

AUSTRALLETTER No. 15

Perth, W. Australia
December 30, 1986

My dear Readers,

By the time this letter gets to you we will have crossed the threshold into 1987. We pray the Lord to help us cross safely another year. On Jan. 4, '87, which is our first Lord's Day, may God speak to your heart in a new way through Dr John Davis, and may you find new cleansing as you come to the Lord's Table. Here in Perth I shall preach my last sermon, administer the sacraments, also baptising 4 adults and 4 children. The 13-member contingent from Adelaide and Melbourne will worship with us, while Rev Paauwe is scheduled to preach on Jan. 11 before he returns.

As of the moment, we are a part of the B-P Camp in Perth which is made up of 83 big and small from Calvary mostly, with a sprinkling from Life, Galilee and certain local members. We are comfortably housed a little outside Fremantle at Woodman Point Recreation Camp. Five all-day tours are worked out for our S'pore brethren and sisters, two Lord's Days are spent in worship, one day for tracting, one day for Dedication of the new Church, and one day for Christmas Eve. Every evening is given to an hour of worship. There has arisen in the Church a new form of fellowship--Christian Tourism! Why not? This is far better than joining a secular tour, to be sure.

When 83 from S'pore joined us in worship Dec. 21 and Elder William Seah preached, our attendance rose to 202 while the offerings totalled over A\$700. Two Chinese couples whom I met the first time said they were attracted to us by the prominent signboard facing Canning Highway. Our Church not only abuts the main highway but is situated only two or three miles from the City. So, BPer's visiting from S'pore can get here by one hop on the bus, without ado. Bro. Tony Lu and wife came the second time, before flying home after Service. Then another BPer was recognised, Bro. Lawrence from Bethany! Practically every week we have some BPer from S'pore with us!

Meanwhile, a shower of Christmas cards from Singapore has come, like the dew of Hermon upon the mountains of Zion (Ps 133) to cheer us. We want to thank you very heartily for your prayers and kind thoughts, one titled "Crossing the Miles in Thought." May I take this belated step to thank you each one as we meet around the Throne of Grace. I take a high view of Christmas and am blessed most worshipping with you on Christmas Eve (in spirit this year). I regard Christmas as the Christians' New Year. By Christmas Eve, all old scores with yourself and between you and your wounded friend should be settled --and so easy! Just send him a well-chosen Christmas Card with kind words and Scripture! If you haven't done so, it's not too late. Visit him on Chinese New Year's Day which is not too far away (Jan 29)!

"The Law of Demand and Demand"

A reader of "The Australian," signing himself as "Frank Chelmick," writes: "Chelmick's Law states that 'The value of money depreciates in direct proportion to man's greed to possess it.' This is nowh'e better illustrated than in the system we have had for years where increases in wages are given in blanket form without regard to the capacity to pay.

"More wages without production equals inflation, unemployment and poverty. More production without more wages equals lower prices and prosperity.

"Take for example an industry making units that sell at \$500 each. Let us assume that the workers receive \$300 a week and that they produce one unit each week. Let us now assume that the Arbitration Commission awards an increase of 6 percent to keep pace with CPI.

"This will mean that each worker will receive \$18 a week extra, less tax at 30¢ on the dollar. They therefore receive \$12.60 net. The employer to recover this \$18 must add sums for sick leave, holiday pay, superannuation, worker's compensation, etc.:

"These are likely to add up to about \$23 to that part of the unit cost represented by one week's work. Inevitably there must also be added retail margins and sales tax. The net increase in selling price must be at least \$30.

"When the worker comes to spend his money therefore he will find the price increases are more than double his net increase in take-home pay.

"The answer is to have a wage and price freeze; then examine how we can reduce production costs and then allow increases in wages where the employer can pay the money without increasing prices. It would do no harm to put the onus on everyone by having a chop in prices of say half of one percent per month. Then we will have an increase in real wealth!"

Solution to the Chinese Service

The See Thors were the first to issue the Macedonian call from Perth, resulting in the founding of BPCWA. Being Chinese-educated, they have been, spiritually speaking, made to sit in the Outer Court at every Lord's Day Service. Only at Prayer Meeting would they get a portion here or there when I explain in Cantonese.

Because we are founded not a Chinese Church, so that white Australians will be attracted (6-8 are coming), we cannot have Cantonese interpretation. We are caught between the two.

We have a similar situation in the early days of English missionary endeavour to our

grandparents. In those days most women were illiterate. To expedite their reading the Bible, the missionaries invented Romanised Teochew, Romanised Hokkien, etc. In a matter of months an illiterate congregation was transformed into a Bible-reading society. English being a Romanised dialect of Latin, it is easier to learn than Chinese. It is a phonetic language. By teaching our Chinese-educated senior members English phonetics and the Bible, using an English-Chinese New Testament, these who have been secluded in the Outer Court can be inducted into the Sanctuary to take an intelligent part in worship. This can be achieved in two years' time. Besides, as Chinese Australians who do not know English, they are being taught 6 hours per week of English by the Australian Government, and they have to pass the tests. By putting them through the English Bible reading class, they are also helped to pass their Government English Exams.

"While we live in peace, we should be prepared for danger"

This Chinese saying has an English equivalent: "To be forewarned is to be forearmed." Hence the wisdom of our Government to introduce National Service from the beginning. We have encouraged our young people to patriotism, to take a Christian view of serving the nation against cultic evasions as propounded by the Jehovah Witnesses. If our Nation is weak and are put on the run, well, you know who are the "boat-people." Let our young men take pride in their training. Everything useful in life should be learnt. Like driving a car, repairing a leaking pipe, fixing electrical appliances. In Australia you do everything yourself or pay through the nose. To be able to defend your country is most honourable. Therefore learn the arts of self-defense with God's blessing. We who are at the homefront should pray "for kings, and for all that are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty" (1 Tim 2:2).

Faithfully, T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

(5th - 11th Jan '87)

MON 7.30 pm Lecture by Dr John J. Davis*
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
WED 7.30 pm Lecture by Dr John J. Davis*
THU 7.30 pm Principles for Interpreting the Bible (Rev Charlie Tan)
SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 3pm - LBC
3.00 pm Ricky Seah/Jessica Lim Wed. (Bethesda Chap.)
3.30 pm YF; 7.30pm - CFM
SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow
10.00 am Chinese Service
11.30 am Filipina Fel.
11.55 am Korean Church
12.15 am Church Choir Practice
3.00 pm BFC/Thai Services
4.00 pm Indonesian Ser.
4.30 pm Sharon Church
6.00 pm Tamil Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$12477.70

EXTN BLDG FUND 1104) \$5000
(Off.bag); 1105)\$80; 1106)\$50;
1107)\$1000; 1108)\$500; 1109)
\$300; 1110)\$50; 1111)\$100;
1112)\$100(Off.bag); 1113)\$50;
1114)\$300. Total \$891,308.78

BURMA 32)\$50. Total \$9,285

FEBC 337)\$900 (AF).

Total \$163,207.11

PHILIPPINES LAND 125)\$50.

Total \$21,734.50

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: LJBC \$200; VBS \$100; China Missions \$50; Malaysia Missions \$50; India Missions \$50; Jess Lim \$50; Thai Missions \$100; FEBC Scholarship \$900(AF), \$65; BP Missions \$600(LCSS), RPG \$50.

*PSALMS: THE MUSIC OF MESSIAH. This is a series of 4 lectures to be given by Dr John J. Davis, President, Grace Theological Seminary, USA. They will be held at Life Church, beginning Thurs, Jan 8, '87, 7.30 pm at FEBC. Edited by Rev (Dr) Timothy Tow, 9A Gilstead Road, Singapore 1130. Tel: 2569256/2560617

A FEW MORE YEARS SHALL ROLL

1. A few more years shall roll, A few more sea-sons come,
2. A few more storms shall beat On this wild rock-y shore,
3. A few more Sab-baths here Shall cheer us on our way,
4. 'Tis but a lit-tle while, And he shall come a - gain

And we shall be with those that rest A - sleep with - in the tomb:
And we shall be where tem-pests cease, And sur-ges swell no more:
And we shall reach the end-less rest, Th'e-ter-nal Sab-bath-day:
Who died that we might live, who lives That we with him may reign:

Then, O my Lord, pre - pare My soul for that great day;
Then, O my Lord, pre - pare My soul for that calm day;
Then, O my Lord, pre - pare My soul for that sweet day;
Then, O my Lord, pre - pare My soul for that glad day;

REFRAIN
O wash me in thy pre-cious blood, And take my sins a - way. A - MEN.

Gilstead Rd., on Mon & Wed, 7.30 pm, beginning 5th Jan '87. Dr Davis will also be preaching the first 2 messages of the series "Ancient Lands in History and Prophecy" at Calvary Pandan Sunset Gospel Hour, Lord's Day, 6 pm. The first, this evening, is entitled "Egypt: Land of Power".

"Basic Theology For Everyone". Rev Charlie Tan will be teaching a course on "Principles for Interpreting the Bible," Jan-Apr '87, beginning Thurs, Jan 8, '87, 7.30 pm at FEBC.

AUSTRALLETTER XVI

My dear Readers,

The main purpose of the Singapore Contingent's visit was fulfilled when they attended the Dedication Service of BPCWA on Sat. Dec. 27, 1986, 5 pm. A congregation of 360 filled the auditorium and overflowed to the Church grounds, where the service from inside was relayed through video. Mr Robin Tan issued the Call to Worship from Ps 118:19-24, after which Rev T. Tow unveiled 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." The Congregation responded with "The Church's One Foundation." Elder William Seah offered the opening prayer which was followed by Rev Peter Chua's leading of the responsive reading of Ps 84. The congregation sang "Revive Thy Work, O Lord," after which Mr Robin Tan welcomed the guests and brethren. Special items of praise were rendered by the S.S. Children, Ladies' Fellowship, the Church Choir and the S'pore Contingent. Dr Tow Siang Hwa gave the message from II Cor 2:12-17. Rev Tow led the Congregation in a Declaration of Dedication followed by a prayer by Elder Koh Kim Hiang. The offering was collected by Sunny Low, Michael Lee, See Thor Weng, Stewart Miller, Sunny Kwong, Michael Kwong. Rev Paauwe gave the Offertory Prayer. The service concluded with "To God Be the Glory" and Benediction by Rev Frankie Low. Mrs William Seah was pianist, Mr John Low, organist. A buffet dinner sheltered by a gold and green marquee on the brand new carpark climaxed an evening of rejoicing in the new House of God. With well wishes received from Calvary, Life, Life Chinese, Sharon, Faith, Zion, Sembawang, Galilee, Grace, Nazareth BPCs and from Synod and FEBC, from Adelaide and Melbourne, the local congregation felt lifted up on wings of eagles.

We want to thank the Lord also for answering our prayers for cool weather. From the day our brethren and sisters landed to the day of their departure, the hot summer season had turned back to spring! God willing, there is talk among the leaders of a repeat visit next year, but on a shorter duration.

As some of you have inquired about my book, I want to thank the Lord for enabling me to write 22 chapters in 250 pages. There remain 2 more chapters and perhaps 50-60 pages more to go. The time-period covered thus far extends from 1815 to 1983. To complete the last two chapters at a later date seems more desirable from the point of perspective. Another reason why I have not pursued the book to the end is I need time to concentrate on the Psalms. With 9 or 10 Psalms completed in Singapore, I have now a total of 40 so as to give me some material for the Monday night lectures. While explaining the pattern of Hebrew poetry will add to your understanding, these Psalms will be applied, like balm, first of all, on your aching soul. Shcharansky, the Jewish human-rights fighter against Soviet oppression, was able to live through a decade of imprisonment because he derived strength from day to day reading of the Psalms. Besides the Psalms, I'm offering Calvin Book I to the Evening Class. Be sure to get a copy of the white book, an Abridgement of Calvin's Institutes, BK I & II. Calvin is called by Professor B. B. Warfield the Shakespeare of theology. How then can a scholar like you miss it? I want to thank Dr Davis for helping me out in the first 4 lectures on Psalms, calling his "The Music of Messiah."

There is a group of Australian Presbyterian Churches called Westminster that has invited me to speak, once at Maida Vale and the second time at Bull Creek (combined service for their 5 churches). This is through Rev John Hunt, an alumnus of Faith Seminary. I spoke on "The Mustard Tree (not mushroom) that has 7 roots," applying the lessons of revival and separation as we went along. These people have refused to join what is known in this country as the Uniting Church, the local expression of the Ecumenical Movement and apostasy. Some of this separated group are still worshipping in schools, which gives us a lead to the next step the Perth Church can take. The thought: While the BPCWA at Mt. Pleasant is located at South Perth, a branch Church can easily be started in North Perth, 15-20 km away. This thought is not mine, but from the leaders who are located in the northern suburbs.

The climax of our sojourn in Perth was the holding of a Family Bible Camp on the heels of the Singapore Camp, Dec. 30, '86 - Jan. 3, '87. We had 60 fulltime and 10-20 parttime campers. The theme of this Camp is "Prepare to Meet Thy God" (Amos 4:12)--at death, in youth, in NO-TIME! Apart from these topics, I spoke also on Ps 19, "The World-book and the Word-book," and on Prayer: Pray to the Father in Jesus' Name, not to the Holy Spirit who helps us to pray. Pray for "3 meals" = necessities, not luxuries. "But godliness with contentment is great gain" (I Tim 6:6). "Evening, and morning and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice" (Ps 55:17). What is to pray the Father to give the Holy Spirit (Lk 11:13)? Not with signs of tongues and practice of faith healing, but rather for Christ to come into our heart. When Christ is received into the heart, the Holy Spirit simultaneously comes in to stay. Jesus being now received in heaven, He will send the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, to teach and guide us. If we ask for the Spirit to indwell us and seek spiritual things, we will not lack the material. How should we pray? Not with padding of stereotyped words and phrases in the indicative mood,

but with earnest cries and pleading in the "optative" mood. With "importunity" (Luke 11:8). How often? Three set times according to Ps 55:17. And all the time, moment by moment, like our breathing. Our spiritual breathing, also non-stop, carries on often-times subconsciously, as we murmur "Abba Father." Every born again person has this testimony. Have you?

Watchnight Service, the good tradition of Life BPC, patterned after John Wesley, saw 20 from town come to Camp to join us in worship. The prior screening of "Christiana" gave me the lead to speak on the "Celestial City" (Heb 11:8-16). Rev Paauwe's theme touched on "The Christian Family" which was well received, while Mrs Paauwe taught two lessons on Music and conducting. Children Bible Classes were held daily also with Mrs Paauwe. A Buddhist university student from Penang, a young lady, received Christ as Saviour. Praise the Lord!

The Camp closed with a spirited time of testimonies. Most thanked the Lord for finding a home Church at last at BPCWA. These have attended Churches of all denominations but found no satisfaction. Another young lady testified how she was saved by coming to Church. Yes, indeed, the sheep are wandering around, and we have to look for these first before going to the Gentiles (Matt 10:6).

With this report, I conclude my 16 Australletters. If these have opened your eyes to a great white harvest field downunder, what must you do next? Your support for the Australia Outreach is greatly appreciated. But who is prepared to go for the Lord? I want to take this opportunity to thank elders, deacons and members who took the trouble to welcome us home at the Airport. Faithfully, T.T.

CONTINUING PASTORAL CHAT:

When a Church is small, everybody knows everybody. When a Church is big, "nobody knows nobody." When a Church is big, we have many groups, usually according to age, that we might function more smoothly and effectively.

But we must not stay exclusively in our groupings. We should make friends with those beyond our particular group. Sunday Lunch was introduced for this purpose. Do we eat only in our own group or do we try to get to know one another? Do we greet those who sit on our left and right in worship after the service is over? Do we wear the smile of Christ on our face from a loving heart for members of the same Family? Do the younger greet the elder respectfully and the older show kindness to the younger? The older can greet the younger even if the younger is short of courtesy. This is the Christ way. My principal in Seminary greeted the students first with a genuine "hello, how are you-u-u!" We younger ones felt very humble!

Knowing one another in a big congregation like our Church is possible only when the heart is filled with the Holy Spirit. We experienced this in the Singapore Pentecost of 1935. When the heart began to grow cold, each one went his own way. So, say hello to your neighbour this Lord's Day and every Lord's Day hereafter. The right word is "Ping An" = Peace = Shalom!

Pray for FEBI

When problems arise in the Church, we have a sure solution by humbly following the Word of God. There was the case of "makan" in the early Church, so the Apostles appointed Deacons "to serve tables." This is one of FEBI's troubles. Then there are others which grow out of this, like roots multiplying. That Dr Davis is able to travel with me to Pontianak is of great help, for he is President of a big seminary and College in USA. He has administrative experience that we can draw from. Pray for us! - T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (12th - 18th Jan)

MON 7.30 pm Dr Davis' Lecture on Psalms
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
WED 7.30 pm Dr Davis' Lecture on Psalms
No Session meeting
THU 7.30 pm Interpreting the Bible
SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 3pm-LBC; 3.30pm-YF; 4pm-YAF
SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow
10.00 am Chinese Service
3.00 pm Thai Service
4.00 pm Indonesian Service
6.00 pm Tamil Service
6.00 pm Rev Tow at Sunset Gospel Hour

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$7,500.95

EXTN BLDG FUND 1115)\$100; 1116)\$270; 1117)\$800;
1118)\$80; 1119)\$200; 1120)\$250; 1121)\$50; 1122)\$8.20;
1123)\$1100; 1124)\$20; 1125)\$50; 1126)\$50; 1127)\$10;
1128)\$430; 1129)\$150; 1130)\$200; 1131)\$1800; 1132)\$1000; 1133)\$100.

Total \$897,976.98

FEBI 338)\$260(Galilee YAF); 339)\$260(Grace BPC)

Total \$163,727.11

BURMA 33)\$100. Total \$9,385.00

PHILIPPINES LAND 126)\$100; 127)\$2000; 128)\$120; 129)\$50. Total \$24,004.50

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THROUGH THE NIGHT OF DOUBT AND SORROW

Onward goes the pilgrim band,
Singing songs of expectation,
Marching to the promis'd land.

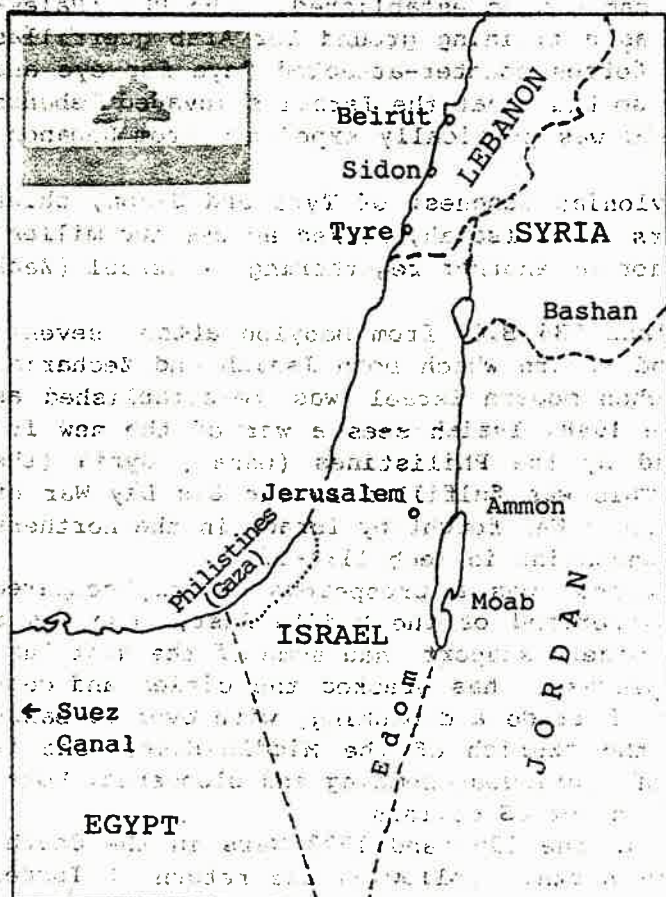
Clear before us through the darkness
Gleams and burns the guiding light;
Brother clasps the hand of brother,
Stepping fearless through the night.

One the light of God's own presence
O'er His ransom'd people shed,
Chasing far the gloom and terror,
Bright'ning all the path we tread:

One the object of our journey;
One the faith which never tires;
One the earnest looking forward;
One the hope our God inspires:

One the strain that lips of thousands
Lift as from the heart of one;
One the conflict, one the peril,
One the march in God begun:

One the gladness of rejoicing
On the far eternal shore,
Where the one almighty Father
Reigns in love for evermore.



YERUSHALAYIM, THY SONS AND DAUGHTERS LOVE THEE!
Two thousand years they've wandered in exile.
Now by God's grace, they're gathered to thee in
peace,
By thy embrace, their weeping turns to smile.

Chorus:
Yerushalayim, let peace and freedom ring,
To thee Shalom, to thee Shalom!
Yerushalayim, lift up thy voice and sing,
Messiah is come, Messiah is come!
Yerushalayim, behold, Christ Jesus has come
To save thy sons, if they will turn to Him.
By death and pain, He has become their ransom;
Rising again, He has forgiv'n their sin.
Yerushalayim, behold, Messiah shall come
To save thy Land, when thou shalt cry to Him.
He comes on clouds, with awesome loud trumpet
sound
To judge the earth -- peace a millennium.
Yerushalayim, God is thy 'ternal peace,
City of Zion, David's throne rise again!
City of Truth, resplendent in His glory
Till sun shall rise and moon no more shall
wane.

(Songs & Verses from the Holy Land, p. 75)

LEBANON - LAND OF CRISIS

(Synopsis of Message to be delivered at Sunset Gospel Hour,
Calvary Pandan, Jan. 18, '87, 6 pm)

According to the Reader's Digest Almanac and 1981 Yearbook, the little Arab Republic north of Israel on the Mediterranean coast called Lebanon had a population of 3 million, of which half-a-million lived in its capital city Beirut. According to 1986 statistics, however, the population is now reduced to 2.6 million, the same as Singapore, while Beirut's population has risen from half-a-million to 1.2 million. What do these mercurial statistics show? Without reviewing the bloody current history, we can visualise from these upheavals that Lebanon is a nation ravaged by war. During the last decade 200,000 Lebanese have been killed--through internal fightings between so-called Christians and Muslims, between PLO and Israel in the war from 1982-85, and between Druses and other groupings such as Shi'ites, etc. Though it is relatively quiet in the new year of 1987, there is no guarantee against another bomb or bombs that might explode in some shopping centre, raining death on innocent souls. Because of such brutality and uncertainty, half-a-million Lebanese have left their homeland.

Though Lebanon is only two-thirds the size of Johore, Singapore's neighbouring Malay State, it nevertheless looms large in Bible history and prophecy. This is due to her proximity to Israel, God's chosen people through whom God's salvation plan is revealed to all mankind. Being so closely linked to Israel, great events that have taken place in Israel affecting the destiny of the human race have had and will have serious repercussions in Lebanon, as with Israel's other neighbours, e.g. Egypt, which was discussed by Dr Davis the last two weeks.

Lebanon, which means "white," is first mentioned in the Bible by Moses when he recalled to the children of Israel what God had commanded them to do in Horeb, soon after coming out of Egypt. "The Lord our God spake unto us in Horeb, saying, '... Turn you, and take your journey, and go to the mount of the Amorites, and unto all the places nigh thereunto, in the plain, in the hills, and in the vale, and in the south, and by the seaside, to the land of the Canaanites, and unto Lebanon,'"

Lebanon is the land of the ancient Phoenicians who spread their civilisation throughout the Mediterranean as seafaring traders and colonisers. The Phoenician city-state of Tyre flourished about 1000 B.C., whose king Hiram "had furnished Solomon with cedar trees and fir trees, and with gold according to all his desire" (I Ki 9:11). But 250 years after this, the prophet Isaiah predicted that Tyre would "be forgotten seventy years" (Isaiah 23:15) while Zidon (Sidon) would have "no rest."

Lebanon, ancient Phoenician land of Tyre and Sidon, rose and fell with the fortunes of Israel in the course of that period of history when super-powers clashed with each other over their soil. Together with Israel, she came under the sway of Egypt, Assyria, Babylonia, Persia, Greece and Rome in successive conquests. In modern times, Lebanon came under the control of the Ottoman Empire (1517 - 1917), but the French were the last to rule this Arab State, i.e. after World War I. In 1943, while WWII was still raging,

Lebanon became totally independent and a member of the Arab League. Although a member of the Arab League, she did not participate in the 1967 and 1973 Wars with Israel. Nevertheless, 400,000 Palestinian Arabs made homeless by the Arab-Israeli Wars had crossed over into Southern Lebanon where many refugee camps were established. The PLO (Palestine Liberation Organisation) used these camps as a training ground for Arab guerrillas to launch attacks on Israel. In turn, Israeli forces counter-attacked "eye for eye and tooth for tooth." The trading of blows became so bad that the Israelis invaded Lebanon in a war that lasted from 1982 to 1985. The PLO was physically expelled from Lebanon, with much devastation to the Land.

While Isaiah had earlier prophesied the Babylonian conquest of Tyre and Sidon, chief cities of Lebanon; Zechariah, who lived 200 years after Isaiah, looked across two millenniums to another Lebanon. Zechariah sees a vision of another regathering of Israel (Zech 10:6-12), which Isaiah also saw in Isa 11:11-13.

Now, the first return of the Jews took place 536 B.C. from Babylon after seventy years' exile (under Nebuchadnezzar). The second return which both Isaiah and Zechariah predict took place, without a doubt, in 1948 when modern Israel was re-established as a nation. Connected with this second return in 1948, Isaiah sees a war of the new Israeli nation involving the territories occupied by the Philistines (Gaza), Syria (the east), Edom, Moab, Ammon (Jordan) and Egypt. This was fulfilled in the Six Day War of 1967 and the Yom Kippur War of 1973. But the latest War fought by Israel in the northern front was in Lebanon 1982-85. This was seen by Zechariah in Zech 11:1-6.

Until the outbreak of Civil War in 1975, Lebanon was a prosperous country compared with her other Arab neighbours. Known as "Switzerland of the Middle East," she was a favourite country of tourists'. Beirut, with a modern seaport, had some of the most luxurious hotels. But the Civil War and Israel's invasion has wrecked the cities and destroyed Lebanon's previous prosperity. A centre of trade and banking, with over 70 banks for the Arab world, so that she is also called the "Zurich of the Middle East," she is today reduced almost to shambles by one decade of continuous bombing and bloodshed. Losses sustained in housing and trade amount to billions of US dollars.

If Isaiah had seen what has been fulfilled in the 1967 and 1973 Wars in the South, Zechariah confirms with a vision of war in the north. Following the return of Israel by sea through the Lebanese coast (Zech 10:10-12), the prophet is led in spirit to announce an open invasion of Lebanon (Zech 11:1-6). The high and mighty, the barons and tycoons, described as cedars and fir trees, are burned. The fire is the fire from gun and rockets. The war in Lebanon echoes across the Sea of Galilee to Bashan on the east. Literally, the gun-fire can be heard!

There is the cry of howling shepherds (the government of the land), a voice of roaring young lions, even of such rantings as of PLO fighters. With anarchy bursting all round, all authority is dashed to the ground. "Thus saith the Lord God: 'Feed the flock of my slaughter,' whose possessors slay them and hold themselves not guilty; and they that sell them say, 'Blessed be the Lord; for I am rich: and their own shepherds pity them not ..'" What a befitting description of Israel's invasion of Lebanon, the routing of the PLO and the massacre of the refugees. All this has been entered in the bloody pages of recent history.

This is marvellous before our eyes! Within 39 years of Israel's return, three prophecies have been fulfilled--Israel's becoming a nation 1948, the Six Day and Yom Kippur Wars in the south 1967-73, and the Lebanese War 1982-85. What next? Things will get worse and worse till the whole world is pitted against Israel. Then Armageddon, the last battle, will be fought on Israel's territory (south of Lebanon) leading to Jerusalem. Zech 14 tells how Christ will descend on the Mount of Olives to save His people and to judge the nations. It is later than you think! Are you ready to meet your Lord? And if you are a child of God, why won't you give your life to serve Him fulltime? Lebanon, Land of Crisis, has beckoned you! Will you go away from Him? - T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (19th - 25th Jan)				LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$5,781.95	
MON	7.30 pm	Calvin, Psalms (Rev Tow)	EXTENSION	BLDG FUND	1134)\$910; 1135)\$20;
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting	1136)\$290(Chinese S.).	Total	\$899,196.98
WED	8.00 pm	Session Meeting	BURMA	34)\$500.	Total \$9,885.00
THU	7.30 pm	Bible Interpretation (Rev C. Tan)	OFFERINGS FOR:	Thailand \$250; Rev Tow \$110; PA System \$50; Tracts \$50; Rev Paauwe \$50.	
	7.30 pm	Participants to SBC	FEBC	Wednesday night (14/1/87) offering:	
SAT	3.00 pm	Leong Hoo Kwong-Choo Lai Peng Wedding (Dr P. Tan)		\$2,424.75	
	6.00 pm	AF Anniversary (Rev Tow)	Hear Life Church	on the air, Sunday Jan. 25, 6 pm; our pastor speaking, supported by the Choir.	
SUN	10.00 am	Rev Tow	Sunset Gospel Hour	messages by Rev Tow:	
	10.00 am	Chinese Service	Jan 18	Lebanon: Land of Crisis	
	11.30 am	Filipina Fellowship	25	Pandan: Dedication & Thanksgiving	
	11.55 am	Korean Church Service	Feb 1	Israel: Land of Promise	
	3.00 pm	Thai & BFC Services	8	Israel: Land of Prophecy	
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service	15	Israel: Land of Destiny	
	4.30 pm	Sharon Church Service	Every Lord's Day, 6 pm,	Calvary Pandan BPC	
	6.00 pm	Tamil Service	Edited by Rev (Dr) Timothy Tow,	9A Gilstead Road,	
	6.00 pm	Rev Tow at Calvary Pandan Dedication	Singapore 1130. Tel. 2560617/2569256		



"HAVE YOU HAD YOUR MAKAN?"

(Message to be preached by Rev Timothy Tow over Radio Singapore,
Sunday, January 25, 6 pm)

Text: John 6:26-27; 48-54

"When I was a boy I used to hear our elders, mostly new immigrants from Teochew and Hokkien, greet one another, "Have you had your makan?" This was equivalent of our saying "Hi" today, which shows the hasty and uncaring spirit of this jet-age. But, I think our migrant fathers' way of greeting was more meaningful. A people uprooted and transplanted in a new country had a hard time making ends meet. To have one's three meals was of primary importance.

The Bible passage we have just read is about a conversation between Jesus and some of the Five Thousand who had eaten miracle bread-and-fish the day before. (The miracle of Jesus' feeding five thousand with five barley loaves and two small fishes was so famous that it is recorded in all the four Gospels.)

Having enjoyed a free big makan, those of the Five Thousand who went to see Jesus the next day expected more. But Jesus did not make miracle bread-and-fish for them this time. Is it because He could not? No! The Son of God, whose Father had fed their ancestors with manna in the desert forty years, could make miracle bread a thousand times more. But what was more important was the feeding of their souls. Therefore, Jesus answered them, "Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for the meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you...."

Dear listener, are you among those hungry five thousand who sought Jesus for a living? Are you out of a job, so the most pressing need is how to get your three meals? Or, if you are holding a secure job, and you are well-to-do and have no worry at all for your livelihood, you are no better than the hungry! In Jesus' eyes, we have a greater and more urgent problem to solve--and that is the saving of our soul. Whether jobless or jobful, whether rich or poor, whether educated or uneducated, whether old or young, the great concern we should have, above our material needs, is the life within our life. For sooner or later our body will die, but where will our soul be? There is one sad end for us all, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." (Ezekiel 18:4). The death after death, the soul that is lost in outer darkness, is what we must be concerned with, very gravely concerned with, far more than the needs of the body. "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Heb 9:27). Where will your end be--heaven or hell?

So, Jesus offers Himself to the Jews who seek to eat bread that lasts for a day, Himself the true bread that will satisfy both soul and body. He says of Himself, "This is the bread which cometh down from heaven; that a man may eat thereof, and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever" (John 6:50,51). Do you believe what Jesus says? Do you take to Him as to your makan? What is Jesus to you?

When Jesus went a step further, "and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world," the Jews who did not understand this saying debated among themselves, "How can this man give us His flesh to eat?" Despite their argument, Jesus went even further, "Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day" (John 6:53,54). In such a vivid manner, our Lord was describing how He had come from heaven to die for the sins of mankind. Jesus was crucified on the cross, whereby His body was broken and His precious blood was shed to pay for the penalty of our sins. And having conquered sin, death and Satan, He rose again the third day. So those who trust in Him, who humbly receive the fact that Jesus' death on the cross was to restore life in them, are saved. They are delivered from everlasting hunger and death, and have now everlasting life and ever-increasing satisfaction. Dear listener, have you eaten the living bread that Jesus offers you?

Now, if we have the bread that will feed our souls forever, how shall we not also have the bread for our earthly life? When I witnessed Jesus Christ to someone in my boyhood, this man retorted, "Does believing in Jesus give me rice to eat?" The answer to this question is certainly, yes! But true faith is belief first, without any pre-condition. This is the way a man is accepted before God. If we have preconditions, our faith is worthless. Like so many coming to Jesus today who come because they want this and want that, and when they don't get it, they say to the pastor, "Now, I won't come to your Church!" That is how the Five Thousand, whose preconditions were not met, went away and no more followed Jesus. How about you?

Believing Jesus truly in our heart, we will begin to find not only the joys of heaven, but also that unspeakable peace on earth. Not only will we eat one bowl of rice, we have more rice in the rice-cooker waiting for us! Jesus says to His hearers on another occasion, "Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? ... But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt 6:31-33). By trusting Jesus, all these earthly necessities, food and clothing, will be given you on top of the everlasting life. Yes, not only one bowl of rice by the labours of our hands, but two and even three, for God will give us more strength to earn our living! And when we are converted from our old evil ways which led us to squander so much on harmful habits such

as smoking, "eating black rice at the expense of white rice," as the Chinese opium-smoking coolies would say, we will see a new way of income through savings derived from a clean life. This is only one instance of His blessing upon our lives. A pleasure-seeking Chinese, when he becomes a Christian, is delivered from the four Chinese sins of "womanising, gambling, drinking and smoking." And from a fifth sin in the Cantonese idiom called "Tong." If you don't know what "Tong" means, ask a Cantonese friend!

Jesus offers you life everlasting, which includes a rich (not necessarily money), meaningful life on earth. This can be verified by case after case of God's helping His children during this period of economic recession around the world. Nor is there any downturn in His Church in the present circumstances. Recently, I received a call from an estate agent offering for sale a cinema to our Church. And I have known of several churches buying over cinemas in our city.

If we have the riches of the spiritual, how shall we not have riches of the material? Therefore let us take heed to Jesus' advice, "Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for the meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for Him hath God the Father sealed" (John 6:27).

And to return to that greeting I used to hear when I was a boy, "Have you had your makan?" But I must conclude with His Word, "I am that bread of life ... This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die" (John 6:48, 50). Amen?

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Jan 26 - Feb 1)

MON 7.30 pm Calvin, Psalms (Rev Tow)
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
THU 8.00 am Chinese N. Year Service at Church Auditorium (English/Hokkien)
FRI 5.00 pm Miss Jess Lim/Mr Dee Ram Engagement (Rev Tow)
SAT 1.00 pm JYF; 3pm - LBC; 3.30pm - YF
7.30 pm CFM
SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow (Lord's Supper)
10.00 am Chinese Service
11.30 am Filipina Fellowship
11.30 am Catechism Class
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
6.00 pm Rev Tow at Sunset Gospel Hour
RT 7.30 pm Korean Evening Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$6,484.00

LIFE CHURCH EXTENSION FUND 1137)\$100(CFM); 1138)\$100(Off.bag); 1139)\$20; 1140)\$2649.10 (NL); 1141)\$200; 1142)\$50(Kebaktian); 1143)\$50; 1144)\$200. Total \$902,556.08 Stop Press! 1145)\$3700; 1146)\$500.

Total \$906,756.08

FEBI 340)\$150; 341)\$232.50(C.T. Hsu); 342)\$100. Total \$164,209.11

PHILIPPINES LAND 130)\$200.

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: China \$120; FEBC \$200; Kimiko Goto \$220; PA System \$50; FEBC Students \$300; Jess Lim \$200; KL Mission \$500(WF).

The newly acquired property at 46 Jln Bakar Batu, Taman Sentosa, J.B. by New Life BPC with loan from the mother Church is a good buy at M\$147,000. It is a two-storeyed semi-detached building with hall and 4 rooms, standing on over 3,000 sq.ft. of prime land facing a wooded field. The greater value of this property is that it is behind Elder Tow Siang Yeow's house accessible to each other by a back passage. This property for the new J.B. BPC (English and Chinese) will be dedicated in March. A member of Life BPC has underwritten the purchase of this new sanctuary in thanksgiving to the Lord.

Mr J.P. David will be on leave for two

weeks from Feb 1, '87.

We extend our heartiest congratulations to Calvary Pandan BPC on the dedication Jan. 25 of their new extension to John Sung Memorial Chapel which increases seating to 8-900. This new extension costs \$700,000. Meanwhile it is reported that the terms of the BP Sentosa Project have not been reciprocated by the Island authorities. Patronise Tabernacle Books, a ministry of Calvary BPC. Elder & Mrs Khoo Peng Kiat are invited by Calvary BPC to minister in Perth. They leave Feb. 10.

Pray for Mr Phillip Goh's speedy recovery at NUH and thank the Lord for a successful operation.

Life Church on the air and the message, "Have You Had Your Makan?" will be available from the Tape Library after Sunday.

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Extension Building Project Restored! Session has decided to negotiate again for land across the road. This will increase car-park space considerably in the first instance. Extension Skywards over the Church-kindergarten corridor, however, will be pursued, but not the L-Block.

Lord, give us this mountain,
With Caleb we have come!
To claim the holy hill,
The holy hill of Hebron.

On Christ the solid rock,
Another House of God,
We'll build while it is day
By the Spirit of the Lord.

O give us this mountain,
And new strength to ascend--
To climb to greater heights,
Till we reach the Promised Land.

(Tune of Deeper, Deeper ... chorus)

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Chinese New Year Service, Thurs. Jan. 29,
8 am in the Church Auditorium, pastor preaching in English with interpretation into Hokkien by Mr Peter Chng. The Lord had blessed such a service mightily last year. Give a HongBao to the Lord for purchase of land across the road. The pastor's HongBao to you this year is 100 copies of the Gospel of Life and 100 copies of the Gospel Prophets. Edited by Rev (Dr) Timothy Tow, 9A Gilstead Road, Singapore 1130. Tel: 2560617/2569256

ISRAEL - LAND OF PROMISE

(Synopsis of message preached by Rev T. Tow at the Sunset Gospel Hour,
Calvary Pandan BPC, Feb. 1, 1987)

Tonight we begin a new series of three messages on Israel. Israel - Land of Promise; Land of Prophecy; Land of Destiny.

Israel: Land of Promise is so titled from Deut 6:3: "As the Lord God of thy fathers hath promised thee, in the land that floweth with milk and honey." This title is based on other verses such as 9:28 and 19:8. Not only did the Lord "say" (the Hebrew for "promise") this, but He said it, or promised, with an "oath," according to 1:8,35 and numerous other verses. God not only "promised," but "swore."

Now, when we talk of land, the term of tenure immediately comes to mind. In modern practice we have: 1) TOL (temporary occupation license); 2) 30, 60, 99, or 999 year leases, and insofar as Gilstead Road is concerned, we have a 99-year lease from 1957 (This leaves us with only 69 more years. But land across our street is freehold); 3) Freehold, which means for life or with right to pass it on for inheritance. Is your land, yea, also your life, TOL, 30, 60, 99 at best, or freehold?

As to Israel, there are three views to her permanency. They are 1) the liberal (modernist); 2) the a-millennial and 3) the premillennial. The liberal (modernist) resembles the TOL, the a-millennial resembles the 99 or even 999, and the premillennial the freehold.

Now, in Genesis 15 God promised to give the land of Canaan to Abraham and to his descendants: "this land, from the river of Egypt, unto the great river, the river Euphrates: The Kenites, and the Kenizzites, and the Kadmonites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Rephaims, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Girgashites, and the Jebusites" (Gen 15:18-21). This land is much, much bigger than the land occupied by Israel today.

Now, when it is recorded that God told Abraham at the time of giving the Land how before his descendants could occupy this extensive country embracing many races, they must become "strangers" in a foreign country and be slaves there four hundred years, the liberals must challenge the authenticity of Moses' authorship by suggesting a mix-up in the account. As to the prophecy on Abraham's descendants, it is but "history, up to the actual occupation of the land." Prophecy finds no place in the liberals' vocabulary. Like TOL which is very uncertain, any prophecy of future things is also very uncertain, so that it is suggested it is rather history by a later writer which got tangled up with the original story. This makes a reader of the Bible doubt its accuracy. Like TOL the Bible is made to appear very uncertain of itself. But, we believe Moses is the author of the first five books of the Bible, and he wrote of Christ without intrusion by many outside sources. He wrote, directly inspired by God, without mistake or error. Do you believe the Bible, every book of it, every chapter, verse and word is God's inspired WORD?

The second view on Israel: Land of Promise, is the amillennial, which means there will not be an Israel on earth continuing in the promises of the fathers, whose land territory will be as it was promised to Abraham, from the river of Egypt to the river Euphrates --during a thousand-year rule of Christ over the world. The promises to Israel, according to amillennial doctrine, are fulfilled in the Christian Church. We are the spiritual Israel. With Israel ceasing to be what it is predicted of her, the wars which we noted last week as waged by her against her modern neighbours, viz., Egypt, Syria, Jordan in the Six-Day War of 1967 and the Yom Kippur War of 1973 are seen as a spiritual conquest by the spread of the Gospel! (This is the view of Prof. Edward Young in his Introduction of the Old Testament). The prophecies on Israel having ceased through the succession by the Christian Church, Israel, the Land of Promise, is like having a tenure of 99 or 999 year lease at most! This sort of hermeneutics, to use a big word (which means principle of interpretation) requires much "spiritualising." The return of Christ to sit on the literal throne of His father David, to rule a thousand years of peace on earth, evaporates in this air back into the heavens!

The third view which is our view is to take what is promised to Israel and prophesied of her literally! God's Word says what it means and means what it says. An eternal, almighty God who promises on oath a Land to Abraham and his descendants and who prophesies their return in the last days to re-possess it can mean exactly, no more, no less, what He says. Menachem Begin, former Prime Minister of Israel, is a fundamentalist. He claims Israel's right of possession of the West Bank of Jordan from God's Promise to Abraham in Genesis 15. The land promised to Israel lasts not only to the end of this age, but into the next of a thousand golden years of peace. (This earth, with God in control, will not burn up by nuclear war yet.) Israel will be restored and play a major role with the Greater Son of David upon the throne of His father--whose name is called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. "And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles" (Zech 14:16). While in Ezekiel 47:13,14, we see the

land promised to Abraham inherited by returned Israel during Christ's millennial rule. The prophet says, "And ye shall inherit it, one as well as another: concerning the which I lifted up mine hand to give it unto your fathers: and this land shall fall unto you for inheritance."

According to Homer Duncan, there are at least 25 Old Testament promises by God that he will gather Israel back to the Land of Promise, from Isaiah to Zechariah. Are these promises literal or figurative? We are the freeholders, like those who have absolute possession of their land, we hold the view that God's promises are unchangeable, eternal, forever yea and amen. So, the Lord will come back to earth, literally land on the Mount of Olives. He will return to Israel to put down a united-world rebellion and bring in a thousand years of peace. Yes, like freehold, without time constraint, Israel's Promised land will be the arena of the millennial rule. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

+++ PILGRIM CHANT +++

(To the tune of

"The Sands of Time are Sinking")

Fear not, my soul, to press on
Upon thy pilgrim way.
The night though dark yields to dawn,
And dawn to perfect day!
Wait, wait for His salvation,
That rises with the sun.
O what bright hope tomorrow,
O the Promised Land!

I will press on to victory
Upon my pilgrim way.
I've finished half the journey,
Shall now I go astray?
Arise, my soul, and be gone,
Lest thou be left alone.
O what a glory waits thee,
In the Promised Land!

I'll put on spurs to my feet,
The wings of faith and love.
Let sin beat a quick retreat--
I soar to heights above.
Speed, speed onward to Jordan,
Wide, wide the horizon.
O what a glory 'fore me,
There's the Promised Land!

O Christ, I've reached the Jordan:
The waters surround me.
O ferry me to Canaan,
And bring me home with Thee.
With Thee I'm saved forever--
Come ocean, come River!
I'll live fore'er with Jesus
In the Promised Land.

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

MON	7.30 pm	Calvin's/Psalms (Rev Tow)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
THU	7.30 pm	Bible Interpretation (Rev Charlie Tan)
FRI	8.00 pm	Charles Seet/Frieda Lee Engagement (Rev Tow)
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 3pm - LBC; 3.30pm - YF
	4.00 pm	YAF
	6.30 pm	Fellowship Dinner for new members
	7.00 pm	Sharon YF; 7.30pm - CFM
SUN	10.00 am	Rev Patrick Tan
	10.00 am	Rev Tow (Chinese Service)
	11.30 am	Catechism Class
	11.30 am	Filipina Fellowship
	11.55 am	Korean Church Service
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	4.00 pm	Kebaktian Indonesia
	4.30 pm	Sharon Church Service
	6.00 pm	Tamil Service

SUN 6.30 pm Rev Tow at Calvary Pandan

Sunset Gospel Hour

7.30 pm Korean Evening Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$6,782.50

EXTENSION BUILDING FUND 1147)\$50(boxes); 1148)
\$650(off.bags); 1149)\$20; 1150)\$200; 1151)\$100
1152)Chinese N. Year Service \$2,655; 1153)
\$15,000; 1154)\$500; 1155)\$2,646.63.

Total \$928,577.71

PHILIPPINES LAND 131)\$428(USA).

OFFERINGS FOR: BPCWA \$100; Thailand \$100.

Baptised at the Lee Ah Mooi Old Age Home,
Wed. Jan. 21 before LBC and FEBC students
(in their evangelistic outreach): Lee Ee Kim,
75; Ng Kim Sek, 70; Tan Long, 72; Kok Chwee
Teng, 69; (Liew Lin Yoke, 60, at Bukit Timah
Home); the pastor officiating.

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

Life-New Life Bible Camp at Port Dickson,
Mar. 16-20, will incorporate Chinese Section,
Rev Djunaidi speaking. Also Children's Sec-
tion, under Mrs Ivy Tow. Registration forms
are now available at the Church counter.
Register early! 3 coaches are vrooming!

WANTED: A good secondhand piano for Chinese
Service. The present one is presented to
JBBPC, Taman Sentosa.

Fellowship Dinner, Sat. Feb. 7, 6.30 pm, with
Session members and their spouses for all new
members who joined Life Church during and
after October 1984.

Visit Christian Life Book Centre Book Exhibi-
tion at Funan Centre, Hill Street, on the
ground floor facing "Big Rooster." JESUS SAVES
clocks now has a new series: JESUS COMES,
JESUS LIVES, JESUS CARES, JESUS LOVES. Let
your clock preach JESUS every second of the
day!

Rev Goh Seng Fong is now pastoring Ling Kwang
Baptist Church.

Pray for Mr & Mrs Kim Kah Teck who are in
charge of Sharon Rose BPC, Kuching, with out-
reach in a plank house to a squatters' settle-
ment.

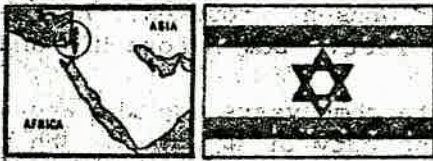
Dr Tow Siang Hwa is spending 3 weeks in Aus-
tralia Feb. 1-22 to visit Melbourne BPC and
conduct BPCWA 1st Anniversary Service Feb.
22. We send special greetings to our brothers
and sisters in Perth on the happy occasion
of their 1st Anniversary. Our prayers are
with Elder and Mrs Khoo as they fly Feb. 10.
Another couple going downunder is Mr & Mrs
Ong Eng Lam - for higher studies in Perth.
Attend Indonesian Service 5th Anniversary
Thanksgiving next Lord's Day Feb. 8, 4 pm,
Rev Tow speaking.

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ISRAEL - LAND OF PROPHECY

(Synopsis of Message preached by Rev. T. Tow at the Sunset Gospel Hour,
Calvary Pandan BPC, Feb. 8, 1987)



In our Government's desire to inculcate religious thought in our secondary schools, we have heard a great deal of emphasis on the wisdom of China and the meditation of India. Whether China or India, Confucius or Buddha, we can think of them as philosophers, coming from lands of philosophy. Now the Oxford Dictionary defines philosophy as the "love of wisdom or knowledge, especially that which deals with ultimate reality, or with the most general causes and principles of things; and moral philosophy (of which Confucianism is China's contribution to mankind) is the study of principles of human action or conduct."

When our secondary students choose rather to study the Old Testament prophets (which is prescribed for the Divinity course in the 'A' Level), they will enter an entirely different field of knowledge. They will be confronted not by philosophising men, but by men speaking from the Lord, the Almighty God. They will find the Land of Israel from where the prophets speak to be rather a land of prophecy! Philosophy is man seeking God, but prophecy is God seeking man.

Israel, Land of Prophecy, if we look at it subjectively, is the Land where God speaks to man concerning his salvation. Israel, Land of Prophecy, if we look at it objectively, is the Land God speaks about in His plan of bringing salvation to man. There is the vertical line showing God coming down upon the Land of Israel. There is the horizontal line showing the Land of Israel fulfilling the on-going work of God.

I

Now let us consider the vertical line of God coming down upon Israel, to speak to man, to tell man how he might be saved. Be saved from sin, death and hell! Do you know of this saving plan? Do you know that your sins are forgiven, and you are on your way to heaven? If not, you're lost, and a child of hell!

The first time that God speaks to man concerning His saving plan, insofar as the Hebrews, the original people of Israel are concerned, is to Abraham. Gen 12:1-3 reads, "Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great: and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed." Is it not so that Israel, the nation that is descendant from Abraham, is a superpower today in the Middle-East, and those who are for Israel are blessed, like USA and Singapore (!) and those who fight Israel suffer great loss? But what is pertinent to our discourse tonight is, "in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed." Through Abraham has come King David, and from David has come Jesus Christ, the saviour of mankind (Matt 1:1). Nations that have opened up to the Gospel of Jesus Christ are blessed. Great Britain was great because, as Queen Victoria had said, "I govern the Empire by this Book." America is great today under President Reagan, whose book "In God I Trust" speaks of his personal faith in Jesus Christ. (Be sure to get a copy from your Tabernacle Books or CLBC.) Singapore is blessed with peace all through these years because, for one reason, our Christian population is increasing. We have 12% now, while those in Government service, in the higher echelons, exceed 30%. South Korea's bulwark against the Communist North is not so much in Hyundai tanks as in her 30% Christian population. Korea now has 360 missionaries sent into the world.

When the Hebrews became a slave-people numbering 2 million in Egypt, and had to be saved by the hand of Moses, God revealed to His servant-prophet how in time to come He would raise up another Prophet. Peter, speaking at Pentecost, identified this Prophet to be none other than the crucified and risen Christ (Acts 3:22). My Jewish friend, how long will you still wait for the Messiah, when He has come and has saved us Gentile Christians, yea, even 50 million in China!

Time will not allow me to quote more prophecies, but here is a third, and most explicit identification of the Saviour, viz., Isa. 7:14, where it is stated, "... a Virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son, and shall call his name Immanuel." Christmas was here only a month or so ago. Did you learn anything from the age-old carols?

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord:

Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb.

Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail the Incarnate Deity,

Pleased a man with men to dwell, JESUS, our Emmanuel

II

Having considered the vertical line of Israel, the Land of Prophecy, let us now conclude with just one comment on the horizontal line, viz., showing how the Land of Israel has fulfilled the on-going work of God's saving plan. We refer to Israel being predicted to be, not only the Land, but also Bethlehem, the town, of our Saviour's birth.

The prophecy of Israel being the Land of the Saviour's birth is found in Num 24:17, "I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him but not nigh: there shall come a Star out

of Jacob and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel" The prophecy that Christ will be born in Bethlehem is found in Micah 5:2.

We know the famous story of how the Wise men from the East came to Jerusalem looking for the new-born Saviour, because they had seen "his star in the east" and how the chief priests and scribes directed them to Bethlehem according to Micah's prophecy. Assuredly, they found their Saviour in David's city. Tonight you have come out of your perplexities and problems in life, and you want to find the way out of your present troubles. By the same starlight of Micah's prophecy, let us lead you to Jesus' feet. Bow before Him and He will save you!

There was an Australian professor of history in our NUS quite some years ago who wrote a book. In reference to Jesus, he said He was born in the city of Nazareth. When a Deacon of Life Church showed him Micah 5:2, he could not have been more embarrassed. Quickly he wrote back to thank this Deacon. He was not afraid, in fact, he had not other way, to admit his mistake. Perhaps that's a picture of you, with all your academic qualifications and attainments, but you need to come to your Bethlehem to see the light of Life. Until you humbly bow before Him, offering up your "gold, incense and myrrh," you are still in outer darkness.

God has spoken to us tonight through Israel, the Land of Prophecy, subjectively and objectively. What will you say to Him?

- O BETHLEHEM -

O Bethlehem, O Bethlehem,
Thou David's City Royal!
From days of yore thou art the same:
Thy olive hills and flowers;
Thy rolling fields of barley sweet,
Thy narrow lanes with busy feet,
Resound with wondrous tales of old
The sacred pages unfold.

O Bethlehem, O Bethlehem,
Thou City of Our Saviour!
Christ was born from the Virgin young,
So forlorn in the manger.
But angels rent the midnight sky,
With song of praise to the Most High,
While shepherds quaked in reverent fear,
To the first Christmas Noel.

O Bethlehem, O Bethlehem,
Thou City of the Pilgrims!
Two thousand years thou art the same:
Thy church towers and bells pealing.
O that the angels' song of praise
Thy sons with one accord would raise:
The glad news of God's saving plan
Re-echo from land to land!

O Bethlehem, O Bethlehem,
Thou City of All Mankind!
From year to year be thou the same:
Jesus thy Saviour and mine.
Peal on the good tidings of Peace,
Peal forth the Divine Amnesty,
From Christmas Day to Christmas Day,
And Earth shall sing Emmanuel!

(To the tune of "O Christmas Tree")

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

MON	7.30 pm	Calvin/Psalms (Rev Tow)
	8.00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal (ERCS)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
WED	7.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
	8.00 pm	Session Meeting
THU	7.30 pm	Bible Interpretation (Rev C. Tan)
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 3pm - LBC; 3.30pm - YF
	2.30 pm	Gideon Lai/Priscilla Lim Wedding (ERCS)
	5.00 pm	Jess Lim/DeeRam Wedding (Rev Tow)
SUN	10.00 am	Rev Tow
	10.00 am	Chinese Service
	11.30 am	Catechism Class
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LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$22,320.55*

LIFE CHURCH EXTENSION FUND 1156)\$100; 1157)\$150; 1158)*\$22320.55; 1159)\$410.40; 1160)\$100; 1161)\$100; 1162)\$200; 1163)\$50; 1164)\$734(Chinese S.); 1165)\$1000.
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OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: Tape Library \$10; Jess Lim \$50, \$100; Thai Missions \$50; India Missions \$50; China Missions \$50; FEBC \$100. BURMA 35)\$50. Total \$9,935.00

Phillip Goh praises the Lord for a successful operation and quick recovery. Rom. 3:22.

A buffet dinner is held tonight 7.30 pm to say farewell to Elder & Mrs Khoo and Mr & Mrs Ong Eng Lam who are leaving for Perth Feb. 10 and 17 respectively. Godspeed!

Pray for Rev Peter Chua and family now in Adelaide in fellowship with the Pauwes.

Have you signed up for the Port Dickson Camp, March 16-20?

If you need a high pressure "water-jet gun" that will clean your garden wall and house like what is done to the church wall, contact Elder Chia!

"In God I Trust" by President Reagan, testifying to his personal faith in Jesus Christ, at \$5 from CLBC, is an effective witness to your non-Christian friends!

PIONEERING IN DYAK BORNEO BY Jason Linn (who has gone into glory) is a missionary classic (in Chinese, reprinted time and again). Get yours from CLBC!

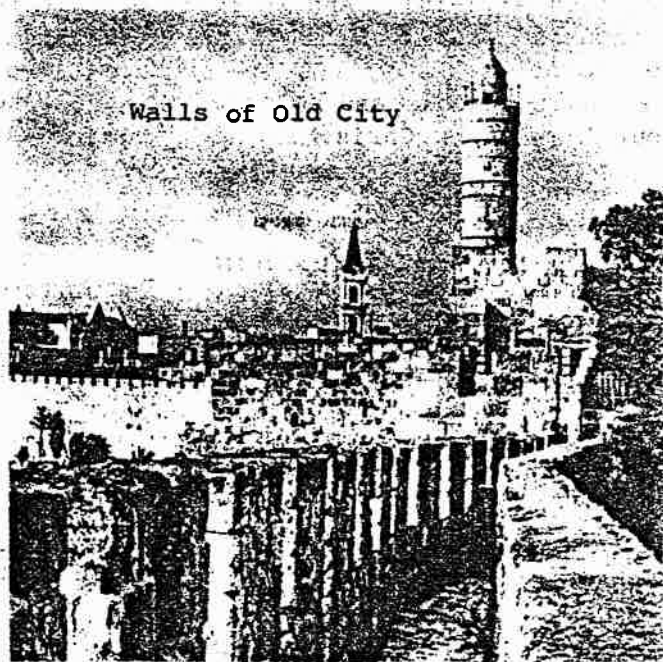
If you are in need of a car to tide you over, just ring 2560617 for the pastor!

The latest RPG Bible-reading workbooks are out! Get yours today. Faith - True or False by the pastor is a tract you can use. Visit the Tract-rack at the doorway.

Call: Lim Florist 3369011; Korean Pastor Son 7326790; BPCWA(Perth) (09)3649898; Elder Khoc (Perth) (09)4741200; CLBC 2541223.

ISRAEL - LAND OF DESTINY

(Synopsis of Message preached by Rev T Tow at the Sunset Gospel Hour,
Calvary Pandan B-P Church, Feb. 15, 1987).



Walls of Old City

This is the third and last of a series of messages on Israel. Israel: Land of Promise, Israel: Land of Prophecy, Israel: Land of Destiny.

Now, the word "destiny" means "predestined events"; "a person's or a country's appointed or ultimate lot" (Oxford Dictionary). Our study on Israel tonight relates to what will ultimately happen to Israel! Why is the Bible so concerned about little Israel, with literally hundreds of predictions about her people and land? Why isn't Singapore mentioned in the Bible at all? For us to ask such a question is sheer effrontery! It is like "a snake trying to swallow an elephant"! Who are we that should claim God's attention? "Behold, the nations are as a drop in a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance; behold He taketh up the isles as a very little thing. ...All nations before Him are as nothing; and they are counted to Him less than nothing, and vanity" (Isa 40:15-17).

Israel's destiny is mentioned by chapters and books because she is the chosen arena for the outworking of God's salvation plan for all mankind. In the last days immediately before Christ's return to judge the nations and rule the earth for a thousand golden years (Rev 20:1-6), this wicked world must bear the outpouring of God's wrath seven times (Rev 16:1-21). Between the sixth and seventh outpourings, Rev 16:13-16 tells us of the climaxing of a global war that leads to the battle of Armageddon. Now, Armageddon in Hebrew is Har Megiddo, or the Hill of Megiddo. It is below Mount Carmel and modern Haifa, gateway to Jerusalem in the south for invading armies from the north. While in the trumpet judgments of Revelation 8 and 9 one-third of the world will suffer fiery death and destruction, in Zech 13:8,9, Israel will lose two-thirds of her people. (In a recent estimate by the British Government, 26 million of her people will die in an atomic holocaust, i.e. half of her population.) How about Singapore? When I was in Australia, I heard Mr Goh Chok Tong mention the need to prepare for 1999! Hong Kong has her 1997 and Singapore has her 1999. Dare we claim 12 more years of peace and prosperity for Singapore? Insofar as Israel's destiny is concerned, it is going to be a bloodbath that runs for 200 miles "unto the horse-bridles" (Rev 14:20). By God's special grace, one-third of Israel will be preserved, which reflects on the 144,000 of Rev 14:1-5. Where will you be in the coming nuclear holocaust?

When the climax of climax of the Battle of Armageddon is reached, in a frontal attack on Jerusalem by all nations, that is the united armies of the Antichrist, then will Christ descend personally on the Mount of Olives (Zech 14:4). This is confirmed by the two angels at the Ascension of our Lord, "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven" (Acts 1:11). As the sacred feet of our Saviour touches this sinful earth, she will so tremble before the Holy God in an earthquake that splits the Mount of Olives, with far-reaching repercussions that send the cities of the nations tumbling down (Rev 16:19). Where will Singapore be among the cities of the nations that fall? When God answers man's A and H bombs with just one E bomb (earthquake bomb), then only will man take note. "And this shall be the plague wherewith the Lord will smite all the people that fought against Jerusalem; Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth" (Zech 14:12).

In that holocaust of holocausts at one word from our Saviour's mouth, all the powers of heaven and earth will be shaken! The topography of Jerusalem will be turned upside down, so that out of dry Jerusalem will now issue lively fountains of water that become two rivers, one to flow to the Mediterranean and the other to the Dead Sea. When rehabilitation of Israel, Land of Destiny is complete, "the Lord shall be king over all the earth" with headquarters in Jerusalem (Zech 14:9). "And it shall come to pass, that everyone that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles. And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain. And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that have no rain; there shall be the plague, wherewith the Lord will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast

of tabernacles" (Zech 14:16-19). The whole earth must come to worship the Messiah in Jerusalem during the golden thousand years rule.

Those of us who are saved and are dead will have resurrected at Christ's coming, and those who live up to Christ's coming will not die, but will be transformed in an instant, and be caught up to meet the Lord in the air (I Thess 4:13-18). And we shall be priests of God and Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years! This is the everlasting aspect of the everlasting life! But those who are not saved will be resurrected after the thousand years to be judged before the great white throne and be cast into the lake of fire. O, be you saved tonight by calling on our Lord Jesus Christ who must come first to judge Israel, the Land of Destiny.

Even so, come, Lord Jesus. Amen and Amen.

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

MON	7.30 pm	Calvin/Psalms (Rev Tow)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
WED	8.00 pm	LBC to meet pastor
THU	7.30 pm	Bible Interpretation (Rev C. Tan)
FRI	8.00 pm	Family worship at Blk 17, Dairy Farm Estate, #02-04 (2517), home of Mr & Mrs C.Y. Chng (Tel. 7607391)
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 3pm - LBC
	3.30 pm	YF; 4pm - YAF
	7.30 pm	CFM
SUN	10.00 am	Rev Bob Phee (Elder Tay)
	10.30 am	Rev Tow at Calvary Pandam BPC
	11.30 am	Catechism Class
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	6.00 pm	Tamil Service
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LAST WEEK'S OFFERING: \$6950.00
EXTENSION BLDG FUND 1172)\$200;
1173)\$1000; 1174)\$160(Boxes);
1175)\$3873(Off.bags); 1176)\$150;
1177)\$20; 1178)\$280; 1179)
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Praise the Lord!

OFFERINGS FOR: FEBC Building

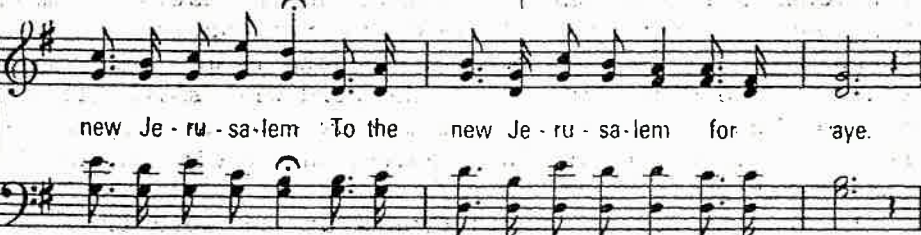
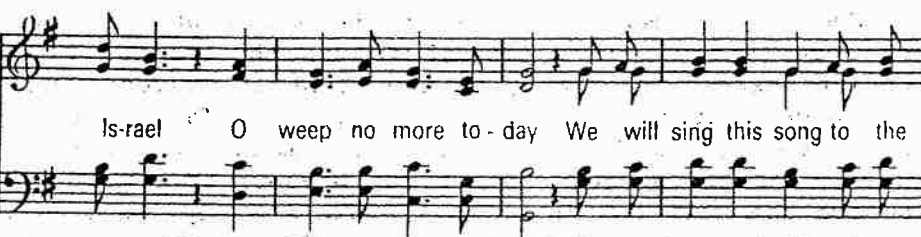
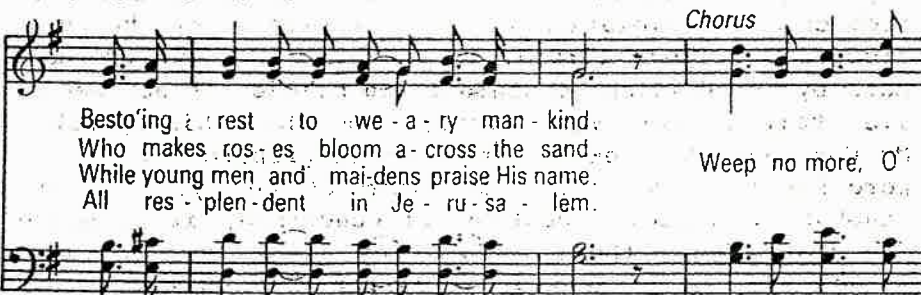
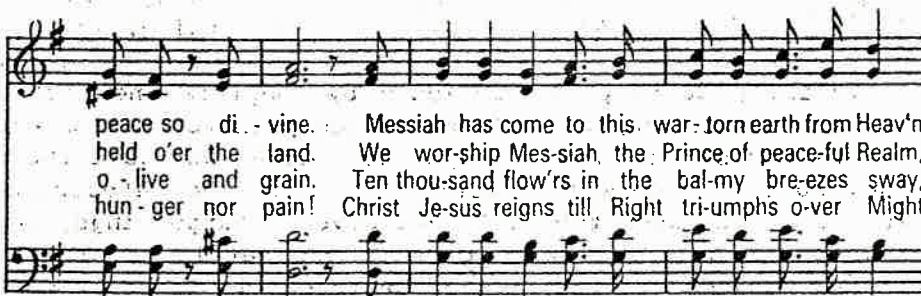
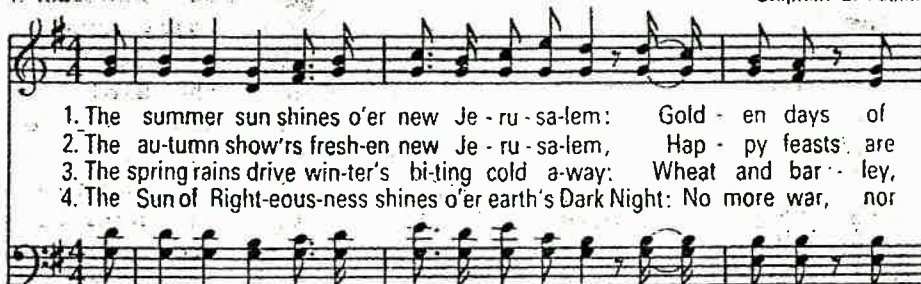
Fund \$150; Dyak Missionaries US\$155(C.T.
Hsu) Charles Seet \$18; Jess Lim \$40.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE, June 1987! In response to a call from our BARAKA (which means BLESSING) Conference Centre, south of Bethlehem in Judea, the pastor is leading another PILGRIMAGE to the Holy Land. This PILGRIMAGE, lasting a fortnight from early June, is offered on a first-come-first-served basis. Over 20 have registered! We can take up to 45 only. Costing is being worked out as we await details

Song to the New Jerusalem

Stephen C. Foster

T. Tow



from BARAKA, which will really suit your pocket. Pray together with us for the Lord's guidance and blessing that we "might have a prosperous journey" (Rom 1:10). Amen.

Beware of pickpockets who mingle with worshippers. Especially ladies' handbags are their targets!

Linda Pramanawati, FEBCer, sends greetings and gift to College. Her address: Ouddiemerlaan 281, 1111 HA Diemen, Holland.

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PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

"Hasting unto the coming of the Day of God" (II Pet 3:12)

In my third message on Israel to the Sunset Gospel Hour, Calvary Pandan, last Lord's Day, I spoke on the Battle of Armageddon which made me realise how near we are to that Day of Judgment. It made me more God-conscious, and urged me to double up in the work of the Lord.

One accelerated programme for extending God's Kingdom as discovered by Life Church is decentralisation. By sending 80 or so Lifers to Woodlands and spending \$2.7 million to build them a Church, we have established a strong witness this side of the Causeway. New Life has English, Chinese and Tamil congregations and a big Kindergarten. Today, New Life has branched out to J.B. to found a B-P Church and Sunday School at Taman Sentosa (3rd mile Kota Tinggi Road). A sister, having underwritten the purchase of a two-storey house on 3,000 sq.ft. of prime land, has injected enthusiasm into the workers. I mention Woodlands because this is our latest decentralisation programme.

Now that our Sunday attendance is bursting at the seams, is it not time to send out another batch of our people? We have the Life (Tanglin) Bible Class praying for the day to branch out, and they are ready. But they have no place to go. So I bring this matter to your prayerful concern.

Is there any brother or sister reading this who will be moved to offer a house, in some rural district, for another Life offshoot? Why should you let your property lie unused or under-used? Should the Lord come by 1999, which is only 12 years away, won't it be most profitable to let your property be used now before it is too late?

Extending Across Gilstead Road

Since our Extension Skywards Project was reverted to Extension Sideways, you have rallied to boost the EBF. This shows how overwhelming is the congregation's desire to go across the road.

The advantage of annexing land with "marriage value" to our present property is instant relief to our carpark. Secondly, the building which has high ceiling and is in good repair can be used for public meetings which will immediately benefit our other services. And our many fellowships on Saturdays too.

To acquire the said property, we are short of at least \$1 million. This is much less than the \$2.7 million you've given for Woodlands. Still, that's a big sum. Nevertheless, if we are united as before, there is no problem reaching that target. Can we reach that target in one year?

"Cheap and Good"

I call it "water-jet gun." How sparkling clean the walls of our Church, even up to the bell-tower, are shining in the sun--by that "water-jet gun." There was a time when it was suggested we should whitewash or paint up the same walls. That would kill the sparkle of the sand-stone surface. And that would cost us many times more in energy and expenditure. We believe in cost-effectiveness. Our Church has saved literally tens of thousands over other Churches each year with our "cheap and good" way of doing things. This is effected in loving cooperation with the Bible College.

There are those who think that carparks must be tarred and properly lined for "efficiency." Had we tarred up our carpark facing the side road, there won't be so many palms to wave you a royal welcome! Though our carpark is plain, naked earth reinforced with hardcore, it makes you feel ever so good who live in concrete jungles. There's a kindred spirit that binds you to our grounds, for are you not of Adam, even out of red earth?

"Life church is not as clean as other churches"--so they say. But neither are other churches as "green." Green with life. Life of ten congregations meeting every Lord's Day. Non-stop from 8 am to 10 pm. Easily 2,000 people use these grounds on Sundays. And hundreds on Saturdays, not to mention weddings. Is a Church built like a mausoleum, a piece of massive ornament, or is it to serve lively stones for eternal values? It is our philosophy of administration purposely to leave the Church open. There are doors that are never shut where maximum use can be made of every facility. Of course, the storeroom is quite different from the dining hall. It is carefully locked.

Do you know that other than Lifers have been observed to come into the sanctuary, who kneel in the pews to pray? (The Koreans pray every Friday night from 12 am to 5 am). No one in trouble who calls on us is ever turned away without some practical help rendered. Every piece of your surplus clothing is put to good use for the poor. We believe in "cheap and good."

"First Come, First Served"

Last week it was over twenty. This week it is 30! It seems that sudden urge that has set this short-notice Holy Land Pilgrimage in motion is confirmed as from the Lord. If 30 have indicated to go to Israel, that leaves only 15 more seats to fill. Hurry!

We have been so suddenly prompted into this service for the Lord's people that we are just beginning to shape up. The date is June 2, 0045 hrs to June 15, 1400 hrs. But since we will be leaving by ALIA (Royal Jordanian) minutes after midnight, you must be at Changi by June 1, 2245 hrs. Yes, it will be a full 14-day tour.

Having experienced a prosperous journey to the Holy Land via Amman in 1983, crossing the Jordan like the Israelites of old, we will follow the same route. There are so many things in the land to see that we will not go to sites outside. We want to walk where Jesus walked.

We cannot decide on the cost of this Pilgrimage yet until we receive quotations from the other side of the Jordan. As soon as we receive news from Bethlehem, we will let you know. Our policy is always "cheap and good."

I WANT TO WALK WHERE JESUS WALKS

(Sung by Prof. Fague Springmann, the tape of this Holy Land song is available from CLBC)

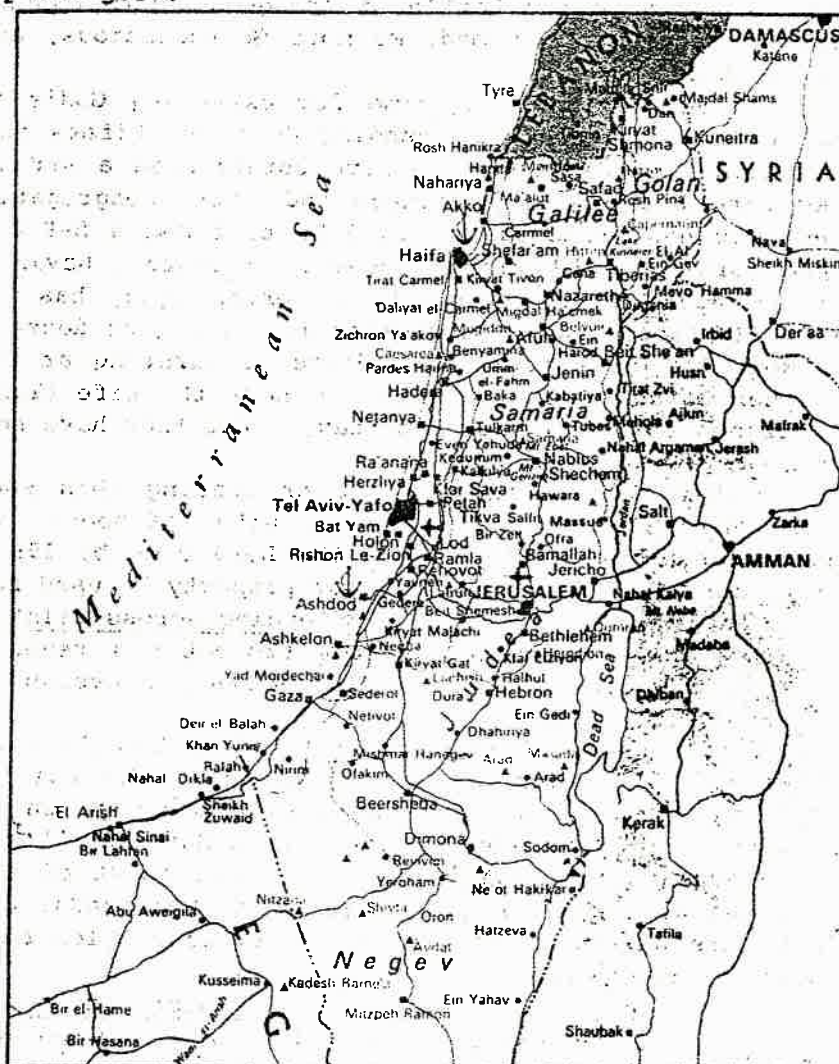
I want to walk where Jesus walks
Along life's narrow way;
He comes to our Emmaus road
And talks with us today!
He hears our sighs and all our woes,
He kneels with us to pray.
I want to walk where Jesus walks:
He wipes my tears away.

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

And from the lone Emmaus Road
Christ leads His followers on:
He meets with us in Galilee,
And gives our hearts a song.

Returning to Mount Olivet,
We hear His last command:
Go ye, go into the world,
Go ye, go into the world,
Go ye, go into the world,
And preach the Word of God!

I want to walk where Jesus walks
And serve Him all way....



APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Feb 23 - Mar 1)

MON	7.30 pm	Showing of "Flame in the Wind" in Church auditorium
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
	9.30 pm	Building Committee Meeting
WED	8.00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
THU	7.30 pm	Bible Interpretation (Rev Charlie Tan)
FRI	8.00 pm	Family Worship at the new home of Mr & Mrs Richard Khoh, 15 Clementi Rd (0512), near NUS. Tel. 7789853
SAT	2.00 pm	Daniel Yeo Keng Puan-Susie Cheah Joo Im Wedding (Rev Tow)
SUN	10.00 am	Rev Tow (Lord's Supper)
	10.00 am	Chinese Service
	11.30 am	Catechism Class
	11.30 am	Filipina Fellowship
	3.00 pm	Thai Service
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service
	6.00 pm	Tamil Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$7,100.20

EXTENSION BLDG FUND 1185)\$100; 1186)\$100; 1187)\$100(Thanksgiving); 1188)\$200(Thanks-giving); 1189)\$600(BFC); 1190)\$550; 1191)\$2014.35(New Life BPC); 1192)\$150(Thai F'ship); 1193)\$200; 1194)\$50(Kebaktian); 1195)\$50; 1196)\$50; 1197)\$20; 1198)\$1500; Lord. 1199)\$500. Total \$971,588.36

PHILIPPINES LAND \$142(Hope BPC)

OFFERINGS FOR: KL Missions \$450(WF); Frontier Labourers for Christ \$150(Filipina F'ship); RPG \$100; FEBC \$462.

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PREPARE TO MEET THY GOD --

The King of Kings is come!

Behold, He comes with flaming Sword
To judge the world.

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

Prepare to meet thy God --

He comes to save His own!

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

From heav'n He comes, the Son of God
In clouds of heav'n to save His own.

Prepare to meet thy God --

All knees before Him bow!

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

Repent! Believe! Give Christ your heart --

Before His throne all knees shall bow.

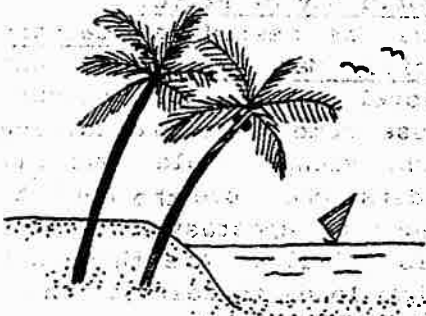
Chinese and R.C. idols were removed from the Hougang flat of Mr & Mrs Tan Kok Eng, Feb 16, with the assistance of Maurice and Terence of the YF. The pastor had them destroyed and despatched through the rubbish truck.

Another load of Chinese Household gods were removed, Feb 21, from a new believer of Air Bemban and destroyed by the pastor, with help of Kelapa Sawit elder and staff. Praise the Lord.

PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

"Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you" (James 4:8)



Golden Sands, Port Dickson

It is evident that your quick response to join our Pilgrimage (1987) to the Holy Land stems from a devout heart to draw nigh to God. Then may God draw nigh to you!

This is not to say God won't bless you unless you come on the Pilgrimage. There's another blessing awaiting you at Port Dickson! This is our Family Bible Camp, Mar 16-20, 1987. Have you registered? There's a Chinese Section to cater to your Chinese-speaking parents, and so far about 25 are coming. Then there are our brethren the New Lifers, with whom we are closely associated in the Lord's work.

"But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin" (1 Jn 1:7). Seeking God and looking up one another is the chief reason why we will be there.

In this regard the Deacons waiting on us have left no stone unturned to make this Camp a delight--to everyone. For there's also a Children's Camp in the charge of Mrs Ivy Tow with the help of FEBC students. There will be two film shows with Sister Irene Lee, an FEBC graduate serving with AVL Evangelism. She comes down from K.L. Rev Liew our missionary in the Malaysian capital will bring his group. You ladies of the WF now supporting his work will have opportunity of learning from him firsthand. As music is next to theology according to Martin Luther, you can be sure of the choicest hymns and choruses to bless your soul. Pray above all that God will bless the messages on "Behold He Comes!" As it is said, "The early bird catches the worm," that is how the Holy Land Pilgrims who have responded to our "First Come, First Served" are now rejoicing. Spiritually speaking, I don't see any difference between Port Haifa and Port Dickson! Hurry!

Renovation and Extension Go Hand In Hand

While we are headed for land across the street, we are not behind in renovation around the Church complex. Have you seen some changes? The glisten on the sand-stone surface of the Church should also make our Government glad. Do you know our six-pillar Church is a registered national building? Our church contractor Mr Goh has begun to clean the high windows and paint up the raw putty linings. That signboard of ours is now standing straight! What shall we see next? Who has a good piano to offer? Who has a house for the starting of a new witness with LBCers?

Elder Khoo Reports From Perth

We thank and praise God for travelling mercies and for providing us our every need. He is indeed our Jehovah-jireh! We also thank and praise the Lord for Bro. & Mrs Robin Tan--the Aquila and Priscilla of BPCWA. He is truly zealous for the Lord and an untiring worker--a man of action. Pat is active among the ladies--thus complementing Robin's work.

Last Lord's Day saw 132 worshipping the Lord. How good and how pleasant it was to see brothers and sisters from different countries, from different age-groups and from all walks of life worshipping together in unity and in love!

Dr S.H. Tow arrives on 20/2 to deliver a public lecture entitled "The Perils of A.D. 2000 and You" at 8 pm, BPCWA. And on Sunday 22/2 he will be our speaker for BPCWA 1st Anniversary. The ladies have been requested to cook a dish each to celebrate the occasion. There is a great thirst and hunger for the Word of God in this spiritually arid region. And if the people here will humble themselves and pray and seek the Lord's face and turn from their wicked ways; then the Lord will hear and forgive their sin and will heal their land and transform it into a spiritual oasis. BPCWA is a haven to overseas students and visitors abroad.

Please continue to remember us in your daily prayers before the throne of grace as we remember you and yours. Please also remember us to those at Life. May God's grace, mercy and peace be upon each and everyone of you. May God bless every Session member and their households with joy and peace.

[It is reported Eng Lam has got into Second Year Engineering! There were 185 at the Anniversary Service (Feb. 22). Perth is now financially self-supporting!]

The Air Bemban Story

In no time, with no burden, we acquired Air Bemban, a double corner-terrace house standing on 5,300 sq. ft. in a new housing estate of 187 units. It cost M\$90,000. Air Bemban was inaugurated several months back. It runs a regular Sunday School, Church Service and an overflowing kindergarten, so much so we need extensions even now!

Of the children who have received Christ are three from a low-cost housing unit. The father is a logger who returns home once a month. The mother takes care of the home. To protect her new abode, she brought in several Chinese gods (of mercy and money). Then there was also a framed photo of Sai Baba given by an aunt.

The other night, while all was quiet, two "black" men suddenly appeared outside their upstairs bedrooms. One where the mother was sleeping was locked. The other where the

big daughter, aged 12, and two younger brothers were sleeping, was unlocked. When one of the masked men opened the door, the girl cried to the Lord. At that, both intruders took fright and ran. God heard the girl's prayer.

The next day, both mother and children shifted to stay in our new Church. Our "Bible woman" comforted them, rendering every help. The mother was so overwhelmed by the love of Christ and so disappointed with her household gods that she called for the pastor to come and take the dumb gods away.

"They have mouths, but they speak not;
Eyes have they, but they see not;
They have ears, but they hear not;
Neither is there any breath in their mouths.
They that make them are like unto them:
So is every one that trusteth in them."
(Ps 135:16-18)

your prayers as I speak on "Watchman, What of the Night?" (Isa 21:11). Are these not days of ease and slumber? We need a stirring from this sleep that leads to destruction!

Next year, 1988, will be ICCC's 40th Anniversary. Forty is a most significant number in the Bible. May I take this opportunity to alert you to the great anniversary gathering. The earlier announcement of meeting in Amsterdam, Holland has been cancelled owing to unfavourable circumstances arising in that country. Where shall we meet? Let us pray also for this important meeting and the Lord's leading.

Yours faithfully, T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

(2nd - 8th Mar)

MON	7.30 pm	Calvin/Psalms (Rev Tow)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
	9.30 pm	FEK Committee Mtg
THU	7.30 pm	Bible Interpretation (Rev C. Tan)
	8.00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal, NL (Rev Tow)
FRI	8.00 pm	World Day of Prayer, Calvary Pandan. Speaker: Rev Tow
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 3pm - LBC
	2.00 pm	Melvin Tan-Karen Au Wedding (Sembawang BPC)
	2.30 pm	Rev Tow at New Life Wedding: Lee Kuan Kien-Teo Ai Lay
	3.30 pm	YF; 4pm -YAF; 7.30pm - CFM
SUN	10.00 am	Rev Tow
	10.00 am	Chinese Service
	11.30 am	Catechism Class
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	11.55 am	Korean Church Service
	12.15 am	Church Choir Practice
	3.00 pm	Thai & BPC Services
	4.00 pm	Kebaktian Indonesia
	4.30 pm	Rev Tow at Sharon Service
	6.00 pm	Tamil Service
	7.30 pm	Korean Evening Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$5,699.00

EXTENSION BUILDING FUND 1200)\$1045(Off. bags); 1201)\$2000; 1202)\$20; 1203)\$500; 1204)\$20(Chinese Service); 1205)\$50(Boxes).
Total \$975,223.36

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: RPG \$100; Burma \$300(WF); Missionaries \$50; Dyak Work \$150; Dyak Missionaries US\$155; Welfare Fund \$3000; Renovation \$30, \$2000; Maintenance \$100; Kimiko Goto \$230; Jess Lim \$200; Ong Eng Lam \$100. From Australia: A\$200.

The Building Committee recommends that the property across the street be a joint Church and College project. A meeting between FEBC Board and Life Church Session is to be called.

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ICCC World Day of Prayer

This year we are meeting at Calvary Pandan BPC, Friday Mar. 6, 8 pm. Let all who are loyal to the 20th Century Reformation Cause come! We are calling not only Lifers, young or old, but all BPers and readers who love the Lord in this darkest hour of apostasy. I covet

1. Gra - cious Spir - it, Dove Di - vine, Let thy light with - in me shine;
2. Speak thy par - d'ning grace to me, Set the bur - dened sin - ner free;
3. Life and peace to me im - part; Seal sal - va - tion on my heart;
4. Let me nev - er from thee stray, Keep me in the nar - row way.

All my guilt - y fears re - move, Fill me full of heav'n and love.
Lead me to the Lamb of God, Wash me in his pre - cious blood.
Breathe thy - self in - to my breast, Earn - est of im - mor - tal rest.
Fill my soul with joy di - vine, Keep me, Lord, for ev - er thine. A - MEN.

Mrs Lim Khng Seng who has returned from Canada to visit her mother has to undergo an operation. Oldtimers who know her are requested to visit her at Ward 42, NUH.

There is a place in Tampines New Town available for Gospel outreach. N.B. LBCers! See pastor.

Kuantan Retreat Facility. Bungalow within 5 min. drive from city for 12 to 15 people. \$40 for couple (50% off for pastors) and \$7 for each extra adult, \$3 for child under 12, T.V., cooking utensils and phone provided. Ring: 095-23982

Holy Land Pilgrimage. We are in telephone contact with Baraka which advised letter on rates is on the way. We shall ascend Mt. Nebo like Moses to view the Promised Land en route to the Jordan for the crossing. On our return journey will spend a day seeing Amman and the ruins of Jerash, one of the Decapolis cities through which Christ must have passed. This two-day tour of Trans-Jordan will give a better perspective of the Promised Land. Pray for Guidance and safety. Amen.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Fri. 6th Mar., 8 pm at Calvary Pandan BPC

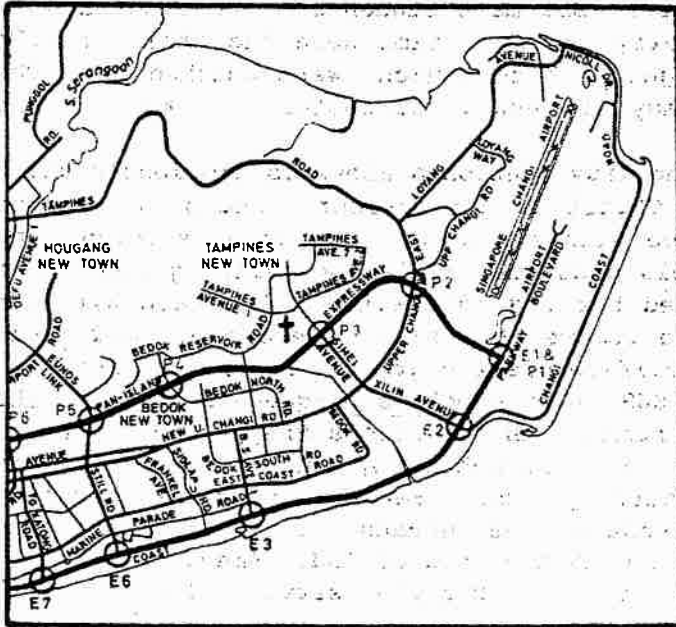
Rev T. Tow speaks on

"Watchman, What of the Night?"

Prayer Sessions held separately in

ENGLISH, MANDARIN & TAMIL

My dear Readers,



Somewhere I have read that "church growth promotes glory to the church, but kingdom growth promotes glory to God alone." In a sense this is true. When our Church is filled to overflowing, we tend to pride ourselves in numbers. When it is reported that Singapore's Christianity has risen from 10% to 12% during the last several years, glory goes to the Lord.

We believe not only in Church decentralisation to promote "kingdom growth," but also in helping members who branch out for the Lord's sake to become self-supporting as soon as possible. From Life we have seen such offshoots like Zion and Carmel, which now have branches of their own. So, it is my joy to report to you that young members of Life Bible Class, whom we love and treasure in the Lord, have found a place to start another B-P witness. This place is in Tampines

New Town, an ideal place, on the left of PIE as you drive to Changi Airport. For young people to get there means taking two buses. It is like going cross-country.

Going to Tampines is logical in that this is virgin soil for cultivation. It is in the spirit of St Paul who declares, "Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another man's foundation: But as it is written, To whom he was not spoken of, they shall see: and they that have not heard shall understand" (Rom 15:20,21).

Tampines New Town might have some pockets of "house churches," but ours is spacious enough to take in 150 comfortably! From here, we should see the eventual raising of a proper Church building in the next decade, while Jesus tarries.

Let us in the meantime rouse to the occasion to help our young people "move house." It is not our style to spend lavishly. Any surplus goods at Gilstead Road, if usable, should be used. The VW Kombi is at the disposal of our Bible Class leaders on Sunday afternoons, inasmuch as I hear they will hold meetings at that hour for a start. Eventually, the Church should help them acquire a mini-bus of their own. There's a Chinese saying, "If you have money, give money; if you have strength, give strength." Our privilege, it is, to have a part in any aspect of God's work. When everyone is on the move for God's Kingdom, that is Pentecost! And when the pews here are vacated by the young people, these will give place to others who, under these crowded conditions, are being kept out. As I conclude this paragraph, here comes a letter from an anonymous Lifer. It reads: "I have long been waiting for an outreach to be started in Tampines/Hougang New Town area, since the day I first drove through the place and saw how huge the estate was. I believe there is as yet not even a Methodist Church there, as I have asked some Methodists about it. PRAISE THE LORD! that in the weekly sheet today I read that a place is available in Tampines New Town for outreach. Enclosed is my tithe [\$1,000 cheque] to start a Tampines Outreach Fund. May God prosper their work!"

"Draw nigh to God, and God will draw nigh to you" (Jas 4:8)

It is with this expectancy that the Session has planned a Family Camp at Port Dickson during the March school holidays. March 16-20, when the cool breezes (3 degrees lower) blow across the Malacca Straits into our camp grounds. When the sea is ideal for swimming, for we are on the West Coast. No fear of a sudden squall that sometimes carries you into the ocean, as on the East Coast. Port Dickson = "Golden Sands"!

Of all camps, this is the camp! Unique, indeed! For it caters not only to the English-speaking, but also to the Chinese, to your parents and elders. Give them a treat! Bring them along. Also, there's a children's section run by those who have rich experience with children. Don't

you appreciate that the Church can do something to convert your child? This is one most needy area, as we see the tiny tots running wild Sunday morning! If you feel a need to have your child inculcated with God's Word by loving teachers, that may be the turning point in your child's life. To take things easy will find the sad projection of that young life in the dumps not many years hence. Let us train up your child (Prov 22:6). Confucius says, "Exchange sons to teach."

There's a vibrant camp spirit a-stirring since our publicity last week. Well, this week is our last call! We understand those who cannot make it for a good reason. But



if there is a portion of blessing God has reserved for you, and you are not heeding His loving call, whose fault is that? "Draw nigh to God, and God will draw nigh to you."

Biggest Haul of IDOLS: Buddhas, Kwan Yins and Kwang Kongs

There were so many of them, big and small, we lost count. The pastor and his wife had to be assisted by a lady member, plus three FEBC male students. Two Buddhas were so heavy it took our strongest young man to carry one at a time down the stairs to the waiting VW Kombi. All these idols, when brought back to Church, were smashed up. The debris filled half a rubbish trolley. The lady who asked the pastor to take away the idols gave a \$100 hongbao to the Church.

It all happened like this. The husband of the lady mentioned above is gloriously saved in jail. So he writes back to her to receive Christ as her Saviour. Led by a Lifer to the Women's Bible Class, she came face to face with the Lord. She also believed. No more was she afraid of the pantheon of household gods that filled her sitting room. She switched off the red electric lights that lighted her big idol altar. She came with her Lifer friend specially to request the pastor to remove them all. These idols and their paraphernalia cost thousands of dollars. No sacrifice was too great. Praise the Lord.

In their place, there hang on the wall a JESUS SAVES clock, a plaque--"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved," a frame with the Lord's Prayer and a "Three-Character Prayer Poem" in Chinese, filling the gap left behind by charms and icons torn down. A Bible is placed on the table in the sitting room. Several books, such as "The Gospel of Life," were further presented to be sent to the husband. It is important that when idols are removed, we fill the emptied house with the Word of God. Amen.

Yours in His glad service, T.T.

A Lifer Looks Forward to Port Dickson!

"I'm glad the Lord has helped me to decide to take my children to the Bible Camp. I've been toying with the idea since the announcement of the Bible Camp. My children have been clamouring to go because they enjoyed themselves tremendously the last time--I think it was two or three years ago? Well, I'm glad the Lord has not only roped in my family, but my mother, my brother, his wife and daughter are coming too, pending leave approval. How wonderful! Indeed, Pastor, to put it in your own words, we are in high expectancy! We're looking forward to that 5-day reprieve from the humdrum of working life. Indeed, as I told my brother and sister-in-law, it is better to go to a Bible Camp than to, say, go on a Fraser's Hill or Cameron Highlands Trip with a secular group of people. I'm glad I can look with high expectancy to a restful, peaceful and pleasant holiday at Port Dickson again, without having to worry about how to entertain my children during the one-week short vacation. But the greatest expectation for me is to have a closer walk with my Lord Jesus, whom I am ashamed to confess that I have crowded Him out of my life many a time, due to the 'pressure-cooker society' that we're living in."

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

MON	7.30 pm	Calvin/Psalms (Rev Tow)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
	9.30 pm	Elders Meeting
WED	7.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
	8.00 pm	Session Meeting
THU	7.30 pm	Bible Interpretation (Rev C. Tan)
FRI	6.30 pm	FEBC Mid-Semester Dinner at Rev C. Tan's
	7.30 pm	Sharon Session Meeting
	8.00 pm	Elders Meeting with Rev Djunaiddi
SAT	2.30 pm	Tan Kian Sing-Quek Swee Luan Wedding (Rev Tow)
	1.00 pm	LJBC; 3pm - LBC; 7.30pm - CFM
	5.00 pm	LBC 11th Anniversary at FEBC Hall
	7.30 pm	Rev Tow at Nazareth Parents' Night
SUN	9.00 am	Rev Tow at Tamil Service, J.B.
	10.00 am	Mr Lim Jui Kai (Dr Tan)
	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	Kebaktian Indonesia
	4.00 pm	Rev Tow at Rawang
	4.30 pm	Sharon Church Service
	6.00 pm	Tamil Service
	8.15 pm	Rev Tow at Bukit Gambir

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$7,822.60

EXTENSION BUILDING FUND 1206)\$200; 1207)\$600;
1208)\$1110(Off.bags); 1209)\$200; 1210)\$1000;
1211)\$20; 1212)\$472(Chinese S.); 1213)\$150;
1214)\$2826.44(N. Life); 1215)\$2052.

Total \$983,853.80 Stop Press! 1206)\$100;
1207)\$88(Boxes).

Tampines New Town \$1000.

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: FEBC \$70; Burma \$50
China \$50; India \$50; Thailand \$50; Mainten-
ance \$1000, \$100; Rev Paauwe \$50.

Obituary. Lee Ngeok, 81, of Kelapa Sawit
Church passed away Mar. 2. Funeral on Mar. 4
was officiated by Life Church pastor at the
Senai Christian Cemetery, Elder John Ling
and Miss Ng Sang Chiew assisting.

The engagement between Mr Naohiko Shimisu
and Miss Sharon Lim was solemnised by Rev
Dr Patrick Tan, Fri. Mar. 6, 8 pm in Church
before a big gathering of relatives and
friends.

Our coaches to Port Dickson should stop at
Kelapa Sawit Church (43 miles north) not
only to pick up passengers but also to give
S'poreans an opportunity to see our main
church in Malaysia.

Elder Chia Kim Chwee is kindly requested
to take the Catechism Class in pastor's ab-
sence next Lord's Day when he travels early
to Malaysia.

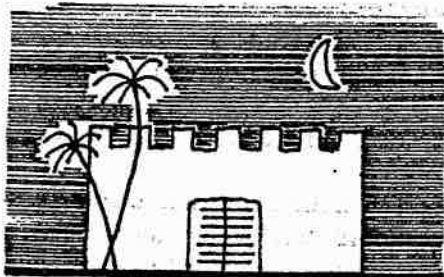
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WATCHMAN, WHAT OF THE NIGHT? (Isaiah 21:11)

(Message preached at the ICCC Day of Prayer, Calvary Pandan BPC, March 6, 1987)

Text: Isaiah 21:11,12

"The burden of Dumah. He calleth to me out of Seir, Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night? The watchman said, The morning cometh, and also the night: if ye will inquire, inquire ye: return, come."



In a vision, the prophet Isaiah sees someone standing on Mt. Seir in Edom calling him: "Watchman, what time is it in the night?" The prophet is a watchman, so are the pastors, elders and deacons of this Church. So is every Christian, for our Lord reminds us we are children of Light (Lk 16:8) and we should always watch and pray. Are you and I watching?

As to watchmen, we are accustomed to seeing the Sikhs with their charpoys parked outside some godown or important dwelling. On these rope beds you could see them stretched out to rest while they guarded the premises. Once there was a Sikh watchman murdered while he slept. Jesus says, "And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. 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 21:34-36).

One job of the watchman is to announce the hours of the night. When I was a boy living with my parents in Canton (Guangzhou), I knew what hour of the night it was by the number of beats made by the watchman on the drum and cymbal as he went round the city. Why didn't the prophet give a direct answer to his inquirer, to tell him the exact time? His answer was rather like a riddle! That is how the Heavenly Watchman would reply us as to the time of our life. If He should tell us of the date and hour of our death, we would be scared. If He should tell us the exact day of His coming, we might become slothful. We might squander the days before His coming to make preparation only at the last hour. Therefore as to the hour of His Return, Jesus says, "But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father" (Mk 13:32). Our duty is to be watchful everyday, every hour! If Jesus should come tonight, are you ready to go "immediately" (Lk 12:36)? "And if He shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch [Chinese saying: Third watch and midnight], and find them so, blessed are those servants" (Lk 12:38).

Now, the prophet Isaiah's reply to the inquirer is a double answer. "Yes, the night is far spent, morning was soon upon them. But night would catch up the sooner than expected." The world today seems like a calm morning, especially when the superpowers, USA and USSR, are coming to terms to withdraw their medium range missiles from each other. In Singapore, the recession seems more than arrested. There's a 1.9% increase in the nation's productivity. With the respite, the world goes on "eating and drinking" the more, for their philosophy is "tomorrow we die" (1 Cor 15:32). Paul's quotation of this saying is in fact taken from Isaiah 22:13 which follows Isaiah 21:11,12. Here we see the Epicureans of Isaiah's day enjoying themselves, while Jerusalem was under siege of the Assyrians, when they should rather, as they realised judgment was sure, be weeping for their sins (Isa 22:12).

In the northern regions, when it is winter, days are short and nights are long. By 4 pm it would be dark and the sun next morning might not come on until 8 or 9 o'clock. The prolonged dark night of judgment is soon coming, but today's enjoy-yourself philosophers, instead of repenting from their wicked ways, give vent to the lusts of the flesh the more. As with the ancients, so with the moderns. But we who know Christ are exhorted to live so that our lives count for the Lord. How we use our time, our money, our everything, it's all for the Lord. We want to contribute to the advancement of His Kingdom on earth before He returns. Can you say that?

The apostasy that has descended upon the Church is spreading its ever-cumulative darkness. We who have taken the separatist line from the ecumenical movement, and are standing for a 20th Century Reformation with the International Council of Christian Churches, are approaching our 40th year in 1988 in the battle for the faith. We should be even more alert in this situation of a darkening night. The morning is short-lived. The long night is fast advancing. Watchman, what of the night? This is what we must give an answer to. "Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord when He cometh shall find watching" (Lk 12:37). Amen.

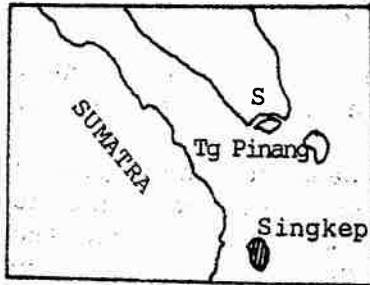
"BUT OF THE TIMES AND THE SEASONS, BRETHREN, YE HAVE NO NEED THAT I WRITE UNTO YOU. FOR YOURSELVES KNOW PERFECTLY THAT THE DAY OF THE LORD SO COMETH AS A THIEF IN THE NIGHT. FOR WHEN THEY SHALL SAY, PEACE AND SAFETY; THEN SUDDEN DESTRUCTION COMETH UPON THEM, AS TRAVAIL UPON A WOMAN WITH CHILD; AND THEY SHALL NOT ESCAPE. BUT YE, BRETHREN, ARE NOT IN DARKNESS, THAT THAT DAY SHOULD OVERTAKE YOU AS A THIEF."

- 1 Thessalonians 5:1-4

Singkep Island Report

By Simon Tsai

The Indonesian island of Singkep, 25 km by 20 km, is a sparsely populated island about 300 km south of Singapore. Only 20,000 people, including about 7000 Chinese, live there. The island's biggest town, Dabo, has a population of 10,000, including 3000 Hakka Chinese. Therefore, the Hakka dialect is very important on this island.



There are at present one Indonesian Protestant Church, one Roman Catholic Church and two Pentecostal Churches in Dabo, all using only the Indonesian language.

About 10 years ago, a Chinese Presbyterian Church was started in Dabo. After a half-alive, half-dead existence of about 7 years, this Presbyterian Church was finally closed down in 1985. But the church's license issued by the Indonesian Ministry of Religious Affairs in Jakarta is still valid. Thus this death can be called a temporary death; it can be resurrected.

In 1985, a flood of sea water put Dabo out of action for about a week. Sea water entered the houses knee-deep. In 1986, precisely 4 days after Lunar New Year day, a big fire, starting at 1 am, destroyed about 150 shops, mostly Chinese. One-third of Dabo town was reduced to ashes. The loss for the shop-owners was big indeed, because those shops were not insured. For 40 years there had been no fire in Dabo, then suddenly in one night it happened, destroying one-third of the town. This is one more proof of the unpredictability of life. After the fire the whole Chinese population of Dabo was in deep sorrow. The sorrow is still being felt today.

About 100 shops were not destroyed in the fire. The owners of these remaining shops, mostly Chinese, were glad and thankful that their shops were not destroyed. Among the shop-owners whose shops were spared is Mr Teo, the father of Bro. Teo Heng Kiak, a member of the Tanjung Pinang Presbyterian Church. When in China in his youth, Mr Teo had heard the Gospel, but he was never baptised. So after the shock of this great fire, Mr Teo requested baptism and was baptised by Rev Timothy Tow in Tanjung Pinang in 1986.

Among those whose shops were spared in the great fire were also the sister and brother-in-law of Bro. Heng Kiak. After the fire, both of them were baptised in the Pentecostal Church in Dabo.

When I was recently in Dabo (Feb. 27 - Mar. 6), Mr Teo and Bro. Heng Kiak's sister and one other Chinese man all requested that the Chinese Presbyterian Church in Dabo be continued again. At present there is no Chinese language Church in Singkep Island (and Dabo town has 3000 Chinese without their own church). Although the majority of these 3000 Chinese are continuing their old Chinese idol worship, more and more are turning their eyes to the Christian religion. Often personal tragedies can bring people closer to God.

Another reason why the Chinese in Dabo are now gradually showing an interest in the Christian religion is the need of their children. According to Indonesian government regulations, all school children must receive religious teaching and their religion must be written on their identity cards. Only one of these five religions may be written: Protestantism, Roman Catholicism, Islam, Buddhism and Hinduism. More and more Chinese parents in Dabo are now choosing either Protestantism or Roman Catholicism as the religion of their children. Besides this, another reason why the Chinese are becoming more receptive of a Chinese language Church is their desire that their children might learn Mandarin, because Mandarin can be taught in church. All the other four Indonesian churches use only Indonesian and no other language.

So the future of a Chinese language church in Dabo town is now brighter than three years ago before the great fire. Mr Teo told me that immediately after the fire, many Chinese here asked him if there was a Chinese Church in Dabo. But he could only answer that the Chinese language Church was already closed down.

<u>APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (16th - 22nd Mar)</u>			
MON	8.30 am	Coaches leave for P.D.	SUN 6.00 pm Tamil Service
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting (Elder Tay)	6.00 pm <u>China in the Bible</u> (Rev Tow)
WED - FRI	1 - 9 pm	Sharon Choir Seminar	<u>LAST WEEK'S OFFERING</u> \$5,831.80
THU	7.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal	<u>EXTENSION BLDG FUND</u> 1218)\$200; 1219)\$1000;
FRI	4.00 pm	Coaches return	1220)\$1855; 1221)\$100; 1222)\$50; 1223)\$20;
SAT	2.30 pm	Teo Siak Hong-Freda Goh Wed. (Faith Com. Baptist Church)	1224)\$50; 1225)\$50; 1226)\$200; 1227)\$100;
	5.00 pm	Kenneth Mar-Jennifer Tai Blessing (Dr P. Tan)	1228)\$200; 1229)\$80. <u>Total</u> \$987,946.80
	7.30 pm	Filmshow: "Pilgrim's Progress Part I", YAF Film Ministry	<u>TAMPINES OUTREACH</u> \$1000, \$1000.
SUN	10.00 am	Rev Tow	<u>WELFARE FUND</u> \$1400, \$1800, \$1400, \$100.
	10.00 am	Chinese Service	<u>OFFERINGS FOR: FEBC</u> \$100, \$150; <u>VBS</u> \$100;
	11.30 am	Catechism Class	<u>Family Camp</u> \$150; <u>Maintenance</u> \$50; <u>Jess Lim</u>
	11.30 am	Filipina Fellowship	\$350; <u>Kimiko</u> \$350.
	3.00 pm	Thai Service	<u>Pray for Mrs Lucy Poh</u> , at Room 5, Jurong Hos-
	4.00 pm	Kebaktian Indonesia	pital.

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THE CHINESE IN THE BIBLE

(Synopsis of Message preached at the Sunset Gospel Hour, Calvary Pandan BPC,
March 22, 1987)

According to latest statistics, the Chinese race numbers 1.1 billion, or nearly a quarter of the whole world. It is inevitable that the Almighty Father's love for the world that sent His only begotten Son must comprehend a goodly number of the sons of China. It is not unreasonable therefore to expect God's Word to contain some reference to China. India, being nearer to the Bible Lands, is mentioned twice in the Book of Esther. As for China, that Far Eastern Kingdom beyond India's horizon, she is nevertheless seen by the eagle-eye of the prophet Isaiah.

Talking of the wide outreach of the Lord's Servant, whereby the salvation He provides is not limited to a small group, both Chapter 42 and the beginning verses of Chapter 49 of Isaiah look beyond the boundaries of the Israelite nation. God's appointed Saviour is "for a light to the Gentiles" (Isa 42:6), "that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth" (Isa 49:6). Isa 49:12 pictures a saved people as coming "from the north and from the west," but who are "these from the land of Sinim"?

Both the NIV Study Bible and the Ryrie Study Bible are tainted by modernistic so-called scholarship to take "Sinim" for Syene (modern Aswan in Egypt). Dr Allan A. MacRae my teacher, in his book "The Gospel of Isaiah," is quite convinced with other Bible-believing scholars to take "Sinim" to refer to China. The translators of the Chinese Bible equate Sinim with the Kingdom of Ch'in. When I was a resident in Israel in 1969, I was known to all in Bethlehem as the "Sini" (pron. seenee). Did I then become an Egyptian hailing from Syene? And what is a Sinologist, asks Dr MacRae.

Isaiah sees the fruits of Christ's saving grace borne by distant China. He sees the Chinese among God's children, even as it is echoed upon by the heavenly chorus, "... and has redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred and tongue and people and nation" (Rev 5:9). Praise the Lord, we who are of Chinese stock are surely counted amongst the multi-racial congregations of the redeemed. That does not mean every Chinese in this Service is saved, and you who are of Indian or European stock are lost! It may be vice versa. Salvation in the final analysis is an individual matter. Are you, Chinese or non-Chinese, saved?

These who "shall come from far: and lo, these from the north and from the west; and these from the land of Sinim," are those drawn nigh to God by messengers of the Great Commission (Matt 28:18-20). There is a tradition that Thomas who brought the Gospel to India extended his mission to China, to Anwei Province.

The earliest evidence of Christianity making a foothold in China was the arrival in Sian in 635 A.D. of the Nestorian missionary, Alopen, from Syria. This was in the Tang Dynasty and he was well received by the emperor Cheng Kuan. Though the Nestorian missionaries laboured zealously in China in the seventh and eighth centuries, Christianity died out, leaving few traces beyond the famous Nestorian monument at Sian. Nevertheless, the French historian Nau, according to Dr Holdcroft, is convinced "there may have been a Christian Church in every province of China," and Professor Saeki of Japan thinks the number was vastly larger and that the Nestorians had no small share in the creation of "the golden age of China." That a once-flourishing Church in China, like the one in North Africa in St. Augustine's time, had disappeared save for a monument like a tombstone, is a sombre thought to us B-Pers who are labouring to establish a Church in our generation. Should persecution come can you and I stand?

In the 13th and 14th centuries Roman Catholic missionaries achieved some success during the Mongol dynasty (Kublai Khan), but again their endeavours faded away. It was after another two centuries that Portuguese missionaries entered Macao. Francis Xavier, whose visit to Malacca (Malaysia) en route to China is commemorated by a statue, died in 1552 at China's doorstep, his dream of converting China unfulfilled.

Protestant missions to China were commenced in 1807 with the arrival of Robert Morrison. It was Morrison's translation of the Bible into Chinese in 1819 that laid the foundation for the firm establishment of the Chinese Church. It is interesting for us in Singapore to note also that Morrison was assisted in the translation of the Chinese Bible by William Milne who was based in Malacca.

"After three decades of Protestant missionary history in China, it was reckoned that the number of missionaries was over a score and the total of baptised Chinese was under a hundred" (Edward Band). For China was virtually closed to foreign trade and Protestant missionaries until the Opium War (1841). By the end of the century there were half-a-million Roman Catholics and 75,000 Protestants. But the resistance to foreign encroachments on Chinese soil resulted in the Boxer Rebellion of 1900 whereby 181 missionaries (Catholic and Protestant) and 49,000 Chinese Christians were killed.

"The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church." Despite persecution, Christianity grew, especially after the collapse of the Manchu regime and the rise of the Chinese Republic under Dr Sun Yat Sen (1911). The years 1920-27 were the heyday of missionary expansion, there being 8,500 missionaries in 1927. Meanwhile, the Chinese Church was beginning to stand on her own feet.

Among the early national leaders there arose Pastor Ting Li Mei, known as the Moody of China. Later came Wang Ming Tao (who is still alive), Watchman Nee and last, but not least, John Sung. It is interesting to note that these three men were born immediately after the Boxer Rebellion within one to three years of each other. By 1949 when Mao took over China, there were one million Protestants in China (Leslie Lyall).

In the thirties, however, there was a nationwide awakening under the revival ministry of Dr John Sung. A nominal Christianity was suddenly roused to life like the dry bones of Ezekiel 37 becoming "an exceeding great army" (Ezek 37:10). According to Dr Sung's own testimony, several hundred thousands were born again in a decade under his itinerant ministry throughout China and all over Southeast Asia. Oh, may evangelists arise who are willing to go forth for His name's sake (III Jn 7).

After about four decades of Communist rule, Christianity has multiplied rather by leaps and bounds, so that it is estimated there are 50 million now turned to Christ. No doubt this is the work of the Holy Spirit. But it must not be forgotten there was the good seed sown before Mao came, the children of the kingdom, viz., the hundreds of thousands born again under John Sung's ministry (Matt 13:38). Rev Roy J. Birkey, missionary to China for 50 years, says of the lasting results of that Asian Awakening under John Sung, "His fruits still glow like the sun of a cloudless bright morning." ("I Remember John Sung", Schubert)

In Southeast Asia today there are a hardcore of remnants of the John Sung Pentecost, of whom are the Bible-Presbyterians. Incidentally, there is a fourth Pilgrimage of the B-Ps to the Holy Land, the second under my charge since 1983. "Behold, there shall come from far: and, lo, these from the north and from the west; and these from the land of Sinim" (Isa 49:12). May we be faithful heralds of a countless multitude from the Far East who "shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles" (Zech 14:16). Even so, come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

GOD LOVED THE WORLD

God loved the world, that He gave His Son
To die on the cross to save us from sin,
That whoso believeth, believeth in Him,
Should not perish, but shall live in Him.

Lo, who are these who come from afar,
From north, from west and from Eastern shore;
From the Land of Sinim, come to worship Him,
Faithful sons of Chin, come to worship Him.

O ye Chinese sons, God has chosen you
To all mankind to spread the good news,
That whoso believeth, believeth in Him,
Should not perish, but shall live in Him.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Mar 23 - 29)

MON	8.00 am	FEBC Re-opens
	7.30 pm	Calvin/Psalms (Rev Tow)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
THU	7.30 pm	Bible Interpretation (Rev C. Tan)
SAT	7.30 pm	Film: "Christiana (Pilgrim's Progress Part II)"
SUN	10.00 am	Rev Tow
	10.00 am	Chinese Service
	11.30 am	Catechism Class
	11.30 am	Filipina Fellowship
	3.00 pm	Thai Service
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service
	6.00 pm	Tamil Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$7,973.00

EXTENSION BLDG FUND 1230)\$500; 1231)\$80;
1232)\$20; 1233)\$60.93; 1234)\$280; 1235)
\$200. Total \$989,087.73

TAMPINES OUTREACH \$100, \$60, \$100.

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: VBS \$30, \$200;
FEBC Scholarship \$1,800(WF); KL Missions
\$450(WF); Burma \$300(WF).

Following the BIG HAUL of Buddhas and other idols, the elder brother of the said household also gave up his idols. Hear the pastor today on the folly of idolatry.

We congratulate Hermon, a branch of Mt. Carmel BPC on becoming another autonomous BP Church.

神愛世人

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神愛世人，甚至將祂的獨生愛子賜給他們，

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叫一切信祂的不至滅亡，不至滅亡，反得永生。

A MISSIONARY PRAYER

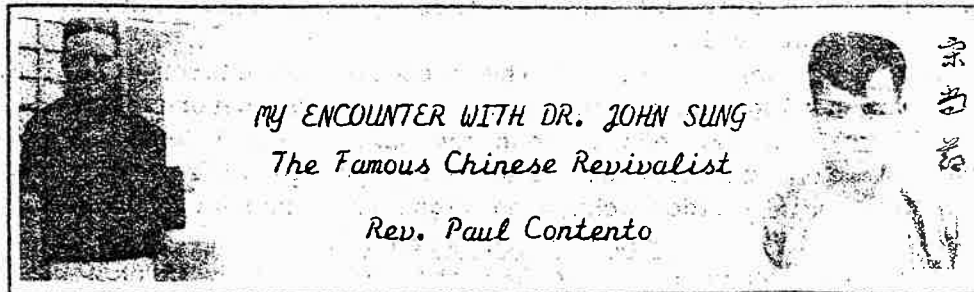
1. Once a - gain, dear Lord, we pray, For the chil - dren far a - way,
2. Lit - tle lips that Thou hast made, Neath the far - off tem - ples' shade,
3. Lit - tle hands, whose won - drous skill, Thou hast giv - en to do Thy will,
4. Teach them, O Thou heav - en - ly King, All their gifts and praise to bring

Who have nev - er e - ven heard Name of Je - sus, sweet - est word.
Give to gods of wood and stone Praise that should be all Thine own.
Of - ferings bring, and serve with fear gods that can - not see or hear.
To Thy Son, Who died to prove Thy for - giv - ing, send Thy love.

Holy Land Pilgrimage Jun 1-15, '87, includes 2 days' tour of Jordan, Mt Nebo where Moses stood, and Jerash of the Decapolis. \$2,775/=.

Remember Church AGM & General Elections to be held on Sun. 26th Apr. Nominations for post of Deacon will be closed on next Sun., 29th March.

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MY ENCOUNTER WITH DR. JOHN SUNG
The Famous Chinese Revivalist

Rev. Paul Contento

Dr John Sung had the Power. "What power?" you may ask. He had the power spoken of in Acts 1:8: "You shall receive power after the Holy Spirit has come upon you."

I began church planting on the China-Mongolian border of Ningsia Province. After eight years of relentless, seven days a week itinerant preaching, people's hearts seemed as dry and barren as the sand dunes in the area.

Around 1933, we began hearing of a Bethel Band consisting of five very bright young Chinese evangelists having much success in bringing revival to many churches in the main cities of China. Christians were truly repenting of their sins, and the transformation in their lives made them strong witnesses to the unconverted.

The star revivalist was a Dr John Sung with a doctorate in chemistry from Ohio State University, who having had a deep spiritual experience and renewal of the Holy Spirit, threw his doctorate parchment into the sea on his way back to China. He was so dynamic and dramatic that people came to listen to him and not the others, so it was inevitable that the team eventually split up and Dr Sung campaigned not only in the cities of China but in most of the countries of Southeast Asia. Where he went churches were revived, teaching seminars were held and witnessing bands were formed. Pastors, elders, deacons came under conviction of sin, and when they confessed and changed, whole congregations were transformed.

In 1938, Dr Sung held a campaign in Kunming, S.W. China with the same results. Then he came out to Tali in west Yunnan where we were temporarily working. Because of a typhoon, few of the tribes came to the meetings, so he began with only fifty people in the audience. He was our guest for two weeks. He preached three times a day--morning, afternoon and evening--two hours each time. We met at meal times and engaged him in some conversations, but he ate sparsely and kept to his room until preaching time.

One day he told us he was going to pray for us missionaries. He said, "Come at two o'clock." We met and he asked us to kneel down. There was no excitement. I was not feeling anything, then suddenly he put his hands on my head and said, "In the Name of Jesus, be filled with the Holy Spirit."

Suddenly, I felt like an electric shock go right through me from my head to my feet. I began to tremble and the shock waves continued for some time. When we left the room, I did not tell anyone, not even my wife. But I knew that I was a changed person. Up until then I preached from a sense of duty, but now I suddenly loved to preach the Gospel. The church preaching hall open to the street was mostly closed because neither the missionaries nor the church evangelist cared to preach in it. Now I began to preach, and for three months preached everyday with much joy and pleasure in doing so.

The Word of God became more real and I could preach with a zeal I never thought I had in me. It is over 40 years since that experience, but even now, when my mind goes back to that experience, I feel a new urge to witness at every opportunity. It has been a driving force in my life.

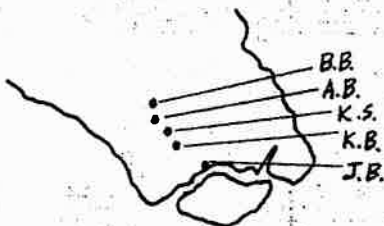
BUKIT BATU in the Limelight Again

Bukit Batu, at the 33rd mile Kulai Road, Johore, had a Sunday School maintained by Kelapa Sawit. In Oct 1983 it suddenly shot into the limelight when we acquired 25,000 sq.ft. of land at M\$1 a sq.ft. This was on the eve of the inauguration of New Life BPC at Woodlands.

As it was New Life's duty to bear half of the remaining building debt, which reduced our burden from \$600,000 to \$300,000, we launched a "Build a Church-and-Conference Centre at Bukit Batu" project, which was well accepted by our members.

When our Bukit Batu project had attained around \$170,000, it was realised we had more urgent business on the Church Agenda. It was the need of extending across Gilstead Road to relieve the pressure on our premises. Thus, a Church Extension Building Fund was launched, and the Bukit Batu Fund transferred to the "EBF." Today our EBF is close to a million dollars. But we need another 1.5 million to fulfil our new Extension dream.

Meanwhile, Bukit Batu has been carrying on as usual. But the Sunday School (which is run on Saturday because Johore State makes Friday the Sabbath) is held under a big tree near the undeveloped Church site. This means that when the sky is dark and the rain clouds are threatening, the children will have to run to a nearby house. This is not a good arrangement.



At the Port Dickson Camp, Elder John Ling told me he had found a shophouse at only M\$50 a month for the Sunday School. Two families of Kelapa Sawit Church residing at Bukit Batu have offered to help out in the starting of a Sunday Service. So, Bukit Batu has come into the limelight again!

I have just returned from a survey of the proposed new Church location. Situated on a side street of the village near the highway, this was before used as a storehouse. It measures 20 x 30 ft. On the left is seen the hill of Bukit Batu. A quiet and serene atmosphere pervades the neighbourhood. The young people will start cleaning this new sanctuary this Saturday while Elder John Ling signs the contract. On to Bukit Batu!

Church of the Open Door



There are Churches in the USA that are called "Church of the Open Door," but of necessity their doors are shut on weekdays to keep out thieves and vandals. By God's grace, ours, though not called an "Open Door" Church, is always open, and every one of its five doors. Of late the front iron gate is stuck in its worn-out track, so that it is impossible to shut. Please leave the iron gate as it is, so we can give a 24-hour open invitation to all who would come into God's House for refuge and prayer.

With the JESUS SAVES sign overhead, all who enter in are vividly introduced to John 10:9, which says, "I am the door: by ME if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture."

Our Church is used not only on the Lord's Day from morn to night, but also during weekdays. There are our Tuesday night prayer meeting, frequent Wednesday night wedding rehearsal(s), Thursday night FEBC lecture. Friday evening sees the Koreans here early for choir practice. From midnight to Saturday 4.30 am is their prayer meeting. Last year, well over 30 Saturdays were occupied with weddings. Then there's the YAF Film night.

But the Church is also a refuge and House of Prayer for other than our members--for passers-by every now and then. Now, if our Church Bell is so beloved by our neighbours, our open door surely has led not a few troubled souls to the Saviour. And our open grounds are a green pasture for the sheep come home. - T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

(30th March - 5th April)

MON	7.30 pm	Calvin/Psalms (Rev Tow)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
THU	7.30 pm	Principles for Interpreting the Bible (Rev C. Tan)
FRI	8.00 pm	House Blessing, Mr & Mrs Fong Fook Heng, 42 Everton Rd, #13-01, Asia Gardens (0208)
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 3pm - LBC
	3.30 pm	YF; 4pm - YAF
	7.30 pm	CFM
SUN	10.00 am	Rev Tow (Lord's Supper)
	10.00 am	Chinese Service
	11.30 am	Catechism Class
	11.30 am	Filipina Fellowship
	11.55 am	Korean Church Service
	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
	6.00 pm	Rev Tow at Sunset Gospel Hour
	7.30 pm	Korean Evening Service

New Addresses:

- 1) Miss Julie Chiang, 883 St Charles Drive #3, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360, USA (Your gift gratefully received.)
- 2) Rev David Yan, 86 Coronation Rd, Mangere Bridge, Auckland, New Zealand. Tel. 643124

PRAISE THE LORD, THE KALIMANTAN ISSUE IS SETTLED!

With the concurrence of the whole Board of Elders, Rev Djunaidi and Miss Kimiko are returned to their respective posts in FEBI, while

Simon Tsai's resignation is approved from end of Feb. A report on Kali-

O Lord of Heaven!

G. WORDSWORTH

ALMSGIVING 8.8.8.4

J. B. DYKES

1 O Lord of heav'n and earth and sea!
 2 Thou didst not spare on - ly Son,
 3 We lose what on our - selves we spend,
 4 To Thee, from whom we all de - rive

1 To Thee all praise and glo - ry be;
 2 But gav'st Him for a world un - done;
 3 We have as treas - ure with - out end
 4 Our life, our gifts, our pow'r to give; O may we

1 show our love to Thee, Who giv - est all!
 2 with the bless - ed One Thou giv - est all,
 3 Lord, to Thee we lend, Who giv - est all,
 4 a ver with Thee live, Who giv - est all!

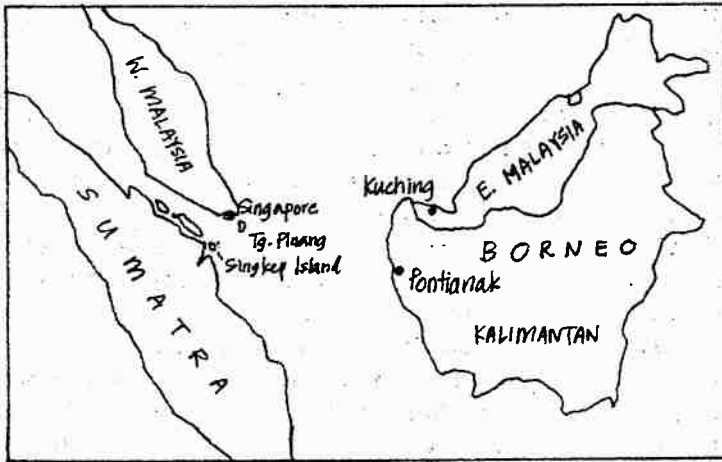
mantan will be published next week. Pray for two graduating students, who are assigned to a year's internship according to Indonesian Church practice. Rev Djunaidi will shortly visit Sharon Rose BPC, Kuching (Kah Teck and Pauline) to conduct Gospel meetings and baptise. He will go overland to visit Dyak Christians on the borders between Sarawak and Kalimantan. He goes in the place of Sharon's supervisory pastor.

INFANT BAPTISM at Easter. Parents are requested to register!

REPORT ON WEST KALIMANTAN

by Rev Andreas Djunaidi

Text: "We were like them that dream ... the Lord hath done great things" (Ps 126:1,2).



That we have been able to carry on at Siantan, Pontianak, West Kalimantan, to this day is the work of none other than the Divine Builder and Watchman (Psalm 127:1). It is also true that as the Word says, "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy," we have not been spared blood and tears in this service of the Lord. Our work in West Kalimantan may be classified as follows:-

1. Christian School. This began with Life Church's support at the end of 1980 for the building of a Kindergarten. In mid-1981, we added a Secondary School. On the foundation of these two Christian

institutions was built the Church which received official recognition early 1983. In the same year was started a High School. Today, after 6 years of educational ministry, we are given permission to instate a Primary School. That we are able to complete the curriculum with the much needed Primary School is due to our running an Orphanage. God has answered our prayers to overcome an insurmountable obstacle. Praise be to God!

2. Evangelism. The work of soul-winning in our present circumstances is not easy because our neighbours are slum-dwellers, while there is opposition from extremists of a heterogeneous religion. Nevertheless the Church has completed four years, and there have so far been four batches of baptisms totalling over 30.

At Biong (a Dyak village 4 hours upriver) we have had three baptisms totalling over 20.

At Kumpai (a Chinese village 2 hours upriver) we held a first baptism last Christmas when 8 confessed the Lord.

At present, the attendance at the Church in Siantan (where is established FEBI) is around 100. A weekly Saturday night Gospel meeting is attended by several dozens of Chinese compatriots. May the Lord add to the Church such as should be saved. (On Wednesday night is our Prayer Meeting.)

3. Evangelists: They are myself, Ev. Teroci, Amat and Assistant Yohanes. In the border regions we have Kalam, Atun and itinerant evangelists Sarah and Doki.

4. Our Support. We receive support from Life Church. Rev C.T. Hsu and Mr Chew. Their support goes to pay for living expenses, which includes the upkeep of the Gospel Boat. (The local Church contributes to fuel and food when the Boat goes into action.)

5. Far Eastern Bible Institute. Our teaching staff comprises Esther, Suwarno, Kimiko, Daniel, Sim Son, Paul and myself (7 persons).

The students are: Sudirman, Abel, Yusni, Sugit, Anas, Amat, Henry, Irawaty, Maryani, Kartini, Chai Lan (11 persons). At the close of this academic year Sudirman and Abel, graduating with diploma, will begin a one-year internship. Two other students will receive Certificates. Four or five new students are expected for the next academic year.

6. Orphanage. The total community is over 30, which consists of orphans and poor children (the children of evangelists in the mountain borders, who pay half fares). We receive regular support for 10 orphans from a lover of God. The Social Welfare Department visits our Orphanage once a year to make a nominal contribution. But God, who looks after orphans and widows, has not left us to be in want or in shame. Please pray for us that we might not grow weary in doing good (Gal 6:9). Amen.

(Ed. note: The land area occupied by all the above establishments is 2.5 acres, or twice the size of Gilstead Road. Pontianak is now accessible from Singapore by Garuda Fokker 28 in 1 hour 5 mins.)

A TEENAGE CHRISTIAN WRITES THE PASTOR

Among other matters she says:

"Please try to get relevant authorities to ban such occult fantasy games. Besides D & D (available at "Toys 'R' Us"), there is "The Magnum Companion" and something that cost \$12.90 in Popular Book Store (I forgot the title but it was something like "Magi"). Kids can take on role of witches, druids, warlocks. Please pray and write to government authorities with the tract to ban sales of such corrupt, satanic material to Singapore kids. Note also that occult books with written incantations are common in bookshops. Please request for ban on these materials too. I'm writing to you because I'm not strong and besides, I don't know how to go about doing such things, and yet God placed a burden on my heart, so I'm writing to you. (Ans: As a concerned teenager, your words are more valuable than mine. Why not write Mr Dhanabalan?)

"Does the B-P Church have a ministry with prisoners, especially those facing death sentences? (Ans: Yes, we have. From Life Church we have Mr J.P. David visiting Chia

Keng Prison once a week.) Does the B-P Church ensure that all its members are fully delivered Christians? (Ans: We do our best by Preaching and Writing.) This book "He Came to Set the Captives Free" gives a good insight into our enemy and spiritual warfare. Written by Dr Rebecca Brown, published by Chick Publications, available from Bras Basah Complex. (Ans: Thank you for your information.)

"Some more questions: Why do we need to pray and to fast? (Ans: Praying, always. Fasting, such as for Good Friday or special remembrance of our Lord's Death.) How to fast in secret because it will be obvious to family or friends that we are skipping meals? (Ans: If it causes troubles at home, don't force yourself. Fasting must not be an obstacle to leading our parents to Christ.) My parents do not allow me to tithe as they say the money is not what I earned myself. When they ask me whether I give money to church, I have to tell lies. This won't do. Should I obey my parents and not tithe until when I earn my own money? (Ans: You can save your tithe in POSB and give to the Lord the tithe when you're free to give.) Is it alright to go out with a non-Christian guy? (Ans: Witness to him first of all. If he resists the Lord, break off.) Is it a sin to dance (disco)? (Ans: Anything of the world is not becoming of a Christian.)

"I am not attending Life Church but I used to attend other B-P Churches. But now, I don't go to church and the time is not right yet." (Ans: Heb 10:25 says we should not neglect worship in public with other Christians. We pray God to help you to come to Church.)

Another Young Christian Writes (27.3.87):

"I'm a member of Life B-P Church and it has been impressed upon my heart lately that the church of God is frequently (more so now) attacked by Satan. Recently in the newspapers, during this week, I came across 3 pieces of news that put the church and God in a very unfavourable light. These new items are the PTL (Praise the Lord) organisation in America having a lawsuit (S.T. dated 26.3.87); the man who claimed to be a clergyman and in his house which he called 'The United Ministers of the Church of God,' he enslaved 4 starving and naked women; and the gruesome find at the servants' quarters at the Orchard Presbyterian Church (both S.T. dated 27.3.87). We know that these are not true believers and ministers, but I fear that such news may stumble the very young Christians, and worse if their non-Christian friends and kin jeer and taunt them. I see it necessary that the message of the end-times be preached. It brought to my mind what Christ said in Matthew 24, that there be false prophets insomuch that if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

"I do not know if you agree with me, and if you do, may we have such a message soon."

(Ans: Find references in the N.T. that mention not only false prophets, but false Christs, false spirits, false apostles, false teachers, false brethren, false witnesses --seven demons brought by Satan into the Church!)

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (6th - 12th Apr) The Building Committee is requested to meet immediately after service at the little lounge by the Korean counter.

MON	7.30 pm	Calvin/Psalms (Rev Tow)	Bring a friend to the Sunday Afternoon Service, 3 pm at the home of Evangelist Yap Chin Choon (also Mr & Mrs Eddie Yap) at Blk 346, #01-174, Woodlands New Town St 32, tel. 368-1703. Since shifting away from J.B. the Yaps have not ceased to hold Sunday Worship to this day. Of late one Christian family moved up to Woodlands from the City has joined them for convenience. The Worship is special in that it is in English-Mandarin. It is preparatory to entering some new housing estate in South Johore. It has a B.F. \$14,000 to date.
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting	
WED	8.00 pm	Session Meeting	
THU	7.30 pm	Bible Interpretation (Rev C. Tan)	
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 3pm - LBC; 3.30pm - YF	
	6.30 pm	YAF P & F Nite	
	7.30 pm	CFM	
SUN	10.00 am	Dr Patrick Tan	
	10.00 am	Rev Tow (Chinese Service)	
	11.30 am	Catechism Class	
	11.30 am	Filipina Fellowship	
	11.55 am	Korean Church Service	
	3.00 pm	Rev Tow at Kelapa Sawit	
	3.00 pm	Thai & BFC Services	
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service	
	4.30 pm	Sharon Church Service	
	6.00 pm	Tamil Service	
	7.30 pm	Korean Evening Service	

LAST TWO WEEKS' OFFERINGS \$6307.40 + \$6082 reach. LL is accessible by car and train from J.B. Press on to Layang Layang, only "two EXTENSION BUILDING FUND 1236)\$50; 1237)\$200; 1238)\$200(Off.bags); 1239)\$200; 1240)\$60; 1241)\$30; 1242)\$27(Boxes); 1243)\$100; 1244)\$1000; 1245)\$500; 1246)\$20; 1247)\$908 hops from Bukit Batu." If you are burdened for China, hear Pastor Yap Beng Shin at Calvary Sunset Gospel Hour, (Anon); 1248)\$150. Total \$992,532.73 May 24, 6 pm, with latest slides of Amoy and Stop Press! 1249)\$872.50(fr. USA); 1250) Foochow. Do you know that we enter Holy Week next Lord's Day, Palm Sunday? "Prepare to meet thy God."

OFFERINGS FOR: Thailand \$350(Filipina F.); Dyak Work \$150; Easter Breakfast \$50; Tam-pines Outreach \$80; Burma \$450; China Edited by Rev (Dr) Timothy Tow, 9A Gilstead \$50; India \$50; Missionaries \$50. Rd., Singapore 1130. Tel. 2560617 & 2569256



"Marching to Zion" on Palm Sunday

Today is Palm Sunday. This is the beginning of Holy Week when Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a donkey to the shouts of the children's "Hosannas." All Jerusalem turned up to welcome their King.

In Jerusalem on this same day, thousands of the Roman Catholic faith will march along the road taken by our Lord, carrying palm leaves and singing "Hosanna" also to welcome their King. To celebrate Palm Sunday, some churches would also have their congregations carry palm leaves and march around their church grounds. If by doing so the Lord's Name be glorified, well and good.

Insofar as our Church is concerned, we have from the beginning commemorated Holy Week beginning with Palm Sunday. The Lord has blessed us in a special way insofar as we take time specially to remember Him. But our celebration must not abide in old rituals, but in a new resolve to reach out for His Kingdom. Our "Marching to Zion" is not circling the church grounds singing "Hosanna," palm leaves in hand. Our "Marching to Zion" is giving of our energy and resources to the preaching of the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Our Church will become a monument if it is not a movement. "Marching to Zion" must echo to "Onward Christian Soldiers."

What then is our resolve for the advancement of God's Kingdom this Palm Sunday?

1. A new chapel of a rented shophouse is being started by Kelapa Sawit Church at Bukit Batu, 7 miles north. Beautiful for location and cheap in rental, this new house of worship will shade the Sunday School children hitherto gathering under a durian tree at the mercy of sudden storm clouds and pouring rain. This new chapel will hold services Sunday morning and cater, first of all, to two Christian families at Bukit Batu. It will be a bright light shining in a dark village of Romanism, Taoism and Gangsterism. Let us support the new Bukit Batu "outstation" with our prayer and visits!

2. The LBC's going out to Tampines New Town to evangelise and establish a B-P Church is a manifestation of the Persevering Spirit in Life Church that keeps us going. The young people will soon hold services Sunday afternoons at CLBC's warehouse (so quiet on Sundays!). The allotted space for worship can accommodate 150 persons. Praise the Lord, the several sums that have been earmarked for Tampines are a sweet-savour offering. The College VW Kombi is at LBC's disposal anytime!



3. Burma! Rev Thawm Luai, who has not been heard from for sometime, has broken the silence with the good news of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Burma's decision to found a Bible School. He writes, "The 4th Annual General Assembly had decided to establish our Bible School in Rangoon. The name is 'Far Eastern Fundamental School of Theology.' Therefore we have rented a building for our Bible School at No. 6 Nantha Street, Insein, Rangoon. It is a good building in a separate and suitable compound. Our Bible School will be opened on May 14-15, Registration day. Classes begin May 17, with Day of Prayer. Our curriculum will be sent soon. Fifteen students have been admitted...."

Praise the Lord for such a bold undertaking. The founding of a fundamental Bible School for Burma is long overdue. Liberalism and modernism have taken over as in other parts of the world. Hence also our coming out to found FEBC. And has not God used FEBC graduates in a mighty way to spread the truth? May the new school of theology to be started in May in Rangoon bring life to a dying church. Let us pray for Burma and Rev Thawm Luai.

"Give Me This Mountain" (Joshua 14:12)

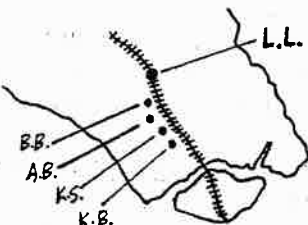
If the present grounds we have been occupying the last 25 years are our Promised Land, the property across the street directly opposite may be likened to Hebron which was claimed by Caleb. The vision of a new extension for Life Church and FEBC continues to loom before our eyes.

Session has appointed the pastor, Elder Chia and Deacon Pang to come to a joint meeting with three FEBC Board members. Our aim is that FEBC might build up with its own identity, though Life Church will continue to share her premises with the School of Prophets. It is proposed therefore that our Good Friday and Easter Sunday Offerings go to the Extension Building Fund.

Salvation to the Tamils of Layang Layang

Layang Layang is a railway town between Kulai and Kluang. It is accessible also by road, over ten miles up from Bukit Batu. For the past one year or so, Rev Goh Seng Fong has been conducting meetings in Layang Layang to the Tamils. A number, having believed, were baptised. One Indian-Chinese was saved, who is now attending Kulai Besar BPC.

The facilities for holding meetings are provided in a serene brick church built by British planters for their estate workers. The British having left, the church remains--now freely given to our use!



As we are commissioned to evangelise every race and tongue, Life Church has decided to take over the running of regular Gospel meetings for the Tamils. Deacon Mani of Bethlehem-Jurong, who has gone through FEBC on a Life scholarship and is graduating in May, is our missionary to Layang Layang, under Elder Mahadevan's supervision. He will visit Layang Layang every Friday which is Johore's Sabbath. Man's regulations have worked to the Lord's advantage in that Deacon Mani can serve the Lord in Singapore on Sunday! Layang Layang is another station you, my Reader, must recognise and pray for, as we march together to Zion this Palm Sunday.

How Can You Miss the Easter Services If You Love the Lord?

So may I see you this Friday evening 8.00 pm when we come specially to remember the Lord's Death. I would be back from Tanjung Pinang to join you at the Lord's Table. Rev Patrick Tan will preach, to be interpreted into Chinese by Mr Peter Chng.

Nor should you miss Easter Sunrise Service, our 37th at MacRitchie Reservoir. Rev K.C. Quek is the speaker and I'll be his interpreter. At our Church Grounds at 8 am, we shall join in Easter Breakfast. Then at 9.45 am, as we have done the last couple of years, we shall begin Easter Baptismal Service. This year, the 15 minutes before the regular 10 am hour, we shall have the pleasant surprise of a special presentation on the Easter message by the Children's Choir. Don't miss! Pray for the Children's Choir! Praise God for one of our biggest batches of baptismal candidates! And be punctual, on time to Church, all the time! - T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR HOLY WEEK (Apr 13 - 19)

MON 7.30 pm Calvin/Psalms (Rev Tow)
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
THU 7.30 pm Principles for Interpreting the Bible (Rev C. Tan)
8.00 pm Sharon Service (FEBC Hall)
FRI 8.00 pm Good Friday Service (Lord's Supper; Dr Tan, with Chinese interpretation)
SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 3pm - LBC; 3.30 pm - YF
4.00 pm YAF Pre-AGM
7.30 pm "Shiokari Pass" Film
7.30 pm Tamil Gospel Meeting (FEBC Hall)
SUN 6.30 am Easter Sunrise Service (MacRitchie Reservoir)
8.00 am Breakfast in Church
9.45 am Easter Baptismal Service preceded by Children's Choir Special
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 \$6,355.00

EXTENSION BUILDING FUND 1251)\$50; 1252)\$80; 1253)\$200; 1254)\$4634(Off. bags); 1255)\$100; 1256)\$50; 1257)\$400; 1258)\$100(CFM); 1259)\$353(Chinese S.); 1260)\$30.

Total \$999,464.23

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: Tampines Outreach \$100; FEBC Extension \$150; Reformed Tape Library \$200; Children's Choir \$100.

New Missions Expenditure:

For Burma US\$5,000; Bukit Batu \$2,000; Layang Layang \$200 per month. For Chin Lien Bible Seminary Stone Laying \$1,000; China mission \$1,000 (Yap Beng Shin). US\$5,000 towards support of new Associate Secretary, ICC.

VISION, the Life BPC Magazine, 132 pages, edited by Elder Chia Kim Chwee, will be distributed Easter Sunday. Write your name and address on a slip of paper to get a copy!

Pastor leaves for Kelapa Sawit this afternoon 1.30 pm to celebrate with their 35th Anniversary Thanksgiving. Any coming?

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Holy Land Pilgrimage June 1-15. Flying ALIA, Royal Jordanian, 0045 hours June 2. (Be at Airport by 2245 hrs June 1st!) A first meeting of Pilgrims at the Parsonage is called for Tuesday April 21, 9.15 pm immediately after Prayer Meeting.

Special for Saturday before Easter:

1) "Shiokari Pass," a most moving true story of Christian heroism, 7.30 pm (YAF Film Ministry).

2) Tamil Gospel Meeting at FEBC Hall, 7.30 pm.

FEBC Final Exams commence Friday April 24 - May 1.

Attend Sunset Gospel Hour, every Lord's Day, 6 pm at Calvary Pandan BPC. Programme for Apr-Jun, "Last Words of our Lord":

Apr 12 "Today...with me...in paradise"

- Dr S.H. Tow

19 "It is finished!" - Rev Frankie Low

26 "All power is given unto me"

- Dr P. Tan

May 3 "O fools and slow of heart"

- Dr S.H. Tow

10 "Lovest thou me more than these?"

- Dr Lim Teck Chye

17 "Feed my sheep." - Dr Lim Teck Chye

24 "Go ye therefore..." - Mr Yap Beng Shin ("The Underground Church in China" slide show)

31 "Peace be unto you."

- Rev Dan Ebert III

Jun 7 "Blessed are they that have not seen."

- Rev Philip Heng

14 "Ye shall receive power." - Dr P. Tan

21 "My kingdom is not of this world."

- Rev Charlie Tan

28 "Behold I come quickly." - Dr S.H. Tow

Pastor visits Tanjung Pinang, Indonesia, Maundy Thursday, leaving Finger Pier 10 am sharp and returning early Friday evening. If you wish to come along, the cost is \$110. Register immediately!

Infant Baptism. Parents please give your particulars to the pastor or to Miss Seen Seen today! Catechumens, do not miss today's class! Final roll call.

When in town, visit Ebenezer Christian Book

Centre at 1) WISMA ATRIA, #04-15, tel. 732-7188; 2) FUNAN CENTRE, #04-08, tel. 3363663.

Call Lim Florist 3369011; Dr P. Tan 2511915

EASTER TESTIMONIES

Miss Tan Mee Mee

I thank God for my salvation which is so rich and free. I thank God that out of so many people in the world, He chose me to be "accepted in the beloved" (Eph 1:6). In all my trials and testings, He is there to help, lead and guide. In my sickness, He is my strength. In my sorrow, He is my joy. In my life, He is my all in all.

I attended a Christian kindergarten even though I come from a non-Christian family. I was thus brought face to face with the Gospel (good news!) at a very young age. At that time, I simply loved the stories from the Bible and the songs I was taught, especially those with actions. At night, I would pray, lying on my bed, until I fell asleep.

A teacher invited me to join the Sunday School and I went irregularly for about a year. Then my mum got suspicious about my "disappearance" every Sunday afternoon and questioned me about it. When I very reluctantly told her, she forbade me to go. I obeyed.

At that time, being unfamiliar with the Bible and having no one to counsel me, I thought that I was pleasing God by obeying the fifth commandment (Honour thy father and mother). I reasoned that nowhere in the Ten Commandments can "Thou shalt attend Sunday School" be found.

All through my primary school days, I had, most conveniently, forgotten God. But I thank God that He did not forget me. In fact, as I look back now, I can trace His guiding Hand leading me safely and surely.

It was not until I was in Secondary 4 that I came to the realisation that I needed my Saviour. At that point of my life, there was so much disappointment, distress and despair. I just couldn't figure out why. I had tried to fill the void in my heart with all sorts of things, but they all failed. I had tried to get rid of all the emptiness in my heart by involving myself in many school activities. All these did not help.

There was a constant nagging uneasiness in my mind, and what I did was like trying to run away from myself. Outwardly, I was still the cheerful girl to all my friends. Inwardly, the turmoil was too much for me.

One night (I can't remember the date), I could not struggle anymore. I cried out to the Lord, "O Lord, save me, even me!" God, lovingly and swiftly, lifted me out of the Valley of Despondency and saved me. It was like a victory! Not I, but Christ who won the battle and set me free. That very night, I consecrated my life to the Lord.

Now I thank the Lord for placing me in Life Bible Class. My faith has been properly nurtured there under the guidance of Bro. Ronny Khoo and Mrs Khoo. I also thank God for the brothers and sisters in LBC who are so willing to help me, especially my own beloved sister, Sze Sze.

Once again, I'd like to thank God for His saving mercy, His sustaining grace and the blessed hope He has given to us in our Lord Jesus Christ. Without all these, I would not have come so far. Truly, "if in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable" (I Cor 15:19).

Miss Ho Heng Sau

This is my third time joining the Catechism Class preparing for Baptism. In fact, my name appeared once in the Life Weekly as a candidate, but I withdrew because Mother strenuously objected.

Today I am getting baptised irrespective of father or mother's objection. May God bless my family and enlighten them with the Truth.

A friend dissuaded me from baptism until I found a life-partner, because she said I might not get married by reason of differences on religious grounds. Though she said this out of a caring heart, I replied her in no uncertain terms that I would never regret. I assured her I would never pick a non-Christian guy. She retorted, "Aiya, this is a difficult thing to say." Of course, she could not understand me unless she has come to know Jesus. That right?

Madam Poo Choon (Air Bemban BPC)

Life was meaningless before I believed in Jesus. I have been a very superstitious woman. I go everywhere to worship the idols. I gave my husband charmed water to drink. I stuck charms under his bed.

One day, my child got sick. I took her to the temple to seek the idols' help. But my husband told me to take her to the doctor. The doctor said, "If you had not come, your child would have died."

How did I come to believe in the Lord? One night, burglars entered our house. Fearing to live in the house, we went to stay in Church on the invitation of Madam Ling, the Church evangelist. Both I and my children slept in the Church. My children were taught the Bible and even their school lessons. We learned to sing.

We gradually came to believe in Jesus at the instruction of Madam Ling the Evangelist. Then we requested Pastor Tow to come and take our idols away. Now we have peace and joy. My children are changed and I am also changed for the better, in speech and behaviour.

When my husband returned home from work, I was a little fearful. But, I thank the Lord because my husband did not chide me. On my part I have asked him to believe the Lord

with us, though he has not said yes. Please pray for us! [Madam Poo Choon was baptised together with her three children and six others, including one infant at Kelapa Sawit 35th Anniversary Service last Lord's Day.]

I SERVE A RISEN SAVIOUR

I serve a risen Saviour, He's in the world today;
I know that He is living, whatever men may say;
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,
And just the time I need Him He's always near.

Chorus:

He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's
narrow way.
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart.

In all the world around me I see His loving care,
And tho' my heart grows weary I never will despair;
I know that He is leading thru' all the stormy
blast,

The day of His appearing will come at last.

O HAPPY DAY

O happy day that fixed my choice
On Thee, my Saviour and my God!
Well may this glowing heart rejoice,
And tell its raptures all abroad.

Chorus:

Happy day, happy day,
When Jesus washed my sins away!
He taught me how to watch and pray,
And live rejoicing everyday;
Happy day, happy day,
When Jesus washed my sins away!
Now rest, my long-divided heart;
Fixed on this blissful centre, rest;
Nor ever from my Lord depart,
With Him of ev'ry good possessed.

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

MON 7.30 pm Calvin/Psalms (Rev Tow)
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
9.15 pm Pilgrims to Holy Land meet at
Parsonage
SAT 7.30 pm Rev Tow at Calvary Pandan AF
SUN 10.00 am Rev Quek Kiok Chiang
11.15 am ACM & General Elections
(Dr P. Tan Chairing)
10.45 am Rev Tow at Faith BPC

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$5,667.80

INFANT BAPTISM

01. Chiam Wende, Daniel,
s/o Mr & Mrs Winston Chiam Hock Leong
02. Heah Yiwen, Tabitha,
d/o Mr & Mrs Heah Eng Siang
03. Koh Xue-Ying, Michelle,
d/o Mr & Mrs Victor Koh
04. Li Shu-Ling, Christine,
d/o Mr & Mrs Lee Theng Kiat
05. Ong Lin Jin,
d/o Dr & Mrs Ong Thiew Chai
06. Tan Ci En, Tabitha,
d/o Mr & Mrs Tan Cheow Hock
07. Teo Ee Kwang, Paul,
s/o Mr & Mrs John Teo Cheng Seng
08. Toh Shi Ming, Darius,
s/o Mr & Mrs Collin Toh
09. Zeng, Stella,
d/o Mr & Mrs Tan Keng Swan

BAPTISM

01. Miss Chan Fei Tsui, Joyce
02. Mr Chan Heng Leong
03. Mr Chan Ngee Key, Timothy
04. Mr Chan Yam Kay, Ted
05. Miss Chiam Khing Luang, Janet
06. Miss Chia Lai Wah
07. Mr Choo Boon Chin, Edmund
08. Mr Goh Eek Hook, Philip
09. Miss Ho Heng Sau
10. Miss Ho Siew Kum, Kelly
11. Miss Koh Bee Geok
12. Miss Lai Woon Cheng, Cheryl
13. Mr Lee Kum Kiong, Allan
14. Miss Lee Mui Suan, Denise
15. Miss Lee Yen Fong
16. Mr Leong Meng Soon, Henry
17. Mr Leong Yew Wah, Sam
18. Miss Lim Boon Goen, Lydia

19. Mr Lim Jyh Duen, Andrew
20. Miss Lim Tock Mong
21. Mr Mar Siew Cheong, Kenneth
22. Mrs Janet Ng, nee Chuah Mui Hong
23. Mr Ong Peck Yew, William
24. Mr Pong Teng Chye
25. Miss See Lay Hoon, Priscilla
26. Miss Soh Lay Hoon
27. Mr Tan Kok Eng, George
28. Miss Tan Li Hoon, Jennifer
29. Miss Tan Mee Mee
30. Miss Tang Yu Sin
31. Miss Teng Gim Siang, Sally
32. Mr Wong Kai Chee
33. Mrs Maureen Wong, nee Ong Chai Kheng
34. Miss Wong Suay Meng
35. Mr Yeo Kuan Hoong, Raymond
36. Miss Yeo Yu Lang, Isabella
37. Miss Yu Lay Hua, Betty

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

01. Miss Chng Tuan Siew, Grace
02. Miss Heng Ai Ju, Selena
03. Miss Heng Ai Ki, Adeline
04. Mr Khoh Beng Teck, Clarence
05. Miss Phua, Vanessa
06. Miss Teo Li San, Lynette
07. Miss Teo Li Yen, Lydia
08. Miss Wong Yuen Khuan, Grace

TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

01. Mr Chan Wai Meng, Jeffrey
02. Miss Chua Chengee, Angelina
03. Miss Chua Siew Kee, Jennie
04. Mr Goh Cheong Hiong, Isaiah
05. Mr Ho Kuek Min, Ricky
06. Miss Lee Leng Leng
07. Mrs Jennifer Mar, nee Tai Swee Chu
08. Mr Tan Choon Guan, Terence
09. Mr Tan Kheng Yong, Eric
10. Mrs Tan, nee Sim Siew Hoon
11. Miss Tan Mui Hua, Melinda

CHINESE SERVICE BAPTISMS

01. Foe Ai Moei
02. Kua Teng Joo
03. Lee Teng Buay
04. Low Sock Low
05. Teo Kim Neo
06. Lee Swee Peng (Transfer of Membership)

PLUS 7 CANDIDATES OF THE TAMIL SERVICE to be baptised this evening.



EASTER TESTIMONIES (Continued)

Betty Yu Lay Hua

I was born into a Buddhist family. There were 10 brothers and sisters. My elder sister was the only Christian in our family. My parents are staunch idol-worshippers, but I never liked to visit temples.

When I was eight, my elder sister brought me to Church (Sambau Gospel Mission in Tanjong Pagar). I loved to go to Sunday School and the Children's Fellowship. I loved listening to stories about Jesus Christ. As I thought about those stories, I began to realise I was a sinner. I was also very touched by the love of God, from John 3:16. I accepted the Lord Jesus Christ into my life to be my Lord and Saviour. This was when I was about 11 years old. I didn't know anything about baptism at that time.

I began to serve the Lord in Sunday School and Youth activities. Giving tracts to neighbours and friends and bringing them to Church, helping in the Refreshment Committee. Then as a treasurer, later as secretary and finally president of the Children's Fellowship. I was very happy in those days. Time flies! Five years had passed.

When S.G.M. was asked to move out of that place, they shifted to Dover Road. Members started to disperse. As S.G.M. was now far from my house, I also got lost.

After two to three years, I decided to return to Church at Dover Road, but they had shifted again to Teban Gardens (Galilee B-P Church). I went there but I felt uneasy. I looked for another Church to attend. I prayed about it, and visited a few Churches.

Recently, I moved to Hertford Road. One day, because of heavy traffic at Thomson Rd., I decided to take a detour by Evelyn Rd. I passed through Gilstead Road and saw Life BP Church. It reminded me of the wonderful times I had when I was a little girl. My elder sister Anne had been married here.

I went to find out about the worship time. I felt so good and happy the first time I attended Life Church. I filled in the visitor's card. Mr J.P. David wrote me a welcome letter the next Sunday. I got to know Elder Chia and got involved in the YAF. Then Mr J.P. David talked to me about baptism. I decided to attend the class because I felt ready to serve the Lord. The baptism class has taught me a lot. I am glad I have attended the class. Thanks to the pastor for his teaching.

I am now looking forward to being baptised on Easter Sunday.

Terence Tan

I received the Lord Jesus Christ into my heart about 10 years ago. In 1982, I was baptised in a Presbyterian Church. However, I only drew close to the Lord one year ago after I joined Life Church YF. I re-committed myself to the Lord in September 1986.

Over these past six months, I have grown in faith and learnt to trust the Lord in many areas of my life. I am praying that the Lord will give me the willingness to completely surrender my life to Him. I know the Lord is good, for I have experienced His mercies and many blessings. Psalm 34:8 says, "O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in Him."

My desire is to seriously study the Word of God and to serve Him. To serve Him is a privilege and to know Him takes eternity. I have found my pot of gold in the Lord, and everyday this pot of gold increases in weight and carat. Psalm 19:10 says, "More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb."

Priscilla See Lay Hoon

I stayed very near a Church, went to school YF, but didn't know Jesus personally. During the year 1977, when I was in Junior College, I faced a lot of emotional stress in school and at home. It was in my helpless state that the Holy Spirit convicted me to admit my sinful self. I accepted Jesus as my Redeemer and Saviour.

I attended an Anglican Church regularly, but only for a few years. When the Church became charismatic, I couldn't adapt. I was confused about my salvation, baptism of the Holy Spirit, prophecy and speaking in tongues. I attended Church less and backslided. I strove to keep happy by winning friends, attending courses (especially on Sunday mornings to avoid Church), shopping, joining aerobic classes, playing squash, going on mountaineering-climbing trips, etc. But all these were temporarily uplifting me. I felt a vacuum and fear within. I thought of Jesus occasionally, but my heart and mind were far away. Last year, through a friend, I started attending a R.C. church. My sisters (from Life B-P) then kept pestering me to come to Life Church. I rejected them since I was happy in the R.C. church. They shared with me the Banner and I was shocked to read how they criticised other churches. But they continued to give me more and more articles and tracts which made me feel more confused about the meaning of churches.

Initially, by the grace of God, in October 1986 I decided to attend Life Church. It was from then that the Lord led me to be closer to Jesus. Even in the midst of problems, I began to desire to read His Word and to change my lifestyle, to be pleasing to Him. Though I can't see Jesus now, I know He is true and He is near, because in the midst of troubles He comforts and gives me peace within, a peace which the world cannot give.

Mrs Janet Ng

I first came to know the Lord when I was 12 years old, when I attended Wesley Church. My mother learnt about it and was furious, for my family were Buddhists though my father was a free-thinker.

IMAGINE...

Imagine now, if you will, with me
That there is no Easter Day.
That... oh, somehow, it just came to be!
Well, a spring break, if I may.
A jolly good time to fete and more
Whate'er the rhyme or reason!
Why, winter is past, and with the thaw
Comes this most pleasant season!
No wonder the bunnies everywhere...
And the egg hunt in the lea!
"Spring has sprung! There's laughter in the
air!"
Trills a cheery chickadee.
But yet somehow, there's an emptiness...
And a certain hollow ring...
No Alleluis... mean no Christmases,
And Easter? A passing fling.
Without the message of hope and cheer
Wouldn't all be for naught?
Each day, each season, the bright, the
dear...
Another to be forgot?
But no, Praise God, Christ did rise again
In Vict'ry that Easter Day!
And He did... in pow'r fore'er to reign...
And bless us upon the way!

- John Tow

Since then I have been searching for a Church to be baptised in. I was nearly baptised in Zion Presbyterian Church, for I was attending Catechism classes when my father became terminally ill. I moved house to be near him. About one year before he died, he accepted the Lord and he died a peaceful and painless death, even though he suffered from cancer.

To bring my mother to the Lord, I offered to drive her to church. When Rev Goh introduced her to Life B-P (though she was won over by her Wesley friends and became baptised there), I hope I have ended my search in Life B-P Church.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Apr 27 - May 3)

MON 8.30 am FEBC Exams on
7.30 pm Exams for Calvin/Psalms
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
WED 7.30 pm Wedding Rehearsal
THU 7.30 pm FEBC Exams on Bible Interpr.
FRI 9.00 am Synod Meeting at Galilee BPC
5.00 pm Naohiko Shimizu-Sharon Lim
Wedding (Rev Tow)
SAT 10.00 am Eric Teow-Cindy Tay Wedding
(Rev P. Tan)
2.30 pm Chua Teck Chuan-Sylvia Lam
Wedding (Rev Tan Eng Boo)
5.00 pm Boon Suan Kiat-Wong Mee Choo
Wedding (Rev Mahtani, ERCS)
SUN 10.00 am Rev Tow (Lord's Supper)
4.00 pm Rev Tow at Nazareth 10th
Anniversary
6.00 pm Rev Tow at Sunset Gospel Hr

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$7,043.02*

EXTENSION BLDG FUND 1261)\$50; 1262)\$1000;
1263)\$1060; 1264)\$80; 1265)\$30; 1266)\$280;
1267)\$20; 1268)\$550; 1269)\$2652.38(N. Life)
1270)\$342.10(Lifer in Scotland); 1271)\$200
(Child. Choir); 1272)\$4164(Good Friday);
1273)\$1000; 1274)\$30; 1275)\$50; 1276)\$600
(BFC); 1277)\$20(Box); 1278)\$50(Tamil S.);
1279)*\$7043.02(Bags); 1280)\$200; 1281)\$100;
1282)\$100; 1283)\$100. Total \$1,019,185.73

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Though I did not go anymore to Church services, I continued to learn bits and pieces from Christian friends in school.

I did not know what it was to be a born again Christian, but I did know that I did not want to be a Buddhist. My grandmother was a devout Buddhist, and in a desperate bid to find peace, visited several temples a day only to become more and more depressed. I could see that it was fruitless and meaningless.

When I was about 30, I befriended a Christian who showered me with Christian books and words. I was not committed then and kept avoiding her until I had my first baby. When my little boy kept throwing up, I was so desperate, I felt there was nothing to lose by giving myself to God. Then when I accepted Him into my life, everything changed. I could feel His Spirit going into me and life has not been the same since. I have now no fear whatsoever. I had suffered insomnia from my teens to adulthood, but I could, from that night, sleep soundly without any aid. Though beset with work and domestic problems, I appeared calm and contented. My husband (who has not accepted Christ yet) could not understand how I could be "complacent" with all the troubles I had.

OFFERINGS FOR: RPG \$100, \$100; Sunday School \$400; Thailand \$100; BPCWA \$250; Welfare Fund \$460, \$1700; KL Missions \$400(WF); Burma \$300 David Wong (K. Besar) \$500; FEBC \$150.

The Children's Choir will present the Easter Drama "To See a Miracle" at Calvary Pandan Sunset Gospel Hour this evening, with Dr Patrick Tan delivering the message.

Pilgrims to the Holy Land: Meet at Life Parsonage Fri. May 15, 7.30 - 9.00 pm to finalise travel commitments and fill visa application forms. Collect ticket Sat. May 23. Arrive Changi Airport June 1, 2200 hrs for embarkation. Don't be left out! Ring 2560617.

Another household delivered of idols. Baptised Apr 23 at their Ghim Moh home: Yong Hong Ching (invalid) and wife Ho Sam Moy, Rhoda's parents.

Congratulations to Bro. Yiew Pong Sen for his receiving the B.A. degree in Radio and Television from Bob Jones University, May 16, 1987.

Easter Sunrise Offering for Philippines, India and N. Sumatra: \$6,855.06.

Obituary. Alan Lee Yew Seng, 22, went home peacefully to the Lord, Apr 12. Funeral on the 14th was officiated by the pastor at Chua Chu Kang Protestant Cemetery, assisted by the AF.

PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

Thank God For a Smooth General Election

And I am thankful also to Dr Patrick Tan our Associate Pastor for ably chairing the ACM and to the YAF for counting the votes. Congratulations to Deacon Sng Teck Leong for promotion to eldership. He serves with the Chinese Congregation which is fast filling the FEBC Hall. Newly-elected Deacon Charlie Chia and wife are uncle and aunt with the young Indonesian Service. Deacon Edward Heng is SIA Flight Captain, so you will know why he misses Church sometimes.

We want to thank the Auditors especially for their hard work meticulously executed so that you have a clear picture of our financial situation. Thank God also for our Treasurers who have carefully and assiduously handled the funds week after week. As to the management of the whole Church complex including FEBC, you can see that we have not wasted a single dollar.

Recent Renovations

We have just completed a huge ceramic tiling of the J corridors that run from the FEK principal's office to the corridor linking the open back door of the Church. This tiling takes in also the Galilee garden. The storeroom is totally transformed not only with ceramic-tiling but also with glazed-tiling of the walls from top to bottom. The FEBC boys' dorm bathroom that has been leaking at various points has been repaired and new green ceramic tiles laid. New aluminium doors and glazed wall-tiles have also added to the efficiency and cleanliness. For all these works, Mr Goh our mason who has worked relentlessly with two assistants for over five weeks has charged us \$23,000. Mr Goh, who is now attending our Chinese service with his family, has spontaneously offered a sum in thanksgiving to the Lord and contributed two days' free labour in painting up the high windows, fixing up the corner eaves, and making six stone pedestals for the slanted Signboards as a further offering to God.

The Galilee Sea fountain has sprung to life too, to remind especially the re-elected Session members each one to play a lively part in the work of the Lord. In this connection, may I remind one and all to come to Prayer Meeting. It is said that the family that prays together stays together.

A Joint Project With FEBC

The matter of extending across the street to relieve our present tight situation should be a joint project with FEBC, as I had stated in the Session at the very beginning. We also agree with Dr Davis that FEBC should acquire her own identity and develop more professionally. Therefore we have delegated the pastor, Elder Chia and Deacon Pang to meet with the FEBC Board in a joint effort to purchase the adjacent property. In fact, the president of FEBC is overturing the Synod to recognise the supreme need of a Bible College for the BPC. Practically all our BPCs are pastored by FEBC graduates. In this regard, the words of my good friend Rev Paul Contento--"Without the Bible College, the Church would die"--are most significant. Or, can there be a S'pore Army without SAFTI?

With the College now to lead in the joint project, we believe more support will come in. Nevertheless, Lifers should not relax in giving to the Extension Building Fund, for we who are so intimately associated with FEBC will happily share her facilities. Unity is strength.

In order to accumulate enough funds for the property across the street, we will stop renovations for a while, until our objective is realised. Sister Ho Siew Lan who advised us to bid a higher figure for Woodlands whereby we won in the tender has advised a sum the pastor had "mediated" earlier. To pay a little higher with foresight is what makes, according to the Chinese saying, "A rich wise man." At the price concurred by her, it is not exceeding much, considering the land adjacent to our land is like a wife to a husband. In professional language, it has "marriage value." For the College to acquire a property, say, 200 yards from Gilstead Road at half the price, will mean also the termination of this present symbiosis between FEBC and Church. How can a wife live in a different house from her husband? Can 25 years of Spurgeonian tradition be so easily terminated? And heed here another Chinese saying, "When the float on the fishing line sinks, beware lest you pull up too late."

Yours obediently, T.T.

EASTER TESTIMONIES (Continued)

Miss Selena Heng Ai Ju

I was born into a Christian family and was brought up to learn that Jesus died to save me from my sins. I accept Jesus as my Lord and Saviour. I know He is my only way to heaven and I believe in Him.

Jesus is my guide in everyday life. He comforts me when I lack confidence. He tells me in my heart what to do when people do mean things to me. He helps me to control my temper at times and be a pleasanter person. He also leads me back to the correct path when I stray. He is always there when I need Him and I can talk to Him wherever and whenever I want to.

Jesus never loses sight of me and He knows when I do good or bad. He rewards me in many different ways when I do good and that makes me all the more willing to obey Him.

He punishes me sometimes when I keep doing wrong with the idea that God will keep forgiving me; and that straightens my thinking.

Without Jesus, I know that I would not have anyone to turn to for help when I'm alone. My life would be very miserable. So Jesus means a lot to me and I definitely need Him to be saved.

Mr Pong Teng Chye

I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Saviour on 1st March 1986. It was my teacher who brought me to church, Pasir Panjang Hill Brethren Chapel, on Christmas eve. Later I went through a three-month course on the Bible.

I came to know about the NJC Bible Class in March last year. I joined the Bible Study Session and came to Life Church in July last year. I am now a member of the Life Bible Class, and am still attending the Bible Study conducted in PPHBC.

In December last year my parents found out that I went to Church. They were strongly against this as they are idol worshippers. But I prayed and fasted. Now, they no longer voice their objection. They even encourage my sister, a Christian, to bring me to Church.

To be like Jesus Christ is my basis for living. I instinctively think that the Holy Bible has specific principles on everything that we do.

I WANT TO WALK WHERE JESUS WALKS

(Sung by Prof. Fague Springmann
in CLBC tape)

I want to walk where Jesus walks
Along life's narrow way.

He comes to our Emmaus road

And talks with us today!

He hears our sighs and all our woes,

He kneels with us to pray.

I want to walk where Jesus walks:

He wipes my tears away.

My pathway leads from the Empty Tomb

Where He arose from the dead!

It brings me to the Upper Room

Where all my friends are met.

With Thomas I shall worship Him,

And I'll call Him my Lord.

O won't you give your heart to Him?

Jesus the Son of God!

And from the lone Emmaus Road

Christ leads His followers on:

He meets with us in Galilee,

And gives our hearts a song.

Returning to Mount Olivet,

We hear His last command:

Go ye, go into all the world,

Go ye, go into all the world,

Go ye, go into all the world,

And preach the Word of God!

I want to walk where Jesus walks

And serve Him all way

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

(4th - 10th May 1987)

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting

THU 8.00 pm Wedding Rehearsal

SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 3pm - LBC

2.15 pm Joshua Choo-Ho Lian

Jinan Wed. (Rev B. Phee)

3.00 pm YF; 4pm - YAF

5.00 pm Cheong Chin Meng-Kayoko

Harata Wedding (Rev Tow)

7.30 pm CFM

SUN 10.00 am Rev Patrick Tan

10.00 am Rev Tow (Chinese Serv.)

11.30 am Filipina Fellowship

11.55 am Korean Church Service

12.15 pm Church Choir Practice

3.00 pm Thai Service

4.00 pm Sharon Church Service

4.30 pm Kebaktian Indonesia

HE LIVES, HE LIVES, CHRIST JESUS LIVES TODAY!

He walks with me and talks with me along life's
narrow way.

He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!

You ask me how I know He lives?

He lives within my heart.

In all the world around me I see His loving care,

And though my heart grows weary I never will
despair;

I know that He is leading thru' all the stormy
blast,

The day of His appearing will come at last.

SUN 6.00 pm Tamil Service

7.30 pm Korean Evening Service

News from K.L. Baptised at Taman Sri Melati Easter Sunday were Madam Lee Son Ying, 69, and N Tang Che, 23. Pray for our S.S. which faces parental persecution. Worship attendance = 15-20. As Calvary-Jaya BPC has no pastor, I have to take over some pastoral duties. - Liew Hon Seng.

FEBC Long Vacation: May 2 - July 19, 1987

RESULTS OF GENERAL ELECTIONS ON 26.4.87

Total number of ballots: 446

The following were elected:

Pastor Rev Timothy Tow 435

Associate Pastor Rev Patrick Tan 438

Elders

Elder Chia Kim Chwee 438

Elder Khoo Peng Kiat 436

Elder Koh Kim Song 388

Elder Lim Teck Chye 413

Elder Eric Mahadevan 417

Elder Seow Chong Pin 392

Sng Teck Leong 402

Elder Edmund Tay 426

Deacons

Charlie Chia 340

Benny Chng 398

Han Soon Juan 404

Edward Heng 316

Pang Leong Siang 357

Seow Chong Kiong 352

Geoffrey Tan 394

Tan Nee Keng 392

Teo Gim Thong 370

William Teo 366

Wee Chin Kam 395

Paul Wong 373

Roland Wong 394

PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

"DIVINE HEALING THE NEW EMPHASIS"

This is the title of a special appraisal issue on "miraculous healing administered by 'gifted' people in churches and house fellowships over the last twenty years." It comes from the pen of Dr Peter Masters of Spurgeon's Tabernacle in Sword and Trowel, Feb. 1987.

Dr Masters says, "Twenty-five years ago orthodox non-charismatic evangelicals could usually have cordial fellowship with old-fashioned Pentecostals. In those days, when believers of such differing viewpoints were thrown together as students or during their time of national service, they found that they could often witness and pray together.

"Many of the old-fashioned Pentecostals (seemingly rare nowadays) were conservative evangelicals, and so, whatever our differences on certain points we could respect them as fellow believers who were fully committed to the authority of Scripture as they understood it.

"But during the 1960s we saw the emergence of an entirely different brand of Pentecostalism--the charismatic renewal movement--and since then we have seen, as it were, a phase a minute! With unbelievable rapidity these charismatics have lurched from one excess to another, so that now we are confronted by a scene of utter confusion.

"Great areas of the charismatic fraternity have now gone over to ideas and practices which come straight from pagan religions, and large numbers of young and impressionable believers have been spiritually corrupted in the process. Leading charismatic healers have arisen who unite the subtle tricks of the theatrical hypnotist with ancient occult techniques in their quest for results, and multitudes of 'evangelicals' follow them.

Brought into disrepute

"In many parts of the world the 'image' of biblical Christianity has been virtually ruined by charismatic extremists. In some countries if one turns on a radio and scans the channels one will hear any number of Christian stations broadcasting the rantings of a charismatic preacher uttering the most outrageously unbiblical nonsense intermingled with sentiments of real Christian truth.

"This is surely one of the greatest objectives of Satan our malicious enemy--to bring into ridicule the Gospel of Christ. Satan is behind men who claim to believe in the evangelical doctrines of the Bible, but who at the same time mix these precious truths with the poison of occult heresy and other teachings which are absolutely contrary to the Word of God. Nothing could possibly delight the enemy of souls more than his accomplishments in this area. How he loves to pollute and ruin the godly and biblical image of evangelical Christianity, so that we come across to people as peculiar extremists lacking sound mind and rational judgement; peculiar objects in the sight of all.

'See no evil!'

"Yet despite the obvious peril, evangelicals in Britain have by and large tried to cling onto the idea that they have a duty to smile upon all points of view within the evangelical spectrum in order to promote evangelical oneness. We have renounced our responsibility to warn the flock of God, and have bared our throats to the devil's knife. Church after church (even in the so-called 'reformed' camp) has seen members--both adults and young people--head off to charismatic events, bringing back the ideas, the choruses and the literature.

"Evangelical periodicals have actually fanned the flames of disaster by presenting the 'stars' of charismatic extremism as reasonable and godly believers who, while possessing a few faults, have on balance much to teach us! The error has been turned into something good and beneficial. Time and again the evil and danger have been understated with the result that the Lord's people generally are unprotected and unprepared for the militant tide of Pentecostalism which now aims to engulf the whole of evangelicalism."

These opening paragraphs of Dr Masters' appraisal find a hearty echo in those who are given discernment, so that 8,000 copies of this Sword and Trowel are snapped up the moment they leave the press. We also had cordial fellowship with old-fashioned Pentecostals when we started out in 1950, but today we must make a clearcut break with the latest stars, who perhaps had begun their ministry in sincerity and truth. As Satan, who is transformed as an angel of light, leads them along by the nose without their knowing, they begin to deceive the faithful with greater and mightier claims to spiritual power. "For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect" (Matt 24:24). "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse," says Paul, "deceiving and being deceived" (II Tim 3:13).

The concluding phrase to Paul's statement, "deceiving and being deceived" is pertinent to our observation here. These charismatic healers are clever to deceive the credulous by declaring they can tell what sickness you are suffering from! This canny prediction floored me when I attended a meeting at a Church at Marine Parade a decade ago. But then Dr Gray the healer couldn't pinpoint the person as he claimed he would at first. All he could say was, among some 30-40 sitting in the front rows, there was a diabetic. When

he couldn't point out the person as he claimed he could, I concluded him to be a false prophet. Deuteronomy 18:22 says, "When a prophet speaketh in the name of the Lord, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the Lord hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him."

By corollary, when a young lady was prayed for in the 1st Bonnke Mission to S'pore and she testified later how one of her eyes operated on had become brighter, but needed to go for an operation of the other eye, that showed the healing was false. With God there are no half measures.

"Deceiving, and being deceived....!" (II Tim 3:13). Dear Reader, if you have been so deceived in the charismatic camp all these years, we pray that you may be delivered through reading this sincere appraisal, not only from Dr Peter Masters, but also from us.

Yours faithfully, T.T.

THE LOVE OF GOD

The love of God is greater far
Than tongue or pen can ever tell;
It goes beyond the highest star,
And reaches to the lowest hell.
The guilty pair, bowed down with care,
God gave His Son to win;
His erring child He reconciled,
And pardoned from his sin.

Chorus:

O love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure--
The saints' and angels' song.

When hoary time shall pass away,
And earthly thrones and kingdoms fall,
When men who here refuse to pray,
On rocks and hills and mountains call,
God's love, so sure, shall still endure,
All measureless and strong--
Redeeming grace to Adam's race,
The saints' and angels' song.

Could we with ink the ocean fill,
And were the skies of parchment made,
Were ev'ry stalk on earth a quill,
And ev'ry man a scribe by trade,
To write the love of God above
Would drain the ocean dry,
Not could the scroll contain the whole
Tho' stretched from sky to sky.

(50 Sacred Favourites #46)

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (May 11 - 17)

TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
WED	8.00 pm	Session Meeting
THU	6.00 pm	Chin Lien Bible Seminary Stone-Laying Service
FRI	7.30 - 9 pm	Pilgrims Second Mtg at Parsonage to process visa, etc.
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 3pm - LBC
	3.00 pm	Kuan Wan Luen-Germaine Ong Puay Gek Wedding (BFC)
	3.30 pm	YF
	5.30 pm	David Chua-Chia Lai Wah Wedding (Rev P. Tan)
	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	Rev Tow at Sharon
	6.00 pm	Tamil Service
	8.30 pm	FEBC-BPC College Project Mtg at 64 Andrew Rd (NB. Elder Chia & Dn Pang)

LAST TWO WEEKS' OFFERING \$6,057.50 & \$15,989.65
EXTENSION BLDG FUND 1284)\$120; 1285)\$200; 1286)
\$150; 1287)\$150; 1288)\$50; 1289)\$103(Boxes);
1290)\$100; 1291)\$400; 1292)\$374(Chinese S.);
1293)\$500. Total \$1,021,332.73

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C\$50; W. Kalimantan US\$155(\$323.70); FEBC \$200;
Tampines Outreach \$50, \$1800; China \$50; India
\$50; Burma \$50; Thailand \$30; FEBC & FEBC \$500
(Grace BPC); Philippines \$166(cheque by post).

Baptised at Lee Ah Mooi Home for the Aged; May
9, 1987: 1. Madam Tan Mui Kia, 65; 2. Madam Lam
Ah Eng, 30; 3. Madam Lim Ah Ang, 66; 4. Madam
Tan Guat Hee, 95 (with assistance of FEBC stu-
dents).

Open Door to Tamil Children's Work, Layang La-
yang Our missionary is Deacon Mani of Bethlehem
Jurong BPC who has just completed his studies
at FEBC. He will hold Gospel meetings for Tamil
children every Fri. 11 am at a British-built
brick church left behind by former white plant-
ers for any Christian group to use. Mr Sekaran,
who was converted by Rev Goh Seng Fong and now
a field supervisor of the Oil Palm Estate at
Layang2, holds key to the Church building. Thank
God for an open door of service through him.
(Layang Layang is a railway town some 25 miles
north of Kulai, Johore.)

The new outreach to Tampines by our young people
of Life (Tanglin) Bible Class will be inaugurat-
ed June 28 as Tabernacle BPC. Elder Chia Kim
Chwee is overseeing this work, with Mr & Mrs
Ronny Khoo (FEBCers).

Miss Kimiko Goto, having completed 3 years'
teaching at FEBC, is back in Spore, en route
to short furlough in Japan. She reports sending
of first two students for practical work in the
field before graduation next year. Mr Simon Tsai
has resigned from FEBC and is returning to his
domicile in HK. Rev Djunaiddi is shortly crossing the
border to hold evangelistic meetings with Kim
Kah Teck in Kuching. Daniel Arianto, after one
year's teaching at FEBC, is called to serve with
a Hakka Church in Jakarta.

B-P Pastors licensed to solemnise and register
marriages in Spore: Rev Timothy Tow, Life; Rev
Quek Kiok Chiang, Faith; Rev Philip Heng, Gali-
lee; Rev Quek Swee Hwa, Zion; Rev Patrick Tan,
New Life; Rev David Wong, Mt Carmel; Rev Tow
Siang Hwa, Calvary; Rev Tan Eng Boo, Grace; Rev
Bob Phee, Sembawang. Pastors licensed to solemn-
ise marriages only: Rev Charlie Tan, Bethany;
Rev Burt K Subramaniam, Bethlehem Jurong; Rev
Joseph Ong, Emmanuel.

Bukit Batu's newly rented premises near junction
of main road, next to DAP, is now attended by 40
odd pupils of the Sunday School.

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PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

"Singapore Church Growth Phenomenal"

Under this caption, the Missionary Monthly edited by Dr Dick L. Van Halsema of Grand Rapids, USA, says in its March 1987 issue: "The fastest growing churches are the charismatic and pentecostal groups. Healing, exorcism and crisis counselling are all elements of S'pore's fastest growing churches." (Hinton)

While not subscribing to these charismatic practices, there is that element of zeal in Pentecostalism that we must emulate. With the Church at Ephesus, we BPs must examine ourselves if we have left the "first love." Jesus says, "Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent" (Rev 2:5).

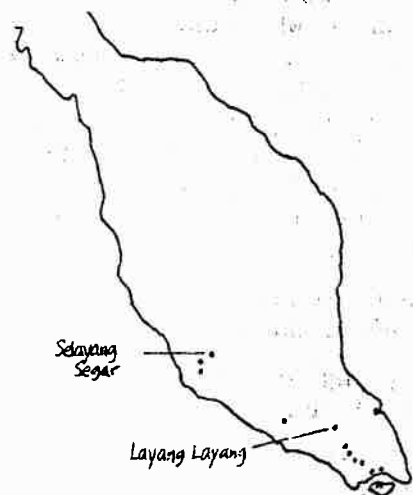
By God's grace, we have the young people of LBC for our vanguard. They are now headed for Tampines. The Tabernacle B-P Church is "the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ" (Eph 4:13) into which this zealous youth group is growing. May this newest offshoot from Life Church attain mature adulthood and be the parent of yet another branch --this is the fastest way of Church growth because it is the Divine pattern.

The branching out of LBC will leave a goodly number of pews empty, which should relieve the present congestion. But we would rather see them filled again to overflowing!

In this regard, we're happy to report that the newly renovated sanctuary used by the Chinese Service is also becoming saturated. There were 157 by actual count last Lord's Day. This means the adjacent Dining Room will have to open up to the Chinese congregation in the not too distant future. But where will the Sunday Lunch Fellowship go?

The only solution, as we see it, is to cross the street to our new inheritance. This is the decision to be taken or not to be taken tonight when the first general meeting of FEBC-BPC leaders is called at 64 Andrew Road, home of Dr Tow Siang Hwa. Believing it is the Lord's will that we expand sideways and not skywards, we have advanced in our Specifications the inclusion of a sanctuary for a congregation of 500 in the proposed new FEBC Complex. Then, our Chinese Service can go across the street and hold Lord's Day worship there still at the same hour as the English (when the Bell chimes). And shall we not trade wisely with this new talent to take in more associated congregations that Church growth in the true Protestant Faith might be expedited? Why should fastest Church growth be the monopoly of charismatics? Let BPs double up!

We are determined to increase God's Kingdom not only on the local scene but also across the Causeway into neighbouring Malaysia. This is the logical next step, according to the progression given in Acts 1:8, "Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria" The Divine pattern is from near to far. But nowadays the pattern of missionary outreach seems to be a jumping off to distant lands to the neglect of nearer concerns. There was a charismatic group planning a tract-distribution campaign to the Olympics in Los Angeles a couple of years ago. But would they heed the local and neighbouring regions which is Christ's pattern for the Church? Let those flapping strong to fly to distant lands answer this question!



By God's mercies, we have kept to the Acts 1:8 pattern from the beginning. In this order, geographically, we have gone out for the Lord: 1. Woodlands; 2. Woodlands (South); 3. J.B. (Tamil); 4. Kulai Besar; 5. Kelapa Sawit; 6. Air Bemban; 7. Bukit Batu; 8. Layang Layang (Tamil); 9. Rawang; 10. Bukit Gambir; 11. Taman Sri Melati (KL); 12. Selayang Segar (KL), to be inaugurated, D.V., Sept '87.

The reason why we must pay special attention to Malaysia (and Johore especially) is that these nearer stations can easily be supplied from Singapore. If we will not evangelise these near places, who will?

As intimated last week, Layang Layang is God's gift to FEBC and Life Church! This is through Rev Goh Seng Fong and his convert, Mr Sekaran. Now we have Deacon Mani of Bethlehem Jurong to go on our behalf. He will run a Tamil Children's Gospel meeting every Friday, 11 am. He can get to Layang Layang most economically by train from J.B. As Mani will henceforth also take over the Tamil work in New Life, he sees the logic of getting an HDB flat in Woodlands. From Woodlands to J.B. Railway Station, it's but a 25-minute walk! Praise God that our FEBC graduates are willing to spread out. "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth...." (Prov. 11:24).

A Second Service at 8 a.m. from July 5, 1987

For some months the talk of opening a second worship service has been in the air. When it was realised at last week's Session Meeting that congestion had reached a point of turning people away, we unanimously decided to launch an 8 am service from July 5, 1987. Dr Patrick Tan will head this new work. He will be assisted by Mr Stephen Khoo

who is serving his internship under Life Church by arrangement with Grace Seminary, USA, from which he is graduating.

Sunday School henceforth will be held from 9.30 to 10.20 am for the Adults. The regular service will now start from 10.30 am. With this new staggering of services the Korean Church will be requested to change their time of 11.55 am to 12.15 pm. Our Chinese Service logically will have to adjust to 10.30 am for the convenience of sons or daughters bringing in their Chinese-speaking parents and relatives. May this newest schedule of Sunday Worship sessions at Gilstead Road contribute to Church growth in Singapore and bring glory to God.

Yours faithfully, T.T.

JERUSALEM THE GOLDEN,
With milk and honey blest,
Beneath thy contemplation
Sink heart and voice oppressed.
I know not, O I know not,
What joys await us there;
What radiancy of glory,
What bliss beyond compare.

They stand, those halls of Zion,
All jubilant with song,
And bright with many an angel,
And all the martyr throng.
The Prince is ever in them,
The daylight is serene;
The pastures of the blessed
Are decked in glorious sheen.

O sweet and blessed country,
The home of God's elect!
O sweet and blessed country
That eager hearts expect!
Jesus, in mercy bring us
To that dear land of rest;
Who art, with God the Father
And Spirit, ever blest. AMEN.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

(18th - 24th May 1987)

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
WED Mr Stephen Khoo returns from USA
FRI 7.30 - 9 pm Pilgrims collect your tickets
SAT 1.00 pm LJBC
3.00 pm Rev Tow at LBC
3.30 pm YF; 7.30 pm - CFM
7.30 pm Rev Tow at Calvary Pandan YAF
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
7.30 pm Korean Evening Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$5,041.80

EXTENSION BUILDING FUND 1294)\$50;
1295)\$100; 1296)\$80; 1297)\$160;
1298)\$5,120(Off. bags); 1299)\$200;
1300)\$30; 1301)\$280.

Total \$1,027,352.73 Stop Press

1302)\$50; 1303)\$100; 1304)\$2,322.35
(New Life); 1305)\$1,292.85.

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: FEBC

BF \$150; FEBC \$150; 2 fans for
Bukit Batu \$200.

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Pilgrims to the Holy Land are called to join the Tuesday night Prayer Meeting (only 2 times) before our departure.

Pray for Eng Lam and Shirleen as they serve in the Perth Church and S.S. Eng Lam is also co-opted into the Church Committee. For Shirleen to find a suitable job. Their postal address: P.O. Box 754, Subiaco WA 6008, Australia. Residence: Flat 3/170 Hampden Rd, Nedlands 6009, WA. From their Australink: "Faith is to believe what we do not see, and the reward of faith is to see what we believe" (St Augustine). Congratulations to Mrs Agnes Ong (Wong) on her conferment of the MA degree by Biblical Seminary, May 30, 1987. Mr Albert Ong her husband, who graduates Th.M. from Grace Seminary, is now pastoral assistant to Rev David Wong, Mt Carmel. Mr Yap Kim Sin, another FEBCer who graduates Th.M. from Biblical, is assistant to Dr Quek Swee Hwa, Zion.

Preacher Wan Khwen Lam, whom our Church supports at the Life Tamil Service, will henceforth reach out to help Mt Carmel's embryo Tamil work when Basakaran, FEBCer, leaves for India mid-June. Support the growing Tamil work with your prayers. Pray also for the House-church at Mr Yap Chin Choon's, South Woodlands. Pray for the Kebaktian Indonesia that will baptise our third convert, a domestic servant, by the hand of Rev Frankie Low. Pray for Deacon Mani who has started out in earnest at Layang Layang in the Tamil Children's work.

Deepest Condolences to Elder Cheng Wei Nien of Calvary BPC on the sudden passing of his beloved mother Mrs (Rev) Cheng Shen-chu, 80, May 14. Dr Tow Siang Hwa will conduct the vigil service at their Ayer Rajah home, Mon May 18, 8.00 pm.

FEBC Silver Jubilee Contest. From now on to June 30, 1987, members of our Church who must belong to some Fellowship can participate in an Essay, Poetry and Poster Contest. Watch for further details!

If you have not got your Life Church Magazine, VISION ask it from our Book Centre. Also available are photocopies of articles from Sword and Trowel.

UP AND ON ...

Time marches on without regard ...
And life goes on, easy or hard ...

For all of us, both young or old,
So soon, alas, we'll all be told:

The night, 'tis spent,
Our day's at hand!

Though we may find the pathway steep,
Don't lag behind, nor stay to weep ...
Press on instead, there's help at hand!
Reach out ahead, together band!

Make the ascent
With me, my friend!

- John Tow



"BUT WOE UNTO YOU THAT ARE RICH" (LK. 6:24)

While riches are a gift from God to the righteous, honest and hard-working (eg. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph), the Bible is full of admonition to the wealthy, lest they be ensnared by their riches. Jesus here pronounces a curse on the rich who revel in their riches. Solomon advises, "Labour not to be rich: cease from thine own wisdom. Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not? for riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven" (Prov 23:4).

After warning those who try to get rich quick of temptation and snare and many hurtful lusts (I Tim 6:9), Paul tells Timothy to "charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high-minded, nor trust in uncertain riches . . . but that they do good, that they be rich in good works . . ." (I Tim 6:17,18).

The trouble with us today is we have become too rich (despite last year's recession). When the property market has started to rise a little, the old price immediately raises its ugly head. I am told that a nearby developer has had a hard time selling one flat for \$400,000. With the news of property prices a-stirring, he immediately jacks it up to \$500,000! Offices in town cannot be purchased as when they went a-begging a year ago.

And see how lavishly homes are furnished these days! And must churches also follow suit, that without airconditioning we cannot concentrate in worship? (Of course, there are legitimate reasons for air-conditioning.)

When a church gets too rich, as in the USA, they "praise the Lord" with their lips, but not with their hands and heart. So these who make headline news for weeks on end must excel in their Christian hotel furnishing way above the secular. What is Westin or Shangri-La to them? Straits Times, May 19, 1987 reports: "There were gold-plated, swan-shaped fixtures in the bathrooms, a white baby grand piano in the living room, embroidered chairs and a 15-metre closet to hold the clothes of Jim and Tammy Bakker. These were the sights that greeted reporters when PTL (Praise the Lord) officials conducted a weekend tour of the opulent presidential suite once occupied by the deposed leaders of the PTL television ministry. Fireplaces had gold-toned screens, embroidered chairs were everywhere, as were silk-flower arrangements, gold-painted tables and bust sculptures. Three bedrooms were adorned with huge mirrors. The Bakkars stayed in the suite for only four months in 1985. Other notable guests who have made use of the plush furnishings included Oral Roberts, Pat Boone and actress Maria Gibbs. While PTL officials revealed the high-living ways of the Bakkars, accountants searched for US\$92 million (\$\$195 million) missing from the ministry's coffers, along with a 1939 Rolls Royce. Mr Jerry Nims, PTL's new executive, said he was "shocked" by the extravagance of the furnishings of the eight-room, seven-bathroom suite in the Heritage Grand Hotel, the centrepiece of the Bakkars' Christian Theme park." - UPI

Let those who need to re-examine their richness or be examined for their riches heed this further admonition from the Apostle James: "Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten (spotted by the flesh, Jude 23). Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days. Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth. Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter." (James 5:1-5)

Here is another admonition! "And he that exalteth his gate seeketh destruction" (Prov 17:19). We now have an enlarged committee of B-P leaders to acquire the property across the street with the purpose of building a new Bible College. It is important that we build not "bigger and better" to vie with other colleges, but only so much as is needed, on strict lines of economy and simplicity. Overbuilding and overfurnishing is wasteful luxury. Those who stay in God's House should live frugally, so that maintenance costs of the New College be kept at a minimum. The spirit of economy on this side of Gilstead Road must pervade the other side in Spurgeonian tradition.

In reference to those who use religion as a means to self-enrichment, Paul has this word: "Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample. (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly ["whose religion is their kitchen" - Calvin] and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.)" (Phil 3:17-19). And Paul observes further, "For they that are such serve not the Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple" (Rom 16:8).

Jesus says, "Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works (ie. miracles)? [What a prediction of the present day signs-and-wonders preachers!] And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you; depart from me, ye that work

iniquity" (Matt 7:22,23). Lord, save us from these deceptions!

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK
(25th - 31st May 1987)

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
Pilgrims also collect
their tickets

WED 7.30 pm Wedding Rehearsal

FRI 4.00 pm Dedication of JB BPC at
Taman Sentosa, JB

SAT 2.30 pm Rev Dan Ebert III arrives
Leong Kwok Whye-Wong Kit
Yuen Wedding (Rev Tow)

SUN 9.30 am Rev Tow at JB Tamil
Service

10.00 am Rev Dan Ebert (Elder Tay)

10.00 am Chinese Service

11.30 am Filipina Fellowship

12.15 pm Church Choir Practice

2.30 pm Rev Tow at CFM

3.00 pm Thai Service

4.00 pm Kebaktian Indonesia

4.30 pm Sharon BPC Service

6.00 pm Tamil Service

WHAT PRAYER MEETING MEANS TO ME!

Tuesday evening at eight,
When to Prayer Meeting I'll head,
Satan's insidious voices provoke:
"After a hard day's work,
Why not stay at home and rest?
Besides, you've got to study for your test!"

Vacillating for a while,
God's strength sustains me erstwhile:
Studying for my test can wait,
Because I know I can't concentrate.

Once I gave Prayer Meeting a miss,
Thinking I could study in peace.
Alas! the chastening from the Lord I receive,
And the passing mark could I not retrieve.

What I like about prayer meeting
Is what follows after the hymn-singing:
A reading from the sacred page,
Followed by a short message.

Here comes the best part!
Pastor says, "Who'll be the first to start?"
Testimonies rendered by God's children from
every age
Never fail to uplift, comfort, exhort and
encourage.

Be it thankfulness for exam success or escape
from motor accident,
Great joy, gratefulness and exuberance is evident
In the faces of those who God's praises sing -
I'll not give up Prayer Meeting for anything!

After the presentation of each fresh testimony,
Like Jesus the night He was betrayed at
Gethsemane,
We agonise and pray, and pray hard
For all the requests written in the Prayer Card.

When Prayer Meeting ends at nine-thirty
I know I've spent my sweet hour usefully,
Because the blessing at Prayer Meeting I seek
Upholds and sustains me throughout the week!



PROF. FAGUE SPRINGMANN SINGS

- UNDER HIS WINGS -

Under His wings I am safely abiding,
Tho' the night deepens and tempests are wild;
Still I can trust Him--I know He will keep me,
He has redeemed me and I am His child.

Chorus:

Under His wings, under His wings,
Who from His love can sever?
Under His wings my soul shall abide,
Safely abide forever.

Under His wings, what a refuge in sorrow!
How the heart yearningly turns to His rest!
Often when earth has no balm for my healing,
There I find comfort and there I am blest.

Under His wings, O what precious enjoyment!
There will I hide till life's trials are o'er;
Sheltered, protected, no evil can harm me,
Resting in Jesus I'm safe evermore.

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LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$6,047.00

EXTENSION BUILDING FUND 1306)\$50; 1307)\$30;
1308)\$2000; 1309)\$1150(Off.bags); 1310)\$100;
1311)\$80; 1312)\$100(Tamil S.); 1313)\$50; 1314)
\$300. Total \$1,034,977.93
Stop Press! 1315)\$17,500.

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: Dyak Missionaries
US\$155, \$150; FEBC Extn Fund \$1000; VBS \$100;
FEBC \$260; Missionaries \$50; Tampines \$153.85,
\$500(fr. BPCWA); Burma \$400(WF); KL Missions
\$400(WF); Evangelism (Philippines) \$500(Honour
my vow); FEBC Orphanage \$30(Non-BP student);
Rev T. Tow \$1000; Wan Khwen Lam \$3000; Jess
Lim \$500; Haposan Siregar \$1000; Michael Koech
\$500.

We bid farewell to Anne Gradussov who left for
Perth May 20, and congratulate her on her com-
ing wedding with Peter Clements, Jun 6, Dr Tow
Siang Hwa officiating.

Congratulations to Mr Stephen Khoo for receiv-
ing the M.Div. degree from Grace Seminary, USA,
May '87. From Jun 1 to Aug 31, he will serve
his internship under the pastor of Life Church.
PILGRIMS, please note a change in our depart-
ure time. RJ183 is advanced to June 1, 2155
hrs. Be at Airport June 1, 7.55 pm latest!
Please meet at Parsonage Tues May 26 to collect
your tickets, passports and for final instruct-
ions.

BY AN 'A' LEVEL LIFER Nursery duty next week: Mrs Doris Chen and
Mrs Elaine Tan

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PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

It is with deep gratitude to the Father Almighty that I write on behalf of 50 pilgrims now all set for the Holy Land. We are scheduled to fly ALIA, RJ183 June 1, 2155 hours, arriving Amman, Jordan, June 2, 0415 hours. For two full weeks we'll be in Israel and Jordan to walk where Jesus walked. We return to Singapore RJ182, June 15 (D.V.) 1400 hours. Our group is made up of Lifers and FEBCers mostly, with a handful from Calvary, Grace, Shalom, New Life, Sharon, etc.

There's a saying, "Man proposes, God disposes." This trip to the Holy Land was least in our mind until we received in February an invitation from Mr Howard Herdle, manager of Baraka Bible Conference Centre, Hebron Rd (9 miles south of Bethlehem). Simultaneously, as I read in the Christian Beacon of Dr McIntire's leading a group to Israel in May, a sudden surge from within me started me up to lead this pilgrimage. I conclude this spontaneous desire to be the Lord's prompting. Events that followed have strengthened my heart.

From experience gathered in the 1983 Pilgrimage, we feel more sure-footed as we set out, but our confidence is in the Lord. In the steps of Ezra leading exiles back from Babylon to Jerusalem, we have called the Pilgrims together to seek the Lord's mercies at two Tuesday night prayer meetings. "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth" (Ps 121:1,2). How wonderful the thought that God looks after us at each step of this journey, yea, even life's total journey--till we arrive safely home, at last!

What makes this 4th B-P Pilgrimage to the Holy Land different from other Holy Land Tours is our permanent base (like Port Dickson where B-P leaders gather yearly) at Baraka. Here is a 100-bed Christian Hospice run by American missionaries solely for our use. There is a chapel where we can meet and worship without inhibition or restraint as we would in secular hotels. We shall have meetings both morning and evening, before setting out and after coming in.

Another specialty is we shall worship two Lord's Days at the Baraka B-P Church, an Arab Church founded by missionaries of the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions, USA, the same Mission that sent the Paauwes to Singapore. We are bringing a gift specially designated for them by Bethany BPC. We have also new surplus clothing that our young men are carrying along for our Arab brethren. From these gestures of Christian love we hope our fellow pilgrims will learn the higher law of giving over receiving. Not what I want to get out of this tour, but what I can give from this tour to bless others. This is better than Travel Insurance.

While our base of operations is in the Judean hills south of Jerusalem, we shall have a change, staying three nights in the north--one night in an Anglican Hospice at Mount Carmel, two nights at a Kibbutz in Galilee.

This trip is also a boon to FEBC students. There are a dozen of them who are given the opportunity of earning two academic credits when they present the College a research paper. Yes, the FEBC is profited whenever the Church goes on a Holy Land Tour. I understand Calvary BPC is preparing to go next year, which will be the fifth! Lifers who miss out this time can join your brethren, the Calvarians!

From latest information, Singapore alone has 1,000 persons visiting Israel every year. "Behold, these shall come from far: and, lo, these from the north and from the west; and these from the land of SINIM [the Chinese]" (Isaiah 49:12). Most visitors, however, come from USA and Europe. "Thus saith the Lord of hosts: it shall come to pass that there shall come people, and the inhabitants of many cities: And the inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, Let us go speedily to pray before the Lord, and to seek the Lord of hosts: I will go also. Yea, many people and strong nations shall come to seek the Lord of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the Lord" (Zech 8:20-22). Now, our pilgrimage to the Holy Land is only a prelude to that Day when all the world must go to Jerusalem to bow to the Lord Jesus Christ, "King over all the earth" (Zech 14:9). That is nearer than we think! Are you ready to meet Jesus? Your fellow pilgrim, T.T.

שלום
Shalom

Jerusalem
1875.



"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the House of the LORD." (Ps. 122:1).

Reflections of a Former Roman Catholic

"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge" (Hosea 4:6)

Further on, the Lord says, "because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee."

My name is Tony Loo. I was brought up in a strict Roman Catholic family. Converted at the age of eleven to Roman Catholicism, I was imbued with Roman Catholic doctrines and the weekly celebration of the mass. I was taught to receive the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist on baptism.

This is when a Roman Catholic priest consecrates the wafer which is then called the "host." By the doctrine of transubstantiation, the priest has changed the "host" into the literal body and literal blood of Christ. At the Council of Trent (1563), curses were pronounced on anyone who rejected this teaching. At the Vatican Council II of 1963, Pope John XXIII said, "I do accept entirely all that has been decided and declared at the Council of Trent." This means that it is still in effect today!

Why am I going through such lengths to explain this doctrine?

Firstly, I am surprised to learn that many untaught Christians have gladly participated in this abomination in the spirit of ecumenism, "brotherhood" and "unity."

Secondly, this is the chief motivating factor of a Roman Catholic person whose "church" teaches that since their priests have the sole authority from God to change the elements of communion into the actual body and blood of Jesus, they are the only "church" where Jesus physically resides!

I confess to a deep bondage to this doctrine even after my conversion to Jesus Christ. Whenever I received Holy Communion as a born-again Christian, I was very careful not to bite the elements of bread as I was also taught as a Catholic that this act was sacrilegious.

Praise God that by the power of His resurrection, I have been freed from the clutches of Romanism.

As a Christian now, I realise that the Lord's Supper is meant as a spiritual blessing and a service in remembrance of the person of Christ and His redeeming blood at Calvary --the element of bread is to be eaten!! (I Cor 11:23-26).

I am truly glad that in 1979, the Lord led me to read the testimony of an ex-Jesuit priest, Dr Alberto Rivera, and the book "Smokescreens" from Chick Publications. In his testimony, Dr Rivera reveals that the communist has "close alliance" with the Roman Catholic Institution. I could not reconcile this radical statement then until very recently. In the light of current events, I quote the Straits Times, Friday 29th May, 1987:

"The ministry said Cheng was the first to use the R.C.C. as cover for subversive activities in Singapore, although this had been done by communists in Latin America and the Philippines."

Isn't this a warning from the Lord that we Christians are to wake up! Dearly beloved, isn't it true that we got down on our knees confessing to the Lord our sins of omission, lack of prayer and the study of His Word?

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

Footnote If you desire to read more about the snares of Roman Catholicism, meet me at the book-table outside the last Kindergarten classroom, as approved by pastor.

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

MON - SAT	Fishermen of Christ camp
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg (Eld. Mahadevan)
	Wedding Rehearsal
SAT 4.30 pm	Chin Choon Wai-Tan Kwee Mui
	Wed. (Rev K.C. Quek)
SUN 10.00 am	Rev Anthony Tan (Lord's Sup.)
	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 Kebaktian Indonesia
	6.00 pm Tamil Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$5,958.10

EXTENSION BLDG FUND 1316)\$70; 1317)\$460; 1318)\$250(Thanksgiving for children's exam success); 1319)\$1000; 1320)\$1210(tithe); 1321)\$1500(Wedding joy); 1322)\$150; 1323)\$204.50. Total \$1,057,322.43 Stop Press! 1324)\$68(M\$80); 1325)\$51(Box); 1326)\$1000.

OFFERINGS FOR: RPS \$110; FEBC Bldg Fund \$2000; Maintenance \$1000; Chairs \$300.

From Offerings designated for India, \$1,000 has been channelled to the BPC India (Madras) for purchase of property.

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FEBC Building Committee is called to an extraordinary meeting tonight at the home of Dr Tow Siang Hwa, 9 pm.

Life Church Children's Camp, June 22-25, 1987 is run under the auspices of the Children's Choir (Mrs Ivy Tow) to train up your child in the way he/she should go (Prov 22:6). Bible lessons and nightly Gospel films. Personal attention from FEBC students! "The early bird catches the worm."

We extend a cordial welcome to Rev Dan Ebert III to our Church this morning. Through his hand we've channelled all offerings for "Philippines Land" towards the building of a brick church in a government housing estate in Manila. \$500 for Evangelism (Philippines) is channelled to Rev Coleman's missionary work in Manila. Do something good for Jesus everyday!

Birth To Dn & Mrs Wee Chin Kam, a 2.75 kg daughter, on May 26, '87.

Telegram from Burma: School opened on May 21 at No. 6D Nanthani St., Insein, Rangoon, with 12 boys and 4 girls, running smooth. Pray for us. - Thawmluai.

SECOND WORSHIP SERVICE IN JULY 1987

At the last Session meeting on May 13, the Session of the Church decided to start a second worship service commencing on July 5, 1987 at 8 am. The announcement was greeted by members of the Church with a variety of feelings. Some said that a second service is long overdue, seeing that the 10 am worship service is overcrowded. One member thought that it would be better to have an evening service to cater for those who cannot attend the morning service due to duty or work commitment. A few people admitted that it would be difficult to wake up early to attend the 8 am worship service.

A number of problems have arisen due to the increasing number of worshippers at the 10 am worship service. The first problem is seating. Chairs have been added to every available space. There are several places where the pulpit cannot be easily seen, especially in the balcony. It is true that the pews in the sanctuary are not fully occupied as some worshippers would leave a seat empty beside them for a bit of comfort and to place their belongings on. The ushers have tried to fill up all available space. This overcrowding means that worship is a little uncomfortable due to the cramp and heat. Some worshippers have been turned away because they could not find a seat or felt uncomfortable during the Service. The first answer to this problem is to increase the seating capacity.

The covered corridor between the sanctuary and the Far Eastern Kindergarten is the immediate answer to increasing the seating capacity. Many Malay benches are added and a CCTV is installed so that worshippers can have a visual reference of the pulpit. Furthermore, this porch area is open and therefore allows parents to look after their children. The children can then play around the open areas under the watchful eyes of parents. Although there is a nursery and junior worship for school-going children below the age of 12, there are many children who prefer to play at the sandpit or swings. This has created an additional problem, that of noise. How then can parents worship in such an atmosphere? For their own reasons many people without children also choose to sit at the porch area. It has been observed that some people who worship at the porch tend to move around, have very poor concentration following the worship service and are engaged in their own private conversations. I fear that this will promote indiscipline in worship. Christians will go away spiritually hungry but feel they have satisfied their spiritual requirement. Church-going then becomes routine and meaningless.

With a large congregation it is impossible to provide personal attention. We cannot offer warm and sincere Christian fellowship. We remain total strangers to each other. People tend to disperse as soon as the service is over. Ideally, members of the Session must have a chance to make friends, to make members feel welcome and to be able to share common spiritual problems. The various Fellowships of the Church should have an opportunity to invite worshippers to join their Fellowships. We can then promote greater involvement in the life of the Church and have a part in the different Church-related ministries.

The second service means an immediate doubling of space available. It will mean that we can invite our friends to church without worrying if there are any seats. The Church can grow without the constraints of space. It does mean that we will need more workers. The Session must divide itself to look after 2 services. Pulpit preaching will require more preachers and speakers. As more is expected, efforts must be redoubled and more members must be enlisted to help. Car-parking can be partially solved if car owners will come to the early service. There will be definitely an all-round benefit. Two congregations will grow and more added into the Church. Members will have greater opportunities to serve and be involved. More will be trained.

Changed Into His Likeness

This will be the theme for the 8 am service for July and August, a total of 9 messages. It is our intention to systematically plan the pulpit messages and announce them early. The aim is to provide a balanced and all-round teaching ministry. There will be step-by-step achievement towards Christian maturity. With each series of messages, we can feel confident that we have adequately covered the topic and be reasonably sure in the practice of our Christian faith. I will therefore invite suggestions from members as to which topics you would like preached from the pulpit. The spiritual needs of our members must be perceived and understood. The preachers must be sensitive to this need and expound God's Word to provide the answer. The Word of God is powerful. God's servants must be skilled in dividing the Word of Truth.

The early service will be announced through posters and invitation cards. You can use these cards to remind yourself of forthcoming events, and you can use them to invite your friends. The best advertisement is through personal invitation. I trust all of you believe in evangelism. Evangelism is not the job of only the pastors or elders. It is the task of every Christian. We must have a love for souls to be won to the Lord Jesus. Evangelism in its ordinary, everyday form is simply to share Christ with someone else. It does not require any particular talent. Some training may be helpful. The most important prerequisite for personal evangelism is obedience. You are willing to obey the Lord's command to go and preach the Gospel to every creature. There must be many unsaved relatives and neighbours. You can invite them to Church.

When we start small and humble, we have the opportunity to provide personalised service. We want to give everyone a warm and sincere welcome. We must know who have worshipped with us and be able to follow them up. This follow-up includes channelling them to join the appropriate Youth or Adult Fellowship. Their individual spiritual needs should be met. Those seeking the Truth must be counselled. The non-Christians should be led to salvation. We also want to inculcate reverence in worship. If it be possible, families must worship together, the children sitting quietly with their parents. After the worship, they are encouraged to join the Sunday School. Punctuality may initially be difficult, but with discipline and practice it can be achieved. Early worship service may prove spiritually profitable. "O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is" (Ps 63:1).

One of my concerns is to involve as many members in the service of the Lord. Elders must be able to teach and to preach. Opportunities will be given to them to preach from the pulpit. Deacons must be able to counsel and to share the Word of God to individual members. To counsel effectively, you must know the Bible. You must read widely and have an answer ready for every sincere inquiry. You must exude cheerfulness and friendliness. You win people by your smile. Some deacons may be apt to teach and this talent can be developed. They can also chair the worship services. Everyone should know how to witness and share the Gospel. We should get active involvement from as many members, each one spontaneously doing one job or another. We need musicians, we want to raise a small choir, and talents must be put to profitable use.

I am excited at the prospect of great things to be done. Mr Stephen Khoo, a graduate of FEBC and Grace Theological Seminary, is doing 3 months of pastoral internship with Life Church. He is assigned to help me manage the early worship service. Many others have volunteered, including 2 elders and 6 deacons. God's service is joyous and spiritually rewarding. But He demands faithfulness and commitment. - P. Tan

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

MON - FRI 9 am - 12.30 pm Vacation Bible School
 MON - SAT Bethany BPC Camp
 TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting (Elder Tay)
 SAT 2.30 pm Edwin Ng-Chan Yang Yong Wed.
 (Rev Khong)
 3.00 pm LBC; 3.30pm - YF
 7.30 pm CFM
 SUN 10.00 am Mr Stephen Khoo (Elder Chia)
 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 Kebaktian Indonesia
 4.30 pm Sharon BPC Service
 6.00 pm Tamil Service
 7.30 pm Korean Evening Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$6,707.80

EXTENSION BUILDING FUND 1327)\$1073(Off. bags); 1328)\$700; 1329)\$50; 1330)\$500; 1331)\$100; 1332)\$50. Total \$1,060,914.43
 OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: VBS \$100; China \$4000; FEBC Scholarships \$900(AF); FEBI Scholarships \$900(AF).

Pray for Kebaktian Indonesia every Lord's Day 4 pm at Jerusalem Court. Support with your regular attendance! (Deacon & Mrs Charlie Chia are there to welcome you!)

"Basic Theology for Everyone" Certificates of Attendance: Students who achieved at least 80% attendance may collect their certificates at the Church counter after Service today.

Get your copy of the Far Eastern Beacon from the Church counter.

A Missionary writes, "I have just completed reading your book "John Sung My Teacher" and thought I should write to let you know how much I appreciated it and was blessed through it. This story is an inspiration and a challenge and certainly deserves wide circulation."

All members of the Fellowship groups are invited to enter the FEBC Silver Jubilee Essay/Poem/Poster Contest. For details, see the notice boards. Get the handbills from the Fellowship leaders. Closing date: 5th July 1987.

Worship Service I, Lord's Day 8 am, beginning 5th July. Programme for July & August:

Jul 5 Power of the Gospel
 (Rom 1:16) - Rev T. Tow
 12 Sinfulness of Sin
 (Rom 2:23) (H.C.) - Rev P. Tan
 19 Justification by Faith
 (Rom 5:1) - Mr S. Khoo
 26 Christian Liberty
 (Rom 6:18) - Elder Chia
 Aug 2 Victorious Christian
 (Rom 7:25) - Mr S. Khoo
 9 Walk in the Spirit
 (Rom 8:4) (H.C.) - Rev P. Tan
 16 Confessing Christ
 (Rom 10:9) - Rev T. Tow
 23 Unpretentious Love
 (Rom 12:9) - Elder Lim
 30 Submission to Authority
 (Rom 13:1) - Rev C. Tan

Nursery duty today: Mrs Heah Meei Yun & Mrs Leong Chuay Lai.

LEST WE FORGET ...

They trample underfoot His cross
 Who bear it not with contrite heart!
 They never knew how great the loss
 When He to us His love impart!

Lest we forget and likewise be,
 Let us draw nigh to Calvary!
 And see once more the reason why
 The Son of God was born to die!

- John Tow

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MY TESTIMONY by Stephen Khoo

I thank the Lord Jesus Christ for the privilege and opportunity to do my practicum in Life Bible-Presbyterian Church under your dedicated and beloved Pastor, Rev Timothy Tow. This practicum is the final requirement of my theological training in Grace Theological Seminary, USA, for the Master of Divinity programme. The period for this practical aspect of the training is three months, from June to August, 1987.

As many of you know, I am a member of the Bible Church. It is the church which is sharing the same premise with Mount Carmel B-P Church at West Coast Road. The Bible Church does not have a full-time pastor, and so I am unable to do my pastoral internship in the Church. When Rev Tow heard of my plight in August last year when I came home during the vacation, he welcomed me to do my practicum in your Church. I gladly accepted the invitation. Now that I have been assigned to assist your Associate Pastor, Rev Patrick Tan, who has been given the task of setting up a second morning worship service in the Church, I look forward with much enthusiasm and expectation to learning the practical work of pastoring a church.

My Background

I am married. My wife's name is Hong Hong, and we have three children. Jeffrey is our eldest child and he is presently studying at the Far Eastern Bible College. He has completed two years of the four-year course. My elder daughter, Debbie, is working in the Tokio Marine and Fire Insurance Company and Julie, the youngest, is studying at NUS. My wife is a Staff Nurse in a Government polyclinic.

How I Came to Know the Lord As My Saviour

I received my primary and secondary education in the Presbyterian Boys' School in Koon Seng Road. In 1953, Marcus Lim was admitted into the class in which I was in and he did not lose any time in introducing Jesus Christ to me. He invited me to attend his Church, the Fishermen of Christ Fellowship, which was then in Prinsep Street. It was only in the following year that I received Christ into my heart in a Gospel meeting which was held in Bethesda Gospel Hall in Pennefather Road, Katong. I continued my Christian fellowship in Fishermen of Christ. I recall with fond memories the early days of my Christian life in this Church. It was a small church, but there was joy and love for one another. At that time, Modernism and Liberalism had already infiltrated into the main denominations of Singapore, but the Fishermen of Christ Fellowship took a strong stand in maintaining the purity of doctrine and practice of the Church. Together with Marcus Lim as the leader, a small section of the Church started an English Sunday School, which later became the Sunday Bible School. One of the major objectives of the Sunday Bible School was to equip young Christians with a solid grounding of the Word of God, "a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." We adopted a system of Bible study which required the students to memorise Scripture verses, turn in written assignments on important topics, and sit for examinations at the end of each course of study. Like the parent church, the Sunday Bible School also took a strong stand against Modernism and Liberalism in the churches. We also took a separatist stand by refusing to cooperate with those who did not hold to the fundamental doctrines of the Bible, namely, the total infallibility and inerrancy of the Bible, the Virgin Birth of Jesus Christ, the physical resurrection and bodily return of Christ, His substitutionary death and His deity.

The Years In the Wilderness

Two years after starting the Sunday Bible School, I left the group for reasons which I prefer not to mention. I left of my own accord. It is not true, as some would have us believe, that a Christian must go through a period of backsliding, just like the Israelites who had to wander in the wilderness after their exodus from Egypt. The historical record is to warn us against following the example of the Israelites rather than to expect the same. The Apostle Paul has cautioned us that "we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." Little did I know that my resignation from the Sunday Bible School was going to cost me the loss of eighteen years of spiritual growth and sweet Christian fellowship. When I left the Sunday Bible School, I gradually stopped attending church on Sunday, stopped reading the Bible, stopped praying and witnessing. It is not because I did not believe the Christian Faith. No, by the grace of God, I have never renounced my faith. Rather it was because I chose to make other things in my life more important. It is a very heavy price. I was more interested in improving myself in the world and making more money, at the expense of my spiritual life and walk with the Lord Jesus Christ. I was a qualified teacher then. I took up the Band Instructor in-service course and was subsequently transferred to the music department of the Education Ministry as a band instructor to two schools. A couple of years later, I was recruited by Yamaha Music to be a classical guitar instructor. The company undertook to train me on condition that I served them as a guitar instructor. I became the chief guitar instructor in the school. I resigned from Yamaha Music School when I started my own guitar studio and music shop. Yamaha Music company invited me to head their band instrument department as the

Sales Manager and Music Director. I resigned from government service in 1976 to join Yamaha Music. After two years in the sales department, I was appointed as the Manager of their music school in Plaza Singapura. I had then a profitable guitar studio with about 300 students and a good, stable job in Yamaha Music. There was no thought of going back to church. In fact, I was living a life which showed very little difference from that of a non-believer.

The Love of the Father

The Bible says that "for whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth." Two months before the Lord called my mother home, she asked me, "Do you still go to Church?" I was so deeply rebuked in my heart that I could not answer her. When the Lord called her home, I cried when I prayed. I was convicted of my sin against Him, who loves me and gave Himself for me. It dawned upon me then that He could have taken me too and how would I stand before Him? The Lord Jesus Christ who died and gave Himself for me so that I might live to love and serve Him! I rededicated myself to Him. I returned to the Bible Church. It was 1980. I bought a Bible and started reading with a new hunger. I also started a Bible study group in the office. I became active in Church, serving as a deacon and choir master. I attended the evening Bible class in Life B-P Church when Rev Tow was teaching the Book of Revelation. What an appropriate book--the judgments and promises of God revived in me the love for Him and the willingness to serve Him. In Oct 1981, I read an article which was about the call to full-time ministry. I was strangely and deeply moved to respond to the call. After six months of waiting, I finally turned in my resignation letter to Yamaha Music in May 1981. I felt it necessary to undergo some theological training, and I enrolled in the FEBC, which was a natural choice for me because I had known of Rev Tow before and because there is sound teaching of the Word. I completed the Bachelor of Theology course and immediately proceeded to Grace for an additional training of two years.

The three months of service in your Church will also be a time of waiting and seeking for the Lord's direction as to where my family and I should serve Him. We earnestly request your prayers to the Lord Jesus Christ for clear direction.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Jun 15 - 21)

MON - FRI	LCYF Camp (at FEK)
MON - SAT	Bukit Panjang Gospel Chapel Camp
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting (Eld. Chia)
THU 7.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
SAT 1.00 pm	LJBC; 3pm - LBC; 3.30pm - YF
3.00 pm	Ivan Tan Kim Song-Melinda Tan Mui Hwa Wedding (Rev Tow)
7.30 pm	CFM
SUN 10.00 am	Rev Tow
10.00 am	Chinese Service
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4.00 pm	Kebaktian Indonesia
4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service
6.00 pm	Tamil Service
7.30 pm	Korean Evening Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$8,029.00

EXTENSION BLDG FUND 1333)\$300; 1334)\$270; 1335)\$436(Chinese S.); 1336)\$500; 1337)\$70; 1338)\$200; 1339)\$1200; 1340)\$150.

Total \$1,064,040.43

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: China \$50; Burma \$50; India \$50; Philippines \$500; Tampines Outreach \$50; VBS \$10; FEBC \$150.

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the theme

"PASSING ON THE TORCH"

"And 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 Timothy 2:2)

The B-P Church founder and senior leaders see the need to 'pass on the torch' to the younger leaders in upholding the biblical separatist stand for the Truth of God, and fighting the good fight of faith.

As the days draw nearer to the Second Coming of Christ, it is absolutely crucial that our up-and-coming young leaders are as forthright and steadfast in maintaining the same sound biblical doctrines as the founding fathers have been doing.

Critical issues are at stake! The fire of the founding fathers must be kept burning strongly for Christ, our Lord!

Contestants should show in what ways we can assure our present young leaders will continue to uphold as strongly, if not more strongly, our biblical, fundamental, separatist stand when our founder and senior leaders have eventually to pass on the leadership to them. You will need to show why a separatist stand is necessary, and why it is even more crucial as time goes on.

THE UPWARD WAY

How easy it is to gripe and groan,
To murmur and moan when we're alone
Upon the upward way!

But whoever said our path be plain,
Our days sunny, it will not rain,
Knows not the upward way!

So, on the morrow, the day will dawn,
Cheery or dreary, let's greet the morn
And walk the upward way!

Trusting, believing, for that's the key;
Our God is with us, and all will be
Well on the upward way!

- John Tow

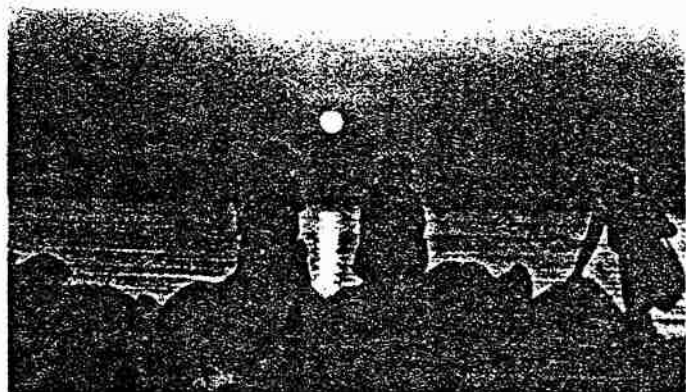
* Owing to the lack of space, a poem by 'A' Level Liter is held over till next week

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PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND 1987

by Mr Chan Ngiap Koon

Fifty pilgrims started out, obeying the Lord's command to "get thee out of thy country . . . unto a land that I will show thee" (Gen 12:1). After a prolonged delay in Singapore, we finally entered the Holy Land on June 3. Along the way from Amman, capital of Jordan, we climbed Mount Nebo and stood on the very spot where Moses looked at the Promised Land but was not allowed to enter it (Deut 34:1-4).



Sea of Galilee

Our base for the pilgrimage was the Baraka Hostel, 9 miles south of Bethlehem ("Sweet Baraka," the "pilgrim home for sons from afar"). Mr Howard Herdle and his wife, the kindly couple that managed the place, attended to our every need and made the stay a comfortable one. It was like a home away from home! We had full liberty to hold meetings morning and night.

It was in Bethlehem that Jesus Christ was born in a manger (Luke 2:4-7). Today the Church of Nativity stands over the site. Not far away is the Shepherds Field where shepherds were "keeping watch over their flock by night" when Christ was born (Luke 2:8-20). Olive trees grow around the fields and in the centre is the Grotto of the Shepherds, now converted into a chapel. The Lord gave us a helpful guide in the person of Mr Samy who was a walking treasure-house of knowledge on the Holy Land.

The pilgrimage also brought us to Nazareth, where Jesus spent most of his childhood and early youth. The Church of Annunciation stands at the site where, according to Christian tradition, the angel appeared before Mary to announce the Saviour's birth. "And behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS" (Lk 1:26-32). Today, just as in ancient times, the town is surrounded by orchards of figs, pomegranates and other fruits.

Jesus taught in Nazareth for some time before moving His ministry to the shores of the Sea of Galilee. We spent two nights at the Kibbutz north of Ginosar by the sea. Many members of the group found time to jump into the cool, clear waters of Galilee for an evening swim. The next morning, we took a boat trip across Galilee. On board we fellowshiped with Spanish-speaking pilgrims from Puerto Rico. We landed at Capernaum to see the remains of a synagogue in which Jesus could have preached (Mark 1:21). From there, we visited the many important sites of His ministry. In Tabgha, the Church of Multiplication marked the spot where He fed the multitudes with loaves and fishes (Mark 6:30-44). Just south of Capernaum is the Mount of the Beatitudes. According to Christian belief, this was the place where He gave His "Sermon on the Mount" (Matt 5:1-35).

During this period of His ministry, Jesus visited Jerusalem several times. On one of these trips, He sat at Jacob's well in Shechem (present-day Nablus) where he spoke to a woman of Samaria (John 4:5-26). The pilgrim's descended to the well to drink some of its cool, refreshing water. Not far from Jacob's Well are the ruins of Samaria, city of Ahab and Omri. We travelled to the region of the Decapolis. We visited Jerash, one of the ancient cities of the Decapolis (Mk 5:20) to see the most complete example of a provincial Roman city anywhere in the world. From Galilee, we travelled through the Golan Heights on the Syrian border to Caesarea Philippi (Matt 16:13-16; Mark 8:27-29), the city of Peter's great confession. On the way, we took in the view of the majestic, snowcapped Mount Hermon (9,220 ft), the source of the Jordan River.

Our entry into Jerusalem was surely the spiritual climax of the pilgrimage. Few will forget their first sight that day of the Holy City basking in the evening sun. Standing on the Mount of Olives the next day, we were able to delight in a most exquisite view of Jerusalem. We overlooked the Temple Mount, the site of the First and Second Temples. Today, the Dome of the Rock dominates its heights. The Western Wall of the Second Temple (which was destroyed by the Romans in A.D. 70) is today the holiest shrine of the Jewish people. We were able to visit the Wall thronged with long-bearded worshippers on a Sabbath day, who knew not that their Messiah had come.

Jesus' triumphal entry into the Holy City started in Bethany, the home of Mary, her sister Martha, and Lazarus. Modern-day pilgrims come to the tomb of Lazarus, where one of the most dramatic moments of Jesus' ministry took place (John 11:38-44). Most of His time in Jerusalem was spent on the Mount Olives where the Garden of Gethsemane is located. There stands to this day a stately grove of ancient olive trees. The focal point of the Garden is the Rock of Agony where Christ sought strength in prayer and surrendered Himself to the will of God (Mk 14:32-36). On this site stands the modern Church Of All Nations. Over its entrance is the Latin inscription "He had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears and was heard in, that He feared" (Heb 5:7).

We visited Mount Zion and saw the basilica built over the Chamber of the Last Supper. Nearby is St Peter's Church where Christian tradition places the home of the High Priest Caiaphas. It also marked the spot where Peter denied Jesus three times (Matt 26:57-75). On the grounds of the Church, we saw an ancient stone staircase supposedly used by the Lord Jesus. We also explored Antonia Fortress where Jesus was brought before Pontius Pilate and condemned by him. Pilgrims today still take the Via Dolorosa, or the Way of Sorrow, the path which Christ walked from His place of judgment to Calvary where He was crucified. We also visited the Garden Tomb believed by many to be the site of His burial and Resurrection.

The pilgrims also visited the city of Jericho, the City of Palms. We climbed the mound where was spread the Jericho of the Bible, the first city to be invaded by the tribes of Israel (Joshua 6:1-26). Close to the city is Elisha's Spring, whose brackish waters the prophet once "healed" (2 Kings 2:19-22). We found time to explore the strategic city of Megiddo, Mount Carmel, the Crusader fortress of Akko (Acre), the ruins of Caesarea, and modern Tel-Aviv. The highlight of our visit to Tel Aviv was the Diaspora Museum of 2,500 years of Jewish history.

In a journey southwards, we climbed the fortress of Masada by cable-car. After the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans, a band of Jewish zealots withdrew to this immense rock and held on for three more years. Following that, the pilgrims took a delightful dip in the Dead Sea, with echlons of "saltbergs" standing sentinel on the horizon. We made our way home by a southern loop that skirted Beer-Sheba via Hebron where are buried the patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, with their wives.

Our two Sunday worships were held at Baraka Bible-Presbyterian Church where we fellowshiped with our Arab brothers and sisters of Bethlehem. The pilgrims were touched by the love which they showered on us, as they were by ours. The Arab Christians are a minority who need our prayers. Amen.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (22nd - 28th June)

MON 8.30 am Children's Camp starts!
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
THU 5.00 pm Children's Camp finishes
SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 3pm - LBC
3.30 pm Pastor talks on Reformation at LCYF
4.00 pm YAF P&F; 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 (Stephen Khoo)
3.00 pm Thai & BFC Services
4.00 pm Rev Tow at Inauguration of Tabernacle BPC, Tampines New Town (Blk 9006, Tampines St 93 #04-212, S1852)
4.30 pm Sharon BPC Service
6.00 pm Tamil Service
7.30 pm Korean Evening Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$5,348.00

EXTENSION BLDG FUND 1341)\$100; 1342)\$80; 1343)\$100(CFM); 1344)\$270(by post); 1345)\$1000(Off.bags); 1346)\$280; 1347)\$180.

Total \$1,066,050.43 Stop Press! 1348)\$600.

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: Tampines Outreach \$150; Missions \$600; Thailand \$55(CFM); Burma Missions \$200(WF); KL Missions \$500; Baraka Bible Conference Centre US\$580.05.

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it" (Prov 22:6). Last call to the Life Church Children's Camp, June 22-25, at our 'Squirrel House'. ("The early bird catches the worm.") Hurry!

Pray also for the inauguration of Bukit Batu BPC, Sat Jul 4, 4 pm. Pastor's car leaves 2 pm. And for 1st Early Morning worship, 8 am, July 5, '87.

A warm welcome home to Rev & Mrs Peter Chua from their sabbatical in Adelaide.

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- PILGRIM NIGHT -

Were you at Prayer Meeting, Tuesday past,
When the fifty pilgrims came home at last?
For those who were present, it was a
field day
To hear what His people had to say.
Pastor got them all to line up,
Calling upon Mrs Tow to start:
Despite the long-prolonged delay,
The pilgrims made it all the way.
When their airplane flew back for engine
trouble,
Their faith was stretched to every muscle.
Despite her cheery front, Mrs Tow was
flurried,
But reading God's Word made her less worried.
As each pilgrim testified for his Lord,
They were full of praises for their caring
God;
Camera and luggage lost were recovered:
Gratefully, none of the travellers suffered.
Some talked of the Bible coming alive
Who walked where Jesus walked in His Life.
Others young in faith who began to waver
Looked to Pastor their steady leader.
O how I wished I had joined the Band
On this pilgrimage to the Holy Land!

By an 'A' Level Lifer

Praise the Lord for Mrs Geoffrey Tan's successful operation as she rests at Rm 418, Gleneagles, and for Mrs Gladys Sng resting at home.

Welcome to Miss Mary Gan of Perth and Mr Sunny Low also of BPCWA, worshipping with us this morning.

The regular Sunday morning worship for both English and Chinese congregations will be staggered to 10.30 am from July 5.

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PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

"Look up at the Sky to Solve Problems"

Under this caption, Straits Times, June 22, '87 reports: "Teachers and officials are showing enthusiasm for a new idea to motivate inner-city school children, residents of nursing homes, even prisoners. The idea, put forward by Jack Borden, is just this: look up at the sky. Mr Borden is full-time proponent of a philosophy for education and thinking that he calls 'sky-awareness.' Many of life's problems could be solved, he says, if everyone took advantage of an untapped esthetic resource, by just looking up."

What this philosophy of "sky-awareness" teaches is nothing new. It is by looking at the creation around us and above us that King David went beyond to find "God-awareness." David sings, "When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?" (Ps 8:3,4).

The spacious grounds of our Church with open skies framed by the stately royal palms and pools of water reflecting the light of heaven are a sure "esthetic resource" to be tapped by members and visitors. How many a newcomer to Gilstead Road has expressed the peace that comes over his soul when lolling in our gardens. May the sky-awareness of a garden-church lead you to "God-awareness."

"Look up to God for Assured Help"

But it is through the worship services held in our Church auditorium (with windows open to the skies) that you are led to look up to God for help. From "sky-awareness" to "God-awareness" and "God-assured-helpfulness." Here, as we meet together in worship, "let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need" (Heb 4:16). It is at the Tuesday night prayer meeting that many souls have been lifted up in having their prayers answered. "Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven" (Matt 18:19).

An example of worshippers finding assured help in time of need is this testimony from Malcolm Mahadevan, son of Elder Mahadevan, now a medical student at NUS. He writes:

"Ascribe ye greatness unto our God" (Deut 32:3)

To do anything less would be to forget the benefits of the Lord.

After passing through the Red Sea of my life, I thought that major trials were to be held back for a while. O, how wrong I was! Greater trials were in store, as were greater greater attributes of our Master waiting to be revealed to me. Exams were approaching. I always reminded myself that for a Christian student prayer is crucial, but there is no substitute for hard work. Work hard I did, but somehow I was unable to enjoy the fruits of my labour.

I sought the Lord daily. I knew that even in the bitterness of my pain the Lord was teaching, moulding me. To construct something more beautiful we have to tear down the old and ugly. Through the trial I learnt what the meaning of "fixing our eyes upon Jesus" meant.

I always took comfort in what God advised Joshua when he had to take over the helm from Moses. He assured Joshua of His faithfulness, how He would never leave nor forsake him, of how Joshua was to be strong and of good courage, to meditate upon God's Word daily and observe what was written. On the Sunday before my supplementary examinations the message was on Joshua 3. It was on crossing the Jordan. I knew that I too was being moulded, prepared. Then came the work of the Lord--the separation of the water, that the land that they crossed on would be dry. The Lord carried me through my trial.

Now as I have safely reached the other bank I know the more the Lord's greatness and faithfulness. O brothers and sisters, are you too faced with a Jordan in your life? "Trust and obey, for there's no other way!"

"Ascribe greatness unto our God" (Deut 32:3).

Fundamental Christian Fellowship

Forty years ago, a small group of Christian students in the King Edward VII College of Medicine (subsequently the University of Malaya) separated from the liberal SCM (Student Christian Movement, the student arm of The World Council of Churches). That group ultimately became the nucleus of The Varsity Christian Fellowship.

Today, forty years after, some of those in that original separatist movement sense the same need to form another student body not linked with or in any way associated, even distantly and indirectly, with The World Council of Churches and the Ecumenical Movement.

These pioneer student leaders of the past generation have seen the insidious infiltration of certain student fellowships by the pernicious leaven of (a) liberalism-modernism, (b) neo-evangelicalism and its liberal-socialist tendency, and (c) the latest "liberation theology" and Marxist poison in the guise of Christian doctrine.

Alarmed by these unhealthy and unbiblical trends, they have raised repeated warnings over the past ten years, and have urged the establishment of a new interdenominational student witness in our tertiary institutions. Through their encouragement and counsel,

the Fundamenal Christian Fellowship (FCF) now takes its place as an evangelical witness in NUS and NTI.

The objectives of the FCF are briefly as follows:

- (a) To provide an avenue of fellowship for evangelical Christian students of like persuasion, committed to the fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith;
- (b) To witness to the saving grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ;
- (c) To warn against the erroneous doctrines of various Christian groups, in particular the ecumenical movement and its related liberation theology and any other related false teachings;
- (d) To strengthen by all possible means the development of national solidarity and loyalty to our country, Singapore.

A N I N V I T A T I O N TO THE FUNDAMENTAL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

We are a very young Fellowship, started with the blessing of the B-P Church Synod. We have at present 3 Bible Study groups in both the NUS and NTI. At NTI, we have the Engineering Group and, the Lord willing, may incorporate the Accounts Faculty. At NUS, we have one group at the Medical and Bioscience Faculties, and another at the other side of Kent Ridge for the rest of the Faculties.

Our group welcomes all believers as well as non-believers. The purposes of these Bible Study groups are to establish Christians in the Word of God and to provide an avenue for non-believers to know our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

This is a Church-based ministry. What we emphasise is that members will be encouraged to return and be active in their respective churches, helping their leaders and pastors by supporting the fellowships and various Sunday School departments.

By the grace of God, we have organised an Orientation Programme beginning this academic year 1987/88. The details are listed below:

Theme: "Challenges of Higher Learning--A Christian Perspective" by Dr Tow Siang Hwa

Forum: Question and Answer

Lunch and Getting-To-Know-You Session by senior undergraduates

Date: Saturday, July 4, 1987

Time: 9.00 am to 2.45 pm

Place: Calvary Pandan B-P Church, 201 Pandan Gardens, Singapore 2260.

Please contact either Miss Sim Poh Choo or Miss Fiona Lee (tel. 5603885) if you are coming. This will help us in the catering of lunch (\$2 per head).

Do pray and come and enable us to help you adjust to your new campus environment.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Jun 29 - Jul 5)

MON 7.30 pm Wedding Rehearsal
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
SAT 2.30 pm Triple Wedding of Evangelical Reformed Church
4.00 pm Bukit Batu BPC Inauguration (Rev Tow, leaving 2 pm)
SUN 8.00 am Rev Tow at Inauguration of Early Morning Service
10.30 am Rev Tow (Lord's Supper)
10.30 am Chinese Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$5,118.00

EXTENSION BUILDING FUND 1349)\$100; 1350)\$100; 1351)\$200; 1352)\$300(Servitors); 1353)\$1200(BFC); 1354)\$100(Life Tamil); 1355)\$100; 1356)\$600; 1357)\$100; 1358)\$1700; 1359)\$900; 1360)\$700; 1361)\$150.
Total \$1,072,900.43 Stop Press 1362)\$50; 1363)\$1694.25(N.L.).

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: FEBC \$100; Woodlands \$85; Children's Choir \$100; Baraka Bible Conference US\$19.95(to make up US\$600)

Notice is hereby given this 23rd day of June by the Board of Elders of Life BPC that Abraham T. Kaveri, an FEBC student and staff-worker of Life BPC (Tamil) Johore Bahru has been dismissed for misconduct, and that the Life BP (Tamil) Service at J.B. is closed until further notice. Meantime, the members of the said service have elected to worship at Kelapa Sawit.

Closing date of FEBC Essay/Poem/Poster Contest is extended to 12th July '87. Please send entries quickly!

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Make sure of truth



Make sure of truth,
And truth will make thee sure;
It will not shift nor fade nor die,
But like the heavens endure.

Man and his earth
Are varying day by day;
Truth cannot change, nor ever grow
Feeble and old and grey.

God's thoughts, not man's,
Be these thy heritage;
They, like himself, are every young,
Untouched by time or age.

With God alone
Is truth, and joy, and light;
Walk thou with him in peace and love,
Hold fast the good and right.

Registered for baptism today is Hikari Iwasaki, born Nov 2, '86 to Ikuo Iwasaki and Eunice Wong, before the parents return to Tokyo.

Pray for Tabernacle BPC's evangelistic outreach to Tampines New Town June 30 - July 3.

Dn Charlie Chia is our new Assist. Treasurer.
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PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

"Do Something Good for Jesus Everyday"

This Life Church slogan has resulted in a Lifer exhorting a towkay to give one of his idle VW Kombis to a B-P pastor. It has spurred another Lifer, a Junior College student, to hand a tract to some fellow passenger as he travels by bus to school everyday. What have you done during the week past for the Lord? If not, will you make it up seven times today? If 1,000 Lifers will do something good for Jesus everyday, there will be 7,000 good deeds in a week! How this will contribute to the extension of God's Kingdom, and to the curbing of evil in man's kingdom.

8.00 am Worship

Today is the inauguration of our 8 am worship. It is assuredly fulfilling a need in one way or another. Mrs Tow, who has to take charge of the Children's Choir and their worship, has been prevented from the regular service. Now she can come to the 8 am service, she says.

A young lady knocked at the Parsonage door one afternoon last week. She said she had heard of our starting an 8 am service, so she was coming. She said that was more convenient for her. She's a new-comer.

The 8 am service will be more convenient for LBCers running the 4 pm service at Tampines New Town. That will be a boon for those who might be constrained to Sunday travel for a good reason.

But it will not do to plan to come to worship early so as to find time for more pleasure on the Lord's Day. Do not be like some RC's I've met who told me they went to early morning mass in order to have more time at the beach. This reminds me of a young fellow of one of our B-P Churches who went swimming at Desaru on the Lord's Day and got drowned. I don't mean to scare you, but the Word says, "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, honourable; and shalt honour Him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: Then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will 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). If you honour God, God will honour you.

Nor is Sunday the day to catch up on one's unfinished weekday chores--car washing, spring cleaning, scrubbing the floor, marketing; tuition classes, piano lessons, mahjong parties, longer TV sessions. But instead of sitting face to face with that one-eyed monster, why not go to the Sunset Gospel Hour at Calvary Pandan?

The way we spent Sunday after the Singapore Pentecost of 1935 was to go out witnessing in the afternoon or visiting the sick in hospital with Gospel tracts. This is what the LBCers are doing today to the challenge of the whole Church. If you live in Tampines, why not drop in Sunday afternoon 4 pm to Block 9006 at Street 93, #04-212, to encourage the hands of the Tabernacle BPCers. If you live near Woodlands you can surprise Mr Yap Chin Choon by joining his house-church at Blk 346, St 32, #01-174 (Tel. 3681703), Sunday 3 pm. Others can venture once in a while into South Johore to Kelapa Sawit and Ayer Bemban at the 3 pm and evening services. Nearer to Singapore at Taman Sentosa, 3rd mile Kota Tinggi Road, there's New Life's outstation with their newly-acquired building inviting you. Ring Dr Tow Siang Yeow 07-326543 to make sure.

Inauguration of Bukit Batu BPC

Our 8 am worship and the Tabernacle BPC which was inaugurated last Lord's Day, together with Layang Layang Tamil meetings started early June, are Life Church's accelerated evangelistic efforts.

Now we have a fourth one, the extension of Kelapa Sawit Church to Bukit Batu, 33rd mile Kulai Road. Yesterday, we had several going up to Bukit Batu in the pastor's car.

The newly-inaugurated Bukit Batu BPC will henceforth hold Sunday services 9 am to time with Kelapa Sawit 3 pm. The congregation worships in a converted storehouse 20 x 30 feet, pleasantly situated on a side-street off the town centre, but close to the main highway. It is all painted white with two new ceiling fans installed from the offering of an elder. This new sanctuary will be home to 40 S.S. children hitherto gathering under a big durian tree. Pray for Miss Ng Sang Chiew and for Elder John Ling in charge. Incidentally, Elder John Ling will study fulltime in FEBC in the new semester.

Far Eastern Fundamental School of Theology, Rangoon

Rev Thawm Luai has written to rejoice in the founding on May 21 of the above-mentioned Bible College, affiliated to FEBC and supported by Life Church. It has 17 students and is situated at No. 6D, Nanthani St., Insein, Rangoon. He has invited the pastor and associate pastor of Life Church to visit the new College sometime this year. So your prayers and offerings for Burma are not in vain.

With Burma opening up, here is an "uttermost part" of the earth Life Church is ministering unto. A country hermetically sealed to the outside



world for the last 20 years deserves our special attention. - T.T.

Rev Keith Coleman Writes From the Philippines

Indeed the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord, as displayed in the giving of your very kind gift of S\$500 to the Lord's work here in the Philippines. Our hearts rejoice that God has given this desire to you. And as in the past, we are assured that in the future, you shall receive blessings from on high for this kindness.

Pastor Dan Ebert III has been back in the Philippines for almost a month now, and we haven't even been over to see him. And since his return from Singapore, today was the first day we had any contact with the family. So it was interesting to read the "Life B-P Weekly" and see that the Colemans were given S\$500 from Life Church, and then to actually receive the money from the Eberts. Thank you again.

Some three weeks ago our neighbours (5 members of a family of 8) were murdered in the night. Naturally the entire neighbourhood was in shock, as the family had been known and liked by everybody. The murderer was caught (although there are no doubt others still loose), but many of our neighbours are still very fearful. Some are afraid of spirits and others of continued violence. Throughout the entire episode, we praise God that He has given us many wonderful opportunities to testify of the grace of God. Just yesterday three women spent almost one hour talking about "spiritual things" with Mellie [Mrs Coleman]. Previous to this these ladies had been very cold toward us. It is a good illustration of Romans 8:28. Please pray that much fruit will result from this, to God's glory.

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

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
WED 8.00 pm Session Meeting
SUN 8.00 am Rev Patrick Tan (Lord's Sup.)
10.30 am Rev Patrick Tan
10.30 am Rev Tow (Chinese Service)
11.30 am Filipina Fellowship
11.55 am Korean Church Service
12.30 pm Choir Practice (Stephen Khoo)
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 OFFERINGS: \$6,292.00

EXTENSION BUILDING FUND 1364)\$100; 1365)\$50;
1366)\$981; 1367)\$250; 1368)\$50; 1369)\$1000;
1370)\$500; 1371)\$100; 1372)\$150.
Total \$1,077,780.63 Stop Press 1373)\$106;
1374)\$200.

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: FEBC \$70; Burma
\$150; Tampines Outreach \$242; Thailand \$50;
China \$50; India \$50; Indonesia \$10,000.

Good news for our Extension Building Project! The owner of No. 6 Gilstead Rd has replied affirmatively to our offer of \$110 p.s.f. The FEBC Building Committee is called to meet July 12, 8.15 pm!

Pastors' and Leaders' Conference Sept 7-11, '87 with Dr Jack Murray, USA, will meet at the Golf Course Inn, Cameron Highlands, instead of Port Dickson. The cost all-inclusive per person is between \$250 and \$300, depending on room occupancy. Elders and Deacons are urged to register early!

Basic Theology for Everyone Calvin Book II and Psalms II will be taught by the principal, and Romans by Rev Charlie Tan, commencing Jul 23, 7.30 - 9.30 pm. Hurry!

FEBC Silver Jubilee Contests closing date extended to July 12. Have you submitted your Essay, Poem or Poster?

Pray for Rev Djunaidi as he holds Gospel meetings in Kuching with Kah Teck and wife!

Nursery duty today: Mrs Magdalene Teo & Mrs Loh Li

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"IN PRAISE OF SUNDAY EARLY MORNING SERVICE"

How wonderful!

A Sunday Early Morning Service at eight. Our Session hopes it will help alleviate Congestion in the over-crowded sanctuary. May we Lifers not hesitate or tarry To seek the Lord early every Sunday morn. May none grumble, "Oh! now worship service is so long!"

It is so sweet to be in the House of the Lord!

May those who try their best to worship at the Porch

Worship now in the atmosphere of the sanctuary,

Instead of sitting out to view that tiny TV!

How opportune!

For those who because of work could not partake of the Holy Bread, Can join the Lord's Supper on the second Sunday of each month instead.

Teething troubles (at first) there're bound to be some,

But with the good Lord at the helm, everything can be done!

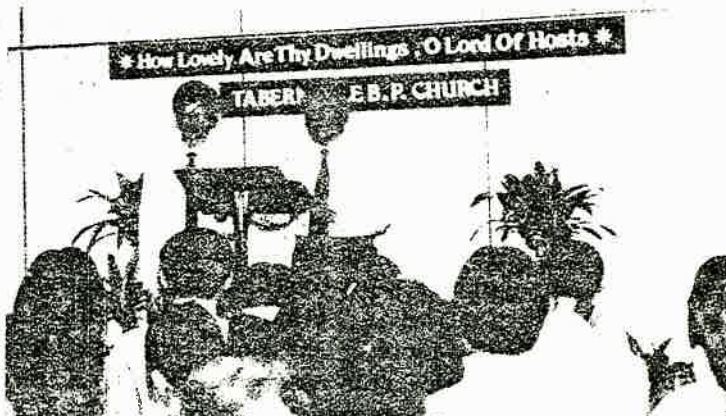
Waking up earlier than the usual hour

Takes a lot of determination and will-power!

But your effort will be very much worth it If your heart's desire is the early 'worm'

- eh - 'blessing' you seek!

- by an 'A' Level Lifer





My dear Readers,

I. Trading for Christ while He tarries!

This is our understanding of what Jesus is teaching us in the parable of the pounds (Lk 19:11-27). The nobleman in the parable, who is none other than our Lord, tells his ten servants, i.e. you and me, to "occupy till I come." He delivers to us each a sum of money to trade. Those who make profit are commended, but the one who wraps the money and lays it aside to rust is severely reprimanded. This is what I mean by "Do something good for Jesus everyday." Our life must be lived profitably for Christ. We must bring results for what is committed to our trust--life, health, job, promotion, profits, opportunities, bonus, dividends, and many blessings not measured by dollars and cents

When Kelapa Sawit Church rented an unused storehouse to start a regular Sunday Service and provide shelter to 40 S.S. children hitherto gathering under a durian tree, she was trading wisely for God. At last week's Inaugural Service (July 4) the members of Kelapa Sawit and Air Bemban turned out in full force to support the meeting. One hundred children from the three Sunday Schools sang praises to God and Gospel choruses such as John 3:16, climaxing with the recitation of the X Commandments. From Singapore we had only one carload including Dr Tow Siew Ai and Mr Yap Chin Choon. We brought the new Church a JESUS SAVES clock, a gift from Life Church, to tell every clock watcher that Jesus is Saviour every second and minute. We pray that the many inquiring young souls of the Sunday School, as they look at the letters JESUS + SAVES, will find salvation.

II. Trading for Christ while He tarries!

Elder John Ling's eldest daughter has a bright idea. There is not a single Christian bookshop in all of Johore Bahru. Now that times are bad, and not a few premises are vacant at Holiday Plaza, the "Centre-Point" of J.B., she suggests to her father to start one.

Realising the potentiality of such an idea, I woke up Monday morning last with that irresistible urge to make a survey. Elder Ling came along with his second daughter. We walked the length and breadth of the Plaza (reportedly the largest in S.E. Asia). We considered a goodly dozen, but none caught our imagination until we came to a pocket-sized room situated on the ground floor with a full-view road-frontage, next but one to Kentucky Fried Chicken. "That's it," we sang in unison to the praise of God.

We telephoned the landlady who is a Christian. After introducing ourselves and a mutual exchange of ideas, we came almost to the clinching of the deal. We offered a price which the landlady felt was \$50 below her bargain. But since neither John Ling nor I have any capital to invest, I proposed to let the matter take its course. Let the landlady pray over it, and let her give us the reply the next day. If she agreed to our terms, we could take that to be the Lord's will. The next day she said O.K., with the proviso for \$10 extra, to which we readily complied!



Since the one who has the expertise to run a Christian book business is the manager of Christian Life Book Centre, Elder John Ling and I committed the offer to him. Deacon Paul Wong fully concurs the site offered us is second to none and the rent is the lowest anywhere to be found. So we shall extend a Christian witness to J.B. at the Holiday Plaza under the name CHRISTIAN BOOK CENTRE. Incidentally, Holiday Plaza is only a mile from the BPC of J.B. situated at Jalan Bakar Batu, Taman Sentosa, so Elder Dr Tow Siang Yeow can keep an eye on this newest outreach. Henceforth, Christians in J.B. need not come all the way to Singapore. "Do you want a Chinese Bible, or an English Bible?" Drop in at CBC whenever you gravitate to Holiday Plaza, where all the people go!

Isn't it wonderful? Witnessing Christ by selling Bibles and good and sound Christian literature (not liberal or Marxist) is an effective means of evangelism. This we have been doing since the founding of Life Church 37 years ago. Pray for CBC, J.B. (Holiday Plaza)!

PRAY, PRAY, PRAY

In my research on the life of Rev Ting Li Mei, first Chinese Revivalist 30 years before John Sung, known as China's Moody and China's Praying Man, this is what he writes about PRAYER:

- I. By prayer I feel Christ's presence, and the fellowship of a bosom friend.
- II. By prayer I feel spiritually nourished, like flowers by sprinkling waters.

- III. Righteousness, peace and joy, like three rays, surround me, whereby my heart is greatly encouraged.
- IV. By prayer and Bible-reading is the joy of my devotion to the Lord increased.
- V. By prayer is my preaching secretly helped by the Spirit (Acts 16:14c).
- VI. By prayer is love for others increased, that there is not one under heaven who cannot be loved.
- VII. By prayer is hope added to faith, and that greatly multiplied.
- VIII. Whenever I sin, hidden or seen, big or small, I am self-rebuked through prayer, and will not leave off without confession and repentance.



- IX. By prayer I find the way opened up before me and everything becomes smooth sailing.
 X. The gradual increase of prayer bands is not through my individual effort, but by one and all, individuals and groups.

Joint Extension With Far Eastern Bible College



For a quarter-of-a-century Life Church has served as campus to FEBC. I've often compared the relationship between Church and College to that of the widow of Zarephath and the prophet Elijah. The Church takes care of the College, and the College blesses the Church. As we approach FEBC's Silver Jubilee, we are thrilled with the knowledge that 130 have passed out of the College into the world to witness for Christ.

While the College was founded 25 years ago primarily to train pastors, teachers and missionaries for the B-P Church, she has become such an institution also for foreign students

from a dozen countries. And these who have come from Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Philippines, India, Korea, Japan, Australia, Africa, etc., have invariably returned to serve their own people. From three students in 1962 the College has grown to 60. There is no doubt it will further increase, so the desire of extension began to burden us the last few years.

The ideal would be some adjacent property to our Church grounds. We found it just opposite us at No. 6 Gilstead Road! We thank God that the FEBC-Life-BPC Committee's offer of \$110 p.s.f. has been accepted by the owner of No. 6, and now it is the Committee's part to make enquiries as to its change of use from residential to educational purposes, etc., etc.

While the crossing of our Jordan to the other side is now the initiative of the College, the Extension Project cannot be divorced from Life Church with her ever-growing needs. Inasmuch as the College has depended on the Church, the Church has need to use part of the College premises. When the College is built, its auditorium should be open to us, especially on the Lord's Day. A pressing need on this side of Gilstead Road is our growing Chinese Service, for example.

In the spirit of auld lang syne let us give towards the Extension Building Fund as we would, should we have to go it alone. The College's simultaneous giving to the joint project happily lightens our load! "One shall chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight" (Dt 32:30).

Our immediate need, however, is seven figures! Can God provide \$1 million by the end of the year? "If everyone will do his best, God will take care of the rest." Amen. - T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (13th - 19th July)

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
 FRI 8.00 pm Family worship at the new home of Deacon & Mrs Han Soon Juan, 18 Yew Siang Road, #04-01, Flynn Park (off Pasir Panjang Rd, opp. PSA Gate 5), tel. 4712855.
 SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 3pm - LBC; 3.30pm - YF
 7.30 pm CFM
 SUN 8.00 am Mr Stephen Khoo
 10.30 am Rev Tow
 10.30 am Chinese Service
 11.30 am Filipina Fellowship
 12.15 pm Korean Service
 12.30 pm Church Choir Practice
 3.00 pm Thai & BPC Services
 4.00 pm Kebaktian Indonesia
 4.00 pm Tabernacle BPC
 4.30 pm Sharon BPC Service
 6.00 pm Tamil Service
 7.30 pm Korean Evening Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$3,374.15 (8.00 am)
 \$6,281.00 (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BLDG FUND 1375)\$100; 1376)\$208 (Boxes); 1377)\$900(8 am); 1378)\$13,500(10.30 am); 1379)\$1800; 1380)\$100; 1381)\$100; 1382)\$20; 1383)\$350; 1384)\$150; 1385)\$475(Chin. Serv); 1386)\$100(CFM); 1387)\$2000(Sharon).
Total \$1,097,889.63 (Praise the Lord!)

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: Thailand \$500; Jess Lim \$500(fr. Lifer), \$70; Tampines Outreach \$350; FEBC Bldg Fund \$150; Missions \$70; Sale of John Sung Books \$50(Emmanuel).

Miss Kimiko has returned from Japan and reports on Missions to the Chinese Service this morning.

Sunday Lunch, prepared by our ladies, which has fed 250 diners every week, will now be replaced by a Newton coffeeshop caterer from July 19. Please obtain your coupon at the counters as you come to Church, before the Bell chimes. No coupon after this! \$1.50 per package.

Baptism Class for October (37th Anniversary)
Baptism begins Aug 2, '87.

"Basic Theology for Everyone" The Principal continues with Calvin's Institutes Bk II and Psalm II, Rev Charlie Tan will teach Romans. FEBC reopens Mon July 20, '87, 8.30 am with Day of Prayer at the President's House, 64 Andrew Road.

The property across the street is 23,211 sq. ft., so the total cost is \$2,553,210

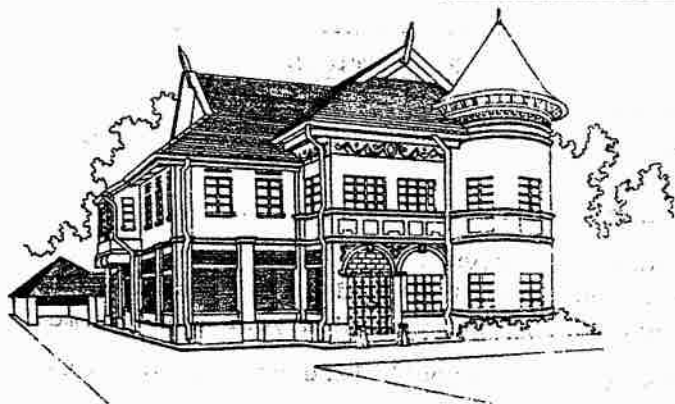
Nursery duty today: Mdm Karen Leong & Mrs Yvonne Cheang

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PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

Church-and-College Extension Latest



The FEBC-Life-BPC Committee which met last Lord's Day evening noted from the official map of Gilstead Rd District that there would be road-widening affecting No. About 700 sq. ft. would be taken. To make sure we would not be penalised for this affected area, I went to see the owner Monday morning. To our mutual satisfaction, he assured us we need not pay. This means a reduction of about \$80,000 from the total of \$2.553 million. Another help comes from the FEBC Building Fund which has about \$60,000. "Many hands make light work."

But the burden before us is at least \$1,000,000, and I asked last week if we could lift this by Christmas? To amass another million so as to meet payment, let us not look left or right, but up and in, and offer with heart and hand whatever the Lord has prospered us. "If every member will do his best, God will take care of the rest." One fragrant example of giving is from a Pilgrim who was blessed this recent trip. Her \$500 is channelled to the EBF. This is followed by another of \$1,500.

Our committee comprises Dr Tow Siang Hwa (Chairman), Elder Chia Kim Chwee (Secretary), Elder Heng Yow Tong (Treasurer), Rev T. Tow, Deacon L.S. Pang, Revs. Charlie Tan and Bob Phee. Our architect is Mr Edwin Choo (assisted by Quek Swee Kiang), our attorney, Miss Cerintha Chia.

14 Years of Loving Service

I'm sure those of us who have stayed behind after Church for Sunday Lunch are going to miss the fine cooking of our ladies--mee siam, laksa, curry rice, etc., etc. From this week on we have a Newton coffeeshop caterer.

In recognition of the ladies' labour of love, we reproduce Elder Khoo's article in Vision, our Church magazine, bringing it up to date. Elder Khoo writes:

"The Sunday Lunch Fellowship was initiated by our beloved pastor, Rev Timothy Tow, on March 3, 1973, 14 years ago. As its name implies, it is to foster closer fellowship around the table among God's people and visitors. Praise and thanks be to God for the labour of love rendered by the faithful Marys and Marthas of our Church ever since. Truly, they have a beautiful combination of the heart of Mary and the hands of Martha, for every Lord's Day except Holy Communion Sunday, the three teams take turns to feed about 250 people. They not only cook but they are also responsible for the marketing.

"The charge for a meal is \$1/= per head. The profit is negligible and is used to defray part of the PUB charges.

"The spiritual needs of those in the kitchen are not overlooked. A loudspeaker in the kitchen transmits the whole worship service from the sanctuary.

"The Church is very appreciative of the ladies' service and those of the various fellowship groups which help in washing up the cutlery and pots and pans, cleaning the tables and tidying up the kitchen each week. It has been said that 'humble work becomes holy work when it is done for God!' 'Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God' (Col. 3:22). 'No task is degrading if done for the Lord,/ Yes, let it be ever so small;/ The smile of the Saviour proveth the deed,/ As though it were the greatest of all.' (Anon.)

"Christ indeed is our example of love and humility in service. His life was always an example of servanthood in contrast to the worldly idea that the great are served by others. Greatness through service is a Christian philosophy, a Christian virtue. Concerning service, Jesus said, "... inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matt 25:40b)."

The Knowledge of Knowledge

Far Eastern Bible College reopens tomorrow morning, Mon. July 20, 8.30 am, with Day of Prayer at 64 Andrew Road. Our students come from Singapore, West Malaysia, Sabah, Thailand and Indonesia, numbering one dozen. The wisest of my students are those who upon retirement are devoting the remaining years of their life to fulltime service. Without training, they will be at a great handicap.

There are those who go for science and engineering because graduates from these fields of knowledge at better paid. But do you know that theological education is the highest, because the learning of what God and man is leads to Jesus Christ, His salvation, and all that we must do for successful living? Here is the fountain of the knowledge, the knowledge of knowledge.

To open up this fountain of knowledge to you, the College has in recent years extended the Monday and Thursday traditional evening classes to one and all. We call the subjects we teach BASIC THEOLOGY FOR EVERYONE. The term begins Jul. 20 and ends Nov. 13. The evening class will begin, however, July 23, 7.30 pm (Rev Charlie Tan). Get a brochure on the Basic Theology for Everyone at the counter and come, beginning July 23, 7.30 pm. And unto man He said, "Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding" (Job 28:28).

Lord, give us this mountain,
With Caleb we have come
To claim the holy hill,
The holy hill of Hebron.

On Christ the solid rock,
Another House of God,
We'll build while it is day
By the spirit of the Lord.

O give us this mountain
And new strength to ascend--
To climb to great heights
Till we reach the Promised Land.

(Tune of "Deeper, Deeper...")

REFLECTIONS

Oftentimes I wonder:-

Would I give my Lord my young and active years?

Or when I am retired - my autumn years?

May I ask, my friend:-

Would you serve the Lord in your prime?

Or would you just give Him your spare time?

Perhaps halfway through life you retrospectively recall -

What is this meaningless mundane life after all?

Chasing a certificate to secure a secular job,

At the end of which you ask - "How can I face my Lord?"

Sometimes I marvel how:-

Some, in the zenith of their careers heard the call,

Having tasted the sweetness of success, could yet abandon all

To answer their Saviour's requirement to study theology;

I take my hat off to those who belong to this category!

For it certainly is not easy to study when your memory is not what it used to be,
Yet the Good Lord sustains and blesses His servants mightily!

Sometimes I wonder:-

Why our pastors and preachers ardently pray
That their children be called to the ministry,
And why our Christian parents otherwise pray
That we get into the NUS or Poly?

Have you ever wondered, my Christian brother or sister,

Is it worth it to serve a secular boss,
When at life's end you count it all but dross?

- By the same 'A' Level Lifer

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (July 20 - 26)

MON	8.30 am	FEBC Reopens
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
THU	7.30 pm	Romans (Rev Charlie Tan)
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 3pm - LBC
	3.30 pm	YF; 4pm - YAF (Video)
	7.30 pm	CFM
SUN	8.00 am	Elder Chia Kim Chwee
	10.30 am	Rev Tow
	12.15 pm	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 BPC
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service
	6.00 pm	Tamil Service
	7.30 pm	Korean Evening Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$2,256.00 (8.00 am)
\$5,123.00 (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BUILDING FUND 1388)\$600; 1389)\$500; 1390)\$80(8 am); 1391)\$910(10.30 am); 1392)\$70; 1393)\$70; 1394)\$100; 1395)\$20; 1396)\$200; 1397)\$280.
Total \$1,100,719.63 Stop Press: 1398)\$1500; 1399)\$100.

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: Missions \$50; Thailand (Jess) \$100; Burma Bible College \$100; China \$60; FEBC Bldg Fund \$50.

Miss Kimiko leaves Mon. July 20 for Medan to familiarise with the BPC work there.

Obituary Mr Yeo Hong Chin, 52, father of Rhoda, passed away peacefully Fri 17. Funeral this Lord's Day will be conducted by Pastor Tow. Cortege leaves Blk 4, Ghim Moh Rd for CCK Protestant Cemetery, 2.15 pm. Deepest condolences to Mrs Yeo and family.

Do you have any big crockpots to give away? FEBC will gratefully receive them!

When in J.B., visit our new book centre at Holiday Plaza, next but one to Kentucky Fried Chicken! One and only Christian Bookshop, though nearby is a Catholic Centre selling images and rosaries.

7th Annual B-P Pastors and Leaders Conference Sept 7-11, '87, Cameron Highlands. Open to elders and deacons and their spouses. The cost of a twin-sharing bedroom is \$200, 3-4 sharing bedroom \$180. Air-conditioned coach \$50. Register now. Closing date: Aug 10, '87. Speaker: Dr Jack Murray.

When going upcountry, worship at Bukit Batu, 33rd m. Kulai Road, Sunday 9 am!

Nursery duty today: Miss Catherine Ong & Miss Ho Geok Fong.

Better than a tract: Give John Sung's Sermons Vol. I, only \$2 a copy, and Vol. II, \$3.50 a copy (40 sermons in all.)

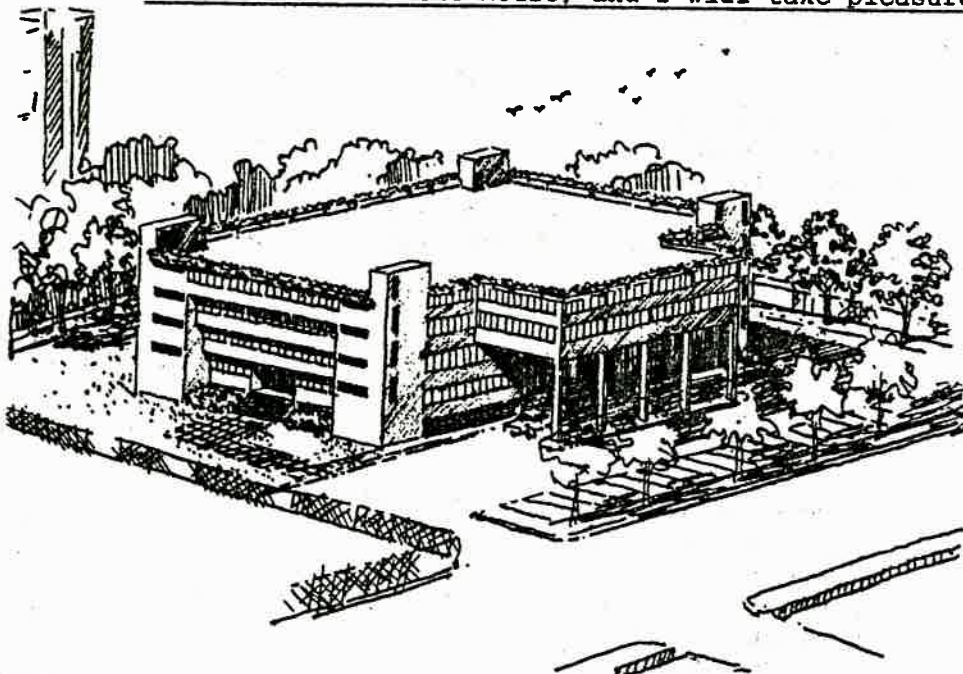
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PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

"... and build the House, and I will take pleasure in it" (Haggai 1:8)



These words were spoken by Haggai the prophet to the Jewish returnees from Babylon after 70 years' exile. The first thing God wanted them to do was to rebuild the Temple. This they had done only up to foundation level. Then the work stopped . . . for 15 years! While God's House lay in desolation, the returnees were busy building and decorating their own. But they were heavily in debt! So the prophet said to them, "Consider your ways. Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but

there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes.

"Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Consider your ways. Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, AND BUILD THE HOUSE; AND I WILL TAKE PLEASURE IN IT. . . " (Haggai 1:5-8).

While the words of the prophet Haggai admonishing the go-getting ones among the Jewish returnees might apply to some Readers, we want to commend you who have so consistently been serving the Lord with your substance. Whether big or small (and we have not a few tithes in last week's offerings), your worship to the Lord is well accepted like a sweet-savour sacrifice.

Now, your gift to God is not only with the purpose of acquiring the property before us, but also to build a proper Bible College (incorporating a church auditorium). Haggai says the Lord "will take pleasure in it." He takes pleasure in the House, as well as in the efforts expended to build it. What effort have you made in this last building project (after No. 9 and New Life)?

When Caleb, as noted in last week's sermon, thrice wholly followed the Lord (Josh 14:6-14), the Lord rewarded him with long life, good health, good inheritance that passed on to his children. To you who have given without a break from 1979 when we tendered for Woodlands, may you be assured of God's benediction upon you. (But let every gift be presented by clean hands and pure heart.)

Note. The old manor house that you see across the street is over 60 years and in disrepair. To be productive, it must be pulled down and a new edifice put up in its stead. Such a project should take three years to complete, as of now. Our immediate need is payment for the land (23,211 sq.ft.)!

If the Sunday Sermon did not answer your need, the Tuesday night Bible study, Testimony and Prayer Meeting will make it up!

This year we have chosen to preach serially from Acts of the Apostles. It has spoken to many, but it may not speak to some. So is the effect of this mosquito paper, though we have tried to touch every aspect of our life.

But when we humble ourselves to the knees before the Lord in corporate prayer, everybody's needs will be met. The testimonies of fellow Christians should be relevant to us as what others have gone through are our own experience also. The effectiveness of a sermon is a two-way street. The preacher seeks to interpret the Scriptures to the congregation, but unless the congregation takes an interest to find out in detail what is spoken, not just nodding Amen drowsily, then it will not be like water running off a duck's back.

Another way of catching up with understanding God's Word is to attend Sunday School. Here it is reported there are excellent teachers, but also ineffective teachers. It is important that every effort be made to teach clearly the Truth to our S.S. pupils. No time should be wasted before or after the lesson. All time must be taken to teach the lesson, with good preparation.

Last but not least is our devotional reading of God's Word. To help members, we have the RPG notes. Better still, buy a good commentary and Bible dictionary and look up every word or phrase that is not clear to you. And memorise key verses that we can speedily answer those who ask us for a reason for the hope that is in us (I Pet 3:15). B-Ps yes, but be Bible-reading Presbyterians!

12 New Disciples

I'm sure you are interested in the year-to-year progress of FEBC, and you have made friends with some students. Our total enrolment this year is 54, and countries represented: 9. We have 12 new disciples. Of these, three are from Life Church.

1. Elder Mahadevan deserves first mention. His decision to near-fulltime study will equip him better to serve Life Tamil, Kelapa Sawit and J.B.
 2. Daniel Yeo has had good prospects with a prominent airline. Reducing it to an afternoon part-time job, he also can take a good load.
 3. Sian Choi Eng. I baptised her four years ago. Since then she has moved to Sandakan, Sabah. She comes back to study so as to serve the Church in Sabah more effectively.
 4. & 5. Betty Tan and Shantha of Prinsep St. Presbyterian Church have both served in OM (Operation Mobilisation) for three years. They want to better equip for evangelism in India.
 6. Wasna is a Thai girl with a degree from Bangkok. She has worked with an American Mission before this.
 7. Lau Sing-Foo, a graduate in architecture (Aust.) likes FEBC because we are Reformed in doctrine.
 8. Jonathan Teh is a convert of Rev Goh Seng Fong. He comes from K.L. He is keenly expectant of our Lord's coming.
 9. Im Seong Ho of Korea has had a year at Trinity College, Singapore. He comes to FEBC on the recommendation of Rev Kim who helps in the Korean Service.
 10. Prabhudas Koshy of Kerala is son of Bishop Koshy, a Faith alumnus with me. Das is his name for short. He is a B.Sc. in chemistry, but feels called to fulltime ministry.
 11. Elder John Ling has to preach practically every week, with Kelapa Sawit, Air Bemban and Bukit Batu to take care. He comes with support of his children!
 12. Joseph Liu from Tg. Pinang is husband of Esther Tan, the lady-preacher. He wants to be better equipped to serve fulltime. He joins Kebaktian Indonesia.
- Pray for the twelve that everyone will be committed like the early disciples.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Jul 27 - Aug 2)

MON	7.30 pm	Calvin's/Psalms (Rev Tow)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
WED	7.30 pm	Dinner in honour of Sunday Lunch Marthas
THU	7.30 pm	Romans (Rev Charlie Tan)
FRI	7.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
	8.00 pm	Rev Tow at Nazareth Family Salvation Night
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 3pm - LBC; 3.30pm - YF
	4.00 pm	YAF; 7.30 pm - CFM
	5.00 pm	William Ong-Tang Lai Ching Wedding (Rev Tow)
SUN	8.00 am	Mr Stephen Khoo
	9.30 am	Catechism Class begins
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	10.30 am	Rev Tow (Lord's Supper)
	12.15 pm	Korean Church Service
	12.30 pm	Church Choir Practice
	3.00 pm	Thai & BFC Service
	4.00 pm	Kebaktian Indonesia
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Services
	6.00 pm	Tamil Service
	7.30 pm	Korean Evening Service
	8.15 pm	Joint-Project Meeting
	9.30 pm	FEBC Faculty Meeting
	10.30 pm	Contest Judges Meet

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$3,478.05 (8.00 am)
\$59,376.00 (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BUILDING FUND 1400)\$330(8 am);
1401)\$54,310(10.30 am); 1402)\$2800; 1403)
\$1800; 1404)\$1800; 1405)\$150; 1406)\$600
(CLBC); 1407)\$70; 1408)\$100; 1409)\$50; 1410)
\$26.07; 1411)\$500(Bethany); 1412)\$50; 1413)
\$41(Boxes). Total \$1,164,946.70
FEBC-BF \$1,000(Gracian); \$600.

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: Burma \$300(WF);
K.L. \$500(WF); Jess Lim \$500.
Lost & Found: Olive Wood Bible at Parson-
age.

Catechism Class for October Baptism starts
Lord's Day 2nd Aug, 9.30 am at the Out-
house Back of the FEBC Hall (Forest of Leban-
on). Nice and Cool! Pastor conducting!
Birth! To Edwin and Barbara Seow in Tokyo,
a daughter, Beverly Seow Ying Mei @ Xiao Ying
Mei, July 21, 1987.

Calvin's Institutes Vol I, Bk I & II is ob-
tainable from CLBC at \$3/= only. Gospel Pro-
phets by T. Tow at \$4/=.

If you have a gift for completing the new
Church in Manila (Rev Dan Ebert), Rev Tan
Eng Boo who leaves Tuesday is your personal
messenger!

The 12th World Congress of the ICC, commem-
orating its 40th Anniversary, is scheduled
to be convened at Cape Canaveral, Florida,
June 6-16, 1988. Theme: "That They May Be
One."

7th Annual Pastors and Leaders Conference
Sept 7-11, '87, Cameron Highlands. Open to
Elders and Deacons and their spouses. The
cost of a twin-sharing bedroom is \$200, 3-
4 sharing bedroom \$180. Closing date: Aug
10, '87. Speaker: Dr Jack Murray.

Eng Lam and Shirleen send greetings from BPC-
WA. Praise God; church attendance in Perth
now exceeds \$200! Offerings per week \$400-
\$500.

Praise the Lord, the Singapore Tourist Promo-
tion Board has selected our FEK children for
a photo for its 1988 Calender--because they
look so cheerful in such beautiful surround-
ings! Better still, they are taught Gospel
choruses and songs everyday that purify
their souls. Sandra and Frieda, both FEBC
graduates, have joined the FEK staff.

The Reformed Tape Library's opening hours
on the Lord's Day are 10 - 11 am; 12 - 1 pm.

PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

Tuesday Night Prayer Meeting



There is a marked increase in our Tuesday Night Prayer Meeting since the 50 Pilgrims returned safely from their flight to and from the Holy Land. All of us prayed as never before when our plane returned to Singapore soon after takeoff because of engine trouble. If we prayed then and God answered us speedily, why do some stop coming Tuesday night?

Exhortation from Isaiah: "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near; . . . for He will abundantly pardon" (Isa 55:6,7).

Warning from Solomon: "But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh. . . Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me" (Prov 1:25-28).

If we draw nigh to God, God will draw nigh to us (Jas 4:4). How many prayers presented corporately at Prayer Meeting have been answered! Now, coming to pray in Church is but the first step. We must pray at home, for and with our family. We must pray in private, each in his closet in secret to the Heavenly Father, and He will reward us openly (Matt 6:6). We must cultivate the spirit of prayer, so that whenever there is spare time on hand, such as waiting for a bus or for a friend, we can "kill time" more profitably by prayerful communion with the Lord.

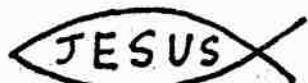
The one-and-a-half hours on Tuesday night is divided into three halves. First, Bible Lesson. Second, Testimonies. Third, Corporate Prayer. Prayer cards stating specific requests are read and presented by the Pastor or Elder or others to the Lord. It will be heard more promptly if the petitioner himself or herself is present. God doubly bless those who come before Him in person!

If You Believe, Then Also Repent and Be Baptised!

I have met those who profess they are Christians, but when asked if they are baptised, give a muffled answer! Jesus says, "He that believeth and is baptised shall be saved" (Mk 16:16). Peter says at Pentecost, "Repent, and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ and for the remission 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). Now, if you have believed, if you have repented of your old sinful ways, why are you not baptised? Why do you disobey God's Word?

While Baptism itself does not save, it confirms the believer and repels Christ's enemies. Baptism is the Divine imperative on public confession of our faith, "that if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Rom 10:9,10). At baptism every catechumen must publicly confess his personal belief in Jesus Christ as Saviour. And now that he is baptised, he is cut off from his old heathen ways, and the old heathen powers have no more dominion over him. Chinese mediums there are many who have confessed their powerlessness as they face newly-baptised Christians. So, if you are not baptised, is it not high time that you joined the Catechism Class now preparing for October baptism? Meet me every Lord's Day, 9.30 am at the backyard of FEBC Hall (behind CLBC).

"Follow ME, and I will make you fishers of men" (Matt 4:19)



"Come," calls the Son of God to you, "Come, and serve Me! I have a more meaningful job for you!

But, there is no guarantee of a higher pay. Nor is this an escape to lighter work. But, if you are down and out like Peter the Fisherman, if you realise money, power, position are a shadow in the end (for what shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?), then God might consider to take you in. And if you want to enlist, you must be prepared for the worst, even death at your post! Young man, young woman, consider what you will do with your life!

Let those who are serving the Lord re-consider. Don't be a time-keeper. To some, serving God is a sinecure. How many hours do we put in a day? Unless we expend a good part of our life for Him each day, how can we feel at ease? Let us not be hired servants, but honourable sons! Let us say with the Lord, "I must be about my Father's business!" (Lk 2:49).

There is a job that is productive for the Lord: Teaching in our Kindergarten. Here the Gospel is being taught daily to young minds through Choruses and regular short messages every week. I'm glad two Lifers, FEBC graduates, are now with FEK. In this respect, Rev Liew Hon Seng has secured a corner 1st floor flat in a new township, Selayang Segar, K.L., to start a Kindergarten. His wife, a Chin Lien graduate, will teach. Fishers of children! They need our prayers.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (3rd - 9th August 1987)

MON	7.30 pm	Calvin/Psalms (Rev Tow)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
WED	6.00 pm	Tamil Meeting
THU	7.30 pm	Romans (Rev C. Tan)
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 3pm - LBC
	3.30 pm	YF; 4pm - YAF
SUN	8.00 am	Dr P. Tan
	9.30 am	Sunday School/ Catechism Class
	10.30 am	Dr P. Tan
	10.30 am	Rev Tow at Chinese Service
	12.15 pm	Korean Church Service
	12.30 pm	Church Choir Practice
	3.00 pm	Thai & BFC Services
	3.00 pm	Rev Tow at K. Sawit
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service
	6.00 pm	Tamil Service
	7.30 pm	Korean Evening Serv.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING:

\$1,712.60 (8.00 am)

\$5,315.00 (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BLDG FUND 1414)\$40(8 am);
1415)\$650(10.30 am); 1416)\$500;
1417)\$2200; 1418)\$500; 1419)\$1000;
1420)\$1000; 1421)\$160(Chinese S.);
1422)\$100; 1423)\$50.

Total \$1,171,146.70

FEBC-BF \$1,000 (Bethany)

OFFERINGS FOR: China \$300; Mission-
ary \$450; Tracts \$40; Dyak Work
\$150; Thailand \$100.

Miss Thelma Alfsen will speak at
the FEBC Chapel Mon. 8 am. Cordial
welcome!

Catechism Class for October Baptism
is held every Lord's Day 9.30 am
behind FEBC Hall and CLBC.

AT HOME WITH THE LORD. Captain Bjorn Christ-
iansen, formerly of the Logos and one-time
FEBC student, went home peacefully to the
Lord, Sat Jul 11, '87 after a heart opera-
tion in Norway. Our deepest condolence to
Mrs Ann Christiansen. Jn 11:25,26. Amen.

"GOOD BOOK"

How interesting it is, I find
That God's Good Book oft comes to mind
Even when I am wading through
Manuals, printouts and what-have-you!

Is it not paradoxical
That all things high-flown, technical,
Must still seek sense and salvation
In good, clear documentation?

So, there are "good books" in the shop,
Boldly high-lighted at the top,
Copied and filed away by all
For use should they be put on call.

As I pore o'er my logic chart
I cannot help but take to heart -
The purpose of the Holy Writ.
It's life's best guidebook! Think on it!

- John Tow

Give of Your Best to the Master

H. B. G.

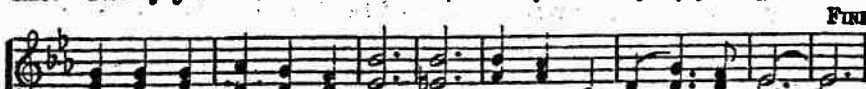
Mrs. CHARLES BARNARD



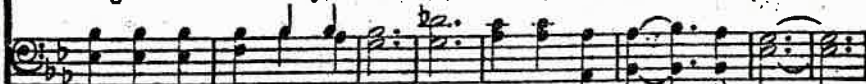
1. Give of your best to the Mas - ter; Give of the strength of your youth;
2. Give of your best to the Mas - ter; Give Him first place in your heart;
3. Give of your best to the Mas - ter; Naught else is wor - thy His love;



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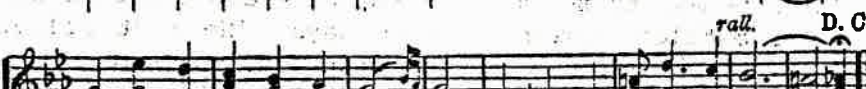
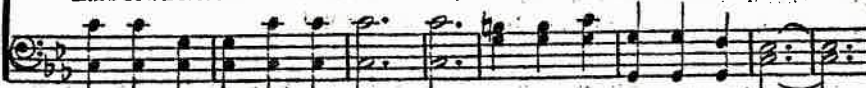
Throw your soul's fresh, glowing ar - dor In - to the bat - tle for truth.
Give Him first place in your serv - ice, Con - se - crate ev - 'ry part.
He gave Him - self for your ran - som, Gave up His glo - ry a - bove:



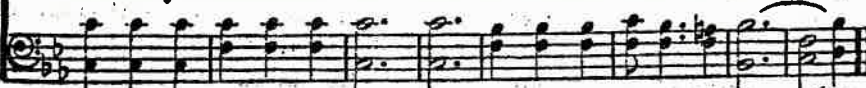
Clad in sal - va - tion's full ar - mor, Join in the bat - tle for truth.



Je - sus has set the ex - am - ple; Dauntless was He, young and brave;..
Give, and to you shall be giv - en; God His be - lov - ed Son gave;..
Laid down His life with - out mur - mur, You from sin's ru - in to save;..



Give Him your loy - al de - vo - tion, Give Him the best that you have.....
Grate - ful - ly seek - ing to serve Him, Give Him the best that you have.....
Give Him your heart's ad - o - ra - tion, Give Him the best that you have.....



Rev Bob Phée and **Mrs Lee Choon Ngee** are min-
istering the Word at Tg. Pinang this Lord's
Day.

Pray for Dr & Mrs Jack Murray of Bible Evan-
gelism, USA, who would soon be arriving to
minister at FEBC Silver Jubilee Thanksgiving
and Graduation (Aug 30 & Sep 6) and Pastors &
Leaders Conference, Cameron Highlands (Sep
7-11). Have you registered?

Pray for the quick publication of a new book
by the pastor, "The Asian Awakening," being
his lectures to Spurgeon's Tabernacle School
of Theology, London, plus many other arti-
cles, including 50 pages on the Life of Rev
Ting Li Mei, China's first Revivalist.

Introducing Mr & Mrs Colin Wong. While Mrs
Phoebe Wong is still a student at FEBC, Colin
is graduating with a B.Th. in Sept. While
in College the last 4½ years, he has been
pastoring on the side a youth church known
as Christian Fellowship & Missions. Mr Colin
Wong has been accepted to the Life Church
staff, and will assist in the pastoral du-
ties. He will help teach the Catechism Class
preparing for Oct. Baptism. He preaches today
at Sembawang BPC.

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A NATION FOR ALL
Together... Excellence for SingaporeEvery Singapore Christian a Patriotic Citizen

When Paul exhorted Christians of his day to "be subject unto the higher powers" (Rom 13:1) and Peter the same that they should do so "for the Lord's sake whether it be to the king, as supreme; or unto governors . . ." (I Pet 2:13,14), they were speaking to a colonial people. Jews or Gentiles, they were a subjugated people under the Roman yoke.

When Singapore was a colony in our younger days, we were subjected to British rule. We kept the peace, and we sang "God save the King." In the mission school our principal prayed for the King at chapel hour, according to Paul's further injunction in I Tim 2:1-4.

If Christians living under a colonial government were commanded to obey their governors and pray for them, how much more must we as Singapore citizens be loyal to our National leaders. As the Israelites were given a land to inherit, and they were responsible to defend and develop it, so are we to do our part for our nation. Every Singapore Christian has not only a heavenly citizenship, but also an earthly. Every Singapore Christian is a patriotic citizen.

Young Christians in Singapore should gladly join National Service, and every earning Christian pay tax willingly.

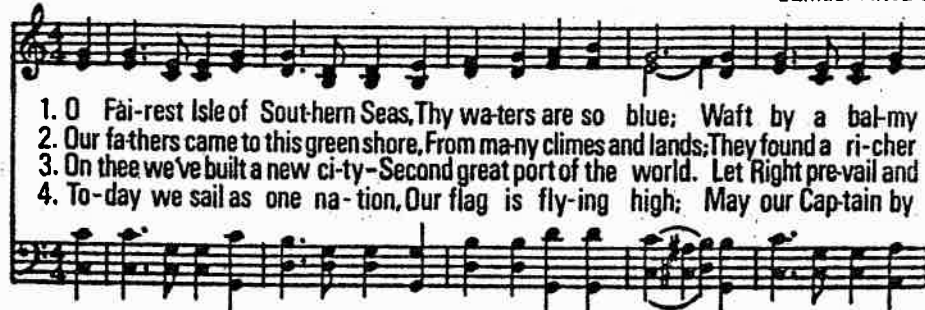
Of late there are Marxist wolves that have used the R.C.C. for a covering to subvert our nation. Using another sheepskin called "Liberation Theology," these communistic agents try to equate their totalitarian socialism with the doctrine and practice of spontaneous brotherly love in the Church. There is a world of difference between Christianity and Communism. Christianity offers--"What is mine is thine." Communism demands--"What is thine is mine." The BPC has seen through the hypocrisy of "Liberation Theology" and has been warning our nation for a long time through the B-P Banner.

Upon this 22nd Anniversary of our National Independence, we declare our unwavering loyalty to our nation, and pledge to defend it against all subversion from any quarter. Every year we sing this Anthem which Dr Kirpal Singh of Sunday Times had suggested be given a local tune. Meanwhile, we stick to the tune of "America the Beautiful":

Singapura

T. Tow

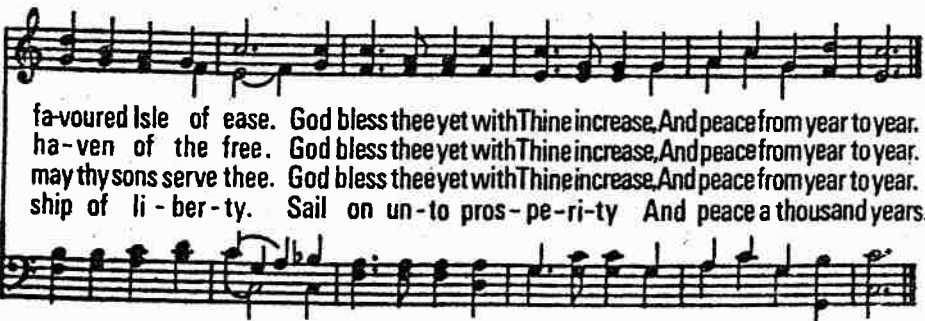
Samuel A. Ward



1. O Fai-rest Isle of Southern Seas, Thy waters are so blue; Waft by a bal-my
2. Our fathers came to this green shore, From many climes and lands; They found a ri-cher
3. On thee we've built a new ci-ty--Second great port of the world. Let Right pre-vail and
4. To-day we sail as one na-tion, Our flag is fly-ing high; May our Cap-tain by



o-cean breeze, Thy land is decked with dew. Sing-a- pura! Sing-a- pura! Thou
life in store Be-neath just ru-ling hands. Sing-a- pura! Sing-a- pura! Thou
E-qui-ty, Not by might nor by power. Sing-a- pura! Sing-a- pura! So
wise ac-tion Steer us with Com-pass nigh. Sing-a- pura! Sing-a- pura! Light-



fa-voured Isle of ease. God bless thee yet with Thine increase, And peace from year to year.
ha-ven of the free. God bless thee yet with Thine increase, And peace from year to year.
may thy sons serve thee. God bless thee yet with Thine increase, And peace from year to year.
ship of li-ber-ty. Sail on un-to pros-pe-ri-ty And peace a thousand years.

Digging Again the Wells
of Water

"And Isaac digged again the wells of water, which they had digged in the days of Abraham his father; for the Philistines had stopped them after the death of Abraham . . ." (Gen 26:18).

On the spiritual plane the BPC is also digging again the wells of water which have been stopped by enemies of the Gospel --be they Modernists, Liberals, Neo-Evangelicals, Ecumenicals, Roman Catholics, etc., etc. Recently, a goodly number of Presbyterians have joined us because they cannot stomach the leaven handed down from the pulpit, e.g. by a R.C. priest. They have come here for fresh water, and we gladly welcome them.

What is happening in Singapore is happening also in Malaysia. As early as 1965, I was called to Muar to help in the starting of an English Service. After some years that English Service amalgamated with another English Service to become one church. Today that combined church is taken over by charismatics. On top of that, I'm

informed that two or three other charismatic churches have sprouted also in Muar.

As a result of all this, Elder and Mrs Koa who have been closely associated with us through FEBC have felt a burden to start a B-P Church for Muar. Elder Koa is well qualified in theology as he will be receiving his B.Th. at the 17th Graduation on Sept 6. As

there is a big unused ancestral house available, the problem of accommodation is solved.

As it happens that this Lord's Day falls on my bi-monthly schedule to minister at Kelapa Sawit and Elder Koa has announced the Inauguration for Aug 9, 8.00 pm, we shall be there the same night--killing two birds. Pray for us that the Lord will give us His Word and safety in travel.

Like Isaac, we are digging the wells of water again. What was begun in 1965 has to be repeated in 1987! Isaac, Isaac!

My Testimony

by Colin Wong

I was converted in Aug 1984. The following year I was baptised in a Methodist Church. Since then I had a great desire to give my life for the Lord's service.

In Dec 1976 I came to know of Operation Mobilisation. I went to the office and talked to the leader. He gave me some literature to read and tapes to listen to. In April the following year, I joined the "second" ship team to West Malaysia. The team spoke at churches, schools and cottage meetings.

In early June, I returned to S'pore for orientation at Life B-P Church. After the orientation, I left S'pore with a group of young people to Europe.

In Belgium I attended another week of orientation. Then I joined a team to London and Birmingham to evangelise Asian immigrants for two months. In September I met with others at a Bible Institute in Belgium for the OM Autumn Conference. In the conference, I was introduced to the different needs of the countries. I had a particular passion for the Muslims. After much prayer, I decided to spend my first year in Israel.

Having spent a year in Israel, I returned to London to work with Asian immigrants. I attended the Autumn Conference on board the MV Doulos. I spent a year on the ship. She visited the Azores, Virginia in U.S.A., Latin America and the Caribbean Islands. The ship returned to Europe in Oct 1979. I left the ship in Bremen and joined a group of young people to Pakistan and India. During the six thousand mile journey which took five weeks, we encountered many difficulties but the Lord overruled them all (Exodus 18:8).

We arrived in India in Dec 1979. My first prayer to God was "O Lord, grant me compassion for lost souls." I had a very fruitful one-and-a-half years in Uttar Pradesh and Maharastra, and even Nepal.

I left India on Mar 28, 1981. I continued to serve at the Singapore office for three months. In May I became a member of the Christian Fellowship and Missions and later became its pastor. We had our meetings in a Methodist Church. Because of doctrinal differences, we left. The Lord provided us a meeting place at Life Church in 1982.

Initially we met on Saturdays, but upon the advice of a pastor we decided to congregate on Sundays. We got the Church registered. While pastoring CFM, I studied at FEBC from 1983 to 1987. I am one of the graduating class on Sept 6, 1987.

Last September, on the way back to S'pore from the Port Dickson Pastors' Conference, the pastor of Life Church invited me to co-labour with him because of my separatist stand with the B-P Movement. It has been my utmost desire to be trained under a senior pastor. After much prayer, I decided to serve God with him.

I thank God for His perfect timing and guidance during all these years. It is my prayer that I may humble myself to serve the King of kings till He comes again. Amen.

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

MON Public Holiday. No Lectures.
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
THU 7.30 pm Romans (Rev C. Tan)
SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 3pm - LBC; 3.30pm - YF
2.30 pm Lively Teens
4.00 pm YAF; 7.30pm - CFM
SUN 8.00 am Rev Tow
10.30 am Mr Stephen Khoo
12.15 pm Korean Church Service
12.45 pm Church Choir Practice
3.00 pm BFC & Thai Services
4.00 pm Kebaktian Indonesia
4.30 pm Sharon BPC Service
6.00 pm Tamil Service
6.00 pm Rev Tow at Sunset Gospel Hr

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$2,165.70 (8.00 am)
\$19,322.00 (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BLDG FUND 1424)\$500; 1425)\$500;
1426)\$230(8.00 am); 1427)\$13,290(10.30am);
1428)\$100; 1429)\$100; 1430)\$100; 1431)\$50;
1432)\$300; 1433)\$300(Kebaktian); 1434)\$582
(Chin. S.); 1435)\$22(Chin. S.); 1436)\$55
(Boxes). Total \$1,187,275.70

Stop Press 1437)\$2468.40(New Life).

FEBC-BF \$35(Boxes), \$200.

OFFERINGS FOR: Tampines Outreach \$50; China \$50; Philippines Land \$50; S. Masila \$300(Australia); Dyak Missionaries \$322.77, \$322.77.

Kalimantan carries on! With intake of 6 students for the new academic year, FEBC's total enrolment is 15 (5 Chinese). Teachers: 7. Djunaidi further reports of holding Gospel meetings in Kuching with Kah Teck. He travelled overland with Sudirman, one of two recent graduates. They have also opened a Pr. School. FEBC Silver Jubilee Combined Rally, Sat. Sept 5, '87. Valuable commemorative gifts to be distributed at end of Rally. Register for Buffet Dinner, \$5 per person, \$2 for students (subsidised by Church). Once in 25 years!

Pray for Inauguration of Muar Bible-Presbyterian Church, this Lord's Day, 8.00 pm. (Rev K.C. Quek to speak there next Lord's Day). Meanwhile, the Bukit Gambir BPC has extended to Kundan Ulu in the upper reaches of the Muar River where a monthly Gospel meeting is held at a member's house. Pray!

Nursery today: Mrs Ng Kim Ngo & Mrs Jenny Kan

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PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

Kelapa Sawit-Muar Circuit

Last Sunday I was on my bi-monthly round to Kelapa Sawit at the 3 pm Service. As Elder Koa had invited me to speak at the Inauguration of Muar B-P Church at eight the same evening, and I could make it, this became a Kelapa Sawit-Muar Circuit, killing two birds.

As last Lord's Day was National Day with the Monday following a public holiday, there was an influx of northbound cars that stretched the whole length of the Causeway. When there is such a jam, take the inner file of the double line of cars, which always moves faster! The reason is quite obvious when you come to the end.

Kelapa Sawit

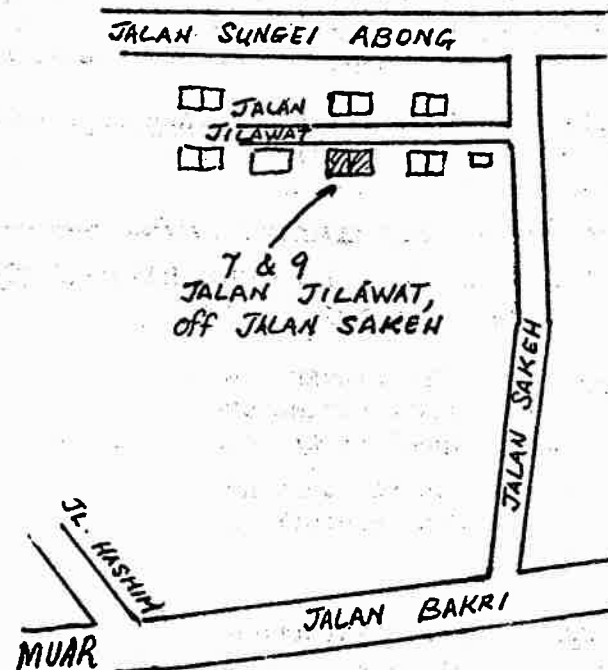
What impressed me greatly at Kelapa Sawit were the young people who sang a hymn and Elder John Ling's children's active participation, his eldest daughter at the piano to fill up the gap left by her mother. I felt a great need to challenge the young people to answer the Lord's call to fulltime service. This message is reflected in "FEBC Principal Speaks to Some Young Reader," as will appear soon in B-P Banner. It is hoped that through making such appeal by the Spirit of the Lord, FEBC might double up to produce a hundred graduates in the next decade. Thus far FEBC has graduated 130 in the last 25 years.

Kelapa Sawit Church has a kindergarten of 4 brimming classes. As there is no way of expansion except by putting up a second storey of two classrooms, she needs M\$60,000. As she has M\$20,000, she needs a loan of S\$35,000 which she will repay by instalments. K.S. is our most fruitful investment!

Muar

The Gospel came to Muar through Rev John Cook of the English Presbyterian Mission, 1892. Living Water Church was the first started. From this Church had sprung Trinity Church and Rawang across the River.

In 1965 I was asked to help Trinity start an English Service. This English Service later amalgamated with the English Service of Living Water Church. Now it has become one Emmanuel Church, but it has turned charismatic.



Elder Koa, who was one of the founders, regrets how the charismatics have swept into Muar and have even claimed their own sons and daughters. Having stood with us from the early fifties, he wants to be part now of the B-P Movement. He feels the great need of re-starting a church of the old Presbyterian faith. As there is a newly-built mansion left behind by his sister-in-law who was deceased a year or so ago, we have the problem of accommodation solved. This mansion is located at Jalan Jilawat, from Jalan Sakeh, off Jalan Bakri (half-mile before reaching the circus leading to town).

Twenty-five old and young gathered to the Inauguration. Among them were English-speaking old-timers of Living Water and Trinity Churches who have refused to join the charismatics. Hai Seng drove up from Batu Pahat. Deacon Keng Hock of Rawang and Mr & Mrs Foo, converts of Kulai Besar now transferred to Tangkak, also came. The Gospel was clearly presented to both old and new.

Elder Koa's Inaugural Weekly

In a beautifully printed brochure he says,

"It is a great joy that by God's grace, we are able to inaugurate the first Bible-Presbyterian English Service in Muar. We are doing this by faith, believing that if we preach the Word of God truthfully and faithfully, God will surely bless this work. From a humble beginning, like a grain of mustard seed, it will grow and become a tree.

"Following the dedication of the Second Temple, the Jews also celebrated the passover. This they did with joy too, as they 'separated themselves unto them from the filthiness of the heathen of the land, to seek the LORD God of Israel. . . .'

"The forming of a Bible-Presbyterian English Service has been in mind for some time. Now this is accelerated by the tidal wave of the Charismatics, sweeping everything within their path against the truth of God's Word. As I am trained in the Far Eastern Bible College which holds a Separatist stand, I believe that God will want us to be separated from those who do not believe what His Word really teaches. The children of Israel did separate themselves from the heathen of the land, not because they were being ill-treated, but because the heathens were unbelievers and the worship of the Almighty was polluted. Hence if we want our worship to be accepted by God, we must separate from those who pollute His Word.

"I have great pleasure that in this Inaugural Service, my Principal, Rev (Dr) Timothy Tow, has consented to attend and deliver the Lord's message. It is also through his constant encouragement, love and advice that this English Service is now being established.

"May God bless you who have come to seek Him and His truth. Amen.

"(The Life Bible-Presbyterian Church, Singapore, has given us a gift of 30 copies of Revival Hymns and 10 copies from B-P Banner. These will be put into use as soon as they are received.)"

This Lord's Day, it happens that Rev K.C. Quek is on a special trip to Rawang (4 pm) and therefore fits into the evening service of Muar BPC. Is this mere coincidence? I rather think, "Two are a confirmation."

One and Only Christian Book Centre, J.B.

On our way back to J.B., we conveniently turned left into Jalan Kebun Teh and Jalan Dato Suleiman where our Christian Book Centre is located at Holiday Plaza (Orchard Road of J.B.). If you miss the way, look up the 20-storey glass tower landmark and Holiday Inn! The other way to the Plaza is via Jalan Tebrau on the Kota Tinggi Highway.

Our dropping in was to keep an eye on the renovation work now about to complete. Miss Lily Ling, daughter of Elder John Ling, is the manageress. As for the official name, we have decided on "WORD of LIFE" Book Centre because "Christian" is not approved. For location, we're situated next but one to Kentucky Fried Chicken and our immediate neighbour is J.B. Book Centre. "The lines are fallen unto me on pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage" (Ps 16:6).

The Book Centre is now open for business. But we must appoint a Day for its dedication and will notify our Readers as soon as possible. (The BPC-JB, where Dr Tow Siang Yeow at Taman Sentosa is, is about a mile from Holiday Plaza.)

So, this was the end of our Kelapa Sawit-Muar Circuit. (It took a full 24-hour round-trip.) Mileage meter: From S'pore to J.B. (Holiday Plaza), 20 miles; Kelapa Sawit, 43 miles; Muar, 128 miles.

- Yours in His Higher Service, T.T.

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

MON	7.30 pm	Calvin's/Psalms (Rev T. Tow)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
WED	8.00 pm	Session Meeting
THU	7.30 pm	Romans (Rev C. Tan)
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30pm - Lively Teens
	3.00 pm	LBC; 3.30pm - YF; 4pm - YAF
SUN	8.00 am	Dr Lim Teck Chye (Dr P. Tan)
	10.30 am	Rev Bob Phee (Eld. Mahadevan)
	10.30 am	Rev Tow at Calvary Pandan BPC
	11.45 am	Filipina Fellowship
	12.15 pm	Korean Church Service
	12.45 pm	Church Choir Practice
	3.00 pm	BFC & Thai Services
	4.00 pm	Kebaktian Indonesia
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service
	6.00 pm	Tamil Service
	7.30 pm	Korean Evening Service
	8.30 pm	Board & Faculty Meeting

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS \$2,469.00 (8 am)

\$6,120.00 (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BLDG FUND 1438)\$510(8 am); 1439)\$930(10.30 am); 1440)\$20; 1441)\$100; 1442)\$800; 1443)\$280. Total \$1,192,384.10

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: China \$200; Burma \$300; Adelaide(Rev Paauwe) \$100; Jess Lim \$50; Malaysia \$100; Children's Choir \$100; K.L. Missions \$400.

Mr Colin Wong is preaching this afternoon 3 pm at the Yap House Church, Blk 346, Woodlands St 32, #01-174, S2573 (remnant of Life Tamil BPC-JB). Come, bring a friend!

Miss Kimiko Goto has returned from Medan.

Congratulations to Elder Koh Kim Song for being awarded the Efficiency Medal on National Day.

FEBC SILVER JUBILEE ESSAY/POEM/POSTER CONTEST PRIZE WINNERS From Life Church:-

ESSAY--Adults Category: Ong Eng Lam-Third Prize, Shirleen Ong-Consolation; Young Adults: Bernard Low-First, Ivan Kam-Consolation, Jack Sin-Consolation; Youth: Han Ming Kuang-Consolation, Jemima Tow-Consolation.

Contest Winners (cont'd)

POEM--Adults Category: Linda Chan-Consolation; Young Adults: Doreen Oh-Consolation; Youth: Terence Tan-Joint Third Prize, Lee Yen Fong-Consolation. Special Award: Anonymous Lifer. POSTER--Adults Category: Frieda Lee-First Prize.

From Kelapa Sawit BPC:- ESSAY (Adults): Enid Ling Peek Fong-Consolation; POEM (Youth): Lily Ling Peek Yean-Consolation.

FEBC SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS Aug 30 - Sep 6, 1987

SUN Aug 30 - FEBC SILVER JUBILEE
6 pm, THANKSGIVING SERVICE
Cal-Pandan Speaker: Dr Jack Murray, USA

TUE - THU - COLLEGE OPEN HOUSE AND
Sep 1-3, FEBC EXHIBITION
4-7 pm at
FEBC

FRI - SUN - FEBC EXHIBITION
Sep 4-6, at Calvary Pandan BPC
4-7 pm

SAT Sep 5 - FEBC-SCCC-BPCS FELLOWSHIPS
Cal-Pandan COMBINED RALLY

4 pm • PROGRAMME I
Speaker: Rev Timothy Tow

6.15 pm • BUFFET DINNER*

7.30 pm • PROGRAMME II
Speaker: Dr Tow Siang Hwa

SUN Sep 6 - FEBC 17th GRADUATION SERVICE
6 pm, Speaker: Dr Jack Murray, USA
Cal-Pandan

*Coupons for the Buffet Dinner are on sale
at the Church counter

PASTORAL CHAT



My dear Readers,

Report on "Philippines Land"

When Rev Dan Ebert III visited us in May, we handed him all the money designated for the building of this Church in Manila, thinking that everything would be completed. According to Rev Tan Eng Boo who has just returned from Manila, everything is completed insofar as the Auditorium is concerned. But, look what's on the left? The adjoining parsonage has the skeletal steel rods up only. Nevertheless, the pastor and his family have put up in the meantime a wooden shack, which I first mistook for the workers' quarters. Why has the pastor to squat here like a coolie? Because they have no more funds.

In the Name of Jesus, may I appeal to you who have the desire to extend the Gospel to the Filipinos. With your renewed help we can see God's House fully completed and His Name greatly glorified.

BPCWA

Eng Lam and Shirleen who returned for a fortnight's visit have blessed the Church with their reports. As their Church Auditorium which can take 250 will soon be filled, we have talked of the branching to North Perth where a sizeable portion of the congregation lives. Following the pattern of Life Church in the beginning stages of our Church planting, this North Perth branch can worship in the afternoon, say, 4 pm. The pastor can easily handle this extra Service. As to accommodation, the renting of a public school perfectly completes the job. Let us pray for Robin and Patricia, Mr & Mrs Mark Heath, especially. Let us strike while the iron is hot! (BPCWA is now self-supporting.)

In the light of this growth, we must think of sending well-qualified couples from FEBC. We need not so much the money as the men. Everywhere we go the cry is for labourers.

We remember also the witness in Adelaide where the Paaupes shepherd the Hope BPC as well as a Bible College using an old Scout Hall. Then there is the Melbourne Bethel BPC now using a member's home. To project from here, they have decided to acquire some land to put up a proper building. Seven families are united in doing this. Melbourne is heavy on the shoulders of Calvary BPC. Pray for Melbourne.

Great Expectations

Of all our western Conference speakers, Dr Jack Murray is most known to me. He is a graduate also of Faith Seminary, a decade before me. He has all along been an evangelist, though he taught for a season at the alma mater. At present he heads an evangelistic team called Bible Evangelism, with headquarters in Pennsylvania.

What prompted our inviting him was his warm response to "John Sung My Teacher." He wrote how after reading the life of John Sung, he closed the door of his study and knelt before the Lord to renew his consecration. He ordered 300 copies of the book for distribution in his evangelistic campaigns. We have been brought closer in fellowship by the Spirit that came upon John Sung. As John Sung was for revival, holiness, evangelism and separation from modernistic unbelief, so is my teacher Dr Murray. O Lord, send a revival, and bless thy messenger from distant America. Give him souls for hire. Use him to call young people into the ministry.

If you follow through the FEBC Silver Jubilee Celebrations Aug 30 - Sept 6, you will not miss hearing Dr Murray Aug 30 and Sept 6 at Calvary Pandan. But the greatest time is the Combined Rally Sat Sept 5, 4 pm till after 7.30 pm with Buffet Dinner in between. Don't miss this once in 25 years Convention, showering prizes and gifts! (Dinner tickets \$5 for earners, 2 for students.)

The Annual Pastors Conference at Cameron Highlands, Sept 7-11, will also feature Dr and Mrs Murray. If you have not signed up, here's your last chance. Coach leaves Calvary Pandan Sept 6, 9.00 pm!

Sunday Afternoon Evangelistic Outreach

This latest development in our Church comes from writing the life-story of Rev Ting Li Mei--Morning Star of the Asian Awakening. Rev Ting, who fellowshiped with John Sung in the closing days of his life, was called China's Moody and "Evangelist with 1,000 souls a month." He blazed the trail of revival for John Sung who was born 30 years after him. My brother Siang Hwa and I heard much of his name in our childhood from our parents who were mightily blessed by Rev Ting in their young days.

Well, as Rev Ting was for all-out evangelism for China, we can only pray that a portion of his spirit might come upon us. I therefore call to you, old or young, to meet at the Chinese Service Hall every Lord's Day 12.30 pm after Sunday Lunch. We shall meet for prayer and mutual exhortation before setting out to some prayed-for district or housing estate. We'll go tracting and home visitation and speak to souls personally. Mr Colin Wong of CFM has joined Life Church. He is my deputy in Evangelistic Outreach. He has had 4 years' such experience with OM and M.V. Doulos. Maranatha!

- Yours for the Gospel, T.T.

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

MON 7.30 pm Calvin's/Psalms (Rev T. Tow)
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
THU 1.35 pm Dr & Mrs Jack Murray arrive
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7.30 pm Romans (Rev Charlie Tan)
SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 2.30pm - Life Teens
3.00 pm LBC; 3.30pm - YF; 4pm - YAF
SUN 8.00 am Rev Charlie Tan
9.30 am Sunday School
9.30 am Catechism Class
10.30 am Rev Tow
11.45 am Filipina Fellowship
12.15 pm Korean Church Service
12.45 pm Church Choir Practice
3.00 pm Thai & BFC Services
4.00 pm Kebaktian Indonesia
4.30 pm Sharon BPC Service
6.00 pm Tamil Service
6.00 pm FEBC Thanksgiving Service
FEBC Audiovisual Presentation
Dr Jack Murray
(Calvary Pandan BPC)

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS \$2,225.00 (8 am)
\$5,018.00 (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BLDG FUND 1444)\$300(Pepsi); 1445)
\$206.95(Sun Lunch); 1446)\$346(Coinafon);
1447)\$100(8 am); 1448)\$700(10.30 am); 1449)
1700; 1450)50; 1451)\$100; 1452)\$20; 1453)
\$100; 1454)\$200. Total \$1,196,207.05

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: Thailand \$50;
Jess Lim \$70; Adelaide \$50, \$1000; Philip-
pines Land \$50, \$50; FEBC Bldg Fund \$35
(Box), \$115(Perth).

"WITHIN AND BEYOND OUR WALLS"

This most important AV show is the HIGH-
LIGHT of the FEBC SILVER JUBILEE WEEK. It
tells the FEBC Story:

- How it started, what it does, where it's going
- A glimpse of student life on and off campus
- FEBC graduates in action in Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Australia, America, etc.
- Our stand in the present confusion and apostasy
- Interviews with Principal, Registrar, Dean of Students, President, etc.

COME TO CALVARY PANDAN, 6 PM, SUNDAY 30TH AUG-
UST 1987.

"A Show You Must Not Miss" Only once in 25 years!

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New Arrangement for Weddings: Use of Church:
\$200. Use of Porch, grounds and furniture for
Reception: \$200. (Lifers excepted.) No tips
please! Users must not shift church furniture
expect those for reception, and leave premises
as clean as before using them. With mutual
respect!

For encouragement of new outreaches, Session
has voted \$500 for a Christian Kindergarten
at Selayang Segar (KL); \$500 for a Tamil Ser-
vice, Ulu Tiram; A\$2000 for Melbourne BPC in
acquiring land for Church bldg.
Loan for K. Sawit Kindergarten
extension is approved.

When in J.B. patronise WORD
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tre, next but one to KFC, Holi-
day Plaza. One mile from here
is JB-BPC at Taman Sentosa,
behind Dr Tow Siang Yeow's,
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Siang Yeow 07-326543. Worship
at JB-BPC, Sun. 7.30 pm.

When in Muar, worship at 7 & 9,
Jln Jilawat, off Jln Sakeh from
Jln Bakri, Sun. 8 pm (Elder
Koa).

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1130. Tel. 2560617 & 2560617.

1. Ho - ly Ghost, with light di - vine, Shine up - on this heart of mine;
2. Ho - ly Ghost, with pow'r di - vine, Cleanse this guilt-y heart of mine;
3. Ho - ly Ghost, with joy di - vine, Cheer this sad-dened heart of mine;
4. Ho - ly Spir - it, all di - vine, Dwell with-in this heart of mine;

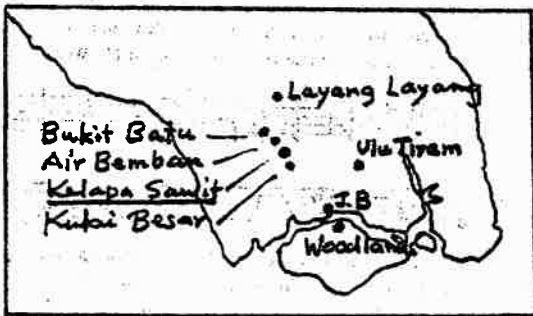
Chase the shades of night a - way, Turn my dark - ness in - to day.
Long hath sin with-out con-trol Held do - min - ion o'er my soul.
Bid my man - y woes de - part, Heal my wound-ed, bleed-ing heart.
Cast down ev - 'ry i - dol-throne, Reign su - preme and reign a - lone.

"Thanksgiving for a Bumper Harvest"

is the title of tonight's FEBC Silver Jubilee Thanksgiving at Calvary Pandan, Dr Jack Murray of USA speaking. This topic is taken from Ps 126:6: "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." There is a genuine cause for celebration, as at FEBC's Graduation Service on the 25th year of her founding (Sun. Sept. 6), we will see 25 graduands receive their degrees and diplomas. Twenty-five years ago when the College was started we literally wept to bring up the first batch of three students. Of these three students, one has gone to the Lord. The other two have been actively serving the Lord for two decades. They are Mrs Ivy Tow and Miss Ng Sang Chiew (Kelapa Sawit, Air Bemban and Bukit Batu). Today's 25 graduands are over ten times the number of our first graduation, a bumper harvest that we should commemorate with thanksgiving!

To date a total of over 130 have passed out of the School of Prophets to serve on five continents, viz., Asia, Australia, Africa, Europe and North America. Our graduates have become pastors, theological lecturers, pastors' wives, Christian teachers (schools and kindergartens), Christian social workers, Christian book sellers, missionaries, etc. Tonight at Calvary Pandan, 6 pm, there will be a showing of FEBC's 25 years of training programme on the screen through multi-lenses by Calvary's Audiovisual crew. You will have a real treat, a bumper eye-feasting of rich scenes of God's servants in their respective fields. You will thank me for reminding you once again to this important Sunset Gospel Hour.

But just as painstakingly produced for your visit to FEBC's Exhibition at Life Church-FEBC are the enlarged photos and artwork put up by FEBC artists. Come to the Exhibition, Tue. to Thu. at Gilstead Road next week, Fri. to Sun. following at Calvary Pandan. Our students can serve God also in artwork. Every talent must be traded for Christ.

Kelapa Sawit Has Produced Many Sweet Fruits

At last Saturday week's celebration of Kelapa Sawit YF's 21st Anniversary, I counted seven (men and women) who have gone into fulltime service. Among these, the first was Mrs John Ling (now with the Lord) and the last, Elder John Ling himself. Now, Elder and Mrs John Ling have four children who are serving the Lord faithfully every week. Enid, their first daughter, who is a chartered secretary in J.B., serves the Lord playing the piano every Lord's Day. She also drives the Church van when needed. The following article she has published in K. Sawit YF's special magazine will bless

your heart. Taste the sweetness of this fruit of the Holy Spirit, these noble thoughts she has expressed to comfort and encourage some struggling young reader. Taste the sweet fruit from Kelapa Sawit.

"Thoughts" by Enid Ling

Have you ever wondered why some incidents happened to others and not to you? Why some people underwent disappointments and discouragements time and again, and you are spared? Once, these thoughts constantly bugged me. You see, for as long as I could remember, my life--be it academically or professionally--has been relatively smooth-sailing. Many friends envy me--that I could pass my exams at the first attempt, that I got my first job so soon after graduation, and even envy me for being able to get along with most people. No doubt all these were God's grace but I was too blind to see that then.

In the past few years, I have taken up a role as an "ear" to many frustrations . . . and very often I had comforted and encouraged each of my Christian friends with the conviction that God was using the difficult moments to try and test them, to build up their faith. Romans 8:28 was frequently used. As God brings such trials upon His children, He would grant equal strength to overcome them. Then, why was I spared of such "trials"? Was I of such little faith that I was not strong enough to be tested this way? Oh, how very wrong I was!

Not too long ago, I went through a rough patch in my career. I was not experiencing job satisfaction; I felt professionally stifled and working life was no longer a challenge. At one time, I was even desperately looking for a better job with brighter prospects. When my ambitions overrode God's place in my life, my self-interest and God's purpose were on a collision course.

I praise God, He slowly made me see my weakness in letting my work and ambitions dominate my life. My Lord had to break me down, so that I could learn humility. I saw how I lacked joy--a fruit so characteristic of a Christian. It was only when I committed my career wholesale to Him and do my best that I have peace and enjoyment in work and service. It was no easy lesson. As a bonus, He gave me a change of office environment, a new job and new responsibilities when I least expected it!

I remember watching a thought-stimulating movie recently. There was this girl who had leukemia and once asked her mother whether her sickness was a punishment for her naught-

iness. Her mum replied that it was God trying her and He did that because He loved her. In her suffering, the poor girl would rather God not love her so that she could enjoy life. I believe God has plans for every one of us. We are not experiencing the same trials mainly because we are all different individuals. In our Christian walk, we would definitely have some trying moments, different people, different situations and at different points in our lives. In His own time, our Potter would mould us into instruments and vessels for His glory. We are then purified and mightily used by Him. It is when we accept His will and reach out to His guiding hands that He would lead us through. We need to be constantly reminded that at no matter what stage we are in, our Lord offers a vast abundance of grace for us to claim upon and emerge victorious. Our Master is a God of LOVE and HOLINESS, and He wants the best for and from us. Indeed, He is worthy of all praise and worship.

A Monthly Gospel Film For Effective Evangelistic Outreach

Life Church Evangelistic Band was inaugurated last Lord's Day in the spirit of Rev Ting Li Mei. Though there were only four, we were not discouraged. Our Saviour also had four who responded at Galilee Sea--Peter and Andrew, James and John. We sang the theme song of the Japan Evangelistic Band, "I Will Make You Fishers of Men." We prayed in rotation.

We were resolved to catch men for Christ by every possible means. Toa Payoh was our main target. The showing of a Gospel film in Church once a month, a regular feature, was another consideration to have the Gospel preached to the unsaved.

Come and join us this Lord's Day, 12.30 pm, at the Chinese Service Hall, after Sunday lunch. Can we see twice the number we had last week? - T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

(31st Aug - 6th Sep)

- MON 7.30 pm Calvin's/Psalms (Rev Tow)
TUE - THU 4 - 7 pm FEBC Exhibition & Open House
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
THU 7.30 pm Romans (Rev Charlie Tan)
FRI - SUN 4 - 7 pm FEBC Exhibition at Calvary Pandan BPC
SAT 4.00 pm FEBC-SCCC-BPCS Fellowships Combined Rally at Calvary Pandan: "Passing On the Torch"
5.00 pm Kim Hoon-Baek Mi Wha Wedding (Rev Son, Korean Ch.)
SUN 8.00 am Mr Stephen Khoo
9.30 am Sunday School
9.30 am Catechism Class
10.30 am Rev Tow (Lord's Supper)
11.45 am Filipina Fellowship
12.15 pm Korean Church Service
12.45 pm Church Choir Practice
3.00 pm Thai & BFC Services
4.00 pm Kebaktian Indonesia
4.30 pm Sharon BPC Service
6.00 pm Tamil Service
6.00 pm FEBC 17th Graduation at Calvary Pandan
8.30 pm Coaches leave for Cameron Highlands from Cal-Pandan

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS \$1498.20 (8 am)

\$4541 (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BLDG FUND 1455)\$50(Box); 1456) \$1000; 1457)\$16,443.38(tithe); 1458)\$650 (10.30 am); 1459)\$100(Tamil S.); 1460) \$1500; 1461)\$50; 1462)\$3300; 1463)\$200. Total \$1,219,500.43 Stop Press 1464)\$560 (cheque by post).

PHILIPPINES PARSONAGE 1)\$100; 2)\$85(Box) 3)\$46; 4)\$80; 5)\$100; 6)\$1000.

Total \$1,411

Expresgram to Ms Linda Pramanawati, Oud-diemerlaan 281, 1111 HA Diemen, Holland.

Thank you for your gift to FEBC!

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F.E.B.C. Anthem

Mrs. M. D. Buell
arr. Dave Haas

Timothy Tow



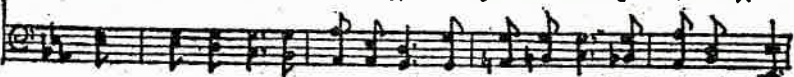
1. O Father, Thou Al-mighty art, Who made the heav'ns and earth and seas.
2. O Je-sus Christ, Thou Son of God, Who came to save the world from sin.
3. O Ho-ly Spirit from on high, Whom God the Father, Son, did send
4. Ye sons and daughters of the East With-in these Halls have learned My Word.



And deign to dwell-in con-trite hearts, And vi-sit with Thy grace and peace:
And have redeemed us by Thy Blood, That we may live and others win:
To touch our lips and tongues with fire That we might speak, and men repent:
In Christ's domain are not the least, If you unflinching wield the sword:



To day hear us who call on Thee, And bless us still with Thine in-crease
To day re-store our love for Thee, That we may serve Thee not in vain
To day descend, and breathe anew A zeal to preach our Saviour's Name.
With loyal heart join in the fray, And fight till dawning of the day!



- O Father, Thou Al-mighty art! For ev-er bless with Thine increase!
- O Je-sus Christ, Thou Son of God! So help us serve Thee not in vain!
- O Ho-ly Spi-rit from on high! Revive our zeal for Jesus Name!
- O Lord grant us Thy truth and grace, And lead us on till break of Day!



A Church Pianists' Workshop will be conducted by Mrs Eleanor S. Murray of the USA this Sat, Sep 6, 2.30 - 3.30 pm at Calvary Pandan BPC. Mrs Murray will give a demonstration and talk on hymn improvisation and other aspects of Church music. All are welcome.

Nursery Duty today: Mrs Grace Seow & Mrs Goh Mong Eng.

Four Who Are Running



As Far Eastern Bible College celebrates Silver Jubilee (1962 - 1987) with a week of thanksgiving, exhibitions, prize-giving, recitals and graduation of 25, under the theme "Passing On the Torch," it seems timely that I should relate how we first received the Torch, and who are the runners.

The Torch we have received is the Torch handed down by Martin Luther, through Calvin, Knox and through William Burns in the 19th Century to our forefathers in South China. It was revived in our young hearts when Dr John Sung visited Singapore 1935, but what caused that Torch to burn brightly, as in the 16th Century, must be traced to America.

It was a cold, wintry day in January 1948 when Dr Carl McIntire spoke at the Chapel Hour of Faith Seminary, Wilmington, Delaware where the principal of FEBC was then enrolled as a student. The message that the distinguished speaker presented, calling on young seminar-ians to join the cause of a new (20th Century) Reformation so touched the heart of the lone Singaporean that, in his own words borrowed from Wesley, "My heart was strangely warmed." From that day onwards, he was given completely to the separatist movement of the ICCC (In-ternational Council of Christian Churches) vs. the ecumenical movement of the WCC (World Council of Churches). Today the issue between the ICCC and WCC is clear as daylight. While the ICCC seeks to preserve the historic Christian faith that was reclaimed from Romanism by the 16th Century Protestant Reformers, the WCC is working at high speed to unite apost-ate Protestantism and return to the Roman fold. With little regard for the Truth the WCC is endeavouring to smother the Torch we inherited from the Reformers and plunge Christendom in total darkness again. Marxism is their torch masquerading under the name of "Liberation Theology." Evangelicals, who before this had nothing to do with modernists and Liberals, are taken in by a false spirit of love.

Soon after I thrilled to the call for a 20th Century Reformation, I wrote back to Singa-pore to (Elder) Quek Kiok Chiang my colleague in Life Church (Prinsep Street) and in the Singapore Government where we had served as interpreters. Elder Quek Kiok Chiang received the light of the Torch with great rejoicing, and in the light of that great discovery chal-lenged the forces of darkness reigning in our Chinese Presbyterian Church. Missionaries who brought the Truth to our forefathers in China were now replaced by a new set who denied its fundamentals. One talked lightly of the Virgin Birth, another wrote there is no heaven or hell. With their unhappy exposure, Quek all the more treasured the Fundamentalist stand of the ICCC. He welcomed Dr McIntire and the ICCC leaders when they visited Singapore 1949. In 1950 both of us attended the ICCC Second Congress in Geneva. It was in the city of John Calvin that I was ordained at the instance of Life Church (Prinsep Street), Elder Quek its personal envoy.

So there were two runners, and God gave us strength to run not only against a thousand but, indeed, against ten thousand (Deut 32:30). When we returned from the Geneva Congress, the Lord raised up a third runner in Deacon (now Rev.) Hsu Chiang Tai. Hsu gave all his strength to the promotion of the embryonic Bible-Presbyterian movement from the very begin-ning. He paid his way to join us at the founding of the Far Eastern Council of Christian Churches in Manila 1951. He has not ceased to this day to contribute to the ICCC cause, particularly in the missionary work of Life Church in pioneering evangelism. He still sup-ports the Dyak outreach of Rev Djunaidi on the borders of Kalimantan and Sarawak. Hsu lab-oured with us from 1950 to 1960 when, for the education of his children, he had to migrate to New York. He has since made his home there, but his writings in Chinese have encircled the globe.

The fourth runner, but not the least, is the rising of Dr Tow Siang Hwa to the Reforma-tion Cause when he saw through the erroneous system of Dr Billy Graham during his citywide crusade in Singapore, 1978. Since then, he has lifted high the Torch in the launching of an official organ for the BPC of Singapore and Malaysia, called the Banner. To further spread the light of the Truth, he followed up with the RPG (Read, Pray, Grow) Bible-reading notes. He is foremost in the BP movement in our region in exposing the errors of the Ecu-menical Movement, the extremism of the Charismatics, the misguided loving spirit towards Liberals and Romanists of the new evangelicals. He and his elders opened Calvary Church at Pandan Gardens to the 10th General Assembly of the FECCC in 1981, and he has spoken ef-fectively on Neo-Evangelicalism at the ICCC Congress in USA, 1983.

Rev K.C. Quek has also been running at the forefront by helping to organise every ICCC Congress for over a decade. At his initiative he called for a 1st Assembly of the Indone-sian Council of Christian Churches which met in Djakarta 1975. He has just returned from Djakarta to organise a Second Assembly to be held November 24-27, 1987. This will be a great boost to the Indonesian brethren who are of like mind, to their flagging spirits. This will build a bulwark against the onslaught particularly of the Charismatics. May God's Name be highly exalted this coming Indonesian Congress. Will you not come?

At FEBC the Torch is kept burning bright by my younger brothers in the movement. This light is received by the students, some of whom are also having their hearts "strangely warmed."

The Four who had joined the Race, carrying the Torch of Truth and Life, each at his juncture of time and place, are running, and still running. But it is their desire to pass on that Torch to you, wherever you are, who respond to the Divine touch. Will you join the Four who are running? - T.T.

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

MON 7.30 pm No Lecture
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting (Elder Koh)
THU 7.30 pm No Lecture
FRI 9.00 pm Highlanders return
SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 2,30pm - Life Teens
3.00 pm LBC; 3,30pm - YF; 4pm - YAF
SUN 8.00 am Dr Jack Murray
9.30 am Sunday School
9.30 am Catechism Class
10.30 am Dr Jack Murray (Rev Tow)
10.30 am Dr P. Tan at Chinese Service
11.45 am Filipina Fellowship
12.45 pm Church Choir Practice
3.00 pm Thai & BFC Services
4.00 pm Kebaktian Indonesia
4.30 pm Rev Tow at Sharon BPC Service
5.00 pm Mrs Murray at Sunset Gospel Hr
6.00 pm Dr Jack Murray (S. Gospel Hr)
6.00 pm Tamil Service
7.30 pm Korean Evening Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$1,319.80 (8 am)

\$4,465.00 (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BUILDING FUND 1465)\$1030(10.30 am); 1466)\$500; 1467)\$20; 1468)\$70; 1469)\$1000. Total \$1,222,680.43 *8)\$100(Naz.)

PHILIPPINES PARSONAGE 7)\$400. * Total \$1,911

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: Thailand \$60;

Tampines Outreach \$210; Dyak Work \$150;

FEBC Bldg Fund \$50; Kimiko Goto \$200.

The Greatest Social Service, in my opinion, is a pastor living in the Church compound, where he is available at any time of day or night to his flock. But modern pastors with western culture like to stay away, that "we might have privacy."

That the Kapitbahayan Church we've contributed to build in an "HDB" estate in Manila has a parsonage attached speaks for itself. With the pastor and his wife on the spot, they are able to attend to the poor and destitute who, like sparrows and swallows, can find shelter and succour. Is that not the greatest social work? Greatest, I say, because the pastor can attend to their souls' salvation. I'm glad that the photos of the Kapitbahayan Church and uncompleted parsonage shown to you two weeks ago have found a ready response. When we build God's House, He will build ours (II Sam 7:11).

Telegrams of good wishes to FEBC on her Silver Jubilee have been received from Peter & Anne Clements; Rev Thawmluai, Ev. Presbyterian Church of Burma and Far Eastern Fundamental School of Theology; Bishop Koshy, S. India; Rev & Mrs Paauwe, Hope BPC, Adelaide, Aust.; Michael Koech, Box 33, Bomet, Kenya.

If you desire the music for "I'd rather have Jesus," please get yours from the counters at the Church entrance.

When in J.B. visit Pusat Buku².

Job Vacancies--required lady sales assistants (indoors) for souvenir shops at new Sentosa Ferry Terminal and other tourist shops in S'pore. Also required one clerk at head-office. Call Diana, tel. 2258411.

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oooo I'D RATHER HAVE JESUS oooo

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

CHORUS:

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

I'd rather have Jesus than power or might,
I'd rather be low than have soared to great height;

I'd rather have Jesus than the tongues of men,

I'd rather be pure than the strength of ten.

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

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

Layang Layang Tamil Ministry - by M. Mani

I want to thank God for guiding me to the children's ministry at Layang Layang, which is 78 km from J.B. This work in the oil palm estate was started by Rev Goh Seng Fong. From May '87 I have been going up on Fridays. It is held 11 am to 1 pm in a brick church which belongs to the estate. The attendance is 20. Since most of the children come from Hindu homes, there is parental objection.

In the afternoons I conduct Bible studies in two Christian homes. During my visitation I came across a few Christian families who have to go as far as Kluang to attend a Tamil service. Hence, worship is only a once-a-month affair for them. This has prompted me to consider starting a Tamil Service.

(Life Church supports this Tamil ministry at \$200 p.m.)

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PASTORAL CHAT

Golf Course Inn
Cameron Highlands

My dear Readers,

Seven B-P Pastors and Leaders Annual Conferences

7th
CONFERENCE

This is our 7th Annual Conference. The first six were held at Port Dickson, but this one on Cameron Highlands. Every Conference has borne some fruit, e.g. the 3rd Conference in 1983, which was a Missions Conference, gave great impetus to missions outreach.

The Lord blessed our Church in the missions outreach especially, for in 1982 we had only three churches in Malaysia--Kelapa Sawit (1954), Rawang (1972), Kulai Besar (1973). On the eve of the 1983 Conference, however, the Lord added Bukit Gambir, and after the Conference, Taman Seri Melati, K.L. Since then, He has increased us to extend to Air Bemban, Bukit Batu, J.B., (now shifted to Ulu Tiram), Layang Layang. Shortly after this Elder Koa started a BPC in Muar, while the end of year will see a Kindergarten started at Selayang Segar (K.L.). Finally, there is the Word of Life Book Centre at Holiday Plaza, J.B. I call these Malaysian outreaches our Judean Ministry. The Lord's Name be praised.

This 7th Conference on Cameron Highlands Most Crucial

I say, most crucial, because great issues at stake are being decided.

1. The study of the Book of Nehemiah under Dr Jack Murray, one-time my teacher at Faith Seminary, has shed much light on our BPC Movement. It teaches us the need of building and separation, by trowel and sword, and helps us identify the enemies without and within. The most subtle are those like Eliashib the high priest, first of the line of builders of Jerusalem's Wall (Neh 3:1). Under Nehemiah, Eliashib and the priests seemed earnest and sincere. But the moment Nehemiah left Jerusalem, Eliashib the high priest invited Tobiah, arch-enemy of the Jews, to stay on the Temple premises. Nehemiah said, upon his coming back to Jerusalem, "And it grieved me sore: therefore I cast forth all the household stuff of Tobiah out of the chamber" (Neh 13:8). I have said in one of my sermons that not all BPs are loyal to the BP cause, so the Torch we are passing can be given only to the true-hearted. It takes time to find out the traitor in Eliashib the high priest, as the Chinese saying goes, "A horse's strength is measured by the distance."

I thank the Lord for our elders, deacons and staff workers, and FEBC students, for coming to this Conference. They have profited from every session.

2. Statement on the Charismatic Movement

When the early church was plagued by Judaisers who taught, "Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved" (Acts 15:1), the Apostles and Elders called a Council in Jerusalem. Paul and Barnabas, representing the Antioch Church in the north, travelled all the way to Jerusalem. The Council took time off to debate the question and arrived at the Answer, as the Spirit gave light to the delegates. "Then pleased it the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send [a decree by] chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; namely, Judas surnamed Barsabas, and Silas, chief men among the brethren" (Acts 15:22). Truth was not limited to the Apostles, for elders and brethren were included in the Council.

This 7th Conference is devoted primarily to the study on the Charismatic Movement, and in apostolic fashion, the question of tongues, prophecies and healings was debated at length by the pastors, elders and ordinands. As "iron sharpeneth iron," so the views presented from all sides in the light of Scripture began to crystallise. A statement is made by the whole conference which will be presented to the Synod for further study and final adoption. And when the statement is duly published, it will strengthen not only our Church against the inroads of the Charismatics, but also non-BP churches.

3. Evidence Against Tongues From Recent Church History

While great scholars argued from certain Greek words on the subject, our presentation of evidence from recent Church History connected with the BPC was recognised and accepted. From our research leading to the writing of the Asian Awakening, there was no tongue-speaking at all in the John Sung Revival, nor in Lim Puay Hian, Dora Yu (under whose ministry Watchman Nee was converted), Ting Li Mei, Jonathan Goforth, Robert Murray McCheyne, William Burns. These revivalists are singled out because our faith has stemmed directly from them.

- Yours obediently in His Service, T.T.

FEBC 17th Graduation Service

At the FEBC 17th Graduation (Silver Jubilee) Service at Calvary (Pandan) B-P Church, Lord's Day Sept 6, '87, the following were conferred the degree of Bachelor of Theology:- Kayoko Cheong, Goh Ngiam Heng, Koa Keng Woo, Michael Kipyegon Arap Koech, Frieda Lee Seow Kiang, Matthias Low Cheng Chye, Frank Low Yong Kim, Haposan Siregar, Wan Khwen Lam, Colin Wong Tuck Chuen. Awarded the Diploma in Theology were:- Daniel Arianto, Esther Chai Tian Moi, Sandra Chay Chee Nam, Jayaraj Perinbam David, Joshua Ira Jamaludin Bin Othman, Eddy Lim Choon Jin, Irene Loo, M. Mani, Rhee Eun Hey, Samraj Eman Kumar Dayaraj, Ranto Parlingdungan Simanjuntak, Agus Parluhutan Siregar, Subbaiyan Baskaran. Awarded the Certificate of Religious Knowledge were:- Anne Clements, Prasit Kamneung.

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

MON	7.30 pm	Calvin's/Psalms (Rev Tow)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
WED	8.00 pm	Session Meeting
THU	7.30 pm	Romans (Rev C. Tan)
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC
	2.30 pm	Life Teens; 3pm - LBC
	3.30 pm	YF; 4pm - YAF
	5.30 pm	BFC Anniversary (FEBC Hall)
SUN	8.00 am	Rev Tow
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	9.30 am	Catechism Class
	10.30 am	Rev Tow
	10.30 am	Chinese Service
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	3.00 pm	Thai & BFC Services
	4.00 pm	Kebaktian Indonesia
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service
	6.00 pm	Tamil Service
	7.30 pm	Korean Evening Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS

\$1,915.00 (8 am)

\$4,709.50 (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BLDG FUND 1470)\$150(8 am);
1471)\$1900(10.30 am); 1472)\$300;
1473)\$20; 1474)\$500; 1475)\$425(Chin.
Serv). Total \$1,225,975.43

PHILIPPINES PARSONAGE 9)\$100; 10)
\$50; 11)\$300; 12)\$50; 13)\$1200; 14)
\$100(Boxes). Total \$3,711.00

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: Rev Dan
Ebert III \$90; FEBC \$3050, \$100;
FEBC Bldg Fund \$1800, \$1200, \$40.

We extend a warm welcome to Dr & Mrs Jack Murray to our pulpit this morning. Dr Murray was one-time teacher of the pastor of Life Church at Faith Seminary, himself being an alumnus of Faith. Dr Murray is President of Bible Evangelism. He is an evangelist who has travelled widely and Mrs Murray a musician and composer and most valuable help-mate. Mrs Eleanor Murray will give a farewell recital of sacred music at Calvary Pandan this afternoon from 5 to 6 pm, after which Dr Murray will speak at the Sunset Gospel Hour. Don't miss this double blessing!

We extend our good wishes to Sharon BP Church on her 16th Anniversary today. Pastor will speak at their Thanksgiving service 4.30 pm and attend the Dinner thereafter.

Unauthorised Parking at Chancery Court. This is the subject of a letter received from Residents of Chancery Court with complaint against the following 9 vehicles (whoso readeth, let him or her understand) parked on Lord's Day 30th Aug, and the following 10 vehicles (whoso readeth, let him or her understand) parked on Lord's Day 6th Sep '87. Please refrain forthwith from parking on their private property. We apologise to our neighbours for past parking on their property when their private ownership was not known. Motorists please avoid Chancery Court at all costs! Our Christianity has been ridiculed! Korean motorists also cooperate, please!

"Ye Are My Witnesses"

E.S.M.

(Isaiah 43:10)

ELEANOR S. MURRAY

Slightly martial

The Lord Opened My Heart

E.S.M.

ELEANOR S. MURRAY

"Training Labourers Together With God," the FEBC Silver Jubilee Magazine of 178 pages, is yours at the entrance after service today. If you are blest by its contents, remember to pray for us. Your free-will offering will help defray the cost of printing.

Next Lord's Day a most enlightening 7 page report on the lives and exploits of Charismatic tycoons in USA--Oral Roberts, Jim Bakker, Jim Swaggart, Pat Robertson--will be available to those who ask at the counters. Straight from New York, dated August 1987.

Expressgram to: 1) Rev & Mrs Paauwe: Thanks for wishes to FEBC and latest letter. Praying for you and Hope BPC. 2) Rev Robert Thawmluai: Thanks for telegram and letters. Praying for Oct 10-15 visit. 3) Rhee Eun Hey: Thanks for telegram and good wishes to FEBC.

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PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

"Man Proposes, God Disposes"



I have bad news for you! The property across the street that has been agreed upon at \$110 p.s.f. is snapped up by another buyer, "as the price offered by the other party was much higher than our price" (as disclosed by our lawyer). Naturally, we were disappointed, but with God ruling and overruling, we can only submit. However, we do not believe this is the end of everything. We are persuaded God has a better plan than ours which He will make known in due time as we patiently wait upon Him. We have the example of the Spirit forbidding Paul to advance on Bithynia, which

channelled him to Macedonia. Thus the Gospel was diverted westwards into Europe (Acts 16:6-11). There are properties still in close proximity which, if God wills, we can negotiate. "And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Gal 6:9).

In this new turn of events, we have gained some breathing space. Instead of heading right on target, shall we not work on the Philippines Parsonage? \$20,000, we estimate, should be enough to round up the job. "Being confident of this very thing, that He which has begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ" (Phil 1:6). Neither forget our Church slogan, "Do something good for Jesus everyday."

Monthly Gospel Film YAF's Ministry

"IF I PERISH"

Oct 24 7.30 pm

The showing of Gospel Films has been the YAF's ministry until it ground to a halt recently. Being challenged anew, the YAF President has assured us they will resume this good work. Henceforth it will be a regular, monthly screening (our screen is king-size), starting Oct 24. "If I Perish," the true story of a Korean girl persecuted for her Christian faith by the Japanese Kempeitai during WWII will make debut. Incidentally this Korean girl found a haven in Faith

Seminary where I was a student, 1948. She was Miss Ann. Though I have seen the film before I shall delight to see it again. Bring a friend, a non-Christian friend especially, as your contribution to the evangelistic outreach of this Church.

May I take this opportunity to request our Korean FEBC students to contact your Embassy if we can borrow that famous film of the Blind Korean Pastor Rev. Ann Yohan? This film moved many to tears. This film will draw men to Christ and closer to the Saviour.

Meanwhile Mr Colin Wong, our new staff worker, will organise an outreach to Toa Payoh with the help of a dozen young people. The Van is available.

To press on in obedience to the Great Commission, we shall join Elder Koa in a special "expedition" to Kundang Ulu on the upper reaches of the Muar River, Wed. Sept. 23 night. A revived Christian family has opened their house to Gospel Meetings conducted here every month. As many as a hundred old and young would come under the Gospel sound. Pray for us. Pray for Kundang Ulu and Toa Payoh and for the Gospel Film Ministry of the YAF.

Charismatic Blockades

Young Christians who are sucked into the Charismatic strongholds have run into spiritual blockades. Several have phoned me for counselling. A woman says her soul is already consigned to hell and wonders if I could baptise her with holy water!

With our declared stand vis-a-vis the Charismatic movement, not a few of the disillusioned are coming to Gilstead Road. To you we extend a very cordial welcome.

The Big Four Charismatic Giants on T.V. in USA are Oral Roberts, Jim Bakker, Jim Swaggart and Pat Robertson. We have an independent commentary on their work and lifestyles from a New York source, just mailed to us by someone in Singapore. It has come so very timely that we are persuaded the Lord wants us to circulate that analysis.

Our Lord says of those who claim to be His servants, "By their fruits ye shall know them. Not everyone that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied (preached) in Thy Name? and in Thy Name have cast-out devils? and in Thy Name done many wonderful works (miracles)? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from Me, ye that work iniquity" (Matt 7:20-23).

Kebaktian Indonesia

Founded in Feb 1982, the Indonesian Service is five-and-a-half years old today! There were about 15 worshipping at the Jerusalem Court when I rejoined them last Lord's Day. It was the last time Haposan was preaching, but the first time Joseph Lioe of Tanjong Pinang chaired the service. Though the Indonesian Service is small, it is a marvel that it has not stopped assembling even once during these difficult years.

But God is the One who perseveres through this service. And He has added new blood to the Kebaktian by having Deacon Charlie Chia as Treasurer and his wife as hostess to the worshippers. Rev Frankie Low comes round once a month to serve the Lord's Supper. Now, Joseph Lioe, who is preacher from Tanjong Pinang studying at FEBC, fits into the gap perfectly. The Lord be praised.

Every now and then we hear of Gospel expeditions into Indonesia. Here then is a miniature Indonesian Christian community for you to familiarise with--to learn a little Indonesian before you go abroad. And if you have Indonesian domestic helps, why won't you bring them to the Kebaktian 4 pm every Lord's Day? This is another form of evangelising Indonesia. A young couple whom I had baptised never forgets to send Christmas greetings from Surabaya. The Gospel they received here is bearing fruit in a far-off country. Support Kebaktian Indonesia with your prayers! Yours in His evangelistic service, T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

(21st - 27th Sept '87)

MON	7.30 pm	Calvin's/Psalms (Rev Tow)
	8.00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
WED	8.00 pm	Kundang Ulu Gospel Meeting
THU	7.30 pm	Romans (Rev C. Tan)
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	4.00 pm	YAF; 7.30 pm - CFM
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	8.00 am	Dr P. Tan
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	9.30 am	Catechism Class
	10.30 am	Rev Tow
	10.30 am	Chinese Service
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	6.00 pm	Tamil Service
	7.30 pm	Korean Ev. Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS

\$1,665.40 (8 am)

\$4,974.00 (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BLDG FUND 1476)\$1210;
1477)\$50; 1478)\$100; 1479)\$50;
1480)\$100; 1481)\$50; 1482)\$280.

Total \$1,227,815.43

PHILIPPINES PARSONAGE 15)\$2000
(Thanksgiving); 16)\$1000(Increment)
17)\$200(8 am). Total \$6,911.00

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: FEBC \$200(Boxes),
\$100(Chin Lien), \$100(LCYF), \$100(Anon.);
China \$50; Young Peoples' Hymn Books \$250,
\$250, \$300; FEBC Scholarship \$900(AF); FEBI
Scholarship \$900(AF).

Dr & Mrs Jack Murray left by SQ Fri. Nov
18 for USA via Honolulu. Godspeed!

Robin Tan (phone 4550905) leaves for Perth
Mon. Sept 21.

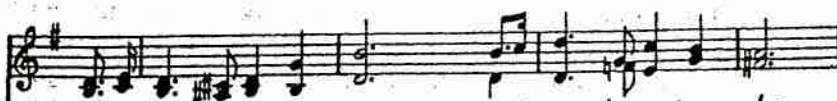
Pray for Mr Lim Mong Tee of the Chinese
Service now at Bed 13 Ward 53, NUH.

Session has decided that our 37th Anniver-
sary will be celebrated with a Chinese Din-
ner Oct 17 and a Combined Service at 9.30
am including the Chinese Service (22nd Anni-
versary) by T.V.

Life BWV 1228 O Come BACK to the Lord... Korean Hymn

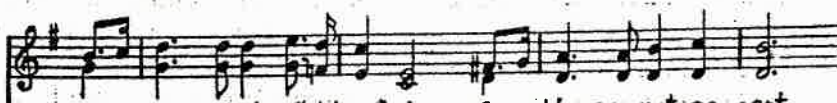


Oh come unto the Lord, Oh come back to the Lord



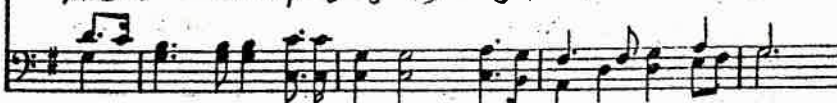
No matter how heav-y
Our Lord is waiting for
That no matter how hard hit

And how great your sins may be
Your return both night and day
And how beaten you may be



There are no sins that Christ our Savior
He is anxiously waiting for you,
The Lord's hands will comfort you greatly

Cannot bear or not ac-cept
With his doors kept open wide,
They will touch and will heal you



The great depth of the Lord's loving heart It is far deeper than the skies.
As if He is waiting in the night for his lost child to come back home.
Oh come unto our Lord who loves so Please come back home, pl. come back home.



The Evangelistic Band will meet 12.30 pm
at the FEBC Hall for prayer before setting
out to Toa Payoh.

The Pastor is invited by Rev Dan Ebert III
to deliver a week of lectures at his School
of Theology, Nov 14-20, as well as to dedi-
cate the newly-completed Church at Kapitba-
hayan, a Govt housing estate in Manila.

FEK Committee is called to meet Tue. 9.30
pm immediately after Prayer Meeting.

The Renovation Committee is called to consi-
der repair work on the Sanctuary, roads,
car park, etc.

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THE STORY OF ORAL ROBERTS

(From "Giving God a Hand" by Martin Gardner in the
New York Review of Books, Aug 13, 1987)

Oral Roberts was born in 1918 on a farm near Ada, Oklahoma, of Pentecostal parents, both part-Indian. At seventeen he collapsed on a high school basketball court, bleeding through his nose. Local doctors told him his lungs were in the "final stages" of tuberculosis. Home in bed, watching his father's face miraculously become the face of Jesus, Oral was reborn. Soon thereafter, when a traveling evangelist touched his head, Oral was instantly healed. *My Story*, one of Oral's numerous autobiographies, reproduces medical documents proving that a few months later his lungs were perfect, but there is no shred of evidence that he ever had TB. There is only his memory of what some country doctors told him.

Before the year ended Oral was ordained by the Pentecostal Holiness church, but it was not until after a decade of pastoring that he discovered a supernatural healing energy in his right arm. His rise to fame was swift, and his books swarm with lurid accounts of how God used the "fire" in his right hand to heal the sick and cast out demons. During a crusade in Fresno a "little baby died." The mother tossed the "stiffening" body to Brother Roberts, and when he touched the baby it began to breathe. "God," Oral asked, "how could I ever limit you again?"

Stichomancy is an ancient art of divination. One opens a sacred book at random, then reads. The Greeks consulted Homer. Moslems consult the Koran. Pentecostals, like medieval Christians, love to consult the Bible. In 1947, when Oral flipped his Bible open, his eyes fell on III John: 2. "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health." The passage hit Oral like a thunderbolt. God doesn't want anyone to be poor!

Soon Oral was proclaiming his famous doctrine of seed-faith. Don't wait for something good to happen before you give to the Lord. Give money, especially to Brother Roberts, and God will multiply it back many times over. Hundreds of other evangelists have adopted this seed-faith doctrine (calling it by other names), as well as Oral's ingenious methods of obtaining seed. Roberts's monthly letters to his millions of "prayer partners" are often accompanied by token gifts designed to involve the partner in a physical ritual that will encourage giving. Here are three typical items Oral has sent to his partners:

A prayer cloth with a print of Oral's magic right hand. Put your hand on the imprint, send money, and await your blessing.

A tiny bag of cement. Send it back, with a donation, so Oral can mix it with cement from others to symbolize cooperative faith in a building project.

A tiny sack of cornmeal. Pray over it and return it with cash. "I am going to

have Evelyn mix the cornmeal... and bake for me God's representative of the body of Christ."

Oral folded his circus-size healing tent when God told him to start preaching on radio and television. In the early Sixties the Lord said to him, "Build Me a university." After ORU (Oral Roberts University) was completed in Tulsa, God told Oral to build beside it a City of Faith—a towering hospital that would combine prayer with medicine. Tulsa doctors opposed it on the sensible grounds that the city didn't need another hospital, but of course Oral had to obey the Lord. It was when he desperately required money to complete the edifice that he had his most spectacular vision:

I felt an overwhelming holy presence all around me. When I opened my eyes, there He stood... some 900 feet tall, looking at me.... He stood a full 300 feet taller than the 600 foot tall City of Faith. There I was face to face with Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God. I have only seen Jesus once before, but here I was face to face with the King of Kings. He stared at me without saying a word; Oh! I will never forget those eyes! And then, He reached down, put his Hands under the City of Faith, lifted it, and said to me, "See how easy it is for Me to lift it!"

The funds poured in—more than \$5 million. Posters around Tulsa showed the City of Faith behind a warning sign: "Begin 900-foot Jesus Crossing." A few years later Oral collected another \$5 million for a research center after announcing that his doctors were on the verge of a major cancer discovery.

Roberts's empire started to crumble in 1985. Hospital patients were few, expenses were skyrocketing, and new electronic preachers were carving up the cash flow. Oral's TV ratings dipped below those of Jimmy Swaggart and Robert Schuller. Oral closed his dental school. He gave his law school to Pat Robertson.

Next year Oral took an enormous public-relations risk. He said God told him he would be called home if he failed to raise \$8 million by a certain date. A few weeks before the deadline, Oral revealed that during the night Satan had sneaked into his bedroom and tried to strangle him. Tulsa bumper stickers urged, "Send Oral to Heaven in 87." Brother Roberts climbed his Prayer Tower to fast and pray. A few days later his life was spared by a \$1.3 million check from a Florida dog-track owner.

Oral's handsome singing son Richard, who now has his own daily TV show and conducts healing crusades around the

world, is being groomed to take over the Roberts conglomerate. Richard's first wife, Patti, who used to warble hymns with him on his father's show, has written (in her book, *Ashes to Gold*) about her distress in watching Richard turn into a clone of Oral, and the shameless way that she and Richard rationalized their jet-set ways of life. The Bible says a workman is worthy of his hire, Richard would remind her, and if an ox treads the grain it has a right to eat it. How about "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want"?

There is a horror story in Patti's book. Before she and Richard left on their honeymoon, Oral summoned them to his study and began to weep. He had a dream, he said, in which God told him that if Patti and Richard ever left his ministry they would be killed in a plane crash. After years of faking the feelings of a loving wife on TV, Patti tells us, she divorced Richard, remarried, and is now living contentedly near Nashville. In 1977, the year Patti left the Roberts organization, Oral's own daughter Rebecca was killed in a plane crash.

As soon as Brother Roberts came down from his Prayer Tower he had another revelation. God told him to build a \$14 million healing center. Construction work has begun, and he and Richard are now pleading for funds to complete it. Last May, God told Oral to raise \$1 billion, his largest request ever, as an endowment for ORU.

Oral blundered again last June when he told a conference of charismatics at ORU that he had often raised the bodies of persons who died during a service. "I had to stop and go back in the crowd and raise the dead person so I could go ahead with the service." There are "dozens and dozens and dozens of documented instances," his son Richard added, of people resurrected by ministers. Oral also revealed that God has told him he will die before the Second Coming, but that he will return with Jesus to help rule the new earth, presumably from a throne in Tulsa. "Watch what happens to ORU when I get back," he said.

I grew up in Tulsa and have been a bemused Oral watcher ever since. Friends there like to say, "Oral may be a charlatan, but he's *our* charlatan." True, his fundraising tactics are deceptive, and he often stretches the truth, but Oral is not a charlatan. He genuinely believes, I am convinced, that everything he says and does is part of God's plan for him to heal and save as many souls as possible before Jesus returns. Insecure feelings about his early poverty and lack of education mix with an awesome ego. Oral will never consider that when he hears the voice of God he is listening to himself, that when

he builds a bigger monument it is a monument to himself. His visions are too childish to be fabrications. As his financial woes proliferate, his God-told-me's become more bizarre and self-destructive.

Richard Roberts is trying hard. Last July he sent his partners a tiny plastic bag of "anointed water" from the River of Life, an artificial stream that flows under the huge bronze praying hands near the City of Faith. Richard and his father had blessed the water by placing their palms on the river and praying. The water was then put in fifty-gallon drums and sent to a factory for packaging. Poor Richard is trapped. He couldn't leave even if he wanted to. The old man would disinherit him and die of a broken heart.

Report on Kundang Ulu

Kundang Ulu is at the end of a 30-mile road leading north from Muar. It meets with the upper reaches of the Muar River. In the remote riverine village there is settled an old-timer Christian family, lately revived by the Lord. The grandma blesses her grandson who opens up his house, with a big courtyard, for a monthly Gospel Meeting on the 4th Wednesday night. One hundred old and young would gather to hear the Word. Last Wednesday, Colin Wong and I fulfilled an appointment to preach the Word there, taking a lift from Elder & Mrs Koa. We found also good support from the Rawangites and members of Bukit Gambir. Earlier Wed. afternoon, we arrived in Muar just in time to officiate a funeral for the Chew family at Trinity Church and at the Bakri Christian cemetery. The Lord gave us opportunity to preach to 250 people at both services.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Sep 28 - Oct 4)

MON	7.30 pm	Calvin/Psalm (Rev Tow)
	8.00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
THU	7.30 pm	Romans (Rev C. Tan)
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30pm - Life Teens
	2.00 pm	Jeff Lim-Christy Tan Peek Wah Wedding (Toa Payoh BC)
	3.00 pm	LBC; 3.30pm - YF; 4pm - YAF
	7.30 pm	CFM
SUN	8.00 am	Elder Lim Teck Chye
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	9.30 pm	Catechism Class
	10.30 am	Rev Tow (Lord's Supper)
	10.30 am	Chinese Service
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	4.00 pm	Kebaktian Indonesia
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service
	6.00 pm	Tamil Service
	6.00 pm	Rev Tow at Cal-Pan
	7.30 pm	Korean Evening Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$2,243.50 (8 am)

\$4,353.00 (10.30 am)

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Philippines Parsonage. So may God build your house, as you think upon His servants! Praise God for good response.

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Statement on The Spirit of Truth and the Spirit of Error

The Spirit of Truth is another Comforter whom the Lord had promised to send to His Church before His departure. The Spirit of Truth is the Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Holy Trinity, He proceeds from the Father.

He manifested Himself in power at Pentecost by giving utterance in many languages to the Apostles in order to expedite the Great Commission of the ascended Lord. He is sent to indwell believers and to teach and guide the Church into all truth. He is called the Spirit of Truth to emphasize this teaching ministry.

The mark of the Spirit of Truth is that He will not speak of Himself but rather glorify and testify of the Son. He does not receive our prayers as the Father and the Son but rather prays "for the saints according to the will of God." As He is sent in the Name of the Son, He is also called the Spirit of Christ.

The spirit of error is of the world, whose prince is Satan. The spirit of error is opposed to the Truth as its name implies. He is opposed to the Christ, so he is called the spirit of antichrist. When he opposes Christ touching His person he also transgresses the doctrine of Christ and vice versa. The spirit of error is also the spirit of confusion.

Throughout Church history the Spirit of Truth and the spirit error have been in conflict, as light contends with darkness. This contention has centered on the Person, the Work, and the Word of Christ.

In the fourth century the heresy of Arius attacked the doctrine of the Person of Christ but was defeated by Athanasius. In the sixteenth century the heresy of the Roman Catholic Church (which persists to this day) against the doctrine of Christ's sole saving grace was defeated by Luther's rediscovery of "the just shall live by faith."

In modern times, from the eighteenth century to this day, unrelenting attacks have been made on the Word of Christ, the Holy Scriptures, infallible and inerrant. The latest stratagem known as "limited inerrancy" which proceeds from so-called Neo-evangelical scholarship was exposed by this Council at its last Congress, and remains condemned forever.

The spirit of error, as declared in the introduction of this statement, is the spirit of confusion. As in the Corinthian Church this spirit is coming in force into the church everywhere today, uniting Protestants and Roman Catholics in common worship. It comes in the spirit of an overwhelming emphasis on unintelligible tongue-speaking which is engendered rather by the flesh and not given by the Spirit. This conclusive statement by the Apostle on the Corinthian Church adjudges every controversy on Tongue-speaking: "But in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue." (1 Cor. 14:19).

On our part, let there be an awakening to the need not only of earnestly contending for the faith (truth) once delivered to the saints, but also of preaching it in the power of the Spirit with earnest application to sinners and saints, that the extension of the gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth might be expedited with all urgency before the Lord's imminent Advent. Even so, come Lord Jesus. Amen.

Passed unanimously by the 11th World Congress of the International Council of Christian Churches, June 1963.

THE STORY OF JIM AND TAMMY BAKKER

(From "Giving God a Hand" by Martin Gardner in the
New York Review of Books, Aug 13, 1987)

Jim and Tammy Bakker, top bananas in the still unrolling PTL burlesque show, met when they were students at a Bible college in Minneapolis. The letters are supposed to stand for Praise the Lord and People That Love. (Pass the Loot and Pay the Lady are recent interpretations.) Jim had gone there from Muskegon, Michigan. Tammy Faye LaValley came from International Falls, Minnesota. Her Pentecostal mother had fought constantly with her unsaved father. After a divorce, the mother (with custody of Tammy and her younger brother) remarried and had six more children. They all lived in a ramshackle house with no bathtub and a privy in back.

The Bible college forbade student marriages, so when Jim and Tammy took the vows, during their first year, they had to leave. Jim had no further education, but the Assemblies of God ordained him anyway. In 1965 he joined Pat Robertson's newly started Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN), now the largest cable network in the nation. For a while he and Tammy had a Christian puppet show, then Jim founded and hosted CBN's 700 Club. (The name came from an early telethon that sought 700 pledges.)

In her autobiography, *I Gotta Be Me*, Tammy is candid about her love-hate feeling for Pat. She loved him, but when "he would do certain things... I built up a terrible, terrible resentment." Every time she and Jim consulted God's Word it fell open on Ezekiel 12:1-6, where God tells the prophet to take all his "stuff" and leave a "rebellious house." Jim and Tammy packed up their stuff and left, taking along their most valuable possession—trade secrets of the 700 Club.

After an unsuccessful effort to start the PTL Club in Los Angeles, Jim and Tammy finally got it rolling in Charlotte, North

Carolina. Modeled on Johnny Carson's Tonight Show, PTL soon became the nation's most widely watched Christian talk show and vaudeville act. Jim and Tammy frequently cried on camera, especially when they talked about how poor they were. (In their autobiographies, they sob off camera on almost every page.) Tammy's mascara dripped from her huge false eyelashes until she started using waterproof clown makeup.

The sixty blue telephones of Jim's telethons, which he ran about two hundred times a year, were monitored by operators who took down pledges, reports of miracle cures, and prayer requests. Ailments were checked on alphabetized lists (arthritis to ulcers), then a computer would mail out responses. It's hard to believe, but millions of people actually think that when they get a letter with their name on top, signed in ink, the evangelist has written to them personally. The tens of thousands of letters that go daily to every prominent television evangelist are, of course, mechanically opened, sorted by the kinds of requests, then answered by computers with appropriate form letters. It's not dishonest, but then it's not exactly honest either, since the evangelist implies that he reads every letter. Oral Roberts once asked his partners to send photos of themselves so he could see what they looked like when he prayed for them. Can you imagine Brother Roberts studying each face in a million snapshots?

With the money that poured into PTL, Bakker built Heritage USA, his spectacular Jim-and-Tammy-Land south of Charlotte. We all know what happened to it, and to the weepy little minister with the Howdy Doody grin. Most PTL partners seem to be willing to forgive him for his fling with Jessica Hahn, but not for

buying her silence with \$265,000 stolen from their donations to the Lord, or for a style of life that made Oral and Richard look almost as poor as Jesus.

Unlike the Baker, when confronted by a Boojum in Lewis Carroll's *Hunting of the Snark*, the Bakkers are not likely to "softly and suddenly" disappear. They have hired the famous attorney Melvin Belli to help them regain PTL ("like asking the fox back into the hen house," said Jerry Falwell), and a group of loyal PTL'ers have formed a BBB Club (Bring Back the Bakkers). The plan is for Bakker fans to put contributions in escrow, to be released only when Falwell turns the ministry back to Jim and Tammy. "Farewell Falwell," the loyalists like to chant. Meanwhile, the Bakkers have announced, from their home in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, that they hope soon to start another television ministry. We can all look forward to this new vaudeville act, and to court battles that may be even more bizarre than the Iran hearings. Ollie North, by the way, is a charismatic, and, according to *The New York Times*, is claimed as a "friend of some years" by Pat Robertson, whom he asked to pray for him just before his secret trip to Iran. Although raised a Roman Catholic, he attends the Church of the Apostles, a charismatic Episcopalian church in Fairfax, Virginia.

Oral Roberts's reaction to Brother Jim's downfall was another blunder. The Lord told him, he said, that the Devil was attacking a "young prophet of God" through an "unholy trio of forces." One of the trio was Jimmy Lee Swaggart, an Assemblies of God minister who for months had been trying to convince his denomination's elders that the Bakkers were a "cancer that needed to be excised from the body of Christ."

BEWARE OF FALSE PROPHETS ...
RAVENING WOLVES. (Matt 7:15)

Chinese Sorcery and the 7th Moon Festival

By Rev Liew Hon Seng in the B-P Melati Chapel Weekly, Sept 6, '87



Nanyang Siang Pau, Malaysia has recently published Monk Sek Chin Min's speech calling on Chinese Buddhists to attend the Feast of "All Souls Day" on the 15th of the 7th moon. It shows how the press is used for Buddhist propaganda. The Monk declares that this Feast is an act of filial piety

and not sacrifice to devils. It has a double purpose: 1) To show filial piety to our parents who had brought us up; 2) Worship Buddha with almsgiving to Buddhist monks, accumulating blessings. Is this true? It is plain sorcery!

The Monk says the 7th moon Feast originated from Buddhas's disciple Mu Chien Lien. One day Mu saw in a trance his mother languishing among the hungry ghosts. He tried to deliver a bowl of rice through divination to feed his mother. But before she could eat the rice, it had turned into charcoal. Mu was heartbroken.

Thereupon Buddha said to him, "Your mother's sin is great. You cannot deliver her by your own power. You need the combined strength of the monks to deliver her from suffering.

Buddha's disciple did as he was told. On the 15th of the 7th moon he offered vegetarian food to all the monks gathered from every quarter, and with their power delivered his mother from the suffering of the hungry ghosts, it is claimed.

Many Chinese read this story without questioning such a terrible lie. If you study the case carefully, you will know this is an invented lie. There is not a shred of evidence to their claim.

The Bible says, ". . . there shall not be found among you anyone that makes his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that uses divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer" (Deut 18:10,11)

This kind of feast that feeds the monks rather than Mu's mother has nothing to do with filial piety. Honouring parents is an act of daily living. It is to serve and respect them while they are alive.

The 7th moon festival of feeding the hungry ghosts is actually a means of livelihood for the lazy monks. Chanting for the dead, chanting for all sorts of things, is a way of money-making. It is well known that one night of chanting (for the dead) by these monks would cost a few thousand dollars. To use the name of filial piety for profiteering is what this is all about. (Ed. Note: Fortunately, the 7th moon is just past!)

Philippines Parsonage

This is the interior of the Parsonage, a lean-to on the completed Church Auditorium which appeared on the front page of this Weekly several weeks ago. As the Church is short of funds, the pastor, Rev Ligmon and his family have to live in this wood-zinc-cardboard shack. When it rains heavily, the family has to retreat into the Church.

How our Church got interested in building a House of the Lord in Manila began three years ago. We were invited to teach at the Fundamental Baptist Bible Institute founded by Rev Ormeo. There we were introduced to Rev Dan Ebert III who has since been invited to Singapore to speak at our Church on various occasions. Rev Ebert was in the process of helping Rev Ligmon, one of his graduate students, buy a piece of land in a Government Housing Development Project. We felt constrained to lend a hand. The funds we've sent them in the last three years helped in no small measure to build the Church Auditorium.

But, that is only two-thirds the story. The remaining third is the unbuilt parsonage. Since our Appeal for the Philippines Parsonage, nearly \$10,000 has come in. But we need several times more than this because from latest news received, prices of materials have risen sharply because of unrest in the country. "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord: and that which he hath given will He pay him again" (Prov 19:17). - T.T.

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

MON	7.30 pm	Calvin/Psalms (Rev Tow)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
THU	7.30 pm	Romans (Rev C. Tan)
FRI	7.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30pm-Life Teens
	3.00 pm	LBC; 3.30pm - YF; 4pm - YAF
	7.30 pm	CFM
SUN	8.00 am	Elder Khoo Peng Kiat
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	9.30 am	Catechism Class
	10.30 am	Rev Patrick Tan
	10.30 am	Rev Tow (Chinese Service)
	11.45 am	Filipina Fellowship
	12.15 pm	Korean Church Service
	12.45 pm	Church Choir Practice
	3.00 pm	Thai & BFC Services
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service
	4.00 pm	Rev Tow at Bethlehem Jurong
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service
	6.00 pm	Tamil Service
	6.00 pm	Rev Tow at Calvary Pandan

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Pray for Ms Peggy Kong, after a successful operation, at Blk 7, Ward 8, Bed 4, SGH.

The Chinese Service will celebrate her 22nd Anniversary Thanksgiving separate from the English, Oct 18, 9.30 am to relieve congestion in the main auditorium. The pastor will speak at both services, while Dr Patrick Tan will baptise the English catechumens. The Thanksgiving Dinner will be held Sat Oct 17, 6.30 pm. In view of Session Meeting falling on Oct 21 which is a public holiday, and Synod will meet the same day, it is suggested that it be postponed to Oct 28, N.B.

37th Anniversary Thanksgiving Dinner, Sat Oct 17, 6.30 pm: Tickets will be on sale next Lord's Day at \$16 for earners, \$10 for non-earners and \$5 for children under 6 (separate menu). Members can book for a table of 10.

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THE STORY OF PAT ROBERTSON

(From "Giving God a Hand" by Martin Gardner in the
New York Review of Books, Aug 13, 1987)

We come now to Marion Gordon (Pat) Robertson, the best educated of all electronic Pentecostal preachers. He seems modest enough, and well-informed when he talks quietly about economics and politics, then suddenly, still smiling, he says something idiotic. Pat is the son of a US senator from Virginia, a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Washington and Lee, a former Marine officer and Golden Gloves boxer, and a graduate of Yale Law School. His autobiography, *Shout it From the House-tops*, tells how he and his wife, Dede, had been sophisticated New York swingers before Pat was converted during a lunch with a Dutch minister.

In no time at all Pat was opening his Bible at random for divine guidance, listening to the voice of God, and telling Satan to vamoose. After attending several fundamentalist schools he was finally ordained a Southern Baptist, though essentially he's a neo-Pentecostal. His baptism by the Holy Spirit occurred when his son had a fever. Pat prayed, the fever broke, and while Pat was praising Jesus his speech became garbled. Out poured the Unknown Tongue, sounding (he writes) like an African dialect. When Dede later received the baptism, her glossolalia sounded French.

There was a time when Pat, taking seriously Jesus' advice to the rich young man, actually sold all his possessions and gave the money to the poor. It was not until after years of living in rat-infested apartments that this spectacular seed-sowing began to work. God first instructed him to buy a defunct radio station. Later he acquired a TV station and hired Jim Bakker. Now his Christian Broadcasting Network has its headquarters on 685 acres in Virginia Beach, in a complex of colonial-style buildings that include CBN University, and a Georgian mansion in which Pat and Dede live rent-free. They also have a country house in Hot Springs, Virginia. Selling all your goods seems to be a one-time thing.

Like Brother Bakker and Richard Roberts, Pat practices the shotgun technique of healing—much simpler than the laying on of hands. God gives him a "word of knowledge" about the afflictions of unnamed people. With millions of viewers he is sure to score many lucky hits. Those who are hit report their miracle cures and make generous donations. If an interviewer likes the way they talk, they may be invited to appear on the show to give stirring testimonies.

Dick Dabney, in a fascinating article about Robertson in *Harper's* (August, 1980), quotes this chilling sample of Pat's healing technique:

There is a woman in Kansas City who has sinus. The Lord is drying that up right now. Thank you, Jesus. There is a man with a financial need—I think a hundred thousand

dollars. That need is being met right now, and within three days, the money will be supplied through the miraculous power of the Holy Spirit. Thank you, Jesus! There is a woman in Cincinnati with cancer of the lymph nodes. I don't know whether it's been diagnosed yet, but you haven't been feeling well, and the Lord is dissolving that cancer right now! There is a lady in Saskatchewan in a wheelchair—curvature of the spine. The Lord is straightening that out right now, and you can stand up and walk! Just claim it and it's yours. Stand up and walk. Thank you, Jesus! Amen, and amen!

Dabney reports an occasion on which Pat's straight man, the tall, handsome, silver-haired black Ben Kinchlow, dashed up to Pat to tell him a lady had just phoned to say she had decided to "go all the way" and give the 700 Club all the money she was spending for cancer medicine—\$120 a month. She had previously been giving half of her limited income to the club. "Three days later," said Ben, "—get this!—from an entirely unexpected source she got a check for three thousand dollars!"

"Praise God!" exclaimed Brother Robertson. "Let's give God a hand!" While the studio audience applauded, Pat added, "And I won't be surprised if God doesn't do something about that cancer, too."

Pat's sin of pride, the pride of willful ignorance, has grown with CBN. His powers now rival Saint Peter's. In China he once preached in English and his listeners, he says, all heard him in their native dialects, just like on the day of Pentecost. A woman in California listened to Pat say that someone had broken an ankle and God was healing it. Her ankle was instantly okay. The awkward fact is she had been watching a rerun—Pat actually spoke his lines *before* the woman broke her ankle. Healing future accidents, Pat writes, happens often in his ministry.

On at least three occasions the prayers of Pat and his associates have saved CBN headquarters from damage by a killer hurricane. In *Beyond Reason* he tells how they diverted hurricane Betsy from Virginia Beach. Two years later they did it again with another violent storm. "Since that time," Pat wrote in 1984, "not one single hurricane has returned to the region." Unfortunately, hurricane Gloria threatened the town in 1985, but it, too, politely moved away after Pat said, "In the name of Jesus I command you to stop."

Some things Pat doesn't write about are in Gerard Straub's eye-opening book *Salvation for Sale*. Straub was producer of the 700 Club until he became disenchanted and was fired over his affair with an employee. His wildest revelation con-

cerns a 1979 CBN plan known as GSP (God's Secret Project). It was nothing less than to televise the Second Coming. Pat is convinced that recent events involving Israel prove that Jesus is about to return. Not only that, but CBN's ministry is hastening that glorious event by carrying the gospel "into all the world" (Mark 16:15), something that couldn't be done before the electronic age.

When Straub listened to a tape he had made of a conversation with his boss about televising the Parousia, he couldn't believe he had once taken the plan seriously:

The greatest show on earth was in our hands. I wondered where we would put the cameras. Jerusalem was the obvious place. We even discussed how Jesus' radiance might be too bright for the cameras and how we would have to make adjustments for that problem. Can you imagine telling Jesus, "Hey, Lord, please tone down your luminosity; we're having a problem with contrast. You're causing the picture to flare".... The tape indicated that I had some doubts about the Second Coming and Rapture stuff, but my love and concern for these men made the plan seem not odd.... Clinically, this would be called paranoid-schizophrenia with delusions of grandeur.... But at CBN it was normal.

Still, I find it easier to believe than a story Pat himself relates in *Beyond Reason*. One Sunday, after services, when he was assistant pastor of a church in Mount Vernon, New York, a twelve-year-old girl ran out of the entrance into the street and was killed by a car. Next day, Pat and his congregation prayed that the child would rise from the dead. The girl's body, lying in an open casket, had been embalmed.

Here then is a man who wants to be president and has the support of Jimmy Swaggart and millions of other Pentecostals. He believes that God, hearing his prayer, can revivify a corpse. Did not Jesus call Lazarus from the grave after his body (as Martha said) "stinketh"? Did he not turn water into wine? It would be no great thing—after all a miracle is a miracle—for Jesus to resurrect the poor girl and turn her embalming fluid into blood of the right blood type.

Pat sees nothing unusual or funny about this incident. "She did not rise," he concludes solemnly, "and we buried her on Tuesday."

Earlier we considered some of the national political implications of the fundamentalist revival. Although Robertson has no chance of getting the Republican nomination for president, the loyalty of

his followers may exert a strong influence on who the Republicans choose. Perhaps even more disturbing are the subtle pressures on foreign policy that flow from the universal belief of fundamentalists that the Second Coming is near at hand. "I firmly expect to be alive when Jesus Christ comes back to earth," Robertson writes in his *Answers to 200 of Life's Most Probing Questions*. Here is how he outlines the grim scenario.

The Bible's prophecies about the Second Coming began to be fulfilled with the establishment of Israel. The Jews are still God's chosen people, and before Jesus returns they will convert in large numbers to Christianity. Robertson's passionate support of Israel, like that of Falwell and most other fundamentalists, rests on biblical prophecy and nothing more. Robertson's TV station in Lebanon, the "Voice of Hope," blasts out a steady stream of anti-Arab rhetoric.

Before Jesus returns the world will experience a Great Tribulation, a time of economic and political chaos. Satan's counterfeit Jesus, the Antichrist, will take over—"the most hideous example," writes Pat, "of dictatorial power the world has ever known." No one will be able to buy or sell without the Number of the Beast, 666, stamped on a hand or forehead. Robertson urges the stockpiling of food for the terrible times just ahead. He wrote the foreword to Jim

McKeever's *The Almighty and the Dollar* (Omega 1980), a survivalist book that tells believers how to take advantage of the coming financial panic.

The Battle of Armageddon, almost surely a nuclear holocaust, will engulf the planet. Only the arrival of Christ will restore peace. The faithful will be "raptured"—caught up in the air to meet the Saviour—and for the next thousand years, the Millennium, Jesus will rule the earth. Why does he tarry? So the electronic ministry can reach as many sinners as possible before it is too late. It is not mere fantasy to contemplate the possibility of a Pentecostal in the Oval Office, who accepts the above scenario, who hears and obeys direct orders from Jehovah, and whose finger is on the nuclear button.

There is a more plausible possibility. As the flames of fundamentalism leap higher, there will be a growing subliminal longing among believers for provoking Armageddon. The war is inevitable, so let's get it over with, and maybe we shall be among those who escape death by being levitated above the clouds. As go public sentiments, so talk our politicians. You'll find Reagan's pronouncements about Armageddon collected in Grace Halsell's frightening *Prophecy and Politics: Militant Evangelists on the Road to Nuclear War* (Lawrence Hill, 1986). "We may be the generation that sees Armageddon," the president said in 1980 on

Bakker's PTL show. "Jerry, I sometimes believe we're heading very fast for Armageddon," he told his friend Falwell in 1981. Here are some remarks Reagan made at a 1971 dinner:

Everything is falling into place. It can't be too long now. Ezekiel says that fire and brimstone will be rained upon the enemies of God's people. That must mean that they'll be destroyed by nuclear weapons. They exist now, and they never did in the past.

Ezekiel tells us that Gog, the nation that will lead all of the other powers of darkness against Israel, will come out of the north. Biblical scholars have been saying for generations that Gog must be Russia. What other powerful nation is to the north of Israel? None. But it didn't seem to make sense before the Russian revolution, when Russia was a Christian country. Now it does, now that Russia has become communistic and atheistic, now that Russia has set itself against God. Now it fits the description of Gog perfectly.

Was Reagan voicing his own beliefs or just shrewdly currying fundamentalist favor? In any case, let us all pray that if the presidential nominees of 1988 feel compelled to make similar noises, none of them will believe what they are saying.

PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

This is the third and last of a series by a New York Reviewer (Martin Gardner) on Oral Roberts, Jim and Tammy Bakker, and Pat Robertson. Perhaps they had started out as "Fundamentalists," but as time went on they veered from the old-time faith and began to deceive the simple with their "miracle cures," while they in turn were deceived by their own erring spirits. These are predicted by our Lord: "For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect" (Matt 24:24). How do you know they are false prophets? Jesus says in Matt 7:16, "Ye shall know them by their fruits."

Besides "miracle cures," these above-named also delved into tongue-speaking. Now, lately we have received into our Church several young students that got involved in tongues to their sore confusion. They are glad to be delivered. Let them see how these tongue-speaking American TV Evangelists have entangled themselves, and brought shame to the Name of Christ. Reader, are you caught in the web of these charismatics? "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty" (II Cor 6:17,18).

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MON 7.30 pm Calvin/Psalms (Rev Tow)
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
THU 7.30 pm Romans (Rev C. Tan)
SAT 2.30 pm Juliana Pour-Liang Chin Juan
Wedding (Rev Lim Boon Seng)
SUN 9.30 am Combined English Services
9.30 am Chinese Service
6.00 pm Rev Tow at Calvary Pandan

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$2,781 (8.00 am)

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Infant Baptism Parents, please register with
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Monthly Gospel Film Sat. Oct. 24, 7.30 pm.

"If I Perish," story of a Korean girl imprisoned because she refused to bow to Japanese gods. Bring a friend!

Presbytery & Ordinands 37th Annual Conference of SPCS Wed. Oct. 21, 2.30-6.00 pm at
Calvary BPC Pandan, N.B.!

PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

"Count Your Blessings"

To warm up our hearts for the 37th Thanksgiving of our Church, let us "count our blessings" according to Psalm 103.

This Psalm of Praise and Thanksgiving is most typical of David. He reminds himself, and you and me, to bless the Lord "lest we forget."

"Count your blessings, name them one by one,
Count your blessings, see what God has done."

"All His benefits," if we should name them, would be countless. As for David, he reminds himself of four chief ones:

1. Forgiveness of sins (v. 3). What greater joy is there than the salvation of one's soul? (Luke 10:20).
2. Recovery from sickness (v. 3). Health is wealth.
3. Preservation from fatal injury (v. 4), such as in accident, in war and extreme danger. Life and limb are spared from pain and misery.
4. Provisions to body and soul. "The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and He addeth no sorrow with it" (Prov 10:22).

From the gifts David is drawn closer to the Giver who is God the Lord. David knows Him:

I. As Judge, who delivers those unjustly treated. His judgment is tempered with mercy and graciousness. He spares us more than we deserve, time after time. To those who reverently serve Him, He has unbounded mercies, reaching to heaven, outpoured on them. He not only forgives, but forgets, so that our sins are never to haunt us because they are removed "as far as the east is from the west" (v. 12).

II. As Father, with a compassionate and loving heart. Knowing our frailty as dust and grass, He all the more pities us. But they who "fear Him" (v. 17) are recipients of His everlasting mercies and "righteousness" from father to son, from son to grandson, etc. How do we show our reverential love or filial piety to the Heavenly Father? By keeping His covenant (like Abraham), by obeying Him (like David).

As David contemplates His goodness, reminding himself to love the Lord and to praise His Name, he sees the whole creation joining him in worship--angels and heavenly hosts, and all nature. David seems to have a vision of Revelation 4 which climaxes with the doxology, "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created" (Rev 4:11).

Keep on Expanding the Lord's Business, Till He Comes

This teaching is given in the parables of the pounds (Luke 19) and the talents (Matthew 25). Stated in popular academic language: Church Growth! Not for our exaltation, but to God's glory.

For the deepening of knowledge and spirituality we have the FEBC night classes on with lectures on Romans, Psalms and Calvin's theology. There's also a half-hour's Bible study at Tuesday Night Prayer Meeting and all the S.S. classes.

For the winning of souls and bringing them in, we have formed a Sunday afternoon Evangelistic Band, revived a monthly Gospel Film ministry with the YAF, made sorties into Malaysia, like Kundang Ulu.

For our "Judean ministry," we have stations from the Yap House Church at Woodlands to Taman Sri Melati, K.L. In between are J.B. (Word of Life Book Centre), Kulai Besar, Kelapa Sawit, Air Bemban, Bukit Batu, Layang Layang, Muar (Elder Koa), Rawang, Bukit Gambir, Kundang Ulu.

For our "Samaria ministry," i.e. ASEAN, please remember to pray for Tanjung Pinang, Pontianak in West Kalimantan, North Thailand, the "Philippines Parsonage."

For our "Uttermost Part of the Earth Ministry," we have a burden to carry with Australia and Burma. Your designated gifts to every missionary outreach is profitable unto the Lord.

But there is one home ministry most productive--the maintenance of FEBC. With regard to the Extension Building Fund (EBF), let us not lose sight of it though "the deal" is off. With our numbers steadily increasing at Gilstead Road, we believe it is the Lord's will to acquire some adjacent property--in His good time. What is accumulated in the EBF is also traded to bring profits for the Lord, financially! So let's keep on expanding the Lord's Business till He comes!

Yours obediently in His Service, T.T.

TESTIMONIES

"God has given me lots of courage and strength in my life. Particularly He has given me the confidence and strength to pass my Poly examination. I also learn to communicate with God wherever I go. I thank God for what He has done for me. Even for my coming baptism, I thank God that my parents did not object. They have even accepted my religion."
- Lynette Chew

"I had been jumping from one church to another and ending up in the same state of confusion. Since I came to this Church I learnt the importance of having a close walk with God and telling others about Christ, through the messages and the weekly Lively Stones." - Sharon Chua

"In 1982 I received the Lord Jesus Christ as my Saviour. Besieged by problems, I prayed to Him for help. I had this great feeling as if a great burden had been lifted off. Natu-

rally, I wanted to get hold of a Bible. I soon realised that the words gave me new understanding. The promise that Christ has bestowed on every believer--the Holy Spirit to guide a believer in matters concerning God and Himself--was reflected in the change that overcame me." - Hon Thiam Chow

"I was born into a Hindu family. But we were not strong Hindus. I used to attend religious classes on Sunday, and found that Hinduism has got no meaning and its teachings are very confusing. My school teacher spoke to me about Christ. I was really touched by what she said and had a thirst to know about Jesus." - Prema Latha Sheeneen

"An example is committing my finances to God. It was tough in the beginning to give my tithes to God and at the same time paying for my daily expenses. By trusting God and having faith in His providence, I learnt that God really provides when the time comes." - David Tan

"I had not a single knowledge about Christianity and never was concerned whether there was a God or not. Sometime in May this year a Christian friend passed me a tape, 'Testimony of Mr Ong, an Ex-Temple Medium.' I wondered who Jesus Christ was." - Calvin Tan

"About 6 years ago something happened that brought us back to God. My family drove up to Malaysia for a holiday. We had an accident which could have been fatal but none was hurt, thanks to the Lord. After the accident we decided to go back to Church to seek God's forgiveness. God has been gracious to us all these years." - Mrs Lee Fong Seng

"My daughter was married in Life B-P Church and she introduced me to the church. I found that the teachings is this church is according to the Holy Bible, with no frills in the Sunday worship. Bless the Lord for I have found peace and solace." - John Ngooi

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (19th - 25th Oct)

MON 7.30 pm Calvin/Psalms (Rev Tow)
7.30 pm Wedding Rehearsal
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
WED 11.00 am Law Chin Nam-Shermeen Leng
Wedding (ERCS, Rev Mahtani)
2.00 pm Lawrence Low-Grace Lee Wedding (Toa Payoh Bible Church)
2.30 pm 37th Annual conferece BPCS at Calvary Pandan
THU 7.30 pm Romans (Rev C. Tan)
SAT 2.00 pm Amos Lai-Maggie Lau Wed. (BFC)
2.00 pm Rev Tow at Evangelistic League Installation Service
3.30 pm YF (Colin Wong)
7.30 pm Gospel Film "IF I PERISH"

REFORMATION

SUN 8.00 am Mr Colin Wong
9.30 am Sunday School
10.30 am Mr Lim Jui Kai (Elder Tay)
10.30 am Rev Tow at Mt. Carmel BPC
3.00 pm Rev Tow at Mt. Hebron BPC

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$1,637.20 (8 am)
\$5,353.50 (10.30 am)

27. Mr Yang Teo Ning, Gerard Lab. Assistant
28. Mr Yeo Chor Heim Student

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

29. Miss Ding Janice Student
30. Mr Ngooi Seet Kwi, John Retired
31. Mr Sim Keat Hui, Melvin Student
32. Miss Sitoh Lillian, Christina Student
33. Mr Tan Kok Hoong, Peter Prodn Operator
34. Miss Tay Vi Vi, Vivian Student

TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

35. Mr Chong Hon Perng, Simon Personnel Offr
36. Miss Ho Lee Meng, Deborah Clerk
37. Miss Ng Wuan Kiat, Joanna Stenographer
38. Mrs Wong Phoebe Student
39. Mr Wong Tuck Chuen, Colin Church worker

CHINESE SERVICE Baptisms: 4, Transfer: 1.

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INFANT BAPTISM

01. Chua Sin Yian, Jacqueline, d/o Mr & Mrs Chua Seng Teck
02. Fong May Tse, Joanna, d/o Mr & Mrs Fong Fook Heng
03. Li Qing En, Benjamin, s/o Mr & Mrs Lee Chee Seng
04. Lim Kor Lei, Grace, d/o Mr & Mrs William Lim
05. Lim Siew Chern, Sabrina, d/o Mr & Mrs Lim Chin Teck
06. Lim Wei Juan, Sarah, d/o Mr & Mrs David Lim
07. Tay Xin Yun, Cheryl, d/o Mr & Mrs Eddy Tay
08. Wee Zee Yin, Eunice, d/o Dn & Mrs Wee Chin Kam
09. Wong Meilan, Joy, d/o Mr & Mrs Colin Wong

BAPTISM

01. Miss Chai Selenium Student
02. Miss Chan Seok Yin, Joanne Trainee Teacher
03. Miss Chew Tiew Boon, Lynette Supervisor
04. Miss Chia Siok Tin, Helen Jr Audit Asst.
05. Miss Chua Geok Lin, Sharon Student
06. Mr Chua Hak Min, Isaiah Student
07. Miss Chua Mei Ling, Karen Clerk/Typist
08. Miss Giam Cheu Yueh Student
09. Mr Hon Thiam Chow Technical Offr.
10. Miss Koh Shyet Kuim, Katherine Teacher
11. Miss Lai Wai Yee, Elaine Jerushah Student
12. Miss Prema Latha Sheeneen Student
13. Miss Lee Ee Lin Student
14. Mr Lee Kah Whye Student
15. Mr Lee Kek Gee Student
16. Miss Lee Yin Ling Student
17. Miss Lim Gek Yen, Elena Clerk
18. Miss Loh Bee Pheng, Dorcas Student
19. Mdm Lum Kum Mui Teacher
20. Miss Ng Geok Ling Technician
21. Mdm Ong Chiew Peng, Penny Analyst/Progr.
22. Miss Ong Ning Ning Mkt. Exec. & Feature Writer
23. Mr Tan Long Tian Refinery Tech.
24. Miss Tan May Yoke, Jerusha Student
25. Mr Tan Ming Hong, David Sales Engineer
26. Mr Tan Siah Chuan, Calvin Technician

PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

Not only an open door church, but also an open window church

We are an open door church, literally, to welcome any weary passer-by to come into His sanctuary to rest and pray, and also an open window church. As an open window church, we have nothing to hide. We have practised "glasnost" long before this Russian word has come into the English language.

We tell our members openly both good news and bad news, the truth and nothing but the truth. Jesus says, "What I tell you in darkness, that speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the housetops" (Matt 10:27). As to Paul being brought to trial before King Agrippa, he declared before the tribunal in regard to his ministry that "none of these things are hidden from him: for this thing was not done in a corner" (Acts 26:26).

From Life B-P Weekly to Lively Stones

In my Sept 13 Pastoral Chat, I reported difficulties experienced on Cameron Highlands at the Pastors' Conference respecting the question of TONGUES and the charismatic movement. Why we could not come to an unanimous agreement was due to the fact that certain pastors are of a different school of theology. This fact is made clear to readers of Lively Stones whose Editor for quite some time has had his conscience deeply exercised. As he felt he must reveal the truth in the Spirit of our Lord, he wrote: "After 37 years of contending for the Faith, a new generation of pastors and leaders have arisen in our B-P Church movement. Among them are some dissenting leaders who are taking a 'liberal' approach in the doctrine of biblical separation. These leaders are trained in new-evangelical colleges and seminaries that do not believe in biblical separation. They are blurring and compromising our Church's separatist position through their ties and alliances with those in the new-evangelical camps. Our Bible-Presbyterian Church, indeed, has been infiltrated with men who do not share our doctrines and practices. Hence, on this 37th Anniversary of our Church's founding, the editor calls on the Synod of the B-P Church to check and root out the 'B-P' pastors and leaders who are not for our B-P persuasions. Our desire for the Bible-Presbyterian Church is that its leaders and members will remain truly committed to the inerrant and infallible Word of God. God forbid that the Bible-Presbyterian Church movement which was founded in the bold and courageous spirit of the Reformers should, in less than one generation, grind to a halt because of our own default in allowing 'a little leaven' to leaven 'the whole lump' (1 Cor 5:6)."

What the Lively Stones and I have said are now substantiated by Dr Tow Siang Hwa in the Calvary B-P Church Weekly today. It reads:

"1. Nehemiah lesson releant"

Thank God for sending Dr Jack Murray to speak at our Leaders' Conference last September. He imparted valuable lessons from God's Word. The final lesson which is deeply imprinted in my mind was the peril from the enemy within the camp. A camp united can withstand even overwhelming odds from without. But the enemy within can cause the defences to crumble and undermine years of resistance. I can still hear the voice of God's servant thundering, 'Eternal vigilance is the price of survival!' The same lesson applies well to our Church situation. The hard work, sowing, nurturing, watering and building up of 38 years can be swiftly destroyed by enemies within the camp. The Apostle Paul warned of this danger: 'Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years, I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears' (Acts 20:30,31).

2. Tongues issue for more debate

Amazing struggle over this one issue! We spent three mornings in Cameron Highlands, about six hours in two committee meetings, and at last evening's Synod meeting, it was still unresolved. Forces striving to undermine our clearcut stand of 'tongues have ceased' have emerged. One voice maintains that genuine tongues have not ceased, its proper use cannot be excluded and we should not condemn it. So our 37 year-old B-P stand is eroded, not by any outside assailant, but from within. Did not the Apostle warn us? 'For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers having itchy ears, and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables' (2 Tim 4:3,4). 'The time will come' says the Apostle. Time will tell! It may take 37 years before a man's heart is revealed, and sound doctrine is abandoned for fables--God's Word is forsaken for men's ideas. Paul foretold it. We experience it: the time has come!"

Not Peace but a Sword

Now to have controversy in the Church out of selfish reasons is to commit the sin of schism. But to maintain peace in the Church at the expense of Truth and the Person of our Lord Jesus Christ is peace accursed. Jesus says, "But whosoever shall deny Me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven. Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. And a man's foes shall be they of his own household."

He that loveth father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me" (Matt 10:33-37).

Nor is he or she that loveth son more than me worthy of me. Zech 13:2-3 says, "And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord of hosts, that I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they shall no more be remembered: and also I will cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to pass out of the land. And it shall come to pass, that when any shall yet prophesy, then his father and his mother that begat him shall say unto him, Thou shalt not live; for thou speakest lies in the name of the Lord; and his father and his mother that begat him shall thrust him through when he prophesieth." As a spiritual father I have guarded the faith of our Church and Bible College, with sweat and tears, for the last 37 and 25 years. I have given no face to several among our younger leaders who have spoken against truth and the Person of our Lord Jesus. I shall sit tight here as long as the Lord has appointed me, till He comes. Pray for the Church and for me.

- Yours obediently, T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Oct 26 - Nov 1)

MON 7.30 pm Calvin/Psalms (Rev Tow)
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
WED 8.00 pm Session Meeting
THU 7.30 pm Romans (Rev C. Tan)
FRI 7.30 pm Reformation Day Lecture (Pastor Mahtani, ERCS)
SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 2.30pm - Life Teens
3.00 pm LBC; 3.30pm - YF; 4pm - YAF
7.30 pm Reformation Day Lecture (Pastor Mahtani, ERCS)
SUN 8.00 am Mr Stephen Khoo
9.30 am Sunday School
10.30 am Rev Tow (Lord's Supper)
10.30 am Chinese Service
11.45 am Filipina Fellowship
12.15 pm Korean Church Service
12.45 pm Church Choir Practice
3.00 pm Thai & BFC Services
4.00 pm Kebaktian Indonesia
4.30 pm Sharon BPC Service
6.00 pm Tamil Service
6.00 pm Rev Tow at Calvary Pandan
Sunset Gospel Hour
7.30 pm Korean Evening Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING FOR FEBC \$10,416.50

EXTENSION BLDG FUND 1495)\$120; 1496)\$50; 1497)\$100. Total \$1,231,554.43

PHILIPPINES PARSONAGE 35)\$100(Adelaide); 36)\$1000; 37)\$3500; 38)\$50(Nazareth); 39)\$500; 40)\$840(10.30am); 41)\$60; 42)\$130; 43)\$280; 44)\$474(Chinese S.); 45)\$200; 46)\$400; 47)\$400; 48)\$370(check by post); 49)\$50(Emmanuel). Total \$25,015.00

BURMA \$50(Calvarian); \$200(Gracian); \$100(Sharonite); \$10(Calvarian); \$100.

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: Missions \$50, \$50; Jess Lim \$100*; Renovations \$1200, \$27, \$700, \$300; Dyak Missionaries \$320.01.*\$200

When in town visit CLBC's Book Exhibition at Funan Centre, ground flr. In J.B. visit Word of Life Book Centre, ground flr, next but one to KFC, Holiday Plaza. Let CLBC at Gilstead Rd also wrap your Christmas gifts! Your continued giving to help build the Philippines Parsonage will close by Nov. 12!

Pray for the 2nd Conference of the Indonesian Council of Christian Churches to meet in Jakarta, Nov 24-27, '87. Dr McIntire and Dr Maris will be in attendance.

Miss Kimiko left Sat. morning for Tg Pinang for a season of ministry with the Youth Fellowship and the Church.

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A STUDENT'S SUPPLICATION

Lord, would Thou give me increased years of study?

If so, dear Lord, show me the way to the Varsity!

Help me, Lord, to do well in my Final exam. To meet the stringent requirements set by man. To secure that coveted place in the NUS!

And when that place is securely mine, I know, dear Lord, you'll help me find The monetary means to meet the spiralling cost To pay for that trying tertiary course.

Throughout my two years of study, Many a time, You've heard my fervent plea:-

"Endow me, dear Lord, with
a keen intellect,
a good memory, and
a capacity to assimilate knowledge."

At this crucial period of "Examination Fever" Bless, O Lord, each student sitting for 'O' or 'A' Level with:-

good health,
clarity of thought,
an analytical mind, and
the ability to do his best.

For, Lord, we know You bend Your loving ear to every request, To him who runs at Your behest.

So hear, Lord, Thy dear children's supplications,

When after their final examinations They stand at the cross-roads of life-- To make that right choice in Christ.

- 'A' Level Student
19th Oct 1987

P.S. May this poem encourage others in the same boat.

Do you know 22 new Malay pews have been added to the Church grounds to rest your weary feet? Expressgram to Linda, Holland: Your remittance to FEBC and Paauwes received. Many thanks and God Bless!

Nursery duty today: Mrs Magdalene Teo
Telephone: Pastor 2560617; Asso. Pastor 2511-915; Mr J.P. David/Church Office 2569256; CLBC 2541223; Coinafon 2541304; Kindergarten 2513676; RTL 2569256; Lim Florist 3369011.

THE CHARISMATIC MOVEMENT AS I SEE IT

The present day Charismatic Movement may be traced to the beginning of this century when a number of American fundamentalist Protestant sects began to emphasise Spirit baptism as an experience different from conversion and evidenced by speaking in tongues. They also teach the inspiration of the Bible, instantaneous sanctification, divine healing, and specially today, visions and revelations, "signs and wonders."

When I was a boy I attended an Assembly of God service led by an American missionary. There was orderly and solemn worship like ours, with emphasis on preaching and no public speaking of tongues. After my return from USA in 1950 to pastor Life Church, I had fellowship with some Finnish Pentecostal missionaries. They were zealous in evangelistic outreach, preaching in open-air meetings. Their prayers were sincere and moving, but they did not speak in tongues.

The pattern of worship and of other meetings of Pentecostal churches under a new generation of "charismatic" leaders today is totally different from what I had experienced in my boyhood and in the early days of my pastorate. Though there are not a few devout Christians in this modern charismatic movement, whose zeal and sacrifice far exceed ours, I am afraid they are being led farther and farther from the truth by the head over heels emphasis of their leaders on tongues, visions, revelations and healings, "with signs and wonders," as advertised in the two Reinhard Bonnke campaigns in Singapore of recent days. One Singapore charismatic preacher, Ronny Tan by name, called his a "Miracle Rally," promising to heal the sick en masse. How does such a "miracle rally" stand in the light of Holy Scripture? Did Jesus or the Apostles organise miracle rallies? If there were signs and wonders performed by the Apostles, they were to authenticate the founding of the early Church. If "signs and wonder" are stressed today which were little seen in the closing days of the Apostles' ministry, such "signs and wonders" fall into category of "false Christs and false prophets" of the end-times. For there shall arise false Christs and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect" (Matt 24:24).

Let me share with you my discovery of a false prophet in a charismatic meeting I had attended in Singapore some years back. The speaker from America, one Dr Gray, announced he would tell the hearers what sickness they had without their telling him. Such knowledge was uncanny, I said to myself. But then the faith healer could not pin-point anyone. Using his index finger he began to draw airy circles over the heads of the audience, widening his orbit to cover some 50 women sitting on one side. Then he said, "The Lord tells me that one of you ladies has diabetes." As he hypnotically worked over the heads of his female audience (why didn't he tackle the men?), this verse in Deuteronomy 18:22 came to mind: "When a prophet speaketh in the name of the Lord, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the Lord hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him." Meanwhile, as he tried to get an acknowledgement from a female diabetic sufferer, he repeatedly uttered, "abrakaba, abrakaba." As to this "tongue-speaking," I observed this to have been some stock phrase he had previously learnt. There was no naturalness about the whole thing. This reminds me of what a converted Chinese medium (his tape is now available from CLBC) says how painful it was for him to practise his priestcraft without the evil spirit working through him. Thus, when such a faith healer had not the "spirit" working through him, neither could he speak the "tongues" fluently nor point out the diabetic. The reason for my going to hear Dr Gray at this charismatic healing service was to examine him at the request of my brother in Penang. This healer had already shown himself in Penang to be a charlatan, whose god was his belly.

The bubble of such charismatic tycoons as Oral Roberts and Jimmy Bakker burst a few months ago when their true colours were revealed, the former in his delusions of seeing Christ and tactic in raising money by threatening death, and the latter in a sex-and-money scandal to the tune of US\$2 million. Dr Carl McIntire, after years of scrutinising Oral Roberts, has finally declared the same a false prophet. And think of Pat Robertson, another charismatic tycoon, who is trying for the US presidency, but you know what double-shame is revealed of him by the media! While we dare not label anyone of the three, it is good that we identify them according to our Lord's formula, "Ye shall know them by their fruits . . . Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them" (Matt 7:16-20).

Now, let us learn a lesson from Oral Roberts and Jimmy Bakker. We also can fall into sexual sins, taking money from the Church for self indulgence, or strapped to grandiose schemes of ministry for our own glory. We must walk close to the Lord and always repent of every little misdeed, and seek cleansing from the precious Blood.

What identifies the charismatic movement not to be of the Holy Spirit is the unholy union being fostered by Protestant leaders with the Roman Catholic Church through the medium of tongue-speaking. At the North American Congress on the Holy Spirit and World Evangelism at New Orleans, July 22-26, 1987, charismatic leaders like John Wimber, Oral Roberts' son Richard and Reinhard Bonnke, etc., etc., joined hands with priests of the Roman Catholic Church, while Billy Graham sent greetings thanking God "for the vital role that your

movement is having in bringing about a spiritual awakening in this country" Tom Forrest, the speaker for the closing General Session representing Rome, asserted that Pope John Paul II was also behind the Conference "wholeheartedly."

Now, during this Charismatic Congress there was an attendance of 35,000 to 40,000, of whom 50% were Roman Catholics. In the day session when Protestants held their meetings, the Roman priests were celebrating mass for their members. How can Protestants, who came out of the dark superstitions of Rome through Martin Luther in 1517, now worship God under the same roof and pray in tongues together? Charismaticism is used of Satan rather to bring Protestants back to Rome so as to consummate the end-time super world Church as predicted in Revelation 17, the great whore that sits upon the scarlet coloured beast. Dear Reader, if you are worshipping in a charismatic church you are also linked up with Rome, whose end is predicted in Rev. 18! And if Paul declares in I Cor 13:8 that tongues shall cease, and have ceased with the age of the Apostles, to try to speak in tongues (foreign languages) by which they end up in gibberish is to fall into Satan's grip. Dr Peter Masters, in Sword and Trowel No. 2, 1987, shows from Church History that tongues had not occurred during the times of ministry of great men of God. In my research on the Asian Awakening through five great personalities whom God had mightily used--John Sung (Lim Puay Hian), Dora Yu, Ting Li Mei, Jonathan Goforth and William Chalmers Burns--there was no record of tongues in the Holy Ghost Revivals they had led. In "John Sung My Teacher" I have further evidence (corroborated by Leslie Lyall and William Schubert) that those who babbled in tongues were rebuked by Dr Sung. These were urged rather to repent from their sins and be born again. As for the charismatic leaders who are repudiated today by their own followers, e.g. Jim Bakker, let them seriously read and ponder over Matt 7:21-33.

While we refute the present-day charismatic movement, we are confident God will raise up a genuine revival as we had experienced in the Singapore Pentecost of 1935 and as our parents had under Dora Yu and Ting Li Mei in their young days. As for B-Pers, let us stand faithful and true with the Lord. If it please the Lord, He will send the old-time power, the true Pentecostal power. Amen. - T.T.

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

MON	7.30 pm	Calvin's/Psalms (Rev Tow)
	9.00 pm	Synod Mtg at Ling Kwang Home
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
WED	5.00 pm	Rev Tow at Rawang
	8.00 pm	Rev Tow at Kundang Ulu
FRI	8.00 pm	Family worship at home of Eld. & Mrs Seow Chong Pin, 7 Lily Ave, tel. 4698650
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30pm - Life Teens
	3.00 pm	LBC; 3.30pm - YF/YAF
	7.30 pm	CFM
SUN	8.00 am	Rev Quek Kiok Chiang
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	10.30 am	Mr Colin Wong (Baptism of Beverly Seow Ying Mei, born 21/7/87, daughter of Mr & Mrs Edwin Seow, by Rev Patrick Tan)
	10.30 am	Rev Tow at Chinese Service
	11.45 am	Filipina Fellowship
	12.15 pm	Korean Church Service
	12.45 pm	Church Choir Practice
	3.00 pm	Thai & BFC Services
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service
	4.30 pm	Rev Tow at Sharon BPC
	6.00 pm	Tamil Service
	7.30 pm	Korean Evening Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS \$1,610 (8 am)

\$4,096 (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BLDG FUND 1498)\$41; 1499)\$20; 1500)\$200. Total \$1,231,815.43

PHILIPPINES PARSONAGE 50)\$120; 51)\$55(Boxes); 52)\$1000(Gracean); 53)\$100; 54)\$50; 55)\$100. Total \$26,440.00 56)\$1045(Gracean).

FEBC \$25(CLBC Box), \$1000, \$34, \$100, \$100, \$70, \$300, \$50, \$100, \$100(Tamil S.), \$472 (Chinese S.), \$50(Indonesian S.).

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR Missions \$50;

KL Missions \$500(WF); Jess Lim \$200.

Your gift for Philippines Parsonage will be received the latest by Nov 12. God bless your home!

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Hear Pastor Tow this morning 10.30 am speak on "The Charismatic Movement As I See It."

Users of the whole U-Balcony which is hid from view are kindly requested to keep the Upper Sanctuary ship-shape!

Elders please take note of Emergency Synod Meeting tomorrow, Mon Nov 2, 9.00 pm at Ling Kwang Home.

Congratulations to New Life BPC on their 4th Anniversary this Lord's Day. Session members are invited to a buffet lunch at 12.30 pm.

Bethel B-P Church, Melbourne, 46 Phoenix Dr, Wheelers Hill, tel 5618813, will hold a Praise Service Nov 8 for acquisition of land for a new church, Dr Tow Siang Hwa speaking. Praise the Lord, He has enabled Life Church to help alongside with a free loan.

Kelapa Sawit BPC is launching a two-classroom upward extension for the Kindergarten during the year-end vacation.

Pray for Joshua J. for his early return to the Lord's Service.

One 6-day package tour ticket to Bali and Jogjakarta for \$599 only, available till Mar 31, '88. Phone 2569256.

Expresgram to Dr & Mrs Jack Murray: Many thanks for your letter. Consignment of "John Sung My Teacher" despatched this week. God bless!

Dr Peter Masters' 8-page article on the Cessation of Tongues (Sword and Trowel, No. 2, '87) is available upon request. Also Rev Paul Contento's "Tongues Have Ceased" 4-page pamphlet is available at the counter this week.

Bring your friends for a visit to Christian Gifts & Books Exhibition on ground flr, Funan Centre! When in J.B. call at Word of Life Book Centre, ground flr, Holiday Plaza, next to KFC.

Christmas Gift-wrapping Service is available both at CLBC and at Funan Centre, ground flr. Nursery duty today: Mrs Loh Li

Letter from Dr Jack Murray to Pastor

What a wonderful experience to be with you in Singapore and Malaysia! Thank you for all it meant to Eleanor and me. It was so very wonderful to have a bite of lunch together before we left the Singapore Airport. On the way out to you we had an hour's stop at Hong Kong, but on the way back we had a stop at Taipei, Taiwan, before going on to Honolulu. Thank you for your most gracious gift [from Life Church]. It meant so very much to both of us. It required a couple of weeks to become adjusted to the 12-hour jet lag but we are finally getting back to normal!! We had a crusade in Bridgeton, Southern New Jersey and challenged the folks to bring visitors while we were there for 5 days. There were 13 individuals who brought outsiders who were awarded a copy of John Sung My Teacher. We are happy to have them receive this very valuable book and read it. I am sure it will bring each one a great blessing. Then we held a 6-day conference at Word of Life at Jack Wurtzen's Camp. We advertised the book because people come from many key churches all the way from North and South Carolina and up the eastern seaboard. We were able to place 40 more in many churches. Then I have decided to place one in every family of The Independent Bible Church where we are members, which means 60 copies more!

All the time we are offering this book on our radio broadcasts. At the same time in our country we have a Family Radio Network which is featuring the book. Many have told me that they have heard it but I do not know as yet if they are using your book. At least, John Sung is being widely known--Praise the Lord! We will be most anxious to receive the 500 copies you promised to send. We will put them to good use where they count. I am so grateful to you for them. In our meetings also we are pushing The Seduction of Christianity by Dave Hunt and T.A. McMahon and Beyond Seduction by Dave Hunt and people are buying them. I have just purchased another book on China and will report to you on its contents.

How I wish I was closer to Singapore! Fellowship with such kindred spirits has greatly refreshed both Eleanor and myself. May the Lord bless you as you do the final work on the Asian Awakening. I am really looking forward to reading it. We are praying for a genuine Revival. May God grant it! Thank you for praying for our new evangelistic centre. I trust that some day you may visit us when it is completed. God bless you and use you. (We are homesick for Singapore. Had a grand talk with Dr Dickey. - Mrs Murray)

PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

Daniel Webster said, "If religious books are not widely circulated among the masses in this country, I don't know what is going to become of us as a nation. If truth be not diffused, error will be. If the evangelical volume does not reach every community, the pages of corrupt and licentious literature will. If the power of the Gospel is not felt throughout the length and breadth of the land, anarchy and misrule, degeneration and misery, corruption and darkness, will reign without mitigation or end."

These words of a century and a half ago had a strangely prophetic ring. I'm glad that our Christian Life Book Centre is not only selling Bibles and Christian literature but also publishing it. And John Sung My Teacher, published by CLBC with the support of the Church, has become a revival blessing to Americans under the ministry of Dr & Mrs Jack Murray. Since Dr Murray has treasured this book so much and has recommended it to his hearers wherever he goes, our Session has decided to send him 500 copies plus another 500 of a new book titled "Asian Awakening." This is the more complete story of Revival in Asia wherein Rev Ting Li Mei (1871-1936), "China's Revivalist with 1,000 converts a month," has a sizeable write-up apart from ten testimonies on the Revival in the nineteen thirties.

Now that Asian Awakening will soon go to press, I wonder if Readers would have a part in the "privatised" printing of this book? Whatever is given for the publication will be used on the basis "freely receive, freely give." For example, we are donating 500 copies of Asian Awakening to Bible Evangelism (Dr Murray). Whoever gives toward this lot has a portion in Dr Murray's ministry in America! If you can't go out preaching, you can support those who can.

What shall it profit a man (even a Christian) to gain the whole world, but he must die and leave all his wealth behind? Moreover, the coming of the Lord can happen any day now! The siren goes and all will be over! Let us therefore double up to trade wisely for the Lord. In this connection, I'm glad to hear that the Chinese Service is holding a "Missions Month" and this week's offering will go to Kelapa Sawit to help the Church extend the growing kindergarten. Your spontaneous giving to help Rev Dan Ebert complete the Philippines Parsonage for his graduate student pastor, Rev Ligmon, is another sweet-savour offering. He who builds God's House, God will build his house.

"When the Enemy Shall Come in Like a Flood"

... the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him." (Isa 59:19). The flood coming in strong and getting stronger everyday is the Charismatic Movement. At such a time as this God has raised the Far Eastern Bible College to issue a Statement on not only the Charismatic Movement but also its connection in promoting the Ecumenical Movement. This Statement has come in timely also for the occasion of the Second Assembly of the Indo-

nesian Council of Christian Churches to be convened in Jakarta Nov 24-27, '87. From Indonesia it will be relayed by Christian newspapers and periodicals to the States, and from there, to all the world.

This Statement on Tongues is like Luther's nailing of the 95 Theses on the Castle Church of Wittenburg. His Statement was to withstand the flood of errors of the R.C.C., especially on salvation, not by works but by grace through faith. He had to dispute with the R.C. C. on the saving work of Christ. Now we have to dispute with Charismatics, both Protestant and Roman Catholic, on the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit. Tongues is not a minor doctrine, but a major one. The testimony of history from the Apostles to this day is cited to bear on this issue, which is not only our argument but of all of great Christian leaders during 1,900 years. Our research from the Asian angle going through five revivals, from John Sung (Lim Puay Hian) through Dora Yu, Ting Li Mei, Jonathan Goforth and William Burns, revealed no tongue-speaking whatsoever. These were days of genuine Holy Ghost Awakening to illustrate Paul's declaration in I Cor 13:8 that tongues shall cease. If they are now speaking in tongues of the gibberish sort, they are not speaking by the Holy Spirit but by another.

Suffice it here to close with our reiteration: "Tongues have ceased." Other excesses such as visions and healings will be discussed at a later date. Yours faithfully, T.T.

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

MON	-	FRI	FEBC Exams
TUE	8.00 pm		Prayer Meeting
FRI	1.30 pm		FEBC End-of-Term Function at 64 Andrew Road
SAT	am		Pastor & Mrs Tow leave for Manila
	1.00 pm		LJBC; 2.30pm - Life Teens
	2.30 pm		Goh Quee Liang-Tan Suat Kiau Wedding (Mr Huang, Fisherman of Christ Fellowship)
	3.00 pm		LBC; 3.30pm - YF; 4pm - YAF
	7.30 pm		CFM
SUN	8.00 am		Rev David Yan
	9.30 am		Sunday School
	10.30 am		Rev Patrick Tan
	10.30 am		Chinese Service
	11.45 am		Filipina Fellowship
	12.15 pm		Korean Church Service
	12.45 pm		Church Choir Practice
	3.00 pm		BFC & Thai Services
	4.00 pm		Kebaktian Indonesia
	4.30 pm		Sharon BPC Service
	6.00 pm		Tamil Service
	7.30 pm		Korean Church Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS \$2,783 (8 am)

\$23,330 (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BUILDING FUND 1501)\$150(10.30 am); 1502)\$1000; 1503)\$500; 1504)\$20; 1505)\$200. Total \$1,233,685.43

PHILIPPINES PARSONAGE 57)\$200; 58)\$1000; 59)\$1000(Sharon); 60)\$120(10.30am); 61)\$200 62)\$1500(Child. Choir); 63)\$250; 64)\$120. Total \$31,755.00

December Camps:

1. CFM Junior Camp	6 - 9
2. Life Teens	7 - 10
3. Pre-NS	10 - 12
4. Mount Carmel YF	13 - 18
5. YAF	22 - 26
6. Tabernacle BPC	23 - 26
7. Grace BPC	30 - Jan 2

Renovation works under Deacon L.S. Pang will commence very soon starting with the road-system! Pray for wisdom in making decisions.

Continue to pray for Joshua J. and his early return to the Lord's service. Pray for Burma and Dr Patrick Tan's forth-coming visit to the Church and College.

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Pray for the Second National Conference of the Indonesian Council of Christian Churches to be convened Nov. 24-27 at Jakarta. Dr Carl McIntire, President, ICCC, will give a series of three messages at Geraja Santapun Rohani, Lord's Day Nov. 22 and Mon. evening, Nov. 23.

Hear Pastor Tow at Sharon BPC this afternoon 4.30 pm on "The Importance of Discernment." This world is infiltrated by conmen not only in the economic and financial spheres but also in the religious.

If you need any past photocopies on the Charismatics, please contact CLBC! Let us also serve you in the wrapping of Christmas gifts. "Building Firm Foundations," a new book by Dr S.H. Tow, is just off the press. Enquire Tabernacle Books, Calvary (Pandan) BPC, or CLBC.

Literature Evangelism. Another consignment of Chinese theological books costing \$600 has been despatched to China through Mr Yap Beng Shin (from our China Fund).

Expresgram to: 1) Haposan: Many thanks for your report on Medan. God bless. Greetings to Bapa. 2) Dr T.W. Chung, Manila: Looking forward to seeing you! 3) Rev Contento: Many thanks for your article vs. Tongues. We've circulated 500 copies!

FEBC closes for the Christmas vacation Fri. Nov. 13 and reopens Mon. Jan. 4, 1988. FEBC students are to return Mon. Nov. 16, 9 am for total cleaning and wash up of Campus!

Mrs Eleanor Murray's sacred music tapes (piano & organ) are available from CLBC at \$5. All proceeds to Bible Evangelism, Inc.

CLBC, though under private management, is the continuing book ministry of our Church. How it caters to your particular needs at all times, even that brief hour after Service. The pastor-founder of CLBC is therefore concerned for its viability. You can lend a hand by purchasing all your Christmas needs, eg. cards and gifts, from CLBC instead of from the outside. This will greatly help our manager and his wife and associates. When in town visit our bookroom at Funan Centre, ground floor. When in J.B. visit Word of Life Book Centre at Holiday Plaza, next but one to KFC. If you need any book not available in S'pore, please order thru' us. "Prompt action" is our watchword. "Patronise our CLBC."



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I

This special double-issue of O Timothy is a report on the North American Congress on the Holy Spirit & World Evangelisation, the large charismatic conference held in New Orleans, Louisiana, U.S.A., July 22-26, 1987. I had the unusual opportunity to attend this conference with press credentials, and I feel a great urgency to report to you about the things I saw and heard. It is essential that every Christian be thoroughly settled in his own heart and mind about the charismatic movement. Unquestionably the fastest growing movement within Christendom, the new pentecostalism claims to be a great revival movement from God. Every Christian must therefore make a decision with regard to this movement, and especially is this true for Christian leaders.

Is this movement of God? Is it partially of God and partially of man? Is it of the devil? It claims to be a latter days revival rain upon the earth. Is it that, or is it another form of the apostasy of these last hours?

A close look at the massive conference in New Orleans should settle this question, because the conference represented the mainstream of the charismatic movement at this hour. Roughly 150 of the most influential leaders of the charismatic movement participated--John Wimber, Jane Hansen, Vinson Synan, James Robison, Bob Mumford, Kenneth Copeland, Carl Richardson, David Mainse, Michael Harper, Michael Scanian, Marilyn Hickey, Peter Hocken, Charles and Frances Hunter ("the Happy Hunters"), Anne Gimenez, Oral Roberts' son, Richard, James Brown, Reinhard Bonnke, Demos Shakarian, and at least one hundred more.

The books that were sold there are the most popular books of the movement. The more than 200 organisations which participated in the exhibition area represented some of the most popular and influential within pentecostalism--Youth With A Mission, Oral Roberts University, Dayspring International, Full Gospel Businessmen International, Strang Communications Company (publishers of Charisma magazine), Women's Aglow Fellowship, to name but a few.

Most of the "renewal (charismatic) movements" within the various denominations were also there--Baptist, Episcopal, Lutheran, Catholic, Mennonite, Presbyterian & Reformed, Churches of Christ, United Church of Christ, United Methodist, Wesleyan-Holiness. Each of these groups held separate morning sessions during the conference.

No one can say that this conference represented only some extreme part of the charismatic movement. Though there are some charismatics who would not agree with some of the things that went on at this conference, these would be in the minority. For the most part, this conference, and all that went on there, IS THE CHARISMATIC MOVEMENT OF THE 1980s!

If you are in fellowship with the charismatic movement, you are in fellowship with these people, with these activities. The spirit that energised the conference in New Orleans in July is the very same spirit which energises charismatic activity throughout the world, in every charismatic house fellowship, in every charismatic church, in every one associated with the charismatic movement. No, I didn't see a spirit in New Orleans! I saw the fingerprints of a spirit, though! I saw the fruit of a spirit. Look with me at these fingerprints and compare them with the fingerprints of the Holy Spirit in inspired Scripture.

Charismatic Movement has Blossomed During Years of My Christian Life

I stand amazed by the way the charismatic movement continues to sweep the world. The movement is blossoming throughout every denomination, in every country. The largest churches in the world now are charismatic. The most rapidly growing Christian movement is the charismatic movement. According to The World Christian Encyclopedia, 1982 edition, as of 1980 there were 100 million people in the world who claimed to belong to the charismatic-pentecostal movement (In the Latter Days, Vinson Synan, Servant Books, 1984, page 18).

Though it is impossible to pinpoint global figures such as these with preciseness, the author of this particular encyclopedia, David Barrett, has made the most thorough research of Christianity that has ever been made. He spent 10 years visiting 212 countries to gather facts for his encyclopedia (New Orleans '87 General Congress Handbook, page 16). Irregardless of the exact figures, no one in Christian work today would deny that the charismatic movement is experiencing exploding growth.

I find it interesting that the neo-pentecostal, or charismatic, movement, as it has come to be called, has actually experienced its most outright, unbridled ecumenical tendencies during the years since I have been saved. It has been during these past fourteen years that the charismatic movement has grown by leaps and bounds within the Roman Catholic church, the Protestant denominations and evangelical groups. Though the modern pentecostal movement is traced by its leaders to the breaking out of "tongue-speaking" phenomena at the turn of the century at a small Bible school in Topeka, Kansas, and to a series of meetings in a small mission in Los Angeles California (Azusa Street), it was only six years before my conversion that the charismatic movement began to be experienced within the Catholic church.

It is claimed that charismatic experiences within Catholicism occurred first in February 1967 at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, then quickly spread to Notre Dame University and other Catholic institutions. Charismatic cells were established in Catholic parishes, and the movement, gradually at first, then with great momentum, blossomed. It was in the early 1970s that the Jesus People movement swept America and parts of Europe, a charismatic movement among young people, a movement mostly outside of organised churches. It was also in the early 1970s that Christian rock and folk music began to be popular among these charismatic young people. They played it in their coffee houses and sang it in their house cells, and then this new Contemporary Christian Music, as it came to be called, very quickly worked its way into mainstream Christianity.

The movement grew by leaps and bounds in the Catholic church in the 1970s. In January 1974, the year after I was saved, 1000 Catholic charismatics met for a conference in Washington, D.C. In May 1975, two years after I was converted, 10,000 Catholic charismatics gathered at the Vatican in Rome and received blessing from the Pope. Four years after my conversion, in 1977, the year I graduated from Bible school, the large charismatic meeting was held in Kansas City and a Roman Catholic was the leader of the meeting! Many of the 45,000 in attendance were practising Catholics. Thus the full blossoming of the charismatic movement into a full-fledged ecumenical movement with a strong Catholic population has occurred during the 14 years of my Christian life.

The charismatic movement is sweeping through Asia and forms one of the most serious challenges to our missionary work and that of other fundamental preachers. For this reason I desired to attend the North American Congress on the Holy Spirit & World Evangelism in New Orleans, July 22-26, 1987. This would be the largest conference of this type in this decade, the largest since the massive ecumenical charismatic meeting in Kansas City in 1977. Since the people we serve in Asia and elsewhere through church planting and the printed page are being influenced by this powerful movement, I wanted to see firsthand what is happening within the charismatic movement at this hour so I could report on it, so I could sound an alarm which would not be based on secondhand information.

Through a wonderful series of events, things worked out so that I could attend this conference with press credentials through the Fundamental Evangelistic Association (FEA) and Foundation magazine. Brother Dennis Costella of FEA and I attended the conference together. It worked in perfectly with preaching at a Bible conference in California in July and taking care of other important business connected with our literature work and with the Asian Bible translation work. The door was opened and I walked through.

Let me share with you the amazing things that I observed. (continued next week)

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Nov 16 - 22)

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting (Dr Tan)
 WED 7.30 pm Wedding Rehearsal
 SAT 3.00 pm Ng Beng Kiong-Goh Soon
 Choo Wedding (Rev B. Phee)
 SUN 8.00 am Rev Philip Heng
 9.30 am Sunday School
 10.30 am Rev Bob Phee (Elder Tay)
 11.45 am Filipina Fellowship
 12.15 pm Korean Church Service
 12.45 pm Church Choir Practice
 3.00 pm Thai & BFC Services
 4.00 pm Indonesian Service
 4.30 pm Sharon BPC Service
 6.00 pm Tamil Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$1,494 (8 am)

\$3,976 (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BLDG FUND 1506)\$170; 1507)\$100; 1508)\$100(CFM); 1509)\$50; 1510)\$280; 1511)\$100; 1512)\$397(Chinese S.).
Total \$1,234,882.43

PHILIPPINES PARSONAGE 65)\$500; 66)\$200 (Filipina F.); 67)\$50(Deliverance fr. idols); 68)\$120 (10.30 am); 69)\$1100 (10.30 am); 70)\$50; 71)\$50(WF); 72)\$3000 73)\$50; 74)\$150; 75)\$75; 76)\$800; 77)\$500(Chinese S.). Total \$38,375.00

OFFERINGS FOR: FEBC \$100, \$25, \$1000, \$34; China \$50; Malaysia \$50; India \$50; Burma \$50, \$50, \$10, \$100, \$200; Dyak Work \$300, \$315.59; Young People's Hymn Book \$2200.

Dec. Camp Dec 1 & 2, '87, Bukit Gambir Pr. Students (Deacon Goh of Rawang Ch.)

O LORD OF HOSTS, HOW LOVELY THY TABERNACLES ARE;

For them my heart is yearning In banishment afar.

My soul is longing, fainting, Thy sacred courts to see;

My heart and flesh are crying, O living God, for Thee.

Beneath Thy care the sparrow Finds place for peaceful rest;

To keep her young in safety The swallow finds a nest;

Then, Lord, my King Almighty, Thy love will shelter me;

Beside Thy holy altar My dwelling-place shall be.

Blest they who dwell in Zion, Whose joy and strength Thou art;

Forever they will praise Thee, Thy ways are in their heart.

Though tried, their tears like showers Shall fill the

springs of peace,

And all the way to Zion Their strength shall still increase.

Pray for Pastor & Mrs Tow as they minister to the College and Church in Manila (Rev Dan Ebert III). Praise the Lord for over \$30,000 offered by Readers for the "Philippines Parsonage," and for the timely dedication of the new Church at Kapitbahayan. Pastor & Mrs Tow return Nov. 23.

Pray for Joshua J. to return quickly.

We welcome to our 8.00 am pulpit Rev David Yan of Shalom Church (Singapore & New Zealand).

From this week is begun the 1st installment of Rev David W. Cloud's Eye-witness report of the North American Congress on the Holy Spirit and World Evangelisation, July 22-26, '87. There are 13 more coming! So file them up!

Rev Djunaidi reports baptism of 12 at Siantan, Pontianak and 8 at Kumpai (upriver). Three from Pontianak are attending the ICCI Indonesian Conference, Nov 24-27, '87. After this they'll hold meetings with Kah Teck, Kuching.

There will be no Session meeting for this month.

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II

WHO SPONSORED THIS MEETING AND WHAT IS THEIR GOAL?

The Congress was sponsored by a group called the North American Renewal Service Committee (NARSC) which was formed after the charismatic meeting in Kansas City in 1977. At New Orleans '87 a Pentecostal, Vinson Synan, was the Congress Chairman, and a Roman Catholic, David F. Sklorenko, Sr., the Director. The steering committee is composed of men and women which represent 40 denominations, ministries and fellowships, including both Baptist, Protestant, Non-denominational and Roman Catholic.

A Birthday Present for Jesus

The written goal of the NARSC is "to be able to present to Jesus an absolute majority of the world population as Christians on His 2,000th birthday" (New Orleans '87 Handbook, page 13). It is interesting that this is the same goal as that of the Roman Catholic "Evangelization 2000." At the meeting in New Orleans it became obvious that plans had already been laid by the Catholics and non-Catholic charismatics to join hands toward this goal. It is no coincidence that the two goals have been announced at the same time.

This shows, of course, that a large majority of charismatics have come to the point of accepting Roman Catholic charismatics as true born-again Christians, even when they point to their baptism and sacraments as the beginning of their salvation. Tom Forrest is the head of the Roman Catholic Evangelization 2000, and in a book he edited entitled Be Holy, we are told plainly when a Catholic charismatic priest thinks he becomes a true born-again Christian:

"[The charismatic experience] is not a second baptism, some new sacramental grace, but rather the renewing of those sacramental graces of Baptism, Confirmation and priestly Ordination that have already made the Holy Spirit present within us. (Page 59)

"This river [of the Holy Spirit and salvation] began its flow with our Baptism, and then again with the grace of our Confirmation. This was our first "renewal" in the Holy Spirit, these sacraments of initiation making us new creatures, new sons of God. (Page 32)

"We are talking about the baptismal innocence restored to us by Christ, and offered in all the sacraments." (Page 25)

The Roman Catholic church's false doctrine of salvation hasn't changed, and the Roman Catholic leaders within the charismatic movement continue to base their salvation on the false hope of baptism, the mass, confession (to a priest), prayers to Mary and "the saints" and the other sacraments of Catholicism. Yes, they speak of faith in Christ and salvation through His grace, but they do not mean by this what the Apostles meant when they preached the one true Gospel.

Catholics--yes, even charismatic Catholics--still believe that Christ died on the cross to win salvation, and that this salvation has been given into the hands of the [Catholic] church to be administered to men. Therefore, men are actually saved, according to Catholic theology, through faith in Christ PLUS the sacraments of the church.

This is why, when Catholic charismatics are giving messages, at times it will sound as if they are speaking of the true gospel of eternal, free, secure salvation through faith in Christ's blood alone without admixture of sacraments and works. But at other times they will sound forth the false gospel of salvation through the sacraments. With such a deceptively false gospel, it is not difficult for clever Catholic leaders to sound thoroughly evangelical when they desire to do so. They can speak of salvation through grace alone and really mean what they are saying. The problem is that they define salvation through grace differently than the Bible does! Much more will be said about this later in the study and many quotes will be given from the writings of key charismatic Catholic leaders.

For multitudes of professing born again non-Catholics to join hands with those preaching a sacramental gospel to "evangelise" the world is utter confusion. Utter confusion. This is exactly what the charismatic movement is. If it was not clear before now, the North American Congress on the Holy Spirit & World Evangelisation should leave no doubt in the mind of any Bible believer that this is absolute truth.

Who was There?

At the last press conference of the Congress on Saturday, July 25, the figures given for those who actually registered were approaching 35,000, and Synan said that he felt that it would reach that number counting the walk-in registrants for the last evening. At one press conference it was noted that a worker at the Superdome estimated there were 40,000 in at least one of the evening General Sessions. Of the registrants, the press was told that 50% were Roman Catholic, the next highest percentage group were Non-denominational, while Episcopalians formed the third largest group and the Lutherans the fourth largest.

There is no doubt that the meeting was massive and that it will have a great impact on Christian work throughout the world in the years to come, if Christ tarries. More than 200 colleges, fellowships, publishers and distributors of religious products and services had space in the huge exhibition hall.

One hundred and eight workshops filled the three afternoons of the Congress. Even though these same workshops, for the most part, were repeated all three afternoons at different time slots, allowing the registrants to visit as many as possible, it was obviously impossible to visit more than a few of these, even to drop in for a few minutes and pick up the literature.

The evening General Sessions were a full conference in themselves. They were composed of two sessions lasting from 6.30 pm until 10.00 pm. The meeting didn't end at 10.00 pm, though, for the General Sessions were followed each night by the "afterglows" (during which great numbers sought to be "baptised in the Holy Spirit," or sought healing, tongues, etc.) and counselling sessions which lasted often until midnight. There were 25 speakers for the four evening General Sessions, not counting special music, long "worship times," the offerings, prophecies and other activities.

One thing can be said for these charismatics: they love their meetings! Can you imagine what the average non-charismatic westerner would think of a four-and-a-half hour meeting every night for four nights in a row, not to speak of all-day meetings beginning at 9 am and lasting until 5 pm the same days!

While the Congress was in progress, a separate meeting was held for young people. It was called Youth Explosion '87 and it was estimated that 5,000 young people were in attendance. A bank of large speakers were set up on both sides of the stage for this four-day meeting and the youth were fed a relentless diet of rock music, interspersed with entertaining sermons and testimonies by athletes, musicians, Miss Georgia 1987 and youth workers. Sheila Walsh and Russ Taff, two of the top Christian rock musicians, were there and sang with accompanying hard rock as loud as that at some secular rock concerts.

One final thing will be mentioned about the size of the meeting. With more than 100 speakers delivering workshops, 25 speakers in the evening sessions, approximately 200 exhibitors and hundreds of books for sale, plus a separate massive youth conference in progress during the Congress means that it is utterly impossible to cover even a portion of the HERESY fostered at this Congress. Keep in mind as you read this report that this meeting was not just a group of extremist charismatics, but represented the mainstream of the charismatic movement. Not all of the big charismatic leaders were present, but many of them were. And what we will share should be enough to convince any Bible believer that this conference and the movement it represents is not on the Bible track. But believe me, the half will not have been told!

And yet, if what we do cover does not convince someone of the error of this movement, it is doubtful that a detailed report of every single workshop, every single message, every exhibition booth and every strange activity would convince that one. (continued next week)

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

MON 8.00 pm Wedding Rehearsal
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg (Bro. Colin Wong)
SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 2.30 pm - Life Teens
2.30 pm Gerald Jude Nonis-Annie Tan
Hoon Choo Wedding (Fisherman
of Christ Fellowship)
3.00 pm LBC; 3.30 pm-YF; 4 pm-YAF
7.30 pm Film: "Turbulence"
SUN 8.00 am Mr Colin Wong
9.30 am Sunday School
10.30 am Dr S.H. Tow (Elder Khoo P.K.)
11.45 am Filipina Fellowship
12.15 pm Korean Church Service
12.45 pm Church Choir Practice
3.00 pm BFC & Thai Services
4.00 pm Kebaktian Indonesia
4.30 pm Sharon BPC Service
6.00 pm Tamil Service
7.30 pm Korean Evening Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS \$1,658.70 (8 am)
\$4,418.00 (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BLDG FUND 1513)\$630; 1514)\$30;
1515)\$250; 1516)\$100; 1517)\$300.

Total \$1,236,192.43

PHILIPPINES PARSONAGE 78)\$250.

Total \$38,625.00

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: Renovations Fund
\$200; Tampines Bldg Fund \$100; FEBC \$50;
Burma Missions \$200, \$200(WF); KL Missions
\$500(WF).

"TURBULENCE"--Gospel Film, Sat Nov 28, 7.30 pm :

Why does God allow suffering? A true-to-life account of God's guidance with a family that faces trial after trial, a film that shows how one family moved through seemingly insurmountable circumstances as it brings home important and practical scriptural truths.

"PROMISE OF PEACE," a Christmas cantata to be presented by the combined choirs of Calvary & Galilee B-P Churches on Dec 23 & 24 at the John Sung Chapel, Calvary Pandan. Dr Tow Siang Hwa has appealed for sponsors. The cantata hopes to raise \$150,000 for the Building Funds of the Far Eastern Bible College and the Bethel B-P Church in Melbourne, Australia. Sponsors should make cheques out to Galilee B-P Church, 202 Pandan Gardens (2260).

We welcome home Jess and Deeram, on furlough from the Frontier Labourers for Christ, Thailand. Baby Tamee is expected soon.

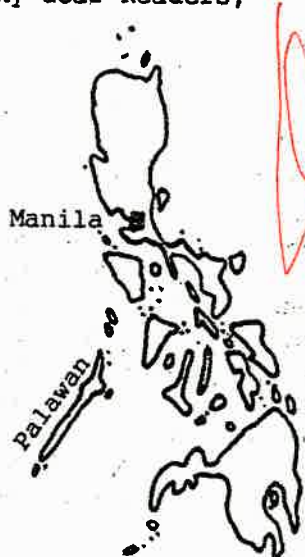
Nursery duty today: Mrs Cheong Choy Wai.

The Session is organising a gathering and fellowship dinner for all who were admitted into our membership this year. It will be held on Fri Dec 4, 7 pm at Life Church. Members concerned please called the Church Office tel. 2569256, by this Wednesday to confirm your attendance.

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My dear Readers,



When we touched down Manila Airport, Sat. Nov. 14, 2.30 pm, we were warmly received by Mrs Dan Ebert III and son Bill (Rev Ebert being down with bronchitis), and by Dr Chung Ting Wee my classmate since Primary school days and a beloved brother in the Lord. The purpose of our coming this year was to give a week's lecture to the Center of Biblical Studies, at 10 Green Hill St., Quezon City (tel. 771413) and to speak at four Churches pastored by students of CBS, each of which is in the struggle of building a new sanctuary. The one most well known to Readers is Rev Ligmon's, the Kapitbahayan Christian Fellowship, whose parsonage has now commenced, or rather resumed, building. This final lap in the building process will cost US\$18,000, exactly the equivalent sum Readers have contributed!

As to the Center of Biblical Studies, it is a graduate school for B.Th. holders from the Fundamental Baptist Bible Institute. The first time I was invited to lecture to CBS (1984) there were 9 students. Today it has grown to 22. Rev Ebert III disclosed how CBS had spontaneously sprouted without prior planning. He and his two missionary sons (and later Rev Keith Coleman) were merely trying to help the Bible Institute graduates who came to "research" at their Library. The first two who came to CBS 6 years ago will soon receive their Masters. They are already given teaching appointments at FBBI. Rev Dan Ebert III is therefore nurturing high-quality pastoral and teaching leadership for the Church of Jesus Christ in the Philippines.

Rev Ebert spent 12 years in the mountains of Palawan Island, the southernmost of the 7,000 Archipelago, to the north of Sabah. At the end of 12 lonely years, he completed translation of the N.T. into Palawano. As a result of disseminating several thousand Palawano Testaments, an equal number of converts have been baptised! "So shall My Word be that goeth forth out of My mouth: it shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it" (Isaiah 55:11). Alas, the first edition of the Palawano Testament is taken to the last copy, so Rev Ebert could not give me one I'd treasure myself. Nevertheless he has photocopied two pages out of John, and here is John 3:16 for your perusal and comparative study (I can find two Malay words, how many can you?):

**Sabab Pegmergánen it Empó
í Sengkinoloban**

16 Sabab minerga banar it Empó í sengkinoloban, angkansá ibinggey ye í sembat-sembar né Yegang ye, apang nang siyo-siyo í mengandal at kenye kay mebinasa, segwá aray biyag né karay keskedan.

Every morning, from 9 am to 12 noon, I lectured to CBS students on the Doctrine of Separation, Psalms and Homiletics. The last day was given entirely to answering Qs on theology and on the pastoral ministry. My job is made lighter by a goodly consignment of books we've brought, the newest ones being "Seduction of Christianity" by Dave Hunt, J.E. Adams on Self Esteem, etc., Law of Moses and of Jesus, Reagan's In God I Trust, FEBC Silver Jubilee magazine. The Statement on Tongues issued by FEBC and my Message to be delivered in

Jakarta at the 2nd National Conference of the Indonesian Council of Christian Churches on Error of Charismaticism were further reading material.

Saturday Nov. 21 was day off. So Dr Chung came Fri. afternoon to take us to spend a night at their home. Dr Chung, a dental sturgeon with 12 years' service with the Dutch government, is now semi-retired. He has a dental clinic incorporated in his home by setting apart the front room. Mindful of my welfare, he naturally invited me to sit on his dental couch. Like a sheep led to the shearer I complied in nervous obedience. How did I know my teeth needed his whole morning's attention. Score: Filled 3 holes. Treated: 1 dead front tooth. Extracted: 1 Wisdom tooth (O Lord, restore my intelligence).

Another windfall of blessing is a tape of a former national film star, the Elvis Presley of the Philippines, Eddie Mesa, singing and testifying how the Lord saved him from a life of profligacy. I was so touched by Eddie Mesa's devout singing and testimony that I asked Dr Chung to contact him by phone. To our disappointment the singing evangelist had gone to the States. Nevertheless, we have his tape which we must reproduce with a view to mass-evangelising Filipina maids working in S'pore. It is high time that BPs redoubled our efforts to save the lost. Here is a wonderful opportunity to preach to the Filipinos without spending a dollar abroad in their country. O the tramp, tramp, tramp of 8 million (85% RCs) in Metro-Manila to a Christless eternity! Let me plead to give our Christmas offerings to build God's Kingdom in the Philippines, while it is day.

Sunday morning, Nov. 22 saw us at the Kapitbahayan Church pastored by Rev Ligmon. The Sanctuary measured 10.5 m x 17.5 m and has seating for 250. At a recent evangelistic meeting 300 were crammed together. The parsonage which is extended on the side will start building forthwith. With funds from S'pore, this work can be completed in 3 months.

When we arrived in Church, a Sunday School with 4 or 5 classes numbering 80 was going on. This included an adult class. The Service that followed had well over 100. Mrs Ligmon, with special training at the U, runs a Kindergarten of 40. Thus, you can see how

your contribution to building God's Kingdom in the Philippines is yielding much fruit.

The Kapitbahayan Church stands in the centre of a Government Housing for the poor. Outside of the estate a mile away is the City Rubbish Dumping ground. Here live countless squatters who eke out an existence rummaging in the garbage. Our hearts were heavy to see such grovelling poverty. Our consolation was that the poorest of the poor has the Gospel preached to them.

Our mission to the Philippines was accomplished when we touched down safely at Changi Airport Mon. Nov. 23, 7 pm. Hallelujah, Amen. - Yours in the Service of Christ, T.T.

Remember Now Thy Creator

In 1955 I joined Life Church. I walked to Church as Prinsep Street was not too far away from my home. I had been saved not too long ago. Philip Heng, now pastor of Galilee, invited me to Church. We were both members of the Boys Brigade of Kampung Kapor Methodist Church. At the end of the year I started to attend the Youth Fellowship. Meetings were held in a small, dark partitioned Fellowship hall below the Parsonage. The odour of the bucket latrine was part of the environment. Here we learnt choruses and listened to messages. I soon became more involved and attended many training classes to lead meetings and singspiration. I even took part in a preaching and a hymn-singing contest. There were many opportunities for Christian service. I held the post of secretary, vice-president and president in 3 successive years.

The leaders of the Youth Fellowship are today Pastors, Elders and Deacons of various B-P Churches. The years spent in YF are crucial in the preparation for leadership. Character is moulded, commitment is made and Christian maturity is steadily attained. I take this opportunity to promote the various Fellowships in our Church and the various areas of service to which we can commit our time. In the high pressure society that we live in, there is hardly any time for anything except the Sunday morning worship service. I think many Christians enjoy the anonymity of a big church where no additional commitment is demanded. We can bear the occasional appeal for financial support of missionary projects. A good Sunday message from the pulpit is sufficient spiritual food for the week. I would like to suggest that Life Church worshippers consider membership and commitment to the ministries and activities of the various Fellowships, viz., Youth Fellowship, Young Adult Fellowship, Adult Fellowship, Life Bible Class, Servitor, Christian Student Fellowship, Young Teens Fellowship, Women's Fellowship, Tape Library, Choir. There is an area of service for everyone.

The various Executive Committees, with the support of the Session, will meet on 18th December to plan for 1988. We want to make our ministries count for eternity. Training will be provided and the standard of Fellowship meetings will be upgraded. We need to look after one another spiritually, mentally and socially. The Church will grow as Christians mature and give greater commitment. The days of our youth will pass away rapidly. The regrets of twilight years cannot compensate for the lost opportunities. - P. Tan

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Nov 30 - Dec 6)

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
THU 7.30 pm *Wedding Rehearsal; 9 pm - *
TUE-WED Bukit Gambir Pri. Students Camp
TUE-FRI Shalom BPC Children/Teens Camp
FRI 7.00 pm Session gathering for new members
SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 2.30 pm - Life Teens
2.30 pm Soh Seng Siong-Grace Teng Wedding (Grace BPC)
3.00 pm LBC; 3.30pm - YF
4.00 pm YAF P&F
4.30 pm Dennis Goh Soon Whatt-Kristin Koh Chay Noi Wedding (Rev Tow)
SUN 8.00 am Mr J.P. David
9.30 am Sunday School
10.30 am Rev Tow (Lord's Supper)
10.30 am Chinese Service
11.45 am Filipina Fellowship
12.15 pm Korean Church Service
12.45 pm Church Choir Practice
3.00 pm BFC & Thai Services
4.00 pm Kebaktian Indonesia
4.30 pm Sharon BPC Service
6.00 pm Tamil Service
7.30 pm Korean Evening Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS \$1,572 (8 am)
\$4,511 (10.30 am)

EXTN BLDG FUND 1518)\$50. Total \$1,236,242.43

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: "Asian Awakening" \$70; FEBC \$98.76(US\$50); Burma Missions \$500 (Nazareth BPC); Dyak Work \$150, \$310.36. Rev Patrick Tan will lecture in laws of leadership and doctrine of salvation to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Burma, Pastors' & Leaders' Refresher Course, sponsored by the Far Eastern Fundamental School of Theology. Mrs Tan will give lessons on Music. Dec. 5 - 12.

Pre-NS Camp, Dec. 7-10 at SAF Education Centre, Khatib Camp, organised by the Military Christian Fellowship. Call Vincent Silvarajoo at MCF Office, tel. 4736549, for further details.

"Basic Theology for Everyone," Jan - Apr '88: Pastor Tow will lecture on "The Work of the Holy Spirit Since Pentecost" on Monday evenings. Rev Charlie Tan will teach the Book of Jeremiah, Thursday evenings. Details are given in the brochure distributed with your Weekly today. Additional brochures may be obtained from the Church/FEBC Office.

Female room-mate wanted to share flat in Jurong area. Christian preferred. Please contact Juneey at tel. 2644916.

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Report on the 2nd Conference of the Indonesian Council of Christian Churches

by Elder Edmund Tay

"Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name give glory, for Thy mercy and for Thy truth's sake" (Psalm 115:1).

Truly the above verse from the Word of God echoes the testimony of God's glory and the truth that has been proclaimed at the 2nd National Conference of the Indonesian Council of Christian Churches held during the past week (24th - 27th Nov. 1987) in Jakarta.

We praise God for making this 4-day conference not only a great success but a blessed one to all those who attended. More importantly, it enabled those delegates present to glorify God for what He has done in Indonesia for all the churches and groups in the Indonesian Council. After a lapse of about 13 years when the Council first met in 1974, the Spirit of God has at this conference motivated the Council to go on with renewed vigour and has also caused it to agree to a proposal to hold regular future conferences once in every two years. There was the spirit of unity felt amongst the brethren and surely the Lord has done great things in their midst.

This conference, being of the Indonesian C.C.C. and not the FECCC, meant that the Singapore participants were only non-voting fraternal delegates. The Singapore delegates and observers consisting of pastors, elders, full-time workers, Bible college students and lay members of the B-P Churches from Life, Galilee, Faith, Grace, Shalom, Nazareth, Zion, Emmanuel, Bethleham-Jurong Tamil, Life Tamil and the Korean Church, numbering 45, left for Jakarta on Tuesday 24th Nov. 1987 by KLM at 3.30 pm. Included in the group were 8 members of the Faith Gospel Singers from Faith B-P Church who had been specially invited to sing during the conference.

On landing at Jakarta Airport after 1½ hours' flight from Singapore, the group was well received by the Indonesian church representatives, who straightway brought us to the Bible Institute of the Greja Santapan Rohani Indonesia at Jalan Wijaya I.

Dr Carl McIntire, President of the International Council of Christian Churches, was present for the first evening at the Bible Institute to welcome all the delegates and observers after the Dinner reception. The Opening meeting which was led by Rev Joshua Ong had Rev (Dr) McIntire as the messenger. He spoke on the "ICCC and What It Stands For."

The 3 days that followed were fully utilised for morning messages such as "Regeneration," "Sanctification" and "Victorious Living," delivered by Indonesian pastors with much spiritual impact and sound doctrinal references. The business sessions that followed after the messages included passing statements on "The Word of God Inerrant and Infallible," "Fundamentalism and the Fundamentalist," "Liberation Theology," "The Charismatic Movement," "Biblical Evangelism." Though some of the statements were new to them, yet we thank God that the delegates, after much discussion and explanation, accepted and passed the statements with that sense of assurance that they were doing the correct thing for their own good and to the glory of God's name.

Topical messages which followed each day after tea-break, centred on "The Gospel, Preached & Defended" by Rev Philip Heng, and "The Great Commission and Indonesia" by Rev A. Djunaidi, were encouraging and well received by those present.

The afternoons were kept free so that delegates could tour the city. The lunches and dinners were well catered for by our hosts, the lady members of the Gereja Santapan Rohani Indonesia at Jalan Raya Tamansari who did a wonderful job. May the Lord bless them for their labour of love.

The Revival Meetings held during the 3 evenings at the church in Jalan Raya Tamansari were well attended. Dr Carl McIntire spoke on "Reformation, Past and Present," Rev (Dr) Timothy Tow on "The Spirit of Truth and the Spirit of Error" and Rev (Dr) Quek Kioh Chiang on behalf of Dr J.C. Maris on "The Growing Apostasy and the Coming of Christ."

Thank God for the conclusion of the conference on 27th Nov. '87 which not only ended with a newly elected council, but had also decided that it would meet in 2 years' time, most probably in Bali.

The consensus of all present was that this was a good conference in that everything went on smoothly and that the Indonesian C.C.C. has finally taken off to a good start.

PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

Truly, the Lord has opened a door of witness for our Church that no man can shut (Rev 3:8). This door has led us not only to Philippines and Indonesia, but also Burma. We commend Dr & Mrs Tan to His care as they now minister in Rangoon, to the Far Eastern Fundamental School of Theology, principal, Rev Thawm Luai. They have brought along a good consignment of theological books.

As to the Jakarta Conference of the ICC in Indonesia, you have a first-hand report from Elder Tay. Elder Mahadevan's will be published next week. The Lord be praised that our Indonesian brethren from half-a-dozen provinces are strengthened from the inroads of Ecumenism and Charismaticism. We were in fellowship with Rev Djunaidi who has indicated

his work is able to begin self-support from April 1988. This will release funds for poorer churches in the Philippines. "Self help with God's help is the best help."

There is no place like Singapore, no place like home! "No Church is beautiful as Life Church"--that's what the Children's Choir sang. Yes, this must be your verdict too, especially as you see the 1st phase of renovation completed. How the Church porch with the new ceramic tiles brightens and enhances the stateliness of the six-pillared sanctuary.

While we can thank God for a restored economy of 8%, certain sectors of business remain sluggish. This is so with our Christian books. As we consider our Book ministry an important and essential part of the overall Christian Witness, may I urge you once again to patronise CLBC (also at FUNAN CENTRE). Not only during this Christmastide but throughout the year. And what better Christmas gift for a loved one or a friend than a good Christian book? Yes, a handsome Bible, a Bible dictionary or a commentary.

Give Bible portions or the New Testament for Evangelism! Two groups of 60 Pri. school graduates from Malaysia (Bukit Gambir) camped here during the week. What better opportunity of evangelism than giving each student a copy of the Chinese New Testament? "Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days" (Eccles. 11:1). We thank God also that our grounds are made available to 10 camping groups the whole month of December. May the Word taught during this period to hundreds of young people bear fruit.

- Yours faithfully, T.T.

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

MON - THU Life Teens Camp & CFM Camp
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
WED 8.00 pm Session Meeting
THU - SAT Pre-NS Camp
THU 8.00 pm Wedding Rehearsal, N. Life
SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 2.30 pm - Life Teens
3.00 pm LBC; 3.30 pm - YAF
3.00 pm Rev Tow at New Life Wedding
4.00 pm YAF
5.00 pm David Koh-Fanny Wong Wedding (Rev Peter Chua)
SUN 8.00 am Mr Stephen Khoo (Lord's Sup.)
9.30 am Sunday School
10.30 am Rev Patrick Tan
10.30 am Rev Tow (Chinese Service)
11.45 am Filipina Fellowship
12.15 pm Korean Church Service
12.45 am Church Choir Practice
3.00 pm Thai & BFC Services
4.00 pm Kebaktian Indonesia
4.30 pm Sharon BPC Service
6.00 pm Tamil Service
7.30 pm Korean Evening Service
7.30 pm Rev Tow at Chin Lien Christmas Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$1,658 (8 am)

\$4,710 (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BLDG FUND 1519)\$250(10.30 am); 1520)\$1000; 1521)\$50. Total \$1,237,292.43

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: Missionaries \$50; Jess Lim \$600, \$100; Tracts \$50; China \$50; India \$50; Thailand \$50; Burma \$200, \$50; Adelaide \$50.

The cost of renovating the road system of our Church is around \$15,000.

Praise the Lord, from next Lord's Day our car park congestion will be greatly relieved with the gracious opening of Family Planning grounds to our motorists. Our Church will be responsible for the security. More details next week.

We bid godspeed to Rev Bobby Phee and family as they fly to Perth Dec 10, en route to Melbourne where they will be ministering the next six months.

Rev Keith Coleman and family will pass through S'pore May 1988 en route to their furlough in USA. Welcome to our Guest House.

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Pray for LBC's New Year Gospel Meetings at Life Church Jan 1 (Cantonese), Jan 2 (Hokkien). Speaker: Mr Lim Jui Kai.

Born to Jess and Deeram, a boy, Paul Kittikhun Tamee, on Dec 1.

As there is a wide demand for pastor's message on "The Spirit of Truth and the Spirit of Error," it is proposed to print 10,000 of this into a tract. Who would give to this ministry? Our Church Choir will go carolling this Christmas Eve. Members who wish to join or invite the carollers, please see Seen Seen (or call tel. 2569256).

The FEBC Dept of Extramural Studies offers courses preparing candidates for the GCE 'A' Level Divinity Paper (9011) at principal or subsidiary level. Course duration: 2 years or 1 year intensive. Registration is now open for the Jan '88 intake. Call tel. 2569256 for more information.

Expresgram to Bro. Brutus Balan: Thank you for your newsletter from Wyndham, W. Australia. Praying for your work. Hope you can contact Perth. (Write to Brutus at Wyndham Peoples Church, P.O. Box 47, Wyndham, WA 6740, Australia.)

Expresgram to Rev C.T. Hsu: Your cheque is gratefully received for building "half finished Filipino Churches" at Pandacan and Taytay (Manila), under care of Rev Dan Ebert III. Most cost-effective evangelism!

Pray for Rev Charlie Tan who is scheduled to speak at the 2nd Bible Camp at BPCWA, Perth, after Christmas.

Through the Bible in 1 Year 1988, Pocket Reading Schedule is another effort by RPG Editor to help Christians read God's Word regularly and systematically. Costing \$20 per booklet, it is distributed free to worshippers. "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Matt. 4:4). Use multicoloured highlighter pencils specially made for Bible underlining by German manufacturer. Mark your Bible to make a deeper impression of God's Word on your mind.

Nursery duty today: Mrs Veronica Lee.

Call Lim Florist 3369011; Book Centre 2541223.

MACEDONIAN CALL FROM MANILA

(Mr Taganas of Sikatuna writes Pastor Tow)

This is a follow-up to the subject of our conversation during your recent visit to our church, Sikatuna First Baptist Church, where you preached during the evening service on November 15.

I urged you then as I reiterate now, that you challenge our Christian brethren in your Presbyterian churches in Singapore to consider opening a missionary work in the Philippines, in the same way that established your mission outreaches in other countries like Indonesia, Malaysia and others, to augment the evangelistic efforts of our Filipino churches.

A land of about 60 million people, the Philippines is a vast mission field. Of its teeming populace, 85% are Roman Catholics. While many Protestant groups are scattered all over, a vast number have become liberal, apostate and ecumenical--no longer preaching the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, but espousing rather the so-called "social gospel" and even the Marxist-inspired "liberation theology." Only an insignificant number of fundamentalist Christian groups, hardly numbering even at most .01% of our inhabitants, are doing

the awesome task of spreading the testimony of the Word of God and of our Lord Jesus Christ across our great land. Definitely, we need the help of Christian brethren like you from our neighbouring Southeast Asian region for the evangelisation of the Philippines.

As you are well aware, the Philippines is a country in crisis--politically, economically and spiritually. Our political institutions are gravely destabilised by continuing threats of communist insurgency and military mutinies. Our nation's economy is in shambles. Our people are getting demoralised and many are driven to despondency and desperation. There is a widespread feeling of hopelessness among millions of Filipinos and a gross spiritual destitution as well. A more vigorous thrust of evangelism and missionary work is urgently needed to reverse the tide of adverse developments in the Philippines, and your Singapore churches could help a lot.

Our country is still very much open to foreign missionaries. Religious freedom is still zealously guaranteed and protected by our laws and government. Filipino hospitality is widely-reknown, and Filipinos are generally receptive to the preaching of the Gospel. You will not find it very difficult at all to start a missionary work here.

Metropolitan Manila, where more than 10% of our nation's population resides, is a most ideal place to start a missionary work. A youth centre with reading and entertainment facilities would surely attract people, especially students and young people, for Bible study or evangelistic meeting purposes. The services of a Christian school, where only very few are in existence presently, would also be very much welcome here. There are, for instance, some Christian schools contemplating to close down due to financial inadequacies which, perhaps, you may decide to take over and rehabilitate into a fertile missionary field. Such and many more are excellent opportunities that you may be interested to consider praying for.

Echoing the Apostle Paul's Macedonian call, I implore our Singaporean brethren, please come over into the Philippines and help us.

OUR ANSWER

Truly the Filipino people, in all of ASEAN, claim first priority in our missions outreach. We owe them, our next-door neighbour, the Gospel debt, inasmuch as God has bountifully provided us, both spiritual and physical. The most cost-effective way of spreading the Gospel to them, however, is to help those earnest young Filipino pastors studying under Rev Dan Ebert III and sons complete their half-built churches. As the Kapitbahayan church and parsonage we've helped build is now a sanctuary for several hundred old and young, so by completing another two half-built churches this time we will house another several hundred! And the cost of these two unfinished churches, one at Pandacan and the other at Taytay, is only S\$60,000. O Lord, move Thy children to attend to this greatest need of two Filipino congregations at the cost of a small S'pore HDB flat!

Rev Dan Ebert III Writes to Thank Life Church

... Dr Timothy Tow arrived in Manila for one of his teaching visits with us to find the church of Rev Atil Ligmon in Kabitbahayan facing eviction from their rented quarters. He boldly claimed a 500 sq. metre plot of land for God. Today, through your gifts, prayers and encouragement, the new sanctuary is finished and your latest gift will see the parsonage and Sunday School rooms started soon to be finished within 3 months.

Encouraged by the great blessings of the Lord, there are now 3 other congregations which have placed down payments on lots and are endeavouring to build. Pastor Bona's church is meeting in a make-shift tent as they endeavour to build. Pastor Manzano's church, as well as the church in Sikatuna, meet today in only half finished buildings. Your help has been a great encouragement to these men and others like them as the Lord moves here in the Philippines in these difficult days.

Our prayer is that God might richly bless you and share with you the great joy your concern has brought to these faithful men.

PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

At Session meeting on Dec. 9, the Elders and Deacons were unanimous in support of the completion of not only two but three half-built Filipino churches! We also decided to organise a trip to the Philippines to see the Gospel in action on the spot. When shall we go? Not until these three unfinished churches are ready for inspection! How long will it take? As soon as they are helped to finish this job!

Since the pressure on buying the property across the street is off for the moment, those of us who have been giving to the Extension Building Fund can divert to the Half-built Filipino Church Fund. If we do that I can safely say the three-mentioned Houses of God will be finished in ten months. Which means, we can make the trip November 1988. That's the time also when the weather has cooled off.

Give the Word of God!

Singaporeans are so lavishly provided that even an expensive toy bought for a child can be spurned. To find a suitable gift can be a problem. Our suggestion is: Give the Word of God! Give Bibles, good Christian books, Bible commentaries, dictionaries, theological themes. Give Christian gifts such as X commandments, JESUS clocks, plaques with Bible verses, and now there's a famous Chinese calligraphy beautifully framed which reads **基督為我家之主** = Christ is the Lord of My House. Many a Chinese home is delivered from idols. Now that the idols are gone, the house has a void to fill. This Chinese calligraphy about Christ being the Lord of the house fills that void. Every filial son or daughter with Chinese-speaking parents should see that this Word is hung at some prominent place in your house, if they stay with you. If not, place one in theirs. Give the Word of God this Christmas!

- Yours affectionately, T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

(14th - 20th Dec)

MON - FRI	Mt Carmel YF Camp
MON 7.00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal (ERCS)
TUE 7.00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
FRI 8.00 pm	Christmas Family Worship at home of Misses Tow Soon Ai and Soon Kim
SAT 9.30 am	Rev Tow leaves for Tg Pinang, Finger Pier
1.00 pm	LJBC
2.30 pm	Teens F.; 3pm - LBC
2.30 pm	Joshua Lau Chin Thong-Dawn Lee Wed. (ERCS)
3.30 pm	YF
5.00 pm	Philip Goh Eek Hock-Janet Chiam Khing Luang Wed. (Dr P. Tan)
SUN 8.00 am	Dr P. Tan
9.30 am	Sunday School
10.00 am	Rev Tow at Tanjong Pinang
10.30 am	Mr Lim Jui Kai (Eld. Mahadevan)
10.30 am	Chinese Service
11.45 am	Filipina Fellowship
12.15 pm	Korean Church Service
12.30 pm	Church Choir Practice
3.00 pm	Thai & BFC Services
4.00 pm	Kebaktian Indonesia
4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service
6.00 pm	Tamil Service
7.30 pm	Korean Evening Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$2,057.00 (8 am)

\$5,582.00 (10.30 am)

3 HALF-FINISHED FILIPINO CHURCHES 2)\$500; 3)\$200; 4)\$50; 5)\$100; 6)\$250; 7)\$100; 8)\$400 9)\$100; 10)\$200; 11)\$240; 12)\$100; 13)\$500.

Total \$3,146.00 Stop Press! 14)\$600.

EXTENSION BLDG FUND 1522)\$220; 1523)\$80; 1524)\$50; 1525)\$300; 1526)\$50; 1527)\$300; 1528)\$200. Total \$1,238,492.43

The Last Last Hour

S.H. Tow (adapted)

H. Percy Smith, 1825-1898

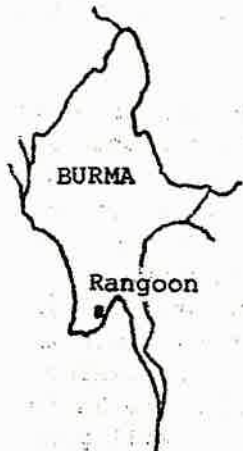
1. The sun-set burns in west-em sky, U-pon the air a warn-ing cry;
 2. The souls that Christ-ians might have won, Now crowd the hour of set-ting sun;
 3. For dy-ing souls my bre-thren weep, O tar-dy wor-kers go and reap!
 4. Hark, hear His foot-steps on the way! O work, burn out while it is day!

The si-ren wails from tow'r to tow'r, O bre-thren 'tis the last, last hour!
 Pub-lish a-broad His sav-ing name, To ends of earth Christ's pow'r pro-claim!
 Forsake the world and all its fun, The bat-tle must be fought and won!
 Constrained by love, en-dued with pow'r, O bre-thren in this last, last hour!

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: FEBC BF \$150; Tam-pines BF \$100; Renovations \$2000; Jess Lim \$50; Children's Choir \$200; Frontier Labour-ers LAND \$500; Loan Return \$4043.11 (M. Life). Pastor Tow and LC Chinese Service members will participate in Chin Lien Bible Semina-ry's Christmas Service tonight, 7.30 pm. Pray for Tow Shen Min and Tang Ka Eng both at Ward 10, Alexandra Hospital; for Joshua J.'s quick return.

Mr Jordan Wen of Taiwan is the Lord's messen-ger at the Chinese Service this morning, Mrs Lee interpreting (Lord's Supper, Dr P. Tan). Praise the Lord, the cost of printing pas-tor's message on "The Spirit of Truth and the Spirit of Error" has been met by an eld-er.

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IN THE SHADOW OF FOUR MILLION PAGODAS

This is Burma's boast to attract tourists to its city of archaeological wealth - Pagan. A land of 35.3 million, there are only 1.173 million Christians by the 1981 statistics. Eighty percent of Burmese are Buddhist. Although Burma has minerals, precious stones and other natural resources, it is today reported as ranking among the world's poorest. But the members of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC) are rejoicing in the Lord. Though poor in this world's goods, they are rich in spirit. They are hospitable. They deeply love the Lord Jesus Christ and they stand in the Biblical position of separation.

We landed in Rangoon airport on the sunny afternoon of Saturday 5th Dec. at 1530 hrs. In the good old fashioned way we walked for about 100 metres from the plane to the airport building. We saw an enthusiastic crowd waving from the gallery. It was Rev Robert Thawm Luai and his welcoming committee. The clearing of the customs was facilitated by Robert's cousin. We were then introduced to the delegates with whom we later had wonderful fellowship. By government regulation we had to stay in an authorised hotel. Thamada Hotel is comfortable but very spartan. It is also required of foreign visitors to spend at least US\$100 at the official exchange rate and to have documentary proof of this spending. The sudden demonetisation on 5th Sep. 1987 had affected all strata of Burmese society. Some of the pastors of the EPC had not received their pay for 3 months. There is now a lack of confidence in the Burmese Kyat.

The Lord's Day worship service was held at 11.00 am at Emmanuel BPC which shares the rented building with the Far Eastern Fundamental School of Theology (FEFST). In the tradition of Life BPC, Rev Robert Thawm Luai is both Pastor and Principal. About 120 worshippers came. The larger than usual audience was due to the Pastors' and Leaders' refresher course, with delegates from the EPC Assembly of Chin State and 20 FEFST students. The small bungalow house, the size of our HUDC, had 3 bedrooms, kitchen, dining area and a hall. This would be the above-average housing in Rangoon. In quick time the premises could be converted to a Bible College, a church, and office for the Principal.

The Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Burma

Although baptised a Baptist, trained in a Baptist seminary in Assam, Rev Robert Thawm Luai was gripped very early in his theological training by the Reformed Theology of Calvin and the need to defend the faith. Upon his return to his home state, he quickly organised a separated church called the EPCB on Oct. 17, 1983, at Palam, Chin State. Today, there are over 2000 members with 3 presbyteries forming a General Assembly. We were introduced to 7 members of the standing committee who had come to Rangoon for the Leadership course.

Rev Sang Kai Kham is 65 years old and the Moderator of Lenhrut Presbytery. He served in the British army and was awarded a medal for bravery during the Japanese war. To visit members in his farflung parish, he has to walk many kilometres over hill and vale. We had sent him a sleeping bag which he has put to good use. He is now old and cannot walk too far. He needs a horse. Who will give one horse at S\$400? A horse can last 30 years if it maintains reasonable health. His salary is S\$100. Because of the poverty, members are asked to give a chicken and a fist full of rice for the pastor's family. Interestingly, the responsibility of accounting for the pastors' support is handled by the president of the Women's Fellowship, Miss Lah Ven Mawi. She must remind members of their financial commitment.

An excellent example of Church planting is the testimony of Cpt Tial Hlei Thang. He was an infantry officer of the Burmese Army. After being injured in action he was given medical retirement in 1977, and by government action was appointed the Asst. Manager of a cement factory in Kyangin, 120 miles from Rangoon. There he bought a piece of land and gave a portion of it to the Lord. He began to evangelise the factory workers and 49 Buddhists turned to the Lord and were baptised. Hlei Thang and his wife Nwe Man (Robert's sister) used their own resources to build a Church and they have named it Life EPC in honour of Life BPC. Rev Thawm Luai is the honorary pastor.

When Emmanuel EPC was first stated, the worship services were held at Kamayut Township in the home of Mr Hrang Hlei Kap, a 3rd officer in the merchant navy. Since Emmanuel moved to FEFST, Mr Hrang's home is used for the University Christian Fellowship as Rangoon University is within walking distance. There is now a Bible-believing witness to students. Certainly this can be the start of another church. I requested that it be called New Life BPC, in honour of our visit.

Far Eastern Fundamental School of Theology

Upon returning to Burma after 6 months in Singapore, Rev Robert Thawm Luai lost no time urging the EPC General Assembly to support the founding of a Bible School. The Assembly met in General Conference on Feb. 9-15, 1987, at Khiangram and voted to found the FEFST. With US\$5000 from Singapore, FEFST was founded on May 21, 1987, at No. 6D Nanthani Street, Insein, Rangoon. FEFST has a faculty of 7 and offers 4 courses. There are today 20 resident students. Each student needs a monthly support of S\$40. Students cannot afford theo-

logical books. Even if they had the money there are no books available in Burma. Government regulations allow 5 books to be sent to them without tax or confiscation. The College Library has about 200 volumes, practically all donated by Singapore. Twenty-seven applications have been received for 1988. Could the College expand to accommodate them? The neighbour's house has to be rented.

Pastors' and Leaders' Refresher Course

It is without doubt that Rev Thawm Luai is the accepted leader. He is concerned to teach others also. With youthful energy and enthusiasm, Robert had conducted Leaders' courses in Falam, but on account of our visit he decided this time to hold it in Rangoon. Patrick was assigned to teach the following subjects: The Reformed Doctrine of Salvation, The Principles of Leadership According to Nehemiah, Presbyterianism and the B-P Form of Church Government. Anne gave 2 lectures cum demonstrations on the Rudiments of Theory.

Burma does not allow foreign missionaries. Tourists are only permitted to stay 7 days. Yet Burma has full religious freedom. Since 1962, time had stopped for Burma, but the Church marches on. Rev Joseph Thang Hope has translated the KJV into Falam Chin dialect. The manuscript is waiting for funds for printing. Opportunities for evangelism are unlimited. Labourers are waiting to be trained and sent out. Who will pray and who will give? "One day," said Rev Robert Thawm Luai, "Burma will support foreign missions as Singapore has supported Burma." We left Rangoon airport on Sat. Dec 12 at 1430 hrs. It was a tearful and touching farewell as within a short time we have been brought very close to each other.

- Dr & Mrs P. Tan

THERE'S NO CHRISTMAS WITHOUT JESUS

There's no Christmas without Jesus,
It's to Him our eyes should see;
Not to jolly old Saint Nicholas
Nor a glittering Christmas tree!

Shops in town are decorated,

Decked with colours bright and gay;
Tinsel, lights and shapes, created,
Merge into one grand display.

"There's no Christmas without buying
Gifts and joys to give," they say.

Oh, that they should be realising

All these things will fade away!

Santa Claus is just a story;

Reindeer never pulled his sleigh.

Why, then, does he get the glory

On this sacred holy day?

But a Baby in a manger

Really lived in Israel:

He was born to be our Saviour,

It's His story we must tell!

I will think of Christ this Christmas:

How He left His throne above,

Gave up all His heavenly riches

For to manifest His love!

Take the tinsel and the glitter

And the "Santas" all away,

For God's love is far, far greater

Than this man-made, grand display!

- Charles Seet

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Dec 21 - 27)

MON	6.00 pm	Children's Choir carolling
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
THU	10.00 am	Wedding Rehearsal
	7.30 pm	Life Church Carol Service
	7.30 pm	Chinese Service at FEBC Hall
	9.30 pm	Tamil Service
FRI	10.00 am	Korean Christmas Service
	2.00 pm	BFC
	7.30 pm	Sharon Christmas Service
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30pm - Life Teens
	2.30 pm	Teo Peng Joo-Susan Teo Pin Pin Wedding (Rev Tow)
	3.30 pm	YF
	7.30 pm	Film: "Truce in the Forest"

IS THIS HOW WE ALSO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS?

"And when ye did eat, and when ye did drink, did not ye eat for yourselves, and drink for yourselves?" (Zech 7:6). These words were spoken by the prophet Zechariah to the Jews who kept a certain holy day without knowing or exhibiting its spiritual significance. Is this how we also celebrate Christmas? To enjoy ourselves like the world without a thought for God and man? Jesus says, "But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: And thou shall be blessed . . ." (Lk 14:13,14).

If Lifers are challenged to do something good for Jesus everyday, you do well to do something special for Jesus this Christmas! - T.T.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$1,618 (8 am)

\$6,539 (10.30 am)

EXTN BLDG FUND 1529)\$200; 1530)\$1000(Sharon BPC); 1531)\$280; 1532)\$332(Chinese S.); 1533)\$200; 1534)\$560(Boxes). Total \$1,241,064.43

BUILT FILIPINO CHURCHES 15)\$150; 16)\$1200; 17)\$20(8 am); 18)\$50; 19)\$120; 20)\$500(Ch'mas Love offering). Total \$5,786

DESIGNATED OFFERINGS Burma-\$200, \$400 for horse (WF); Missions-\$300; Rev Djunaide-\$300(Sharon BPC); FEBC-\$150; K.L.-\$450(WF); Missionary Fund-\$100; Frontier Labourers Land-\$500; FEBCI-\$500 (Grace BPC); Jess & Deeram-\$200(Boxes).

Offerings/Tithes in envelopes dropped into the offering bags, even anonymously, but designated to specific funds will be acknowledged in this column. Previously several individual offerings had been grouped together and acknowledged as a single sum received. This practice will cease. Henceforth each separate sum will be acknowledged. Should inadvertent omissions occur, the Treasurer will be grateful if he is notified of it.

LBC Chinese Gospel Meetings Jan 1 (Cantonese); Jan 2 (Hokkien). Speaker: Mr Lim Jui Kai. Pray and bring a Chinese friend.

Children's Choir Christmas Carol Tapes are available from CLBC at \$5 each.

Pray for Tang Ka Eng out and recuperating; and Tow Shen Min, Ward 10, Alexandra Hospital.

Kindergarten Teachers needed for New Life. Interested applicants please see Dr Patrick Tan.

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+++++ WE WISH ALL OUR READERS A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS +++++

ANOTHER YEAR OF DIVINE AMNESTY

(Pastor's Christmas Eve Message to Lifers and visitors)

Christmas, which is the Festival of the Birth of Christ, is kept on the 25th of December by the Western Church since the 4th Century. The festival was celebrated with such revelry in England that the Puritans abolished it altogether. It made a comeback, however, in the 19th century. Since the beginning of the 20th century it has been celebrated around the world.

In recent years, Christmas seems to have been taken over by Orchard Road insofar as Singapore is concerned. As if Santa, blazing away with myriads of electric lights, is not enough, a certain hotel has even added Chinese dragons to his flanks. Christmas is the commercial world's chance to recoup itself from the recent recession, while Christians are lured away from their Saviour into senseless buying and merry-making. "And when ye did eat, and when ye did drink, did not ye eat for yourselves, and drink for yourselves?" These words of the prophet Zechariah to the Jews, for keeping a certain holy day to their own enjoyment without any religious sentiment, might apply to the end-time Christian Church.

We are living in the very last days when the Hope of the Second Coming of our Saviour should be the Church's theme. When pastors and preachers are oblivious of the perilous times in which we live (II Tim 3:1), like watchmen fallen into a deep slumber, God has used the scientists to sound the alarm. In Chicago there has been displayed during the last 40 years a Doomsday Clock to tell the world of the dangers of the nuclear age. Until early December 1987, the Doomsday Clock showed three minutes before Midnight--zero hour for Armageddon. "As a result of the Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces Treaty signed between Reagan and Gorbachev," the hands of the Doomsday Clock are turned back to six minutes before Midnight. This is a three-minute relaxing of the tension before a nuclear holocaust is unleashed!

If we study the development of global wars in recent history, in the young days of a number of our senior citizens now living there was the First World War of 1914-1918. Then, in a short interval of 21 years, there exploded the Second World War that lasted from 1939 to 1945. When superpower thermonuclear testing began in earnest in 1953, the Doomsday Clock shot to two minutes before midnight. By God's grace, the Third World War has not been triggered, due partly to the fear of total destruction to mankind in so-called right-thinking world leaders. But it is God's restraining hand that has held back an imminent nuclear doom. Peter says, "But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (II Pet 3:7-8).

In the tension of the on-coming Divine Judgment as still announced by the Doomsday Clock, here comes another year of a peaceful Christmas to us in Singapore. (That's not the lot of Kampucheans and Filipinos in our Southeast Asian context.) Here comes the announcement again of the Christmas message through the lips of singing children and young people: "Glory be to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men" (Lk 2:14). Jesus Christ, the newborn Son of God by the virgin Mary, comes to bring pardon from the Almighty to sinful men, to as many as will receive Him. As Peter has reminded us, God is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing any should perish, but that all should come to repentance (II Peter 3:9). "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). The offer of Divine Amnesty, of the forgiveness of sins to every humble, repenting heart, this offer of life everlasting to a dying mankind, is now wrapped as it were in a special parcel addressed to you personally, whether you are Tan, Lim or Chua. But will you receive it?

"He came unto His own, and His own received Him not." The Jews rejected Jesus, who are of the same race as their Lord, and they are still rejecting Him today. So, Jesus comes to us Gentiles, in His bountiful grace. But, the paradox is that those of us who have grown up in Christian homes and Christian nations, who have heard the Name of Christ year in and year out, have also taken Him lightly. So, we remain outside the door of salvation!

"But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name" (Jn 1:12). Are you a child of God? Do you know that you have passed from death unto life (I Jn 3:14)? Are you freed from your sins and the coming judgment by the Divine Amnesty offered you again this Christmas? This is the meaning of "Peace on earth, goodwill toward men." Why won't you kneel before Him in sincere repentance as you go home tonight? Why won't you make peace with your Creator who comes to die on the cross that you might forever live?

O Bethlehem, O Bethlehem,
Thou City of All Mankind!
From year to year be thou the same:
Jesus thy Saviour and mine.

Peal on the good tidings of Peace,
Peal forth the Divine Amnesty,
From Christmas Day to Christmas Day,
And Earth shall sing Emmanuel!

Amen.

Trip With A Mission

By Oh Chui Hwa

14th December 1987--A group of Christians consisting of seven Calvinians and two Lifers departed for Tanjung Pinang.

"It takes 2½ hours to sail for Finger Pier . . . Chinese population of Tg. Pinang speaks the Teochew dialect. These number several ten thousands" (Church Magazine "Vision" '86-'87).

Tanjung Pinang--a cape, is also the hub of Pulau Bintan. To retain a photograph of this town, just set your minds back to Singapore in the 1960s.

Gereja Presbyterian, situated 10 minutes' walking distance from the jetty, comprises of three buildings--the church, school and home of Preacher Esther Tan. The church sanctuary with its 2nd level can accomodate up to 250 people.

On Sundays, about 200 children and 60 youths swarm in as early as 7 am (8 am Singapore time). With the chime of the bell comes the songs of praises to God in Chinese and Bahasa Indonesia for the next 45 minutes. Lessons are conducted in classes of about 40 by 2 teachers. They are taught how to write Bible verses in Chinese after they have been told the story. They have no prior knowledge of the language as the Government bans all studies and literature in Chinese. It is quite a miracle that they memorise so eagerly and easily the verses. The opportunity to learn this language is the greatest attraction of this Church. Parents encourage their children to attend so that they would not forget their Chinese roots, while they themselves adhere to their Taoist belief. Praise the Lord, for some have come to Christ because of the testimonies of their children.

During the five mornings of Bible Study in the I Corinthians led by Bros. Kok Hiong and Kim Shong of the FEBC (attended by about 30 youths), many questions were asked under the theme of "My Church, Family and I." They have no other sources of Bible Study besides the Sunday School once a week. This mission trip was timely as it was the FEBC senior students' holidays. Six of the ten baptised by Rev Tow took this opportunity to examine their faith. (They have no catechism classes.) One even prepared 31 written questions.

The tide of liberalism is strongly attacking this church. Every year, the government organises a Christmas celebration for Christians of all denominations (including the Roman Catholics). Often many attend because it is entertaining. The essence of Rev Tow's two messages delivered on the Lord's Day, 20th Dec., can be found in John 4:24: "God is spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth." It was appropriate as this church is bombarded by the Charismatic movement and Western culture--Santa Claus, Christians trees and pictures of Christ can be found in most homes and greeting cards.

Spiritually, I have benefitted much from having to share the Word of God and witness God's faithfulness. The latter was experienced during a boat trip in the open sea to Pulau Tekulai, when the boat's roofing was almost torn off, while the boat rocked precariously in the shark-infested waters. Physically, we were well-fed with seafood. However, we soon used up our stored energy because of the need to run 3 flights of steps (gradient 50°) daily for ½ hour. There were taps but no water! Water only comes at 7 am for ½ hour, thus "Jacob's Well" proved more reliable.

Labourers in Tanjung Pinang are few. Still, Preacher Esther Tan and her team toil on. (Joseph Liu her husband is presently studying in FEBC).

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

(28th Dec '87 - 3rd Jan '88)

MON 8.00 pm Special Synod Mtg at Ling Kwang Home

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting

WED - SAT Grace BPC Camp

THU 7.30 pm YF-YAF Anniversary (Rev Tow)

8.00 pm Sharon Watchnight Service

10.45 pm Life Watchnight Service (Lord's Supper)

FRI 11.00 am Tan Chor Kiat-Linda Sim Wedding (BFC)

3.00 pm Loke Wing Kong-Florence Lim Wedding (Pastor Aow)

7.30 pm LBC Gospel Mtg (Cantonese) (Speaker: Mr Lim Jui Kai)

SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 2.30pm - Life Teens

3.00 pm LBC; 3.30pm-YF; 4pm - YAF

7.30 pm LBC Gospel Mtg (Hokkien)

SUN 8.00 am Rev Patrick Tan

9.30 am Sunday School

10.30 am Rev Tow (Lord's Supper)

10.30 am Chinese Service

11.45 am Filipina Fellowship

12.15 pm Korean Evening Service

12.45 pm Church Choir Practice

SUN 3.00 pm Thai & BFC Services

4.00 pm Kebaktian Indonesia

4.30 pm Sharon BPC Service

6.00 pm Tamil Service

6.00 pm Rev Tow at Sunset Gospel Hour

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS \$3,185 (8 am)

\$5,860 (10.30 am)

FINISHED FILIPINO CHURCHES 21)\$50; 22)\$100

23)\$300(Thanksgiving); 24)\$400(cheque by post)

25)\$60(Life Tamil); 26)\$1000(Sharon); 27)\$470

(10.30 am); 28)\$2500(10.30 am); 29)\$600(10.30

am); 30)\$50(10.30 am); 31)\$150; 32)\$4778.50

(Christmas Eve). Total \$16,244.50 Stop Press!

33)\$32(Boxes); 34)\$200; 35)\$290; 36)\$50(Kebak-

tian); 37)\$2000. **EBF Total \$1,241,964.43

EXTN BLDG FUND 1535)\$350; 1536)\$200; 1537)\$100

1538)\$50; 1539)\$100; 1540)\$100. **

BURMA \$100; \$470; \$2500; \$260(Bible translatn)

\$50; \$50; \$2000; \$400(Horses); \$100(Horses);

\$1080; \$490; \$810; \$50; \$200; \$150; \$4778.50

(Christmas Eve); \$200; \$290; \$50(Kebaktian

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