of London and is on record as saying that if her husband tried to

interfere with her lifestyle "I will up and leave him".

Some time ago she shocked the church by posing for pictures which showed her draped like Cleopatra across a grand piano. They were taken by a St Albans photographer who has since denied having an affair with her.

Mrs Runcie is an accomplished pianist and has used her musical talents to raise thousands of pounds for local charities. But that has not necessarily made people feel more charitable about her.

She also has a penchant for wine.

The tales of the bar tournaments from Lambeth Palace, the Runcies' official home, are legion — including that of the startled operator of a Pimlico bottle bank who protested that he did not have the capacity to handle empties from a wine store... only to be told that they had all been unloaded from the archbishop's car "which arrived, filled to the roof, clanking and tinkling like a milk float".

The story of the Runcies' marital problems has been headline news in Britain. It is reported that the Queen was told as soon as she reached Hong Kong and comment was also passed to the Prime Minister, Mrs Thatcher — although she could have read it for herself anyway.

Dr Runcie does not only have marriage problems: he

has spiritual ones within the church, and there have been increasing protests that he has failed to provide the strong guiding hand that is needed to keep the fractious Church together in the face of what some describe as the "heresies" of outspoken rebel bishops.

One of these is the Bishop of Durham, who has made it clear he believes many of the bible stories are myths, not to be taken literally.

The official retiring age for archbishops is 70, and Dr Runcie is only 65 and there is no formal mechanism for dismissing him before that age unless he can be accused of heresy.

His dismissal could, however, be brought about by a crisis in the church revolving around him, and the extent of the latest reports suggest that that moment is fast arriving.

### Attacks

The mass circulation Daily Star reported yesterday that "senior figures" in the church have revealed that he is under tremendous pressure to resign and that many bishops and even some senior government ministers are so disenchanted with the situation that they are campaigning behind the scenes for him to go.

The 50-strong House of Bishops, which was meeting in London last night at a pre-Synod conference, rallied around Dr Runcie, saying it regarded reports carried by The Star and the Sun as "scurrilous and baseless".

They described the articles as offensive and reaffirmed their confidence in Dr Runcie and their thankful-

ness to God for his leadership.

They pledged love and support "to him and his wife" in face of the personal distress the attacks must have caused them.

But there has been no rejoinder from Dr Runcie or his wife to the stories: nor has the Palace commented.

This weekend's reports of the Runcies' strange marriage are far from the first. The Star in its article displayed a series of its own headlines dating back to August 1985.

None of these has attracted the disapproval of the House of Bishops, nor has any of the other stories that have appeared in other newspapers over the past year.

The problems with his marriage have been known at least two years. It is said the liaison is "an empty sham" and Mrs Runcie seldom goes to functions with him, even those with royalty.

Her own life centres around music and the church has, until now, accepted this bizarre situation where an archbishop's wife has abandoned the normal supportive role.

But Dr Runcie has also become increasingly isolated in the middle of the rows raging between the various spiritual sides of the church. He has himself become controversial — for example by the memorial service he gave after the Falklands War in which he went out of the way to express remorse for the Argentinians who died. (Oct. 22, 86)

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (3rd - 9th Nov)

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg (Elder Chia)

FRI 8.30 am FEBC Exams begin

SUN 10.00 am Dr S.H. Tow (Elder Khoo)

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$4,840

EXTN BLDG FUND 1020) \$1000 (Off. bag); 1021)

\$2600; 1022) \$20; 1023) \$80; 1024) \$100; 1025)

\$150. Total \$853,644.84

BURMA 21) \$50 (Off. bag). Total \$6,985.00

FEBC 334) \$900 (AF); 335) \$1000.

Total \$161,722.11

OFFERINGS FOR: Perth BPC \$1100, \$1000; FEBC

\$900 (AF), \$800; KL Missions \$400 (WF); N Thai-

land \$300 (WF); PA \$50; G. Fund \$1000, \$1000.

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My dear Readers,

We have the Weekly of Oct. 19 with the Baptism list, etc. upon the 36th Anniversary of our Church. We thank God for the Testimony of Sis. Chong Choon Lee, for each one of the Baptism candidates, the Infants, Reaffirmations and the Transfers of Membership. We thank God also for the Tape that enables us to take part in the Thanksgiving.

## BPCWA

We want to thank each one who has written and inquired after us. As to my book, I've now written 195 pages--to satisfy you who are keeping track of my progress. I'd like to finish this work as early as possible so as to start on the Psalms. So far I've done 10 Psalms, i.e. while in Singapore.

Last week our attendance reached 98. More members are playing Andrew, i.e. bringing their friends. Another reason why we had so many was the Fellowship Buffet Lunch after service. "Ada Makan!" Each family brought a dish. We put them together and shared together. There is much warmer fellowship here than in S'pore, because there is more need of one another. Often spirit "varies inversely" with size.

That \$300 for BPCWA goes to pay for the Foundation Stone, which reads: IN FURTHERANCE OF THE GREAT COMMISSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THIS STONE IS LAID FOR THE FOUNDING OF THE BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA, AN EXTENSION OF THE B-P CHURCH OF SINGAPORE. DATED 27th December 1986. (White marble with engraved black letters, inlaid with lead.)

## Hope BPC, Adelaide; Proposed BPC, Melbourne

Meanwhile, we're told Hope BPC, Adelaide (Rev. Paauwe) has painted up an old Scout Den to improvise for a church. This is better than in a home which will soon run out of space. Then I hear that Melbourne had over 30 big and small last week. From one BPC in February this year to 3 BPCs before the year is out. "Behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it" (Rev 3:8). Isn't it our blessing to have a part in an outreach extended by the Lord Himself? But we must suffer for Christ. We must be Overcomers! Overcomers are those who do not give up! Bible-Presbyterians are Persevering Ones.

We have an invitation to speak both at Adelaide and Melbourne. We'll go by coach according to schedule from Adelaide. To kill two birds, we'll bring along a goodly number of books, such as Gospel of Life, Gospel Prophets. These have arrived in bulk from CLBC by sea. The Gospel of Life will best answer inquiring souls on salvation.

## 43 Wars On, 5 Million Dead

The TV here has a series on War. The announcer says there are currently 43 wars being fought around the world with 5 million dead and increasing. Kampuchea lost 1-2 million. Shouldn't we in S'pore and Australia count the Blessings, in spite of Recession?

With the breaking off of diplomatic relations between Britain, etc., and Syria, I see in this an ominous sign of flare-up in the Middle East. It may be if World War III starts, it will be in the M.E., not Europe. Nevertheless if it goes, all goes! There's no safe place anywhere in the world. These are crucial days, but S'poreans are slumbering. Be prepared whether we are awake or asleep. Do you know if you should leave this world, will you land down there like the Rich Man or go up like Lazarus to Abraham's bosom? Heaven and Hell are described most by our Lord Jesus Christ.

Air raid shelters might help a little in a skirmish. We have a sure SHELTER in Jesus Christ. Talking of Star Wars, the Bible predicts this long ago! Jesus says, "And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon (US Astronauts had long landed), and in the STARS(!); and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring ... And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh ... Watch ye therefore, and pray always that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man" (Lk 21:25-36). The Rapture of born-again Christians is promised in I Thess 4:13-18. Are you born again?

## Best Insurance in Service

Service is a word with a double meaning in Christian terminology. Vertically, it means worship. So we say Worship Service. Horizontally, it means doing the Lord's work in one way or another. If we are worshipping God, we are properly aligned to goodness. To stand in the way of sinners will lead one to perdition. To do nothing for the Lord results in being taken over by Satan. "Do something good for Jesus everyday!" May God use the Leadership Seminar Nov. 1 to mobilise the whole Church. Those who are more advanced in age, who cannot use their physical or mental power, can serve with their material resources. Let us bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ (Gal 6:2). "Charity begins at home" is the service of service. "But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel" (I Tim 5:8).

## My Sheep Hear My Voice

Last Wednesday noon my phone rang. A foreign-accented voice spoke, asking the whereabouts of our temporary worship place. Recognising my voice, he asked are you Timothy Tow? Then he revealed himself, "I am Philip Jawabreh (Hassan)." This Arab brother was led to the Lord by me in Israel and became my student at FEBC 1974. He is another BPer come home! Praise God! Philip Jawabreh, after setting in New Zealand for 4 years, shifted to Perth in June 1986. He also is a new-comer, with wife and 3 kids.

- Yours affectionately, T.T.

# US court rules Goldilocks is offensive

From JANINE PERRETT in New York (via Australia letter)

A UNITED States court decision has given people the right not to study any books that they feel violate the first amendment of the Constitution - the right to religious freedom.

The decision, made at the weekend, was the first federal court ruling on the controversial subject and will have enormous moral, legal and educational implications.

US federal district judge Thomas Hull ruled that a Tennessee county school board violated the constitutional rights of seven Christian fundamentalist families who found books such as *The Wizard Of Oz* and *The Diary Of Anne Frank* offensive to their strict Christian beliefs.

## Punished

The families said that *The Wizard of Oz* was evil because it dealt with sorcery. Darwin's *The Origin of Man* negated the Book of Genesis.

The unexpurgated version of *The Diary of Anne Frank*, published recently in the US, contains details of sexual activity abhorrent to the fundamentalists.

They objected to *Goldilocks* and *The Three Bears* because *Goldilocks* was not punished for breaking into the bears' house.

Judge Hull also said the Hawkins County School Board must accommodate the families' rights to a free, public education without violating their first amendment rights to religious freedom. The plaintiffs said the books were "Godless".

The books at issue are part of the basic reading series used throughout the county and approved by the government.

Because the books offended the plaintiffs' religious beliefs, Judge Hull ruled that the children be allowed to miss the class and learn to read at home.

He said he made the decision "despite the fact that many people holding more orthodox religious beliefs might find the plaintiffs' beliefs inconsistent, illogical, incomprehensible and unacceptable".

Lawyers representing the fundamentalist families were delighted by the ruling, saying it was a major victory. Opponents called it a disaster.

Mr Anthony Podesta, whose group, People for the American Way, defended the school board, said: "This decision is a recipe for disaster for public education."

"It invites every sect in the country to pick and choose which books it will accept."

Mr Podesta and the publisher of the books will appeal against the decision.

The trial, which had been dubbed "Scopes Two" after the famous trial about Darwin's theories, attracted national attention because of the growing public activities by evangelical Christians against what they call "secular humanism".

They see this as an anti-Christian view of life emphasising man's role in the world rather than God's.

The fundamentalists want to bring back school prayer, ban abortion and elect sympathetic congressmen.

## Testimony by Miss Tan Bee Lan

I came to know Christ after attending a Christian camp. Two of my close friends and I had signed up for that camp which was held during one of our school holidays.

One day, they called me up and told me that they would not be going to the camp. I felt let down and decided not to go too. A few days before the camp, one of the organising committee members called me up. She had heard about my decision. She kept persuading and telling me that I would learn something and make more friends too. I finally agreed to go, since I knew some of my schoolmates would be there also.

At the camp, I heard the gospel in one of the sessions. That was the first time I came to know about Jesus Christ. Later, one of the counsellors brought me aside and asked me questions about God and what I thought of Him. I gave any old answer and tried to resist her.

After the camp, the Spirit of God kept working inside me. One night at a post-meeting for the campers at Life Church, when the speaker made an altar call, I was afraid to raise my hand. Later I approached a counsellor and asked her to lead me in prayer. I accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour. I am now a saved and baptised Christian.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$7,065.60

EXTN BLDG FUND 1026)\$650(Off.bag); 1027)\$1000; 1028)\$50; 1029)\$100; 1030)\$1000; 1031)\$5; 1032)\$500; 1033)\$26.

Total \$856,975.84

BURMA 22)\$350. Total \$7,335.00

OFFERINGS FOR: PA System \$100; BPCWA \$50; Tape Library \$50; China \$100; India \$100; Christian tracts \$30; RPG \$120; Air Bemban \$200, \$10.20(boxes), US\$50(boxes); General Fund \$110.

Membership Directory Update. It is important we receive a response from every member. Update forms are available in the pews for those who have not filled them in.

Session members please note that Session meeting will be on Wed. Nov 12 at 8 pm. Worshippers parking at the Eye Clinic across the road should be considerate and park according to the spaces provided. Do be courteous to the owners of the premises.

Chinese Gospel Tapes (in Mandarin, Hokkien, Cantonese, Teochew) are available for borrowing or purchase at the Reformed Tape Library. Get one for your Chinese-speaking relative or friend.

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## APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (10th - 16th Nov)

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| MON | 7.30 pm  | NT History Exam                                    |
| TUE | 8.00 pm  | Prayer Meeting (Elder Tay)                         |
| WED | 8.00 pm  | Session Meeting                                    |
| THU | 7.30 pm  | 4 Gospels & Acts Exam                              |
| SAT | 1.00 pm  | LJBC; 3pm - LBC; 3.30pm - YF                       |
|     | 6.30 pm  | YAF mtg at Mr & Mrs Joel Seah's home; 7.30pm - CFM |
| SUN | 10.00 am | Rev Charlie Tan (Dn Teo G.T.)                      |
|     | 10.00 am | Chinese Service                                    |
|     | 11.30 am | Filipina Fellowship                                |
|     | 11.55 am | Korean Church Service                              |
|     | 12.15 pm | Church Choir Practice                              |
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My dear Readers,

### Church Planting Brings Highest Yields

Today we see one tactic employed by those in the agricultural field, viz., planting crops that will bring the highest yield. In Malaysia, they have switched from rubber to oil palm and to cocoa. In the field of Christian endeavour there is only one type of planting that brings the highest yield and that is Church planting. This is so because it is the Divine-appointed method. It carries out the four essential commands of the Great Commission, Matthew 28:18-20: 1) Go = missions; 2) Teach or make disciples = evangelism; 3) Baptise = Church organisation; 4) Teach = Indoctrination. Whereas para-church organisations might specialise, say, on 1) or 2) piecemeal, and are blessed also piecemeal, those who carry out all four mandates are fully blessed. No wonder Church planting, which involves all four, brings the highest yield. And the reason--it is self-reproductive. We have proven this in the growth through Life Church. Out of Life have gone out Zion, Galilee, Mt. Carmel, Calvary, Jurong, Grace, etc., etc. These in turn have branched out, and out of the branches have sprung more offshoots.

This phenomenon is seen particularly in our Australian scene. Though coming downunder entailed, in Chinese description, the strength of "nine oxen and two tigers," it is already paying off handsomely. Not only is Perth's foundation being reinforced week after week, the work in W.A. has sparked two other Churches, viz., Hope BPC in Adelaide and Bethel BPC in Melbourne. Therefore we view an invitation to Adelaide and Melbourne to be of paramount importance. Not only to preach but also to advise, to encourage, to establish. A young plant if not properly planted might grow up crooked. The invitation to Eastern Australia will take one Sunday off from Perth, as we travel by coach Nov. 27 - Dec. 5.

### Perth Latest

Ahead of schedule we shall start worshipping at the renovated Church at Canning Highway and Ullapool Road, Lord's Day Nov. 16. The sanctuary, patterned after Life Church, will have a skylight above the pulpit with "O Send Out Thy Light and Thy Truth" in blue and gold on the wall facing the congregation. On the walls forming the length of the Church are further written "The Lord is in His Holy Temple; Let all the earth keep silence before Him." On the wall facing the pulpit will hang a JESUS SAVES clock with "Now is the Accepted Time" beneath it. When Dr Lim Teck Chye visits us Nov. 16, he will be preaching in very familiar surroundings!

We had 91 in attendance Nov. 2. Fifty partook of the Lord's Supper. A family is offering an upright Yamaha piano. Bible Camp registrations: 75. We're starting a little Christian Book Corner selling Bibles and good books to cultivate the faith of the congregation with proper knowledge. Without proper indoctrination the sheep will be led astray. A member showed me Plain Truth, an Armstrong publication. She said, "Should we subscribe to this for members? It is so easy to understand. Only thing is it denies the Holy Spirit." Replied I, "If it denies the Holy Spirit, which is very serious, how can we subscribe to it?" Webster, the Dictionary maker, said that the dissemination of truth by the printed page was of utmost importance to keep out error. May our own Book Centre pay heed to selling the right books. May our members support the Book Centre, a very vital part of Life Church's testimony, with prayer and custom.

Report on my book: 240 pages, with perhaps 60 more to go. Pray for me that I might finish this work in good time to allow moving on to the Psalms.

### America's Cup, 1987

"Set your sail where the Spirit blows" is the slogan hoisted by the Charismatics here for their "America's Cup Victory Convention," Jan. 12-17, 1987. The brochure reads, "In Jan. 1987 Perth will host the America's Cup Yacht Race. Perth will also host the greatest Christian witness this city has ever seen--The America's Cup Victory Convention." Among four Caucasian leaders, they further put up Cho Yonggi to attract the spectators. He is described as "Pastor of the world's largest Pentecostal Church in Seoul (over 1/2 million members)." To bring in the people from other States, they have a limited number of billets with Christian families at \$10.00 each day which includes bed, breakfast and evening meals.

The Pope is also coming to Perth. In his all-Australian grand political tour when he will also dispense "everlasting life" to hundreds of thousands by celebrating Mass, spending A\$5 1/2 million.

In the B-P opening and development of 3 Churches in Australia all within a year, and these three will soon have 300 in total meeting week after week. In one year, 15,600 would have gathered to hear the Gospel and out of these, a solid number will confess Christ in Baptism. How much effort do we devote to promote the Truth against Error and erroneous emphases of human doctrine?

I'm glad that Life Church, through a sister, has contributed to buying the Church here, and Life Church has paid my way here plus several isolated gifts. But if you care to have a part in the embryonic churches of Adelaide and Melbourne, now is the time!

### Racing Against Time

We are living in eschatological days (end-times). Rev C.T. Hsu observes, "America is living from week to week. Europe is living from hour to hour." But we in Singapore, and more so downunder here, are living in a fool's paradise, in a land of Tidapathy.

If we realise from signs of the times in the light of God's Word, we will not be hoarding up, living it up, touring up, eating up. Can the Lord bless a complacent people? Has He not commanded that there must be a redoubling of efforts by His Church to extend the Gospel N.E.S.W.? "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).

We never had the slightest idea of missions to Australia. Nor Calvary or my doctor brother. The Lord Himself thrust us forth. Nor did we have desire to help Burma, until a Macedonian call was received from Robert Thawm Luai through the ICCC. Let us count it an honour and high privilege for Life Church to have a humble part in these two uttermost-part outreaches. Rev Thawm Luai will be returning home after one semester's refresher course at FEBC to better prepare him for the starting of a Bible School. May God go before and with you, brother, and with Rev Goh too who is appointed to visit Burma for Life Church. We're racing against time, the time of judgment upon this wicked generation. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

- Yours faithfully, T.T.

### GOD LOVETH A CHEERFUL GIVER

Giving is part of Christian worship. It is a measure of love. When God said that He loved the world, He manifested His love clearly when He gave His only Begotten Son. When we say that we love our Lord Jesus, what actions follow which will testify to that love? Our love for Him is seen in our faithful daily devotions to Him through the quiet time. We come on the Lord's Day regularly for public worship in God's House. We are reminded not to come before His presence empty handed. The worship offering by Life Church is a testimony of the worshippers' love and devotion to the Lord and their commitment to the spiritual ministry of the Church. May I commend you for your faithful stewardship. The Lord's people have been giving cheerfully. I take this opportunity to give a brief report. Up to 25th Oct. you have given \$591,711.31 for 1986. The church administers a number of projects, namely, Thailand Missions, Philippines Land, KL Missions, FEBC, Air Bemban and the Extension Building Fund. If you have a designated gift for a project, the Treasurer has asked that you indicate the project rather than the person in charge of it or serving there. May I commend to you the Extension Building Fund. The architect has given us the plans which indicate an additional floor space of over 9,000 sq. feet. The costing will be reported to you when it is available.

### Rev Robert Thawm Luai of Burma

Robert is the General Secretary of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Burma. He is led to us by the working of the Holy Spirit for he has a kindled spirit for the cause of the 20th Century Reformation. He is much exercised in the spirit because ecumenism and liberalism have also engulfed the churches in Burma. The EPC of Burma was established on 17th Oct. 1983 at Falam, Chin State, in Burma. It has 3 presbyteries, 22 churches and over 2,000 members. Robert has a vision for the future of the EPC. He intimates with us his desire to start a fundamental Bible College. He asks us for prayer and material support. Other outreaches include evangelism, medical and relief work. Robert leaves Singapore on 22nd Nov. together with Rev Goh Seng Fong. Brother Seng Fong is sent by us as our emissary to meet and confer with the brethren in Burma and he will give us a report of the Burma situation. We bid farewell to Rev Thawm Luai and commit him to the care and power of the Lord.

### Membership of Life BP Church

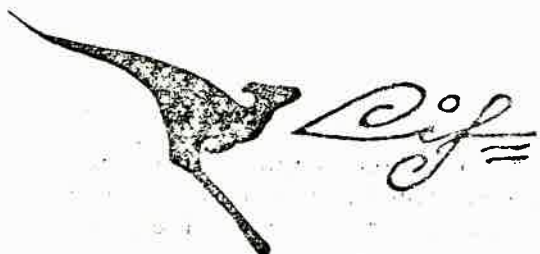
With the last baptism in Oct. 1986, to present, total membership is 1009. Since the last directory was produced in 1984, there has been a net increase of 147 members. In view of election year 1987 there is a need to update the directory and to determine the number of active members. I sent out an Anniversary letter to every member of the Church with an updating form and a self-addressed envelope. Together with announcements from the pulpit for members to respond, the total number of forms returned is 457 (45% of the membership). Twenty-seven indicated that they are attending another church, 20 are known to be overseas and 20 letters were returned to us by the Post Office. We are conscious of the mobility of our members, yet we must know their whereabouts. Members reading this weekly can help us trace our absent members. If you know these absent members, can you kindly ask them to return the update Forms to us. Additional Forms can be found in the pews.

- P. Tan

| APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (17th - 23rd Nov) |         |                                                              |  | SUN 10.00 am FEBC Sunday (Rev P. Tan) |                       |
|---------------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| MON                                         | 9.00 am | FEBC Clean-up                                                |  | 10.00 am                              | Chinese Service       |
|                                             | 7.30 pm | Wedding Rehearsal                                            |  | 11.30 am                              | Filipina Fellowship   |
| TUE                                         | 8.00 pm | Prayer Meeting (Dn Sng)                                      |  | 11.55 am                              | Korean Church Service |
| SAT                                         | 1.00 pm | LJBC; 3pm - LBC; 3.30pm - YF                                 |  | 12.15 pm                              | Church Choir Practice |
|                                             | 2.30 pm | Lim Beng Young-Ng Kim Neo Wed.<br>(Evangelical Reformed Ch.) |  | 3.00 pm                               | Thai & BFC Services   |
|                                             | 4.00 pm | YAF (Spker: Elder Chia K.C.)                                 |  | 4.00 pm                               | Indonesian Service    |
|                                             | 7.30 pm | CFM                                                          |  | 4.30 pm                               | Sharon Church Service |
|                                             |         |                                                              |  | 6.00 pm                               | Tamil Service         |

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## A Summit for Peace in Assisi

*World religious leaders pray, not as one, but together*

(TIME Magazine, Nov. 10, '86)

**A** mark of Pope John Paul II's charismatic style is his ability to illuminate human aspirations with a telling phrase or a symbolic gesture. For several hours last week, an unprecedented event put together under his auspices dramatized one of the greatest of all aspirations. At his invitation, leaders from the religions of the earth gathered under glowering skies in the tranquil medieval Italian town of Assisi and, with quiet dignity, uttered prayers for world peace.

The throng included rabbis wearing yarmulkes and Sikhs in turbans, Muslims praying on thick carpets and a Zoroastrian kindling a fire. In all, the 160 religious representatives came from a dozen faiths throughout the world. The scene was extraordinary in its visual diversity, the purple robe of Robert Runcie, the Archbishop of Canterbury, contrasting with the black of Greek Orthodox Archbishop Methodios. Buddhism's Dalai Lama, traditionally regarded as a living deity, was in attendance, swathed in purple and yellow. Also there were Uruguayan Methodist Emilio Castro, chief executive of the World Council of Churches, and South Africa's antiapartheid activist Allan Boesak, president of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches. Metropolitan Filaret traveled from the U.S.S.R. It was the "most beautiful gift to God," observed Mother Teresa of Calcutta, the diminutive Nobel Peace Prize recipient.

The broad assemblage was set in Assisi in honor of St. Francis, the simple Umbrian friar whose life exemplifies humanity's quest for peace. "If the world is going to continue, and men and women are to survive in it," John Paul declared in English, "it cannot do without prayer. This is the permanent lesson of Assisi. It is the lesson of St. Francis, who embodied an attractive ideal for us."

Despite that ideal, the Pope's audience was aware that Assisi symbolically went well beyond the ceremonial friendship accorded other faiths by any previous Pontiff. The assemblage included not only monotheists but believers in creeds once labeled "heathen" and "pagan" by a church that for centuries had preached unambiguously that there was no salvation outside its walls. The astonishing variety of the invited group also raised suspicions among some Christians that Assisi represented a heretical step toward syncretism, the amalgamation of various conflicting religions. For this reason, U.S. Fundamentalist Gadfly Carl McIntire branded the meeting the "greatest single abomination in church history," and Catholic extremists in France passed out

leaflets consigning John Paul to hell.

The Pope was well aware of such concerns. "Certainly we cannot pray together, namely, to make a common prayer," he explained, "but we can be present while others pray." That, in fact, is what occurred. During the morning, each faith met for separate devotions in and around Assisi, and when all groups later gathered in the piazza, no interreligious rite was used; individual delegates gave their own invocations.

Planning for the event had raised delicate problems for Vatican aides, who were caught by surprise last January when John Paul announced his Assisi meeting. There were lengthy consultations to find apt spokesmen for the various faiths. "We wanted religious leaders, not politicians," said Francis Cardinal Arinze, who heads the Vatican's Secretariat for Non-Christians. The purpose was "to pray and fast, not issue manifestoes." As it turned out, said Bishop Emile Eid of Lebanon's war-racked Maronites, the gathering was entirely a "spiritual summit, as contrasted with political summits." Difficulties that might have arisen did not materialize. Hindus and Sikhs were assigned to the same church to offer their prayers, but did so with no friction. At another church, two Buddhists chanted and rhythmically beat thin drums. Outside on the grass, Shintoists played lovely, organ-like chords on bamboo reed instruments. The result was more a spiritual harmony than clashing dissonance.

To avoid seeming like the "president of presidents," as one aide put it, the Pontiff caught a bus with 30 other Christian representatives and quietly took his place at the rear of a procession through the town's cobblestone streets. Neither was there an excess of ceremonial opulence. Crowds were surprisingly small, largely because of the heavy security. A small flock of doves made a straggly sight when released.

But the words, the prayers, that flew up throughout the day from Assisi were moving and often memorable. Speaking for Jainism, a strictly pacifist faith of India, Holy Man Subuh Karan Dasani said in an eloquent, croaking voice, "Whom



Pope John Paul II

thou intendest to kill is, in truth, none other than thyself... Violence, in fact, is the knot of bondage. It, in fact, is delusion. It, in fact, is death. It, in fact, is hell."

Two tribal animists from Africa intoned, "Almighty God, the Great Thumb we cannot evade in tying any knot, the Roaring Thunder that splits mighty trees, the All-Seeing Lord up on high who sees even the footprints of an antelope on a rock mass here on earth... you are the cornerstone of peace." Smoking a ceremonial peace pipe, John Pretty-on-Top, a Crow Indian medicine man from Montana in full-feathered headdress, recited, "O Great Spirit, I raise my pipe to you, to your messengers the four winds, and to mother earth, who provides for your children... I pray that you bring peace to all my brothers and sisters of this world."

Seeking deeds that would fulfill the pacific words, John Paul had asked all warring factions around the globe to observe a cease-fire throughout the meeting. Fighting stopped in the Philippines, Angola, the Sudan and many other war zones. But violence persisted elsewhere, in the Middle East, in Nicaragua and in Northern Ireland. At the close of the ceremonies, John Paul acknowledged that fellow Catholics "have not always been peacemakers" and expressed his hope that Assisi would be an act of penance for these sins.

As the day concluded, and as those who had observed the cease-fire returned to making war, it was the simplicity of the meeting's vision, not its grandeur, that seemed to endure. The leaders gathered in the dining room of a Franciscan monastery to break their fast with a meal of bread, pizza, vegetables, Coke and water (no wine). Little had been said about specific actions or compromises that might bring peace. But in the many tongues from the many creeds had come a reaffirmation of the belief that religion, with its appeal to the heart, is necessary for peace.

"The fact that we have come here does not imply any intention of seeking a religious consensus among

ourselves or of negotiating our faith convictions," the Pope had said. "Our meeting attests only—and this is its real significance for the people of our time—that in the great battle for peace, humanity, in its very diversity, must draw from its deepest and most vivifying sources, where its conscience is formed and upon which is founded the moral action of all people." "Perhaps we can't have peace without God's will," offered Syed Khalilullah, a Muslim delegate from Bangladesh who is also an expert on the effects of radiation. "I know better than most people how important peace is, and how bad nuclear war can be. This is a good beginning, isn't it?" —By Richard N. Ostling. Reported by Sam Alts/Assisi



Archbishop Runcie

ROME: Pagan in its Origins,  
Political in its Pretensions,  
Pernicious in its Doctrines.



I hope you have read the front page on the Pope's heading "a dozen faiths throughout the world" to pray for peace at Assisi. Now the Bible compares the Church drifted from sole devotion to Christ to an adulterous woman, when she should be "a chaste virgin to Christ" (II Cor 11:2). Revelation 17 gives us a picture of the Apostate Church which is fulfilled before our eyes. It says, "And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH." To bring Christianity to the level of human religions, the Pope is that Mother with her many daughters of worldly religions. The Pope has committed spiritual fornication so much so "Catholic extremists in France passed out leaflets consigning John Paul to hell." When Dr McIntire, president ICCF, protested, Time magazine says, "For this reason, U.S. Fundamentalist Gadfly Carl McIntire branded the meeting the 'greatest single abomination in church history'." Dr McIntire has in mind the Revelation passage we've here quoted.

When I was a student in Faith Seminary 1948, McIntire predicted that from the trends of Ecumenism he saw then the day would come when the Pope would head a gathering of all human religions. This foresight is now fulfilled before our eyes!

Every Christian who has come from the Protestant heritage should take a stand against this Roman Catholic final apostasy. But why are so-called Bible-believing Evangelicals discreetly silent? How about Missionaries and Mission heads in Singapore? Do they support the Pope "in love"? Who is greater? The Pope or Jesus? Billy Graham praises the Pope. Can our Lord be happy about it? Think on these things.

Jesus says, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life: No man cometh unto the Father but by Me" (Jn 14:6). The Pope says there are 12 ways to God.

The time is short. Judgment is near. Christ comes! Let's go with Him! Amen.

Yours faithfully, T.T.

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

(24th - 30th Nov)

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg  
SAT 3.30 pm Yeap Khek Teong  
- Chow Song.  
Ching Wedding  
(Rev P. Tan)  
SUN 10.00 am Elder Chia K.C.  
10.00 am Chinese Service  
11.30 am Filipina Fel.  
3.00 pm Thai Service  
4.00 pm Indonesian Service (Eld. Chia)  
6.00 pm Tamil Service

#### LAST TWO WEEKS' OFFERING:

\$6,436 & \$6,656

EXTN BLDG FUND 1034)\$1150(Off bag); 1035)\$50; 1036)\$142.89; 1037)\$70.30(boxes); 1038)\$50; 1039)\$100; 1040)\$406(Ch.Ser); 1041)\$280; 1042)\$50; 1043)\$300(Off.bag); 1044)\$2773.80 (NL); 1045)\$1000; 1046)\$50; 1047)\$150; 1048)\$200; 1049)\$200; 1050)\$1000; 1051)\$150.  
Total \$865,098.83

BURMA 23)\$500; 24)\$200.

Total \$8,035.00

PHILIPPINES LAND 123)\$249.

Total \$21,634.50

BPCWA(Perth) \$300, \$500, \$1000, \$3000.

OFFERINGS FOR: PA System \$50, \$50, Thailand Missions \$700, \$400(WF); Air Bemban \$50; Rev Paauwe \$50; KL Missions \$400(WF); RPG Notes \$130. Elder Chia Kim Chwee speaks at Faith BPC today.

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#### EACH STEP I TAKE

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1. Each step I take my Sav-ior goes be-fore me, And with His lov-ing hand  
2. At times I feel my faith be-gin to wa-ver, When up a-head I see  
3. I trust in God, no mat-ter come what may, For life e-te-nal

He leads the way; And with each breath I whisper, "I a-dore Thee!" O what a chas-m wide; It's then I turn and look up to my Sav-ior, I am is in His hand; He holds the key that o-pens up the way That will

joy to walk with Him each day.  
strong when He is by my side. Each step I take I know that He will  
lead me to the prom-ised land.

guide me- To high-er ground He ev-er leads me on; Un-til some day the last

step will be tak-en, Each step I take just leads me clos-er home.